# Cosmological Constraints from Spectroscopic Surveys (Intro to Large-Scale Structure in 1 hour or so)







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The galaxy **power spectrum:** what is it and why it matters



Homogeneous cosmology

Density perturbations

The growth of matter perturbations

The power spectrum

Baryonic Acoustic Oscillations, Redshift-space Distortions & Full-Shape Analysis

# The Homogeneous Universe

### A metric for the Universe

#### We assume **homogeneity** and **isotropy**: the Friedmann-Lemaître-Robertson-Walker metric

$$ds^{2} = c^{2}dt^{2} - a^{2}(t) \left[ \frac{dx^{2}}{1 - kx^{2}} + x^{2} \left( d\theta^{2} + \sin^{2}\theta \, d\phi^{2} \right) \right]$$
  
scale factor

coordinates:

$$\vec{r} = a(t) \vec{x}$$

physical

comoving

If the two points have constant comoving coordinates

$$\frac{dr}{dt} = \dot{a} x = \frac{\dot{a}}{a} a x \equiv H(t) r$$

Hubble's law



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the Universe is not static!

Einstein's equations reduce to Friedmann's equations for the scale factor

$$\begin{split} H^2(a) &\equiv \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3}\rho - \frac{k}{a^2}\\ \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} &= -\frac{4\pi G}{3}\left(\rho + 3p\right) \end{split}$$

Given the **fluid equation of state** 

$$\label{eq:rho} \begin{split} \rho &= w\,p \\ \text{we can find the dependence of} \\ \text{the density on the scale} \end{split}$$



$$\rho(a) \sim a^{-3(1+w)}$$

# What fluid?

Matter: baryons and dark matter





(conservation of matter)

#### Radiation





In addition to the volume expansion, the energy of each photon decreases as

$$\epsilon_{\gamma} = \frac{h}{\lambda} \sim \frac{1}{a}$$

# The energy density of the Universe

#### Extrapolating back in time ...



# The energy density of the Universe



time, In a

#### An accelerated expansion?



time, In a

#### The Perturbed Universe

### **Cosmological perturbations**



## Random fields





two-point function three-point function

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \phi(x_1)\phi(x_2)\rangle &= \langle \phi(x_1)\rangle \langle \phi(x_2)\rangle + \langle \phi(x_1)\phi(x_2)\rangle_c \\ \langle \phi(x_1)\phi(x_2)\phi(x_3)\rangle &= \langle \phi(x_1)\rangle \langle \phi(x_2)\rangle \langle \phi(x_3)\rangle + \\ &+ \langle \phi(x_1)\phi(x_2)\rangle_c \langle \phi(x_3)\rangle + \text{perm.} + \\ &+ \langle \phi(x_1)\phi(x_2)\phi(x_3)\rangle_c \end{aligned}$$

n-point function

. . .

 $\langle \phi(x_1)\phi(x_2)\dots\phi(x_n)\rangle$ 

#### The distribution of galaxies in the Universe

#### The galaxy number density and its

$$n_{g}(\vec{x}) \equiv \bar{n}_{g} \left[1 + \delta_{g}(\vec{x})\right]$$

$$\uparrow$$
mean galaxy number density
$$\delta_{g}(\vec{x}) \equiv \frac{n_{g}(\vec{x}) - \bar{n}_{g}}{\bar{n}_{g}}$$

$$galaxy \text{ overdensity}$$
or density contrast
$$N.B. \quad \langle \delta_{g}(\vec{x}) \rangle \equiv 0$$

$$\delta_{g}(\vec{x}) \geq -1$$

#### Similarly, for the **matter density** we have

$$\rho(\vec{x},t) = \bar{\rho}(t) \begin{bmatrix} 1 + \delta(\vec{x},t) \end{bmatrix} \qquad \delta(\vec{x},t) \equiv \frac{\rho(\vec{x},t) - \bar{\rho}(t)}{\bar{\rho}(t)}$$
  
mean matter density matter overdensity

## The galaxy two-point correlation function

What is the probability of finding two galaxies in the volume elements  $dV_1$  and  $dV_2$ ?

$$dP = dV_1 \, dV_2 \, \langle \, n_g(\vec{x}_1) \, n_g(\vec{x}_2) \, \rangle$$
  
=  $dV_1 \, dV_2 \, \bar{n}_g^2 \left[ 1 + \langle \, \delta_g(\vec{x}_1) \, \delta_g(\vec{x}_2) \, \rangle \right]$   
excess probability

We now make the assumption of statistical homogeneity and isotropy

$$\xi(|\vec{x}_1 - \vec{x}_2|) \equiv \langle \delta_g(\vec{x}_1) \, \delta_g(\vec{x}_2) \rangle$$

the two-point correlation function  $\xi(r)$ only depends on the distance  $r = |\vec{x}_1 - \vec{x}_2|$ between the two points



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# The galaxy three-point correlation function

Similarly I can ask the probability of finding three galaxies in the volume elements  $dV_1$ ,  $dV_2$  and  $dV_3$ 

$$dP = dV_1 dV_2 dV_3 \langle n_g(\vec{x}_1) n_g(\vec{x}_2) n_g(\vec{x}_3) \rangle$$
  
=  $dV_1 dV_2 dV_3 \bar{n}_g^3 [1 + \xi(r_{12}) + \xi(r_{13}) + \xi(r_{23}) + \zeta(r_{12}, r_{13}, r_{23})]$   
 $\land \qquad \uparrow$   
excess probability

 $\zeta(r_{12}, r_{13}, r_{23}) \equiv \langle \delta_g(\vec{x}_1) \delta_g(\vec{x}_2) \delta_g(\vec{x}_3) \rangle$ 

the 3-point correlation function represents the (excess) probability to find 3 galaxies forming a triangle of a given shape and size



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random fields describing perturbations at low redshift, however, are typically non-Gaussian



#### Ergodic hypothesis and observations

Expectation values, in principle, are to be intended as ensemble averages, i.e. averages over many "realisations of the Universe" ...

... but we only have one Universe!

We have to assume the **ergodic hypothesis: ensemble averages are equal to spatial averages** 

$$\langle \phi(\vec{x}) \rangle \equiv \int d\phi \, \phi \, \mathcal{P}(\phi) = \frac{1}{V} \int_{V} d^{3}x \, \phi(\vec{x})$$

We should make sure, however, that the observed volume correspond to a "fair sample" of the Universe



Theoretical predictions for the matter correlation functions are performed in **Fourier space** 

Fourier analysis naturally separates perturbations at different scales:



space, x

$$\delta_{\vec{k}} = \int \frac{d^3x}{(2\pi)^3} e^{-i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}} \delta(\vec{x})$$
$$\delta(\vec{x}) = \int d^3k e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}} \delta_{\vec{k}}$$

• Since  $\delta(\vec{x})$  is a random field  $\delta_{\vec{k}}$  is also a random field

• Since 
$$\delta(\vec{x})$$
 is real  $\delta^*_{\vec{k}} = \delta_{-\vec{k}}$ 

#### The power spectrum

The **power spectrum** is the 2-point function in Fourier space

$$\langle \, \delta_{\vec{k}_1} \, \delta_{\vec{k}_2} \rangle = \delta_D(\vec{k}_1 + \vec{k}_2) \, P(k_1)$$

$$\uparrow \\ \text{homogeneity \& isotropy}$$

The power spectrum is in fact the Fourier Transform of the 2-point correlation function

$$P(k) = \int \frac{d^3x}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i\,\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}}\xi(x) \quad \longleftarrow \quad \xi(x) = \int d^3k\,e^{-i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}}P(k)$$

The power spectrum is a measure of the amplitude of perturbations as a function of scale

$$\sigma^2 \equiv \langle \delta^2 \rangle = 4\pi \int dk \, k^2 P(k) = \int \frac{dk}{k} \, \Delta(k)$$

$$\Delta(k) \equiv 4\pi k^3 P(k)$$



## Evolution of matter perturbation: Initial Conditions

#### The "initial" matter power spectrum

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 $\Delta_{\Phi}(k) \equiv 4\pi k^3 P_{\Phi}(k) \simeq \text{constant}$ 

$$P_{\Phi}(k) \simeq \frac{C}{k^3}$$

$$\sigma_{\Phi}^2 = \int \frac{dk}{k} \, \Delta_{\Phi}(k)$$

The variance of perturbations in the gravitational potential receives equal contributions from perturbations at all scales (Harrison-Zeldovich power spectrum)

Departures from this simple prediction provide constraints on inflation

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# The "initial" matter power spectrum

**Linear evolution** during radiation and matter domination changes the *shape* of the initial matter power spectrum

At  $z\simeq 1000$ 



# Evolution of matter perturbations: Equations of motion

In first approximation we can study the evolution of matter perturbations assuming:

I. All matter is cold (ignore the effects of baryons & neutrinos)

#### 2. Newtonian approximation:

- $k \gg a H(a)$  scales much smaller than the horizon
- $v \ll c$  velocities much smaller than the speed of light
- 3. Matter domination (ignore effects of dark energy at late times)

## Fluid equations

Assuming **CDM** as ideal fluid we need the following equations:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla}_r \cdot (\rho \, \vec{v}) = 0$$

**continuity equation** (conservation of mass)

$$\frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} + (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla}_r) \, \vec{v} = -\frac{\vec{\nabla} \not p}{\not \rho} - \vec{\nabla}_r \Phi_{tot}$$

pressure term force (vanishing for CDM)

**Euler's equation** (conservation of momentum)



## Fluid equations for perturbations

Assuming **CDM** as ideal fluid we need the following equations:

$$\frac{\partial \delta}{\partial \tau} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \left[ \left( 1 + \delta \right) \vec{u} \right] = 0$$

#### **continuity equation** (conservation of mass)

**Euler's equation** 

(conservation of momentum)

$$\frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial \tau} + \mathcal{H}\vec{u} + (\vec{u} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \,\vec{u} = -\vec{\nabla}\Phi$$

Approximated!

$$\nabla^2 \Phi = \frac{3}{2} \, \mathcal{H}^2 \delta$$

#### **Poisson's equation**

Now written for the perturbations:

$$\begin{split} \rho(\vec{x},\tau) &= \bar{\rho}(\tau) [1+\delta(\vec{x},\tau)] & \delta(\vec{x},\tau) \quad \text{matter perturbations} \\ \vec{v}(\vec{x},\tau) &= \mathcal{H}(\tau) \, \vec{x}(\tau) + \vec{u}(\vec{x},\tau) & \vec{u}(\vec{x},\tau) \quad \text{peculiar velocities} \\ & \text{Hubble flow} \end{split}$$

## Linear solution

Linearising and combining the equations we obtain

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial^2 \delta}{\partial \tau^2} + \mathcal{H} \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial \tau} - \frac{3}{2} \mathcal{H}^2 \, \delta = 0 \\ \text{friction} \quad \text{gravity} \end{split}$$

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## The growth of matter perturbations



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# Galaxies







[Orsi et al. (2009)]

# Local galaxy bias

A very simple assumption ...

**local** galaxy bias

$$\delta_g(x) \equiv \frac{n_g(x) - \bar{n}_g}{\bar{n}_g} = f\left[\delta(x)\right]$$

If galaxies form in regions of large dark matter density, I can at least expect a direct dependence of the galaxy overdensity on the matter overdensity δ



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At large scales, we can expand it in a Taylor series

$$\delta_g(x) \equiv \frac{n_g(x) - \bar{n}_g}{\bar{n}_g} = f\left[\delta(x)\right]$$

linear bias

$$\delta_g(x) = b\,\delta(x) + \frac{1}{2}\,b_2\,\delta^2(x) + \dots$$

At *large* scales, we expect a very **simple**, **linear relation between galaxy and matter correlation functions** 



nonlinear bias corrections

## Non-linear bias and non-linear gravitational instability



Baryonic Acoustic Oscillations in the galaxy distribution

### **Baryonic Acoustic Oscillations**



## A standard ruler

we know the size of the "oscillation ring" very well from CMB observations

the galaxy 2-point function provides an "isotropic" measurement of the feature (if we get the cosmology right!)



SDSS LRG sample: first detection of the BAO peak Eisenstein *et al.* (2005)

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comoving distance along the line-of-sight

$$\chi = \int_{t_e}^{t_o} \frac{dt'}{a(t')} = \int_{a_e}^{a_o} \frac{da'}{H(a')} = \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{H(z')}$$

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comoving angular diameter distance

#### Constraints from BAO



# **Redshift-space distortions**

Galaxies are observed in **redshift space** not in real space



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# Kaiser effect

Real space

line-of-sight

Redshift space

line-of-sight



$$P_s(\vec{k}) = \left(1 + \frac{f}{b}\,\mu_k^2\right)^2 \,P_g(k)$$

the **redshift-space power spectrum** is **anisotropic**! (and so is the correlation function)



enhanced clustering along the line-of-sight, proportional to the growth rate

We measure power spectrum **multipoles** 

$$P_{\ell}(k) \equiv \frac{2\ell + 1}{2} \int_{-1}^{1} L_{\ell}(\mu) P(\mu, k) \,\mathrm{d}\mu$$



# Full-shape analysis

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We now think we understand the power spectrum well enough:

we should have a systematics-free model of the nonlinear galaxy power spectrum in redshift space We should have a systematic-free model of the nonlinear galaxy power spectrum in redshift space

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Test on a very large volume: 566  $h^{-3}$ Gpc<sup>3</sup> ~ 100 times BOSS

#### Full-shape analysis

$$P_{\ell}(k) = P_{\ell}^{\text{tree}}(k) + P_{\ell}^{\text{loop}}(k) + P_{\ell}^{\text{ctr}}(k) + P_{\ell}^{\nabla_{z}^{4}\delta}(k)$$

EFTofLSS: 3 cosmological + 8 nuisance parameters (more or less)

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# Full-shape analysis

Independent analysis of the BOSS data



# Beyond the power spectrum

# Fourier space: correlation functions

Higher-order correlation functions:

$$\langle \delta_{\vec{k}_1} \delta_{\vec{k}_2} \delta_{\vec{k}_3} \rangle \equiv \delta_D(\vec{k}_1 + \vec{k}_2 + \vec{k}_3) B(k_1, k_2, k_3)$$
 bispectrum  
  $\langle \delta_{\vec{k}_1} \delta_{\vec{k}_2} \delta_{\vec{k}_3} \delta_{\vec{k}_4} \rangle \equiv \delta_D(\vec{k}_1 + \vec{k}_2 + \vec{k}_3 + \vec{k}_4) T(\vec{k}_1, \vec{k}_2, \vec{k}_3, \vec{k}_4)$  trispectrum



The bispectrum and trispectrum are the lowest-order correlation functions to characterise the *three-dimensional nature* of matter perturbations

# The matter bispectrum

Perturbative solution for the matter density, in Fourier space

$$\delta_{\vec{k}} = \delta_{\vec{k}}^{(1)} + \delta_{\vec{k}}^{(2)} + \dots$$
linear solution
$$quadratic correction$$

$$\delta_{\vec{k}}^{(2)} = \int d^3q F_2(\vec{k} - \vec{q}, \vec{q}) \, \delta_{\vec{k} - \vec{q}}^{(1)} \, \delta_{\vec{q}}^{(1)}$$

Perturbative solution for the matter 3-point function

$$\langle \delta \delta \delta \rangle = \langle \delta^{(1)} \delta^{(1)} \delta^{(1)} \rangle + \langle \delta^{(1)} \delta^{(1)} \delta^{(2)} \rangle + \dots \quad \text{loop corrections}$$

= 0 for Gaussian initial conditions

non-zero bispectrum induced by gravity

#### The matter bispectrum

 $B_G^{tree}(k_1, k_2, k_3) = 2 F_2(\vec{k}_1, \vec{k}_2) P_0(k_1) P_0(k_2) + 2 \text{ perm.}$ 

 $Q(k_1, k_2, k_3) = \frac{B(k_1, k_2, k_3)}{P(k_1)P(k_2) + P(k_1)P(k_3) + P(k_2)P(k_3)}$ 



Plot of the reduced bispectrum with **fixed**  $k_1$ and  $k_2$  as a function of the **angle** between the two wavenumbers



# The galaxy bispectrum



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 $\delta_g(x) \equiv \frac{n_g(x) - \bar{n}_g}{\bar{n}_g} = f\left[\delta(x)\right]$ *local* bias  $\delta_g(x) = b_1 \,\delta(x) + \frac{1}{2} \,b_2 \,\delta^2(x) + \dots$ expand it in a Taylor series ... Quadratic bias correction Linear bias Perturbative solution for the  $\langle \delta_g \delta_g \delta_g \rangle = b_1^3 \langle \delta \delta \delta \rangle + b_1^2 b_2 \langle \delta \delta \delta^2 \rangle + \dots$ galaxy 3-point function bispectrum induced by matter bispectrum nonlinear bias  $\downarrow$   $\downarrow$  $B_a(k_1, k_2, k_3) = b_1^3 B(k_1, k_2, k_3) + b_1^2 b_2 P(k_1) P(k_2) + 2 \text{ perm.} + \dots$
## The galaxy bispectrum



$$Q_g(k_1, k_2, k_3) = rac{1}{b_1}Q(k_1, k_2, k_3) + rac{b_2}{b_1^2}$$

## The galaxy bispectrum



## Conclusions

## Cosmological constraints from spectroscopic surveys

Future galaxy redshift surveys (e.g. DESI from the ground or Euclid from the sky) will continue an on-going effort to map the **large-scale galaxy distribution** 

Different **features of the galaxy power spectrum** provide different constraint on the cosmological model:

- BAO are a standard ruler, a geometrical probe of the expansion history
- The **anisotropy** of the galaxy power spectrum (Redshift-Space Distortions) measure instead the growth of structure
- The **"shape" of the power spectrum** provide an upper bound on neutrino masses

Current efforts are aimed at extracting **all available information** in 2-point *and higher-order correlation functions* and extend PT predictions *beyond* the Standard Cosmological Model

But a lot more is brewing ...