Cosmology with the Baryon Oscillation Spectroscopic Survey (BOSS)

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Part I, Correlation function and power spectrum

The correlation function is defined via the excess probability of finding a galaxy pair at separation r:

$$dP = \overline{n}^2 \left[1 + \xi(r) \right] dV_1 dV_2$$

 \rightarrow The correlation function measures the degree of clustering on different scales.

In practice we just count galaxy pairs:

$$\xi(r) = \frac{DD(r)}{RR(r)} - 1$$

The correlation function and the power spectrum are just Fourier transforms of each other

$$P(k) = \int \xi(r) \exp(ik \cdot r) d^3r$$
$$\xi(r) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int P(k) \exp(-ik \cdot r) d^3k$$

Part I, What are Baryon Acoustic Oscillations?



credit: Nasa

- Preferred distance scale between galaxies as a relict of sound waves in the early Universe.
- Can be used as a standard ruler.
- The systematic errors are far below the current statistical errors.



credit: Martin White

Part I, What is the Alcock-Paczynski effect?

The BAO signal is expected to be isotropic. However, the fiducial cosmological model, which we used to transfer the observables into co-moving distances affects the radial distance differently than the angular distance.

The radial BAO signal is given by $H(z) = c\Delta z/s$. The tangential BAO signal is given by $D_A(z) = s/\Delta\theta$. $\rightarrow \delta z/\delta\theta \sim D_A(z)H(z) \sim F_{AP}$



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Part I, What is the Alcock-Paczynski effect?



$$\Omega_{\Lambda}/(1+z)^{1+w}$$
 $H(z) = H_0 \left[\Omega_m/(1+z)^{-3} + \Omega_{\mathrm{DE}}/(1+z)^{-3(1+w)}\right]^{1/2}.$

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The matter clustering is normalized by the r.m.s. mass fluctuation amplitude in spheres of 8 Mpc/h (σ_8). Since we only measure the galaxy clustering we are sensitive to $b_1\sigma_8$ and therefore our observable is

$$b_1\sigma_8 imesrac{f(z)}{b_1}=f(z)\sigma_8$$

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Part I, Power spectrum measurement

$$extsf{P}_\ell(k) = rac{2\ell+1}{2}\int_{-1}^1 d\mu \ extsf{P}(k,\mu) \mathcal{L}_\ell(\mu)$$



Power spectrum estimator by Yamamoto et al. (2005)

Part I, Power spectrum modeling

Our power spectrum model is based on renormalized perturbation theory (Taruya et al. 2011, McDonald & Roy 2009)

$$\begin{split} P_{\mathrm{g}}(k,\mu) &= \exp\left\{-(fk\mu\sigma_{\mathrm{v}})^{2}\right\}\left[P_{\mathrm{g},\delta\delta}(k)\right. \\ &+ 2f\mu^{2}P_{\mathrm{g},\delta\theta}(k) + f^{2}\mu^{4}P_{\theta\theta}(k) \\ &+ b_{1}^{3}A(k,\mu,\beta) + b_{1}^{4}B(k,\mu,\beta)\right], \end{split}$$

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Part I, Power spectrum measurement



Let's remember that there is some tension here: Planck predicts $f(z=0.57)\sigma_8(z=0.57)=0.481\pm0.010$

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 \rightarrow You can use these constraints to test your own favorite cosmological model.

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- The remaining degeneracy can be broken by using low redshift σ_8 constraints.

credit: Planck col.

$$T^{ ext{lensed}}(\hat{\pmb{n}}) = T^{ ext{unlensed}}(\hat{\pmb{n}} +
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with the CMB lensing potential

$$\phi(\hat{n}) = -2 \int_0^{\chi(z_*)} d\chi \frac{\chi(z_*) - \chi}{\chi(z_*)\chi} \Psi(\chi \hat{n}, \eta_0 - \chi)$$

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• The preference for non-zero neutrino mass is dominated by the growth of structure constraints.

Thank you very much

Appendix: GR test with free neutrino mass

 $\gamma = \textbf{0.67} \pm \textbf{0.14}$

Appendix: Testing RSD and CFHTLenS

