Connecting the visible Universe to the dark

Recent advances on galaxy bias predictions



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- Important low-z anchor on the expansion rate.



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Local galaxy
number density
$$n_{\rm g}(\boldsymbol{x},z) = \bar{n}_{\rm g}(z) \left[1 + \sum_{\substack{\mathcal{O} \\ \mathcal{O} \\ \text{parameters}}} b_{\mathcal{O}}(z) \mathcal{O}(\boldsymbol{x},z) \right] + \epsilon(\boldsymbol{x},z)$$

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Insights on the galaxy-environment connection

A long history of halo bias studies

Density contrast

$$\delta_g(\boldsymbol{x}, z) \stackrel{\text{det.}}{=} b_1(z)\delta_m(\boldsymbol{x}, z) + b_\phi(z)f_{\text{NL}}\phi(\boldsymbol{x})$$

+
$$\frac{b_2(z)}{2}\delta_m(x,z)^2 + b_{K^2}(z)K_{ij}(x,z)^2 + b_{\phi\delta}(z)f_{\rm NL}\phi(x)\delta_m(x,z)$$

P.S. No such thing as scale-dependent bias: the bias parameters are only a function of z.








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 $M[M_{o}/h]$

Most of the existing knowledge of **biasing** is limited to the case of dark matter halos in gravity-only simulations.

Not quite sufficient since we don't observe halos, but the galaxies inside them.

Barreira(2021 $\log(\nu)$ **Density contrast** $\delta_q(\boldsymbol{x}, z)$ Galaxy bias studies made possible only recently as galaxy formation simulations approach cosmological volumes.

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Grossi+(2009)

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m box} pprox 800 \; {
m Mpc}$ (Gravity) Halos (M_t -selection) Subhalos $(M_t$ -selection)





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Significant advantage of this method:

simulation does not have to have a large volume to encompass large-scale perturbations! (especially significant for hydrodynamical simulations, which are more expensive)

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Bias as the **response** of the galaxy abundance to changes in the **cosmological parameters**.

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From separate universe simulations w/ IllustrisTNG

 $\delta_q(\boldsymbol{x}, z) \supset b_1(z) \delta_m(\boldsymbol{x}, z) + b_{\phi}(z) f_{\mathrm{NL}} \phi(\boldsymbol{x})$ Mass density Gravitational potential 10 Sensitivity to grav. potentials in PNG **Recall:** the space of **bias parameters** cosmologies organizes the tracers by their sensitivity 5 to changes in their environment. Sensitivity to mass perturbations 0 0.51.01.52.02.53.0 b_1

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occupation

distribution

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function

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http://www.tng-project.org; Pillepich+(2017); Weinberger+ (2017);

Let us look at recent results obtained with two different numerical methods:

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Imprints of halo assembly bias on the galaxy bias relations?



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Future galaxy surveys aiming at:

 $\sigma_{f_{\rm NL}} \lesssim 1$

Local PNG leaves a distinct scale-dependent signature on the large-scale galaxy power spectrum (2pt function) (Dalal+ 2008)





Local PNG contributes also sizeably to the galaxy bispectrum (3pt function)

(Scoccimarro+(2003), Sefusatti&Komatsu(2007), Jeong&Komatsu(2011))





How did all past works constrain/forecast f_{NL} then?



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The impact of bias uncertainties

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Simulated likelihood analysis for an idealized fictitious survey.











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Prior centered on the wrong relation **Uncertainty of** $\Delta b_{\phi} = 10$, $\Delta b_{\phi\delta} = 50$ 10 10 p_{ϕ}^{5} $b_{\phi\delta}$ Wide priors are not conservative! Fiducial -10We really need accurate and precise priors Assumed prior from simulations to constrain f_{NL}. 1.52.51.01.52.02.53.0 2.01.03.0 b_1 b_1



Aproach 1:

marginalize over Gaussian priors on the bias parameter relations

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The disadvantage

The bispectrum does not improve the constraints (new parameter degeneracies arise).

The recommendation

At least power spectrum analyses should adopt this **bias-assumption-free approach**.



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IllustrisTNG

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Summary

• <u>Galaxy bias</u> is the relation between the visible and the dark Universe: it is crucial to infer cosmology from galaxy data.

It leads also to new insights about the galaxy-environment connection (eg. halo occupation responses, assembly bias).

- Separate universe simulations and field-level forward models are powerful tools to advance our understanding of galaxy bias and the differences to halo bias.
- <u>Need to revisit local PNG contraints using galaxy data</u>, which make unjustified assumptions about galaxy bias!





HOD bias derivation

Origin of the HOD bias:

$$b_{g,\mathcal{O}} = \frac{\partial \ln n_g}{\partial \mathcal{O}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\bar{n}_g} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathcal{O}} \int dM n_h(M) N_g(M)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\bar{n}_g} \int dM n_h(M) N_g(M) \left[\frac{\partial \ln n_h(M)}{\partial \mathcal{O}} + \frac{\partial \ln N_g(M)}{\partial \mathcal{O}} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\bar{n}_g} \int dM n_h(M) N_g(M) \left[b_{h,\mathcal{O}}(M) + R_{N_g,\mathcal{O}}(M) \right]$$
Halo bias expansion:
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