# Constrained simulations of distant galaxy surveys

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### TODAY'S MENU

- Introduction
- Gaussian Random Fields
- Initial Conditions
- Application to galaxy surveys



## INTRODUCTION

- ΛCDM theory with 6 independent parameters
- Different observables (digest):
  - Cosmic microwave background radiation
  - Galaxy redshift surveys
  - Lensing surveys
  - Supernova distance ladders
  - Absorption/Emission lines of luminous sources





### **GAUSSIAN RANDOM FIELDS**

- Cosmological principle: Universe is homogenous and isotropic on large scales
- Perturbation/Anisotropies:  $\delta(\vec{r}) = \frac{\varrho(\vec{r}) \bar{\varrho}}{\bar{\varrho}}$
- CMB anisotropies show a very Gaussian spectrum



Every point in the density perturbation field is also Gaussian  $\mathscr{P}(\delta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2}\frac{\delta^2}{\sigma^2}\right]$ 



### **RANDOM FIELDS FOURIER SPACE**

- If  $\delta(\vec{r})$  is real, then  $\delta^*(\vec{k}) = \delta(-\vec{k})$  Hermiticity
- Power spectrum  $(2\pi)^3 \delta_D(\vec{k} \vec{k'}) P(k) =$
- Variance given by:  $\sigma_R^2 = \int \frac{dk}{2\pi^2} k^2 P(k) W_R^2(k)$ : Window function for practical reasons

• Decompose density perturbations in Fourier modes:  $\delta(\vec{k}) = \left[ d^3r \,\delta(\vec{r}) \exp\left[i\vec{k}\vec{r}\right] \right]$ 

$$\langle \delta(\vec{k}) \delta^*(\vec{k'}) \rangle$$

Power spectrum is equivalently describing variance of perturbations as covariance



### **RANDOM FIELDS & POWER SPECTRUM**

#### • Power spectrum $P(k) \propto \langle \delta(\vec{k}) \delta^*(\vec{k}) \rangle$ encoding information about cosmological parameters



#### PROPERTIES OF GAUSSIAN RANDOM FIELDS

Gaussian random fields come with many interesting properties •

$$\delta(\vec{k}) = \delta_r(\vec{k}) + i\delta_i(\vec{k}) = \left|\delta(\vec{k})\right| e^{i\theta(k)}$$

Real and imaginary part independent Gaussians with variance P/2•

• Uniform for phases  $\mathcal{P}(\theta(k)) = U(-\pi, \pi)$ 

• Rayleigh distribution for  $\mathcal{P}(|\delta(k)|) = \frac{2|\delta(k)|}{P} \exp\left(-\frac{|\delta(k)|^2}{P}\right)$ 



- Why this obsession with Gaussian random fields?
- Initial conditions of Cosmological simulations usually (nearly) Gaussian Fields











#### • Closer look as GRFs, same phases $P(k) \propto \langle \delta(k) \delta^*(k) \rangle$



 $\theta(k) \in U(-\pi,\pi)$ 



 $\theta(k) \in U(\pi, -\pi)$ 



 $\theta(k) \in U(-\pi + \phi, \pi + \phi)$ 



- How to go from densities to initial conditions?
- We define the initial phase-space for N particles in a volume with Lagrangian perturbation theory





- Take away:
  - Power spectrum/Covariance completely characterizes GRF
  - We can impose  $\Lambda \text{CDM}$  power spectrum on GRF
  - Power spectrum blind to phases
  - Phases determine "where" fluctuations are
  - Initial conditions for simulations are a set of N particles with initial  $\vec{x} \& \vec{v}$





### **GALAXY SURVEYS**



### **HIGH REDSHIFT GALAXY SURVEYS**

- last 2 decades (2MRS, 6DFRS, SDSS...)
- formation and galaxy evolution with next generation surveys (PFS, DESI...)
- We use the current high redshift surveys to develop tools to compare these observations to theory

Local Universe and near field galaxy surveys conducted with great success over the

• We will be able to test  $\Lambda$ CDM predictions on early ( $z \gtrsim 1.5$ ) large-scale structure



## THE COSMOS FIELD

- COSMOS Survey (Capak+2007; Laigle+2016)
- Photometric survey (1 < z < 6) with  $5 \times 10^5$  galaxies
- Covers the peak of star formation (e.g. Madau+2014)
- Ly $\alpha$  tomography in this field: CLAMATO (Lee+2014,2016,2018) LATIS(Newman+2020)



### **COSMOS FIELD**

#### • (Too) Many significant overdensities in a relatively small volume at redshifts~2.5

#### FIRST RESULTS FROM Z-FOURGE<sup>\*</sup>: DISCOVERY OF A CANDIDATE CLUSTER AT z = 2.2 IN COSMOS

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#### ABSTRACT

We report the first results from the Z-FOURGE survey: the discovery of a candidate galaxy cluster at z = 2.2consisting of two compact overdensities with red galaxies detected at  $\geq 20\sigma$  above the mean surface density. The discovery was made possible by a new deep ( $K_s \lesssim 24.8 \text{ AB } 5\sigma$ ) Magellan/FOURSTAR near-IR imaging survey with five custom medium-bandwidth filters. The filters pinpoint the location of the Balmer/4000 Å break in evolved stellar populations at 1.5 < z < 3.5, yielding significantly more accurate photometric redshifts than possible with broadband imaging alone. The overdensities are within 1' of each other in the COSMOS field and appear to be embedded in a larger structure that contains at least one additional overdensity ( $\sim 10\sigma$ ). Considering the global properties of the overdensities, the z = 2.2 system appears to be the most distant example of a galaxy cluster with a population of red galaxies. A comparison to a large ACDM simulation suggests that the system may consist of merging subclusters, with properties in between those of z > 2 protoclusters with more diffuse distributions of blue galaxies and the lower-redshift galaxy clusters with prominent red sequences. The structure is completely absent in public optical catalogs in COSMOS and only weakly visible in a shallower near-IR survey. The discovery showcases the potential of deep near-IR surveys with medium-band filters to advance the understanding of environment and galaxy evolution at z > 1.5.

emitting candidates. With only two masks of Keck/MOSFIRE near-IR spectroscopy in both H1.47-1.81  $\mu$ m) and K (~ 1.92-2.40  $\mu$ m) bands (~ 1.5 hr each), we confirm 35 unique protoclu members with at least two emission lines detected with S/N > 3. Combined with 12 extra mem from the zCOSMOS-deep spectroscopic survey (47 in total), we estimate a mean redshift an line-of-sight velocity dispersion of  $z_{mean}=2.23224 \pm 0.00101$  and  $\sigma_{los}=645 \pm 69$  km s<sup>-1</sup> for protocluster, respectively. Assuming virialization and spherical symmetry for the system, we estin a total mass of  $M_{vir} \sim (1-2) \times 10^{14} M_{\odot}$  for the structure. We evaluate a number density enhancen of  $\delta_a \sim 7$  for this system and we argue that the structure is likely not fully virialized at  $z \sim 1$ However, in a spherical collapse model,  $\delta_a$  is expected to grow to a linear matter enhancement of ~ 1.9 by z=0, exceeding the collapse threshold of 1.69, and leading to a fully collapsed and virialized Coma-type structure with a total mass of  $M_{dyn}(z=0) \sim 9.2 \times 10^{14} M_{\odot}$  by now. This observationally efficient confirmation suggests that large narrowband emission-line galaxy surveys, when combined with ancillary photometric data, can be used to effectively trace the large-scale structure and protoclusters at a time when they are mostly dominated by star-forming galaxies.

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structure, that encompasses, connects, and considerably expands in a homogeneous way on all previous detections of the various sub-components. The characteristics of this exceptional proto-supercluster, its redshift, its richness over a large volume, the clear detection of its sub-components, together with the extensive multi-wavelength imaging and spectroscopy granted by the COSMOS field, provide us the unique possibility to study a rich supercluster in formation.

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## MOTIVATION

- Observations show numerous promising overdensities in the COSMOS field We call them observed protocluster candidates
- Protoclusters: progenitors (halos/dark matter) that will collapse to a cluster
- Observers find (too) many "COMA progenitors" of  $M \sim 10^{15} M_{\odot}$  mass in a relatively small field

#### Question: Are these findings likely?





## OUTLINE OF THE ANALYSIS

- Goal: Predict the z = 0 masses, positions and merging history of galaxy protoclusters, that have been observed at  $z \sim 2.3$
- Large-scale structure environment is decisive for the density evolution
- We need to find initial conditions, that reproduces the galaxy survey data and:

• At the right time,

• At the right position,

• Forms the right densities

#### **Constrained Simulations**





- Systematic uncertainties of the data:
  - Data quality (redshift estimates) •
  - Galaxy bias
  - Survey geometry, no selection function
  - **Redshift space distortions/** • no velocity information
- This means: Initial conditions are not unique We need a set of starting points that lead to the same structures

THE DATA



#### **CODE POTPOURRI**

- Reconstructed initial density fields in a 256<sup>3</sup> box (Ata+ 2021)
- Initial Densities -> Initial Conditions (MUSIC, (O.Hahn&T.Abel 2011))
- Initial Conditions -> Nbody Sim (PKDGRAV3 (D.Potter+2016))
- Nbody Sim -> Halo Catalogs (Rockstar, (P.Behroozi+2013a))
- Halo Catalogs -> Trees (Consistent trees, (P.Behroozi+2013b))
- Final analysis in pynbody and ytree (A. Pontzen+2013, B. Smith+2019)



### **CONSTRAINED SIMULATIONS**

- ~12000 MCMC samples produced with COSMIC BIRTH (Kitaura, Ata et al 2021)
- 50 random selected (thinning, autocorrelation length...) samples for simulations
- 256<sup>3</sup> particles in a box with 512 Mpc/h side length (~7E11 Msun/h resolution)
- Simulations run from z=100 to z=0
- We write the first snapshot at z~10

Consistently used Planck 2018 cosmology from Initial Conditions to final analysis











Observed redshift distance z<sup>obs</sup> 2.2 2.3

2.4

2.5

Observed redshift distance *z*<sup>obs</sup> 2.2 2.3 2.4 2.5

400 300 500 Line of Sight distance  $[h^{-1} Mpc]$ 





## **ANALYSIS OF SIMULATIONS**

- Outline of NBody simulation analysis:
  - z = 2.3 (observational constraint)
  - match the positions to the observed galaxy overdensities
  - of mass, position and formation probability of clusters

• We are interested in massive z = 0 halos, that originate from high densities at

• We trace back all progenitor dark matter particles of the massive z = 0 halos and

• We repeat the same analysis for all 50 simulations and make statistical predictions





#### **PROTOCLUSTER FRAME**



- 1. Look for z = 0 that originate z = 2.3overdose regions
- 2. Identify progenitors of these halos -> Potoclusters
- 3. Match centre-of-mass of simulated protoclusters to observed protoclusters







- history for different ICs
- masses and formation probability.

### CONCLUSIONS

- Protoclusters important probes of early structure formation for upcoming deep and dense galaxy surveys
- Build workflow to compute constrained NBody simulations up to z = 0•
- Matched simulated and observed high densities
- COSMOS field likely contains 1-2 "COMA progenitor", but not 5!
- We stress the environmental dependency for the fate of protoclusters and discourage extrapolating to z = 0 with over-simplified assumptions (e.g. linear theory)

