# Galaxies, cosmological perturbation theory & neutrinos masses



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## The Dark Universe



coming from combinations of cosmological observations ...

DESI (2024)

### Galaxy surveys



### The galaxy 2-point correlation function

We look at perturbations in the galaxy number density

$$n_g(\vec{x}) \equiv \bar{n}_g \left[ 1 + \delta_g(\vec{x}) \right]$$

... and we measure the probability of finding two galaxies at a given separation

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

In fact, its *excess* probability, w.r.t. a random, uncorrelated Poisson distribution

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



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## The galaxy 3-point correlation function

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

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

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

Indeed, the galaxy distribution is a *non-Gaussian random field* even if the initial conditions are very close to Gaussian



### The galaxy 2-point correlation function

What do we do with these measurements?

1. Fit the **Baryonic Acoustic Oscillations (BAO)** feature and use it as a *standard ruler* to constrain the background expansion







# The galaxy power spectrum



We need:

- 1. A model for the *matter* power spectrum
- A model for the relation between dark matter and galaxy perturbations, the so-called galaxy bias
- 3. Include the effect of **redshift**-**space distortions**

(because we observe galaxies in *redshift-space*)

Orsi *et al.* (2009)

### The matter power spectrum

Enter the matter perturbations,  $\delta(\vec{x}, \tau)$ :

 $\rho(\vec{x},\tau) = \bar{\rho}(\tau)[1 + \delta(\vec{x},\tau)]$ 

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

$$\delta_{\vec{k}} = \int \frac{d^3 x}{(2\pi)^3} e^{-i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}} \delta(\vec{x})$$
$$\langle \delta_{\vec{k}_1} \delta_{\vec{k}_2} \rangle = \delta_D(\vec{k}_1 + \vec{k}_2) P(k_1)$$

and it is the Fourier Transform of the 2-point correlation function

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

### The "initial" matter power spectrum



The linear matter power spectrum at recombination,  $z \sim 1100$ 

### An extra, pedagogical slide



### Nonlinear growth of matter perturbations



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### Density & velocity perturbations

We will describe the nonlinear evolution of the matter density field. We need the equations of motions for *perturbations* 

 $\rho(\vec{x},\tau) = \bar{\rho}(\tau)[1 + \delta(\vec{x},\tau)] \quad \begin{array}{l} \delta(\vec{x},\tau) \\ \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{matter} \\ \text{perturbations} \end{array}$ 

Velocities have a competent due to the Hubble expansion and one due to peculiar motion

$$\vec{v}(\vec{x},\tau) = \mathcal{H}(\tau) \, \vec{x}(\tau) + \vec{u}(\vec{x},\tau) \qquad \vec{u}(\vec{x},\tau)$$
 peculiar velocities





## Fluid equations

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In the Newtonian approximation,  $k_{phys} \gg H(a)$ 

$$\frac{df}{d\tau} \equiv \frac{\partial f}{\partial \tau} + \frac{\vec{p}}{am} \cdot \vec{\nabla} f - a \, m \, \vec{\nabla} \Phi \cdot \vec{\nabla}_p f = 0 \qquad \begin{array}{c} \text{Phase-space} \\ \text{conservation for } f(\tau, \vec{x}, \vec{p}) \end{array}$$

$$\int d^3 p \, \frac{df}{d\tau} = 0 \qquad \longrightarrow \qquad \begin{array}{c} \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial \tau} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \left[ (1 + \delta) \, \vec{u} \right] = 0 \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c} \text{continuity} \\ \text{equation} \end{array}$$

$$\int d^3 p \, \frac{p_i}{am} \frac{df}{d\tau} = 0 \qquad \longrightarrow \qquad \begin{array}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial \tau} + \mathcal{H} \vec{u} + (\vec{u} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{u} = -\vec{\nabla} \Phi \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c} \text{Euler} \\ \text{equation} \end{array}$$

We assume the single-stream approximation,  $\sigma_{ij} = 0$ , to get a closed set of equations

$$\int d^3p \, \frac{p_i p_j}{a^2 m^2} f(\tau, \vec{x}, \vec{p}) = \rho(\tau, \vec{x}) \, u_i(\tau, \vec{x}) \, u_j(\tau, \vec{x}) + \sigma_{ij}(\tau, \vec{x})$$

This is accounted for in the **EFTofLSS** (back to this if we have some time at the end ...!)

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+ 
$$\nabla^2 \Phi = 4\pi G a^2 \bar{\rho} \delta$$

### **Poisson equation**

We end up with 3 equations & 3 unknowns:  $\rho$ ,  $\vec{u}$ ,  $\Phi$ 

### Linear solutions in Standard PT

We can look for perturbative solutions of the form

$$\delta_{\vec{k}} = \delta^{(1)}_{\vec{k}} + \delta^{(2)}_{\vec{k}} + \dots$$

$$\delta_{\vec{k}}^{(1)} \equiv \delta_L(\vec{k}) = D(a)\,\delta_{\vec{k}}^{in}$$

$$D(a) = \frac{5}{2} H_0^2 \Omega_{m,0} H(a) \int_0^a \frac{da'}{[a'H(a')]^3}$$

growth factor (exact solution for a  $\Lambda$ CDM cosmology)

 $P_L(k) = D^2(a) P_{in}(k)$ 

linear power spectrum: in linear theory all scales grow at the same rate

PT review: Bernardeau et al. (2002)

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$$\delta_{\vec{k}}^{(1)} \equiv \delta_L(\vec{k}) = D(a) \,\delta_{\vec{k}}^{in} \qquad \text{linear solution}$$

$$\delta_{\vec{k}}^{(2)} = \int d^3q \, F_2(\vec{k} - \vec{q}, \vec{q}) \,\delta_{\vec{k} - \vec{q}}^{(1)} \,\delta_{\vec{q}}^{(1)} \sim D^2(a) \qquad \text{quadratic}$$

$$F_2(\vec{k}_1, \vec{k}_2) = \frac{2}{7} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{(\vec{k}_1 \cdot \vec{k}_2)}{k_1 k_2} \left(\frac{k_1}{k_2} + \frac{k_2}{k_1}\right) + \frac{5}{7} \frac{(\vec{k}_1 \cdot \vec{k}_2)^2}{k_1^2 k_2^2} \qquad \text{mode coupling}$$

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### The nonlinear Power Spectrum

From the density solution we can find a perturbative solution for the power spectrum

$$\begin{split} \langle \delta_{\vec{k}_1} \delta_{\vec{k}_2} \rangle &= \langle \delta_{\vec{k}_1}^{(1)} \delta_{\vec{k}_2}^{(1)} \rangle + \langle \delta_{\vec{k}_1}^{(2)} \delta_{\vec{k}_2}^{(2)} \rangle + \text{perm.} + \langle \delta_{\vec{k}_1}^{(2)} \delta_{\vec{k}_2}^{(2)} \rangle + \langle \delta_{\vec{k}_1}^{(1)} \delta_{\vec{k}_2}^{(3)} \rangle + \text{perm.} + \mathcal{O}(\delta_L^5) \\ \\ \text{Linear power} \qquad \sim \langle \delta^{(1)} \delta^{(1)} \delta^{(1)} \rangle = 0 \\ \text{spectrum} \qquad \text{for Gaussian} \\ P_L(k) \qquad \text{initial conditions} \end{split}$$

$$P(k) = P_L(k) + P_{22}(k) + P_{13}(k) + P_{ctr}(k) + \mathcal{O}(\delta_L^5)$$

$$P_{22}(k) = 2 \int d^3 q F_2(\vec{q}, \vec{k} - \vec{q}) P_L(q) P_L(|\vec{k} - \vec{q}|) \qquad P_{ctr}(k) = c_0 k^2 P_L(k)$$

$$P_{13}(k) = 6 P_L(k) \int d^3 q F_3(\vec{k}, \vec{q}, \vec{k} - \vec{q}) P_L(q) \qquad \text{EFT counterterm}_{(Maybe later!)}$$

one-loop corrections

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$$P(k) = P_L(k) + P_{22}(k) + P_{13}(k)$$



### Galaxies



### A fair assumption:

galaxy density perturbations trace the underlying matter density perturbations

$$\delta_g(x) \equiv \frac{n_g(x) - \bar{n}_g}{\bar{n}_g} = f\left[\delta(x)\right]$$
$$= b_1 \,\delta(x) + \frac{1}{2} \,b_2 \,\delta^2(x)$$

### Nonlinear & non-local galaxy bias

$$\delta_g(\vec{x}) = f[\nabla_i \nabla_j \Phi(\vec{x}), \nabla_i \nabla_j \Phi_v(\vec{x})]$$
Chan, Scoccimarro & Sheth (2012)  
Baldauf *et al.* (2012)

We just write down all operators invariant under Galilean transformations:

$${\cal G}_1(\Phi)=
abla^2\Phi=\delta$$
 local bias ${\cal G}_2(\Phi)=(
abla_i
abla_j\Phi)^2-(
abla^2\Phi)^2$  tidal bias

And so on ... plus the same for the velocity potential  $\mathscr{G}_n(\Phi_v)$  ... ... then we have their powers, as  $\mathscr{G}_1^2(\Phi) = \delta^2$ , etc ...

At second order the bias expansion is now

$$\delta_g = b_1 \,\delta + \frac{b_2}{2} \,\delta^2 + \gamma_2 \,\mathcal{G}_2[\Phi] + \mathcal{O}(\Phi_L^3)$$

a lot of new terms, free parameters, additional loop corrections from bias nonlinearities!

The story is in fact much longer (higher derivative bias, bias renormalisation, shot noise ...) but all told in a recent review, see Desjacques, Jeong & Schmidt (2018)

## Redshift-space

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



### Kaiser effect



For the linear perturbations, this boils down to

$$\delta_{s,L}(\vec{k}) = \delta_L(\vec{k}) - \mu^2 \frac{\theta_L(\vec{k})}{\mathcal{H}} = (1 + f \,\mu^2) \,\delta_L(\vec{k}) \qquad f \equiv \frac{d \ln D(a)}{d \ln a} = \Omega_m^{\gamma}(z)$$
growth rate

For galaxies

Kaiser (1987)

$$\delta_{s,L}(\vec{k}) = (b_1 + f \,\mu^2) \,\delta_L(\vec{k}) \equiv Z_1(\vec{k}) \delta_L(\vec{k})$$

### The linear power spectrum in redshift-space

The linear power spectrum is now

$$P_s(\vec{k}) = P_s(k,\mu) = (b_1 + f \,\mu^2)^2 P_L(k)$$

Enhancement along the line-of-sight proportional to the growth rate f

### The **redshift-space power spectrum is anisotropic**

we expand it in Legendre polynomials

$$P_s(\vec{k}) = \sum_{\ell} P_\ell(k) \mathcal{L}_\ell(\mu)$$

Measurements of the distinct multipoles  $P_{\ell}(k)$  provide a *dynamical probe* of structure formation

$$f \equiv \frac{d \ln D(a)}{d \ln a} = \Omega_m^{\gamma}(z)$$



### The full model for the power spectrum

Standard **PT** results can be rewritten in terms of **kernels** accounting for **matter evolution**, **bias** and **redshift-space distortions** 

$$\delta_s(\vec{k}) = Z_1(\vec{k})\delta_L(\vec{k}) + \int d^3q \, Z_2(\vec{q}, \vec{k} - \vec{q})\delta_L(\vec{q})\delta_L(\vec{k} - \vec{q}) + \dots$$

$$Z_2(\vec{k}_1, \vec{k}_2) = b_1 F_2(\vec{k}_1, \vec{k}_2) + \frac{b_2}{2} + \gamma \Sigma(\vec{k}_1, \vec{k}_2) + f \mu_{12} G_2(\vec{k}_1, \vec{k}_2) + \frac{f \mu_{12} k_{12}}{2} \left[ \frac{\mu_1}{k_1} Z_1(\vec{k}_2) + \frac{\mu_2}{k_2} Z_1(\vec{k}_1) \right]$$

$$\begin{split} P_{g}(k,\mu) &= Z_{1}(\mu)^{2}P_{11}(k) & \text{linear Kaiser effect} \\ &+ 2\int \frac{d^{3}q}{(2\pi)^{3}} Z_{2}(q,k-q,\mu)^{2}P_{11}(|k-q|)P_{11}(q) \\ &+ 6Z_{1}(\mu)P_{11}(k)\int \frac{d^{3}q}{(2\pi)^{3}} Z_{3}(q,-q,k,\mu)P_{11}(q) \\ &+ 2Z_{1}(\mu)P_{11}(k)\left(c_{\text{ct}}\frac{k^{2}}{k_{\text{M}}^{2}} + c_{r,1}\mu^{2}\frac{k^{2}}{k_{\text{M}}^{2}} + c_{r,2}\mu^{4}\frac{k^{2}}{k_{\text{M}}^{2}}\right) \\ &+ \frac{1}{\bar{n}_{g}}\left(c_{\epsilon,1} + c_{\epsilon,2}\frac{k^{2}}{k_{\text{M}}^{2}} + c_{\epsilon,3}f\mu^{2}\frac{k^{2}}{k_{\text{M}}^{2}}\right) \\ &+ 1 \\ \text{shot-noise} \end{split}$$

### EFTofLSS Blind Challenge



### The success of the EFTofLSS



A 1.6% determination of  $H_0$ comparable to the CMB result is obtained from Galaxy Clustering alone (BOSS)

(Although there was no need for any EFT for that ...)

Philcox et al. (2020)

Similar results from D'Amico et al. (2020)



# Informative priors?

Do we need informative priors on bias and nuisance parameters from simulations?

Quick simulations are inaccurate ...

"Safe" simulations do not exist



Zhang *et al.* (2024) See also Chudaykin *et al.* (2024)

### A slightly less simple Universe: Neutrinos



### Neutrinos

Neutrinos in the early Universe (at high temperature) are kept in equilibrium with other species by weak interactions

$$f_{\rm eq}(p) = \left[\exp\left(\frac{p}{T}\right) + 1\right]^{-1}$$

Fermi-Dirac distribution

They decouple when the temperature drops below  $\,T\sim 1\,{\rm MeV}$  when they are still ultra relativistic

Two regimes:

- At **high redshift** they (mostly) contribute to the **radiation** energy density
- At **low redshift** they (mostly) contribute to the **matter** energy density

$$1 + z_{nr} \simeq 1890 \frac{m_{\nu,i}}{1 \text{ eV}}$$



### Cold and Total matter

A fraction of dark matter is not cold:



Total matter perturbations have two components ...

$$\delta_m = (1 - f_\nu) \,\delta_c + f_\nu \,\delta_\nu$$

.... and total matter correlation functions more

$$P_{mm} = (1 - f_{\nu})^2 P_{cc} + 2 f_{\nu} (1 - f_{\nu}) P_{c\nu} + f_{\nu}^2 P_{\nu\nu}$$

### The neutrino free-streaming scale



The free-streaming scale is fairly large (almost linear scales!) for viable values of the neutrino mass,  $k_{\rm FS} \lesssim 0.1 h\,{\rm Mpc^{-1}}$ 

$$k_{\rm FS,i} \simeq \frac{0.677}{(1+z)^2} \left(\frac{m_{\nu,i}}{1 \text{ eV}}\right) \left[\Omega_m (1+z)^3 + \Omega_\Lambda\right]^{\frac{1}{2}} h \text{ Mpc}^{-1}.$$

and it is time-dependent! This means that the growth factor and growth rate are now, in turn, scale-dependent

$$D(a), f(a) \rightarrow D(a, k), f(a, k)$$

### Matter power spectra

$$P_{mm} = (1 - f_{\nu})^2 P_{cc} + 2f_{\nu} (1 - f_{\nu}) P_{c\nu} + f_{\nu}^2 P_{\nu\nu}$$

$$\frac{P_{mm}(k; f_{\nu})}{P_{mm}(k; f_{\nu} = 0)} \simeq 1 - 8f_{\nu}$$

the suppression of the power spectrum due to neutrinos is proportional to the (total) neutrino mass



# Numerical Simulations with neutrinos



Brandbyge et al. (2008), Viel et al. (2010) Ali-Haïmoud & Bird (2013)

> neutrino perturbations are linear by constructions

### Particle-based ...

Brandbyge *et al.* (2008), Viel *et al.* (2010) Ali-Haïmoud & Bird (2013)

shot-noise ?



**... and mixed ...** Brandbyge *et al.* (2009), Banerjee & Dalal (2016)

### ... and relativistic

Adamek et al. (2017)



Massive neutrinos simulations are not simple ...

### Nonlinear neutrinos effect



Castorina et al. (2015)

### Galaxy bias with neutrinos

Defining bias w.r.t. the total matter power spectrum introduces a (spurious) scale-dependence

 $\delta_g = b \, \delta_m + \dots$ 

 $\delta_g = b \, \delta_c + \dots$ 

or

?





# Model validation against numerical simulations

Few works, so far, in the literature:

- Noriega et al. (2020) no galaxies, only halos, only power spectrum
- Noriega et al. (2024), Maus et al. (2024), DESI mock galaxies, only power spectrum

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We use two large sets of simulations: Quijote & 0.5 DEMNUni

> and include the bispectrum (and the real-space power spectrum *Q*) ... still, Planck priors are necessary



Bellini, Verdiani, Moretti *et al.* (in prep.)



### Model validation against numerical simulations

Nonlinear galaxy power spectra and corresponding linear power spectrum (from the full fit)

No clear feature of the free-streaming scale

The same modelling can be extended to *composite dark matter* (coming up!)



Bellini et al. (in prep.)

### Conclusions

We know have a model that allows us to marginalise over all (?) nonlinear effects

More should be done, maybe in terms of informative priors and probe combinations

The role of N-body simulations will be crucial in the future (*in fact it goes both* ways ...)



#### DESI neutrino results

DESI DR1 Full-Shape Analysis (2024)

### Problems with Standard PT

- No small parameters (unlike QED)
- The expansion is ill-defined
- The convergence of the loop integrals is accidental ...

$$P_{22}(k) = 2 \int d^3 q \, F_2(\vec{q}, \vec{k} - \vec{q}) \, P_L(q) \, P_L(|\vec{k} - \vec{q}|)$$
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### Effective Field Theory of Large-Scale Structure

We still have the problem of how to deal with the small scale dynamics, or, more precisely, the *effect of small scales on large-scale perturbations* 

 $\delta = \delta_l + \delta_s$ 

$$\delta_l(\vec{x}) = \int d^3y W_{\Lambda}(|\vec{x} - \vec{y}|) \,\delta(\vec{y})$$



Even assuming a vanishing stress-tensor,  $\sigma_{ij} = 0$ 

(as we did in the singlestream approximation), small-scale dynamics induces an

### effective stress tensor,

affecting the large-scale perturbations

Baumann, Nicolas, Senatore & Zaldarriaga (2010) Carrasco, Hertzberg & Senatore (2012)

### Effective Field Theory of Large-Scale Structure

We can expect an additional term in Euler equation

$$\frac{\partial\theta}{\partial\tau} + \mathcal{H}\theta + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \left[ (\vec{u} \cdot \vec{\nabla})\vec{u} \right] = -\frac{3}{2}\mathcal{H}^2\delta - \frac{1}{\bar{\rho}}\nabla_i \nabla_j \langle [\sigma_{ij}]_\Lambda \rangle$$

with the effective stress-tensor depending on large-scale fluctuations

$$\langle [\sigma_{ij}]_{\Lambda} \rangle = \langle [\sigma_{ij}]_{\Lambda} \rangle_0 + \left. \frac{\partial \langle [\sigma_{ij}]_{\Lambda} \rangle}{\partial \delta_l} \right|_{\delta_l = 0} \delta_l + \mathcal{O}(\delta_l^2)$$

our nonlinear solution for the matter density becomes

$$\delta_l = \delta_l^{(1)} + \delta_l^{(2)} + \delta_l^{(3)} + c_0 k^2 \delta_l^{(1)} + \dots$$

with  $c_0$  a free parameter ...

### The one-loop power spectrum in the EFTofLSS

The 2-point correlator gains a new contribution

$$\langle \delta_l \delta_l \rangle \supset \langle \delta_l^{(1)} c_0 k^2 \delta_l^{(1)} \rangle \sim c_0 k^2 P_L(k)$$

A counterterm regularising the one-loop integrals

$$P(k) = P_L(k) + P_{22}(k) + P_{13}(k) + c_0 k^2 P_L(k) + \mathcal{O}(\delta_l^6)$$
$$\int_0^\infty = \int_0^k + \int_k^\infty \longrightarrow P_{22}^{UV} + P_{13}^{UV} \simeq P_{13}^{UV} \simeq \frac{16}{23} P_L(k) k^2 \int_k^\infty \frac{q}{2\pi^2} P_L(q)$$

The value of  $c_0$  ensures the convergence of the integrals. In practice this is a nuisance parameters to be fixed in the comparison with data or simulations