#### **Probing the growth of non-linear structure** with the Galaxy And Mass Assembly survey



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## LSS in the "low"-redshift Universe

## **A.** Probing the growth of non-linear structure with the Galaxy And Mass Assembly survey:

- GAMA: a multi-wavelength redshift survey
- Main LSS goals: DM HMF evolution, growth of structure
- Preliminary results

## **B.** An objective way to quantify the impact of superstructures: [with Baugh, Gaztanaga & Croton]

- Uncertainty in data induced clustering errors
- Our Method
- Results (applied to SDSS DR7)

## CDM: standard cosmological model

Combined with  $H_0 \& SN$  Ia measurements, CMB & LSS confirm a standard cosmological picture:



### **Growth of non-linear structure**



#### **Structure formation**:

- $\Delta \rho_{DM} / \rho_{DM}$  grow under gravity  $\rightarrow$  DM haloes
- Gas cools in DM haloes  $\rightarrow$  stars  $\rightarrow$  galaxies in DM haloes

#### Key questions:

- Is the Cold Dark Matter (CDM) model correct?
- Dark Energy or new gravitational physics?

Fundamental research to our understanding of structure formation and galaxy evolution.

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## **CDM halo mass function**



Springel et al. (2005) Benasque, August 2010

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## **CDM halo mass function**

For a given cosmology, the CDM halo mass function is very well predicted ( $\sim$ 10% accuracy), but not tested...



## 2dF Galaxy Redshift Survey: a short summary



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## 2dFGRS Percolation Inferred Galaxy Group Catalogue (2PIGG)



Dynamical group mass estimator:  $\sigma^{2} = \sigma_{gap}^{2} \left(\frac{N}{N-1}\right) - \sigma_{err}^{2}$ 

$$M = \frac{0 r \sigma^2}{G}$$

with 5 so as to match DM FOF b=0.2 halo masses.  $\sigma_{gap}$  see Beers, Flynn & Gebhardt (1990). (Eke et al. 2004)

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(with predictions from semi-analytic galaxy formation models)



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### Galaxy And Mass Assembly Survey: Phase I (2008-2010)

- Next generation galaxy redshift survey:
  - ~150,000 galaxy spectra to  $r_{AB}$ ~19.8:
    - 2 mag. fainter than SDSS => L\* at z~0.30 [~3 Gyr]
  - 150 sq. deg. wide, overlapping with SDSS and 2dFGRS
  - 75 nights on AAT with AAOmega over 3 years (2008-2010)
  - GAMA is also K-band limited, with  $K_{AB} < 17.6$
- GAMA is a unique survey and fills an essential gap in the current generation of redshift surveys, between the very wide low-z and very narrow high-z.

#### **Galaxy And Mass Assembly Survey:** germane connection between shallow-wide & deep-narrow



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### Galaxy And Mass Assembly Survey: where are the fields?



## **GAMA: Contributing Facilites**



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## GAMA: (some) follow up observations

GAMA:	Facility	Wavelength	Time	Depth (on GAMA)	(5ơ, AB)	Status
	aat/aaΩ (gama i)	Spectra	75nights	r < 19.8, K=3	17.6 mag	finished
	ĂAT/AAΩ (GAMA-II)	Spectra	~200nights	r < 19.8, K<	17.6 mag	submission (Sept-2010)
	UKIRT (LAS)	Near-IR (YJHK)	35nights	Y=22.0, J=20	).9, H=20.2, K=20.4	in progress
	<mark>VISTA</mark> (VIKING)	Near-IR (YJHK)	75nights	Z=23.8, Y=2	3.0, J=22.8, K=21.9	in progress
Ê.	VST (VST)	Optical (ugriz)	120nights	u=24.8, g=2	25.4, r=25.2, i=24.2	early 2011
	HERSCHE (ATLAS)	L Far-IR	200hours	100, 160, 25 67, 94, 4	0, <mark>350, 500 microns</mark> 45, 62, 53 mJy	in progress
	ХММ	X-Ray		follow up of G	AMA groups	submission (Oct-2010)
	ASKAP (DINGO)	Radio (21cm)	phase-I proposal over 150 sq.deg.		Phase-1 "accepted"	
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### **GAMA: Preliminary Results** spectra quality & redshift success rate...



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### **GAMA: example spectra** (improved with PCA sky-subtraction)



Wavelength / Å

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#### **GAMA: Preliminary Results** tracing in detail the large scale structure



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Redshift

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#### **GAMA: Preliminary Results** survey redshift completeness...



#### **GAMA: Preliminary Results** *improved photometric redshifts*



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#### **GAMA: Preliminary Results** *improved photometric redshifts*



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## **GAMA: Preliminary Results** N(z) for z<sub>spec</sub> and z<sub>photo</sub>



N(z) for the full GAMA sample: Photo-z trained on a representative subset....

#### Parkinson et al.

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## **GAMA: Preliminary Results** N(z) for z<sub>spec</sub> and z<sub>photo</sub>



Parkinson et al.

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### **GAMA: Preliminary Results** *r*-band galaxy luminosity function (z<0.1)



## Impact of magnitude definitions

Inset: schechter function maximum likelihood parameters (α,M\*)

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#### Hill et al.



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## **GAMA: Preliminary Results** Mock GAMA Galaxy Group (G<sup>3</sup>) catalogue



Example of a 4 Mpc/h thick slice of a mock GAMA galaxy catalogue: - HOD/CLF - modified semi-analytic (Durham/Munich)

Halo ~  $10^{14}$  Msol/h Halo ~  $10^{13}$  Msol/h Halo ~  $10^{12}$  Msol/h Halo ~  $10^{11}$  Msol/h

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## Redshift-Space Distortions



- RSD due to peculiar velocities are quantified by correlation fn ξ(σ,π).
- Two effects visible:
  - Small separations on sky: 'Finger-of-God';
  - Large separations on sky: flattening along line of sight.



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## **GAMA: Preliminary Results** Clustering & Redshift Space Distortions



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## Galaxy And Mass Assembly: Growth rate (predictions)



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## GAMA: THE DATABASE (I)





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## GAMA: THE DATABASE (II)





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#### **GAMA: Galaxy And Mass Assembly Team Structure**

#### WORKING GROUPS

SCIENCE Peacock (ROE)

Baldry Liske (LIMU) (ESO)

CATS

DATABASE OBS Driver (PI, StA)

Norberg (ROE)

**MOCK/THEORY** RADIO Hopkins (Sydney)

SPEC. P. Loveday Bamford (Sussex)

IMAGE P. (Nott.)

#### **TEAM MEMBERS** (now incomplete...)

**Bland-Hawthorn (Sydney) Croom (Sydney)** Frenk (Durham) **Kuijiken (Leiden)** Nichol (Portsmouth) **Proctor (Swinburne)** Sutherland (OMUL) Warren (Imperial College) Cameron (StA. ETH)

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**Concelice (Nottingham) Edmondson (Portsmouth) Iones (AAO) Oliver** (Sussex) **Popescu (UCLan) Staveley-Smith (UWA)** van Kampen (Innsbruck) Ellis (Sydney) Brough (AAO)....

More than 5 PhD students: Hill & Kelvin (StA), Parkinson (ROE), Prescott (LJMU), Gunawardhana (Macquarie U), Wijesinghe (Sydney)...

#### **TEAM AFFILITATIONS**

UKIRT/LAS, VST/KIDS, VISTA/VIKING, HERSCHEL/ATLAS, ASKAP/DINGO, DURHAM ICC

## Galaxy And Mass Assembly: The next steps....

- GAMA-II:
  - Galaxy formation and large scale structure survey:
    - ~360 sq. deg.: ~200 sq.deg. at  $\delta$ ~0 (mostly GAMA-I) & ~160 at  $\delta$ ~-30.
    - 2 mags deeper than SDSS & 4 mags deeper than 6dFGS
    - Multi-wavelength: AAT, VST, VISTA, HERSCHEL (XMM, SCUBA II, ASKAP)
  - Comprehensive study of matter and energy on Mpc to kpc scales z < 0.5
- GAMA-II and the large scale structure case:
  - Groups: Halo Mass Function, Galaxy Formation Efficiency, X-ray follow up...
  - Environmental studies: from voids to clusters as function of redshift!
  - Growth rate of structure,  $f_{\alpha}(z)$ , and  $\gamma(z)$  from the GAMA survey!
- GAMA-II and the multi-wavelength case (~15 bands):
  - SMF, SFH, SFR, ... as function of X...
  - Structural decomposition into bulge, bar, disk, ... in multiple (optical) bands
  - Herschel/ATLAS and ASKAP/DINGO fields  $\rightarrow$  Far-IR and H<sub>1</sub> Universe

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# An objective way to quantify the impact of superstructures

**Motivation:** 

- coherent large scale structures influence clustering measurement in a non-trivial way
- data based methods to infer errors do not put any precise constraint on the sub-region sizes to be used (e.g. bootstrap and Jackknife)
- Errors on higher order statistics are non-trivial to estimate using mocks → errors from data...
- There must be a quantitative & objective way to validate the size of the sub-samples used.

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#### An objective way to quantify the impact of superstructures

2005MNRAS. 364..620G

E. Gaztañaga et al.



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### The Jackknife quilts for SDSS DR7

N=25

N=225



Jackknife method consists in estimating the covariance from N samples, leaving one out each time.

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## **Relative clustering of each JK sample**



Sample: SDSS DR7, M\*+0.5>M>M\*-0.5, V ~ (258 Mpc/h)<sup>3</sup>

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### New statistic: JK ensemble fluctuation

Relative variance 1: 
$$\sigma_{tot}^2 = \frac{1}{N_{sub}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{sub}} \Delta_i^2$$

where  $\Delta_i$  is the <u>relative difference</u> of our measurement in the Jackknife sample (everything minus the i<sup>th</sup> zone) with respect to the one of the whole sample, using N=N<sub>sub</sub> samples.

Relative variance 2: 
$$\sigma_{tot-i}^2 = \frac{1}{N_{sub} - 1} \sum_{j \neq i}^{N_{sub} - 1} \Delta_j^2$$
  
JK ensemble fluctuation:  $\delta_{JK}^i \equiv \frac{\Delta_i}{\sigma_{tot-i}}$ 

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#### JK ensemble fluctuation



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### Different galaxies in the same volume



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### "Same" galaxies in different volumes



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### **Does this match ACDM simulations?**



<u>L-BASICC</u>: 50 low-res. N-body L=1340 Mpc/h  $M_p \sim 10^{12}$  Msol/h (Angulo et al. 2008)

#### Extract: 100 SDSS L\* volumes

- → 2 from each box, >500Mpc/h apart
- → 99/100 truly independent
  Analyse DM only, with
  M\* mean density.
  (Norberg et al. 2009)

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### **PDF for JK ensemble fluctuation**



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## JK ensemble fluctuation: conclusion

- an objective way of finding large coherent superstructures, using a standard Jackknife resampling technique.

- a quantitative way of justifying the size of the Jackknife zones to be used for the error analysis of the clustering signal

- a quantitative way to study the influence of large coherent superstructures, even when they dominate the clustering signal.

But most importantly:

It is based on the data alone. It is easy to compute (so why not do it)

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