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The large scale structure of the universe



Illustris simulation

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OUTLINE

- The information initally encoded in the clustering of light
- The imprint of gravity/growth of structure in the clustering of galaxies
- Other cosmological probes of the LSS: gravitational lensing and abundance of the most massive, collapsed objects in the universe (galaxy clusters)
- The epoch of Reionization and other open questions in cosmology/astro-particle physics



Cosmological time \rightarrow



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The inflaton stretches quantum fluctuations to macroscopic scales ...

... which are projected, after reheating, as curvature fluctuations ...

 $\phi_{\mathbf{k}}$

 $\phi_{\bf k} \to \zeta_{\bf k}$

... which source the anisotropies in the (visible) energy and matter distribution in the universe ...

 $\zeta_{\bf k} \rightarrow \psi_{\bf k}, \, \delta_{c, \bf k}, \, \delta_{b, \bf k}, \, \delta_{\gamma, \bf k}$

The impact of the transfer function can be seen in the matter power spectrum:

[BLACKBOARD: derive scale invariant spectral index (Harrizon-Zeldovich)]

[BLACKBOARD: connect correlation function and power spectrum]

[BLACKBOARD: introduce impact of peculiar velocities on observed power spectrum]

Impact of neutrinos and relativistic species on the LSS

Whenever we do **not** have **accurate** *redshift* measurements, we project on the sky \rightarrow **angular** number densities \rightarrow **angular** correlation function and power spectra

[BLACKBOARD: derive angular quantities from 3D power spectrum]

A few words about gravitational lensing

Wikipedia

Other cosmological probes

Voids: empty or almost empty regions, their shapes, sizes and abundances could a priori constrain cosmological parameters (DE parameters, total matter density, etc)

Illustris simulation

It depends heavily on numerical simulations

Other cosmological probes

X-rays

Optical

sub-mm

Chandra Obs. / CFHT - von der Linden / Marrone

Galaxy clusters:

the most massive, self gravitating entities in our universe, can be accessed in different wavelengths, and their abundance is a sensitive cosmological probe – the trick is to weight those giants!!

Their study also depends heavily on numerical simulations 16

Future of LSS studies

DARK ENERGY SURVEY

NATIONAL MANAGEMENT AND A CONTRACT AND A

One slide on self-publicity: The Javalambre PAU survey ...

Astrophysical Observatory of Javalambre (OAJ)

A cheap way to get a *low-resolution spectrum* in *every* pixel of the sky – worse redshift qualities, but **way better statistics**!

Changing gears ...

Cosmological time

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Courtesy NASA/JPL-Caltech

Neutral hydrogen is visible through the 21 cm hyperfine transition that couples the electron's and the proton's spins...

F = 0Spin-Flip

This 21 cm transition will be seen with the CMB as a background, and thus its observability will depend on

 $T_{spin H21CM} > /=/ < T_{CMB}$

For that,one has to account for the interaction of HI with electrons, protons, UV photons from the first stars and the CMB ...

- Experiments thus target the redshifted 21 cm line (thus looking at the ~1e2 MHz radio regime)
- These experiments typically sweep the *redshift range* [0.5 50]
- The main limitation to overcome is the presence of contaminants at these radiofrequencies, which lie **several orders of magnitude** above the targetted signal
- The anisotropy reionization signal at HI 21 cm has not been yet isolated

El estudio de la época de reionización

LOFAR consists on 20,000 antennas in a region of ~1,500 km diameter centred in Holland, it has been operating since 2012, in a frequency range from 10 MHz up to 240 MHz – as of a year ago, they were limited by the Earth's ionosphere ...

MWA is placed in an isolated region of Australia, and mounts 128 antenna clusters, extending 3 km apart, and operating from 80 up to 300 MHz. Its construction finished in 2012.

SKA will extend in South-Africa and Australia, with an effective collective area of **one squared km**. Its construction has been divided in 3 phases, ranging from 2018 up to 2023, with phase 1 ending in 2023.

The EDGES experiment has provided measurements of average antenna temperature of the HI 21 cm absorption feature at $z\sim17$, whose amplitude is significantly **higher** (\sim x 3 – 4) than expected, raising some controversy in the community ...

Frequency [MHz]

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