Measuring the Universe with galaxy clustering and motions

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Large-scale structure at z<0.2: a pillar of the standard cosmological model



The power spectrum of density fluctuations



Planck 2018 - I

Redshift-space distortions: a probe of the growth rate of structure

Guzzo et al., Nature 451, 541 (2008)

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v} = -a\delta Hf$$

Growth rate from RSD



LG (2017), Euclid forecast based on Galaxy Clustering WG Interim Review Report

SDSS/2dFGRS: much more than point distributions in z space...



Statistical properties of the galaxy population to high precision

We need to understand galaxies, to do cosmology...





What I will talk about

1. The VIPERS survey at ESO VLT: structure and galaxy evolution back in time

2. Improve RSD measurements: better models and/or better galaxies?

3. Forward modelling galaxy clustering and RSD



→ Aim at z~1, with volume and density comparable to 2dFGRS and SDSS, sampling the full galaxy population with their physical and structural properties

VIMOS @ VLT fills unique niche in density-area observing space

At VIPERS depth: ~100 gal/quadrant → 400/224 gal/arcmin² ~ **6000 gal/deg²**



VIPERS in the context of modern LSS surveys

State of the art:

- SDSS-III BOSS (e.g. Alam+ 2016)
- WiggleZ (Blake+ 2014)
- VIPERS (Guzzo+2014, Scodeggio+ 2017)
- SDSS-IV eBOSS (ongoing)
- BOSS and WiggleZ have huge volume, but are very sparse and not probing full galaxy population

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Future:

- DESI (2020-)
- Euclid (2021-)



2dFGRS (220,000 z)

VIPERS brings SDSS-like concept to z~1



VIPERS fact sheet

- ~24 deg², I_{AB}<22.5, z>0.5 color-color pre-selection (+ accurate star-galaxy separation)
- VIMOS @ VLT, LR Red grism, 45 min exposure
- Mosaic of 288 pointings, 440.5 hours (55 VLT night-equivalent) → 2008-2015
- 97,414 redshifts, with 47% sampling
- Volume: 5 x 10⁷ h⁻³ Mpc³ (~2dFGRS)
- <n> ~ 5 x 10⁻³ h³ Mpc⁻³

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- CFHTLS Wide (W1 and W4 fields, ~16 + 8 deg²) 5-band accurate photometry and high-quality images
- VIPERS Multi-Lambda Survey (Arnouts+, Moutard+2016a,b): revised CFHTLS ugriz + extra UV & NIR (http://cesam.lam.fr/vipers-mls/)
 - -> photometric and structural properties for most galaxies

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Survey layout and photometric/spectroscopic masks



 \rightarrow This and other ancillary information also released with PDR-2

(mask reconstruction by Ben Granett)

VIPERS spectra



λ = 5500 – 9500 A

σ_z = 0.00054(1+z)

 Spectral indices and line fluxes (e.g. D4000, [OII]3727), available for large fraction of sample





Redshift distribution



(Scodeggio+ 2017)



1400

Colour: (U-B) rest frame

2400

2300

2200

1900 2000 2100 Comoving distance [Mpc/h] Z=2

(artwork by Ben Granett)

The power spectrum of the galaxy distribution at z=0.5-1.1

(S. Rota PhD thesis; Rota, Granett+ 2017 (1611.07044)





• Needs careful treatment of window function and nonlinear effects

• Joint likelihood of 4 independent estimates: 2 redshift bins in 2 fields (W1 and W4)

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The power spectrum of the galaxy distribution at z=0.5-1.1

- Highest redshift at which P(k) measured from galaxy distribution
- \cdot Consistency test of Λ CMD at about half Hubble time, straddling Planck and local data
- \rightarrow Ellipses move towards Planck moving to higher z ?



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(Rota+ 2017; arXiv:1611.07044)

Complementary RSD measurements with VIPERS



VIPERS PDR-2 (Pezzotta+ 2017; de la Torre+ 2017; Hawken+ 2017; Mohammad+ 2018)

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1. Improve nonlinear modelling

• Improved "dispersion models": Scoccimarro (2004); Taruya+ TNS (2010)

 $P^{s}(k,\mu) = \overline{D(k\mu\sigma_{12})} \left(b^{2}P_{\delta\delta}(k) + 2fb\mu^{2}P_{\delta\theta}(k) + f^{2}\mu^{4}P_{\theta\theta}(k) + C_{A}(k,\mu,f,b) + C_{B}(k\,u,f,b) \right),$

- Widely applied (e.g Blake+ 2014; Beutler+ 2016)
- Adopted in VIPERS (Pezzotta + 2017, de la Torre 2013, 2017; Mohammad + 2018), with improved features and performances:
 - Use non-linear $P_{\delta\delta}$ from HALOFIT rather than linear one as in original prescription
 - Use new fitting formulae for P_{δΘ} and P_{ΘΘ} derived from simulations (Bel et al., arXiv: 1809.09338), which properly account for redshift and cosmology dependence, improving over Jennings+ 2011

(TNS)

 Note: many other modelling developments over past decade, as e.g. using the streaming model, e.g. Reid & White 2011; Bianchi+2015; 2016; Uhlemann+ 2016 or distribution function approach, e.g. Okumura+ 2015, Hand+ 2017, and several others. Only a few of these got at the level of being applicable to real galaxy data, though.

Refined nonlinear modelling: mock tests

(Pezzotta+ 2017, arXiv:1612.05645)

→ Using new fitting formulae for velocity divergence / density power spectra ($P_{\delta\theta}$, $P_{\theta\theta}$) - **Bel et al. arXiv:1809.09338**

$$P_{\delta\theta}(k) = \left(P_{\delta\delta}(k)P^{lin}(k)e^{-k/k^*}\right)$$
$$P_{\theta\theta}(k) = P^{lin}(k)e^{-k/k^*},$$

$$\frac{1}{k^*} = p_1 \sigma_8^{p_2}$$

• p1,p2 only free parameters in the fit



Minimum fitted scale

Taruya TNS model on VIPERS data adding CFHTLS weak lensing

(de la Torre+ 2017, arXiv:1612.05647; Pezzotta+ 2017, arXiv:1612.05645)



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Different galaxies trace the velocity field differently...



...as different populations trace structure differently



Redshift-space clustering of blue and red galaxies in VIPERS



(Mohammad+ 2018, arXiv:1708.00026)

VIPERS volume-limited mocks, using Scoccimarro model



Minimum fitted scale

(Mohammad+ 2018, arXiv:1708.00026)

Satellites are the culprit...



—> Realism of mocks is crucial (de la Torre et al. 2013)

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Complementary RSD measurements with VIPERS



VIPERS PDR-2 (Pezzotta+ 2017; de la Torre+ 2017; Hawken+ 2017; Mohammad+ 2018)

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More in general: multi-tracer analyses

The covariances between multiple tracers of the same volume can be used to measure relative bias without sample variance (McDonald & Seljak 2009)



Applications: growth-rate, non-Gaussianity



Gains depend on the spread in bias and are limited by shot noise



 ~20% improvement on growth rate from two galaxy populations in GAMA (Blake+2013)



Bernstein & Cai 2011

 $\delta_1^s = (b_1 + f\mu^2)\delta_m + \epsilon_1$ $\delta_2^s = (b_2 + f\mu^2)\delta_m + \epsilon_2$

(Slide by Ben Granett)

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3. Forward modelling (in general)

Cosmic Inference



Posterior of the density field with Gaussian likelihood and prior (Wiener filter)

- - The Bayesian formalism shows how to optimally make use of available data.

- Maximum posterior solution
- Monte Carlo sample
- Quadratic estimator

Example application to VIPERS: Wiener-filter density field reconstruction



Granett+ 2015 (1505.06337)

 Markov Chain random walk through the parameter space gives the joint posterior probability distribution of the density field and galaxy statistics.





Output: e.g. statistics of density (matter) field, P(k) and RSD



Ongoing work (led by Ben Granett)

- VIPERS P(k) with Quadratic estimator (Granett+ in prep.), 50% improvement on error bars over FKP ?
- Wiener filter reconstruction of final VIPERS data, with improved density field model (Nicolas Estrada Msc thesis, just started)
- Exploring Jasche & Lavaux approach (Federico Tosone PhD project, just started)



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No evidence for modifications of gravity from galaxy motions on cosmological scales

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Goal: Exploit full non-linear clustering and velocity field



Testing gravity with RSD through Sub-Halo Abundance Matching (SHAM)

INGREDIENTS

- N-body simulations:
 - High-resolution (9.6 x 10⁷ M_{sun}/h) ∧CDM simulation: Small Multi-Dark Planck (MDPL, Klypin+ 2016), 400/h Mpc box
 - State-of-the-art high-resolution (1.5 x 10⁸ M_{sun}/h) simulation run with Hu & Sawicki f(R) model, with f_{Ro}=-10⁻⁶ and n=1 (Shi, Li+ 2015), 64/h Mpc box
 - barely distinguishable from ΛCDM in terms of cluster number counts and WL signal -Schmidt+ 2009):
 - highest-resolution existing f(R) simulation —> crucial for properly describing screening mechanism (He+ 2015, PRL 115, 071306–071310)
- Data:
 - 1. SDSS "NYU Value Added Galaxy Catalogue" (NYU-VAGC enhanced version of SDSS-DR7): **542,432 galaxies** to r=17.60 over 7732 deg^{2,} highly complete, includes extended
 - 2. SHAM performed on **volume-limited sub-samples** complete in stellar mass (reestimated with 3 different methods)

Effective density field in f(R) gravity



Jianhua He et al PRD 2015



Results



Results



A number of potential issues tested (see Supplementary Info)

- Impact of galaxy stellar mass SED-fitting estimates: 3 different methods
- Robustness wrt to SHAM implementation: measured clustering is stable when high-density galaxy samples are used (uncertainties and variations at high-end do not modify significantly rank order wrt clustering properties)
- Numerical stability of SHAM (changing n-body codes and halo finder)
- Lack of long-wavelength modes in small-box f(R) simulation: correction scheme
- Survey geometry and wide-angle effects (different simulation boxes)
- Fiber collisions
- Key to stable clustering of matched SHAM mocks is stellar-mass selection of galaxy sample and its fairly high mean density, which minimises effect of rank-order changes on measured clustering
- Unknowns?

Box size impact on halo mass function



Summary

- VIPERS results provide an olistic view of large-large-scale structure and galaxy evolution, allowing to place galaxy types in their LSS context
- Consistent RSD results with different techniques
- Proper choice of galaxy tracers allows minimising systematic uncertainties: not all galaxies are equally good to do cosmology!
- Importance of galaxy surveys with broad selection function
- Forward modelling approaches allow us to make full use of multiple tracers and extended information in surveys
- A SHAM mock catalogue properly built from a ∧CDM simulation provides impressive match to redshift-space clustering of a corresponding stellar mass selected galaxies in the SDSS, with no fine-fine-tuning at all
- Analogous SHAM analysis in a mild f(R) cosmology deviates significantly from the observations
- GR is alive and kicking, also on large scales
- Forward modelling based on numerical simulations is the future

