Neutrino mass constraint from an Implicit Likelihood Analysis of BOSS voids

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A 3-D map of the universe



SDSS/BOSS survey



How to summarize this map?

- 1) pairs of galaxies (power spectrum)
- 2) triangles of galaxies (bispectrum)
- 3) ...

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4) "empty regions" (cosmic voids)
– size distribution
– void-galaxy pairs



[FLAMINGO]

What can voids do for us?

- not virialized → ideal for redshift-space distortions, Alcock-Paczynski
 - matter density Ω_m
 - growth of structure f/b
- complementary to correlation functions since voids upweight *underdense* regions
 - corrections to general relativity
 - dark energy
 - neutrino mass





Voids & neutrino mass: forecasts



Problem formulation

- obtain constraints on neutrino mass sum, Σm,
- using BOSS CMASS NGC
- summary statistics:
 - galaxy auto-power spectrum
 - \circ void size function
 - void-galaxy cross power spectrum



- model based on simulations
- perform implicit-likelihood inference

Void finding

- currently no universally accepted void definition
- simulation based analysis → can choose without biasing
- opt for ZOBOV / VIDE
- Voronoi tessellation, watershed transform





Why simulation-based & implicit-likelihood inference

- no analytic model currently available to describe galaxy auto power, void size function, void profiles consistently → need simulations
- likelihood function of Poisson/Gauss mixture unknown
- also: 17-D emulation w/ limited simulations difficult

Implicit Likelihood Inference

Assume that we have a simulator that can evaluate the model m(θ , η , ζ) to required accuracy.

Use simulated samples to train neural approximator:



Gravity-only simulations



Need to simulate according to prior CMASS NGC

FastPM 2.5 Gpc/h sidelength 2800³ CDM particles + neutrinos ACDM prior: Gaussian *Planck* x 2



Gravity-only simulations



Choosing halo occupation distribution (HOD)

- global optimization over partly discrete spaces to identify parameterization & prior ranges
- 1st iteration: target=QUIJOTE, statistic=power spectrum
- 2nd iteration: target=data, statistic=void size function



Choosing halo occupation distribution (HOD)

Converged at 11-parameter model:

- M_{min} = minimum mass to host central, $\sigma_{log M}$ = scatter in that relation
- M_0 = minimum mass to host satellite, M_1 = typical mass to host satellite, α = number of satellites
- η_{cen} , η_{sat} = velocity biases
- $\mu(M_{min}), \mu(M_1) = linearized redshift evolution$
- P₁, a_{bias} = secondary bias parameters for centrals (based on kinetic to potential energy ratio)

Likely not ideal!

Lightcones

- 20 snapshots [probably excessive]
- extrapolate using host halo velocity
- cuboid remapping
- survey mask
- fiber collisions
- Downsample to n(z)

Data vector



Compression

- linear score compression assuming Gaussian likelihood (MOPED)
- to 17-D (# parameters)



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Training & inference

- Withhold 13 simulations for testing (covering M, prior well)
- For each simulation, draw ~230 HODs & 8 augmentations
- Gives ~170k training samples
- Train with $\Theta = \{ M_{\nu}, \log M_{min}, \mu(M_{min}) \}$ to have additional diagnostics (also did some runs with other HOD parameters)

Internal consistency checks

test posterior calibration by running inference on mocks from prior



 Σm_{ν} log M_{min} $\mu(M_{\rm min})$

overconfident

1.0

0.8

0.6

Main posteriors





Main posteriors





Compare to posteriors on fiducial mocks



Not obviously wrong, but maybe systematics on large scales? (e.g., galaxy weights in void-galaxy cross power) – Or: the "augmentations" don't work well enough

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One-sided posteriors are different from "Gaussian" ones

inefficient compression?



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Our possible issues:

- prior volume effects
- inaccurate simulations (neutrino mass impact?)
- "augmentation" procedure



Quadrupole

Qualitative agreement with EFT result \rightarrow gives some confidence that simulations are accurate



Influence of void size



Simulation budget

Appear to have enough simulations. But "augmentation" is the critical point.



Summary

- constrained neutrino mass sum from BOSS CMASS NGC
- using galaxy auto power spectrum, void size function, void-galaxy cross power spectrum
- modeling based on FastPM+HOD simulations
- implicit likelihood inference with neural ratio estimation
- void statistics appear to contribute a little
- qualitative agreement with EFTofLSS results, but differences
- possible future improvements:
 - simulation layout
 - HOD parameterization
 - compression
 - "perturbative" implicit likelihood inference
 - survey systematics
 - o ...

Void only posteriors



Full posteriors



EFT posteriors

