

Galaxy Redshift Surveys

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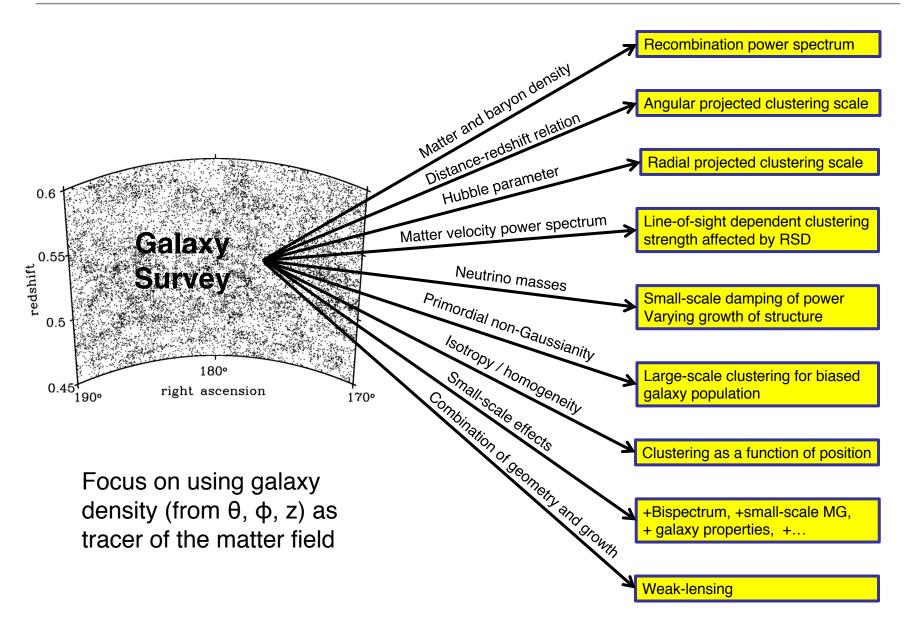






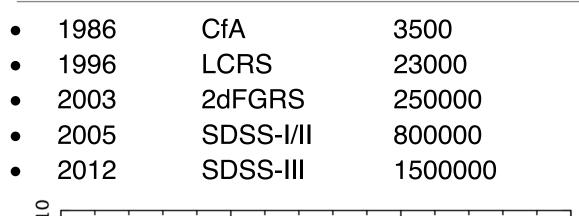


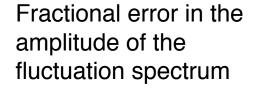
Cosmology from galaxy surveys



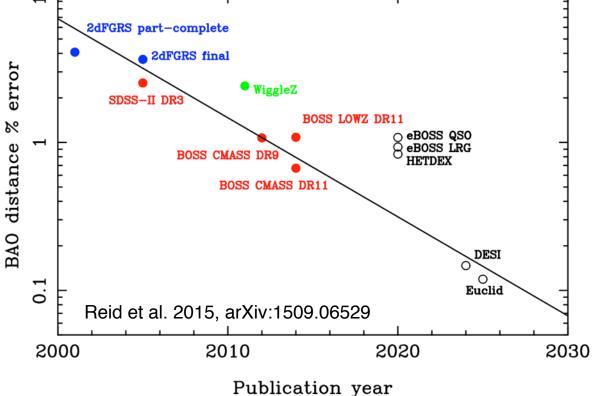


Galaxy redshift survey "history"









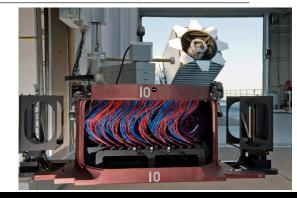
Driven by the development of instrumentation

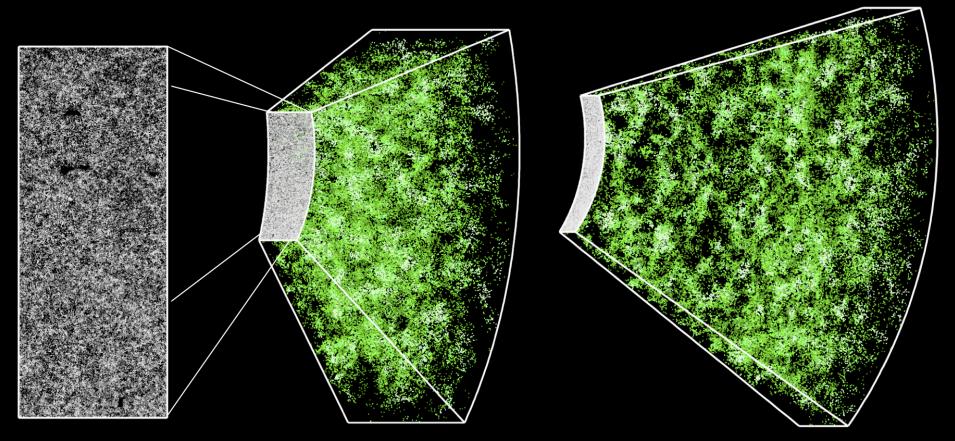


The BOSS galaxy survey

- Survey now complete, with data taken over 5 years (2009-2014)
- Redshifts for 1,145,874 galaxies
- Data Release 12 galaxy catalogues now available:

http://data.sdss3.org/sas/dr12/boss/lss/

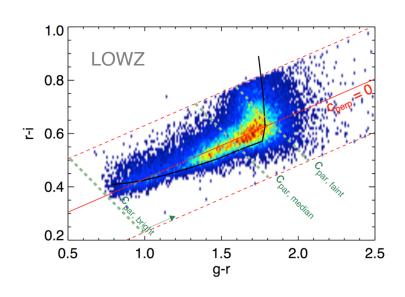


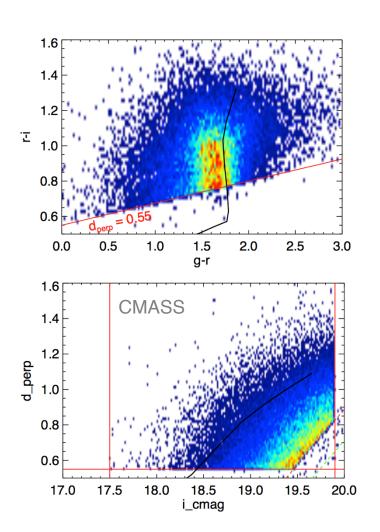




BOSS Data Release 12 galaxies

- Two galaxy samples targeted: LOWZ and CMASS
- Colour cuts to select old, massive galaxies for easy redshift measurement and high bias
- Based on locus of passive galaxies
- CMASS broader (in colour) than LOWZ with a cut $d_{\perp} = (r_{mod} i_{mod}) (g_{mod} r_{mod})/8 > 0.55$ to select to an approximate stellar mass limit





Reid et al. 2015, arXiv:1509.06529

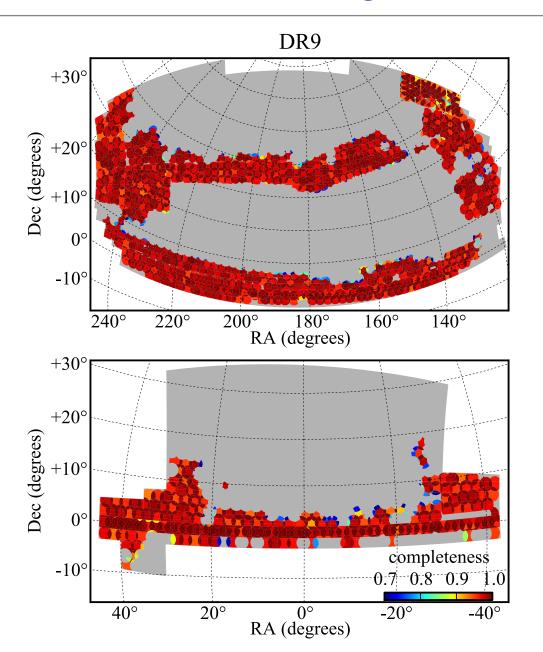


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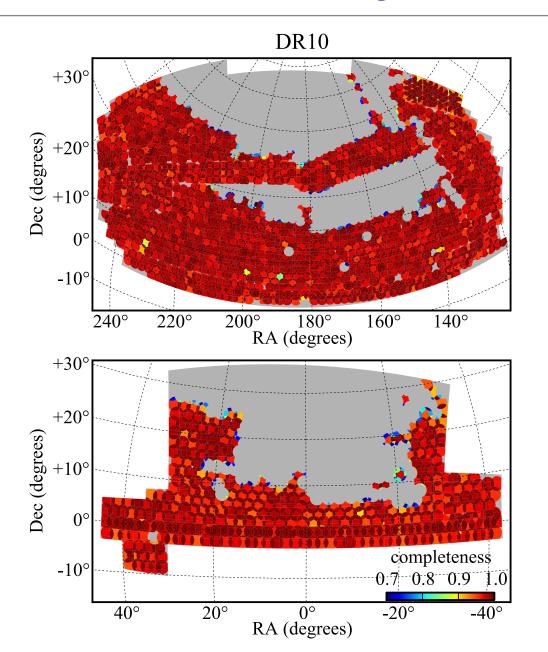


BOSS DR9 galaxies



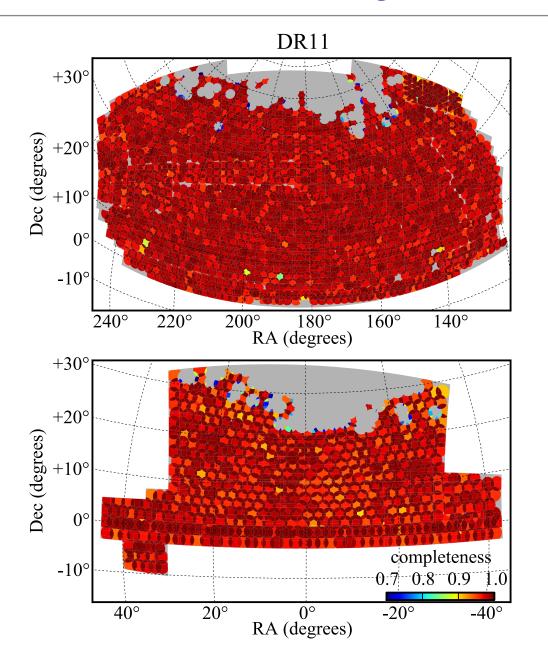


BOSS DR10 galaxies



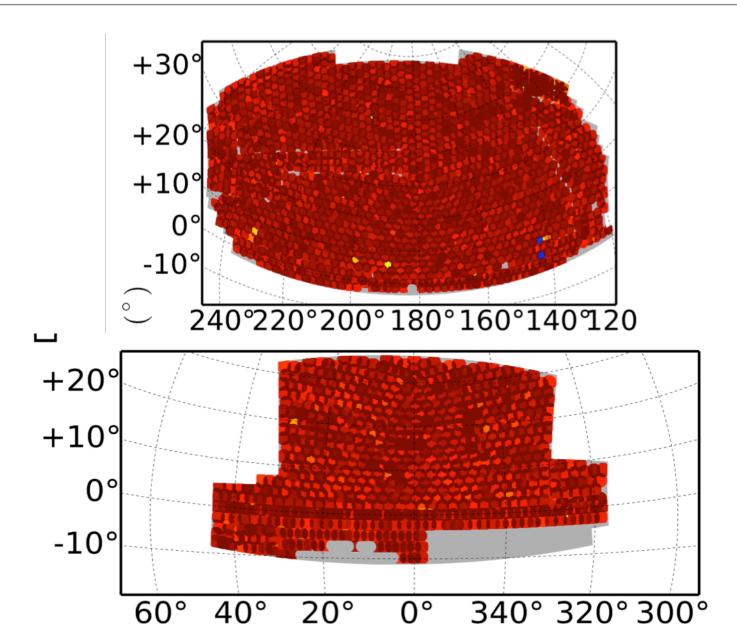


BOSS DR11 galaxies



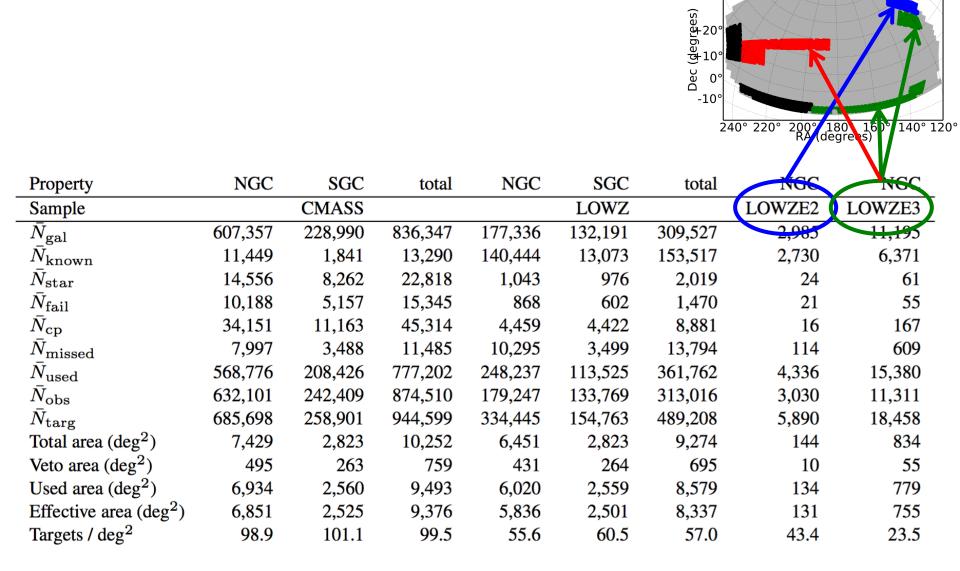


BOSS DR12 galaxies





The galaxy sample



Reid et al. 2015, arXiv:1509.06529

DR12 Early Chunks

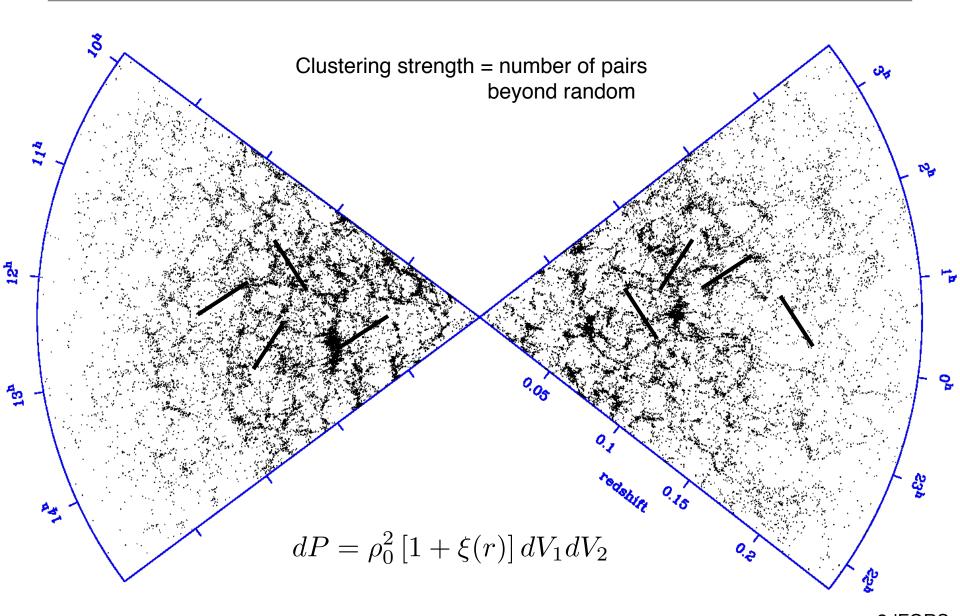
+30°



Clustering

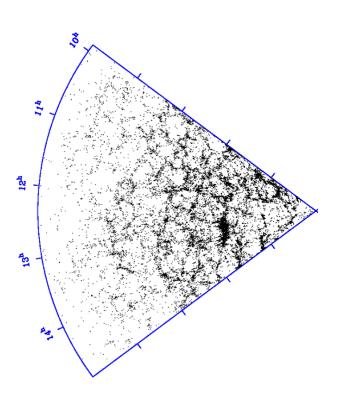


What does "clustering" mean?





Over-density fields



"probability of seeing density excess", can be recast in terms of the overdensity

$$\delta = \frac{\rho - \rho_0}{\rho_0}$$

The correlation function is simply the 2-pt statistic of the field

$$\xi(r) = \langle \delta(\mathbf{x})\delta(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{r}) \rangle$$

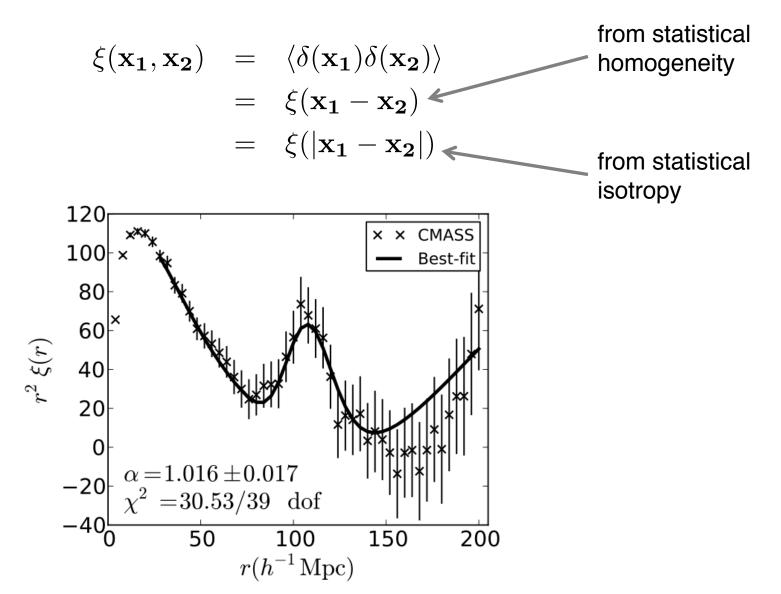
Its Fourier analogue, the power spectrum is defined by

$$P(k) = \langle \delta(\mathbf{k}) \delta(\mathbf{k}) \rangle$$

By analogy, one should think of "throwing down" Fourier modes rather than "sticks"

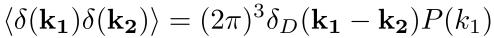


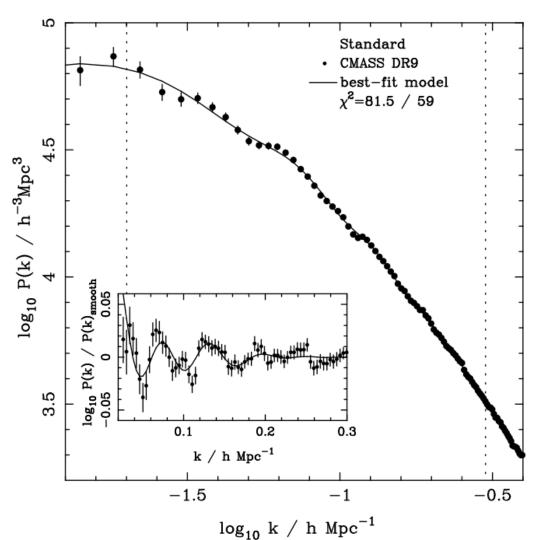
Real-space correlation function

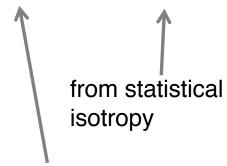




Power spectrum







from statistical homogeneity

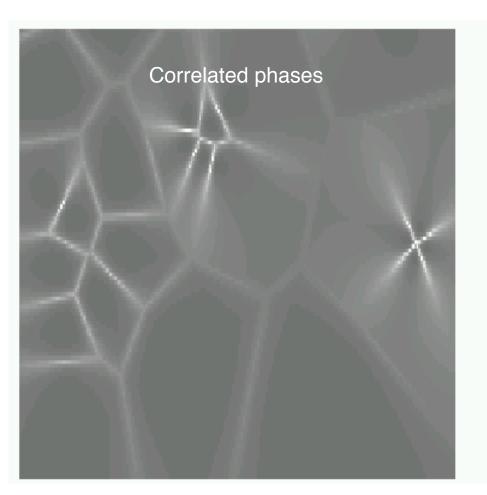
$$\Delta^2(k) = \frac{k^3 P(k)}{2\pi^2}$$

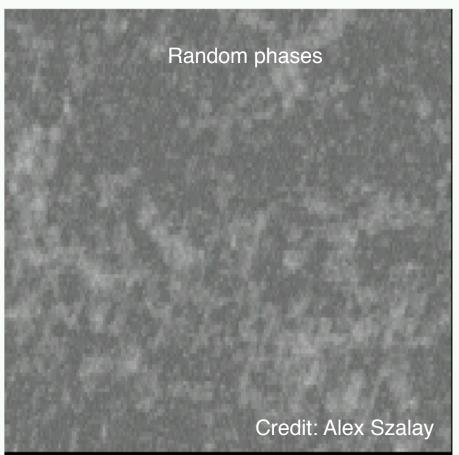
Power spectrum often written in dimensionless form



Statistically complete knowledge?

Gaussian random field: knowledge of either the correlation function or power spectrum is sufficient – they are statistically complete ... but ...

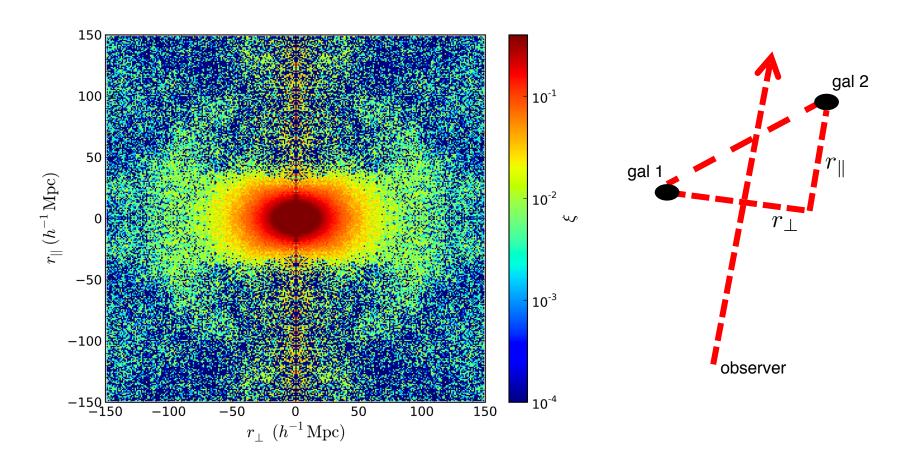






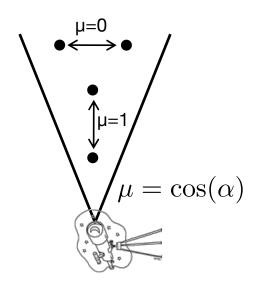
line-of-sight dependent clustering

Across the line of sight, positions come from angles Along the line of sight, positions come from redshifts





Moments of the clustering signal



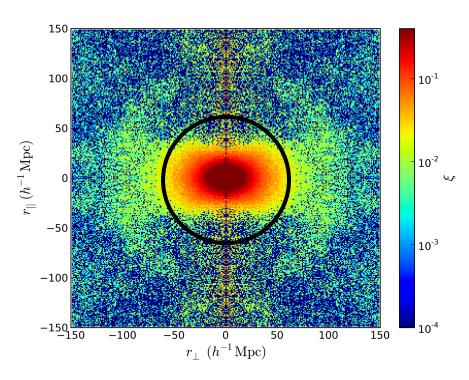
Define moments of the clustering signal

$$P_F(k) = \int_0^1 d\mu \, F(\mu) P(k, \mu)$$
$$\xi_F(r) = \int_0^1 d\mu \, F(\mu) \xi(r, \mu)$$

Monopole

 $F(\mu)=1$,

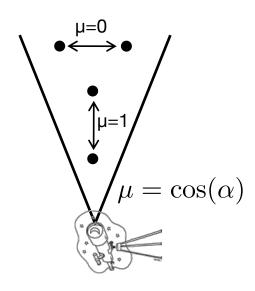
Quadrupole $F(\mu)=\frac{1}{2}(3\mu^2-1)$, Hexadecapole $F(\mu)=\frac{1}{8}(35\mu^4-30\mu^2+3)$



Monopole moment: Integrate ξ over circle



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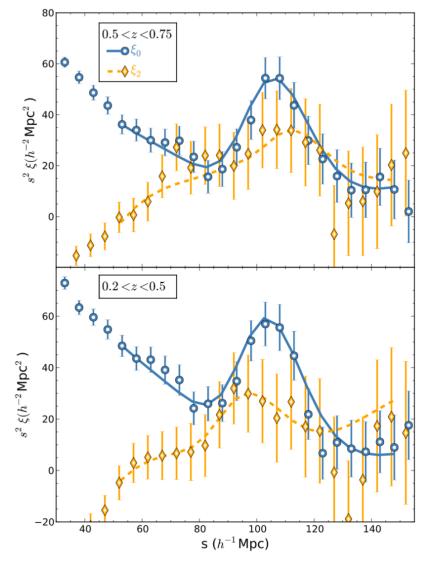
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$$\text{Monopole} \qquad \qquad \text{F}(\mu) = 1, \\ \text{Quadrupole} \qquad \qquad \text{F}(\mu) = \frac{1}{2} (3\mu^2 - 1),$$



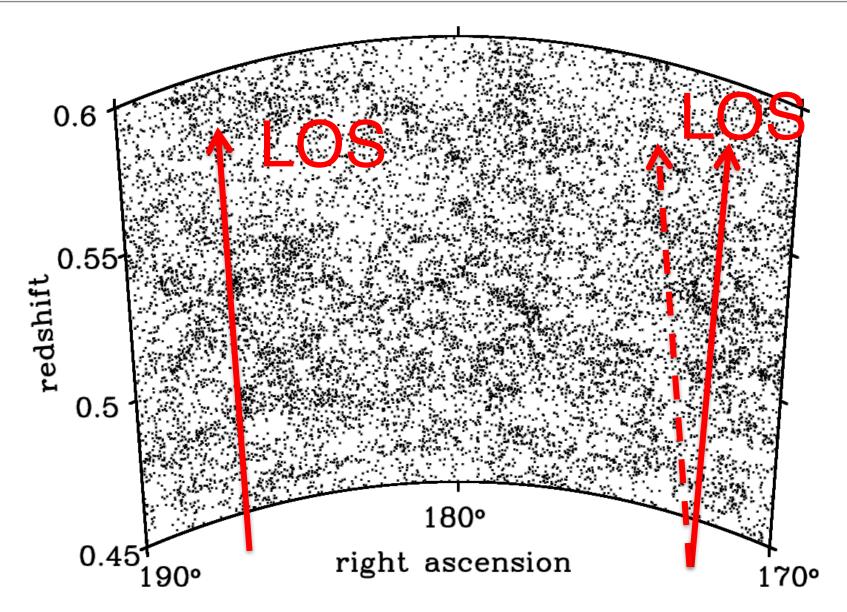
Ross et al. 2016, arXiv:1607.03145



Measuring anisotropic clustering: The correlation function

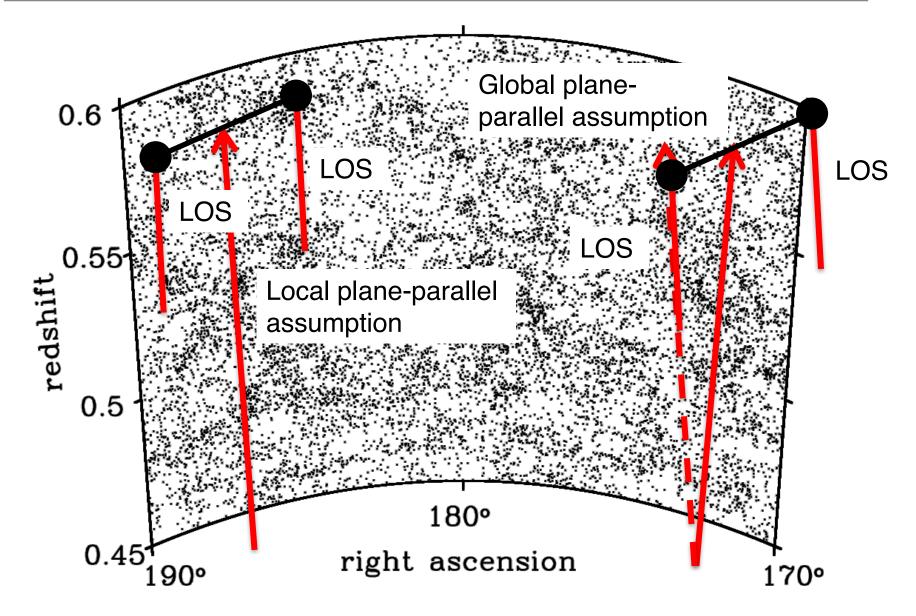


The LOS varies across a survey



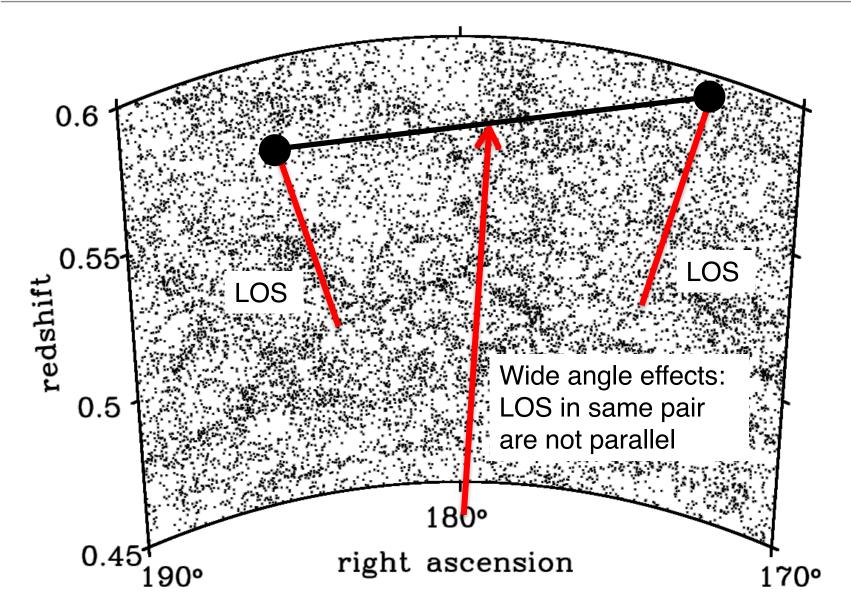


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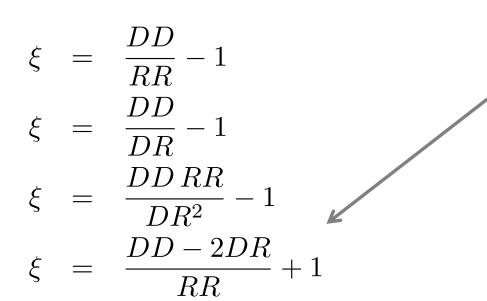


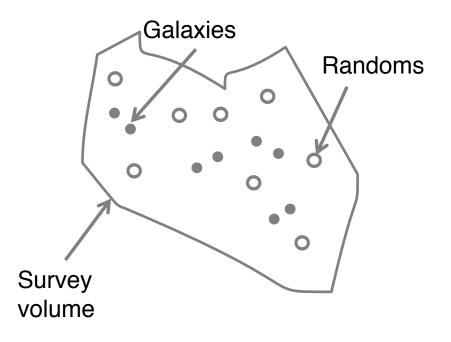
Measuring the correlation function

Define survey mask using Monte-Carlo sampling of volume covered (called random catalogue)

DD = number of galaxy-galaxy pairs
DR = number of galaxy-random pairs
RR = number of random-random pairs

All calculated as a function of separation and direction of pair to LOS (r,μ)





Landy & Szalay (1993) considered noise from these estimators, and showed that this has the best noise properties



Angular upweighting for 3D measurements

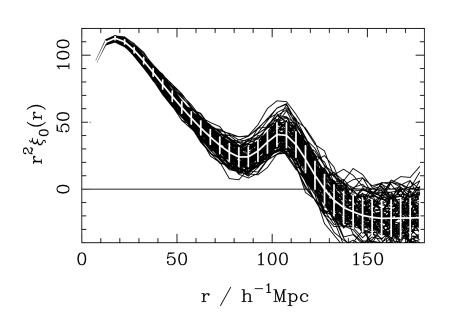
Spectroscopic surveys are never 100% complete

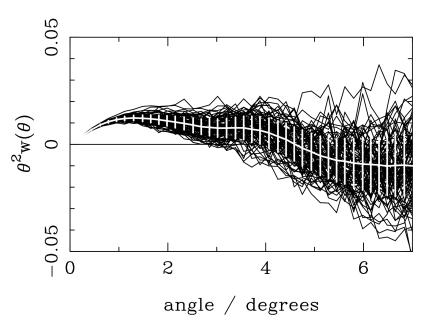
With early data, one often has radial information for only a fraction of galaxies

BUT, you have angular information for the full (target) sample

Why not use it ...

$$1 + \xi(r, \theta) = (1 + \xi(r|\theta))(1 + w(\theta))$$





Percival & Bianchi 2017; arXiv:1703.02071



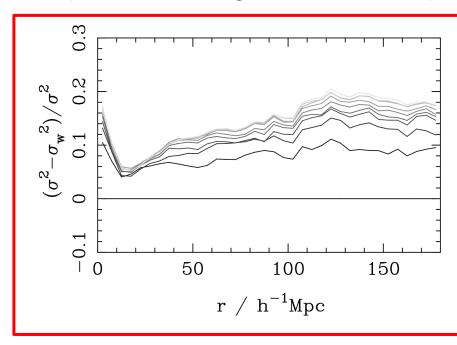
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Simple idea:

replace $(1+w(\theta))$ with that calculated from the parent sample

Practically: take 3D clustering and weight by $(1+w(\theta))_{parent} / (1+w(\theta))_{sample}$

Formally unbiased, and gives more accuracy



Fractional improvement for ξ_0 for BOSS CMASS galaxies, if $2x \dots 10x$ the Sample is used to determine the angular part of the clustering signal



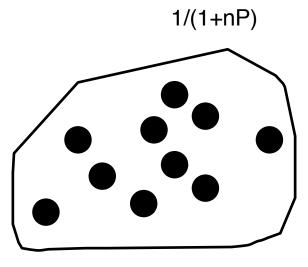
Galaxy weighting



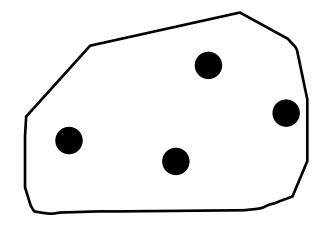
Not every galaxy is equal

To optimize recovery of power spectrum, need to weight galaxies

- Gaussian statistics → inverse variance (covariance) weights
- Std variance on power, for Poisson sampled density field $\sigma_P^2 = (P+1/n)^2$
 - → FKP galaxy weights for density variations



High tracer density



Low tracer density

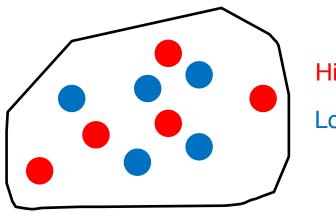


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$$P^{1/2}/(1+nP)$$



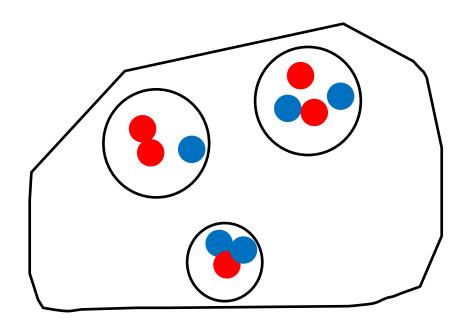
High bias tracer

Low bias tracer



Not every galaxy is equal

If you drop the Poisson sampling assumption, and follow a more realistic bias model (e.g. the halo model), then the optimal weight changes and depends on halo mass, and concentration.



In general, the weights no longer have a simple form ...

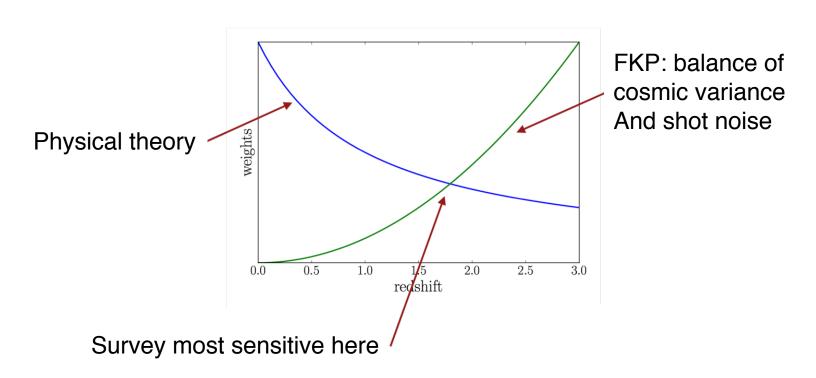
Note also that these are not the optimal weights for RSD measurement



Redshift-dependent weights

To optimize recovery of cosmological signal, need to weight galaxies

- Can also optimise for changes in the cosmological signal with redshift:
- Also optimizes for binning: reduces edge effects
- Consistently allows for cosmological evolution





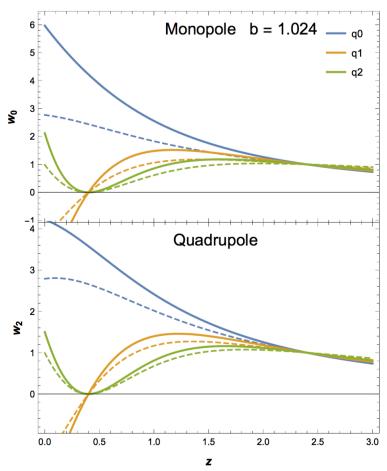
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BAO (Zhu et al. 2014; arXiv:1411.1424) RSD (Ruggeri et al. 2016; arXiv:1602.05195) f_{NL} (Mueller et al. 2017; arXiv:1702.05088)

- These weights are optimized for a single model, and in general do not have a simple form
- However no bias, as simply adjusting the weighting



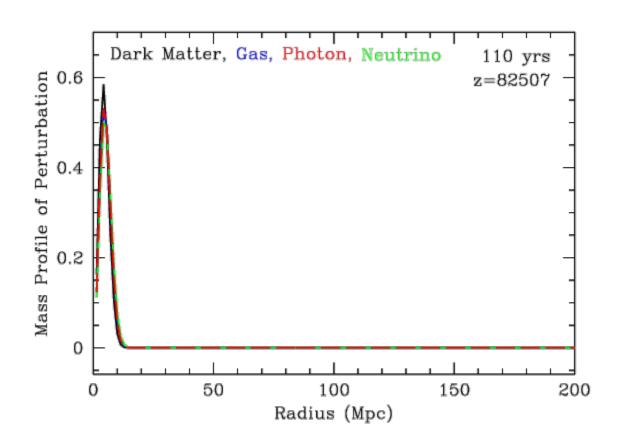




Intrinsic clustering - Baryon Acoustic Oscillations



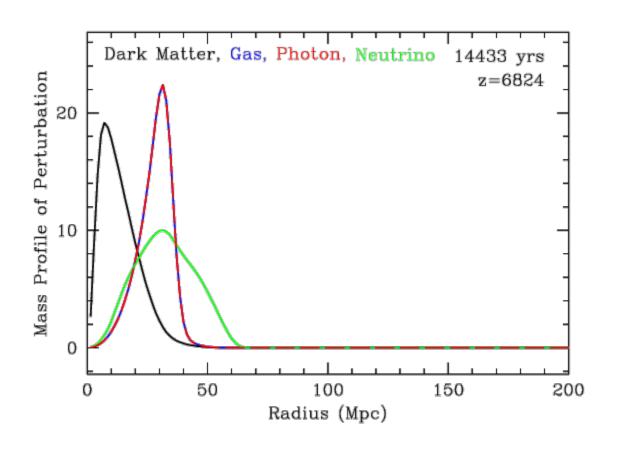
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$$\Omega_{\rm m}$$
h²=0.147, $\Omega_{\rm b}$ h²=0.024

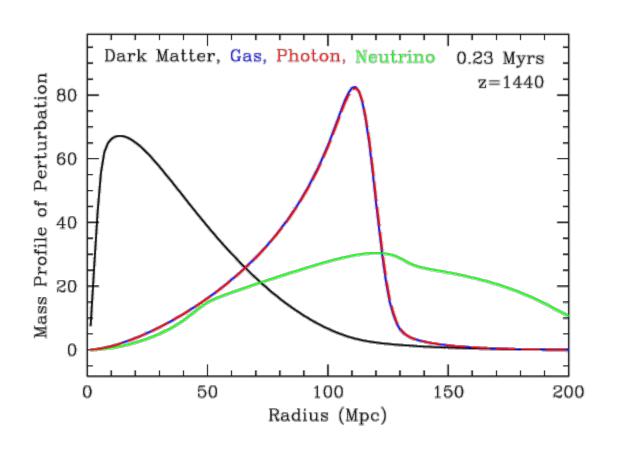


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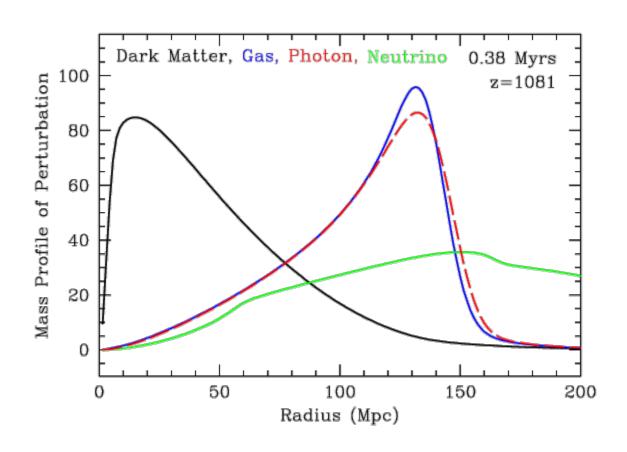
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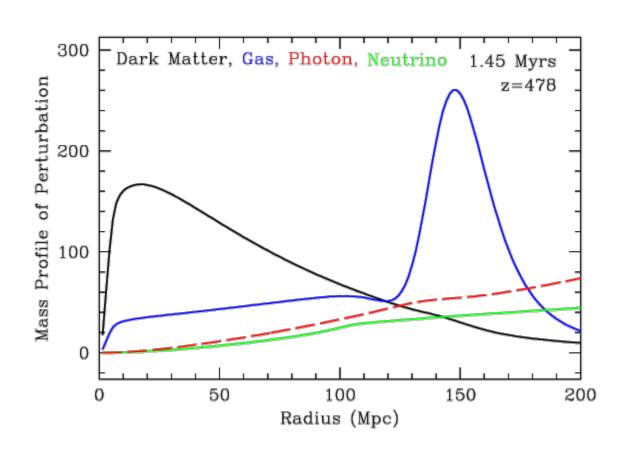
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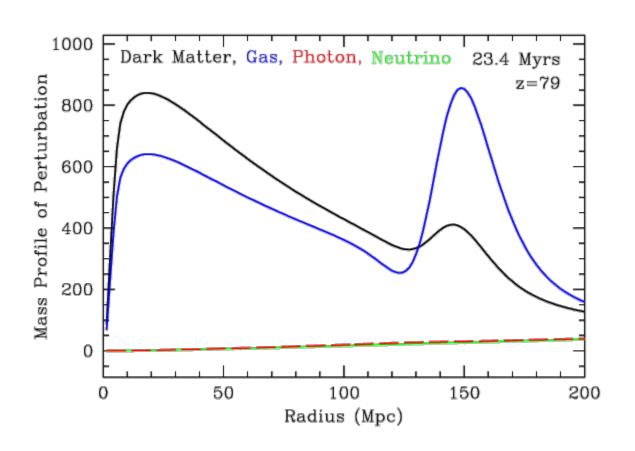
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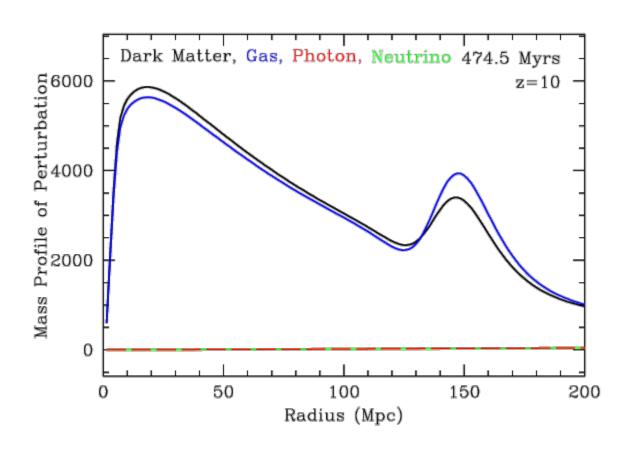
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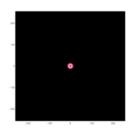


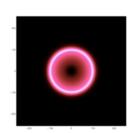


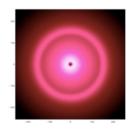
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Baryon Acoustic Oscillations (BAO)



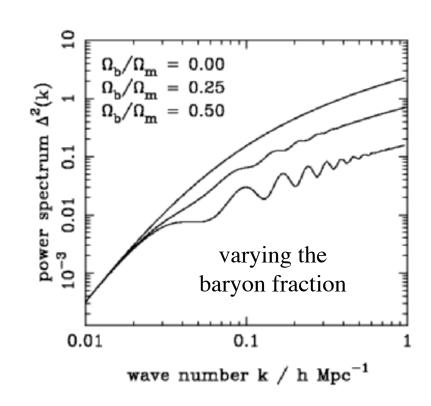




(images from Martin White)

To first approximation, BAO wavelength is determined by the comoving sound horizon at recombination (actually at drag epoch)

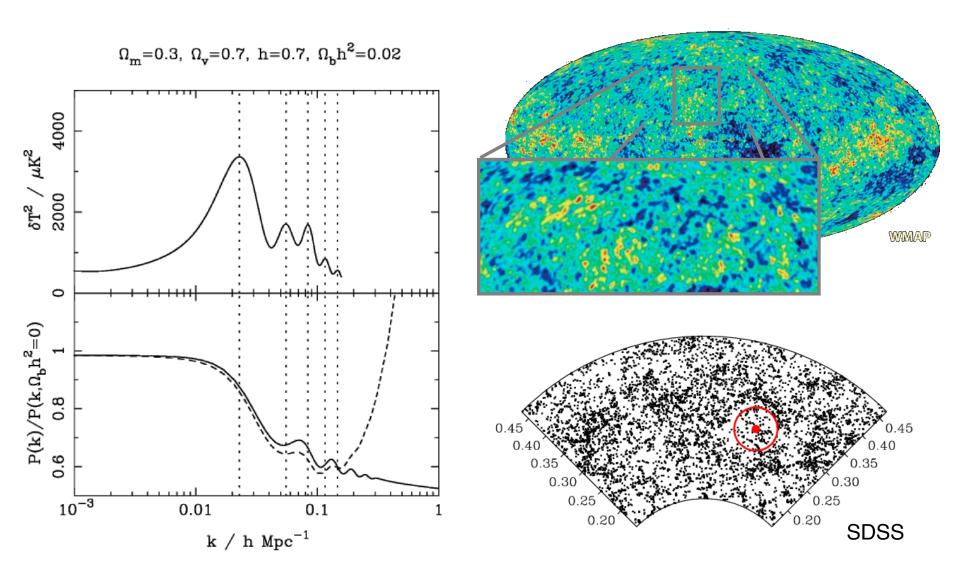
$$k_{
m bao} = 2\pi/s$$
 $s = rac{1}{H_0 \Omega_m^{1/2}} \int_0^{a_*} da rac{c_s}{(a+a_{
m eq})^{1/2}}$



comoving sound horizon ~110h⁻¹Mpc, BAO wavelength 0.06hMpc⁻¹

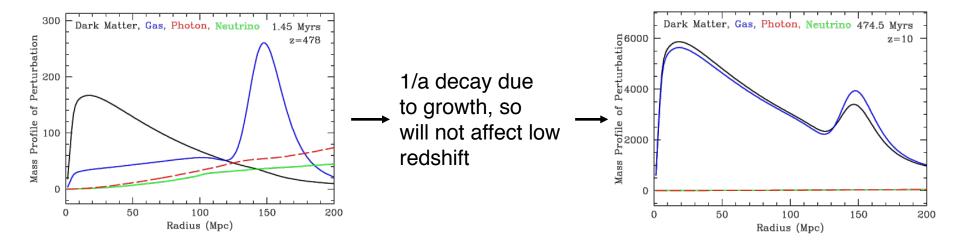


Comparison of CMB and LSS power spectra





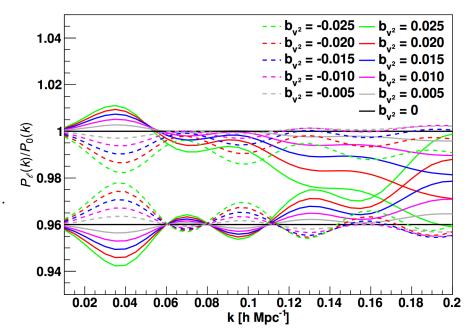
The relative velocity effect



But, can affect high-z galaxy formation

Parametrize by b_v², the bias term related to the relative velocity

$$\delta_{g}^{s}(x) = b_{1}\delta_{m}(x) + \frac{1}{2}b_{2} \left[\delta_{m}^{2}(x) - \langle \delta_{m}^{2} \rangle\right] + \frac{1}{2}b_{s} \left[s^{2}(x) - \langle s^{2} \rangle\right] + \dots + b_{v^{2}} \left[v_{bc}^{2}(x) - \langle v_{bc}^{2} \rangle\right] + b_{\delta}^{bc} \left[\delta_{b}(x) - \delta_{c}(x)\right] + b_{\theta}^{bc} \left[\theta_{b}(x) - \theta_{c}(x)\right] + b_{sv} s_{ij}(x) v_{s,i}(x) v_{s,j}(x) + \dots,$$



Plot from Beutler, Seljak & Vlah 2017; arXiv:1612.04720



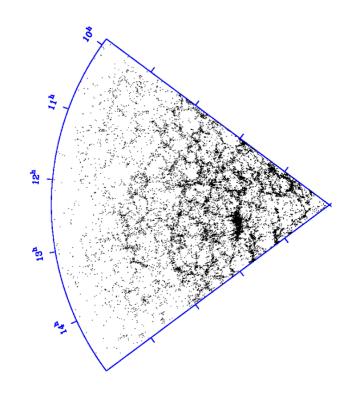
Galaxy clustering as a standard ruler

The evolution of the scale factor

If we observed the comoving power spectrum directly, we would not constrain evolution

However, we measure galaxy redshifts and angles and infer distances

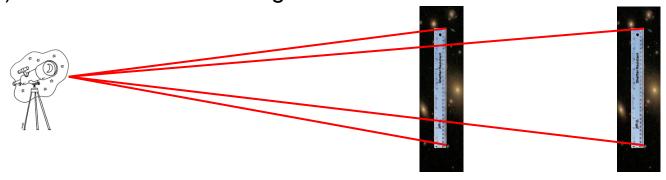
$$d_{\text{comov}}(a) = \int_{t(a)}^{t_0} \frac{c \, dt'}{a(t')} = \int_a^1 \frac{c \, da'}{a'^2 H(a')}$$





BAO as a standard ruler

Surveys measure angles and redshifts, and we use a fiducial model (denoted "fid") to translate to comoving coordinates



Changes in apparent BAO position (Δd_{comov}) depend on:

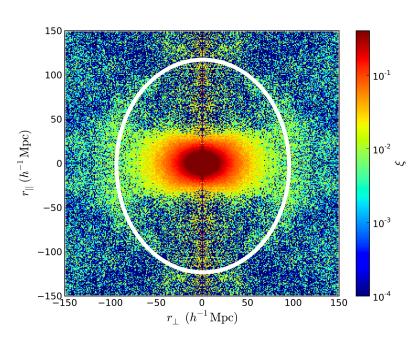
Radial direction

Angular direction

$$\alpha_{\parallel} = \frac{H(z)_{\rm fid}\,r_{d,\rm fid}}{H(z)\,r_{d}} \qquad \alpha_{\perp} = \frac{D_{A}(z)\,r_{d,\rm fid}}{D_{A}(z)_{\rm fid}\,r_{d}}$$

$${\rm r_{d}\ is\ the\ sound\ horizon\ at\ recombination}$$

(i.e. these terms anisotropically stretch observed clustering - getting the relative effects to match is known as the **Alcock-Paczynski** test)

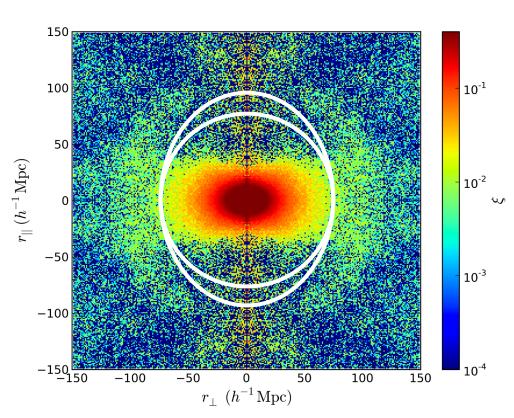




The AP effect

If we analyse the Universe using the correct distance-redshift relationship, then (ignoring other effects), we should have a symmetry along and across the LOS.

This requires $H(z)D_{\mathbf{A}}(z)$ to be correct



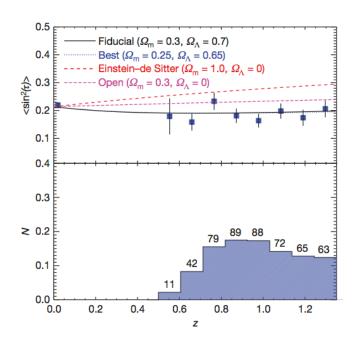


Can we use the AP effect on small scales?

use isolated galaxy pairs

Marinoni & Buzzi 2011

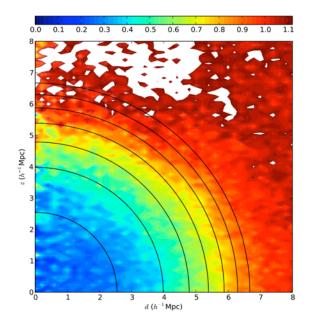
- Nature 468, 539Jennings et al. 2012
- MNRAS 420, 1079



use voids

Lavaux & Wandelt 2011

arXiv:1110.0345





Collapsed structures

Live in static region of space-time

Velocity from growth exactly cancels Hubble expansion

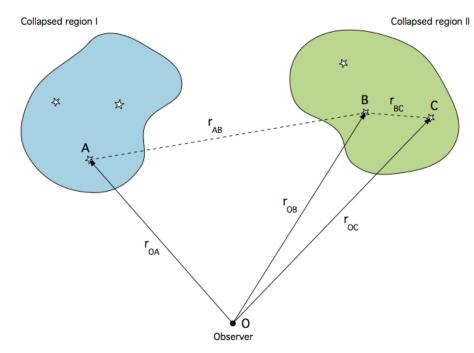
Two static galaxies in same structure have same observed redshift irrespective of distance from us

Redshift difference only tells us properties of system

Two collapsed similar regions observed in different background cosmologies give same Δz

No cosmological information from Δz

Cannot be used for AP tests



Belloso et al. 2012: arXiv:1204.5761

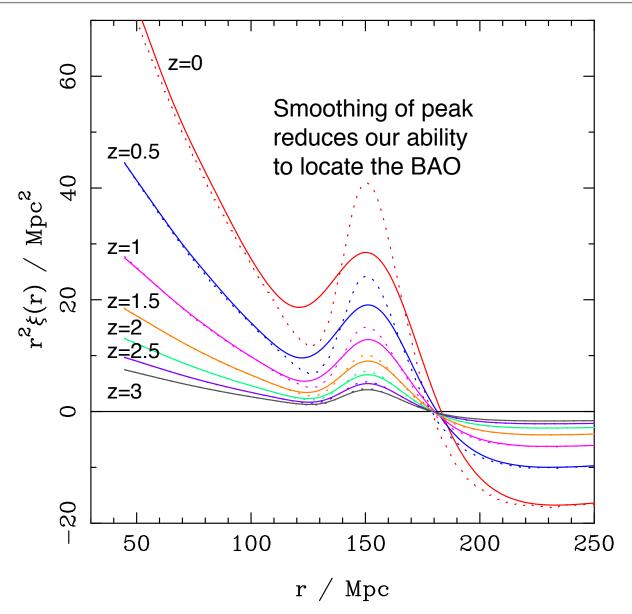


Moving beyond the linear ...

reconstruction of BAO



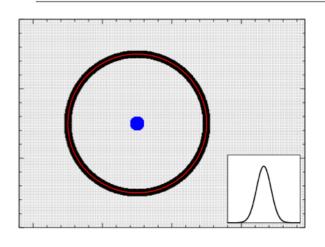
BAO damping in the correlation function

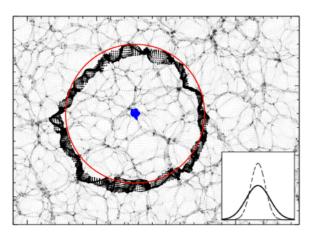


RegPT; Taruya A., Bernardeau F., Nishimichi T., Codis S., 2012, PRD 86, 10

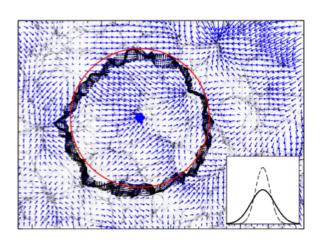


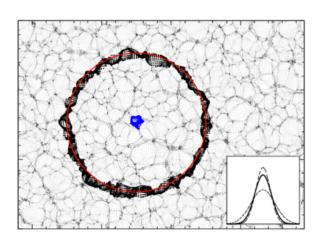
Non-linear movement on BAO scales





For BAO, the primary non-linear effect is damping caused by large-scale bulk motions, well described as being random





$$P_{\text{damp}}(k,\sigma) = P_{\text{lin}}(k)e^{\frac{-k^2\sigma^2}{2}} + P_{\text{nw}}(k)\left(1 - e^{\frac{-k^2\sigma^2}{2}}\right)$$



A simple reconstruction algorithm

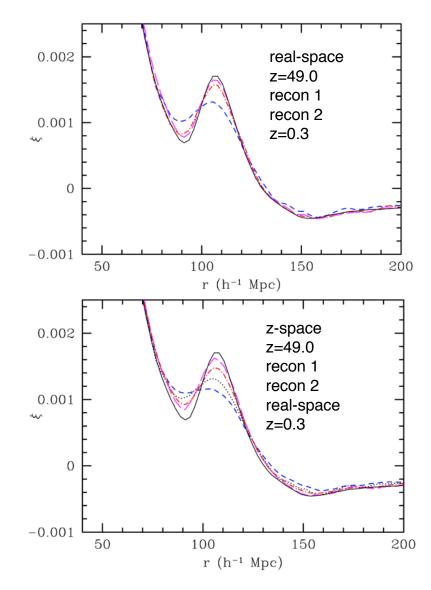
Algorithm: Smooth field and move overdensities by predicted (linear) motion

Smoothed field dominated by large-scale flows - so predicted linear motion is "not too bad"

If you get it wrong, you just affect the efficiency of reconstruction, not the measurement

See Padmanabhan et al. (2008; arXiv:0812.2905) for a perturbation theory derivation

Method now well tested: Burden et al. 2014 *MNRAS*, 445, 3152; 2015 arXiv:1504.2591, Vargas-Magana et al. 2015 arXiv:1509.06384



Eisenstein et al. 2006: arXiv:0604362



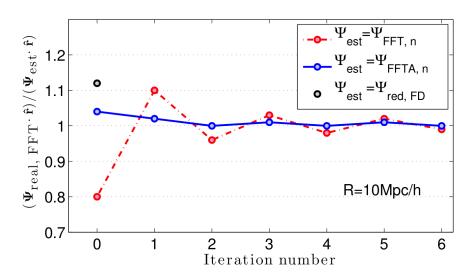
Reconstruction: dealing with RSD

Problem for reconstruction is RSD and dealing with varying line-of-sight across a survey: displacements Ψ are (in linear theory) related to overdensities by Poisson Eq + RSD

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{\Psi} + \frac{f}{b} \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{\Psi} \cdot \mathbf{\hat{r}}) \mathbf{\hat{r}} = \frac{-\delta}{b}$$

The RSD term limits fast calculation of the expected displacements as it is not irrotational, and depends on a varying line-of-sight

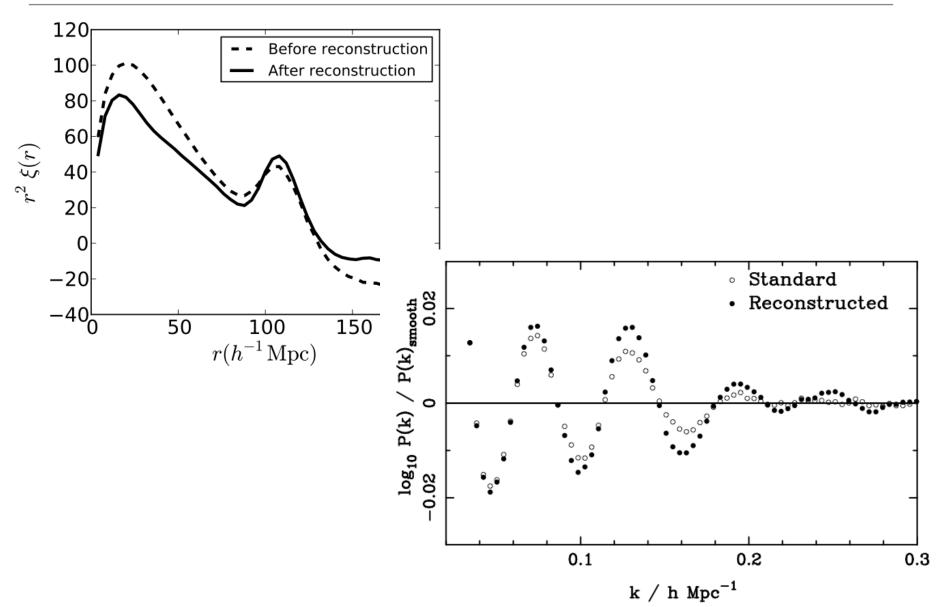
Introduce a new iterative method, allowing use of FFTs, but iterative procedures are a concern for a pipeline ...



Burden et al. 2014; arXiv:1408.1348, Burden et al. 2015; arXiv: 1504.02591



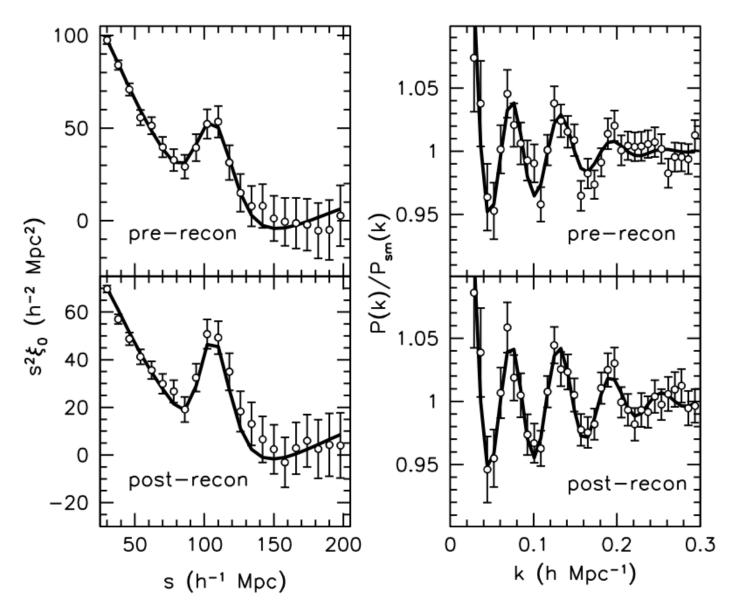
Reconstruction on SDSS-III mocks



Anderson et al. 2012; arXiv:1203.6565



The improvement from reconstruction



Anderson et al. 2013; arXiv:1312.4877



Other reconstruction methods / devlopments

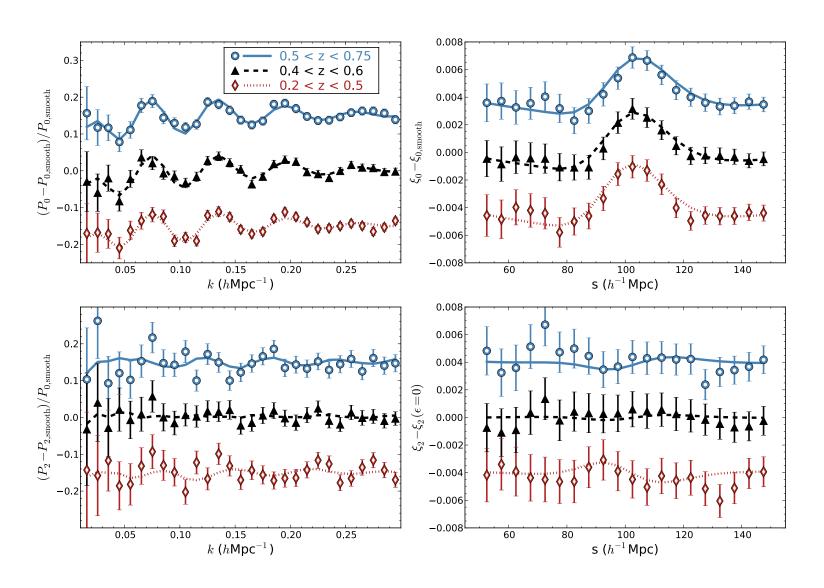
- Gaussianisation
 - Weinberg 1992, MNRAS, 254, 315
- Path interchange Zeldovich approximation (PIZA)
 - Croft & Gaztanaga 1997, MNRAS, 285, 793
- Incompressible fluid assumption
 - Mohayaee & Sobolevskii 2007, Physica D 237, 2145
- Improvement on "simple" scheme using optimized filters
 - Tassev & Zaldarriaga 2012, JCAP, 10, 6
- MCMC fit to observed data
 - Wang et al. 2013, ApJ, 772, 63
- Full Bayesian reconstruction of initial fluctuations
 - Jasche & Wandelt 2013, MNRAS 432, 894
- Isobaric reconstruction
 - Wang et al. 2017, arXiv:1703.09742
- Iterative reconstruction (repeated standard with different smoothing)
 - Schmittfull, Baldauf & Zaldarriaga, 2017, arXiv:1704.06634



BAO results from BOSS

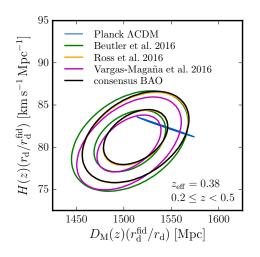


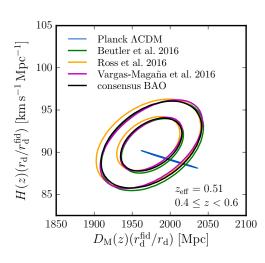
BOSS DR12 clustering measurements

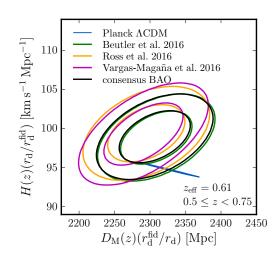


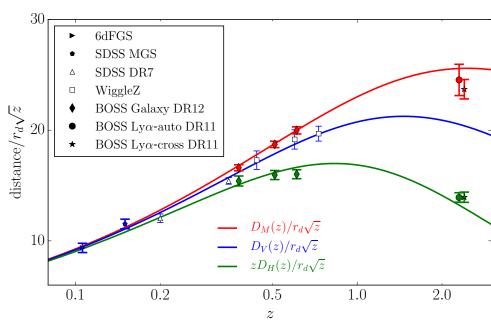


BOSS DR12 BAO measurements









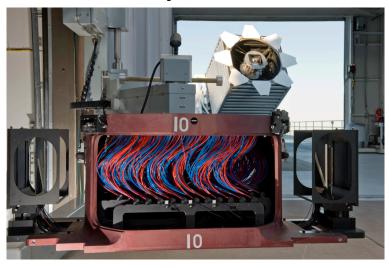


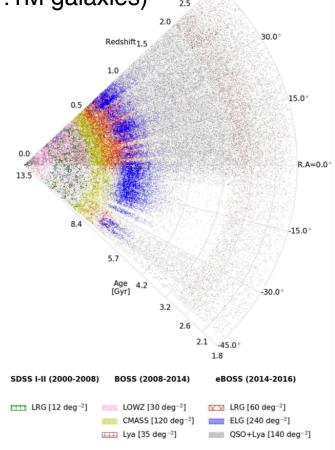
Ongoing survey: eBOSS



eBOSS / SDSS-IV

- extended Baryon Oscillation Spectroscopic Survey (eBOSS)
- Ongoing cosmological galaxy survey within SDSS
- Use the Sloan telescope and MOS to observe to higher redshift than BOSS
- Basic parameters (cmpr BOSS 10,000deg², 1.1M galaxies)
 - $\Omega = 1,500 \text{deg}^2 5,300 \text{deg}^2$
 - 300k 0.6<z<0.9 LRGs (direct BAO, RSD)
 - 200k 0.8<z<1.0 ELGs (direct BAO, RSD)
 - 600k 0.9<z<2.2 QSOs (direct BAO, RSD)
 - 60k QSOs (BAO, RSD from Ly-α forest)
- Survey started 2014, lasting 6 years

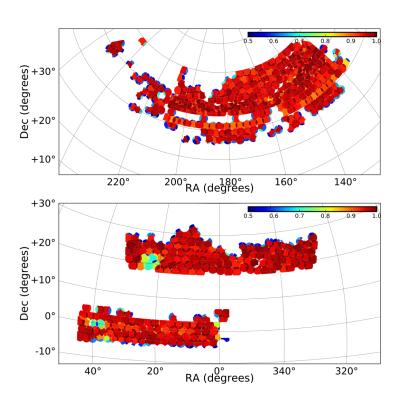






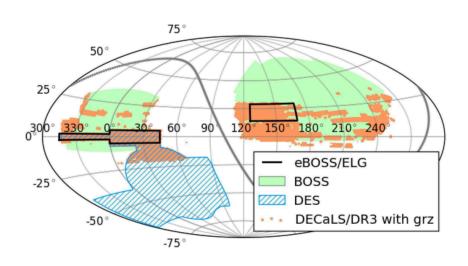
eBOSS footprint

QSO DR14 (data set currently being analysed by the team)



~2,000deg² split in the NGC and SGC regions (final area will be ~5,300deg²)

Projected ELG map (being observed over the next 2 years)

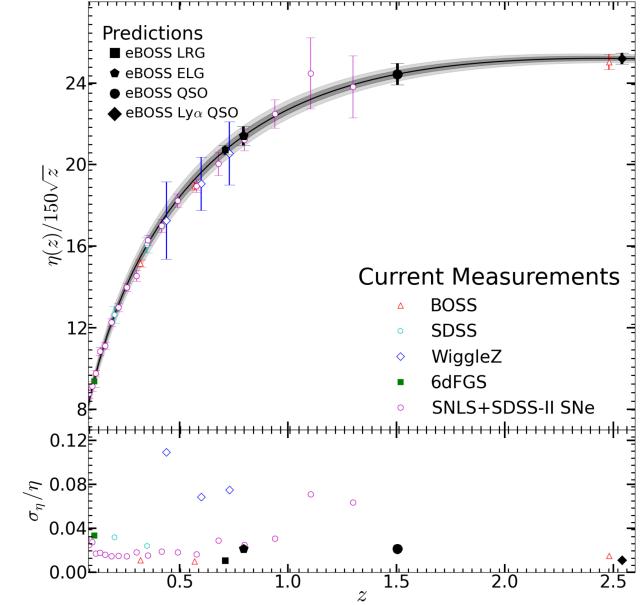


~620 deg² over the Fat Stripe 82 in the SGC, covered by DES observations; (317<ra<360 and -2<dec<2) or (0<ra<45 and -5<dec<5);

~600 deg² over the NGC, covered by DECaLS observations; (126<ra<169 and 14<dec<29)



eBOSS BAO predictions

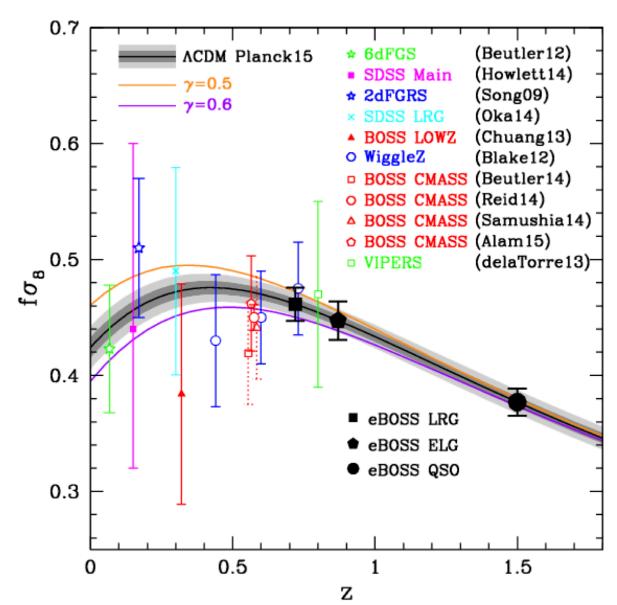


Distance precisions 1-2% on all tracers

- LRG: 0.8%
- ELG: 2%
- QSO: 1.8%
- Lyman-alpha
 - 1.4% on H(z)
 - 1.7% on D_A(z)



eBOSS RSD predictions



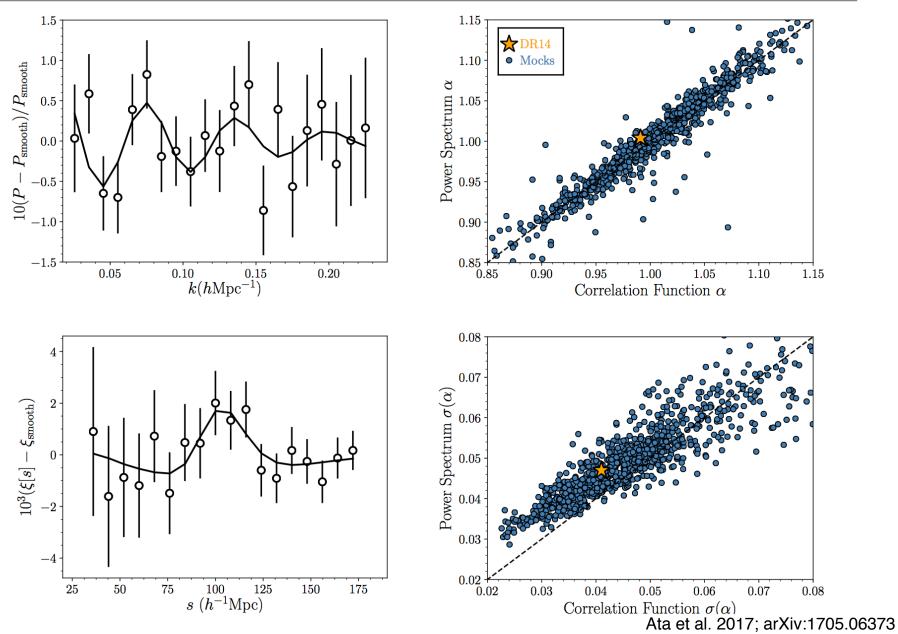
fo₈ statistical precisions on galaxy and QSO

- LRG: 2.6%
- ELG: 3.8%
- QSO: 3.2%

Challenge: Theoretical modeling to k_{max}=0.2hMpc⁻¹

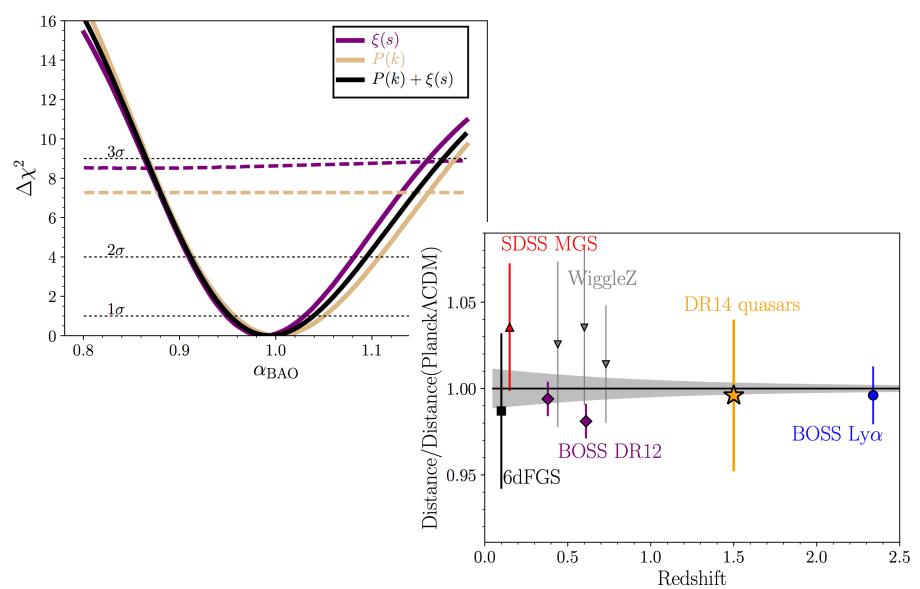


eBOSS DR14: 147,000 quasars





eBOSS DR14: 147,000 quasars



Ata et al. 2017; arXiv:1705.06373



Future surveys



MOS on 10m-telescope

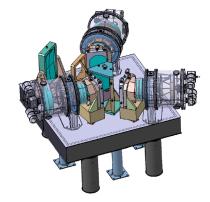
New fibre-fed spectrographs being developed

- HETDEX (on the Hobby-Eberly telecope)
 - 420deg² Ly-alpha emitters
 - 800,000 galaxies 1.9<z<3.5
 - Greig, Komatsu & Wyithe, 2012, arXiv:12120977
- PFS (on the Subaru telescope)
 - 1400deg² ELGs
 - 3,000,000 galaxies 0.6<z<2.4
 - Ellis et al., 2012, arXiv:1206.0737
- MSE (replacement telescope for CFHT)
 - science case not driven by BAO/RSD survey













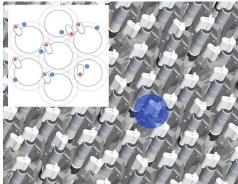


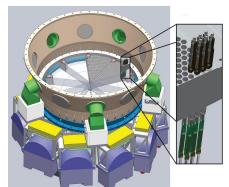


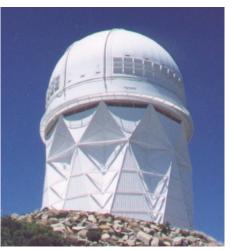
DESI

- Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument (DESI)
- New fibre-fed MOS for Mayall
- passed DOE CD-3, on course for 2019 start
- DESI will observe:
 - $\Omega = 14,000 \text{deg}^2$
 - ~20,000,000 high redshift galaxies (direct BAO)
 - ~10,000,000 low redshift (z<0.5) galaxies
 - ~600,000 quasars (BAO from Ly-α forest)
 - Cosmic variance limited to z ~ 1.4
- Also WEAVE (WHT, 2018 start) and 4MOST (VISTA, 2021 start) but fewer fibers, so less optimized for cosmological applications







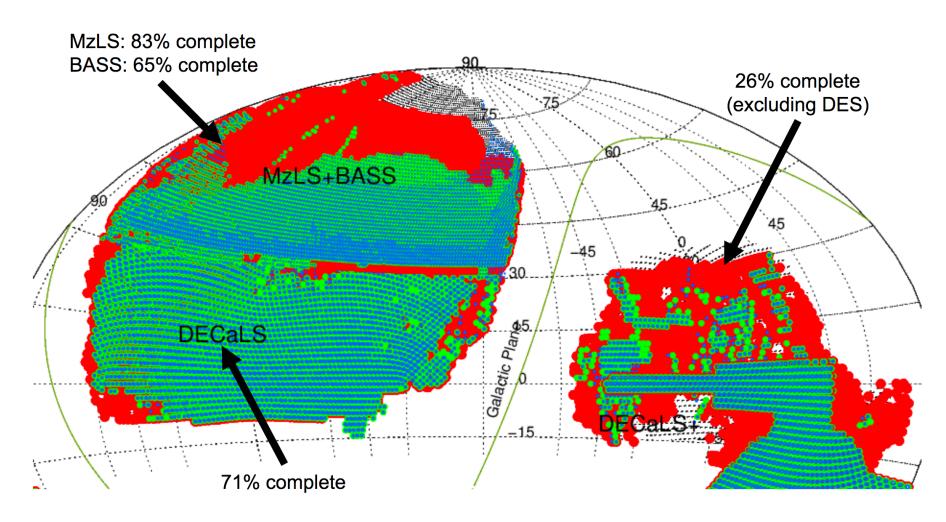








DESI imaging data (from which to target)





DESI - latest updates



2017 is a critical year for hardware manufacture

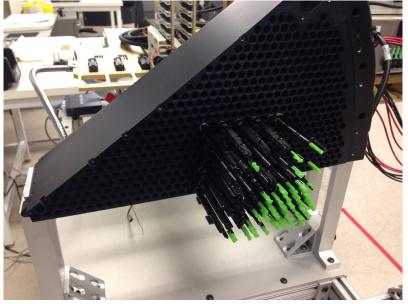




DESI - latest updates



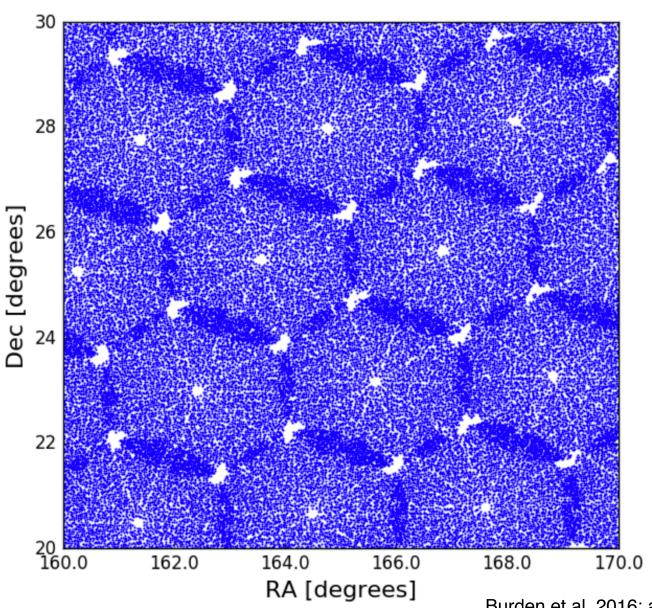
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DESI observations



Burden et al. 2016; arXiv:1611.04635



Dealing with missing galaxies

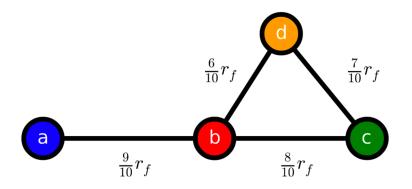
Spectroscopic surveys are always < 100% complete

Missed galaxies are often correlated – either intrinsically (e.g. regions of low S/N), or with the density field (e.g. cannot observe all galaxies in a dense region)

This affects the measured clustering

Bianchi & Percival (2017) Proposed a new correction statistically matching missed pairs (whose radial separation is unknown) with those observed

This has to be done for every pair: 10^6 galaxies -> 10^{12} pairs!





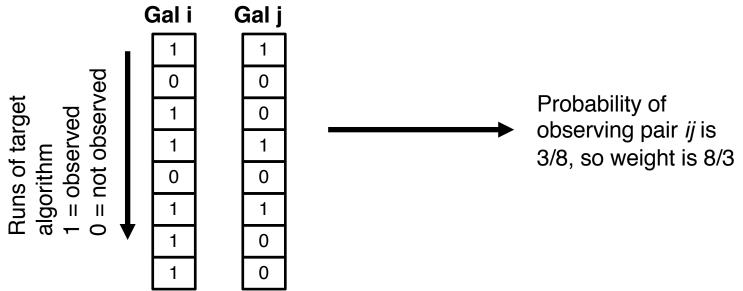
A practical implementation

Link between observed and non-observed pairs based on selection probability:

- different random choices for observations
- different spatial positions of observations

To find the selection probabilities, need to rerun simulation of observing strategy ~1000 times

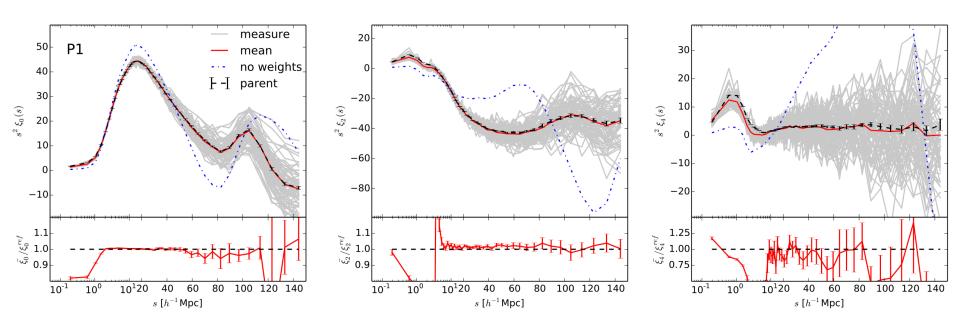
Potentially computationally challenging (storing probabilities), but introduce a new Monte-Carlo scheme based on bitwise weights stored per galaxy, so that pairwise weights can be determined "on the fly"



Bianchi & Percival 2017; arXiv:1703.02070



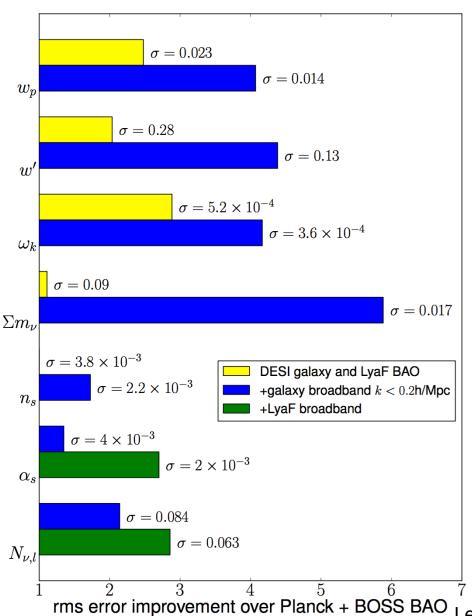
DESI: Fiber assignment



Bianchi & Percival 2017; arXiv:1703.02070



DESI cosmological predictions



Levi et al. 2013; arXiv:1308.0847



Euclid

M2 mission in ESA cosmic visions program due to launch late 2020

Wide survey:

- 15,000deg²
- 4 passes over sky
- NIR Photometry
 - Y, J, H
 - 24mag, 5σ point source
- NIR slitless spectroscopy
 - red: 1.25-1.85μm (0.9<z<1.8 Hα)
 - 2×10^{-16} erg cm⁻²s⁻¹ 3.5 σ line flux
 - 3 dispersion directions
 - 1 broad waveband 0.9<z<1.8
 - ~25M galaxies
- wide-band visible image for WL

Deep survey:

- 40deg²
- 48 dithers
- 12 passes, as for wide survey
- additional blue spectra: 0.92-1.25μm
- dispersion directions for 12 passes >10deg apart





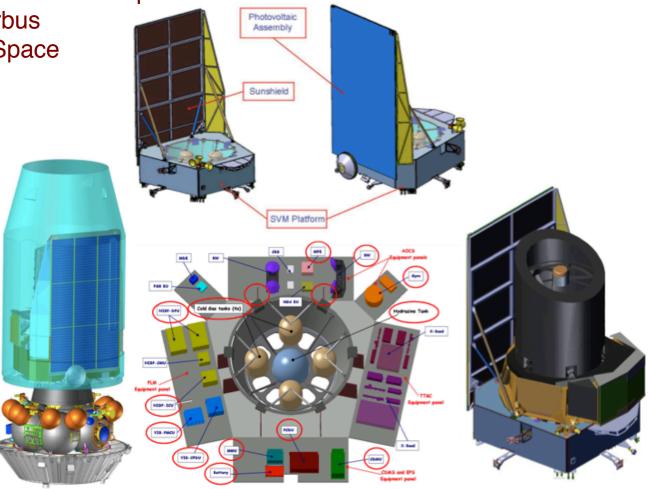
The telescope

Total mass: 2200kg

Dimensions: 4.5m x 3m

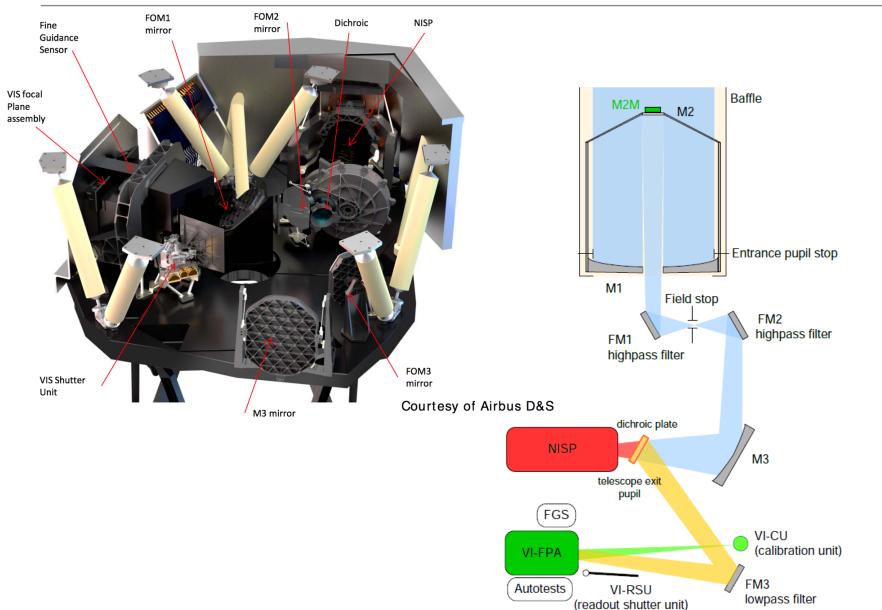
Sunshield: Thales Alenia Space

Telescope: Airbus Defence and Space





Payload module





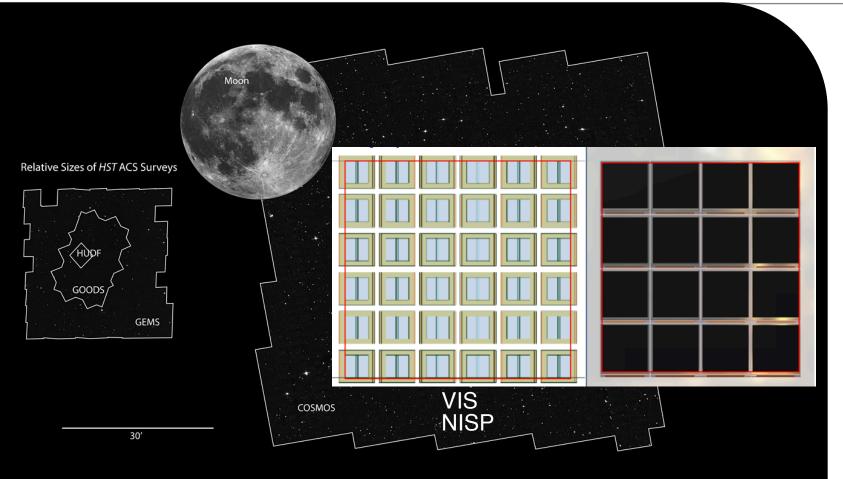
Two channels: Visible and NIR



Structure and Thermal Model (STM) for NISP and VIS delivered and tested



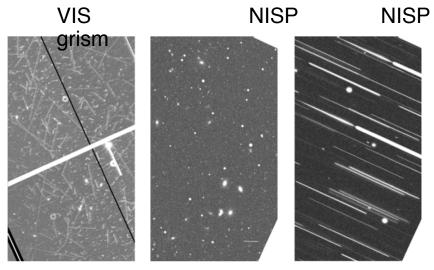
Dual wide-field imagers



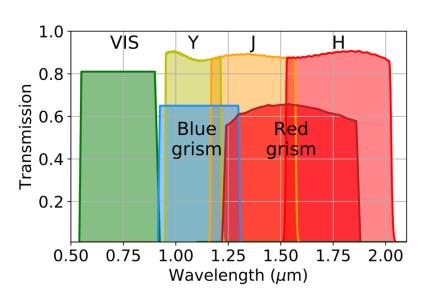
	VIS	NISP
Detectors	36 4096×4132	16 2040x2040
Pixel size	0.1"	0.3"
Dispersion	F	13.4 A/pixel



A panchromatic survey



* NISP simulation does not include cosmic rays



	VIS	Υ	J	Н	GRISM
Wide	24.5	24	24	24	2x10 ⁻¹⁶ erg/s/cm ²
Deep	26.5	26	26	26	2x10 ⁻¹⁷ erg/s/cm ²



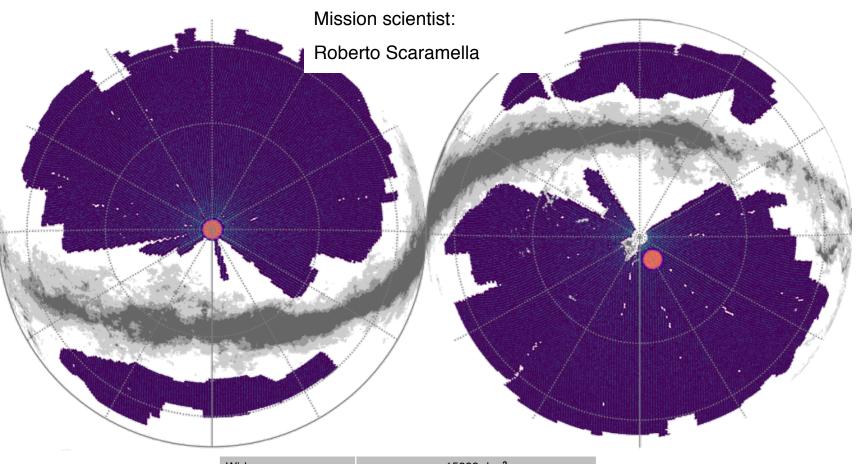
Euclid targets

		SURVE	YS Ir	n ∼6 years	
	Area (deg2)			Description	
Wide Survey	15,000 deg ²		Step and stare with 4 dither pointings per step.		
Deep Survey	40 deg ²		In at least 2 patches of > 10 deg ² 2 magnitudes deeper than wide survey		
	PAYLOAD				
Telescope	1.2 m Korsch, 3 mirror anastigmat, f=24.5 m				
Instrument	VIS	VIS NISP			
Field-of-View	$0.787 \times 0.709 \text{ deg}^2$	$7 \times 0.709 \text{ deg}^2$ $0.763 \times 0.722 \text{ deg}^2$			
Capability	Visual Imaging	NIR Imaging Photometry NIR Spectroscopy		NIR Spectroscopy	
Wavelength range	550– 900 nm	Y (920- 1146nm),	J (1146-1372 nm)	H (1372- 2000nm)	1100-2000 nm
Sensitivity	24.5 mag 10σ extended source	24 mag 5σ point source	24 mag 5σ point source	24 mag 5σ point source	3 10 ⁻¹⁶ erg cm-2 s-1 3.5σ unresolved line flux

Shapes + Photo-z of $\underline{n} = 1.5 \times 10^9$ galaxies, Spectroscopic redshifts for $n = 2.6 \times 10^7$ galaxies



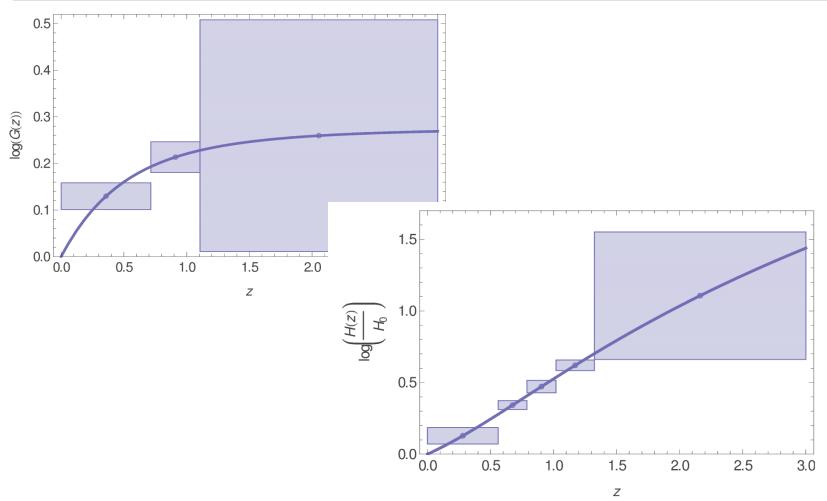
Euclid reference surveys



Wide	15000 deg ²
Deep	40 deg²
	• EDF-N (NEP)
	 EDF-S (SEP)
	 EDF-Fornax (CDF-S)



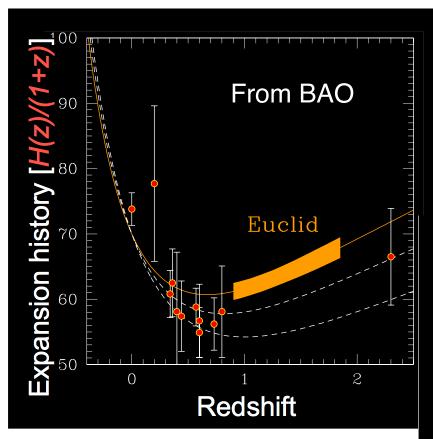
Euclid weak-lensing predictions

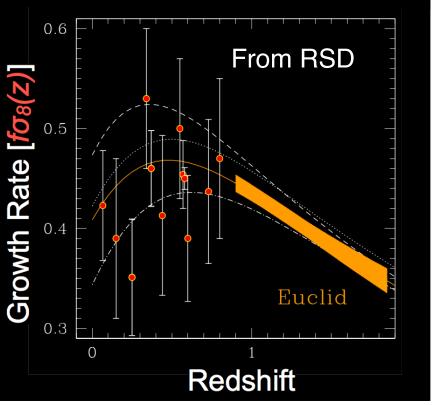


Shown are model-independent constraints on growth and expansion



Euclid galaxy clustering predictions



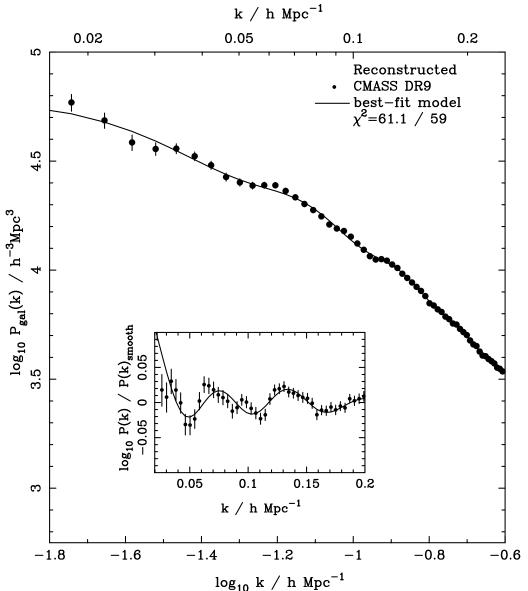




BOSS CMASS DR9 galaxy clustering

BOSS CMASS galaxies at z~0.57

Total effective volume $V_{eff} = 2.2 \text{ Gpc}^3$

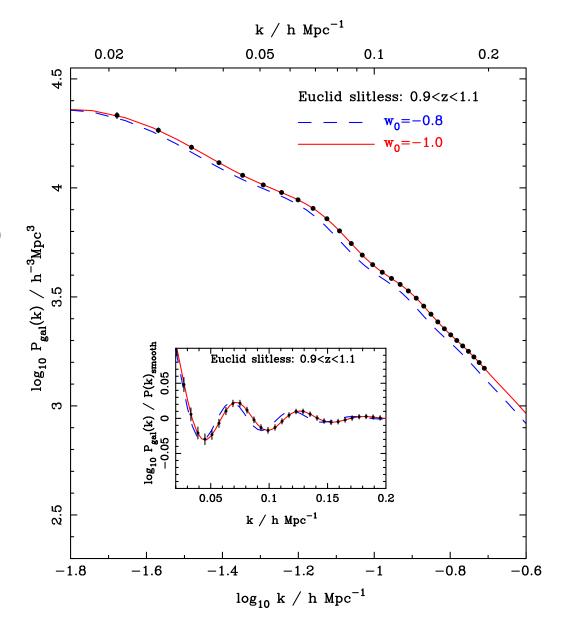


Anderson et al. 2012; arXiv:1203.6565

Predicted Euclid galaxy clustering

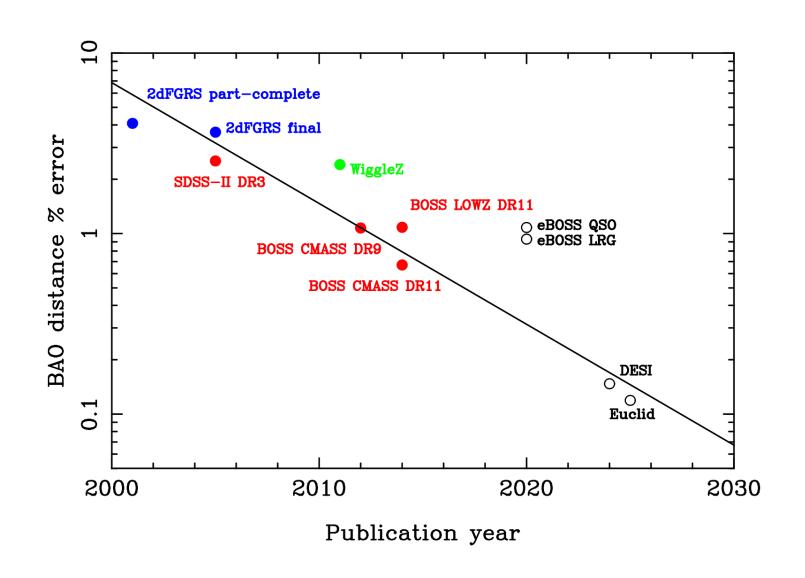
Redshift slice 0.9 < z < 1.1

Total effective volume (of Euclid) $V_{eff} = 57.4 \text{ Gpc}^3$



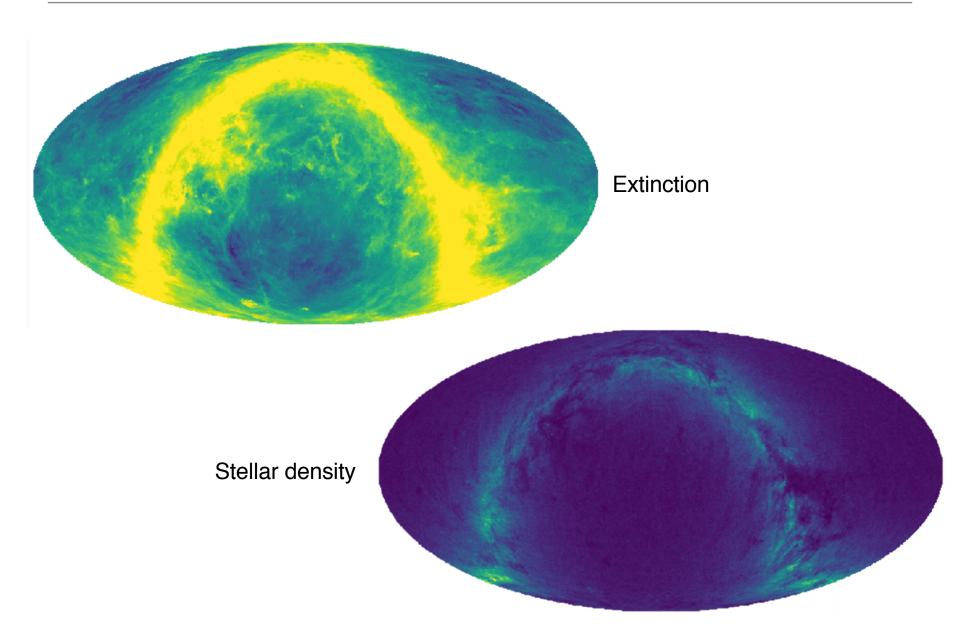


BAO errors from past / future surveys



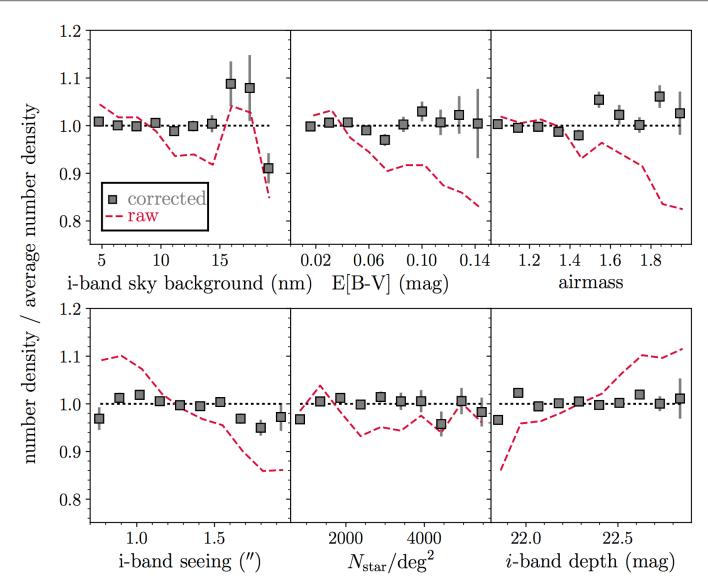


Observational systematics





Observational systematics





Conclusions - looking to the future

- BOSS DR12 data & measurements publicly now released
 - ξ, P BAO agree with Planck LCDM
 - ξ, P RSD agree with Planck LCDM
- Future projects will push further out in redshift, number of galaxies and volume covered
 - eBOSS already driving developments in techniques
 - Next generation of surveys (DESI, Euclid) will get an order more galaxies
 - DESI+Euclid complimentary redshift ranges
- Although BAO / RSD now a mature field, still lots of development required
 - better calibration, removal of contaminants
 - Faster, better calculations (computational data challenge)
 - including more information: weights, including Bispectrum
 - Better models (perturbation theory, EFT, baryons ...)