Cosmological Constraints from the Redshift Dependent of the Alcock-Paczynski Test

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What: AP, the shape distortion of objects/structures, due to wrong cosmology (adopted to compute *r*(*z*))

How: AP distortion is less significant than RSD, but more evolves with redshift. We focused on the redshift dependence, to probe AP and avoid RSD.

Li et al. 2016, ApJ accepted arXiv:1609.05476



BAO (BOSS DR11)

SNIa (ILA)

0.0

Result: We applied our idea to BOSS DR12 galaxies and obtained very tight cosmological constraint.

The Alcock-Paczynski Test

Alcock & Paczynski, Nature 281, 358 (1979)

The Alcock-Paczynski (AP) effect refers to the geometirc distortion when incorrect cosmological models are adopted for transforming redshift to comoving distance.

 $\Delta r_{LOS} = \frac{1}{H(z)} \Delta z$ $\Delta r_1 = (1+z)D_A(z)\Delta\theta$ $H(z) = H_0 \sqrt{\Omega_m a^{-3} + (1 - \Omega_m)a}$ $D_A(z) = \frac{c}{1+z}r(z) = \frac{c}{1+z}\int_0^z \frac{dz'}{H(z')}$

 $AP = Apparent shape distortion if H, D_A are wrong.$



The Alcock-Paczynski Test

Incorrect cosmology → shape distortion and, the distortion is redshift dependent



Q: How can we find isotropic objects in the Universe?

A: Large scale distribution of galaxies!

Credit: Sloan Digital Sky Survey,

Problem of RSD



Redshift Space Distortion (RSD) produces serious anisotropy

$$r = \int_0^{z_{\rm cosmo} + \Delta z} \frac{dz'}{H(z')}, \ \Delta z = \frac{v_{\rm LOS}}{c} (1 + z_{\rm cosmo})$$

Difficult modeling (NL clustering)



Galaxy distribution in real space

SDSS DR7 after FoF contraction. 8.8h<RA<15.7h, 0<DEC<6deg



Galaxy distribution in redshift space

SDSS DR7 before FoF contraction. 8.8h<RA<15.7h, 0<DEC<6deg

RSD effects

on 2-point correlation function along (π) & across (σ) LOS



Our Option: the redshift dependence



AP Distortion

Pattern evolves with distance

RSD

Kaiser effects on large scales and FoG effects on small scales (pattern ~ independent of redshift)

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Redshift Evolution of AP



How much radial stretch at different z?

[Viewpoint from Ωm=0.31 ΛCDM observer]

Proof-of-concept on HR3 N-body: Gradient Field

X.-D. Li, Changbom Park, J. E. Forero-Romero, Juhan Kim 2014 ApJ



We study the gradient field of the spatial distribution of galaxies.

The anisotropy (quantified by the mean direction of gradient vectors) has redshift dependence in case of adopting wrong cosmologies.

Proof-of-concept on HR3 N-body: 2pCF

X.-D. Li, Changbom Park, Cris G. Sabiu, Juhan Kim 2015 MNRAS



II. Application to BOSS DR12 Samples

~1/4 sky, z ~ 0.15-0.7, ~1.3 million galaxies



Application to BOSS DR12 galaxies



X.-D. Li, Changbom Park, C.G. Sabiu, et al., to appear



LOWZ 8,337 deg 2 . CMASS 9,376 deg $^2~$ (~1/4 sky) ~1.13 M gals at 0.15 $\leq z \leq 0.7$

Systematics

RSD (still the most significant)
 Galaxy bias (affect clustering)

3. Angular variation
4. Radial variation (incomplete LF coverage)
5. Fiber collision (high-density regions under-sampled)







We create mock surveys to model the observational artifacts

Horizon run N-body



HR3 (Kim et al. 2012) (10.815 *h*⁻¹ Gpc)³ 7120³ particles WMAP5 Cosmology

72 mocks → covariance estimation

HR4 (Kim et al. 2015) (3.15*h*⁻¹ Gpc)³ 6300³ particles WMAP5 Cosmology

4 mocks → **modeling** systematic

MultiDark-Patchy Mocks



2048 mocks \rightarrow **covariance**

Methodology



<u>0.15 < z < 0.7; Six z-bins</u>

- **1.** Adopt a r(z) [in some cosmology], construct 3D LSS
- **2. Measure** $\xi(s, \mu)$ **in each** z-bin
- **3. Quantify the evolution** [ξ from 5 high-z bins compared to the lowest redshift]

Wrong Cos. \rightarrow Large redshift evolution \rightarrow Disfavored

4. Try different cosmologies and repeat 1-3 → Cosmological Constraints

Likelihood

Covariance from <u>MDPatchy/HR3</u>

$$\chi^2 \equiv \sum_{i=2}^{6} \sum_{j_1=1}^{n_{\mu}} \sum_{j_2=1}^{n_{\mu}} \mathbf{p}(z_i, \mu_{j_1}) \mathbf{Cov}_{i, j_1, j_2} \mathbf{p}(z_i, \mu_{j_2}),$$

where $\mathbf{p}(z_i, \mu_j)$ is the redshift evolution of clustering, $\hat{\xi}_{\Delta s}$, with systematic effects subtracted

$$\mathbf{p}(z_i, \mu_j) \equiv \delta \hat{\xi}_{\Delta s}(z_i, z_1, \mu_j) - \delta \hat{\xi}_{\Delta s, \text{sys}}(z_i, z_1, \mu_j)$$

Redshift evolution of 2pCF

Sys. Correction from HR4

(comparing all redshift bins w.r.t. the lowest redshift bin)

2-d 2pCF in six redshift bins



FOG at $1 - \mu \rightarrow 0$ and Kaiser at $1 - \mu > 0.1$ Similar to each other: Small redshift evolution of RSD

1-d 2pCF as a function of angle

We follow the procedure of Li et al. (2015) and integrate the ξ over the interval $_{6\,Mpc/h}$ < s < 40 Mpc/h . We evaluate

$$\xi_{\Delta s}(\mu) \equiv \int_{s_{\min}}^{s_{\max}} \xi(s,\mu) \ ds.$$
 Focus on angular dependence

The redshift evolution of the bias of observed galaxies leads to redshift evolution of the strength of clustering, which is difficult to accurately model. To mitigate this systematic uncertainty we rely on the shape of $\xi_{\Delta s}(\mu)$, rather than its amplitude,

$$\hat{\xi}_{\Delta s}(\mu) \equiv \frac{\xi_{\Delta s}(\mu)}{\int_0^{\mu_{\max}} \xi_{\Delta s}(\mu) \ d\mu}.$$

Normalizing the amplitude; focus on shape [avoid sys from gal bias]

Observation VS Simulation



Estimating systematic

$$\delta \hat{\xi}_{\Delta s}(z_i, z_1, \mu_j) \equiv \hat{\xi}_{\Delta s}(z_i, \mu_j) - \hat{\xi}_{\Delta s}(z_1, \mu_j)$$



Redshift evolution from RSD, and so on Small in most redshift bins Relative large in the 6th bin but still correctable

Check gal bias



Considering the large variation of *M*, effect not significant

The Redshift Evolution



Redshift evolution from AP detected at high CL

Cosmological constraint

a

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Cosmological constraint (HR3 N-body as Covmat)



Robustness Tests





Robustness Tests



-0.5

Comparing the different probes of geometry



BAO: $D_A(z)/rd, H(z)*rd$ AP: $D_A*H(z)$ SNIa: $D_L(z)$ Our: $\sim d D_A*H(z) / dz$

* Simple idea, successfully overcoming RSD, powerful

* ~Independent from other techniques (combinable)

* No complicate modeling

* Enter small scales (6 - 40 Mpc/*h*) difficult for most techniques

A lot of information encoded in small-scale clustering!

Promising application to future spectroscopic surveys











Illuminating the Darkness

Show is over. Thank you.