Accuracy of Bias Measurements from 3-point Galaxy Correlations

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growth of matter fluctuations

matter fluctuations

 $\delta(x) \equiv (\rho(x) - \overline{\rho})/\overline{\rho}$



z = 1.5



z = 0.0



MICE Grand Challenge simulation

growth depends on cosmology

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linear growth factor

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(large scale approximation)



growth sensitive to:

- expansion
- gravity
- matter density
- particle characteristics

two-point correlation depends on growth

two-point correlation (2pc)

$$\xi(r_{12}) \equiv \langle \delta_1 \delta_2 \rangle(r_{12})$$

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- study in 3D config. space
- ξ is isotropic

cosmology with large-scale structure



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MICE Grand Challenge simulation



MareNostrum super computer



- 4096³ (7 10¹⁰) particles
- particle mass = $3 \ 10^{10}$ Msun/h
- simulation box (3 Gpc/h)³
- ΛCDM cosmology:

 $\Omega_m = 0.25, \Omega_\Lambda = 0.75 \Omega_b = 0.044, \sigma_8 = 0.8 n_s = 0.95, h = 0.7$

galaxies trace matter density field

matter density



galaxy density



friends-of friends halo detection:



halo mass samples

sample	mass range [10 ¹² M _{sun} /h]
MO	0.58 - 2.32
M1	2.32 - 9.26
M2	9.26 - 100
M3	>100

galaxies bias model

matter density



galaxy density



Fry & Gaztanaga (1993)

local quadratic bias model $\delta_{z} \simeq b_{1} \left\{ \delta_{m} + (c_{2}/2) (\delta_{m}^{2} - \langle \delta_{m}^{2} \rangle) \right\}$

$$\delta_g \simeq b_1 \left[\delta_m + (c_2/2) (\delta_m^2 - \langle \delta_m^2 \rangle) \right]$$

- *b*₁: linear bias parameter
- c₂: quadratic bias parameter

assumption: δ_m determines δ_g



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+ E residual from

- stochasticity (e.g. Dekel, Lahav 1999)
- "non-local" contributions (Chan 2012, Baldauf 2012)



bias in galaxy 2-point correlations



growth – bias degeneracy

matter (theory)

galaxies (observations)







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 $\xi_{g}^{0} \simeq b_{1}^{0} \xi_{m}^{0}$. M0 halos $100 \text{ h}^{-1} \text{Mpc}$

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\end{array}$$

growth - bias degeneracy broken with Q

 b_{ξ}

condition:

$$Q_g \simeq \frac{1}{b_1} (Q_m + c_2)$$

- large scale approximation
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bias from Q ~30% too high



bias from ξ (lines)

• good estimate of linear bias

bias from $\boldsymbol{Q}~(\text{symbols})$

- ~30 % overestimation
- overestimation similar for different halo mass samples and redshifts
- overestimation appears also very large scales, i.e. Q (36,72)

bias from Q ~30% too high



• missing higher-order terms in Q_g? (Pollack, Smith & Porciani, 2012)

Why bias from

Q too high?

• non-local bias ? (Chan, Scoccimarro & Sheth, 2012 Baldauf et al. 2012)

non-local bias

local quadratic bias model:

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velocity potential:
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Q auto – Q cross: $b_{\xi}(3/2)(Q_h - Q^x) = c_2 + g_2 Q_{nloc}$

- independent of Q_m
- depends on triangle configuration
 - → local quadratic bias model ($g_2 = 0$) fails
- agreement with Q_{nloc} prediction
- can be used to measure c₂ and g₂

Bel, Hoffmann, Gaztanaga (2015, arXiv:1504.02074)

symbols:

- measurements from $\Delta Q = Q Q^{X}$ lines:
- fit to measurements
- local Lagrangian prediction
- fit from Chan, Scoccimarro, Sheth (2012)

strong scale dependence of non-local bias $\gamma_2 = g_2 b_1/2$

 possibly caused by higher-order terms (local and non-local)

linear b_1 - γ_2 relation at r > 35 Mpc/h

close to local Lagrangian prediction

differences to Chan et al. 2012

- config. vs. Fourier space
- different measurement (B vs. Q)
- different simulation



3pc in Fourier and config. space



measurement $Q_{h} \simeq \frac{1}{b_{1}} (Q_{m} + [c_{2} + g_{2}Q_{nloc}])$ model

- Qm & Qnloc from leading order perturbation theory
- b1, c2, g2 from Fourier space measurements using the same simulations (Chan, Sheth, Scoccimarro, 2012)

measurements better described by non-local model
convergence between 30-40 Mpc/h

*Hoffmann, Gaztanaga, Scoccimarro, Crocce in prep.

linear bias comparison



Hoffmann, Bel, Gaztanaga 2016, arXiv:1607.01024

non-linear bias comparison



Hoffmann, Bel, Gaztanaga 2016, arXiv:1607.01024

universal relation between b1, b2, b3



Hoffmann, Bel, Gaztanaga (2015, 2016, arXiv:1503.00313, 1607.01024)

Conclusions

- constraints on cosmological models limited by growth-bias degeneracy
- growth-bias degeneracy broken with 3pc
- 3pc is affected by non-local contributions to bias function
- agreement with Fourier space results only at > 40 Mpc/h
- accurate bias from combining 3pc & 3pcc
- nearly universal relation between b2(b1) and b3(b1)