Enhanced constraints from multi-tracer surveys or How to beat cosmic variance

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Galaxy surveys are evolving

We used to live in an era of shot noise



[Finding galaxies was the limiting factor]

We are now starting an era of cosmic variance



[Gaining volume is the limiting factor]

Cosmology from galaxy clustering



Fisher information matrix of galaxy surveys

FKP - Feldman, **K**aiser & **P**eacock (1994) Tegmark et al. (1997), R.A. (2012)

The galaxy power spectrum in redshift space, for any galaxy survey, can be expressed in units of its shot noise $(1/n_g)$. This defines the survey's effective power spectrum (which is adimensional):



The Fisher information for the (log of the) effective power spectrum is:

$$F[\log \mathcal{P}_g] = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\mathcal{P}_g}{1+\mathcal{P}_g}\right)^2$$

FKP Fisher matrix

Fisher information in phase space

On each **cell of phase space volume** there is a certain **amount of information** about the spectrum (and other quantities), given by:

$$F[\log \mathcal{P}_g] \times \frac{\Delta V_x \, \Delta V_k}{(2\pi)^3} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\mathcal{P}_g}{1+\mathcal{P}_g}\right)^2 \times \frac{\Delta V_x \, \Delta V_k}{(2\pi)^3}$$
phase space density
of information < 1/2
phase space
volume = $\Delta \mathcal{V}$.



The **precision** with which we can **estimate** the effective power spectrum from the information in **each cell of phase space** is:

$$\frac{\sigma(\mathcal{P}_g)}{\mathcal{P}_g} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{F[\log \mathcal{P}_g] \Delta \mathcal{V}}} = \frac{1 + \mathcal{P}_g}{\mathcal{P}_g} \times \sqrt{\frac{2}{\Delta \mathcal{V}}}$$

The Fisher information is **additive**, so **integrating** over the phase space **volume** gives the **total information**.

Fisher information, effective volume and cosmic variance

$$p^{a} \to \theta^{i} \quad : \quad F_{ij}[\theta] = \sum_{ab} \frac{\partial p^{a}}{\partial \theta^{i}} F_{ab}[p] \frac{\partial p^{b}}{\partial \theta^{j}}$$

$$\log \mathcal{P}_{g} \to \theta^{i} \quad \Rightarrow \quad F_{ij} = \int \frac{d^{3}k \, d^{3}x}{(2\pi)^{3}} \frac{d \log \mathcal{P}_{g}}{d\theta^{i}} \times \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\mathcal{P}_{g}}{1 + \mathcal{P}_{g}}\right)^{2} \times \frac{d \log \mathcal{P}_{g}}{d\theta^{j}}$$
of a survey:
$$V_{eff}(\vec{k}) = \int d^{3}x \left(\frac{\mathcal{P}_{g}}{1 + \mathcal{P}_{g}}\right)^{2} < V$$
STOP

~ effective volume

 $p^a =$

Power

$$ff(k) = \int d^3x \left(\frac{3}{1+\mathcal{P}_g}\right) < V$$



Why?

Much of the cosmological information resides in the **power spectrum**

$$\langle \delta(\vec{k}) \, \delta^*(\vec{k}') \rangle = (2\pi)^3 \delta(\vec{k} - \vec{k}') P(\vec{k})$$

In a **finite volume**, even if we map a **huge number** of tracers, the **precision** with which we can measure the **modes**, and *P***(***k***)**, is **limited**



Implications for **cosmology** Example: J-PAS



Are these **many millions** of $z \ge 1$ galaxies really "wasted", from the point of view of cosmology?



How to "beat" cosmic variance

By comparing the clustering of the different tracers of large-scale structure (LRGs, ELGs, etc.), we can measure with arbitrary accuracy* the physical parameters that determine their different clustering amplitudes

$$\mathcal{P}_1 = n_1 (b_1 + f \,\mu_k^2)^2 \, P(k;z)$$
$$\mathcal{P}_2 = n_2 (b_2 + f \,\mu_k^2)^2 \, P(k;z)$$

$$\frac{\mathcal{P}_1}{\mathcal{P}_2} = \frac{n_1 \, (b_1 + f \, \mu_k^2)^2}{n_2 \, (b_2 + f \, \mu_k^2)^2}$$

Cosmic Variance does not apply! Seljak 2008; McDonald & Seljak 2008 Gil-Marín et al. 2011 Hamaus, Seljak & Desjacques 2011,2012 Cai & Bernstein 2011 **R.A. & K. Leonard, MNRAS 2013 (arXiv:1302.5444)**



Multi-tracer Fisher information matrix

R.A., MNRAS 2012 (1108.5409) R.A. & K. Leonard, MNRAS 2013 (1302.5444)

Let's say we have **several** ($\alpha = 1, 2, ... N$) **different types of tracers** of large-scale structure: $\alpha=1$ (LRGs), $\alpha=2$ (ELGs), $\alpha=3$ (quasars), etc.

The multi-tracer Fisher matrix is:

$$F_{\alpha\beta} = F(\log \mathcal{P}_{\alpha}, \log \mathcal{P}_{\beta}) = \frac{1}{4} \left[\delta_{\alpha\beta} \frac{\mathcal{P}_{\alpha} \mathcal{P}}{1 + \mathcal{P}} + \frac{\mathcal{P}_{\alpha} \mathcal{P}_{\beta} (1 - \mathcal{P})}{(1 + \mathcal{P})^2} \right]$$

$$\mathcal{P} = \sum_{lpha} \mathcal{P}_{lpha}$$

Or, in terms of the usual parameters:

$$F_{ij} = F(\theta^i, \theta^j) = \sum_{\alpha\beta} \int \frac{d^3k \, d^3x}{(2\pi)^3} \, \frac{d\log \mathcal{P}_{\alpha}}{d\theta^i} F_{\alpha\beta} \frac{d\log \mathcal{P}_{\beta}}{d\theta^j}$$

Multi-tracer Fisher information matrix

The multi-tracer Fisher information is unbounded!

$$F_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{4} \left[\delta_{\alpha\beta} \frac{\mathcal{P}_{\alpha} \mathcal{P}}{1 + \mathcal{P}} + \frac{\mathcal{P}_{\alpha} \mathcal{P}_{\beta} (1 - \mathcal{P})}{(1 + \mathcal{P})^2} \right]$$

But this still does not necessarily mean that the **total information** is unbounded...

In fact, there is no clear meaning to "total information" for nondiagonal Fisher matrices But if we **diagonalize** the Fisher matrix, then **each eigenvalue** adds **positive**, **independent** amounts of information!





Multi-tracer Fisher information matrix

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We can **diagonalize** the multi-tracer Fisher matrix by a change of variables:

$$\mathcal{P}_{\alpha} \to \mathcal{Q}_a$$

First, we define the **aggregate effective spectra** as:

$$\mathcal{S}_a = \sum_{\alpha=a}^N \mathcal{P}_\alpha$$

The variables which diagonalize the multi-tracer Fisher matrix (eigenvectors) are:

 $Q_1 = S_1 = \mathcal{P}$

*Q*¹ is the **total effective spectrum** of the survey. **Only it involves** *P*(*k*)

 Q_a (a>1) are **relational** variables (**ratios** of

spectra between the different tracers).

They **do not involve** *P*(*k*)

CVlimited

$$Q_a = \frac{S_a}{\mathcal{P}_{a-1}} \qquad (a>1)$$

$$Q_N = rac{\mathcal{S}_N}{\mathcal{P}_{N-1}} = rac{\mathcal{P}_N}{\mathcal{P}_{N-1}}$$

NOT CV-limited

Diagonalized multi-tracer Fisher matrix

In terms of the **relational** power spectra *Q*^{*a*} the Fisher matrix is diagonal!

$$F_{ab} = \mathcal{F}_a \,\delta_{ab} \qquad \qquad \mathcal{F}_1 = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\mathcal{P}}{1+\mathcal{P}}\right)^2$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{a} = \frac{1}{4} \frac{\mathcal{P}}{1+\mathcal{P}} \frac{\mathcal{S}_{a} \mathcal{P}_{a-1}}{\mathcal{S}_{a-1}}$$

 $< 1/2 \Leftrightarrow CV$ [FKP] codifies info about P(k)

unbounded but no info about *P*(*k*)

$$\Rightarrow F_{ij} = \int \frac{d^3k \, d^3x}{(2\pi)^3} \sum_a \frac{d\log Q_a}{d\theta^i} \mathcal{F}_a \frac{d\log Q_a}{d\theta^j} = \sum_a F_{ij}^a$$

Example: 2-tracer survey

Includes P(k) $Q_1 = \mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P}_1 + \mathcal{P}_2$ $\mathcal{P}_1 = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\mathcal{P}_1 + \mathcal{P}_2}{1 + \mathcal{P}_1 + \mathcal{P}_2} \right)^2$ $\mathcal{Q}_2 = \frac{\mathcal{P}_2}{\mathcal{P}_1}$ $\mathcal{Q}_2 = \frac{\mathcal{P}_2}{\mathcal{P}_1}$ $\mathcal{P}_2 = \frac{1}{4} \frac{\mathcal{P}_1 \mathcal{P}_2}{1 + \mathcal{P}_1 + \mathcal{P}_2}$ Does not include P(k)



 \mathcal{P}_R , \mathcal{P}_E , \mathcal{P}_Q

Constraints on the RSD parameter f(z) [J-PAS]

$$\mathcal{P}_g = n_g \left(b_g + \frac{f}{f} \mu_k^2 \right)^2 P(k; z)$$



Redshift-space distortions & modified gravity

$$\Delta G_{\mu\nu} + G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu} + 8\pi G \Delta T_{\mu\nu}$$

Matter growth: $\nabla^2 \Phi = \frac{16\pi G}{3} \delta \rho - \frac{1}{6} \delta R(f_R) \implies G(z)$



Constraints in local non-Gaussianity parameter *f*_{NL}



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Conclusions:

• **Cosmic variance** is a fundamental limitation **only** for measurements of the **power spectrum**

• Multi-tracer strategies are able to optimally explore the new era of volumelimited surveys of large-scale structure

• In particular, the multi-tracer approach can **enhance dramatically** the constraints on:

- * **modified gravity** (through the RSD function *f*)
- * **inflation** (*f*_{NL})

• Even BAOs can benefit: both indirectly (through marginalizations), and also directly, via enhancements of the constraints from AP tests

• Biggest challenge is covariance of biases and shot noise between tracers; we are studying those covariances with the help of N-body simulations

Forecasted distance constraints from BAOs in J-PAS

* RSDs and shape of P(k) were marginalized* Equivalent to Seo/Eisenstein "BAOs-only" method



Figure of Merit for J-PAS



ELGs only

LRGs only

QSOs only

All

* With Planck priors

* **Marginalized** against shape of P(k) & other parameters * RSD information was **marginalized**, but **not projected**

- into final set of cosmological parameters
- * Same methods/criteria as used for EUCLID papers