

Enter the Void: Statistics of small-scale clustering

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- $\chi(\bar{N}\bar{\xi} < 1) = 1 \frac{1}{2}\bar{N}\bar{\xi} + ... \rightarrow$ Gaussian term is dominating

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- ► Different clustering models can be distinguished when $\bar{N}\bar{\xi} > 1$. This happens when $R > \sim \frac{Mpc}{h}$ (Croton et al. 2004)
- On small scales $\bar{N}\bar{\xi}$ is very small and non-gaussian contributions cannot be appreciated
- The VPF is only a good discriminator in the weakly non-linear regime (Croton et al. 2004)

Objectives

Short term goal:

 Compare the Void Probability Function (VPF) inside voids identified in the Illustris simulation (Invoid VPF) with the VPF of the entire box (Box VPF)

Long term goal:

 Eventually, perform the same comparison in observational catalogues and compare results.

Previous Results



Figure 1: Croton et al. 2004. VLC from 2dFGRS

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Figure 2: Croton et al. 2004. VLC from 2dFGRS

My Results: Sample

- We used subhalos (galaxies) in the Illustris simulation as tracers
- We selected those with $10^9 M_{\odot} < M < 10^{13} M_{\odot}$

Method I

 VPF Invoid: We generated spheres contained within the 5 identified voids and count the amount of tracers (galaxies)



- We studied 0.4Mpc < R < 9Mpc, in 25 log-spaced bins.
- ▶ We generated 5000 spheres per bin, randomly centered.

Method II

- ► **VPF Box**: idem *invoid*, but centered randomly throughout the simulation.
- VPF Random: idem the above, using a random sample in a volume identical to that of Illustris.
- ► **Dilution**: in all cases, from the mass selection of the sample we diluted it so that we are left with 1 million galaxies.
- Errors: we calculated Jackknife errors. For the *invoid* calculation we performed 5 realizations, and for the box calculation, 20.



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Figure 3: Croton et al. 2004. VLC from 2dFGRS











Some ideas on where to go to next:

- Try other clustering models
- Fit curves and calculate S_p
- Use recently released Illustris TNG

Thank you for listening!