Higher Order Statistics for Neutral Hydrogen Intensity Mapping

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Summary

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SKA and State of the Art

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Bayesian Likelihood for Cosmological Parameter Inference

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Utility of Higher Order Statistics

Prospective



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Motivations

- Hydrogen: most abundant element in the Universe.
- After reionization, HI is located inside galaxies.

 \Rightarrow biased tracer of the underlying matter distribution of the Universe.

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Why using 21cm line?

Benefits:

- The only astrophysical spectral feature in the L-band (GHz).
- Can be **measured from earth** (penetrates the atmosphere).
- thermal noise in HI surveys is less important than shot noise in galaxy surveys ⇒ HI analysis is more constraining than galaxies.

Uses:

- Probe the **Dark Ages** (future).
- Reconstruct **DM density fields.**
- Map 3D Large Scale Structures of the Universe.
- Complementary measurement to optical surveys to constrain cosmological parameters.

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What is Intensity Mapping?

- Measurement of redshift and intensity of HI over the whole sky.
- Treats HI signal as a diffuse background.
- Large cosmological volume.
- Less costly, less time consuming.
- High spectral resolution \Rightarrow high redshift resolution.
- Individual galaxy detection not needed for LSS study.







Intensity map



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State of the Art

- For now detection by cross-correlation between galaxy and 21 cm.
- Not yet possible to obtain a measurement of the 21cm auto-Power Spectrum.



Inferring the Power Spectrum



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Challenges of Intensity Mapping



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- Milky way synchrotron emission (high energy electrons accelerated by magnetic fields).
- Extra-galactic point sources (Active Galactic Nuclei).
- Galactic/extra galactic free-free • emissions (electrons scattered by ions).

4 orders of magnitude higher than the signal!

 \Rightarrow Foreground removal needed.

Simulation tools

- **CAMB** (Code for Anisotropies in the Microwave Background):
 - Provides matter power spectrum and transfer functions essential for large-scale structure studies.
 - Takes cosmological parameters (e.g., Hubble constant, matter density, dark energy parameters) as input.

• 21cmFAST:

- A semi-numerical simulation code used to generate large-scale 21 cm signal maps.
- Models the cosmic 21 cm signal from the epoch of reionization (EoR) and cosmic dawn.

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From observations to cosmological information





Limitations of the power spectrum

Gaussian Assumption:

• The power spectrum is most effective for Gaussian random fields.

Non-Gaussian Features:

• The universe exhibits non-Gaussian features due to non-linear growth of structures and primordial non-Gaussianities.

Loss of Information:

- Higher order interactions and complex structures are not captured by the power spectrum.
- Important information about the morphology and connectivity of cosmic structures is lost.

Make use of Higher order statistics which are sensitive to the non-Gausianities.

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Participation in SKA Data-Challenge

- Team Eos (Goddess of Dawn).
- Visibilities (points in the Fourier plane (u,v)) ~ 8 Tb.
- Cube images (ponderal and uniform) computed from the visibilities.
- Goal: compute the power spectrum of the 21 cm signal.
- Available codes : ps_eor (it separates the foreground and the signal using GPR, reconstruct the power spectrum from images).



https://gitlab.com/flomertens



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