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Luminous matter (like stars and galaxies) comprises less than 1% of the energy content of the Universe.

Galaxy formation and evolution is dominated by dark matter



# On galaxy formation

#### Our current galaxy formation paradigm:

# Haloes of dark matter accrete and grow under the action of gravity

Baryonic matter gathers in these potential wells and forms stars and galaxies

The properties of dark matter haloes provide important information in addressing galaxy formation

Two key observable quantities:

- When did most galaxies form stars?
- When did most mass assemble into galaxies?
- What is the relationship between the dark matter haloes and the galaxies?



### Galaxies, haloes and star-formation

What stops star-formation in massive red galaxies? Why do the sites of star-formation migrate from high-mass to low mass haloes?

How does star-formation rate relate to halo mass?

How does the halo mass where starformation is most efficient evolve from 0<z<2? How does the peak luminosity of galaxies undergoing star-formation change with redshift?

What is the the role of environment in quenching star-formation? Are galaxies in over-dense regions more strongly quenched?



### Relating galaxies and dark matter

We would like to find a way to relate observed, visible galaxies with the underlying dark matter.

In ideal world: **full hydrodynamic simulations**: but these are complicated, reserved for experts, and have difficult reaching the required resolution at the current day.

Another possibility are **semi-analytic models** in which galaxies are "painted on" to the dark matter haloes using a series of analytic recipes. Promising, but still for experts.

A simpler phenomenological model that observers could use...





### How do galaxies populate haloes?





- "Semi-analytic" models and SPH models give a remarkably similar form for the mean number of galaxies as a function of halo mass
- Assume that "assembly bias" and environment are not important effects (which seems to be true for the time being)

### Towards a parametrisation of N(M)

- Separating galaxy populations into "central" (the most massive galaxy at the center of the halo) and "satellite" populations considerably simplifies the analysis
- Satellites are poisson, central nearest integer
- In massive haloes, most galaxies are satellite galaxies
- In less massive haloes, the central galaxy is dominant
- The "satellite fraction" is an important measurable quantity



### The analytic halo occupation function

 If P(N|M) is specified by only the halo mass ... then we don't need to a do a full semi-analytic / SPH simulation to determine it!



# A word on two-point correlation functions...

Two-point correlation functions give the excess probability for finding a neighbour a distance r from a given galaxy:

$$\delta P = n^2 \delta V_1 \delta V_2 [1 + \xi(r_{12})]$$

 In projected surveys, w(θ) is the simply the projection of xi(r) on the sky and depends (amongst other things) on the source redshift distribution

$$w(\theta) = \frac{DD - 2DR + RR}{RR}$$

• Measurement of w is simple -- just count the number of pairs as a function of angular scale between data catalogues *D* and random catalogues *R* 

### Deriving the galaxy correlation function

 Galaxy clustering statistics measure the number of pairs in excess of a random distribution

 In the "halo model" we suppose that the pair counts come from galaxies inside the same halo and galaxies in separate haloes

- The relative importance of each term depends on the angular scale and the size of the haloes
- In galaxy-galaxy lensing, we remove any additional uncertainty on the halo profiles, but only works at lower redshifts

"Halo models" are not meant as a replacement for traditional models of galaxy formation but are simply a technique to extract additional information from the observations

### The one and two-halo terms

$$1 + \xi_{gg}^{1h}(r) = \frac{1}{2}\bar{n}_g^{-2} \int n(M) \langle (N(N-1)) \rangle_M \lambda(r|M) dM$$
halo mass function
$$\xi_{gg}^{2h} = \xi_{dm}^{lin}(r)\bar{n}^{-2} \int n(M_1)b_h(M_1) \langle N \rangle_{M_1} dM_1$$

$$\times \int n(M_2)b_h(M_2) \langle N \rangle_{M_2} \lambda(r|M_1M_2) dM_2$$



- At large scales this becomes the simple linear bias term
- 1h term = central-sat term + ss term
- "The transition scale" between one-halo and twohalo terms is sensitive to the effects of "halo exclusion" and it's important to model this accurately because most of the signal in galaxy surveys is on these scales

# How to compute the expected galaxy clustering using the halo model

Three ingredients are necessary to generate a prediction of w, the projected twopoint correlation function:

- An accurate representation of the non-linear power spectrum of dark matter, the density profile of dark matter haloes and the number of dark matter haloes as a function of halo mass
- 2. A prescription ("guess") for how the numbers of galaxies and pairs of galaxies which inhabit each dark matter halo depend on the halo mass.
- 3. Knowledge of the redshift selection function for each sample.

By matching the **observed clustering of galaxies** with predictions of this model one can derive:

The typical mass of the underlying dark matter haloes

The fraction of galaxies which are satellites

The average bias (how much dark and luminous matter there is)

### Parameter estimation with PMC

• Our *highly optimised* halo model code can compute *w* for a five-parameter halo model in less than 1s

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{ij}^n \left[ (w^{\text{obs}}(\theta_i) - w^{\text{m}}(\theta_i))(C_{ij})^{-1}(w^{\text{obs}}(\theta_j) - w^{\text{m}}(\theta_j)) \right] + \frac{\left[ \log n_g^{\text{obs}} - \log n_g^{\text{model}} \right]^2}{\sigma_{\log n_g}^2},$$

- Models must reproduce the observed number density of galaxies; this a very strong constraint
- Our covariance matrix C is derived using jack-knife resampling techniques
- We use the parallel "population monte carlo" (Wraith et al, Benabed, Kilbinger et al) technique to carry out a complete sampling of parameter space and derive realistic errors on fitted and derived parameters. On a cluster like magique2 we can sample 200,000 points in ~ 30 mins.



### What the halo parameters actually mean



- Fixed alpha, M\_min; only M1 allowed to vary
- More luminous objects have more pronounced one-halo term and large fraction of satellites

#### What kind of surveys do we need?

#### **90 Mpc**

# Low redshift surveys can now tell us a lot about the local universe.

But how do the galaxies seen in high redshift surveys evolve into the present day populations?

#### **Red sequence / blue cloud**

How does the properties of the hosting dark matter halo depend on luminosity and colour selection?

To answer this question we need surveys which can probe a large enough range in densities at scales at 1-10 h<sup>-1</sup> Mpc at z~1 to a depth of at least 0.1L\*

This means a field size of at least 2 deg<sup>2</sup>

And enough filters to compute photometric redshifts to 5% accuracy.



## The CFHTLS and COSMOS surveys

- The CFHTLS and COSMOS surveys are two unique and complimentary probes of the distant Universe
- The COSMOS survey covers ~2 deg<sup>2</sup> with very deep, multi-colour data (almost all bands and wavelengths); most precise photometric redshifts available
- CFHTLS covers ~130 deg<sup>2</sup> in ugriz : a unique probe of the Universe at z~1; over one million galaxies; CFHTLS can also access higher mass haloes. We can probe over a much larger range in redshift than SDSS
- COSMOS galaxies have stellar mass estimates and importantly can access the important 1<z<2 redshift range.

Photometric redshifts: a cheap way to get galaxy distances (Ilbert et al. 2006,8 and Coupon et al. 08)

$$\chi^{2}(z,T,A) = \sum_{f=1}^{N_{f}} \left( \frac{F_{\text{obs}}^{f} - A \times F_{\text{pred}}^{f}(z,T)}{\sigma_{\text{obs}}^{f}} \right)^{2}$$

"Photometric redshifts" are computed by comparing observed spectral energy distributions with a set of template SEDs.

For many years the accuracy of photometric redshifts was difficult to assess because of the lack of large (>10k objects) spectroscopic training sets (it turned out that a lot of photo-zeds computed without training sets were **actually wrong**!)

Wide-field cameras with precise photometric calibration (like **MegaCam**) combined with wide field spectrographs producing training sets of ~10k galaxies (like **VIMOS**) makes estimating photometric redshifts for millions of galaxies with percent-level accuracy possible

# COSMOS 30-band phot-zeds (ilbert et al 08)



- ~0.7%-1% accuracy photometric redshifts over 0.2<z<1.2</li>
- Large spectroscopic training sample: VLT/zCOSMOS (Lilly); also smaller samples from Magellan (Trump); and Keck (Capak)

### N(z) and photo-zed accuracy in COSMOS



### The CFHTLS-WIDE



### The CFHTLS sample selection



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Colour-selected galaxies in the CFHTLS-wide

- Bluer galaxy samples are dominated by central galaxies
- Redder galaxies have are dominated by satellite populations
- More luminous galaxies are hosted in more massive haloes



### Making mass-limited samples



As we only have five optical bands we cannot reliably compute stellar masses, but we can try to derive an empirical relationship between mass and B-band luminosity

As expected, this works reasonably well for red populations, but for "blue" and "full" populations the slope of the redshift-M/I relationship depends strongly on mass; for these populations we use an intermediate relationship.

### Observed halo mass scales



M\_min and M1 corresponds to the halo masses required to host one and two central galaxies respectively

We use these empirical corrections to transform our samples into approximately masslimited ones. We fit M\_min and M\_1 as a function of redshift and luminosity

At each redshift, more luminous / massive galaxies are hosted by more massive haloes

## Evolution of halo bias with redshift



Red galaxies follow closely the "dm only" evolution. Interpretation of these results is complicated by changing red/blue luminosity functions

More luminous objects are expected to have a different bias evolution

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### Satellite fractions



From our best-fitting halo model parameters we can compute the fraction of galaxies which are "satellites" and which are "centrals"

The satellite fraction is essentially set by a combination of the halo mass function and the halo occupation distribution N(M); halo mass function drops rapidly at high and low masses; N(M) for blue galaxies dominated by central galaxies

Can satellite fraction measurements provide useful information about galaxy evolution?

Galaxy clustering in the NEWFIRM Medium Band Survey



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### Redshift evolution of the sat. fraction



We use our observations to fit a relationship between M1/M\_min and M\_g and then use our halo model to extrapolate our measurements to low redshift

Observations are consistent with this extrapolated halo model: this is consistent with the observation that mergers are not a dominant process at z<1 (otherwise we would over-predict the satellite fraction at  $z\sim0$ ).

Agreement with the lensing results are reassuring.

## **Conclusions from CFHTLS**

1. Our model fits observations for red galaxy samples relatively well, blue samples less well. "Full" samples contain a mix of blue and red galaxy populations which depend on redshift and luminosity

2. The observed evolution of galaxy properties with redshift at z < 1 is (largely) consistent with dark matter evolution for L<sup>\*</sup> galaxies

3. Some hints for evolution for more massive objects

4. Interpretation of results are complicated by conversion between mass and luminosity

### Mass-selected catalogues in COSMOS

- In the CFHTLS data, our luminosity selected samples can under considerable evolution over the redshift range of our sample: in g\* it is ~1.5 magnitudes!
- In the COSMOS galaxies we can select by stellar mass which removes uncertainty in M/L conversion
- However, the size of the COSMOS field means number of high mass haloes are rare, which complicates interpretation



### Stellar mass-selected catalogue at z~0.4



COSMOS\_subaru\_iab26\_kab24\_v7c\_all\_0.45

### Fits for mass-selected samples

- The halo model cannot always reproduce perfectly the observed clustering signal, in particular on larger scales; in the COSMOS field this is because there is a large structure at z~0.8
- The transition between one-and two-halo terms becomes more pronounced at higher redshift



# High clustering amplitudes at large scales in COSMOS



At  $z\sim1$  at scales larger than 10 h{-1}Mpc, COSMOS has more power on large scales compared to other fields

This seems to be caused by the presence of rich structures in the field at z~1

### Halo mass scale evolution at z~2



At lower redshifts, our results are consistent with CFHTLS measurements, namely halo masses at  $M1/M_m$  min which remains constant 0 < z < 1

However, in all our samples we detect **strong evolution** of M\_min and M1 over the redshift range 1<z<2; at higher redshifts, M1 and M\_min rise rapidly

Can understand these results in terms of the evolution of the stellar mass function

### Halo mass / stellar mass relationship



Guo et al 2010

# Efficiency of star-formation depends on halo mass

Different physical processes act in low mass and high mass haloes to reduce starformation efficiency

In high-mass haloes, AGN feedback suppresses star formation

In lower-mass haloes, supernovae-driven winds can have the same effect

In addition, the halo mass at which starformation is the most efficient can move from high halo masses to low halo masses at lower redshifts (another manifestation of the "downsizing" phenomena)

Can we make measurements of these phenomena in the CFHTLS/COSMOS?

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### How do haloes fill with galaxies?



# How haloes fill with galaxies (2): extension to high redshifts

In our massselected samples, at higher redshifts, our samples deviate from from the local-redshift relationship

In higher mass haloes, starformation is suppressed (by AGN feedback?)



### Halo mass evolution

- Samples are selected to have a constant stellar mass with redshift
- Is the change in halo mass with redshift consistent with hierarchical merging seen in large N-body simulations?
- We can compare with the fitting formula given by Zhao et al. (2009) based on merger trees in numerical simulations; average halo mass evolution agrees well with this.



### **Conclusions and prospects**

Clear trends are observed between luminosity, halo mass and satellite fraction in the CFHTLS but interpreting these results is "complicated" by the presence of significant luminosity evolution

At z<1 halo evolution follows closely the dark matter evolution Mass-selected samples evolve at higher redshifts: mass fraction decreases at higher redshifts.

What's next: Add near IR data to the CFHTLS survey and increase the depth of Near-IR COSMOS: Ulltravista survey. First year of ultra-vista data is collected. Precise stellar mass estimates for a wider range of halo masses

