COSMOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE of the IGM

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OUTLINE: LECTURES



- 1. Physics of Lyman-alpha and its cosmological relevance
- 1. Lyman-alpha and fundamental physics
- 2. IGM/galaxy interplay



IGM: baryonic (gaseous) matter (not in collapsed objects) that lies between galaxies





Bi & Davidsen (1997), Rauch (1998)



$\frac{\text{BRIEF HISTORICAL OVERVIEW}}{\text{of the Lyman-}\alpha \text{ forest}}$

 Gunn & Peterson (1965): a uniforn IGM at redshift 2 is very highly ionized, to avoid very large HI opacity;

'ISOLATED' CLOUDS

PROBES OF THE JEANS SCALE



Lyman- α absorption is the main manifestation of the IGM



Tiny neutral hydrogen fraction after reionization.... But large cross-section

Modelling the IGM

<u>Dark matter evolution</u>: linear theory of density perturbation + Jeans length $L_J \sim sqrt(T/\rho) + mildly$ non linear evolution

<u>Hydrodynamical processes</u>: mainly gas cooling cooling by adiabatic expansion of the universe heating of gaseous structures (reionization)

- photoionization by a uniform Ultraviolet Background
- Hydrostatic equilibrium of gas clouds

dynamical time = 1/sqrt(G ρ) ~ sound crossing time= size /gas sound speed

Size of the cloud: > 100 kpc Temperature: ~ 10^4 K Mass in the cloud: ~ 10^9 M sun Neutral hydrogen fraction: 10^{-5}

In practice, since the process is mildly non linear you need numerical simulations To get convergence of the simulated flux at the percent level (observed)



INTRO: modelling the IGM at the 10% level - I

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EVOLUTION OF STRUCTURE IN THE INTERGALACTIC MEDIUM AND THE NATURE OF THE LY α FOREST

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ABSTRACT

We have performed a detailed statistical study of the evolution of structure in a photoionized intergalactic medium (IGM) using analytical simulations to extend the calculation into the mildly nonlinear density regime found to prevail at z = 3. Our work is based on a simple fundamental conjecture: that the probability distribution function of the density of baryonic diffuse matter in the universe is described by a lognormal (LN) random field. The LN distribution has several attractive features and follows plausibly from the assumption of initial linear Gaussian density and velocity fluctuations at arbitrarily early times. Starting with a suitably normalized power spectrum of primordial fluctuations in a universe dominated by cold dark matter (CDM), we compute the behavior of the baryonic matter, which moves slowly toward minima in the dark matter potential on scales larger than the Jeans length. We have computed two models that succeed in matching observations. One is a nonstandard CDM model with $\Omega = 1$, h = 0.5, and $\Gamma = 0.3$, and the other is a low-density flat model with a cosmological constant (LCDM), with $\Omega = 0.4$, $\Omega_{A} = 0.6$, and h = 0.65. In both models, the variance of the density distribution function grows with time, reaching unity at about z = 4, where the simulation yields spectra that closely resemble the Lya forest absorption seen in the spectra of high-z quasars. The calculations also successfully predict the observed properties of the Ly α forest clouds and their evolution from z = 4 down to at least z = 2, assuming a constant intensity for the metagalactic UV background over this redshift range. However, in our model the forest is not due to discrete clouds, but rather to fluctuations in a continuous intergalactic medium. At z = 3, typical clouds with measured neutral hydrogen column densities $N_{\rm HI} = 10^{15.3}$, $10^{13.5}$, and 10^{11.5} cm⁻² correspond to fluctuations with mean total densities approximately 10, 1, and 0.1 times the universal mean baryon density. Perhaps surprisingly, fluctuations whose amplitudes are less than or equal to the mean density still appear as "clouds" because in our model more than 70% of the volume of the IGM at z = 3 is filled with gas at densities below the mean value.

Dark matter evolution and baryon evolution -I

linear theory of density perturbation + Jeans length $L_J \sim sqrt(T/\rho) + mildly$ non linear evolution

$$x_b \equiv \frac{1}{H_0} \left[\frac{2\gamma k T_m}{3\mu m_p \Omega(1+z)} \right]^{1/2} \quad \text{Jeans length: scale at which gravitational forces} \\ \text{and pressure forces are equal}$$

$$\begin{split} \delta_0(x) &\equiv \frac{1}{4\pi x_b^2} \int \frac{\delta_{\rm DM}(x_1)}{|x - x_1|} \, e^{-|x - x_1|/x_b} \, dx_1 \\ \delta_0(k) &\equiv \frac{\delta_{\rm DM}(k)}{1 + x_b^2 \, k^2} \,, \end{split}$$

Density contrast in real and Fourier space

$$m(x) = n_0 \exp\left[\delta_0(x) - \frac{\langle \delta_0^2 \rangle}{2}\right]$$
 Non linear evolution lognormal model

Bi & Davidsen 1997, ApJ, 479, 523

Dark matter evolution and baryon evolution -II



Bi & Davidsen 1997, ApJ, 479, 523



<u>Ionization state -I</u>

Photoionization equilibrium UV background by QSO and galaxies

$$J(\nu) = J_{21}(\nu_0/\nu)^m \times 10^{-21} \text{erg s}^{-1} \text{Hz}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{sr}^{-1} \qquad \Gamma_{-12} = 4 \times J_{-21}$$

$$\Gamma_{\gamma \ell}(z) = \int_{\pi_\ell}^{\infty} \frac{4\pi J(\nu, z)\sigma_\ell(\nu)}{h\nu} \, d\nu \qquad \text{Photoionization rates}$$

$$HI + HII = 1$$

$$+$$

$$\frac{dHII}{dt} = \alpha_{HII} n_e H_{II} - H_{I} (\Gamma_{\gamma HI} + \Gamma_{eHI} n_e)$$
Recombination rates
$$Photoionization rate \qquad \text{Collisional ionization rate}$$

Theuns et al., 1998, MNRAS, 301, 478

Ionization state -II



$$n_{\rm HI}(\mathbf{x},z) \approx 10^{-5} \ \overline{n}_{\rm IGM}(z) \left(\frac{\Omega_{0b}h^2}{0.019}\right) \left(\frac{\Gamma_{-12}}{0.5}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{T(\mathbf{x},z)}{10^4 \rm K}\right)^{-0.7} \left(\frac{1+z}{4}\right)^3 (1+\delta_{\rm IGM}(\mathbf{x},z))^2$$

Viel, Matarrese, Mo et al. 2002, MNRAS, 329, 848

<u>Thermal state - I</u>



Tight power-law relation is set by the equilibrium between photo-heating and adiabatic expansion

$$\epsilon_{\gamma i}(z) = \int_{\nu_i}^{\infty} \frac{4\pi J(\nu, z)\sigma_i(\nu)(h\nu - h\nu_i)}{h\nu} \,\mathrm{d}\nu$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \big(\mathrm{H\,I\,}\epsilon_{\gamma\mathrm{H\,I}} + \mathrm{He\,I\,}\epsilon_{\gamma\mathrm{He\,I}} + \mathrm{He\,II\,}\epsilon_{\gamma\mathrm{He\,II}}\big)/n_{\mathrm{H}}$$

 $T = T_0 (1+\delta)^{\gamma-1}$

Theuns et al., 1998, MNRAS, 301, 478

Semi-analytical models for the Ly-a forest

(Bi 1993, Bi & Davidsen 1997, Hui & Gnedin 1998, Matarrese & Mohayaee 2002)



MV, Matarrese S., Mo HJ., Haehnelt M., Theuns T., 2002a, MNRAS, 329, 848

Lyman- α forest - I (small clouds)

$$t_{\rm dyn} \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{G\rho}} \sim 1.0 \times 10^{15} \, \text{s} \left(\frac{n_{\rm H}}{1 \, {\rm cm}^{-3}}\right)^{-1/2} \times \left(\frac{1-Y}{0.76}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{f_g}{0.16}\right)^{1/2}$$

For overdense absorbers typically t $_{dyn} \sim t_{sc}$ sets a jeans length

$$dP/dr = -G\rho M/r^2$$
 $P \sim c_s^2 \rho$ $c_s^2 \rho/L \sim G\rho^2 L$

$$L_{\rm J} \equiv \frac{c_s}{\sqrt{G\rho}} \sim 0.52 \text{ kpc } n_{\rm H}^{-1/2} T_4^{1/2} \left(\frac{f_g}{0.16}\right)^{1/2}$$

 $t_{\rm sc} \equiv \frac{L}{c_{\rm s}} \sim 2.0 \times 10^{15} \, {\rm s} \left(\frac{L}{1 \, {\rm kpc}}\right) T_4^{-1/2} \left(\frac{\mu}{0.59}\right)^{1/2}$

If t _{sc} >> t _{dyn} then the cloud is Jeans unstable and either fragments or if v >> c_s shocks to the virial temperature If t _{dyn} >> t _{sc} the cloud will expand or evaporates and equilbrium will be restored in a time t _{sc}



Simple scaling arguments (Schaye 2001, ApJ, 559, 507)

END OF IGM BASICS

More in A.Meiksin's review 2009 arXiv:0711.3358





LOW RESOLUTION LOW S/N



STATISTICS OF DENSITY (or FLUX) FIELDS

0-pt, 1-pt, 2-pt, 3-pt,..... n-pt statistics of the density field Ideally one would like to deal with $\delta_{DARK MATTER}$ in practice $\delta_{ASTROPHYSICAL OBJECTS (galaxies,HI, etc...)}$

0-pt: calculate the mean density

1-pt: calculate probability distribution function (pdf)

2-pt: calculate correlations between pixels at different distances (powerspectrum)

3-pt: calculate correlations in triangles (bispectrum)



Viel, Colberg, Kim 2008

The power spectrum P(k)

 $\delta(\mathbf{x}) \equiv \frac{\rho(\mathbf{x}) - \langle \rho \rangle}{\langle \rho \rangle} \qquad \qquad \text{Density contrast}$

Correlation function

$$\xi(\mathbf{r}) \equiv \langle \delta(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \delta(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{r}) \rangle$$

$$\boldsymbol{\xi} = \left\langle \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \sum_{\mathbf{k}'} \delta_{\mathbf{k}} \delta_{\mathbf{k}'}^* e^{i(\mathbf{k}' - \mathbf{k}) \cdot \mathbf{x}} e^{-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}} \right\rangle$$

$$\xi(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{V}{(2\pi)^3} \int |\delta_{\mathbf{k}}|^2 e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} d^3k$$

$$dP = n[1 + \xi(\mathbf{r})]dV$$

Power spectral density of A

$$\langle A(\vec{k})A^*(\vec{k}') \rangle = P_A(k)\delta_D^3(\vec{k} - \vec{k}')$$

<u>GOAL: the primordial dark matter power spectrum</u> <u>from the observed flux spectrum (filaments)</u>





1 - IGM basics

2- Technical part: from $P_F(k)$ to $P_{matter}(k)$

Several methods have been used to recover the linear matter power spectrum From the flux power:

- "Analytical" Inversion Nusser et al. (99), Pichon et al. (01), Zaroubi et al. (05) "OLD"
- The effective bias method pioneered by Croft (98,99,02) and co-workers "OLD"
- Modelling of the flux power by McDonald, Seljak and co-workers (04,05,06) NEW! Jena, Tytler et al. (05,06)

3- Some recent results

Tightest constraints on Warm Dark Matter particle masses with SDSS and High-z High-res High signal-to-noise QSO spectra

Lyman- α with active and sterile neutrinos



THE EFFECTIVE BIAS METHOD - I

1- Convert flux to density pixels: F=exp(-Ap^{β}) - Gaussianization (Weinberg 1992) 2- Measure P_{1D}(k) and convert to P_{3D}(k) by differentiation to obtain shape 3- Calibrate P_{3D}(k) amplitude with (many) simulations of the flux power









THE EFFECTIVE BIAS METHOD - III

 $\rm b_{fid}/b$

Croft et al. 2002



THE EFFECTIVE BIAS METHOD - IV

Critical assessment of the effective bias method by Gnedin & Hamilton (02)



RESULTS: Croft et al. 02 method works (missing physics, bias function, smoothing by peculiar velocities) but this is mainly due to the fact that statistical errors are large and comparable to systematic errors

THE EFFECTIVE BIAS METHOD and WMAP



THE EFFECTIVE BIAS METHOD, WMAP + a new QSO sample- I

Viel, Haehnelt & Springel (04) -New sample at <z>=2.125 -Full grid of hydro simulations with GADGET



THE EFFECTIVE BIAS METHOD - SUMMARY

Viel, Haehnelt & Springel (04)

Many uncertainties which contribute more or less equally (statistical error seems not to be an issue!)

ERRORS CONTRIB. to R.M.S FLUCT. 4% Statistical error Systematic errors ~ 15 % τ_{eff} (z=2.125)=0.17 ± 0.02 8 % 7 % τ_{eff} (z=2.72) = 0.305 ± 0.030 $\gamma = 1.3 \pm 0.3$ 4 % 3 % $T_0 = 15000 \pm 10000 \text{ K}$ 5 % **Method** 8 % Numerical simulations 5 % **Further uncertainties**

THE EFFECTIVE BIAS METHOD, WMAP + a new QSO sample-II

Viel, Haehnelt & Weller (04) - Viel, Haehnelt & Lewis (06)

RESULTS: good agreement with WMAP1, agreement with WMAP3 as well but the VHS data set is not constraining any more many parameters constraints on WDM particles presented in

Viel, Lesgourgues, Haehnelt, Matarrese, Riotto, PRD, 2005, 71, 063534



FORWARD MODELLING OF THE FLUX POWER

The interpretation: full grid of simulations

SDSS power analysed by forward modelling motivated by the huge amount of data with small statistical errors Galaxy P(k): Sanchez & Cole (07) CMB: Spergel et al. (05) 2dF Galaxy Redshift Survey 62559 galaxi 220929 total k/(h Mpc -1) 0.02 0.04 0.06 0.080 0.2 0.4 6000 all galaxies 5000 2dFGRS $l(l+1)C_l/(2\pi)$ (µK²) 4000 og10(P(k)/h-3 Mpc3) • SDSS DR5 3000 input P(k) 3.5 2000 = 0.1683 $\Omega_{\rm b}/\Omega_{\rm m} = 0.17$ 1000 $\sigma_{gal} = 0.89$ 0 2.5 200 400 600 800 1000 0 -0.5 -1.5 -1 Multipole moment 1 log₁₀(k/h Mpc -1)

Cosmological parameters +

e.g. bias

MODELLING FLUX POWER - II: Method

We vary 34 parameters, 3 of which are fixed for our primary result but varied for consistency checks. We give a summary before defining each in detail. In parentheses we give the actual number of parameters for each type:

Parameters $\Delta_L^2(k_p, z_p)$, $n_{\text{eff}}(k_p, z_p)$, and $\alpha_{\text{eff}}(k_p, z_p)$ (3).— Standard linear power spectrum amplitude, slope, and curvature on the scale of the Ly α forest, assuming a typical Λ CDM-like universe. Parameter $\alpha_{\text{eff}}(k_p, z_p)$ is fixed to -0.23 for the main result.

Parameters g' and s' (2).—Modifiers of the evolution of the amplitude and slope with redshift, to test for deviations from the expectation for Λ CDM. Fixed for main result.

Parameters $\bar{F}(z_p)$ and ν_F (2).—Mean transmitted flux normalization and redshift evolution.

Parameters $T_{i=1...3}$ and $\tilde{\gamma}_{i=1...3}$ (6).—Temperature-density relation parameters, including redshift evolution.

Parameter x_{rei} (1).—Degree of Jeans smoothing, related to the redshift and temperature of reionization.

Parameters $f_{\text{Si}\,\text{III}}$ and $\nu_{\text{Si}\,\text{III}}$ (2).—Normalization and redshift evolution of the Si III–Ly α cross-correlation term.

Parameters $\epsilon_{n,i=1...11}$ (11).—Freedom in the noise amplitude in the data in each SDSS redshift bin.

Parameter α_R (1).—Freedom in the resolution for the SDSS data.

Parameter A_{damp} (1).—Normalization of the power contributed by high-density systems.

Parameters a_{NOSN} and a_{NOMETAL} (2).—Admixture of corrections from the NOSN and NOMETAL hydrodynamic simulations.

Parameters $A_{\rm UV}$ and $\nu_{\rm UV}$ (2).—Normalization and redshift evolution of the correction for fluctuations in the ionizing background.

Parameter x_{extrap} (1).—Freedom in the extrapolation of our small simulation results to low k.

Tens of thousands of models Monte Carlo Markov Chains

- Cosmology - Cosmology

- Mean flux

- T=T₀ (1+δ)^{γ-1}
- Reionization
- Metals
- Noise
- Resolution
- Damped Systems
- Physics
- UV background
- Small scales

MODELLING FLUX POWER - III: Likelihood Analysis

TABLE 2 EFFECT OF MODIFICATIONS OF THE FITTING PROCEDURE ON THE INFERRED LINEAR POWER SPECTRUM AND ITS ERRORS

McDonald et al. 05

Variant ^a	Δ_L^2	$n_{\rm eff}$	χ ²⁶	$\Delta \chi^{2e}$
Standard fit	0.452 ± 0.072	-2.321 ± 0.069	185,6	0,0
No hydrodynamic corrections	0.377 ± 0.041	-2.284 ± 0.046	191.8	4.0
Fixed extrapolation	0.456 ± 0.071	$-2,303 \pm 0.058$	185.9	0.2
Fixed to FULL	0.453 ± 0.070	-2.322 ± 0.063	185.4	0.0
Fixed to NOSN	0.435 ± 0.059	-2.262 ± 0.054	187.9	1.9
Fixed to NOMETAL	0.394 ± 0.048	-2.374 ± 0.055	188,3	1.3
No $L = 40 h^{-1}$ Mpc simulations	0.439 ± 0.065	-2.328 ± 0.069	190.0	0.1
$\Omega_m = 0.4$, HS transfer function	0.454 ± 0.074	-2.307 ± 0.067	187.6	0.1
No damping wings (DWs)	0.366 ± 0.042	-2.398 ± 0.050	188.7	1.8
DW power known to 10%	0.452 ± 0.071	-2.321 ± 0.067	185.6	0.0
Randomly located DW	0.435 ± 0.070	-2.333 ± 0.067	186.8	0.1
No UVBG fluctuations	0.446 ± 0.067	-2.338 ± 0.049	187.4	0.2
Strong attenuation UVBG	0.452 ± 0.072	-2.320 ± 0.067	185.1	0.0
Galaxy-based UVBG	0.452 ± 0.069	-2.346 ± 0.059	187.4	0.3
F errors times 2	0.452 ± 0.077	-2.321 ± 0.071	184.9	0.0
\overline{F} errors times $\frac{1}{2}$	0.455 ± 0.062	-2.320 ± 0.066	188,2	0.0
Fix F to best	0.452 ± 0.030	-2.321 ± 0.048	185.6	0.0
TDR errors times 2	0.530 ± 0.106	-2.299 ± 0.078	180.4	0.8
TDR errors times 1/2	0.455 ± 0.055	-2.305 ± 0.065	192.0	0.0
Schaye TDR	0.524 ± 0.059	-2.307 ± 0.072	195.4	1.4
HIRES PF errors times 2	0.493 ± 0.086	-2.276 ± 0.081	153.8	0.9
HIRES P_F errors times $\frac{1}{2}$	0.442 ± 0.070	-2.335 ± 0.053	292.1	0.1
SDSS P_F errors times $\frac{1}{2}$	0.468 ± 0.053	-2.301 ± 0.033	584.3	0.1
Fix nuisance parameters to best	0.452 ± 0.010	-2.321 ± 0.012	185.6	0.0
Include Croft/Kim, no background subtraction	0.355 ± 0.051	-2.366 ± 0.054	313.3	2.9
Include Croft & Kim	0.408 ± 0.064	-2.364 ± 0.063	215.9	0.4
Drop bad Croft z	0.411 ± 0.064	$-2,366 \pm 0.064$	206,1	0.3
Add Kim only	0.466 ± 0.082	-2.318 ± 0.076	178.7	0.1
Standard with HIRES background subtraction	0.503 ± 0.094	$-2,305 \pm 0.081$	161.9	0.6

Note.—Here $z_p = 3.0$ and $k_p = 0.009$ s km⁻¹.

^a The meaning of each variant is explained in § 3.5. ^b Standard χ^2 for the fit, for ~161 degrees of freedom, plus 20–24 for Kim et al. (2004a), plus 44–65 for Croft et al. (2002) (see details in § 3.6).

^e The $\Delta \chi^2$ between the variant best-fit amplitude and slope and the standard best-fit values (essentially unrelated to χ^2 for the fit).
<u>Results Lyman- α only with full grid: amplitude and slope</u>

$$\Delta_L^2(k, z) \simeq \left[\frac{D(z)}{D(z_p)}\right]^2 \Delta_L^2(k_p, z_p) \qquad \times \left[\frac{k}{k_\star(z)}\right]^{3+n_{\text{eff}}\left(k_p, z_p\right) + (1/2)\alpha_{\text{eff}}\left(k_p, z_p\right) \ln[k/k_\star(z)]}$$

 χ^2 likelihood code distributed with COSMOMC

McDonald et al. 05



Redshift z=3 and k=0.009 s/km corresponding to 7 comoving Mpc/h

Lyman- α forest + Weak Lensing + WMAP 3yrs

VHS-LUQAS: high res Ly-a from (Viel, Haehnelt, Springel 2004) SDSS-d: re-analysis of low res data SDSS (Viel & Haehnelt 2006) WL: COSMOS-3D survey Weak Lensing (Massey et al. 2007) 1.64 sq degree public available weak lensing COSMOMC module http://www.astro.caltech.edu/~rjm/cosmos/cosmomc/ 1.6F 1.5 1.4 LyaVHS 1.3 1.2 1.1 **6**‴ LyaSDSS. 0.9 0.8 MAP 0.7 0.6 WL 0.5 0.4 0.2 0 0.4 0.6 0.8 $\Omega_{\rm m}$

MATTER DENSITY Lesgourgues, MV, Haehnelt, Massey, 2007, JCAP, 8, 11 SPECTRAL INDEX

AMPLITUDE

Lyman- α forest + Weak Lensing + WMAP 3yrs

Lesgourgues, MV, Haehnelt, Massey, 2007, JCAP, 8, 11

	wl+wmaps+lya vhs	$WL+WMAP3+Ly\alpha$ SDSS-d	
σ_8	0.822 ± 0.032	0.800 ± 0.023	dn/dlnk < 0.021
n_s	0.960 ± 0.016	0.971 ± 0.011	
Ω_{0m}	0.282 ± 0.026	0.247 ± 0.016	
h	0.700 ± 0.022	0.730 ± 0.016	
τ	0.094 ± 0.028	0.109 ± 0.026	

WMAP 5yrs

WMAP5only Dunkley et al. 08 $\sigma_8 = 0.796 \pm 0.036$ $n_s = 0.963 \pm 0.015$ $\Omega_m = 0.258 \pm 0.030$ $h = 71.9 \pm 2.7$ $\tau = 0.087 \pm 0.017$ $dn/dlnk = -0.037 \pm 0.028$

WMAP5+BAO+SN Komatsu et al. 08

 $\sigma_8 = 0.817 \pm 0.026$ $n_s = 0.960 \pm 0.014$ $h = 70.1 \pm 1.3$ $\tau = 0.084 \pm 0.016$

with Lyman- α factor 2 improvements on the running

FORWARD MODELLING OF THE FLUX POWER:

A DIFFERENT APPROACH

The flux power spectrum is a smooth function of k and z

McDonald et al. 05: fine grid of (calibrated) HPM (quick) simulations Viel & Haehnelt 06: interpolate sparse grid of full hydrodynamical (slow) simulations

Both methods have drawbacks and advantages:

1- McDonald et al. 05 better sample the parameter space

2- Viel & Haehnelt 06 rely on hydro simulations, but probably error bars are underestimated



but even resolution and/or box size effects if you want to save CPU time



Fitting SDSS data with GADGET-2 this is SDSS Ly- α only !!



0.05 0.1 0.15 WDM scale (1/m_{WDM} KeV) 0.2

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2.5

2

1.5

0.5

0

 $\gamma^{A}\left(z{=}3\right)$



FLUX DERIVATIVES method of lecture 2

M sterile neutrino > 10 KeV 95 % C.L.

SDSS data only

 $\sigma_8 = 0.91 \pm 0.07$ n = 0.97 ± 0.04

SYSTEMATICS

Systematics I: Mean flux

Effective optical depth



<F> = exp (- t eff) Power spectrum of F/<F>

Systematics II: Thermal state

 $T = T_0 (1 + \delta)^{\gamma-1}$

Thermal histories

Flux power fractional differences



Statistical SDSS errors on flux power

Systematics III: Numerical modelling HPM simulations

$$egin{aligned} rac{dm{v}}{dt} + Hm{v} &= -
abla \phi - rac{1}{
ho}
abla P, & ext{ec} \ rac{dm{v}}{dt} + Hm{v} &= -
abla \psi \ & ext{where} \ & \psi &= \phi + \mathcal{H}, \end{aligned}$$

equation of motion for gas element

if
$$T = T_0 (1 + \delta)^{\gamma - 1}$$

and \mathcal{H} , called the specific enthalpy, is

$$\mathcal{H}(\rho) = rac{P(\rho)}{
ho} + \int_{1}^{
ho} rac{P(\rho')}{
ho'} rac{d
ho'}{
ho'}.$$

We thus conclude that the IIPM approximation can be successfully used to model the Lyman-alpha forest when a 10-15% accuracy is sufficient.

Gnedin & Hui 1998

Other similar techniques agree with the statement above Meiksin & White 2001

Systematics IV: Numerical modelling HPM simulations



MV, Haehnelt, Springel (2006)



FLUX POWER

Systematics IV: UV fluctuations and Metals



NEW RESULTS for SIMPLER STATISTICS ?

Fitting the mean flux evolution -I

Faucher-Giguere et al. (07)



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Fitting the flux probability distribution function

Bolton, Viel, Kim, Haehnelt, Carswell (08)



Fitting the flux probability distribution function-II

Bolton, Viel, Kim, Haehnelt, Carswell (08)



Fitting all the IGM statistics?



SUMMARY

-Simple physics of the IGM and its main manifestation: the Lyman-a forest.

- Methods to recover the underlying matter power and quantifying the impact of nuisance parameters (temperature, DLAs... etc.)

- Quantitative cosmology is possible and main limitations are due to systematics: Lyman-a is a measurement of matter power at small scales

- Flux power is the main observable but lower order statistics carry precious information which could be more difficult to interpret (flux PDF and mean flux evolution)

SOME RECENT RESULTS

RESULTS

WARM DARK MATTER

Or if you prefer.. How cold is cold dark matter?

(Some) Motivations



Some problems for cold dark matter at the small scales: 1- too **cuspy cores**, 2- too **many satellites**, 3- **dwarf galaxies** less clustered than bright ones (e.g. Bode, Ostriker, Turok 2001)

Although be aware that 1- **astrophysical processes** can act as well to alleviate these problems (feedback); 2- number of **observed satellites** is increasing (SDSS data); 3- galaxies along filaments in warm dark matter sims is probably a **numerical artifact**



<u>Lyman- α and Warm Dark Matter - I</u>





30 comoving Mpc/h z=3

In general k FS ~ 5(Tv/Tx (m x/1keV) Mpc⁻¹ See Bode, Ostriker, Turok 2001 Abazajian, Fuller, Patel 2001

Set by relativistic degrees of freedom at decoupling

MV, Lesgourgues, Haehnelt, Matarrese, Riotto, PRD, 2005, 71, 063534

Lyman- α and Warm Dark Matter - II



MV, Lesgourgues, Haehnelt, Matarrese, Riotto, PRD, 2005, 71, 063534

Lyman- α and Warm Dark Matter - III

55 HIRES spectra QSOs z=2-6.4 from Becker, Rauch, Sargent (2006)

Masking of DLAs and metal lines associated to the DLAs, or identified from other lines outside the forest (so there could be still some metal contamination)

Power Spectrum

z = [2.00000, 3.00000]1000.00 100.00 10.00 1.00 0.10 0.01 -2.5-2.0z - [3.00000,4.00000] 1000.00 100.00 10.00 1.00 0.10 0.01 -2.5-2.0-0.5 ρol z = [4.00000, 5.00000]1000.00 100.00 10.00 1.00 0.10 0.01 -2.5-2.0 -1.0 -0.5 loa z = [5.00000, 6.00000]1000.00 100.00 10.00 1.00

0.10 0.01

Covariance Matrix





Unexplored part of the flux power spectrum which is very sensitive to:

Temperature, Metals, Noise, Galactic winds, Ionizing fluctuations, Damping wings.... ... and maybe more







Lyman- α and Warm Dark Matter - IV



MV et al., Phys.Rev.Lett. 100 (2008) 041304

SDSS + HIRES data

Tightest constraints on mass of WDM particles to date:

m _{WDM} > 4 keV (early decoupled thermal relics)

m $_{sterile}$ > 28 keV

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m _{WDM} > 1.5-2 keV thermal > 10-14 keV sterile neutrino

k [h/Mpo]

MATTER

linear

👡 FLUX

FLUX

FLUX

z~4

z~2

k [h/Mpa]

1

0.25

0.9

0.85

0.95

6.9

0.85

1

Seljak, Makarov, McDonald, Trac, PhysRevLett, 2006, 97, 191303 MV, Lesgourgues, Haehnelt, Matarrese, Riotto, PhysRevLett, 2006, 97, 071301 Little room for warm dark matter..... at least in the standard DW scenario ...the cosmic web is likely to be quite "cold"



To constrain the sterile neutrino particle we need two parameters:

- 1) Neutrino mass **M**_s
- 2) Mixing angle θ that describes the interaction between active and sterile neutrino families

<u>Lya-WDM VII: analysis with flux derivatives</u>



Viel, Lesgourgues, Haehnelt, Matarrese, Riotto, Phys.Rev.Lett., 2006, 97, 071301

Fabian, Sanders and coworkers.....





Line flux ~ 5×10^{-18} erg cm $^{-2}$ s $^{-1}$ (D_L/1Mpc) $^{-2}$ (M _{DM}/10¹¹ M _{sun}) (sin 2 2 θ /10⁻¹⁰) (m_s/1kev)⁵



 $\Delta E_{line} = v_{virial} E/c$ ~ 50 eV for a galaxy cluster 5 eV for a galaxy for E=5keV

Note that the EDGE Low Energy Telescope will be at < 3(1.6) keV with a resolution of 1 eV So if the sterile neutrino is more massive than 10 keV it might not be seen by EDGE

 $\Delta E_{Xraybackground} \sim E$

SENSITIVITY of DETECTION ~ $1/J(\Delta E)$, J(A eff), J FOV,

Note that both clusters and dwarf galaxies are about 1deg² in the sky having a larger field of view will not improve things dramatically

See Boyarsky, den Herder, Neronov, Ruchayskiy, 2006, astro-ph/0612219

RESULTS

NEUTRINOS


$$k_{\rm nr} \simeq 0.018 \ \Omega_{\rm m}^{1/2} \left(\frac{m}{1 \, {\rm eV}}\right)^{1/2} h \, {\rm Mpe}^{-1}$$



$$\begin{aligned} v_{\rm th} &\equiv \frac{\langle p \rangle}{m} \simeq \frac{3T_{\nu}}{m} = \frac{3T_{\nu}^0}{m} \left(\frac{a_0}{a}\right) \simeq 150(1+z) \left(\frac{1\,{\rm eV}}{m}\right) {\rm km\,s^{-1}} \\ k_{FS}(t) &= \left(\frac{4\pi G\bar{\rho}(t)a^2(t)}{v_{\rm th}^2(t)}\right)^{1/2}, \qquad \lambda_{FS}(t) = 2\pi \frac{a(t)}{k_{FS}(t)} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \frac{v_{\rm th}(t)}{H(t)} \end{aligned}$$

Active neutrinos -II



Lesgourgues & Pastor Phys.Rept. 2006, 429, 307

Active neutrinos - III

H(z) depends on the energy density Different H(z) changes the freezing temperature of the neutron to proton ratio and changes element abundances ⁴He



$$H^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3}(\rho_{\gamma} + \rho_{\text{cdm}} + \rho_{\text{b}} + \rho_{\nu} + \rho_{\Lambda})$$

Mangano, Melchiorri, Mena, Miele, Slosar, JCAP, 2007, 0703, 006

Active neutrinos -VII



Fogli, Lisi, Marrone, Melchiorri, Palazzo, Serra, Silk, Slosar, PhysRevD, 2007, 75, 0533001



SUMMARY

IGM is an important laboratory to test fundamental physics

IGM cosmology basics extracting and interpreting the flux power

Temperature and nature of the dark matter (Cold dark matter and Warm dark matter candidates)

. Effects of neutrinos on the matter power spectrum

<u>Cosmological implications: WDM and/or gravitinos-IV</u>



m _{WDM} > 550 eV > 2keV sterile neutrino m _{grav}< 16 eV

	ΛWDM	$\Lambda CWDM$
$\Omega_x h^2$	0.124 ± 0.015	0.149 ± 0.019
$\Omega_{ m B}h^2$	0.024 ± 0.001	0.024 ± 0.001
h	0.72 ± 0.06	0.71 ± 0.06
au	0.18 ± 0.09	0.17 ± 0.08
σ_8	0.96 ± 0.08	0.86 ± 0.09
n	1.01 ± 0.04	1.00 ± 0.04
$\alpha \; (Mpc/h)$	0.06 ± 0.03	
f_x		0.05 ± 0.04

Set limits on the scale of Supersymmetry breaking

