Simulation-based inference for higher-order galaxy clustering statistics

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Inferring the cosmological parameters: standard techniques & challenges

Bayesian inference



E.g., assuming that the data vector is Gaussian distributed:

$$-2\ln \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{D}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) = (\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{T}(\boldsymbol{\theta}))$$
Data vector

Prior



Case study: inferring the cosmological parameter σ_8

Inferring σ_8 with the power-spectrum

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Inferring σ_8 with the power-spectrum



 $\delta_q(\boldsymbol{k}) = b_1 \delta(\boldsymbol{k}) + \varepsilon(\boldsymbol{k})$ $P_g(k) = \langle \delta_g(\mathbf{k}) \delta_g(\mathbf{k}') \rangle' \qquad P_g^{\text{tree}}(k) = b_1^2 P_L(k) + P_{\varepsilon}$ $P_L(k) = \langle \delta^{(1)}(\boldsymbol{k}) \delta^{(1)}(\boldsymbol{k}') \rangle' \\ \propto \sigma_8^2$

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How to break this degeneration

P(k) power spectrum

 $B(k_1,k_2,k_3)$ bispectrum

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Degeneracy breaking with bispectrum

 $B_q^{\text{tree}}(k_1, k_2, k_3) \supset b_1^2 \left[b_2 B_{\delta^2}(k_1, k_2, k_3) + 2b_{K^2} B_{K^2}(k_1, k_2, k_3) \right]$



lapted from Desjacques, Jeong පී Schmidt (2016)



Increasing complexity



 $k_{\rm max} = 0.12 h \, {\rm Mpc}^{-1}$ $\Delta k = 2k_f$ $L = 2000 h^{-1} \mathrm{Mpc}$ **Increasing complexity**



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Measurements

Part I

Simulation-based inference (SBI)





$$\{(\boldsymbol{\theta}_n, \mathbf{x}_n)\}_{n=1}^{N_{\mathrm{sim}}}$$



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Neural Posterior Estimation (NPE)



Posterior

Simulation-based inference for galaxy clustering







The forward model based on the EFTofLSS & the bias expansion



- A **fast** forward model based on the EFTofLSS that solves the gravitational evolution of all modes in a lattice up to the cutoff scale
- nLPT and incorporates bias and stochastic parameters, marginalizing over reasonable models of galaxy formation
- Easier to deal with redshift space, masks and systematic effects



The forward model



An n-th order Lagrangian Forward Model for Large-Scale Structure Schmidt (2021)



Testing SBI on Euclid-like mock data Breaking degeneracy between σ_8 and bias parameters with the galaxy power-spectrum and bispectrum

Tucci & Schmidt (2024) **JCAP**

Cosmological constraints

 $N_{\rm sim} = 10^5$ $k_{\rm max} = \Lambda = 0.1 h {\rm Mpc}^{-1}$ $D = N_{\rm bin} + N_{\rm tri} = 33$



Gaussian-likelihood

 $\mathbf{x}_n \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\langle \mathbf{x}_n \rangle, \operatorname{Cov}[\mathbf{x}_o]\right)$

Tests of inference

Simulation-based calibration





Convergence



SBI on dark-matter halos

Breaking degeneracy between σ_8 and bias parameters with the galaxy power-spectrum and bispectrum

> Nguyen, Schmidt, **Tucci** et al. (2024) PRL (accepted)

Inference setup: halo samples

	SNG	
Redshift	z = 0.50	
$V \left[h^{-3} \mathrm{Mpc}^3 \right]$	2000^{3}	
$\bar{n}_g \left[h^3 \mathrm{Mpc}^{-3} \right]$	1.3×10^{-3}	

Two scale cuts:

 $k_{\rm max} = 0.1 h {\rm Mpc}^{-1} \ \mathcal{E} \ k_{\rm max} = 0.12 h {\rm Mpc}^{-1}$

Uchuu
$$z = 1.03$$

 2000^{3}
 3.6×10^{-3}

SBI on halos



What if we add the galaxy **trispectrum**? Breaking degeneracy between σ_8 and bias parameters with power-spectrum, bispectrum and trispectrum on dark-matter halos

Tucci & Schmidt (in prep.)

Trispectrum: the estimator



Jung+23, Coulton+23, Goldstein+24

Trispectrum: **preliminary** results



$$\sigma(\sigma_8)$$

 $k_{\rm max} = 0.1 h \, {\rm Mpc}^{-1}$

Uchuu halos at z=1

Brute force approach: 10⁶ simulations



SBI with LEFTfield: Conclusions

- Robust analysis with EFTofLSS and bias expansion
- LEFTfield allows for **fast** analysis in **cosmological volumes** with convergence and posterior **diagnostics** tests
- Need order of 10⁵ simulations for convergence (investigating how we can improve that)
- SBI allows for cosmological inference using trispectrum, which is unfeasible with standard inference techniques
- No need to assume Gaussian likelihood, explicit loop or covariance calculations







Increasing complexity

is there a better way?

Part II

Field-level Bayesian inference (FBI)





Credits: Julia Stadler

Field level Likelihood

$$\ln \mathcal{L}\left(\delta_{g}^{\text{obs}} | \delta_{g,\text{det}}[\boldsymbol{\theta}, \delta_{\Lambda}^{(1)}, \{b_{O}\}], \{\sigma_{\varepsilon}\}\right) = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k < k_{\text{max}}} \left[\frac{1}{\sigma_{\varepsilon}^{2}(k)} | \delta_{g}^{\text{obs}}(\boldsymbol{k}) - \delta_{g,\text{det}}[\boldsymbol{\theta}, \delta_{\Lambda}^{(1)}, \{b_{O}\}](\boldsymbol{k}) |^{2} + \ln[2\pi\sigma_{\varepsilon}^{2}(k)]\right]$$

$$+ \text{HMC}$$

$$\mathcal{P}\left(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \delta_{\Lambda}^{(1)}, \{b_O\}, \{\sigma_{\varepsilon}\} \middle| \delta_g^{\mathrm{obs}}\right)$$

Full posterior including initial conditions!



Mode by mode data and theory comparison!

- How much information is retained at the galaxy density field? Breaking degeneracy between σ_8 and bias parameters on dark-matter halos
 - Nguyen, Schmidt, **Tucci** et al. (2024) PRL (accepted)



3rd order bias expansion

$$O_{\text{det}} \in \left[\delta, \delta^2, K^2, \delta^3, K^3, \delta K^2, O_{\text{td}}, \nabla^2 \delta\right]$$
$$O_{\text{stoch}} \in \left[\varepsilon, \nabla^2 \varepsilon\right]$$







Nhat-Minh Nguyen (IPMU)



Fabian Schmidt (MPA)

Apples-to-apples comparison



Same halos Same scale cuts

A lot of reliable information at the field-level!

SNG halos



3.5 improvement factor!

SNG halos







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Tucci & Schmidt (in prep.)

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Conclusion & Next Steps

- We demonstrated to have **unbiased** and **accurate** results from halo catalogs using LEFTfield for SBI and FBI
- Apple-to-apple comparison of field-level inference and SBI shows that there is a lot of **reliable** information beyond 2+3(+4)-point functions in the 3D maps of galaxies

Next steps to connect with observations:

- Include more observational effects
- Expand the cosmological parameter space
- Explore summaries in SBI





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On the Bispectrum stochasticity

Usual Perturbation Theory

 $\langle \delta_g(k_1)\delta_g(k_2)\delta_g(k_3) \rangle_{\text{stoch}}^{'\text{LO}} = B_{\varepsilon} + 2b_1 P_{\varepsilon\varepsilon\delta}(P_{\mathrm{m}}(k_1) + 2 \text{ perm.})$

Perturbative Forward Model

$$\langle \delta_g(k_1) \delta_g(k_2) \delta_g(k_3) \rangle_{\text{stoch}}^{'\text{LO}} = 6c_{\varepsilon}^{\text{NG}} P_{\varepsilon}^2 + 2b_1 P_{\varepsilon} \sigma_{\varepsilon\delta} (P_{\text{m}}(k_1))$$

 $\delta_g(\mathbf{x},\tau) = \delta_{g,\text{det}}(\mathbf{x},\tau) + \varepsilon(\mathbf{x},\tau) + \sigma_{\varepsilon\delta}(\tau)\varepsilon(\mathbf{x},\tau)\delta(\mathbf{x},\tau) + c_{\varepsilon}^{\text{NO}}(\mathbf{x},\tau) + c_{\varepsilon}^{\text{NO}}(\mathbf{x},\tau)$



+2 perm.)

Neural Density Estimation

How to train the model? (For example, NLE)

$$\mathbb{E}_{p(\boldsymbol{\theta})} \left[D_{\mathrm{KL}} \left[\boldsymbol{p}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) \mid | q_{\boldsymbol{\phi}}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) \right] \right] = \int d\boldsymbol{\theta} \, p(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \int d\mathbf{x} \, p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) \, \log\left(\frac{p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta})}{q_{\boldsymbol{\phi}}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta})}\right)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{target density neural network trainable parameters}}{= \int d\boldsymbol{\theta} \, d\mathbf{x} \, p(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{x}) \, \log\left(\frac{p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta})}{q_{\boldsymbol{\phi}}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta})}\right)$$

$$= -\mathbb{E}_{p(\boldsymbol{\theta},\mathbf{x})} [\log q_{\boldsymbol{\phi}}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta})] + \text{ const.}$$

$$\approx -\frac{1}{N_{\mathrm{sim}}} \sum_{n=1}^{N_{\mathrm{sim}}} \log q_{\boldsymbol{\phi}}(\mathbf{x}_{n}|\boldsymbol{\theta}_{n}) + \text{ const.},$$

 $\{(oldsymbol{ heta}_n, \mathbf{x}_n)\}_{n=1}^{N_{ ext{sim}}}$

PB vs PBT





On the Gaussianity assumption of the n-point functions



SBI posterior diagnostics

Simulation-based calibration (as in Talts et al. 2018)



Convergence with respect to simulation budget



FBI: posterior diagnostics

MCMC convergence



Posterior consistency



The field-level galaxy likelihood

$$\mathcal{P}[\delta_{g}|\boldsymbol{\theta}] = \int \mathcal{D}\delta_{\mathrm{in}}\mathcal{P}[\delta_{\mathrm{in}}] \int \mathcal{D}\varepsilon\mathcal{P}[\varepsilon] \mathcal{P}[\delta_{g}|\boldsymbol{\theta}, \delta_{\mathrm{in}}, \varepsilon]$$
$$= \int \mathcal{D}\delta_{\mathrm{in}}\mathcal{P}[\delta_{\mathrm{in}}] \int \mathcal{D}\varepsilon\mathcal{P}[\varepsilon] \delta_{D}(\delta_{g} - \delta_{g,\mathrm{det}}[\boldsymbol{\theta}, \delta_{\mathrm{in}}, \varepsilon])$$

$$\mathcal{P}[\varepsilon] \,\delta_D(\delta_g - \delta_{g,\det}[\theta, \delta_{\mathrm{in}}] - \varepsilon)$$
Assume Gaussian stochasticity
$$\mathcal{P}[\varepsilon] \propto \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbf{k}} \frac{|\varepsilon(\mathbf{k})|^2}{P_{\varepsilon}(k)}\right]$$

$$P_{\varepsilon}(k) \equiv \langle \varepsilon(\mathbf{k})\varepsilon(-\mathbf{k})\rangle'$$

$$\delta_{\mathrm{h}} = \delta_{\mathrm{h,det}} + \delta_{\mathrm{h,stoch}}$$

$$\delta_{D}(\delta_{g} - \delta_{g,\det}[\boldsymbol{\theta}, \delta_{\mathrm{in}}] - \varepsilon)$$

$$me \text{ Gaussian stochasticity}$$

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Schmidt et al. (2019) Cabass & Schmidt (2020)

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Normalizing Flows



Tucci, Schmidt (2023)

$$(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{z}_0|\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}) \prod_{t=1}^T \left| \det\left(\frac{\partial f_t}{\partial \mathbf{z}_{t-1}}\right) \right|^{-1}$$



Credits: Miles Cranmer



This is not what we are doing!

Summary statistics

Simulation-based calibration (SBC)

How to check if the obtained posterior uncertainty is correct?

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}_{o}^{i} &= \operatorname{simulator}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{o}^{i}) \\ \{\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}\}_{i} \sim \hat{p}(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{x}_{o}^{i}) \\ \hat{\theta}_{1} &< \hat{\theta}_{2} < \ldots < \hat{\theta}_{\mathrm{rank}} < \theta_{o}^{i} < \ldots < \hat{\theta}_{\mathrm{Nsamples}} \end{aligned}$$

Ranks should be uniformly distributed if the posterior is well calibrated





Superconfident posterior

Beyond 2-point mock data challenge



Krause, ..., Nguyen, Schmidt+ (2024) arXiv:2405.02252