

# The bispectrum of relativistic galaxy number counts

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# Galaxy Number Counts

Galaxy Number Counts= number  $N$  of sources (galaxies) per solid angle and redshift.

The fluctuation of the galaxy number counts in function of observed redshift and direction is given by

$$\Delta(\mathbf{n}, z) \equiv \frac{N(\mathbf{n}, z) - \langle N \rangle(z)}{\langle N \rangle(z)},$$

where

$$N(\mathbf{n}, z) = \rho(\mathbf{n}, z) V(\mathbf{n}, z).$$

Considering the density and volume fluctuations per redshift bin  $dz$  and per solid angle  $d\Omega$

$$V(\mathbf{n}, z) = \bar{V}(z) \left( 1 + \frac{\delta V^{(1)}}{\bar{V}} + \frac{\delta V^{(2)}}{\bar{V}} \right)$$

$$\rho(\mathbf{n}, z) = \bar{\rho}(z) \left( 1 + \delta^{(1)} + \delta^{(2)} \right),$$

we can give the directly observed number fluctuations

$$\Delta(\mathbf{n}, z) = \left[ \delta^{(1)} + \frac{\delta V^{(1)}}{\bar{V}} + \delta^{(1)} \frac{\delta V^{(1)}}{\bar{V}} + \delta^{(2)} + \frac{\delta V^{(2)}}{\bar{V}} - \langle \delta^{(1)} \frac{\delta V^{(1)}}{\bar{V}} \rangle - \langle \delta^{(2)} \rangle - \left\langle \frac{\delta V^{(2)}}{\bar{V}} \right\rangle \right]$$

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# Cosmological Observables: redshift

The redshift up to second order in perturbation theory is

$$1 + z = \frac{a(\eta_o)}{a(\eta_s)} \left[ 1 + \delta^{(1)} z + \delta^{(2)} z \right]$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \delta z^{(1)} &= -v_{||s} - \psi_s - 2 \int_{\eta_s}^{\eta_o} d\eta' \partial_{\eta'} \psi(\eta') \\ \delta z^{(2)} &= -v_{||s}^{(2)} - \frac{1}{2} \phi_s^{(2)} - \frac{1}{2} \int_{\eta_s}^{\eta_o} d\eta' \partial_{\eta'} \left[ \phi^{(2)} + \psi^{(2)} \right](\eta') + \frac{1}{2} (v_{||s})^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\psi_s)^2 \\ &+ (-v_{||s} - \psi_s) \left( -\psi_s - 2 \int_{\eta_s}^{\eta_o} d\eta' \partial_{\eta'} \psi(\eta') \right) + \frac{1}{2} v_{\perp s}^a v_{\perp s}^a + 2a v_{\perp s}^a \partial_a \int_{\eta_s}^{\eta_o} d\eta' \psi(\eta') \\ &+ 4 \int_{\eta_s}^{\eta_o} d\eta' \left[ \psi(\eta') \partial_{\eta'} \psi(\eta') + \partial_{\eta'} \psi(\eta') \int_{\eta'}^{\eta_o} d\eta'' \partial_{\eta''} \psi(\eta'') \right. \\ &+ \psi(\eta') \int_{\eta'}^{\eta_o} d\eta'' \partial_{\eta''}^2 \psi(\eta'') - \gamma_0^{ab} \partial_a \left( \int_{\eta'}^{\eta_o} d\eta'' \psi(\eta'') \right) \partial_b \left( \int_{\eta'}^{\eta_o} d\eta'' \partial_{\eta''} \psi(\eta'') \right) \left. \right] \\ &+ 2\partial_a (v_{||s} + \psi_s) \int_{\eta_s}^{\eta_o} d\eta' \gamma_0^{ab} \partial_b \int_{\eta'}^{\eta_o} d\eta'' \psi(\eta'') \\ &+ 4 \int_{\eta_s}^{\eta_o} d\eta' \partial_a (\partial_{\eta'} \psi(\eta')) \int_{\eta'}^{\eta_o} d\eta'' \gamma_0^{ab} \partial_b \int_{\eta''}^{\eta_o} d\eta''' \psi(\eta''') \end{aligned}$$

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# Galaxy Number Counts

The (second-order, non-homogeneous, non-averaged) expression of  $\Delta$  in our perturbed background is so given (in a concise form) by

$$\Delta = \Delta^{(1)}(\mathbf{n}, z_s) + \Delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{n}, z_s)$$

To first order we have (Yoo, Fitzpatrick, Zaldarriaga (2009), Yoo (2010), Bonvin, Durrer (2011), Challinor, Lewis (2011))

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta^{(1)}(\mathbf{n}, z) &= \left( \frac{2}{\mathcal{H}r(z)} + \frac{\mathcal{H}'}{\mathcal{H}^2} \right) \left( \partial_r v^{(1)} + \Psi^{(1)} + 2 \int_0^{r(z)} dr \partial_\eta \Psi^{(1)} \right) - \Psi^{(1)} \\ &+ 4\Psi_1 - 2\kappa + \frac{1}{\mathcal{H}} \left( \partial_\eta \Psi^{(1)} + \partial_r^2 v^{(1)} \right) + \delta^{(1)} \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\Psi_1(\mathbf{n}, z) = \frac{2}{r(z)} \int_0^{r(z)} dr \Psi^{(1)}(r) \quad , \quad 2\kappa = -\Delta_2 \psi = 2 \int_0^{r(z)} dr \frac{r(z) - r}{r(z)r} \Delta_2 \Psi^{(1)}(r)$$

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Keeping only the leading (potentially observables) terms the number counts to second order turns to be

$$\Delta^{(2)} = \Sigma^{(2)} - \langle \Sigma^{(2)} \rangle$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma^{(2)}(\mathbf{n}, z) = & \delta^{(2)} + \mathcal{H}^{-1} \partial_r^2 v^{(2)} - 2\kappa^{(2)} + \mathcal{H}^{-2} \left( \partial_r^2 v \right)^2 + \mathcal{H}^{-2} \partial_r v \partial_r^3 v \\ & + \mathcal{H}^{-1} \left( \partial_r v \partial_r \delta + \partial_r^2 v \delta \right) - 2\delta\kappa + \nabla_a \delta \nabla^a \psi \\ & + \mathcal{H}^{-1} \left[ -2(\partial_r^2 v)\kappa + \nabla_a (\partial_r^2 v) \nabla^a \psi \right] + 2\kappa^2 - 2\nabla_b \kappa \nabla^b \psi \\ & - \frac{1}{2r(z)} \int_0^{r(z)} dr \frac{r(z) - r}{r} \Delta_2 \left( \nabla^b \Psi_1 \nabla_b \Psi_1 \right) - 2 \int_0^{r(z)} \frac{dr}{r} \nabla^a \Psi_1 \nabla_a \kappa. \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\kappa^{(2)} = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{r(z)} dr \frac{r(z) - r}{r(z)r} \Delta_2(\Psi + \Phi)^{(2)}(-r\mathbf{n}, \eta_0 - r).$$

# Galaxy Number Counts: some leading terms

Among the leading (potentially observable) terms, we can isolate the following three contributions

$$\delta_{\rho}^{(2)} \quad \text{Second order density}$$

$$\left( \frac{1}{\mathcal{H}_s} \partial_r^2 \mathbf{v} \right) \delta_{\rho}^{(1)} \quad \text{Redshift space distortion - density}$$

$$\left[ -\frac{2}{r_s} \int_{\eta_s}^{\eta_o} d\eta' \frac{\eta' - \eta_s}{\eta_o - \eta'} \Delta_2 \psi(\eta') \right] \delta_{\rho}^{(1)} \quad \text{Lensing - density}$$

These are some of the most relevant terms in the galaxy number counts reduced bispectrum.

# Reduced bispectrum number counts

We define the bispectrum in real space as

$$B(\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2, \mathbf{n}_3, z_1, z_2, z_3) = \langle \Delta(\mathbf{n}_1, z_1) \Delta(\mathbf{n}_2, z_2) \Delta(\mathbf{n}_3, z_3) \rangle$$

Expanding the direction dependence of  $\Delta$  in spherical harmonics

$$B(\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2, \mathbf{n}_3, z_1, z_2, z_3) = \sum_{\ell_i, m_i} B_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell_3}^{m_1 m_2 m_3}(z_1, z_2, z_3) Y_{\ell_1 m_1}(\mathbf{n}_1) Y_{\ell_2 m_2}(\mathbf{n}_2) Y_{\ell_3 m_3}(\mathbf{n}_3)$$

and

$$B_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell_3}^{m_1 m_2 m_3}(z_1, z_2, z_3) = \mathcal{G}_{\ell_1, \ell_2, \ell_3}^{m_1, m_2, m_3} b_{\ell_1, \ell_2, \ell_3}(z_1, z_2, z_3)$$

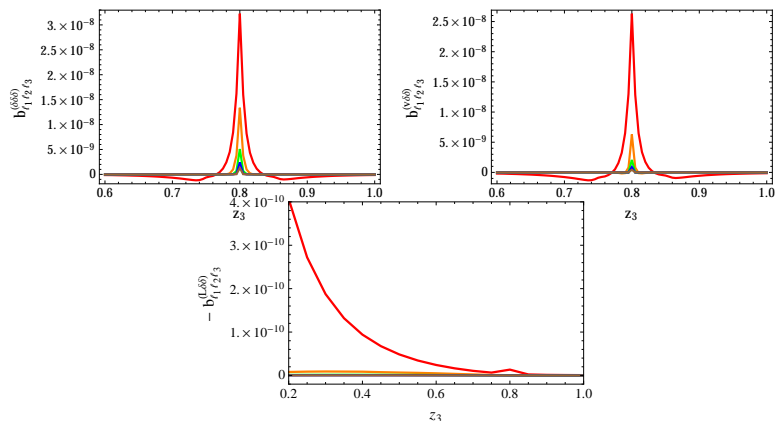
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Gaunt integral

Reduced bispectrum

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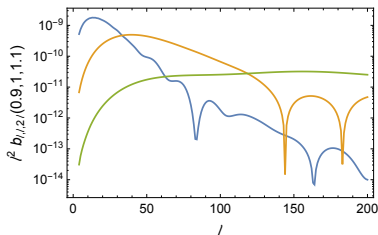
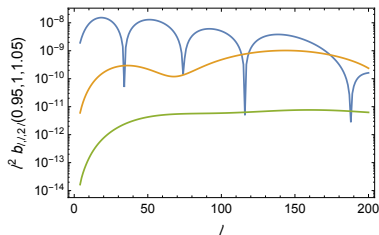


We plot the contribution  $b_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell_3}^{\delta\delta\delta}$  (upper left panel),  $b_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell_3}^{v\delta\delta}$  (upper right panel),  $-b_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell_3}^{L\delta\delta}$  (bottom panel) to the bispectrum for  $z_1 = z_2 = 0.8$  as a function of  $z_3$  for different values of  $l_1 = l_2 = l_3/2$  (3 red, 103 orange, etc.).



# Reduced bispectrum number counts

Preliminary!



We show the contributions to the reduced bispectrum from the Newtonian terms (blue), the Newtonian  $\times$  lensing terms (yellow) and the pure lensing terms (green) for  $z_1 = 0.95$ ,  $z_2 = 1$  and  $z_3 = 1.05$  (left panel), and for  $z_1 = 0.9$ ,  $z_2 = 1$  and  $z_3 = 1.1$  (right panel), as a function of  $\ell = \ell_1 = \ell_2 = \ell_3/2$ .

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# Coordinates Trasformation

Let us introduce the following auxiliary quantities:

$$P(\eta, r, \theta^a) = \int_{\eta_{in}}^{\eta} d\eta' \frac{a(\eta')}{a(\eta)} \psi(\eta', r, \theta^a) \quad , \quad Q(\eta_+, \eta_-, \theta^a) = \int_{\eta_0}^{\eta_-} dx \hat{\psi}(\eta_+, x, \theta^a) \quad ,$$

where  $\eta_{\pm} = \eta \pm r$ . We then obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \tau &= \tau^{(0)} + \tau^{(1)} + \tau^{(2)} \\ &\equiv \left( \int_{\eta_{in}}^{\eta} d\eta' a(\eta') \right) + a(\eta)P + \int_{\eta_{in}}^{\eta} d\eta' \frac{a(\eta')}{2} \left[ \phi^{(2)} - \psi^2 + (\partial_r P)^2 + \gamma_0^{ab} \partial_a P \partial_b P \right] (\eta', r, \theta^a) \\ w &= w^{(0)} + w^{(1)} + w^{(2)} \\ &\equiv \eta_+ + Q + \frac{1}{4} \int_{\eta_0}^{\eta_-} dx \left[ \hat{\psi}^{(2)} + \hat{\phi}^{(2)} + 4\hat{\psi} \partial_+ Q + \hat{\gamma}_0^{ab} \partial_a Q \partial_b Q \right] (\eta_+, x, \theta^a) \\ \tilde{\theta}^a &= \tilde{\theta}^{a(0)} + \tilde{\theta}^{a(1)} + \tilde{\theta}^{a(2)} \equiv \theta^a + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\eta_0}^{\eta_-} dx \left[ \hat{\gamma}_0^{ab} \partial_b Q \right] (\eta_+, x, \theta^a) + \int_{\eta_0}^{\eta_-} dx \left[ \frac{1}{2} \gamma_0^{ac} \partial_c w^{(2)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \hat{\psi} \left( \gamma_0^{ac} \partial_c w^{(1)} + \partial_+ \tilde{\theta}^{a(1)} \right) - \partial_+ w^{(1)} \partial_- \tilde{\theta}^{a(1)} + \frac{1}{2} \gamma_0^{dc} \partial_d w^{(1)} \partial_c \tilde{\theta}^{a(1)} \right] (\eta_+, x, \theta^a) \end{aligned}$$

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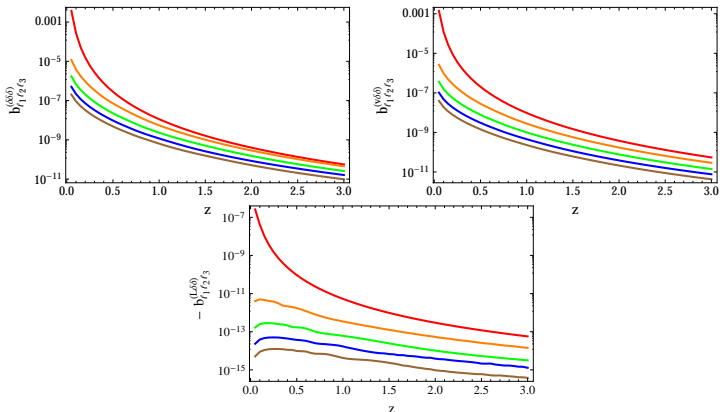
The non-trivial entries of the GLC metric are then given by

$$\Upsilon^{-1} = \frac{1}{a(\eta)} \left( 1 + \partial_+ Q - \partial_r P + \partial_\eta w^{(2)} + \frac{1}{a} (\partial_\eta - \partial_r) \tau^{(2)} - \psi \partial_\eta Q - \phi^{(2)} \right. \\ \left. + 2\psi^2 - \partial_r P \partial_r Q - 2\psi \partial_r P - \gamma_0^{ab} \partial_a P \partial_b Q \right)$$

$$U^a = \partial_\eta \tilde{\theta}^{a(1)} - \frac{1}{a} \gamma_0^{ab} \partial_b \tau^{(1)} + \partial_\eta \tilde{\theta}^{a(2)} - \frac{1}{a} \gamma_0^{ab} \partial_b \tau^{(2)} - \frac{1}{a} \partial_r \tau^{(1)} \partial_r \tilde{\theta}^{a(1)} - \psi \left( \partial_\eta \tilde{\theta}^{a(1)} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{2}{a} \gamma_0^{ab} \partial_b \tau^{(1)} \right) - \frac{1}{a} \gamma_0^{cd} \partial_c \tau^{(1)} \partial_d \tilde{\theta}^{a(1)} + (\partial_+ Q - \partial_r P) \left( -\partial_\eta \tilde{\theta}^{a(1)} + \frac{1}{a} \gamma_0^{ab} \partial_b \tau^{(1)} \right) ,$$

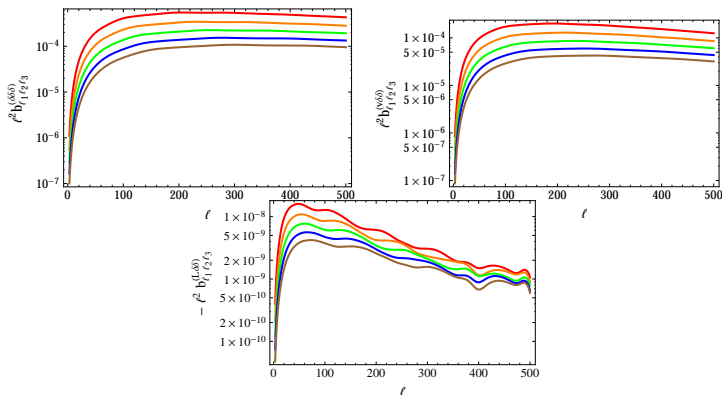
$$a(\eta)^2 \gamma^{ab} = \gamma_0^{ab} (1 + 2\psi) + \left[ \gamma_0^{ac} \partial_c \tilde{\theta}^{b(1)} + (a \leftrightarrow b) \right] + \gamma_0^{ab} \left( \psi^{(2)} + 4\psi^2 \right) - \partial_\eta \tilde{\theta}^{a(1)} \partial_\eta \tilde{\theta}^{b(1)} \\ + \partial_r \tilde{\theta}^{a(1)} \partial_r \tilde{\theta}^{b(1)} + 2\psi \left[ \gamma_0^{ac} \partial_c \tilde{\theta}^{b(1)} + (a \leftrightarrow b) \right] + \gamma_0^{cd} \partial_c \tilde{\theta}^{a(1)} \partial_d \tilde{\theta}^{b(1)} \\ + \left[ \gamma_0^{ac} \partial_c \tilde{\theta}^{b(2)} + (a \leftrightarrow b) \right] .$$

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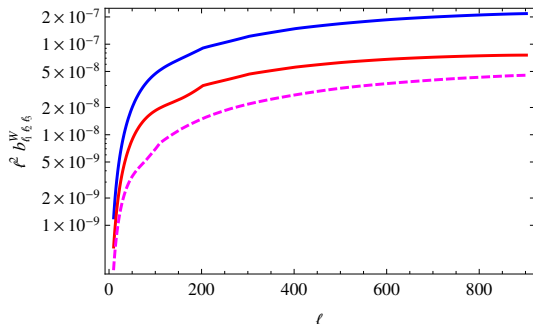
We plot the contributions of  $b_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell_3}^{\delta\delta\delta}$  (up left),  $b_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell_3}^{v\delta\delta}$  (up right),  $-b_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell_3}^{L\delta\delta}$  (bottom) to the bispectrum for  $z_1 = z_2 = z_3 = z$  as a function of  $z$  for different  $l = \ell_1 = \ell_2 = \ell_3/2$  (3 red, 103 orange, 203 green, 303 blue, 403 brown).

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## Reduced bispectrum number counts: redshift bin



We show the effect of a very large redshift bin, for which the bispectrum is integrated from  $z_{\min} = 0.2$  to  $z_{\max} = 3$ , for a fix  $\ell_3 = 3$  while varying  $\ell = \ell_1 = \ell_2$ . We plot the density (blue), redshift space distortions (red) and lensing (magenta) contributions. Dashed lines correspond to negative values.