

How to learn to Love the BOSS Baryon Oscillations Spectroscopic Survey

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BOSS may be ...



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What is SDSS III - BOSS ?



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What is SDSS III - BOSS ?

- A 2.5m telescope in New Mexico
- Collected
 - 1 million spectra of galaxies ,
 - 400,000 spectra of supermassive blackholes (quasars),
 - 400,000 spectra of stars
 - images of 20 millions of stars, galaxies and quasars.





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BAO: Baryon Acoustic Oscillations AND Many others!

What can we do with BOSS?

- Probing Modified gravity with Growth of Structures
- Probing initial conditions, neutrino masses using full shape of the correlation function
- Probing velocities of clusters via kinetic Sunyaev Zeldovich
- Understanding the Intergalactic medium and dust in galaxies
- Galaxy/cluster evolution at lower redshift, quasars properties at high redshift
- New way to Test Gravity using CMB lensing and BOSS





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A bump in 20 miles!

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A bump at ~150Mpc



BAO and Galaxies

• Pairs of galaxies are slightly more likely to be separated by 150 Mpc than 120 Mpc or 170 Mpc.



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NOTE: BAO effects highly exaggerated here



BAO as a Standard Ruler

 This distance of 150 Mpc is very accurately computed from the anisotropies of the CMB.
 –0.4% calibration with current CMB.

Image Credit: E.M. Huff, the SDSS-III team, and the South Pole Telescope team. Graphic by Zosia Rostomian









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A Slice of BOSS



Credit: D. Eisenstein

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s (Mpc/h)



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• The peak location is measured to 1.0% in our z = 0.57 sample and 2.1% in our z = 0.32 sample





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Constraining cosmological models







How about Dark Energy?

Combined constraints on Dark Energy



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Is it a cosmological constant?

• Combined constraints:



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Or is it Dark Energy?

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Comparison with other probes

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Black: Planck +BAO + SN



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Relativistic particles deflected by spatial curvature

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Testing Gravity by combining CMB lensing and Large Scale structure: Introducing EG



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Testing Gravity by combining CMB lensing and Large Scale structure: Consider GR

$$ds^{2} = (1+\psi)dt^{2} - a^{2}(1+2\phi)dx^{2}$$

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modified gravity

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Testing Gravity by combining CMB lensing and Large Scale structure: General equation of E_G

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Testing Gravity by combining CMB lensing and LSS Space (frequency) and time (redshift) dependence of E_G



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if it is General Relativity



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Due to canceling of galaxy bias parameter, this probe is bias free. It has very little dependence on the astrophysical relationship between galaxy and the underlying matter density



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It is no man's land out there ...



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Can we use this new probe with BOSS ?





We probe a complimentary range of scales when compared to using galaxy-lensing instead of CMB-lensing



We start from 30 Mpc/h and have significant signals to larger scales.



Preliminary look into BOSS X Planck-lensing

















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