

Cosmological Structure Formation

Spatial statistics

STATISTICS OF RANDOM FIELDS

- Section 3.2-3.4 (p.32-38) in PT review (Bernardeau et al. 2002)
- Section 2.1 in Halo Model review (Cooray-Sheth 2002)

But first ... some background

Continuous probability distributions

- $P(<x) = \int^x dx p(x)$
- m^{th} moment: $\langle x^m \rangle = \int dx p(x) x^m$
- Fourier transform: $F(t) = \int dx p(x) \exp(-itx)$
 - sometimes called Characteristic function
 - $d^m F/dt^m \sim i^m \langle x^m \rangle$, so $F(t)$ is equivalent to knowledge of all moments
- If $x > 0$, Laplace transform more useful:
- $L(t) = \int dx p(x) \exp(-tx)$

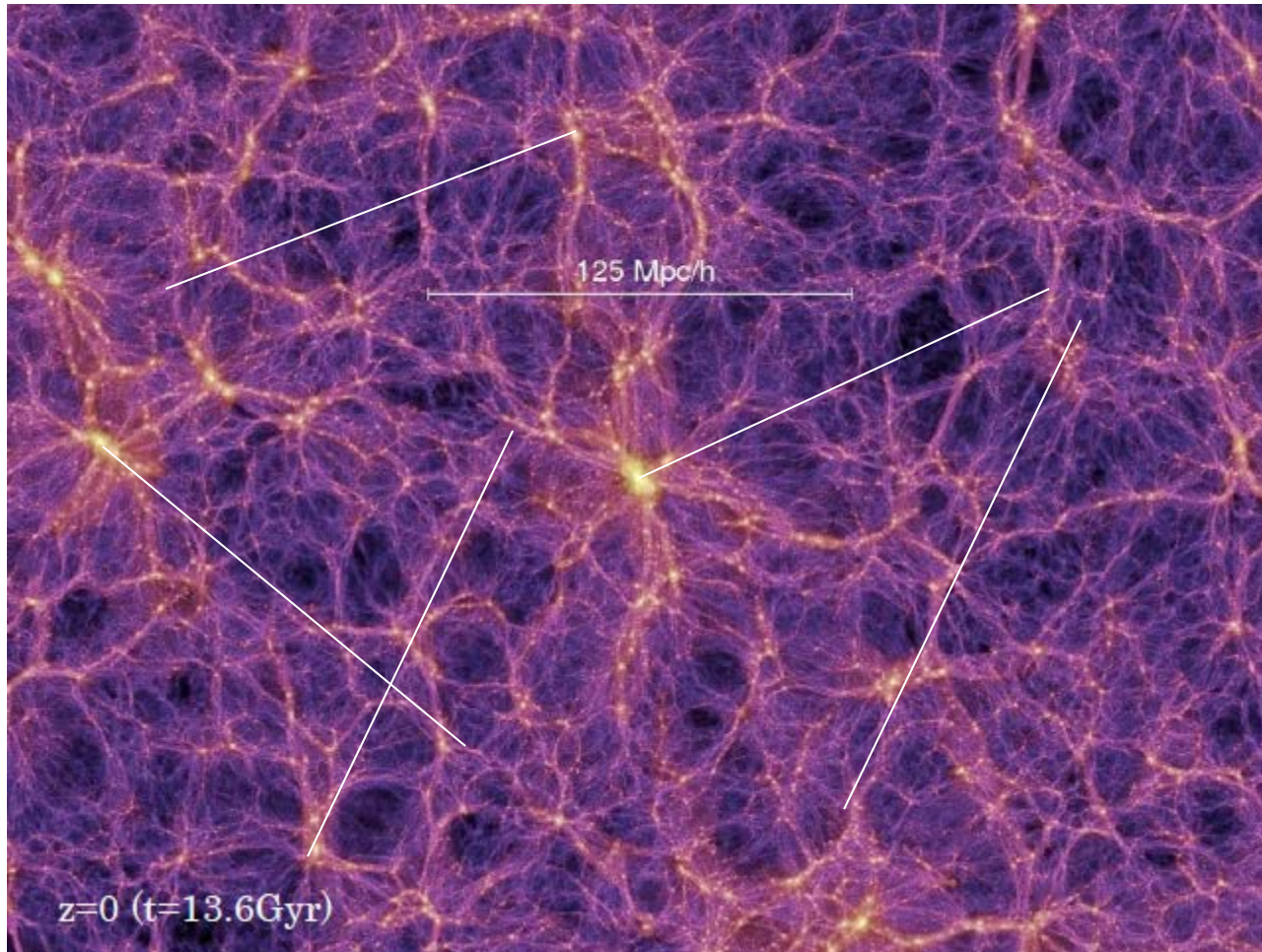
Distribution of sum of n independent random variates

- $p_2(s) = \int dx p(x) \int dy p(y) \delta_D(x+y = s)$
 $= \int dx p(x) p(s-x)$
- $F_2(t) = \int ds \exp(-its) \int dx p(x) p(s-x)$
 $= \int ds \int dx p(x) \exp(-itx) p(s-x) \exp[-it(s-x)]$
 $= F_1(t) F_1(t)$
- $F_n(t) = [F_1(t)]^n$

= Convolve PDFs = Multiply CFs

Fourier transform $\exp(ikx)$ useful

- Convolutions become products
 - Smoothing on scale R: $\delta_R(\mathbf{x}) \rightarrow \delta(\mathbf{k}) e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}} W(kR)$
- Each derivative brings down a power of ik
 - Can transform differential equations into algebraic equations
- Integral brings $1/ik$
 - divergence at $k=0 \sim$ constant of integration



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Quantify clustering by number of pairs compared to random (unclustered) distribution, triples compared to triangles (of same shape) in unclustered distribution, etc.

2pt spatial statistics

- $$dP = \langle n_1 \rangle dV_1 \langle n_2 \rangle dV_2 [1 + \xi(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2)]$$

$$= \langle n \rangle^2 dV_1 dV_2 [1 + \xi(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2)] \quad \text{homogeneity}$$

$$= \langle n \rangle^2 dV_1 dV_2 [1 + \xi(|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|)] \quad \text{isotropy}$$

Define: $\delta(\mathbf{r}) = [n(\mathbf{r}) - \langle n \rangle] / \langle n \rangle$

Then: $\xi(\mathbf{r}) = \langle \delta(\mathbf{x}) \delta(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{r}) \rangle$ ξ is the correlation function

Estimator: $\langle (D_1 - R_1) / R_1 (D_2 - R_2) / R_2 \rangle \sim (DD - 2DR + RR) / RR$

translational invariance isotropy

And FT is: $\langle \delta(\mathbf{k}_1) \delta(\mathbf{k}_2) \rangle = (2\pi)^3 \delta_D(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2) P(|\mathbf{k}_1|)$

$P(k)$ is the power spectrum

The Correlation Function for the Distribution of Galaxies

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Abstract

The correlation function for the spatial distribution of galaxies in the universe is determined to be $(r_0/r)^{1.0}$, r being the distance between galaxies. The characteristic length r_0 is 4.7 Mpc. This determination is based on the distribution of galaxies brighter than the apparent magnitude 19 counted by SHANE and WIRTANEN (1967). The reason why the correlation function has the form of inverse power of r is that the universe is in a state of "neutral" stability.

$$\frac{\text{Number of data pairs with separation } r}{\text{Number of random pairs with separation } r} = 1 + \xi(r)$$

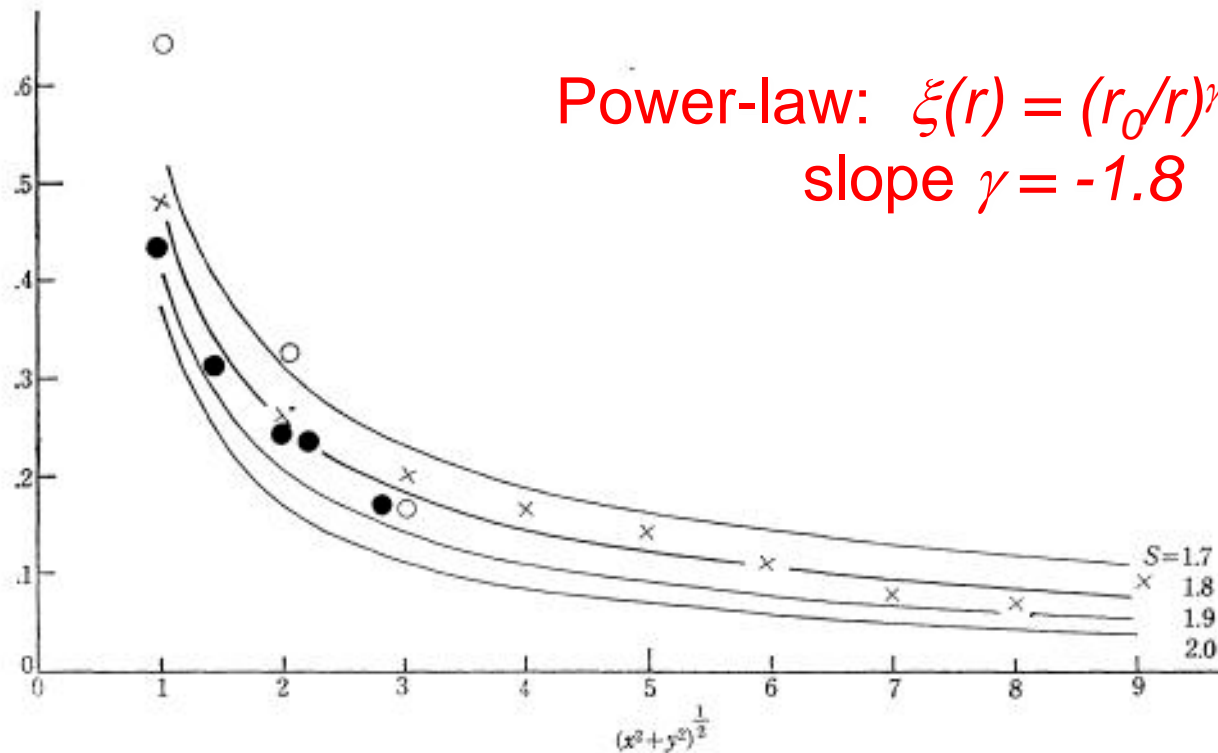
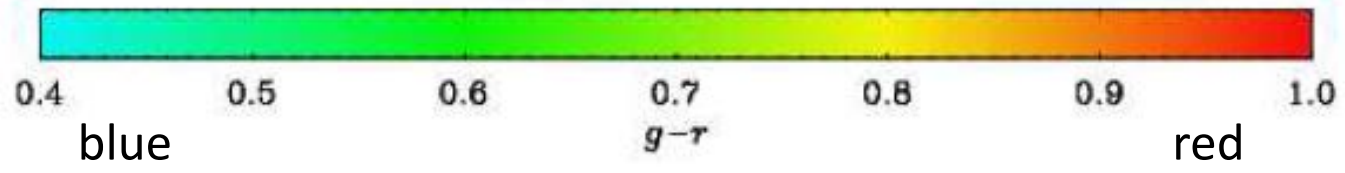
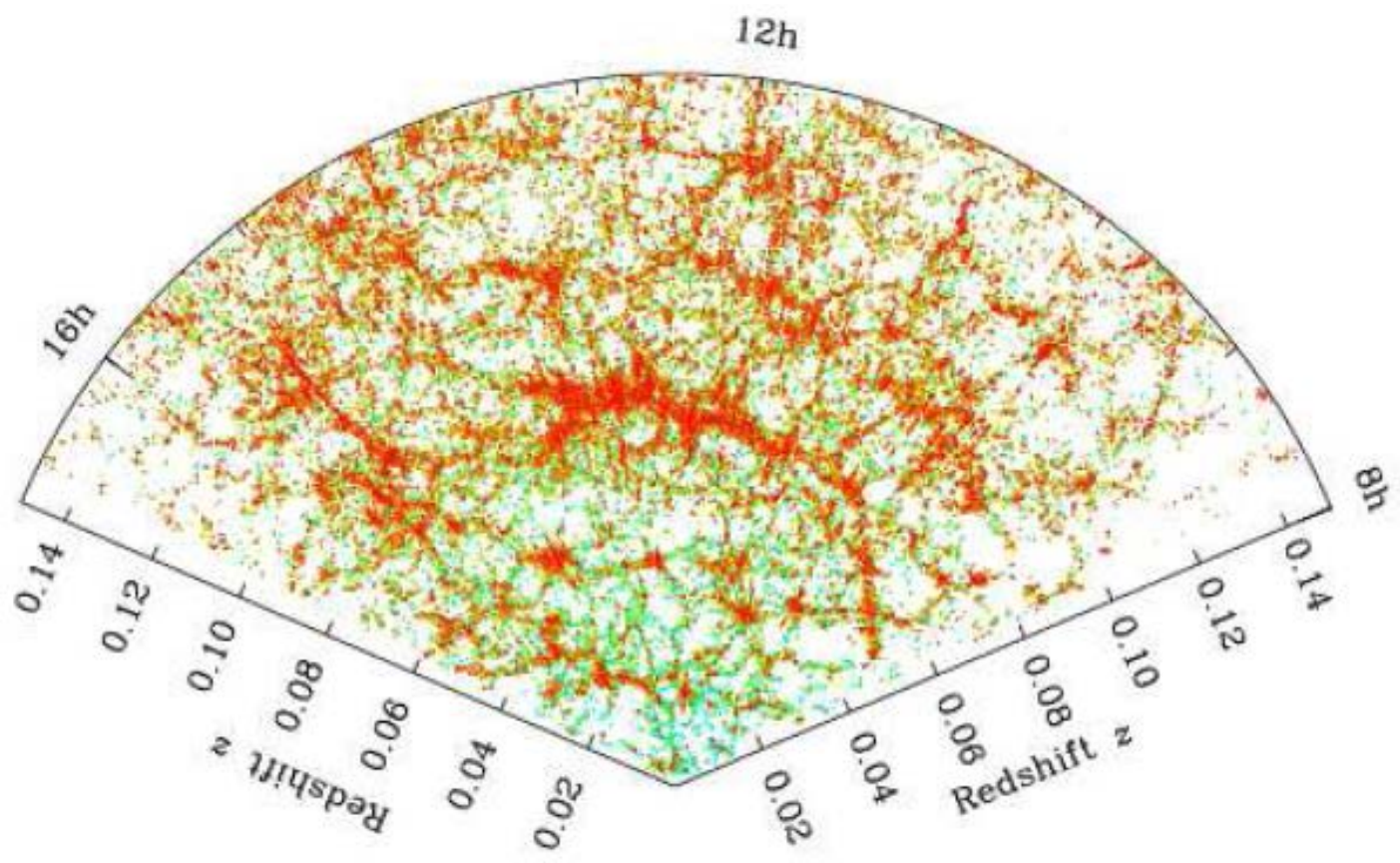
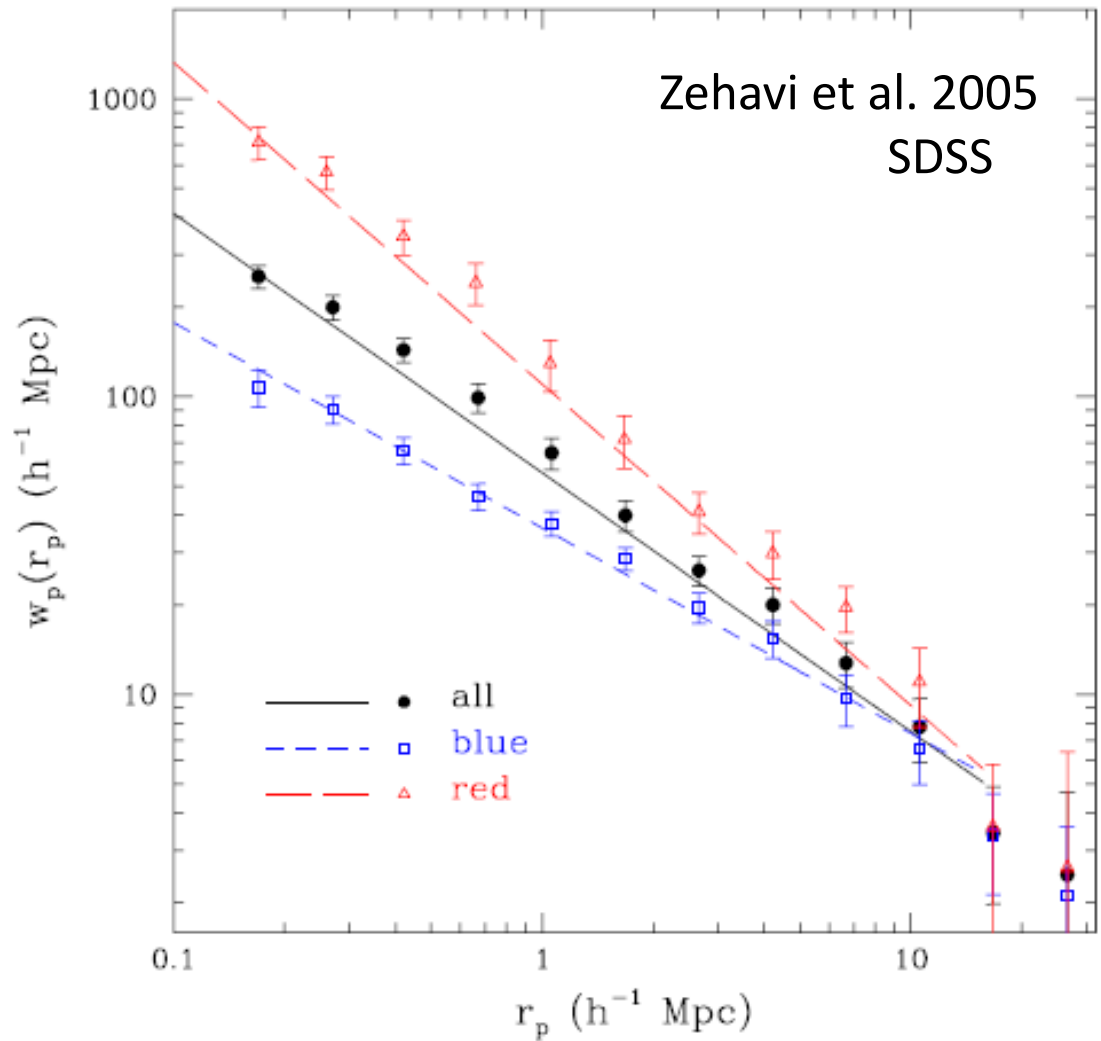


FIG. 2. Comparison of the empirical and theoretical values of $\frac{\langle \{N_1 - \langle N \rangle\} \{N_2 - \langle N \rangle\} \rangle}{\langle \{N - \langle N \rangle\}^2 \rangle - \langle N \rangle}$. The filled circles indicate the empirical values obtained by the authors, and the open circles and crosses by NEYMAN et al.; the unit solid angle is $1^\circ \times 1^\circ$ for the circles and $10' \times 10'$ for the crosses. The curves are theoretical values for $s=1.7, 1.8, 1.9,$ and 2.0 .



Galaxy
clustering
depends on
galaxy type:
luminosity,
color, etc.

(Final lectures use
Halo Model to
describe this.)



2pt spatial statistics

- $dP = \langle n_1 \rangle dV_1 \langle n_2 \rangle dV_2 [1 + \xi(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2)]$
= $\langle n \rangle^2 dV_1 dV_2 [1 + \xi(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2)]$ homogeneity
= $\langle n \rangle^2 dV_1 dV_2 [1 + \xi(|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|)]$ isotropy

Define: $\delta(\mathbf{r}) = [n(\mathbf{r}) - \langle n \rangle] / \langle n \rangle$

Then: $\xi(r) = \langle \delta(\mathbf{x}) \delta(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{r}) \rangle$ ξ is the correlation function

Estimator: $1 + \xi(r) = \text{data-pairs} / \text{random-pairs} = DD(r) / RR(r)$
= $\sum_{i,j}^{N_{\text{data}}} 1 \text{ (if } r_{ij} = r) / \sum_{i,j}^{N_{\text{random}}} 1 \text{ (if } r_{ij} = r \text{ in same volume)}$
or $\langle (D_1 - R_1) / R_1 (D_2 - R_2) / R_2 \rangle \sim (DD - 2DR + RR) / RR$

And FT is: $\langle \delta(\mathbf{k}_1) \delta(\mathbf{k}_2) \rangle = (2\pi)^3 \delta_D(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2) P(|\mathbf{k}_1|)$
 $P(k)$ is the power spectrum

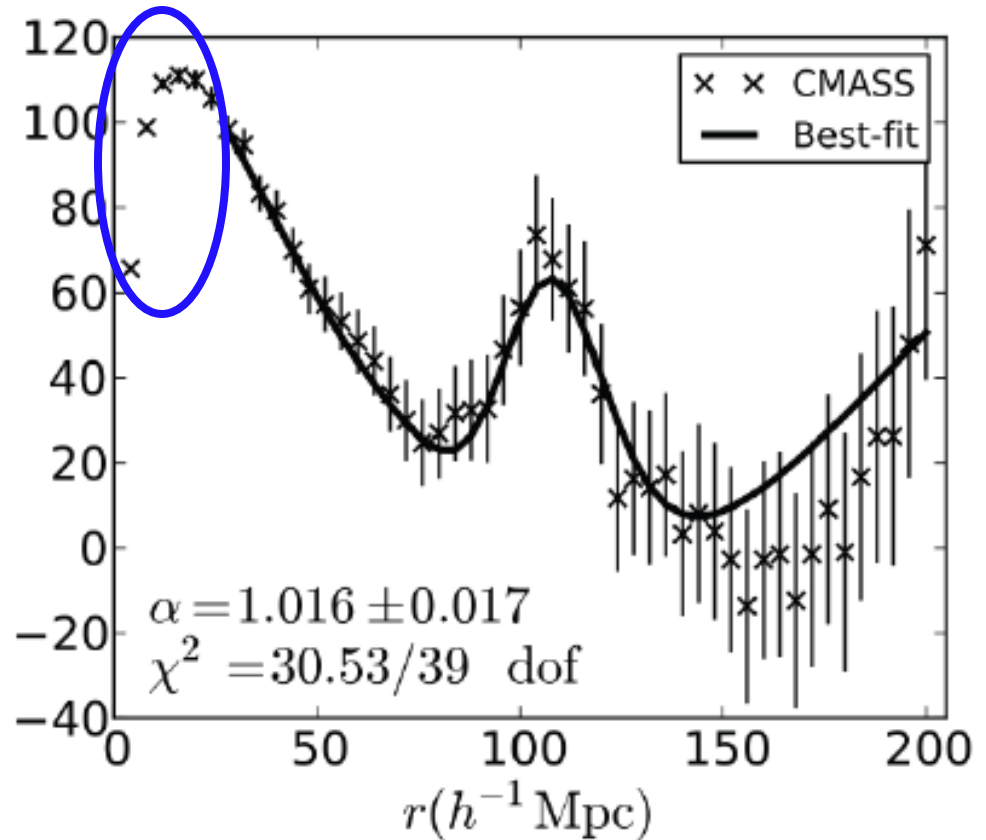
(Better) Estimator

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

Since $\delta(\mathbf{r}) = [n(\mathbf{r}) - \langle n \rangle] / \langle n \rangle$
estimate using

$$\xi = \langle (D_1 - R_1) / R_1 (D_2 - R_2) / R_2 \rangle$$
$$\sim (DD - 2DR + RR) / RR$$

for pairs separated by r



$$\begin{aligned}
\xi(r) &= \langle \delta(\mathbf{x})\delta(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{r}) \rangle \\
&= \lim_{V \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{V} \int_V \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \delta_{\mathbf{k}} \exp(i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}) \sum_{\mathbf{k}'} \delta_{\mathbf{k}'}^* \exp[-i\mathbf{k}' \cdot (\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{r})] d\mathbf{x} \\
&= \lim_{V \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{V} \int_V \sum_{\mathbf{k}} P(\mathbf{k}) \exp(-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r})
\end{aligned}$$

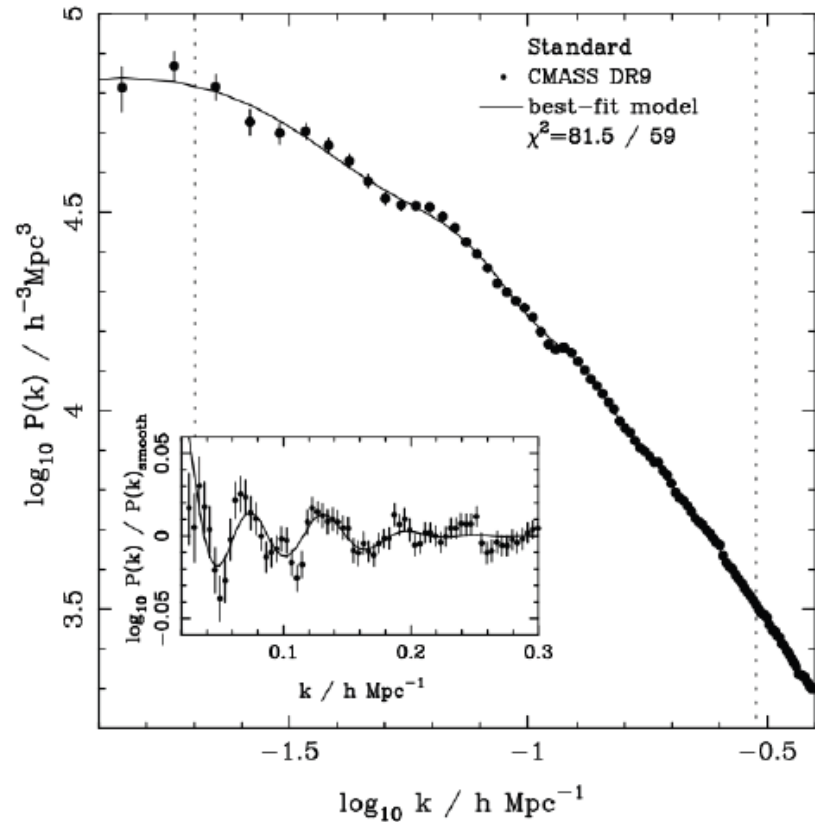
$$= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int P(k) \exp(-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{k}$$

$$P(k) = \int \xi(\mathbf{r}) \exp(i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r}$$

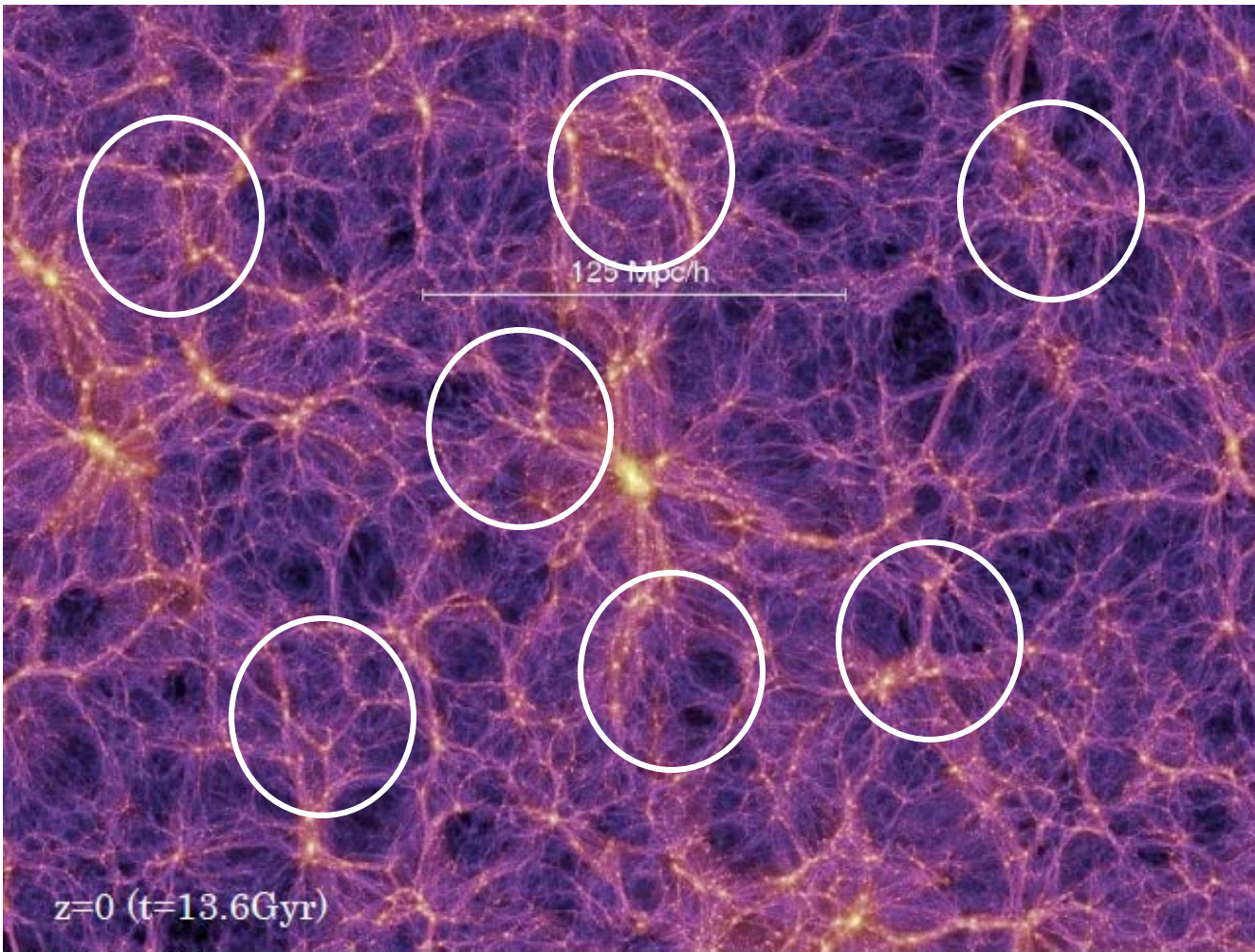
$$\int_{\Omega} \exp(-ikr \cos \theta) d\Omega = 4\pi \frac{\sin kr}{kr}$$

$$P(k) = \int_0^{\infty} \xi(r) \frac{\sin kr}{kr} r^2 dr$$

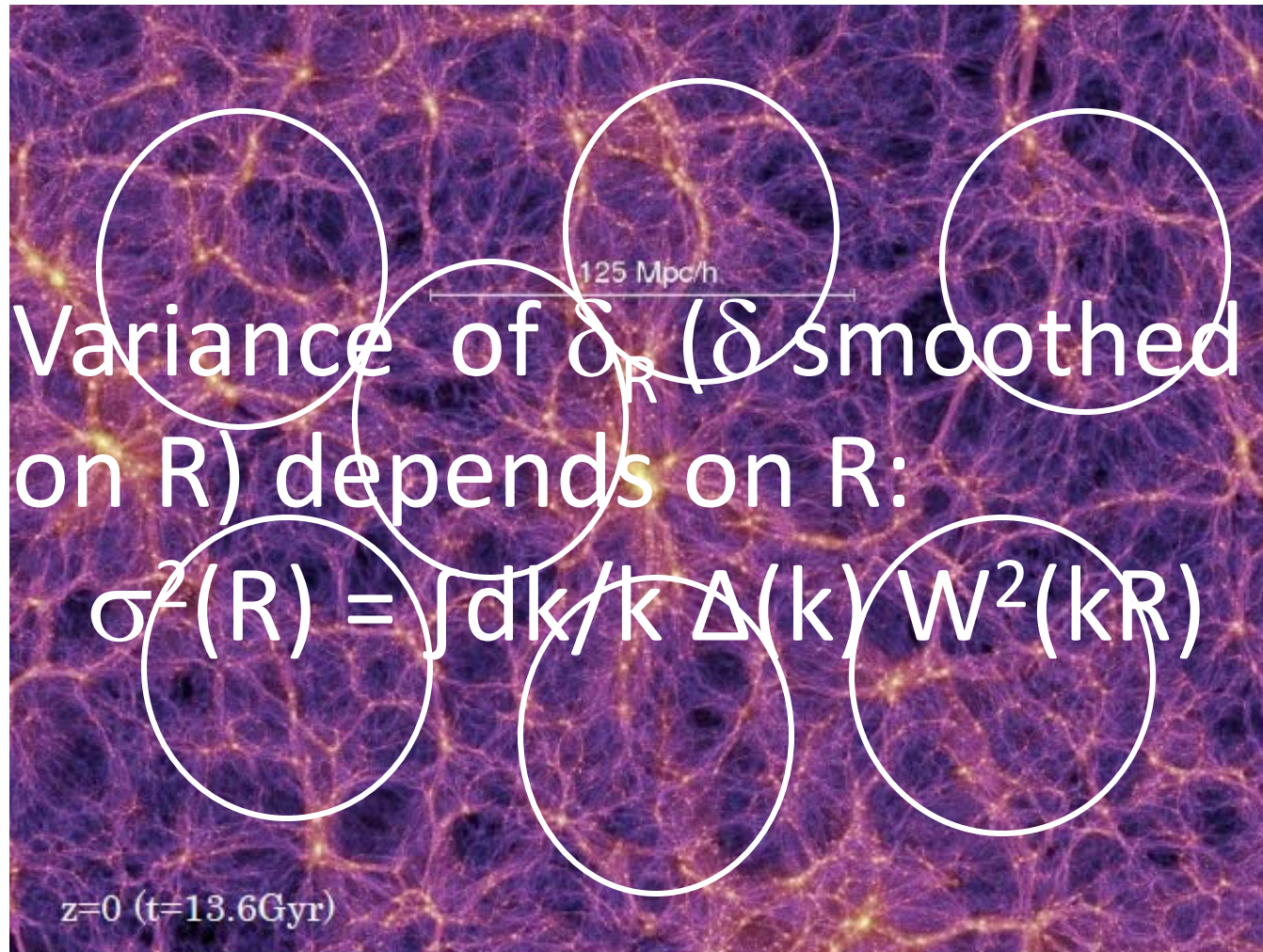
$$\xi(r) = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_0^{\infty} P(k) \frac{\sin kr}{kr} k^2 dk$$



$P(k)$ and $\xi(r)$ are FT pairs



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Variance of δ_R (δ smoothed on R):

$$\sigma^2(R) = \int dk/k \Delta(k) W^2(kR)$$

Correlations in smoothed field

$$\Delta(k) = k^3 P(k) / 2\pi^2$$

$$\Delta_{R_1 R_2}(k) = \Delta(k) W(kR_1) W(kR_2)$$

$$\xi_{R_1 R_2}(r) = \int dk/k \Delta_{R_1 R_2}(k) j_0(kr)$$

E.g. Power-law $P(k)$

- $\xi(r) = \int dk/k [k^3 A k^n / 2\pi^2] j_0(kr) \propto r^{-3-n}$ if $n > -3$
- $\sigma^2(R) = (A/2\pi^2) \int dk/k k^{n+3} \exp(-k^2 R^2)$
 $= (A/2\pi^2) \Gamma[(n+3)/2] / 2 R^{-3-n}$
- $\xi_R(r) = (A/2\pi^2) \int dk k^{2+n} \exp(-k^2 R^2) j_0(kr)$
 $= (A/2\pi^2) (\pi/2r) \operatorname{erf}(r/2R)$ if $n = -2$
 $\rightarrow \xi_0(r)$ when $r \gg R$

(smoothing irrelevant on large scales? BAO ...)

Gaussian PDF

- $p(x) = \exp[-(x-\mu)^2/2\sigma^2]/\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}$
- $F(t) = \exp(it\mu) \exp(-t^2 \sigma^2)$
- $F_n(t) = \exp(it n\mu) \exp(-t^2 n\sigma^2)$
- Distribution of sum of n Gaussians is Gaussian with mean $n\mu$ and variance $n\sigma^2$
- In general, PDFs are not 'scale invariant'

Gaussian field

- $p(\mathbf{x}) = \exp(-\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{C}^{-1} \mathbf{x}/2) / (2\pi)^{n/2} \sqrt{\text{Det}[\mathbf{C}]}$
where $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ with $x_1 = x(r_1) - \langle x(r_1) \rangle$
and $\mathbf{C}_{ij} = \langle x_i x_j \rangle$
- HW: Show that Fourier Transform/CF is
$$F(\mathbf{t}) = \langle \exp(i\mathbf{t} \cdot \mathbf{x}) \rangle = \int d\mathbf{x} p(\mathbf{x}) \exp(i\mathbf{t} \cdot \mathbf{x}) = \exp(i\mathbf{m}^T \mathbf{t} - \mathbf{t}^T \mathbf{C} \mathbf{t}/2)$$

where $\mathbf{m} = (\langle x(r_1) \rangle, \dots, \langle x(r_n) \rangle)$
- For Gaussian field \mathbf{C} may be much simpler (e.g. approximately band diagonal) than \mathbf{C}^{-1} .

Gaussian Random Fields

Rayleigh (2d Gaussian) amplitude + uniform random phase

In a Gaussian field Fourier modes are uncorrelated, by this we mean

$$\langle \delta(\mathbf{k}_1) \dots \delta(\mathbf{k}_{2p+1}) \rangle = 0$$
$$\langle \delta(\mathbf{k}_1) \dots \delta(\mathbf{k}_{2p}) \rangle = \sum_{\text{all pair associations}} \prod_{p \text{ pairs } (i,j)} \langle \delta(\mathbf{k}_i) \delta(\mathbf{k}_j) \rangle$$

remember that $\langle \delta(\mathbf{k}) \delta(\mathbf{k}') \rangle = \delta_D(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{k}') P(k)$

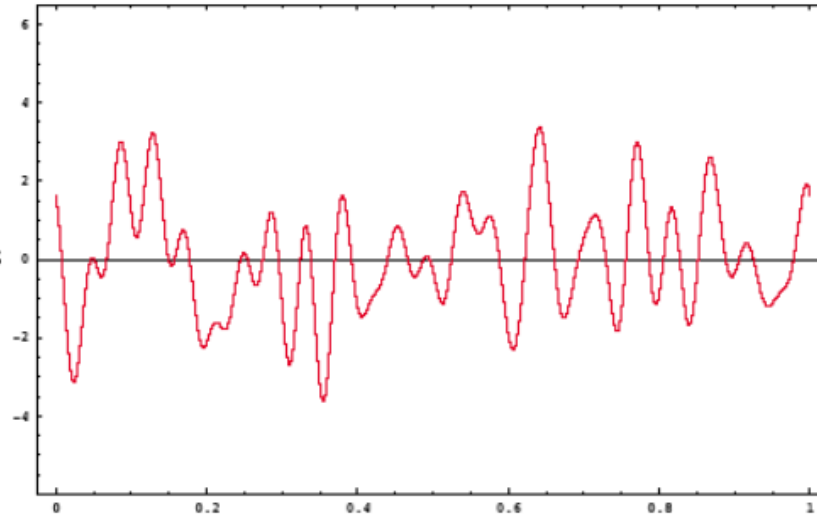
These properties are usually summarized by saying that connected moments of order larger than 2 are zero,

$$\langle \delta(\mathbf{k}_1) \dots \delta(\mathbf{k}_N) \rangle_c = 0, \quad N > 2$$

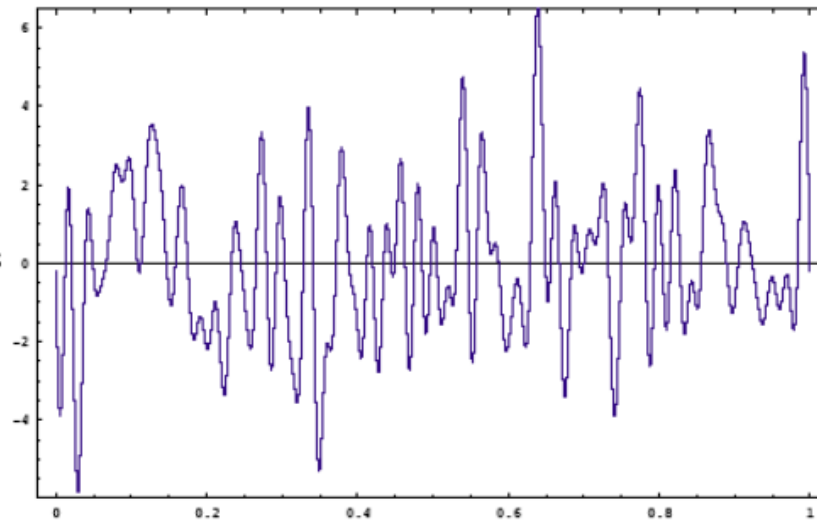
Thus, to generate a Gaussian field, just draw 2 random numbers per mode...

One realization of $n=0$ one-dimensional Gaussian Random Field

First 25 Fourier modes



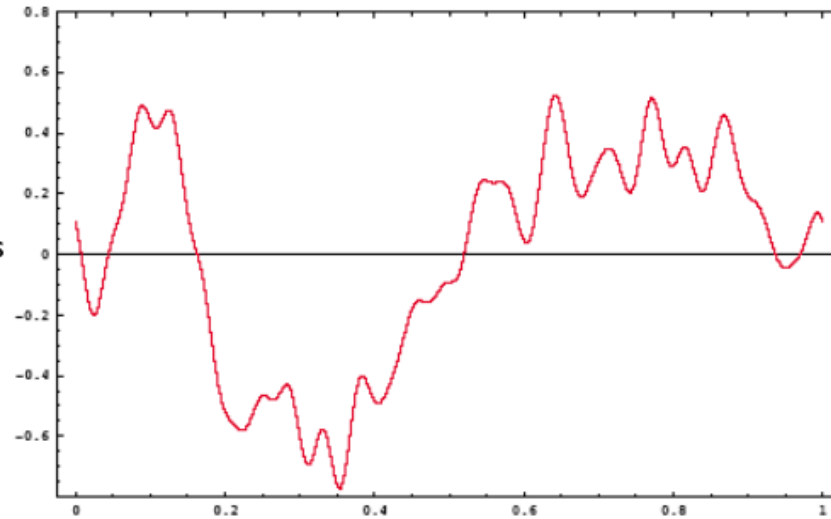
First 50 Fourier modes



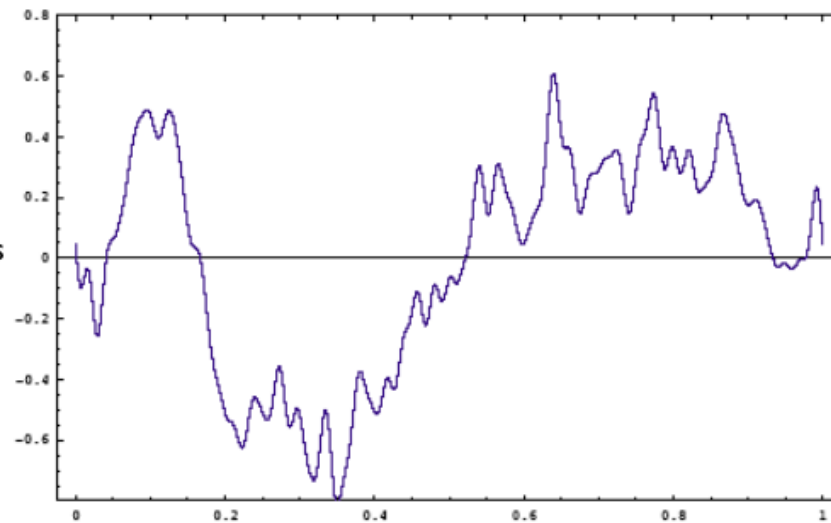
In a GRF,
k-modes
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One realization of $n=-2$ one-dimensional Gaussian Random Field

First 25 Fourier modes



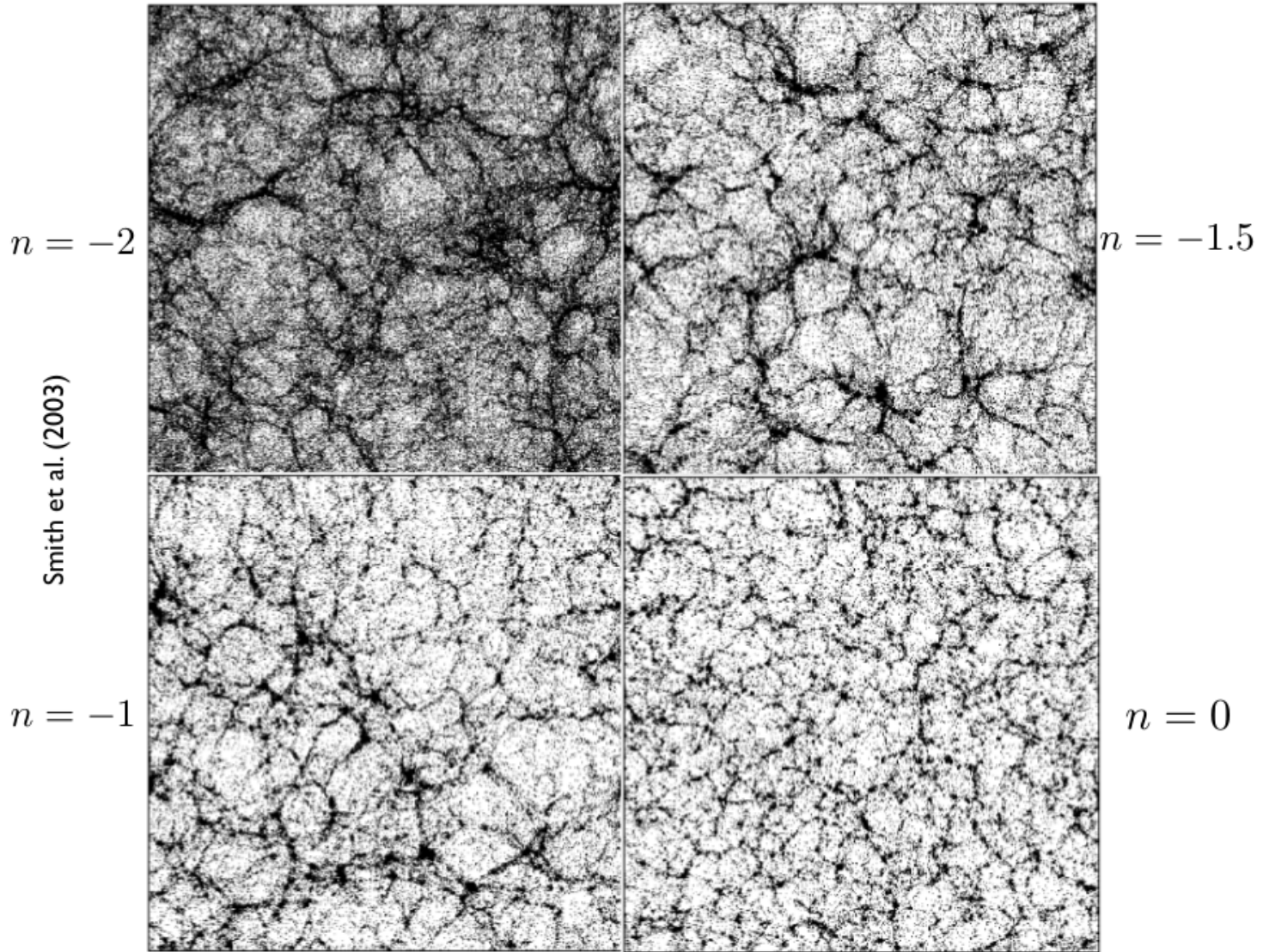
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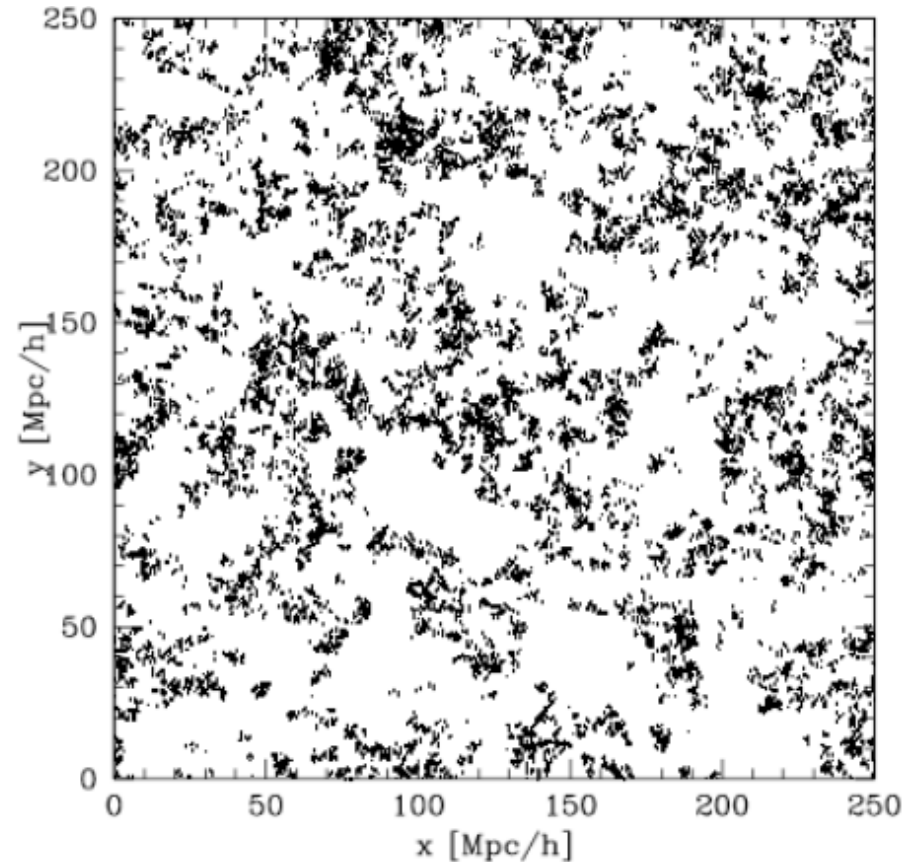
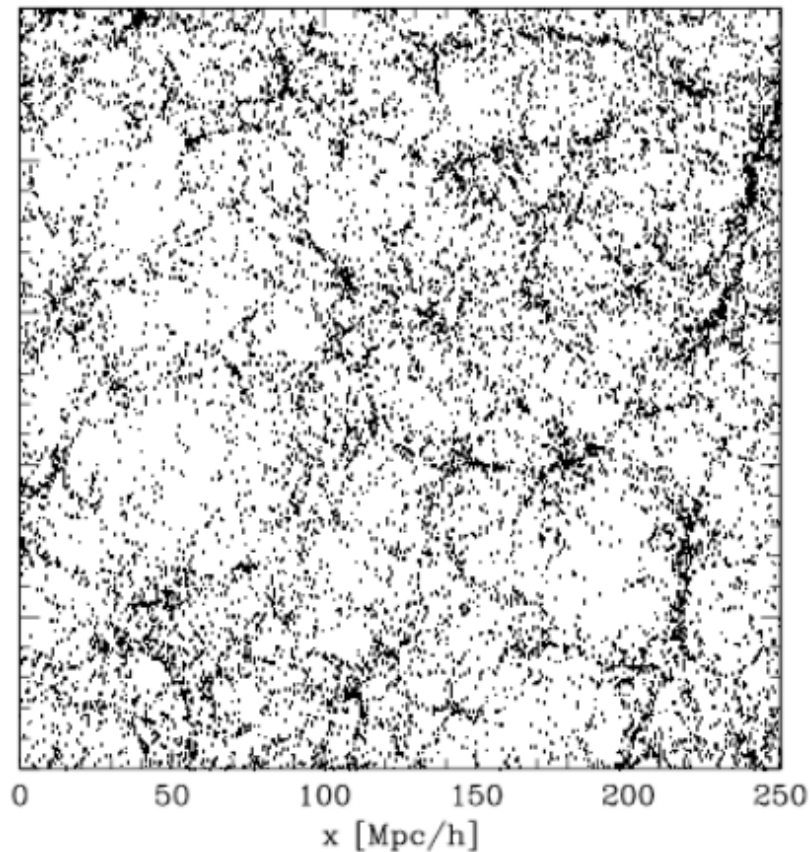
Gaussian field (contd.)

- Let $\delta(\mathbf{k})$ be multivariate Gaussian with zero-mean and diagonal covariance $\mathbf{P}_{ij} = \langle \delta(k_i) \delta(k_j) \rangle$.
- Let $\delta(\mathbf{x}) = \sum \delta(\mathbf{k}) \exp(i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{F}_{ij} \delta(\mathbf{x}_j)$
- Since $\delta(\mathbf{x})$ is sum of (zero-mean) Gaussians for each \mathbf{x} , it is itself a Gaussian number. So joint distribution of all $\delta(\mathbf{x})$ is multivariate Gaussian.
- HW1: Show that distribution of $\delta(\mathbf{x})$ is multivariate Gaussian with zero mean and covariance $\xi = \mathbf{F}^T \mathbf{P} \mathbf{F}$. In general, ξ will not be diagonal:

Structure formation for $P(k) \propto k^n$



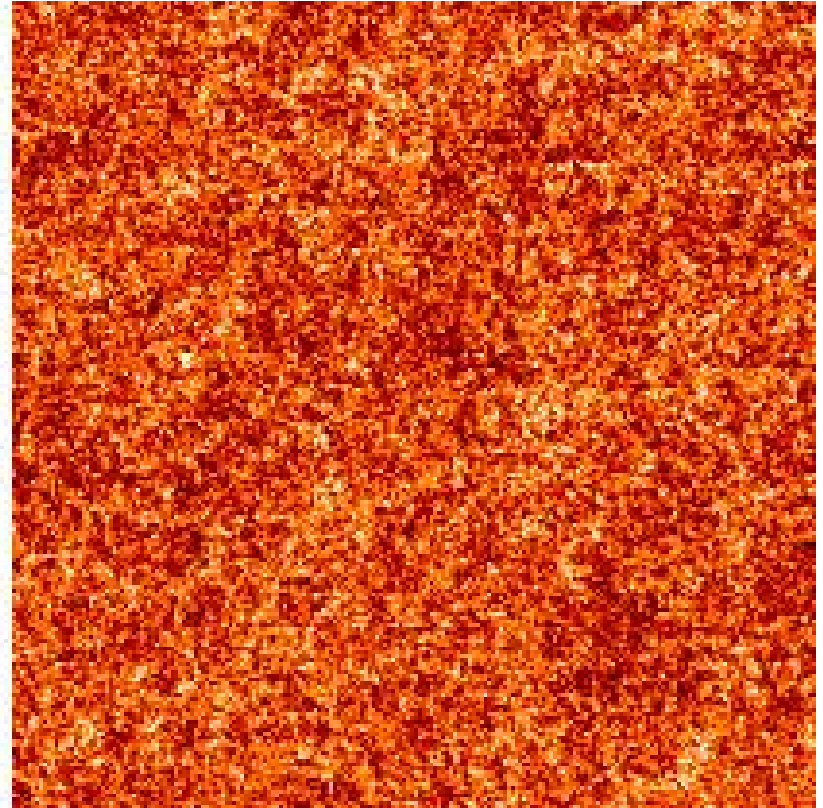
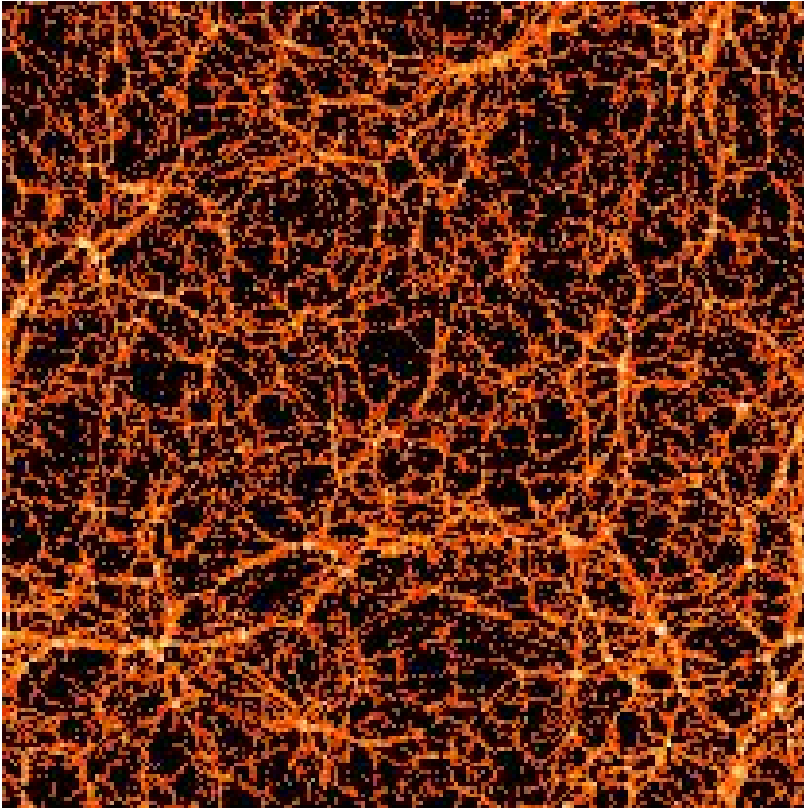
GRFs are special. In general there's (much) more to it than 2pt statistics



Both distributions have \sim same P_k

Full N-body

Scrambled phases



Both distributions have same $P(k)$