

Title: A galaxy-halo model for multi-tracer surveys

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Abstract:

Cosmic variance puts hard limits on what we can learn about fundamental physical processes on the largest cosmological scales. A neat trick allows this limit to be circumvented in some cases though, by cross-correlating multiple tracers of the cosmic matter distribution. After giving a few examples of where the multi-tracer technique can be useful, I will outline a new analytic statistical model to describe how the galaxies seen in different surveys (and at different wavelengths) jointly populate the dark matter halo distribution. While the model is necessarily simplified, its flexibility and analytic nature allow rapid exploration of the parameter space relevant to forthcoming surveys in the optical, IR, microwave, and radio. I will show the results of an MCMC fit to low-redshift multi-frequency (radio and optical) luminosity function data, and then discuss several successful (and not-so-successful) consistency tests of the model.

A visualization of the cosmic web, showing a dense network of filaments and nodes. The filaments are colored in a gradient from purple on the left to yellow on the right, with a dark background. The nodes are bright yellow and orange, representing galaxy clusters and individual galaxies.

A galaxy-halo model for multi-tracer surveys

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There will be a proliferation of large, overlapping LSS surveys over the next ~10 years

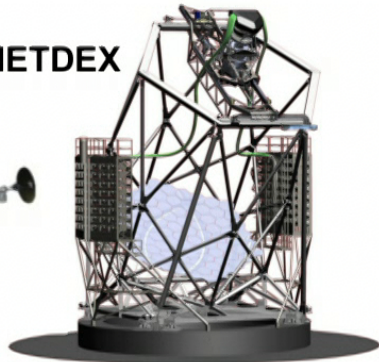
By **combining surveys**, we can tease out information that was hidden in the individual surveys

(It's also a good way of controlling systematics)

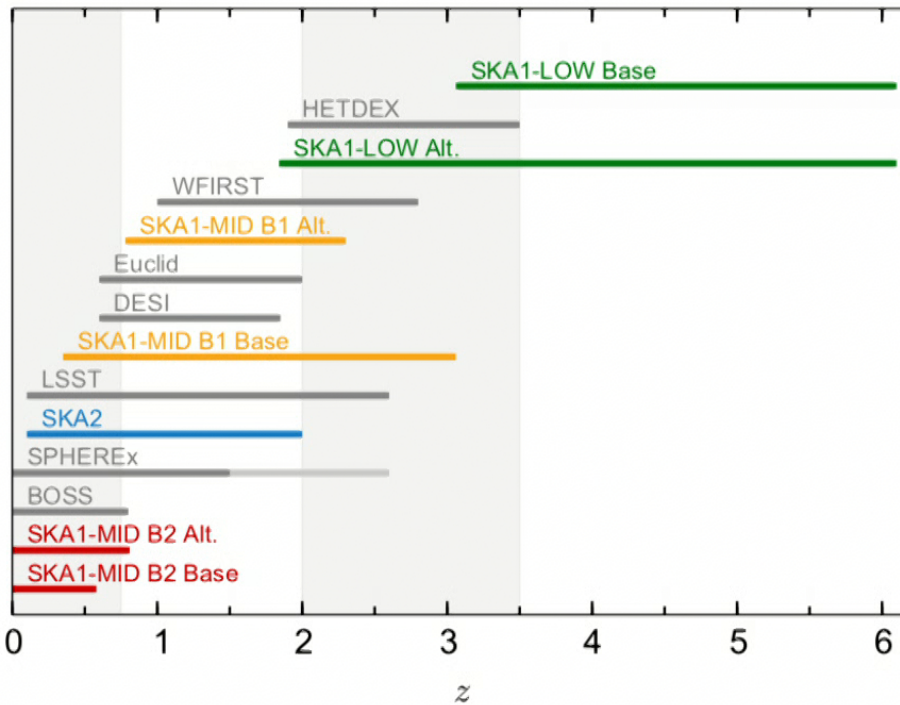
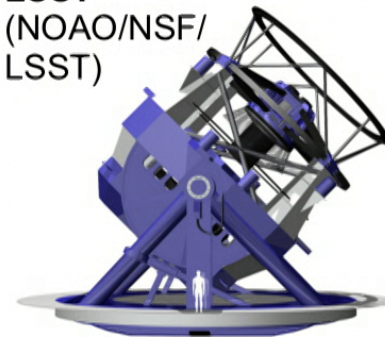


WFIRST (NASA)

HETDEX



LSST
(NOAO/NSF/
LSST)



Euclid
(ESA/Astrium)

SKA (SKAO)



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An important application of joint analysis is **evading cosmic variance**

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- Tracer-dependent quantities not CV-limited (Seljak 2008)

$$\text{Tracer 1} \quad \delta_1 = (b_1 + f\mu^2)\delta_M$$

$$\text{Tracer 2} \quad \delta_2 = (b_2 + f\mu^2)\delta_M$$

Tracers are stochastic

$$\implies \delta_1/\delta_2 = \frac{b_1 + f\mu^2}{b_2 + f\mu^2}$$

Ratio is deterministic

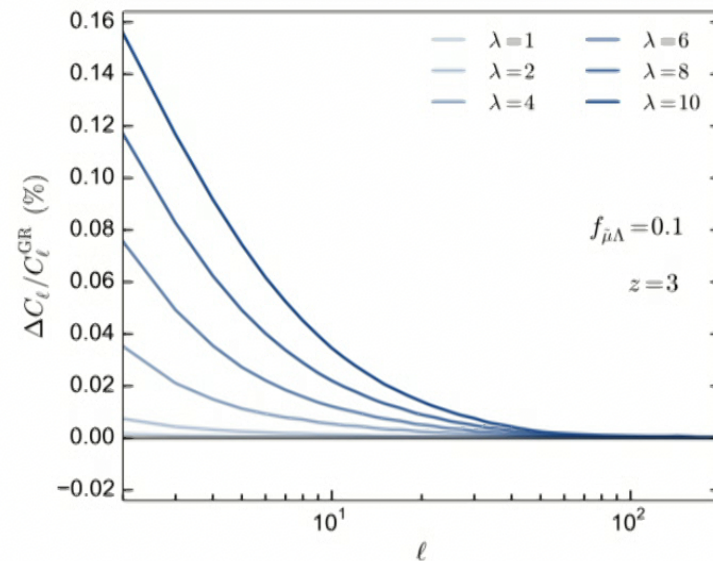
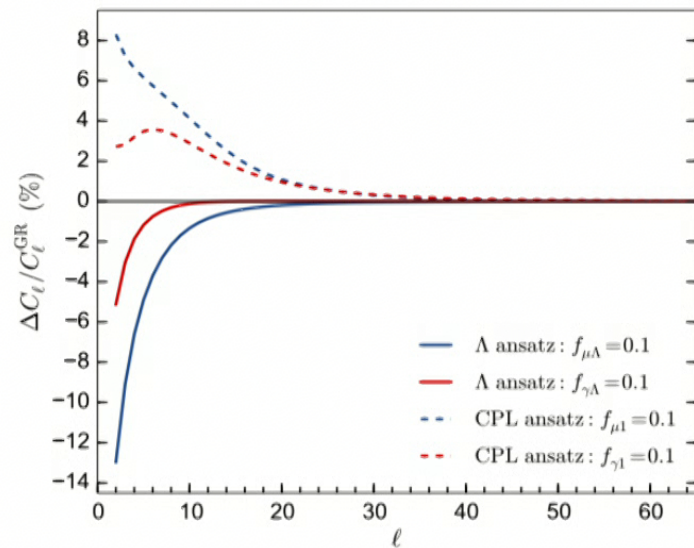
→ Only shot noise limits measurement precision on this quantity

Applications of joint analysis

Physics on the Hubble scale

Cosmic acceleration \sim Hubble scale

Natural place to look for new physics due to DE/MG



Baker & PB (2015)

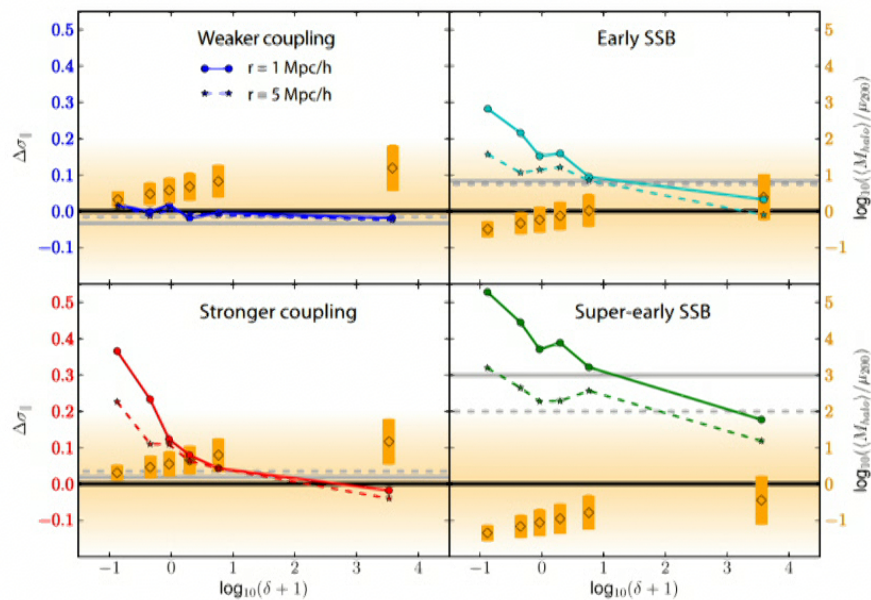
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Marked correlation functions

Modifications to GR are often screened

Screening causes environment-dependent clustering

Need clustering + “mark” (tag) for environment



Velocity dispersion
correlation function

vs

Density of local
environment

Ivarsen, PB, Llinares,
Mota (2016)

Applications of joint analysis

Measuring primordial non-Gaussianity

Scale-dependent bias on extremely large scales

Can only reach $\sigma(\text{fNL}) < 1$ with multi-tracer

Alonso, PB et al. [1505.07596]; Alonso & Ferreira (2015)

In all cases, we are making use of differences in the clustering properties of multiple tracers

Crucial to understand the connection between tracers (e.g. galaxies) and the underlying dark matter

This requires a galaxy model (but galaxies are complicated...)

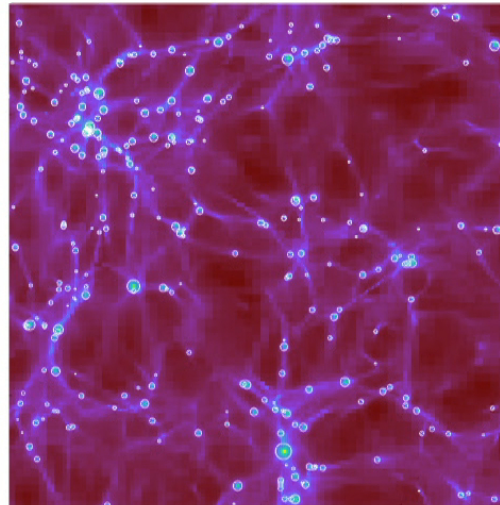
Galaxy models

Halo models

- Fast, simple, analytic. Can marginalise over model uncertainty.
- Predict only a few properties. Tied to empirically-defined “populations”.

Empirical models

- Reproduce observables by construction. Can be fast and detailed.
- Strongly reliant on the quality of training data. Not really predictive.



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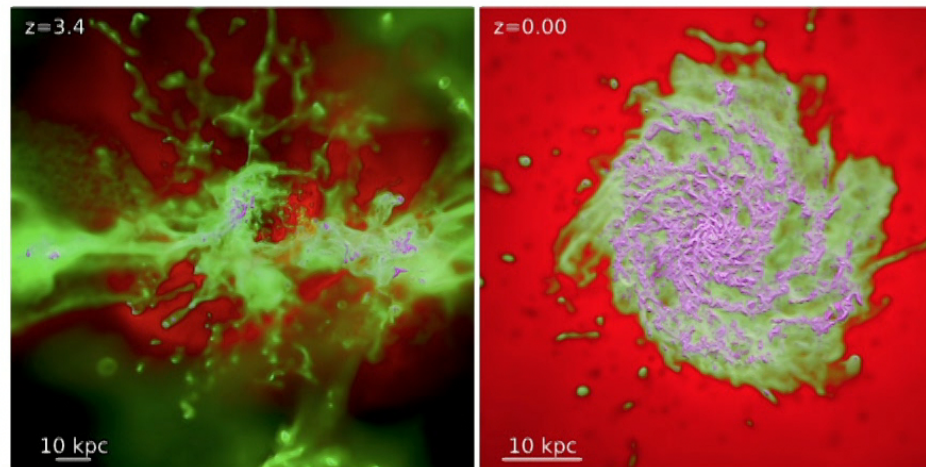
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Semi-analytic models

- Take into account lots of physics. Detailed, multi-observable output.
- Expensive. Many input parameters, which are expensive to change.

Detailed hydro sims

- “Full physics” approach, provides very detailed picture.
- Very expensive (small volumes only); need to choose sub-grid params.



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- **Empirical approaches:** Not (yet) enough multi-wavelength data of sufficient depth to calibrate the models!
- **Halo model:** Difficult to ensure consistency – can't just calibrate two populations separately.
- **SAMs + hydro:** Consistent physics-based predictions of multiple populations, but expensive to change parameters, generate multiple mocks etc.

A statistical galaxy-halo model

Presenting an analytic statistical model that offers a “middle ground” between these approaches:

- Based on modelling the galaxy-halo connection using simple analytic expressions (scaling relations) → **Fast, cheap**
- Includes multiple physical properties of galaxies (e.g. SFR, stellar mass) → **(Somewhat) Detailed**

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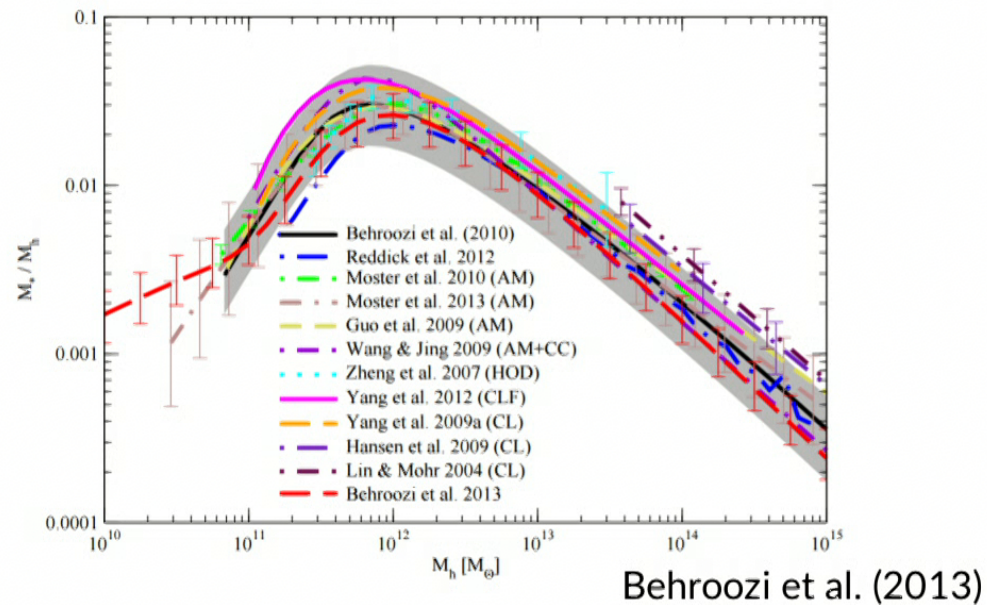
Solution: Decompose into simpler **conditional distributions**:

$$\begin{aligned} p(a, b, c) &= p(a, b|c) p(c) \\ &= p(a|b, c) p(b|c) p(c) \end{aligned}$$

Example: Stellar mass vs. halo mass

Low-scatter relation observed between DM halo mass and stellar mass

$$p(M_{\star}|M_h)$$



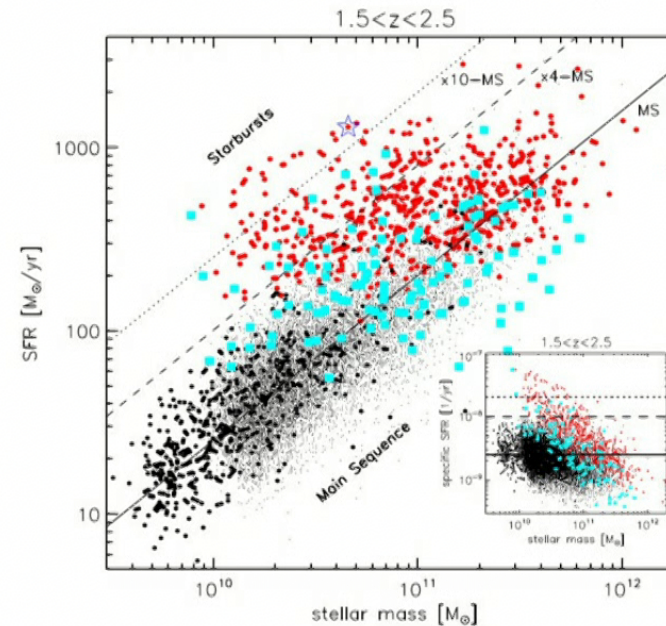
Simple model: double power law with some scatter
(Moster+ 2010; Behroozi+ 2010)

Example: Star-forming main sequence

Star-forming galaxies seem to be confined to a narrow “main sequence” in the SFR- M_{\star} plane

Rodighiero et al. (2011)

$$p(\text{SFR}|M_{\star})$$



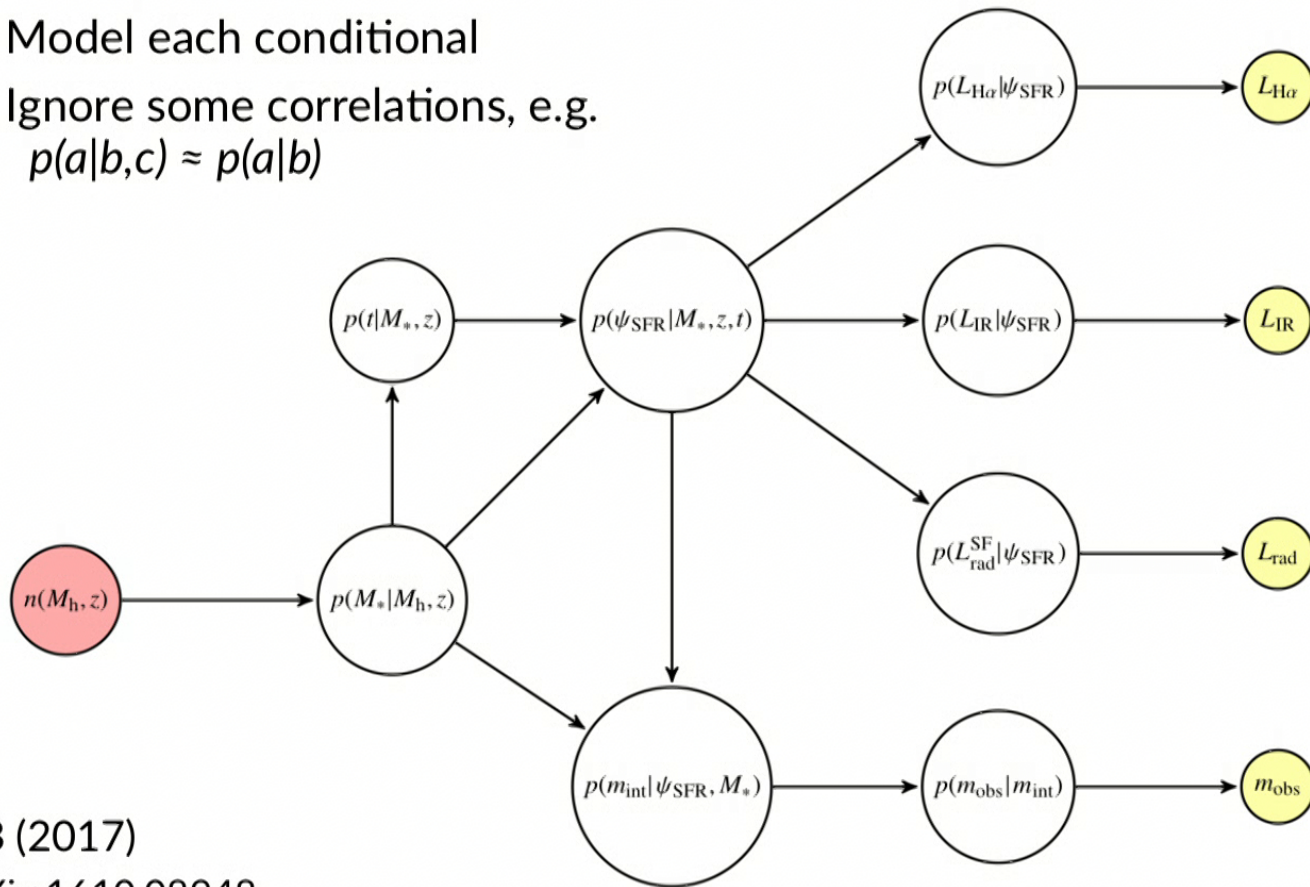
Simple model: power law with (log-normal) scatter (Wang+ '13)

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PB (2017)

arXiv:1610.08948

Optical magnitudes

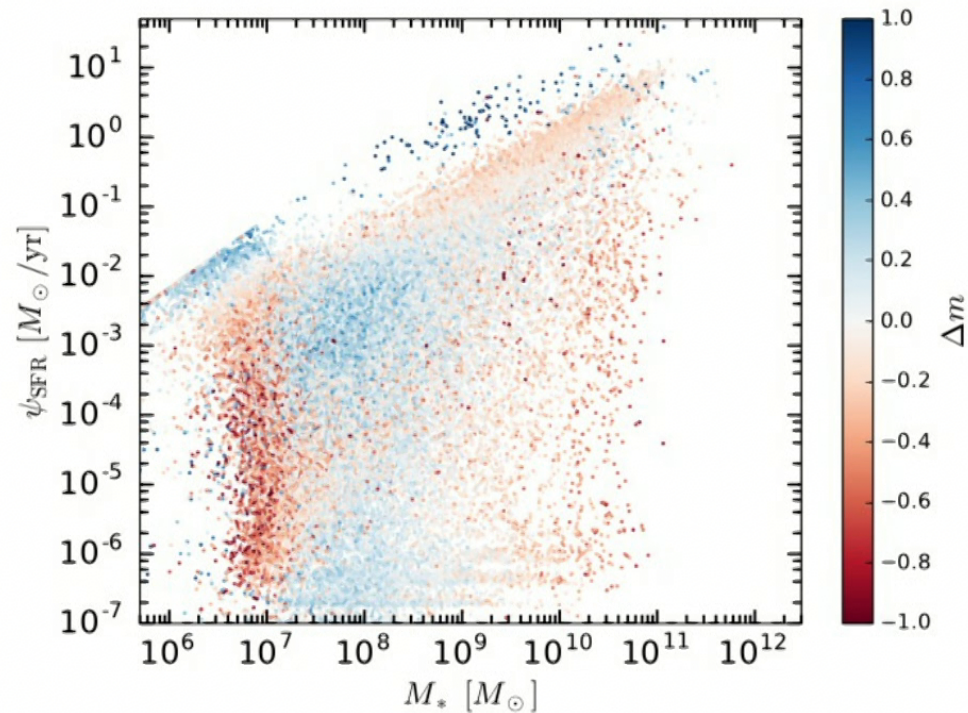
Ansatz:

- 1) Stellar mass is a proxy for the number of long-lived main sequence stars
- 2) SFR is a proxy for the number of young O/B stars (but SFR already has a dependence on M_*)
- 3) Characteristic galaxy magnitude in each band

$$\bar{m}_\nu(\psi_{\text{SFR}}, M_*) = -c_0^{(\nu)} + A_* \left(c_* + \left(\frac{M_*}{10^9 M_\odot} \right)^{\beta_*} \right) + A_\times^{(\nu)} \left(\frac{M_*}{10^9 M_\odot} \right)^{\beta_\times} (\psi_{\text{SFR}})^{\gamma_\times}.$$

Optical magnitudes

Difference between Guo et al. (2011) SAM u -band magnitude and best-fit analytic model



Model the remaining scatter to get: $p(\text{mag}|M_*, \text{SFR})$

Constraints with multi-wavelength data

- Resulting model has 17 free parameters. (Some other parameters fixed by fitting to SAM output.)
- Manually constructed likelihoods for:
 - GAMA g-band **optical** luminosity function
 - GAMA z-band **optical** luminosity function
 - NVSS/6dFGS 1.4 GHz **radio** luminosity function

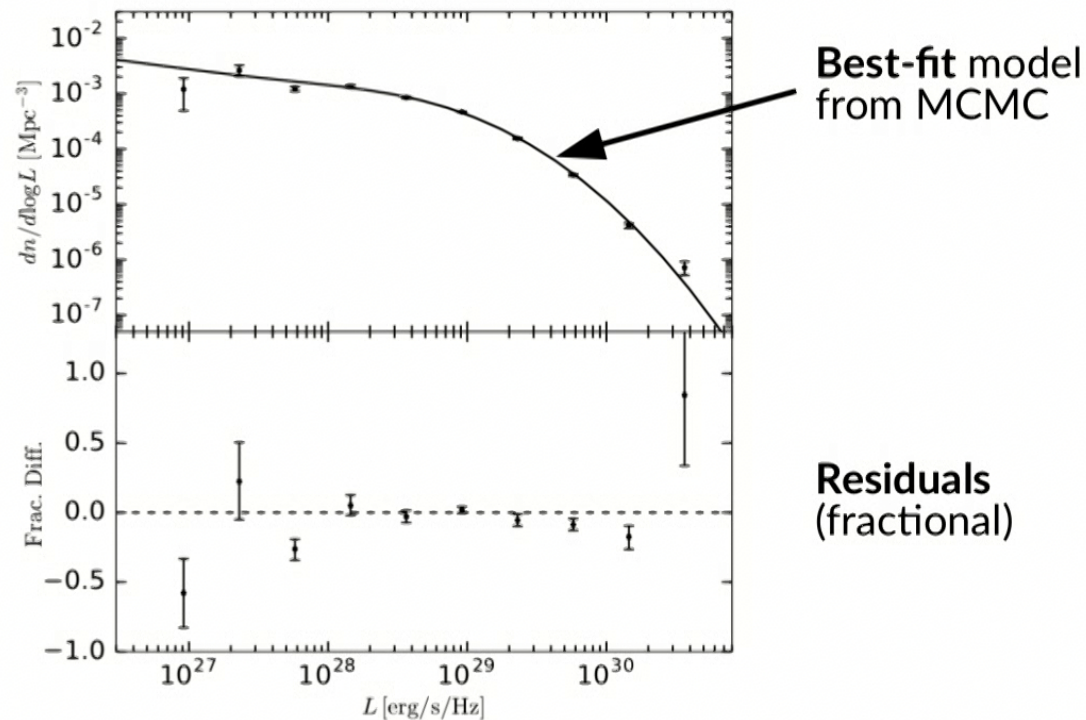
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dn}{d\log L} = & \int d\psi_{\text{SFR}} \int dM_{\star} \int d\log M_{\text{h}} \\ & \times n(M_{\text{h}}) p(M_{\star}|M_{\text{h}}) p_{\text{SFMS}}(\psi_{\text{SFR}}|M_{\star}) \\ & \times L_{\text{rad}} p(L_{\text{rad}}|\psi_{\text{SFR}}) \end{aligned}$$

- Used *emcee* (128 walkers, 2000 samples each) to derive model constraints

Radio luminosity function

Radio (1.4 GHz) luminosity fn. at $z \sim 0$, from NVSS+6dFGS
(Mauch + Sadler 2007)

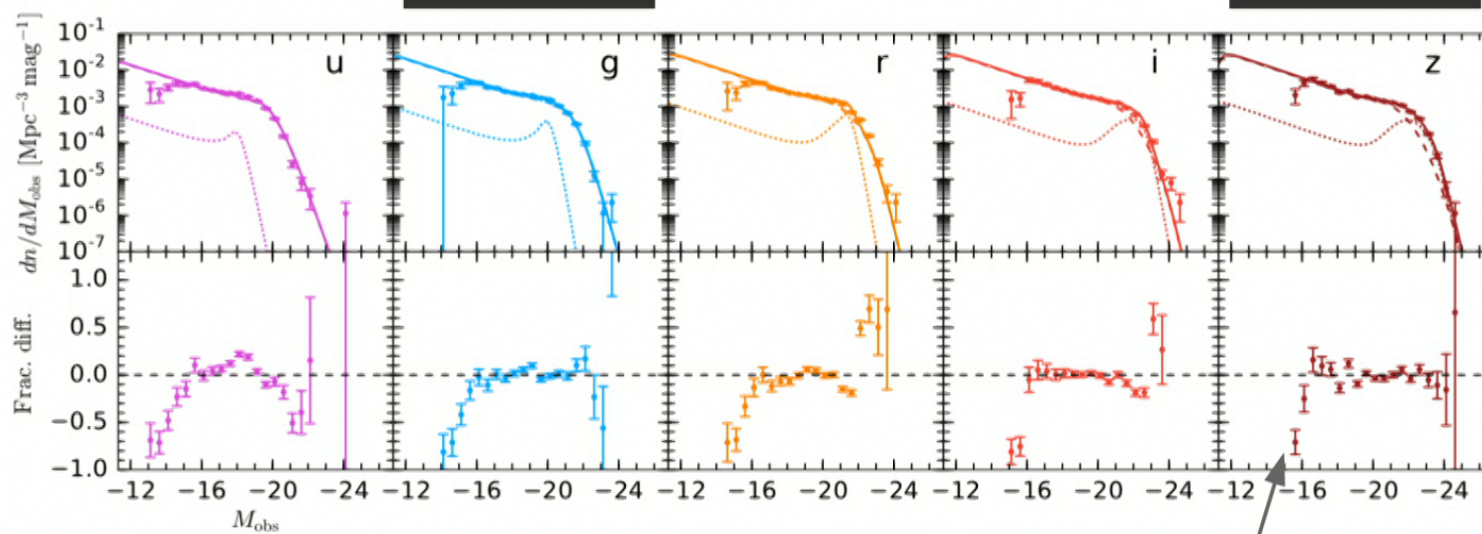
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Optical luminosity functions

Optical (*ugriz*) luminosity functions at $z \sim 0$, from GAMA
(Loveday et al. 2011)

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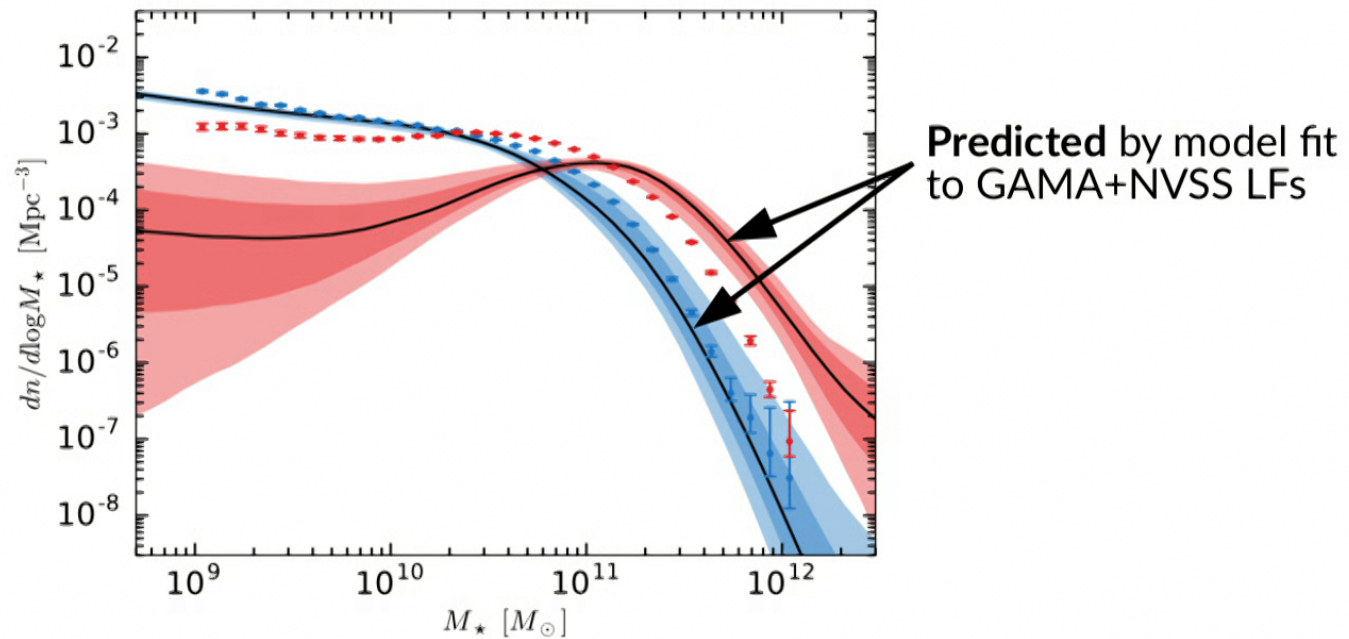


Predicted LFs (not used in fits)

Completeness effects (not used)

Stellar mass function

Model-predicted SMF for **star-forming** and **passive** galaxies
(data points from SDSS/GALEX; Moustakas+ 2013)



Applications

- Model is **tractable for MCMC** → marginalise over galaxy-halo nuisance parameters in LSS studies
- Modular – easy to try alternative models / physics
- Analytic – useful for theoretical studies; analytic marginalisation

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ghost is a statistical model of galaxy properties at multiple wavelengths, using empirical/theoretical scaling relations

- It's fast and analytic; can do MCMC etc.
- Approximate, but modular → can be extended/improved
- (Provides a consistent framework for dealing with scaling relations that everyone is using anyway...)

See <https://github.com/philbull/ghost>