

Summary of Discussion Session #2 (November 6, 2012)

"Observational Prospects"

Question: What should we do now? What is the "to-do list"?

Answer: We categorize each item by:

D: Done. Algorithm (estimator) has been developed and has been applied to the real data.

G: Good. Algorithm (estimator) has been developed and has been applied to the real data, but some outstanding issues remain.

C: Computed. Algorithm (estimator) has been developed, but not applied to the real data yet.

X: Not done. No stable algorithm (estimator) has been developed, nor has it been applied to the real data.

Cosmic Microwave Background

D: Bispectrum

G: Trispectrum

D: Minkowski functionals

X: Other topology measures

G: Phase correlations (X: theoretical predictions)

C: Spectra distortion (e.g., y -distortion and μ -distortion)

Large-scale Structure (Halos and Galaxies)

G: Power spectrum (scale-dependent bias)

C: Bispectrum

X: Trispectrum

G: Abundance of halos

G: Rare-objects statistics

X: Abundance of voids

X: Anything that has to do with voids

G: Minkowski functionals

X: Other topology measures

C: Multi-tracer method

C: Halo shapes and profiles

Be aware of baryonic effects!

Gravitational lensing

C: Power spectrum (modification due to non-Gaussianity)

C: Bispectrum

X: Trispectrum

C: Abundance of mass peaks

X: Topology measures

Be aware of baryonic effects!

Reionization and 21cm lines

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