

# Cosmic Structure Formation

Lecture course  
University of Groningen  
November 2016–January 2017

# Practical Matters

Lectures:

Kapteynborg

monday 13:00-15:00

thursday 13:00-15:00

tuesday 11:00-13:00

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## Tracing the Cosmic Web

Workshop: 17 - 21 February 2014, Leiden, the Netherlands

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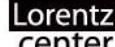
- Noam Libeskind, AIP Potsdam
- Rien van de Weygaert, U Groningen

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Organizing  
Committee

- Yehuda Hoffman, HUJI Jerusalem
- Francisco Kitaura, AIP Potsdam
- Sergei Shandarin, KU Lawrence
- Thierry Sousbie, IAP Paris
- Elmo Tempel, UTartu

Topics

- Large-Scale Distribution of Matter and Galaxies
- Voids, Sheets, Filaments and Clusters
- Geometry, Topology and Multiscale Structure
- Dynamics and Evolution of the Cosmic Web
- Techniques for Characterizing Weblike Patterns
- Galaxy Formation and the Cosmic Web



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Gallery: Interacting gas and dark matter aggregate in a complex network, known as the 'cosmic web'. Image: R. van der Hulst, T. Abel. Processing: N. Bos. Postcard design: SuperNova Studios, NL.

# IAU Symposium 308

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### GENESIS AND GROWTH OF THE COSMIC WEB

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# Exam

## Three Constituents:

1. Exam (written)                    60%      thur. Jan 26

2. Presentation                        20%

**Special Topic**

3. Computer Tasks                    20%

**Correlation Function, CMB Dipole,**

**Gaussian Fields, Zeldovich ...**

# Literature

- **Large Scale Structure of the Universe**

P.J.E. Peebles, Princeton Univ. Press, 1981

The Classic Book, the Bible ... defining the field !!!!!!!!

- **Galaxy Formation**

M. Longair; Springer, A&A Library, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2008

Good overview of structure and galaxy formation

- **Galaxy Formation and Evolution**

H.J. Mo, F. van den Bosch, S.D.M. White, Cambridge Univ. Press, 2010

Most up to date book on cosmic structure formation

- **Structure Formation in the Universe**

T. Padmanabhan, Cambridge Univ. Press, 1993

very thorough, advanced level: hard to work through

- **Cosmology**

S. Weinberg; Oxford Univ. Press, 2008

Impressive book, covering most of relevant cosmological topics, including structure formation, inflation theory, origin perturbations, CMB

- **Cosmological Physics**

J. Peacock; Cambridge Univ. Press, 1998

very thorough treatment of relevant topics, advanced level

- **Statistics of the Galaxy Distribution**

V.J. Martinez & E. Saar; Chapman & Hall/CRC, 2001

best book on statistical analysis of galaxy distribution; treats fundamentals, little bit outdated

# Groningen Books

## The Zeldovich Universe: Genesis and Growth of the Cosmic Web Proc. IAU Symposium 308

R. van de Weygaert et al., eds.  
Cambridge Univ. Press, £80.00  
Nov. 30, 2016

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The Zeldovich  
Universe:  
Genesis and Growth of  
the Cosmic Web

On megaparsec scales, matter and galaxies have aggregated into a complex network of interconnected filaments, wall-like structures and compact clusters surrounded by large near-empty void regions. Dubbed the Cosmic Web, theoretical and observational studies have led to a better understanding of the structure in the Universe, representing a universal phase in the gravitationally driven emergence and evolution of cosmic structure. IAU symposium 308, held in Tallinn, Estonia, honored the Russian physicist and cosmologist Yakov Zeldovich (1914–1987), who was instrumental in the development of this view of structure formation. His seminal work paved the way towards an understanding of the large-scale structure of matter observed in our Universe. This volume synthesizes the insights obtained from many different observational and theoretical studies, and helps prepare researchers and students working in this vibrant field for the many upcoming surveys.

Proceedings of the International Astronomical Union  
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Cosmology seeks to characterize our Universe in terms of models based on well-understood and tested physics. Today we know our Universe with a precision that once would have been unthinkable. This book provides a comprehensive overview of the theoretical and observational framework within which this has been achieved.

It tells the story of how we arrive at our profound conclusions, starting from early observations and theory-driven predictions up to the latest data analysis of big astronomical datasets. It provides an enlightening description of the mathematical, physical and statistical basis for understanding and interpreting the results of key space- and ground-based data. Subjects covered include general relativity, cosmological models, the interaction of matter and radiation, physics of the early background radiation, and methods and results of data analysis.

Extensive online supplementary notes, exercises, teaching materials, and exercises in Python make this the perfect companion for researchers, teachers and students in physics, mathematics, and astrophysics.

Bernard J. T. Jones is Emeritus Professor in Astronomy at the University of Groningen. His research has covered many areas of astrophysics, with a strong emphasis on cosmology. He has a strong emphasis on cosmology where he is widely published and cited.



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## PRECISION COSMOLOGY

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Cambridge Univ. Press, £64.99  
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## The Zeldovich Universe: Genesis and Growth of the Cosmic Web

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Jaan Einasto



# Literature

- **A Pan-Chromatic View of Clusters of Galaxies and the Large-Scale Structure**  
M. Plionis, O. Lopez-Cruz, D. Hughes, eds., Lect. Notes in Physics 720, Springer, 2008  
Very useful reviews on in particular cluster physics.  
Two chapters part of course material (Van de Weygaert & Bond 2008a, 2008b)
- **The Zeldovich Universe: Genesis and Growth of the Cosmic Web**  
R. van de Weygaert, et al., Cambridge Univ. Press, Nov. 2016  
proceedings IAU Symp. 308, Tallinn, 2014  
nice collection of state-of-the-art papers on cosmic structure formation
- **How did the First Stars and Galaxies Form**  
A. Loeb, Princeton Univ. Press, 2010  
beautiful exposé on the first stages of structure and galaxy formation
- **the Cosmic Microwave Background**  
R. Durrer, Cambridge Univ. Press, 2008  
best textbook on the physics of the CMB
- **Introduction to Cosmology**  
B. Ryden, Addison-Wesley, 2003  
good reference book on basic cosmology
- **Precision Cosmology**  
B.J.T. Jones, Cambridge Univ. Press, 2017  
perfect advance level textbook cosmology

# Lecture Schedule:

(provisional, changes possible)

Week	Dates Hoorcollege	Subject Hoorcollege	Dates Werkcollege	Subject Werkcollege
1	November 14 (c)	<b><u>Introduction: Cosmic Inventory:</u></b> Large Scale Structure & Cosmic Structure Formation Galaxies, Groups, Clusters, Superclusters, IGM Cosmic Structure Formation Primordial Fluctuations & the Cosmic Microwave Background	November 15 (w)	<b><u>FRW Cosmology</u></b> FRW universe solutions Observational Cosmology
	November 17 (c)	<b><u>Basic Cosmology:</u></b> Einstein Field Equation, Cosmological Principle, Robertson-Walker metric, Redshift, Cosmic Distances Friedman Equations Cosmic Epochs		
2	November 21 (c)	<b><u>Gravitational Instability:</u></b> <b><u>(Linear) Perturbation Theory,</u></b> Structure Growth	November 22 (w)	<b><u>Perturbation Theory</u></b> Growth Factors

	November 23 (c)	<b>Cosmic Components &amp; Influence on Cosmic Structure Formation:</b> Radiation, <b>Matter: Baryonic Matter &amp; Dark Matter</b> <b>Dark Energy</b> <b><u>Cosmic Flows</u></b>		
3	November 28 (c)  December 1 (c)	<b>Random Density &amp; Velocity Fields</b> <b>Multidimensional Gaussian distributions</b> <b>Filtering</b> <b>Power Spectrum</b> <b><u>Random Fields &amp; Power Spectrum</u></b>  <b><u>Nonlinear Clustering &amp; Structure Formation</u></b> <b>Hierarchical Clustering,</b> <b>Anisotropic Collapse and the Formation of Voids</b> <b>Spherical Model, Ellipsoidal Model</b>	November 29 (w)	<b><u>Perturbation Theory</u></b> <b>Growth Factors</b>
4	December 5 (c)  December 8 (c)	<b>Lagrangian Perturbation Theory</b> <b>Zel'dovich formalism</b> <b>Adhesion approximation</b>  <b>Phase Space Dynamics</b> <b>Phase Space Sheet</b>  <b>Matter Scales</b> <b>Jeans Mass, Silk damping</b> <b>Cosmic Scenarios:</b> <b>Power spectra Cold Dark Matter, Hot Dark Matter</b> <b>non-Gaussian perturbations</b>	December 6(w)	<b><u>Spherical Collapse &amp; Model</u></b>
5	December 12 (c)	<b><u>Mapping the Universe</u></b>	December 13 (w)	<b><u>Power Spectrum &amp;</u></b>

		<p><b>Galaxy sky surveys</b>  <b>Galaxy redshift Surveys</b>  <b>Lensing Surveys</b></p> <p><b>December 15 (c)</b></p> <p><b>The Cosmic Web Observed</b>  <b>Cosmic Web: Filaments, Sheets and Voids</b>  <b>Clusters of Galaxies</b></p>		<b>Spherical Model</b>
6	December 19 (c)	<p><b>Analysis of the Large Scale Structure</b>  <u><b>Correlation functions</b></u>  <b>Counts in Cells</b>  <u><b>Power spectrum</b></u>  <b>Higher-order statistics</b>  <b>Topology:</b>  <b>Genus, Minkowski functionals, Betti numbers</b></p>	December 20 (w)	<p><u><b>Two-point correlation function</b></u>  <b>(computer task)</b></p>
	December 22 (c)	<p><b>Cosmic Web Analysis</b>  <b>Tessellation Analysis, DTFE, Phase Space Sheet</b>  <b>Multiscale Morphology Filter</b>  <b>Watershed (Void Finder)</b>  <b>Morse Theory, Skeleton \&amp; Cosmic Spine</b></p>		
7	January 9 (c)	<p><b>Hierarchical clustering:</b>  <b>Press-Schechter and Excursion set formalism</b>  <b>Peak-patch formalism</b>  <b>Cosmic Tidal Fields &amp;</b>  <b>Cosmic Web Theory</b></p>	January 10 (w)	<p><b>Press-Schechter Formalism</b>  <b>&amp; Halo Mass Functions</b></p>
	January 12 (c)	<p><b>Virialization</b>  <b>Cooling and Galaxy Formation</b>  <b>Halo Model</b>  <b>Biasing</b></p>		

		<p><b><u>Nonlinear Structure Formation: N-body models</u></b></p> <p>N-body simulation techniques Cosmological Hydro simulation techniques Cosmological Computer Simulations: Cluster Simulations Large Scale Structure simulations</p>		
8	January 16 (c)  January 19 (c)	<p>Intergalactic Medium: Ly<math>\alpha</math> forest &amp; WHIM Gravitational Lensing, Cosmic Shear Dark Ages, First Stars &amp; Reionization</p> <p><b><u>Cosmic Microwave Background Anisotropies</u></b> CMB anisotropies, temperature perturbations CMB anisotropies, experiments &amp; satellites CMB anisotropies, analysis &amp; maps</p> <p>CMB anisotropies, secondary perturbations CMB anisotropies, polarization</p>	January 17 (w)	<b><u>N-body Simulations</u></b> (computer task)

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