

A complex, multi-colored visualization of the cosmic web, showing a dense network of filaments and nodes. The colors range from deep blues and greens to bright yellows and oranges, representing different densities or components of the universe. The structure is highly interconnected and fractal-like.

# Cosmic Structure Formation

Lecture course  
University of Groningen  
September 2018 - October 2018



# Practical Matters

Lectures:

Kapteynborg

tuesday 15:00-17:00

friday 13:00-15:00

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Kapteynborg 5419 - 237

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105/103

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# Lecture Room Schedule

## Lectures Rooms:

tuesday 15:00-17:00 Kapteynborg 5419 - 237

friday 13:00-15:00

Sept. 7 Kapteynborg 5419 - 237

Sept. 14 Kapteynborg 5419 - 105

Sept. 21 Kapteynborg 5419 - 105

Sept. 28 Kapteynborg 5419 - 105

Oct. 5 Kapteynborg 5419 - 230

Oct. 12 Kapteynborg 5419 - 103

Oct. 19 Kapteynborg 5419 - 105

Oct. 26 Kapteynborg 5419 - 237

friday 15:00-17:00 Kapteynborg 5419 - 161

Exam: wed. Oct. 31 14:00-17:00 Kapteynborg 5419 - 161



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## Tracing the Cosmic Web

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

### Scientific Organizers

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

### Scientific Organizing Committee

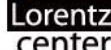
- Yehuda Hoffman, HUJI Jerusalem
- Fransisco Kitaura, AIP Potsdam
- Sergei Shandarin, KU Lawrence
- Thierry Sousbie, IAP Paris
- Elmo Tempel, U Tartu

### 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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Galaxies, intergalactic gas and dark matter aggregate in a complex network, known as the cosmic web. Image: R. Kashlauer, O. Hahn, T. Abel. Processing: M. Bos. Poster design: supanovva Studios. NL



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# Exam

## Three Constituents:

1. Exam (written) 65% wed. Oct 31

2.1 Tutorial Assignments (mandatory) 15%

2.2 Computer Assignments 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

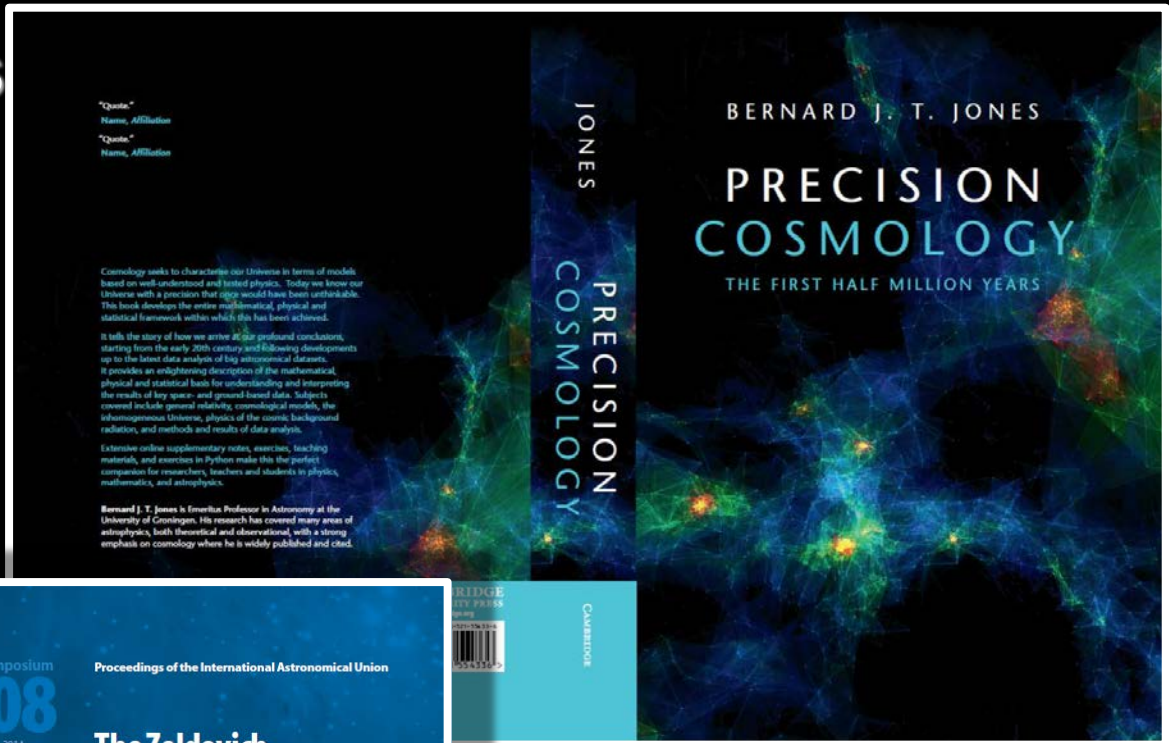
best book on statistical analysis of galaxy distribution; treats fundamentals, little bit outdated

# Groningen Books

## The Zeldovich Universe: Genesis and Growth of the Cosmic Web

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



## Precision Cosmology the first half million years

B.J.T. Jones  
Cambridge Univ. Press, £64.99  
Mar. 31, 2017

# 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 expose 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	September 4 (c)  September 7 (c)	<p><b><u>Introduction: Cosmic Inventory:</u></b>            Large Scale Structure &amp; Cosmic Structure Formation            Galaxies, Groups, Clusters, Superclusters, IGM            Cosmic Structure Formation            Primordial Fluctuations &amp; the Cosmic Microwave Background</p> <p><b><u>Basic Cosmology:</u></b>            Einstein Field Equation,            Cosmological Principle, Robertson-Walker metric,            Redshift, Cosmic Distances            Friedman Equations            Cosmic Epochs</p>	September 7 (w)	<p><b><u>FRW Cosmology</u></b>            FRW universe solutions            Observational Cosmology</p>

2	<p>September 11 (c)</p> <p>September 14 (c)</p>	<p><b>Gravitational Instability:</b> <u>(Linear) Perturbation Theory,</u> Structure Growth</p> <p><b>Cosmic Components &amp; Influence on Cosmic Structure Formation:</b> Radiation, Matter: Baryonic Matter &amp; Dark Matter Dark Energy <u>Cosmic Flows</u></p>	September 14 (w)	<u>Perturbation Theory</u> Growth Factors
3	<p>September 18 (c)</p> <p>September 22 (c)</p>	<p><b>Random Density &amp; Velocity Fields</b> Multidimensional Gaussian distributions Filtering Power Spectrum <u>Random Fields &amp; Power Spectrum</u></p> <p><u>Nonlinear Clustering &amp; Structure Formation</u> Hierarchical Clustering, Anisotropic Collapse and the Formation of Voids Spherical Model, Ellipsoidal Model</p>	September 22 (w)	<u>Perturbation Theory</u> Growth Factors
4	<p>September 25 (c)</p> <p>September 28 (c)</p>	<p><b>Lagrangian Perturbation Theory</b> Zel'dovich formalism Adhesion approximation</p> <p><b>Phase Space Dynamics</b> Phase Space Sheet</p> <p><b>Matter Scales</b> Jeans Mass, Silk damping Cosmic Scenarios: Power spectra Cold Dark Matter, Hot Dark Matter</p>	September 28(w)	<u>Spherical Collapse &amp; Model</u>



		<b>non-Gaussian perturbations</b>		
5	<p>October 2 (c)</p> <p>October 5 (c)</p>	<p><b><u>Mapping the Universe</u></b>  Galaxy sky surveys  Galaxy redshift Surveys  Lensing Surveys</p> <p><b><u>The Cosmic Web Observed</u></b>  Cosmic Web: Filaments, Sheets and Voids  Clusters of Galaxies</p>	October 5 (w)	<b><u>Power Spectrum &amp; Spherical Model</u></b>
6	<p>October 9 (c)</p> <p>October 12 (c)</p>	<p><b>Analysis of the Large Scale Structure</b>  <b><u>Correlation functions</u></b>  Counts in Cells  <b><u>Power spectrum</u></b>  Higher-order statistics  Topology:  Genus, Minkowski functionals, Betti numbers</p> <p>Cosmic Web Analysis  Tessellation Analysis, DTFE, Phase Space Sheet  Multiscale Morphology Filter  Watershed (Void Finder)  Morse Theory, Skeleton &amp; Cosmic Spine</p>	October 12 (w)	<b><u>Two-point correlation function</u></b> (computer task)
7	October 16 (c)	<p><b>Hierarchical clustering:</b>  Press-Schechter and Excursion set formalism  Peak-patch formalism  Cosmic Tidal Fields &amp;  Cosmic Web Theory</p> <p><b>Virialization</b>  <b>Cooling and Galaxy Formation</b>  <b>Halo Model</b></p>	October 19 (w)	<b>Press-Schechter Formalism &amp; Halo Mass Functions</b>

