The spatial distribution of cold gas in hierarchical galaxy formation models

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\section*{ABSTRACT}

The distribution of cold gas in dark matter haloes is driven by key processes in galaxy formation: gas cooling, galaxy mergers, star formation and reheating of gas by supernovae. We compare the predictions of four different galaxy formation models for the spatial distribution of cold gas. We find that satellite galaxies make little contribution to the abundance or clustering strength of cold gas selected samples, and are far less important than they are in optically selected samples. The halo occupation distribution function of present-day central galaxies with cold gas mass $> 10^9 h^{-1} M_\odot$ is peaked around a halo mass of $\approx 10^{11} h^{-1} M_\odot$, a scale that is set by the AGN suppression of gas cooling. The model predictions for the projected correlation function are in good agreement with measurements from the HI Parkes All-Sky Survey. We compare the effective volume of possible surveys with the Square Kilometre Array\textsuperscript{†} with those expected for a redshift survey in the near-infrared. Future redshift surveys using neutral hydrogen emission will be competitive with the most ambitious spectroscopic surveys planned in the near-infrared.

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\section*{1 INTRODUCTION}

Cold gas is central to galaxy formation yet little is known about how much there is in the Universe at different epochs and how this gas is distributed in dark matter haloes of different mass. The primary probe of atomic hydrogen, 21cm line emission, is incredibly weak. It is only in recent years that a robust and comprehensive census of atomic hydrogen (HI) in the local universe has been made possible through the HI Parkes All Sky Survey (Barnes et al. 2001; Zwaan et al. 2003, 2005). This work is being extended to lower mass systems by the ALFALFA survey (Giovanelli et al. 2007). Despite this progress, the highest redshift direct detection of HI in emission is very firmly confined to the local Universe at $z = 0.34$ (Lah et al. 2009, see also Verheijen et al. 2007). Information about cold gas in the high redshift Universe is restricted to absorption lines in quasar spectra (e.g. Peroux et al. 2003). However, over the coming decade, this situation is expected to change dramatically with the construction of new, more sensitive radio telescopes such as the pathfinders for the Square Kilometre Array, MeerKAT (Booth et al. 2009) and ASKAP (Johnston et al. 2008), and the Square Kilometre Array itself (Schilizzi, Dewdney & Lazio 2008). The SKA will revolutionise our understanding of galaxy formation and cosmology, uncovering the HI Universe out to high redshifts. One of the major science goals is to better characterise the evolution of dark energy with redshift. The SKA is expected to provide competitive constraints on the nature of dark energy through high accuracy measurement of large-scale structure in the galaxy distribution over a look-back time representing a significant fraction of the age of the Universe (Albrecht et al. 2006). This conclusion currently rests on very uncertain calculations which we seek to place on a firmer, more physical footing in this paper.

Modelling the abundance and clustering of HI sources is challenging. A number of possible approaches have been tried; empirical modelling, which relies upon the observations of HI in the Universe, the fully numerical approach, which uses cosmological gas dynamics simulations to model the HI content of galaxies from first principles and semi-analytical modelling, which we use in this paper. Empirical estimates have been attempted despite the paucity of observational results for guidance (Abdalla & Rawlings 2005; Abdalla, Blake & Rawlings 2010). Such calculations require an assumption about the evolution of the HI mass function over a broad redshift interval. The only constraint on this

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assumption is the integrated density of HI, which can be compared with the results inferred from quasar absorption features, which themselves require corrections for unseen low column density systems and dust extinction (Storrie-Lombardi et al. 1996). The empirical approach does not predict the clustering of HI sources. Further assumptions and approximations are necessary to extend this class of modelling so that predictions can be made for galaxy clustering. Another layer of approximation in this class of modelling has been motivated by observations which suggest that HI sources tend to avoid the centres of clusters and that clusters do not boast an important population of satellites (e.g. Waugh et al. 2002; Verheijen et al. 2007). This led Marin et al. (2009) to make a one-to-one connection between halo mass and HI mass. However, the nature of the relation is uncertain and several possibilities are explored by Marin et al. based on different assumptions about the evolution of the HI mass function.

Ideally, a physically motivated model which follows the sources and sinks of cold gas is needed. Gas dynamic simulations are computationally expensive and are typically restricted to small computational volumes, which makes it impossible to accurately follow the growth of structure to the present day. An example is provided by Popping et al. (2009), who carry out a smoothed particle hydrodynamics simulation in a $32h^{-1}\text{Mpc}$ box. The HI mass function in the simulation is in very poor agreement with the observational estimate of Zwaan et al. (2005), underpredicting the abundance of galaxies of HI mass $10^{10}M_{\odot}$ by a factor of 30, which the authors put down to the small computational volume, and overpredicting low mass systems by a factor of two. Clustering predictions are limited to scales smaller than a few Mpc due to the small box size. Furthermore, it is important to be aware that gas dynamic simulations do not have the resolution to follow all of the processes in galaxy formation directly and in all cases resort to what are essentially semi-analytical rules to treat sub-resolution physics.

Currently the most promising route to making physical and robust predictions for the HI in the Universe is semi-analytical modelling of galaxy formation (see Baugh 2006). This type of model includes a simplified but physically motivated treatment of the processes which control the amount of cold gas in a galaxy: gas cooling, galaxy mergers, star formation and reheating of gas by supernovae. These calculations are quick and can rapidly cover the haloes in a cosmological volume. Baugh et al. (2004) presented predictions for the mass function of cold gas galaxies in the GALFORM semi-analytical model of Cole et al. (2000). One issue which must be dealt with is that the models predict only the total mass of cold gas, which includes helium, and both atomic and molecular hydrogen. Baugh et al. assumed a fixed ratio of molecular to atomic hydrogen. Obreschkow & Rawlings (2009) developed an empirical model based on observations and theoretical arguments by Blitz & Rosolowsky (2006) in which this ratio could vary from galaxy to galaxy. Obreschkow & Rawlings applied this ansatz to the semi-analytical model of de Lucia & Blaizot (2007).

In the first paper in this series, we compared the predictions of a range of semi-analytical models for the mass function of HI (Power et al. 2009). Despite the different implementations of the physical ingredients used in the models and the different emphasis placed on various observations when setting the model parameters, the predictions show generic features. Power et al. found that there is surprisingly little variation in the predicted HI mass function with redshift, and that the models make similar predictions for the rotation speed and size of HI systems. The models predict the mass of cold gas and so a conversion is required to turn this into a HI mass. Currently the most uncertain step is the assumption about what fraction of hydrogen is in atomic form and what fraction is molecular. Power et al. presented predictions for two cases, one in which all model galaxies are assumed to have a fixed molecular to atomic hydrogen ratio $(H_2/\text{HI})$ and the other in which this ratio varies from galaxy to galaxy, depending upon the local conditions in the galactic disk (Blitz & Rosolowsky 2006). The assumption of a variable $H_2/\text{HI}$ ratio results in a dramatic reduction in the number of HI sources in the tail of the redshift distribution.

In this paper we look at the distribution of cold gas in galaxies as a function of halo mass. In particular we look at the halo occupation distribution (HOD) for HI galaxies, which gives the mean number of galaxies of a given HI mass as a function of dark matter halo mass, and the clustering of HI galaxies. Using this information, we assess the potential of the SKA to measure the baryonic acoustic oscillation (BAO) signal. We briefly review the GALFORM model in Section 2, explaining the differences between the four models that we consider. We then look at the halo occupation distribution of cold gas galaxies in Section 3, in which we also present predictions for the clustering of cold gas galaxies at different redshifts and compare to measured clustering at the present day. In Section 4 we compare the performance of future redshift surveys in the optical and using HI emission for measuring the properties of the dark energy. We present a summary along with our conclusions in Section 5.

**2 GALAXY FORMATION MODELS AND BASIC PREDICTIONS**

Semi-analytical models of galaxy formation invoke simple, physically motivated recipes to follow the fate of the baryons in a universe in which structure in the dark matter grows hierarchically (White & Rees 1978; White & Frenk 1991; Kauffmann et al. 1993; Cole et al. 1994; for a review of this approach see Baugh 2006). The current generation of models include a wide range of phenomena, ranging from the heating of the intergalactic medium, which affects the cooling of gas in low mass haloes, to the suppression of cooling flows in massive haloes due to heating by accretion of matter onto supermassive black holes (e.g. Bower et al. 2006; Croton et al. 2006; Cattaneo et al. 2007; Monaco et al. 2007; Lagos, Cora & Padilla 2008). In this paper, we use the Durham semi-analytical galaxy formation code GALFORM to make predictions for the amount of cold gas in dark matter haloes of different masses. This code was introduced by Cole et al. (2000) and has been developed in a series of papers (Benson et al. 2003; Baugh et al. 2005; Bower et al. 2006; Font et al. 2008). The code predicts a wide range of properties for the galaxy population in the context of a spatially flat cold dark matter cosmology with a cosmological constant.

In this paper we consider four different models run using GALFORM. Two of these are available from the Millen-
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central supermassive black hole (Bower et al. 2006; Malbon et al. 2007; Fanidakis et al. 2009). A halo is assumed to be in quasi-hydrostatic equilibrium if the time required for gas to cool at the cooling radius, $t_{\text{cool}}(r_{\text{cool}})$, exceeds a multiple of the free-fall time at this radius, $t_{\text{ff}}(r_{\text{cool}})$:

$$t_{\text{cool}}(r_{\text{cool}}) > \frac{1}{\alpha_{\text{cool}}} t_{\text{ff}}(r_{\text{cool}}),$$

(1)

where $\alpha_{\text{cool}}$ is an adjustable parameter, whose value controls the sharpness and position of the break in the optical luminosity function. The cooling flow in the halo is then shut down completely if the luminosity released by accretion of matter onto the supermassive black hole (SMBH) exceeds the cooling luminosity. The energy released by accretion depends on the mass of the SMBH (see, for example, Fanidakis et al. 2009).

The models also include the ejection of cooled gas into the hot halo due to heating by supernovae. The strength of supernovae feedback is defined by the factor $\beta$:

$$\beta = (V_{\text{hot}}/V_{\text{disk}})^{\alpha_{\text{hot}}}.$$ 

(2)

The rate at which gas is reheated is $\beta$ times the star formation rate. Here $V_{\text{disk}}$ is the circular velocity of the disk at its half mass radius, and $V_{\text{hot}}$ and $\alpha_{\text{hot}}$ are parameters. A similar equation holds for supernova feedback in the galactic bulge. In GALFORM, the parameters $V_{\text{hot}}$ and $\alpha_{\text{hot}}$ are set without reference to the number of supernovae. The primary constraints on these parameters are the shape of the luminosity function, the slope of the disk rotation speed - luminosity relation and the scale size of disks (see Cole et al. 2000).

The Bow06 and Font08 models use a star formation timescale, $\tau_*$, which is proportional to the galactic dynamical time, $\tau_{\text{dyn}}$, and is given by:

$$\tau_* = \tau_{\text{dyn}}(V_{\text{disk}}/200 \text{ kms}^{-1})^{\alpha_*},$$

(3)

where $\alpha_*$ and $\epsilon_*$ are adjustable parameters ($\alpha_* = -1.5$ in both cases). The dynamical time is defined as $\tau_{\text{dyn}} = r_{\text{disk}}/V_{\text{disk}}$. In contrast, the MHIBow06 and the GpcBow08 models adopt a star formation timescale which does not depend on the galactic dynamical time. Instead, in these cases, the timescale is given by:

$$\tau_* = \tau_*^0(V_{\text{disk}}/200 \text{ kms}^{-1})^{\alpha_*},$$

(4)

where $\tau_*^0$ and $\alpha_*$ are adjustable parameters (again, in both cases, $\alpha_* = -1.5$); this parameterization was used in Baugh et al. (2005).

The Font08 model includes an improved treatment of the ram-pressure stripping of hot-gas atmospheres of satellite galaxies, motivated by the hydrodynamic simulations of McCarthy et al. (2008). Also in this model, the yield of metals per solar mass of stars formed is increased by a factor of two over the default but rather uncertain value expected for a standard solar neighbourhood stellar initial mass function. These changes are motivated in part by the desire to improve the predictions of the Bow06 model for the colour magnitude relation of central and satellite galaxies in groups. The revision to the stellar yield reddens the colour of all galaxies in the Font08 model compared with Bow06. The change in the cooling model changes the relative abundance of galaxies in the red and blue populations at low luminosities. In the Font08 model, there are more faint blue satellite galaxies than in the Bow06 model. These galaxies are starved of freshly cooled gas in Bow06 and so had redder stellar populations. The predicted colours in the Font08 model are in much better agreement with the observed colour magnitude relation measured by Weinmann et al. (2006).

The motivation for the MHIBow06 model is clear from Fig. 1. This plot shows the galactic neutral hydrogen mass to optical luminosity ratio and the cold gas mass function at the present day. Note that when we plot mass function

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\caption{The cold gas mass function predicted in the four models at $z=0$ (left), $z=1$ (middle) and $z=2$ (right). Different colours and line types correspond to different models as indicated by the legend. The points show the local ($z=0$) observational estimate of the cold gas mass function inferred from the HI mass function of Zwaan et al. (2005) (see text in Section 3.2 for details of the conversion). These data are reproduced without error bars in the $z=1$ and $z=2$ panels as a reference from which to illustrate the evolution of the mass function.}
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(lower panels of Fig. 1, cold gas masses are plotted in units of \( h^{-2}M_\odot \) rather than \( h^{-1}M_\odot \), which is the unit used in the simulation. This ensures that the observational units (which depend upon the square of the luminosity distance) are matched. The Bow06 model predicts a gas mass to luminosity ratio with the wrong zeropoint and slope. Since this model gives an excellent match to the local optical luminosity function, the discrepancy in the gas to luminosity ratio results in a poor match to the cold gas mass function. The MHIBow06 model uses the star formation timescale given by Eq. 4 and also adopts a different value for the AGN feedback free parameter, \( \alpha_{\text{cool}} \) (Eq. 1; see Table 1). The right hand panels of Fig. 1 show that the MHIBow06 model is in much better agreement with the observed gas to luminosity ratio and cold gas mass function for cold gas masses in excess of \( \sim 3 \times 10^9h^{-2}M_\odot \). Note that the models predict the mass of cold gas, which includes helium, atomic hydrogen and molecular hydrogen. The observed mass function in Fig. 1 is measured in terms of the atomic hydrogen (HI) content of galaxies. To convert this into a cold gas mass, we have assumed a fixed ratio of molecular to atomic hydrogen and corrected for the mass fraction of Helium (see Power et al. 2009). We shall return to this point in Section 5.

The GpcBow06 model starts from the Bow06 model, with small adjustments made to the galaxy formation parameters to obtain a good match to the optical luminosity function (this is required because the cosmological model has changed from that used in Bow06) and also to reproduce the observed HI mass function. The GpcBow06 model uses Monte-Carlo merger trees generated using the improved algorithm devised by Parkinson et al. (2008).

Fig. 2 shows the cold gas mass function predicted by the four models at \( z=0 \) and 2. The Bow06 and Font08 models overpredict the abundance of galaxies with a given cold gas mass at \( z = 0 \) compared with the observational estimate by Zwaan et al. (2005). On the other hand, the cold gas mass functions of the MHIBow06 and GpcBow06 models agree well with the local observational estimate for masses in excess of \( 10^8h^{-2}M_\odot \). The discrepancy between the predictions and observations at lower masses is not due to the finite resolution of the N-body halo merger trees. The turnover can be traced back to the modelling of the photoionisation of the intergalactic medium and the impact this has on the cooling of gas in low effective circular velocity haloes. In all cases a particularly simple approach is taken to model this effect, whereby cooling in low circular velocity haloes \( (v_c < v_{\text{cut}}) \) is suppressed below the redshift at which the universe is assumed to have been reionised \( (z_{\text{cut}}) \). The parameters adopted \( (v_{\text{cut}} = 50\text{\,km\,s}^{-1} \) and \( z_{\text{cut}} = 6 \) may overestimate the impact of this effect according to recent simulations by Okamoto, Gao & Theuns (2008). The form of the observed HI mass function at low masses could give interesting constraints on the modelling of photoionisation and supernova feedback (Kim et al, in preparation). Here we focus on the more massive galaxies which dominate the overall HI content of the Universe.

We now compare the predictions of the four galaxy formation models for the spatial distribution of cold gas with one another and with observations. To understand the spatial distribution of cold gas, we first look at the halo occupation distribution (HOD; Benson et al. 2000; Peacock & Smith 2000; Berlind & Weinberg 2002). This quantifies the number of galaxies above a given cold gas mass, as a function of dark matter halo mass (§ 3.1). We present predictions for the correlation function of galaxies selected by their cold gas mass in § 3.2.

3 THE SPATIAL DISTRIBUTION OF COLD GAS

3.1 The halo occupation distribution

3.1.1 Variation of Cold Gas Mass with Halo Mass

Before considering the halo occupation distribution directly, it is instructive to first look at how the cold gas mass of galaxies varies with the mass of their host dark matter halo, which we plot in Fig. 3 for the Bow06 model. The median cold gas mass as a function of host halo mass is plotted separately for central and satellite galaxies. There is a tight correlation between the mass of cold gas of a central galaxy and its host halo mass for galaxies in haloes less massive than \( \sim 3 \times 10^{11}h^{-1}M_\odot \). In haloes more massive than this, AGN feedback suppresses gas cooling and there is a dramatic break in the galaxy cold gas mass - halo mass relation, with an accompanying increase in the scatter. The galaxies with the largest mass of cold gas do not lie in the most massive dark matter haloes, but reside instead in haloes with masses \( \sim 10^{12}h^{-1}M_\odot \). The predicted cold gas mass - halo

![Figure 3. The cold gas mass of galaxies in the Bow06 model as a function of the mass of their host dark matter halo. The black points show individual galaxies. The symbols joined by lines show the median cold gas mass as a function of halo mass, for central galaxies (blue), satellite galaxies (red) and all galaxies (black). The bars show the 10-90 percentile range of the distribution of cold gas masses. All galaxies, including those with zero cold gas mass are included when computing the median and percentile range. The solid black line shows the cold gas mass a galaxy would have if all the available baryons in its halo were in the form of cold gas in one object.](image-url)
mass relation is remarkably similar to that inferred observationally (Wyithe et al. 2009a). Another conclusion that is readily apparent from Fig. 3 is that the bulk of the baryons associated with a dark matter halo are not in the form of cold gas. The solid line in this plot shows the mass a galaxy would have if all of the available baryons in the halo were in the form of cold gas in one object, assuming the universal baryon fraction. The points are some way below this line for two reasons: 1) in most haloes, the bulk of the baryons are in the hot phase and 2) there is more than one galaxy in most haloes.

3.1.2 Cold Gas Halo Occupation Distributions

We now examine the predictions for the halo occupation distribution (HOD) of galaxy samples constructed according to cold gas mass. The HOD gives the mean number of galaxies which satisfy a given selection criterion as a function of halo distribution (HOD) of galaxy samples constructed according to

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\frac{dN}{dM} \propto M^{\alpha} \text{ for satellite galaxies (Peacock & Smith 2000; Seljak 2000; Berlind & Weinberg 2002; Zheng 2004). Many attempts have been made to interpret the clustering of optically selected galaxy samples, the HOD is commonly described by a step function for central galaxies and a power law for satellite galaxies. Wyithe et al. (2008; Kim et al. 2009). In contrast, there are few studies of the clustering of galaxies selected on the basis of their atomic hydrogen mass using the HOD formalism (Wyithe et al. 2009a, 2009b; Marin et al. 2009).

In Fig. 4, the typical form predicted by the models for the HOD of galaxies selected by their cold gas mass. The left panel shows the HOD for galaxies in the Bow06 model which have cold gas masses in excess of $3 \times 10^{10} h^{-2} M_{\odot}$, chosen to have the same HI mass cut as HIPASS. For this mass threshold, the abundance of central galaxies is sharply peaked around a halo mass of $\sim 2 \times 10^{13} h^{-1} M_{\odot}$. The HOD of satellite galaxies reaches unity in haloes which are a hundred times more massive. In these haloes, the central galaxy has a cold gas mass below the cut-off; there is essentially zero chance of finding a halo which contains a central galaxy and a satellite galaxy above this cold gas mass threshold. However, this does not imply that it is impossible to find more than one galaxy per halo with cold gas masses above the threshold, simply that when this occurs (i.e. once a sufficiently massive halo is considered), both galaxies will be satellites.

For comparison, we also plot in the left hand panel of Fig. 4 the traditional form adopted for the HOD of central galaxies (i.e. a step function). The minimum halo mass in this case is set by the requirement that the step function reproduces the number of central galaxies in the Bow06 model. The step function HOD is markedly different to the traditional form adopted for the HOD of central galaxies at $z = 0$ (see Croton et al. 2006 for a description of the implementation of radio mode feedback). Some gas is permitted to cool in haloes with hot gas atmospheres in the DeLucia07 model, with the cooling rate modified by accretion onto the central SMBH. In GALFORM, the cooling flow and heating rate are assumed to balance exactly whenever there is a quasi-hydrostatic hot halo and the Eddington luminosity of the black hole exceeds the cooling luminosity.

Figs. 5, 6 and 7 show the HOD in the four Durham models at $z = 0, 1$ and 2. Each column shows the HOD predicted for a different cold gas mass threshold, with the mass cut increasing to the right. The rows show the different models introduced in Sec. 2. For the most massive cold gas mass threshold plotted in Fig. 5, the mean occupation number in the MHIBow06 and GpcBow06 models is less than 1 galaxy per 100 haloes. In the Bow06 model, the HOD peaks at a halo mass just under $10^{12} h^{-1} M_{\odot}$, with around 1 in 10 such haloes hosting a central galaxy with cold gas mass above the threshold. The size of the departure from the traditionally assumed step function HOD for central galaxies at $z = 0$ in Fig. 5 varies in proportion to the “strength” of AGN feedback for the Bow06, Font08 and MHIBow06 models (see Table 1). Although the GpcBow06 model has the weakest AGN feedback, the deviation from a step function is largest in this case since this model adopts weaker supernovae feed-
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Figure 4. The predicted halo occupation distribution (HOD) of galaxies with cold gas mass in excess of $10^{9.5} h^{-2} M_{\odot}$, chosen to match the sample of galaxies for which Wyithe et al. (2009) estimated the HOD for in HIPASS. The left panel shows the HOD predicted in the Bow06 model (solid lines: blue shows the central galaxy HOD, red shows satellites and black shows the overall HOD). The dashed blue line shows a step function designed to reproduce the number of central galaxies in Bow06. The dashed black line shows this step function combined with the model HOD for satellites. The central panel shows the impact on the HOD of changing the halo mass above which AGN feedback stops the cooling flow. The fiducial Bow06 model corresponds to $\alpha_{\text{cool}} = 0.58$. In a model with a larger value of $\alpha_{\text{cool}}$, the onset of cooling suppression can shift to lower mass haloes; reducing $\alpha_{\text{cool}}$ means that cooling is only switched off in more massive haloes. The right hand panel compares the HOD predicted by Bow06 (solid lines) with that in the model of DeLucia & Blaizot (2007), for the same cold gas mass threshold (dashed lines). The colour coding is the same in each panel.

Fig. 5 shows that the amplitude of the HOD for satellite galaxies in the Bow06 model is higher than in the MHI-Bow06 and GpcBow06 models. This is due in part to the Bow06 model predicting a higher abundance of galaxies by cold gas mass than is observed (see Fig. 2). The Font08 model predicts many more satellite galaxies than the other models (≈10 times more for the two lowest cold gas mass thresholds). This can be traced back to the modified cooling model in Font08, which means that satellites accrete gas that cools from their incompletely stripped hot haloes. Also some of the gas which is reheated by supernovae in the satellite is allowed to recool onto the satellite rather than being incorporated into the main hot halo. The amplitude of the HOD for satellite galaxies at $z = 1$ (Fig. 6 in the Bow06, MHI-Bow06, and GpcBow06 models is higher than predicted at $z = 0$. Star formation depletes the cold gas by $z = 0$. The power law slope of the satellite HOD is remarkably constant regardless of cold gas mass threshold, redshift or galaxy formation model, with $N_{\text{sat}} \propto M_{\text{halo}}^{0.8}$. The predicted slope is in good agreement with the best fitting value determined from clustering in the HIPASS sample, with Wyithe et al. (2009a) reporting a slope of $0.7 \pm 0.4$. 

back than the other models (as a result of being set in a different cosmology, with a lower density fluctuation amplitude). The departure of the central galaxy from a step function form is less pronounced at $z = 1$ (Fig. 6). This is because fewer haloes have hot gas haloes and those which do host lower mass SMBH (see Fanidakis et al. 2009 for plots showing how the mass of SMBH is built up over time in the models). These trends continue in Fig. 7, which shows the HOD for the GALFORM models at $z = 2$. The HOD of central galaxies is now better approximated by a step function. The HODs become noisy for massive haloes as such objects are extremely rare at this redshift. The central galaxy HOD in the Font08 model has a Gaussian form centered on halo masses of a few times $10^{11} h^{-1} M_{\odot}$. The HOD displays an upturn for more massive haloes which is reminiscent of the HOD in the DeLucia07 model. In Font08, this mass could be brought in by merging satellites, which will have a higher cold gas mass than in the other Durham models. The central galaxy HOD becomes closer to the canonical step function form with increasing redshift.
We next compare the model predictions for the HOD of an optically selected galaxy sample with those of cold gas mass selected samples. Fig. 8 shows the HOD for samples defined by a cold gas mass threshold of $10^{10} h^{-2} M_\odot$ in the first four columns, with each column showing the predictions for a different model. In the right hand column, we plot the HOD for a sample in which galaxies are selected on the basis of their $r$-band luminosity in the GpcBow06 model. The optical luminosity cut is chosen such that the galaxies brighter than the limit ($M_r - 5 \log h < -21.06$) have the same number density as the sample selected by cold gas mass in the GpcBow06 model. As we have already remarked, the HODs for the cold gas samples have similar properties, with a peaked HOD for central galaxies which declines rapidly with increasing halo mass, and a power law HOD for satellites. The HOD for central galaxies in the optical sample shows a local bump for haloes masses just below $10^{12} h^{-1} M_\odot$, but overall rises gradually, reaching unity at a halo mass of $\sim 3 \times 10^{14} h^{-1} M_\odot$. The bump is due to the implementation of AGN feedback. The central galaxy HOD drops after the bump as AGN feedback “switches on” in these haloes. Central galaxies hosted by massive haloes are bright in the $r$-band, whilst possessing too little gas to be included in the cold gas sample.

The remaining rows of Fig. 8 show the steps which connect the HOD predictions to the effective bias of the galaxy samples, which tells us the clustering amplitude. In the lower two rows of this plot we have switched to plotting quantities on a linear scale. In the second row of Fig. 8, the HOD is multiplied by the abundance of the host dark matter haloes, giving the contribution to the number density of galaxies as a...
function of halo mass. The abundance of the host dark matter haloes is computed using the prescription of Sheth, Mo & Tormen (2001), which gives a good match to simulation results. Beyond the break in the mass function, the number of haloes per unit volume drops exponentially. This means that satellite galaxies, whose HOD is described by a moderate power law, do not contribute significantly to the number of galaxies per unit volume. This is true for samples defined either by cold gas mass or $r$-band luminosity. The abundance of galaxies is sharply peaked for the cold gas samples. For the optical sample, the galaxy number density has a sharp peak just below a halo mass of $10^{12} h^{-1} M_\odot$ and then shows a broad distribution and an appreciable contribution from more massive haloes. In the bottom row of Fig. 8, we plot the number density of galaxies multiplied by the bias factor as a function of halo mass (as computed using the prescription of Sheth, Mo & Tormen 2001). The square of the bias gives the factor by which the auto-correlation function of haloes is boosted on large scales relative to the correlation function of the dark matter. The halo bias increases rapidly beyond the break in the mass function, which increases the influence of satellite galaxies on the effective bias (e.g. Angulo et al. 2008b). Nevertheless, for the cold gas mass samples satellite galaxies still make a negligible contribution to the clustering amplitude on large scales, as quantified by the effective bias. Satellite galaxies make a modest contribution to the effective bias in the $r$-band sample. This contribution increases if the luminosity cut is made fainter. In summary, the models predict that galaxies with cold gas mass in excess of $10^{10} h^{-2} M_\odot$ are predominately central galaxies hosted by dark matter haloes of mass $10^{12} h^{-1} M_\odot$. These haloes are less massive than the characteristic halo mass at $z = 0$ in the cosmologies used and so the bias factor of these samples is below unity; they are sub-clustered compared to the dark matter. In contrast, the $r$-band sample has an effective bias with a significant contribution from more massive}

Figure 6. The halo occupation distribution at $z = 1$ for samples defined by a threshold cold gas mass. The blue dashed curves show the contribution from central galaxies, the red dotted curves show satellite galaxies and the black solid curves show all galaxies. Each row shows a different model as labelled, using the notation set up in Section 2.
Figure 7. The halo occupation distribution at $z = 2$. As before, the blue dashed curves show the contribution from central galaxies, the red dotted curves show satellite galaxies and the black solid curves show all galaxies. Each row shows a different model as described in Section 2. Each column corresponds to a different cold gas mass threshold as labelled.

haloes which have a larger bias factor. The bias factor for the $r$-band selected samples is therefore greater than unity and clustering length is larger than it is for cold gas sample (see Fig. 10 later).

Finally, in Fig. 9 we compare the spatial distribution of $r$-band selected galaxies with that of galaxies chosen on the basis of their cold gas mass ($M_{\text{cold}} > 10^{10}h^{-2}M_{\odot}$ in the GpcBow06 model). Again the $r$-band magnitude limit ($M_r - 5 \log h < -21.06$) is chosen to match the abundance of galaxies in the cold gas sample. The grey circles represent dark matter haloes. The circle radius and darkness are proportional to halo mass. The cold gas selected galaxies follow the filamentary structure and tend to avoid high density regions. The difference in the number of satellite galaxies (red circles) is obvious between the cold gas and optical samples. The satellites are found in more massive haloes. This difference in the spatial distributions provides a visual impression of the differences in the HODs plotted in Fig. 8. The stronger clustering of the optical samples in principle means that it should be easier to measure the power spectrum of galaxy clustering using these tracers. However, the key consideration, as we shall see in Section 4, is how the product of the number density of galaxies and their power spectrum amplitude changes with redshift. This quantity controls the “contrast” of the power spectrum signal against the noise which arises from having discrete tracers of the density field.

3.2 Predictions for the clustering of cold gas

In this section we present the predictions of the galaxy formation models introduced in Section 2 for the two point correlation function. To predict the galaxy distribution of the GpcBow06 model, we generated galaxy samples using the GPICC simulation.

We start in Fig. 10 by comparing the spatial two point
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Figure 8. The steps relating the number of galaxies per halo to the strength of galaxy clustering in the GALFORM models. The first row shows the HOD as a function of halo mass. The second row shows the HOD multiplied by the abundance of dark matter haloes as a function of halo mass, $dn/d\ln M_{\text{halo}}$, (as computed using the prescription of Sheth, Mo & Tormen 2001) with the $y$-axis plotted on a linear scale. $n_{\text{tot}}$ is the number density of galaxies which satisfy the selection criteria (i.e. in cold gas mass or $r$-band luminosity). The integral of these curves is proportional to the number density of galaxies. The bottom row shows the HOD times the halo mass function times the bias factor as a function of halo mass. The area under the curves in this case gives the effective bias of the galaxy sample. The first four columns show the model predictions for galaxies with cold gas mass in excess of $M_{\text{cold}} > 10^{10} h^{-2} M_\odot$. The fifth column shows an $r$-band selected sample in the GpcBow06 model, with the magnitude limit ($M_r - 5 \log h < -21.06$) chosen such that the number of galaxies matches that in the cold gas sample in this model. As before, the contribution of central galaxies is shown by blue dashed lines, satellite galaxies by red dotted lines and all galaxies by black solid lines.

autocorrelation function of a galaxy sample defined by a threshold cold gas mass ($M_{\text{cold}} > 10^{10} h^{-2} M_\odot$) in real (solid black line) and redshift space (dashed black line). The correlation function is computed in redshift space using the distant observer approximation. In this approximation, one of the coordinate axes is chosen as the line of sight and the peculiar velocity of the galaxy in that direction is added to the real space position, after applying a suitable scaling to convert from velocity units to distance units. For the largest pair separations plotted, the correlation function in redshift space has the same shape as the real space correlation function, but a larger amplitude. The magnitude of the shift in amplitude agrees very closely with the expectation of Kaiser (1987). This effect is caused by coherent bulk flows towards overdense regions. On pair separations between 0.3 and $1 h^{-1}$Mpc, the real and redshift space correlation functions are very similar. They diverge on smaller scales, where the predictions are noisy simply because there are few galaxies pairs at these separations.

This behaviour can be contrasted with the clustering in the optically selected sample, which is shown by the red lines in Fig. 10. As with the cold gas sample, there is a shift
Figure 9. The spatial distribution of galaxies and dark matter haloes in the GpcBow06 model at $z = 0$. Dark matter is shown in grey and the size and darkness of the circle used to plot the dark matter halo increase with mass. Galaxies selected by cold gas mass ($M_{\text{cold}} > 10^{10} h^{-2} M_{\odot}$) and r-band luminosity ($M_r - 5 \log h < -21.06$) are plotted in the left and right hand panels respectively. The top row shows a slice of $100 h^{-1}$ Mpc on a side and $10 h^{-1}$ Mpc thick. The bottom row shows a zoom into a region of $30 h^{-1}$ Mpc on a side and $10 h^{-1}$ Mpc thick, which corresponds to the blue square in the top row. The green circles represent central galaxies and the red circles show satellite galaxies.

in the clustering amplitude when measured in redshift space for pair separations $r > 3 h^{-1}$ Mpc. However, the size of the shift is smaller for the optically selected sample, which is consistent with the bias of this sample being greater than unity and larger than the bias of the cold gas selected sample. The real-space correlation function of the optical sample is steep on small scales, reflecting the contribution of satellite galaxies within common dark matter haloes. There is a substantial reduction in the clustering amplitude in redshift space on these scales in the optical sample, again driven by satellite galaxies. This is the so-called “fingers of God” redshift space distortion, whereby randomised peculiar velocities of the satellites within the gravitational potential of the cluster make the cluster appear elongated.

The real space correlation function cannot be estimated directly from a galaxy redshift survey. A related quantity is the projected correlation function which can be estimated from the two point correlation function measured in bins of
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Figure 11. The projected correlation function for cold gas mass selected samples at $z = 0$ (top), 1 (middle) and 2 (bottom). Each column shows the predictions for a different cold gas mass threshold, as indicated by the label. The predictions of the models are distinguished by different line types and colours, as shown by the key in the upper left panel. The solid black lines in each panel show the projected correlation function of the dark matter measured in the Millennium Simulation (note that the GpcBow06 model uses a different cosmology and has different dark matter correlation functions).

In the limit that the integral over the radial pair separation can be taken to infinity, this quantity is free from redshift space distortions (see Norberg et al. 2009 for an illustration of the impact of imposing a finite upper limit on the integral).

Fig. 11 shows the projected correlation function predicted in the four models for a range of cold gas mass samples at $z = 0, 1$ and 2. The columns show the results for different cold gas mass thresholds, and the rows correspond to different models. The solid black lines in each panel show the projected correlation function measured for the dark matter in the Millennium Simulation (recall that the GpcBow06 model has a different cosmology and so should be compared to a consistent dark matter correlation function which will be slightly different from that in the Millennium simulation on these scales). Overall, the three lowest mass samples at $z = 0$ are less clustered than the dark matter. The most massive threshold sample we consider at this redshift has a similar clustering amplitude to the dark matter. At $z = 1$, the bias of the three lowest mass samples is close to unity, with the projected clustering of galaxies being very close to
that of the dark matter. At $z = 2$, the cold gas samples are more clustered than the dark matter and correspondingly have effective biases greater than unity. This evolution in the bias is due to the adoption of a fixed cold gas mass threshold. At high redshift, galaxies with a large cold gas mass will tend to be found in more massive haloes.

Across the different models there is a small spread in clustering amplitude for a given cold gas mass sample, with remarkably similar predictions made for the projected correlation function. Fig. 11 shows that the differences start to appear at $z = 1$ and become larger by $z = 0$. The model which shows the largest difference from the others is Font08. On small scales in the two lowest mass threshold samples, this model has an appreciably higher amplitude projected correlation function than the other models. This feature can be traced back to the HODs plotted in Fig. 5. Due to the revised cooling model used in Font08, there are more satellite galaxies in the low mass samples in this model, which boosts the one halo term in the correlation function.

Finally, we compare the predicted correlation functions with an observational estimate made from the HIPASS catalogue by Meyer et al. (2007). In order to make this comparison, we need to convert the cold gas mass output by the models into an atomic hydrogen mass. We assume that 76% by mass of the cold gas is hydrogen. Here we adopt a fixed ratio of molecular ($\text{H}_2$) to atomic (HI) hydrogen of $\text{H}_2/\text{HI}=0.4$ (see Power et al. 2009 for a discussion). The HI mass, $M_{\text{HI}}$, is therefore obtained from the cold gas mass $M_{\text{cold}}$ by applying the conversion:

$$M_{\text{HI}} = 0.76M_{\text{cold}}/(1 + 0.4). \quad (6)$$

With this relation, the sample analyzed by Meyer et al. is equivalent to a cold gas mass threshold of $M_{\text{cold}} > 10^{9.5}h^{-2}M_\odot$. The comparison between the model predictions and the observational estimate is presented in Fig. 12. The correlation function predicted by the MHIBow06 model agrees remarkably well with the observational estimate. The GpcBow06 and Bow06 models predict too low a clustering amplitude. The Font08 model gives a reasonable match on intermediate and large scales, but somewhat overpredicts the clustering amplitude on small scales, hinting that this model has too many gas rich satellites in massive haloes.

### 4 MEASURING DARK ENERGY WITH FUTURE HI REDSHIFT SURVEYS

In this section we show how redshift surveys of HI selected galaxies can be used to detect baryonic acoustic oscillations (BAO) in the galaxy power spectrum, and we assess the relative performance of HI and optical surveys in measuring the large scale structure of the Universe.

The BAO signal measured in a sample defined by cold gas mass is shown in Fig. 13. We use the galaxy distribution in the GPICC simulation generated using the GpcBow06 model. To show the BAO more clearly, we have divided the measured spectrum by a reference power spectrum which contains no wiggles. For the linear theory prediction, which is shown by the curves in Fig. 13, the reference is based on the “no wiggle” parametrization of the power spectrum.
Figure 13. The baryonic acoustic oscillations in the galaxy power spectrum. To display the BAO more clearly, we have divided the predicted spectra by smooth fits, as described in the text. The points show the power spectra predicted by the GpcBow06 model at \( z = 2 \) (bottom), \( z = 1 \) (middle) and \( z = 0 \) (top). The left hand column shows the power spectra measured for galaxies with cold gas mass (\( M_{\text{cold}} > 10^{10} h^{-1} M_\odot \)). The right hand column shows the BAO in a sample selected in the \( r \)-band with the same number density of galaxies as the cold gas sample at that redshift. The smooth green line shows the linear theory power spectrum, divided by a smooth reference power spectrum, after filtering or “de-wiggling” to damp the higher harmonics (see text). The errors plotted on the power spectrum depend on the number density of galaxies and the simulation volume (see eq. 3 in Angulo et al. 2008a).

given by Eisenstein & Hu (1998). The no wiggle prediction includes the impact of a non-zero baryon component on the width of the turn-over in the matter power spectrum. The ratio of the linear theory power spectrum, \( P^\text{lin}(k) \), to the no wiggle prediction, \( P^\text{nw}(k) \), is “de-wiggled” by damping the oscillations to represent the impact of nonlinear growth and redshift-space distortions (e.g. Eisenstein et al. 2005; Sanchez, Baugh & Angulo 2008):

\[
R(k) = \left( \frac{P^\text{lin}}{P^\text{nw}} - 1 \right) \times \exp \left( -\frac{k^2}{2k_{\text{nl}}^2} \right) + 1, \tag{7}
\]

where \( k_{\text{nl}} \) is the damping scale and is treated as a free parameter.

The overall shape of the power spectra measured from the simulation is different from the linear theory prediction due to the nonlinear growth of fluctuations and redshift-space distortions (see Angulo et al. 2008a for a step by step illustration of these effects). We model this change in shape by multiplying the no-wiggle version of the linear theory spectrum by a third order polynomial:

\[
P_{\gamma}(k) = (1 + Ak + Bk^2 + Ck^3)P^\text{nw}(k). \tag{8}
\]

The free parameters \( A, B \) and \( C \) are chosen to give the best match to the overall shape of the measured power spectrum. All points up to \( k = 0.4 h \text{ Mpc}^{-1} \) were included in the fit and given equal weight. This approach is more straightforward and robust than using a spline fit to a coarsely binned measured spectrum, which is sensitive to the number of \( k \)-bins used.

We show in Fig. 13 the BAO signal in the GpcBow06 model at \( z = 0, 1 \) and \( 2 \) for galaxies selected by their cold gas mass (\( M_{\text{cold}} > 10^{10} h^{-1} M_\odot \); left column), as an illustration of how a cold gas mass selected sample traces this large-scale structure feature. In the right-hand column of Fig. 13, we compare this with the BAO signal expected for an \( r \)-band selected sample of galaxies that have same number density at each redshift as the cold gas sample. The reference power spectrum is defined as described above, using the third order polynomial fit to the measured spectrum in each case. Fig. 13 shows that we should be able to measure the BAO feature just as well using a sample selected by cold gas mass as with an optically selected sample.
Many ongoing and proposed redshift surveys have the goal of determining the nature of dark energy by measuring the BAO signal in the galaxy power spectrum. A powerful way to compare the expected performance of different surveys for measuring large-scale structure is to estimate their effective volumes (see, for example, Orsi et al. 2009). This is essentially an indicator of the “useful” survey volume of possible SKA configurations using the GpcBow06 model. The model gives the number density of galaxies at different redshifts brighter than the specified flux limit and the effective bias of these galaxies. The flux limit for a given collecting area and integration time is computed as described in Power et al. (2009). We calculate the effective volume for three different survey integration times and collecting areas assuming a 200 deg$^2$ field of view. The top panel of Fig. 14 shows the number density of sources, $n(z)$, as a function of redshift. The galaxy number density for a 3 year survey with a 1 km$^2$ collecting area is nearly constant up to $z = 2$; for an integration time of just 1 year with the same collecting area, the number density of galaxies detected declines rapidly beyond $z \sim 2$. If the collecting area is much smaller, 0.1 km$^2$, a 1-yr survey for SKA probes $z < 1$.

The middle panel of Fig. 14 shows that the bias in the three cases described above changes by a much more modest amount than the number density of galaxies does, increasing by 50% with redshift over the range plotted. The increase in effective bias cannot therefore compensate for the dramatic drop in the abundance of galaxies in the high redshift tails of the distributions. The effective volume of a survey configuration no longer increases with redshift once the product of the galaxy number density and the galaxy power spectrum drops below unity. In this regime, the power spectrum signal is swamped by shot noise ($P_{\text{shot}} = 1/n$) arising from the use of discrete galaxies to trace the continuous density field, and does not contribute to the statistical power of the survey. The product $nP$ is plotted in the lower panel of Fig. 14. The different survey configurations track the geometrical volume available until the redshift at which $nP < 1$. This is clear from the lower panel of Fig. 15, in which the effective volume curves flatten once this redshift is reached. The thick lines show the effective volume expected for a fixed $H_2/\text{HI}$ ratio. The thin lines show that the effective volume sampled drops by a factor of two when a variable $H_2/\text{HI}$ ratio is adopted.

We include in Fig. 14 two predictions for redshift surveys conducted in the near-infrared taken from Orsi et al. (2009), who followed the same procedure we have set out.
above, but for different galaxy selection criteria. The predictions for a redshift galaxy to \( H = 22 \) with a 33\% redshift sampling rate (green dot-long-dashed line) and for a slitless survey to an \( H-\alpha \) flux limit of \( 5 \times 10^{-16} \) erg s\(^{-1}\) cm\(^{-2}\), again with a 33\% redshift measurement rate (green dot-short-dashed line), are plotted for comparison. Leaving aside cost considerations and technical feasibility, this comparison shows that a 1-year SKA survey is comparable to the one third sampling \( H = 22 \) survey, and samples around 5 times the volume of the \( H-\alpha \) survey.

The effective volume gives a broad brush view of the potential performance of a survey. In order to get a more quantitative impression, we need to make a forecast of the error on the parameter of interest, which in our case is the dark energy equation of state parameter, \( w \). This will allow us to assess if the volume sampled by the survey is at a redshift which is useful for constraining the value of \( w \). The conclusions will depend to some extent on the dark energy model adopted. The fiducial model we use is a flat cold dark matter universe with a cosmological constant. The cosmological constant has little impact on cosmological distances above \( z \approx 1.5-2 \). Hence, a difference in effective volume between survey configurations at these redshifts is likely to have little impact on how well \( w \) can be measured. This behaviour could change if we adopted a different dark energy model, such as one with appreciable amounts of dark energy at early epochs (see, for example, the plots of Hubble model, such as one with appreciable amounts of dark energy)

\[
F_{ij} = \sum_{l=1}^{N_z} \int_{k_{\text{min}}}^{k_{\text{max}}} \frac{\partial \ln R(k,z_i)}{\partial p_i} \frac{\partial \ln R(k,z_j)}{\partial p_j} \times V_{\text{eff}}(k,z_i) \frac{4\pi k^2 dk}{(2\pi)^3},
\]

where \( R \) is the measured power spectrum divided by a smooth reference, as given by Eq. 7 and the effective volume, \( V_{\text{eff}}(k,z) \) is given by Eq. 4. The integration is over the wavenumber interval \( k_{\text{min}} = 0.02h\text{Mpc}^{-1} \) to \( k_{\text{max}} = 0.2h\text{Mpc}^{-1} \). To isolate the cosmological constraints which come from the BAO scale, we ignore any information stored in the amplitude of the power spectrum and assume the power spectrum is sensitive to \( w \) only through the observed angular and radial distance scales. The explicit dependence, as given in Seo & Eisenstein (2003) is,

\[
P_{\text{obs}}(k_{\text{ref} \perp}, k_{\text{ref} \parallel}, z) = \frac{D_{\text{A}}(z_{\text{true}}) D_{\text{A}}(z)}{D_{\text{A}}(z_{\text{true}}) D_{\text{A}}(z)} \left( \frac{\sigma(z_{\text{true}}) + \sigma(z)}{\sigma(z_{\text{true}})} \right),
\]

where \( k_{\text{ref} \perp} \equiv k_{\parallel} D_{\text{A}}(z)/D_{\text{A}}(z)_{\text{ref}} \) and \( k_{\text{ref} \parallel} = k_{\parallel} H(z)_{\text{true}}/H(z) \) relate the wavenumbers inferred via an assumed cosmological model and the true physical scales in the power spectrum.

Our calculation is idealised since we hold the values of the other cosmological parameters fixed. Angulo et al. (2008) showed that making such an assumption can have an impact on the size of the uncertainty inferred on \( w \) given an error on the BAO distance scale. Here we are interested in the relative error on \( w \) between different survey configurations, which we assume are robust to whether or not we vary other parameters. We find that the error on \( w \), \( \Delta w \), is fairly insensitive to the assumption about the ratio of \( H_0/\Omega \). Even though the tails of the redshift distribution of HI emitters are significantly different in these cases, and the effective survey volumes differ, this has little impact on \( \Delta w \). Also, there is little difference in the accuracy achievable with 1 year and 3 year surveys. Finally, we compare the performance of HI redshift surveys with that of surveys in the near infrared. The \( H = 22 \) survey is predicted to yield an equivalent \( \Delta w \) to the 1 year HI SKA survey. The H-alpha survey is expected to give a \( \Delta w \) that is twice as large as an \( H = 22 \) survey.

5 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The cold gas content of galaxies and its variation with halo mass lie at the core of the galaxy formation process. The amount of cold gas in a galaxy is set by the balance between a number of competing processes. The cold gas supply comes from the cooling of gas from the hot halo and the accretion of cold gas following mergers with other galaxies. Star formation and supernova feedback act as sinks of cold gas. Semi-analytical simulations model all of these processes in the context of structure formation in the dark matter and so are ideally suited to make predictions for the distribution of cold gas in haloes of different mass. Since the models can make a wide range of predictions, their parameters are set by the requirement that a variety of observed galaxy properties be reproduced, not just the local HI data. The model predictions can be tested by measurements of the clustering of HI-selected galaxy samples, and are necessary to plan surveys to measure the large-scale structure of the Universe with the next generation of radio telescopes.

In this paper we have compared the predictions for the distribution of cold gas in dark matter haloes of four versions of the Durham semi-analytical galaxy formation model, GAlFORM. The Bower et al. (2006) and Font et al. (2008) models are publicly available from the Millennium Archive. These models overpredict the local abundance of galaxies as a function of their cold gas mass. This excess was straightforward to fix, with the primary adjustment made to the model star formation timescale. This modified model, based on Bower et al. (2006) was still able to reproduce the quality of match to the optical luminosity functions enjoyed by Bower et al. We also considered a galaxy formation model set in a different cosmology, to take advantage of a N-body simulation with a large enough box size to accurately model baryonic acoustic oscillations. This model also adopted a modified star formation timescale to better match the local HI mass function.

The model predictions have several features in common. In agreement with observations, satellite galaxies are rel-
nately unimportant in samples selected by their cold gas mass. This is true even in the Font et al. (2008) model in which satellites retain some of their hot haloes, depending on their orbit within the main halo, and can continue to accrete cooling gas. Samples constructed according to a cold gas mass threshold are dominated by central galaxies in haloes around \(10^{11} h^{-1} M_\odot\). The halo occupation distribution of central galaxies is peaked in halo mass, rather than being a step function, as is the case for optical samples. As the cold gas mass cut is increased, the width of the central galaxy HOD increases and the amplitude drops. The peaked nature of the HOD of central galaxies is due to suppression of gas cooling in masses haloes following heating by AGN. We found the same general form for the HOD in a model by de Lucia & Blaizot 2007, in which the implementation of AGN/radio mode feedback is different from that in GALFORM.

The relative importance of central and satellite galaxies has an impact on the form of the predicted correlation function. The correlation function of a galaxy sample selected by cold gas mass is remarkably similar on small scales in real and redshift space. For pair separations in excess of a few Mpc, the redshift space correlation function has a higher amplitude than in real space, as expected given the effective bias of the sample (Kaiser 1987). In contrast, for an optically selected sample with the same number density of galaxies, the correlation steepens in real space for \(r < 1 h^{-1}\)Mpc and is damped in redshift space on these scales, due to the greater influence of satellite galaxies in massive haloes. On larger scales there is a more modest boost in the clustering amplitude in redshift space, due to the larger effective bias of the optical sample. The clustering predictions are in reasonable agreement with the measurements by Meyer et al. (2007). The clustering in the modified version of the Bower et al. model (MHIBow06) best agrees with the HIPASS results.

One of the primary science goals of the Square Kilometre Array (SKA) is to make a high precision measurement of large-scale structure in the galaxy distribution. By measuring the apparent size of baryonic acoustic oscillations (BAO) at a particular redshift, the cosmological distance to that redshift can be derived, thereby constraining the equation of state of the dark energy. By combining the galaxy formation model with a very large volume N-body simulation (\(1h^{-3}\)Gpc\(^3\)), we have been able to demonstrate that galaxy samples constructed on the basis of cold gas mass can trace the BAO with the same fidelity as an near-infrared selected sample with the same number density of galaxies.

The key remaining question is how effectively do HI and optical redshift surveys sample the available geometrical volume and how does this translate into an error on the dark energy equation of state parameter? The effective survey volume varies substantially between HI surveys of different duration and for different assumptions about the split between atomic and molecular hydrogen. However, at least for the case of a cosmological constant, these differences occur in a redshift range which has little impact on the derived error on the equation of state. We find that HI surveys are comparable to the most ambitious near-infrared spectroscopic surveys currently under discussion, and will give a factor of two smaller error on \(\omega\) than a slitless H\(\alpha\) redshift survey; all are bone fide Stage V experiments in the Dark Energy Task Force nomenclature (Albrecht et al. 2006). The uncertainty in the ratio of molecular to atomic hydrogen is one of the major uncertainties at present, and leads to larger differences in the predicted counts of HI emitters than the choice of galaxy formation model. The fraction of molecular hydrogen is thought to depend upon the local conditions in the interstellar medium. This question requires further modelling (e.g. Krumholz, McKee & Tumlinson 2009), augmented by observations of the HI and CO distribution in nearby galaxies, for example by HI surveys on the SKA pathfinder MeerKAT and CO measurements using the Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array (Wootten 2008).

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