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I. INTRODUCTION

The virialized halos that are identified in simulations of gravitational clustering are biased tracers of the underlying matter field. Typically, this bias is described in two ways, either by relating the halo and mass fields at the time the halos were identified (e.g., the present) or by identifying the patches in the initial conditions that are destined to form halos and describing the bias between these patches and the initial mass fluctuation field [1]. These are known as the Eulerian and Lagrangian bias, respectively. In either case, the simplest models assume that this bias is local, meaning that the biased field can be written as a (deterministic) function of the mass field. However, the nonlinearly evolved mass field is a nonlocal function of the initial one, so Lagrangian and Eulerian bias cannot both be local [2–4].

It has recently been noted that neither of the two best-studied models of Lagrangian bias—peaks theory [5] and the excursion set approach [6]—is local. This is because

both approaches predict that the abundance of biased tracers (peaks or halos) should depend not just on the local values of the overdensity field but on derivatives of the field as well [7]. This gives rise to a rather specific form for nonlocal bias, in which the bias is most naturally described in Fourier space, where it is k dependent even at the linear level [8–10]. The main goal of the present work is to explore models in which the nonlocality of bias is qualitatively different, arising only at second order, and associated with anisotropies in the initial field. This source of nonlocality is generic to models in which halos form from an anisotropic collapse [11], for which there is considerable evidence [12].

Section II describes the relation between Lagrangian and Eulerian bias in nonlocal models, and Sec. III describes our excursion set-based treatment of the origin of nonlocal Lagrangian bias, providing an analytic description of the effect. The technical problem, which is the subject of this section, is to provide an accurate formula for the first crossing distribution of a barrier by n -dimensional walks with correlated steps; we use Monte Carlo simulations of such walks to illustrate the accuracy of our analytic formulas. Section IV compares our predictions with estimates of the nonlocal halo bias term in numerical simulations of

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hierarchical clustering, and a final section summarizes our findings.

II. NONLINEAR, NONLOCAL HALO BIAS AND ITS EVOLUTION

The excursion set model of halo abundances and evolution assumes that it is possible to identify those patches in the initial fluctuation field that are destined to form halos by a later time (e.g., the present) [6]. In what follows, we discuss why, in this case, halo bias is generally expected to be nonlocal both in the initial conditions and at later times.

A. The spherical evolution model: Local Lagrangian bias and evolution

The simplest implementations of this approach assume that halos form from a spherical collapse. In this case, the initial overdensity of a patch plays an important role in determining whether or not it will form a halo [13]. Almost all studies that incorporate the spherical collapse model into the excursion set approach assume that the initial overdensity is the only parameter that determines halo formation (see Ref. [7] for a recent exception). As a result, these studies find that halos are locally biased versions of the initial density fluctuation field [1]. If the environment of a halo is spherically symmetric, then it is natural to expect the spherical model to describe both the evolution of the patch that becomes a halo and the evolution of its surrounding environment. Since the spherical evolution model yields a local deterministic mapping between the initial and evolved densities, the fact that halo bias was local with respect to the initial density field means that it remains local with respect to the evolved field. The bias factors are different of course, but they are easily calculated [14].

Schematically, if an initial volume V_0 is overdense by δ_0 , then, in the excursion set approach, the halo overdensity (averaged over all such spheres) is

$$1 + \delta_h(m|\delta_0) \equiv \frac{\langle N_m|\delta_0 \rangle}{n(m)V_0} = 1 + \sum_{k>0} \frac{b_k^L \delta_0^k}{k!}, \quad (1)$$

where the numerator is an average over all cells of volume V_0 and density δ_0 , and $n(m)$ in the denominator denotes the number density of halos of mass m (i.e., the integral of the numerator over all allowed values of δ_0). The right-hand side is explicitly a function of δ_0 only, so the Lagrangian bias is local. The Lagrangian bias factors associated with the spherical model satisfy

$$\delta_c^k b_k^L = \nu^{k-1} H_{k+1}(\nu), \quad \text{where } \nu \equiv \delta_c/\sigma(m), \quad (2)$$

and the H_n are (the probabilist's) Hermite polynomials, and δ_c is the critical density required for spherical collapse. The Eulerian halo overdensity is defined similarly as

$$1 + \delta_h^E(m|M, V) \equiv \frac{\langle N_m|\delta_0(M, V) \rangle}{n(m)V} = 1 + \sum_{k>0} \frac{b_k \delta^k}{k!}. \quad (3)$$

The Eulerian halo bias factors are obtained upon noting that $M/\bar{\rho}V \equiv 1 + \delta$ and that the spherical model yields a local monotonic relation between $1 + \delta$ and δ_0 , so that the expression above can be written as a series in δ . Specifically, the Eulerian bias factors in the spherical collapse model are

$$b_1 = 1 + \frac{\nu_1^2 - 1}{\delta_1} = 1 + b_1^L \quad (4)$$

$$b_2 = \frac{8}{21} b_1^L + b_2^L \quad (5)$$

$$b_3 = -\frac{796}{1323} b_1^L - \frac{13}{7} b_2^L + b_3^L, \quad (6)$$

etc. Note that the Eulerian bias b_k depends on the Lagrangian bias factors of equal and lower order, and the overall structure is precisely that shown as the monopole contribution to the bias in Ref. [3].

Accounting for the fact that the evolution of the environment will, in general, be nonlocal means that one simply replaces the $\delta_0(\delta)$ mapping with the nonlocal one. It is straightforward to check that carrying this through, order by order, yields the additional nonlocal bias terms given in Refs. [3,15]. However, if halo bias is nonlocal even in Lagrangian space, then this will provide additional contributions to the Eulerian bias factors. To see the structure of these terms, it is useful to consider models of halo formation in which factors other than the initial overdensity are important.

B. The triaxial collapse model

In triaxial collapse models, e.g., Ref. [11], the evolution of a patch is determined by more than just its internal overdensity. The simplest of these models uses the fact that at each position in the initial field, one may define the deformation tensor, D , whose elements are the second derivatives of the gravitational potential. The overdensity, which is the only quantity that matters for the spherical model, is the trace of this 3×3 matrix. So the question arises as to which (combinations) of the other elements of this matrix matter?

To describe the shape of the gravitational potential, it is common to introduce the ellipticity e and prolateness p , defined from the eigenvalues λ_i ($i = 1, 2, 3$) of $\nabla_{ij}\Phi$,

$$\delta_0 \equiv \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3, \quad e \equiv \frac{\lambda_1 - \lambda_3}{2\delta}, \quad \text{and} \quad (7)$$

$$p \equiv \frac{\lambda_1 + \lambda_3 - 2\lambda_2}{2\delta}.$$

This set of parameters is used in triaxial evolution models of nonlinear structure formation [11,12]. However, because

e and p are ratios of the eigenvalues, it is not obvious that they are the best choice of parameters in a perturbative analysis. In particular, one might have wondered if the rotationally invariariant quantities,

$$I_1 = \text{Tr}(D) = \sum_i \lambda_i = \delta_0, \quad (8)$$

$$I_2 = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 + \lambda_1 \lambda_3 + \lambda_2 \lambda_3, \quad (9)$$

$$I_3 = \text{Det}(D) = \prod_i \lambda_i \quad (10)$$

are more relevant. When expressed in terms of (δ_0, e, p) , these are

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &= \frac{\delta_0^2}{3} [1 - (3e^2 + p^2)], \\ I_3 &= \frac{\delta_0^3}{27} (1 - 2p)[(1 + p)^2 - 9e^2]. \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Since the I_j do not depend on taking ratios of the eigenvalues, they, or other quantities built from them, have considerable appeal. Indeed, $\mathcal{G}_2 = -2I_2$ and $\mathcal{G}_3 = 6I_3$ are the fundamental quantities in Ref. [3].

Another interesting combination is

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_0 &= I_1, \quad q_0^2 = I_1^2 - 3I_2 = \delta_0^2(3e^2 + p^2) \quad \text{and} \\ u_0^3 &= \frac{2I_1^3 - 9I_1I_2 + 27I_3}{9} = \frac{2\delta_0^3 p(9e^2 - p^2)}{9}. \end{aligned}$$

Despite the appearance of $I_1 = \delta_0$ in their definition, q and u are actually independent of δ_0 . Moreover, they are precisely the quantities that arise in a perturbative analysis of the ellipsoidal collapse model; J_1 and J_2 of Ref. [16] are our q_0^2 and $9u_0^3$, respectively. A final combination that also arises in triaxial collapse models is

$$v = \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 \quad \text{and} \quad w = \delta - 3\lambda_3, \quad (12)$$

where $0 \leq v \leq w$ and $0 \leq w \leq \infty$ [17]. Like q^2 and u^3 , v and w are also independent of δ .

Notice that e , p , v , w , q_0^2 and u_0^3 all vanish for a spherically symmetric perturbation ($\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = \delta_0/3$). But in general, q_0 follows a χ_5^2 distribution [18] (they actually called it r ; we have changed notation to emphasize the fact that q_0^2 is the quadrupole which arises in perturbation theory analyses).

C. Nonlocality from evolution in such models

Whereas the spherical evolution model assumes that halos are associated with regions where $\delta_0 > \delta_c$, triaxial evolution models generically assume that $\delta_0 > \delta_c(e, p)$ or $\delta_c(q_0, u_0)$; the critical density required for collapse depends on the other elements of the deformation tensor. Most work to date has treated the effect of (e, p) approximately, by using appropriately defined average values to estimate halo abundances [12] and how they correlate with

the large-scale environment [18]. In this approximation, Lagrangian halo bias remains local, but the bias coefficients are modified compared to the spherical case. In addition, halo bias at late times is also treated approximately, by assuming that the large-scale environment evolves according to the spherical model. As a result, Eulerian halo bias is also local (see Refs. [19,20] for explicit expressions). If one keeps the local approximation for Lagrangian bias, but accounts for the nonlocality of nonlinear evolution of the dark matter, then this will again yield the same structure for the nonlocal terms that was described in Ref. [3] and shown to be robust beyond the assumption of conserved tracers.

Before reconsidering the question of local Lagrangian bias, it is worth noting that the nonlocality of nonlinear evolution is part and parcel of the ellipsoidal collapse model. This is because, in this model, the second- and third- order approximations to the nonlinear density are given by [16]

$$\delta^{(2)} = \frac{17}{21} \delta_0^2 + \frac{4}{21} q_0^2, \quad (13)$$

$$\delta^{(3)} = \frac{341}{567} \delta_0^3 + \frac{338}{945} \delta_0 q_0^2 + \frac{92}{441} u_0^3. \quad (14)$$

Comparison with Eqs. (34)–(36) of Ref. [3] shows that the terms proportional to δ_0^2 and q_0^2 in the expression for $\delta^{(2)}$ are essentially the same as their monopole $\mathcal{K}_{1,l=0}^{(2)}$ and quadrupole $\mathcal{K}_{1,l=2}^{(2)}$ (also see Ref. [21]). Differences between this approximation and the exact dynamics appear for $\delta^{(3)}$, where the monopole is the same as $\mathcal{K}_{1,l=0}^{(3)}$, but the quadrupole differs. In addition, there are differences coming from nonlocal potentials that show up at third order (see e.g., Eq. 107 in Ref. [3]) and dipole terms that correct both second- and third-order expressions. This shows explicitly that a self-consistent use of the triaxial evolution model should yield a better description of halo bias. In particular, if one uses this model for the mapping between Lagrangian and Eulerian bias, then it makes sense to reconsider the assumption that the bias is local in Lagrangian space.

D. Nonlocal Lagrangian bias for triaxial collapse

Triaxial evolution models will give rise to nonlocal Lagrangian bias if the parameters which determine δ_c , e.g., (q, u) or (e, p) , couple to the large-scale environment. To see that this is generic, consider a simple nonlocal model in which halo abundances depend on the traceless part of the initial shear field q_0 as well as on the initial local density δ_0 and that this arises because the critical density required for collapse depends on the shear field. This model is particularly simple because (δ_0/σ_0) and $(q_0/\sigma_0)^2$ are independent, the former being drawn from a Gaussian variate with unit variance and the latter from a chi-squared distribution with five degrees of freedom [18].

This simplifies the analysis required to estimate the numerator and denominator of

$$1 + \delta_h(m|\delta_0, q_0^2) \equiv \frac{\langle N_m|\delta_0, q_0^2 \rangle}{n(m)V_0} \\ = 1 + b_1^L \delta_0 + b_2^L \frac{\delta_0^2}{2} + c_2^L \frac{q_0^2}{2} + \dots \quad (15)$$

In general, notice that if we integrate over all values of q_0^2 at a given δ_0 , then this will yield

$$1 + \delta_h(m|\delta_0) \equiv 1 + b_1^L \delta_0 + b_2^L \frac{\delta_0^2}{2} + c_2^L \frac{\langle q_0^2|\delta_0 \rangle}{2} + \dots \quad (16)$$

Since $\langle q_0^2|\delta_0 \rangle = \langle q_0^2 \rangle$ does not depend on δ_0 , nonzero values of c_2^L will make it appear as though the b_0 component differs from unity. And since $\langle q_0^2 \rangle = \sigma_0^2$, this offset from unity will be vanishingly small on large scales.

E. Nonlocal Eulerian bias for triaxial collapse models

Combining this nonlocal Lagrangian bias with Eq. (14) for nonlocal gravitational evolution yields

$$1 + \delta_h^E(\delta, q^2) = (1 + \delta) \left(1 + b_1^L \delta_0 + b_2^L \frac{\delta_0^2}{2} + c_2^L \frac{q_0^2}{2} + \dots \right) \\ = 1 + b_1^L \delta_0 + b_2^L \frac{\delta_0^2}{2} + c_2^L \frac{q_0^2}{2} + \delta + b_1^L \delta_0 \delta \\ = 1 + \delta(b_1^L + 1) + \frac{\delta^2}{2}(8b_1^L/21 + b_2^L) \\ + \frac{q_0^2}{2}(c_2^L - 8b_1^L/21). \quad (17)$$

Since, to lowest order, $q_0^2 = q^2$, this makes the Eulerian bias factors

$$b_1 = 1 + b_1^L, \quad b_2 = b_2^L + \frac{8}{21} b_1^L \quad \text{and} \\ c_2 = c_2^L - \frac{8}{21} b_1^L. \quad (18)$$

Comparison with Eq. (6) shows that b_1 and b_2 are related to the Lagrangian bias factors just as in the local spherical collapse model; the nonlocality shows up as a nonzero value of c_2 .

To make the connection to Ref. [3], we now express this in terms of $\mathcal{G}_2 = (2/3)(q_0^2 - \delta_0^2)$. This makes

$$1 + \delta_h(m|\delta_0, \mathcal{G}_2) = 1 + b_1^L \delta_0 + (b_2^L + (4/3)\gamma_2^L) \frac{\delta_0^2}{2} \\ + \gamma_2^L \mathcal{G}_2 + \dots, \quad (19)$$

where we have defined $\gamma_2 \equiv 3c_2/4$. Since $\mathcal{G}_2 = (2/3) \times (q_0^2 - \delta_0^2)$, we have that $\langle \mathcal{G}_2|\delta_0 \rangle = (2/3)(\langle q_0^2 \rangle - \delta_0^2) = (2/3)(\sigma_0^2 - \delta_0^2) \rightarrow -(2/3)\delta_0^2$ on large scales. So,

$$1 + \delta_h(m|\delta_0) = 1 + b_1^L \delta_0 + b_2^L \frac{\delta_0^2}{2} + (4\gamma_2^L/3) \frac{\langle q_0^2 \rangle}{2} \dots \quad (20)$$

Similarly,

$$1 + \delta_h^E(\delta, \mathcal{G}_2) = 1 + \delta(b_1^L + 1) + \frac{\delta^2}{2}(8b_1^L/21 + b_2^L) \\ + \frac{\delta^2 + 3/2\mathcal{G}_2}{2}(c_2^L - 8b_1^L/21) \\ = 1 + \delta(b_1^L + 1) + \frac{\delta^2}{2}(b_2^L + 4\gamma_2^L/3) \\ + \mathcal{G}_2(\gamma_2^L - 2b_1^L/7), \quad (21)$$

making the Eulerian bias factors

$$b_1 = 1 + b_1^L, \quad b_2 = \frac{8}{21} b_1^L + b_2^L + \frac{4\gamma_2}{3} \quad \text{and} \\ \gamma_2 = \gamma_2^L - \frac{2}{7} b_1^L. \quad (22)$$

If averaging the distribution of \mathcal{G}_2 at fixed δ yields the same as in Lagrangian space, i.e., $\langle \mathcal{G}_2|\delta \rangle = -2\delta^2/3$ (and we set $\sigma_0 \rightarrow 0$), then Eq. (21) implies that

$$1 + \delta_h(m|\delta) = 1 + b_1 \delta + (b_2 - 4\gamma_2/3) \frac{\delta^2}{2} + \dots, \quad (23)$$

which is consistent with Eq. (117) of Ref. [3]. And, when $c_2^L = 0$, then our $\gamma_2 = -2b_1^L/7$, which is consistent with Eq. (118) of Ref. [3].

In the next section we use the excursion set approach to estimate the numerator and denominator of Eq. (15), i.e., $\langle N_m|\delta_0, q_0^2 \rangle$ and $n(m)$. Expanding in a Taylor series yields predictions for the bias factors b_n^L and c_n^L (or γ_n^L) and hence for the Eulerian bias factors.

F. Cross correlations

The expressions above imply that the Lagrangian space cross correlation between halos and mass is

$$\langle \delta_r[1 + \delta_h(m|\delta_0, q_0^2)] \rangle \\ \approx b_1^L \langle \delta_r \delta_0 \rangle + \frac{b_2^L}{2} \langle \delta_r \delta_0^2 \rangle + \frac{c_2^L}{2} \langle \delta_r q_0^2 \rangle + \frac{b_3^L}{3!} \langle \delta_r \delta_0^3 \rangle + \dots \quad (24)$$

where the average is over the joint distribution of δ_0 and q_0 at one position, and of δ_0 at another position a distance r away. This means that the term $\langle \delta_r q_0^2 \rangle$ should be thought of as $\langle \delta_r \langle q_0^2|\delta_0 \rangle \rangle$, where the inner average is over values of q_0 at fixed δ_0 , and the other average is over all $\delta_r \delta_0$ pairs separated by r . This shows that replacing $\delta_h(m|\delta_0, q_0^2)$ by $\delta_h(m|\delta_0)$, its mean value for given δ_0 , before measuring the cross correlation, should yield the same answer as if one had included the full scatter. This explains the

agreement between no-scatter and full-scatter measurements presented in Fig. 1 of Ref. [15].

For Gaussian initial conditions, all terms of the form $\langle \delta_r \delta_0^k \rangle$ in the expression above can be written as $\langle \delta_0^k \delta_r | \delta_0 \rangle = \langle \delta_0^{k+1} \rangle \langle \delta_r \delta_0 \rangle / \langle \delta_0^2 \rangle$. Thus, the entire local bias contribution is linearly proportional to $\xi(r) \equiv \langle \delta_r \delta_0 \rangle$ [22]. Of course, in the present example, q_0^2 and δ_0 are independent, so all terms of the form $\langle \delta_r q_0^{2k} \rangle$ vanish, meaning there is no nonlocal contribution to the cross correlation. On the other hand, the auto correlation will receive contributions from terms of form $\langle \delta_r^{2j} q_0^{2k} \rangle$. These will first appear at order $\langle \delta_r^2 q_0^2 \rangle$ and $\langle q_r^2 q_0^2 \rangle$; since they are of the same order as $\langle \delta_r^2 \delta_0^2 \rangle$, they will also contribute to the bispectrum.

III. NONLOCAL LAGRANGIAN BIAS IN THE EXCURSION SET APPROACH

The analysis above is useful but otherwise empty formalism. The main goal of this section is to see if the nonlocal bias factors are comparable in magnitude to the usual ones, by estimating how they depend on halo mass and time. We use the excursion set approach to do this.

In the excursion set approach, the abundance of objects of mass m is closely related to the distribution of scales R_m on which the initial overdensity $\delta > B$ for the first time, where $B \neq \delta_c$ is a measure of how the ‘‘barrier’’ for collapse differs from the value δ_c for the spherical evolution model. In triaxial collapse models, B is a function of e and p [12], but in what follows, we will use a simpler model in which B is a function of q^2 [Eq. (12) shows q^2 is a particular combination of e and p]. We emphasize that the logic that underlies our approach is not confined to this choice; we have chosen this simple model because it provides a particularly easy way to see the main effects associated with nonspherical collapse.

The particular model we will study has

$$B(q) = \delta_c \left(1 + \sqrt{q^2/q_c^2} \right), \quad (25)$$

where q_c is a characteristic scale for the effects associated with the shear. Note that nonzero q always yields $B > \delta_c$, a property that will play an important role in what follows. Equation (25) is motivated by setting $p = 0$ in Eq. (3) of Ref. [12]. Figure 1 shows that this, with $q_c^2 \approx 8\delta_c^2$, provides a reasonably good (but by no means perfect) description of the actual initial (Lagrangian) overdensities in patches that collapsed to form halos by $z = 0$ in the GIF2 simulations of Ref. [23]. (The methods for measuring the protohalo overdensities and q values are described in detail in Ref. [23].) If we use δ_h to denote the overdensity within a protohalo, then the figure actually shows $[\delta_h - B(q)]/\sigma(m)$ as a function of halo mass m for two choices of q_c (halo mass has been scaled to $\sigma(m)/\delta_c$, where $\sigma^2(m)$ is the variance in the initial fluctuation field

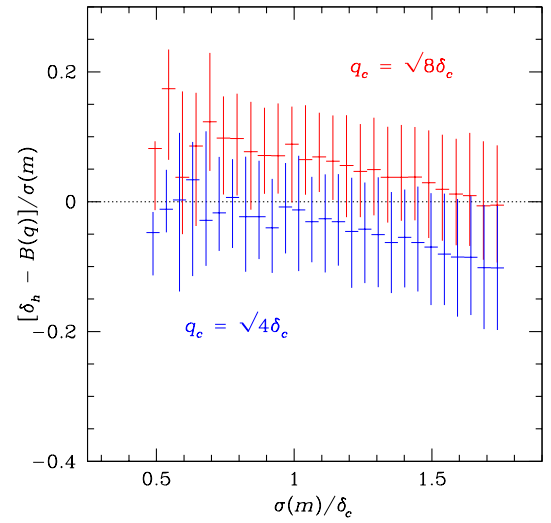


FIG. 1 (color online). Difference between the actual overdensity δ_h within a protohalo in the GIF2 simulations of Ref. [23] and the expected overdensity given the value of the shear field [i.e., $B(q)$ of Eq. (25)], shown as a function of halo mass, for two choices of the critical value q_c (smaller q_c means the shear matters more). Masses have been scaled to $\sigma(m)/\delta_c$ (large masses are on the left), and the overdensity difference has been scaled by $\sigma(m)$, as this removes most of the mass dependence of the scatter around the median relation.

with smoothed on scale $R = (3m/4\pi\bar{\rho})^{1/3}$, so $\sigma(m)$ decreases as m increases).

If δ_h were equal to $B(q)$ for each halo, then $\delta_h - B(q)$ would be identically zero with no scatter. In fact, although the mean of $\langle \delta_h - B \rangle \approx 0$, there is substantial scatter around the median value, indicating that δ_h is determined by quantities other than q as well. The scatter is larger at smaller masses, but much of this mass dependence is removed by scaling the overdensities by $\sigma(m)$. The fact that $\langle \delta_h - B \rangle / \sigma \approx 0$ indicates that the scaling with q captures much of the physics. E.g., the mean of $(\delta_h - \delta_c)/\sigma$ is $\approx 0.2\delta_c$ (see Fig. 7 in Ref. [23]), so including q dependence does matter. The fact that there remains a weak trend with σ indicates that the actual scaling is not quite proportional to q . But, since our main goal is to illustrate the sense of the nonlocal effects induced by effects other than the density, such as the shear, we will continue to use the simple model of Eq. (25).

The dependence of B on q means that we must construct a list of δ_i and q_i , which exhibits the correct correlations between steps, and then find the smallest m (largest smoothing scale) for which $\delta_m > B(q_m)$. (We have deliberately used m as the index for the smoothing scale, since this scale is monotonically related to the inverse of the mass.) This is straightforward to address using Monte Carlo methods [6,18], but, as we describe below, it turns out to be possible to write down rather accurate analytic approximations to the main results. We will first consider the case in which the steps in the walks are

uncorrelated, before describing the modifications that come from accounting for correlations.

A. Universality associated with uncorrelated steps

While the Appendix describes a more careful analytic calculation for walks with correlated steps, we have found that the substantially simpler analysis outlined by Sheth and Tormen [18] actually provides a rather good approximation to the results for walks with uncorrelated steps and yields considerable insight. This analysis replaces q^2 with its mean value σ^2 . This means that $B(q) \rightarrow B(\sigma)$, and so the first crossing distribution associated with the six-dimensional walk (one for δ and 5 for q^2) should be well approximated by that for the one-dimensional condition $\delta > B(\sigma^2)$. Reasonably accurate models for the first crossing distribution of such moving barriers are given in Ref. [18]. In particular, if

$$B(q) = \delta_c \left(1 + \sqrt{q^2/q_c^2}\right) \rightarrow \delta_c \left(1 + \sqrt{\sigma^2/q_c^2}\right), \quad (26)$$

then the first crossing distribution is well approximated by

$$\nu f(\nu) \approx 2 \left(\nu + \frac{1/4}{\sqrt{q_c^2/\delta_c^2}} \right) \frac{e^{-(\nu + \sqrt{\delta_c^2/q_c^2})^2/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}}, \quad \text{where} \\ \nu \equiv \delta_c/\sigma. \quad (27)$$

In this model, the ratio δ_c/q_c is a measure of the strength of the nonlocal effects; these disappear in the limit $\delta_c/q_c \rightarrow 0$.

For similar reasons, the first crossing distribution for walks which start from some nonzero $\delta = \delta_0$ and

$q^2 = q_0^2$ should be well approximated by that for one-dimensional walks that must cross

$$B(q) \rightarrow \delta_c \left[1 + \sqrt{(\sigma^2 + q_0^2)/q_c^2}\right] - \delta_0. \quad (28)$$

The term in the square root follows from the same logic as for the unconditioned walks; i.e., one replaces the dependence on q^2 by a dependence on the mean value $\langle q^2 | q_0 \rangle$, where the constraint q_0 means that q is now drawn from a noncentral chi-squared distribution (with five degrees of freedom). This shows that the constraint enters with a plus rather than a minus sign.

Therefore, the local bias parameters are given by the usual derivatives with respect to δ_c , whereas the nonlocal bias parameter is slightly more involved. In particular, the result of using this barrier when estimating the first crossing distribution, expanding to lowest order in δ_0 and q_0^2 , dividing by the distribution associated with $(\delta_0, q_0) = (0, 0)$ and subtracting one, yields:

$$\delta_c b_1^L = \nu^2 - 1 + \frac{\nu}{q_c/\delta_c} + \frac{1}{1 + 4\nu q_c/\delta_c}, \\ \delta_c^2 b_2^L = \nu H_3(\nu) + \frac{\nu^3}{q_c/\delta_c} + \frac{2\nu^2}{1 + 4\nu q_c/\delta_c} - \delta_c^2 c_2^L, \quad (29)$$

and

$$\delta_c^2 c_2^L = -\frac{\nu^2}{(q_c/\delta_c)^2} \left[1 + \nu(q_c/\delta_c) - \frac{9(q_c/\delta_c)^2}{1 + (128/35)\nu q_c/\delta_c} \right]. \quad (30)$$

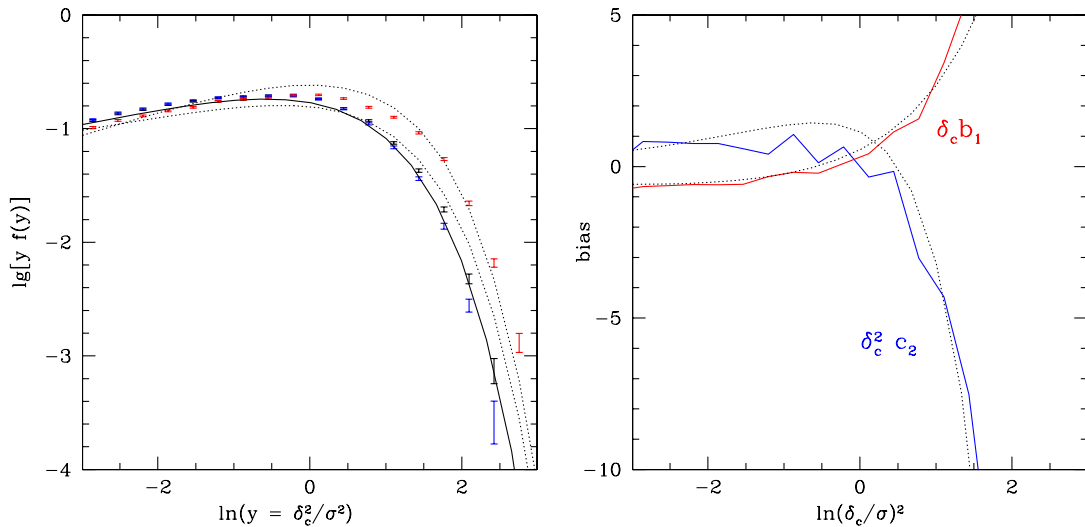


FIG. 2 (color online). Excursion set description of the nonlocal Lagrangian bias which results from the local shear affecting the collapse threshold (Eq. (25) with $q_c^2 = 8\delta_c^2$). Left: Distribution of first crossing scales for unconditioned walks, walks which began from $\delta_0/\delta_c = 0.2$ but $q_0 = 0$, and walks which began from $(q_0/q_c)^2 = 0.4$ but $\delta_0 = 0$ (locii traced by symbols which are in the middle, highest and lowest at $\ln(y) = 2$). Dotted curves show the Press-Schechter and Sheth-Tormen distributions, and solid curve shows our Eq. (27) which follows from approximating the collapse barrier following Eq. (26). Right: Associated large scale bias factors; dotted curves show our predictions [Eqs. (29) and (30)].

Figure 2 shows that this works rather well. The plot shows results for $q_c^2/\delta_c^2 = 8$, which Fig. 1 suggests is close to realistic, but we have checked that it works well for a wide range of q_c/δ_c . The panel on the left shows the distribution of first crossing scales estimated from 64000 walks: black, red and magenta are for walks which start from $(\delta_0/\delta_c, q_0^2/\delta_c^2) = (0, 0)$, $(0.2, 0)$ and $(0, 0.4)$, respectively. The first represents the unconditional distribution, whereas the second and third were chosen to isolate the effect of a large-scale overdensity and (quadrupole) shear, respectively. Notice that the model predicts more massive halos in regions with positive δ_0 , but fewer in regions with nonzero q_0 . This is a direct consequence of assuming that the barrier height is an increasing rather than decreasing function of q^2 ; i.e., when $\nu \gg 1$ then Eq. (28) becomes $B/\sigma \rightarrow \nu(1 + q_0/q_c - \delta_0/\delta_c)$. In the opposite limit, $\nu \ll (\delta_c/q_c)/(q_0/q_c)$, $B/\sigma \rightarrow \nu + (\delta_c/q_c) - \delta_0/\sigma$; for sufficiently low mass halos, only δ_0 matters.

The solid curve shows Eq. (27); it describes the unconditional distribution (i.e., black symbols) well. The dotted curves show the Press-Schechter and Sheth-Tormen (ST) distributions; for ST, we have set $a = 1$ (rather than 0.7). Since the shape of the ST curve provides a good description of real halos, the good match between the solid and ST indicates that, for this choice of q_c/δ_c , the shape of the halo mass function is like that in data. In turn, this suggests that our model should yield realistic estimates of the sign and amplitude of nonlocal effects. For example, this match indicates that the trend to have more massive halos in regions with positive δ_0 , but fewer in regions with nonzero q_0^2 , is realistic.

The panel on the right shows the ratio of the environment-dependent distributions to the unconditional one, scaled by (δ_0/δ_c) and $(q_0/q_c)^2$, respectively. The dotted curves show $\delta_c b_1^\perp$ and $\delta_c^2 c_2^\perp$ of Eqs. (29) and (30); they describe the measurements rather well, suggesting that our analytic treatment, which accounts for the stochasticity in the barrier distribution by ignoring it following Ref. [18], has captured the essence of the problem. We show elsewhere how to modify this trick for dealing with stochasticity so that it also works for other barrier shapes. Note in particular that our analysis indicates the magnitude of c_2^\perp can be comparable to that of b_1^\perp , so the Eulerian nonlocal bias parameter $c_2 = c_2^\perp - 8b_1^\perp/21$ can be substantial, particularly when $\nu \gg 1$ (the most massive halos).

B. Departures from universality from correlations between steps

The analysis above was based on walks with uncorrelated steps. These correspond to smoothing the initial Gaussian field with a filter which is sharp in k -space. Smoothing with filters which are more localized in real space (e.g., a spherical TopHat) will result in walks with correlated steps; because such smoothing filters are intuitively closer to the physics of collapse, predictions which

are based on correlated steps are expected to be more realistic (see Refs. [10,12,24] for why this is not the full story).

In what follows, we will show that accounting for such correlations turns out to be relatively simple and has some important consequences. The analysis is simplified for two reasons: δ and q^2 are independent whatever the smoothing filter, and the argument about transforming the six-dimensional walk problem to an effective one-dimensional barrier should work even if steps are correlated. Recently, accurate models for the first crossing of moving barriers by walks with correlated steps have become available [7] [their Eq. (5)], so combining these for the square-root barrier problem that is relevant here yields

$$\nu f(\nu) \approx \frac{\nu e^{-(\nu + \sqrt{\delta_c^2/q_c^2})^2/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[1 - \frac{\text{erfc}(\Gamma\nu/\sqrt{2})}{2} + \frac{e^{-\Gamma^2\nu^2/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}\Gamma\nu} \right]$$

$$\text{where } \nu \equiv \frac{\delta_c}{\sigma} \quad \text{and} \quad \Gamma^2 \equiv \frac{\langle \delta' \delta \rangle^2}{\langle \delta'^2 \rangle \langle \delta^2 \rangle}, \quad (31)$$

where $\delta' \equiv d\delta/d\sigma^2$. For Λ CDM, $\Gamma^2 \approx 1/3$.

The Appendix contrasts this with the approximation suggested in Ref. [7], in which the first crossing distribution should be thought of as averaging the distribution for fixed q over the distribution of q . At large $\nu \gg 1$ both approximations predict a factor of 2 fewer objects than the solution for uncorrelated steps; this difference decreases as ν decreases until sufficiently small $\nu \ll (1/4)/(q_c/\delta_c)$, when the Γ -dependent factor begins to dominate. Since $\nu \sim 0.1$ is below the regime of most cosmological interest, and it is also in the limit where the analytic approximation of Ref. [7] is expected to break down anyway, we will restrict attention to larger ν . In this regime the first crossing distribution will differ only slightly from that for uncorrelated steps, so we expect to find similar bias factors with the following caveats.

First, since Γ depends on the shape of the power spectrum, we expect plots of, e.g., c_2 versus b_1 to no longer be universal, but to depend on $P(k)$. However, because Γ is defined by a ratio, changes to the overall normalization of $P(k)$ will cancel out. Second, the bias factors b_n become k dependent because of the correlation with the curvature term δ' [7]. If q were correlated with δ' , then c_2 would also become k dependent. However, q is independent of δ' , and, in any case, in what follows we will restrict attention to the scales on which the k dependence can be ignored.

For walks with correlated steps that are constrained to pass through (δ_0, q_0) on scale S_0 , the first crossing distribution can be derived similarly to when the walks started from $(0, 0)$ on scale $S_0 = 0$. The analog of Eq. (28) becomes

$$B(q) \rightarrow \delta_c \left[1 + \sqrt{[s + (S_\times/S_0)^2(q_0^2 - S_0)]/q_c^2} \right] - (S_\times/S_0)\delta_0,$$

$$\text{where } \frac{S_\times}{S_0} \equiv \frac{\langle \delta \delta_0 \rangle}{\langle \delta_0^2 \rangle}. \quad (32)$$

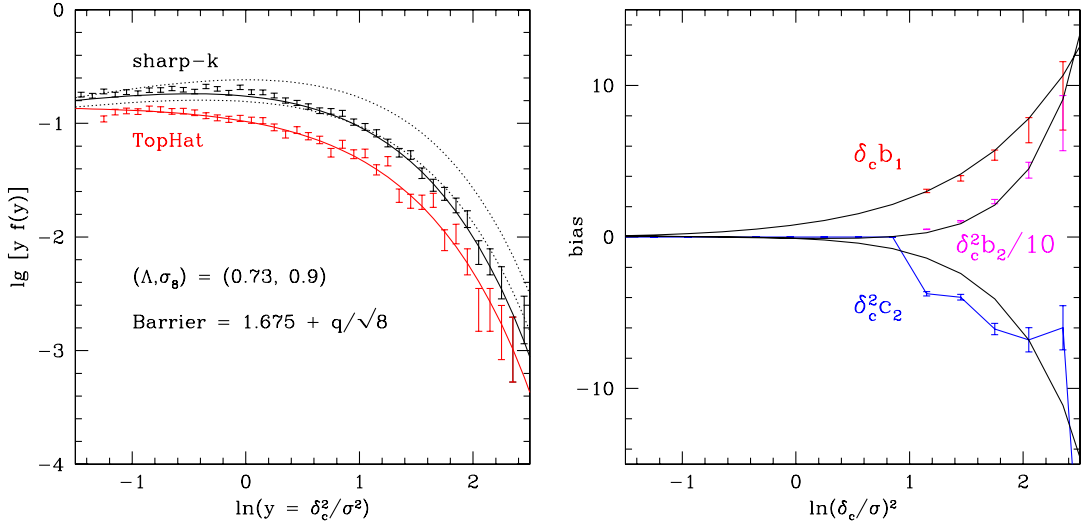


FIG. 3 (color online). Comparison of excursion set predictions for the first crossing distribution (left) and associated nonlocal Lagrangian bias factors (right) for a flat Λ CDM cosmological model, when correlations between steps have been included in the analysis. Panel on the left shows results for walks with uncorrelated steps (labeled sharp- k), and for walks in which correlations arise from TopHat smoothing. The corresponding first crossing distributions are well described by Eqs. (27) and (31), respectively (solid lines). (The curve showing Eq. (A4) is almost indistinguishable from that for (31), so we have not bothered to show it). We have only shown the bias factors for the TopHat smoothing filter; they are well described by the solid lines which show Eqs. (33) and (34).

When $\nu \gg 1$ and $S_0 \rightarrow 0$ then $B \rightarrow \nu[1 + (S_\times/S_0) \times (q_0/q_c - \delta_0/\delta_c)]$: except for the factor of S_\times/S_0 , this is the same shift as for walks with uncorrelated steps [compare Eq. (28)], so we generically expect the same qualitative trends with environment.

Expanding the analog of Eq. (31) in powers of δ_0 and q_0 , and taking the $S_0 \rightarrow 0$ limit yields

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_c b_1^L &= \nu^2 - 1 + \frac{\nu}{q_c/\delta_c} + A(\Gamma\nu), \\ \delta_c^2 b_2^L &= \nu H_3(\nu) + \frac{2\nu H_2(\nu)}{q_c/\delta_c} + \frac{\nu^2}{(q_c/\delta_c)^2} + (\Gamma^2\nu^2 + 2)A(\Gamma\nu), \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_c^2 c_2^L &= -\frac{\nu^2}{(q_c/\delta_c)^2} \left[1 + \nu(q_c/\delta_c) - \frac{2(q_c/\delta_c)}{\nu} \right] \\ &\quad - \frac{2\nu}{q_c/\delta_c} A(\Gamma\nu), \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

where we have defined

$$A(x) \equiv \left[1 + \frac{1 + \operatorname{erf}(x/\sqrt{2})}{2} \frac{x\sqrt{2\pi}}{e^{-x^2/2}} \right]^{-1}. \quad (35)$$

The Appendix describes the large-scale bias associated with Eq. (A4).

Figure 3 compares these predictions with Monte Carlo, showing that the model works rather well. Following Ref. [9], we estimate the bias factors in the Monte Carlos using cross correlations. Namely, we estimate

$$\begin{aligned} b_1 &= \frac{\langle sf(s|\delta_0)(\delta_0/\sqrt{S_0}) \rangle}{\langle sf(s) \rangle \sqrt{S_0}(S_\times/S_0)}, & b_2 &= \frac{\langle sf(s|\delta_0)(\delta_0^2/S_0 - 1) \rangle}{\langle sf(s) \rangle S_0(S_\times/S_0)^2}, \\ c_2 &= \frac{\langle sf(s|\delta_0)(r_0^2/\langle r_0^2 \rangle - 1) \rangle}{\langle sf(s) \rangle \operatorname{Var}(r_0^2/\langle r_0^2 \rangle) \langle r_0^2 \rangle (S_\times/S_0)^2}, \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

where the angle brackets denote sums over walks which first cross at s , $\operatorname{Var}(r_0^2/\langle r_0^2 \rangle)$ denotes the variance of $r_0^2/\langle r_0^2 \rangle$ on scale S_0 , and the factors of S_\times/S_0 must be included when making estimates in this way for reasons given in Ref. [25]. We present results for $S_0 = 0.09$, for which $S_\times/S_0 \approx 1.45$.

The analysis above shows that, as was the case for uncorrelated steps, b_1 , b_2 and c_2 are all expected to depend on ν . However, there is now an additional dependence on the parameter Γ . As a result, for walks with uncorrelated steps, there is a predicted relationship between c_2 and b_1 , which is expected to be independent of the underlying cosmological parameters or power spectrum. Correlations between steps introduce departures from this universality, so it is interesting to quantify this dependence. Figure 4 shows that the predicted departures are small. Thus, our analysis indicates that our main finding—that the Eulerian nonlocal bias parameter $c_2 = c_2^L - 8b_1^L/21$ can be substantial for the most massive halos—is robust to changes in the power spectrum.

IV. COMPARISON WITH N-BODY SIMULATIONS

We now compare the predicted nonlocality of Lagrangian halo bias with bispectrum-based measurements of nonlocal bias from the Lagrangian spatial

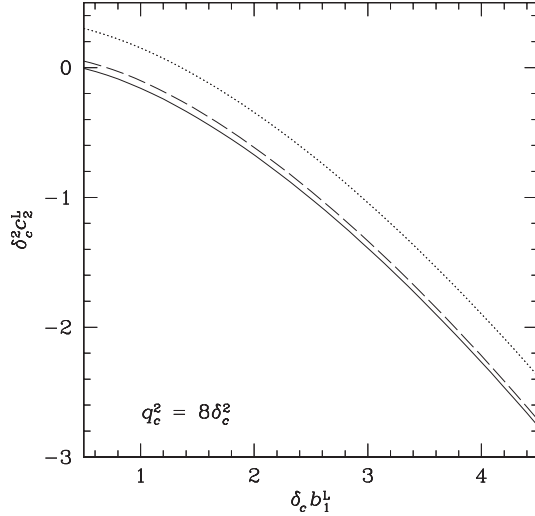


FIG. 4. Dependence of excursion set prediction for the relation between c_2^L and b_1^L on the shape of the power spectrum. Solid and dashed lines are for correlated steps with $\Gamma^2 = 1/3$ (similar to TopHat smoothing of a Λ CDM power spectrum) and $2/3$, respectively; dotted line is for uncorrelated steps and is independent of $P(k)$.

distribution of protohalos in numerical simulations of hierarchical clustering. For this purpose, we use seven Carmen realizations of the LasDamas simulations (1120^3 particles, in a box of size $1000 \text{ Mpc}/h$). The cosmology is a flat scale-invariant Λ CDM model with $\Omega_m = 0.25$, $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.75$, and $\sigma_8 = 0.8$. The initial particle displacements are implemented using second-order Lagrangian perturbation theory at initial redshift $z = 49$.

The halos are identified using the friends-of-friends algorithm with linking length of 0.156 of the mean inter-particle separation. We consider halos with at least 20 particles and focus on halos at two redshifts, $z = 0.97$ and $z = 0$, respectively. At each redshift we further divide the halos into two groups, adjusting the boundary of the mass bins so that each group has the same number density and hence similar shot noise properties.

To quantify nonlocality of bias in Lagrangian space, we construct Lagrangian protohalos, by tracing back to the initial conditions the particles belonging to the Eulerian halos at $z = 0$ and $z = 0.97$. We then use these protohalo patches to compute the cross bispectrum with the dark matter density field at the initial conditions ($z = 49$) as in Ref. [3]. We include dark matter Fourier modes up to $k_{\text{max}}^{\text{dm}} = 0.25 \text{ h}/\text{Mpc}$, where the rms density fluctuation variance is 0.026 , and thus tree-level perturbation theory suffices. As for the halo Fourier modes we only include up to $k_{\text{max}}^{\text{h}} = 0.1 \text{ h}/\text{Mpc}$, a limitation imposed by the scale where Lagrangian halo bias (as measured from the ratio of the halo-mass cross power spectrum to that of the mass) starts to show significant scale dependence. The nonlocality of bias manifests itself as an additional dependence of the bispectrum on triangle shape, which then allows us to

estimate its magnitude, together with the magnitude of quadratic bias term b_2 and the linear bias parameter b_1 . The latter (estimated from the cross bispectrum) is in very good agreement with the linear bias measured from the cross power spectrum at the scales we include in the analysis. This represents a nontrivial consistency check: the nonlocal Lagrangian bias terms were necessary to obtain this agreement. See Ref. [3] for further details of this bispectrum analysis technique.

Figure 5 presents the results, shown in terms of the Eulerian nonlocal bias parameter $\gamma_2 = 3c_2/4 = (3/4) \times (c_2^L - 8b_1^L/21)$. Clearly, there are statistically significant deviations from the local Eulerian bias model (horizontal dotted line). At high masses, there are significant deviations from the local Lagrangian bias model (dashed line) as well. Upper and lower solid curves show the excursion set predictions for walks with uncorrelated and correlated steps (we set $q_c = \sqrt{8}\delta_c$). The correlated steps prediction, in particular, reproduces the measured trends reasonably well. Setting $q_c = \sqrt{4}\delta_c$ rather than our fiducial value of $\sqrt{8}\delta_c$ (see Fig. 1 for why this is also acceptable) yields slightly better agreement. This supports the view that the model developed in the previous sections, despite its simplicity, is a fairly accurate estimate of the physics which leads to nonlocal bias effects.

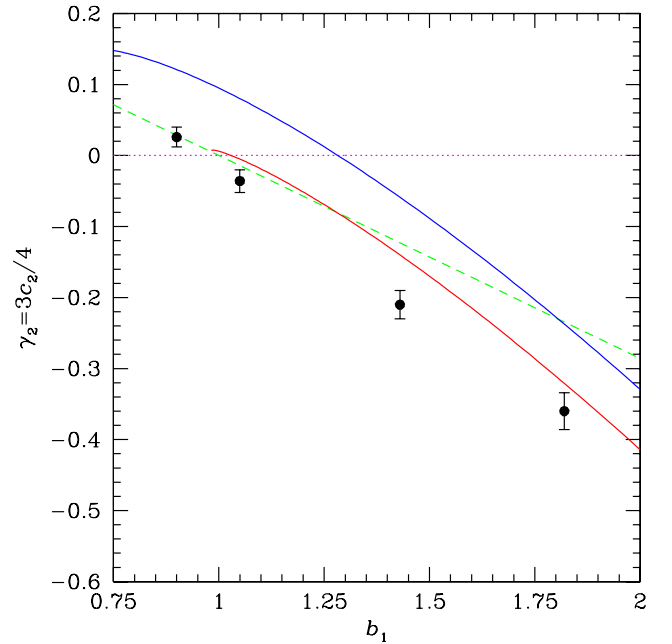


FIG. 5 (color online). Comparison of the predicted relation between $c_2 = c_2^L - 8b_1^L/21$ and the Eulerian linear bias factor b_1 with the one estimated from bispectrum measurements of Lagrangian protohalos in N-body simulations (symbols). Solid lines show the predictions of the uncorrelated (top) and correlated (bottom) steps model; dotted and dashed lines show the local Eulerian and local Lagrangian bias models, $c_2 = 0$ and $c_2^L = 0$, respectively.

A more detailed comparison with simulations will be presented elsewhere, e.g., one might imagine leaving δ_c and q_c to be free parameters when fitting Eqs. (27) and/or (31) to the halo abundances in simulations, and then using these best-fit values to predict the measurements shown in Fig. 5.

V. DISCUSSION

If halo bias is nonlocal in Lagrangian space [Eq. (15)], then this will add nonlocality in Eulerian space bias [Eq. (18)]. We provided an explicit calculation of this effect, in which halo formation depends on the initial local density δ_0 and shear field q^2 .

In the excursion set approach, the problem of estimating halo abundances reduces to solving for the first crossing distribution of a suitably chosen barrier [Eq. (25)] by 6-dimensional random walks. In particular, we argued that a barrier which is linear in q_0 should provide a good first approximation to the physics of halo collapse (Fig. 1). And we provided a simple but accurate analytic approximation for the first crossing distribution for the case in which walks have uncorrelated steps [Eq. (27)]; the approximation follows from treating the full six-dimensional problem as an effective one-dimensional one [Eq. (26)].

Predictions for halo bias come from studying walks which do not start from the origin. We argued that the associated first crossing distribution is best thought of in terms of a shifted barrier [Eq. (28)], from which it is straightforward to derive formulas for halo bias formulas [Eqs. (29) and (30)]. These formulas, which quantify how the large-scale density and shear fields affect halo abundances as a function of mass and time, are quite accurate (Fig. 2).

For walks with correlated steps, the predicted first crossing distributions and bias formulas can be written in units in which they are universal (independent of power spectrum and cosmology). We argued that this universality should be weakly broken if steps are correlated (Fig. 4). In this case, too, we provided analytic approximations for the unconditional first crossing distribution [Eq. (31)] and halo bias factors [Eqs. (33) and (34)], which were quite accurate (Fig. 3). Our results indicate that nonlocal bias effects, as quantified by the parameter $c_2 = c_2^L - 8b_1^L/21$ of Eq. (18), can be substantial for the most massive halos.

Our analysis is easily extended to describe the more complicated case in which the barrier δ_c depends on (e, p) of Eq. (7) rather than simply q^2 . This is because $\delta_c(e, p)$ is a function of the combination $e\delta$ and $p\delta$ [12], and, like q^2 , these combinations are actually independent of δ [18]. Alternative parametrizations of this [17] have $\delta_c(v, w)$, where v and w [defined in Eq. (12)] are also independent of δ . This means that the analog of Eq. (A4), in which one averages over a distribution of first crossing distributions, remains a good approximation.

In addition, the idea that one can map the six-dimensional walk problem to a one-dimensional moving barrier problem should continue to hold when $\delta_c(e, p)$ or $\delta_c(v, w)$ rather than $\delta_c(q)$, so the analog of Eq. (31) should also provide a reasonable approximation. Therefore, we believe our analysis should be applicable to other parametrizations or models of the effects of nonlocality. Indeed, our analysis should also apply to cases where one places conditions on the eigenvalues of the deformation tensor (e.g., all three have the same sign), rather than the combinations e, p , or v, w . In this respect, it provides the basis for modeling not just halos, but the abundance and spatial distribution of superclusters, filaments, sheets and voids as well. In particular, our analysis predicts that all of these constituents of the cosmic web should exhibit nonlocal bias effects; it will be interesting to see if such effects are discovered in simulations.

In our analysis of nonlocal halo bias, we assumed that the effect of the large-scale environment was to affect the distribution of δ and q on smaller scales, but not the shape of the collapse barrier. If the halo formation process depends on the surrounding environment, as the analysis in Ref. [26] suggests, then this will provide an additional contribution to nonlocal bias. It is straightforward to include such an effect in our treatment of conditional n -dimensional walks, but our current expressions do not do so.

We stated at the start that the nonlocal effects which are the subject of this paper, and which enter at the quadratic level ($q^2, e\delta$, etc.), are qualitatively different from those which enter even at the linear level and contribute k -dependent terms to the bias. In principle, both effects are present in our correlated walks calculation—the latter arise from the dependence of the first crossing distribution on the derivative of the initial density field [7,9], rather than on the anisotropic distribution of the mass. Since our main goal was to illustrate the effects of q^2 , etc., we ignored these other terms, but a more complete model would include them. Separating these terms from one another should be possible, since the terms which depend on derivatives of the field will only contribute to the monopole of the bias. This is the subject of work in progress.

A first comparison with numerical simulations (Fig. 5) showed that our model is fairly accurate at describing the magnitude of nonlocal Lagrangian bias, in particular after accounting for correlations between steps. A more detailed comparison with simulations may require merging the formalism here with the additional requirement that one is interested in special positions (such as peaks), rather than random positions in the field. As noted in Ref. [10], the formalism of Ref. [7] on which our analysis is based allows the inclusion of this requirement with no additional conceptual complications; for peaks in a Gaussian field, this is particularly straightforward, because the distribution of the shear field around such peaks is known [27].

Our analysis also suggests that a fruitful extension of the peaks model to smaller masses than that on which it usually breaks down is to look for peaks in the field defined by $\delta - \sqrt{q^2/q_c^2}$.

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APPENDIX: ANALYTIC ESTIMATE OF NONLOCAL LAGRANGIAN BIAS

For barriers of the form $\delta_c + q\delta_c/q_c$, Eq. (13) of Ref. [7] yields a simple estimate of the first crossing distribution,

$$\nu f(\nu) \approx \left[1 - \frac{\text{erfc}(\Gamma\nu/\sqrt{2})}{2} + \frac{\nu e^{-\Gamma^2\nu^2/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}\Gamma\nu} \right] \times \int d\rho p_5(\rho) \frac{e^{-(\nu + \sqrt{\rho^2\delta_c^2/q_c^2})^2/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}}, \quad (\text{A1})$$

where

$$p_5(\rho)d\rho \equiv \frac{d\rho^2}{\rho^2} \left(\frac{5\rho^2}{2}\right)^{5/2} \frac{e^{-5\rho^2/2}}{\Gamma(5/2)}, \quad \text{with } \rho \equiv q/\sigma. \quad (\text{A2})$$

The integral can be written in terms of the parabolic cylinder function $U(a, z)$ with $a = 9/2$ and $z = (1 + 5q_c^2/\delta_c^2)^{-1/2}$, which, in turn, can be written in terms of derivatives of $e^{z^2/2}\text{erfc}(z/\sqrt{2})$. The integral equals

$$\begin{aligned} & 2 \frac{e^{-\nu^2/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left(\frac{5/2}{\delta_c^2/q_c^2 + 5}\right)^{5/2} \frac{4!}{\Gamma(5/2)} e^{z^2/4} U(9/2, z) \\ &= \frac{e^{-\nu^2/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{\Gamma(1/2)}{\Gamma(5/2)} \left(\frac{5/2}{\delta_c^2/q_c^2 + 5}\right)^{5/2} \frac{d^4[e^{z^2/2}\text{erfc}(z/\sqrt{2})]}{dz^4}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A3})$$

where $z = (1 + 5q_c^2/\delta_c^2)^{-1/2}$. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \nu f(\nu) &= \frac{\nu e^{-\nu^2/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[1 - \frac{\text{erfc}(\Gamma\nu/\sqrt{2})}{2} + \frac{e^{-\Gamma^2\nu^2/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}\Gamma\nu} \right] \\ &\times \frac{(5/2)^{5/2}}{\Gamma(5/2)} [C_1(\nu) - C_2(\nu)], \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{where } C_1 &= \left(\frac{(\nu\delta_c/q_c)^4}{(5 + (\delta_c/q_c)^2)^4} + \frac{6(\nu\delta_c/q_c)^2}{(5 + (\delta_c/q_c)^2)^3} \right. \\ &\left. + \frac{3}{(5 + (\delta_c/q_c)^2)^2} \right) \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{5 + (\delta_c/q_c)^2}} \text{erfc}(y) e^{y^2/2} \\ C_2 &= 5 \frac{2(\nu\delta_c/q_c)}{(5 + (\delta_c/q_c)^2)^3} + \frac{2(\nu\delta_c/q_c)^3}{(5 + (\delta_c/q_c)^2)^4}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A4})$$

Although this expression is not particularly illuminating, we have included it because the peak background split bias factors are easily estimated from the fact that

$$\frac{d^m[e^{z^2/4}U(a, z)]}{dz^m} = (-1)^m (1/2 + a)_m e^{z^2/4} U(a + m, z). \quad (\text{A5})$$

More insight comes from approximating the integral over ρ in Eq. (A4) with the value of the integrand at its mean value $\langle\rho\rangle = 1$. This yields Eq. (31) in the main text. A little algebra shows that this particularly simple and intuitive approximation should be quite accurate when $q_c/\delta_c \gg 1$. Figure 6 shows that this is indeed the case, although Eq. (A4) is accurate over a wider range of q_c/δ_c .

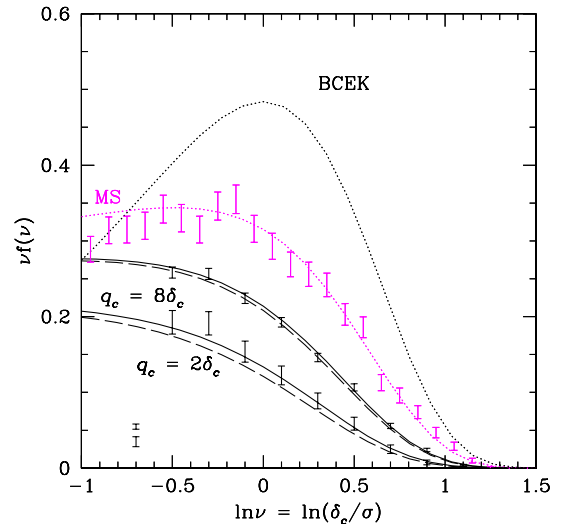


FIG. 6 (color online). Dependence of excursion set prediction for the first crossing distribution of the barrier $\delta_c(1 + q/q_c)$ by six-dimensional walks, on q_c . Solid curves show Eq. (A4), and dashed curves show the approximation Eq. (31). Curve labeled MS shows the $q_c \rightarrow \infty$ limit, and dotted curve labeled BCEK shows this limit for one-dimensional walks with uncorrelated steps. For the walks with correlated steps, the underlying power spectrum is Λ CDM, and the correlations are due to smoothing with a real space TopHat.

To estimate the large-scale bias, for comparison with the peak background split estimate, we must first estimate the first crossing distribution for walks which pass through (Δ, Q) on some $S \leq s$. Then the Lagrangian bias factors are given by expanding

$$1 + \delta_h(m|\Delta, Q) \equiv \frac{f(m|\Delta, Q)}{f(m)}, \quad (\text{A6})$$

in powers of Δ and Q . This shows that one generally expects halo abundances and hence Lagrangian bias to depend on Q as well as Δ .

The effect of the constraint is to modify the distribution of (δ, q) but not the barrier (this is actually an assumption—in principle, the shape of the barrier could depend on the large-scale environment, in which case this would provide an additional environmental effect), so the calculation is actually rather similar to that for unconstrained walks. The independence of q and δ on all scales means that the conditional distribution, given the values Δ, Q on some other scale (in what follows, we will assume this other scale is larger), factorizes

$$p(\delta', \delta, q|\Delta, Q) = p_5(q|Q)g(\delta'|\delta, \Delta)g(\delta|\Delta), \quad (\text{A7})$$

where

$$g(\delta|\Delta) = \frac{\exp^{-(\delta - \gamma\sqrt{s/S}\Delta)^2/2s(1-\gamma^2)}}{\sqrt{2\pi s(1-\gamma^2)}} \quad \text{with} \quad (\text{A8})$$

$$\gamma^2 = \frac{\langle \delta\Delta \rangle^2}{\langle \delta^2 \rangle \langle \Delta^2 \rangle} = \frac{\langle \delta\Delta \rangle^2}{sS}$$

and $p_5(r|R)$ is a noncentral chi-squared distribution,

$$p_5(q|Q)dq = d\rho_\gamma p_5(\rho_\gamma) e^{-\frac{5\gamma^2 Q^2}{2s(1-\gamma^2)}} \times \left[1 + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{5\gamma^2(Q^2/S)}{2(1-\gamma^2)} \frac{5\rho_\gamma^2}{2} \right)^j \frac{\Gamma(5/2)}{\Gamma(5/2+j)} \right],$$

where $\rho_\gamma^2 \equiv \frac{q^2/\sigma^2}{1-\gamma^2}$. (A9)

Notice that this is simply a χ_5^2 distribution for ρ_γ , when $Q = 0$. In general, the integral over ρ_γ can again be written in terms of parabolic cylinder functions. But, to lowest order in Q ,

$$p_5(q|Q)dq = d\rho_\gamma p_5(\rho_\gamma) \left(1 - (1 - \rho_\gamma^2) \frac{5(\gamma^2 Q^2/S)}{2(1-\gamma^2)} \right),$$

where $\rho_\gamma^2 \equiv \frac{q^2/\sigma^2}{1-\gamma^2}$. (A10)

This is most easily understood by thinking of the non-central chi-squared distribution as a Poisson mixture of central chi-squared distributions of ever higher order and keeping only the lowest two terms. Note that, for a sharp k filter, $\gamma^2 = \langle \Delta^2 \rangle / \langle \delta^2 \rangle = S/s$, making $\gamma^2 R^2/S = R^2/s$ in the expression above. However, we are interested in the general case, for which it is convenient to define $S_\times \equiv \langle \delta\Delta \rangle$, making $\gamma^2 R^2/S = (S_\times/S)^2 (R^2/s)$.

$$p_5(q|Q)dq = d\rho_\gamma p_5(\rho_\gamma) e^{-\frac{5\gamma^2 Q^2}{2s(1-\gamma^2)}} \left[\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{5\gamma^2(Q^2/S)}{2(1-\gamma^2)} \right)^j \times \frac{\Gamma(5/2)}{\Gamma(5/2+j)} \sum_{i=0}^j \binom{j}{i} x^i y^{j-i} \right]$$

$$= d\rho_\gamma p_5(\rho_\gamma) e^{-\frac{5\gamma^2 Q^2}{2s(1-\gamma^2)}} \left[\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{5\gamma^2(Q^2/S)x}{2(1-\gamma^2)} \right)^i \times \sum_{j \geq i}^{\infty} \left(\frac{5\gamma^2(Q^2/S)y}{2(1-\gamma^2)} \right)^{j-i} \frac{\Gamma(5/2)}{\Gamma(5/2+j)} \times \binom{j}{(j-i)!i!} \right]. \quad (\text{A11})$$

If we define

$$\nu_\Delta = \frac{\delta - \gamma\sqrt{s/S}\Delta}{\sqrt{2s(1-\gamma^2)}} \rightarrow \frac{\delta - \gamma\sqrt{s/S}\Delta}{\sqrt{2s}} \quad (\text{A12})$$

on large scales, then

$$\nu f(\nu|\Delta, Q) \approx \nu_\Delta \left[1 - \frac{\text{erfc}(\Gamma\nu_\Delta/\sqrt{2})}{2} + \frac{e^{-\Gamma^2\nu_\Delta^2/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}\Gamma\nu_\Delta} \right] \times \int dq p_5(q|Q) \frac{e^{-(\nu_\Delta + \sqrt{q^2\delta_c^2/q_c^2})^2/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}}. \quad (\text{A13})$$

The purely local contributions to the bias come from considering the ratio $f(\nu|\Delta, Q=0)/f(\nu)$ in the $S \rightarrow 0$ limit. These correspond to replacing $\nu \rightarrow \nu_\Delta$ in Eq. (A4). In addition, the expression above shows that if the barrier does not depend on q , then $\nu f(\nu|\Delta, Q)$ does not depend on Q ; nonlocal effects on the bias are entirely due to dependence of the collapse barrier on q .

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