

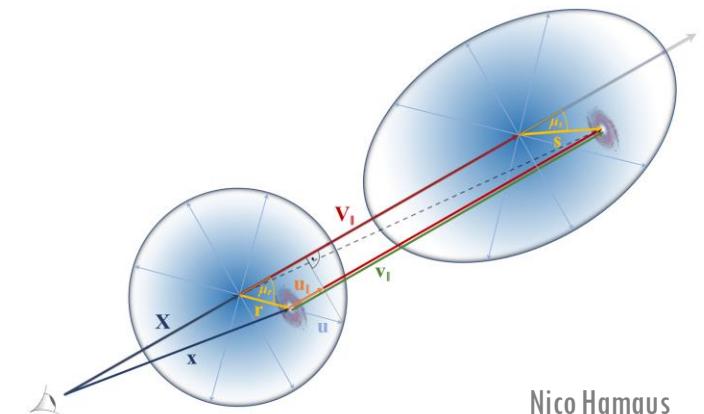


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# Cosmology with Cosmic Voids

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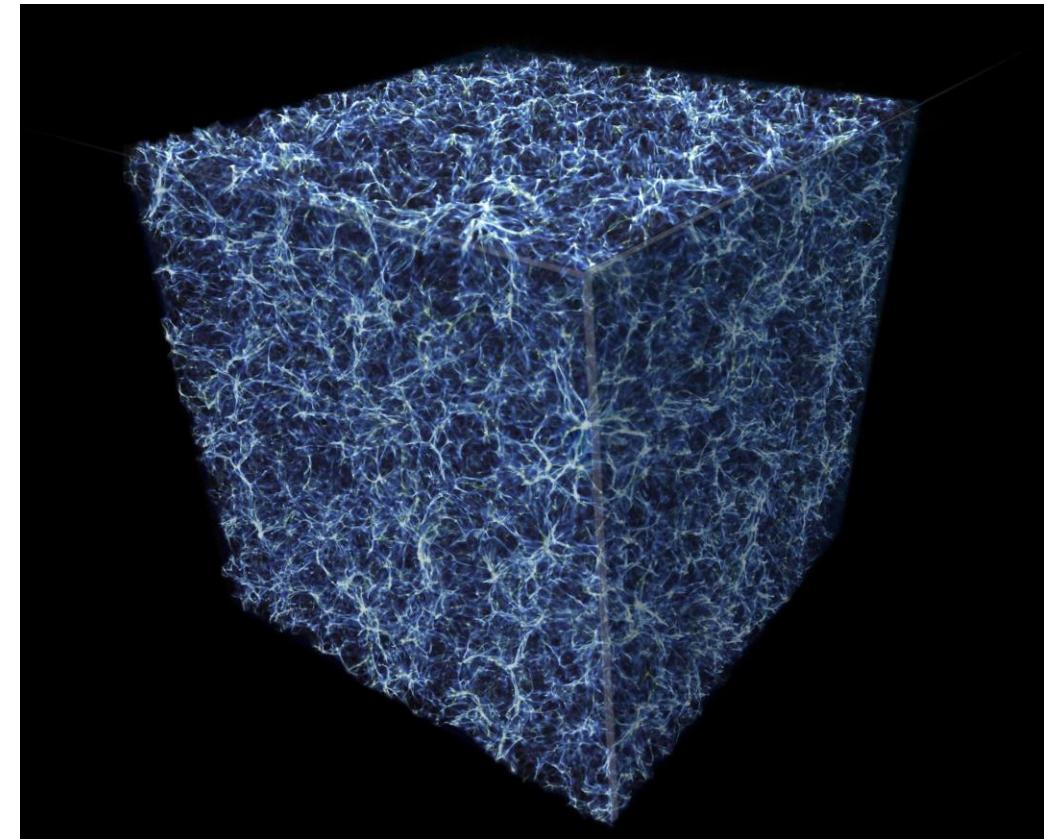
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# WHAT ARE “COSMIC VOIDS”?

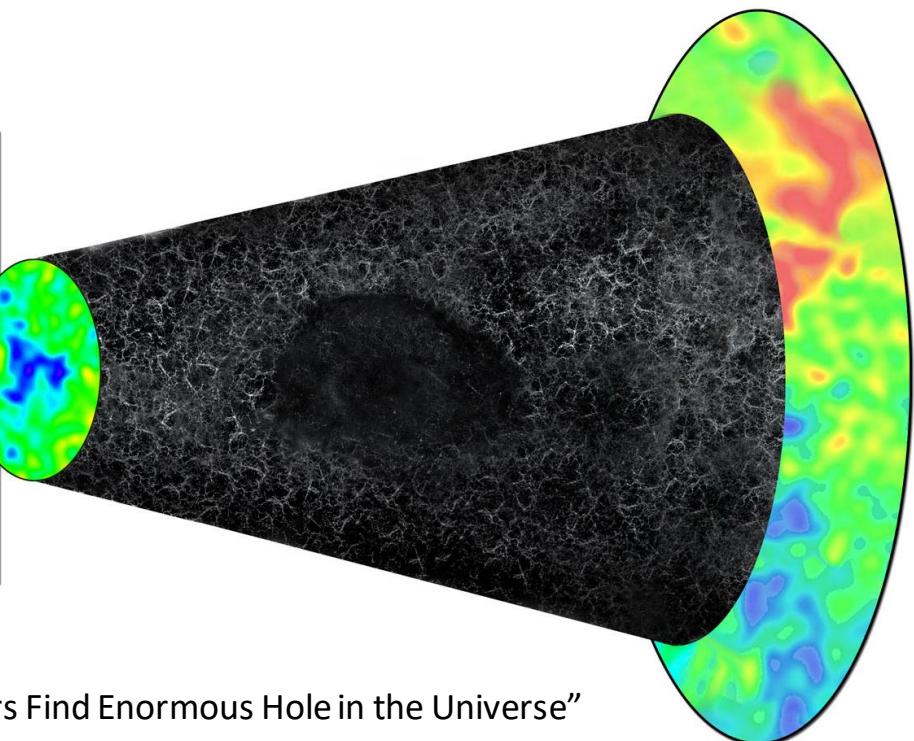
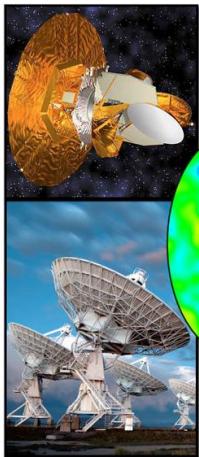


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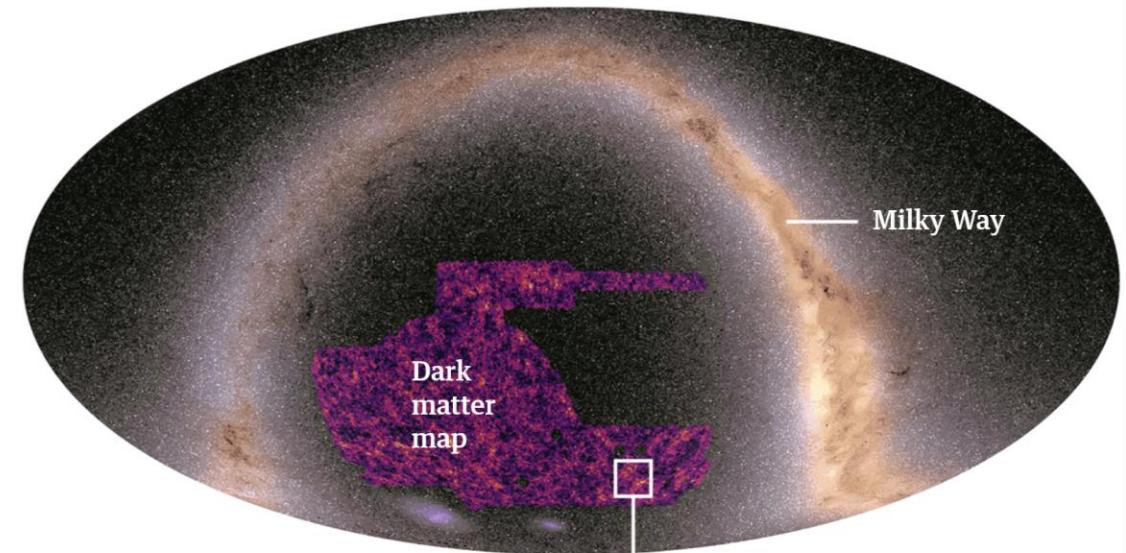
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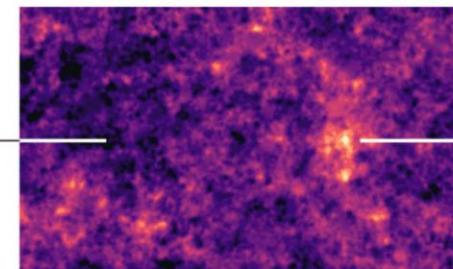
“Astronomers Find Enormous Hole in the Universe”

“Astronomers Puzzled by Massive Blank Spot in Universe”

[NRAO, Fox News](#)



Cosmic voids  
Very low-density regions  
where gravity may behave  
differently



Densest areas  
Dark matter makes  
up about 27% of  
the universe

Guardian graphic. Source: DES Observations, N Jeffrey, Dark Energy Survey Collaboration

[The Guardian](#)

# WHY BOTHER?

- **Interpretable** as spatially distinct components of the cosmic web (individual objects)
- Contain **higher-order statistics**
- Probe of **late-time cosmology**



Intepretable and higher-order statistics for late-time  
cosmology

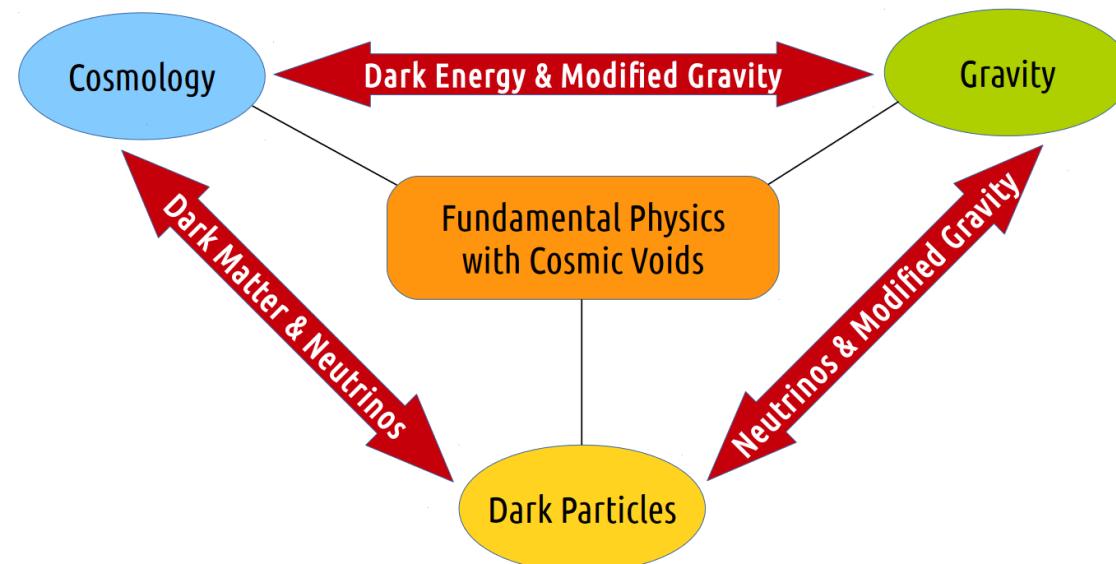
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# WHY BOTHER?

- Constrain competing theories of cosmology and gravity in the **underdense Universe**, where:
  - **Dark energy dominates** the cosmic mass-energy budget for the longest time
  - **Neutrinos** and potentially other **dark particles** have a **higher relative abundance / impact**
  - **Modifications to General Relativity** are expected most severe due to the **lack of screening**
- A relatively young, **emerging field**  
(e.g., compared to galaxy clusters)
  - Expect the **unexpected**
  - Reveal unknown **unknowns**
  - Lots of **potential for discovery**

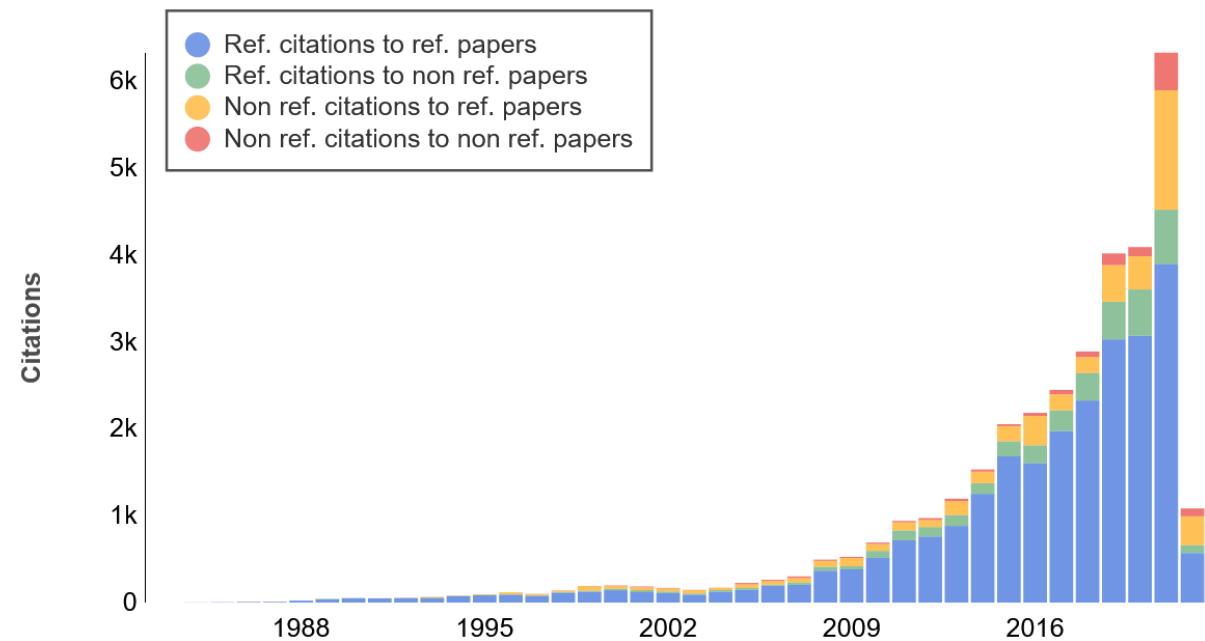
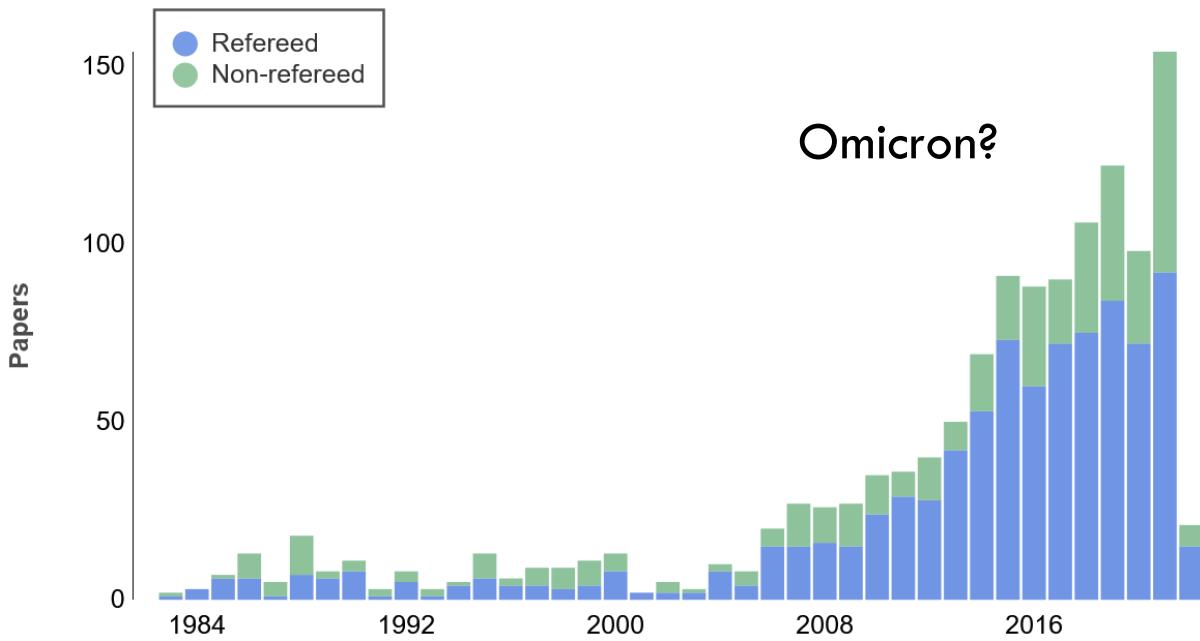


# WHY NOW?

- Current generation of galaxy surveys (e.g., 6dFGS, SDSS, BOSS, eBOSS, DES, KiDS, VIPERS):
  - **Large** enough to detect significant **sample sizes** of voids (1 void defined by 100s of galaxies)
  - **Deep** enough to detect **fainter** galaxies inside voids / **smaller** voids and sub-voids
- Observational cosmology with voids is still a **teenager**, about to grow to adulthood
  - **Very active** / **energetic** with lots of low-hanging fruit to be harvested
  - **Rapidly growing** / **expanding** (as expected for voids)
- Golden age of next-generation surveys is beginning (e.g., DESI, Euclid, PFS, Roman, Rubin, SPHEREx)
  - Urgent need for **experience** and **robustness** in void analysis (post teenager stage)
  - Lots of **science** to be done, many **lessons** to be learned, numerous **discoveries** to be made!

# WHY NOW?

Papers containing “cosmic voids” with full text search on [NASA/ADS](#)



# HOW DO WE DEFINE COSMIC VOIDS? WITH WATER!

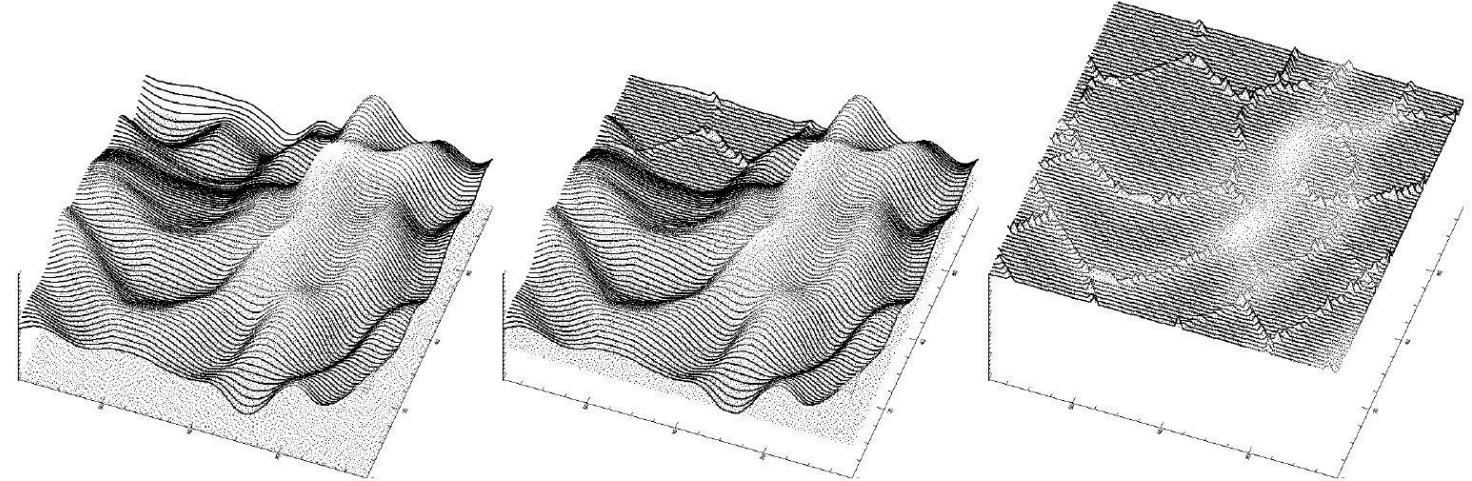
Cosmic web



[Gregory Massal](#)

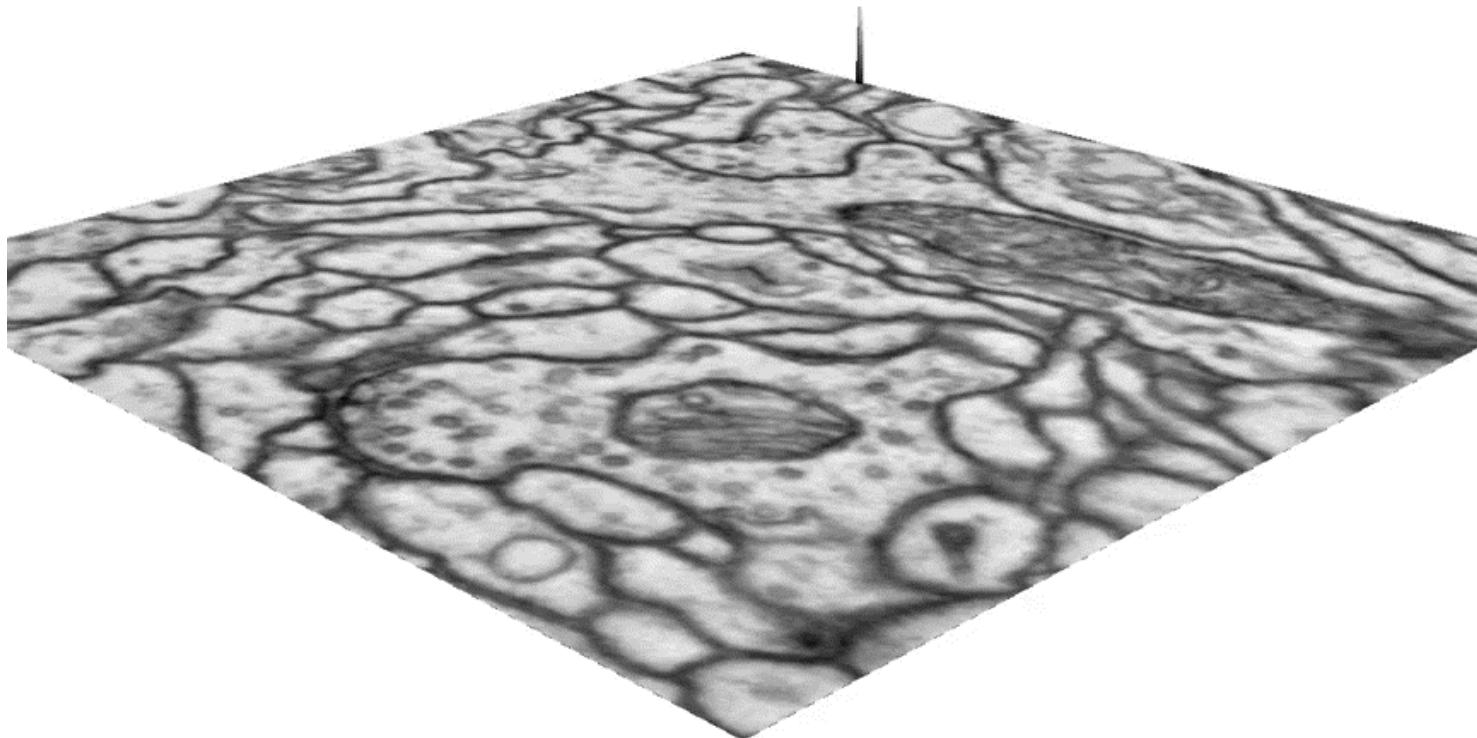


Watershed transform



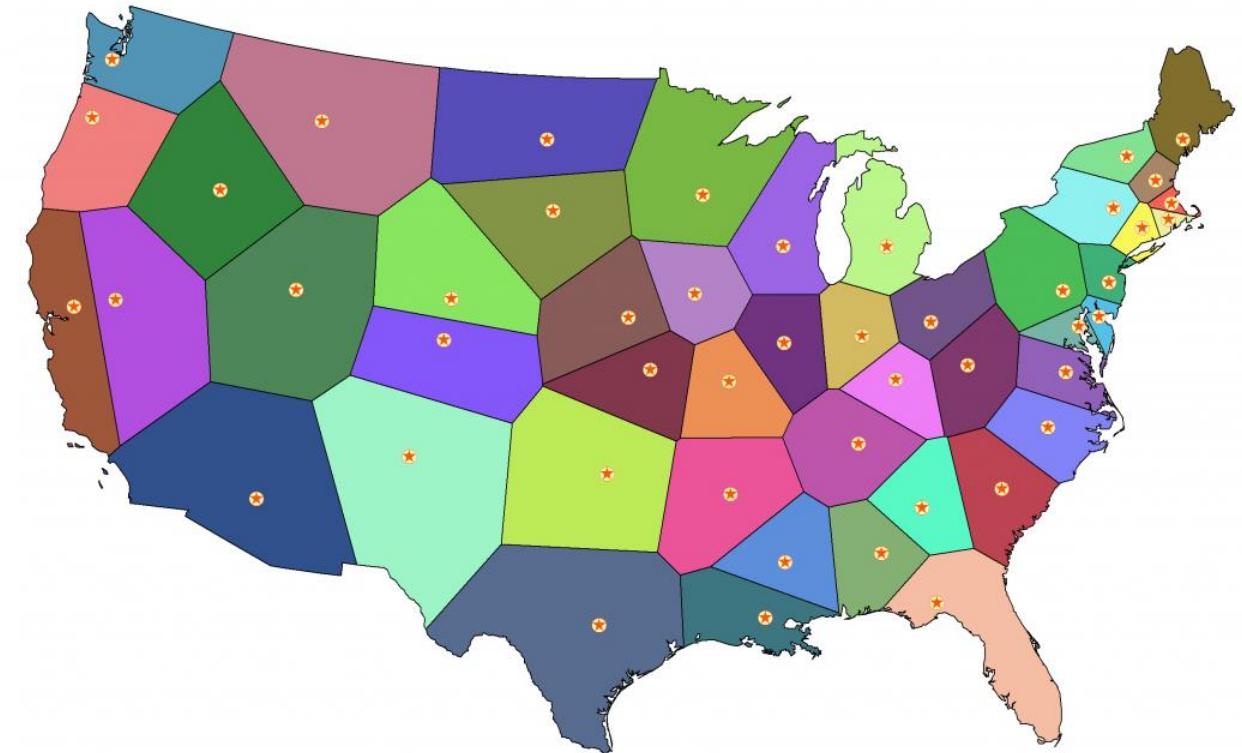
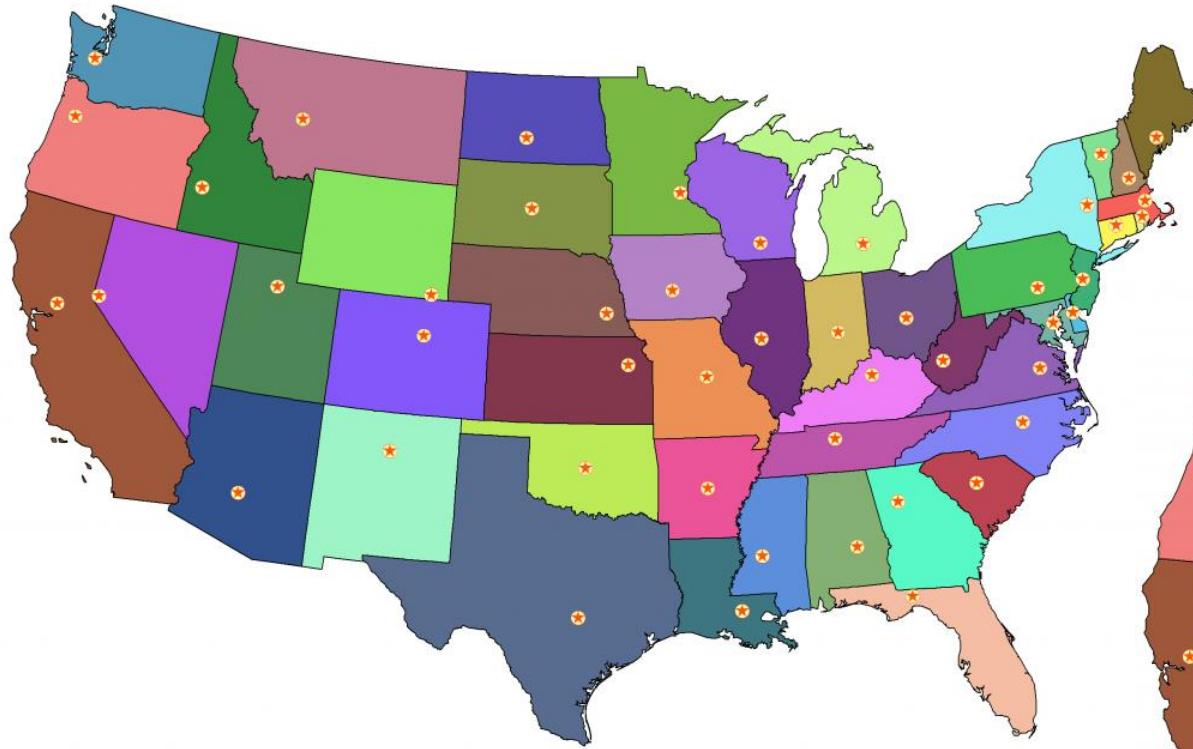
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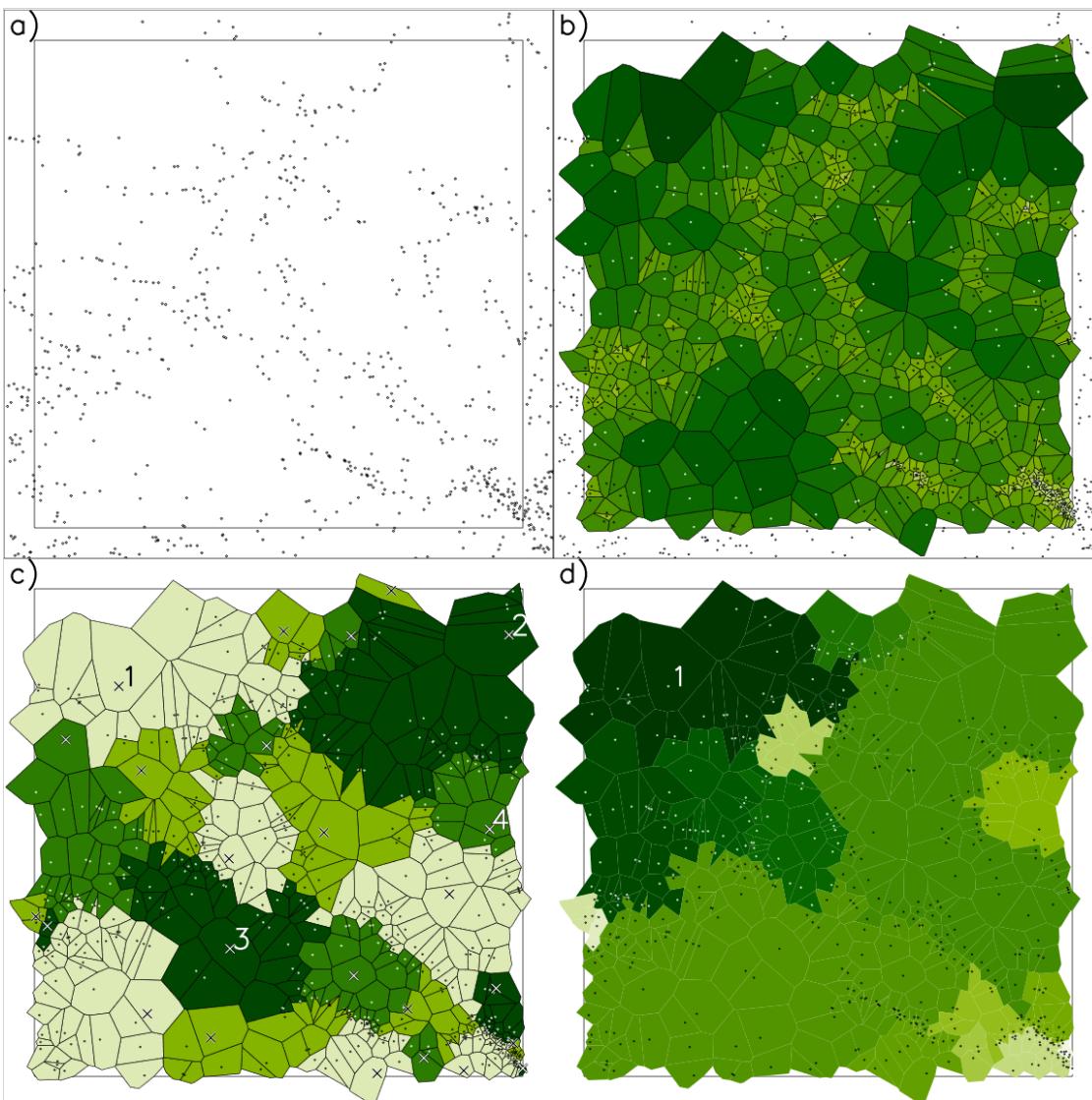


Steffen Wolf ([YouTube](#))

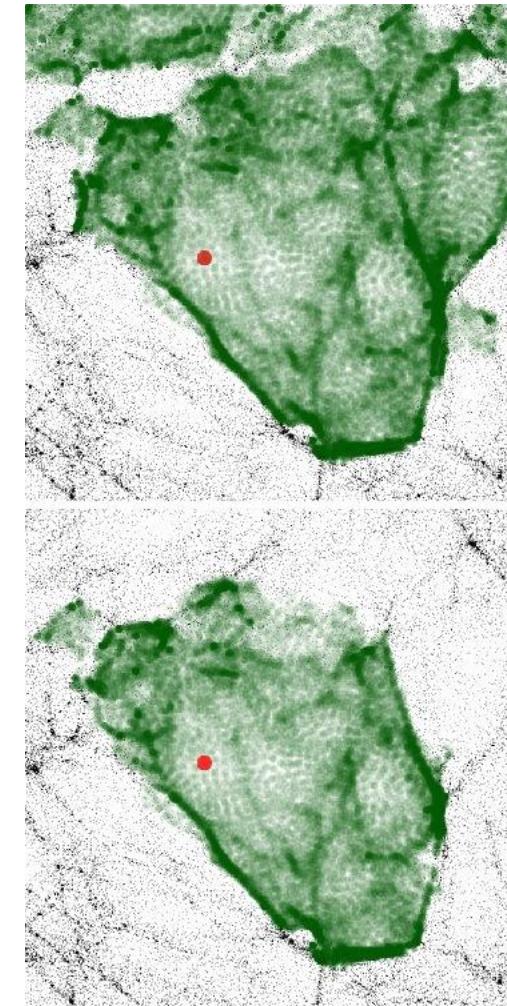
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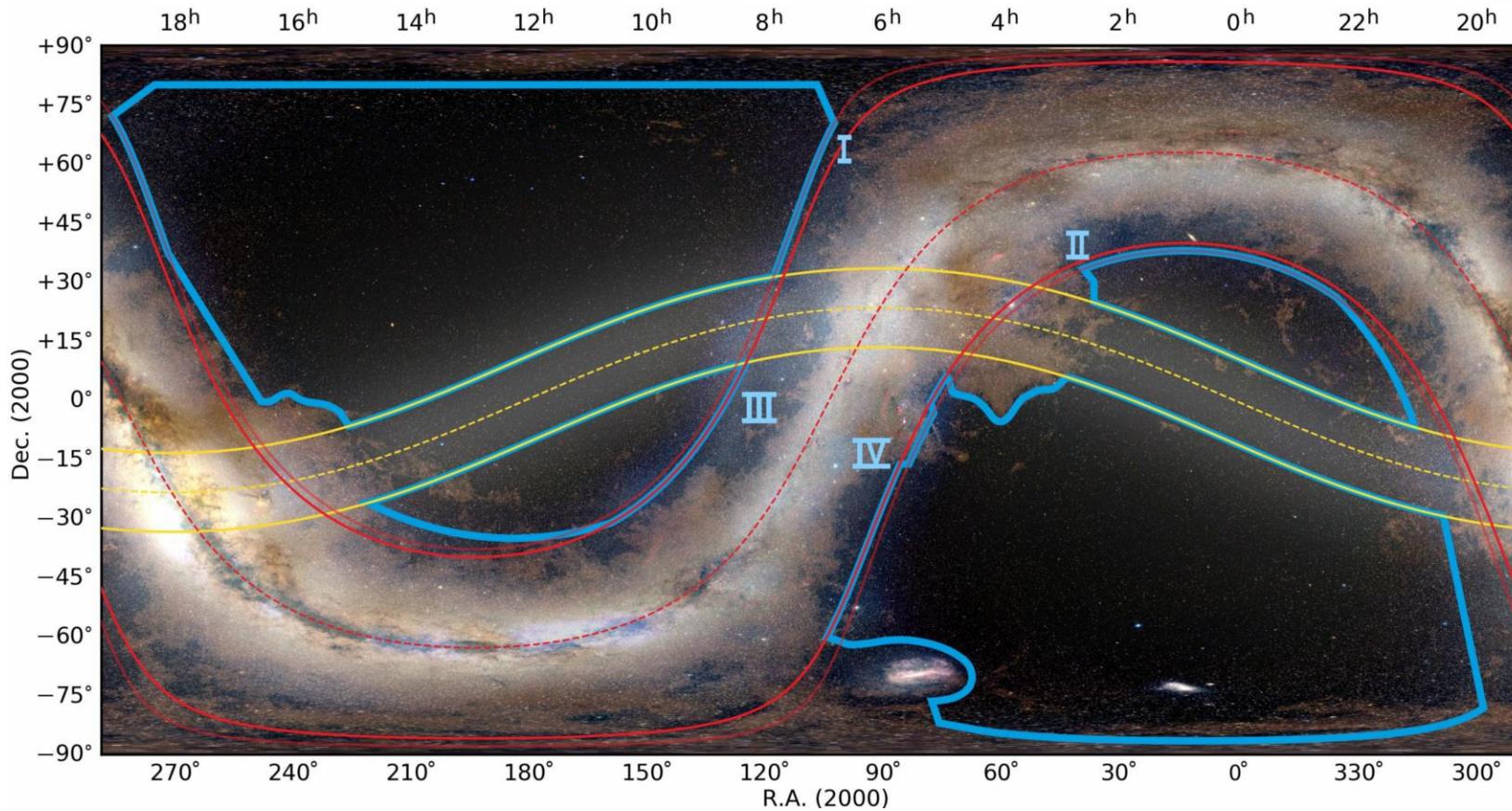


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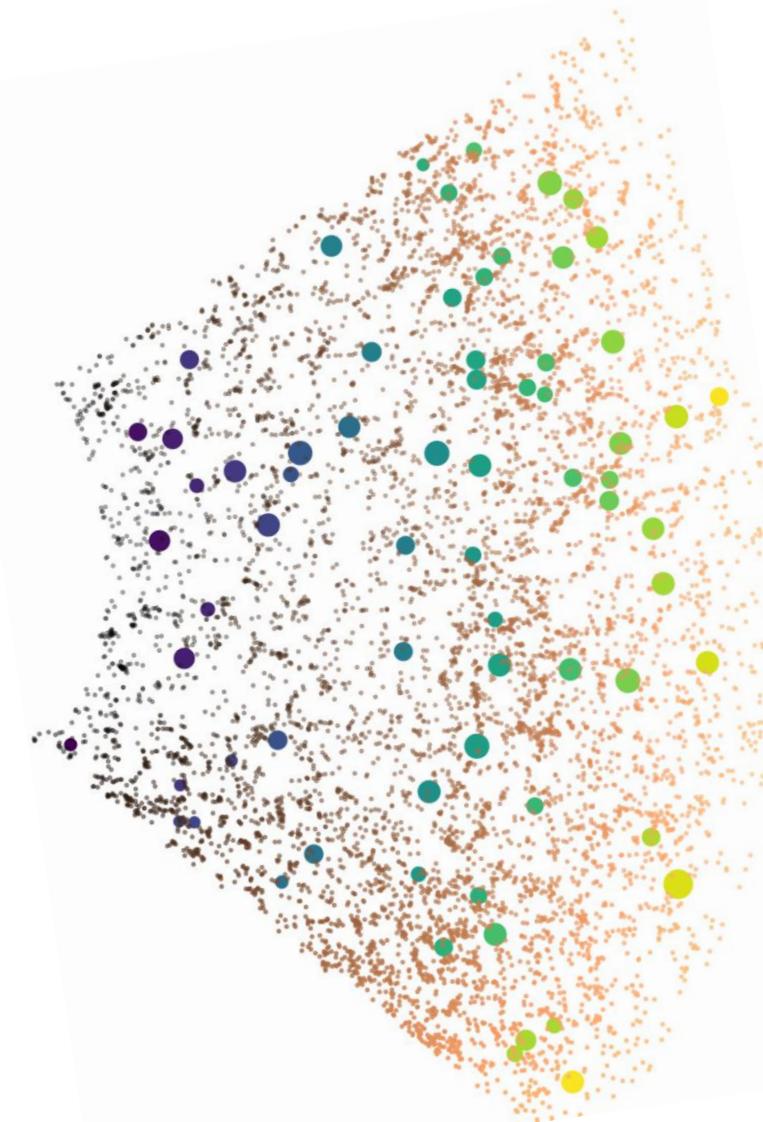


Neyrinck ([MNRAS 2008](#))

## Complication with observations: foregrounds & light cone



Euclid Collaboration: Scaramella et al. ([arXiv 2108.01201](https://arxiv.org/abs/2108.01201))



Hamaus et al. ([JCAP 2020](https://jcap.oxfordjournals.org/article/2020/003))

## Handle survey mask and selection function

[https://bitbucket.org/cosmicvoids/video\\_public](https://bitbucket.org/cosmicvoids/video_public)

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Cosmic Voids / VIDE / vide\_public

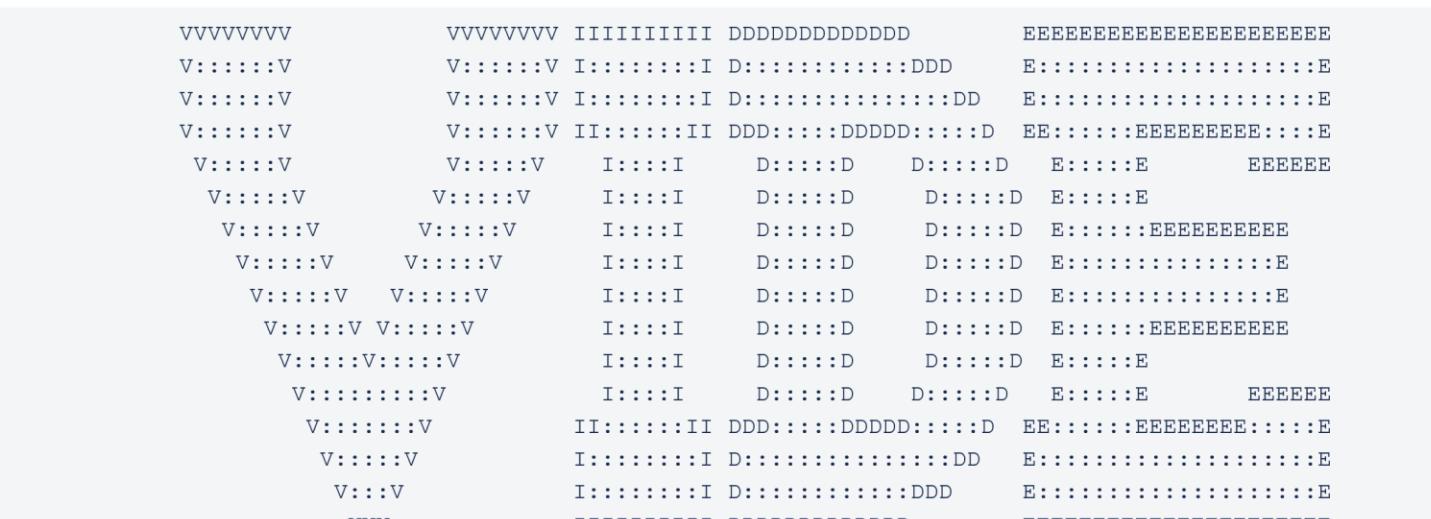
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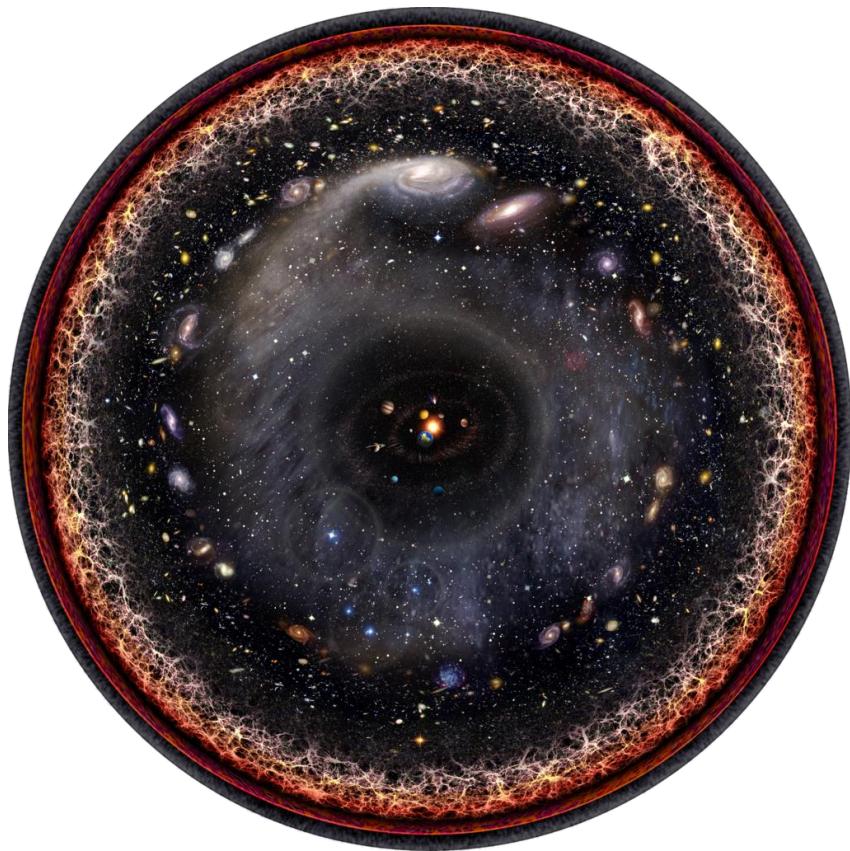


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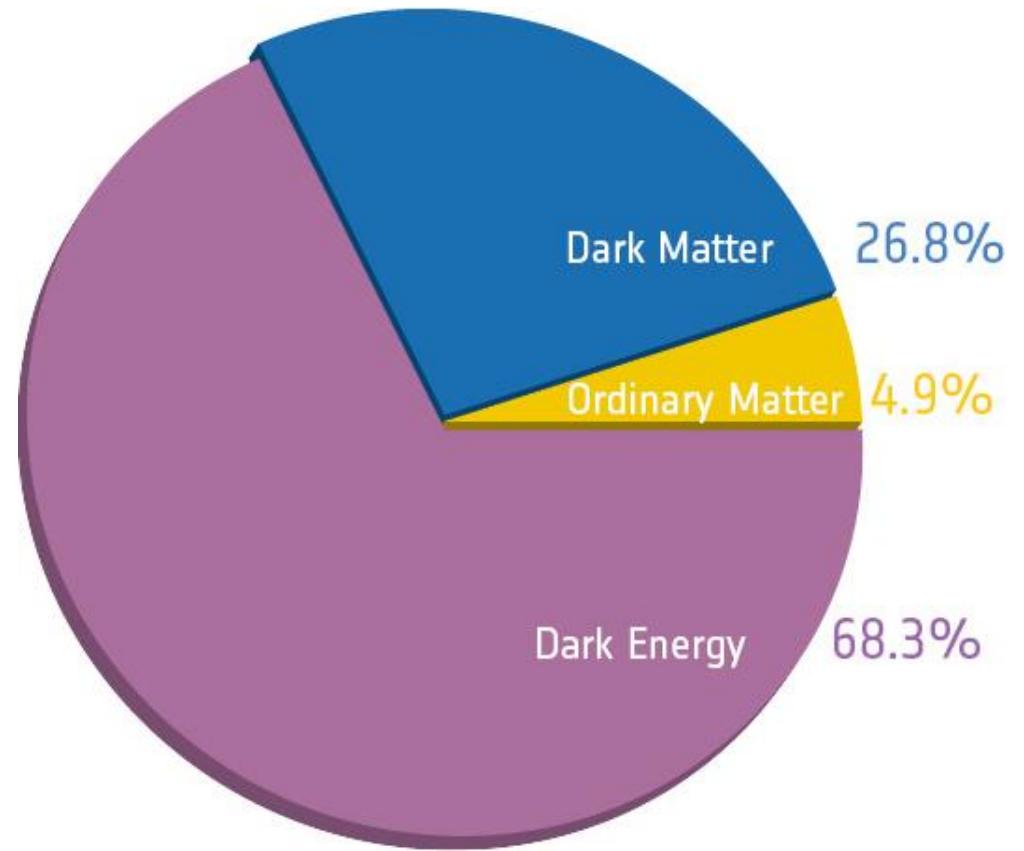
VIDE, the **Void IDentification and Examination toolkit** is a widely used void finder. It has been used on both spectroscopic and photometric data, on simulations and mocks. VIDE is the French word for void, as historically the software was first developed by a group of researchers working at the Institut d'Astrophysique de Paris (IAP, Paris, France). The following page lists all papers based on VIDE: [Papers using VIDE](#).

Sutter, Lavaux, Hamaus et al. ([A&C 2015](#))

# HOW DO WE DO COSMOLOGY WITH VOIDS?

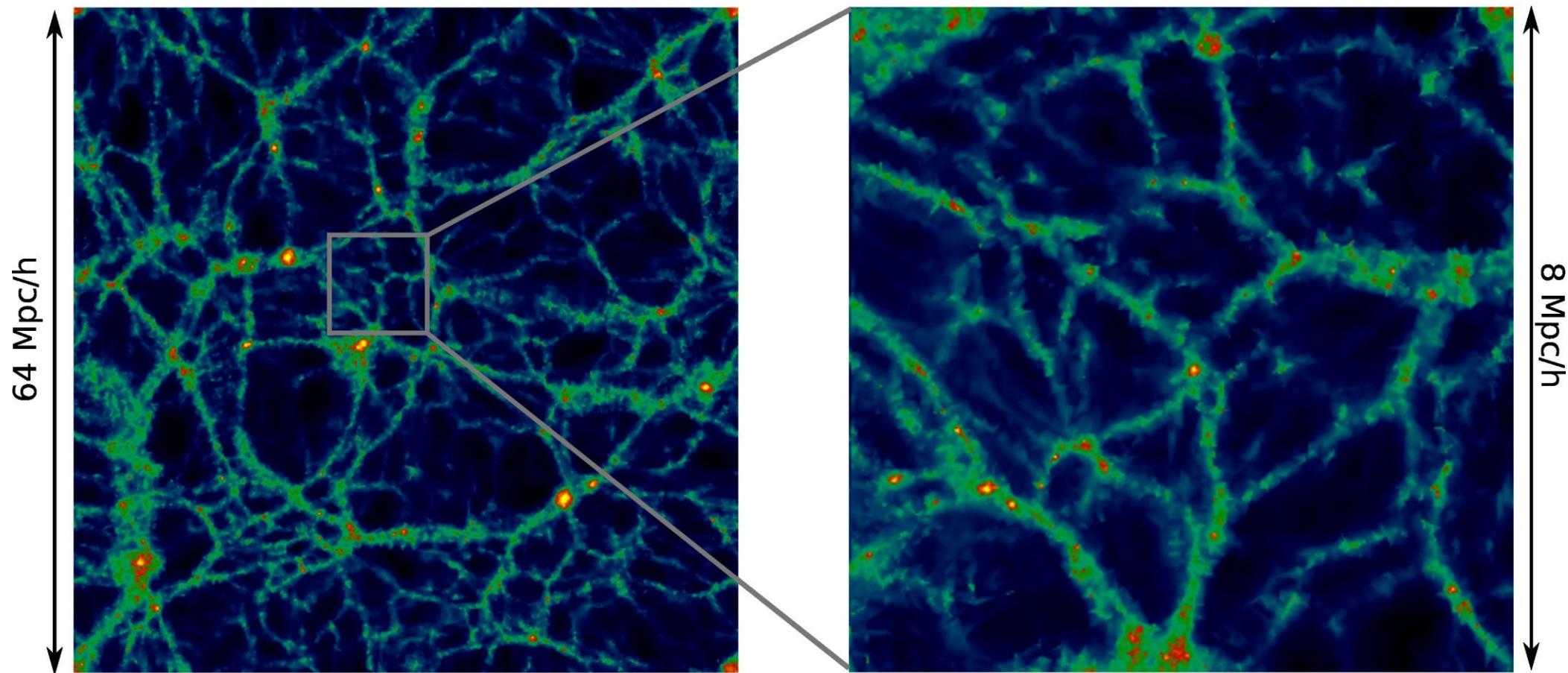


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# MEASURE GEOMETRIC DISTORTIONS! HOW?



Aragon-Calvo & Szalay ([MNRAS 2013](#))

# STACKING

According to the cosmological principle the Universe is statistically isotropic, and so are voids!



[Hauser-Optik: Standard Kilogram](#)

- Use stacked voids as “**Standard Sphere**”

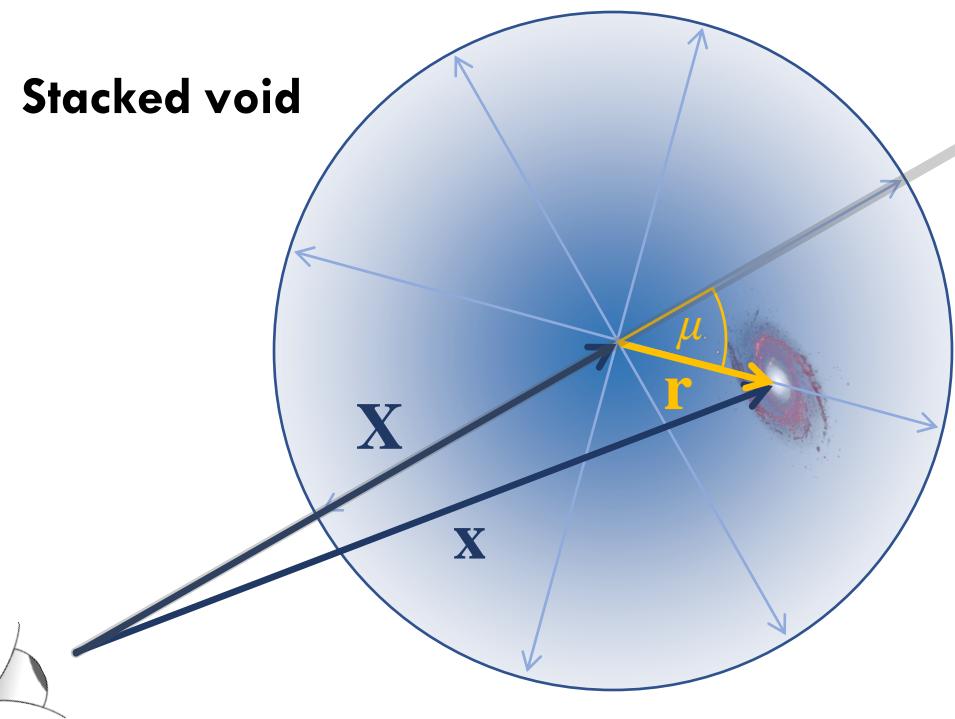


1. Hand-eye coordination
2. Problem solving skills
3. Cause and effect understanding
4. Shape identification
5. Color recognition
6. Gross motor skill development
7. Fine motor skill development
8. Goal setting

Invoke the **Cosmological Principle**

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{X} \quad r = \sqrt{r_{\parallel}^2 + r_{\perp}^2} \quad \mu = \frac{r_{\parallel}}{r}$$

$$r_{\parallel} = \frac{c}{H(z)} \delta z \quad r_{\perp} = D_A(z) \delta \theta$$



Fiducial cosmology, flat  $\Lambda$ CDM:

$$H(z) = H_0 \sqrt{\Omega_m(1+z)^3 + \Omega_\Lambda} \quad D_A(z) = \int_0^z \frac{c}{H(z')} dz'$$

True cosmology, unknown (indicated by asterisk):

$$H^*(z) = H(z) \frac{r_{\parallel}}{r_{\parallel}^*} \quad D_A^*(z) = D_A(z) \frac{r_{\perp}^*}{r_{\perp}}$$

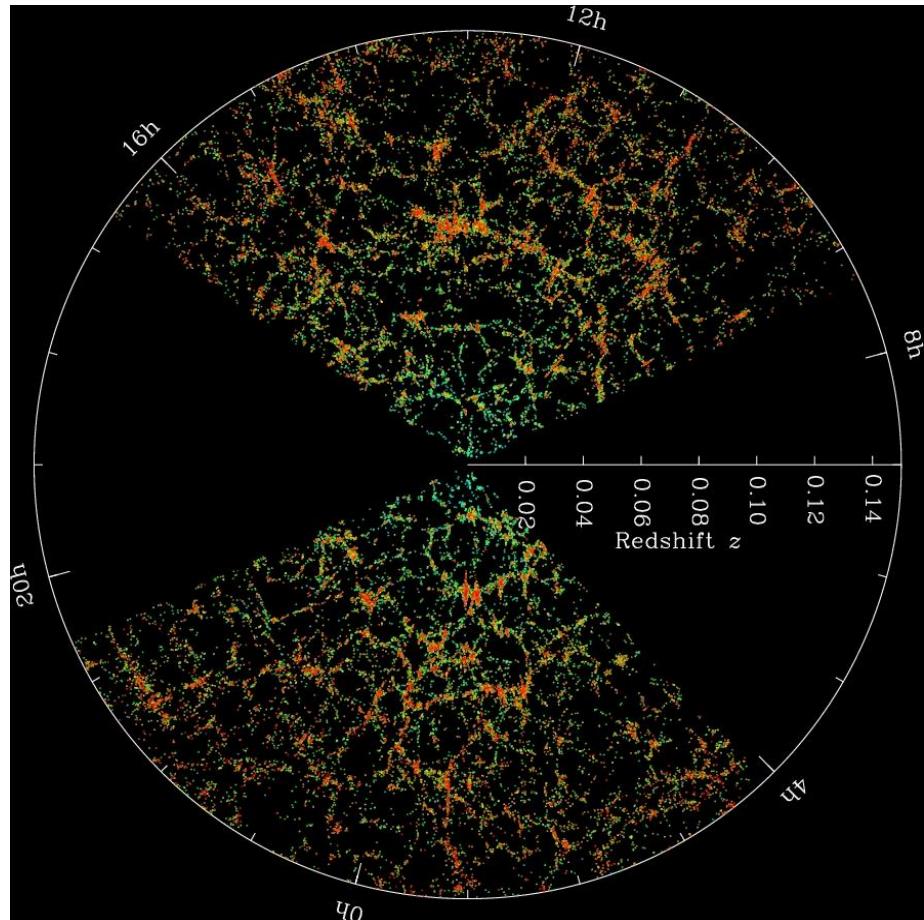
**Assume statistical isotropy** ( $r_{\parallel}^* = r_{\perp}^*$ ) and measure:

$$\varepsilon = \frac{r_{\parallel}}{r_{\perp}} = \frac{D_A^*(z)H^*(z)}{D_A(z)H(z)}$$

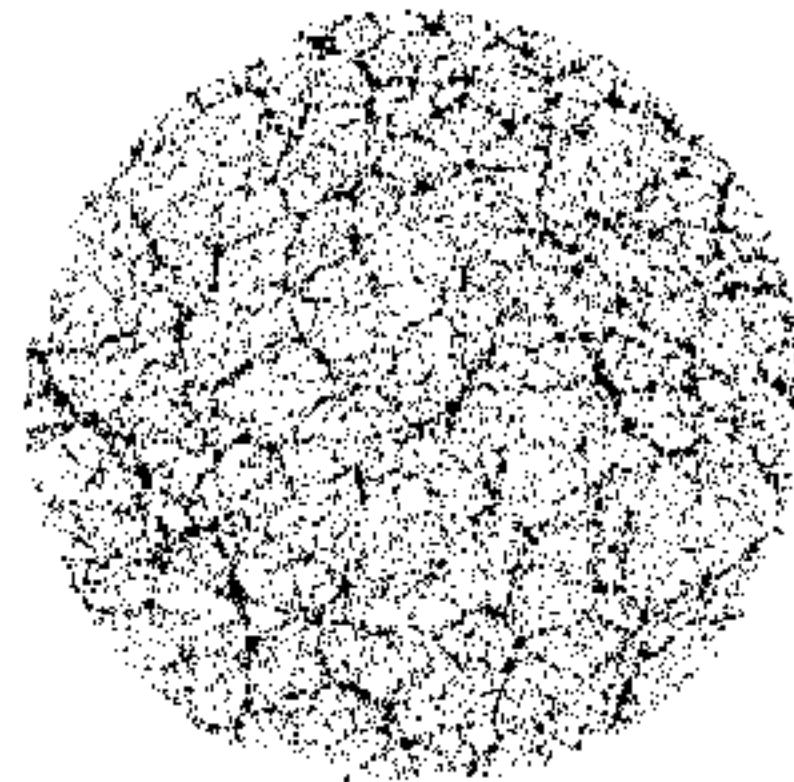
If fiducial cosmology = true cosmology (**Alcock-Paczynski test**):

$$\varepsilon = 1$$

# DYNAMIC DISTORTIONS SPOIL SYMMETRY



SDSS DR7 ([ApJS 2009](#))

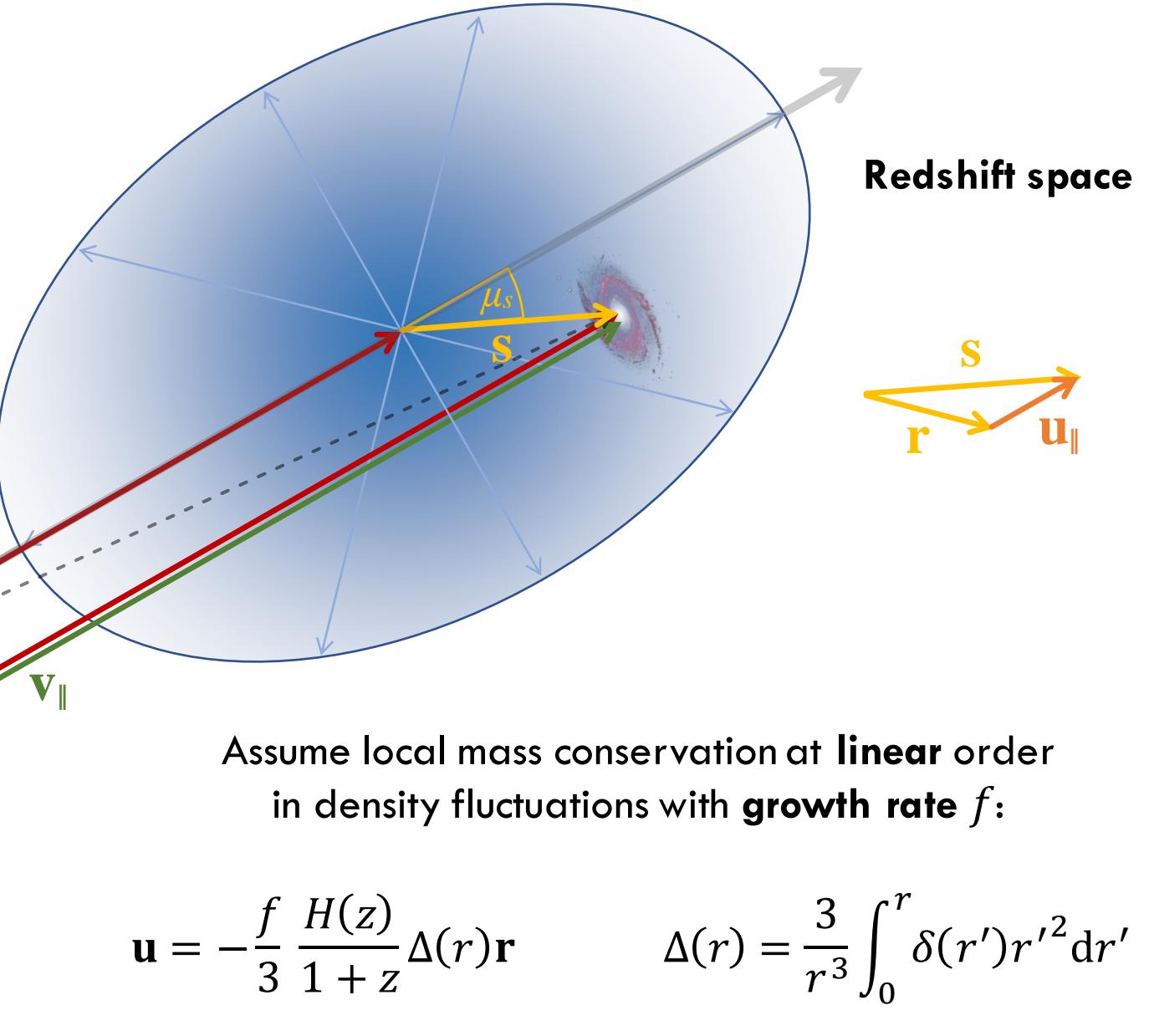
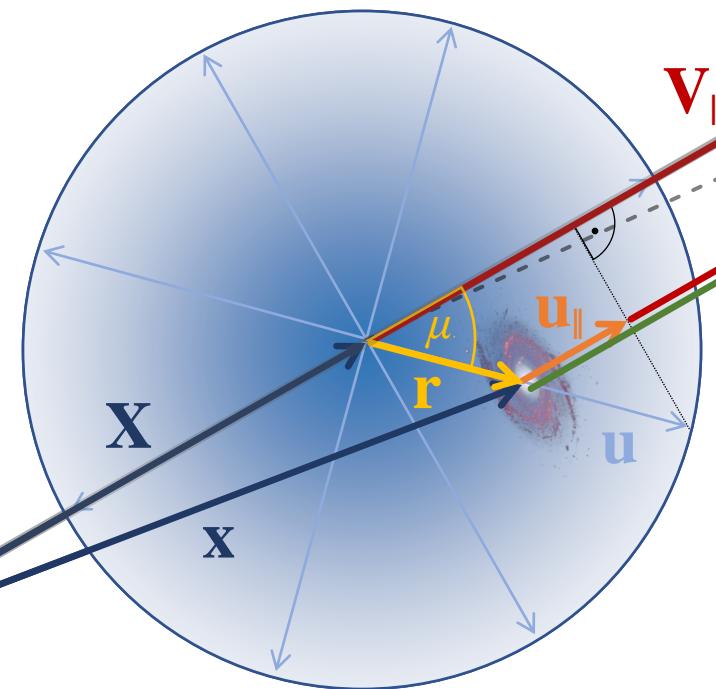


Melott et al. ([ApJ 1998](#))

Velocity between galaxy and void center:

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{V}$$

$$\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{r} + \frac{1+z}{H(z)} \mathbf{u}_{\parallel}$$

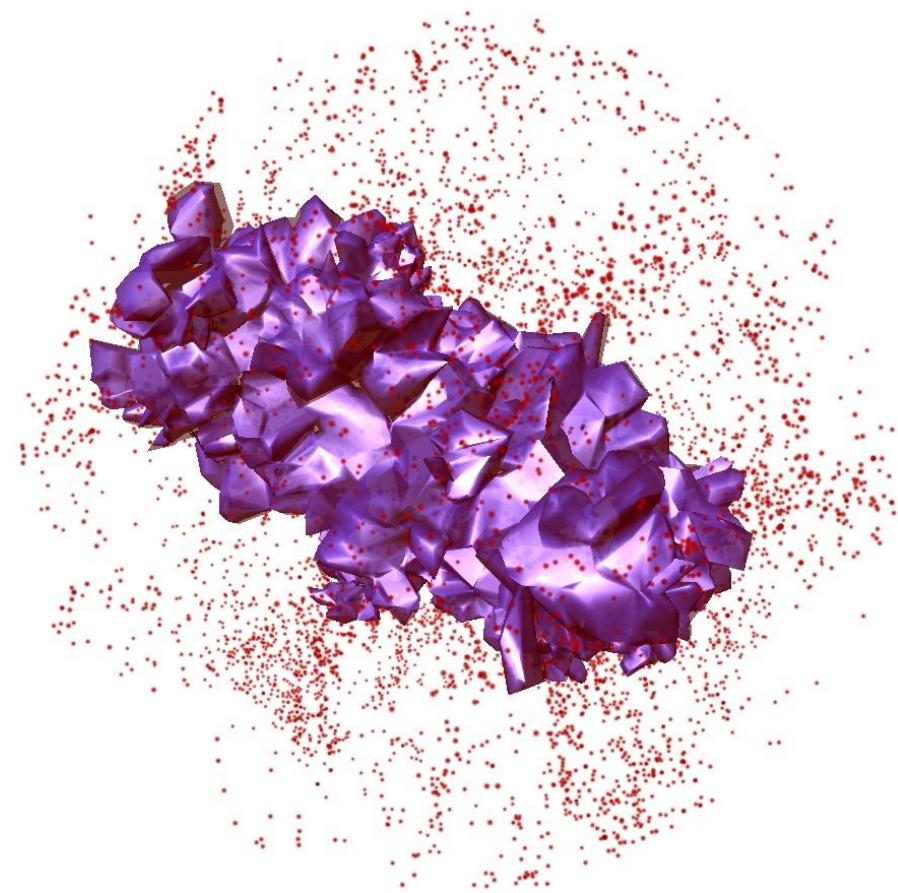


$$\mathbf{u} = -\frac{f}{3} \frac{H(z)}{1+z} \Delta(r) \mathbf{r}$$

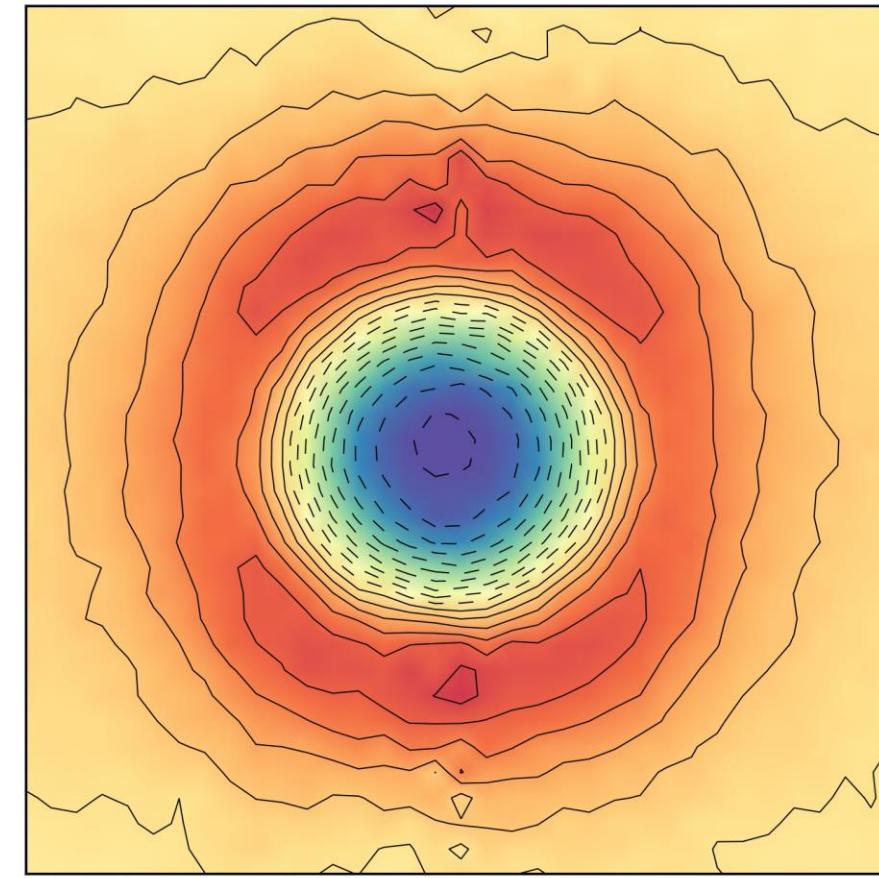
$$\Delta(r) = \frac{3}{r^3} \int_0^r \delta(r') r'^2 dr'$$

Hamaus, Sutter & Wandelt ([PRL 2014](#)), Hamaus et al. ([JCAP 2015](#))

# HOW CAN WE MEASURE THIS?



Sutter, Lavaux, Hamaus et al. ([A&C 2015](#))



Hamaus et al. ([PRL 2016](#))

**Void-galaxy cross-correlation function** in redshift space and its multipoles:

$$\xi^s(\mathbf{s}) = \xi^s(s_{\parallel}, s_{\perp}) = \xi^s(s, \mu_s) \quad \xi_{\ell}^s(s) = \frac{2\ell + 1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 \xi^s(s, \mu_s) P_{\ell}(\mu_s) d\mu_s$$

Landy-Szalay estimator for cross-correlations:

$$\hat{\xi}^s(\mathbf{s}) = \frac{\langle \mathcal{D}_v \mathcal{D}_g \rangle - \langle \mathcal{D}_v \mathcal{R}_g \rangle - \langle \mathcal{R}_v \mathcal{D}_g \rangle + \langle \mathcal{R}_v \mathcal{R}_g \rangle}{\langle \mathcal{R}_v \mathcal{R}_g \rangle} \quad \mathcal{D}: \text{data}, \mathcal{R}: \text{randoms}$$

Randoms: drawn from redshift distribution of data with much higher density, but no clustering

Stacking: express all distances in units of the effective radius of each void to align void boundaries.



## Models for void-galaxy cross-correlation function

Basic assumptions:

- Spherical symmetry in real space (cosmological principle)
- Conservation of voids and galaxies between real and redshift space
- Voids evolve individually, the impact of neighbors can be neglected

Gaussian streaming model (GSM): Paz et al. ([MNRAS 2013](#)), Hamaus et al. ([JCAP 2015](#), [PRL 2016](#))

$$1 + \xi^s(\mathbf{s}) = \int [1 + \xi(r)] \mathcal{P}(u_{\parallel}, r, \mu) du_{\parallel} \quad \mathcal{P}(u_{\parallel}, r, \mu) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_{\parallel}(r, \mu)} \exp\left\{-\frac{[u_{\parallel} - u(r)\mu]^2}{2\sigma_{\parallel}^2(r, \mu)}\right\}$$

Linear Kaiser-like model: Cai et al. ([MNRAS 2016](#)), Hamaus et al. ([JCAP 2017](#))

$$\xi^s(\mathbf{s}) = \xi(r) - \frac{1+z}{H(z)} \frac{du_{\parallel}(r)}{dr}$$

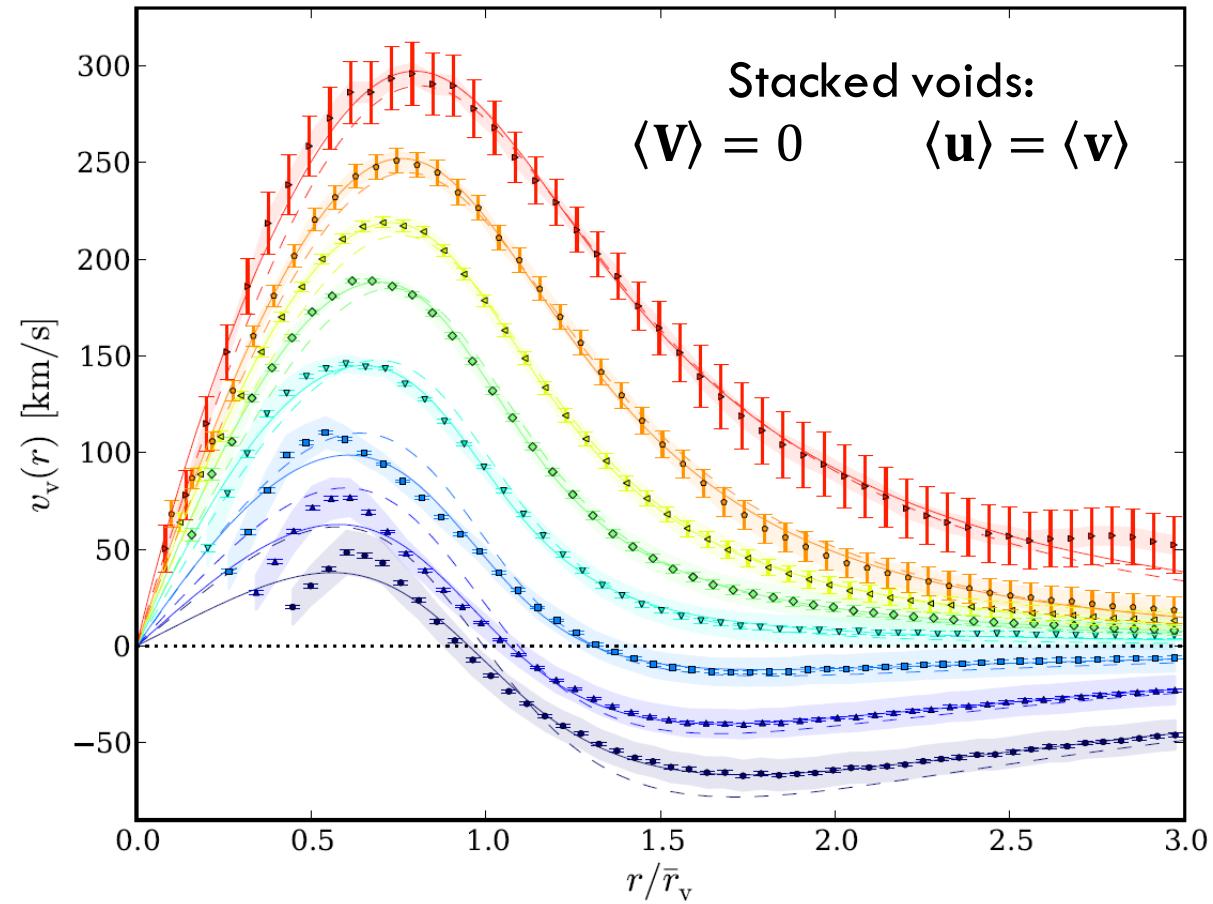
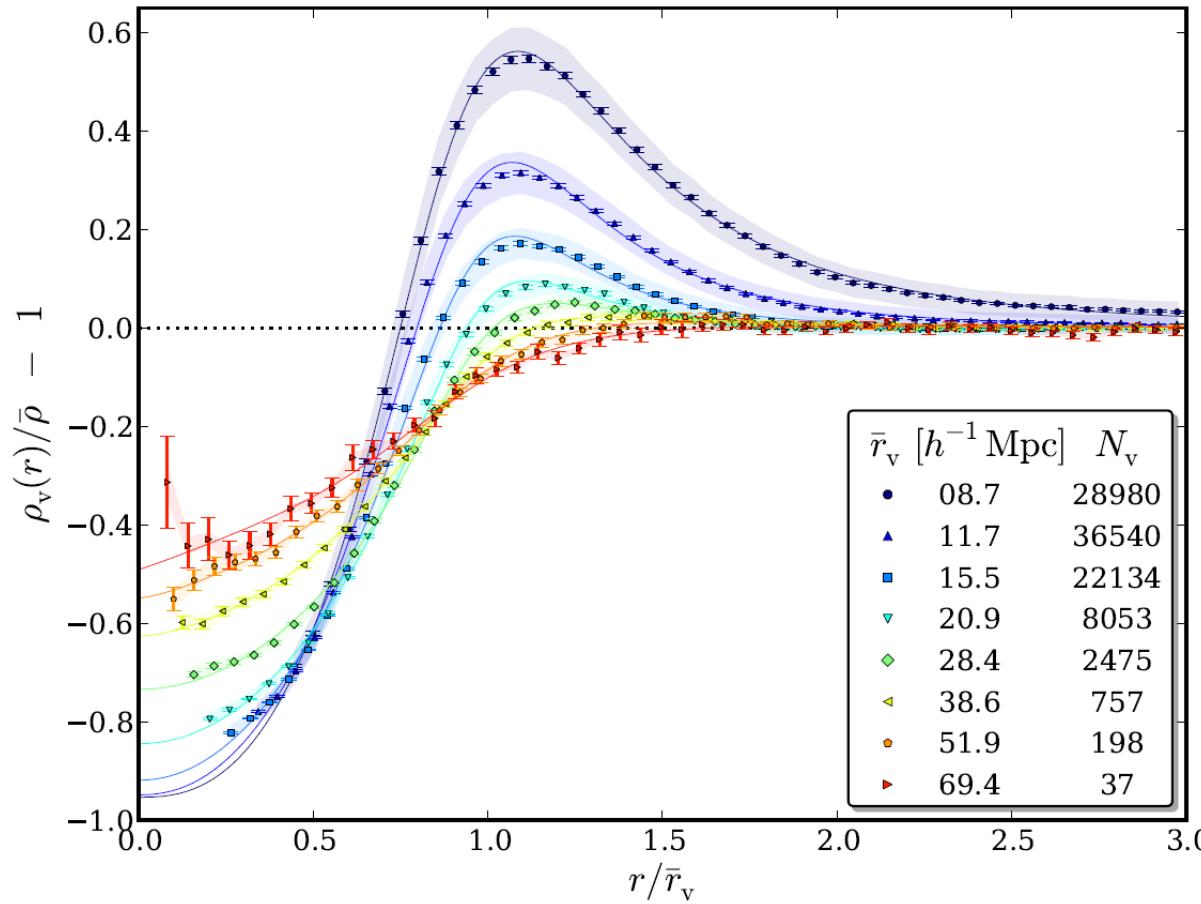
Model ingredients:  $\xi(r), u(r), \sigma(r, \mu)$

**Pairwise velocity profile:** assume local mass conservation at linear order with growth rate  $f$

$$\mathbf{u} = -\frac{f}{3} \frac{H(z)}{1+z} \Delta(r) \mathbf{r}$$

$$\Delta(r) = \frac{3}{r^3} \int_0^r \delta(r') r'^2 dr'$$

$$\delta(r) = \delta_c \frac{1 - (r/r_s)^\alpha}{1 + (r/r_v)^\beta}$$

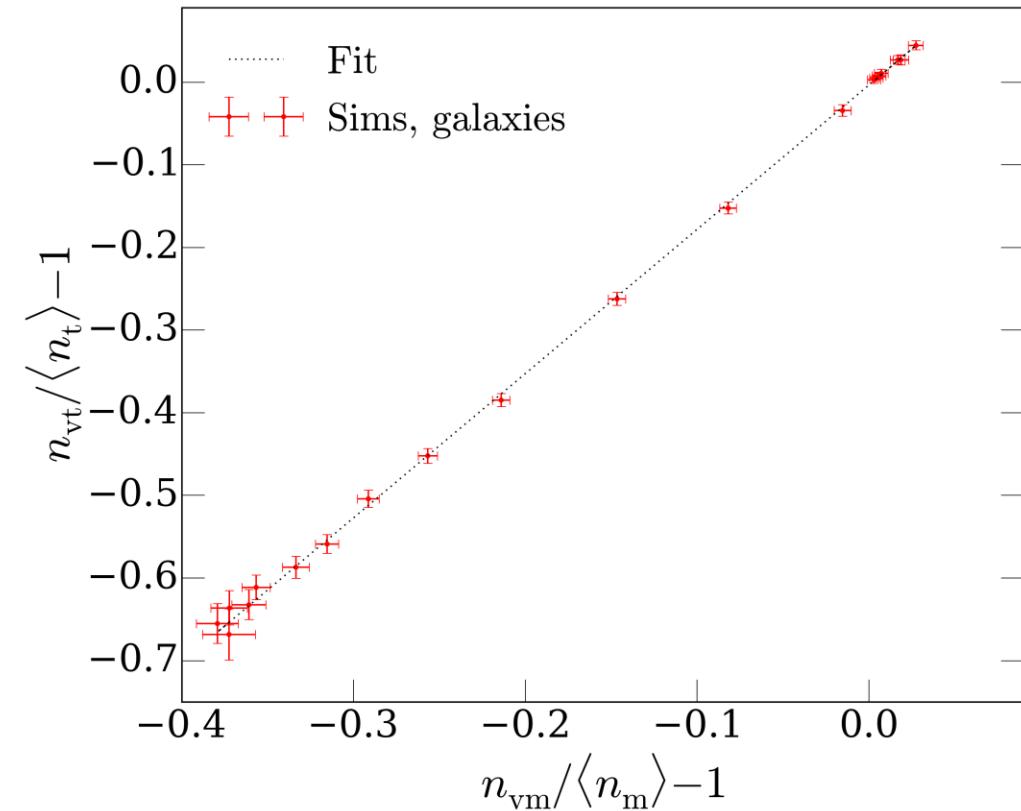
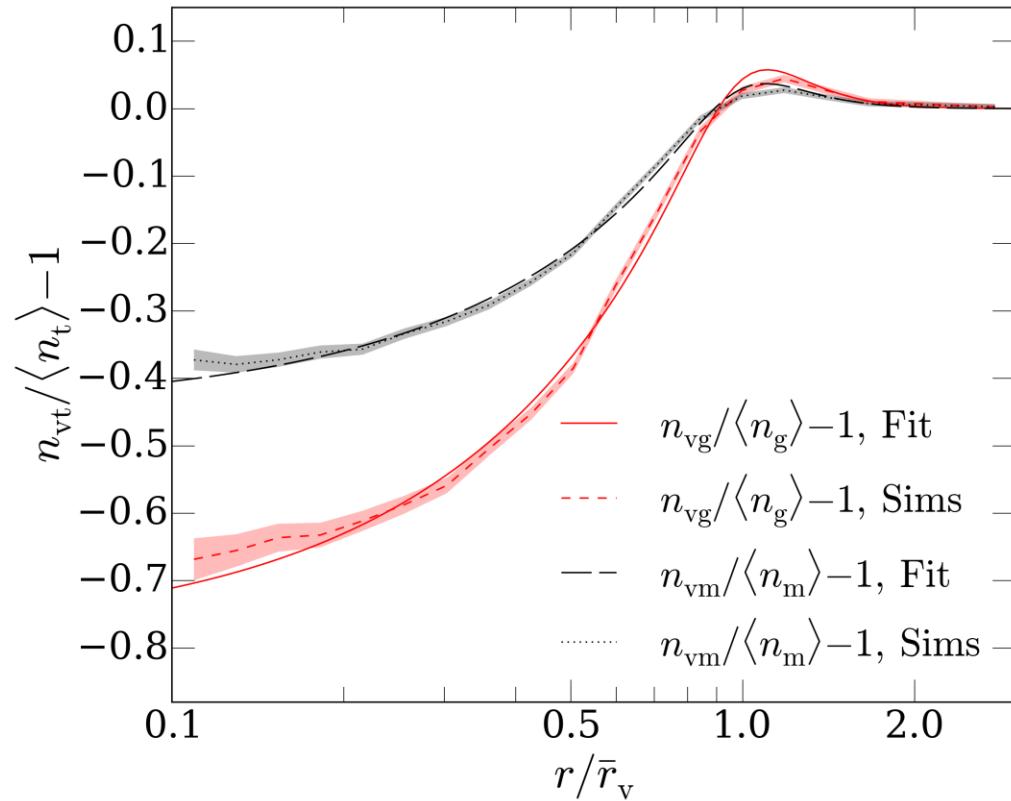


**Density profile:** assume linear bias relation

$$\xi(r) = b\delta(r)$$

Replace:

$$\delta(r) \rightarrow \xi(r), \quad \Delta(r) \rightarrow \bar{\xi}(r)$$
$$f \rightarrow f/b$$



## Real-space correlation: inverse Abel transform of projected correlation (N. H. Abel, 1842)

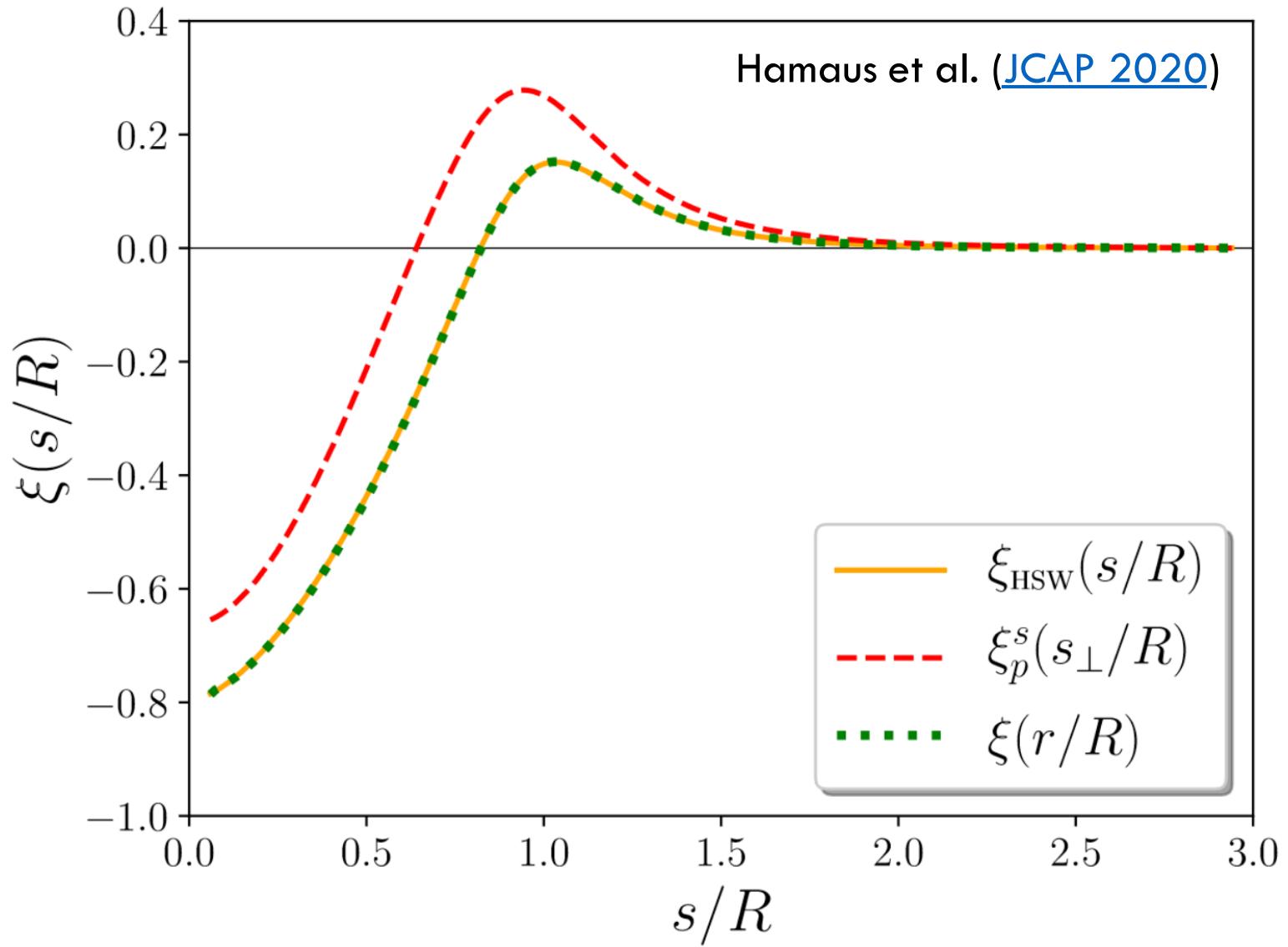
$$\xi(r) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \int_r^\infty \frac{d\xi_p^s(s_\perp)}{ds_\perp} \frac{ds_\perp}{\sqrt{s_\perp^2 - r^2}}$$

Pisani et al. ([MNRAS 2014](#))

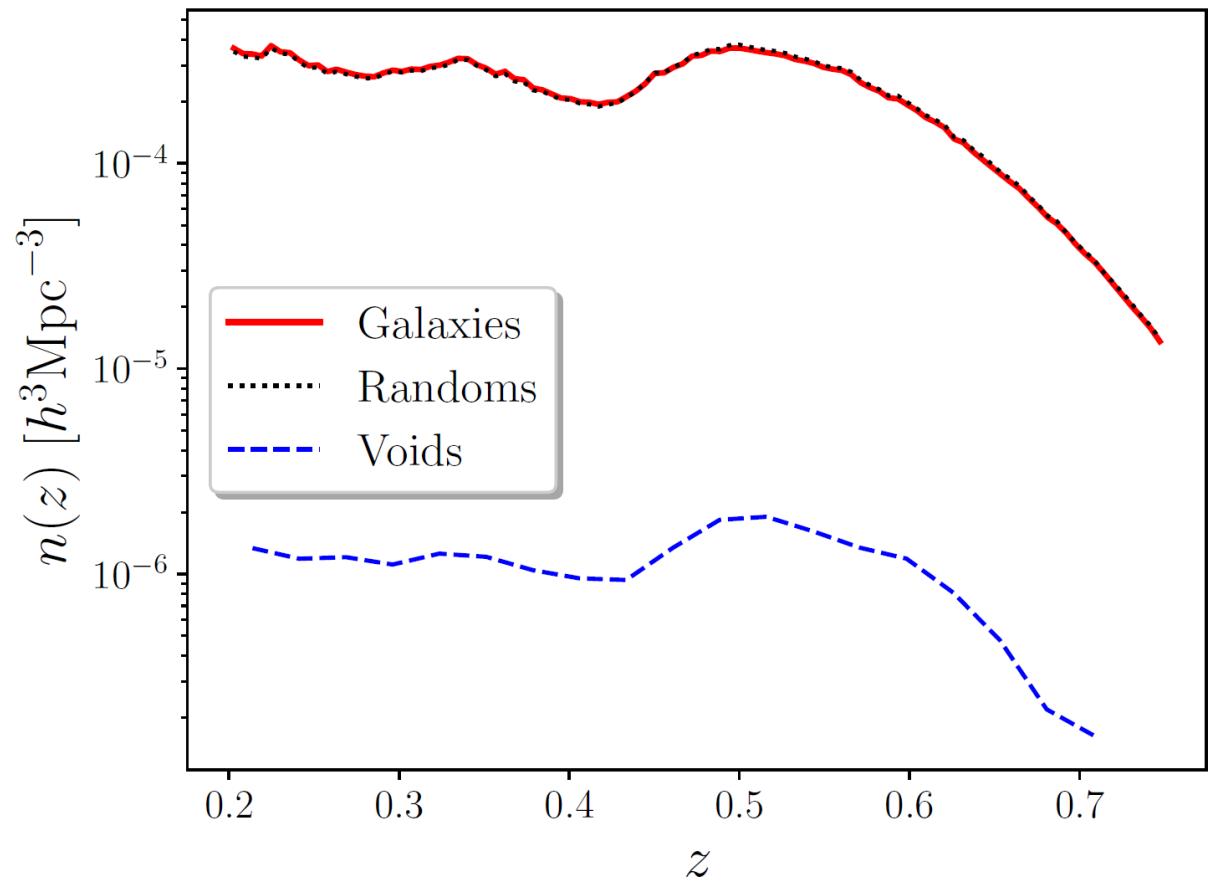
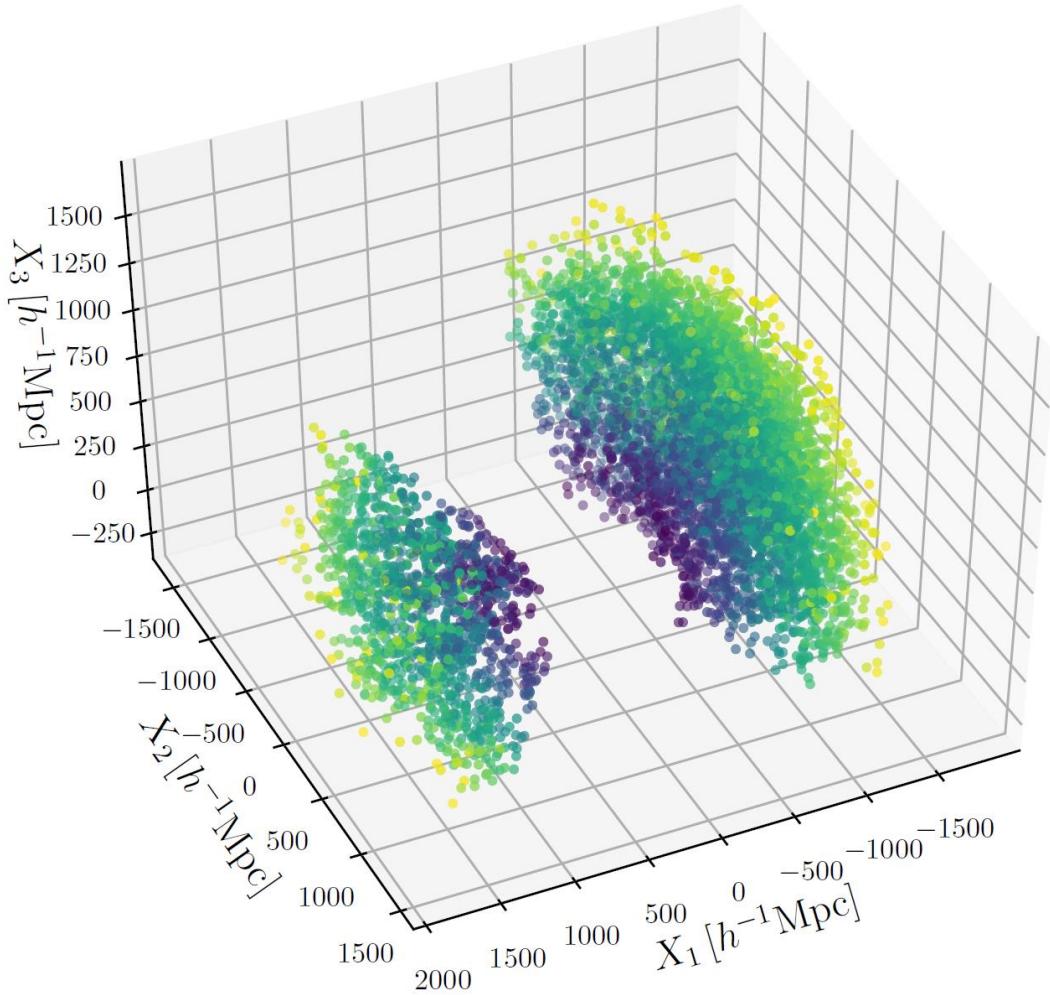
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Test with template:

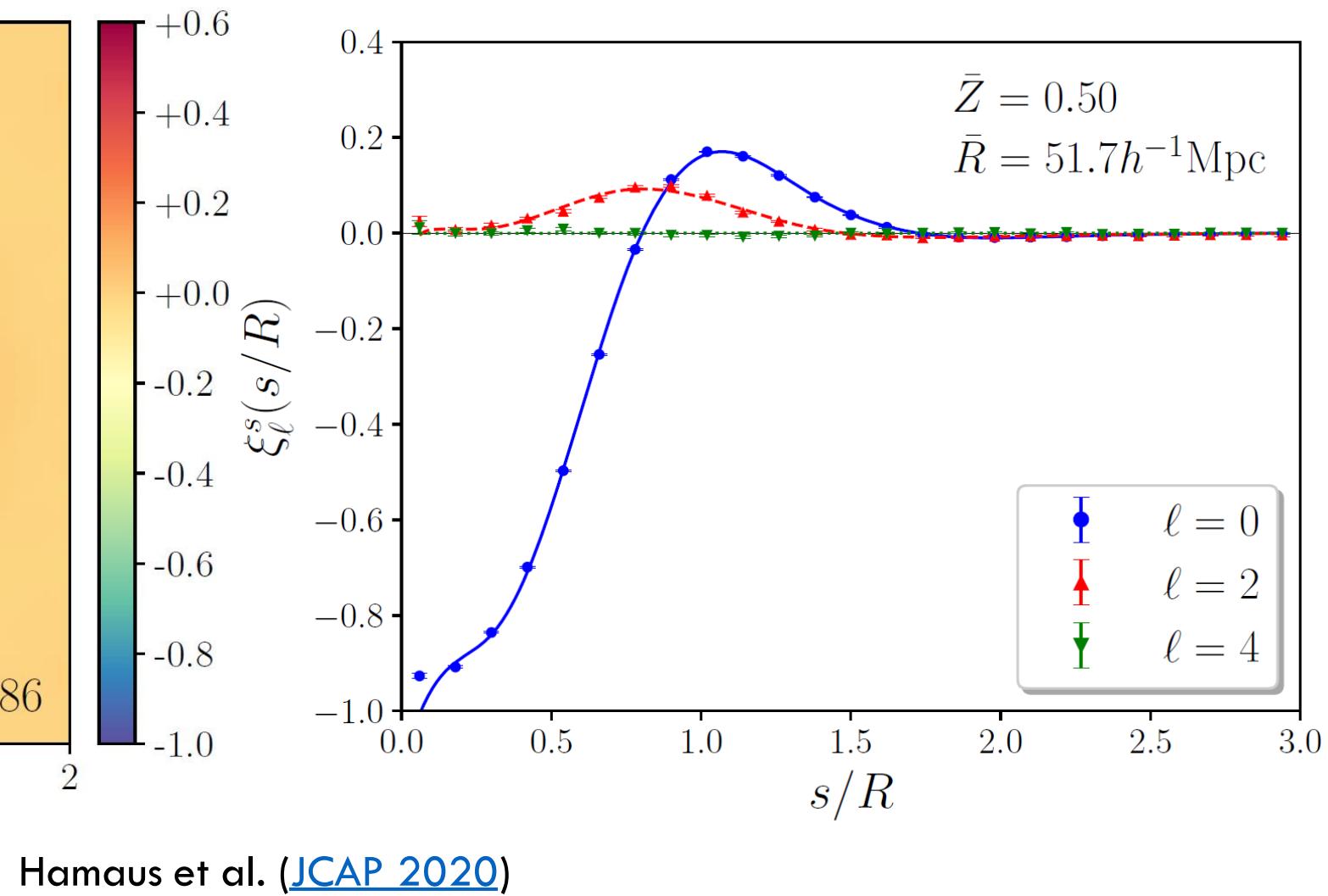
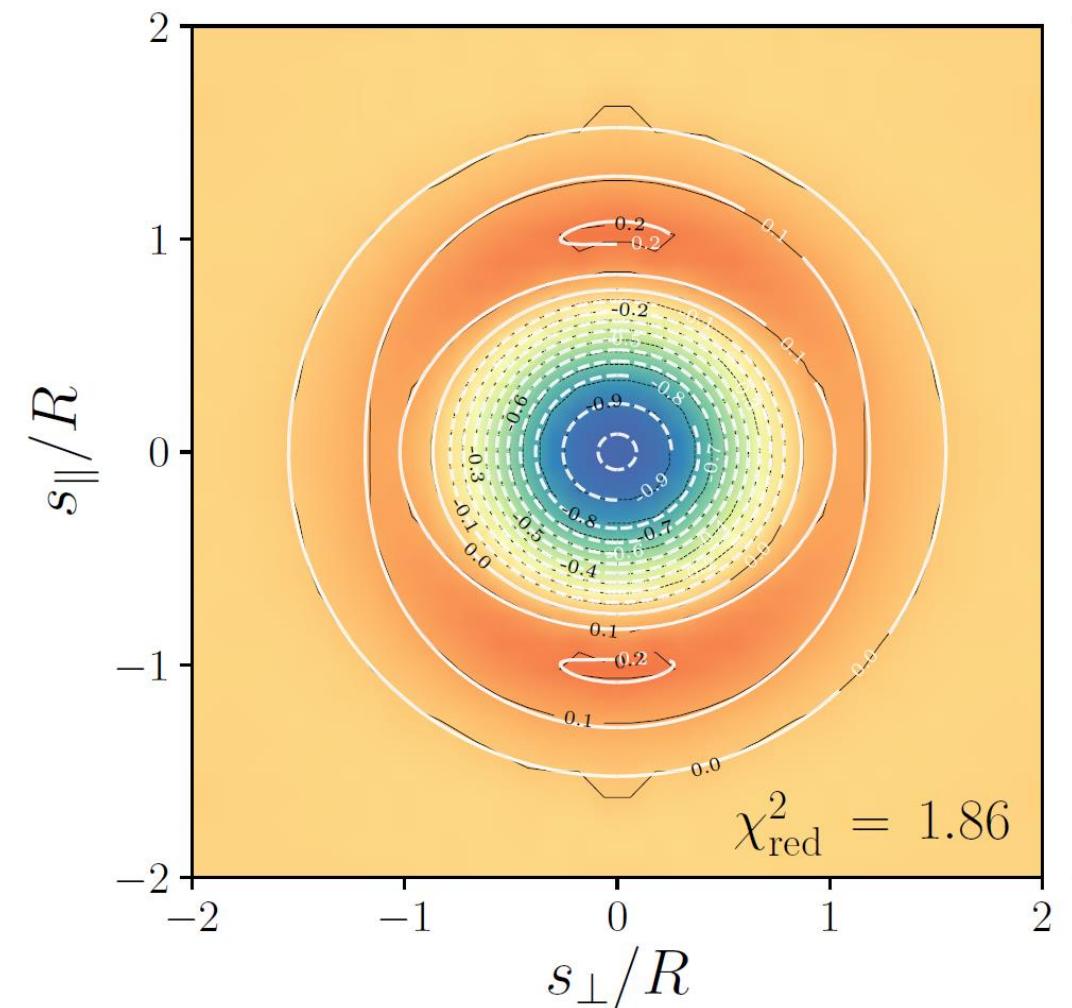
$$\xi_{\text{HSW}}(r) = b\delta_c \frac{1 - (r/r_s)^\alpha}{1 + (r/r_v)^\beta}$$



# SDSS BOSS DR12 VOIDS



## Model validation on PATCHY mocks



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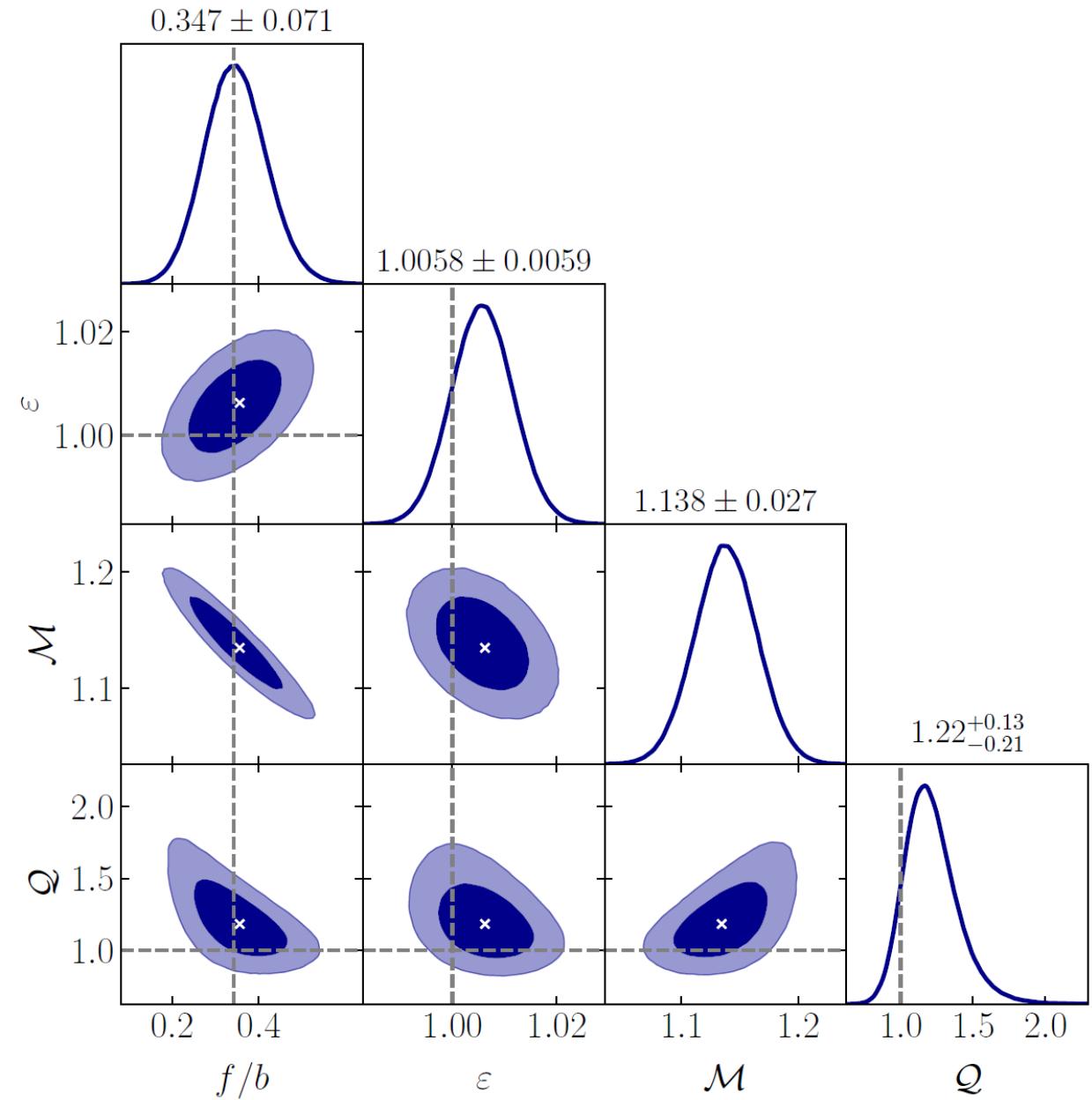
2 additional nuisance parameters for systematics:

$\mathcal{M}$ : Monopole amplitude after deprojection

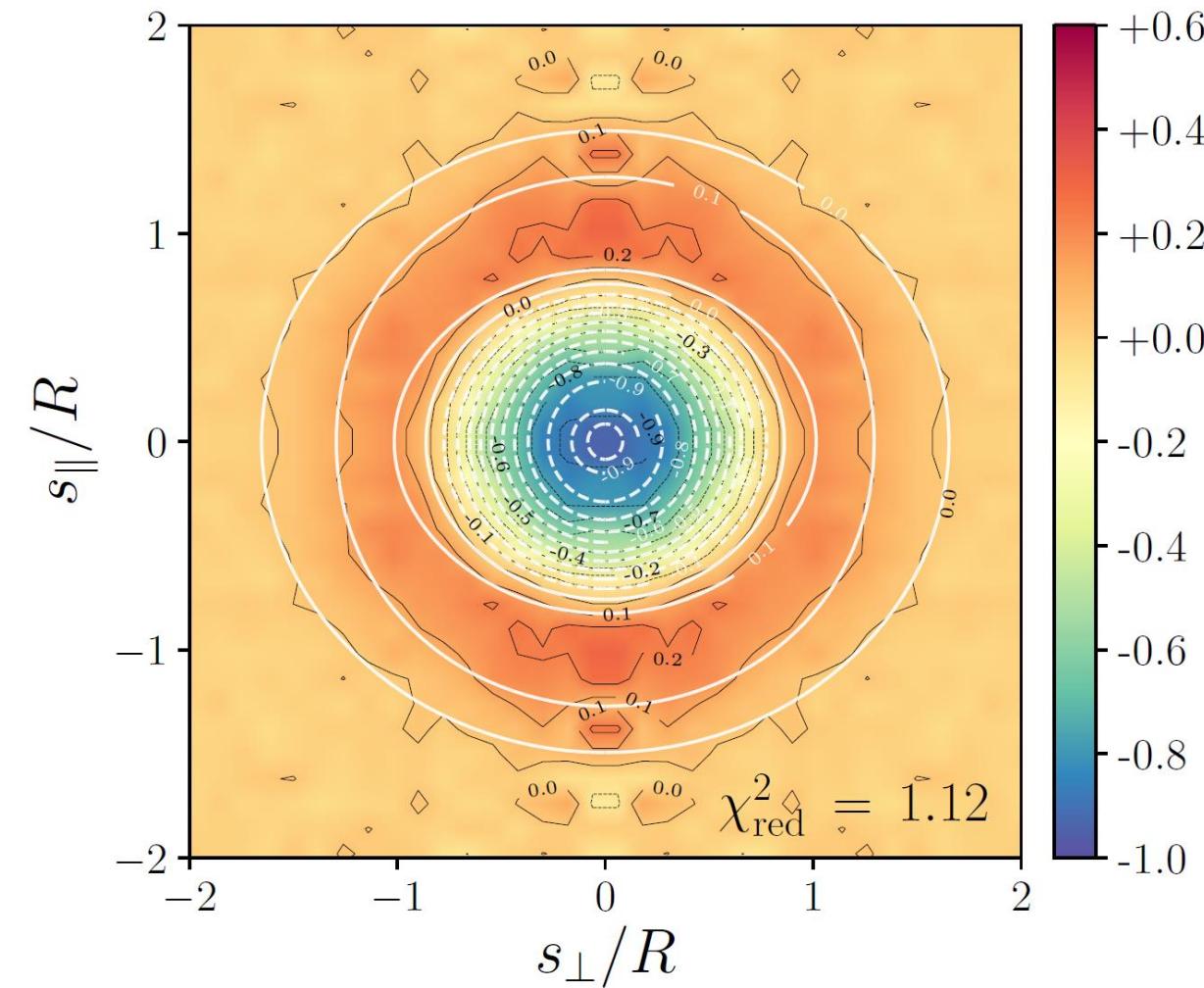
$\mathcal{Q}$ : Quadrupole amplitude

$$\xi^s(\mathbf{s}) = \mathcal{M} \left\{ \xi(r) + \frac{1}{3} \frac{f}{b} \bar{\xi}(r) + \frac{f}{b} Q \mu_r^2 [\xi(r) - \bar{\xi}(r)] \right\}$$

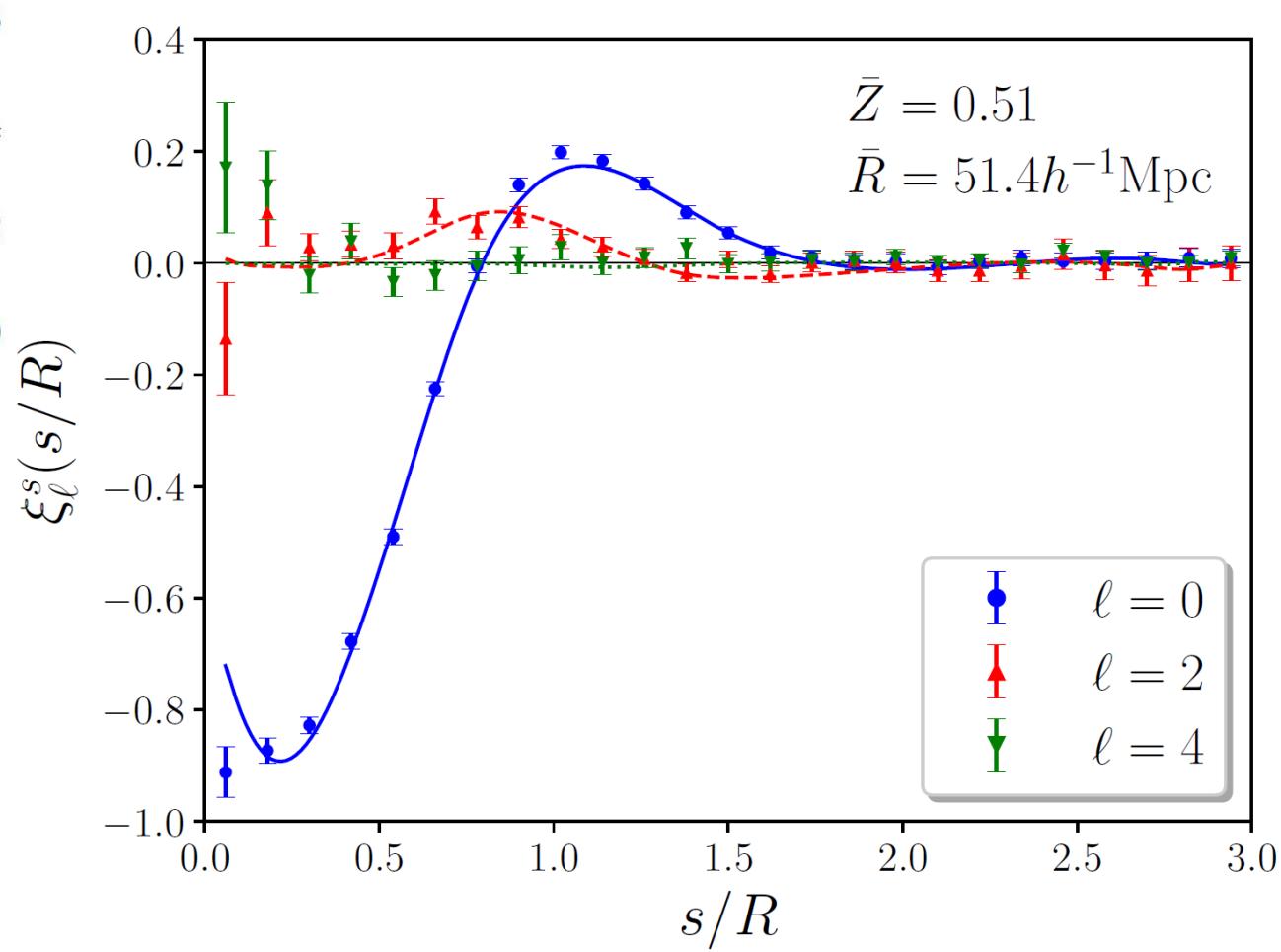
$$r_{\parallel} = \frac{s_{\parallel}}{1 - \frac{\mathcal{M} f}{3 b} \bar{\xi}(r)} \quad r_{\perp} = s_{\perp} \quad r = \sqrt{r_{\parallel}^2 + r_{\perp}^2}$$



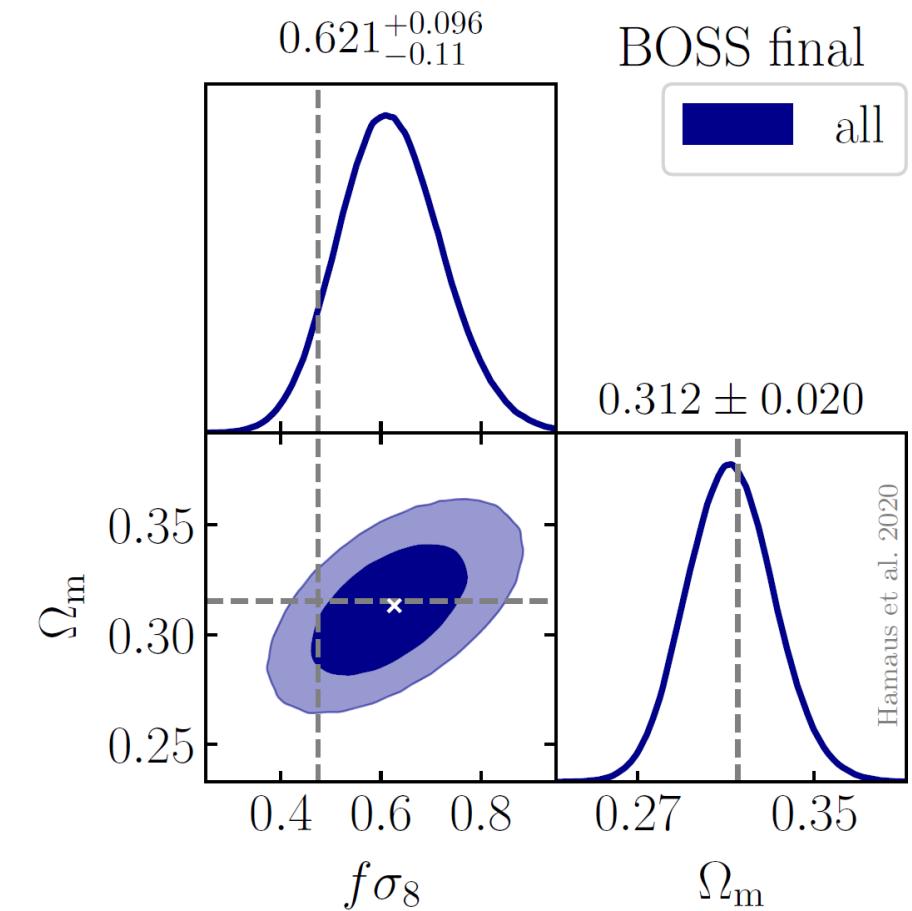
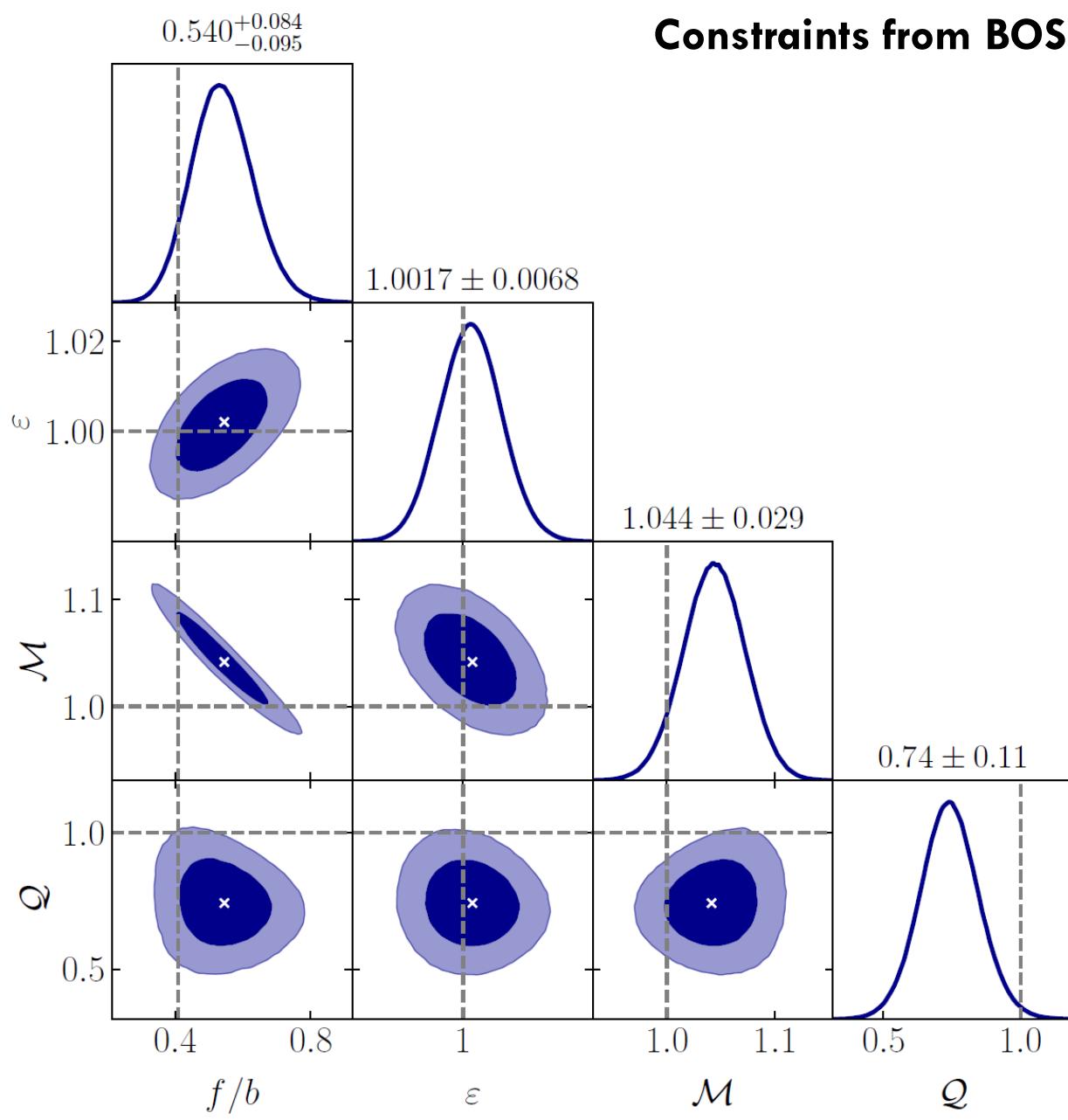
# BOSS DR12 data (all voids)



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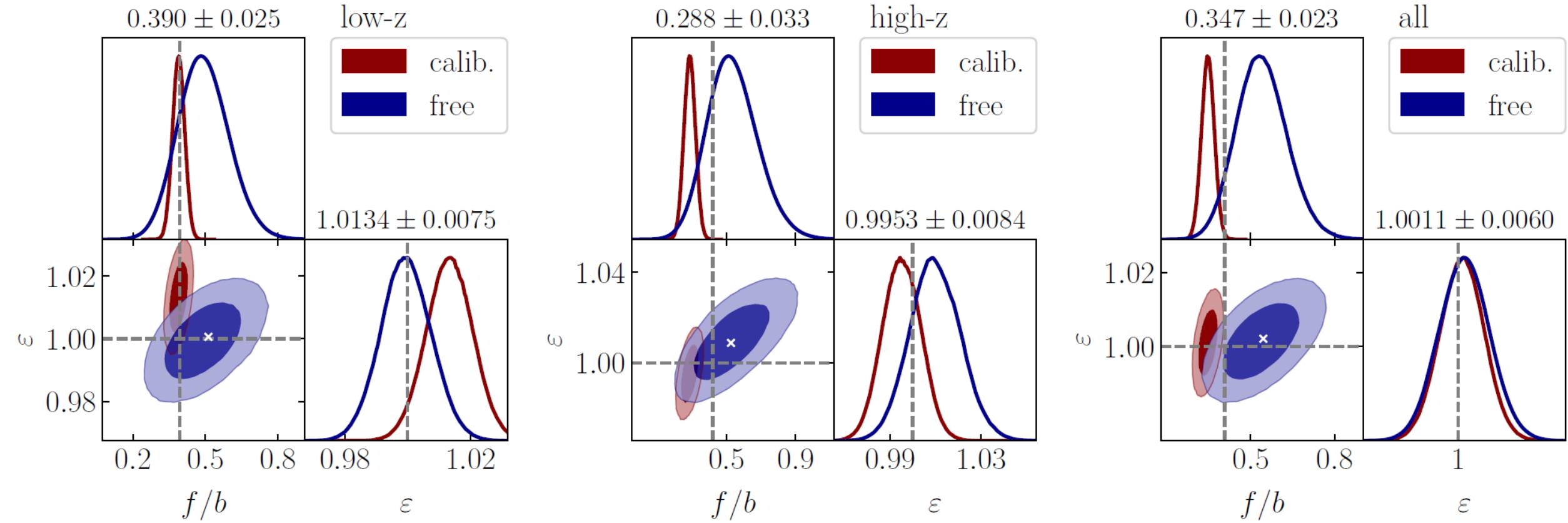


## Constraints from BOSS DR12

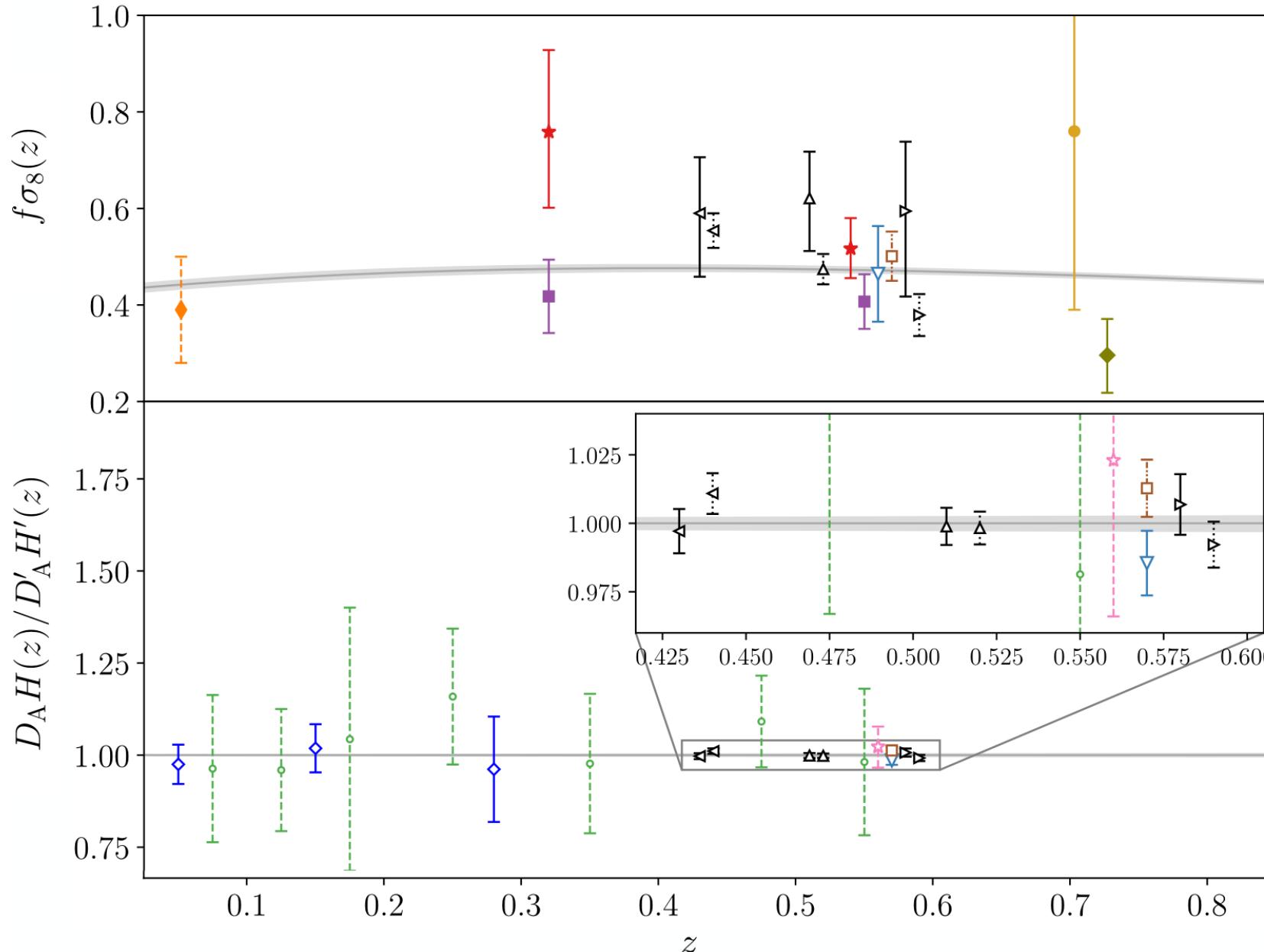


## BOSS DR12 constraints (redshift bins & all voids)

Model calibration: determine  $\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{Q}, \xi(r)$  from PATCHY mocks



# Comparison of void constraints



Method:

- RSD only (filled symbols)
- RSD+AP (open symbols)

Model calibration:

- none (solid)
- with mocks (dotted)
- with sims & mocks (dot-dashed)

Reference:

Planck 2018 (gray line)

—	Planck 2018 flat $\Lambda$ CDM
◊	SDSS DR7 (Sutter et al. 2012)
▢	SDSS DR7 + DR10 (Sutter et al. 2014)
▽	BOSS DR11 CMASS (Hamaus et al. 2016)
★	BOSS DR12 CMASS (Mao et al. 2016)
■	6dFGS (Achitouv et al. 2017)
◆	VIPERS (Hawken et al. 2017)
★	BOSS DR12 LOWZ + CMASS (Hamaus et al. 2017)
▢	BOSS DR12 CMASS (Nadathur et al. 2019)
■	BOSS DR12 LOWZ + CMASS (Achitouv 2019)
●	eBOSS DR14 LRG (Hawken et al. 2020)
▢	BOSS final low-z (this work)
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Hamaus et al. 2020

## ***Euclid: Forecasts from redshift-space distortions and the Alcock–Paczynski test with cosmic voids<sup>★</sup>***

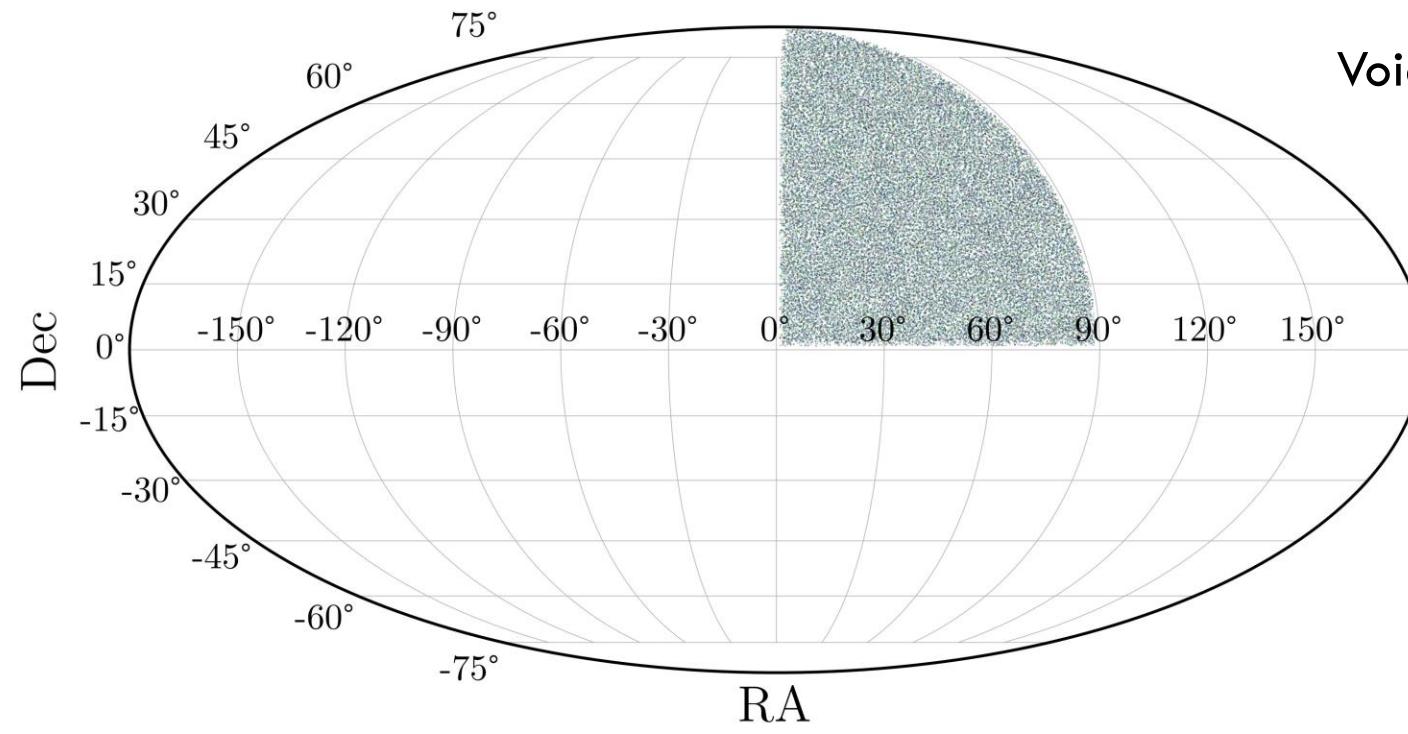
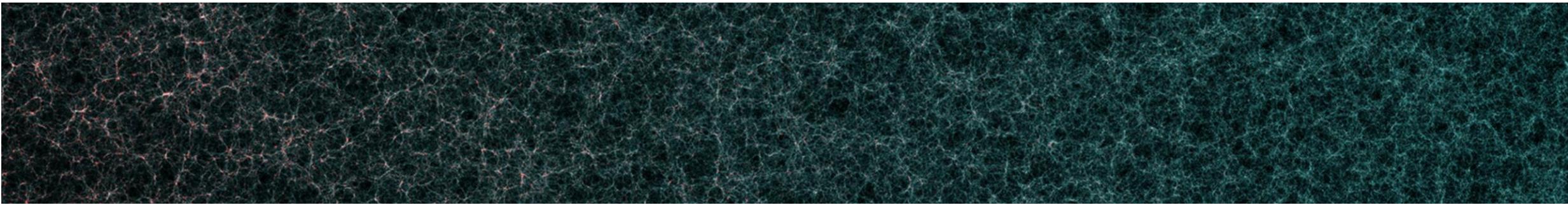
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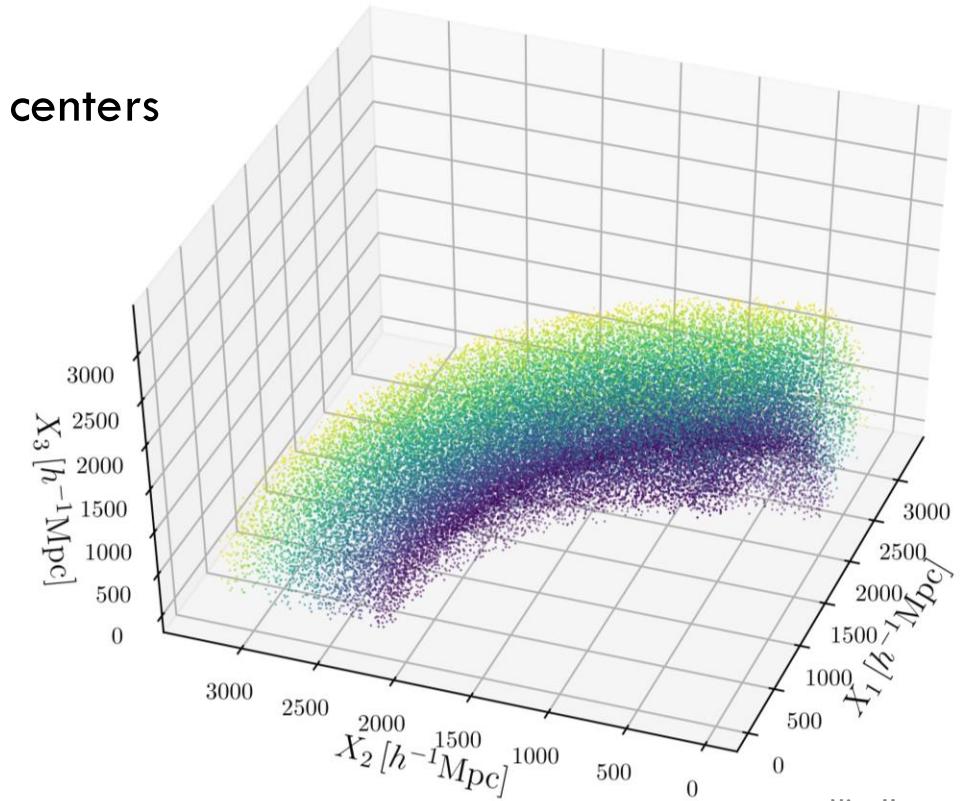
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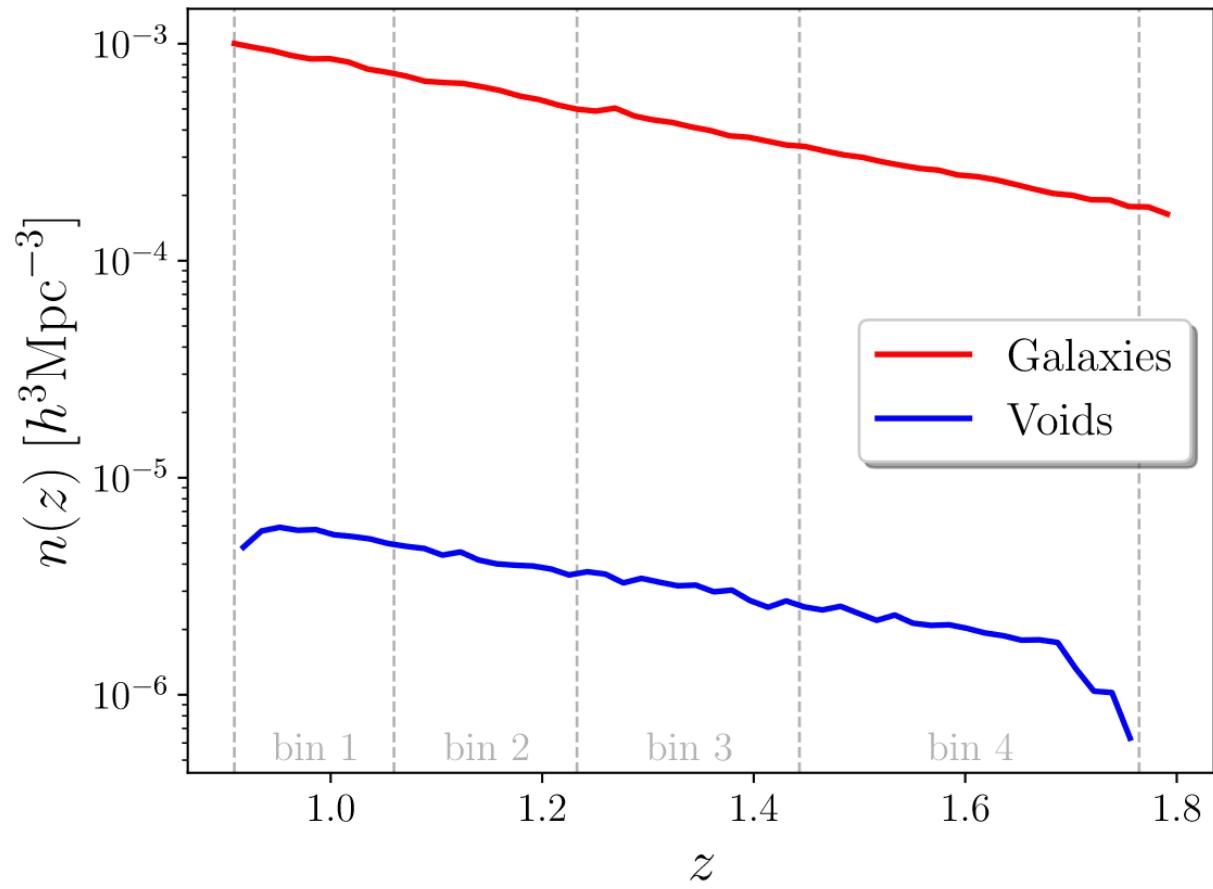
[VIDE](#) voids in *Euclid Flagship mock* light-cone octant (version 1.8.4,  $0.9 < z < 1.8$ , redshift space)  
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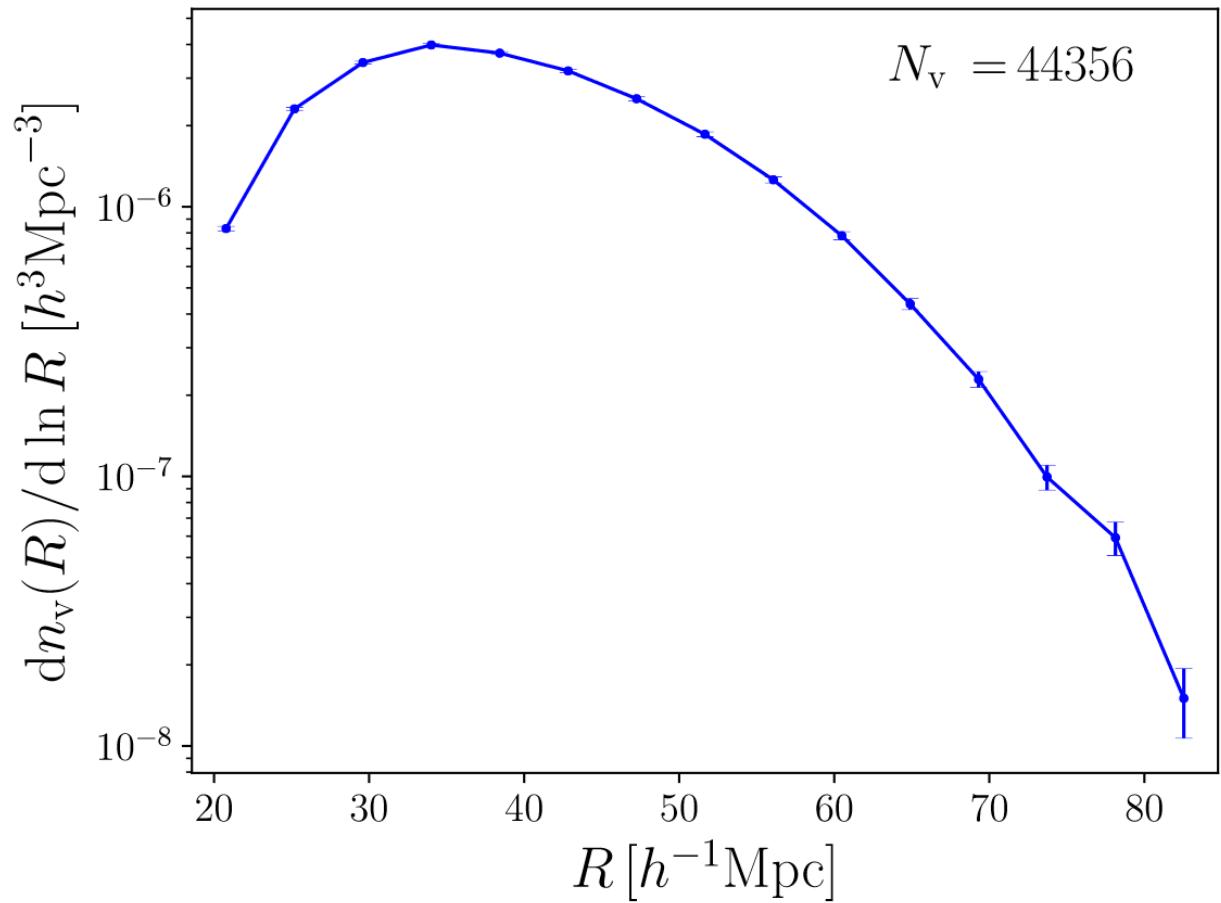
Void centers



## Number density of tracers and voids



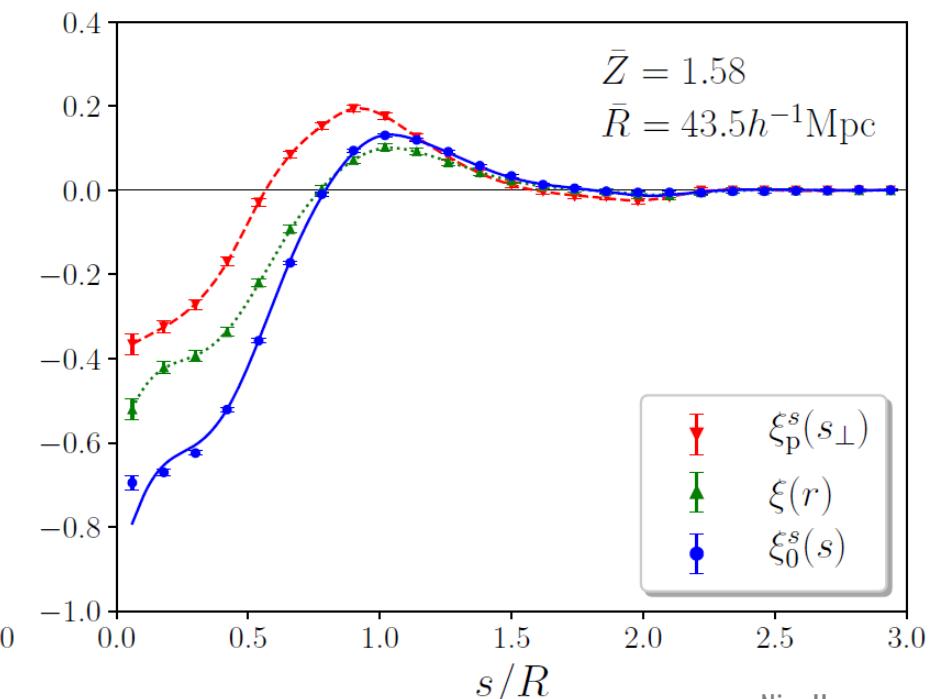
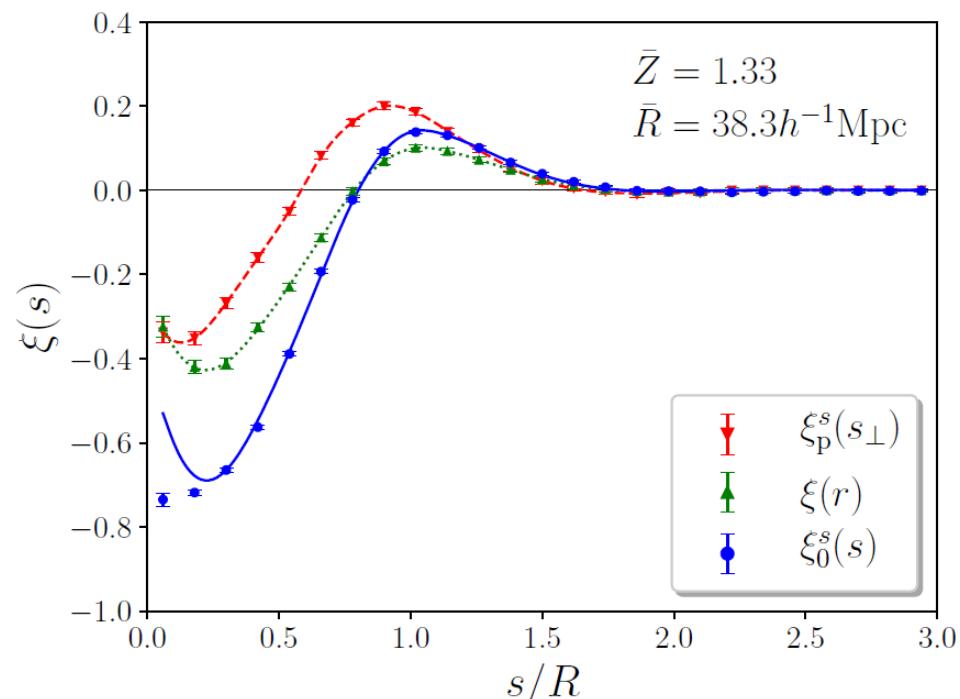
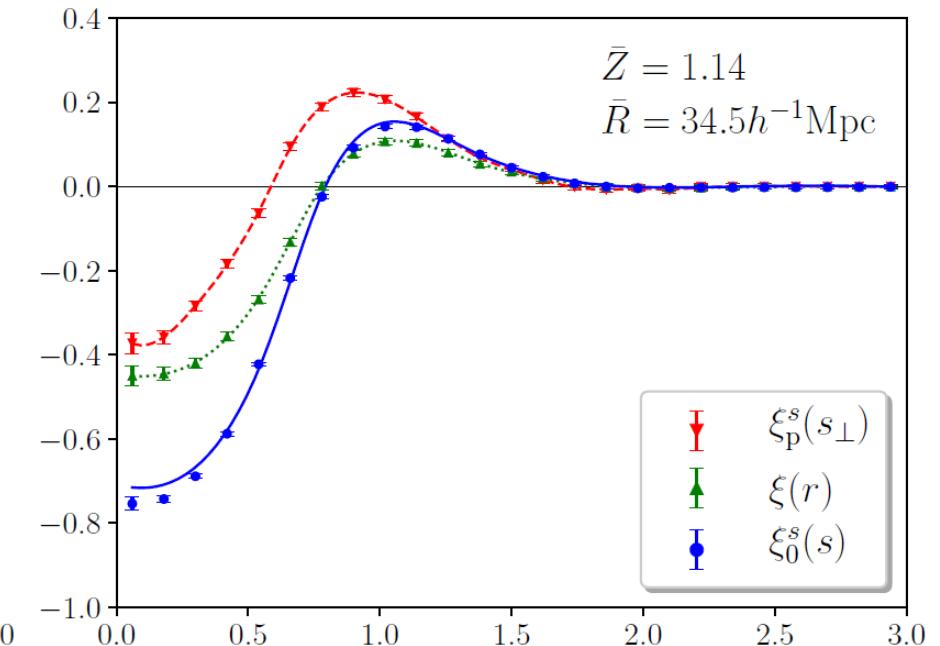
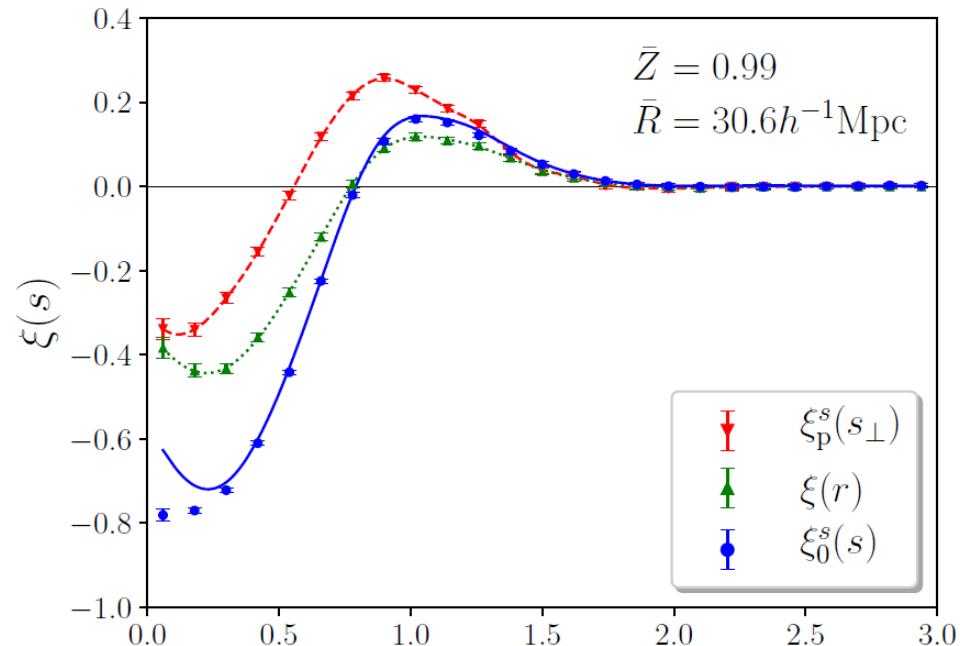
## Void size function



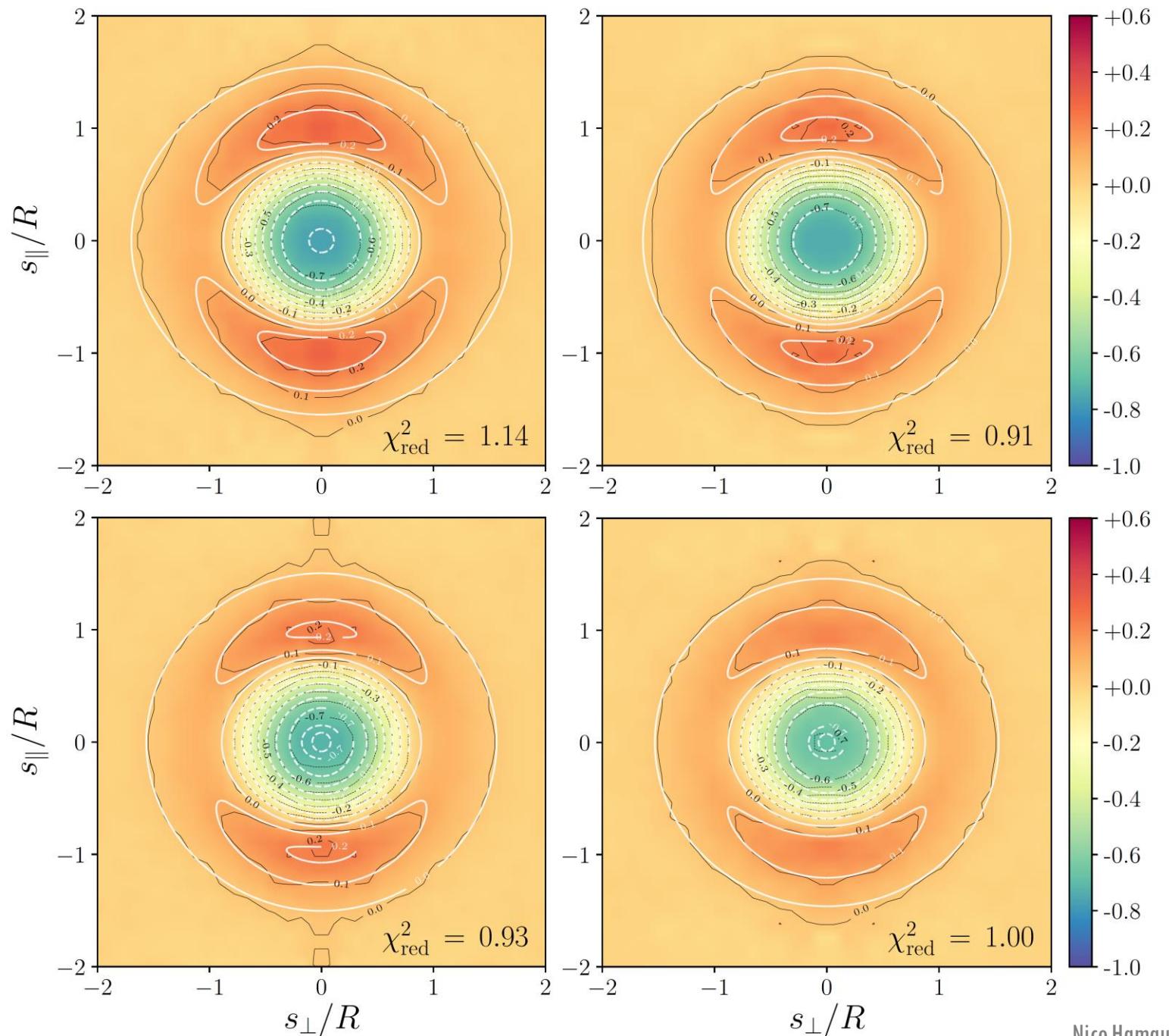
Purity cut on void size:  $R > N_s \left( \frac{4\pi}{3} n_g(Z) \right)^{-1/3}$        $N_s = 3$

## Projected void-galaxy correlation function

## Deprojection via inverse Abel transform

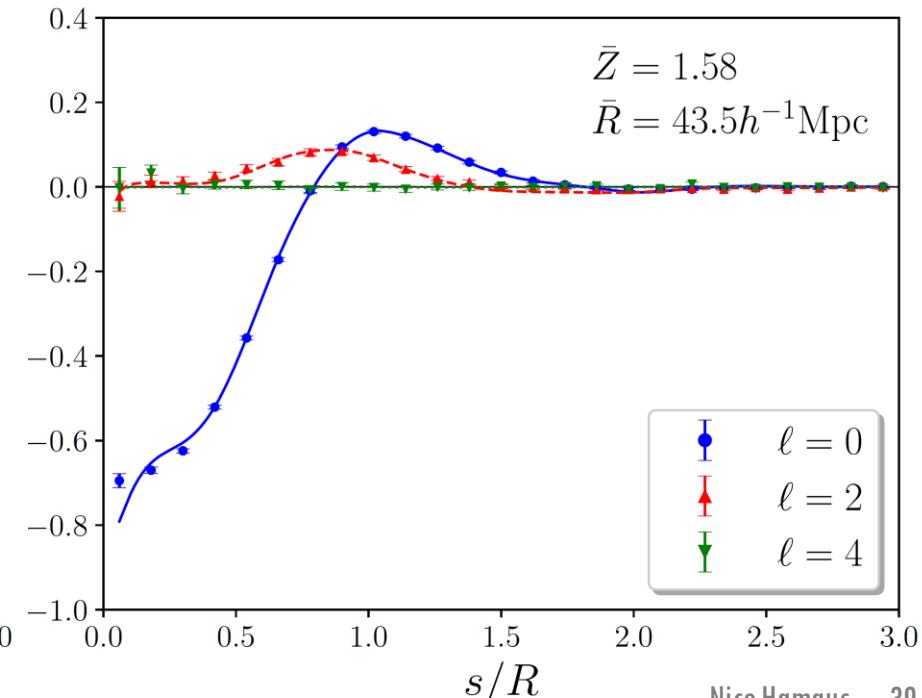
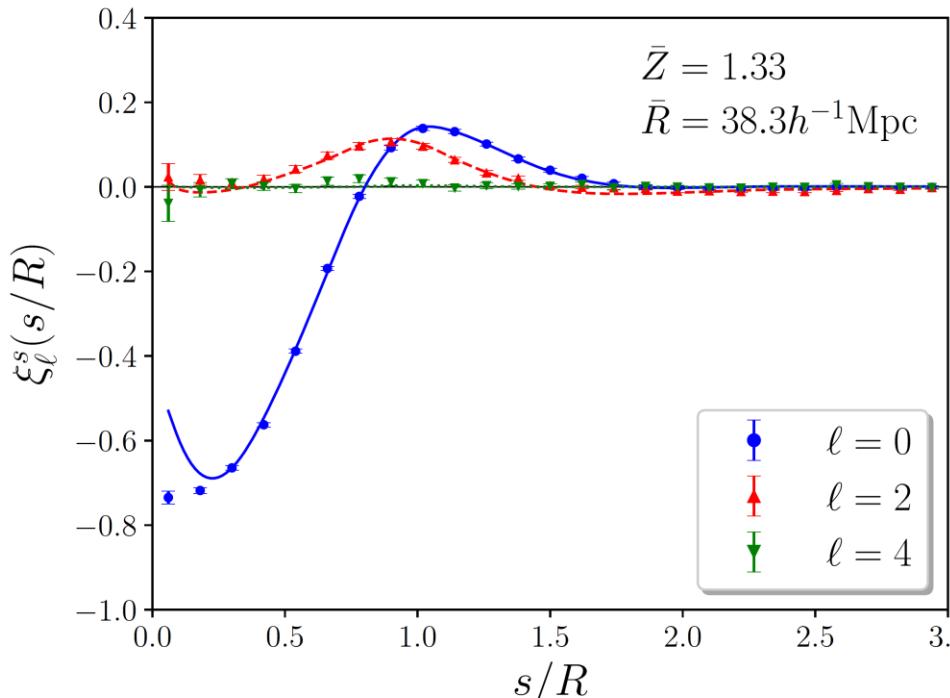
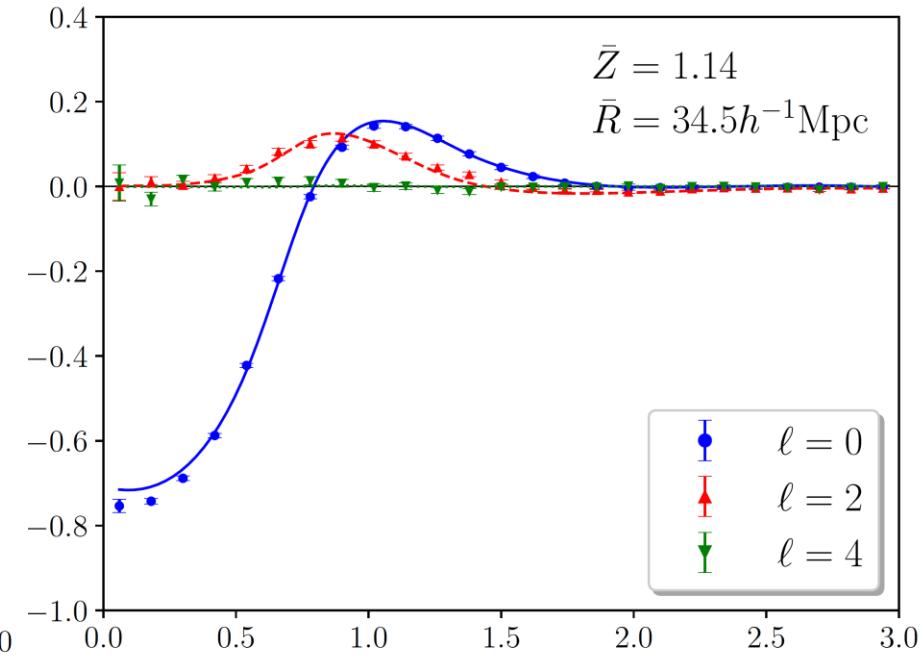
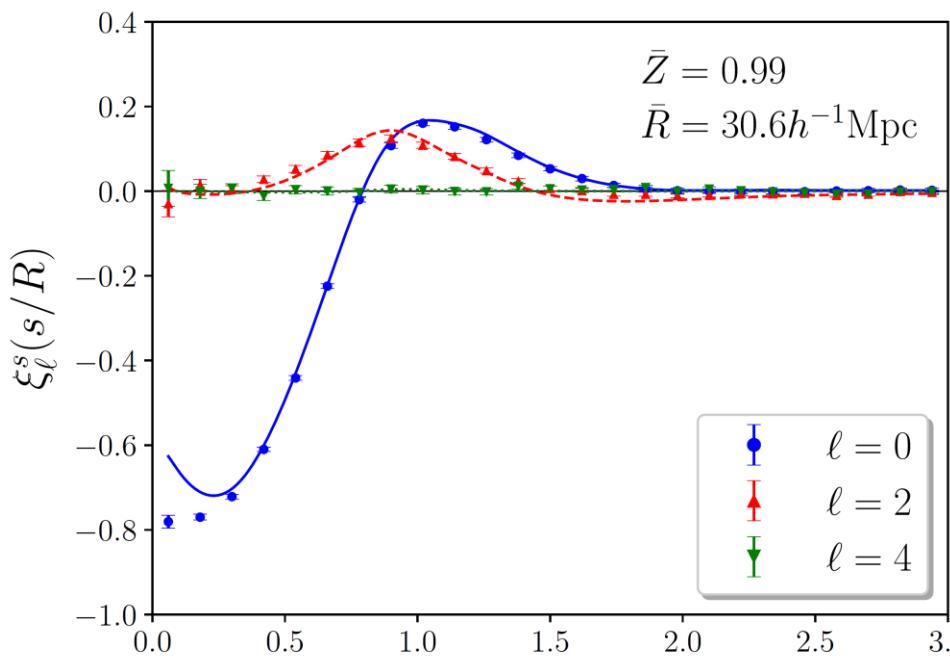


## Plane-of-sky vs. line-of-sight 2D void-galaxy correlation function

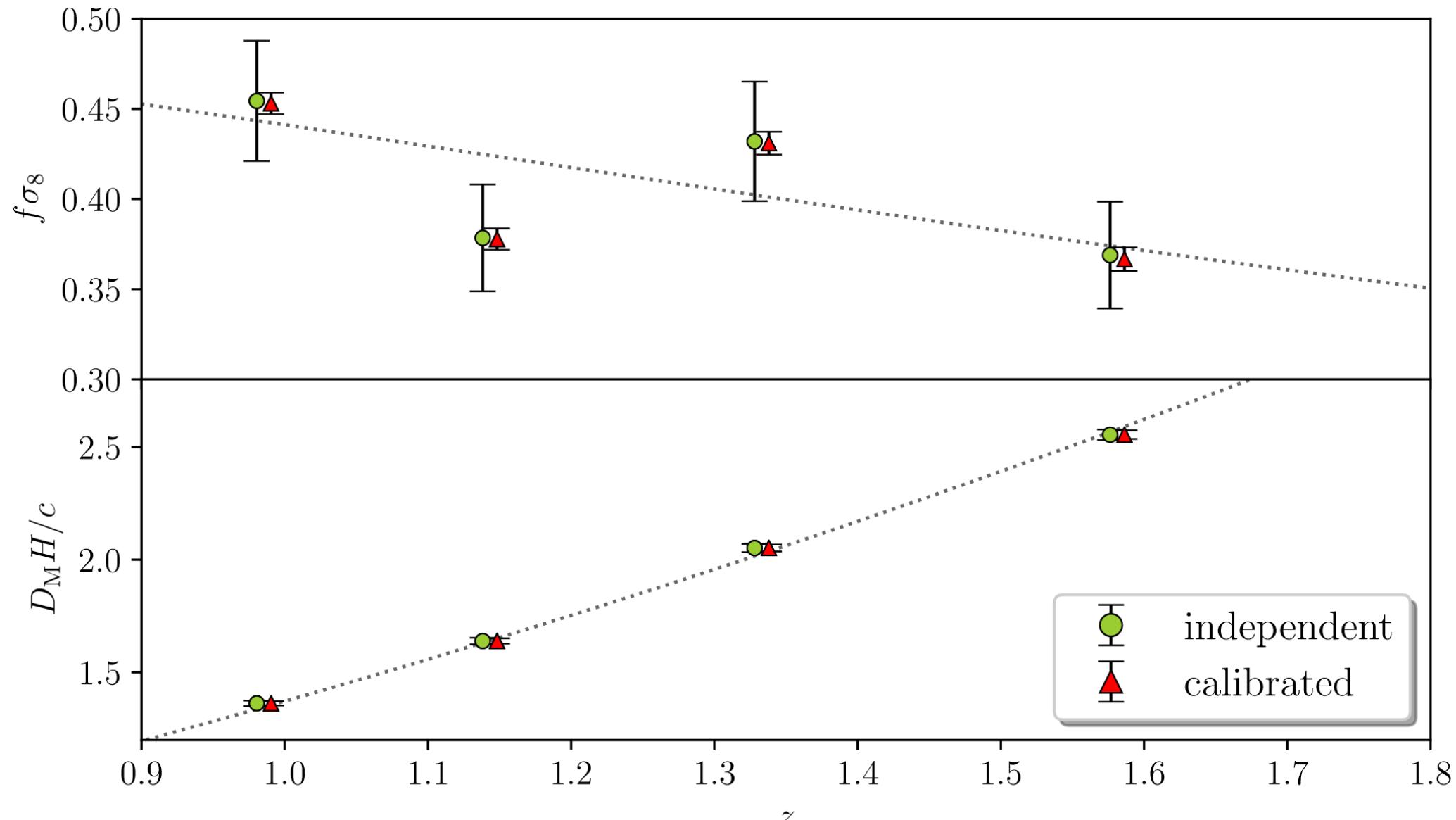


## Multipoles

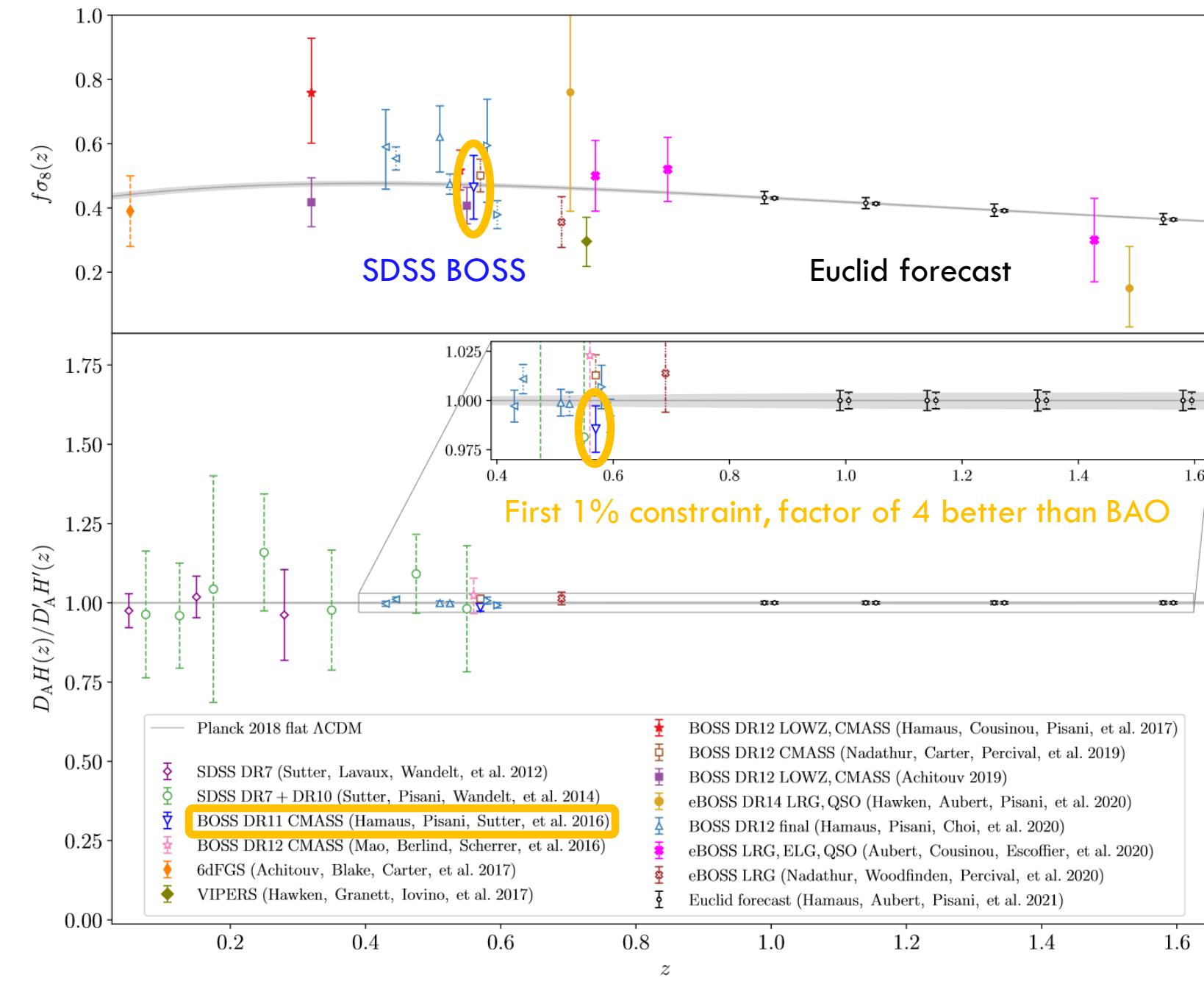
$$\xi_\ell^s(s) = \frac{2\ell+1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 \xi^s(s, \mu_s) P_\ell(\mu_s) d\mu_s$$



## Constraints on growth and expansion history (forecast from one octant)



# Overview of constraints from various galaxy surveys



**Method:**

RSD only (filled symbols)

RSD+AP (open symbols)

**Model calibration:**

none (solid)

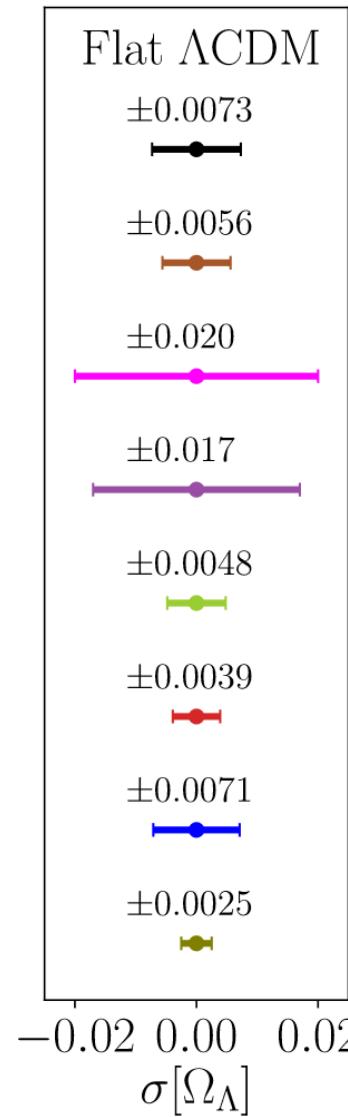
with mocks (dotted)

with sims & mocks (dot-dashed)

**Reference:**

**Planck 2018 (gray line)**

# Constraints on cosmology as stand-alone probe, extrapolated to full *Euclid* footprint of 15 000 sq. deg.



*Planck*

*Planck + BOSS BAO*

BOSS Voids (RSD + AP)

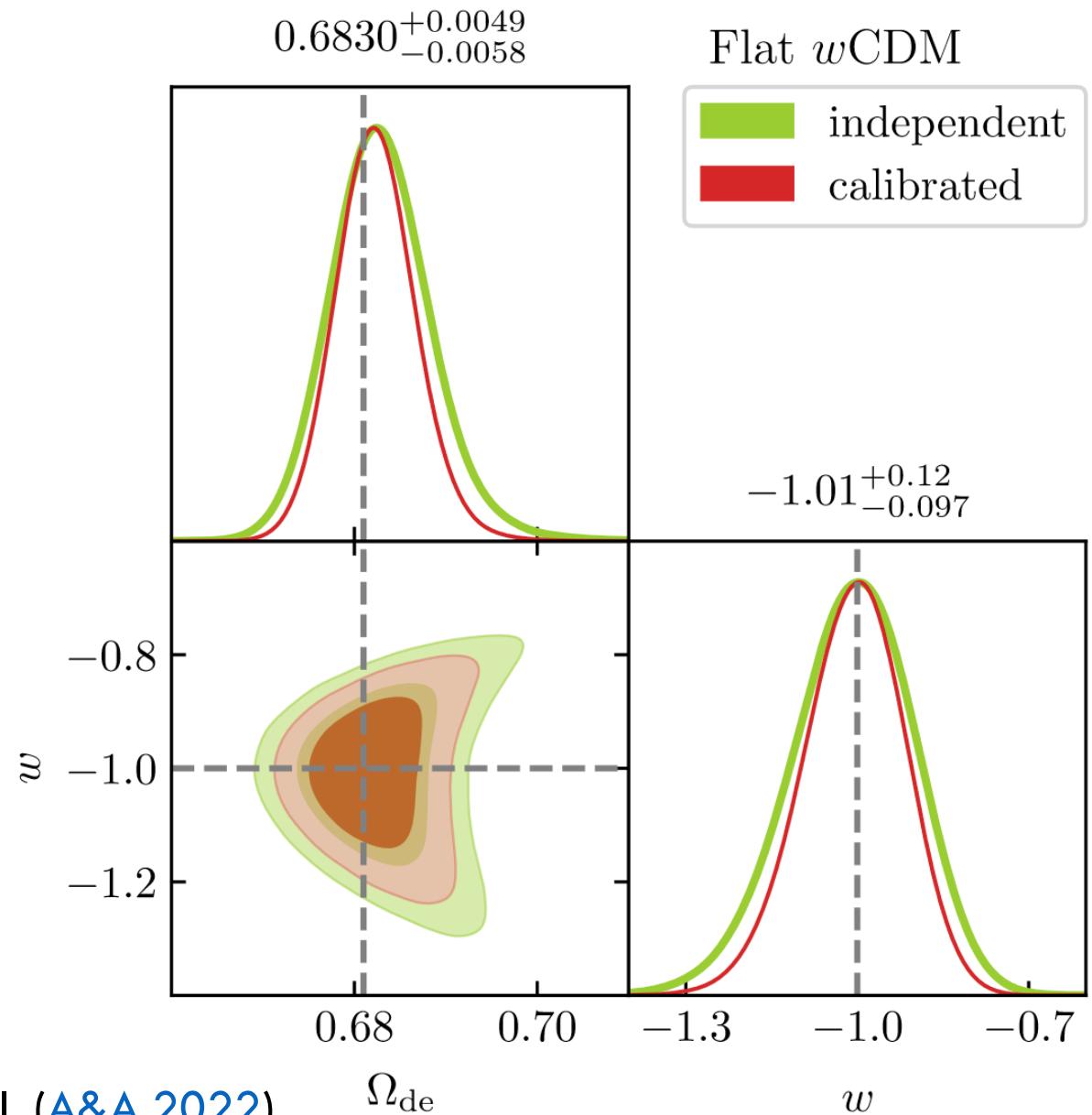
BOSS Voids (RSD + AP, cal.)

*Euclid* Voids (RSD + AP)

*Euclid* Voids (RSD + AP, cal.)

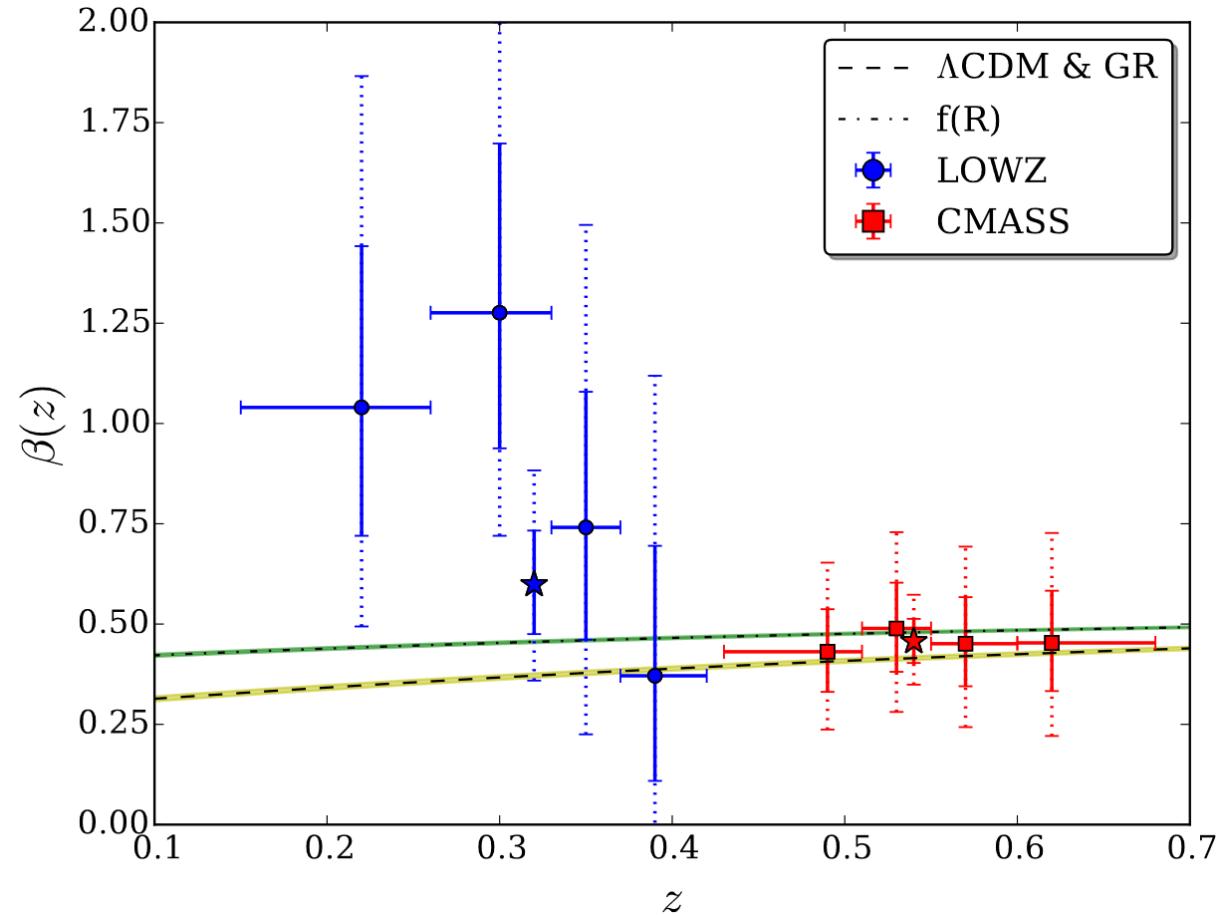
*Euclid* Main Probes (pessimistic)

*Euclid* Main Probes (optimistic)

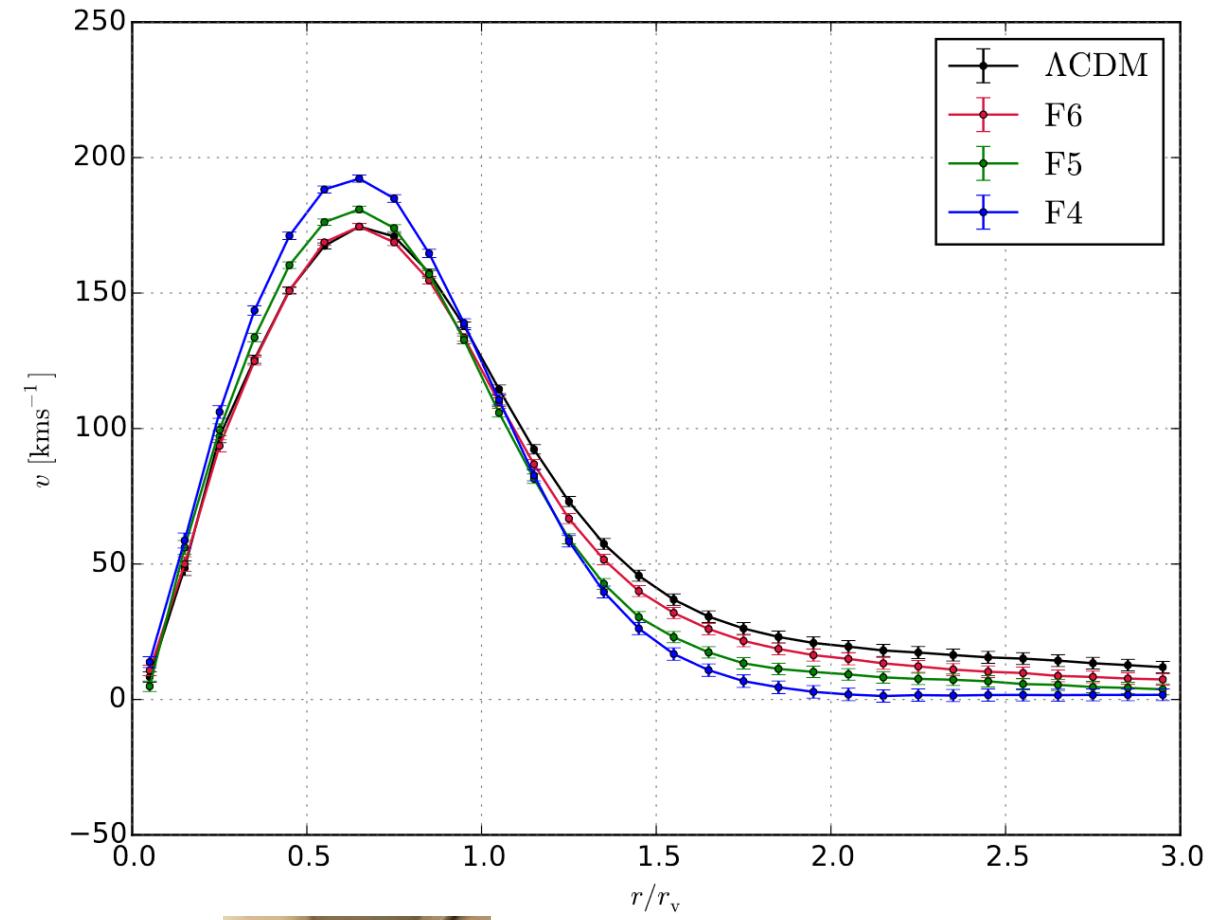


Euclid collaboration: Hamaus et al. ([A&A 2022](#))

# Gravity: Exploring alternatives to GR

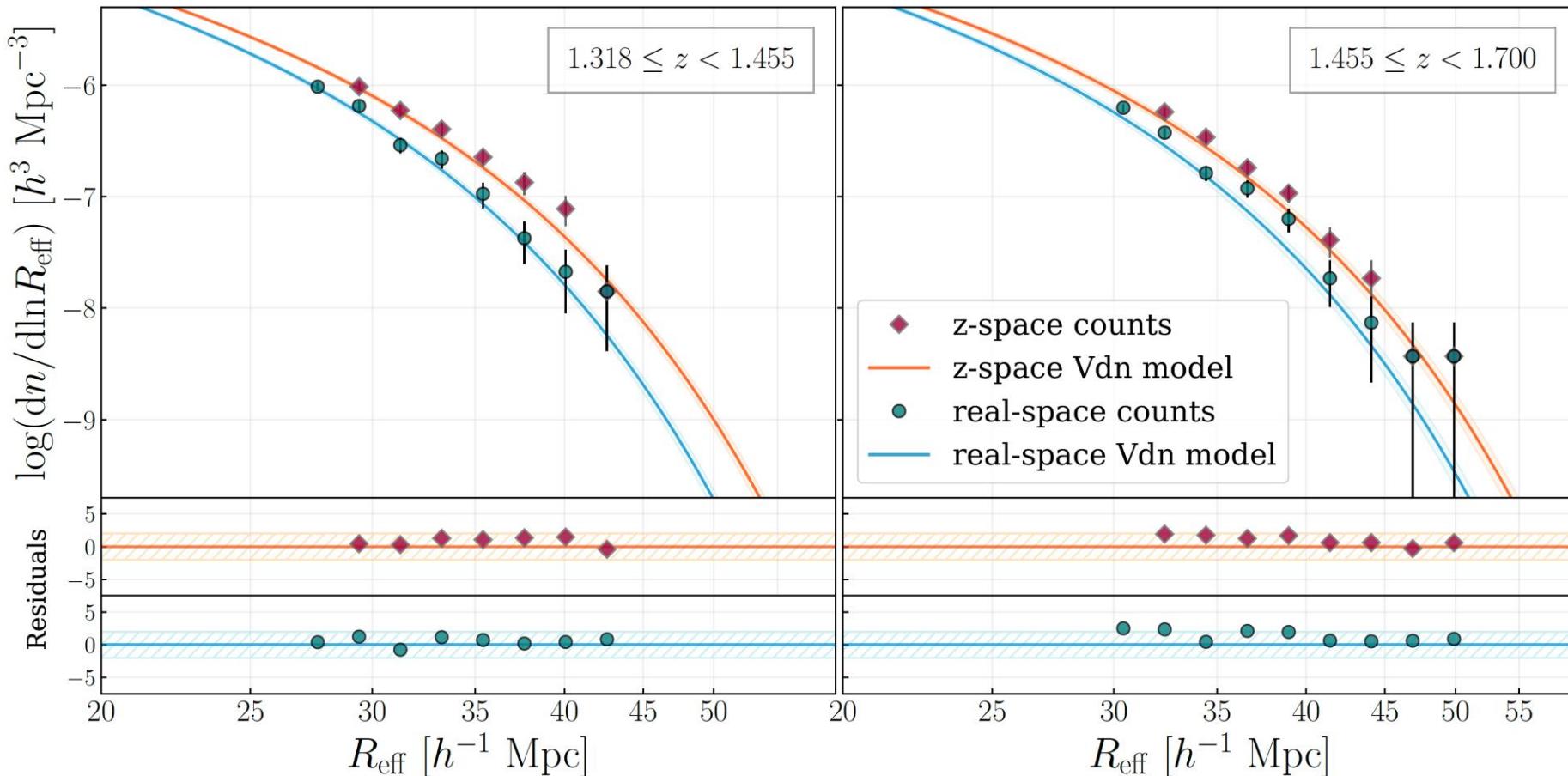


Hamaus et al. ([JCAP 2017](#))



Simon Bach (Master thesis)

# VOID SIZE FUNCTION

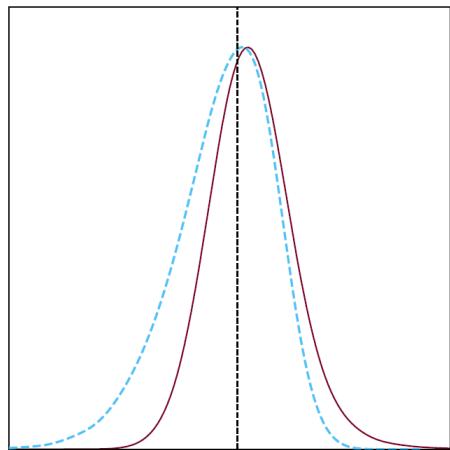


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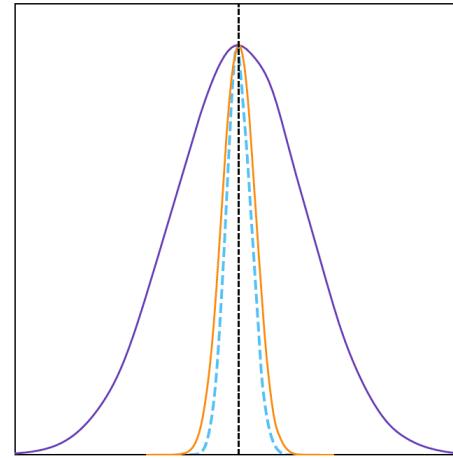


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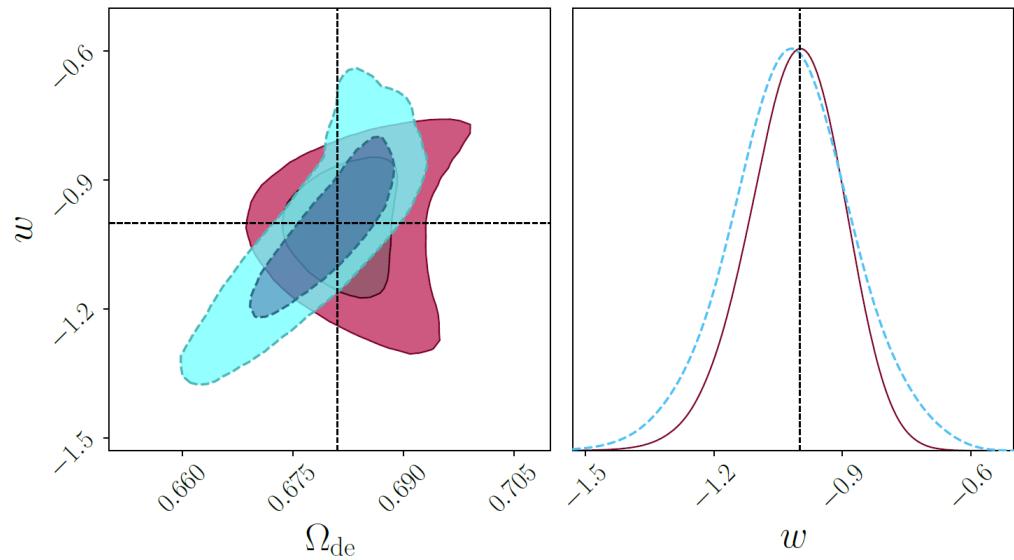
# Let's break degeneracies!



Void AP (model-independent)  
Void size function (relaxed calib.)

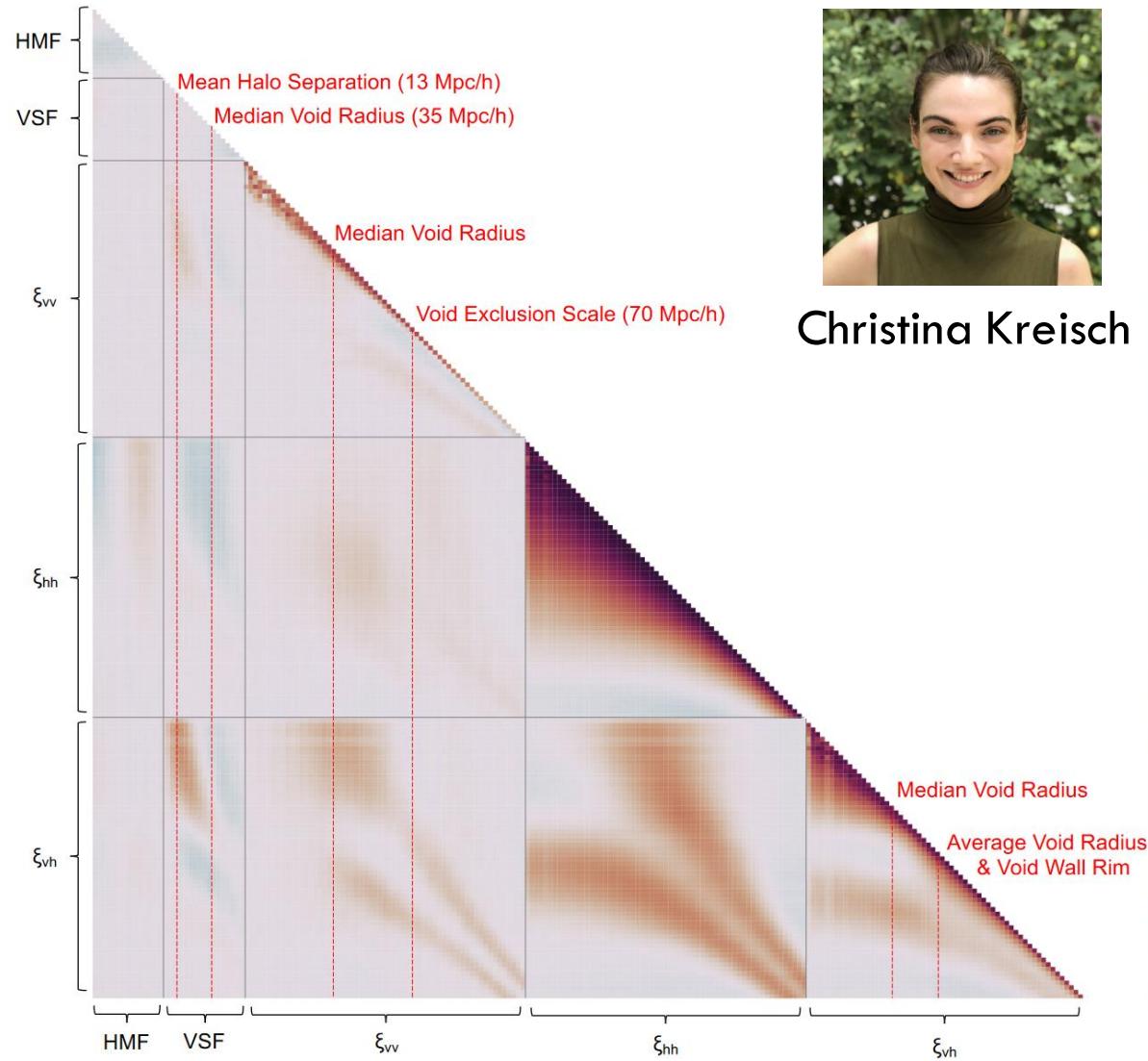


IST WL (pessimistic)  
IST GC<sub>s</sub> (pessimistic)  
Void size function (relaxed calib.)

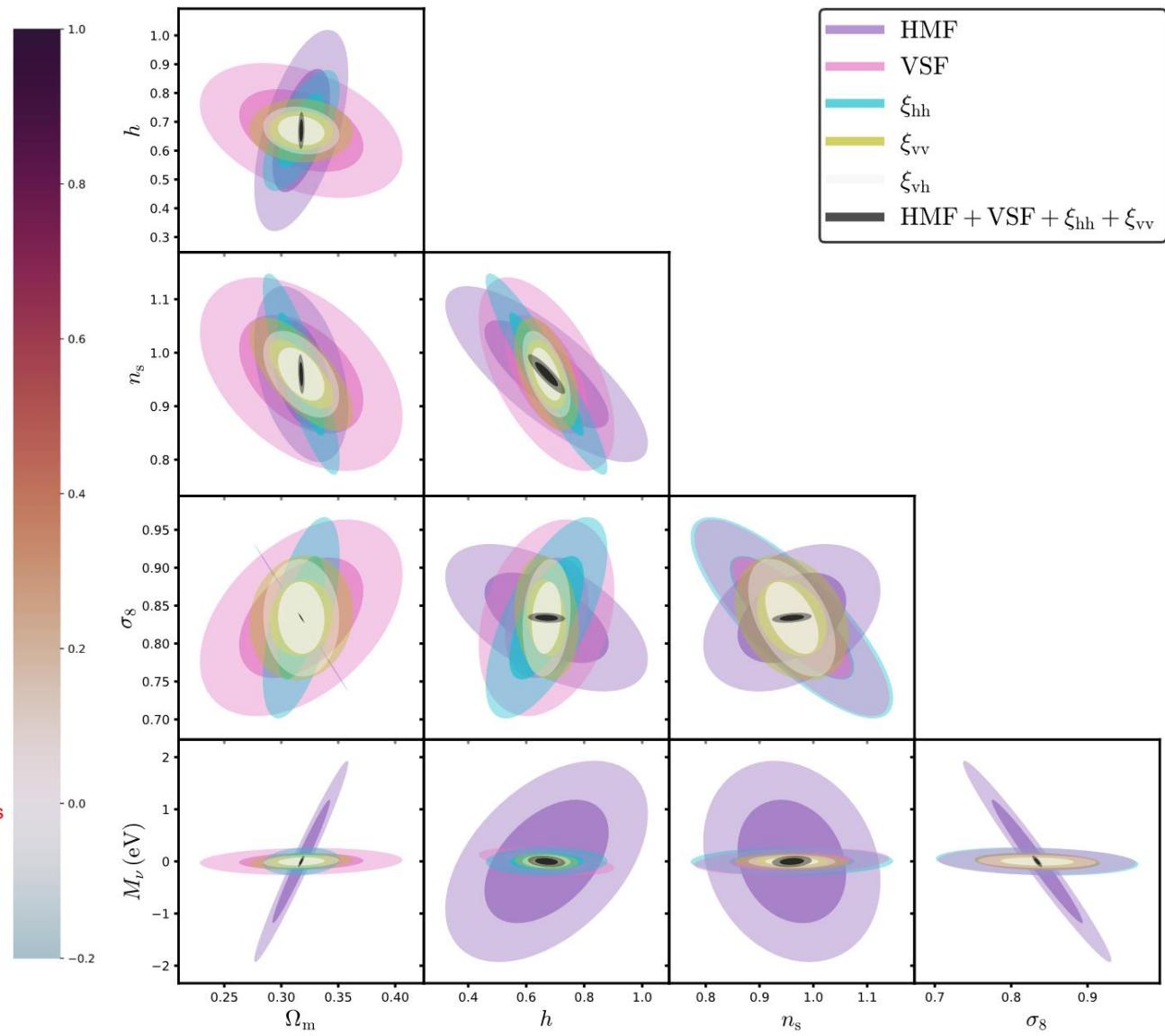


Euclid collaboration: Contarini, Verza et al. ([arXiv 2205.11525](https://arxiv.org/abs/2205.11525))

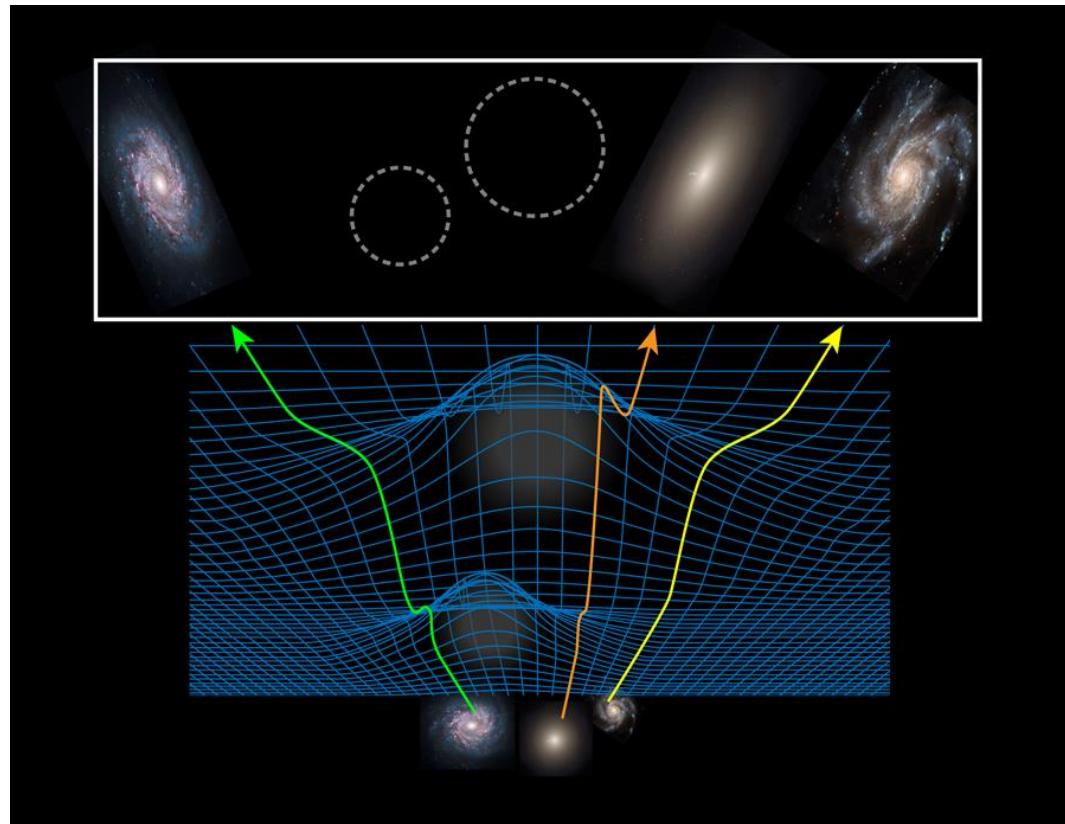
# Complementarity / Orthogonality with other probes (Fisher forecast with Quijote)



Christina Kreisch

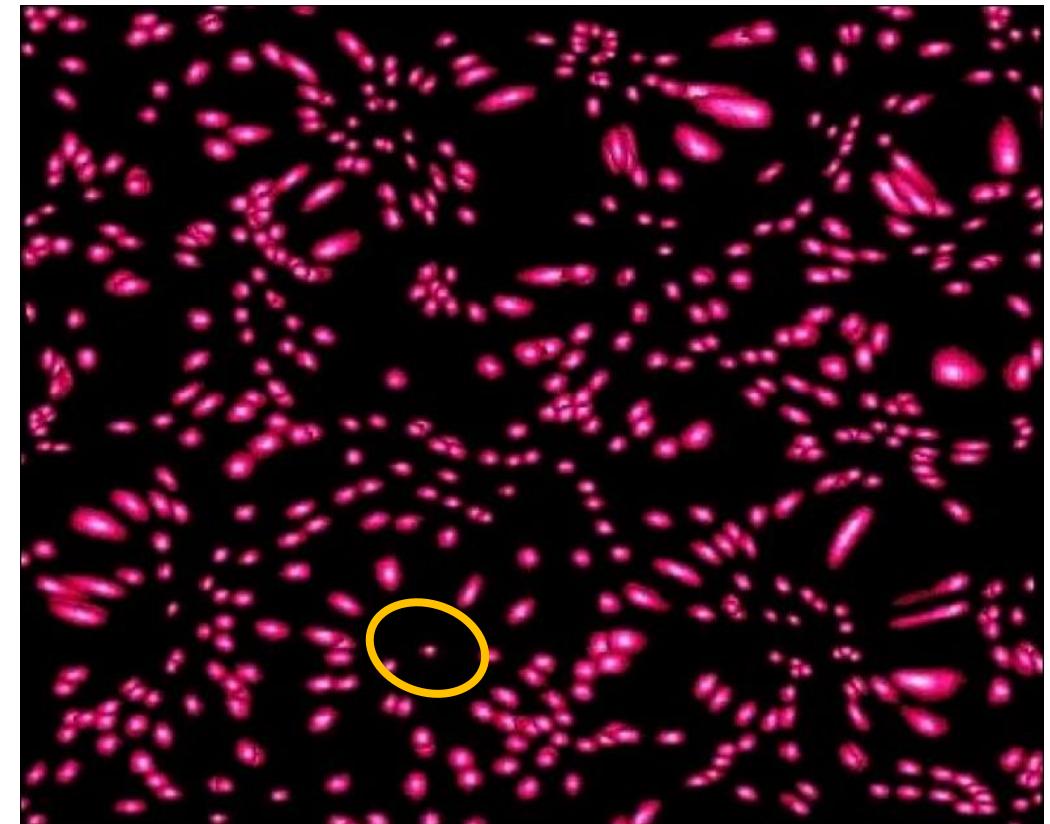


# VOID LENSING



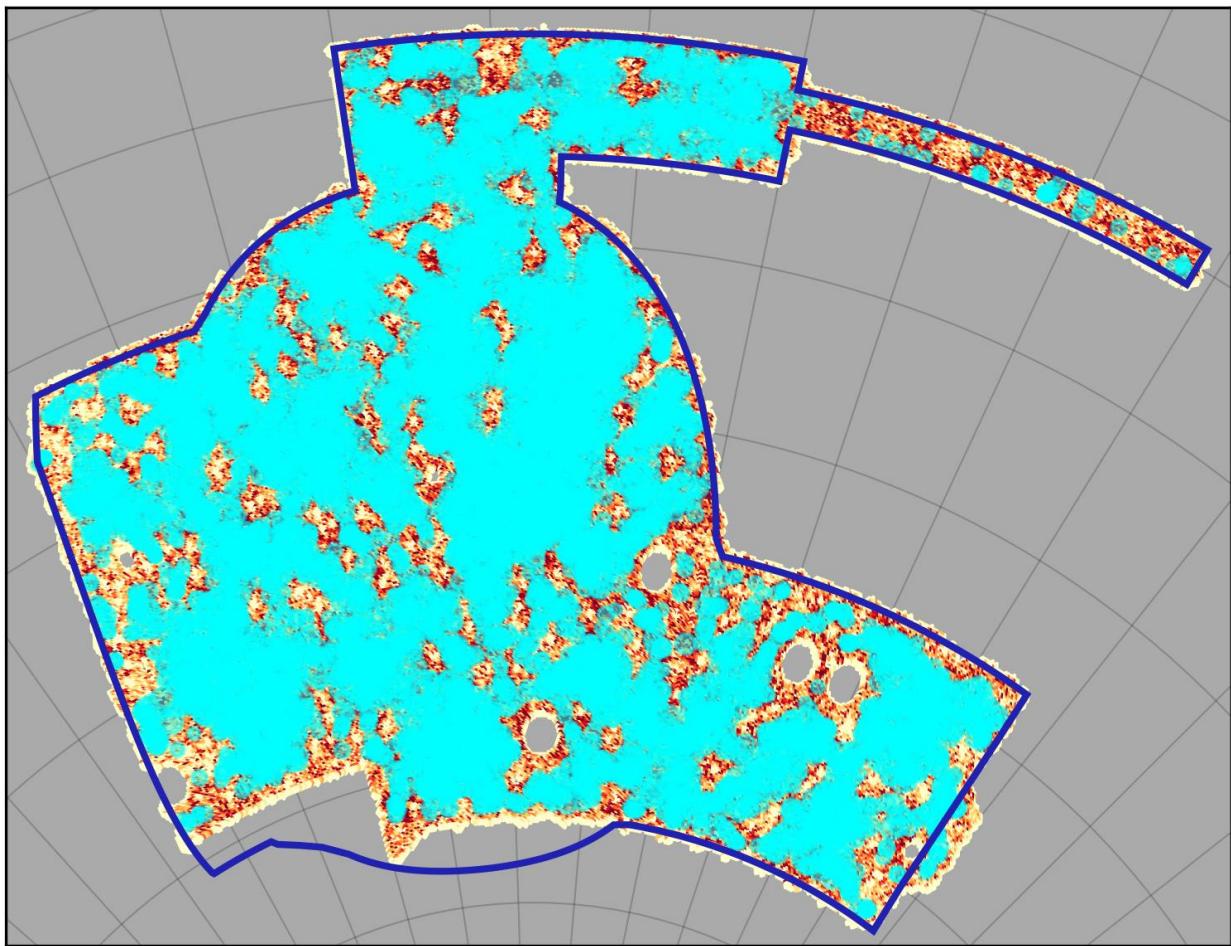
APS / Alan Stonebraker

Magnification and tangential shear

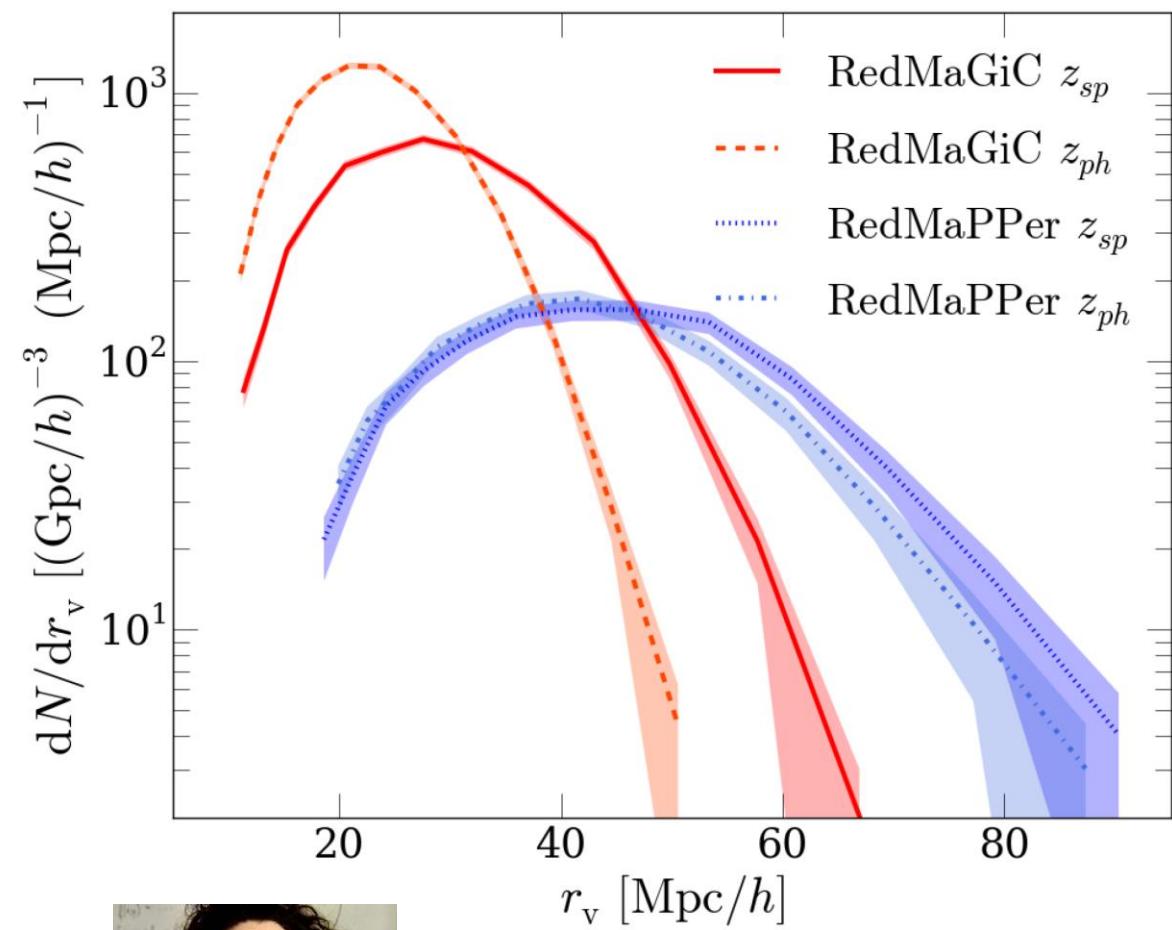


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## Voids in the Dark Energy Survey (DES)

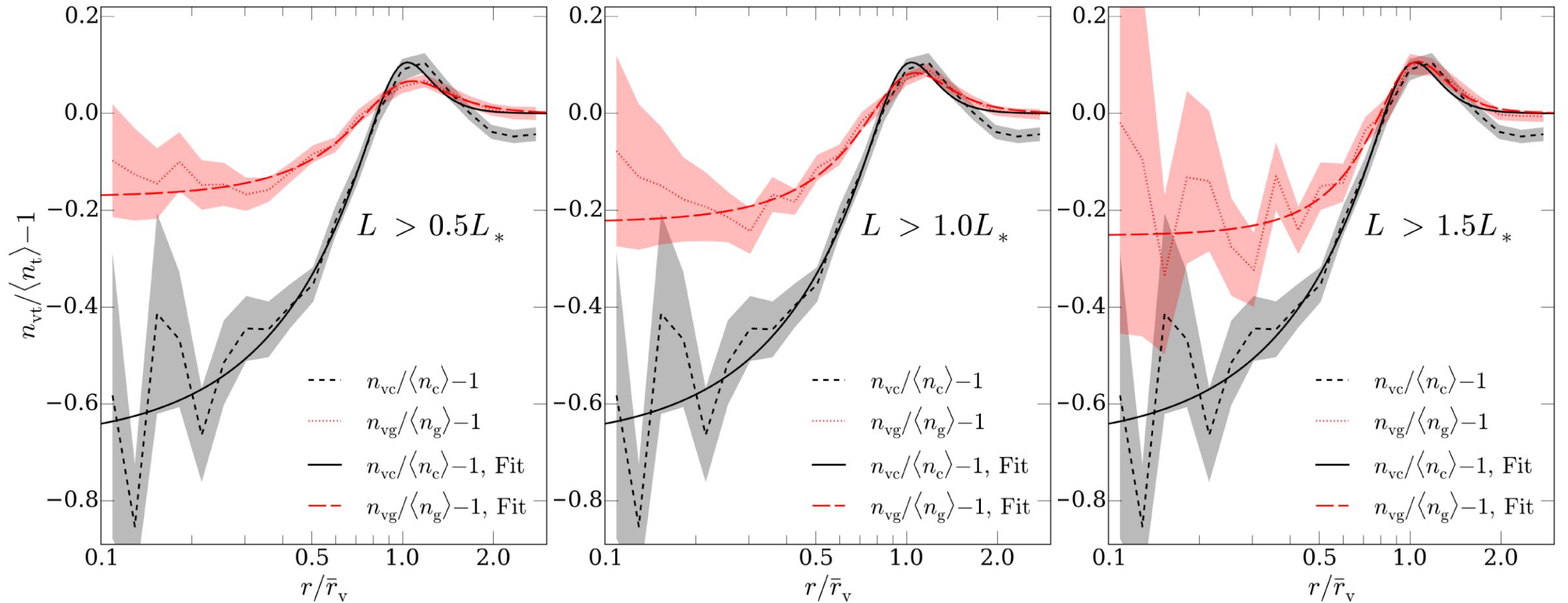


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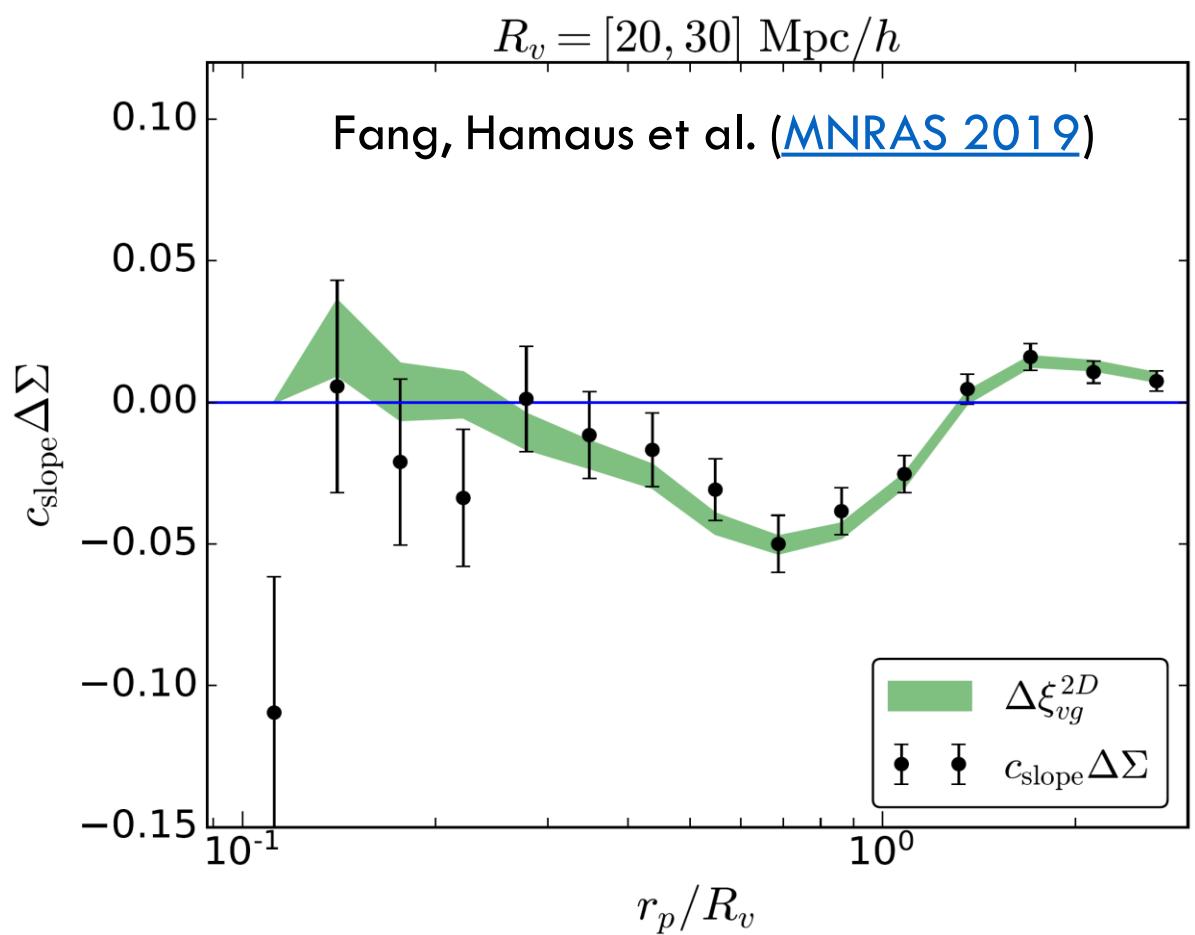
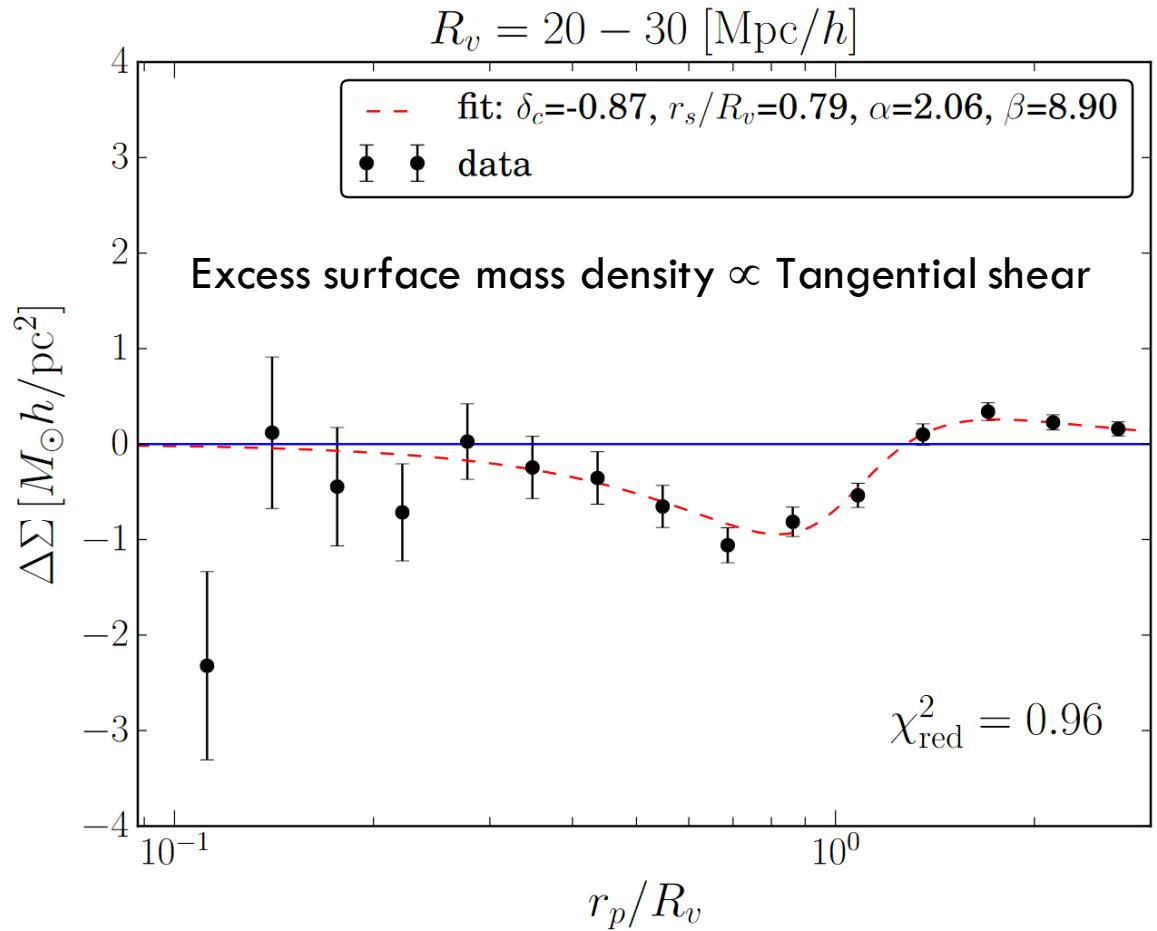
Giorgia Pollina

# Voids in the Dark Energy Survey (DES) – Tracer-density profiles (RedMapper clusters and RedMagic galaxies)



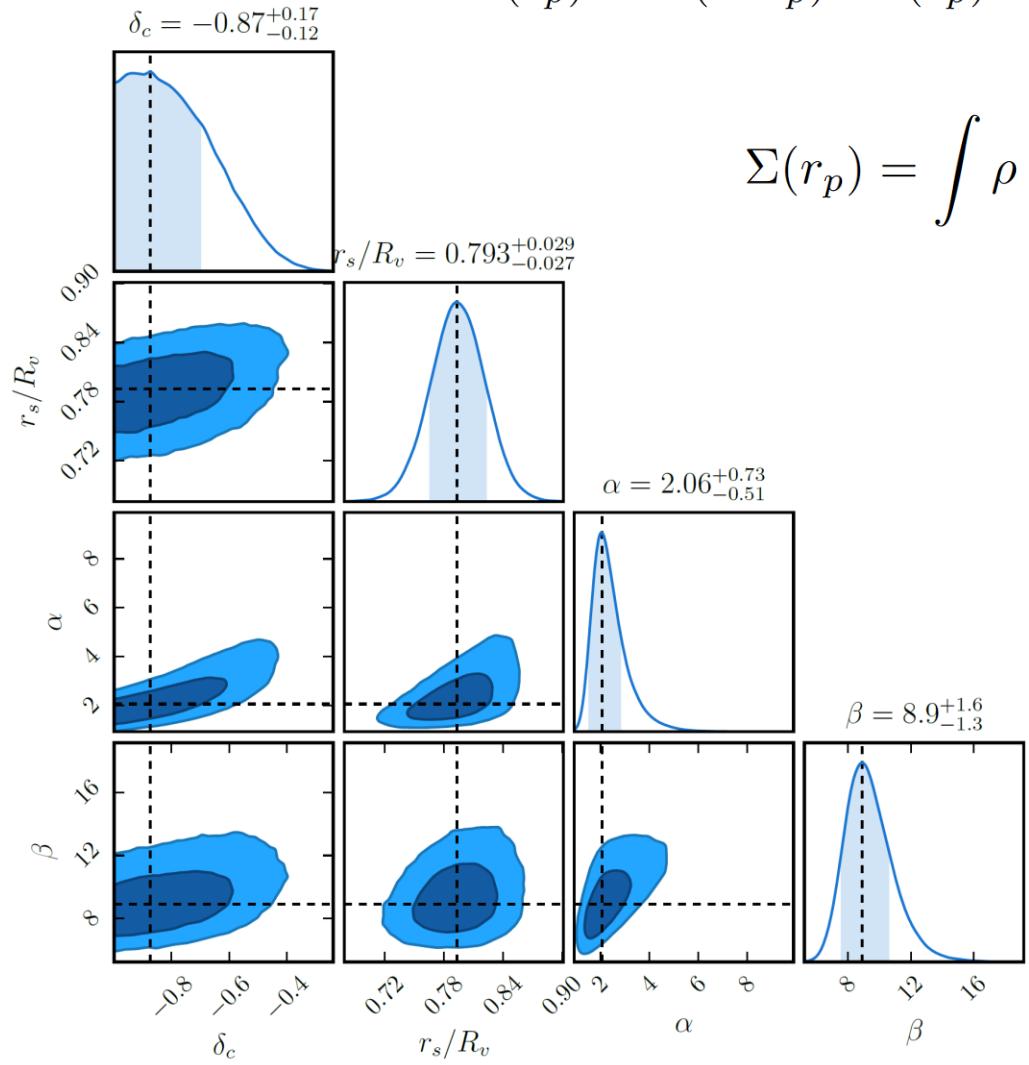
Pollina, Hamaus et al. ([MNRAS 2019](#))

# Voids in the Dark Energy Survey (DES) – Weak-lensing profiles



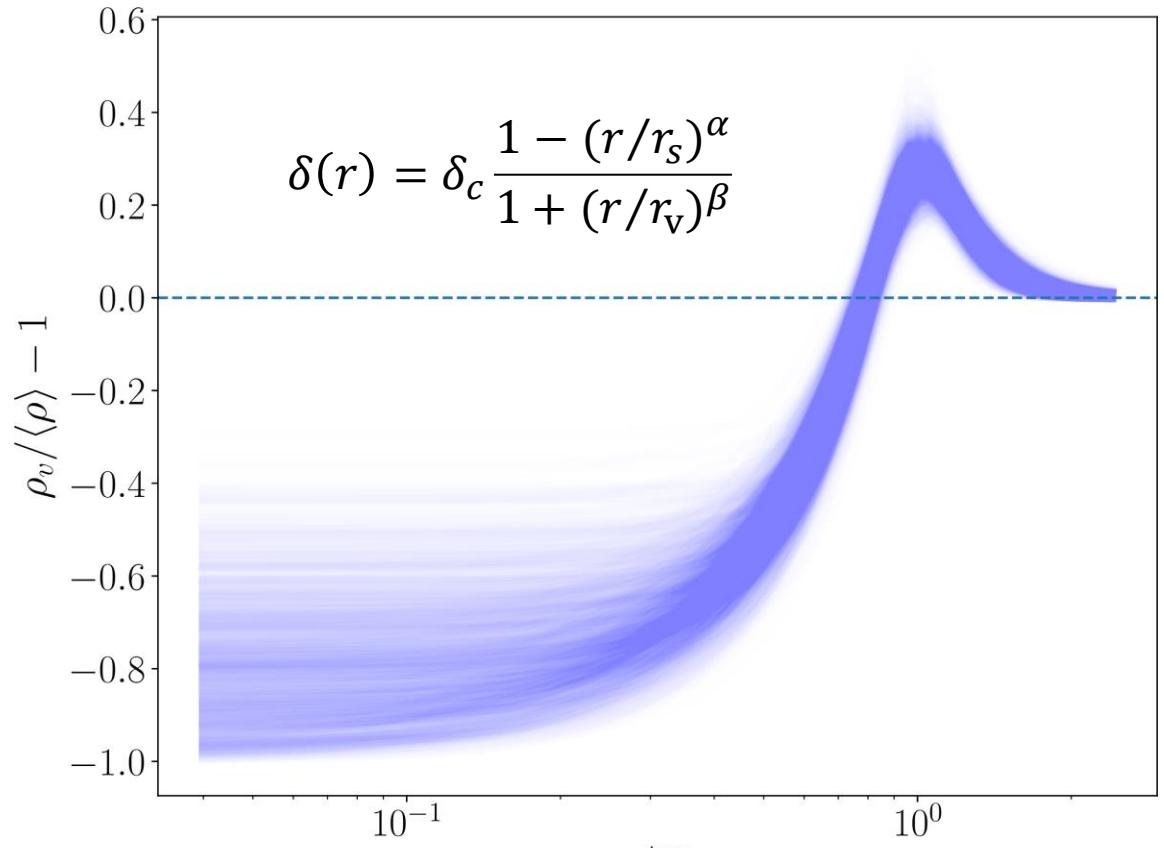
$$\left. \begin{aligned} \Delta\Sigma(r_p) &\equiv \bar{\Sigma}(< r_p) - \Sigma(r_p) \\ \Delta\xi_{\text{vg}}^{2D}(r_p) &\equiv \bar{\xi}_{\text{vg}}^{2D}(< r_p) - \xi_{\text{vg}}^{2D}(r_p) \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \Delta\xi_{\text{vg}}^{2D}(r_p) = \frac{b_g}{\langle \Sigma_m \rangle} \Delta\Sigma(r_p)$$

# Voids in the Dark Energy Survey (DES) – Inferred density profile



$$\Sigma(r_p) = \int \rho \left( \sqrt{[r_z - D_A(z_l)]^2 + r_p^2} \right) dr_z$$

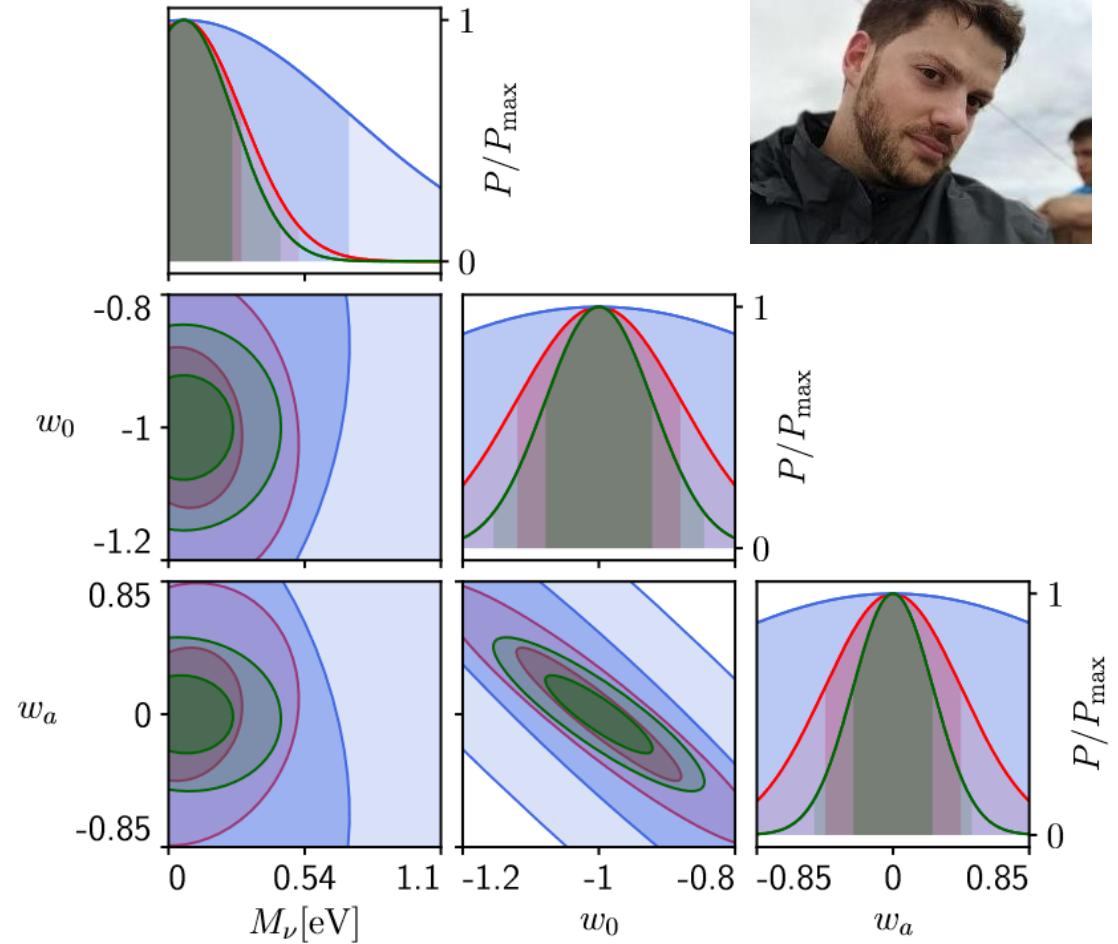
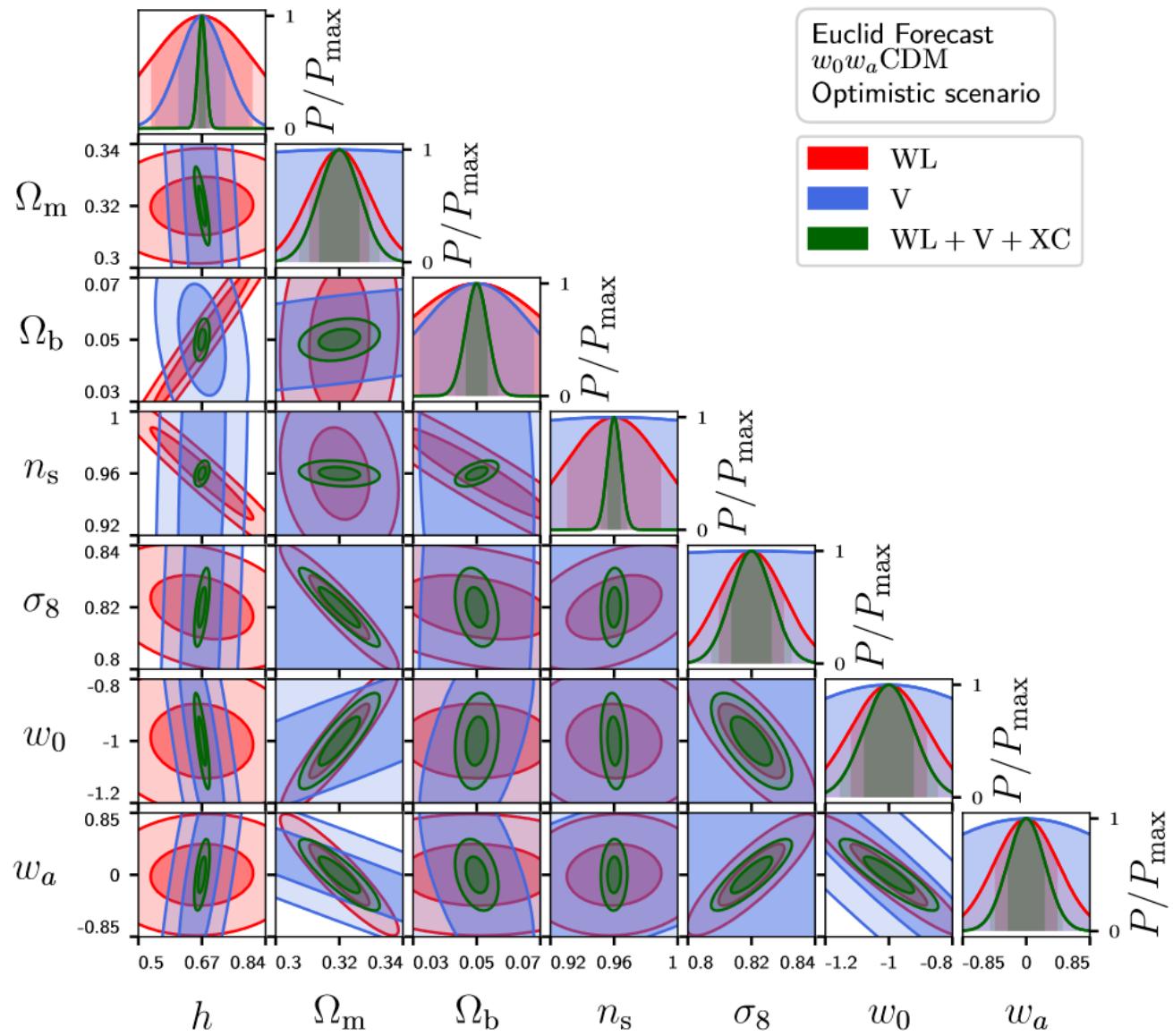
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# Void lensing in Euclid (Fisher forecast)

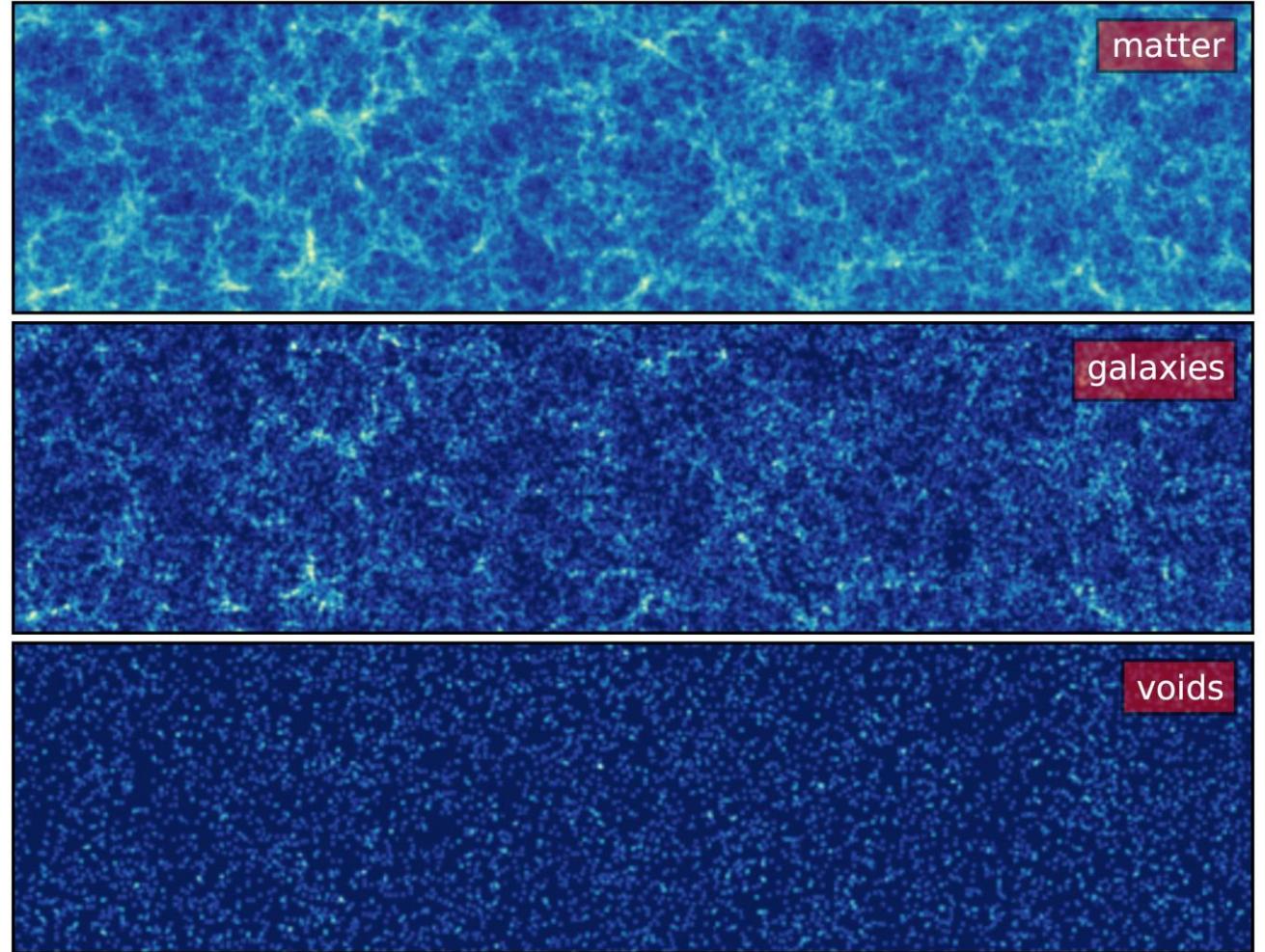
Marco Bonici



Bonici et al. ([arXiv 2206.14211](https://arxiv.org/abs/2206.14211))



# VOID CLUSTERING



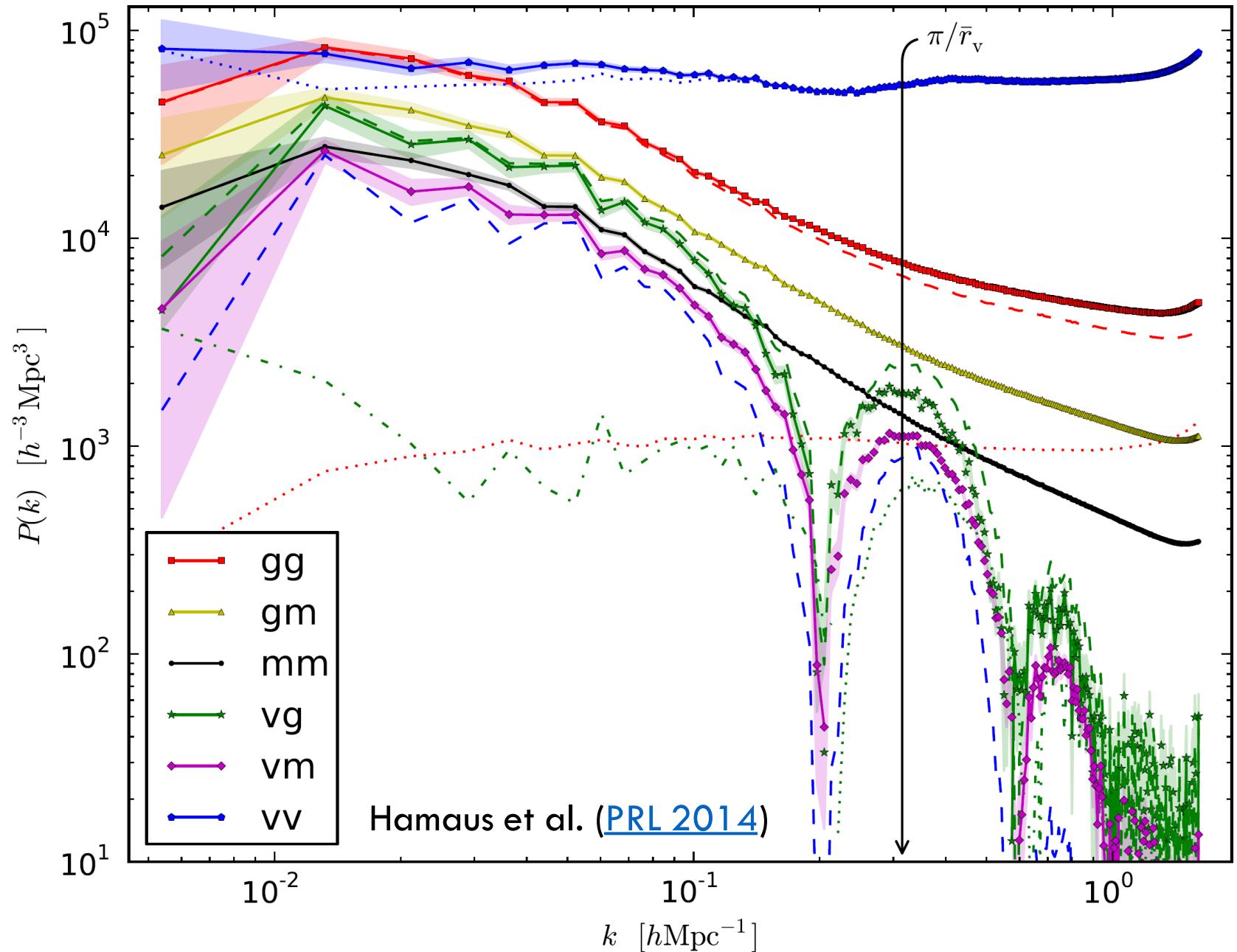
Voids can be considered as tracers  
of the large-scale structure !

## Power spectra with voids

Solid: Signal + Noise

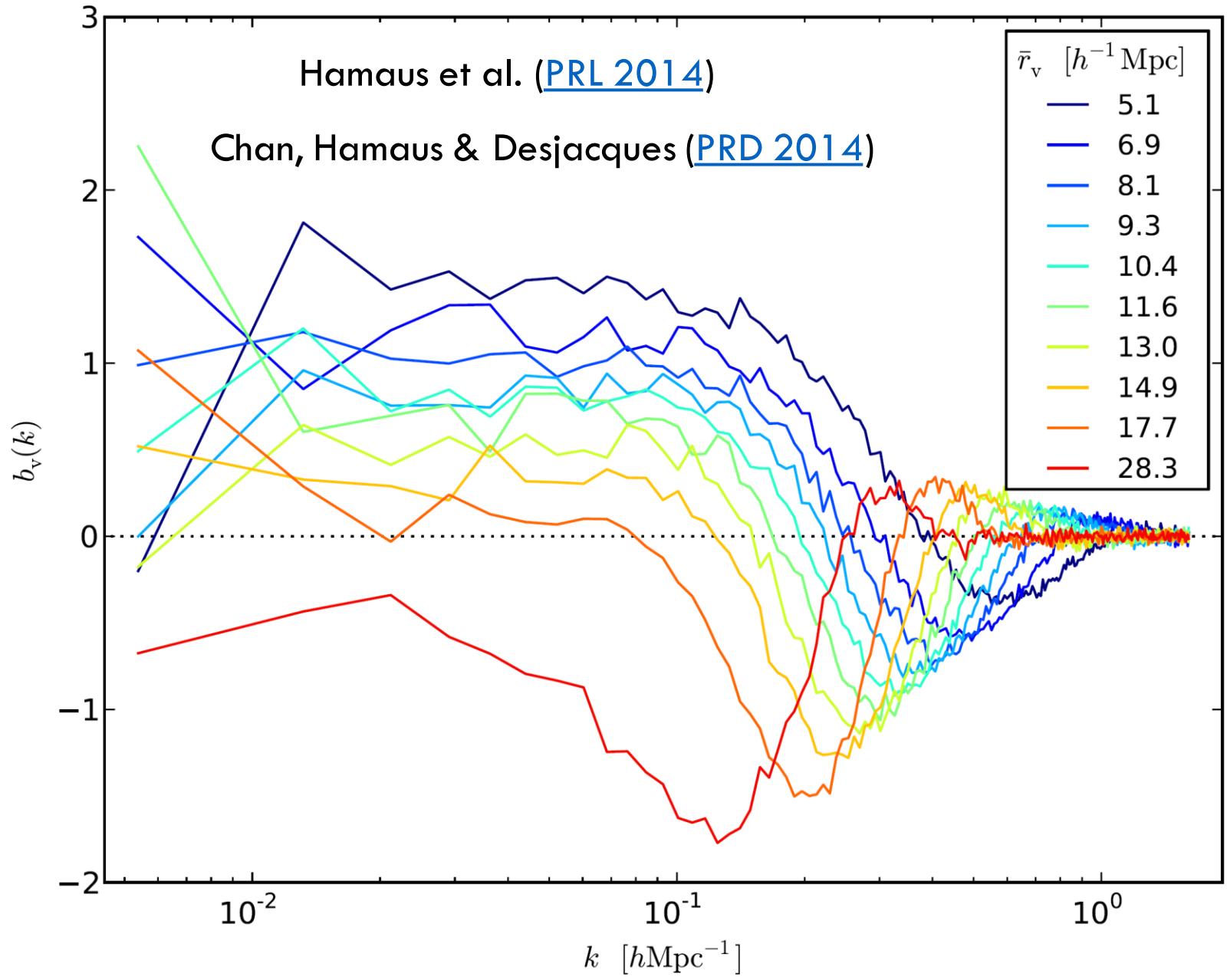
Dotted: Shot Noise

Dashed: Signal



## Bias of voids

- Multiplies amplitude of void-density fluctuations
- Constant on large scales
- Modulated by density profile on small scales
- Overcompensated: positive
- Undercompensated: negative



## Bias of voids with primordial non-Gaussianity

Primordial potential, expanded around Gaussian:

$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}) = \Phi_G(\mathbf{x}) + f_{\text{NL}} [\Phi_G^2(\mathbf{x}) - \langle \Phi_G^2 \rangle]$$

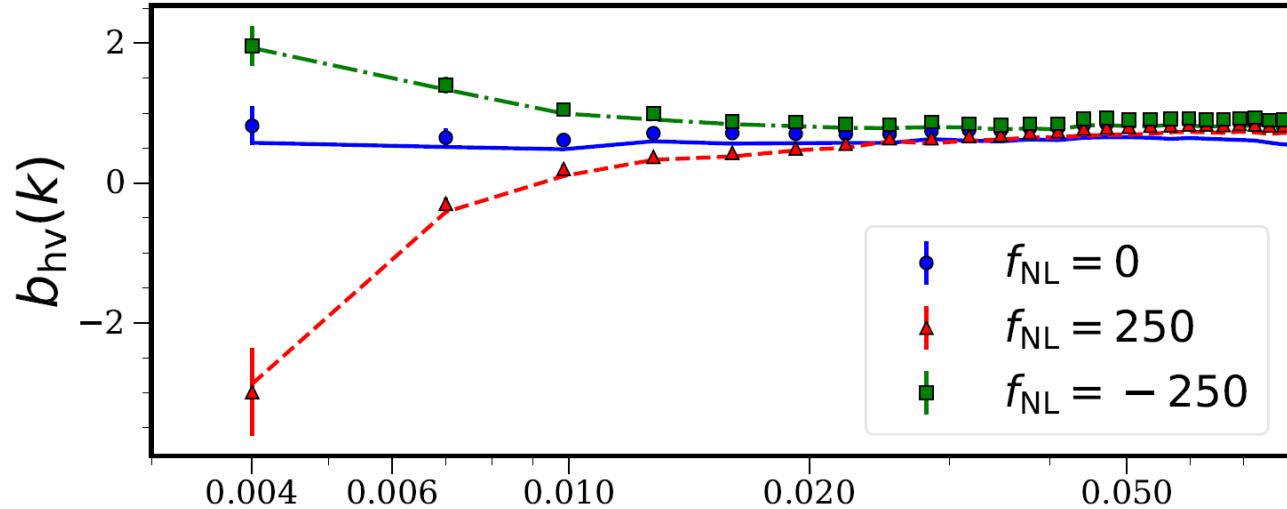
Results in scale-dependent bias:

$$b(k, f_{\text{NL}}) = b_G + f_{\text{NL}}(b_G - 1)\delta_c \frac{3\Omega_m H_0^2}{k^2 T(k) D(z)}$$

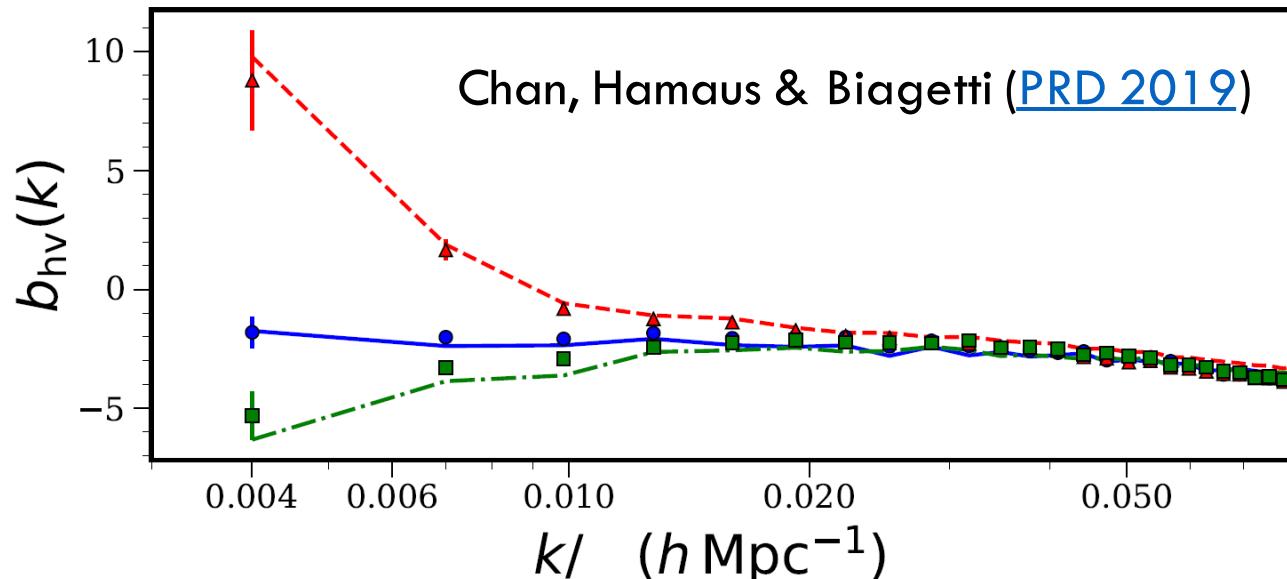
Dalal et al. (2008, PRD 77, 123514), Slosar et al. (2008, JCAP 08, 031)

**Voids: exchange positive  $\delta_c$  by negative  $\delta_v$**

$$M_h = 1.1 \times 10^{13} M_\odot h^{-1}, R_v = 15.0 \text{ Mpc}/h$$



$$M_h = 1.1 \times 10^{13} M_\odot h^{-1}, R_v = 35.0 \text{ Mpc}/h$$

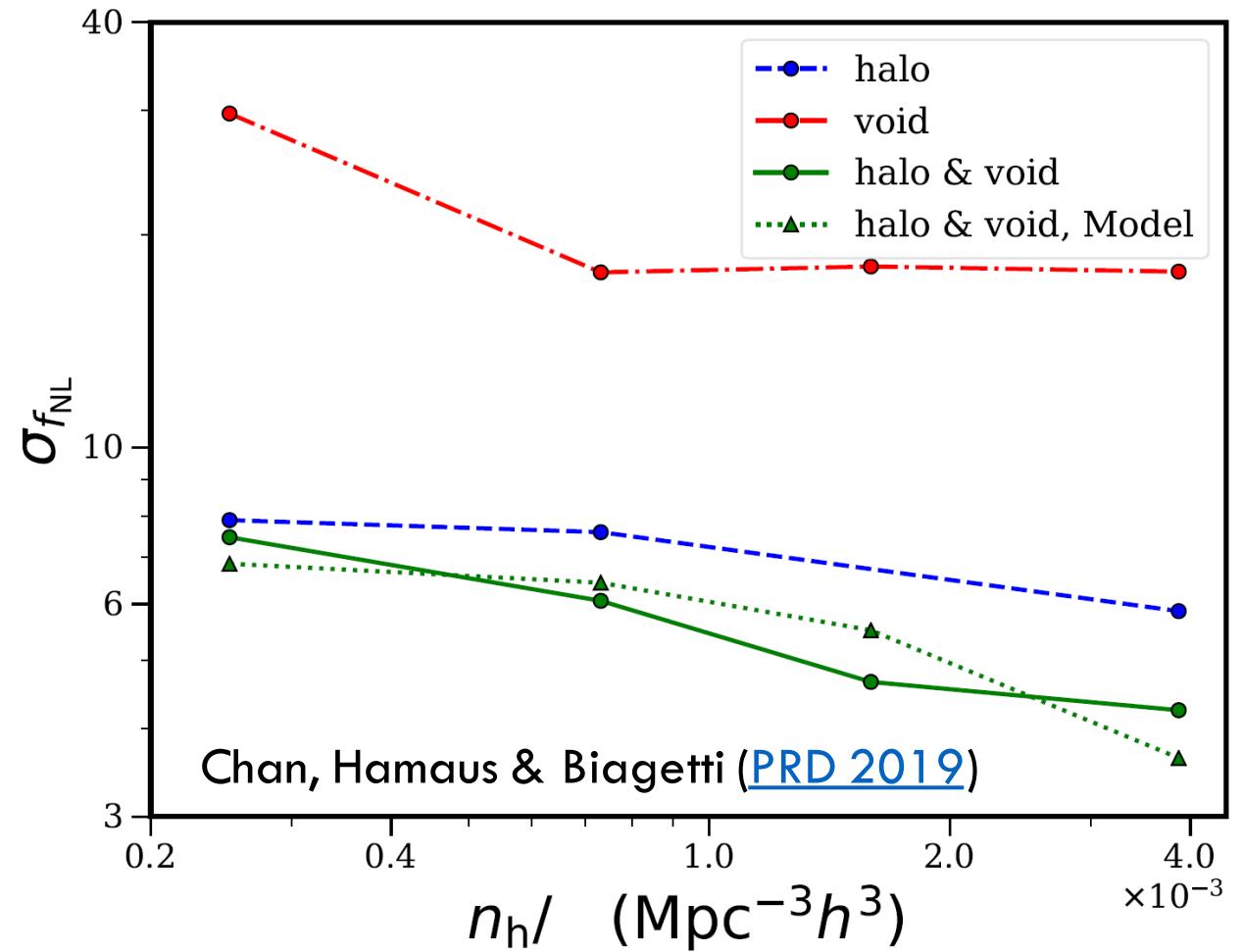


## Bias of voids with primordial non-Gaussianity

Fisher forecast with multiple tracers  
(5 halo-mass bins, 3 void-size bins):

**Improvement of up to factor of 2 !**

- Recovers missing information from the troughs in a Gaussian random field



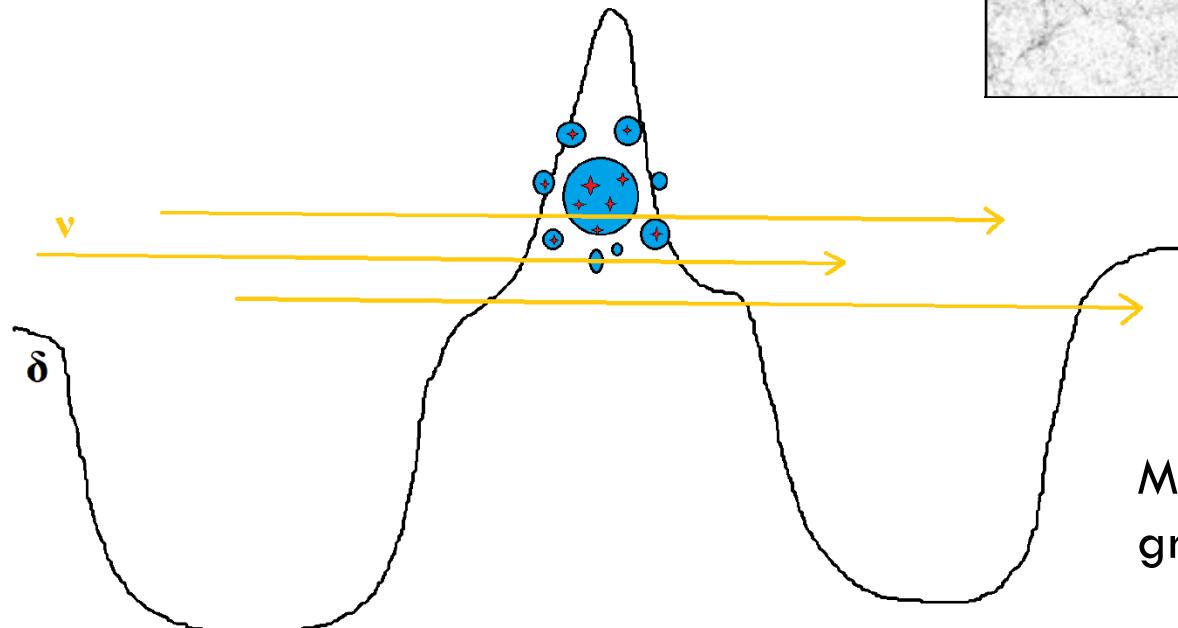
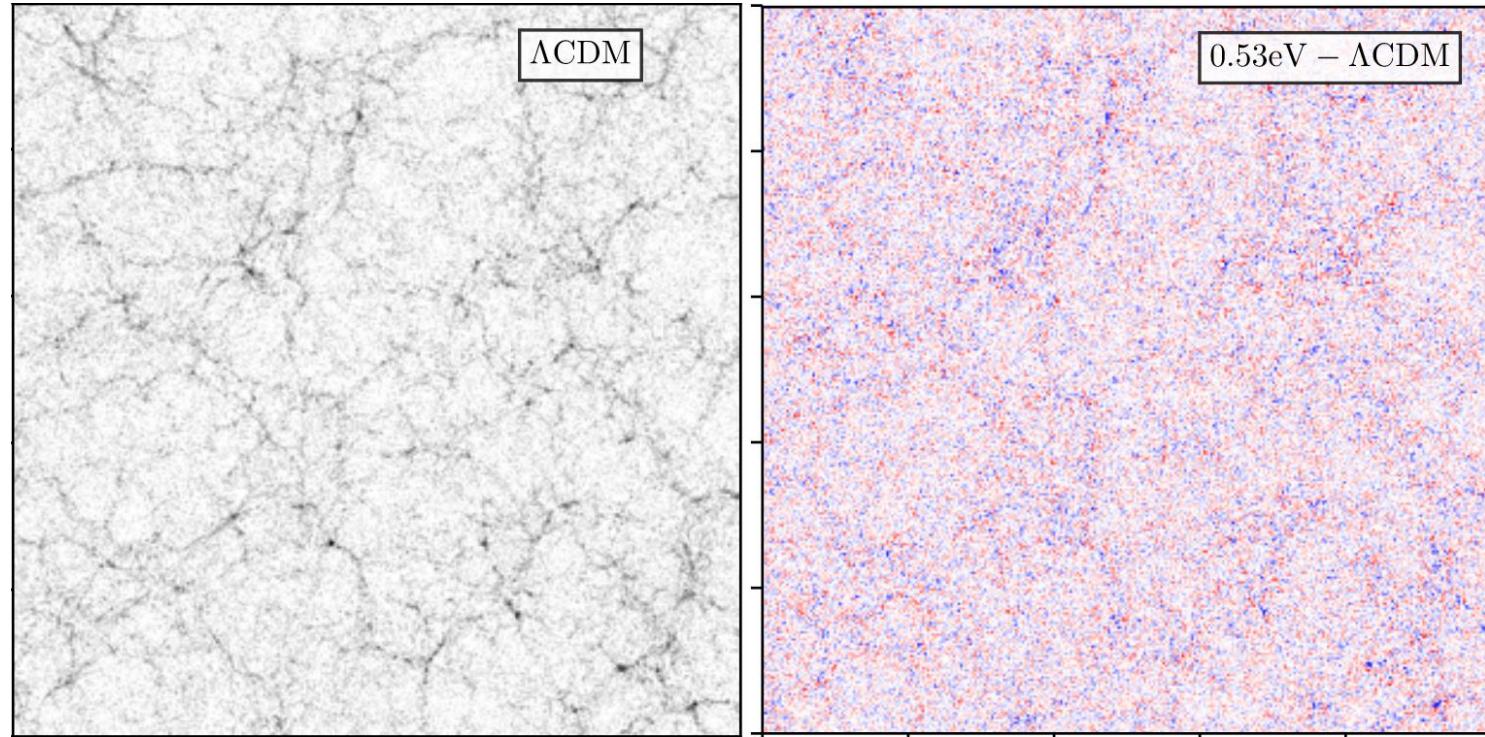
$$F_{f_{NL} f_{NL}} = V \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left( \Sigma^{-1} \frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial f_{NL}} \Sigma^{-1} \frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial f_{NL}} \right), \quad \Sigma_{ij} \equiv \langle \delta_i(\mathbf{k}) \delta_j(\mathbf{k}) \rangle$$

$$0.004 < k [h \text{Mpc}^{-1}] < 0.08$$

## Voids in massive-neutrino cosmologies



Nico Schuster

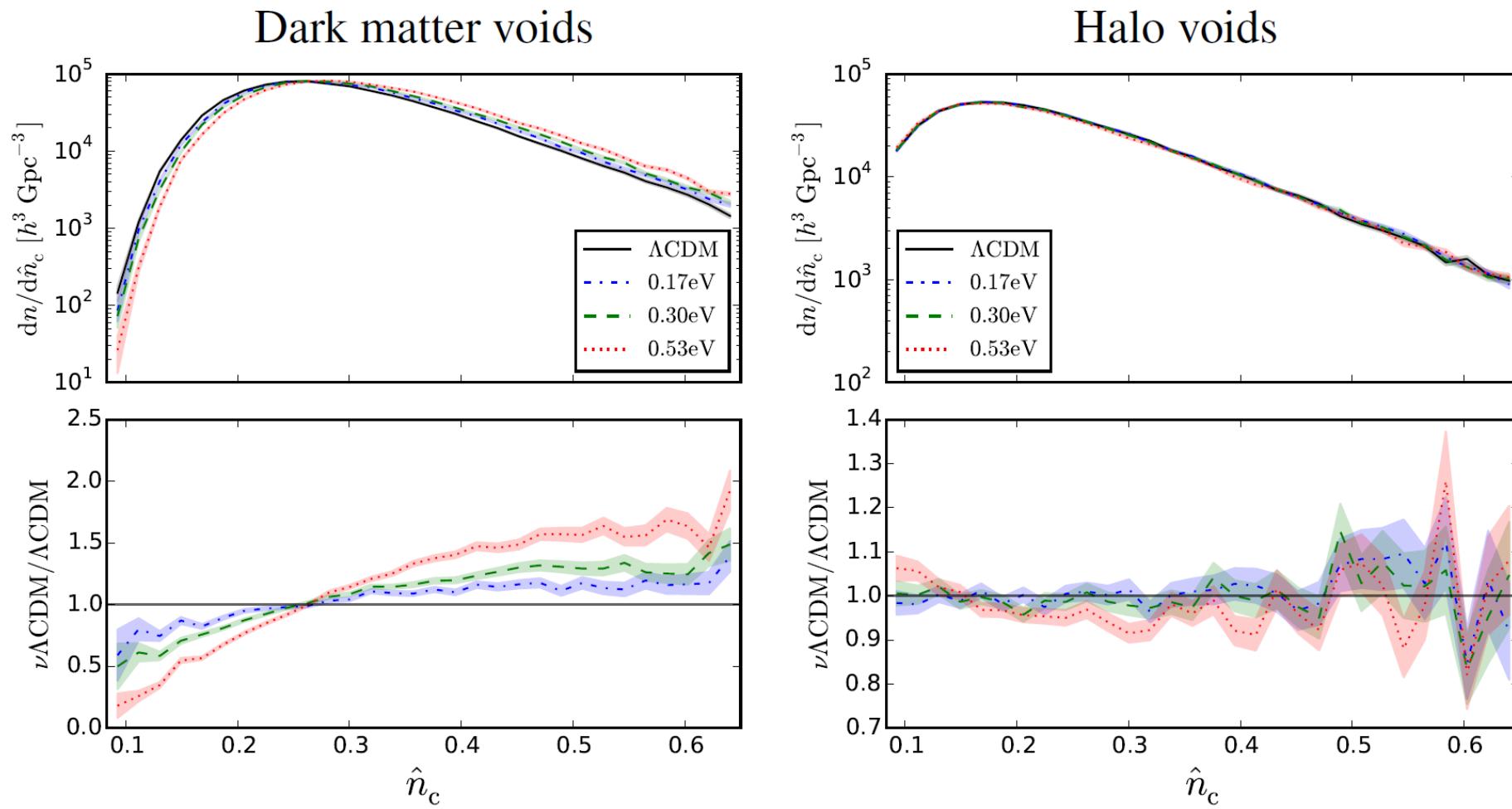


Schuster, Hamaus et al. ([JCAP 2019](#))

DEMNUni simulations, Carbone et al. ([JCAP 2016](#))

Massive neutrinos freely stream into voids, and gravitationally drag other forms of (dark) matter with them

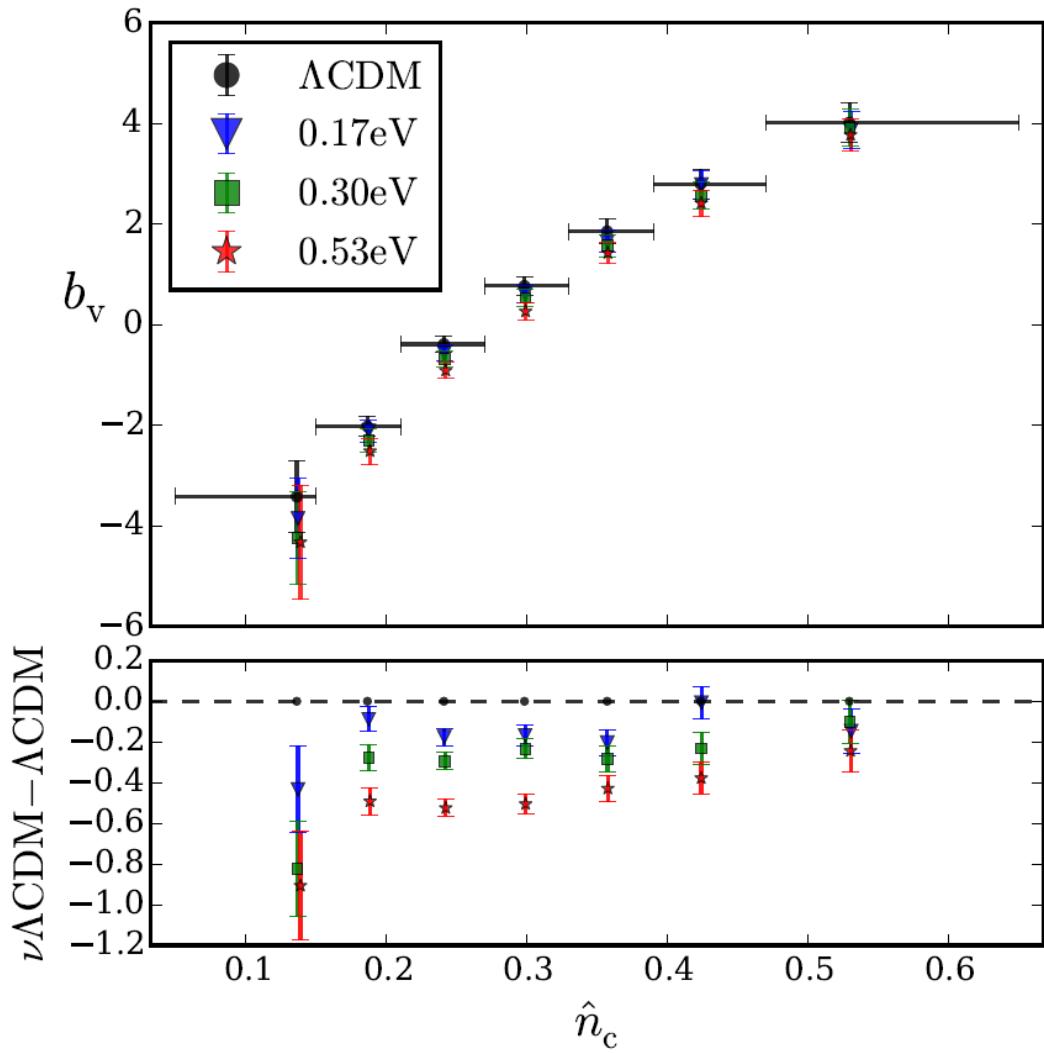
## Voids in massive-neutrino cosmologies: abundance



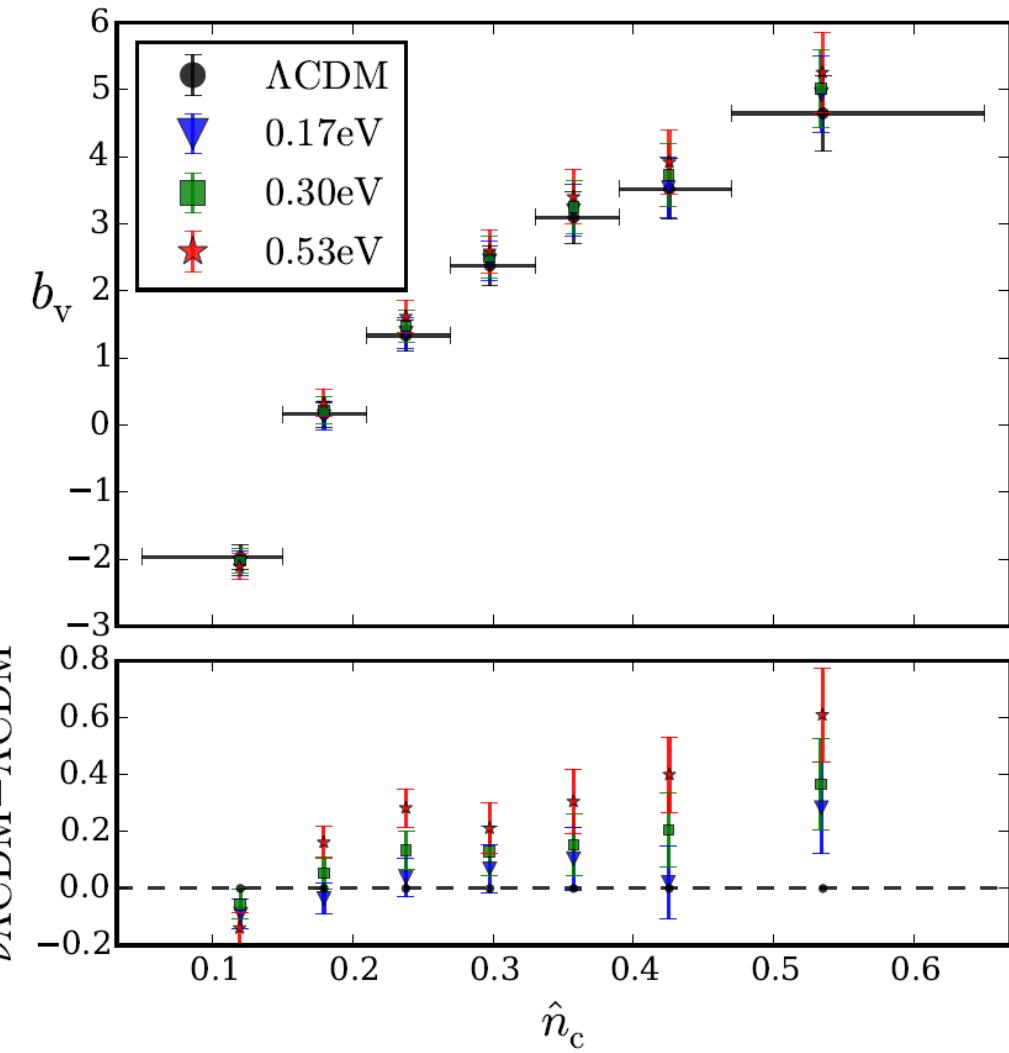
Schuster, Hamaus et al. ([JCAP 2019](#))

# Voids in massive-neutrino cosmologies: bias

Dark matter voids



Halo voids



Schuster, Hamaus et al. ([JCAP 2019](#))

## Baryon Acoustic Oscillations (BAOs) from voids

Use the Jacobian between Lagrangian and Eulerian coordinates (volume change)

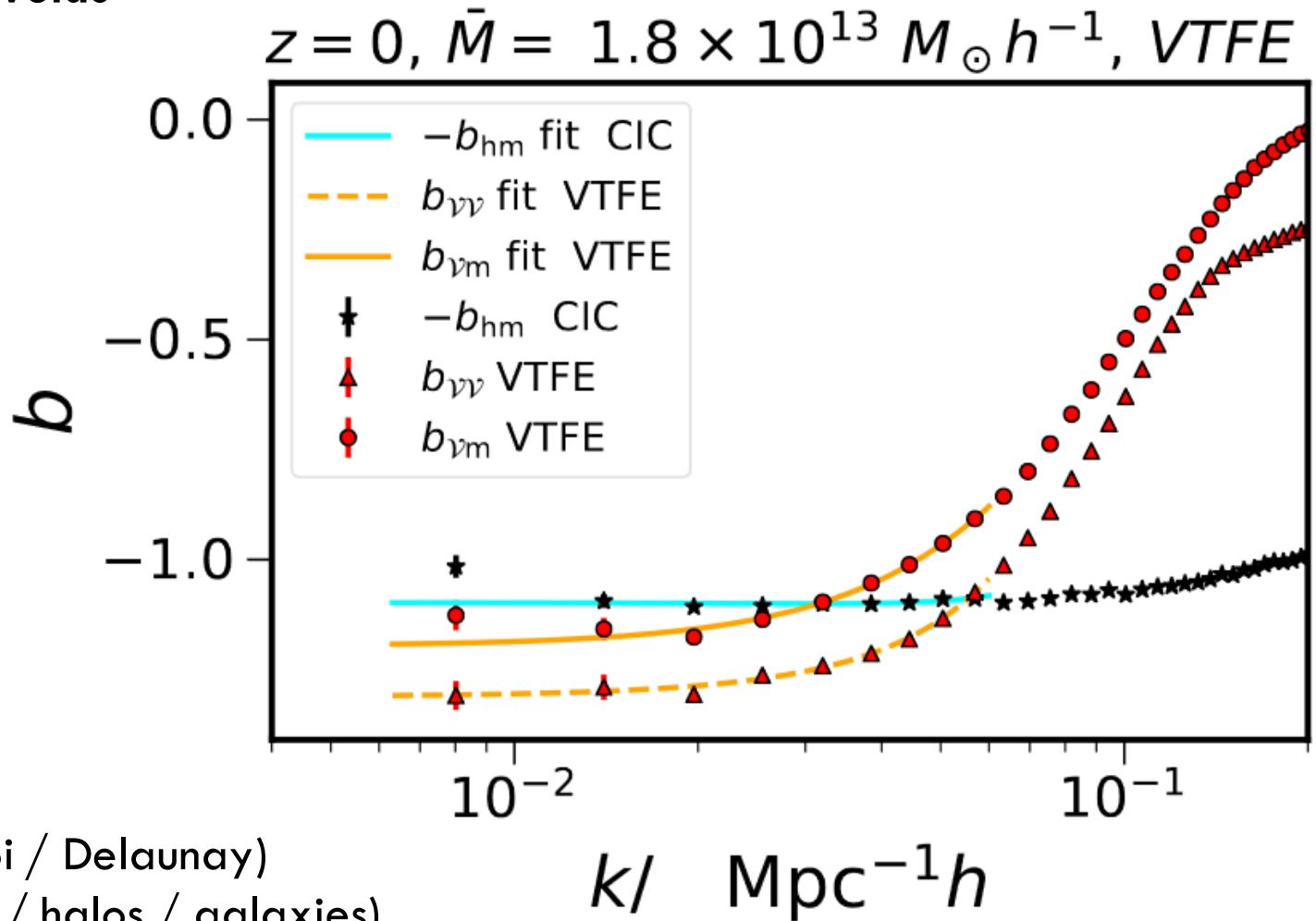
$$\mathcal{J} \equiv \frac{d^3x}{d^3q} = \frac{1}{1 + \delta}$$

And define a “Volume statistic” (in analogy to density contrast)

$$\mathcal{V} \equiv \frac{\mathcal{J}}{\bar{\mathcal{J}}} - 1 = \frac{1}{\bar{\mathcal{J}}(1 + \delta)} - 1$$

Advantages:

- Can be estimated via tessellation (Voronoi / Delaunay)
- Possible for any tracer type (dark matter / halos / galaxies)
- Defined for every cell / grid point
- Exhibits negative bias like voids
- Less prone to shot noise than extended and sparser voids

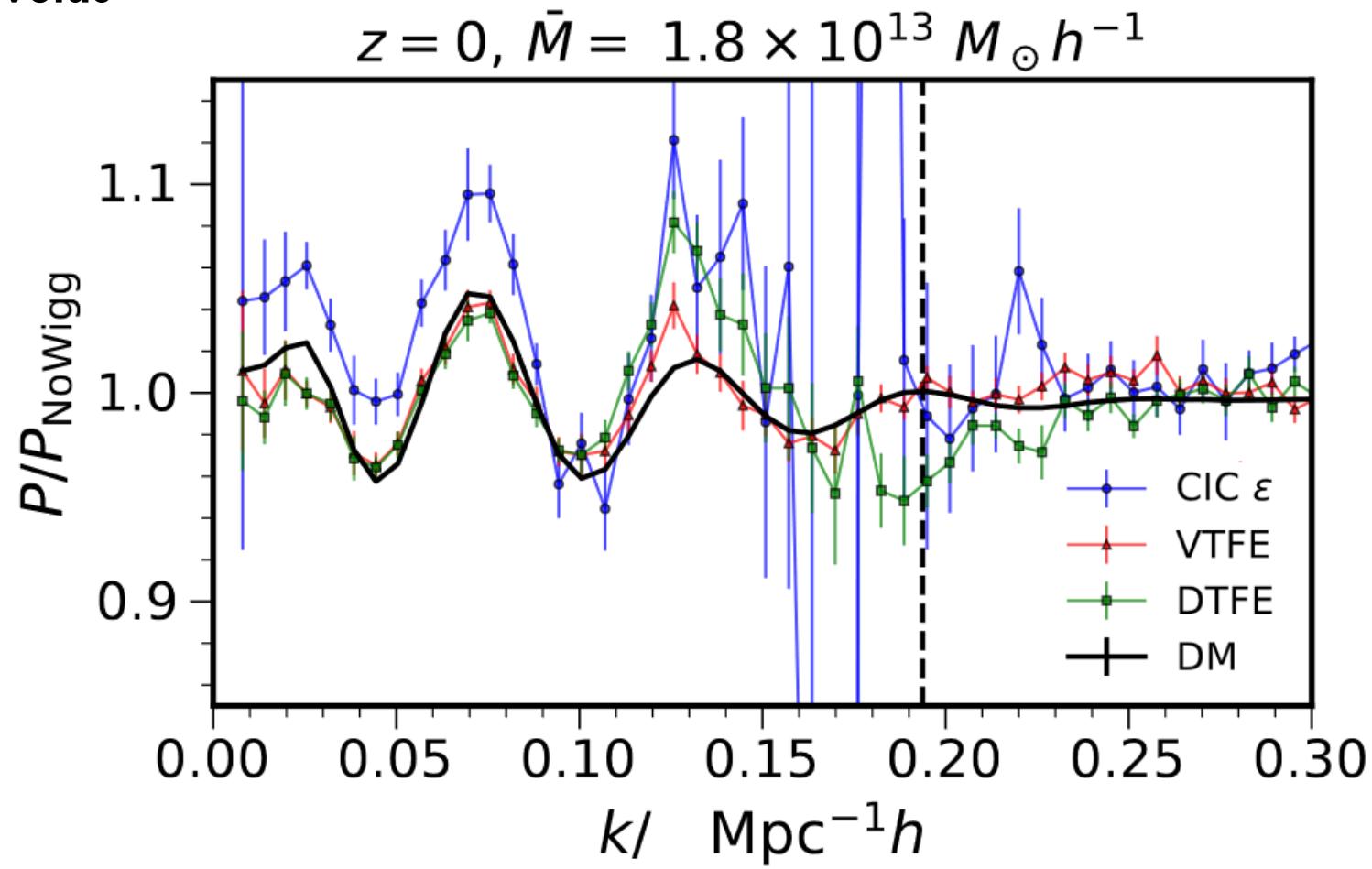
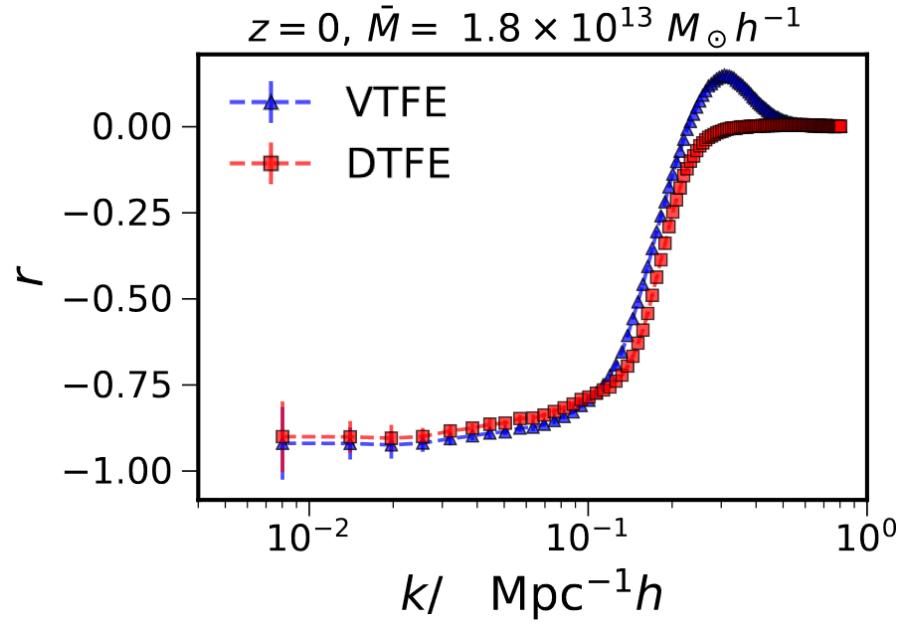


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## Baryon Acoustic Oscillations (BAOs) from voids

Low amount of shot noise allows estimation of BAOs from the “Volume power spectrum”

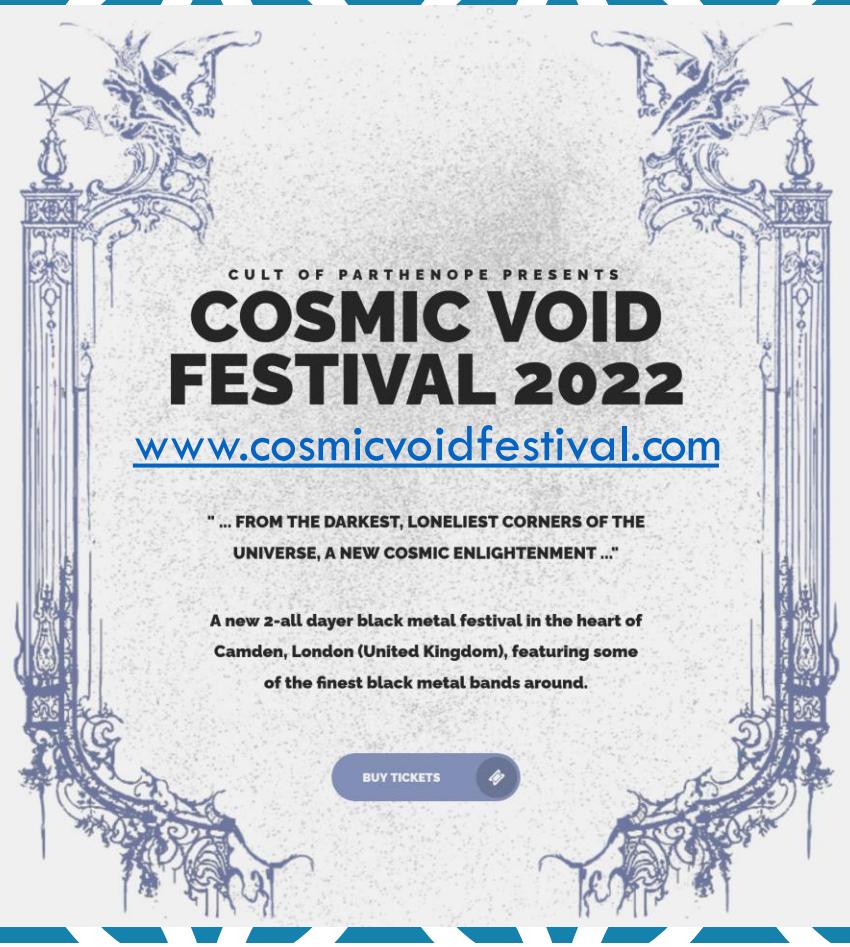
Strong anti-correlation with density field  
➤ Independent information on cosmology?



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# CONCLUSIONS

- Geometric distortions of voids provide powerful AP-test to measure  $D_A H(z)$  with sub-percent accuracy
- Dynamic distortions of voids additionally provide  $\beta(z) = f(z)/b(z)$
- Weak lensing can be used to infer the 3D density profile of voids
- Undercompensated voids can be regarded as anti-biased tracers of LSS
- Tracers with a negative bias extend the power of a “Multi-tracer analysis”
- Voids provide independent cosmological information on  $f_{\text{NL}}$  ,  $M_v$  , BAOs
- ❖ DESI, Euclid, Roman, ... will each provide at least  $\mathcal{O}(10^5)$  voids (for free). **We live in the era of voids!**



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

QUESTIONS?