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# Near Field Cosmology

From an Observational  
to a Numerical local Universe

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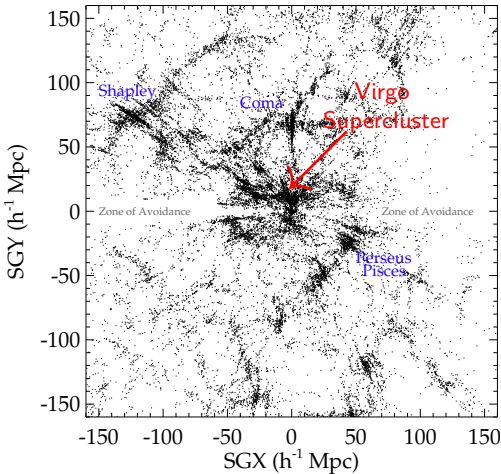
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## Definitions (IAU Division H)

- **Near Field Cosmology**: “[...] increasing interest in studying the **local Universe (near field)** as distinct from the high redshift universe (far field).”
- **local Universe**: “defined by the distance ( $\sim 10$  Mpc) over which stellar populations in galaxies can be resolved by the HST. [...] **extend to include Virgo ( $\sim 15$  Mpc)** [...] to cover the full range of galaxy environments, from voids to massive groups and clusters. **In an era of ELTs, [...] possible to extend [...] to even greater distances.**”

# The local Universe in this talk

Size of the LSS, walls, etc: 100's of Mpc



## Virgo Supercluster

Virgo Cluster  
distance: ~15 Mpc



Local Group  
size: ~2 Mpc

Milky Way  
size: ~30 kpc



Andromeda  
distance:  
~750 kpc



$$1 \text{ pc} = 3.0857 \times 10^{13} \text{ km} = 3.26 \text{ light-years}$$

# Studying & Understanding the Universe

**THEORIES:** Cosmological models

e.g.  $\Lambda$ CDM



Today  $z=0$

$$H_0 = 70 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

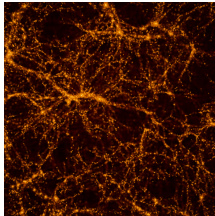


**OBSERVATIONS**



Measurements of luminosity,  
velocity, etc of galaxies

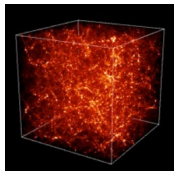
**SIMULATIONS**



Following numerically the evolution of  
structures, etc from **early redshift until today**

# Cosmological simulations

From Gaussian random fields (initial conditions: CMB) to dark matter halos + galaxies = dark matter + hydrodynamics



**Basic equations ruling the dynamics** (plus expansion = supercomoving variables) **and periodic boundaries**

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla f - \nabla \Phi \cdot \nabla_u f = 0$	Vlasov : dark matter, stars <b>Collisionless</b>
$\frac{\partial \rho_b}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho_b \mathbf{u}) = 0$	Continuity : gas
$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \cdot \mathbf{u} = -\nabla \Phi - \frac{\nabla p}{\rho_b}$	Euler : gas <b>Collisional</b>
$\frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \varepsilon = -\frac{p}{\rho_b} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}$	Energy : gas
$p = (\gamma - 1) \varepsilon \rho_b$	Equation of state : gas
$\nabla^2 \Phi = 4\pi G \left[ \int f d^3u + \rho_b \right]$	Poisson : everything

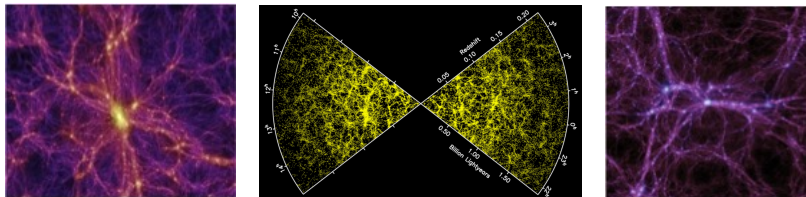
**+  
subgrid  
models**

**PM long range  
Tree or AMR short range**

Courtesy J. Devriendt (Adapted)

# Simulations vs. Observations

$\Lambda$ CDM works **well** on **large scales** (simulations vs. observations):



2dF redshift survey, Colless 1999 & Millennium runs, Springel et al. 2005 and 2008

But **problems** on the **small scales**, e.g.:

- missing satellite galaxies and dwarfs (e.g. Klypin et al. 1999 ; Moore et al. 1999 ; Zavala et al. 2009) , etc
- size of voids (e.g. Tikhonov & Klypin 2009)
- preferential distribution of the Milky Way's satellites in a pancake shape-like rather than an isotropic distribution (e.g. Kroupa et al. 2005)



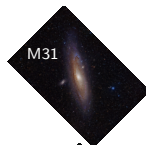
## Is this due to the fact that we **reside in a given environment**?

Our **measurements, conclusions, local and far observations** might be **biased** by its particularities, e.g.:

- variation of the 'local' Hubble Constant with density (Wojtak et al. 2014)
- impact of gravitational redshift due to local gravitational potential (Wojtak et al. 2015)

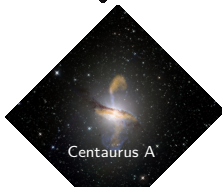


M33



M31

but it is the **best and most observed**  
Volume  $\rightarrow$  Focus !  $\rightarrow$  detailed  
observations, map, expansion ( $H_0$ )



Centaurus A



Magellanic Cloud



Virgo cluster

## To summarize

The Universe might well look like this...





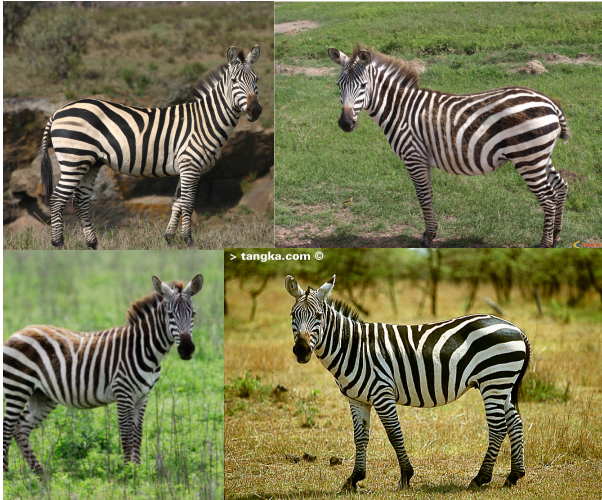
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we have the details only for this one...



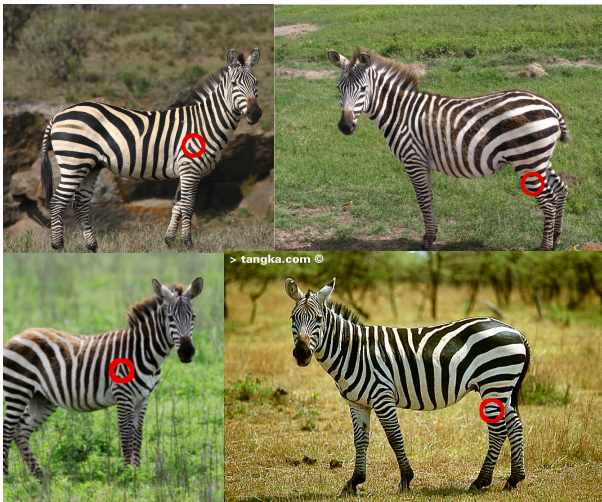
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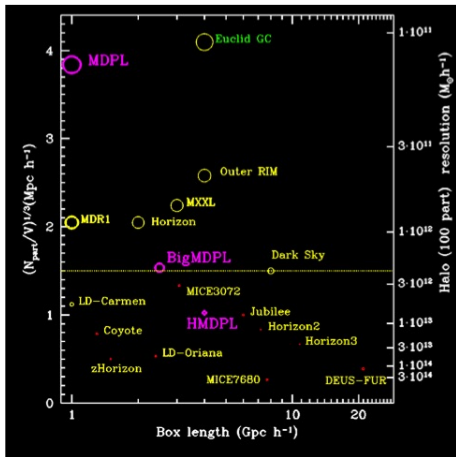
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# Two solutions

# First solution



Courtesy of G. Yepes

## Need:

- very **large and high resolution** simulations: **small scales** in all **large scale** environments possible

- even **better with baryons** (e.g Cui & Zhang 2017 for a review )

⇒ Very **challenging / demanding** huge computer resources required:

- time
- memory
- storage



# Second solution: Constrained Simulations

## PATH INTEGRAL METHODS FOR PRIMORDIAL DENSITY PERTURBATIONS: SAMPLING OF CONSTRAINED GAUSSIAN RANDOM FIELDS

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### ABSTRACT

Path integrals may be used to describe the statistical properties of a random field such as the primordial density perturbation field. In this framework the probability distribution is given for a Gaussian random field subjected to constraints such as the presence of a protovoid or supercluster at a specific location in the initial conditions. An algorithm has been constructed for generating samples of a constrained Gaussian random field on a lattice using Monte Carlo techniques. The method makes possible a systematic study of the density field around peaks or other constrained regions in the biased galaxy formation scenario, and it is effective for generating initial conditions for  $N$ -body simulations with rare objects in the computational volume.



"This identical twin of yours...  
Can you describe him?"

Simulations **resembling the Local Universe** (best observed Volume) to make **direct comparisons** on **multi-scales** (down to the dwarfs)

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**Reduction of the cosmic variance**

Typical vs. Constrained Initial Conditions:

$\sqrt{P(k)}w(k)$  with  $P$ =power spectrum and  $w$ =white noise.

In the second case, particle **velocity and position** are **constrained**.

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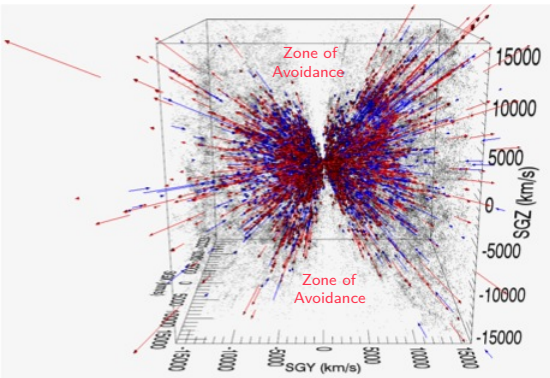
- **Method/Technique**

e.g. Kitaura 2013, Jasche & Wandelt 2013, etc  
Wang et al. 2014, Hoffman & Ribak 1991

← simulations



# Observational constraints: peculiar velocities



**Cosmicflows-2**  
about 8000 constraints  
*Tully et al. 2013*

$$v_{obs} = H_0 \times \frac{d}{\text{distance}} + v_{pec \text{ radial}} \text{ velocity}$$

redshift                      constant                      distance                      velocity

$$\Delta v_{pec \text{ radial}} = H_0 \Delta d$$

From direct distance measurements:

- high linearity
- large-scale correlation
- direct tracers of the underlying gravitational field

Catalogs of radial peculiar velocities (i.e. Hubble expansion subtracted)

Black dots: XSCZ redshift catalog

# Building Constrained Initial Conditions

Radial peculiar velocity catalog



Grouping & Minimization of the biases



Reverse Zel'dovich Approximation

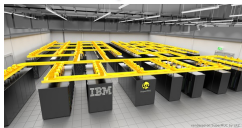


Constrained Realization Technique  
(prior = power spectrum)



Constrained Initial Conditions

Simulation ↓ run



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Reconstruction



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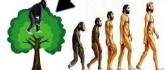


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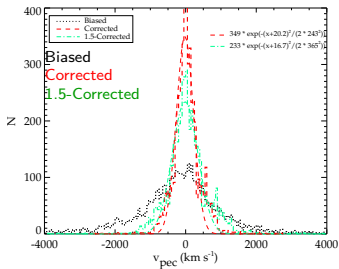
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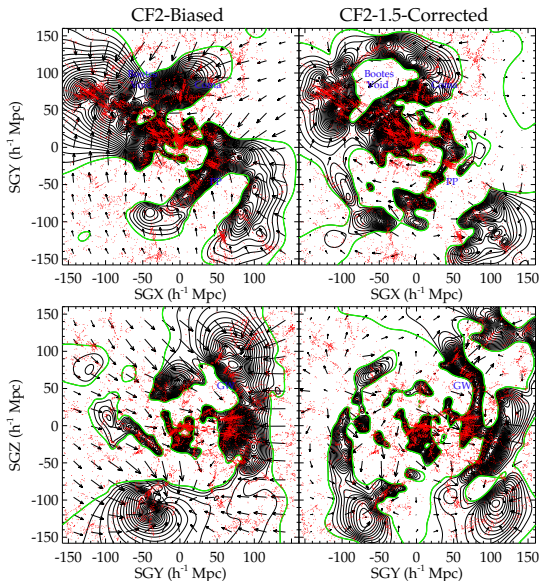


# Minimization of biases

Sorce 2015



- General infall suppressed
- Structures more sharply defined



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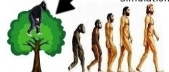


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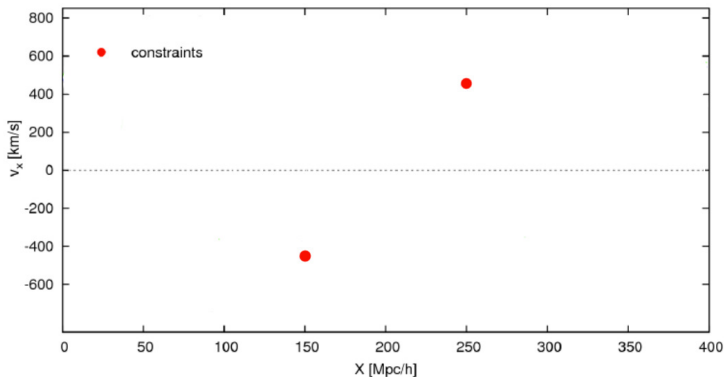


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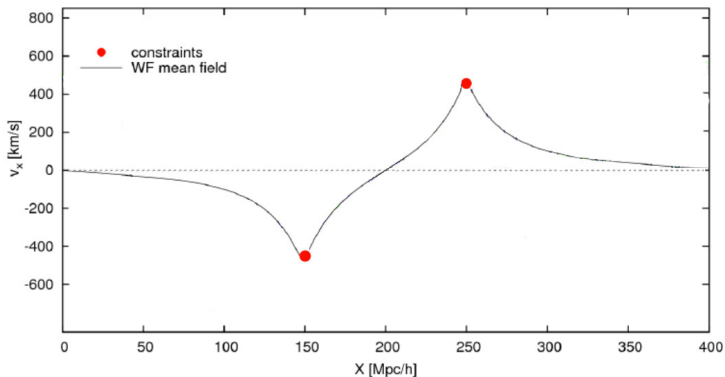


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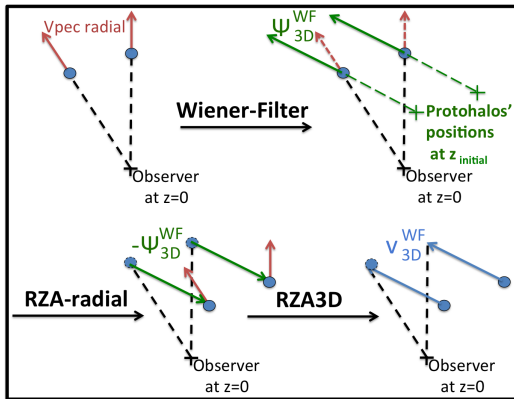
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# Reverse Zel'dovich Approximation

(Doumler et al. 2013 and Sorce et al. 2014)



Reverse Zel'dovich Approximation:

$$\vec{x}_{init}^{RZA} = \vec{r} - \frac{\vec{v}}{H_0 f(t_{init})}$$

growth rate :  $f(t) = \frac{d(\ln D(t))}{d(\ln a(t))}$  growth factor  
scale factor

Linear Theory at 1<sup>st</sup> order valid down to 2 h<sup>-1</sup> Mpc



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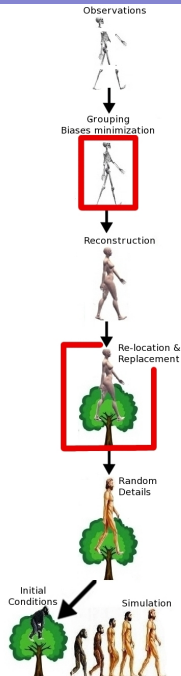
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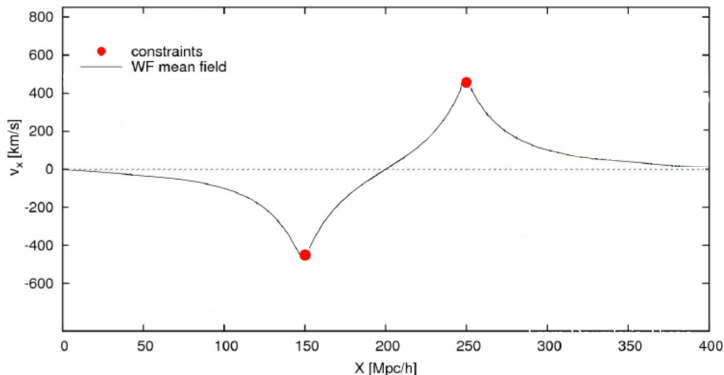
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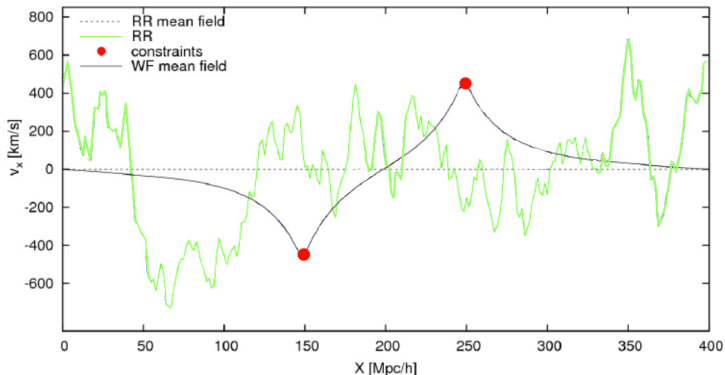


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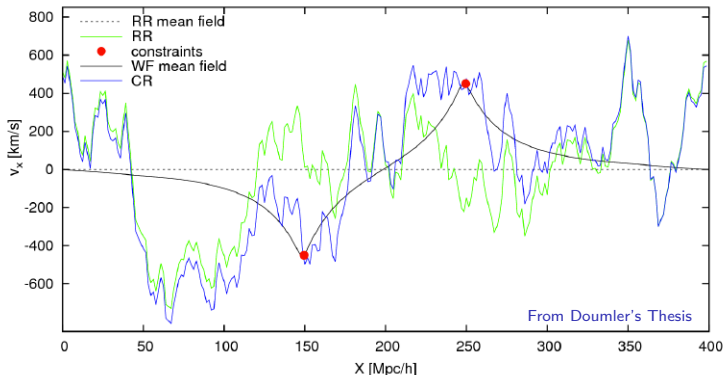


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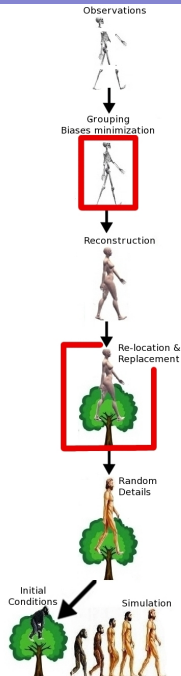
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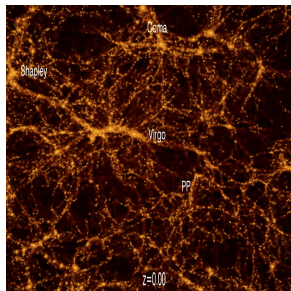
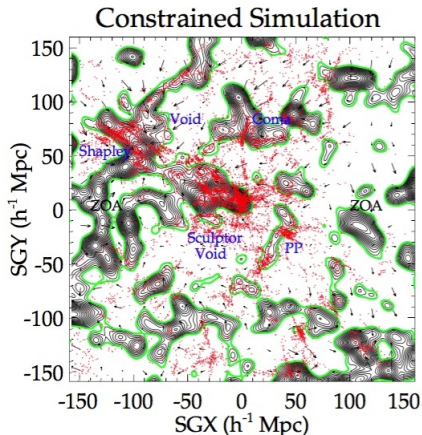
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# How did the Local Universe form?

At  $z=0$



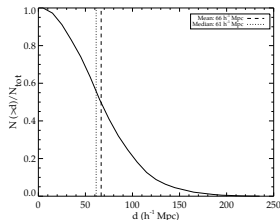
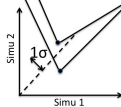
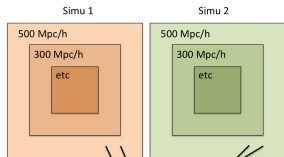
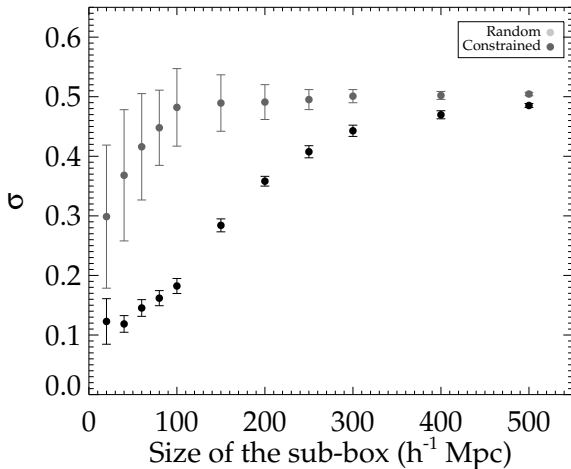
Observations for comparisons: redshift catalog ●

Observations to constrain = Peculiar Velocities: CF2 catalog

Simulation:  $L=500 h^{-1}$  Mpc,  $n=512^3$ , full field (contours, arrows)

# Robust Large-Scale Environment

Sorce et al. 2016a



Smoothing:  $5 h^{-1}$  Mpc

Mean and scatter of  $1\text{-}\sigma$  scatters in cell-to-cell comparisons

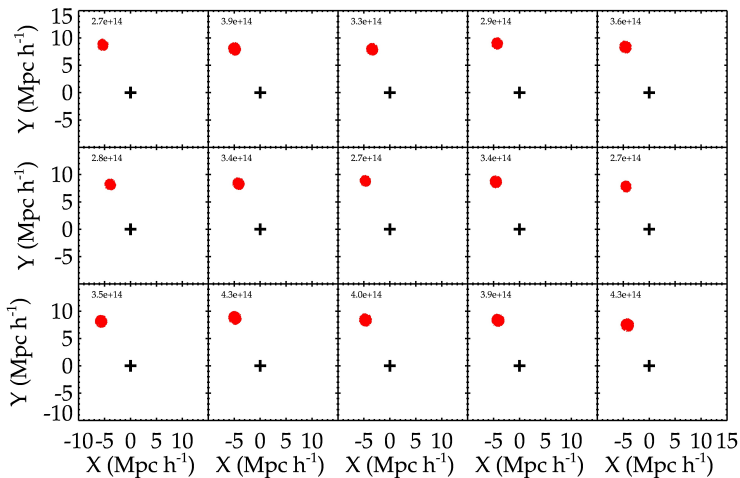
Robust Large-Scale Environment  $\rightarrow$  to study local structures and objects

Can we zoom-in?  
What about the clusters?





# How did the Virgo cluster form?



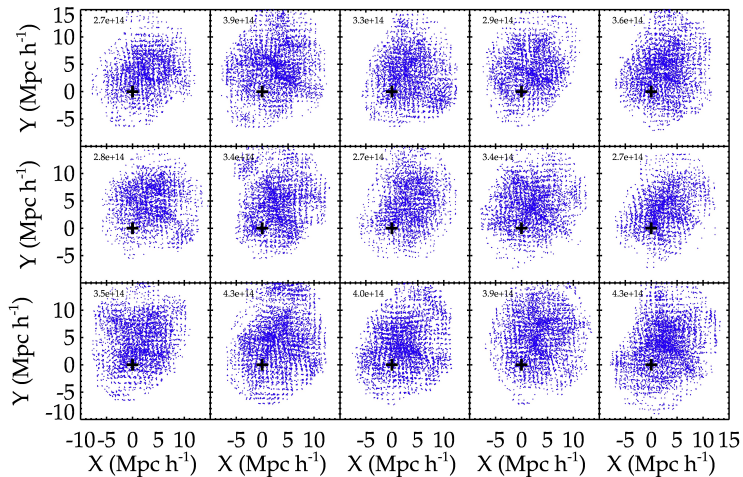
Dark Matter Haloes - Virgo Candidates: Particles at  $z=0$

- Shift  $\sim 3\text{--}4 \text{ h}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}$
- Mass within  $\sim [0.5, 2]$  estimated mass (Ludlow & Porciani 2011)

$M_{200}$

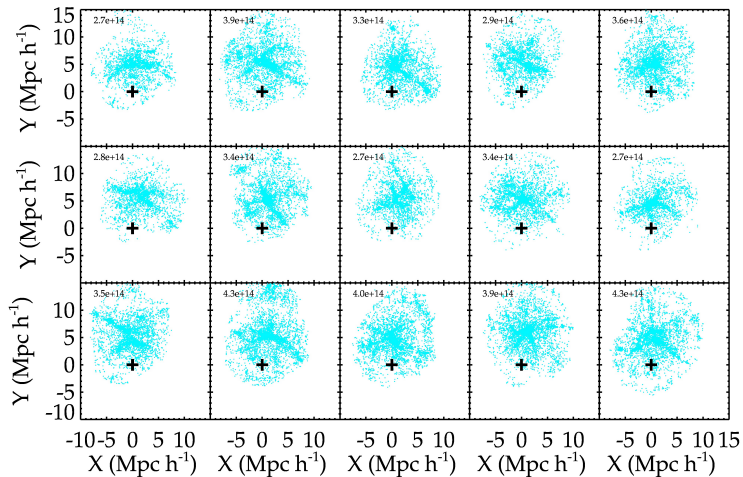


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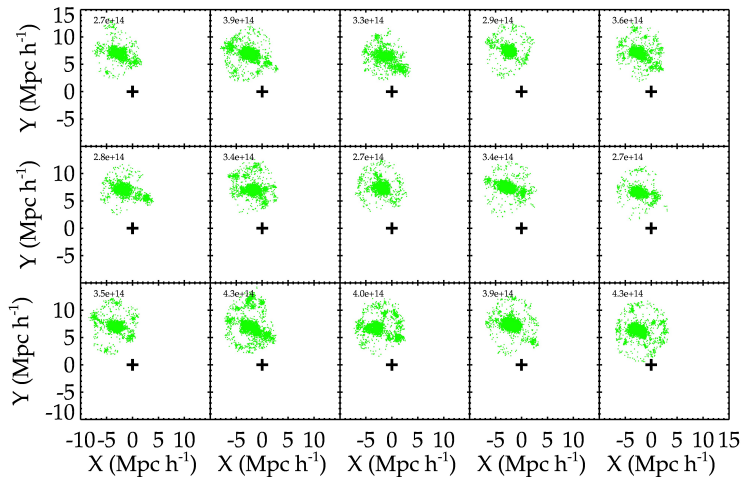
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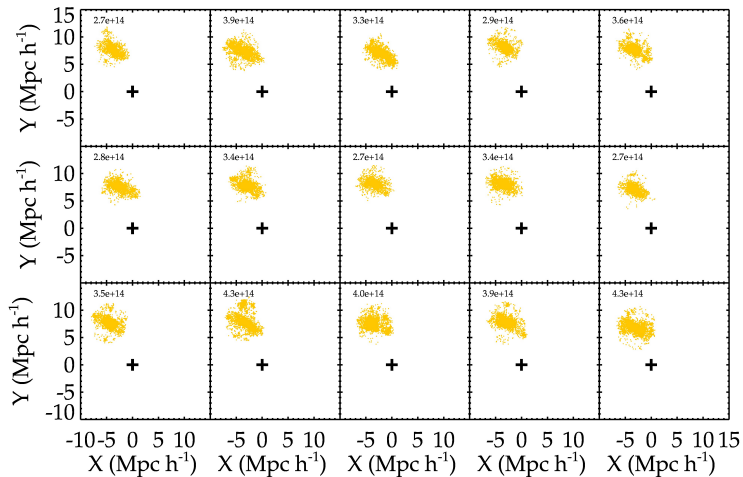
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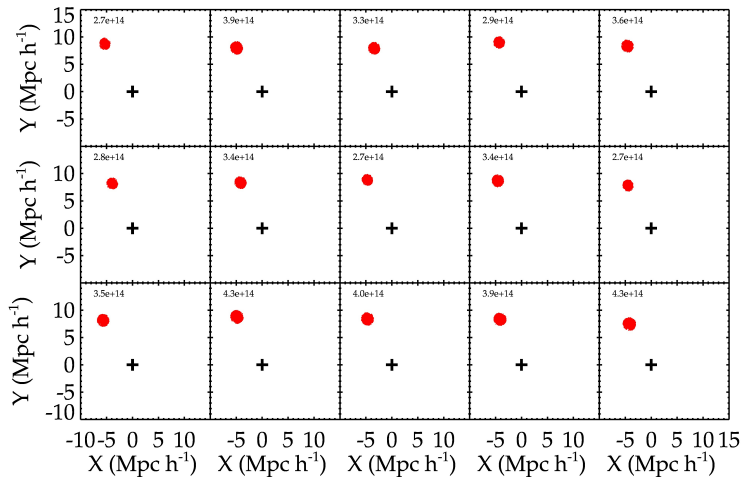
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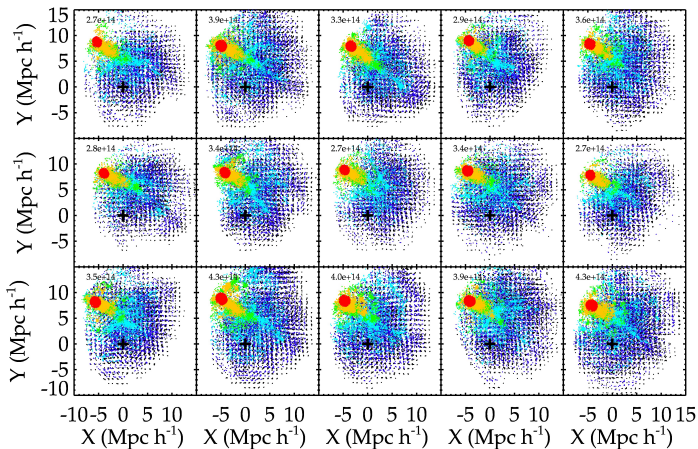
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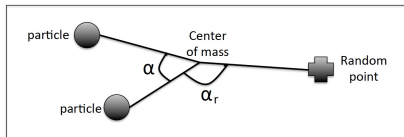
- Similar formation / evolution

One color per redshift:

10, 5, 2, 0.5, 0.25, 0

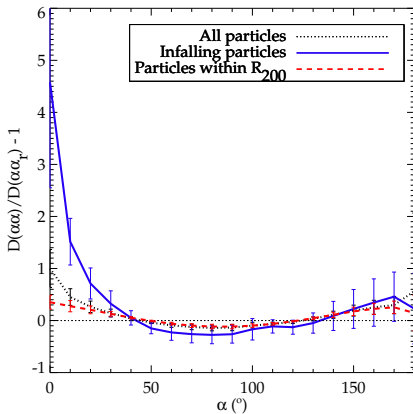


# A preferential direction of infall



Autocorrelation function:  
 $D(\alpha\alpha)/D(\alpha\alpha_r) - 1$

$D(\alpha\alpha)$ : distribution of angle  $\alpha$   
 $D(\alpha\alpha_r)$ : distribution of angle  $\alpha_r$



Particles within  $6 h^{-1}$  Mpc at  $z=0$

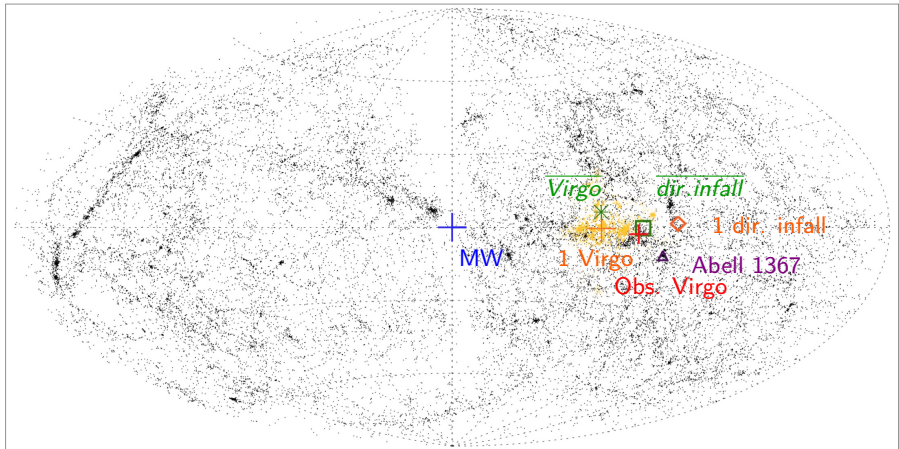
# A preferential infall: Aitoff

Sorce et al. 2016b

In Supergalactic coordinates,

● redshift catalog

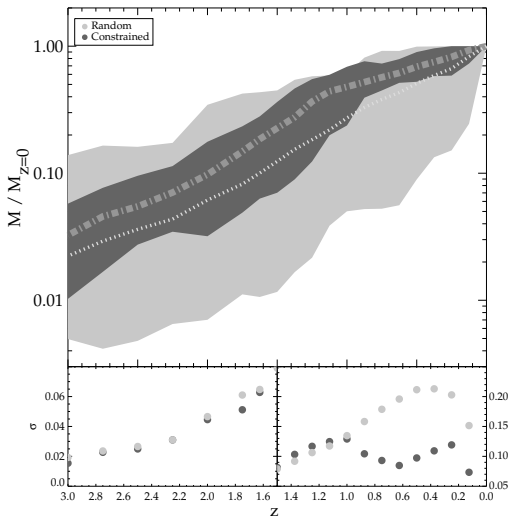
● infalling particles



West & Blakeslee (2000)

# A quiet formation history over the last gigayears

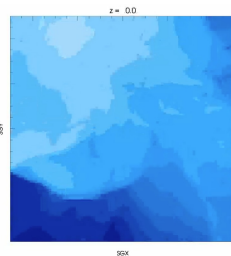
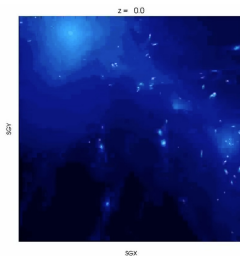
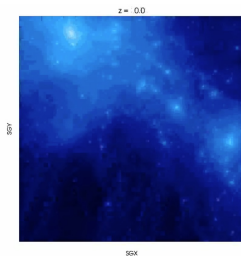
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Similar merging histories: a quiet history over the last 7 Gigayears.

## What else?

- **Zone of Avoidance** (Sorice et al. 2017): **Vela Supercluster** (Kraan-Korteweg et al. 2017)
- **Virgo** (Sorice et al. in prep.): **likeliness, substructures, zoom-in hydro.**, etc
- **Local Group** (e.g. Carlesi, Sorice et al. 2016) & **Reionization** (Ocvirk et al in prep., Sorice et al. in prep.): **mass ratio, tangential velocity**, etc
- **3<sup>rd</sup> catalog**: **preliminary results**



# Conclusions & Prospects

## Problems on the small scales

- local environment
- best and most detailed observations for comparisons!



"WE FOUND BOTH OF YOU EQUALLY QUALIFIED FOR THE POSITION..."

**Solutions:** **constrained simulations** (A lot is, will be or can be available !)

## Prospectives:

- **hydrodynamical constrained** simulations (**full or zoom** Bertschinger 2001): detailed comparisons with **galaxy** populations to **improve models**
- **foreground effect** (SZ & SW): **un-bias** large surveys, reach **precision cosmology**

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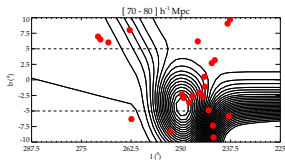


# Latest Results



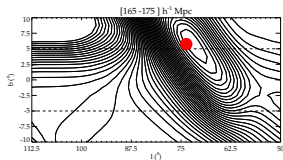
## Using local Universe-like simulations to predict structures in the Zone of Avoidance

Average density field (contours) of constrained realizations of the local Universe. 3 slices of the Zone of Avoidance at different distances from us:



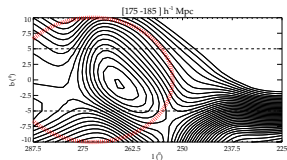
### Puppis 3 cluster

red filled circles = galaxies (CDS-VizieR)  
(Chamaux & Masnou 2004)



### Cygnus A cluster

red filled circles = cluster (CDS-VizieR)  
(CIZA project, Ebeling et al. 2002)



### Vela Supercluster

ellipse = predictions from observations  
(Kraan-Korteweg et al. 2017)