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# Simulating the Local Universe

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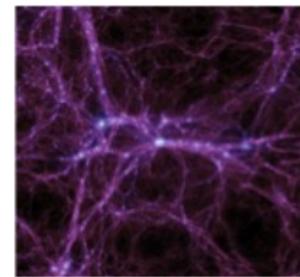
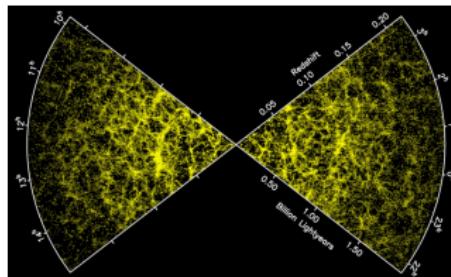
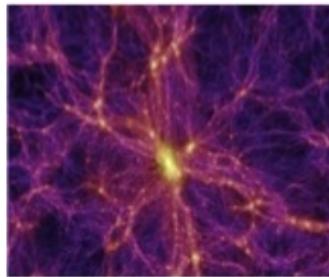
# $\Lambda$ CDM works well on large scales

Because the Universe is 'quite' **homogeneous** on **large scales**

in order to test  $\Lambda$ CDM, any simulation with:

- a reasonable boxsize to capture the large structures
- a reasonable resolution to resolve the large structures

is enough to show that  **$\Lambda$ CDM works well on large scales** (i.e. that the observed LSS resembles the simulated LSS)



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



## But problem...

... we reside in a given environment,

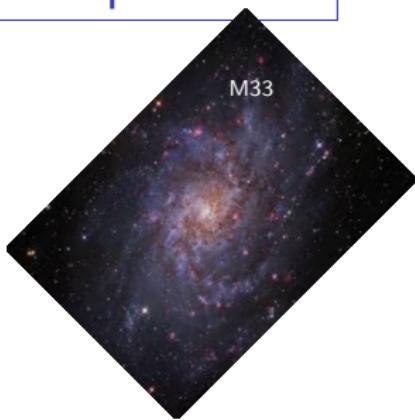
thus our **measurements, conclusions, local and far observations** might be **biased** by its characteristics, e.g.:

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



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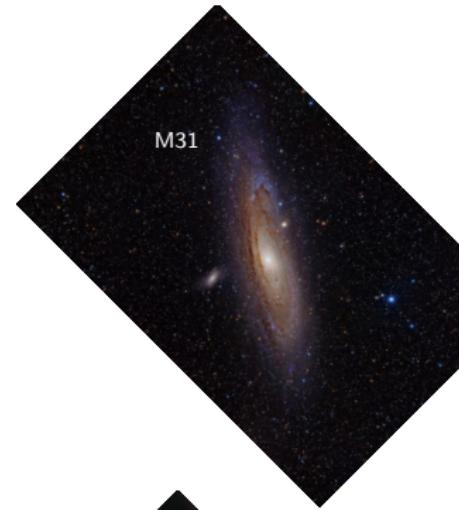
M33



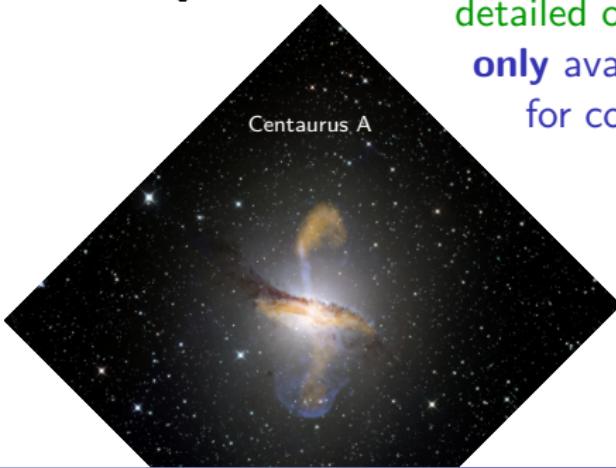
Magellanic Cloud



M31



Centaurus A



... the best and most  
detailed observations are  
only available close-by  
for comparisons!

Virgo cluster



# To summarize

The Universe might well look like this...



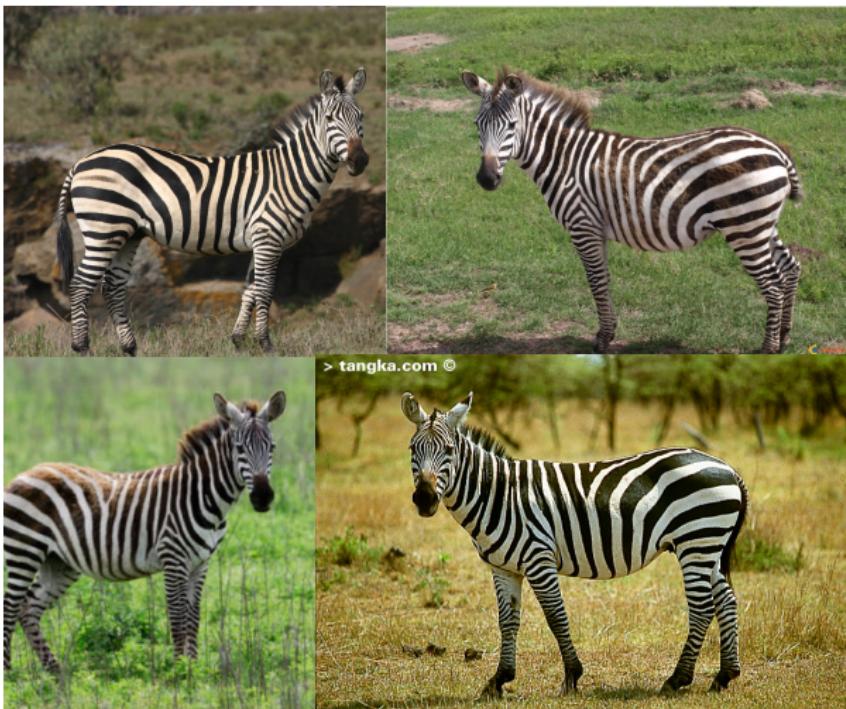
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we have the details only for this one...



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and it does not look like the others when looking at the details !



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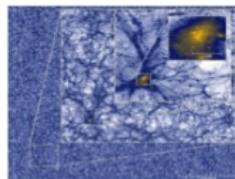
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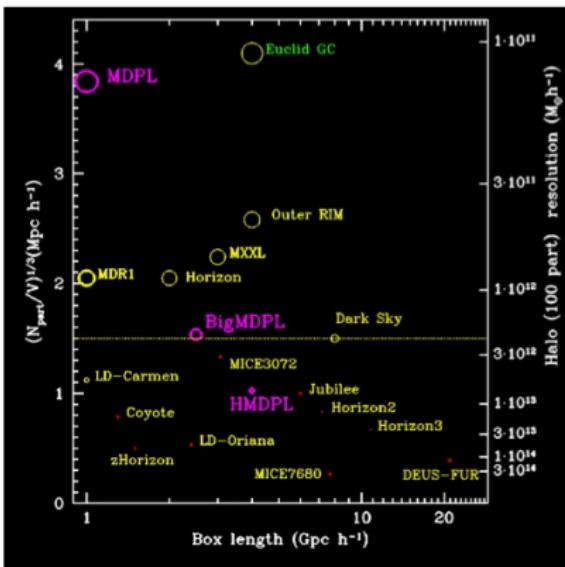
# Two solutions

# First solution

**Very large and high resolution**  
 simulations to **select similar** environmental  
 conditions or/and similar objects e.g.



MilleniumXXL,  
 Angulo et al. 2012

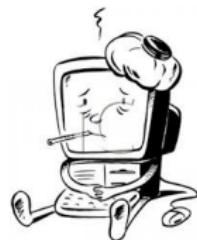


Courtesy of G. Yepes

# First solution

Very challenging / demanding because huge computer resources are required in terms of:

- time
- memory
- storage



## Second solution: followed in this talk

Constrained simulations of the best-observed volume, i.e. our **local environment**

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

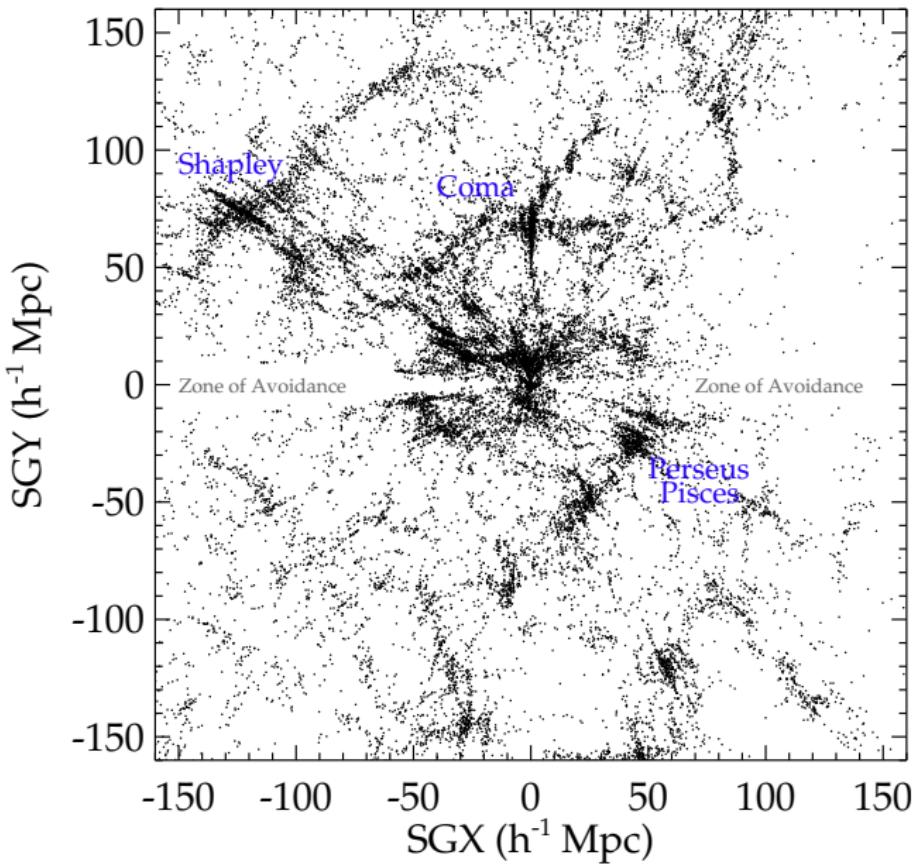
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**Reduction of the cosmic variance**

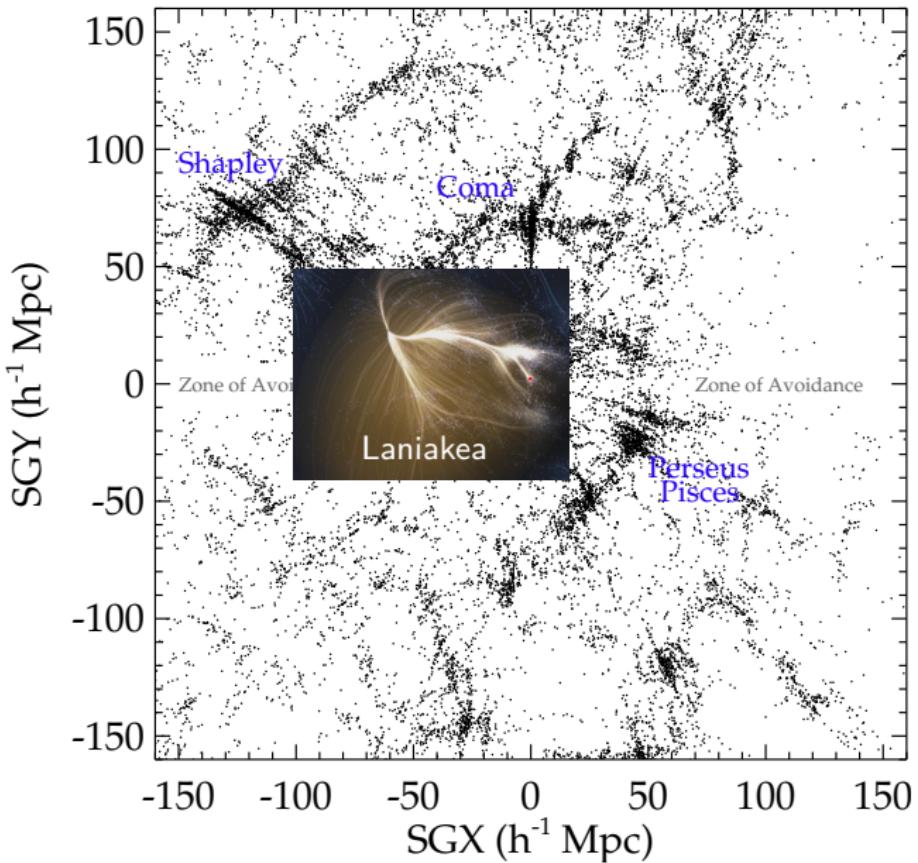


"This identical twin of yours...  
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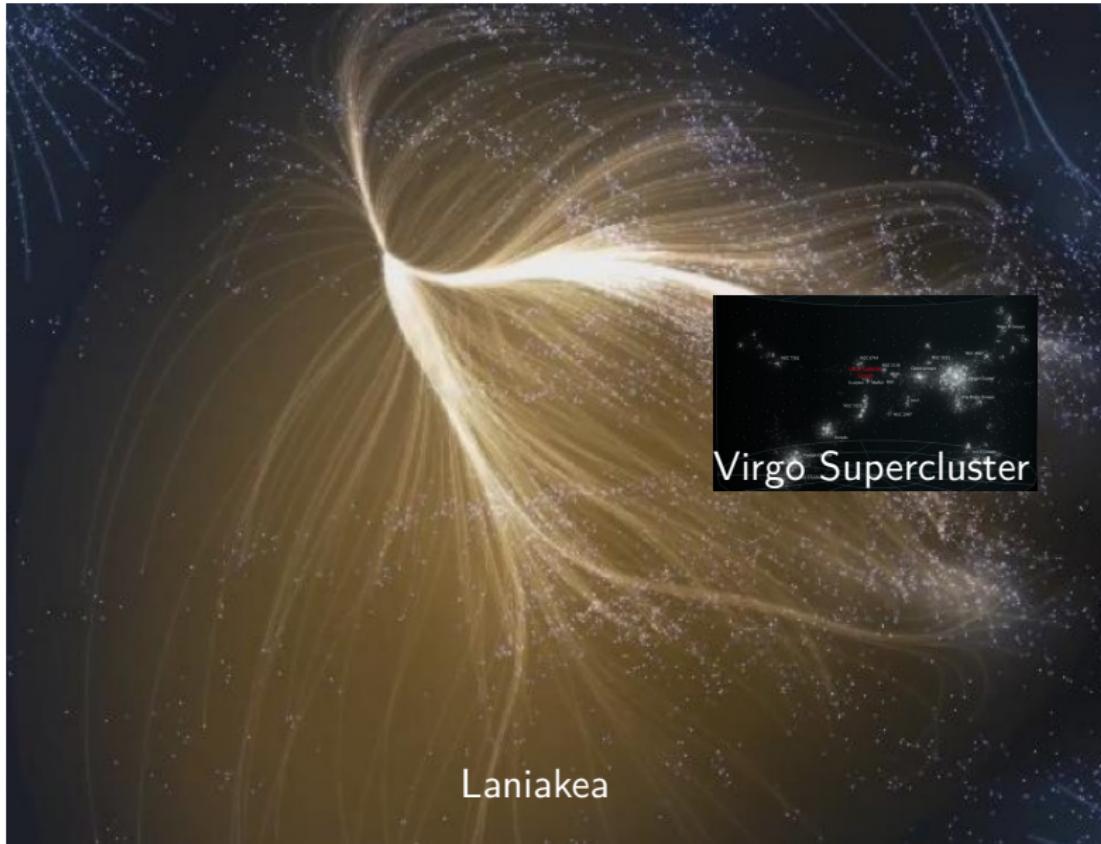
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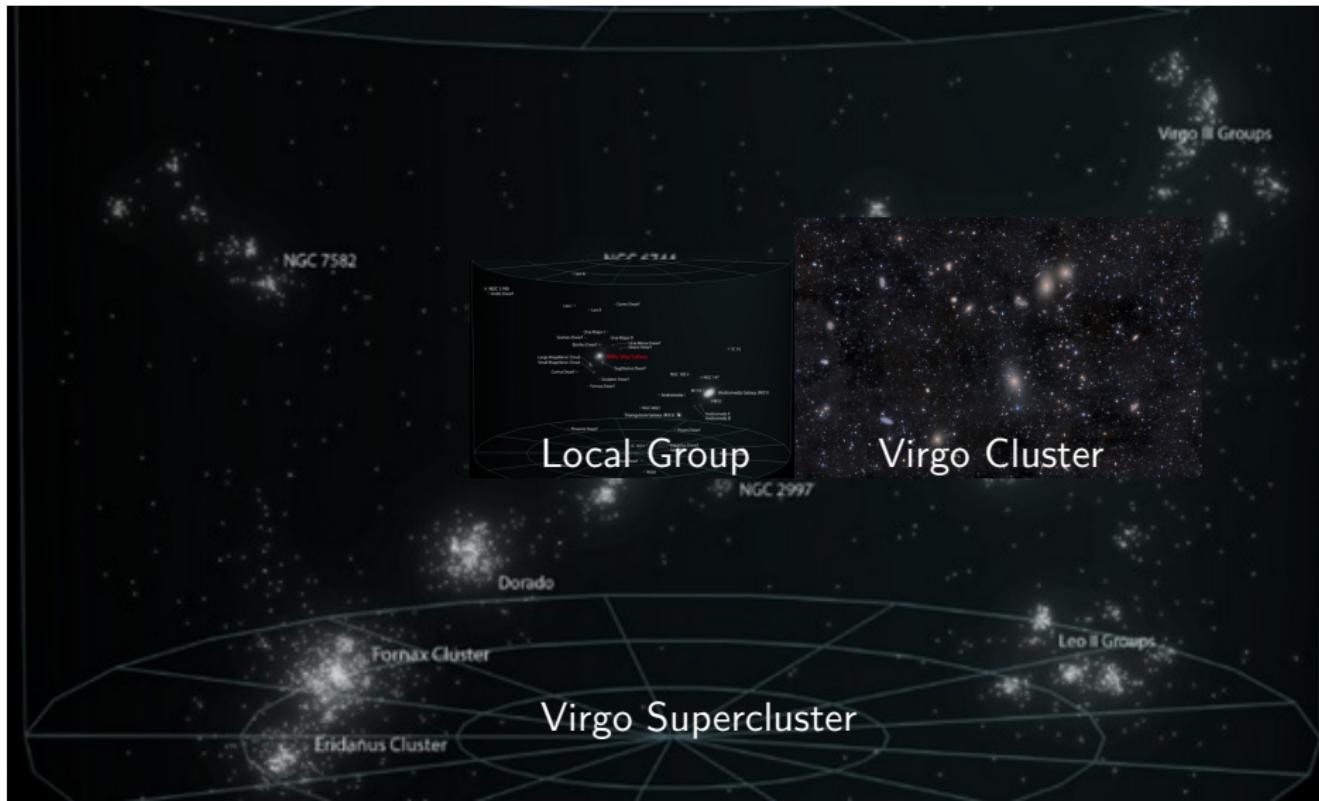


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Laniakea

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- observations:  
radial peculiar velocities

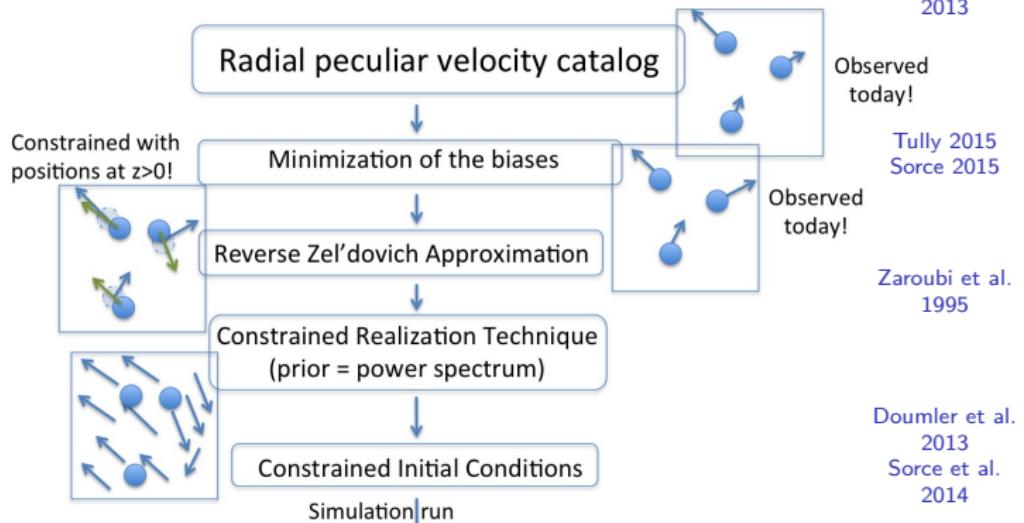


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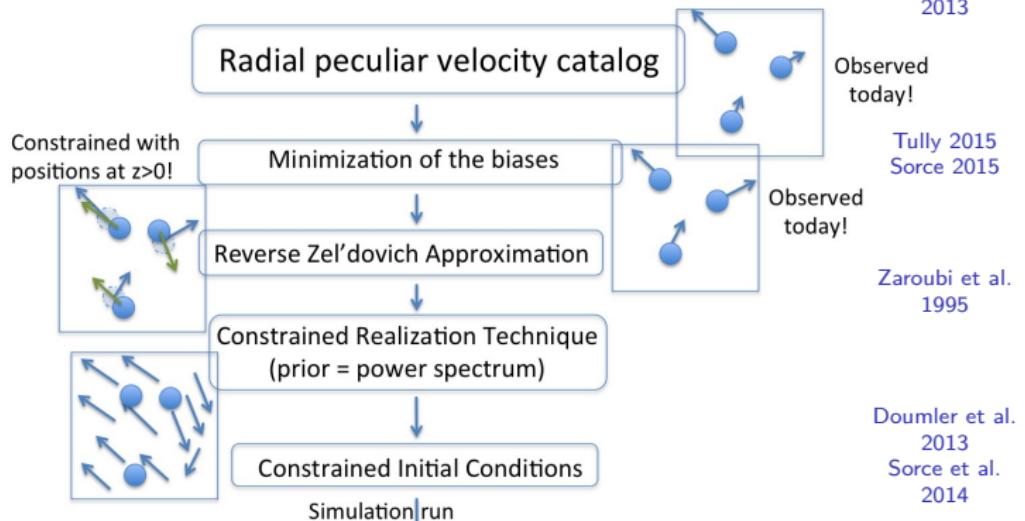
- observations:  
radial peculiar velocities
- simulations:  
backward method



# Summary of the method

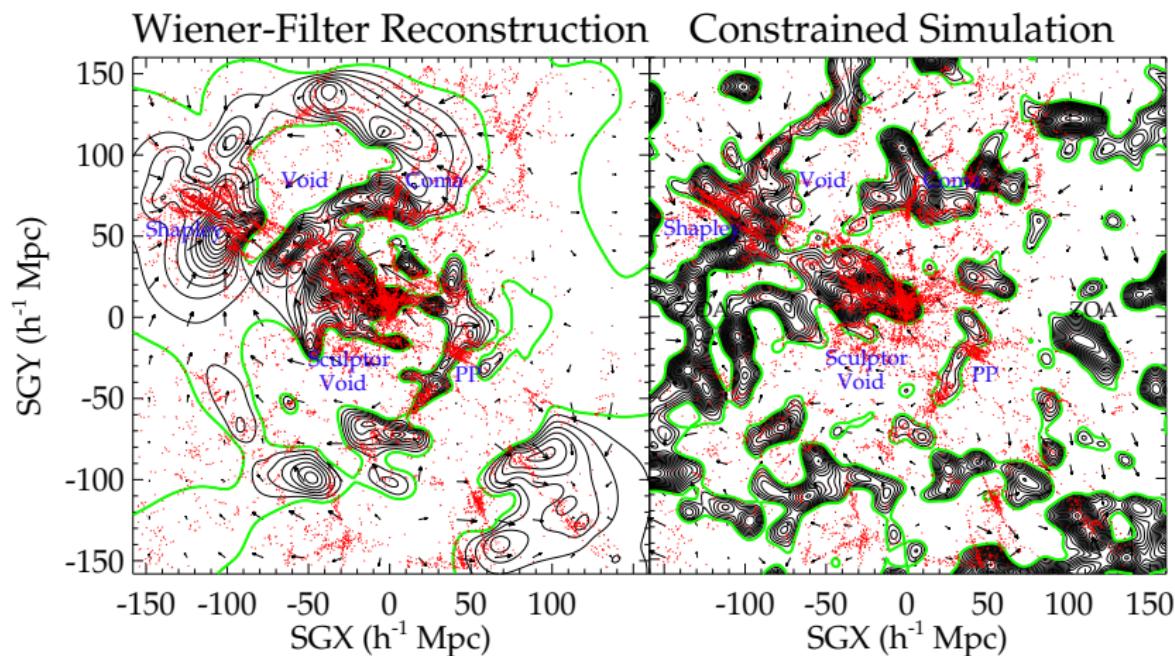


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# The local LSS: CLUES with CF2

At  $z = 0$



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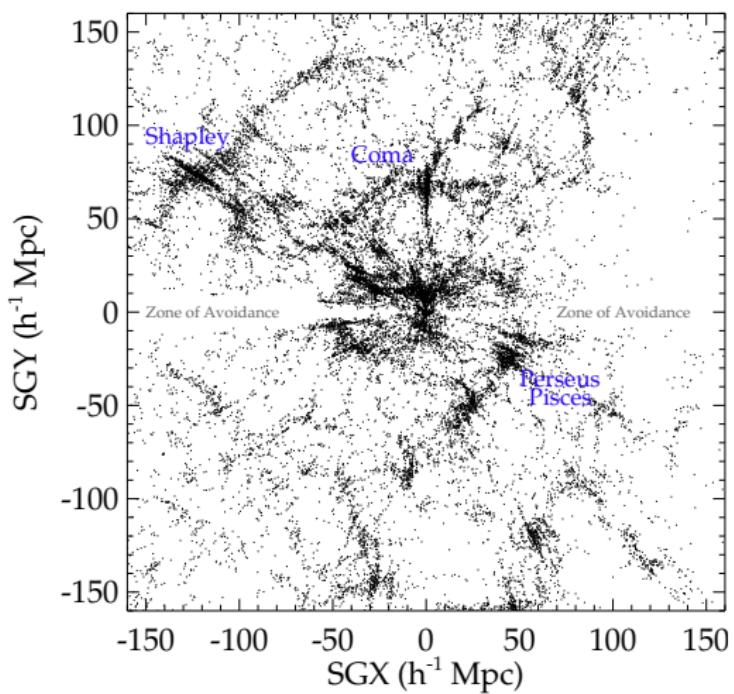
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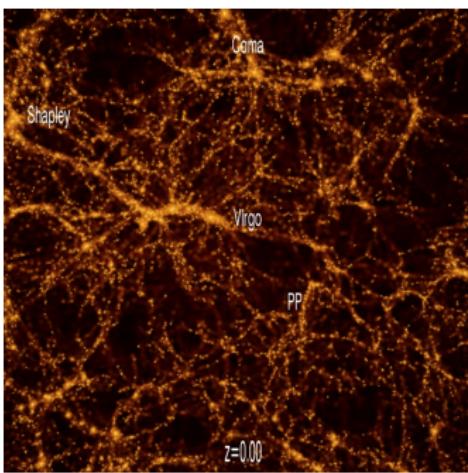
# How did the Local Universe form?

Sorce et al. 2016

Observed



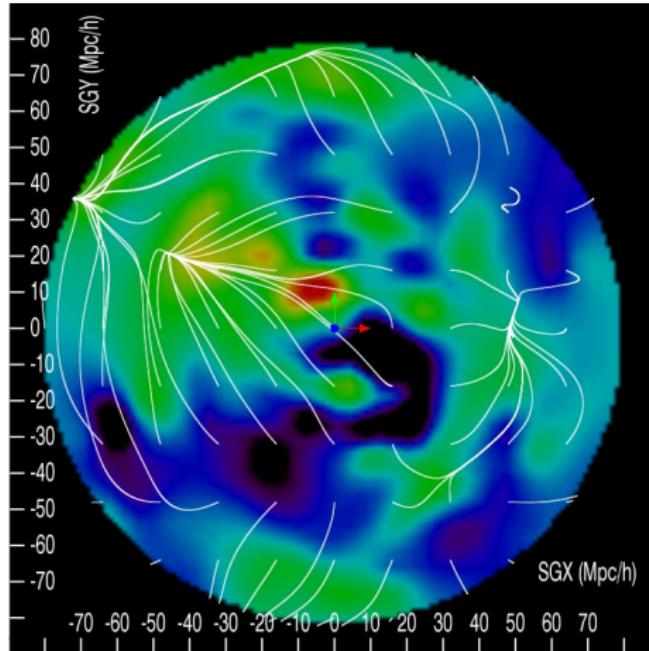
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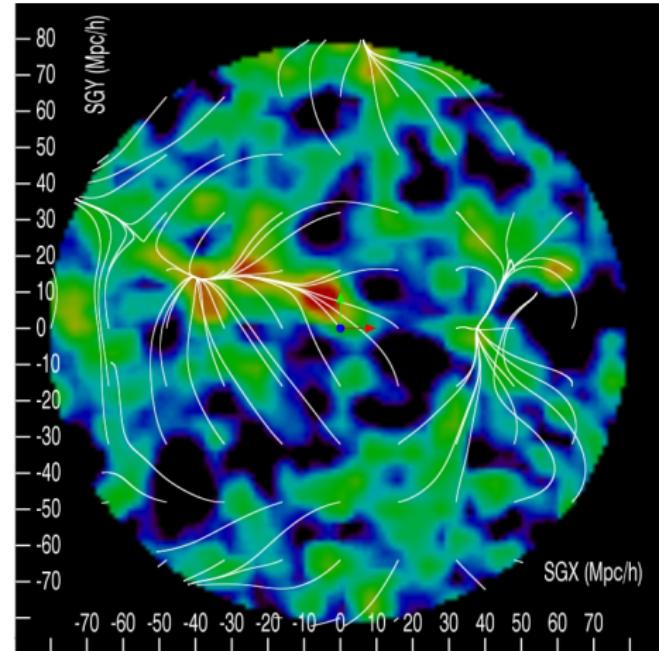
# The Laniakea Supercluster, the zero velocity surface

Sorce et al. 2016

Reconstruction

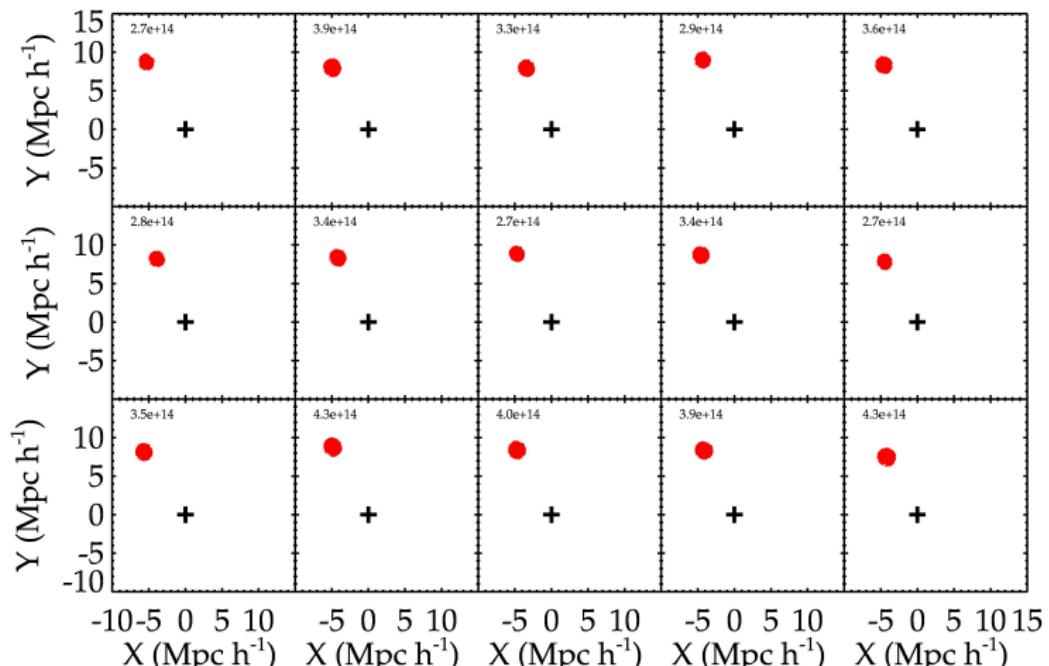


One Constrained Simulation



# How did the Virgo cluster form?

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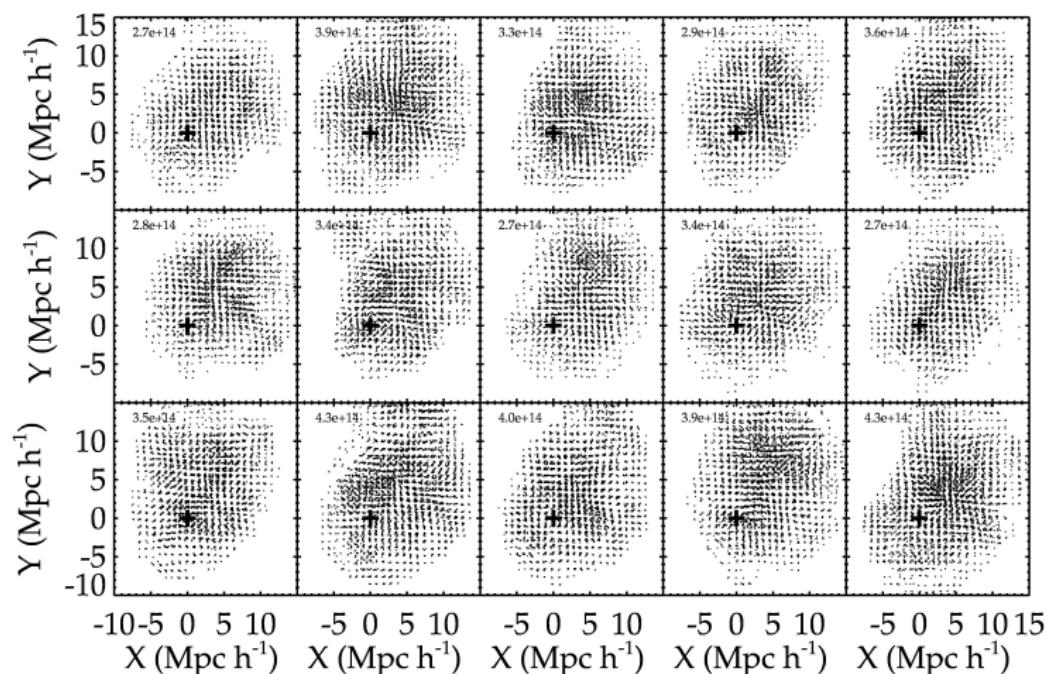


- Shift  $\sim 3\text{-}4 \text{ } h^{-1} \text{ Mpc}$
- Mass within  $\sim [0.5, 2]$  estimated mass (Ludlow & Porciani 2011)

 $M_{200}$

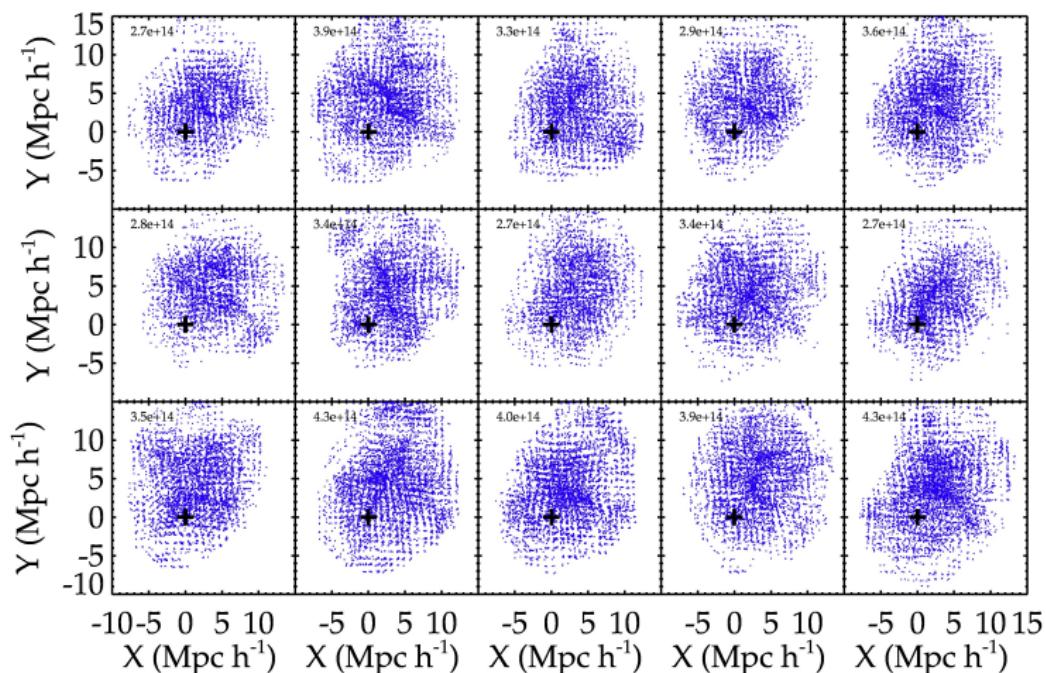
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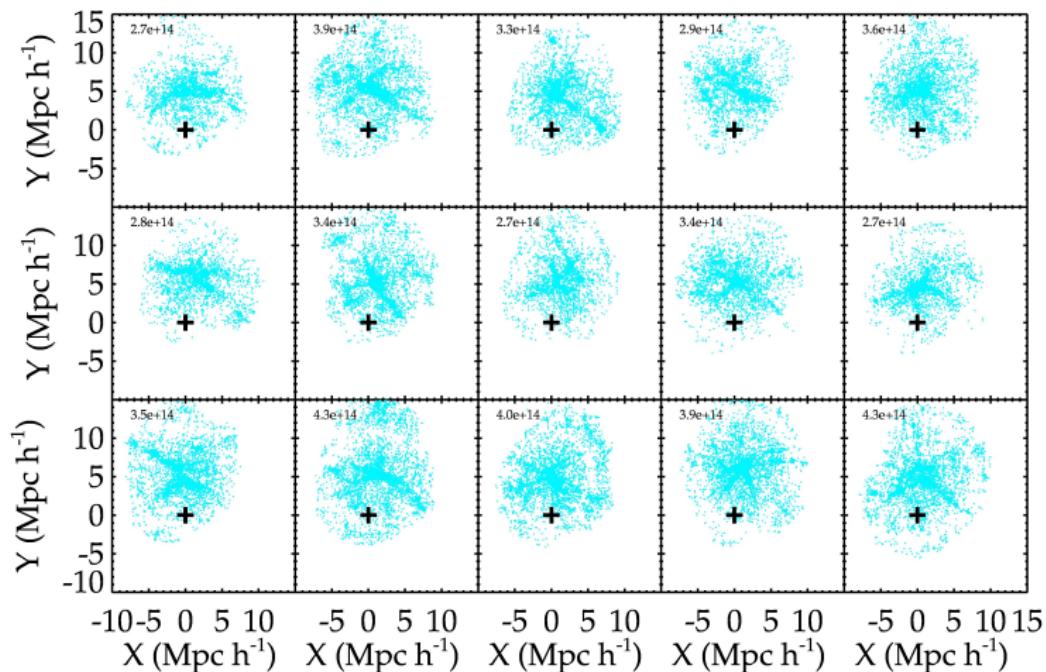
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Dark Matter Haloes - Virgo Candidates: Particles at  $z=5$ .

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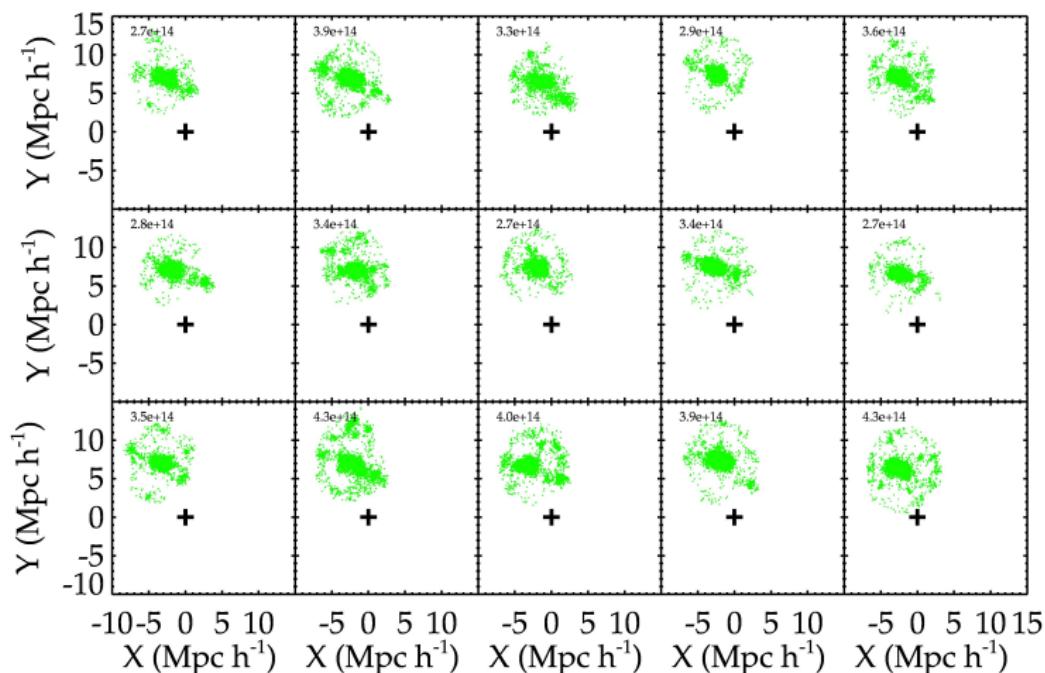
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Dark Matter Haloes - Virgo Candidates: Particles at  $z=2$ .

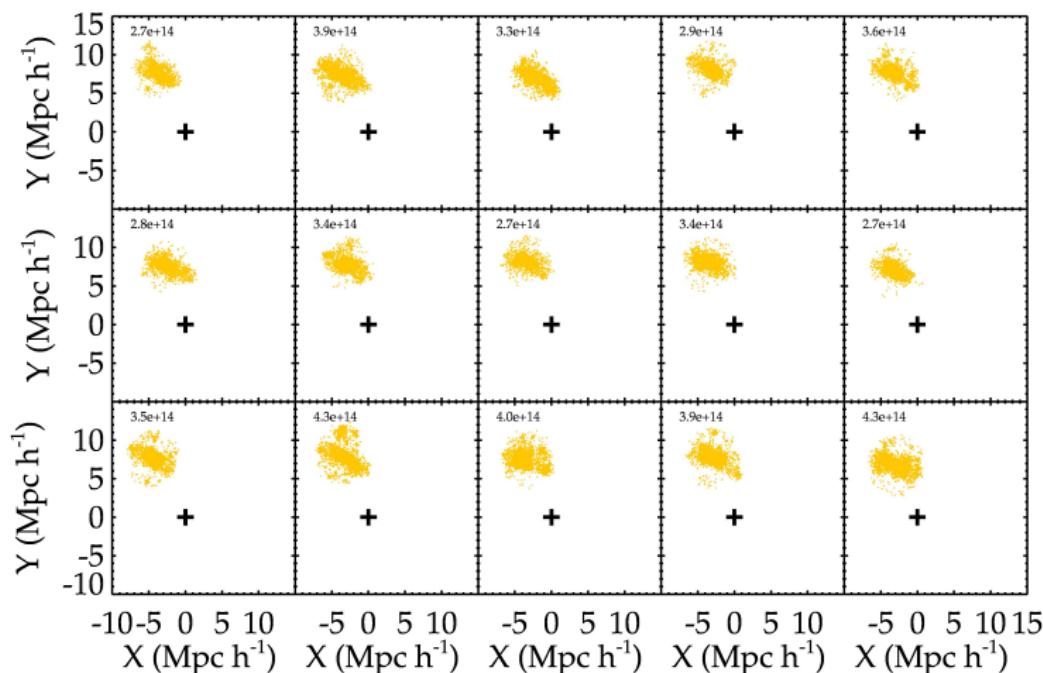
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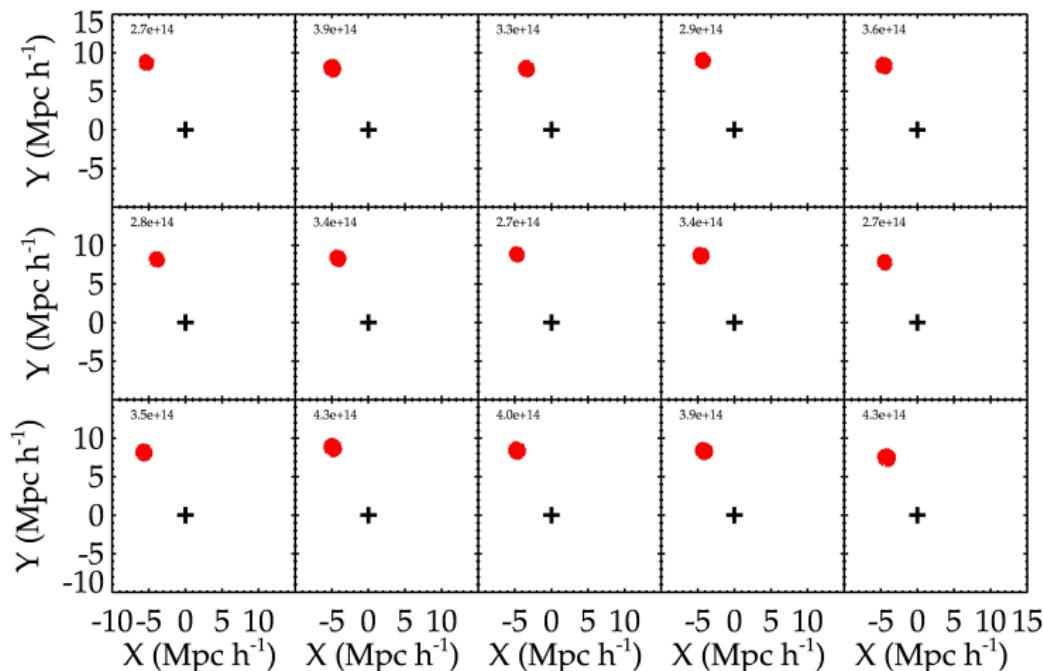
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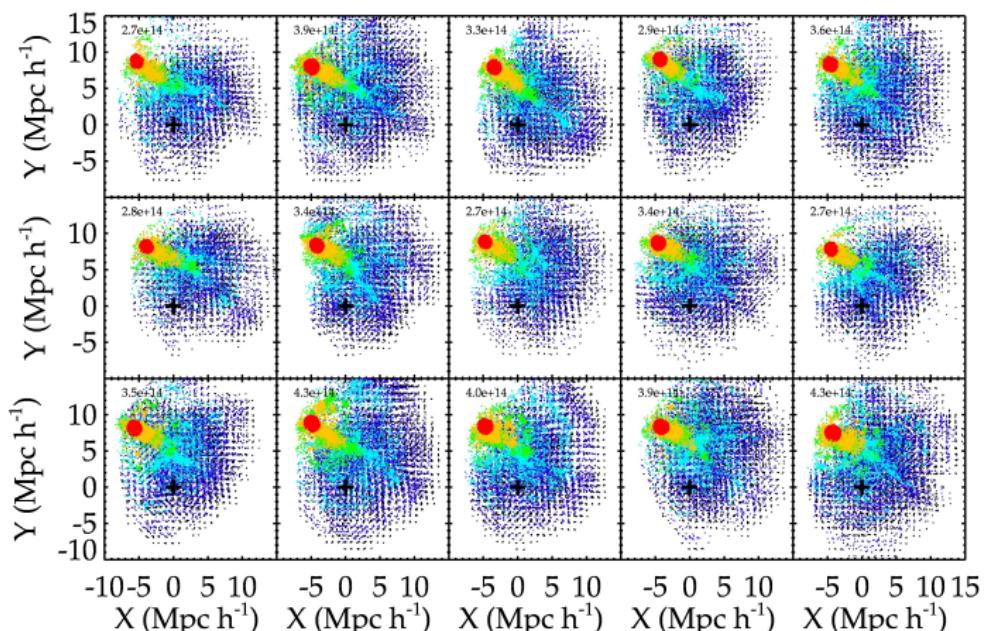
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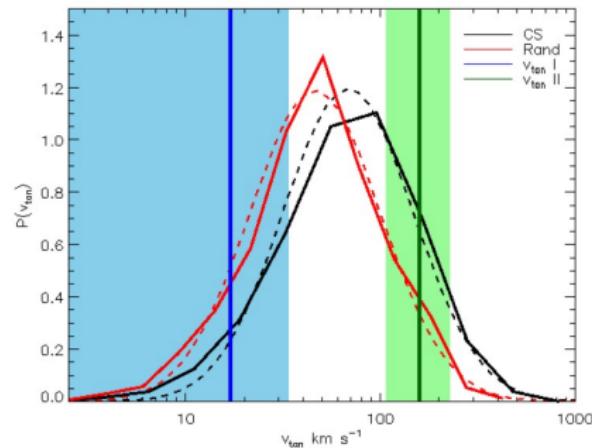
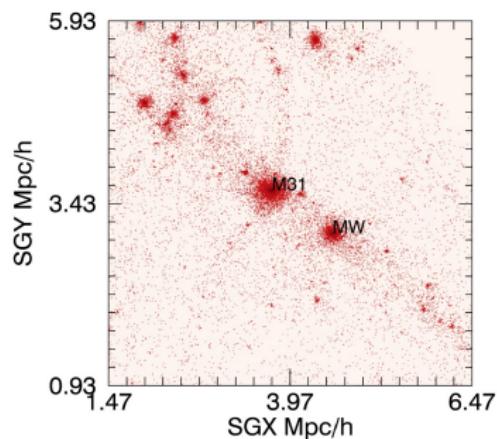
Dark Matter Haloes - Virgo Candidates:

- Similar formation / evolution

One color per redshift:

10, 5, 2, 0.5, 0.25, 0

# The Local Group



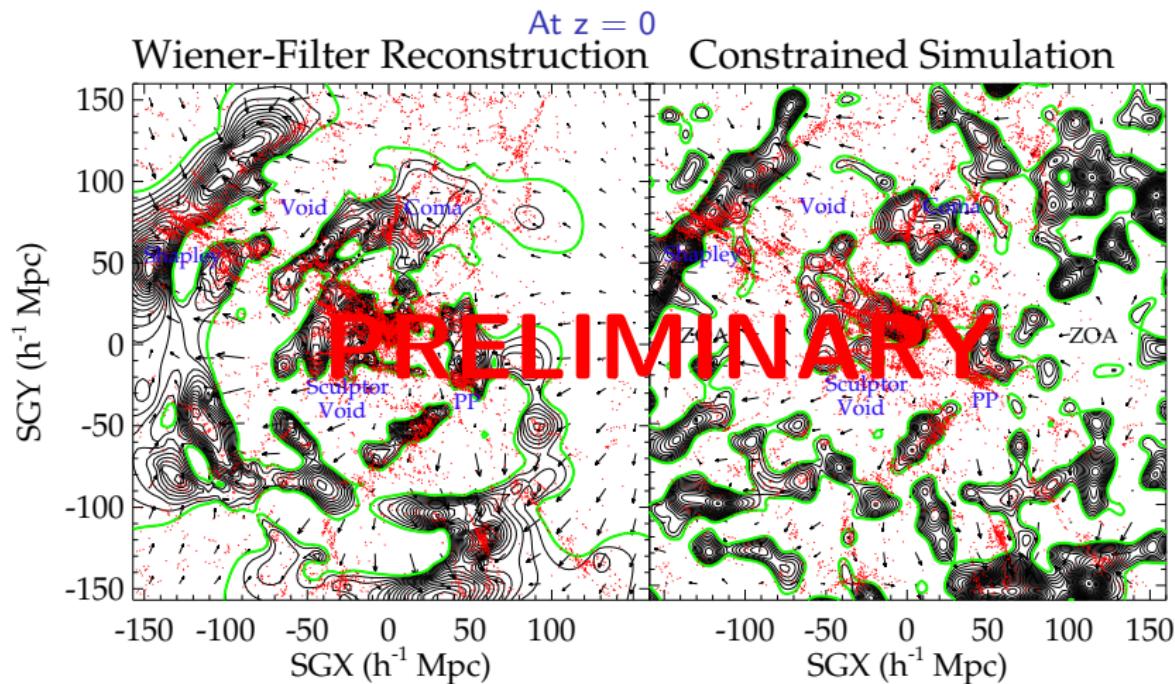
**The Local Group factory**  
Carlesi, Sorce et al. 2016

**Higher tangential velocity preferred**  
Carlesi, Hoffman, Sorce et al. 2016

Sohn et al. 2016:  $17 \pm 4$  km s<sup>-1</sup>  
Salomon et al. 2016:  $64 \pm 61$  km s<sup>-1</sup>

# Preliminary results with CF3

Sorce et al. 2016



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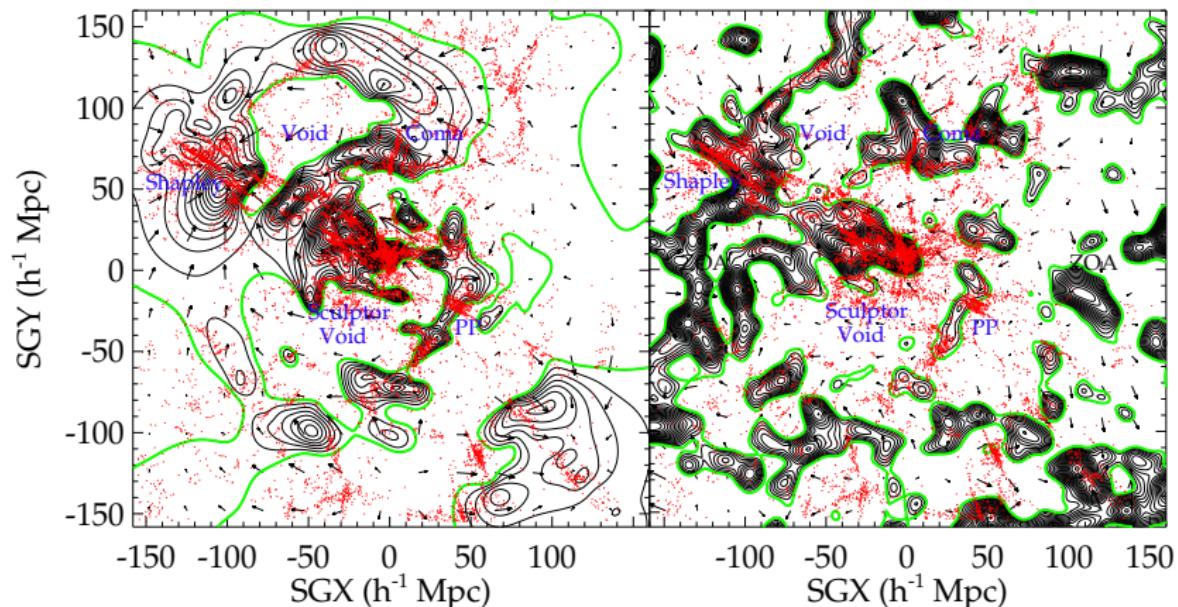
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# CLUES with CF2

At  $z = 0$

## Wiener-Filter Reconstruction      Constrained Simulation



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# Conclusion & Prospectives

## Problems:

... on the small scales

... we reside in a local environment

... the best and most detailed observations  
are **only** available close by for comparisons!

## Solutions to study, etc them:

Use **constrained simulations** !

(A lot is, will be or can be available ! Just ask)



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

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