

# Cosmic Filament Detection Under the Survey Geometry

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*Cosmic Web* is a large-scale network structure revealing that the matter in our Universe is not uniformly distributed ([Zel'Dovich, 1970; Shandarin and Zeldovich, 1989; Bond et al., 1996](#)).

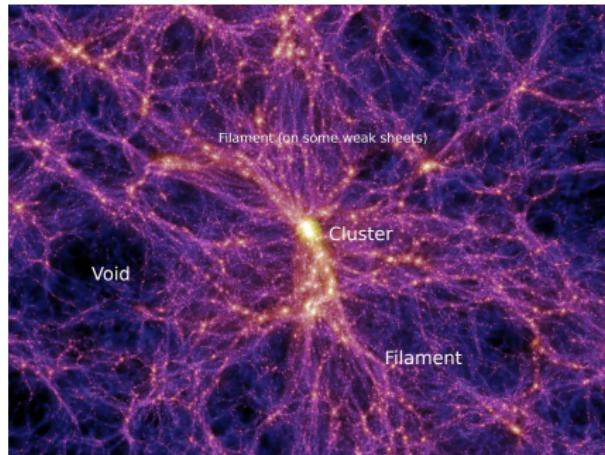


Figure 1: Characteristics of *Cosmic Web* (credited to the millennium simulation project ([Springel et al., 2005](#))).

In this talk, we present a novel methodology to detect cosmic filaments as well as the nodes on the filaments based on the newly released SDSS-IV galaxy observations.

- Our algorithm is adaptive to the survey geometry.
- Our filament model is statistically consistent.

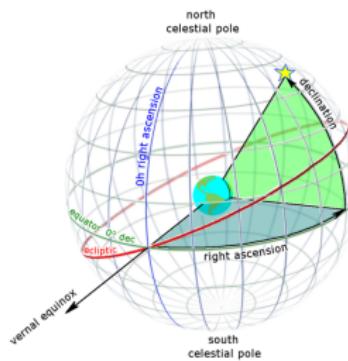


Figure 2: Illustration of right ascension (RA) and declination (DEC) (Image Courtesy of Wikipedia).

\* Notice that each astronomical object has a coordinate (RA,DEC,Redshift) in the survey data, where (RA,DEC) encodes its position on the celestial sphere.

- They connect complexes of super-clusters ([Lynden-Bell et al., 1988](#)).
- They contain information about the global cosmology and the nature of dark matter ([Zhang et al., 2009](#); [Tempel et al., 2014](#)).
- The trajectory of cosmic microwave background light can be distorted due to cosmic filaments, creating the weak lensing effect.

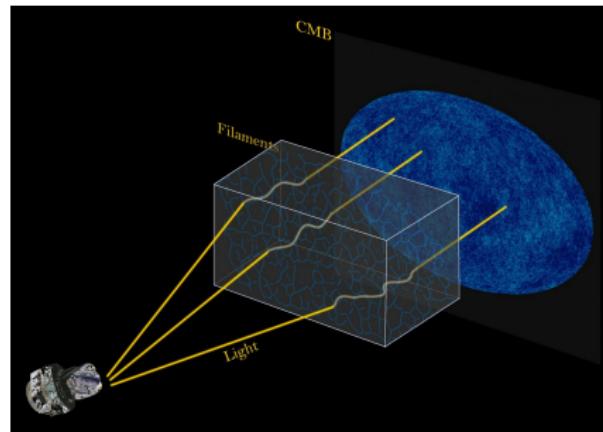


Figure 3: Illustration of the bending trajectory of CMB lights (credit to Siyu He, Shadab Alam, Wei Chen, and Planck/ESA; see [He et al. \(2018\)](#) for details).

In astronomical survey data, such as SDSS or the Dark Energy Survey, the positions of observed objects are recorded as

$$\{(\alpha_1, \delta_1, Z_1), \dots, (\alpha_n, \delta_n, Z_n)\},$$

where, for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,

- $\alpha_i \in [0, 360^\circ]$  is the *right ascension* (RA), i.e., celestial longitude,
- $\eta_i \in [-90^\circ, 90^\circ]$  is the *declination* (DEC), i.e., celestial latitude,
- $Z_i \in (0, \infty)$  is the *redshift* value.

The existing filament detection methods applied to survey data come from two different categories:

- **3D method:** Convert redshifts into (comoving) distances ([Tempel et al., 2014](#); [Sousbie et al., 2011](#)).
- **2D method:** Slice the Universe into thin redshift slices ([Chen et al., 2015b](#); [Duque et al., 2021](#)).

Our method can easily switch between the above two categories.

The tomographic filament detection has its own advantages over 3D methods:

- It controls the redshift distortions along the line-of-sight direction (i.e., the *finger-of-god* effect).
- The measurement error in one slice won't propagate to other slices.
- It helps reduce computational cost...

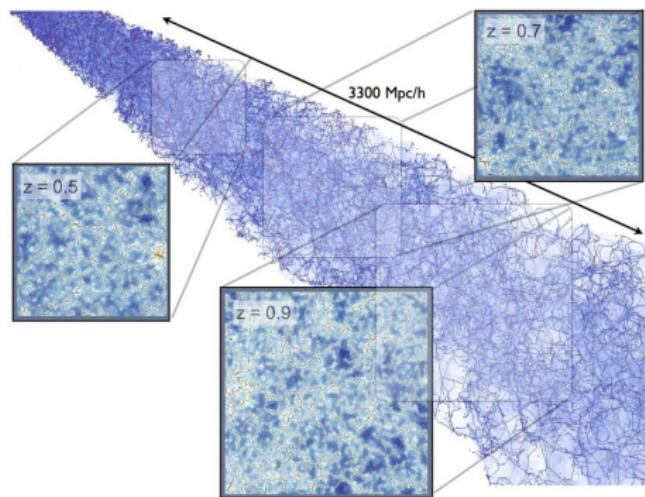


Figure 4: Illustration of slicing the Universe (credit to [Laigle et al. 2018](#))

# W Previous 2D Methods on Survey Data

With each slice, says  $z = 0.470\text{--}0.475$ ,

- the redshift values of observed objects are thought to be identical.
- the locations of these objects, encoded by their (RAs, DECs), are considered in a flat Euclidean space.

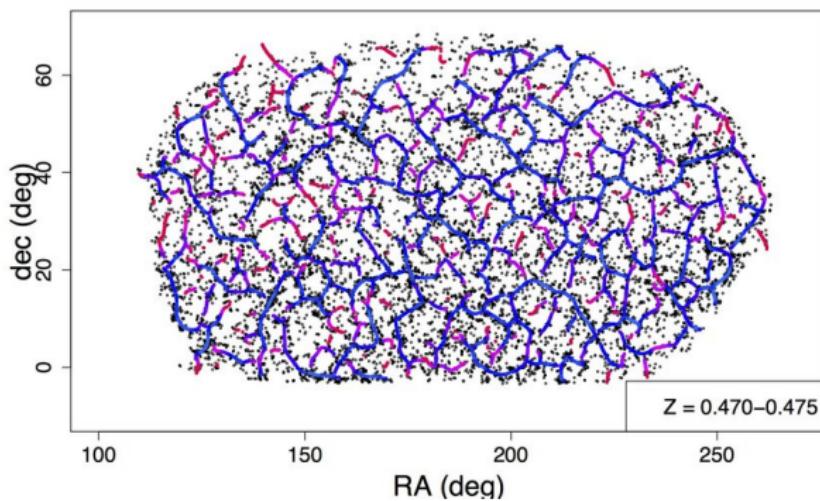
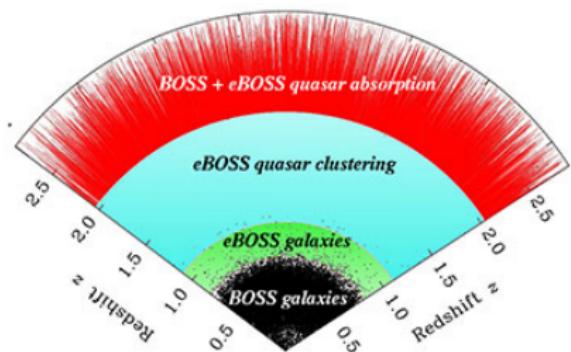


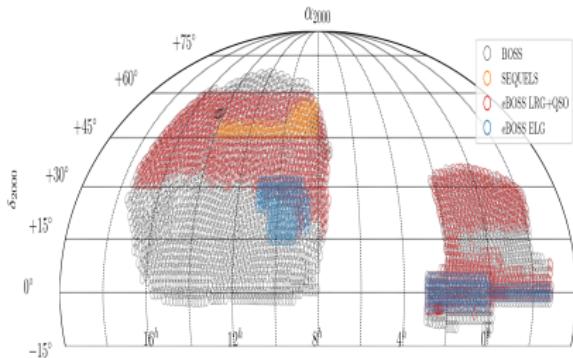
Figure 5: Cosmic filaments via density ridges on a 2D slice (Chen et al., 2015b, 2016)

The slices ( $\Delta z = 0.005$ ) in the survey data are not some flat 2D planes, but some **spherical shells**, which have a *nonlinear curvature*!

- Recall that the locations of astronomical objects in a slice are recorded by  $\{(\alpha_i, \delta_i)\}_{i=1}^n$  on a celestial sphere.



(a) Planned eBOSS coverage of the Universe (credit to M. Blanton and SDSS)



(b) BOSS/eBOSS Spectroscopic Footprint as of DR16 (credit to SDSS)

**Setup:** Suppose that we want to recover the true ring/filament structure across the North and South pole of a unit sphere given some noisy data points from it.

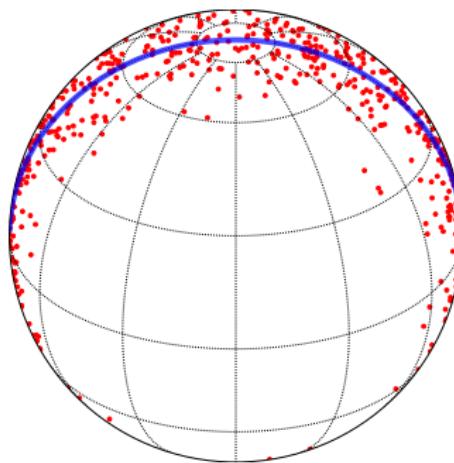
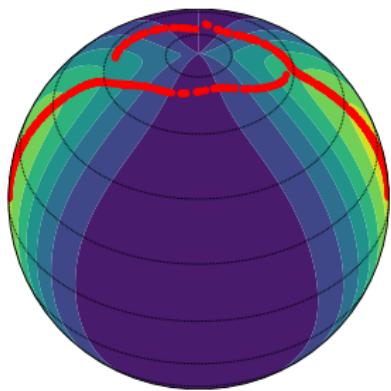
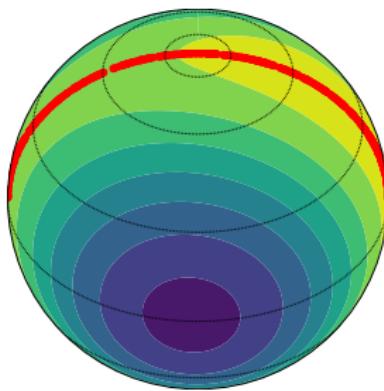


Figure 7: Noisy observations (red points) and the underlying true ring/filament structure (blue line)

The background contour plots are kernel density estimators on the flat plane  $[-90^\circ, 90^\circ] \times [0^\circ, 360^\circ]$  and unit sphere  $\Omega_2 = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 : \|x\|_2 = 1\}$ , respectively.



(a) Euclidean SCMS Method.



(b) Directional SCMS Method.

\* SCMS: subspace constrained mean shift ([Ozertem and Erdogan, 2011](#)).

(Directional) density ridges are generalized local maxima (within some subspaces) of the underlying density function (on  $\Omega_q$ ).

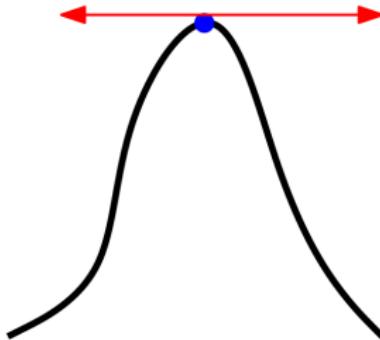
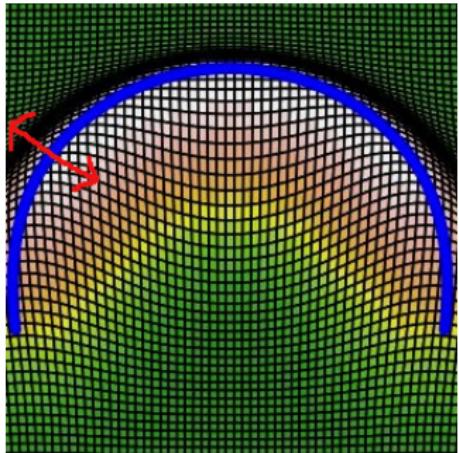


Figure 9: Density ridge (lifted onto the underlying density function; [Chen et al. 2015a](#))

Under our scenario of detecting cosmic filaments within a spherical (redshift) slice,  $q = 2$  and  $d = 1$ .

- A smooth density function  $f : \Omega_q \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . ( $q = 2$  in a spherical slice.)
- Riemannian gradient  $\text{grad } f(\mathbf{x})$  and Riemannian Hessian  $\mathcal{H}f(\mathbf{x})$ .
- Denote  $V_d(\mathbf{x}) = [\mathbf{v}_{d+1}(\mathbf{x}), \dots, \mathbf{v}_q(\mathbf{x})] \in \mathbb{R}^{(q+1) \times (q-d)}$  with columns as the second to the last eigenvectors of  $\mathcal{H}f(\mathbf{x})$  lying within the tangent space  $T_{\mathbf{x}}$  at  $\mathbf{x} \in \Omega_q$ .

$\implies$

Local modes of  $f$  on  $\Omega_q$ :

$$\mathcal{M} \equiv \text{Mode}(f) = \{\mathbf{x} \in \Omega_q : \text{grad } f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}, \lambda_1(\mathbf{x}) < 0\}$$

Order- $d$  density ridge on  $\Omega_q$  (or directional density ridge) of  $f$ :

$$\mathcal{R}_d \equiv \text{Ridge}(f) = \{\mathbf{x} \in \Omega_q : V_d(\mathbf{x})V_d(\mathbf{x})^T \text{grad } f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}, \lambda_{d+1}(\mathbf{x}) < 0\}.$$

\* Note that the Riemannian Hessian  $\mathcal{H}f(\mathbf{x})$  has a unit eigenvector  $\mathbf{x}$  that is orthogonal to  $T_{\mathbf{x}}$  and corresponds to eigenvalue 0.

**Question:** How can we recover the directional density ridges (or equivalently, cosmic filaments) from some discrete observations?

**1. Density Estimation:** We estimate the galaxy distribution via the *directional kernel density estimator* (KDE; [Hall et al. 1987](#); [Bai et al. 1988](#)).

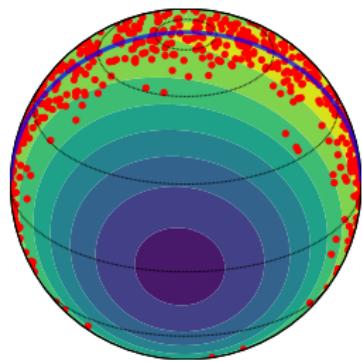


Figure 10: Counter plot of directional KDE

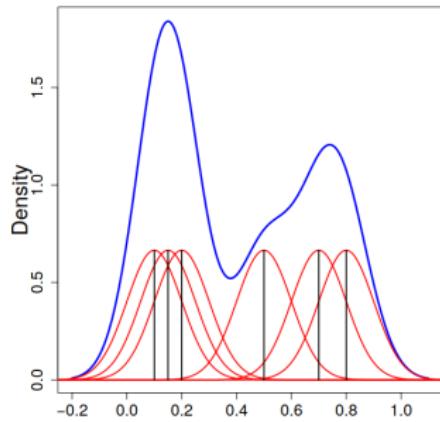


Figure 11: Illustration of one-dimensional KDE ([Chen, 2017](#))

**2. Filament Estimation:** We propose the directional subspace constrained mean shift (DirSCMS) algorithm ([Zhang and Chen, 2021c](#)), which iterates a point on  $\Omega_2$  along the (subspace constrained) gradient of directional KDE.

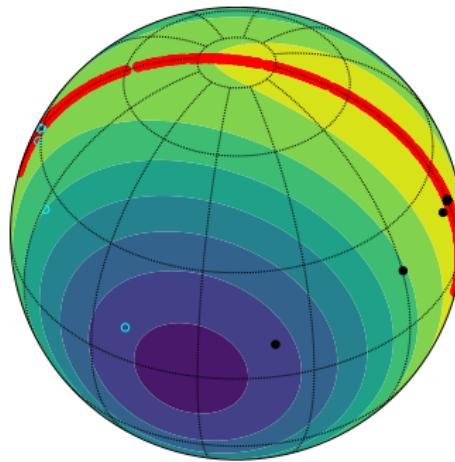
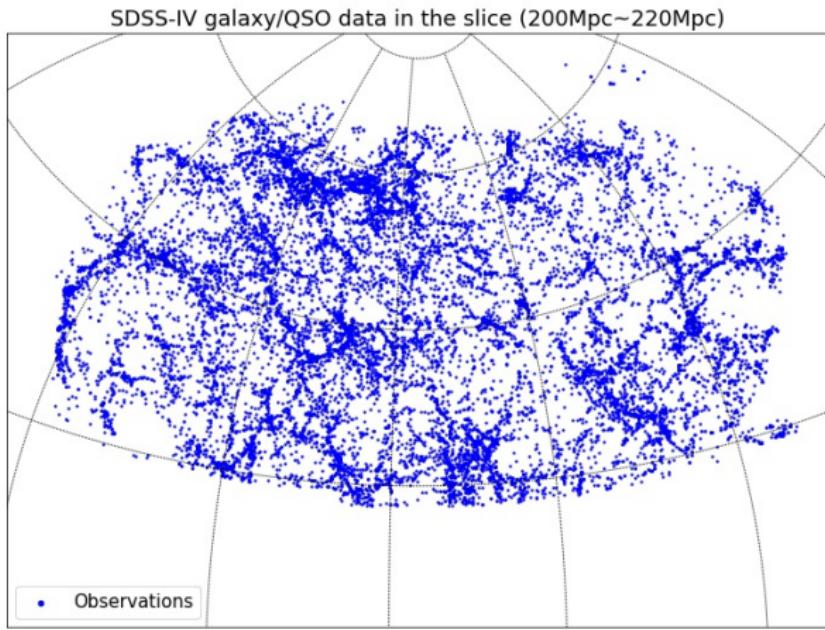


Figure 12: Two DirSCMS iterative paths

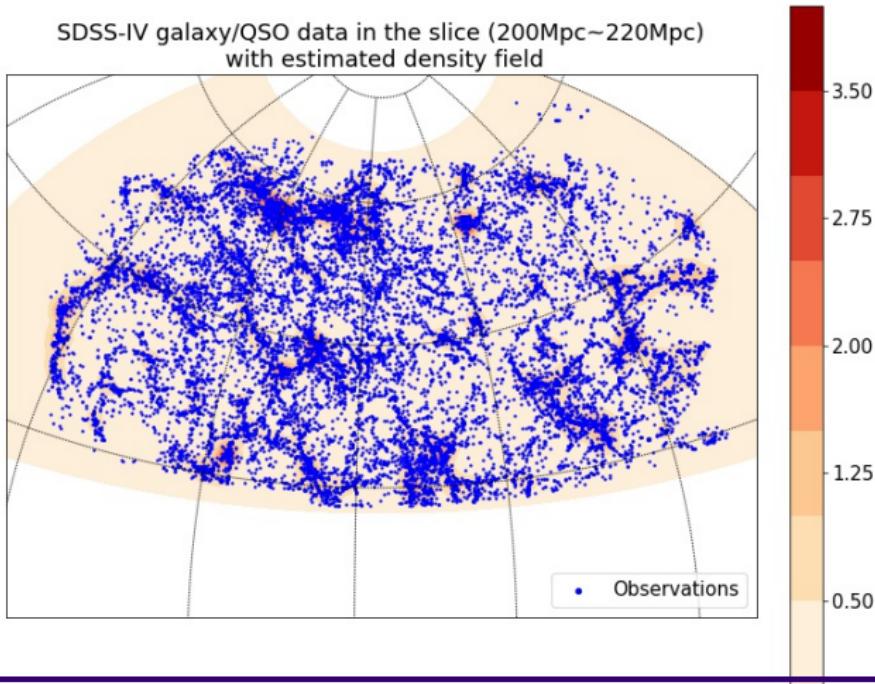
**Step 1 (Slicing the Universe):** Partition the redshift range into 325 spherical slices based on the comoving distance  $\Delta L = 20 \text{ Mpc}$ .

- Within each slice, we consider the redshifts of galaxies to be the same so that the galaxies are located on a sphere.



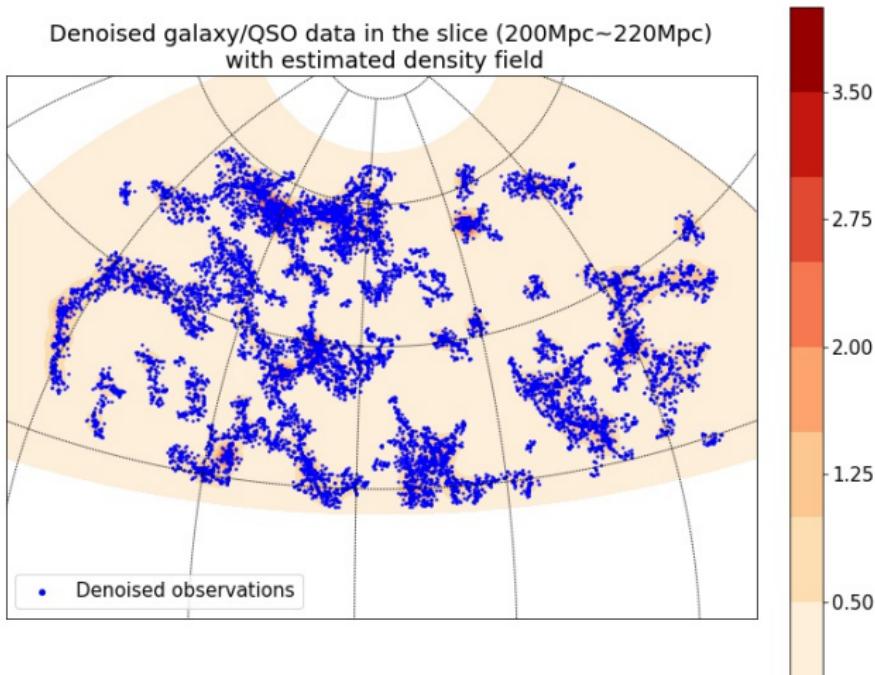
**Step 2 (Density Estimation):** Estimate the galaxy density field via directional KDE.

- The bandwidth parameter is selected in a data-adaptive approach.

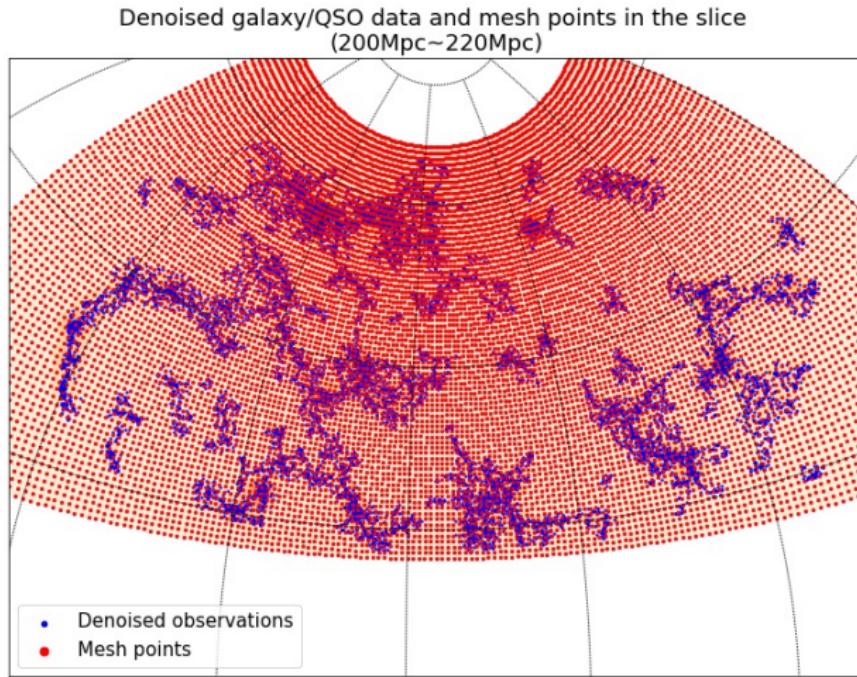


**Step 3 (Denoising):** Remove the observations with low-density values.

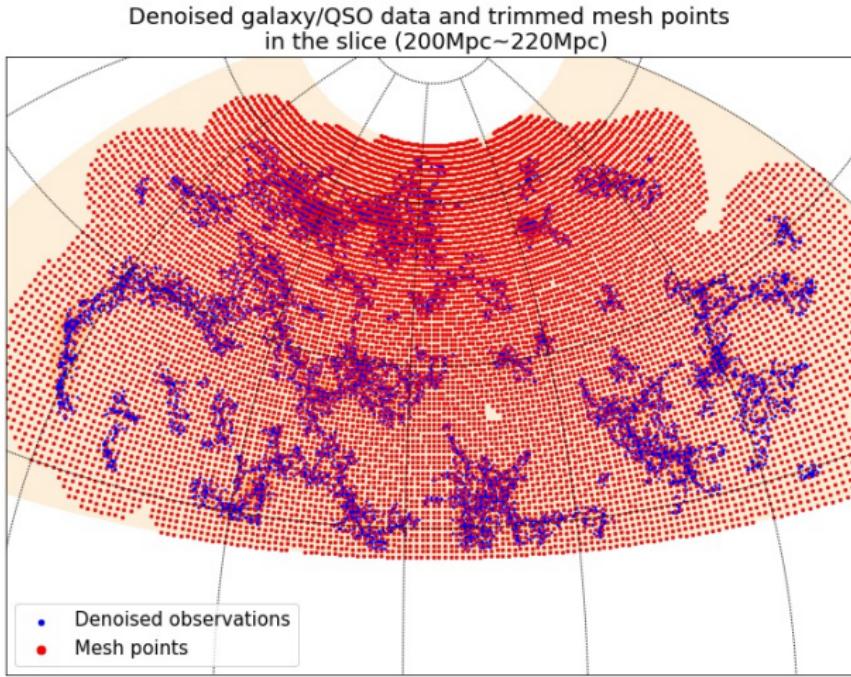
- We keep at least 80% of the original galaxy data in the slice.



**Step 4 (Laying Down the Mesh Points):** We place a set of dense mesh points on the interested region, which are the initial points of our DirSCMS iterations.



**Step 5 (Thresholding the Mesh Points):** We discard those mesh points with low-density values and keep 85% of the original mesh points.



**Step 6 (DirSCMS Iterations):** We iterate our DirSCMS algorithm on each remaining mesh point until convergence.

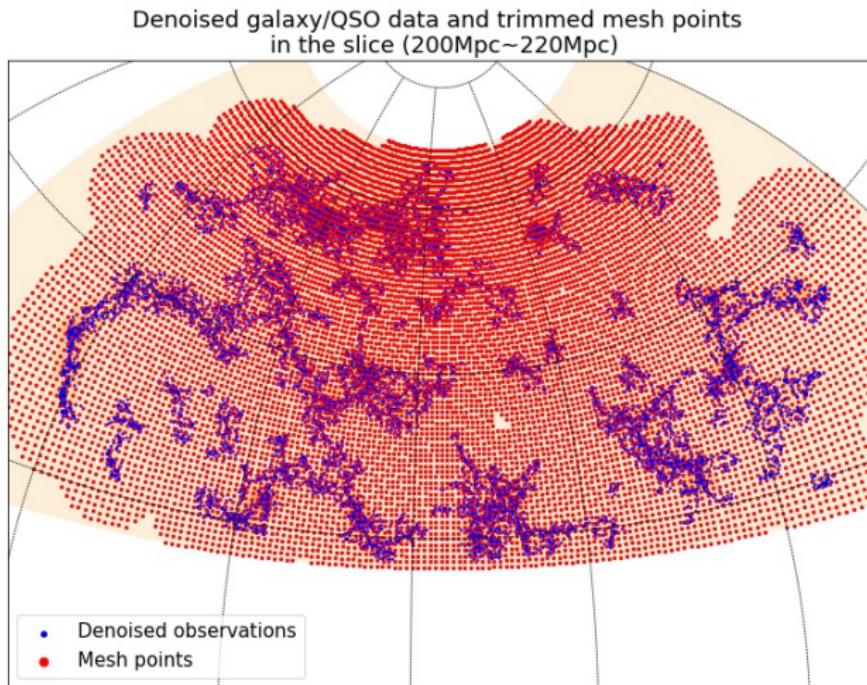


Figure 13: DirSCMS Iterations (Step 0).

**Step 6 (DirSCMS Iterations):** We iterate our DirSCMS algorithm on each remaining mesh point until convergence.

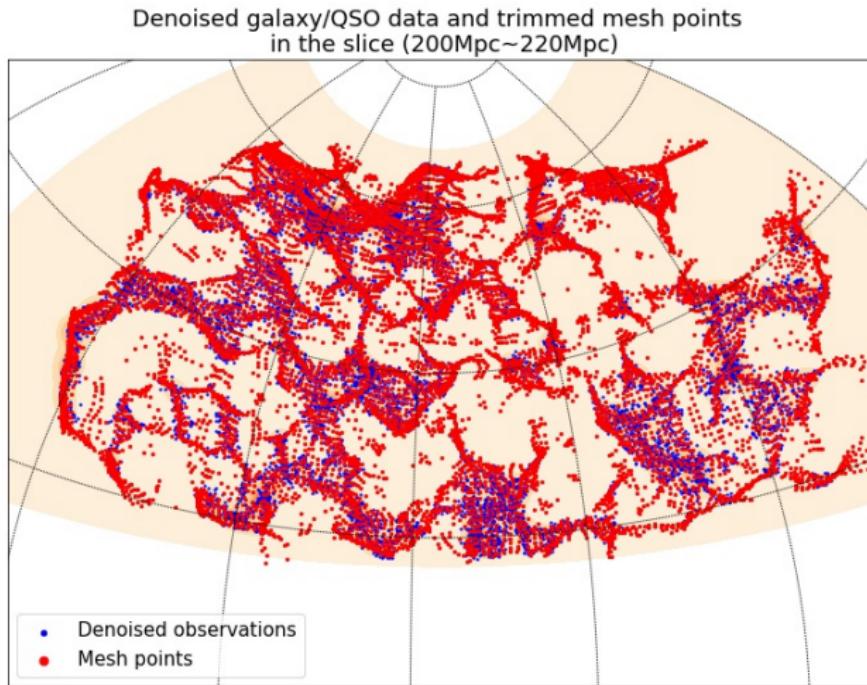


Figure 13: DirSCMS Iterations (Step 1).

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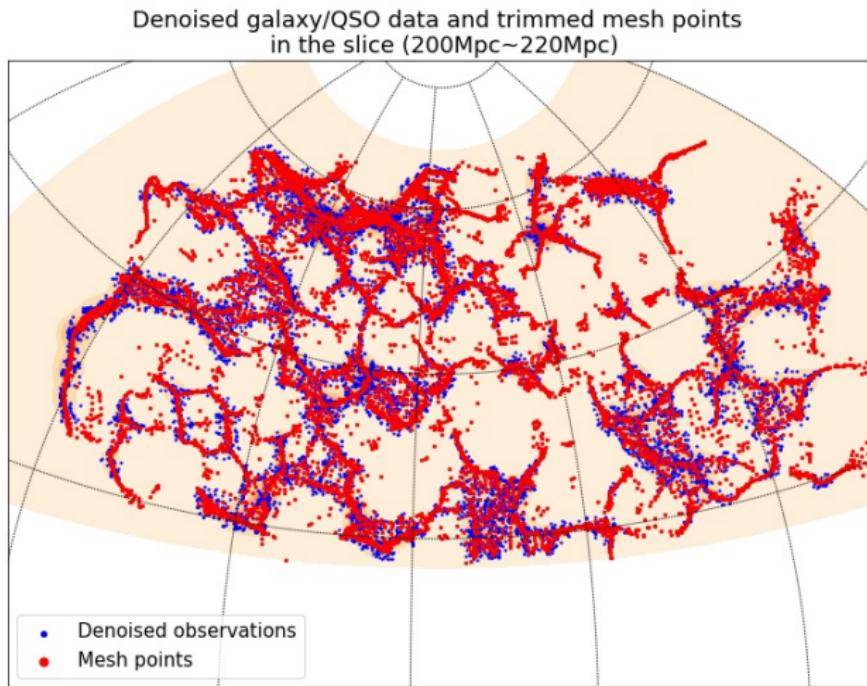


Figure 13: DirSCMS Iterations (Step 2).

**Step 6 (DirSCMS Iterations):** We iterate our DirSCMS algorithm on each remaining mesh point until convergence.

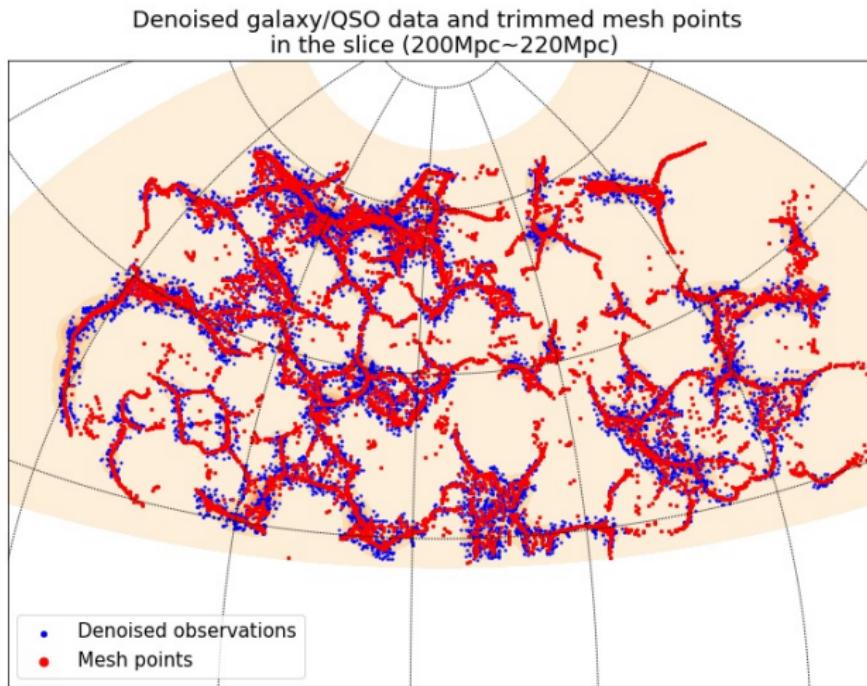


Figure 13: DirSCMS Iterations (Step 3).

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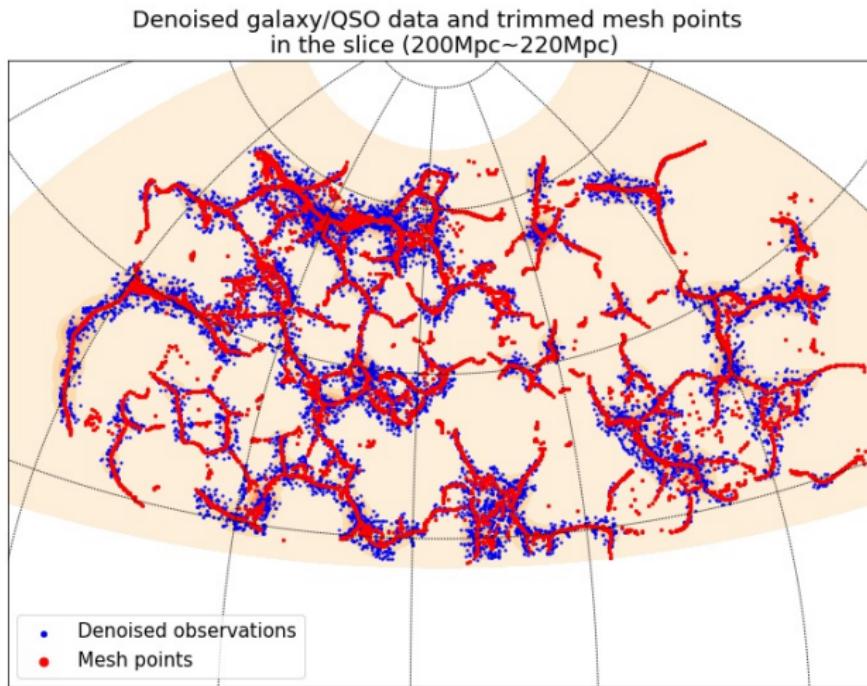


Figure 13: DirSCMS Iterations (Step 5).

**Step 6 (DirSCMS Iterations):** We iterate our DirSCMS algorithm on each remaining mesh point until convergence.

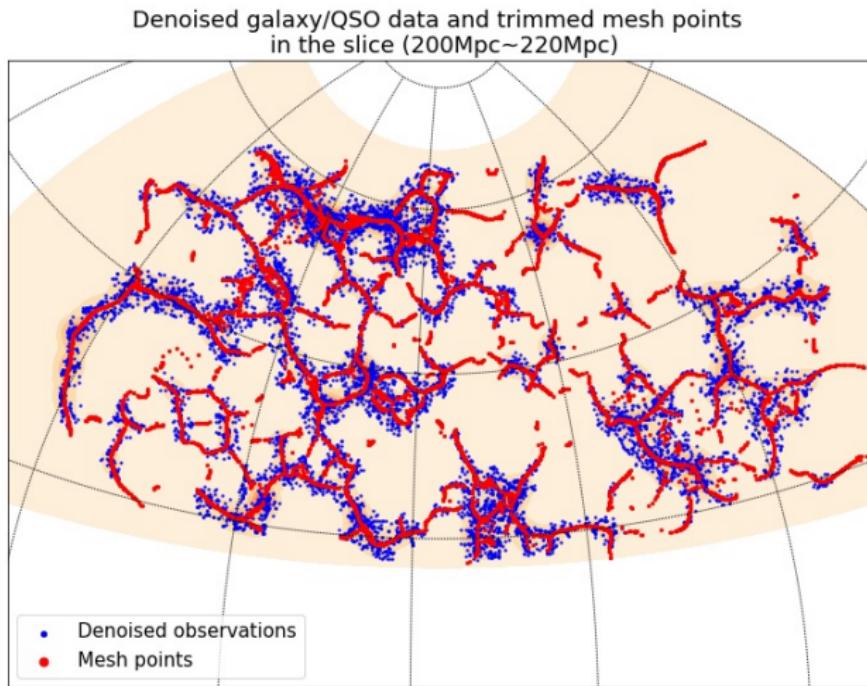


Figure 13: DirSCMS Iterations (Step 8).

**Step 6 (DirSCMS Iterations):** We iterate our DirSCMS algorithm on each remaining mesh point until convergence.

SDSS-IV Galaxy/QSO data and detected filaments by DirSCMS algorithm in the slice (200Mpc~220Mpc)

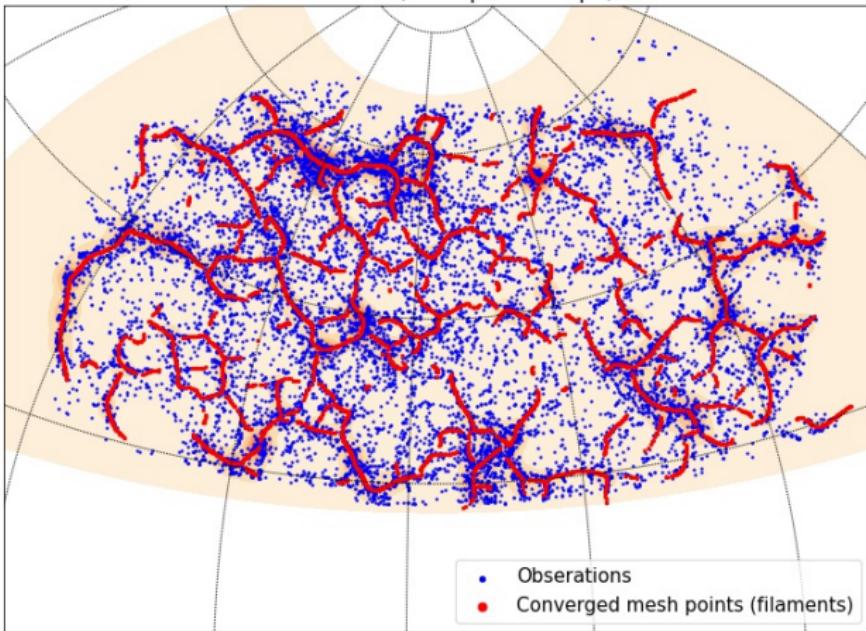


Figure 13: DirSCMS Iterations (Final).

**Step 7 (Mode and Knot Estimation):** We seek out the local modes and knots on the filaments as cosmic nodes.

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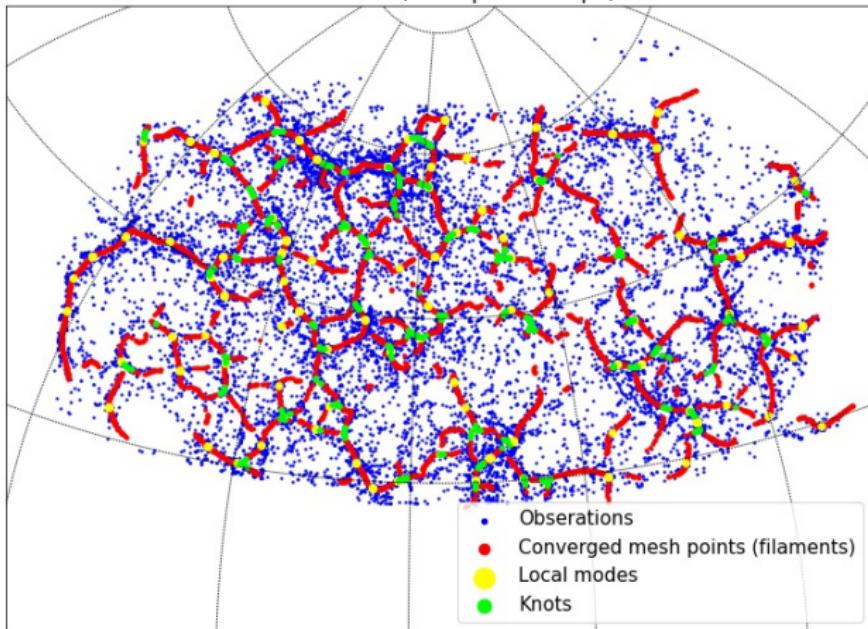


Figure 14: Nodes on the detected filaments.

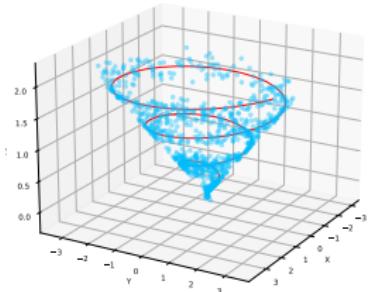
Recall that the survey data  $\{(\alpha_i, \delta_i, Z_i)\}_{i=1}^n \in \Omega_2 \times \mathbb{R}^+$  is directional-linear.

- We consider extending our DirSCMS algorithm to estimate the cosmic filaments (*i.e.*, density ridges) in a directional-linear product space ([Zhang and Chen, 2021a](#)).
- We adopt the directional-linear KDE ([García-Portugués et al., 2015](#)) with  $\mathbf{X}_i \in \Omega_2$  being the Cartesian coordinate of  $(\phi_i, \eta_i)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ :

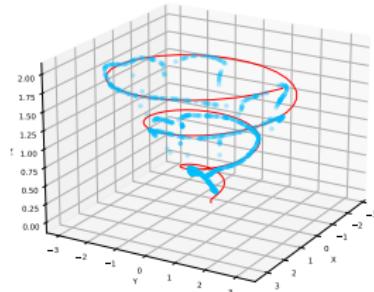
$$\widehat{f}_h(\mathbf{x}, z) = \frac{C_{L,2}(h_1)}{nh_2} \sum_{i=1}^n L\left(\frac{1 - \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{X}_i}{h_1^2}\right) K\left(\frac{z - Z_i}{h_2}\right)$$

where  $L(r) = e^{-r}$  and  $K(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2}$  are the kernel functions.

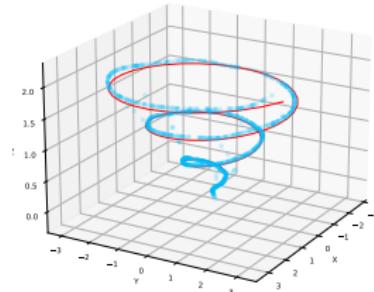
Our directional-linear SCMS algorithm is stabler than its Euclidean prototype.



(a) Simulated data points.



(b) Euclidean SCMS.



(c) Directional-linear SCMS.

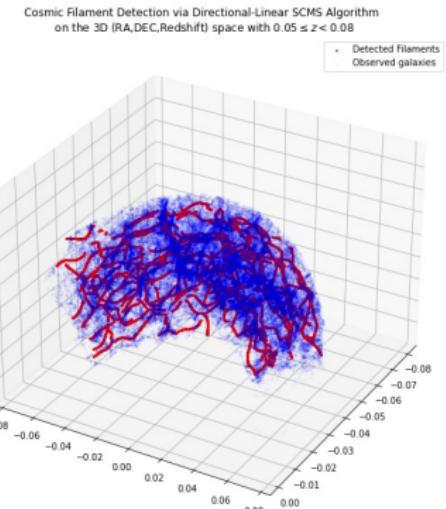
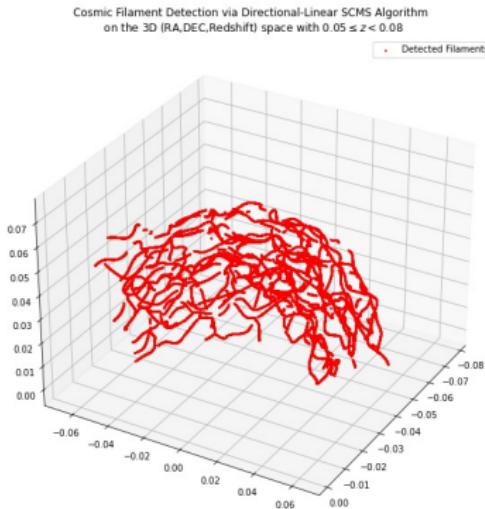


Figure 16: Cosmic filament detection in the 3D (RA,DEC,Redshift) space with our directional-linear SCMS algorithm.

- ① We compute the angular distance (or equivalently, *geodesic distance*) of each observed galaxy in the redshift range  $0.05 \leq z < 0.7$  to our detected filaments in the corresponding slice.
- ② We obtain the galaxy properties, such as stellar mass and metallicity, from the FIREFLY value-added catalog ([Wilkinson et al., 2017](#); [Maraston and Strömbäck, 2011](#)).
- ③ Our subsequent analyses focus on the following three regions:
  - **Low redshift region:**  $0.05 \leq z < 0.07$ .
  - **Medium redshift region:**  $0.25 \leq z < 0.27$ .
  - **High redshift region:**  $0.55 \leq z < 0.57$ .
- ④ We partition the galaxies within each region into several bins according to their distances to our detected filaments.

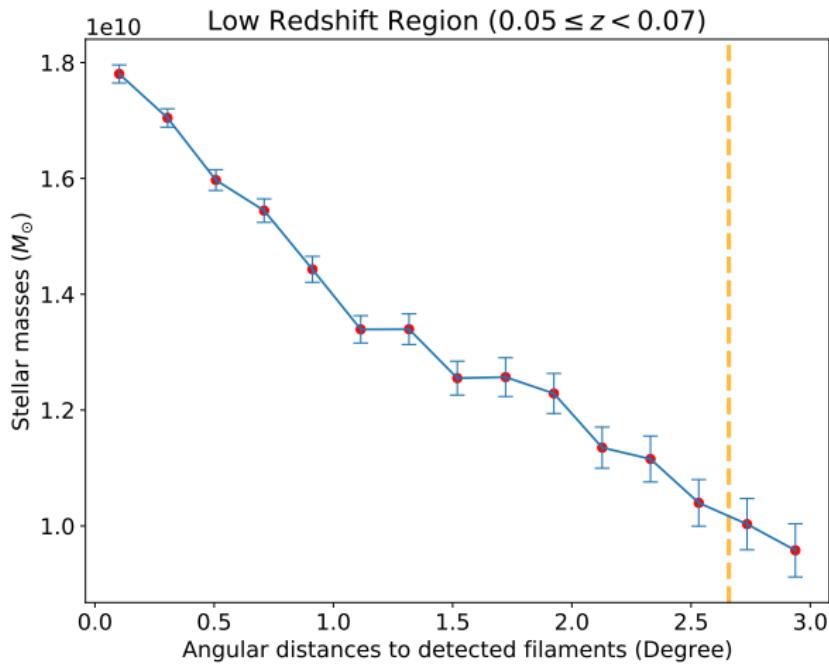


Figure 17: Comparison between stellar masses of galaxies and their distances to filaments (**Low redshift region**)

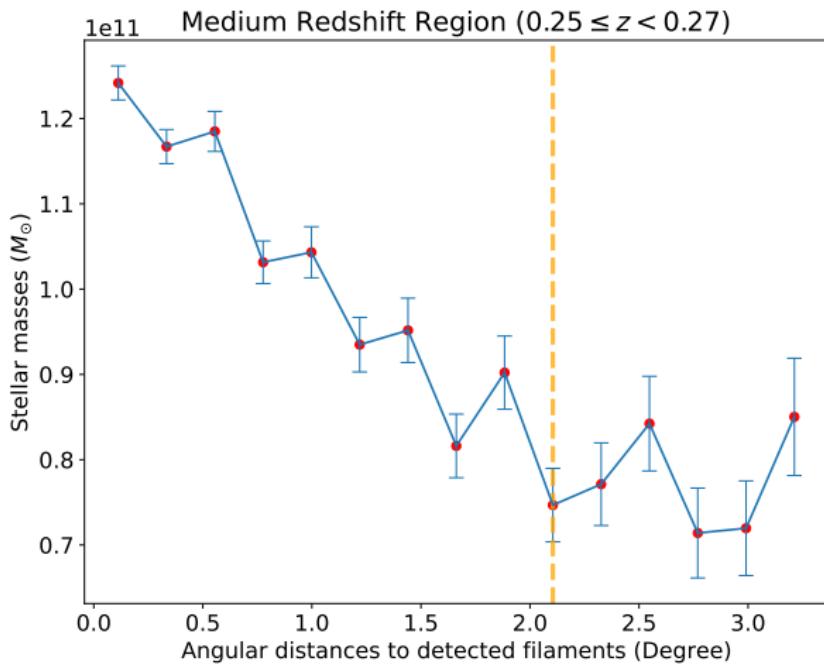


Figure 17: Comparison between stellar masses of galaxies and their distances to filaments (**Medium redshift region**)

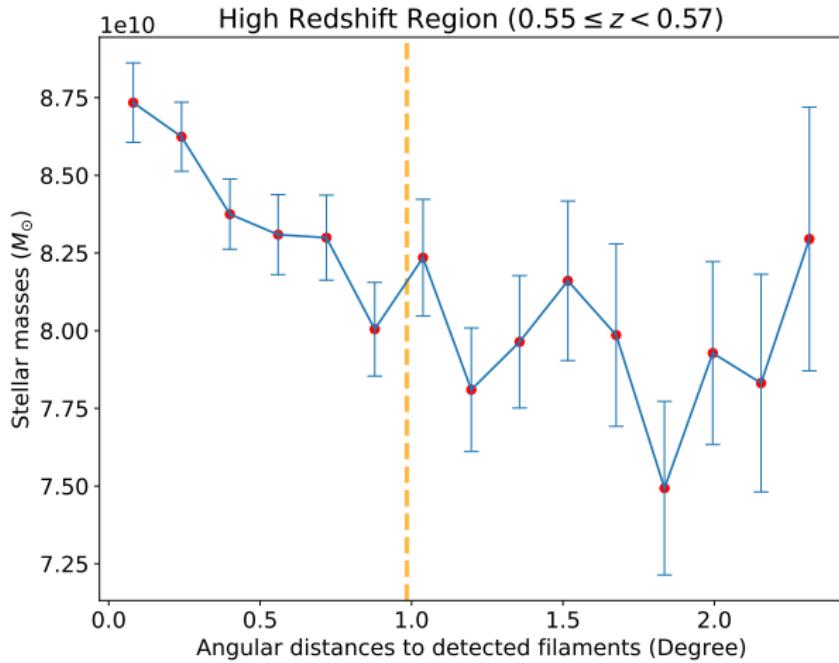


Figure 17: Comparison between stellar masses of galaxies and their distances to filaments (**High redshift region**)

In this talk, we discussed our methodology of recovering filament structures from some SDSS-IV galaxy data.

- ① Our DirSCMS algorithm took into account the survey (spherical) geometry when estimating the filament structures.
- ② We applied our method to the latest survey data (SDSS-IV, Data Release 16).
- ③ Our analyses reveal some signals that galaxies near the filaments are heavier in their stellar masses.

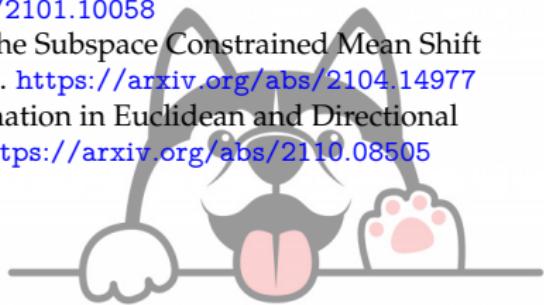
We are planning to

- Release a comprehensive cosmic web catalog.
- Analyze if other galaxy properties are correlated by cosmic web structures.
- ...

# Thank you!

More details can be found in

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Assume tentatively that the directional function  $f$  is well-defined and smooth in  $\mathbb{R}^{q+1} \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}$  (or at least in an open neighborhood  $U \supset \Omega_q$ ).

- *Riemannian gradient*  $\text{grad } f(\mathbf{x})$  on  $\Omega_q$ :

$$\text{grad } f(\mathbf{x}) = (\mathbf{I}_{q+1} - \mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^T) \nabla f(\mathbf{x}),$$

where  $\mathbf{I}_{q+1}$  is the identity matrix in  $\mathbb{R}^{(q+1) \times (q+1)}$ .

- *Riemannian Hessian*  $\mathcal{H}f(\mathbf{x})$  on  $\Omega_q$  ([Zhang and Chen, 2021b](#)):

$$\mathcal{H}f(\mathbf{x}) = (\mathbf{I}_{q+1} - \mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^T) [\nabla \nabla f(\mathbf{x}) - \nabla f(\mathbf{x})^T \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{I}_{q+1}] (\mathbf{I}_{q+1} - \mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^T).$$

Here,  $\mathbf{I}_{q+1}$  is the identity matrix in  $\mathbb{R}^{(q+1) \times (q+1)}$ , while  $\nabla f(\mathbf{x})$  and  $\nabla \nabla f(\mathbf{x})$  are total gradient and Hessian in  $\mathbb{R}^{q+1}$ .

# W Formal Definition of Directional KDE

Directional kernel density estimator (KDE; Hall et al. 1987; Bai et al. 1988; García-Portugués 2013):

$$\hat{f}_h(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{c_{L,q}(h)}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n L\left(\frac{1 - \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{X}_i}{h^2}\right). \quad (1)$$

- $\mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n \in \Omega_q \subset \mathbb{R}^{q+1}$  are directional random observations.
- $L$  is a directional kernel, *i.e.*, a rapidly decaying function with nonnegative values on  $[0, \infty)$ .
- $h > 0$  is the bandwidth parameter.
- $c_{L,q}(h)$  is a normalizing constant satisfying

$$c_{L,q}(h)^{-1} = \int_{\Omega_q} L\left(\frac{1 - \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y}}{h^2}\right) \omega_q(d\mathbf{y}) = h^q \lambda_{h,q}(L) \asymp h^q \lambda_q(L) \quad (2)$$

$$\text{with } \lambda_q(L) = 2^{\frac{q}{2}-1} \omega_{q-1} \int_0^\infty L(r) r^{\frac{q}{2}-1} dr.$$

# W An Example of the Directional Kernel

Under the von Mises kernel  $L(r) = e^{-r}$ ,

- directional KDE  $\widehat{f}_h(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{c_{L,q}(h)}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n L\left(\frac{1-\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{X}_i}{h^2}\right)$

becomes

- a mixture of von Mises-Fisher densities:

$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{f}_h(\mathbf{x}) &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n f_{\text{vMF}}\left(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{X}_i, \frac{1}{h^2}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{n(2\pi)^{\frac{q+1}{2}} \mathcal{I}_{\frac{q-1}{2}}(1/h^2) h^{q-1}} \sum_{i=1}^n \exp\left(\frac{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{X}_i}{h^2}\right).\end{aligned}$$

**Input:**

- A directional data sample  $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim f(x)$  on  $\Omega_q$
- The order  $d$  of the directional ridge, smoothing bandwidth  $h > 0$ , and tolerance level  $\epsilon > 0$ .
- A suitable mesh  $\mathcal{M}_D \subset \Omega_q$  of initial points.

**Step 1:** Compute the directional KDE  $\widehat{f}_h(x) = \frac{c_{L,q}(h)}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n L\left(\frac{1-x^T X_i}{h^2}\right)$  on the mesh  $\mathcal{M}_D$ .

**Step 2:** For each  $\widehat{x}^{(0)} \in \mathcal{M}_D$ , iterate the following DirSCMS update until convergence:

**while**  $\left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \widehat{V}_d(\widehat{x}^{(0)}) \widehat{V}_d(\widehat{x}^{(0)})^T X_i \cdot L' \left( \frac{1-X_i^T \widehat{x}^{(0)}}{h^2} \right) \right\|_2 > \epsilon$  **do:**

- **Step 2-1:** Compute the scaled version of the estimated Hessian matrix as:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{nh^2}{c_{L,q}(h)} \widehat{\mathcal{H}}f_h(\widehat{\mathbf{x}}^{(t)}) &= \left[ \mathbf{I}_{q+1} - \widehat{\mathbf{x}}^{(t)} \left( \widehat{\mathbf{x}}^{(t)} \right)^T \right] \left[ \frac{1}{h^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_i \mathbf{X}_i^T \cdot L'' \left( \frac{1 - \mathbf{X}_i^T \widehat{\mathbf{x}}^{(t)}}{h^2} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_i^T \widehat{\mathbf{x}}^{(t)} \mathbf{I}_{q+1} \cdot L' \left( \frac{1 - \mathbf{X}_i^T \widehat{\mathbf{x}}^{(t)}}{h^2} \right) \right] \left[ \mathbf{I}_{q+1} - \widehat{\mathbf{x}}^{(t)} \left( \widehat{\mathbf{x}}^{(t)} \right)^T \right]. \end{aligned}$$

- **Step 2-2:** Perform the spectral decomposition on  $\frac{nh^2}{c_{L,q}(h)} \widehat{\mathcal{H}}f_h(\widehat{\mathbf{x}}^{(t)})$  and compute  $\widehat{V}_d(\widehat{\mathbf{x}}^{(t)}) = [\mathbf{v}_{d+1}(\widehat{\mathbf{x}}^{(t)}), \dots, \mathbf{v}_q(\widehat{\mathbf{x}}^{(t)})]$ , whose columns are orthonormal eigenvectors corresponding to the smallest  $q - d$  eigenvalues inside the tangent space  $T_{\widehat{\mathbf{x}}^{(t)}}$ .

- **Step 2-3:** Update

$$\widehat{\boldsymbol{x}}^{(t+1)} \leftarrow \widehat{\boldsymbol{x}}^{(t)} - \widehat{V}_d(\widehat{\boldsymbol{x}}^{(t)}) \widehat{V}_d(\widehat{\boldsymbol{x}}^{(t)})^T \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_i L' \left( \frac{1 - \mathbf{X}_i^T \widehat{\boldsymbol{x}}^{(t)}}{h^2} \right) \\ \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_i L' \left( \frac{1 - \mathbf{X}_i^T \widehat{\boldsymbol{x}}^{(t)}}{h^2} \right) \end{bmatrix}.$$

- **Step 2-4:** Standardize  $\widehat{\boldsymbol{x}}^{(t+1)}$  as  $\widehat{\boldsymbol{x}}^{(t+1)} \leftarrow \frac{\widehat{\boldsymbol{x}}^{(t+1)}}{\|\widehat{\boldsymbol{x}}^{(t+1)}\|_2}$ .

**Output:** An estimated directional  $d$ -ridge  $\widehat{\mathcal{R}}_d$  represented by the collection of resulting points.

- Recall that the directional-linear KDE at  $(\mathbf{x}, z) \in \Omega_2 \times \mathbb{R}$  is defined as:

$$\widehat{f}_h(\mathbf{x}, z) = \frac{C_{L,2}(h_1)}{nh_2} \sum_{i=1}^n L\left(\frac{1 - \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{X}_i}{h_1^2}\right) K\left(\frac{z - Z_i}{h_2}\right).$$

- Directional-linear mean shift iteration:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \mathbf{x}^{(t+1)}, z^{(t+1)} \right)^T \leftarrow \Xi(\mathbf{x}^{(t)}, z^{(t)}) + \left( \mathbf{x}^{(t)}, z^{(t)} \right)^T \\ &= \left( \begin{array}{c} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_i \cdot L'\left(\frac{1 - \mathbf{X}_i^T \mathbf{x}^{(t)}}{h_1}\right) K\left(\frac{z^{(t)} - Z_i}{h_2}\right) \\ \sum_{i=1}^n L'\left(\frac{1 - \mathbf{X}_i^T \mathbf{x}^{(t)}}{h_1}\right) K\left(\frac{z^{(t)} - Z_i}{h_2}\right) \end{array} \right) \\ &= \left( \begin{array}{c} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i \cdot L\left(\frac{1 - \mathbf{X}_i^T \mathbf{x}^{(t)}}{h_1}\right) K\left(\left\| \frac{z^{(t)} - Z_i}{h_2} \right\|_2^2\right) \\ \sum_{i=1}^n L\left(\frac{1 - \mathbf{X}_i^T \mathbf{x}^{(t)}}{h_1}\right) K\left(\left\| \frac{z^{(t)} - Z_i}{h_2} \right\|_2^2\right) \end{array} \right) \end{aligned}$$

with an extra standardization  $\mathbf{x}^{(t+1)} \leftarrow \frac{\mathbf{x}^{(t+1)}}{\|\mathbf{x}^{(t+1)}\|_2}$ .

- Directional-linear SCMS algorithm iteration at  $\mathbf{y}^{(t)} = (\mathbf{x}^{(t+1)}, z^{(t+1)})^T$ :

$$\mathbf{y}^{(t)} \leftarrow \mathbf{y}^{(t)} + \eta \cdot \widehat{V}_d(\mathbf{y}^{(t)}) \widehat{V}_d(\mathbf{y}^{(t)})^T \mathbf{H}^{-1} \Xi(\mathbf{y}^{(t)}),$$

where  $\mathbf{H} = \text{Diag}(h_1^2, h_1^2, h_2^2) \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$  is a diagonal matrix and

$$\Xi(\mathbf{y}^{(t)}) = \Xi(\mathbf{x}^{(t)}, z^{(t)}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i \cdot L' \left( \frac{1 - \mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{x}^{(t)}}{h_1} \right) K \left( \frac{z^{(t)} - Z_i}{h_2} \right)}{\sum_{i=1}^n L' \left( \frac{1 - \mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{x}^{(t)}}{h_1} \right) K \left( \frac{z^{(t)} - Z_i}{h_2} \right)} - \mathbf{x}^{(t)} \\ \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n Z_i \cdot L \left( \frac{1 - \mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{x}^{(t)}}{h_1} \right) K \left( \left\| \frac{z^{(t)} - Z_i}{h_2} \right\|_2^2 \right)}{\sum_{i=1}^n L \left( \frac{1 - \mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{x}^{(t)}}{h_1} \right) K \left( \left\| \frac{z^{(t)} - Z_i}{h_2} \right\|_2^2 \right)} - z^{(t)} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Here, we design a theoretically motivated and empirically effective step size as  $\eta = \min \{h_1 h_2, 1\}$ .

\* Notes: A naive generalization of SCMS algorithm  $\mathbf{y}^{(t+1)} \leftarrow \mathbf{y}^{(t)} + \widehat{V}_d(\mathbf{y}^{(t)}) \widehat{V}_d(\mathbf{y}^{(t)})^T \Xi(\mathbf{y}^{(t)})$  plus standardization as with pure Euclidean/directional data does not work ([Zhang and Chen, 2021a](#))!