

Title: The Cosmic Web: Structural Complexity and Dynamics of the Megaparsec Universe

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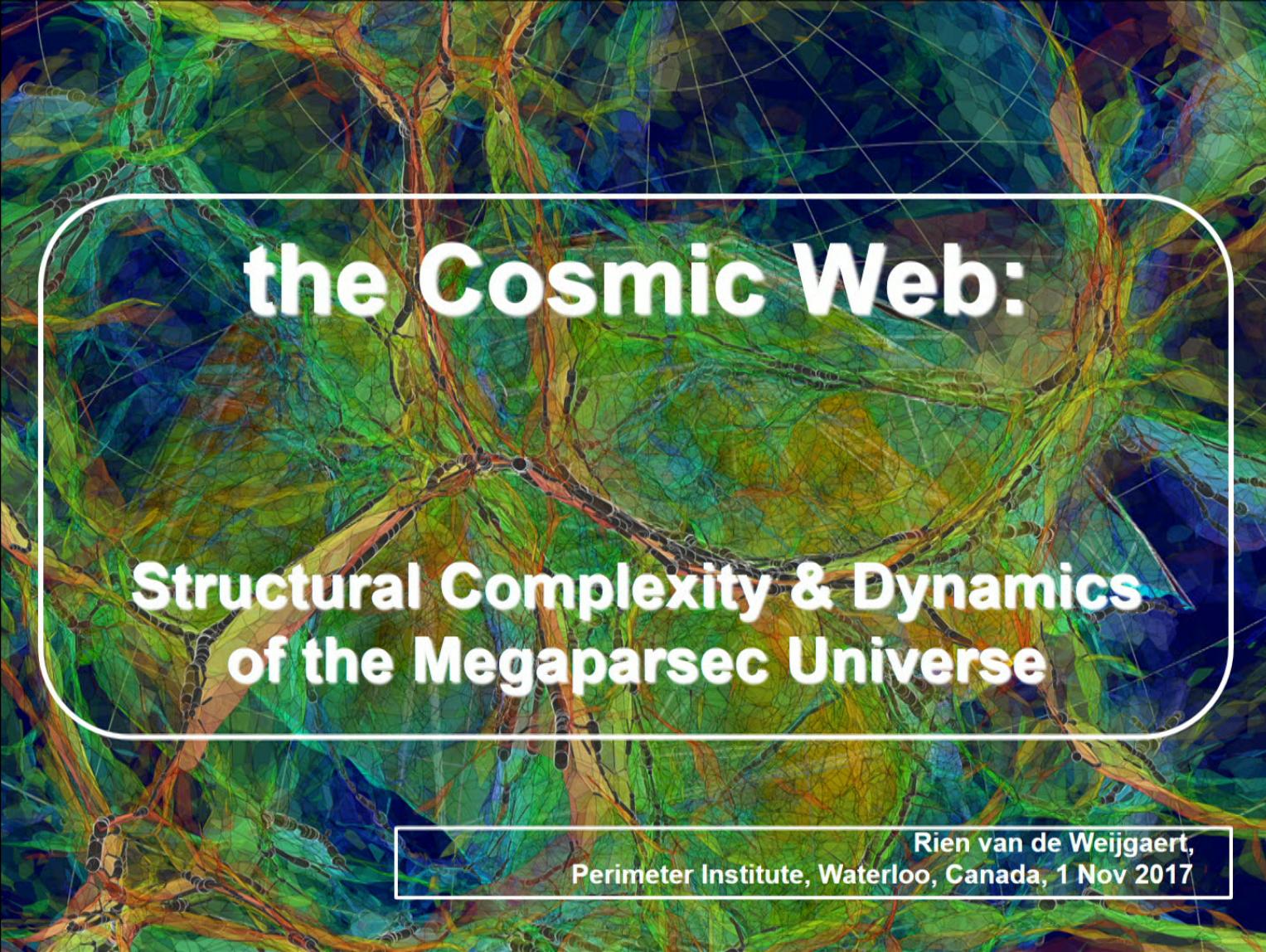
Abstract: <p>The Cosmic Web is the fundamental spatial organization of matter in the Universe on scales of a few up to a hundred Megaparsec, scales at which the Universe still resides in a state of moderate dynamical evolution. Galaxies, intergalactic gas and dark matter exist in a wispy weblike spatial arrangement consisting of dense compact clusters, elongated filaments, and sheetlike walls, amidst large near-empty void regions. The weblike pattern is marked by prominent anisotropic features, a distinct multiscale character, a complex spatial connectivity of its various morphological components and a clear asymmetry between voids and overdense regions.</p>

<p>This seminar will describe recent work on the structure and dynamics of the Cosmic Web. For the analysis of its complex and multiscale structural pattern, we invoke concepts from computational topology and computational geometry. We apply the explicit multi-scale -- parameter-free and scale-free -- Nexus/MMF Multiscale Morphology formalism to dissect the cosmic mass distribution into clusters, filaments, walls and voids. This results in a systematic study of the evolving size and volume distribution of these structural components. Subsequently, we assess the mass and halo distribution in the filaments and walls, and follow their evolution.</p>

<p>To study the dynamical evolution of the cosmic web, we describe our adhesion model of cosmic structure formation based on Voronoi and Delaunay tessellations. Subsequently, we will shortly describe how a full phase-space analysis allows us to understand the growth of structural complexity in terms of the emergence and spatial connectivity of singularities and caustics. Finally, we will discuss the migration flows of matter and galaxies along the cosmic web and prospects of using voids to constrain dark energy and dark matter.</p>

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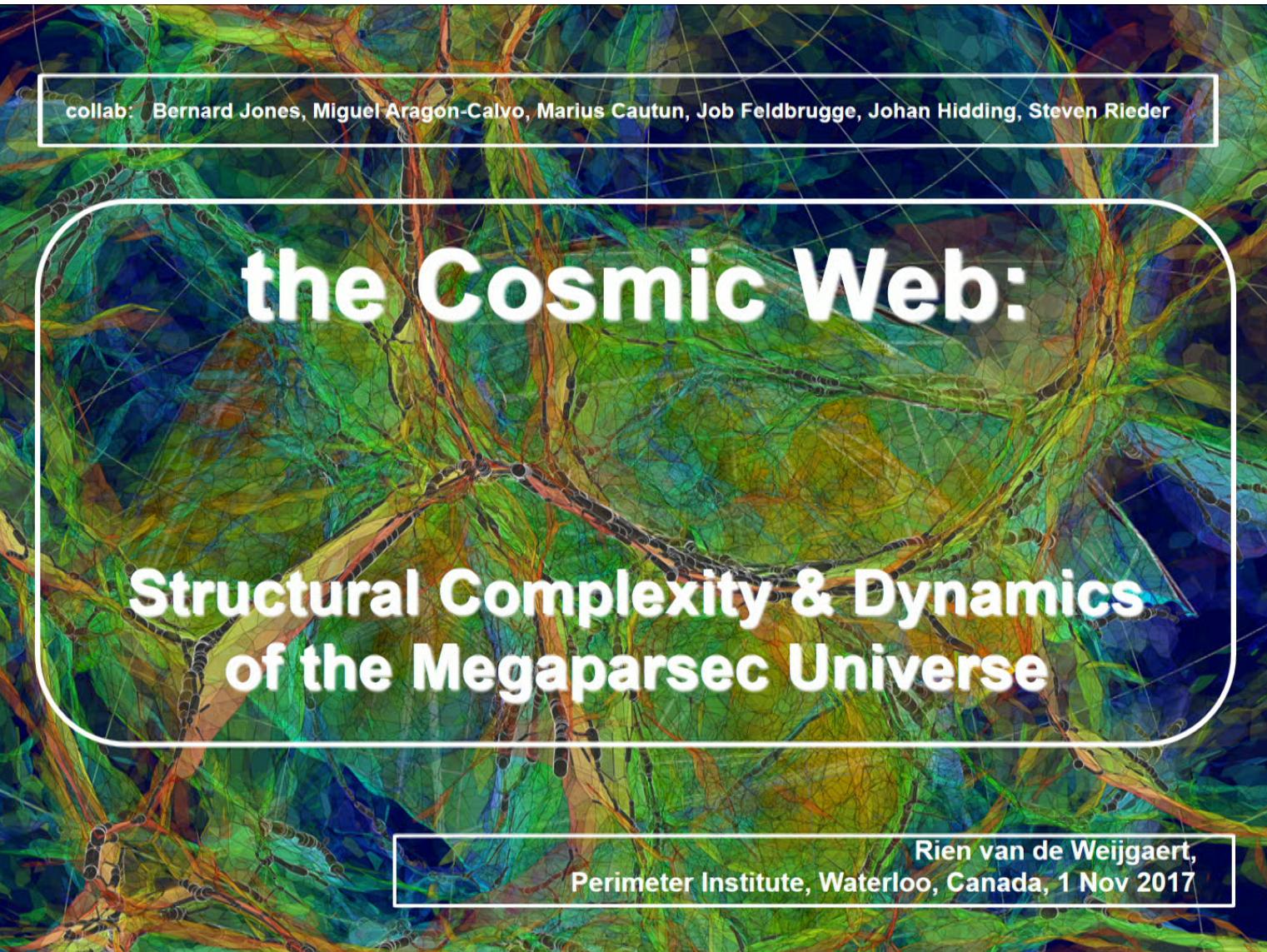
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# the Cosmic Web:

## Structural Complexity & Dynamics of the Megaparsec Universe

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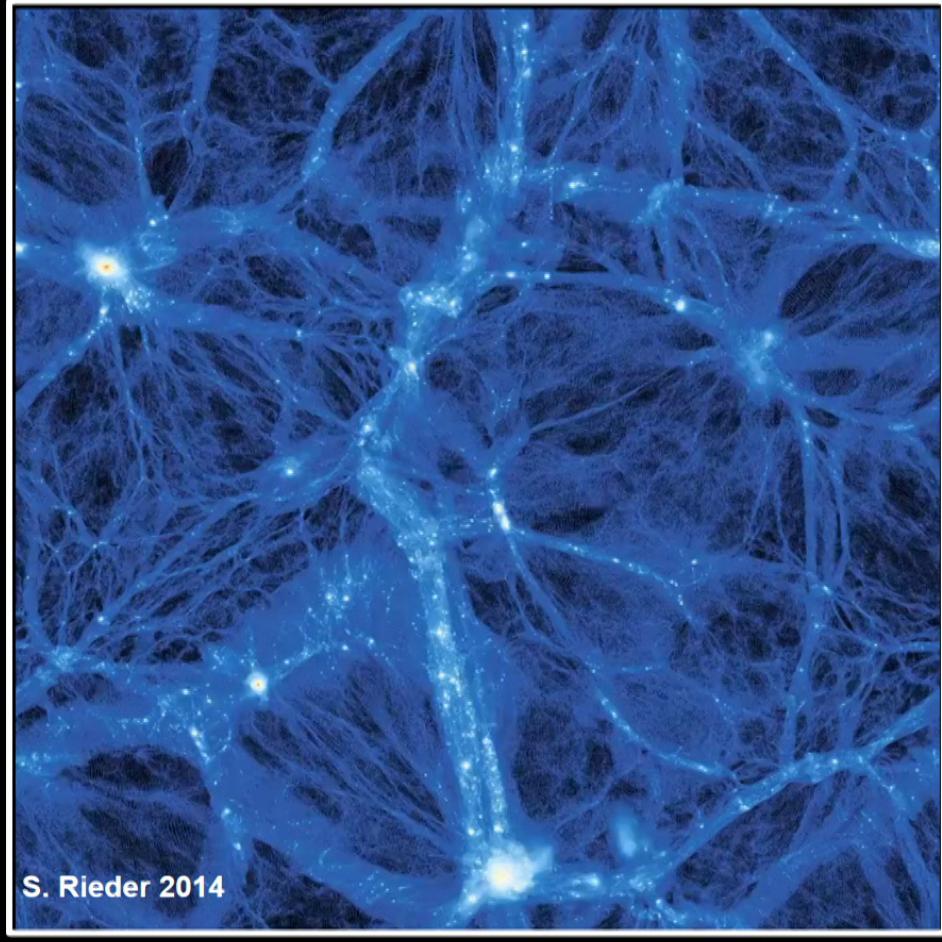
The background of the slide features a complex, multi-colored simulation of the cosmic web, showing filaments of galaxies and dark matter. The colors range from deep blues and blacks to bright reds, yellows, and greens, representing different density regions and filaments.

collab: Bernard Jones, Miguel Aragón-Calvo, Marius Cautun, Job Feldbrugge, Johan Hidding, Steven Rieder

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on scales of ~0.1-500  
millions of lightyears

complex weblike pattern

in which  
matter, gas & galaxies  
are organized in

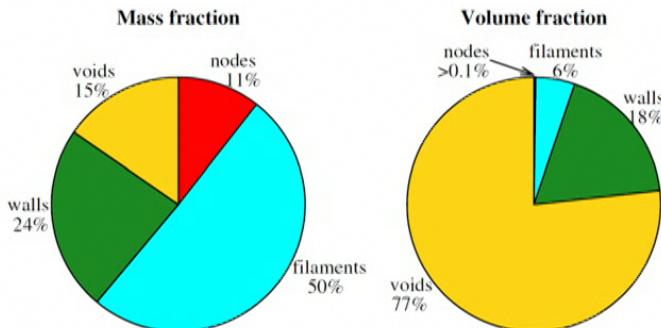
- compact clusters,
- elongated filaments
- flattened walls
- around
- cosmic voids

# Cosmic Web

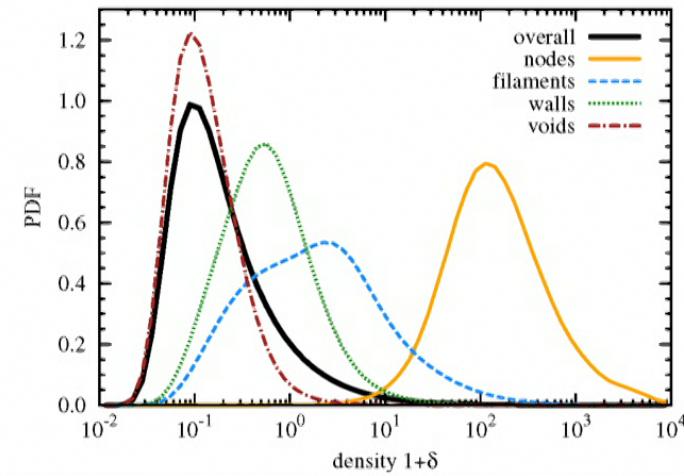
# Cosmic Web:

## Density-Morphology Connection

Mass & Volume content  
Web morphologies



Density distribution  
Individual morphologies

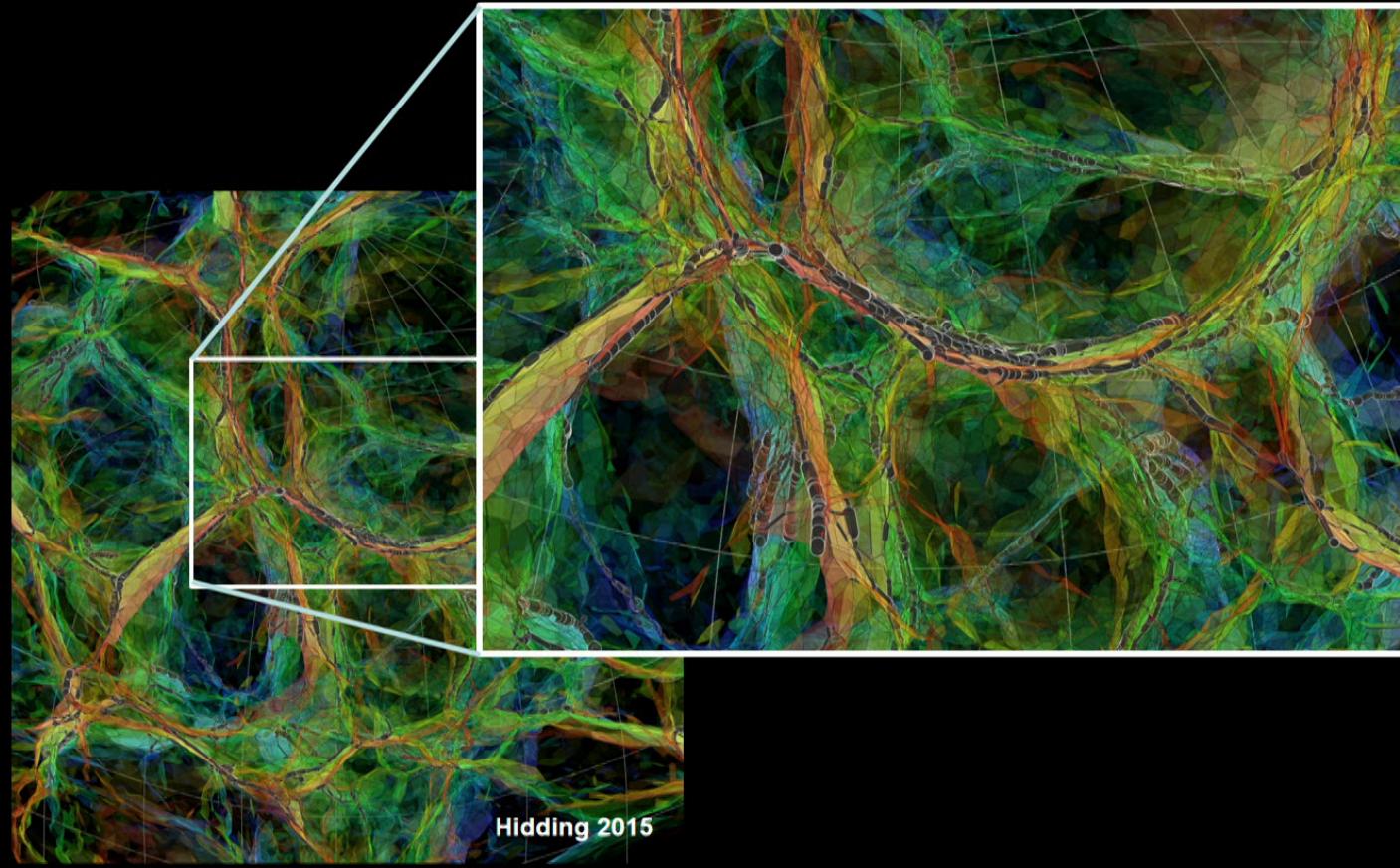


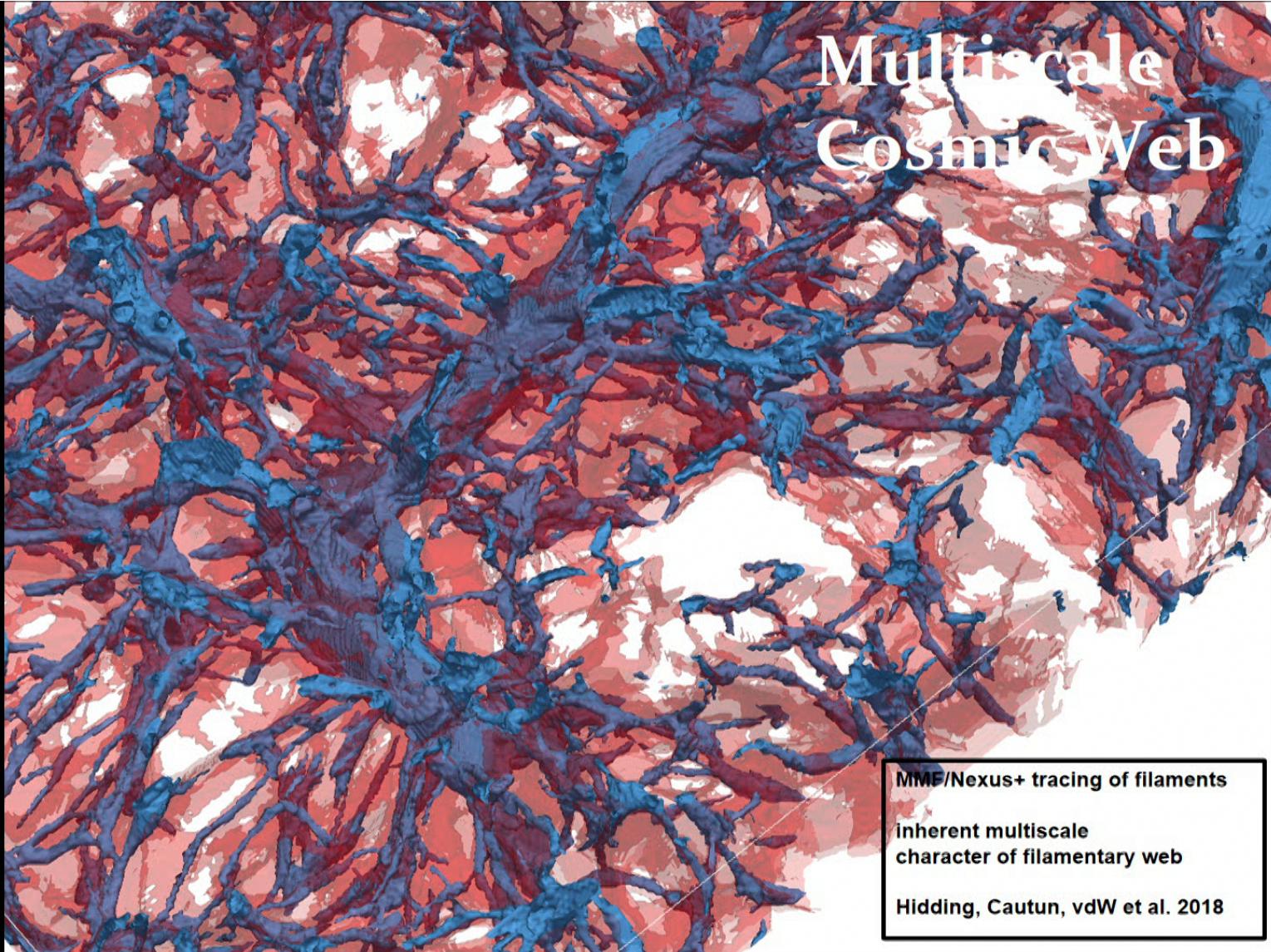
Cautun et al. 2014

# Cosmic Web Characteristics

- **anisotropic structure:**
  - filaments dominant structural feature
  - sheets/walls
  - elongated
  - flattened
- **multiscale nature**
  - structure on wide range of scales
  - structures have wide range of densities
- **overdense-underdense asymmetry**
  - voids: underdense, large & roundish
  - filaments & walls: overdense, flattened/elongated
  - clusters: dense, massive & compact nodes
- **complex spatial connectivity**
  - all structural features connected in a complex, multiscale weblike network

# Pisces-Perseus Supercluster

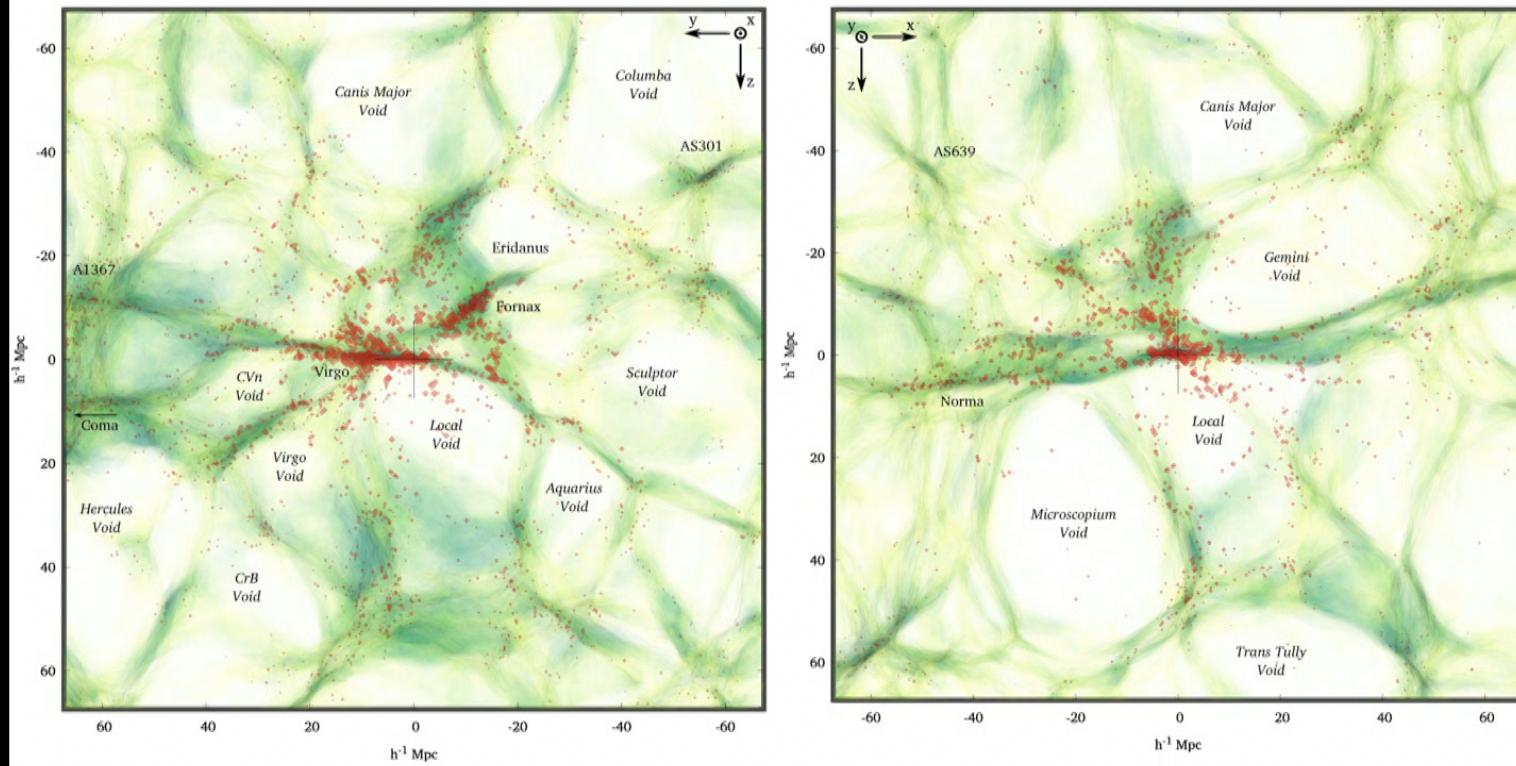




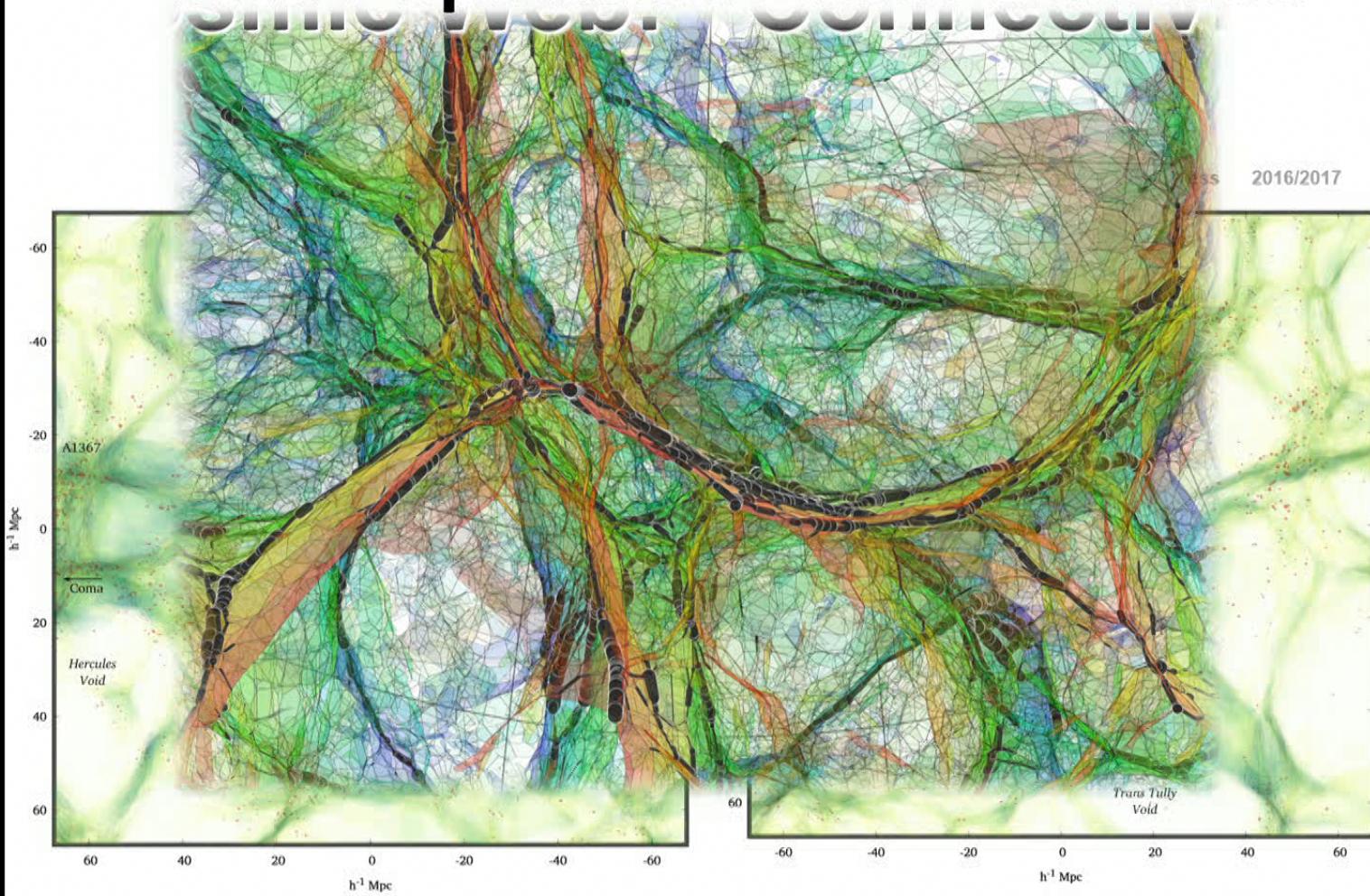
# Void Population Local Universe

mean KIGEN-adhesion reconstruction (2MRS)

Hidding, Kitaura, vdW & Hess 2016/2017



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# The Cosmic Web

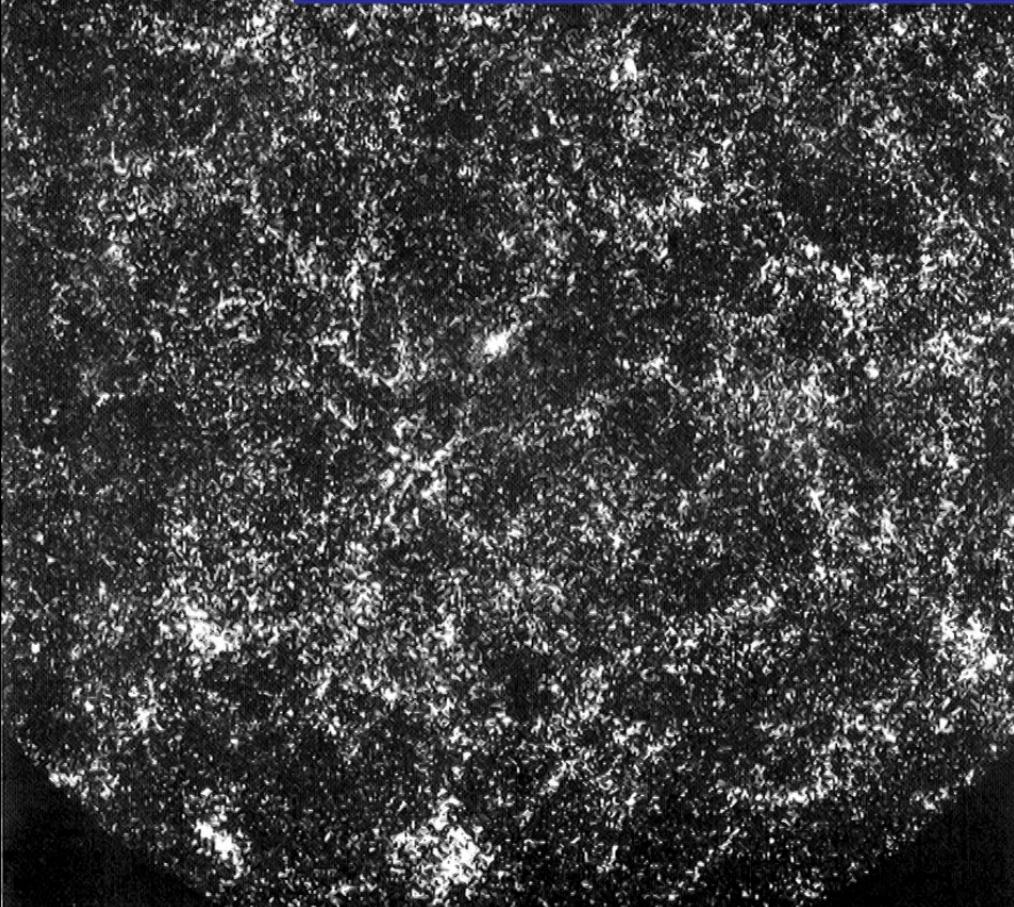
## Physical Significance:

- **Manifestation mildly nonlinear clustering:**  
**Transition stage between linear phase  
and fully collapsed/virialized objects**
- **Weblike configurations contain  
cosmological information:**  
**eg. *Void shapes & Alignments***
- **Cosmic environment within which to understand  
the formation of galaxies.**

# **Cosmic Web**

## **Observational Reality**

# A million galaxies

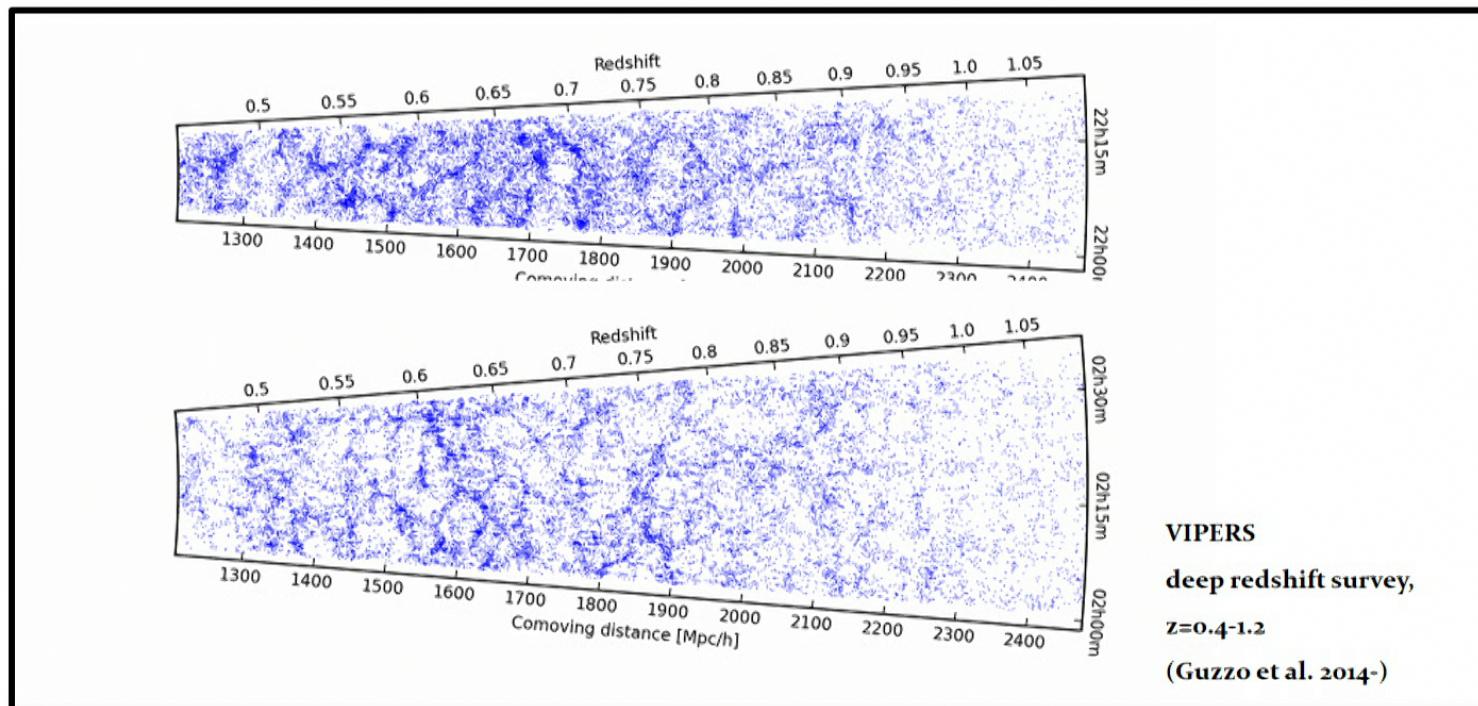


Shane-Wirtanen map:

On the basis of the Shane-Wirtanen counts,  
P.J.E. Peebles produced a  
map of the sky distribution of  
1 million galaxies on the sky:

- Clearly visible are clusters
- hint of filamentary LSS features, embedding clusters

# VIPERS: Cosmic Web at High z

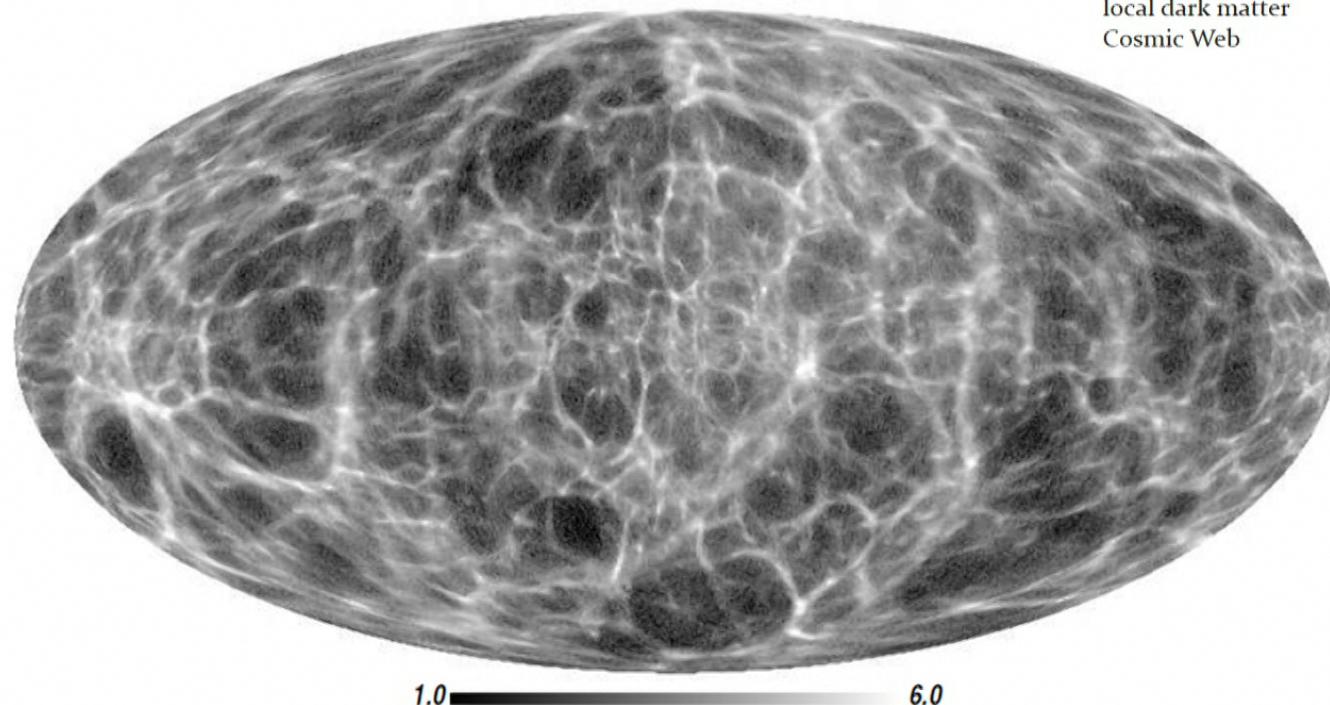


recent galaxy surveys out to high cosmic depths  
- eg. DEEP, VIPERS -  
establish that the Cosmic Web pervades entire Universe (up to  $z \sim 5$  at least)

# local Cosmic Web: 2MRS

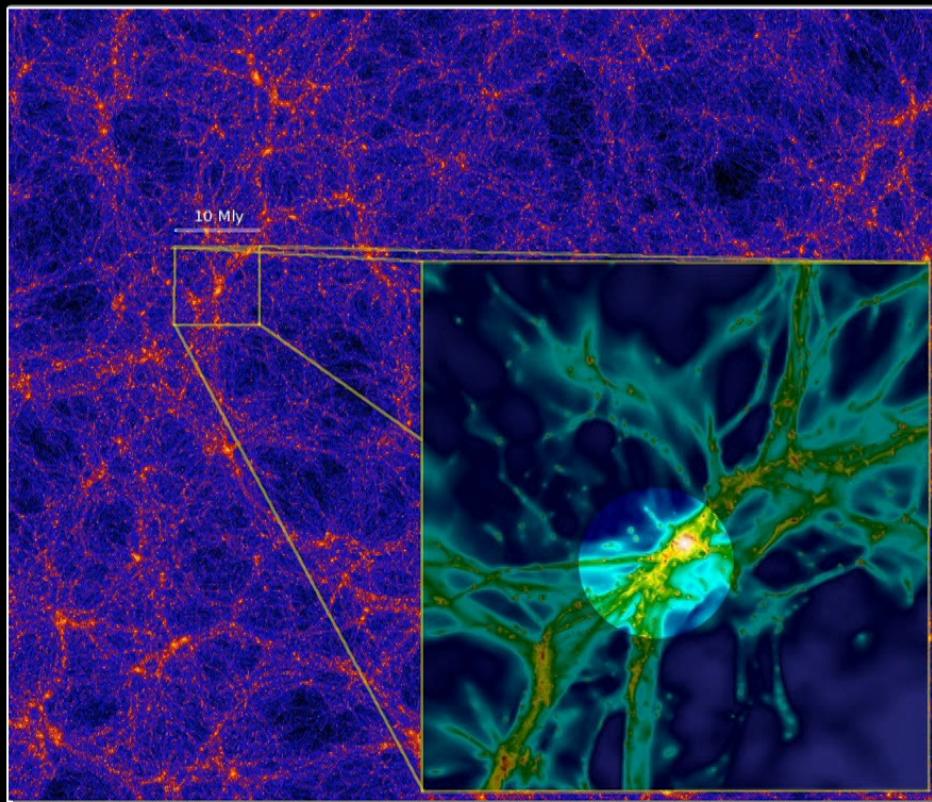
most detailed reconstruction  
of the

local dark matter  
Cosmic Web



Courtesy: Francisco Kitaura

# the Gaseous Cosmic Web



## Gaseous Cosmic Web:

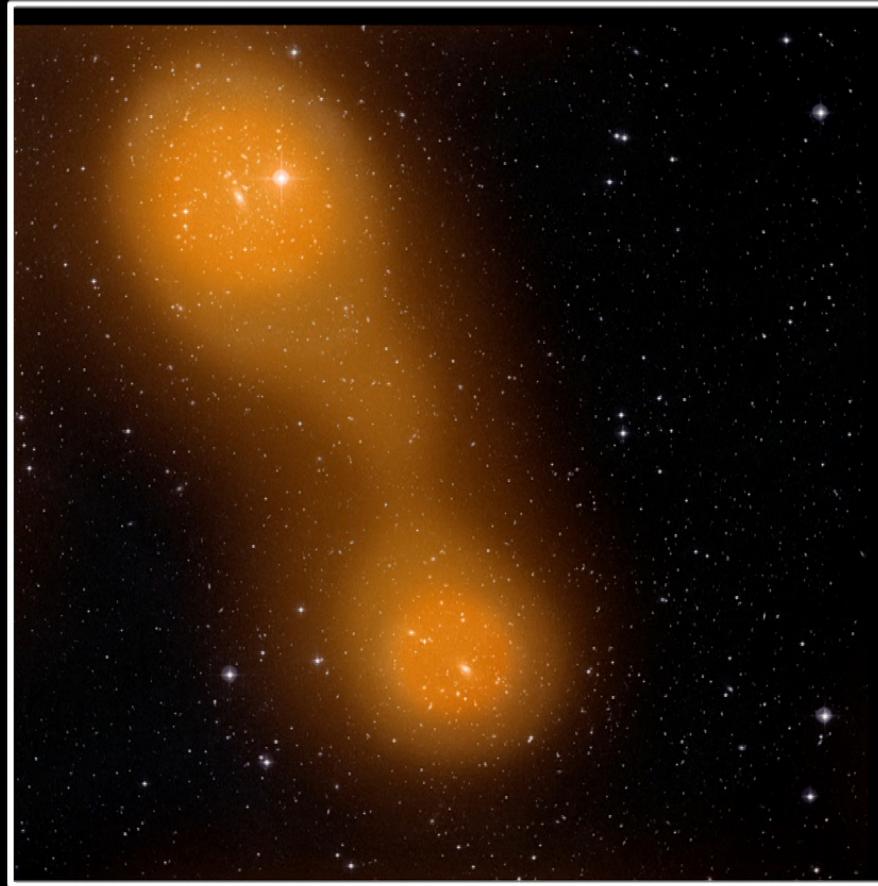
Detection via:

- 1) Ly $\alpha$  absorption (Ly $\alpha$  forest)
  - neutral hydrogen (cloud)
  - mostly at high redshift
  - absorption against quasar los.
  - possible use as tomographic tool
- 2) WHIM
  - warm-hot intergalactic medium
  - soft Xray emission of hot gas ( $10^5$  K)
  - very hard to see
  - absorption lines Xray band (eg. OVI)
- 3) Sunyaev-Zeldovich scattering filaments
  - inverse Compton scattering
  - CMB photons against hot electrons in ICM/IGM
  - has been seen in Planck (80 filam.)

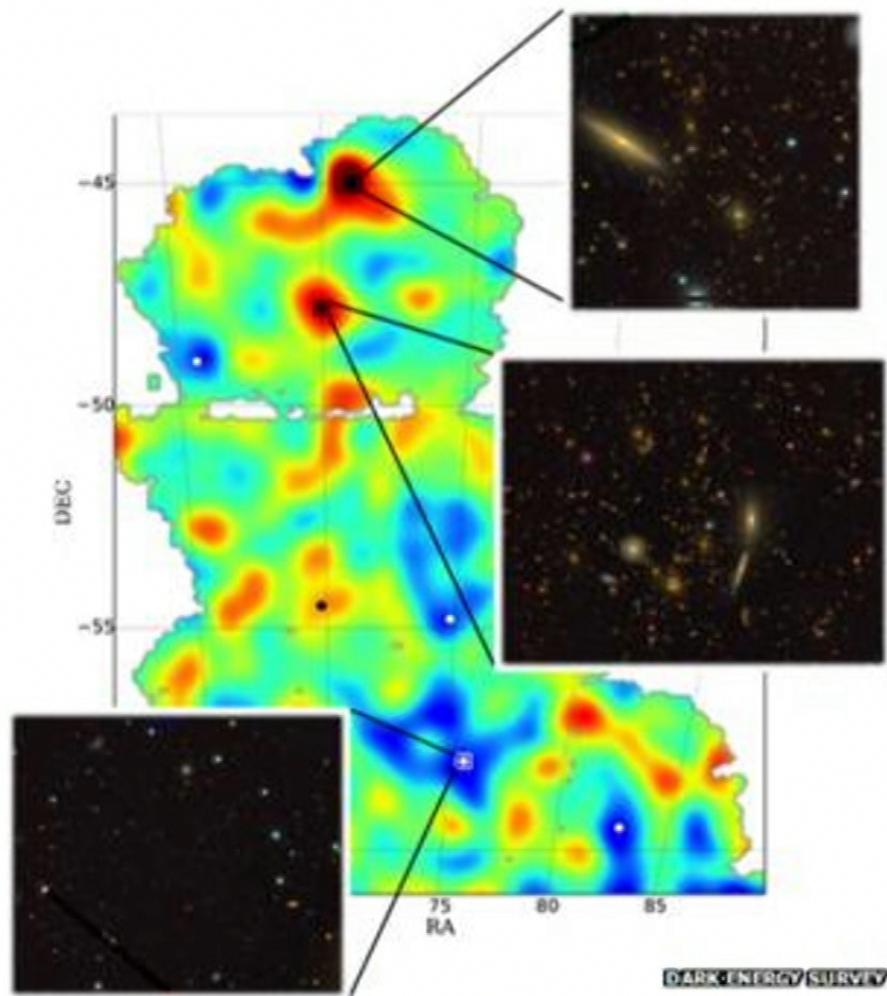
# the Gaseous Cosmic Web

**Sunyaev-Zeldovich  
detection of  
Inter-cluster bridge/filament  
in between clusters  
A401 and A399**

**ESA/Planck collaboration**



# Dark Energy Survey (DES)



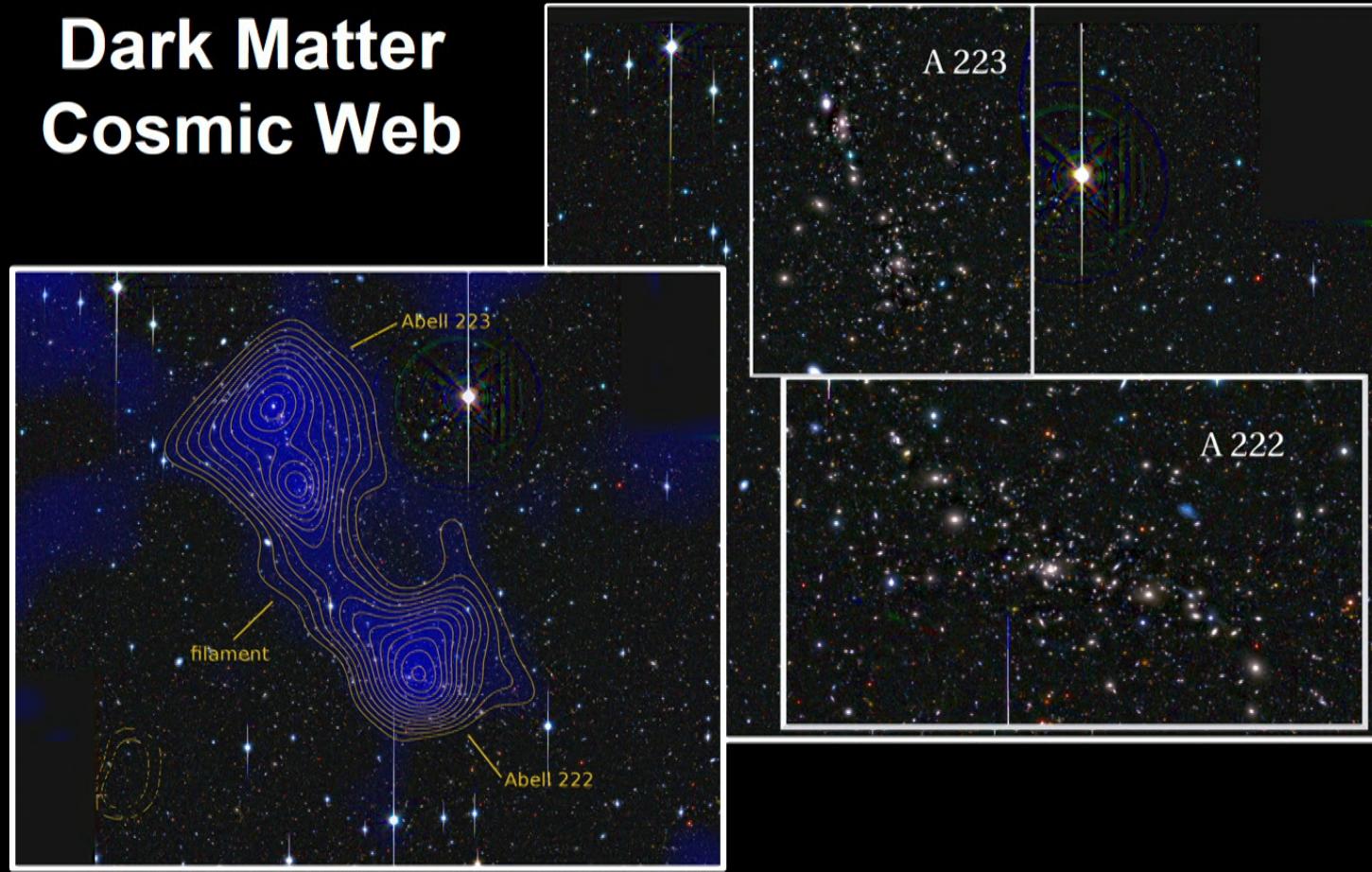
Map of  
(projected) (dark) matter density:

For reference, elements of the  
Cosmic Web:

- Identification 2 clusters
- Reveals filamentary extensions
- Also noticeable is a void region

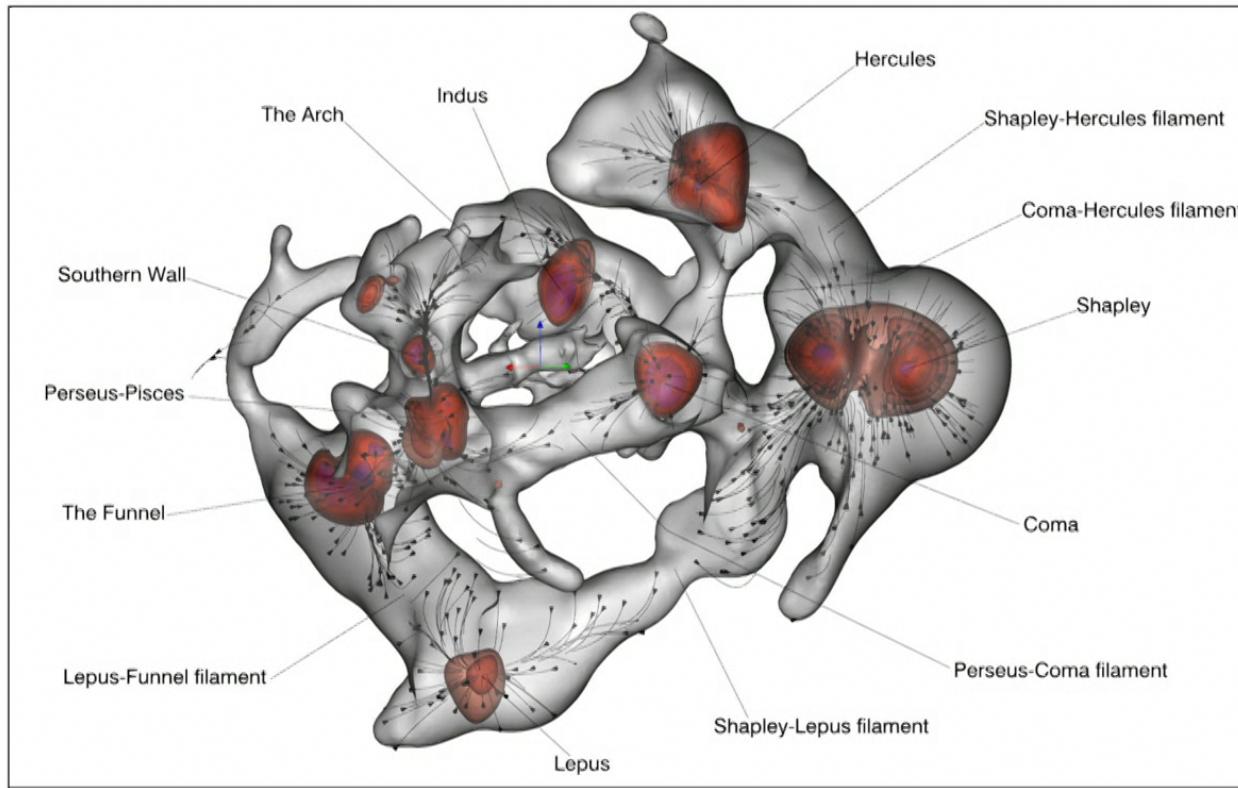
## Dark Matter Cosmic Web

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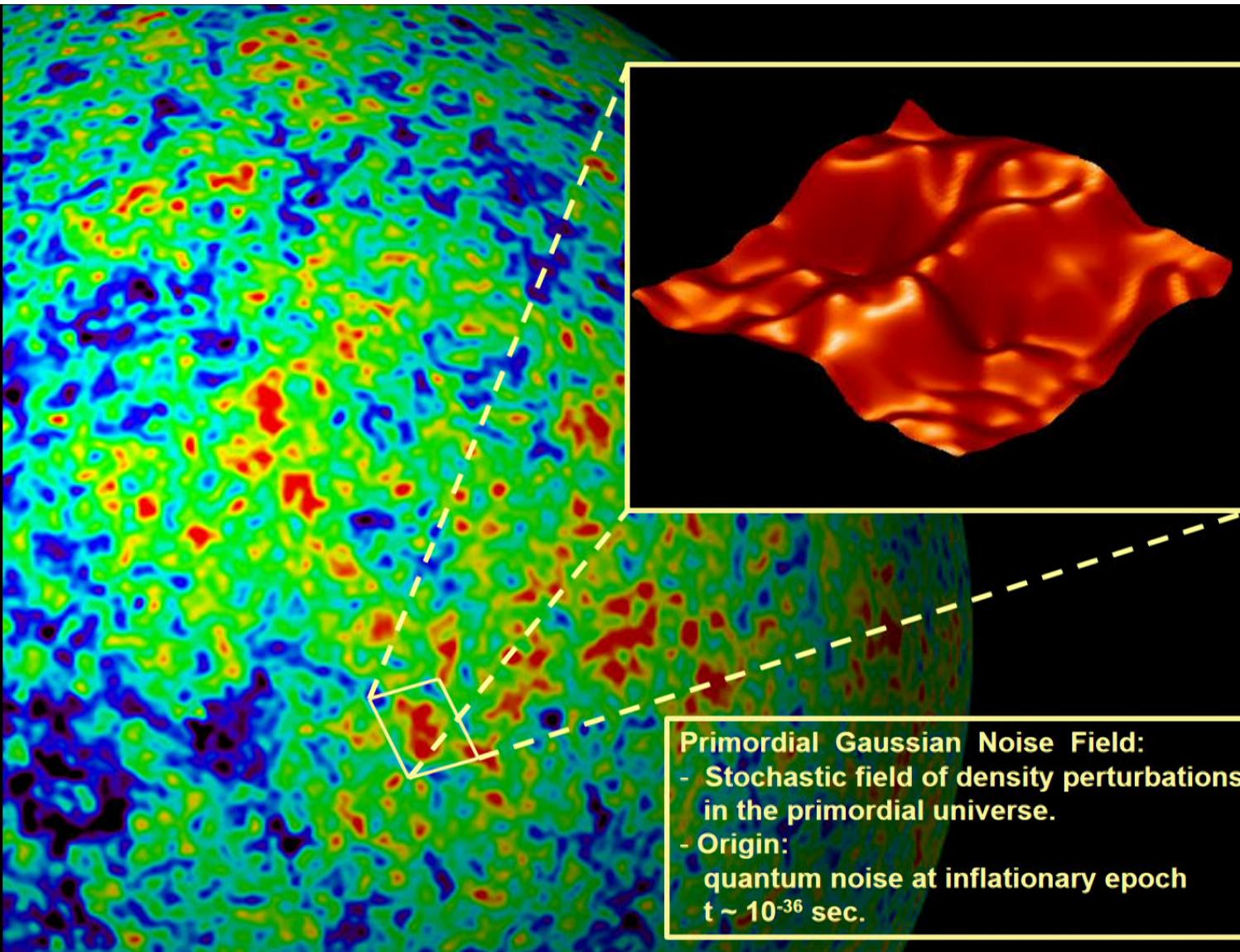
A222-A223  
Dietrich et al. 2013

# CosmicFlows-3

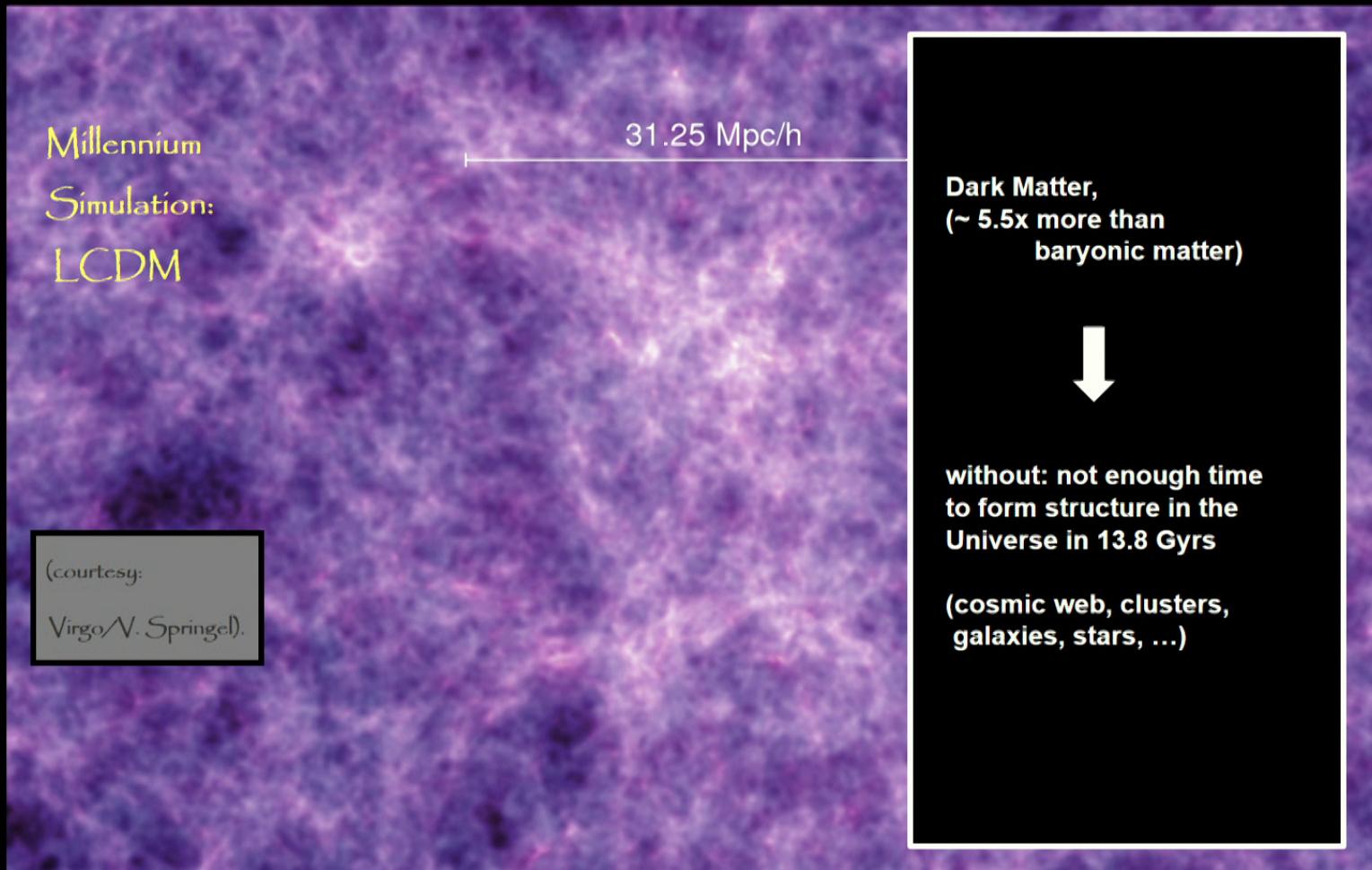


**Cosmic Web morphology:  
velocity shear based V-web identification flow pattern in cosmic web  
(Pomarede et al. 2017)**

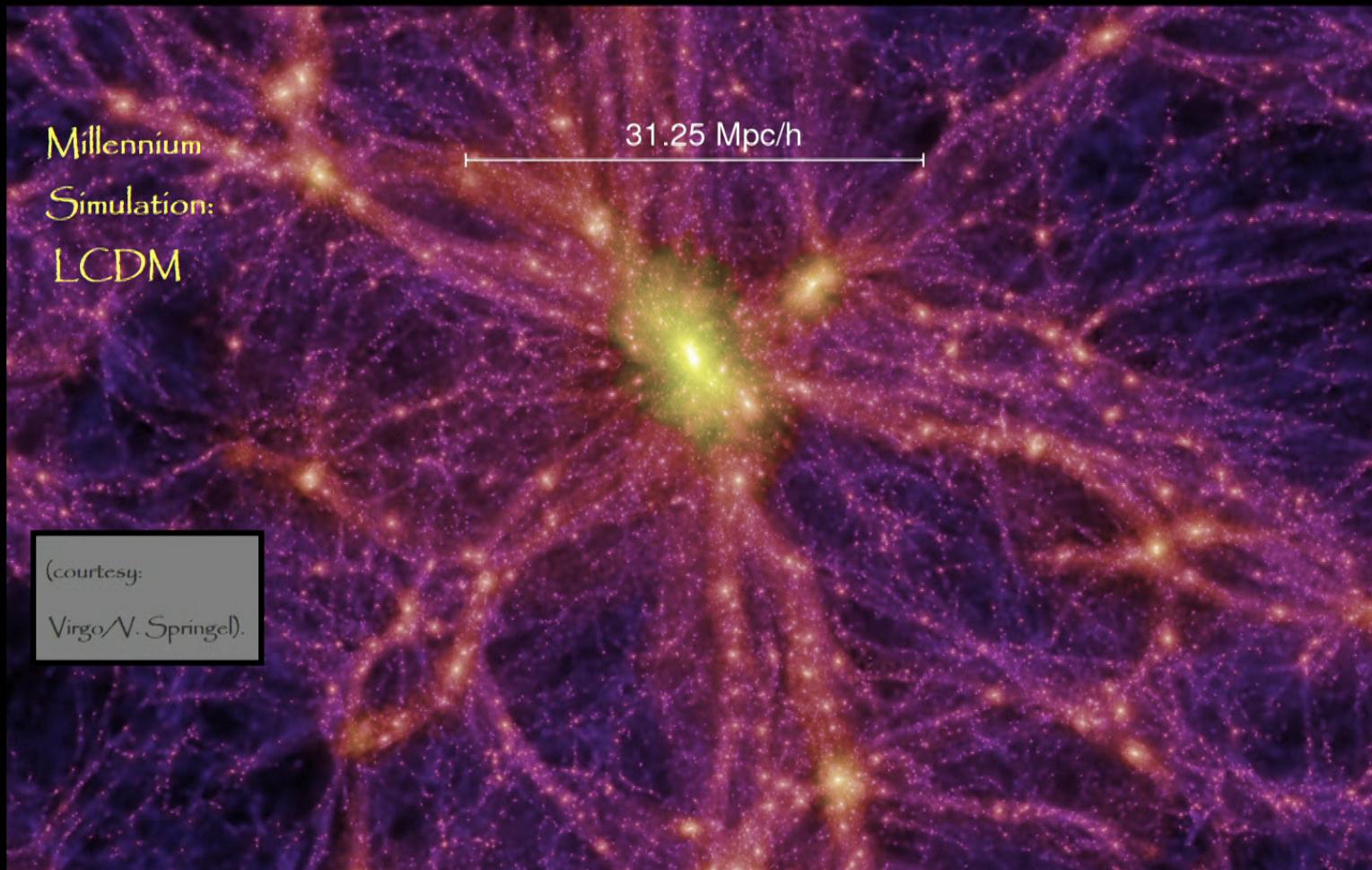
# **Cosmic Structure Formation: Gravitational Instability**



# Cosmic Structure Formation

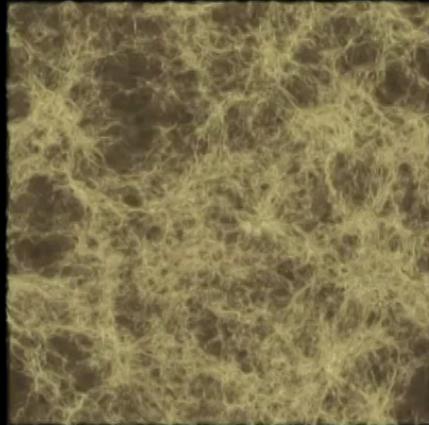


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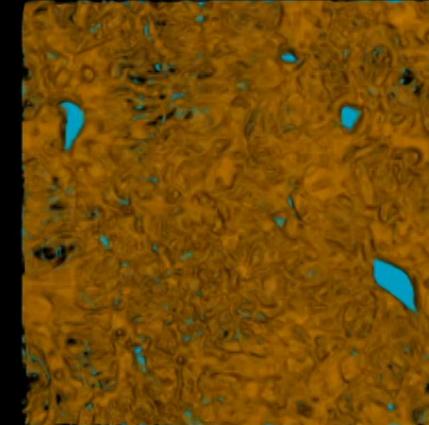
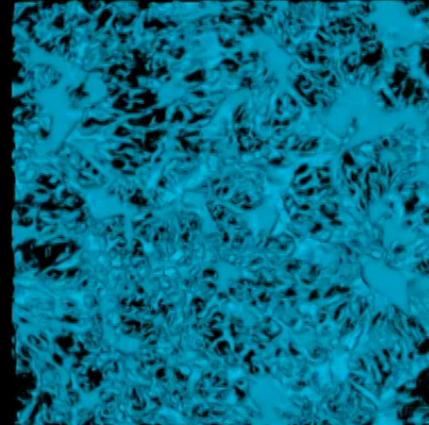


# NEXUS/MMF Evolution Cosmic Web

$t = 0.56$  Grys



$z = 8.70$



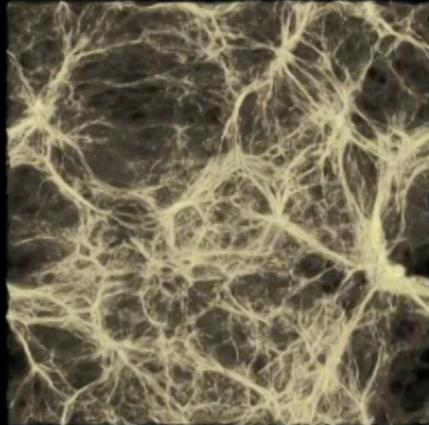
Cautun et al. 2013

# Dynamical Evolution Cosmic Web

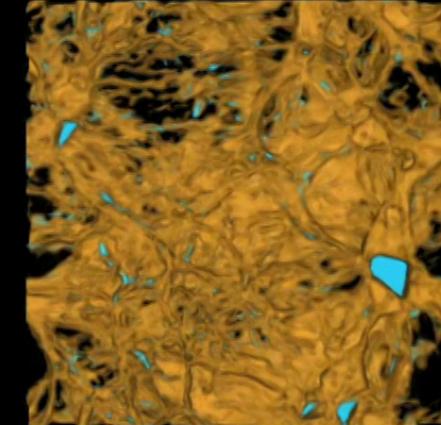
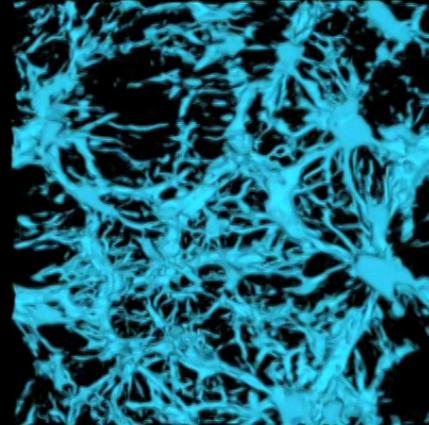
- hierarchical structure formation
- anisotropic collapse
- establishing the connectivity
- void formation:
  - asymmetry
  - overdense vs. underdense

# NEXUS/MMF Evolution Cosmic Web

$t = 3.35$  Grys



$z = 1.91$



Cautun et al. 2013

# **the Cosmic Web: evolution of walls & filaments**

# CGV: on walls & filaments

- Mollweide sky projection matter distribution around CGV halos
- CGV halos embedded in walls
- Walls dominate void infrastructure
- substantial fraction in filaments (embedded in walls)
- active dynamical evolution of wall-filament goes along with active void galaxy halo evolution

merging system of  
Intravoid walls

Rieder et al. 2013

CGV\_D

CGV\_G

$z=3.7$

(a) CGV-D.a,  $z = 3.7$

(b) CGV-G.a,  $z = 3.7$

$z=1.6$

(c)  $z = 1.6$

(d)  $z = 1.6$

$z=0.55$

(e)  $z = 0.55$

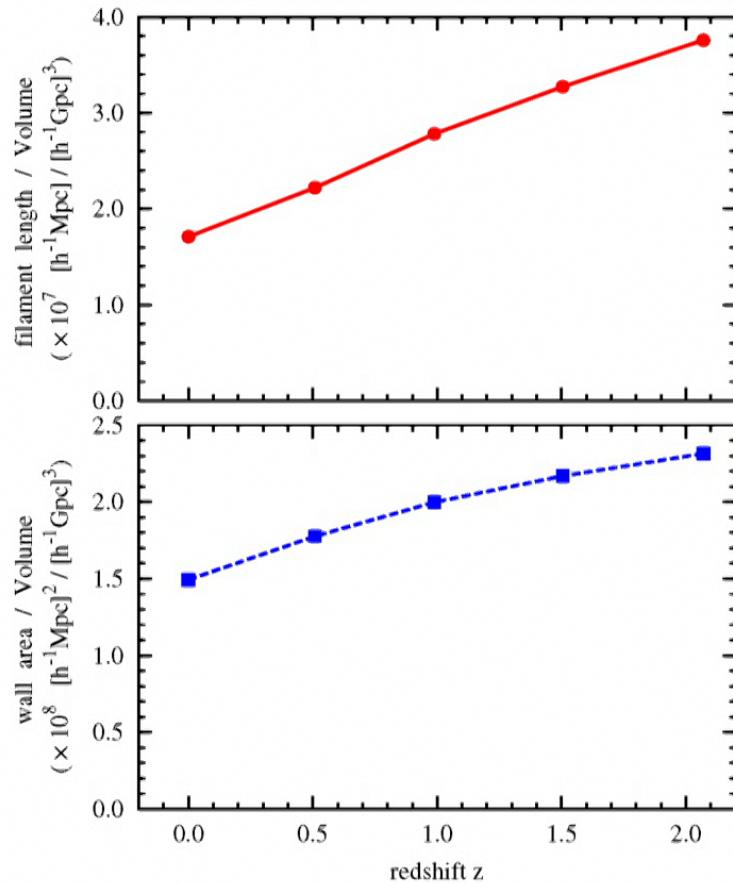
(f)  $z = 0.55$

$z=0$

(g)  $z = 0$

(h)  $z = 0$

# Evolving Filament & Wall Network



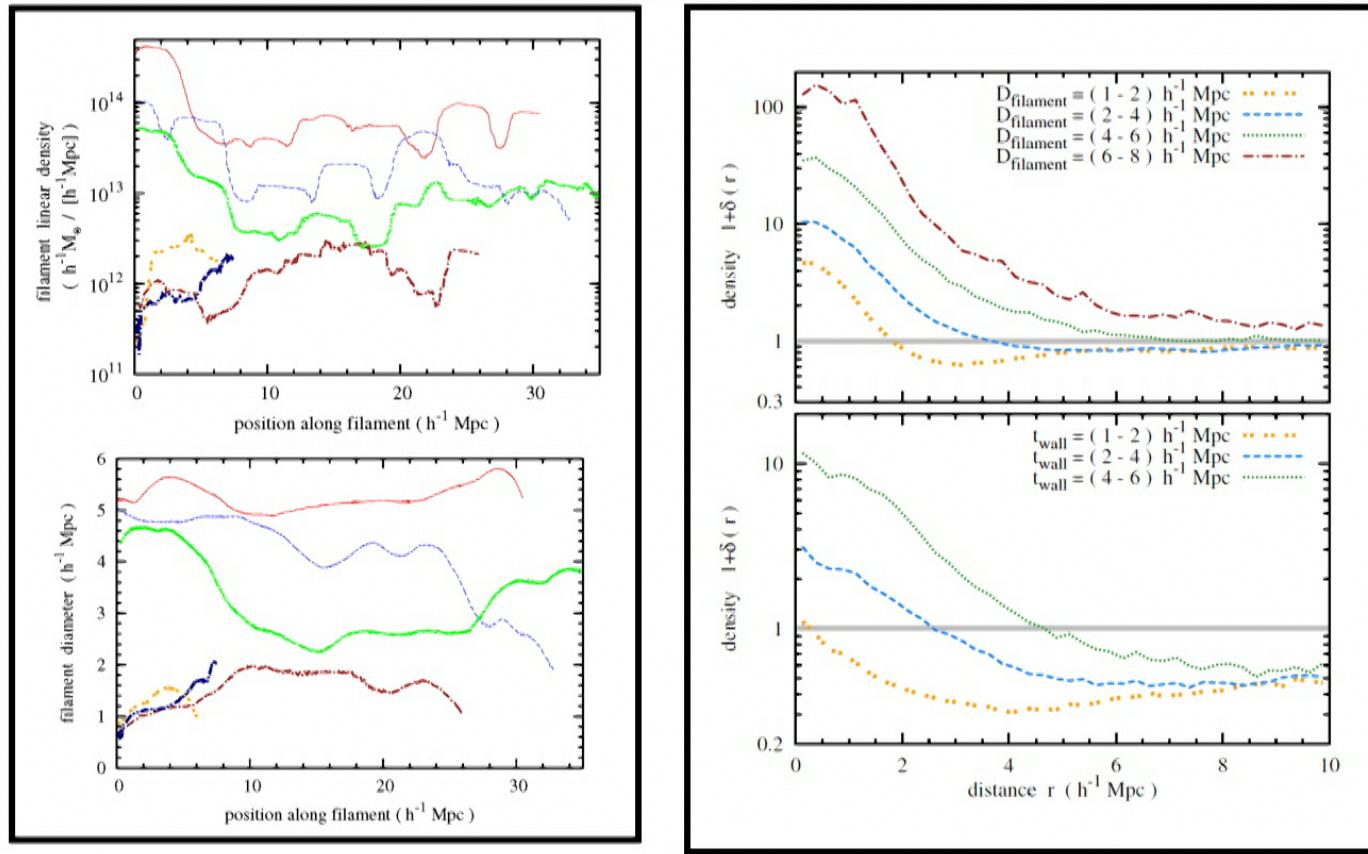
Total length of filament network :  
decreasing as a function of time

Total surface area of wall network :  
decreasing as a function of time

Cautun et al. 2014

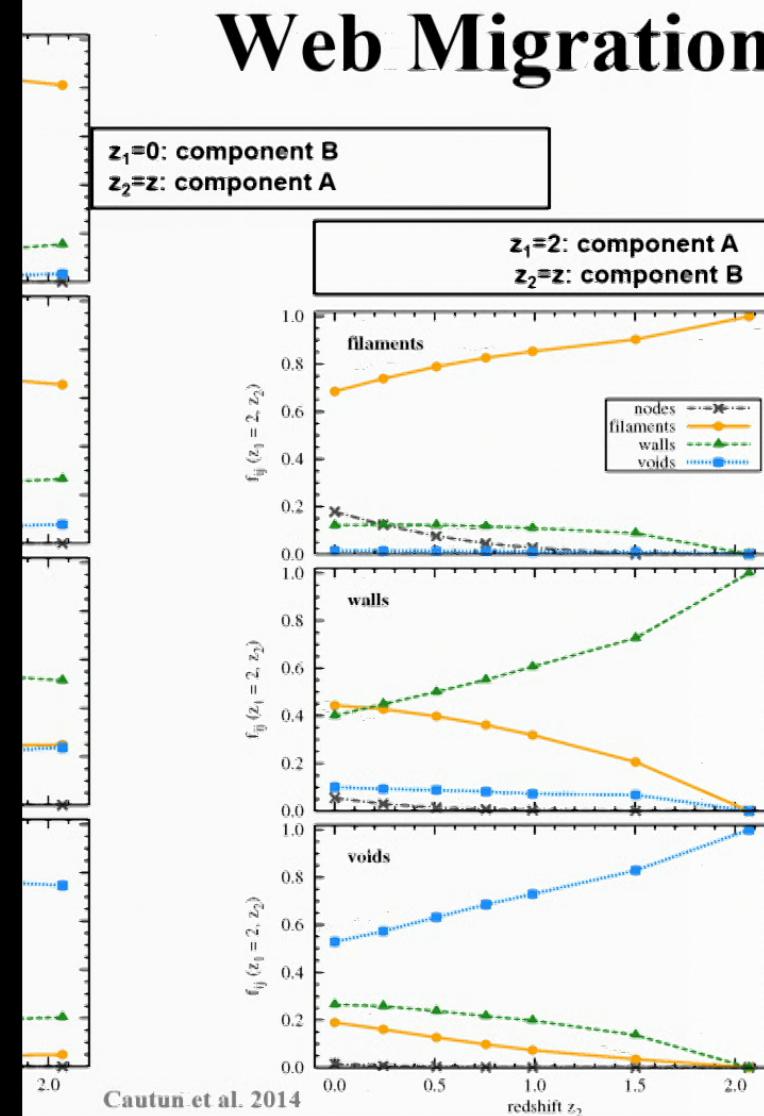
# Walls & Filaments

## Internal Diameter & Density Profiles

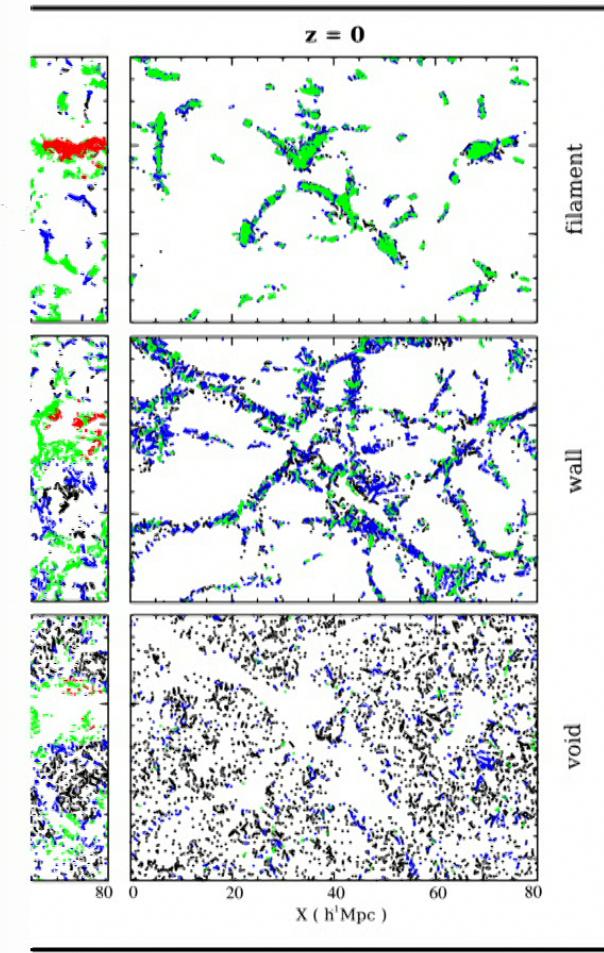


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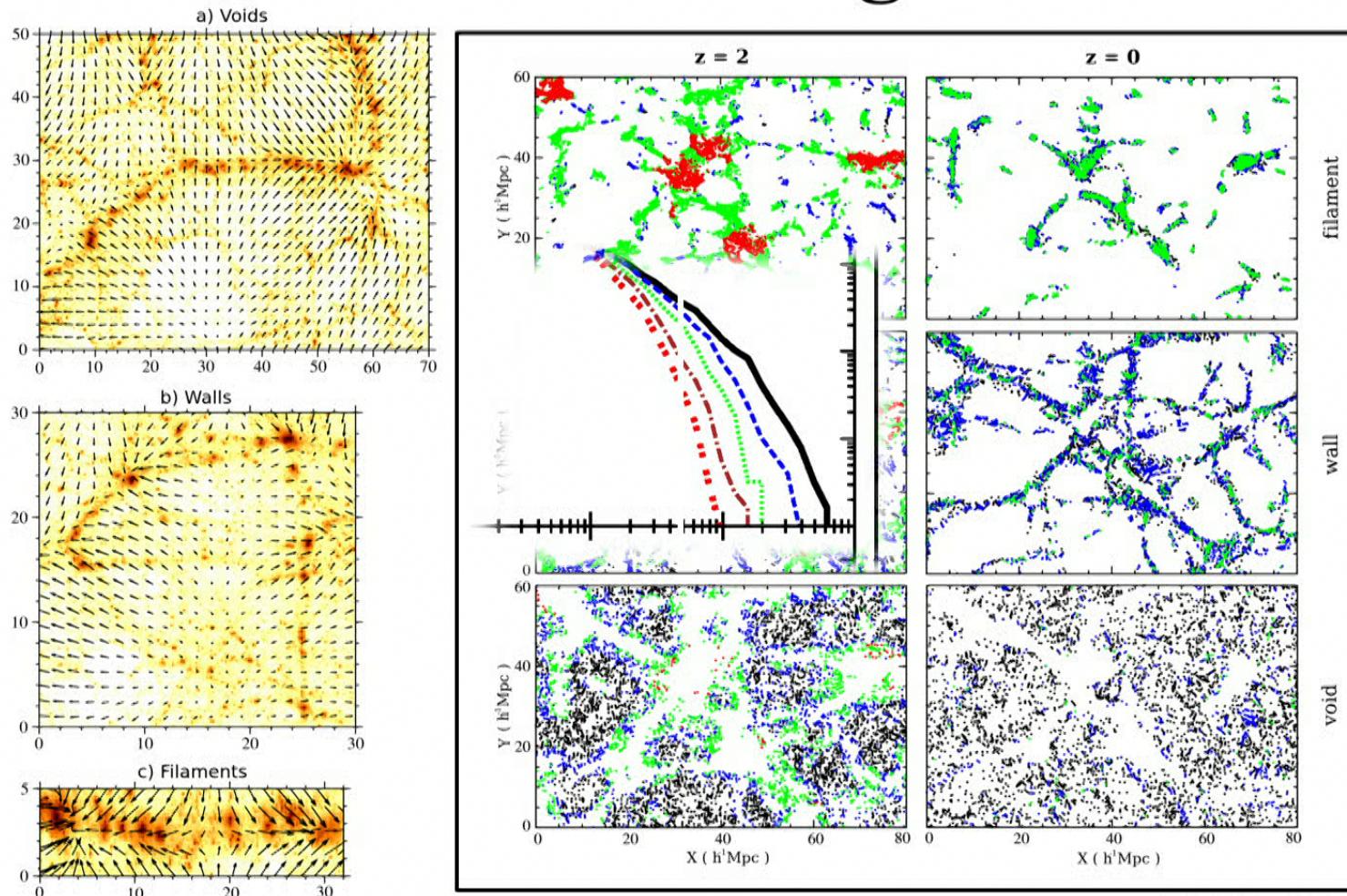
# Web Migration



# igration

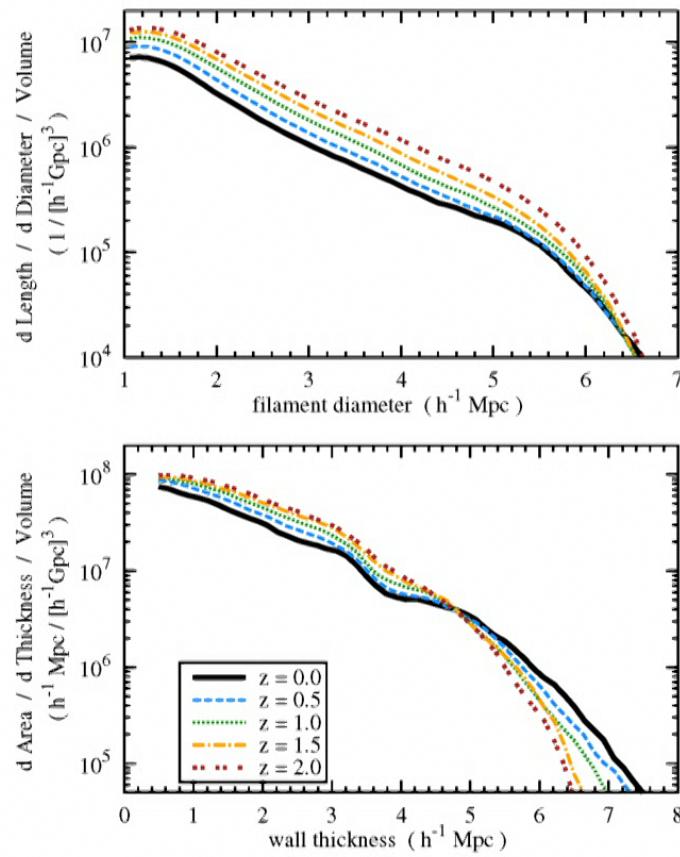


# Web Mass Emigration



Cautun et al. 2014

# Evolving Filament & Wall Diameters



Filament population:  
increasing diameter

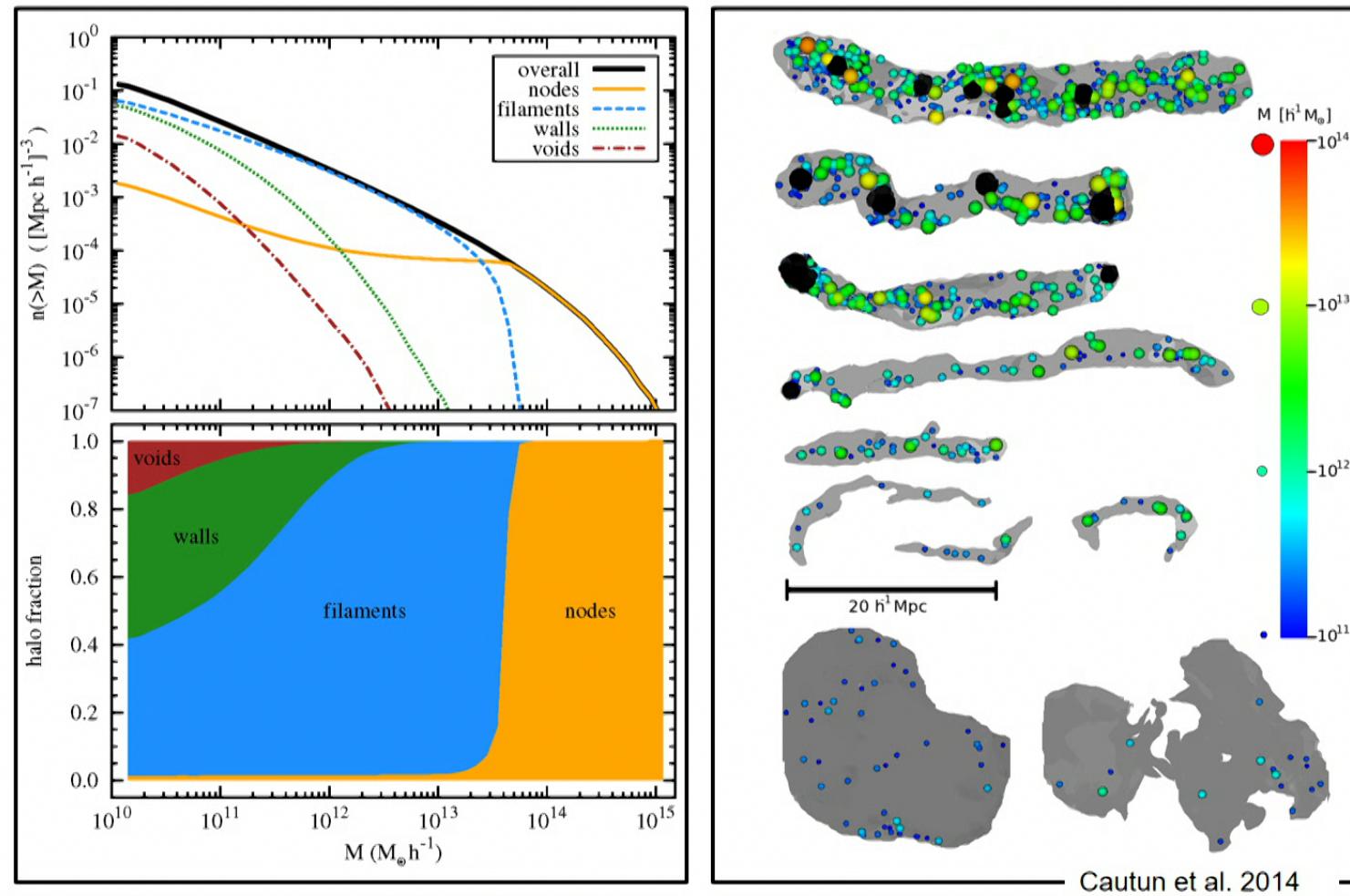
Wall population:  
increasing thickness for denser walls  
decrease of tenuous walls

Cautun et al. 2014

# **Cosmic Web:**

## **Halo Distribution**

# Halos in the Cosmic Web



# Cosmic Web

variations in gravity along different directions (tidal forces)

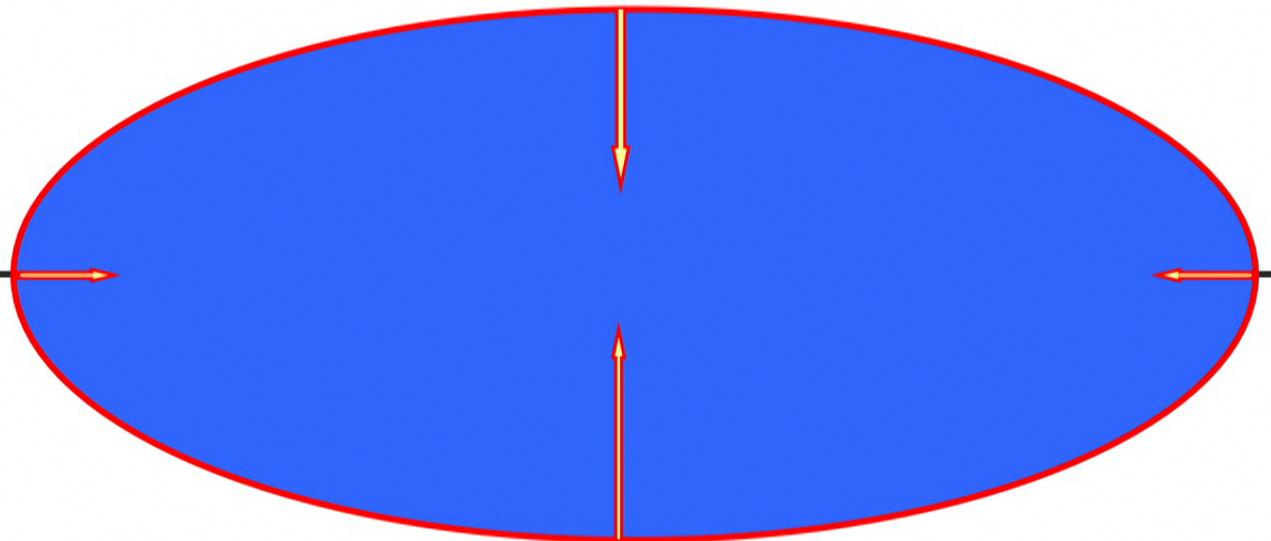


## Anisotropic Collapse

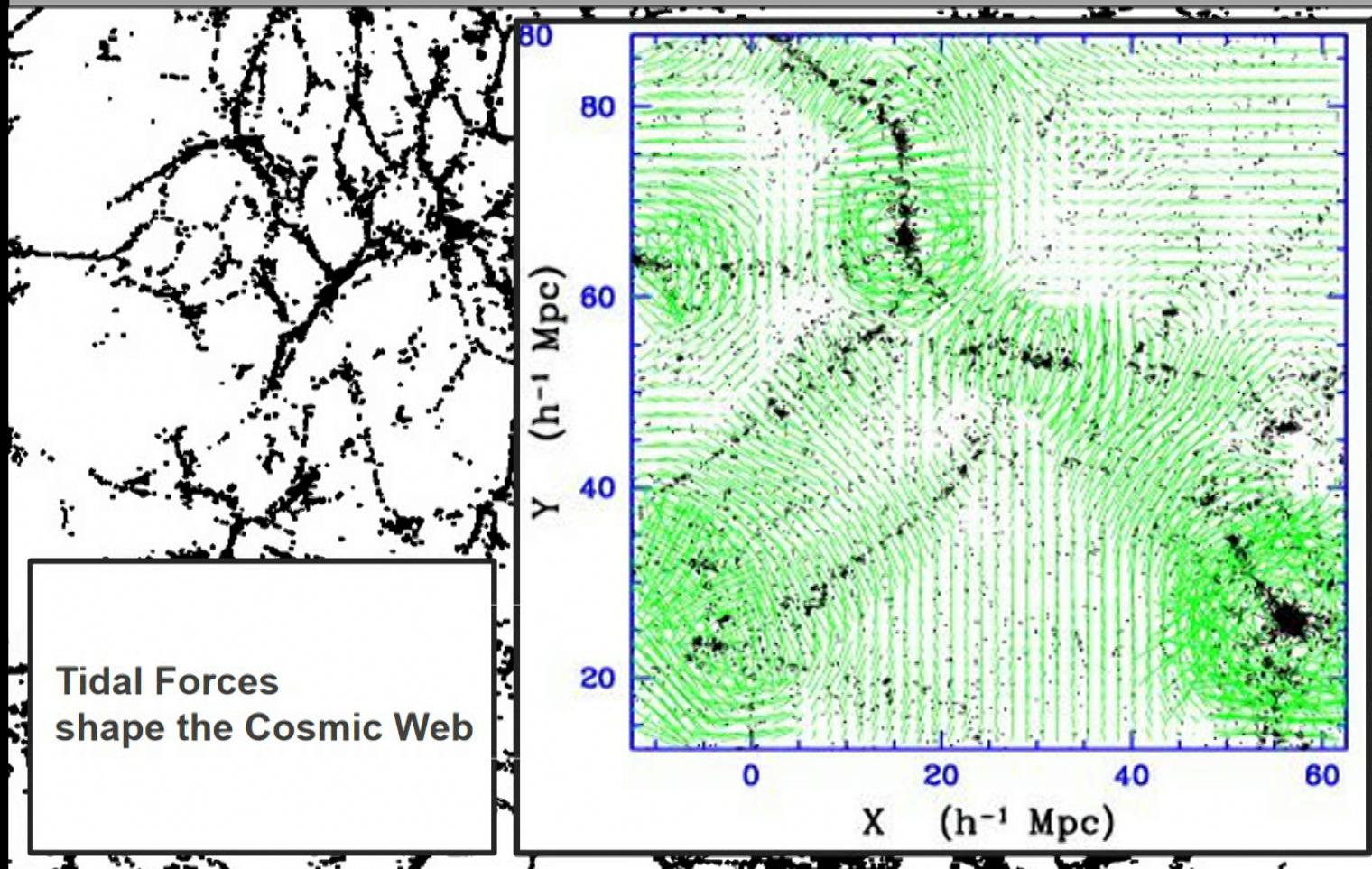
# Anisotropic Gravitational Collapse

Amplification

small perturbations in gravity along different directions (tidal forces)



# Tidal Shaping of the Cosmic Web

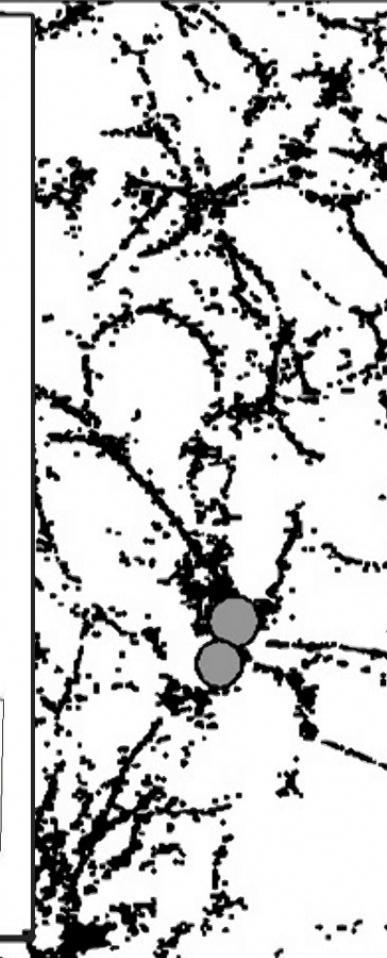
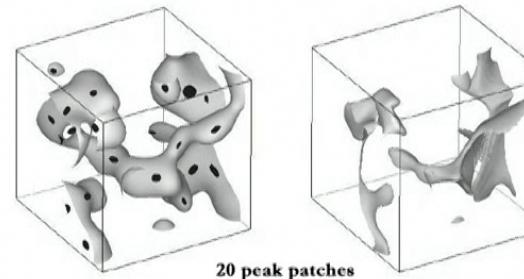
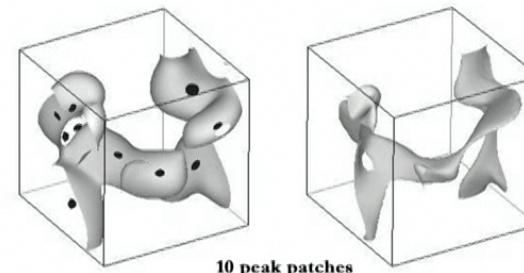
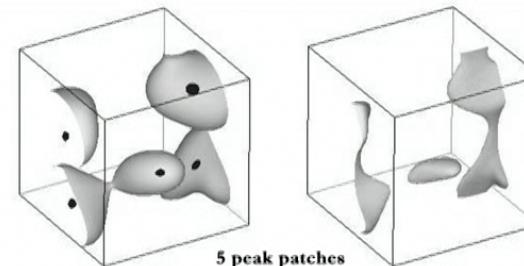


# Tidal Shaping of the Cosmic Web

Cosmic Web Theory

Bond, Kofman &  
Pogosyan 1996

Tidal Forces:  
main source are the  
clusters



# **Dynamics of the Cosmic Web: Anisotropic Collapse & Zeldovich Formalism**

# Zel'dovich Approximation

$$\vec{x} = \vec{q} + D(t) \vec{u}(\vec{q})$$

$$\vec{u}(\vec{q}) = -\vec{\nabla} \Phi(\vec{q})$$

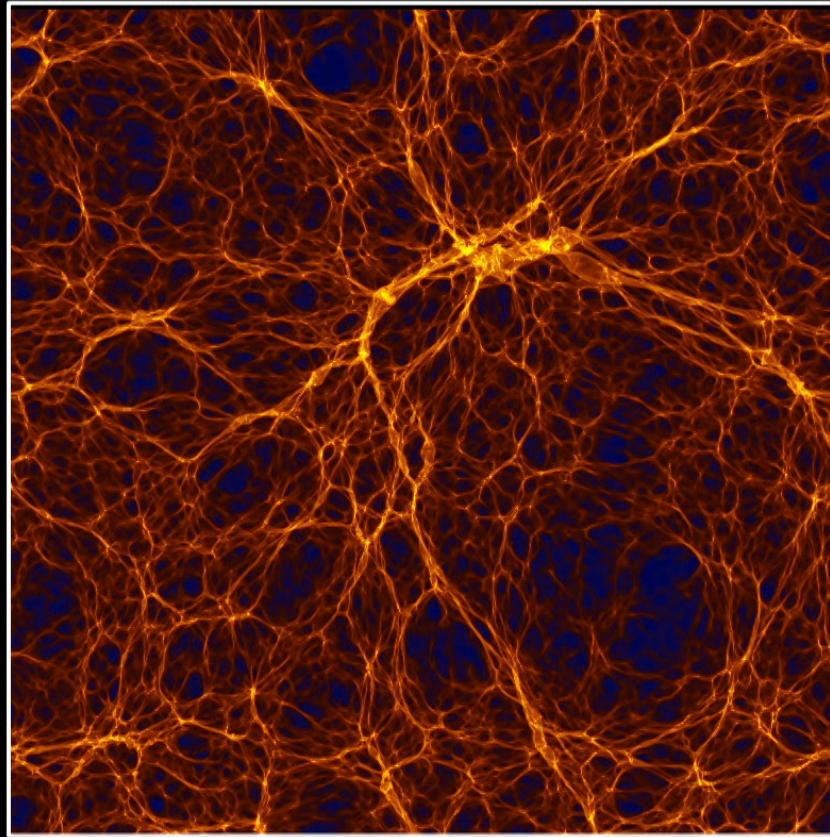
$$\Phi(\vec{q}) = \frac{2}{3Da^2H^2\Omega} \phi_{lin}(\vec{q})$$

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$$d_{ij} = -\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial q_j}$$



$$\rho(\vec{q}, t) = \frac{\rho_u(t)}{(1 - D(t)\lambda_1(\vec{q}))(1 - D(t)\lambda_2(\vec{q}))(1 - D(t)\lambda_3(\vec{q}))}$$

structure of the cosmic web determined by the spatial field of eigenvalues

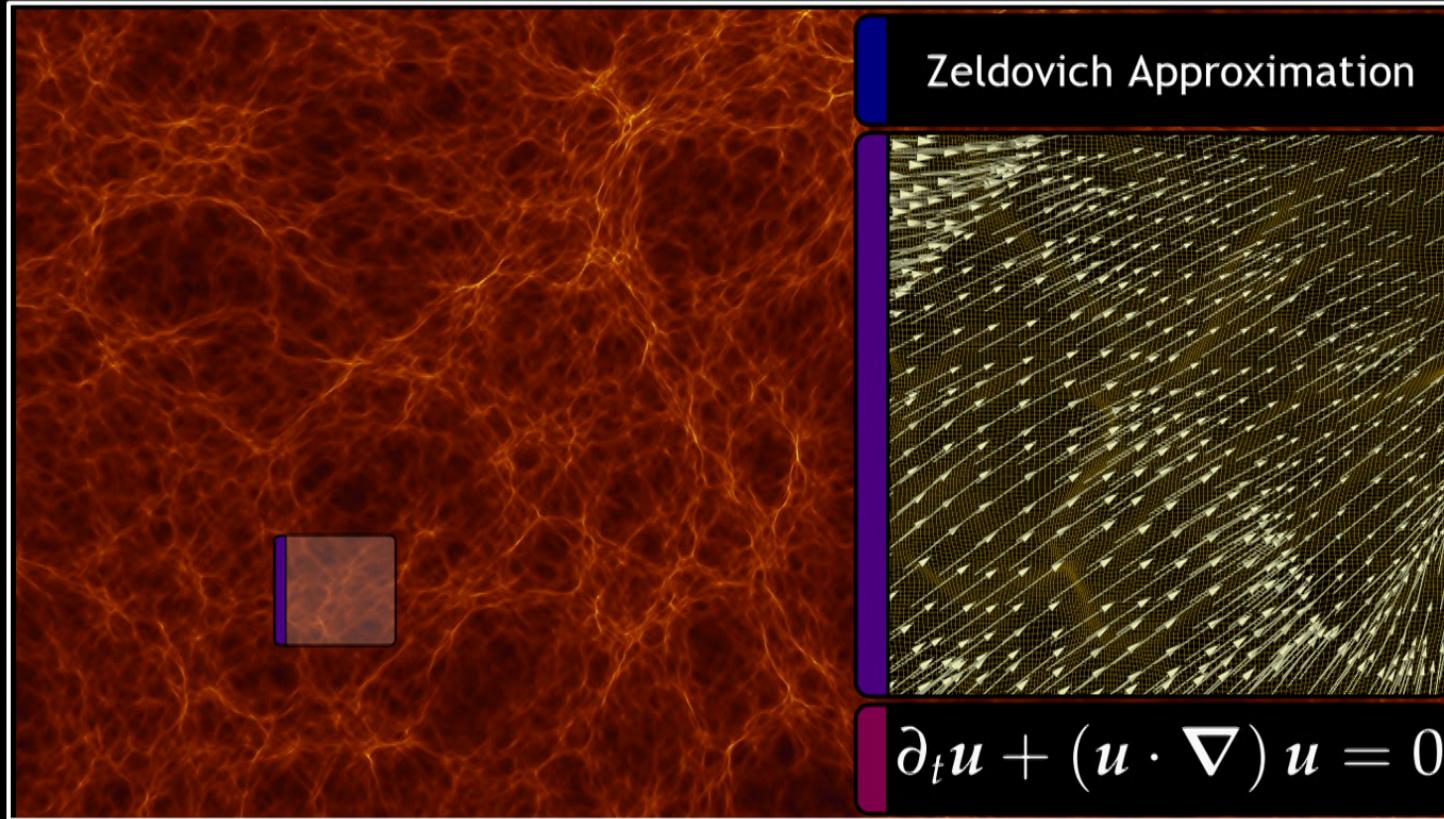
$\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$

# Hierarchical Dynamics of the Cosmic Web:

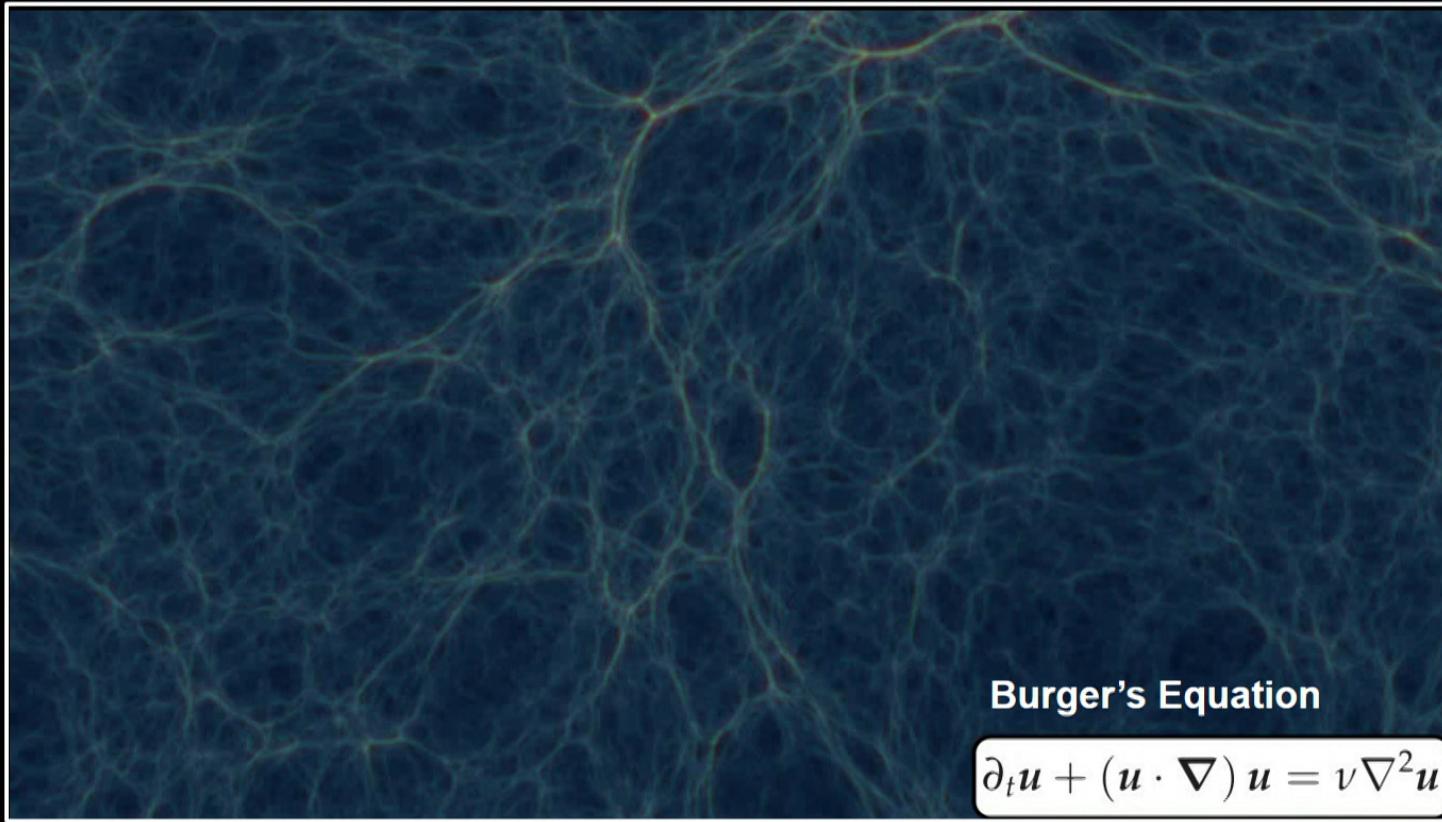
## Convex Hull Adhesion

Hidding, vdW et al. 2012,  
Hidding, vdW et al. 2016  
Hidding, vdW et al. 2018

# Zel'dovich Approximation



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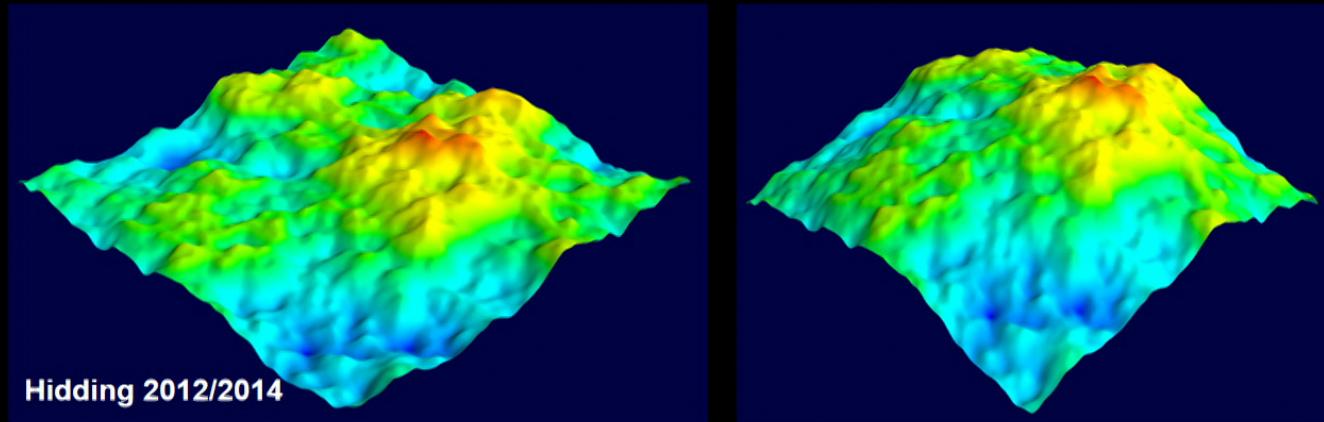


Burger's Equation

$$\partial_t u + (u \cdot \nabla) u = \nu \nabla^2 u$$

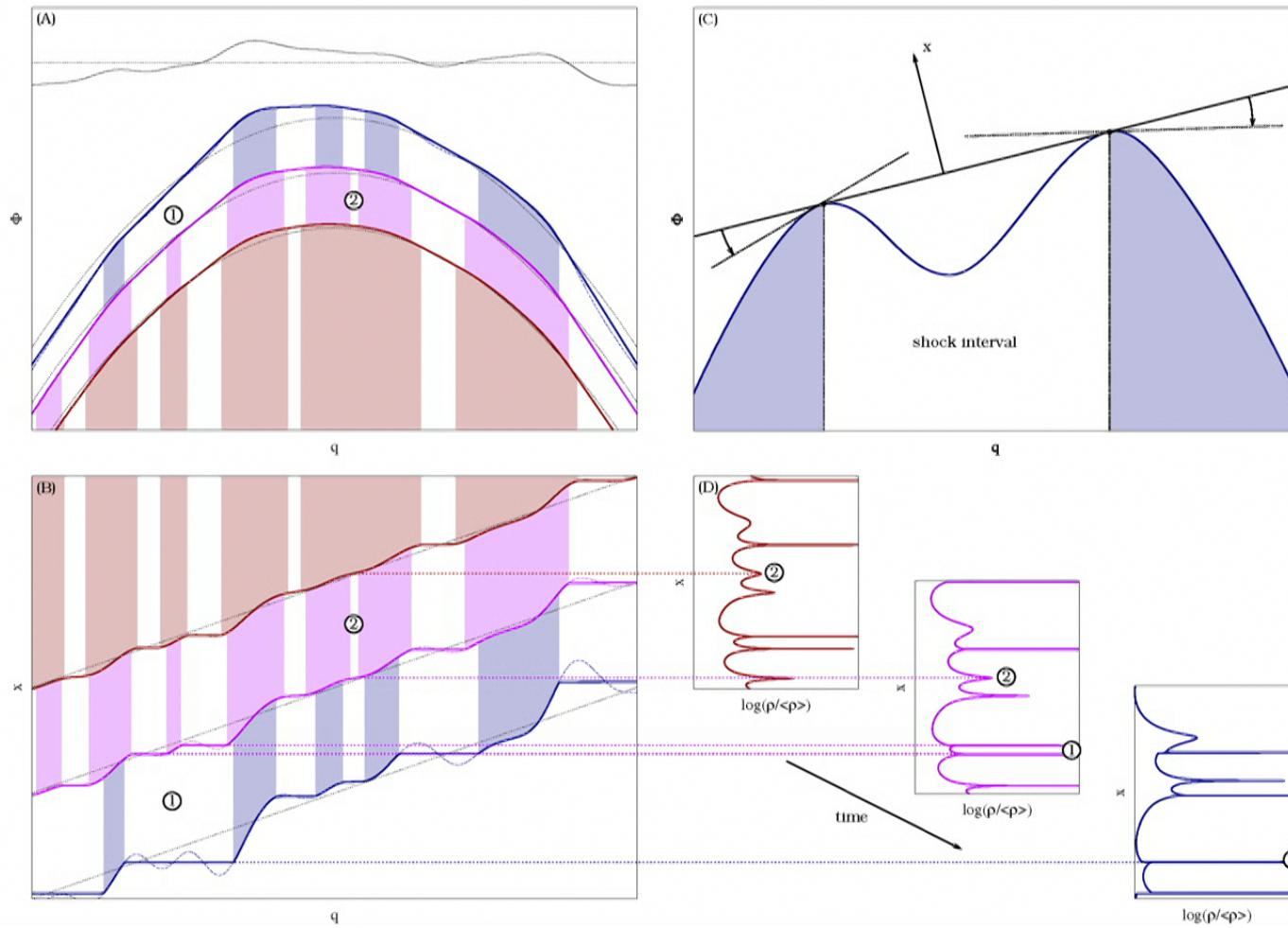
# Burger's Equation: Hopf Solution

$$\frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t} + (\vec{u} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{u} = \nu \nabla^2 \vec{u}$$

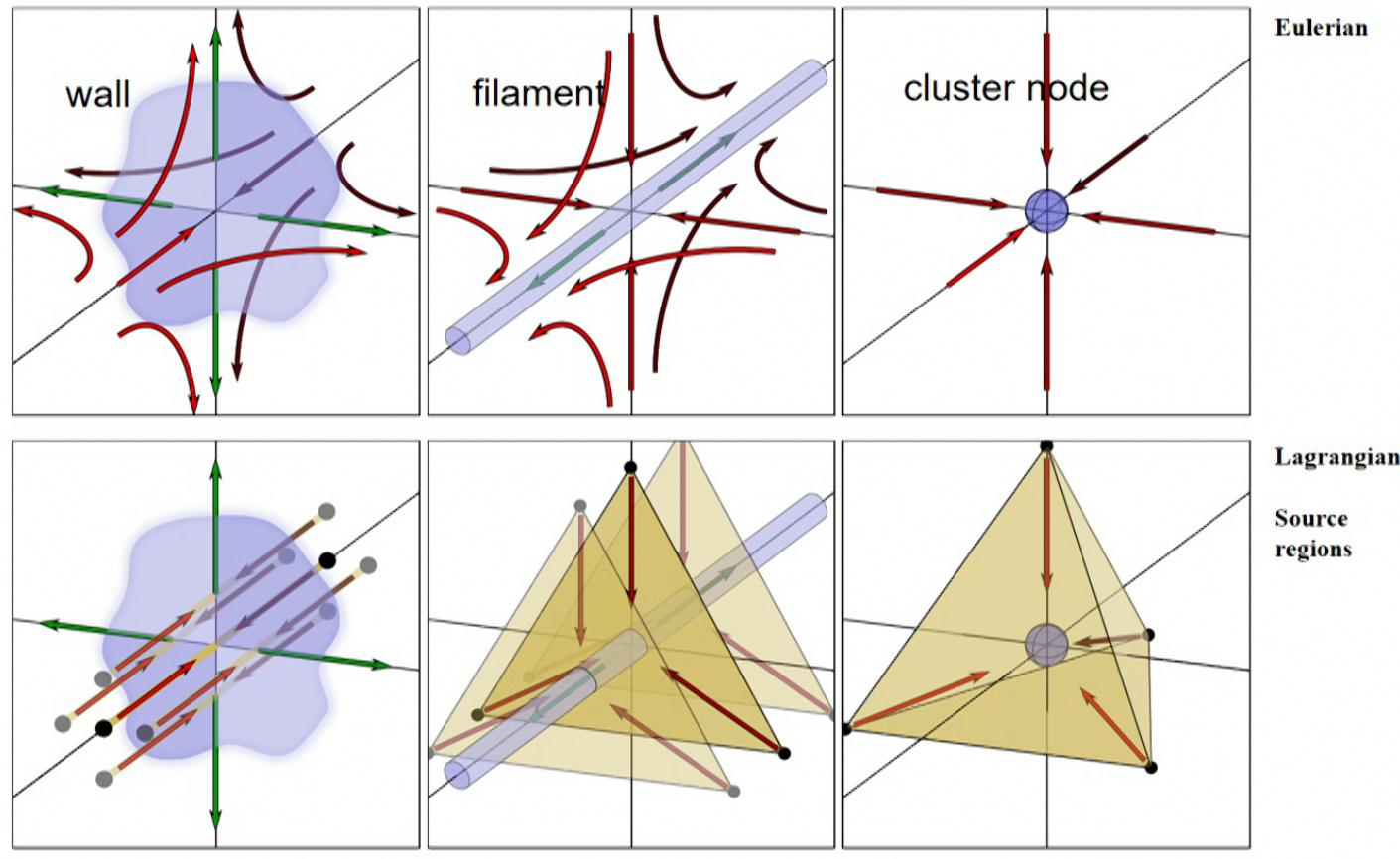


$$\Phi(\vec{x}, t) + \frac{x^2}{2} = \max_q \left[ \left( t\Phi_0(q) - \frac{q^2}{2} \right) + \vec{x} \cdot \vec{q} \right]$$

# Burger's Equation: Hopf Solution



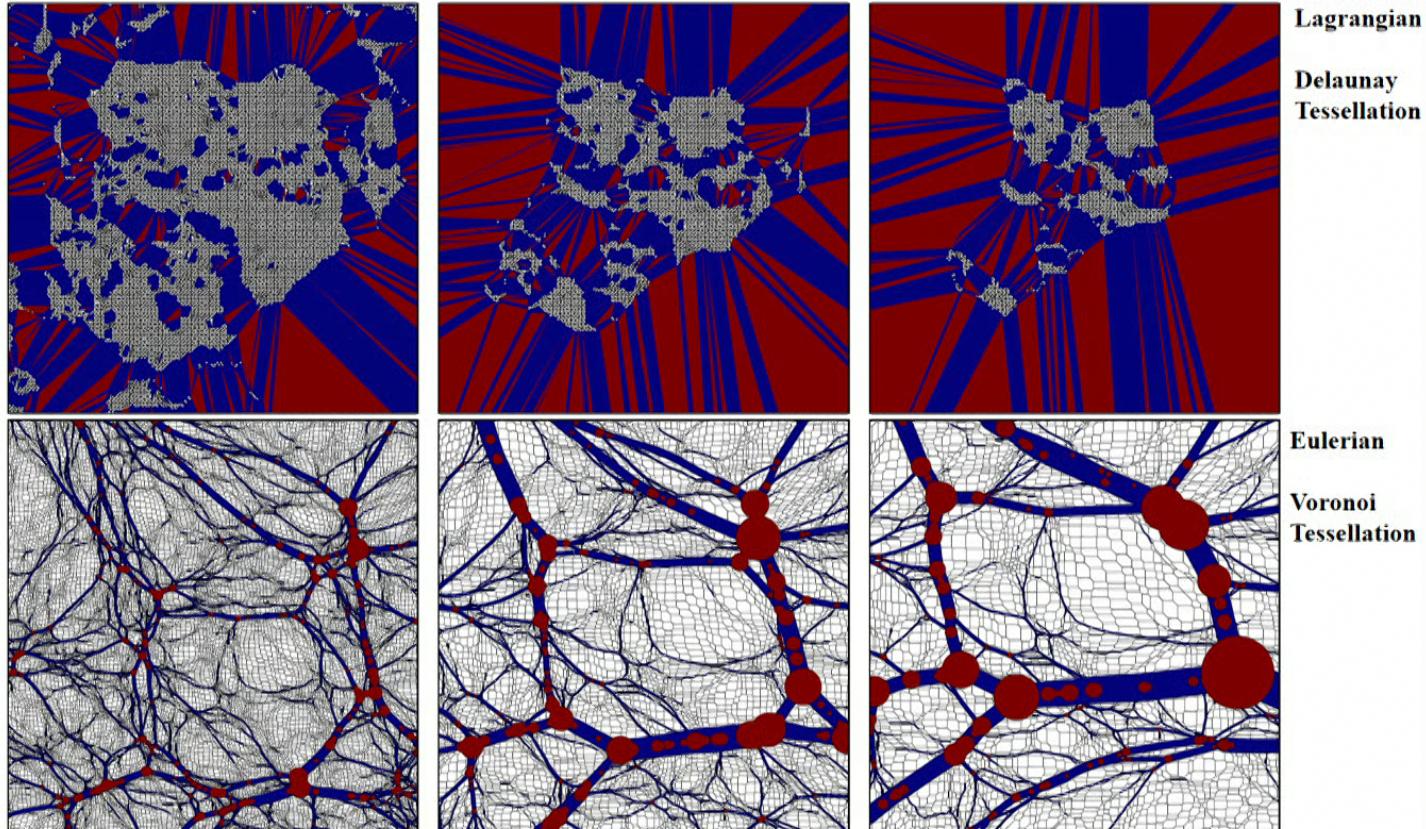
# Eulerian vs. Lagrangian weblike geometry



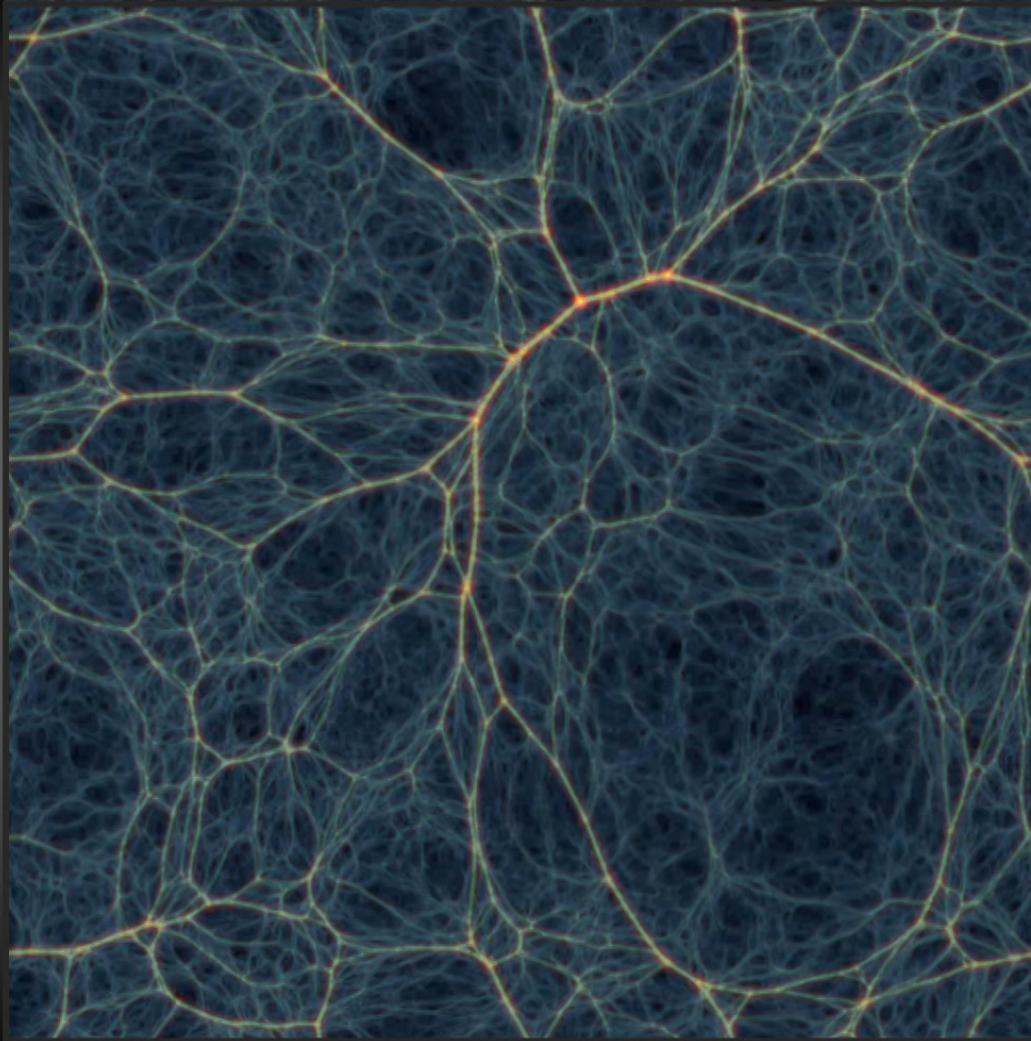
Hidding, vdW et al.

# Lagrangian – Eulerian Cosmic Web

## Delaunay- Voronoi Tessellations



Hidding, vdW et al.



## Hierarchical Web Evolution:

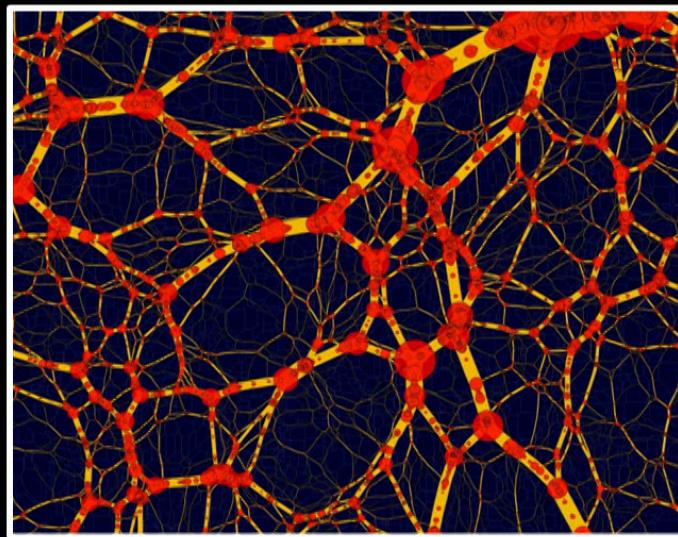
Adhesion simulation  
buildup Cosmic Web

Johan Hidding  
2012

# Cosmological Sensitivity Cosmic Web

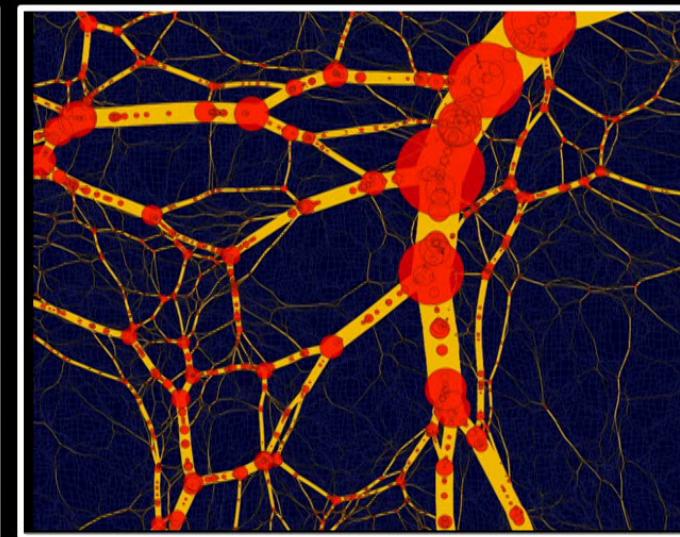
the morphology of the weblike network is  
highly sensitive to the underlying cosmology

$$P(k) \sim k^{-1.5}$$

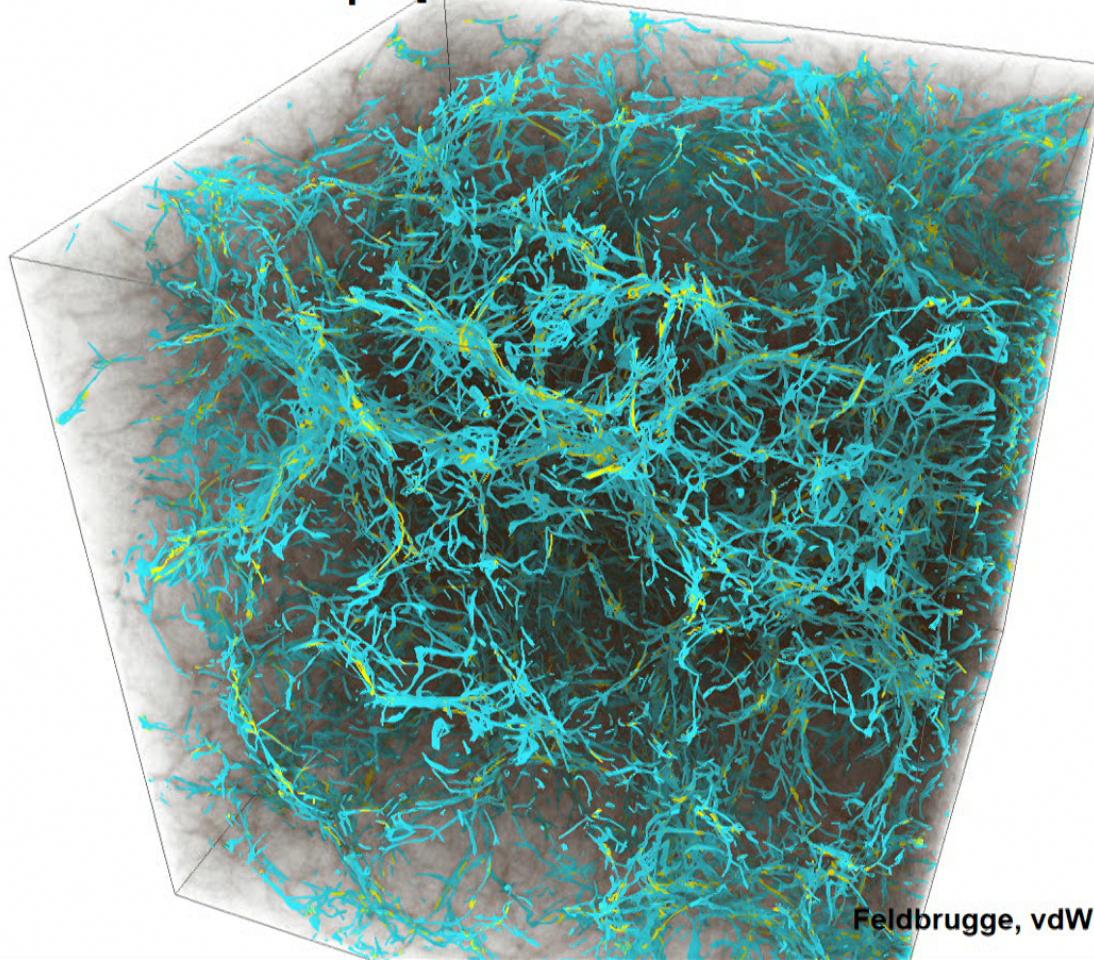


Hidding 2012/2014

$$P(k) \sim k^{-2.0}$$



# Skeleton (3D) Cosmic Web: $A_4$ spine - swallowtails



Feldbrugge, vdW et al. 2017b