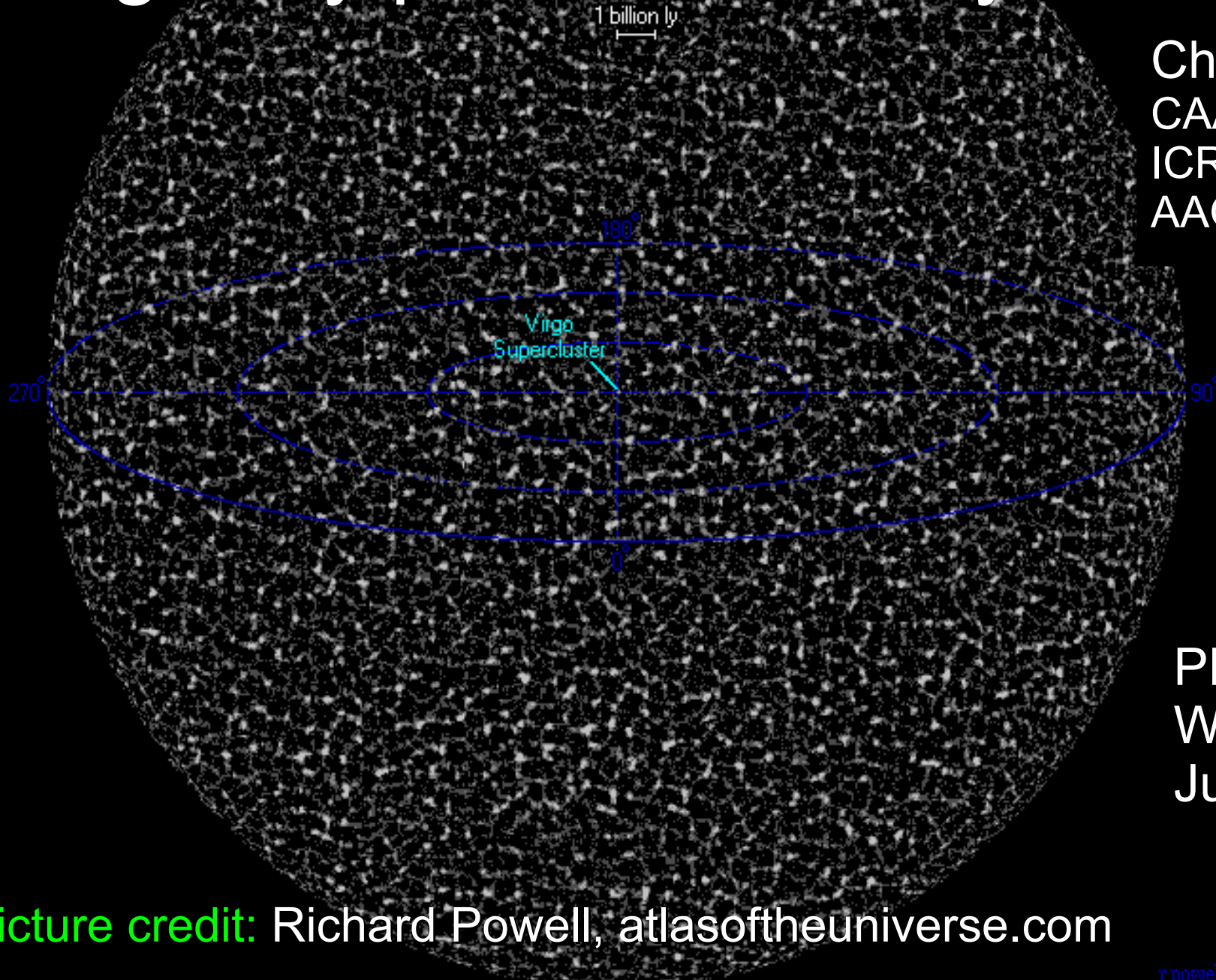


# WALLABY and the next generation of galaxy peculiar velocity surveys



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# Outline

- Background on galaxy distances and peculiar velocities and why they're interesting
- Redshift independent distance indicators
  - Tully-Fisher & Fundamental Plane: The workhorses of redshift-independent distance indicators
- Overview of current and future galaxy peculiar velocity surveys—where does WALLABY fit in?
- Other surveys: TAIPAN
- Building peculiar velocity models from all-sky redshift surveys

# Measuring large scale motions

- **peculiar velocity**—the velocity of a test particle (galaxy) *separate from its velocity due to the overall Hubble expansion*
  - caused by the gravitational attraction of nearby matter overdensities
- Given the *peculiar velocity field*  $\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{r})$ , can infer matter density field, which gives you cosmological parameters

# Measuring peculiar velocities = measuring distances

- How do you measure peculiar velocities?
  - Use a redshift independent distance indicator:

$$cZ_{\text{obs}} = H_0 r + v_{\text{pec}}$$

## Cosmology from galaxy peculiar velocities

- One advantage over redshift surveys alone:
  - Comparison between density field (from redshift surveys) and velocity field: “cancelling cosmic variance”

## Burkey & Taylor (2004) MNRAS 347, 255

- Derive a method for using the combination of the z-survey and v-survey to estimate the following cosmological parameters:
  - the amplitude of the galaxy power spectrum, which is related to the amplitude of the mass power spectrum by the bias parameter  $A_g = bA_m$
  - the power spectrum shape parameter  $\Gamma = \Omega_m h$
  - the redshift space distortion parameter  $\beta = \Omega_m^{0.55} / b$
  - the correlation coefficient between luminous and dark matter  $r_g$

## Bulk flow: Is it larger than predicted by $\Lambda$ CDM?

- Davis, Nusser: Existing datasets (minus 6dFGS) show mean motion within  $\sim 50$  Mpc/h consistent with  $\Lambda$ CDM
- Watkins, Feldman, Hudson: Existing datasets (minus 6dFGS) show mean motion within  $\sim 50$  Mpc/h higher than predicted by  $\Lambda$ CDM ( $\sim 97.5\%$  probability that a random observer would see a lower value)

## Measuring distances: primary vs. secondary distance indicators

- **Primary distance indicators:** distance measurement doesn't require calibration by another method
  - Variable stars (Cepheids, RR Lyrae stars)
  - Tip of the Red Giant Branch
  - Eclipsing binaries
- **Secondary distance indicators:** distance measurement must be calibrated by the distance scale derived from primary distance indicators
  - Surface brightness fluctuations
  - Type Ia supernovae
  - **Tully-Fisher relation**
  - **Fundamental Plane relation**

Only TF (spirals) and FP (ellipticals) from photometry + spectroscopy can give you peculiar velocities for thousands of galaxies.



# What's the optimal survey design for a peculiar velocity survey?

- Largest possible number of galaxies
- Smallest possible distance / peculiar velocity errors
- Widest possible sky coverage
- Largest possible survey volume

# “Current” generation peculiar velocity surveys

- Tully-Fisher surveys
  - **SFI++**: Masters et al. (2006); Springob et al. (2007)
    - ~4000 galaxies
  - **2MTF**: Masters, Huchra, & Springob (2008)...now Hong, Springob, Staveley-Smith... – ~2000 galaxies
  - **Cosmic Flows**: Courtois & Tully 2012 – ??? galaxies (mostly  $cz < 6000$  km/s)
- Fundamental Plane surveys
  - **6dFGS**: Magoulas et al. (2012); Springob et al. (in prep.) – ~9000 galaxies, southern sky only
  - **SDSS**: George, Schlegel – ~80,000 galaxies to 30,000 km/s, but only in  $1/4^{\text{th}}$  of the sky

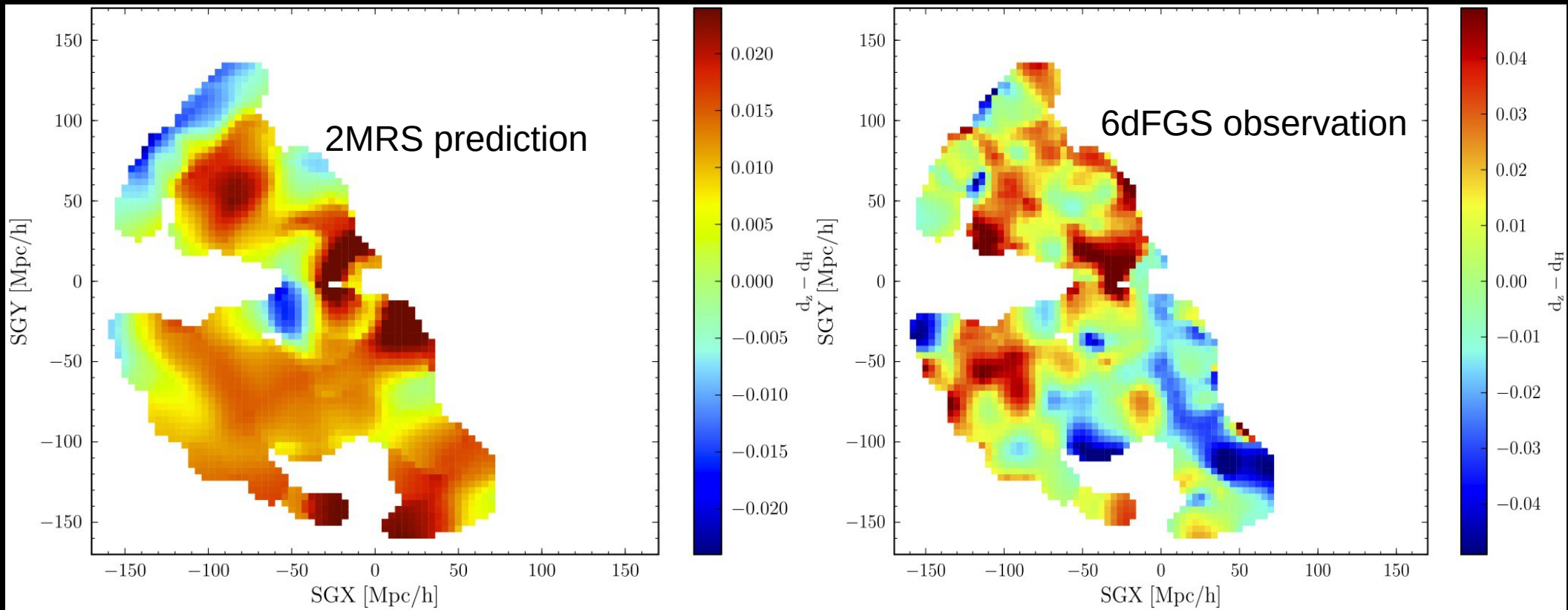
## 6dFGS bulk flow (Magoulas PhD 2012)

- Total bulk flow =  $337 \pm 66$  km/s on scale of  $\sim 160$  Mpc/h in Southern Hemisphere
- Residual from 2MRS prediction =  $273 \pm 45$  km/s

[Does not account for uneven sampling of survey. See Scrimgeour PhD thesis (in prep).]

# Getting cosmology out of cosmography:

If bulk flow is large, is it because  $\Lambda$ -CDM needs revision, or because we happen to live in a region with unusually large superclusters / voids that induce the large bulk flow?



Above: smoothed predicted velocity field from 2MRS (left) and observed velocity field from 6dFGS (right) for a slice through the supergalactic plane ( $-20 < SGZ < +20$  Mpc/h). Redder colors correspond to more positive peculiar velocities; bluer colors to more negative peculiar velocities.

# WALLABY – Wideband ASKAP L-band Legacy All-sky Blind Survey



- Integration time 9600 hrs
- Angular resolution:  $\sim 30$  arcsec
- Area:  $3\pi$  (decl.  $< +30$  degrees)
- Bandwidth: 300 MHz ( $z = 0$  to 0.26)

PIs: Baerbel Koribalski, Lister Staveley-Smith

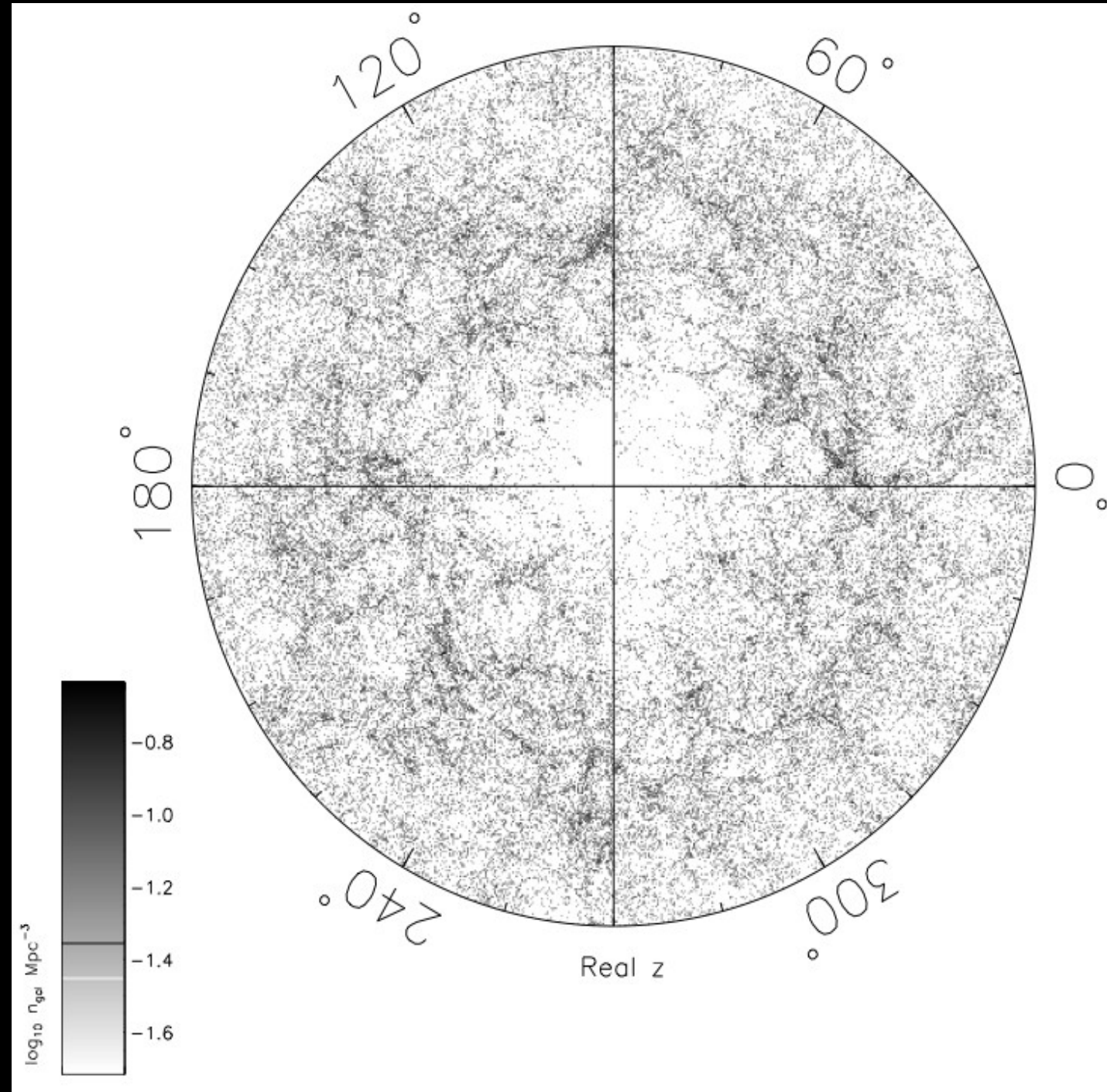
# A next generation all-sky TF survey

- **WALLABY**: HI widths for galaxies south of decl = +30 degrees
- **Westerbork Northern Sky HI Survey (WNSHS)** = northern hemisphere WALLABY counterpart conducted with the Westerbork Synthesis Radio Telescope; provides coverage north of +30 degrees.
- **SkyMapper + PanSTARRS** = source of photometric data

# Duffy et al. (2012): WALLABY / WNSHS simulation

Left: Simulated sky distribution of detected galaxies with  $cz < 12,000$  km/s.

Expected total (out to  $z=0.26$ ):  
 $S/N > 5$ : 825k gals  
 $S/N > 10$ : 249k gals



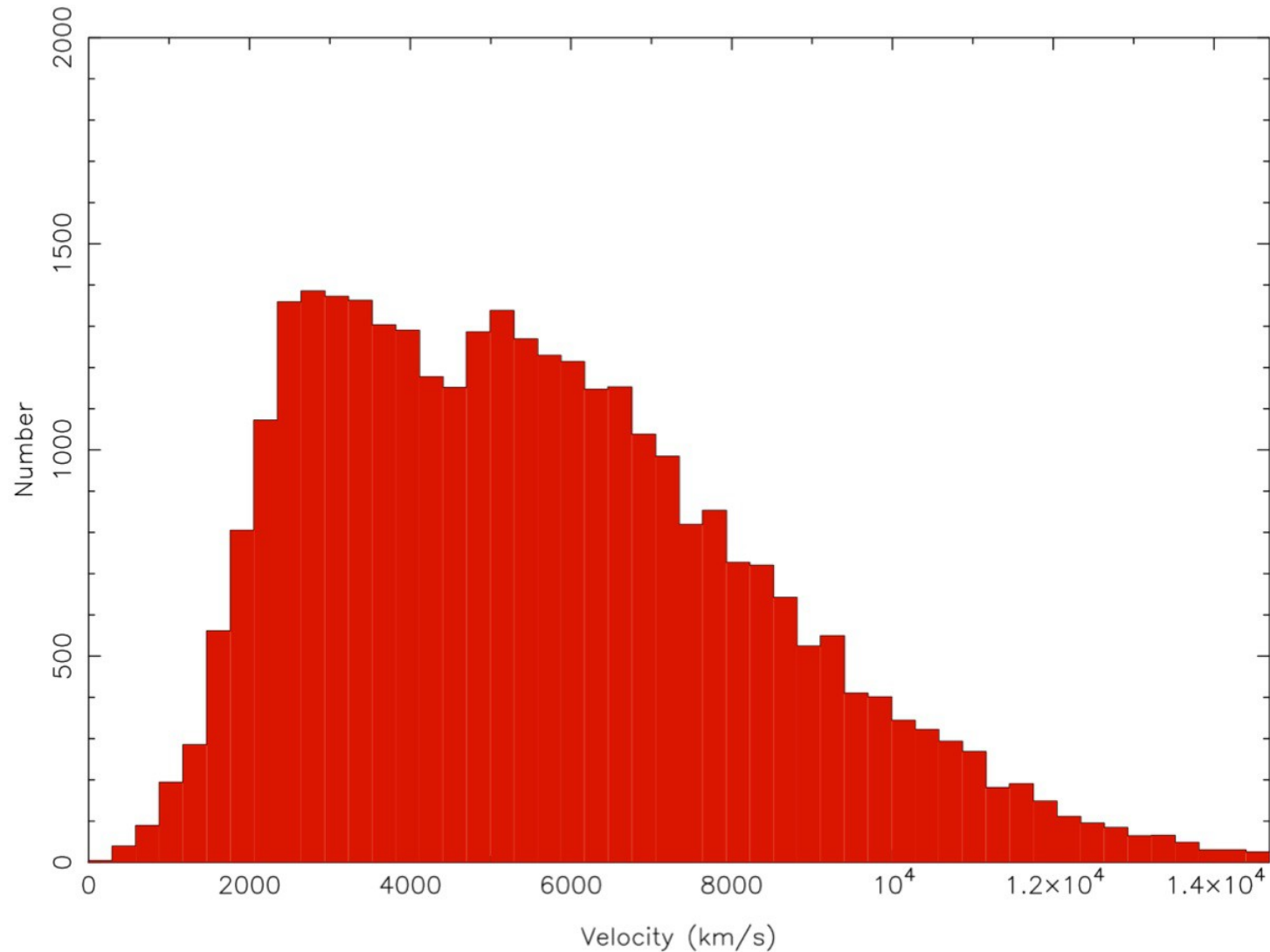


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# Mock TF velocity sub-sample

$S/N > 7$  in 10 km/s bins;  $i > 30$  deg;  $W > 80$  km/s

32048 simulated detections





# TAIPAN – Transforming Astronomical Imaging-surveys through Polychromatic Analysis of Nebulae

- Survey w/ the UK Schmidt Telescope at Siding Spring, following in footsteps of 6dFGS, using 300 “starbug” fibre probes
- All southern sky multi-object spectrographic survey, ~500,000 galaxies
- ~50,000 FP peculiar velocities? (Magoulas simulations)



# Model velocity fields as derived from redshift surveys

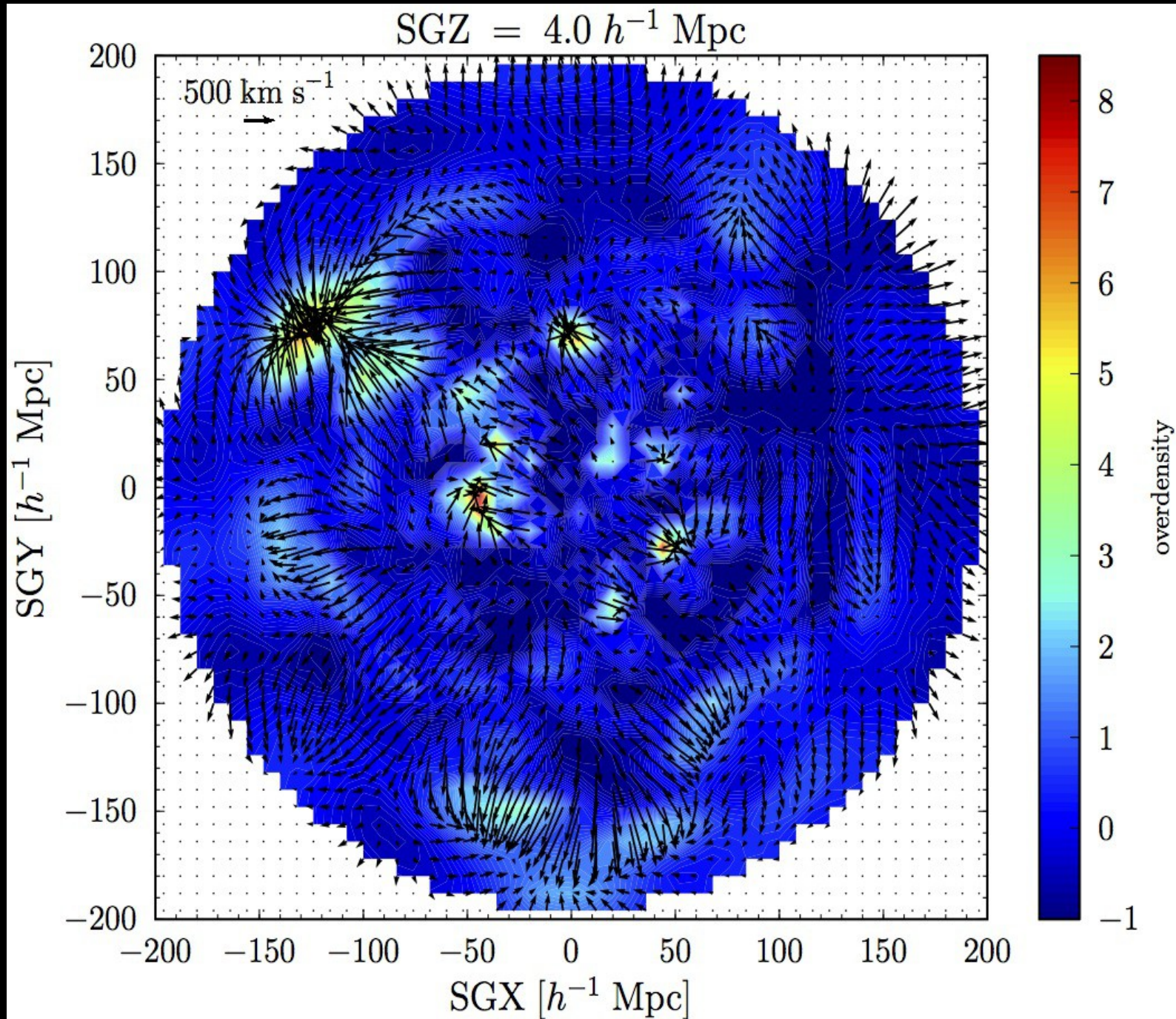
- Take an all-sky redshift survey:
  - Reconstruct the predicted peculiar velocity field, assuming galaxy distribution traces matter distribution, and  $b = \delta_{\text{gal}} / \delta_{\text{mass}}$
  - Some of the cosmological analysis comes from analyzing the observed peculiar velocities on their own, but some analysis involves comparing to the predicted peculiar velocity field.

# The 2MRS velocity field

Erdogdu et al.  
(submitted)

3D  
reconstruction  
of densities  
and velocities  
from 2MRS,  
out to  $\sim 200$   
Mpc/h

Right: The  
reconstructed  
peculiar velocity  
field for 2MRS  
(11.75 mag.  
limit sample.).



# All sky redshift survey....can we do better?

**Table 1**  
Large Redshift Surveys of the Nearby Universe to Date

Survey	Sky Coverage (% $4\pi$ sr)	Depth <sup>a</sup> ( $z$ )	Selection (band, flux)	No. of Gals. ( $\times 10^3$ )	Reference
CfA1	30%	0.03	$B = 14.5$ mag	2.4	de Lapparent et al. (1986)
ORS	60%	0.03	$B = 14.0$ mag	8.5	Santiago et al. (1995)
SSRS2+	60%	0.04	$B = 15.5$ mag	23.6	da Costa et al. (1998) and Huchra et al. (1999)
CfA2					
IRAS PSCz	85%	0.08	$60 \mu\text{m} = 0.6$ Jy	16.1	Saunders et al. (2000)
LCRS	1%	0.17	$R = 17.5$ mag	25.3	Shectman et al. (1996)
2dF	8%	0.19	$b_J = 19.5$ mag	245.6	Colless et al. (2001)
SDSS <sup>b</sup>	35%	0.33	$r = 17.5$ mag	943.6	Aihara et al. (2011)
6dFGS	40%	0.10	$K_s = 12.65$ mag	124.6	Jones et al. (2004, 2005, 2009)
2MRS11.25	83%	0.04	$K_s = 11.25$ mag	20.6	Huchra et al. (2005)
2MRS	91%	0.05	$K_s = 11.75$ mag	43.5	This work

**Notes.**

<sup>a</sup> 90 percentile redshift value in catalog.

<sup>b</sup> DR8 main galaxy sample.

Source: Huchra et al. (2011) Table 1.

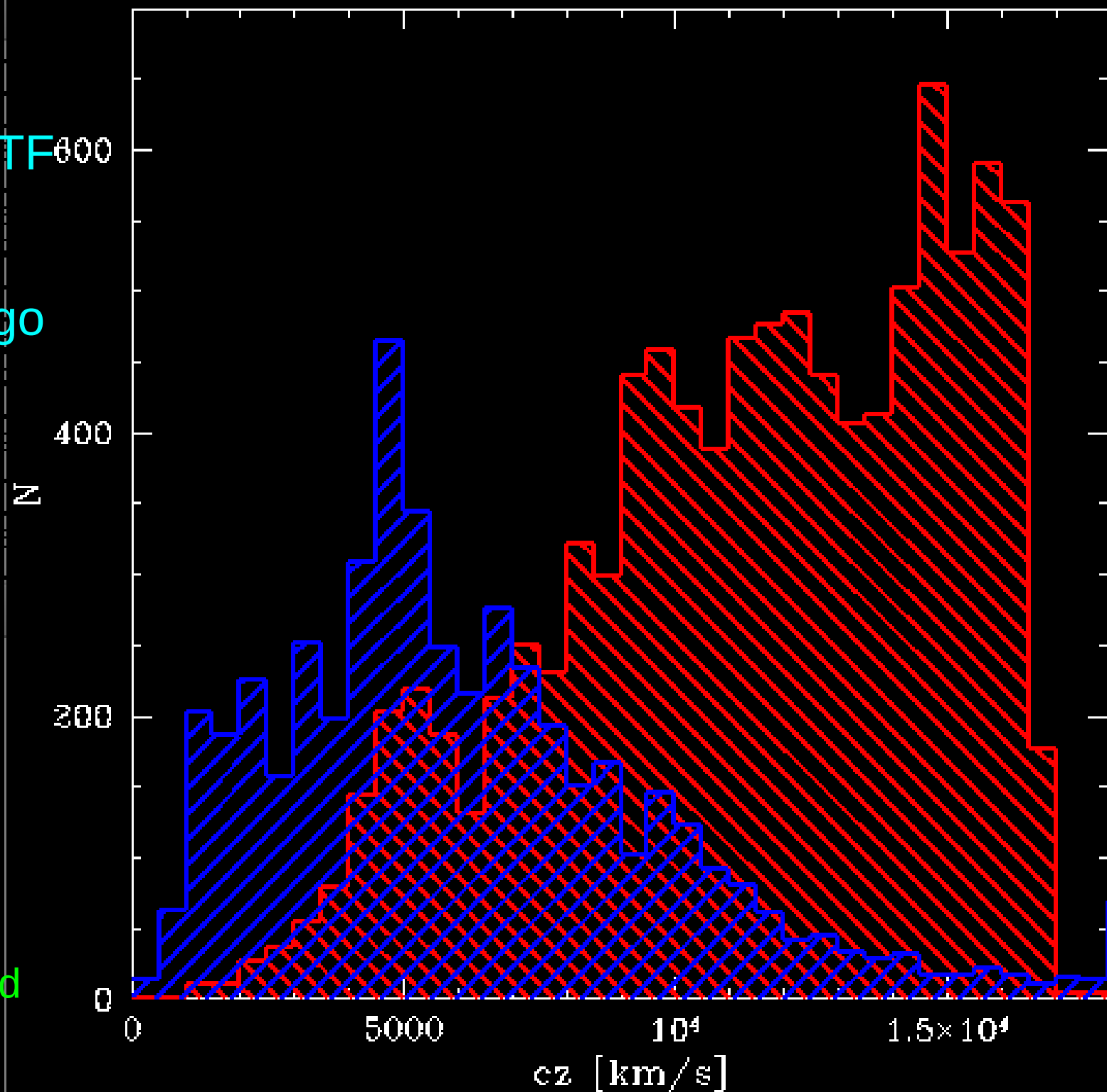
# Conclusions

- Current generation of galaxy peculiar velocities each have ~3000 to ~10,000 galaxies—with WALLABY and TAIPAN, we can grow this by an order of magnitude
- WALLABY & TAIPAN, as peculiar velocity surveys, will be complementary—the former giving us peculiar velocities for the spirals, and the latter for ellipticals
- The redshifts from WALLABY will also be useful to peculiar velocity studies, in that one can reconstruct predicted peculiar velocity field models from redshifts alone.

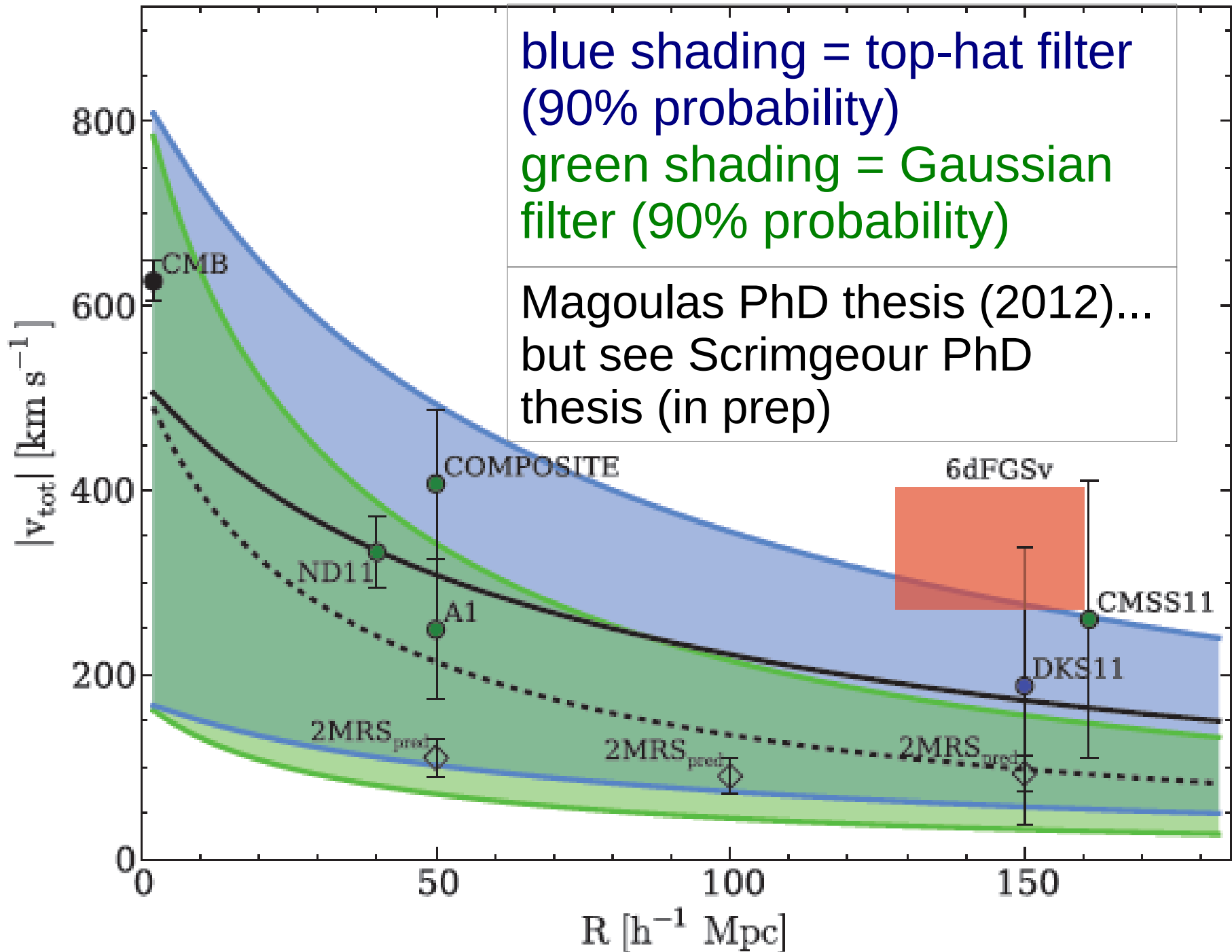
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There are more  $TF_{800}$  galaxies in the universe, but FP surveys tend to go deeper.

Redshift histogram for SFI++ (blue) and 6dFGS (red).



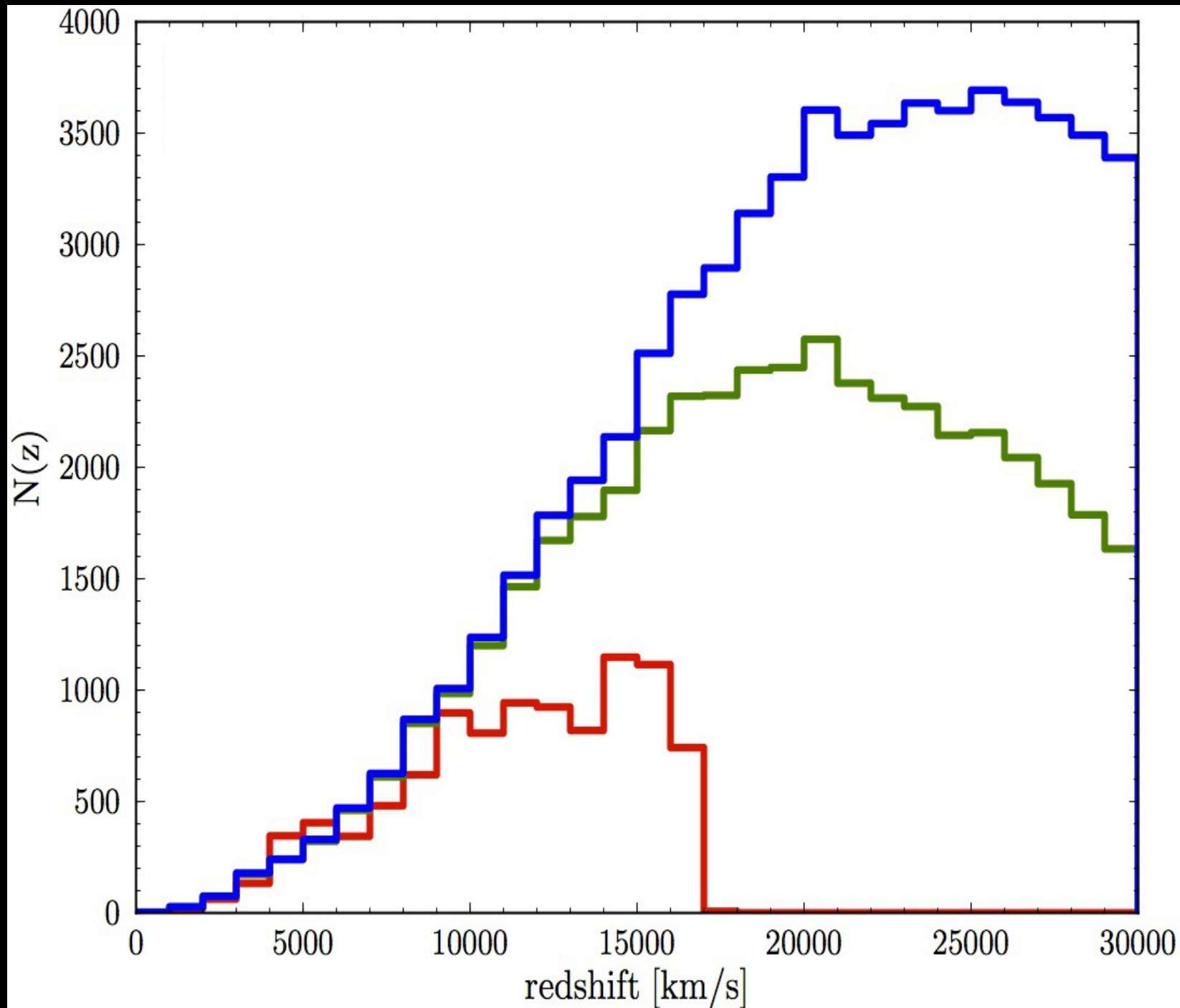
# 6dFGS results





# TAIPAN mock redshift distribution

Right:  
Simulated  
redshift  
histogram for  
TAIPAN FP,  
assuming a J-  
band  
magnitude  
limit of 15.15  
(blue) and  
14.65  
(green). Also  
shown is the  
actual redshift  
histogram for  
6dFGS FP  
(red).

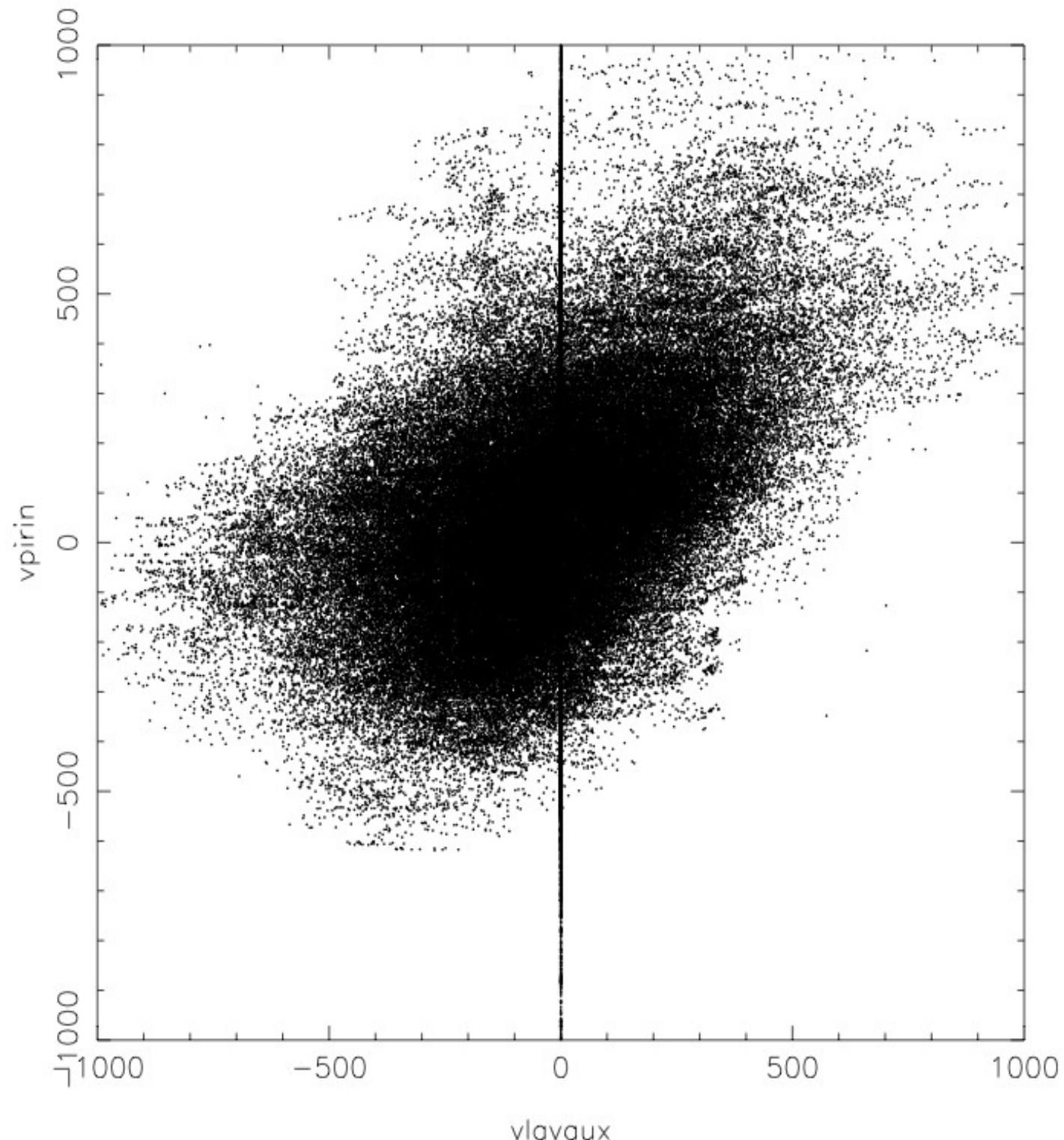


# Galaxy peculiar velocities

Can be used for:

- Cosmology
- Cosmography

Different velocity field reconstructions agree with each other in terms of gross features, but disagree in the details, and do not reproduce CMB dipole.



- you assume that the matter density field is a homogeneous background, with small perturbations on large scales: the linear approximation to gravitational instability theory

$$\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{f(\Omega)}{4\pi} \int d^3\mathbf{r}' \frac{\mathbf{r}' - \mathbf{r}}{|\mathbf{r}' - \mathbf{r}|^3} \delta_{\text{mass}}(\mathbf{r}')$$

where  $f(\Omega) \sim \Omega_m^{0.55}$   
 $\delta_{\text{mass}}(r) = \text{mass overdensity}$

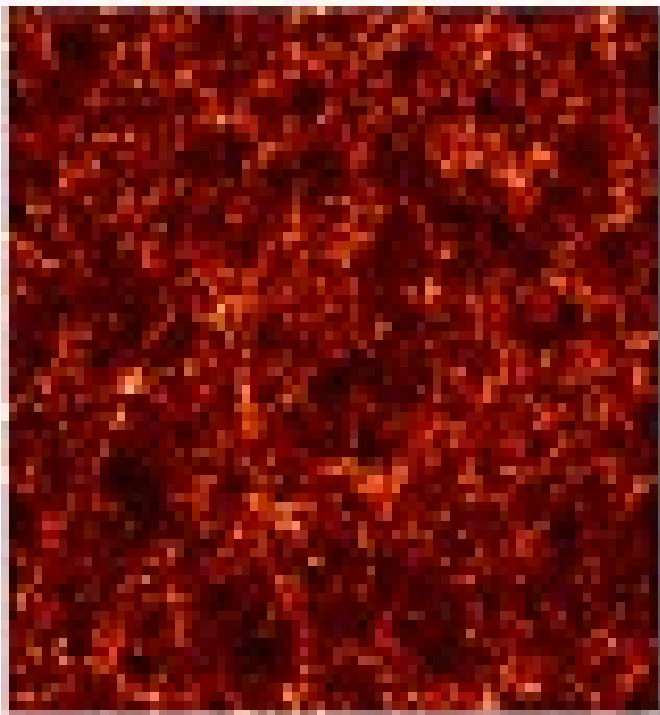
Evolution of density field with time:

$$\rho(\mathbf{x}, t) = \rho_0(\mathbf{x}) f(t)$$

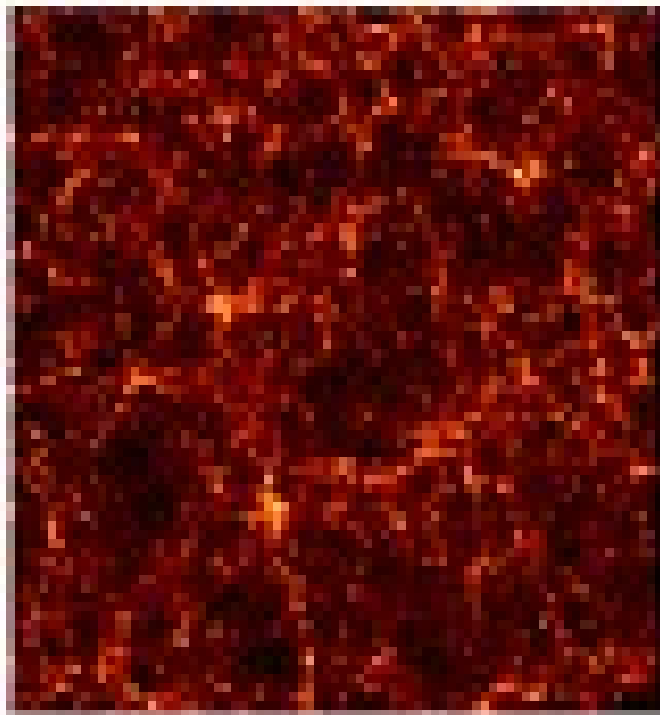
density grows “self-similarly”

$\mathbf{v}_{\text{pec}}$  field gives us present-day mass field, which is  
the same as initial density perturbations!

$z=3$



$z=1$



$z=0$

