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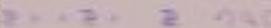
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$D_L - z$ relation in the Real Universe.



- In Standard Cosmology we use the Friedmann-Lemaître-Robertson-Walker model.
- We compute D_L (or D_A) and z
- To fit the data we need a $p < 0$ term.
- To what extent is justified to use a *homogeneous* model?

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- ..but at late times $\delta \equiv \frac{\delta\rho}{\rho} > 1$ for all scales $L \lesssim \mathcal{O}(10)/h\text{Mpc}$ (1% of Hubble radius)
- Superclusters upto few hundreds of Mpc (10% of Hubble radius), nonlinear objects
- Network with sponge-like structure: pancakes surrounding voids. Typical length 100 – 150Mpc/h.

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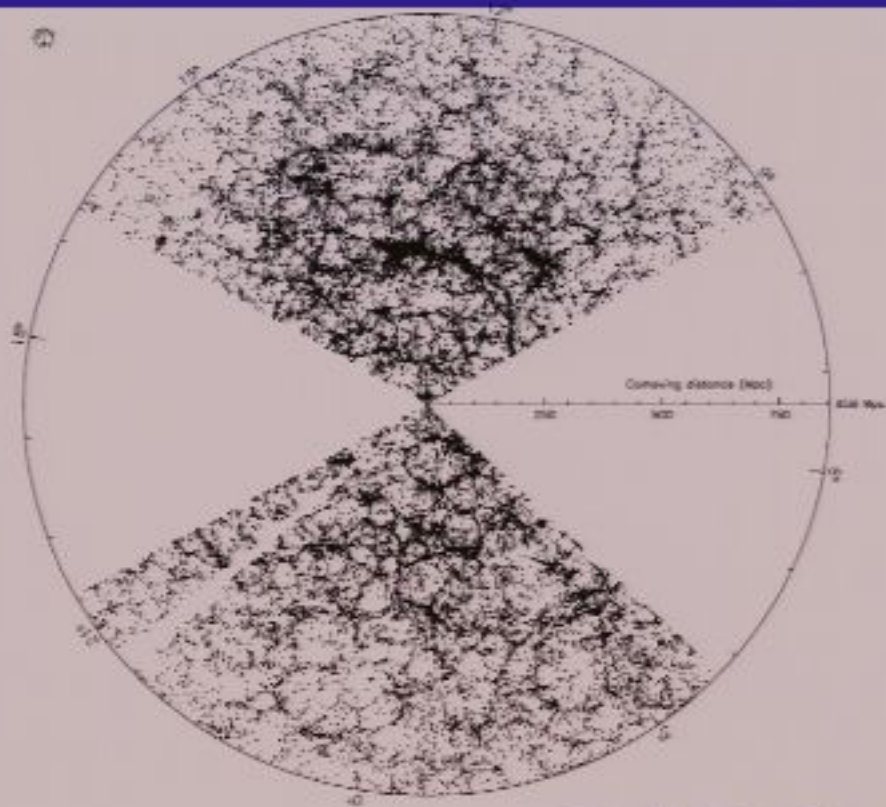
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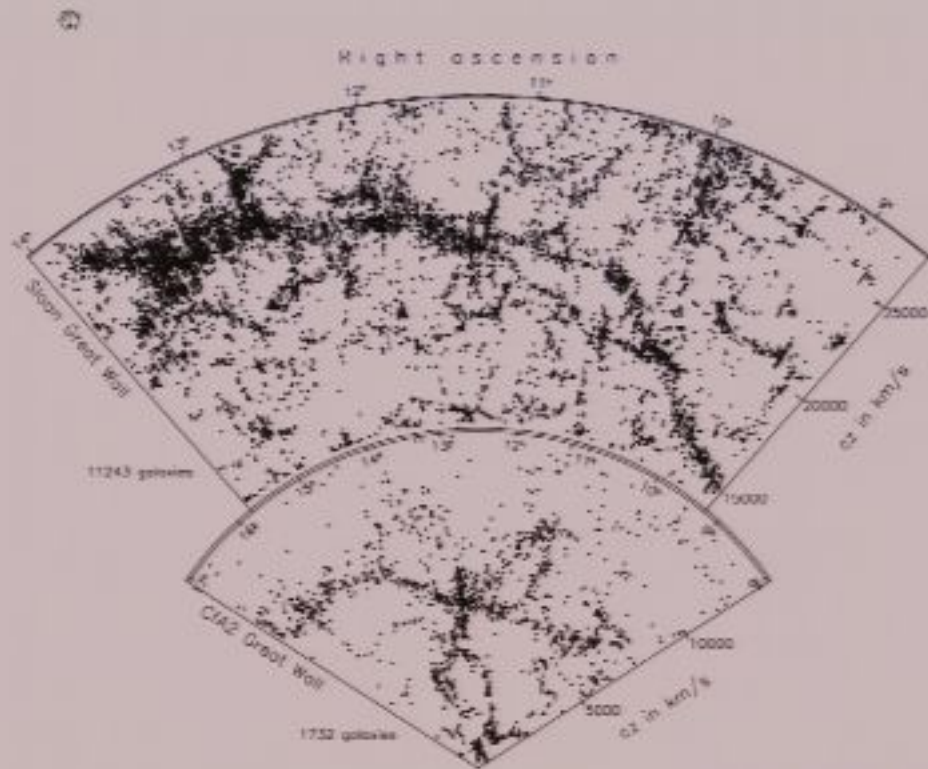
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- So, consider $p = 0$ inhomogenous models.
- Two motivations:
 - Can one mimick acceleration (with $p = 0$)?
 - In any case can we quantify deviations from FLRW?
- Difficult but well-defined questions



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- **Large local fluctuation**
What if we live in a local void?

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 - How large is the effect in real world?
 - (Hui & Soljak '95, Pasanen '04, Kolb Matarrese Nolari Riotto '05) : 10^{-5} at second order in PT
 - (Pasanen '04): suggests large effect at nonlinear order. (A. N. '05, Kolb Matarrese Riotto '05): corrections become all of the same order at $z \approx 1$.
 - (Fry & Siegel '05): suggest 10^{-5} with Newtonian arguments.

Problems with backreaction approach



- If there is a sizable effect, it is nonlinear
- PT is not able to calculate it
- Not completely clear how to connect $\mathbf{a}_D(t)$ to observable quantities

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- The observable is not $a_D(t)$, but $D_L - z$.
- A cone of light is focused close to structures, defocused far from them (D_L is different).
- Each photon is redshifted differently in empty space and close to structures (z is different).
- Do they compensate to give $D_L - z$ FLRW?
- Take into account that nonlinear voids occupy more volume than structures.



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Lemaître-Tolman-Bondi metrics



$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + \frac{R'^2(r, t)}{1 + 2k(r)r^2} dr^2 + R^2(r, t)(d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\varphi^2)$$

with comoving coordinates (r, θ, φ) and proper time t .

- Spherically symmetric (but one can also put Observer far from Center).
- Einstein equations:

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{\dot{R}^2(r, t)}{R^2(r, t)} - \frac{GM(r)}{R^3(r, t)} = \frac{k(r)r^2}{R^2(r, t)},$$
$$4\pi\rho(r, t) = \frac{M'(r)}{R'(r, t)R^2(r, t)},$$

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It has the solutions:

- For $k(r) > 0$ ($k(r) < 0$),

$$R = \frac{GM(r)}{2|k(r)|r^2} [\cos h(u) - 1], \quad (2.1)$$

$$t - t_b(r) = \frac{GM(r)}{[2|k(r)|r^2]^{3/2}} [\sin h(u) - u].$$

- $k(r) = 0$,

$$R(r,t) = \left[\frac{9GM(r)}{2} \right]^{1/3} [t - t_b(r)]^{2/3}.$$

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$$k(r) \propto \frac{1}{r} k_0 \sin^2 \left(\frac{\pi r}{L} \right)$$

- Two parameters, L and k_0 .

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Choosing $A(r)$

- Roughly:

$$\rho(r, t) = \frac{M_0^4}{6\pi(\tilde{M}t)^2 [1 + \epsilon_0(t) \sin(\frac{2\pi r}{L})]}, \quad \epsilon_0(t) \propto k_0 t^2$$

$$\delta = \frac{\epsilon}{1 + \epsilon} = \frac{\epsilon_0(t) \sin(\frac{2\pi r}{L})}{1 + \epsilon_0(t) \sin(\frac{2\pi r}{L})}$$

- $\epsilon \ll 1$ linear growth
- ϵ not small: δ grows rapidly (as in Zel'dovich approx)
- We work before collapse (in real world there is virialization).

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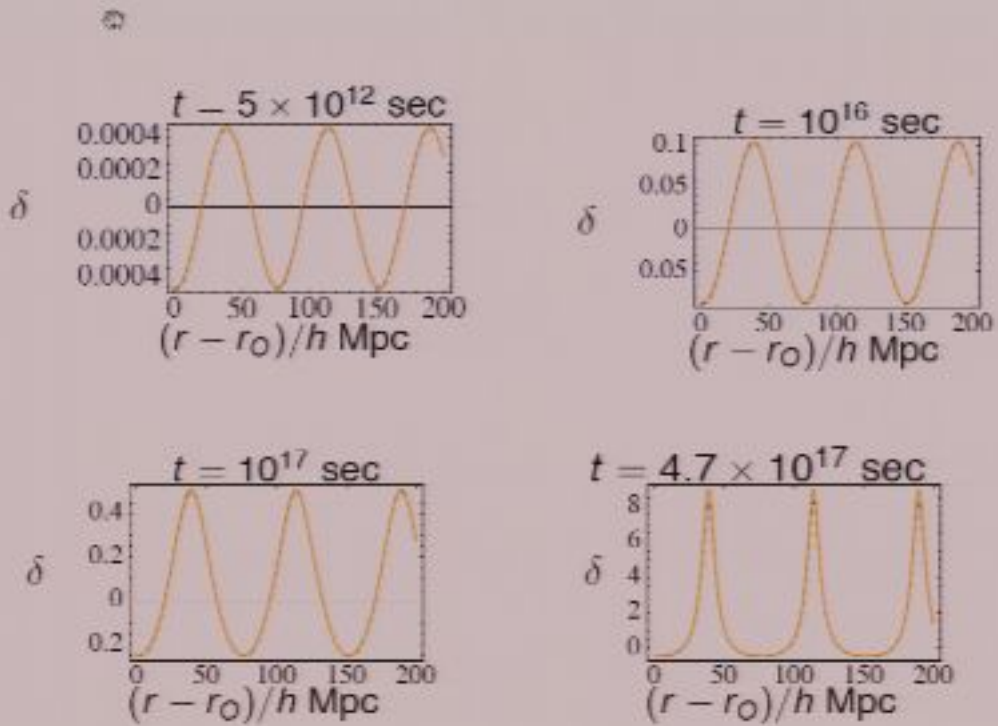
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$$\frac{dz}{dr} = \frac{(1+z)\dot{R}'}{\sqrt{1+2E}}$$

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- The result:

$$1+z(r) \simeq (1+z_{\text{FLRW}}(r)) \exp \left[-\frac{2c_0(t)}{\pi} \left(\frac{L}{r_{\text{hor}}} \right) \cos \left(\frac{2\pi r}{L} \right) \right],$$

for observer at minimum or maximum of density

- For **small z** the correction is quite large:

$$z \simeq z_{\text{FLRW}} \left[1 - \frac{\epsilon}{\pi} \frac{L}{\delta r} \cos \left(\frac{2\pi r}{L} \right) \right],$$

where we have defined $\delta r \equiv r - r_0$.

- It's a **peculiar velocity correction**, radial correlated



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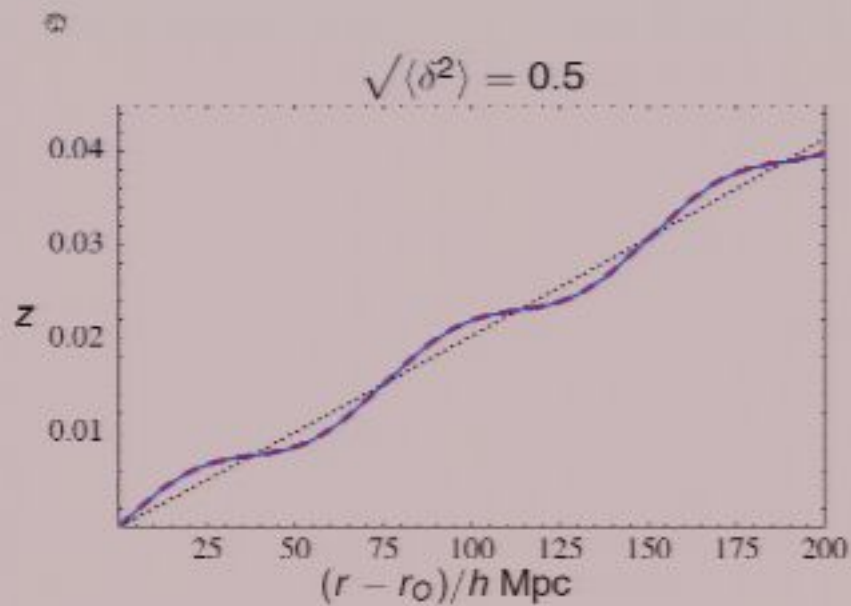


Figure: Redshift (z) along the geodesic of a photon arriving at $r = r_0$ at time $t = t_0$. In this plot $r_0 = 36.5L$, $t_0 = 3.3 \times 10^{17}$ sec.

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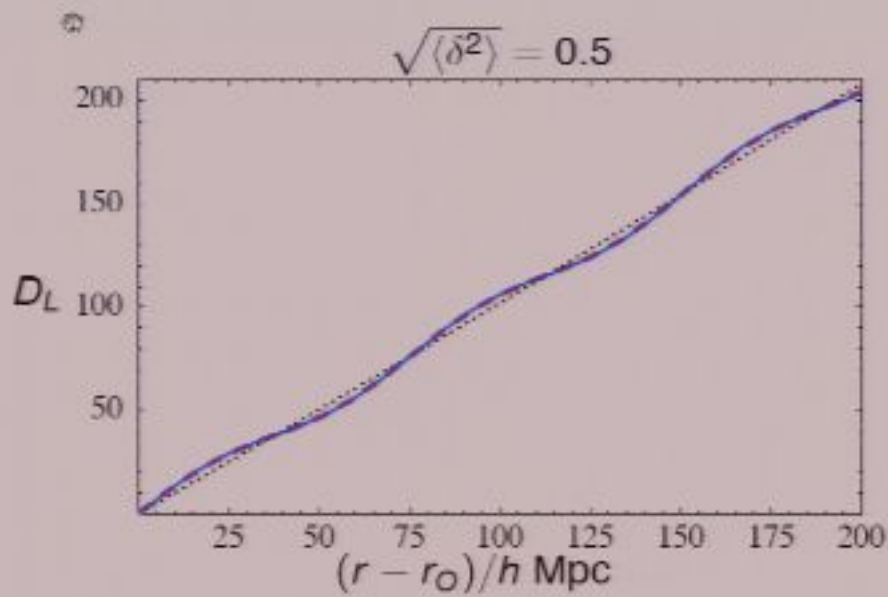


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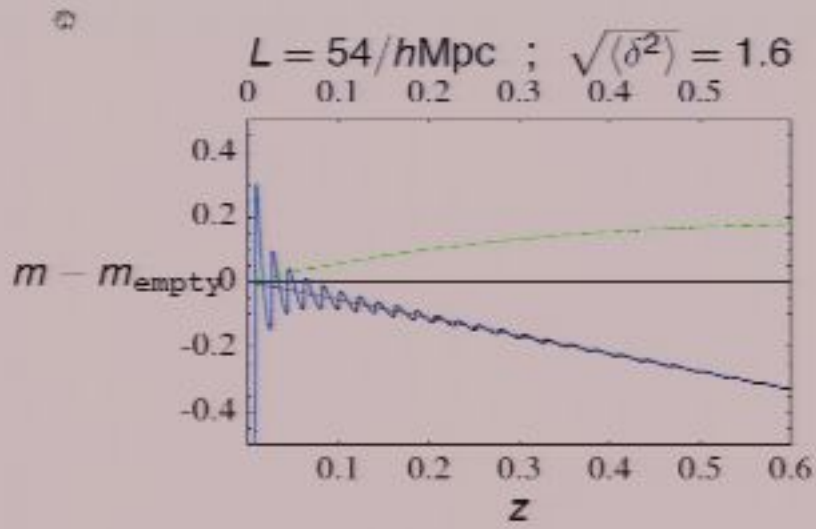


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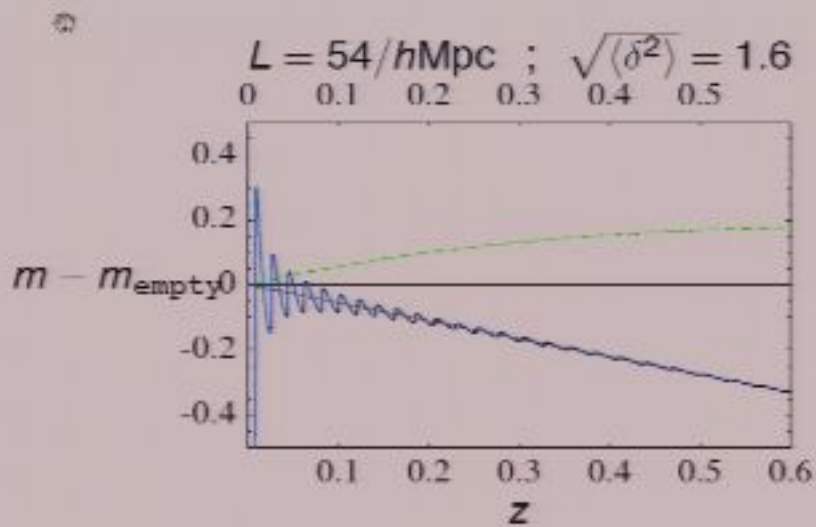


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- Is it because of the specific profile?
- Is it because of small "curvature" $k(r)$?

Swiss-Cheese model



- Carve a spherical patch from FLRW
- Replace it with LTB
- We can try also with large curvature $k(r)$ inside
 - Use $k'(0) = 0$ (No cusp in ρ at the center)
 - $k'(L) = k(L) = 0$ (matching conditions with FLRW)
 - Example $k(r) = k_0 \left[\left(\frac{r}{L} \right)^2 - 1 \right]$
- Void at the center, structure at the boundary

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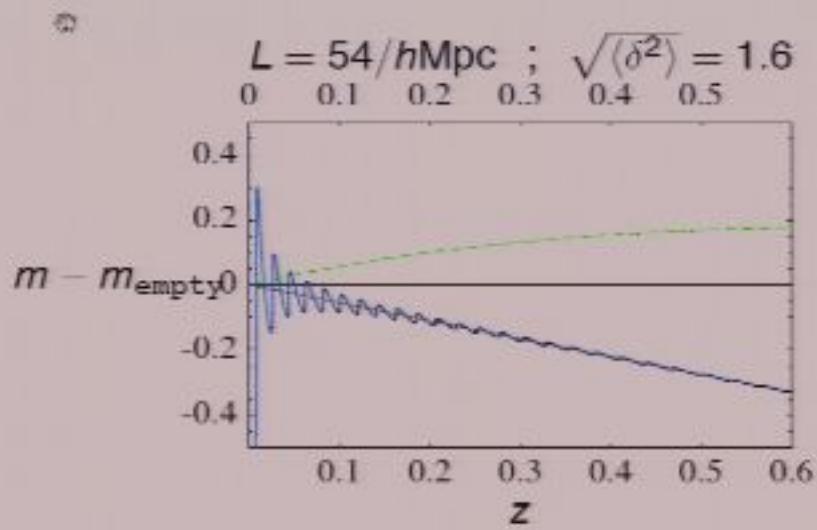


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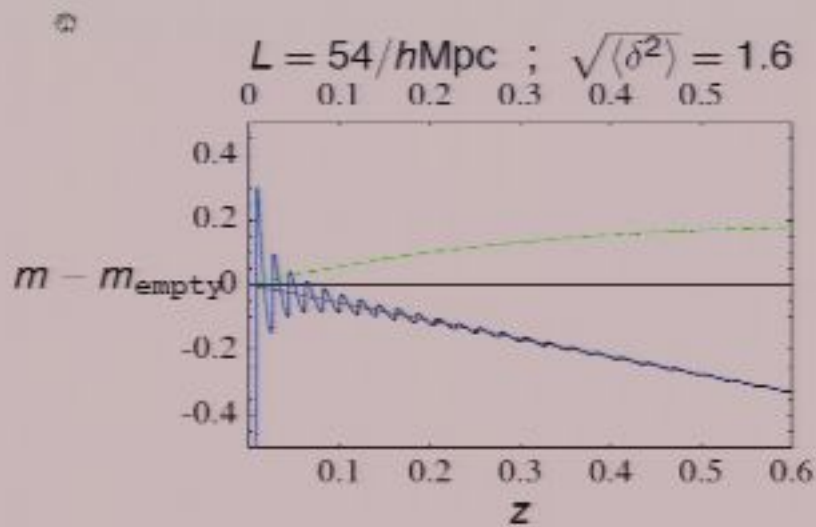


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- So, LTB does not seem to give sizeable backreaction... maybe go to nonspherical models?

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- Doppler effect (motion of sources) Large effect at small z
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- Basic picture: sources attracted towards the outer dense shells.
- Inside the Void: collective radial velocity adds to expansion



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- Also: estimate the **typical systematic** correction to SN observations (**See also Ali Vanderveld's talk**)

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- Evidence for acceleration comes from **mismatch** between:
 - measurements at low redshift ($0.03 \lesssim z \lesssim 0.07$)
 - high- z SN (roughly $0.4 \lesssim z \lesssim 1$)
- We choose large L (up to $z \approx 0.07$)
- \rightarrow The local Bubble is different from the average ("Hubble Bubble").
- In the region ($z \gtrsim 0.3$):

$$D_{FLRW} \approx \frac{2}{H_{OUT}} (1 + z - \sqrt{1 + z}).$$

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- Therefore: $L \gtrsim 400/h$ Mpc (diameter)
- Put Observer in a void

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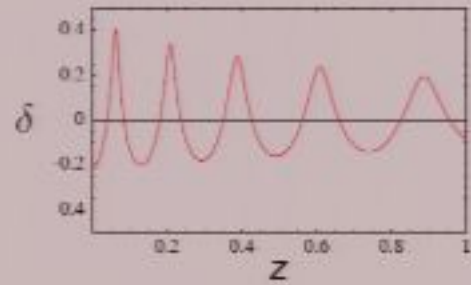
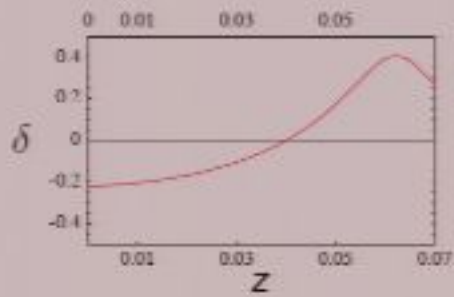
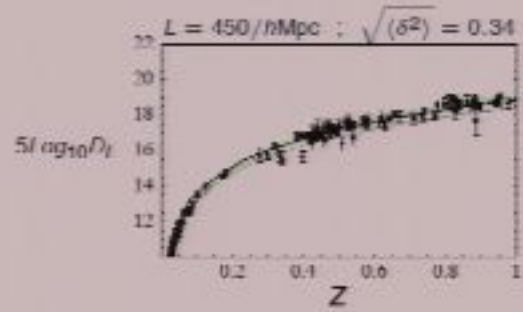
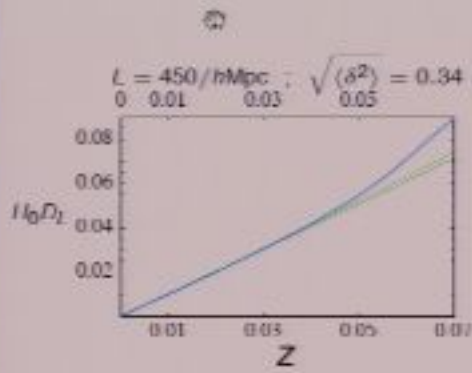
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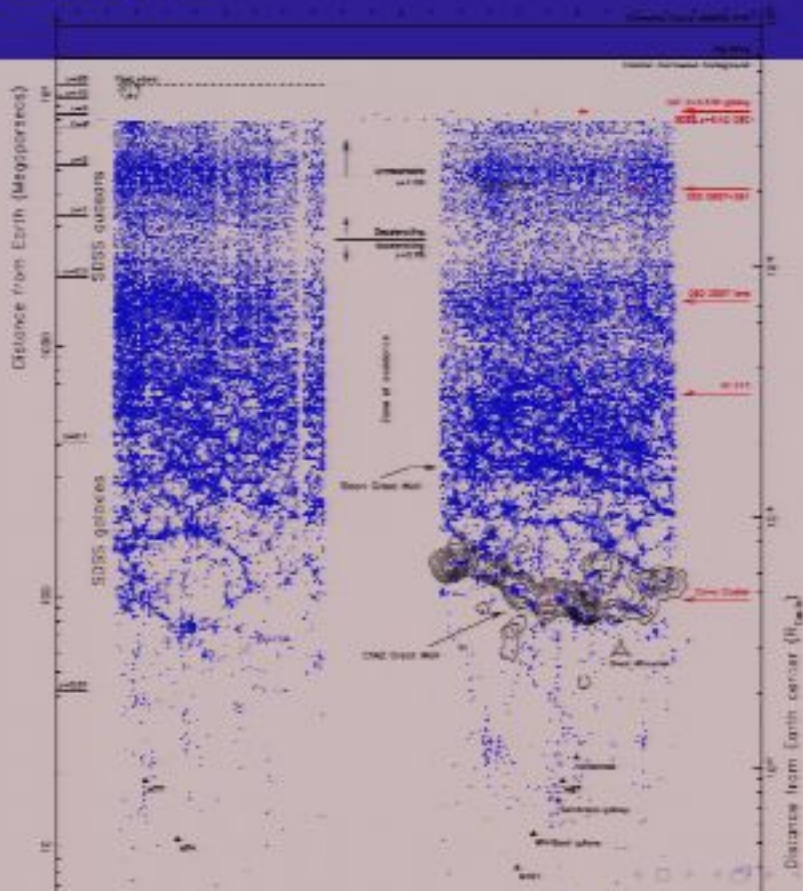
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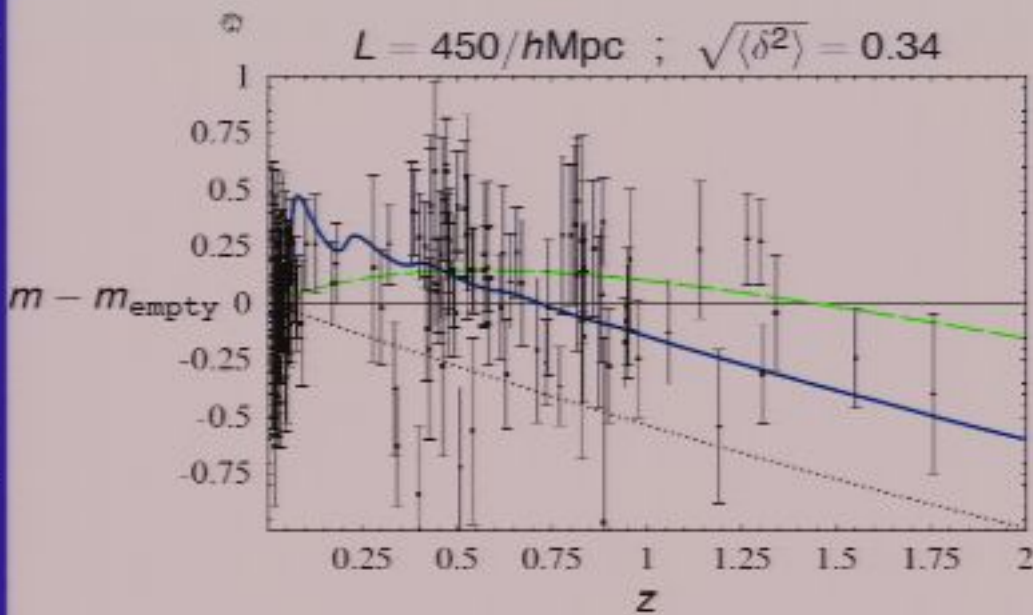


Figure: The blue solid line is our numerical solution, the black dotted line is the CDM model ($\Omega_m = 1$), and the green long-dashed line is the Λ CDM result (with $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.73$). We have superimposed SN gold data set *Riess et al.*

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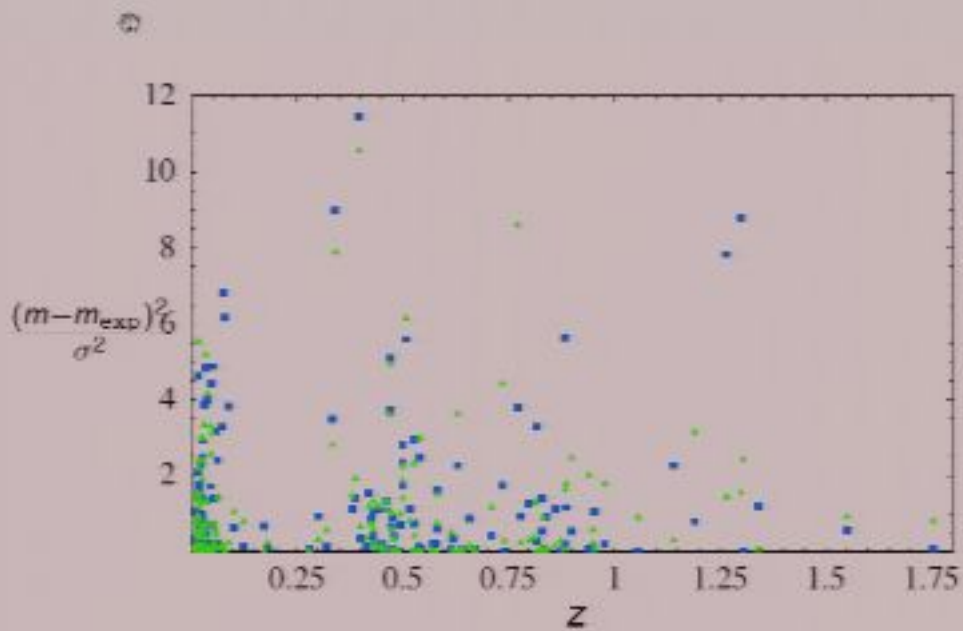


Figure: We show here the contribution to the χ^2 for each data point (gold data set of *Riess et al.*) Our model (blue boxes) is compared with Λ CDM with $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.73$ (green triangles).

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Table: Comparison with data (gold data set of *Riess et al.*)

Model	χ^2 (157 d.o.f.)
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EdS (with $\Omega_M = 1.00, \Omega_\Lambda = 0.00$)	325
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First acoustic peak in CMB



- We do not introduce curvature. But global H is low.
- Our model reduces to EdS model, already by $z \sim 0.2$
- For instance:

$$\Omega_{m,OUT} = 0.9, \quad h_{OUT} = 0.58,$$

+ standard baryon-to-matter ratio,
 $\Omega_{b,OUT}/\Omega_{m,OUT} = 0.13,$

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- Surprising coincidence with work by **Inoue and Silk '06** for **CMB**
 - alignment in low multipoles
 - non-gaussian circular cold spot
- They need 2 voids $L \approx 350/h$ Mpc and $\delta \approx -0.3$ to explain low- l anomalies
- And a third one at $z \approx 1$ for the cold spot.



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- In fact, the cubic integrated $(L/r_H)^3$ effect gives a 10^{-5} effect on CMB



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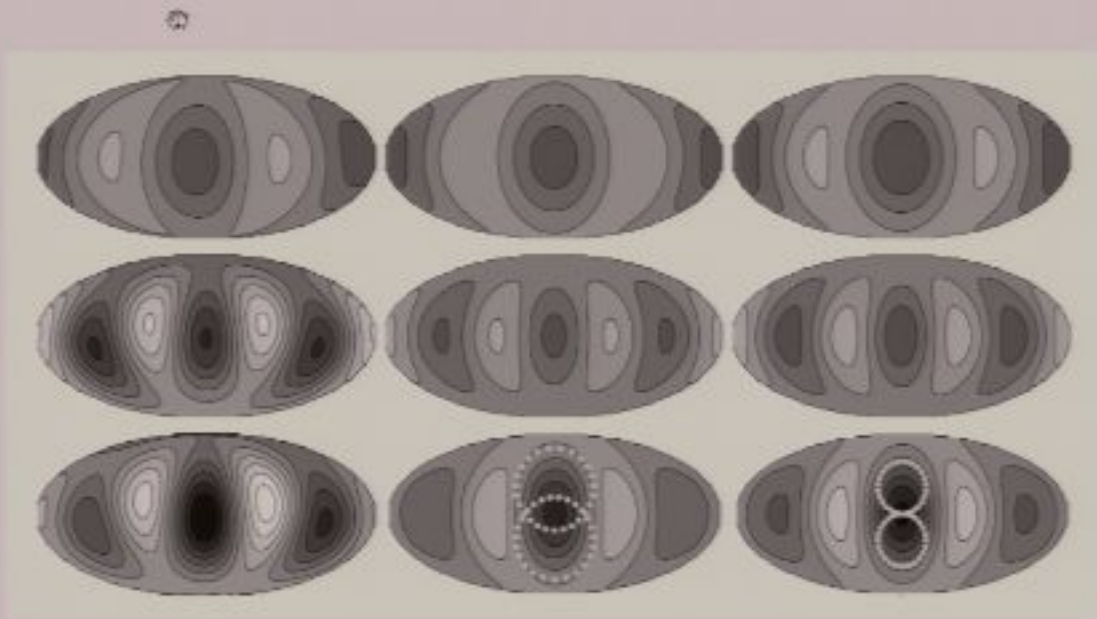
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- Simulations agree with real data?
- J. Einasto '06 claims fraction of superclusters in real data (SDSS and 2dFGRS) 5 times larger than simulations (Millennium Run)
- $L=150$ Mpc/h, 25% local underdensity in the Southern Galactic Cap (2MASS) ?⁴

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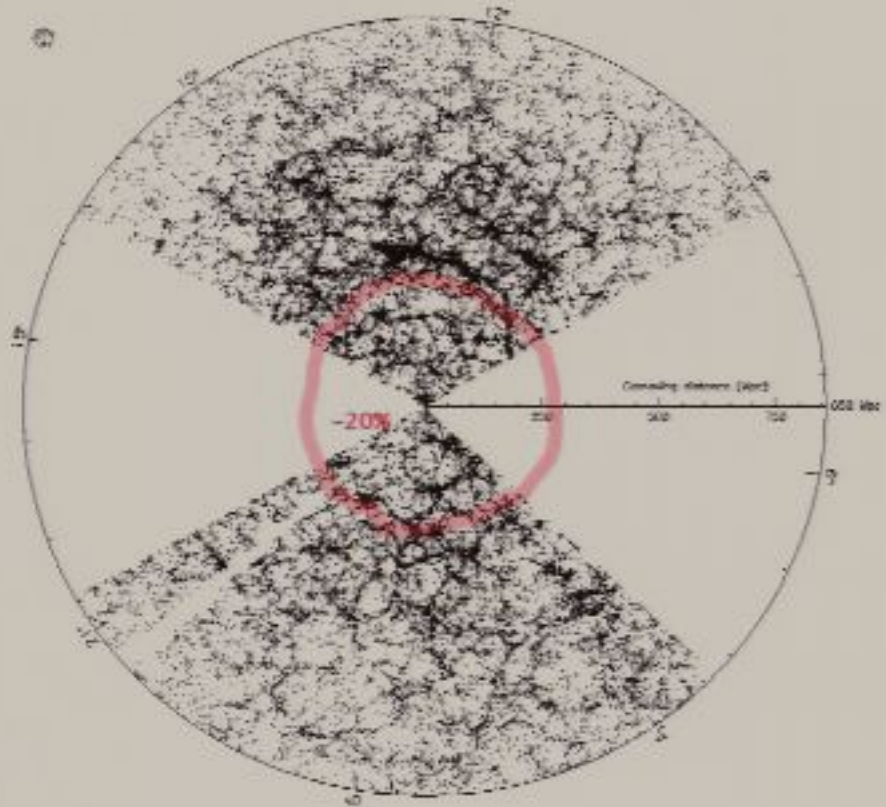
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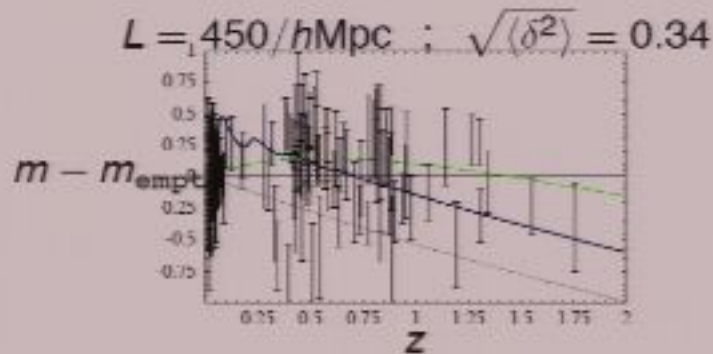
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- **SDSS II** is definitely going to **discriminate this hypothesis** ($L = 400/h$ and $\delta = -0.3$): lots of data at intermediate redshift (40 SN)...very soon.

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- How unlikely is that we live near the Center of such a Void?
- We need to be **at most at 10Mpc** from the center (CMB dipole)
- Anisotropy in Hubble rate⁵?
- ISW? Maybe it is due to large Voids?

⁵M.L. McClure, C.C. Dyer, astro-ph/0703556

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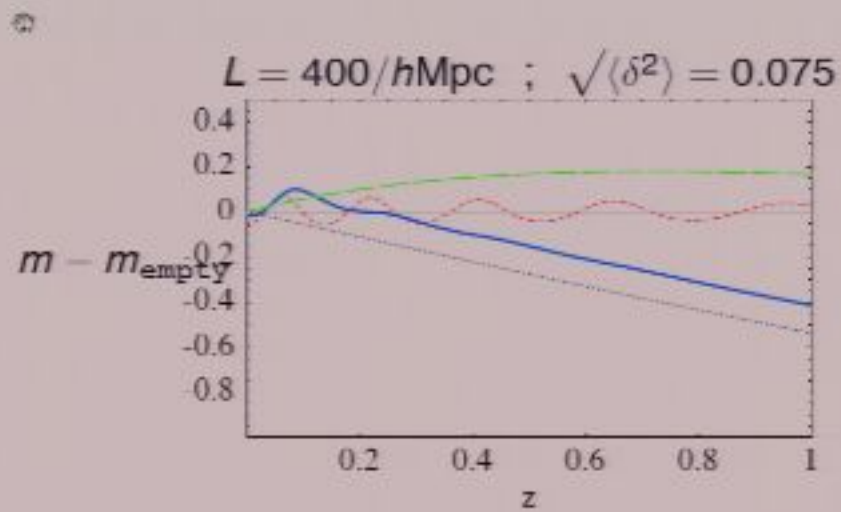


Figure: Magnitude residual from empty FLRW (Δm) vs. redshift (z). We have superimposed the red thin dashed line (density contrast seen by the photon).

Typical systematics $\delta \approx 0.025 \Rightarrow \Delta m \approx 0.05$

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- We constructed **nonlinear** examples of structure formation (Onion and LTB Swiss-Cheese), and computed light propagation (D_L and z).
- Integrated effect/ backreaction negligible for acceleration. Spherical symmetry?
- We have shown how a **Large Local Fluctuation** can roughly **mimick acceleration** (Radius $\approx 200/h\text{Mpc}$, $\delta = 0.3$)
- In any case we have found a **typical systematic** of **$\Delta m \approx 0.05$** (and a similar **anisotropy**).

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