

# Cosmology with cosmic void statistics in galaxy surveys

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A visualization of the cosmic web, showing a complex network of dark matter filaments and nodes. The filaments are represented by thin, dark grey lines, and the nodes are highlighted with small yellow dots. The background is a light grey, textured surface.

# 1. The void size function

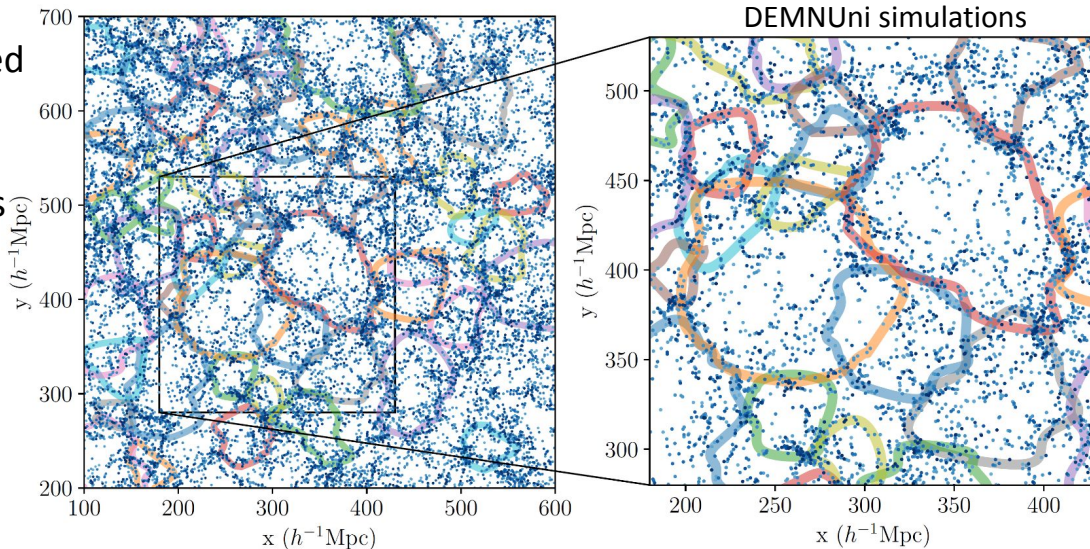
- a. The void size function in the presence of Dynamical Dark Energy
- b. The void size function in Euclid survey

# 2. The halo bias in cosmic voids

# Cosmic voids ID & features

- Under-dense regions
- They span a large range of scales and are the largest observable structures in the cosmic web (from tens to hundreds of Mpc)

- Suited to study dark energy and modified gravity, massive neutrinos, primordial non-Gaussianity, etc.
- From linear to mildly non-linear regimes (do not experience shell-crossing, virialization, collapse...)
- Studying voids requires redshift surveys with very large volume e.g. Euclid, Roman, SphereX, PFS, DES, DESI, Vera Rubin Observatory, BOSS



# The void size function

$$\frac{dn(M)}{dM} = \frac{\rho}{M} f(\sigma, \delta_v, \delta_c) \frac{d\sigma}{dM}$$

- Number density
- The multiplicity function: fraction of fluctuations that first reach the linear threshold for void formation,  $\delta_v$ , without having reached the threshold of halo collapse,  $\delta_c$ , at larger scales
- Jacobian: from  $\sigma$  to mass interval

From Lagrangian to Eulerian space:

$$\frac{dn_L}{dR_L} = \frac{f(\sigma, \delta_v, \delta_c)}{V(R_L)} \frac{d\sigma}{dR_L} \xrightarrow[\text{volume conserving model}]{\substack{\text{Void expansion} \\ R = (1 + \delta_v^{NL})^{-1/3} R_L}} \frac{dn}{dR} = \frac{f(\sigma, \delta_v, \delta_c)}{V(R)} \frac{d\sigma}{dR_L} \Big|_{R_L=R(R_L)}$$

$dn(R)V(R) = dn(R_L)V(R_L)|_{R_L=R(R_L)}$

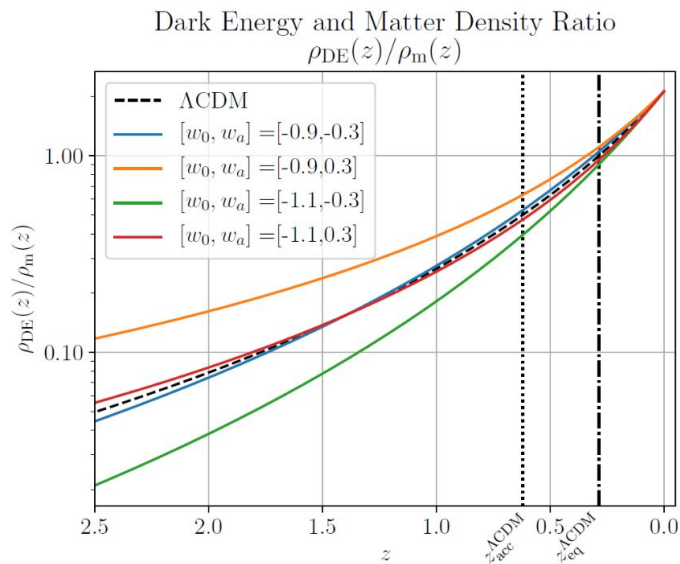
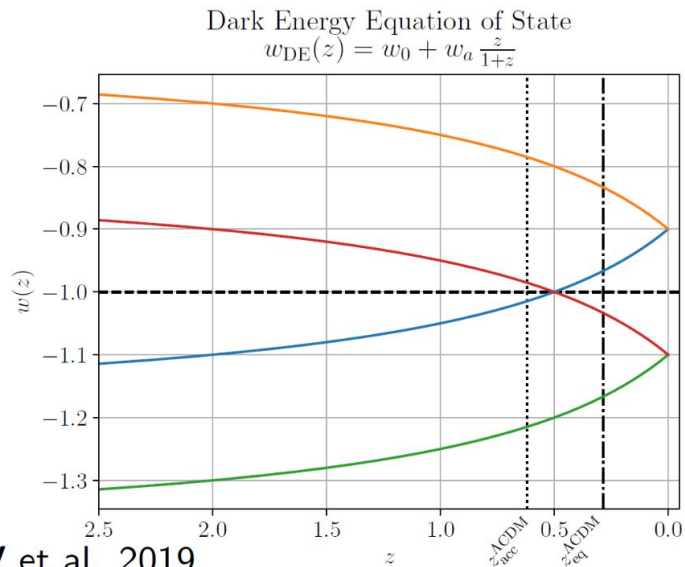
# The void size function in the presence of Dynamical Dark Energy

Based on **GV**, Pisani, Carbone, Hamaus, and Guzzo 2019, The Void Size Function in Dynamical Dark Energy Cosmologies, JCAP12(2019)040

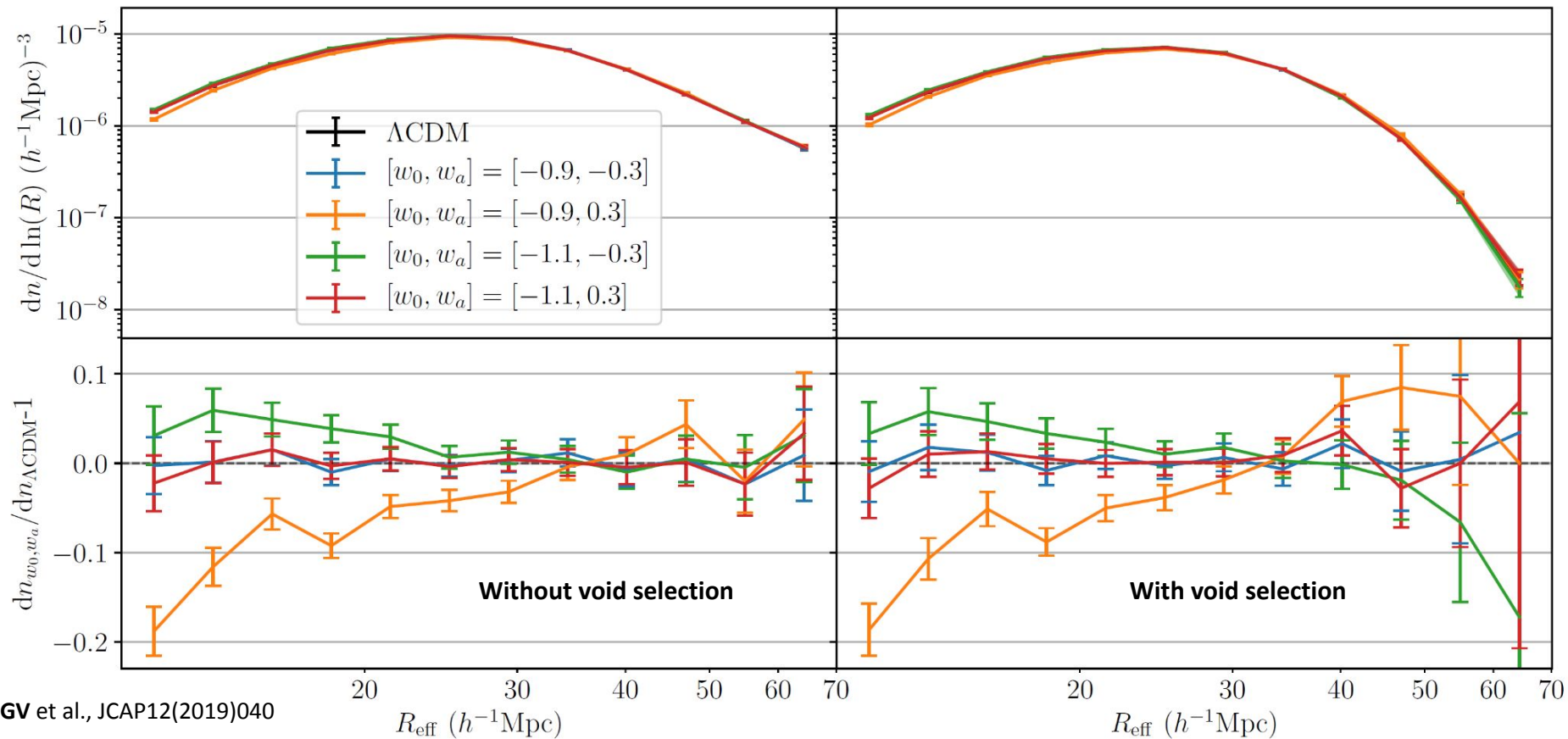
# “Dark Energy and Massive Neutrino Universe” (DEMNUni) set of simulations (Carbone et al. 2016)

- Simulation box: Vol.  $(2h^{-1}\text{Gpc})^3$ ,  
2048<sup>3</sup> dark matter part.,  
 $M = 8 \times 10^{10} h^{-1} M_{\odot}$
- 2048<sup>3</sup> neutrino particles:  
 $\sum m_{\nu} = 0, 0.16, 0.32 \text{ eV}$  for each EoS

- Dark energy equation of state (EoS)  
Chevallier-Polarski-Linder (CPL) parametrisation:  
 $w(a) = w_0 + w_a(1 - a)$   
 $w_0 = -1; w_a = 0$  ( $\Lambda\text{CDM}$ )  
 $w_0 = -0.9, -1.1; w_a = -0.3, 0.3$



# Void abundances in the DEMNUni simulations



# The void size function in Euclid survey

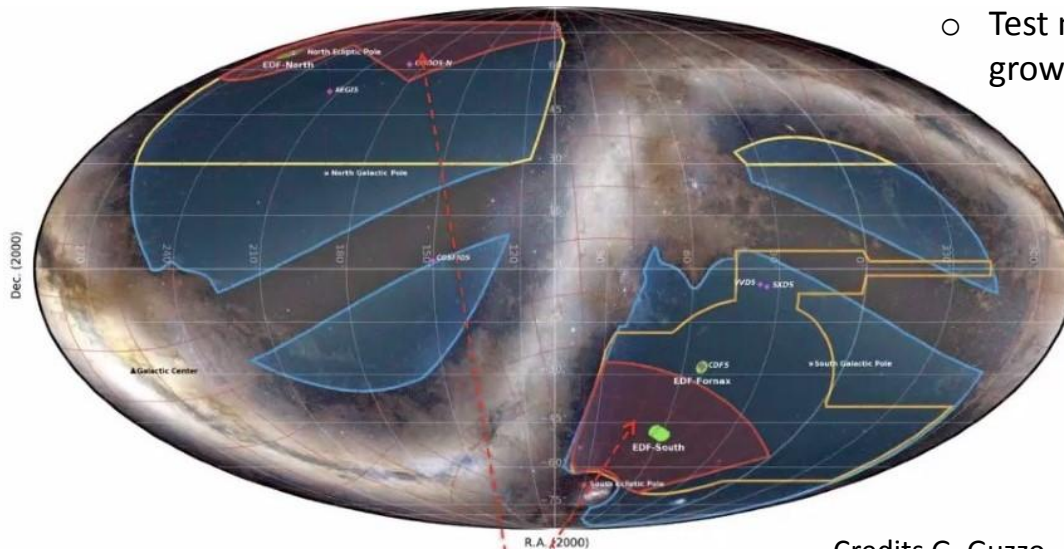
Based on Contarini, **GV**, Pisani, Hamaus, et al. 2022, Euclid: Cosmological forecasts from the void size function, A&A, Forthcoming article



# The Euclid mission

- ESA space mission, launch of satellite in 2023
- Foreseen duration of the mission: 6 years
- Euclid will probe the last 10 billion years of Universe expansion history

- The mission will observe 15 000 deg<sup>2</sup> (~36%) of the sky
- Scientific objectives:
  - Nature of dark energy and dark matter
  - Measure neutrino mass scale
  - Test modified gravity theories by growth of structures



Credits G. Guzzo

The Euclid Wide Survey DR1 area maximizing the overlap with DES : North = 821 deg<sup>2</sup>, South = 1657 deg<sup>2</sup> [Mollweide Celestial]

- Euclid Wide Survey region of Interest : 17,354 deg<sup>2</sup>
- DES, griz, 2013–19 : 4500 deg<sup>2</sup> overlap with the region of interest
- Euclid DR1 area, 2023 : 2500 deg<sup>2</sup>
- UNIONS [CFIS / JEDIS-g / Pan-STARRS / WISHES], ugrz, 2017–27 : 4800 deg<sup>2</sup>
- Euclid Deep Fields [total 43 deg<sup>2</sup>]



Background image: Euclid Consortium / Planck Collaboration / A. Mellinger



$z=2.3$

$z=0.9$

# Flagship simulation and lightcone

## Simulation box:

- $(3780 h^{-1}\text{Mpc})^3$ ,  $2 \times 10^{12}$  DM part,  
 $M_p = 2.4 \times 10^9 M_\odot$
- $\Lambda\text{CDM}$  - Plack baseline cosmology

## Simulated data used:

- Lightcone:  $z$  from 0.9 to 1.8 in one octant
- Galaxy properties by HOD
- 60% of completeness simulated:  $6.5 \times 10^6$  galaxies.

# The void size function

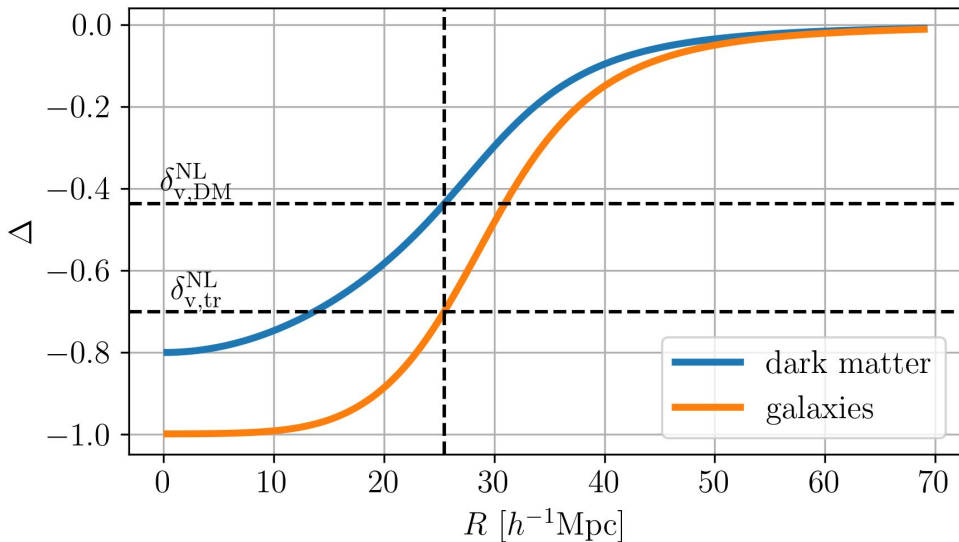
$$\frac{dn(R)}{d \ln R} = \frac{f(\ln \sigma, \delta_v, \delta_c)}{V(R)} \left. \frac{d \ln \sigma^{-1}}{d R_L} \right|_{R_L=R_L(R)}$$

Sheth & Van de Weygaert 2004  
Jennings et al. 2013

Watershed voids from the void finder



Spherical fluctuations in the matter field with fixed density contrast.

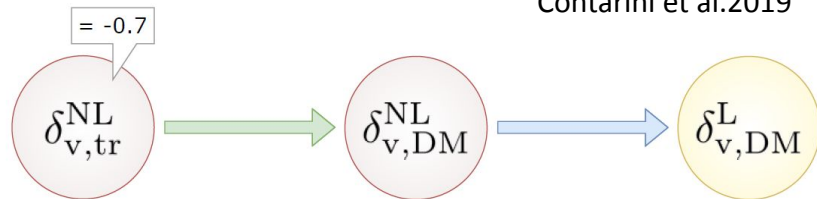


We assume a linear bias relation:

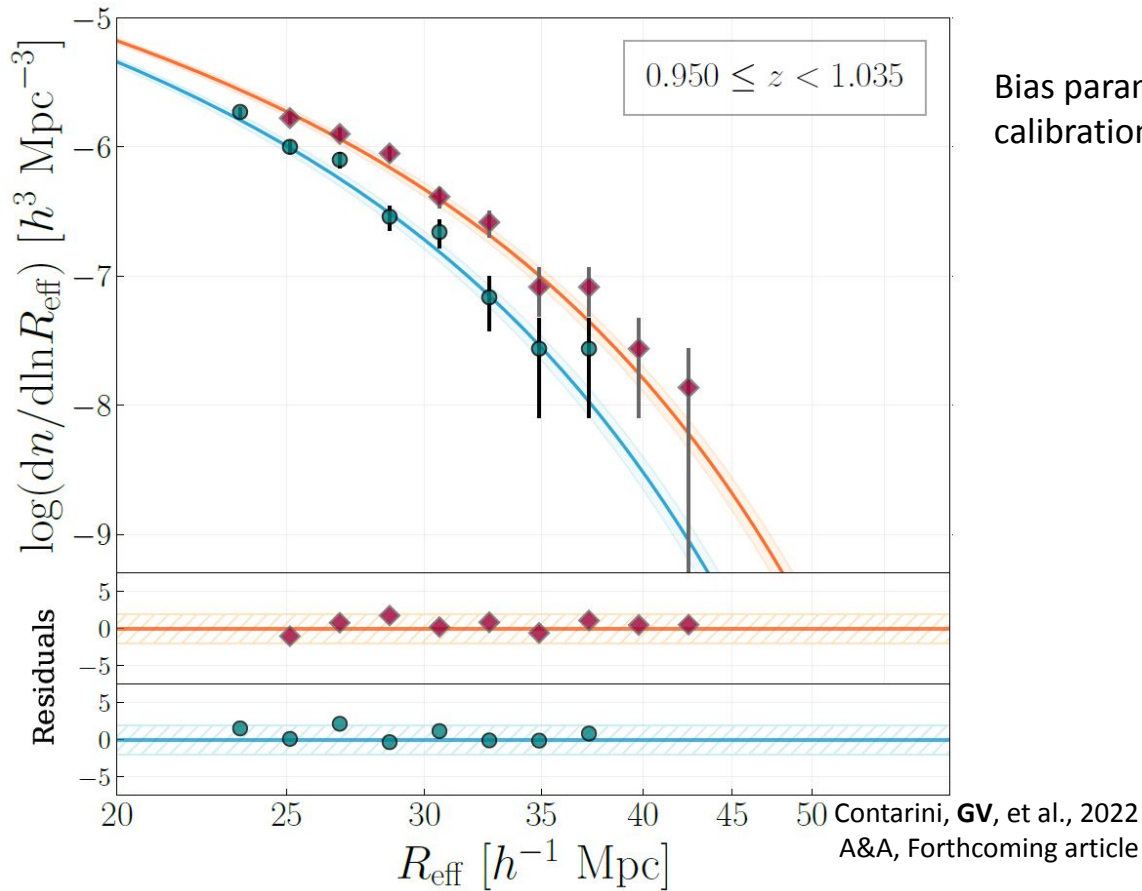
$$\delta_{v,g}^{NL} = \mathcal{F}(b_{\text{eff}}) \delta_{v,m}^{NL}$$

$$\mathcal{F}(b_{\text{eff}}) = B_{\text{offset}} + B_{\text{slope}} b_{\text{eff}}$$

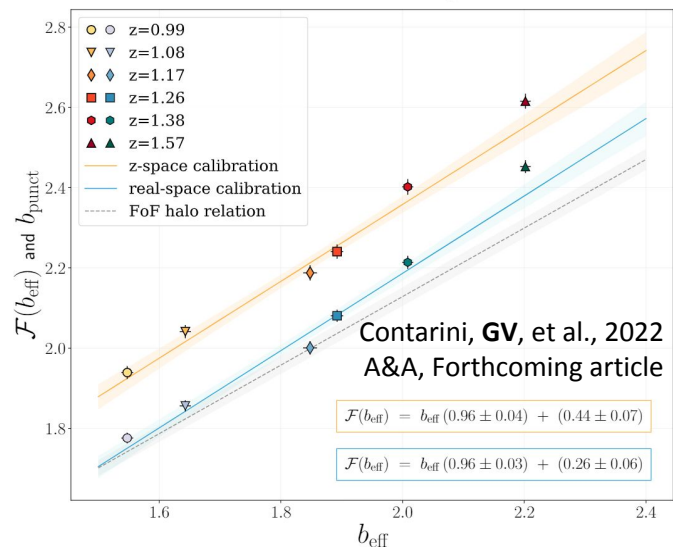
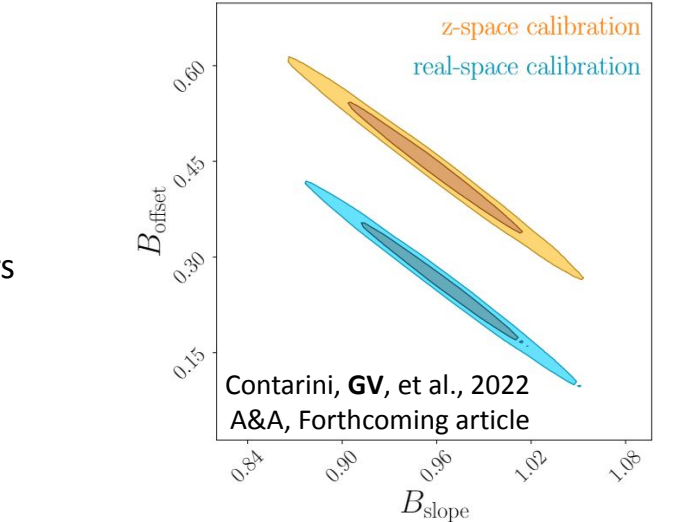
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# Model Validation



Bias parameters  
calibration:



# Forecasts with MCMC

- Flagship simulation cover  $\sim 1/3$  of the sky area of Euclid survey

We perform MCMC analysis using as data the expected void size function with corresponding errors

- Poissonian likelihood

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}|\Theta) = \prod_{i,j} \frac{N(r_i, z_j|\Theta)^{N(r_i, z_j|\mathcal{D})} \exp[-N(r_i, z_j|\Theta)]}{N(r_i, z_j|\mathcal{D})!}$$

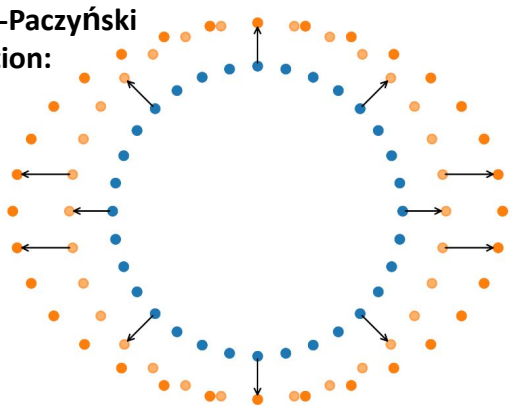
$\mathcal{D}$  = Data

$\Theta$  = Set of parameters

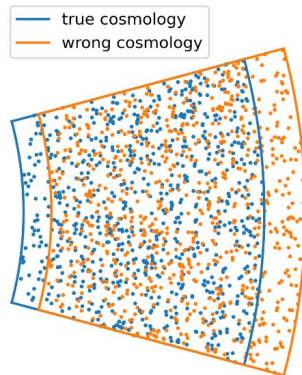
- Geometrical & dynamical distortions included.

Cosmic voids are extended object: they are impacted by geometric effect, together with dynamic effects

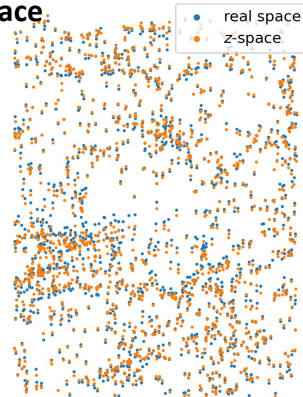
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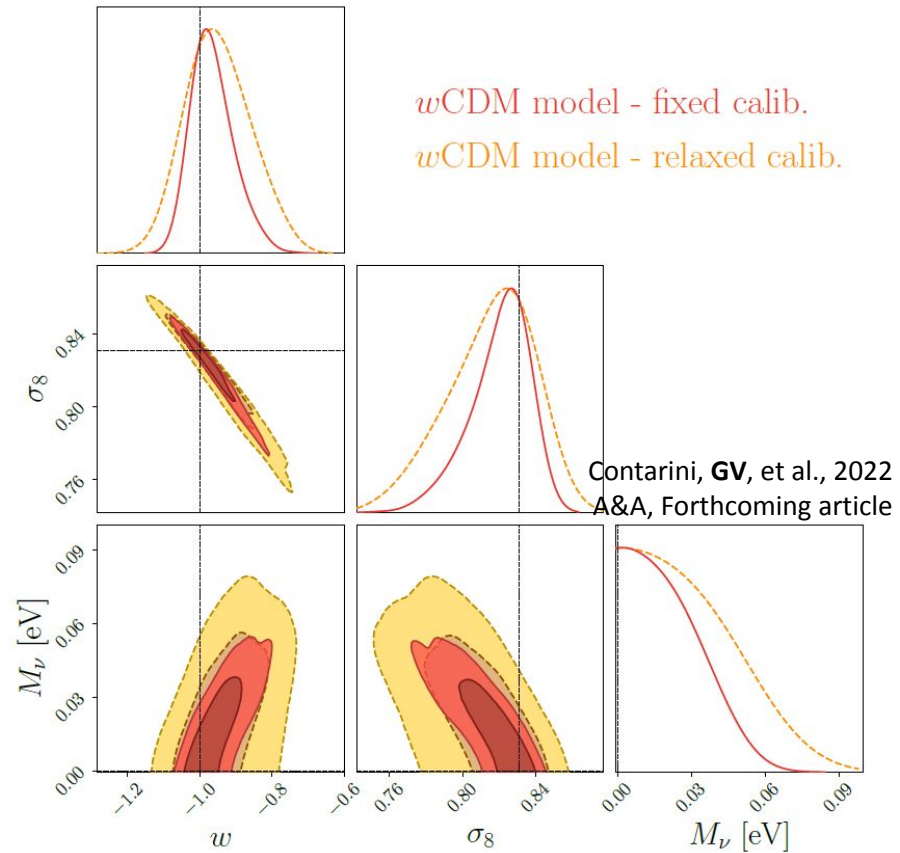
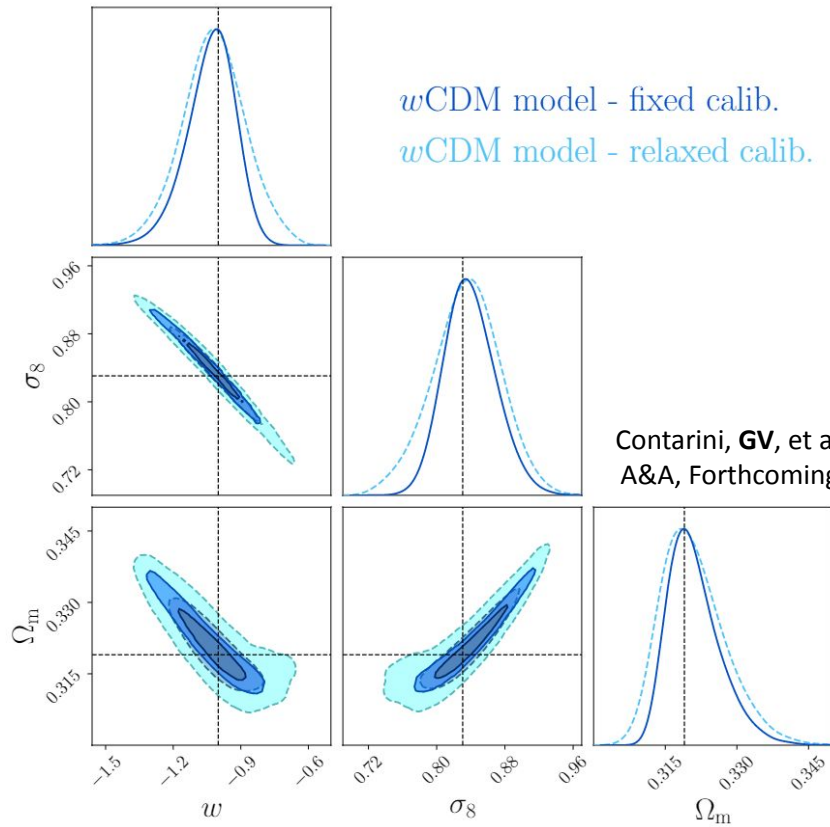
## 2. Volume effect:



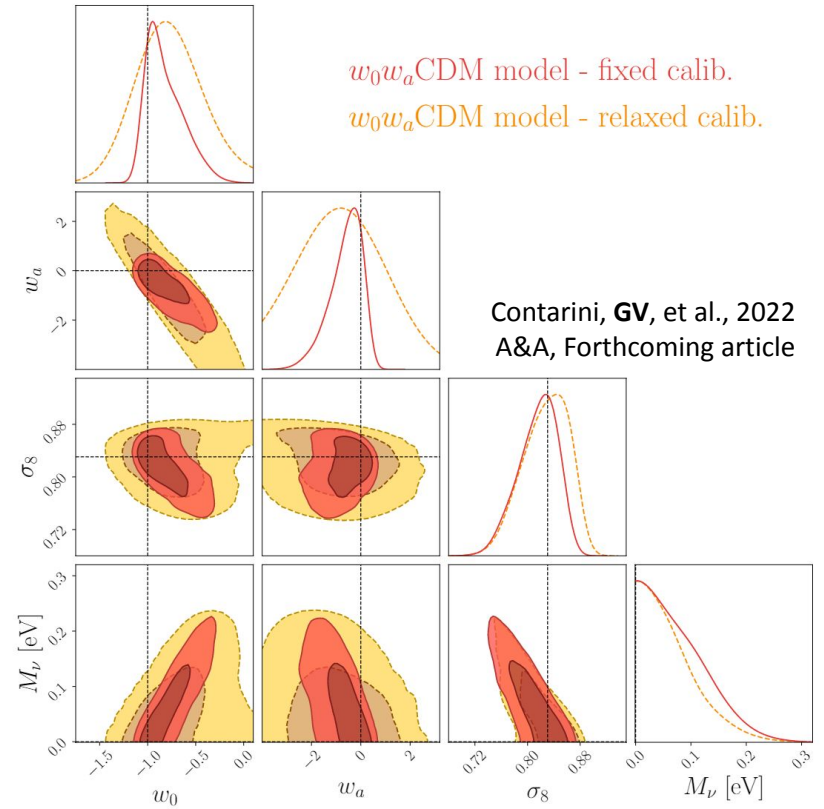
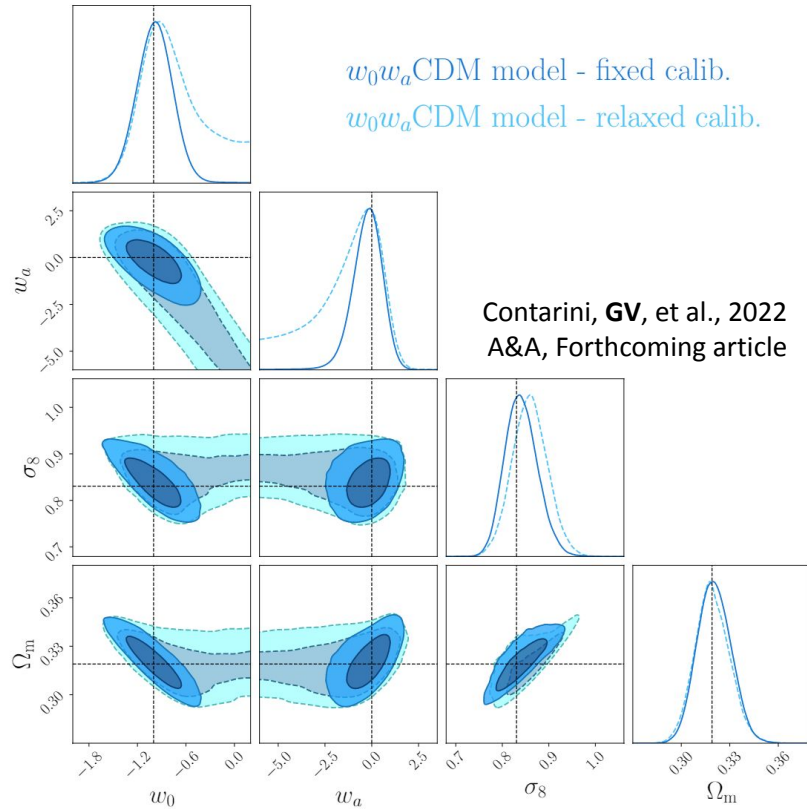
## 3. Redshift-space distortions:



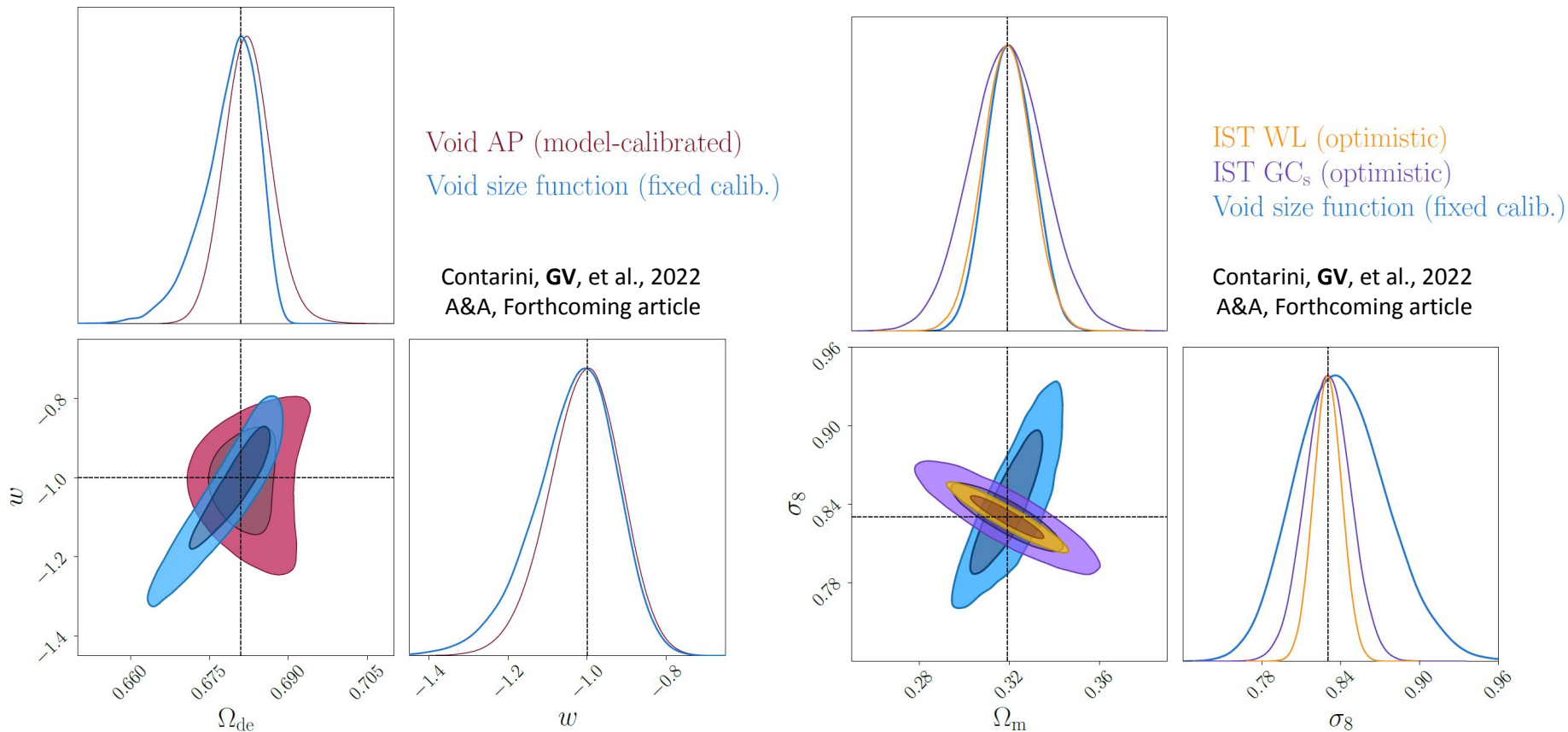
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# Parameters constraints: breaking degeneracies





# The void size function: results summary

1. We forecast the void size function in Euclid
2. We validate the theoretical model
3. We show the power of the void size function and its complementarity to other probes in constraining cosmological parameters

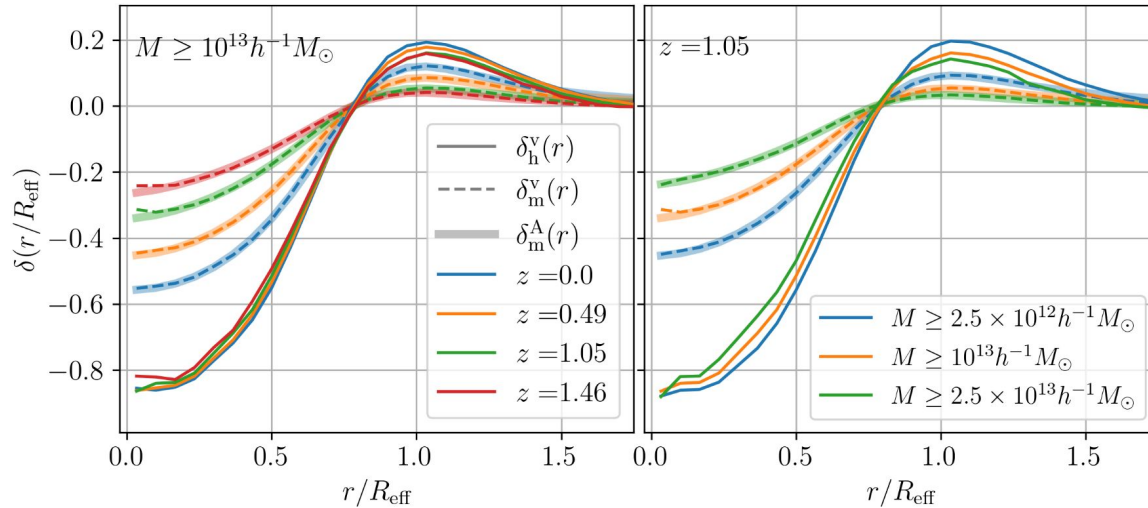
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# The void density profile and bias: $\Lambda$ CDM analysis from the DEMNuni simulations

The stacked void density profile:

- It is the mean density contrast in spherical shells at a distance  $r$  from the void center
- In the averaging procedure, we normalize the distance from the void center with respect to the void radius  $R_{\text{eff}}$



GV, Carbone, Renzi, 2022  
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The halo bias inside cosmic voids: the relation between the void density profiles in the halo distributions,  $\delta_v^h(r)$ , and in the underlying matter distributions,  $\delta_m^h(r)$ .

- Go beyond the linear bias model
- Halo bias is in one-to-one correspondence with the halo mass function

# The halo mass function in cosmic voids

Halo mass function (HMF):

$$\frac{dn_h}{dM} = \frac{\bar{\rho}_m}{M} f[\nu(z), p, q] \left| \frac{d\nu(z)}{dM} \right|$$

Ellipsoidal collapse (Sheth & Tormen 1999)

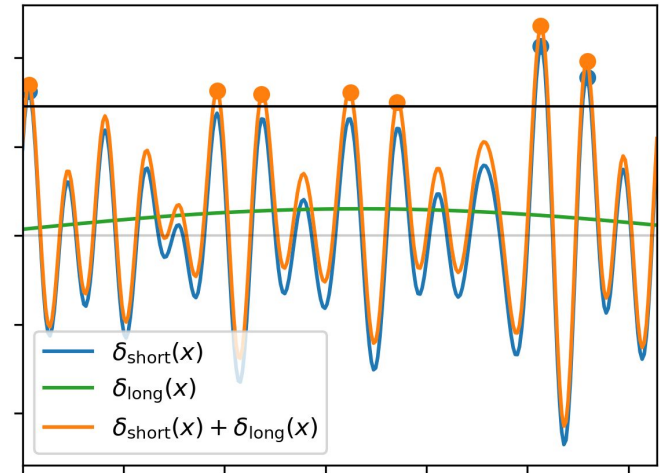
$$f(\nu, p, q) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} A \left[ 1 + (q\nu^2)^{-p} \right] \sqrt{q} e^{-q\nu^2/2}$$
$$\nu = \delta_c / \sigma(M), \quad A = [1 + \Gamma(1/2 - p) / (2^p \sqrt{\pi})]^{-1}$$

The peak-background split (PBS) approach:

Halo formation modified by a long-wavelength density perturbation  $\delta_{lw}$  acting like a local modification of the background density

$$\frac{dn_h}{dM} = [1 + \delta_{lw}(z)] \frac{\bar{\rho}_m}{M} f[\tilde{\nu}(z), p, q] \frac{d\tilde{\nu}(z)}{dM}$$

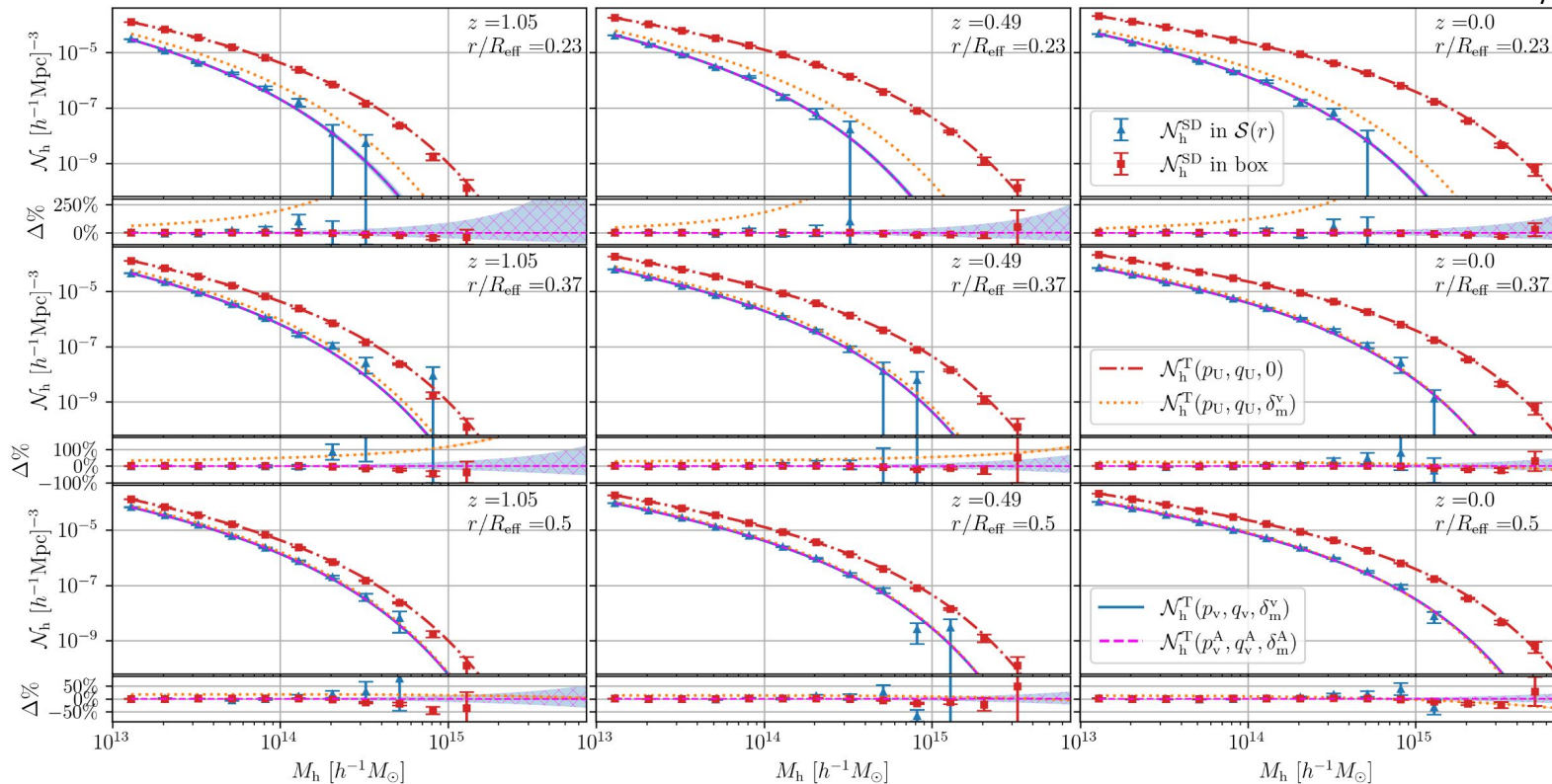
$$\nu \rightarrow \tilde{\nu} = [\delta_{sc}(z) - \delta_{lw}^L(z)] / \sigma(M)$$



# Theoretical HMF against measurements from the DEMNUni simulations in the $\Lambda$ CDM case

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$$\mathcal{N}_h^T(p_U, q_U, \delta_m^v) : p_U, q_U \text{ fixed}, \delta_m^v(r, z)$$

$$\mathcal{N}_h^T(p_v, q_v, \delta_m^v) : p_v(r, z), q_v(r, z), \delta_m^v(r, z)$$

$p_v(r, z)$  and  $q_v(r, z)$  account for the impact of the internal dynamic of voids on the HMF

$$\frac{dn_h}{dM}(\tilde{v}, p_v, q_v, \delta_m^v) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{\bar{\rho}_m}{M} (1 + \delta_m^v) \times \left\{ A_v [1 + (q_v \tilde{v}^2)^{-p_v}] \sqrt{q_v} e^{-q_v \tilde{v}^2 / 2} \frac{d\tilde{v}}{dM} \right\}$$

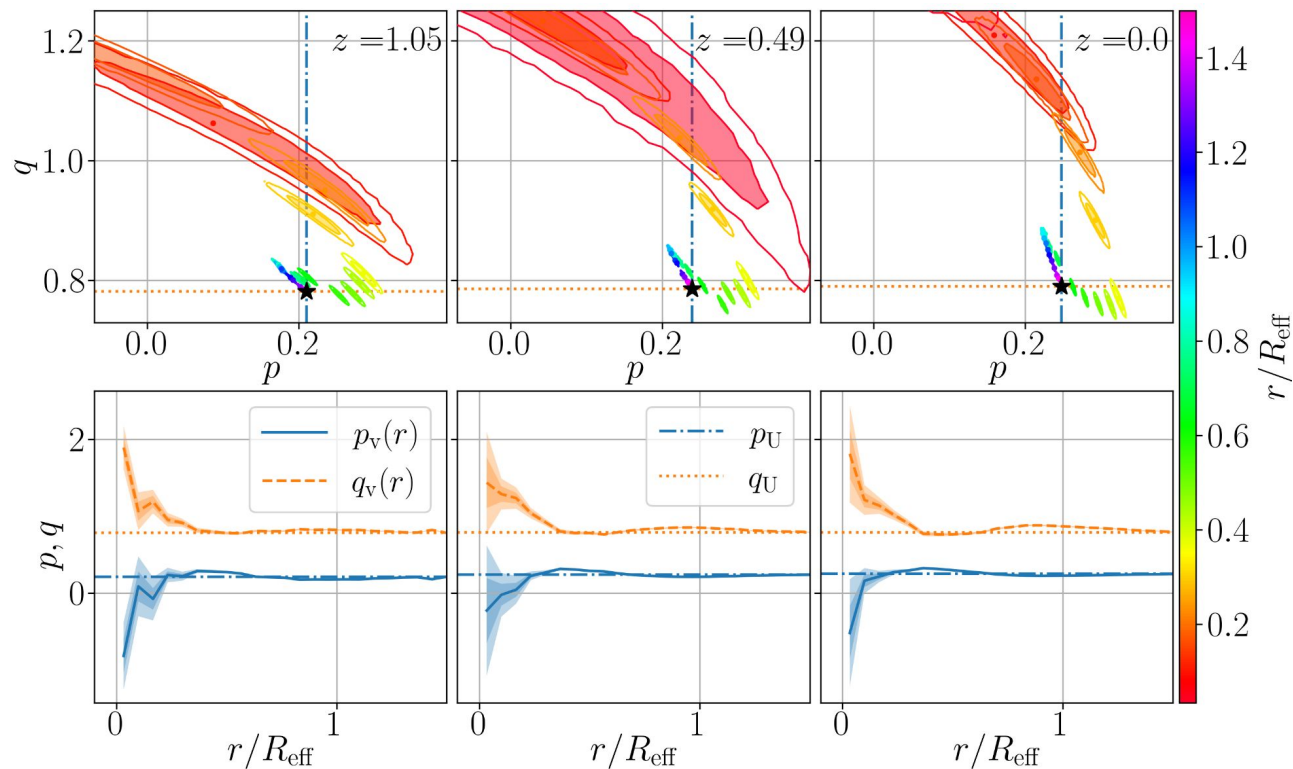
# The $p_v$ and $q_v$ evolution

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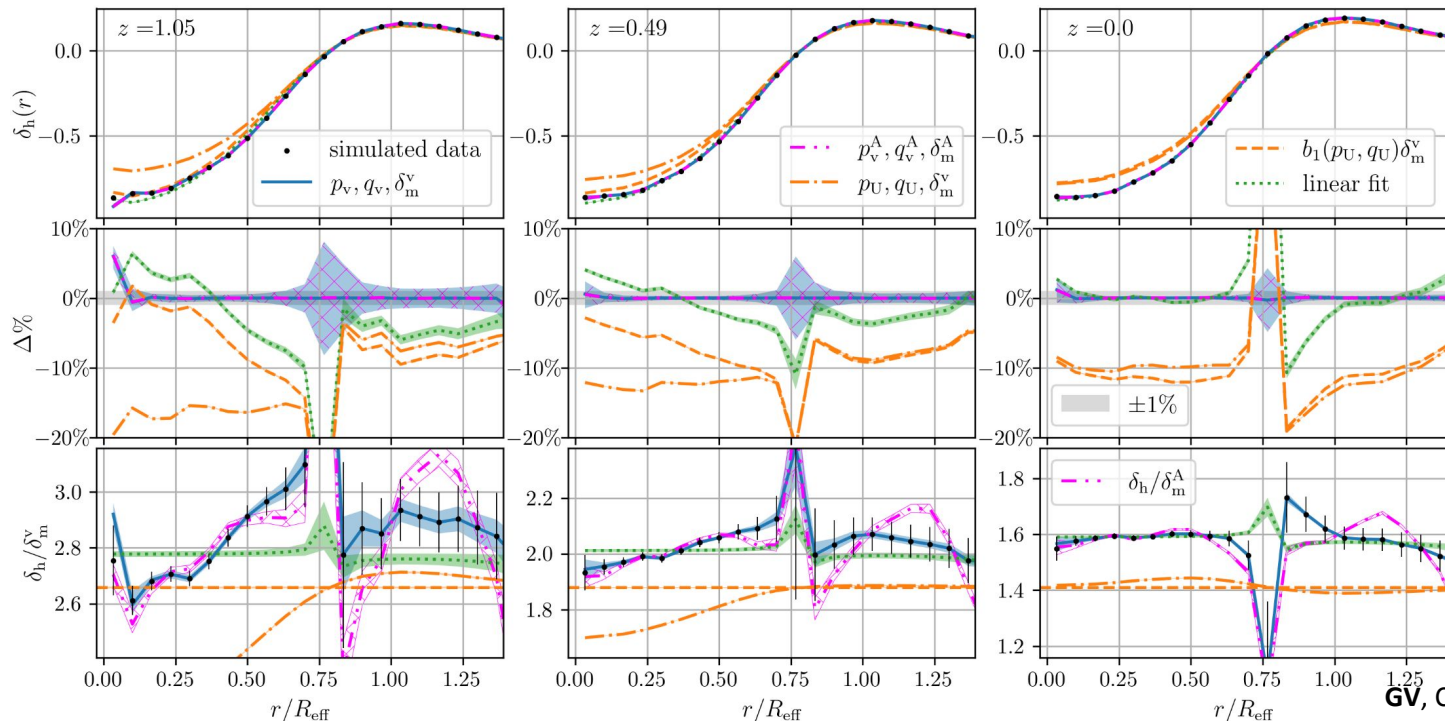
The  $p_v(r)$  and  $q_v(r)$  parameters, along the void profile, of the multiplicity function associated to our HMF model, fitted to simulated measurements.

**Upper panels:** 68% and 95% CL in the  $p$ - $q$  plane. The contour colors denote the distance from the void center, the black stars, together with the dot-dashed blue and dotted orange lines, represent  $p_U$  and  $q_U$ .

**Lower panels:** same quantities as a function of  $r$ :  $p_v(r)$  (blue solid),  $q_v(r)$  (orange dashed),  $p_U$  (blue dash-dotted horizontal), and  $q_U$  (orange dotted horizontal).



# The halo bias inside cosmic voids: new theoretical model



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Bias model: 
$$\delta_h(r) = \frac{\int_{M_{\min}}^{\infty} \frac{dn_h}{dM} [\tilde{\nu}, p_v(r), q_v(r), \delta_m^V(r)] dM}{\int_{M_{\min}}^{\infty} \frac{dn_h}{dM} (\nu, p_U, q_U, 0) dM} - 1$$

(GV, Carbone, Renzi, 2022)

Linear fit: 
$$\delta_h(r) = b_{\text{slope}} \delta_m^V(r) + c_{\text{offset}}$$

(Pollina et al. 2017)

# The halo bias in cosmic voids: results summary

- For the first time to date, we show that the halo mass function inside cosmic voids is not universal, rather it depends on the distance,  $r$ , from the void center;
- We provide theoretical model able to describe the halo mass function along void profiles;
- Applying the peak-background split technique we are able to obtain a theoretical prediction of the halo bias within voids.
- Several possible applications:
  - Analysis involving the void size function.
  - Analysis involving redshift-space distortions around voids.
  - Extend our modeling to cosmologies alternative to the  $\Lambda$ CDM model, i.e. in the presence of massive neutrinos and dynamical dark energy which may alter halo formation inside voids;



Thank you for your attention

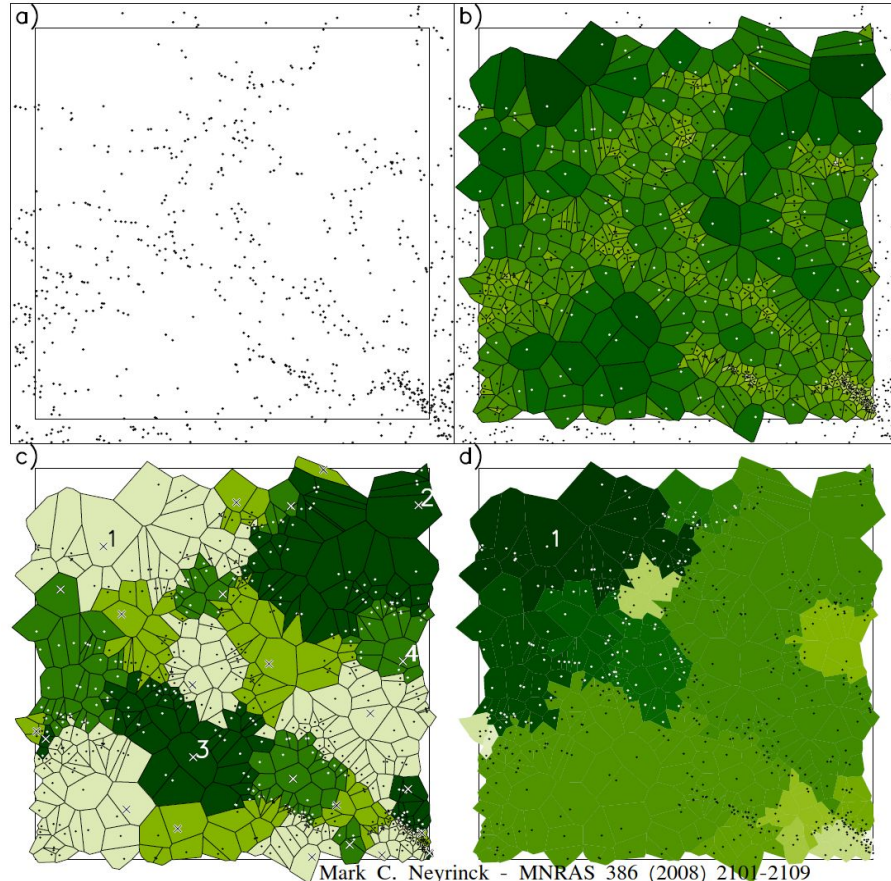
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Backup slides

# Void finder: VIDE 2.0 (Sutter et al. 2015)

- Voronoi tessellation
- Relative minima
- Watershed algorithm

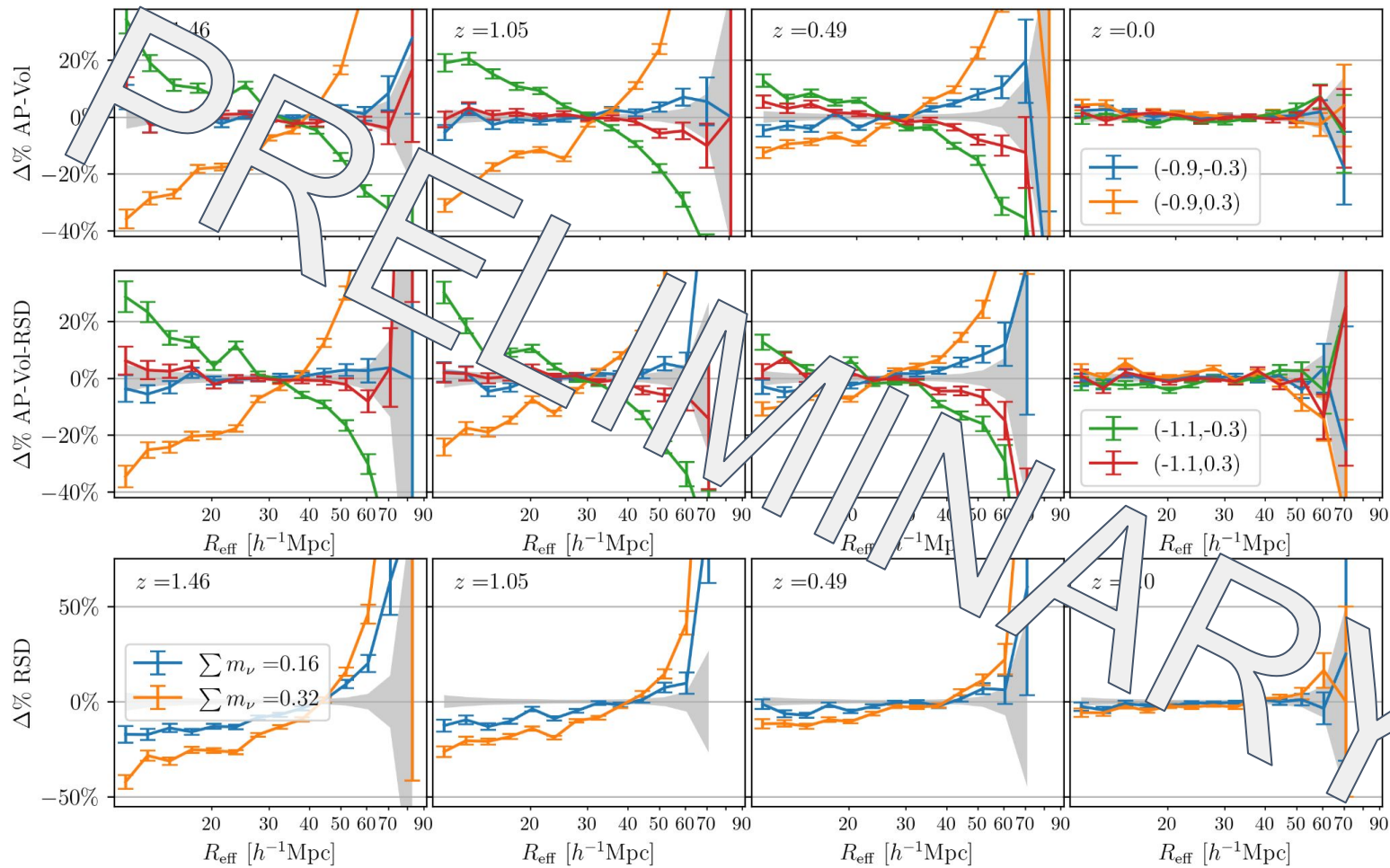


# Constraints from the void size function

Model	$w_0$	$w_a$	$\sigma_8$	$\Omega_m$	$M_\nu$ [eV]	$B_{\text{slope}}$	$B_{\text{offset}}$	FoM $_{w_0, w_a}$
fixed calib.	$-1.0 \pm 0.2$	$-0.1^{+0.7}_{-0.9}$	$0.84^{+0.04}_{-0.03}$	$0.32 \pm 0.01$	0	0.96	0.44	4.9
	$-1.0^{+0.2}_{-0.6}$	$-0.1^{+0.3}_{-0.8}$	$0.83^{+0.02}_{-0.03}$	0.319	$< 0.08$	0.96	0.44	17
relaxed calib.	$-0.8^{+1.6}_{-0.6}$	$-0.9^{+3.6}_{-9.6}$	$0.86 \pm 0.04$	$0.32 \pm 0.01$	0	$1.01^{+0.03}_{-0.04}$	$0.35^{+0.08}_{-0.05}$	0.78
	$-0.9^{+0.3}_{-0.2}$	$-0.5^{+0.9}_{-1.3}$	$0.86^{+0.02}_{-0.05}$	0.319	$< 0.08$	$0.99^{+0.01}_{-0.04}$	$0.38^{+0.07}_{-0.01}$	2.3

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relaxed calib.	$-1.0 \pm 0.1$	$0.84 \pm 0.04$	$0.318^{+0.008}_{-0.005}$	0	$0.96 \pm 0.02$	$0.44 \pm 0.04$
	$-0.98^{+0.10}_{-0.07}$	$0.83^{+0.02}_{-0.03}$	0.319	$< 0.06$	$0.95 \pm 0.02$	$0.46 \pm 0.04$

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