

VOIDS

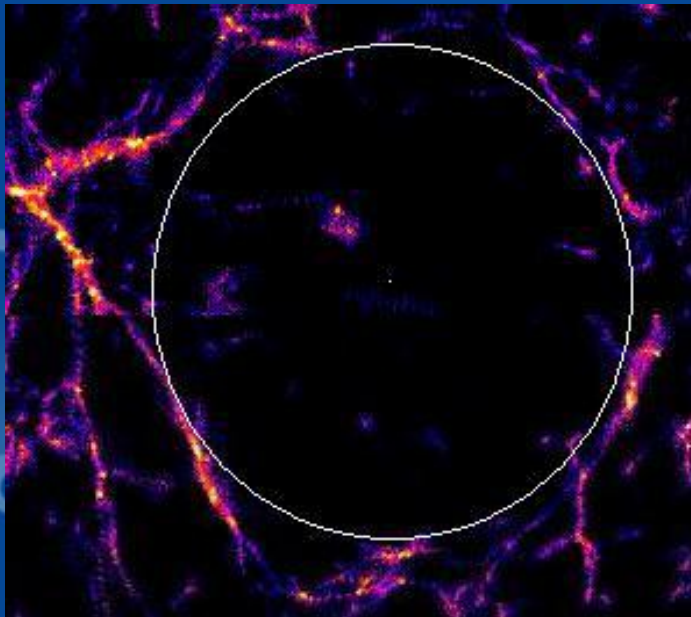
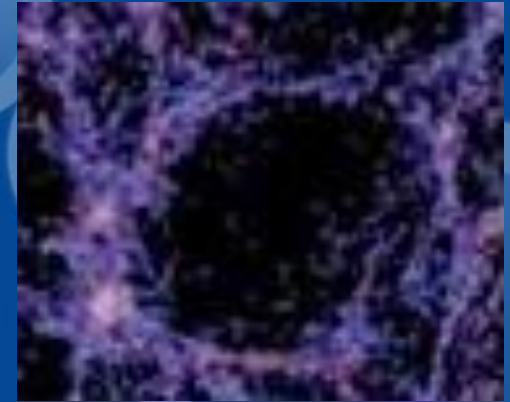
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Voids:

large scale
underdense regions

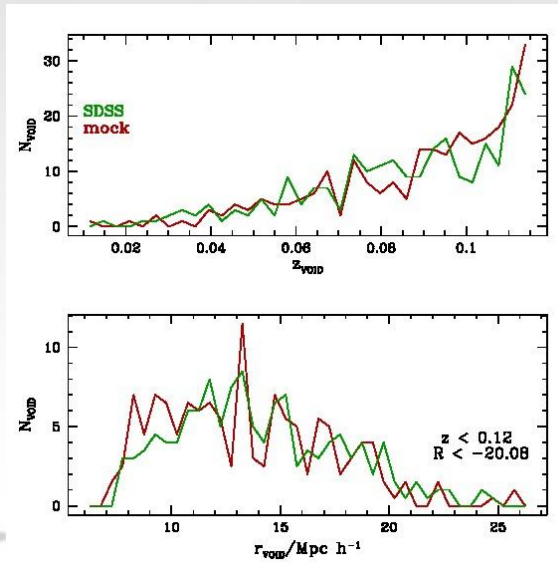
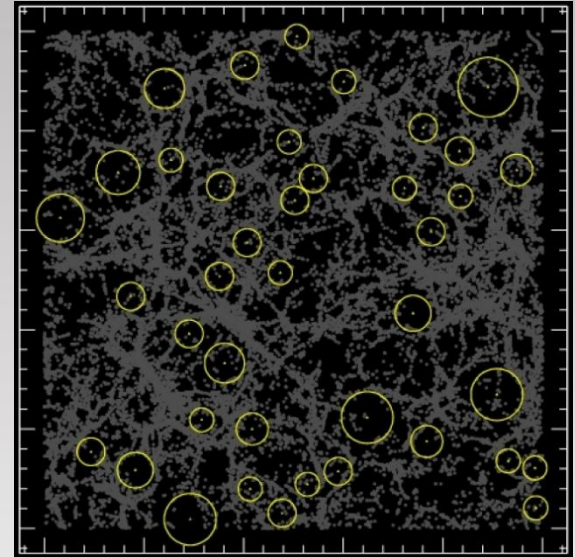


General characteristics

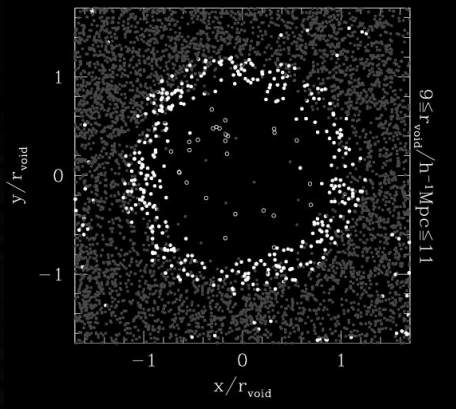
- Density contrast of voids: $\delta < -0.8$
- Extremely low density contrast at void centers
- Wall surrounding the voids
- Roughly spherical shapes
- Sizes of tens of Mpcs

Void finding algorithm

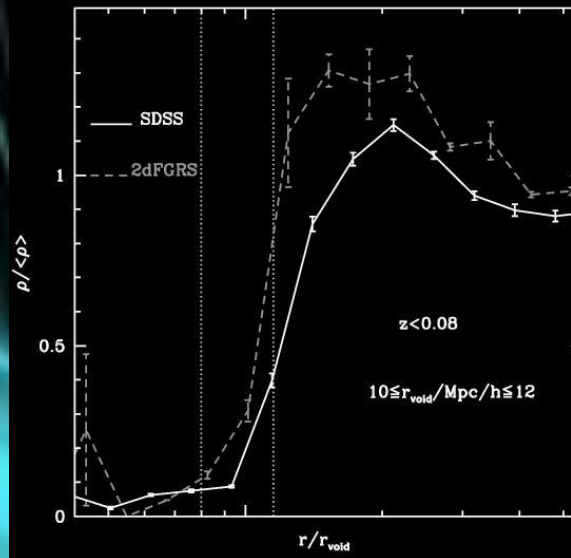
- Select the largest underdense sphere ($\delta_{\text{sphere}} < \delta_c = -0.9$).
- Eliminate overlapping spheres
- Galaxy surveys \rightarrow volume limited samples
 - SDSS
 - 2dFGRS



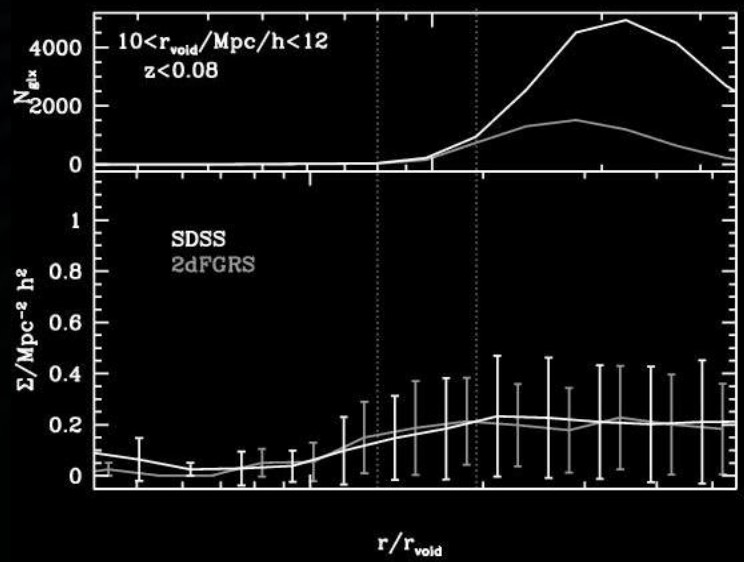
Properties of galaxies in voids and walls



Wall $\Rightarrow 0.8 < r/r_{\text{void}} < 1.15$

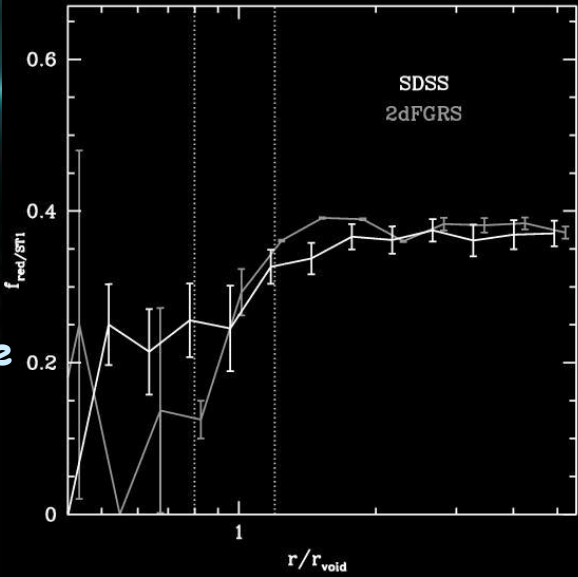


wall
↓
density
increase

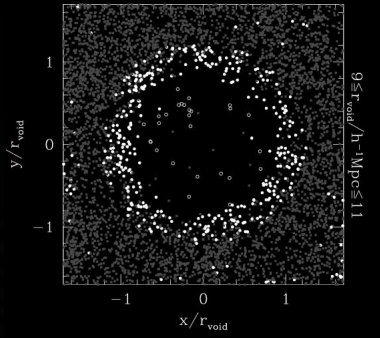


mean projected galaxy local density ($d < 2.5$ Mpc/h, $z < 1000$ km/s)

- Fraction of SDSS red galaxies $u-r > 2.2$
- Fraction of 2dFGRS type 1 galaxies $\eta < -1.3$

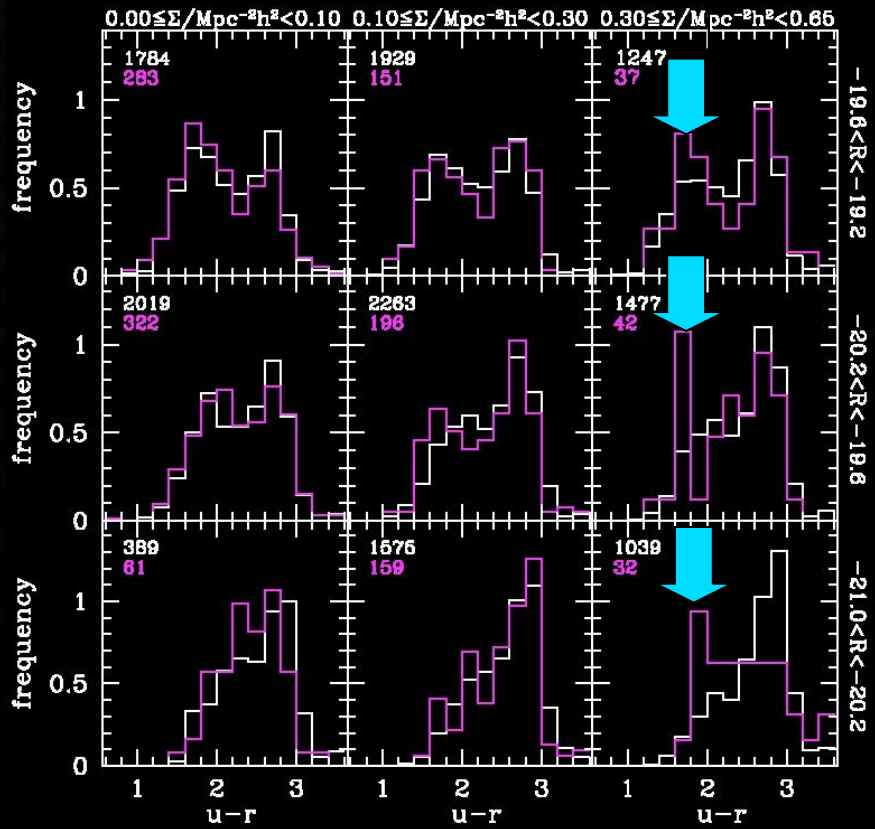


Wall vs field

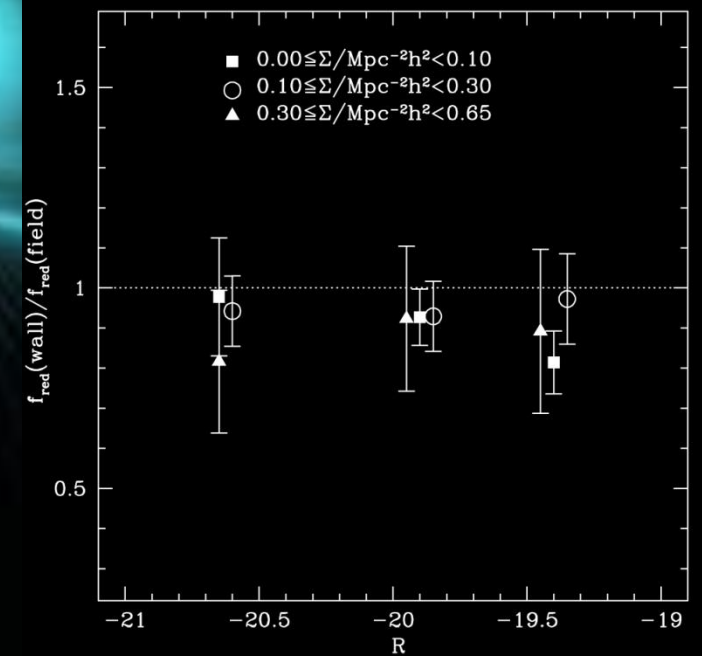


— walls
 $0.8 < r/r_{\text{void}} < 1.15$

— field
 $1.8 < r/r_{\text{void}} < 3$



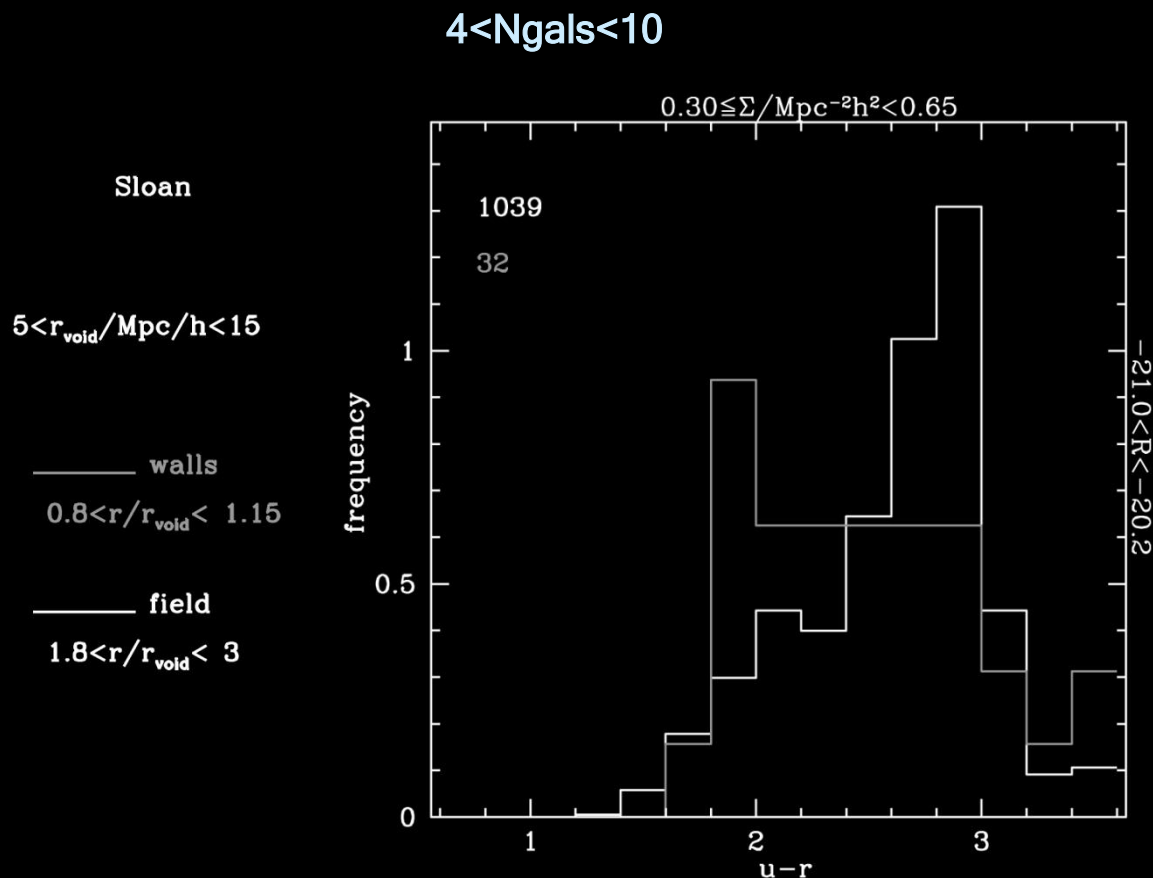
Red Galaxy Fraction as a Function of Luminosity and Local Density



Fraction of gals with $u-r > 2.2$

Wall galaxies in groups

High luminosity galaxies in groups.



Comparison:
wall-galaxies
bluer than field
galaxies

Galaxy Groups and Voids

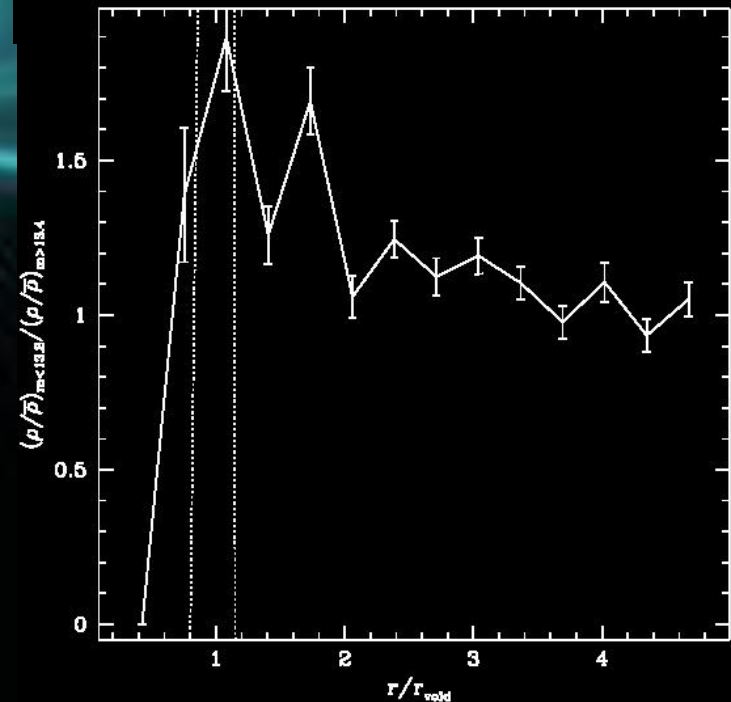
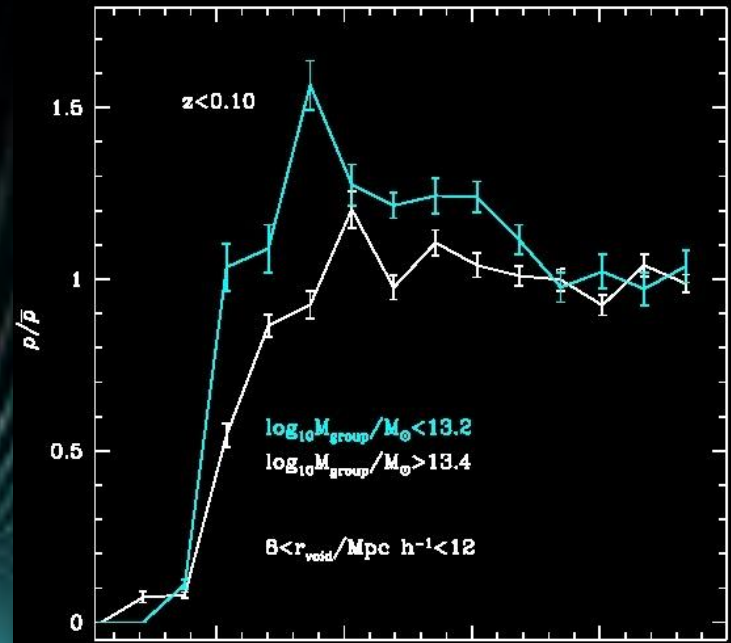
Relative density of SDSS groups as a function of distance to the void centre for different virial mass =

$$N_{\text{gru}} / \langle N_{\text{gru}} \rangle$$

Low-mass groups \rightarrow higher profile up to $2 r_{\text{void}}$

Massive groups \rightarrow approximately constant profile outside voids

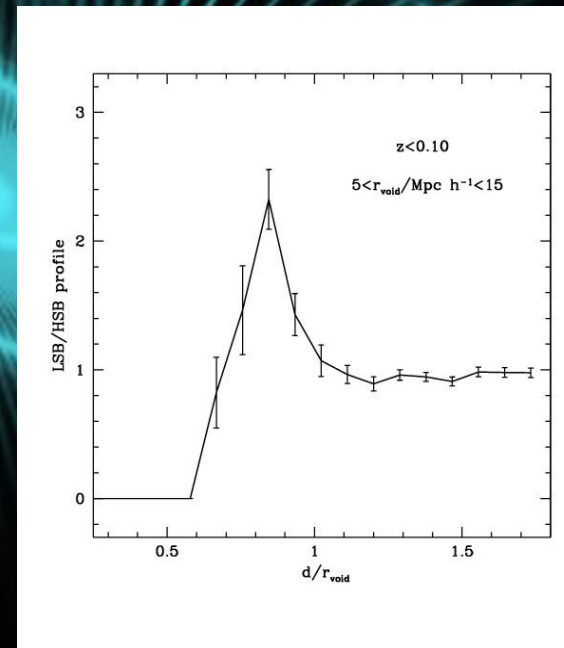
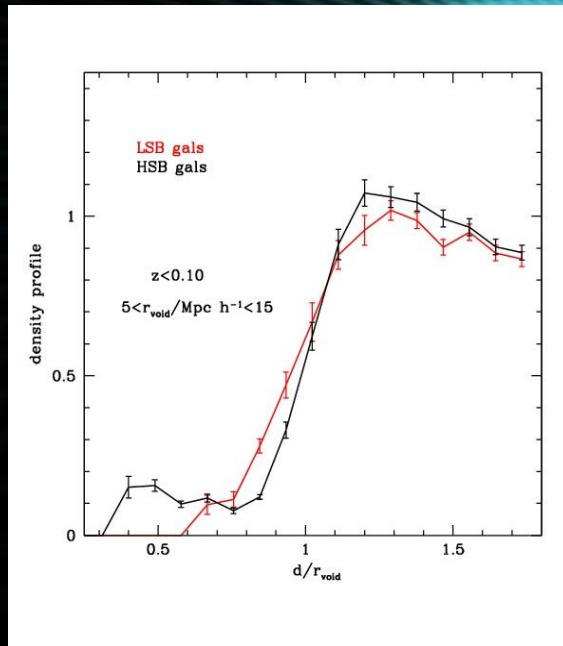
Groups in walls less massive than groups in field



Properties of galaxies in voids

Low Surface Brightness galaxies (LSB) are more isolated than the rest of the galaxies.

Distribution of LSB on the SDSS large scale voids



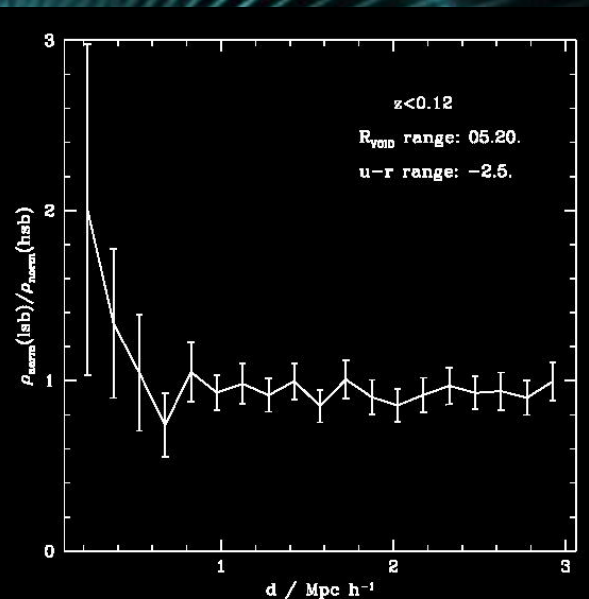
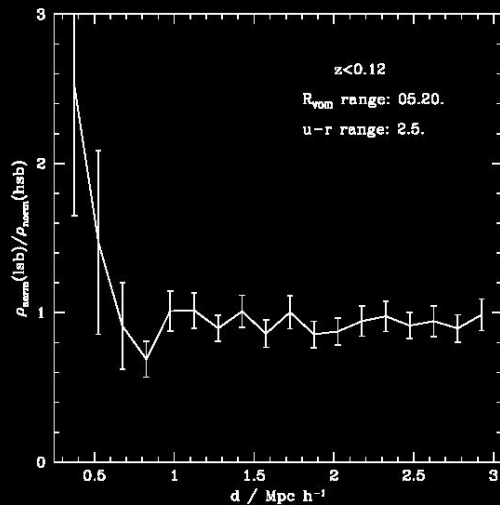
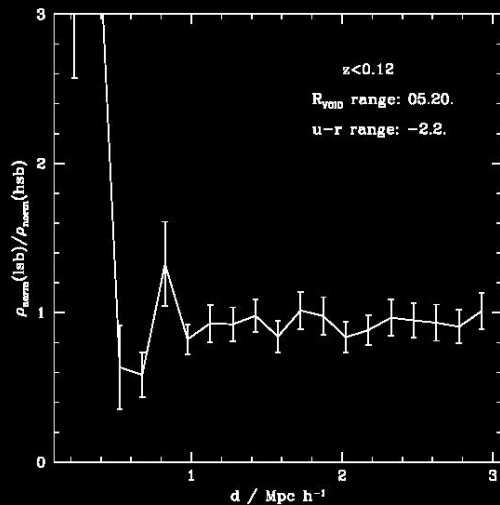
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(work in progress)

LSB galaxies tend to inhabit void walls, specially the regions just before the void radius.

Properties of galaxies in voids

Relative fraction of LSB and HSB galaxies in SDSS

Fraction of LSB galaxies are higher than HSB galaxies in voids



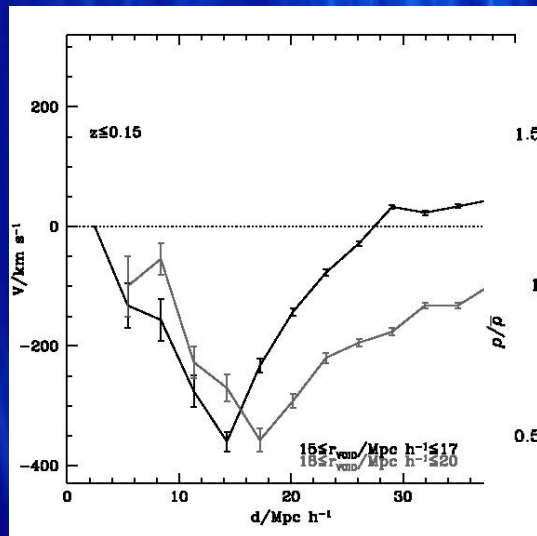
LSB galaxies tend to inhabit void and walls

Void Evolution

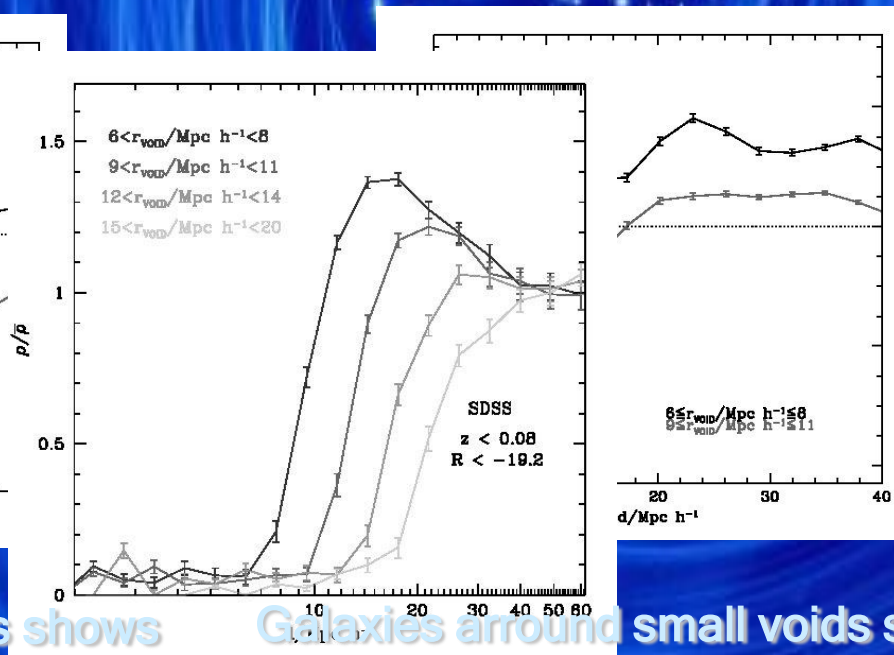
Numerical Simulations → two processes in void evolution

➤ Expansion

➤ Collapse



Galaxies around large voids shows outflowing motions (mock SDSS)



Galaxies around small voids show infall (mock SDSS)



Lares, Paz, Ceccarelli, Padilla, Lambas. In preparation.

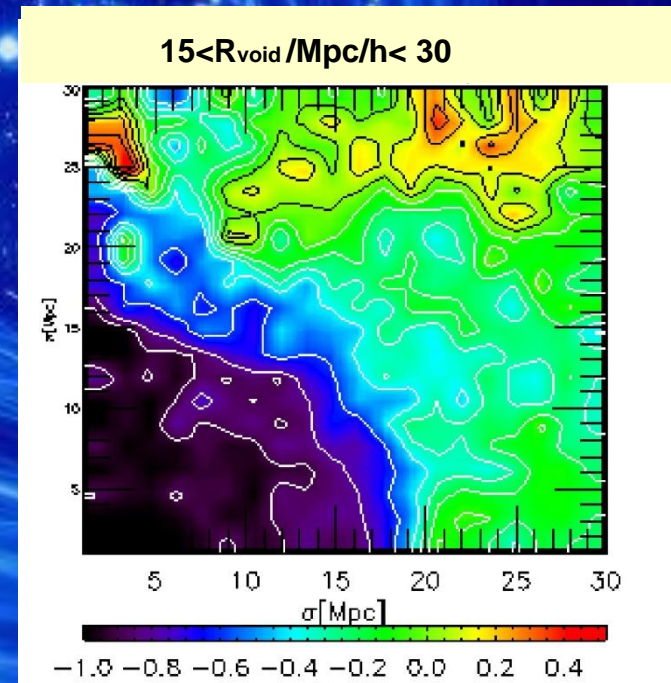
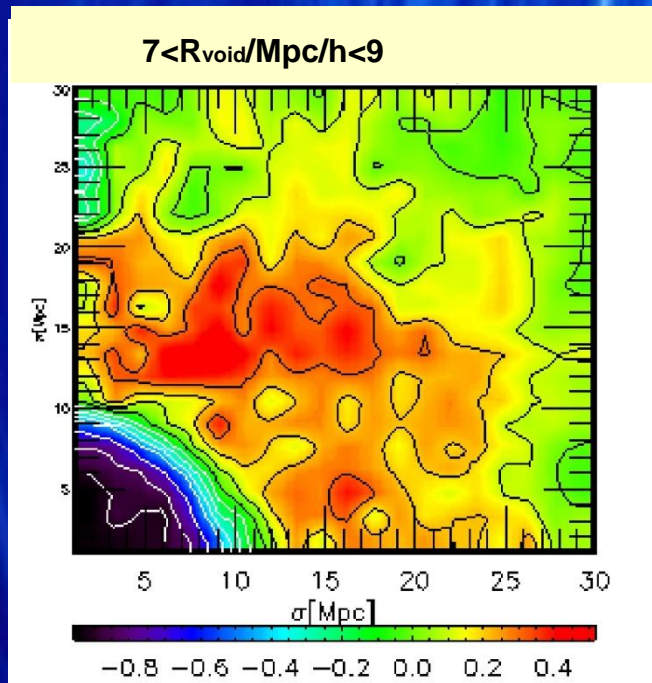
Redshift space distortions \leftrightarrow dynamical properties

Iso-contours of the void-galaxy cross-correlation function in the directions parallel and perpendicular to the line of sight (π and σ).

Compression \rightarrow infall

Elongation \rightarrow outflow

Results from SDSS



Distortion pattern consistent with infall

Distortion pattern consistent with expansion

Summary

- Galaxies residing in void walls are systematically bluer than field galaxies, at a given luminosity and local density range.
- Galaxies are subject to a large scale dependent star-formation activity besides the influence of local environment.
- LSB galaxies tend to populate voids and walls.
- Large voids show expansion whereas the outer regions of small voids are collapsing
- It is also possible that the outflow of barionic particles, as part of the void expansion, inject material in walls causing star-formation activity in wall galaxies.