Testing the cosmological principle

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Translation and Rotation invariance

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$$ds^2 = dt^2 - A^2dx^2 - B^2(dy^2 + dz^2)$$

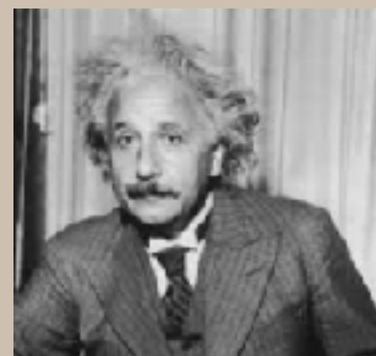
$$\begin{aligned} ds^2 = dt^2 &- (A'^2_{\parallel}\sin^2\theta + A'^2_{\perp}\cos^2\theta)dr^2 \\ &- (A^2_{\parallel}\cos^2\theta + A^2_{\perp}\sin^2)d\theta^2 \\ &- (A^{2\prime}_{\parallel} - A^{2}_{\perp}{}') \sin\theta\cos\theta dr d\theta + -A^2_{\parallel}\sin^2\theta d\phi^2. \end{aligned}$$

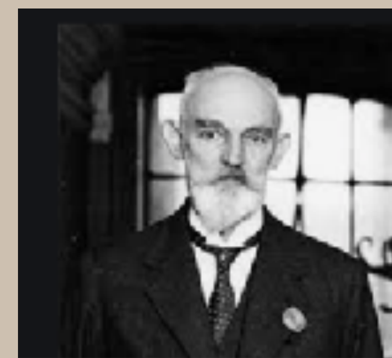
The Cosmological principle

2015

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} R g_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu}$$

2017





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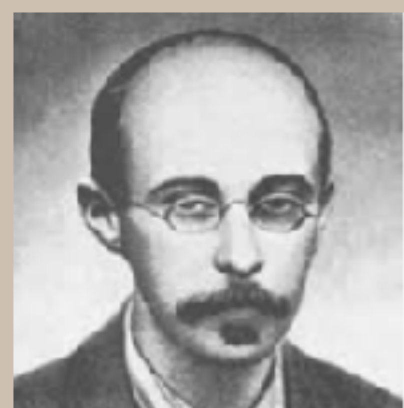


1932

1935

The Cosmological principle

Milne

A new basis for cosmology

By P. A. M. Dirac, F.R.S.

St John's College, Cambridge

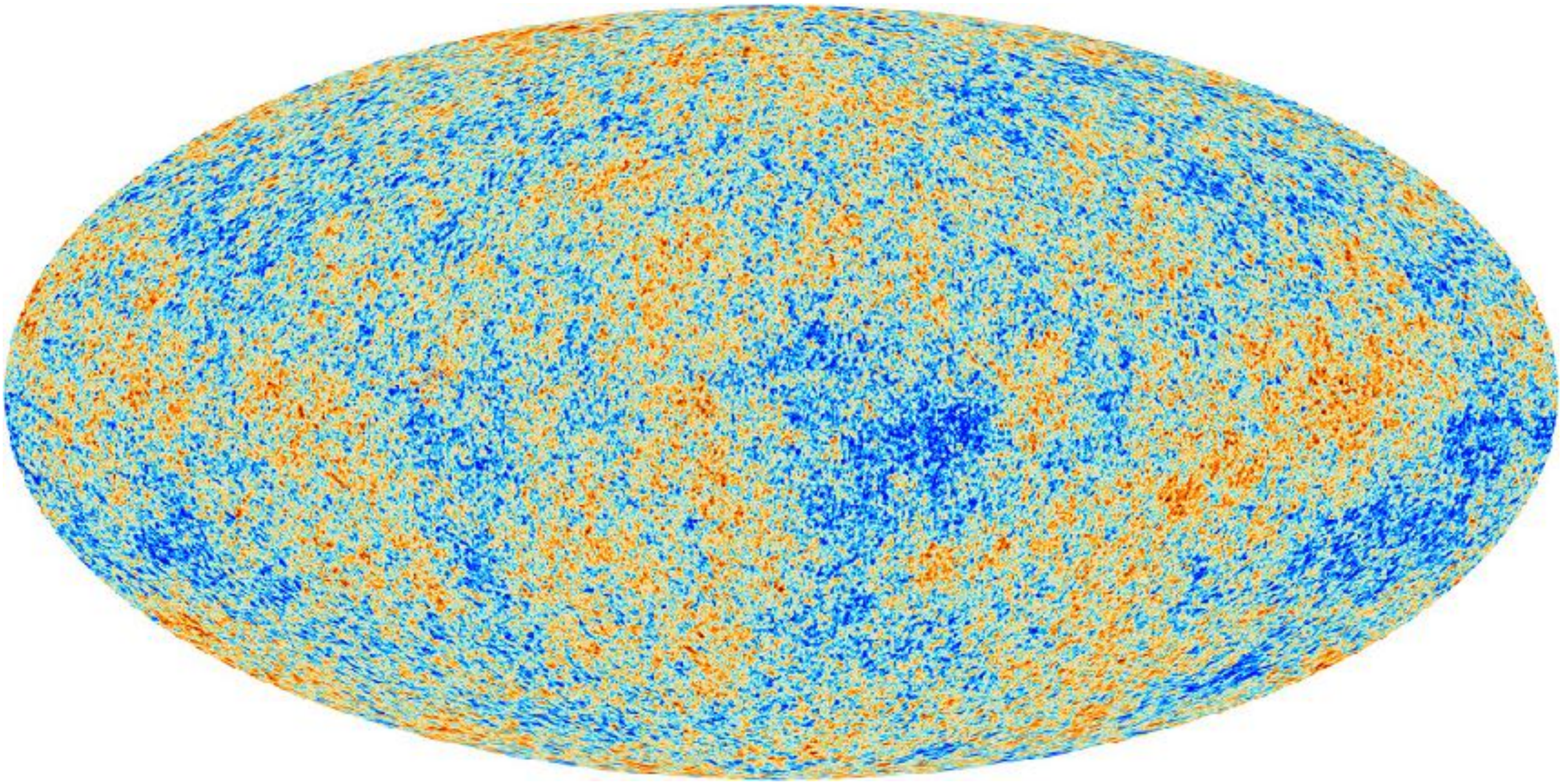
(*Received* 29 *December* 1937)

We now feel the need for some new assumptions on which to build up a theory of cosmology. This need is partially satisfied by the assumptions, which Milne calls the Cosmological Principle, that, apart from local irregularities, the universe is everywhere uniform and has spherical symmetry (in three dimensions) about every point, for an observer moving with the natural velocity at that point. these assumptions are fairly

plausible and have a great simplifying effect on the subject, and until there is more definite evidence of their inadequacy it does not seem worth while to try more complicated schemes.

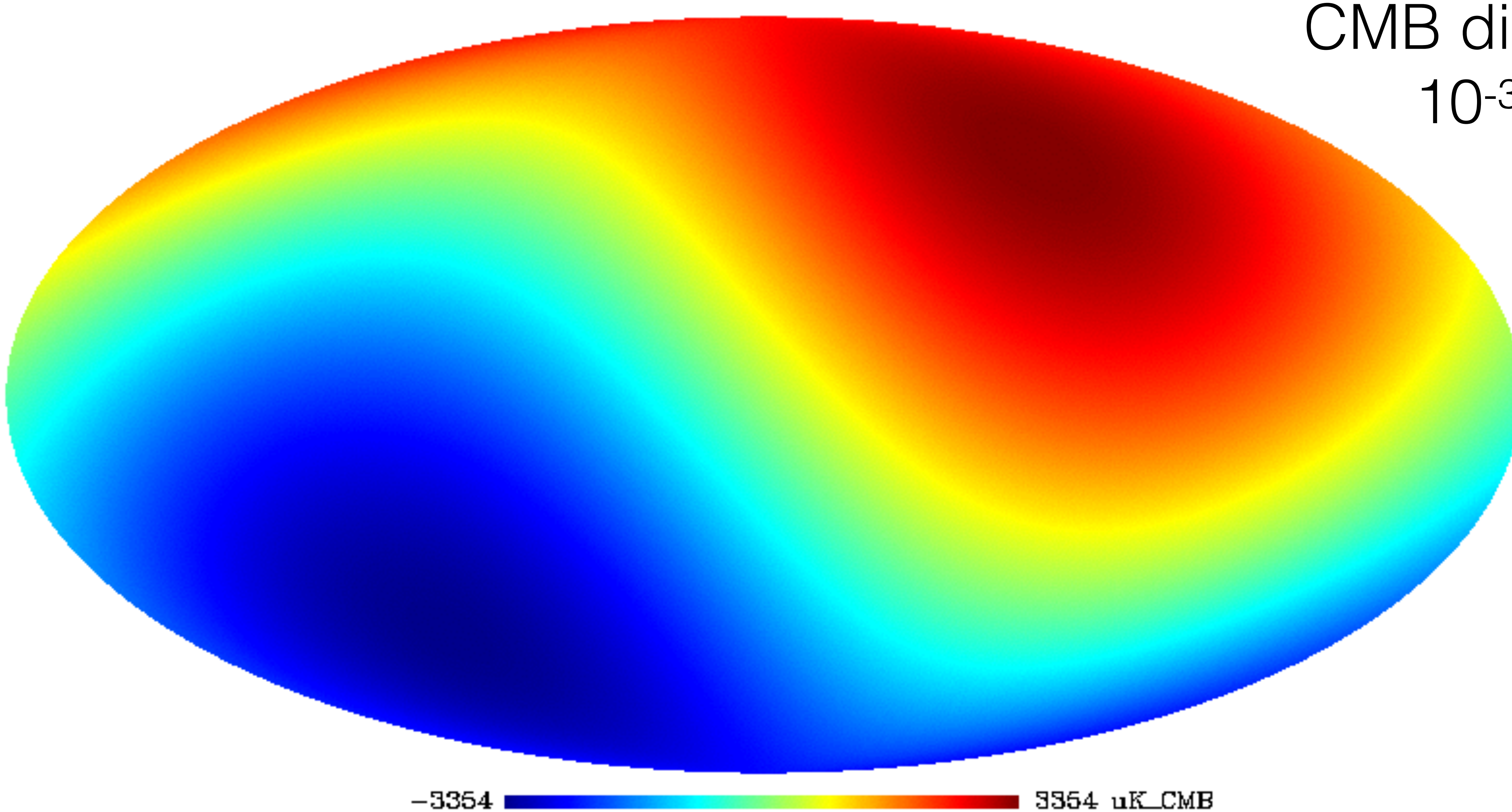
Observational evidence for the cosmological principle

Cosmic microwave background

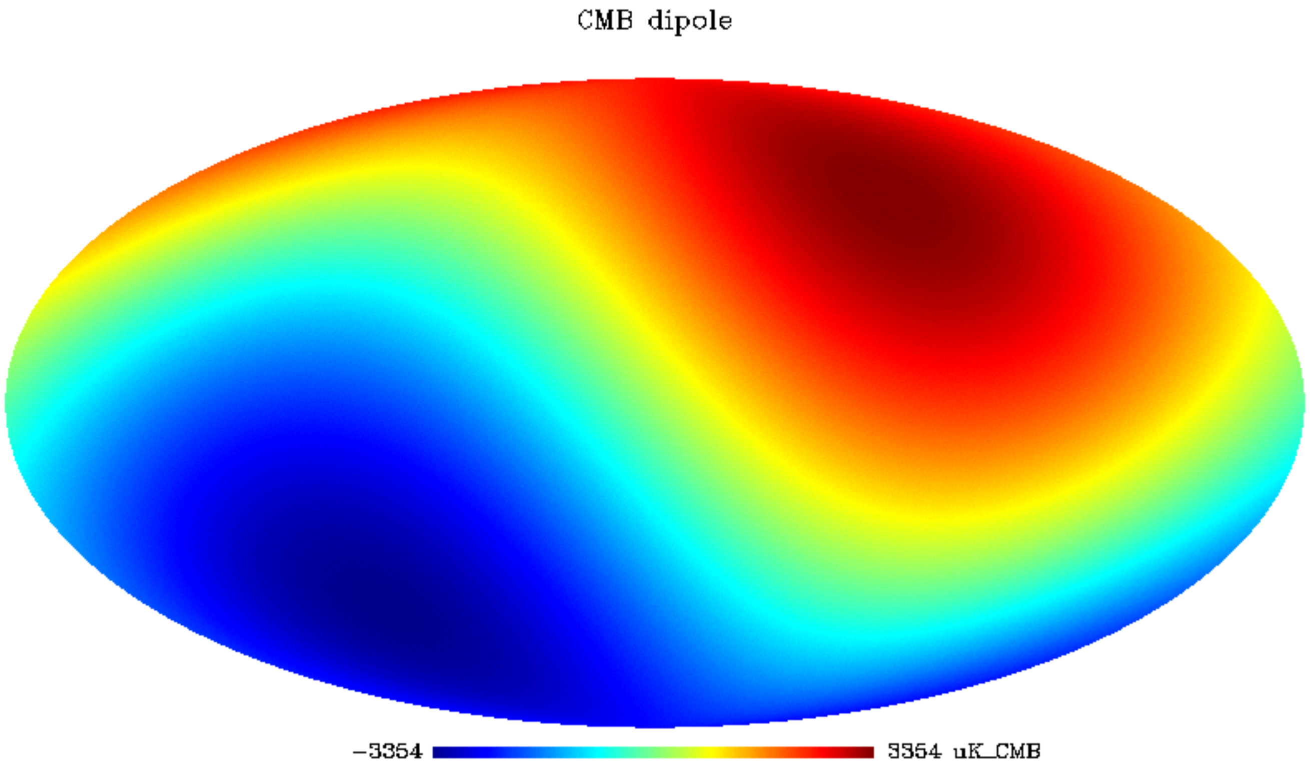


Cosmic microwave background
Dipole —-Anisotropy

CMB dipole
10^{-3}



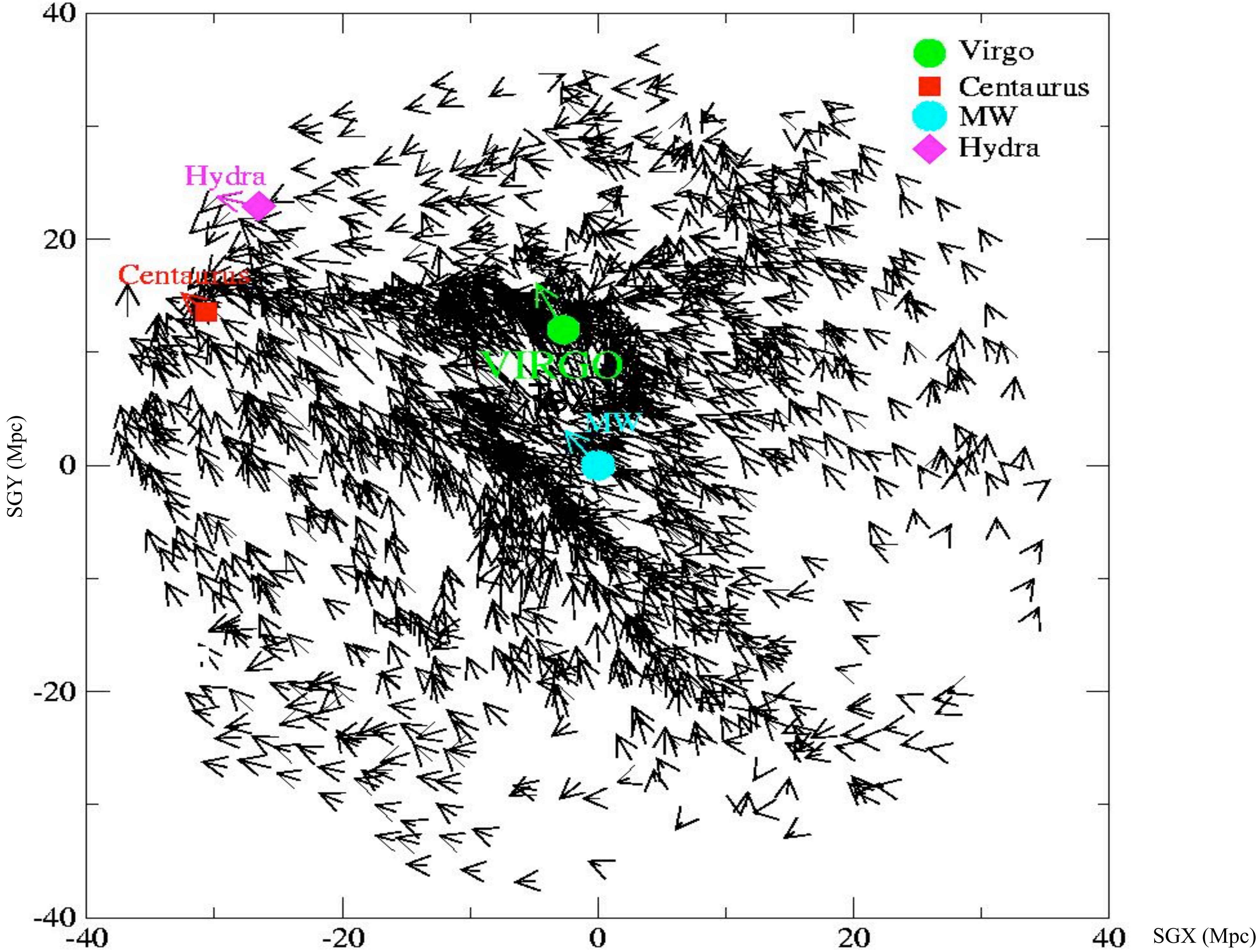
The origin of the CMB dipole ?



Dipole is purely Kinematic

Universe is anisotropic

Local Flow



Virgo
Centaurus
MW
Hydra
Hydra
Centaurus
VIRGO
MW
SGY (Mpc)
SGX (Mpc)
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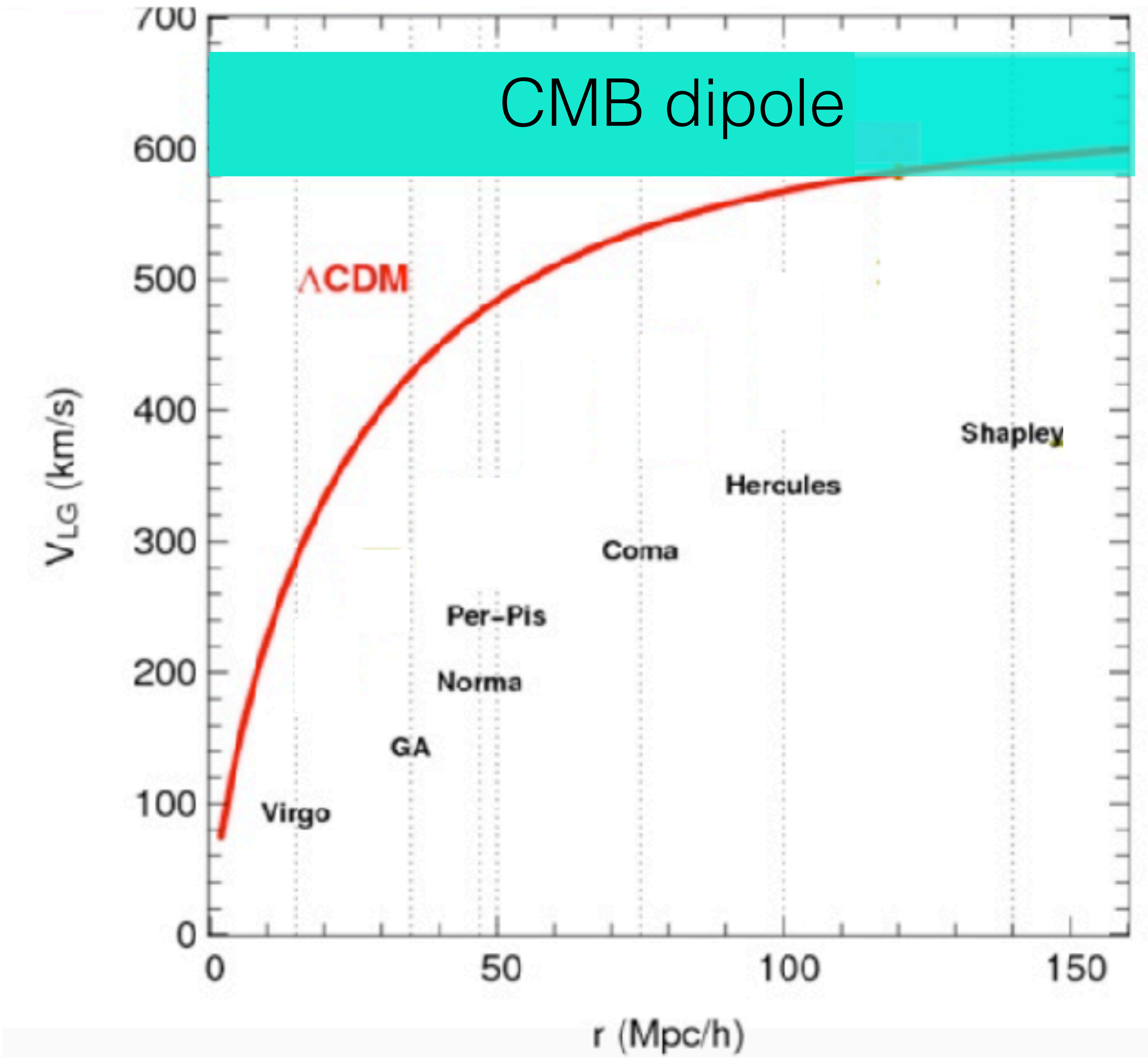
Test of cosmological principle : searching for CMB rest frame



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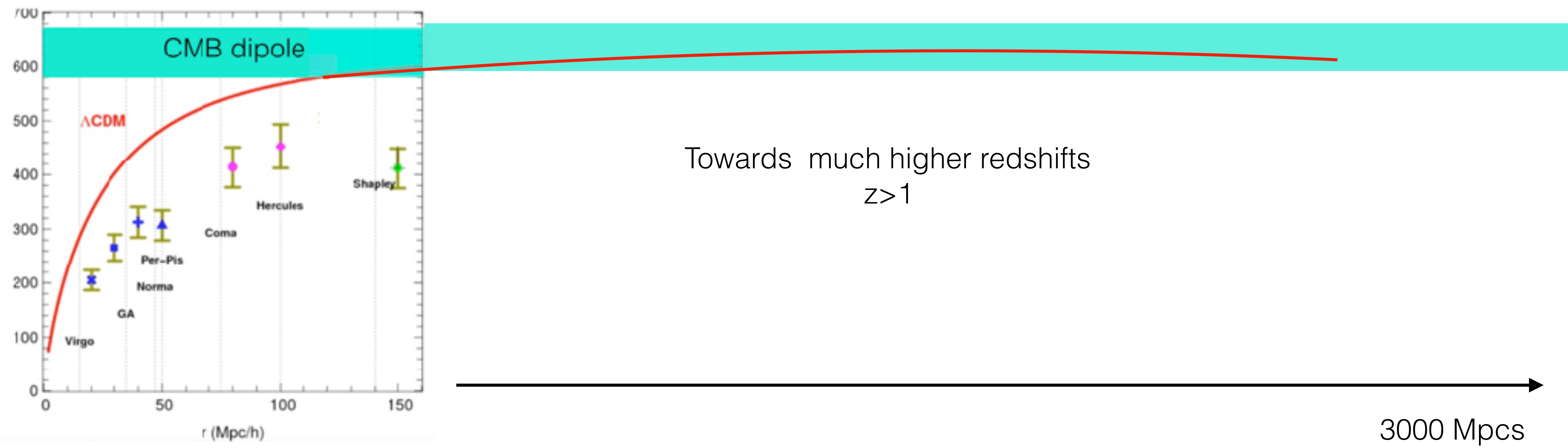
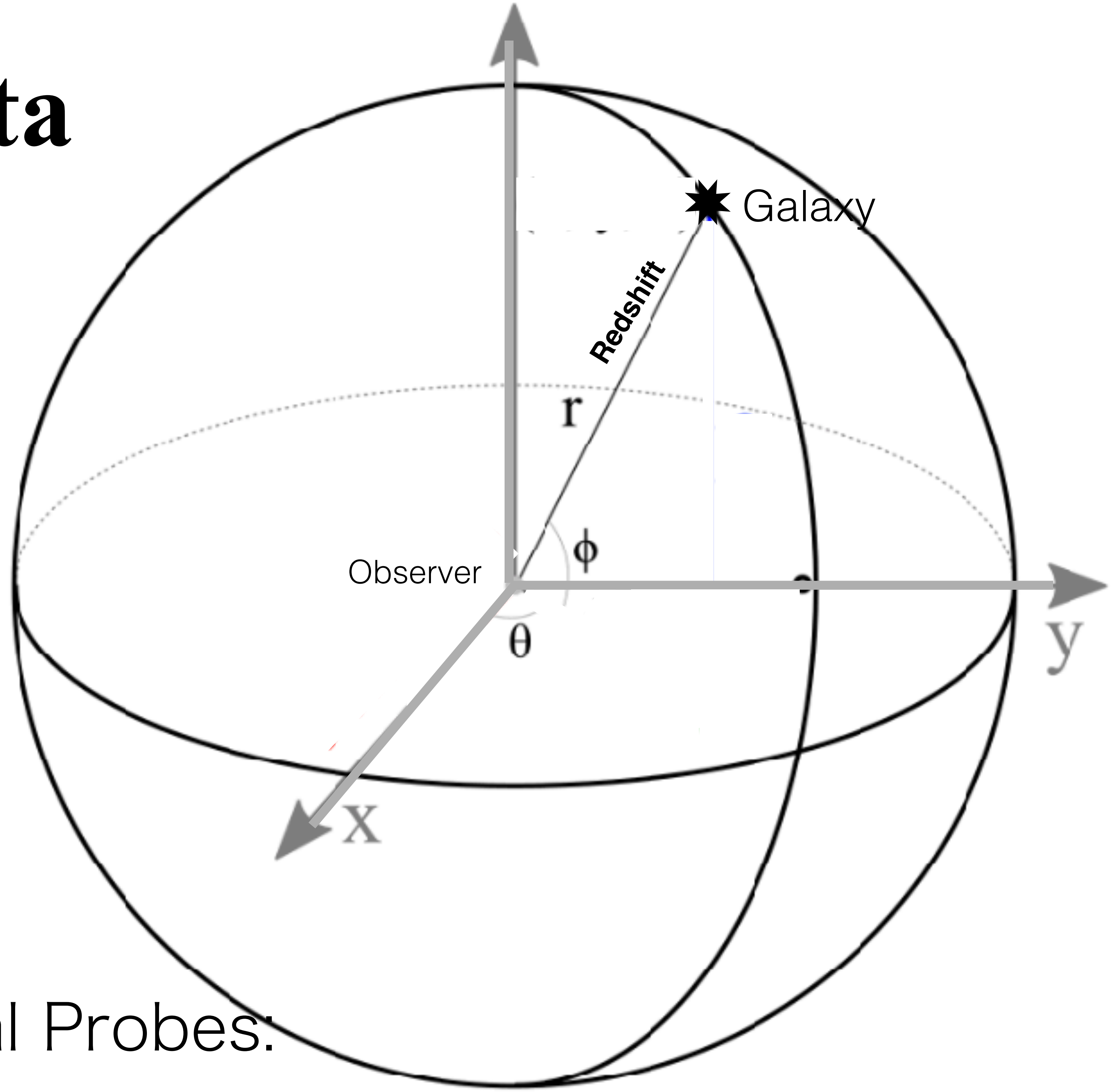


The rest-frame of high redshift “sources” = Rest frame of CMB

Real Data



Observational Probes:

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(II) Θ, φ, z (redshift surveys)

(III) Θ, φ (Imaging surveys)

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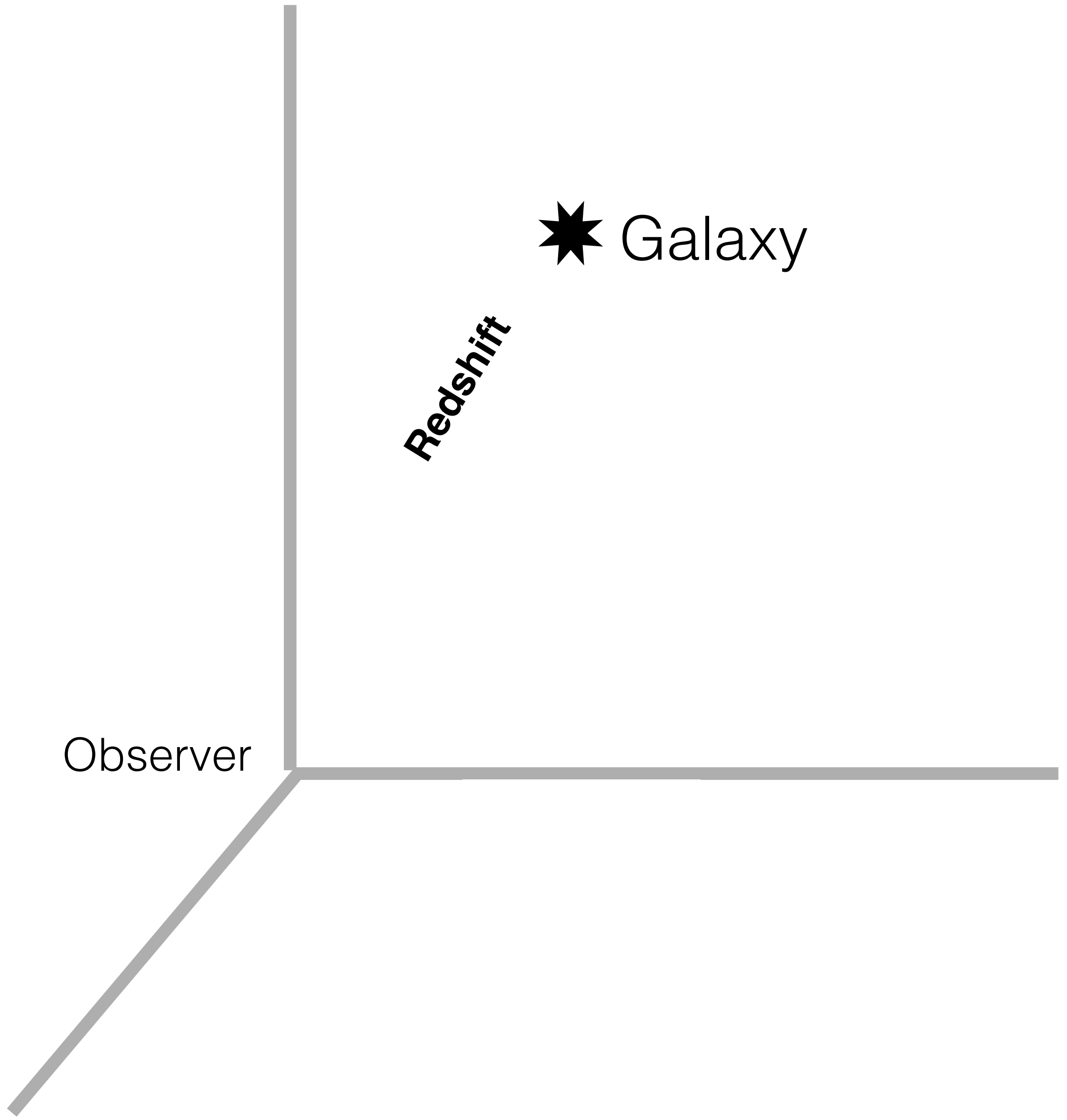

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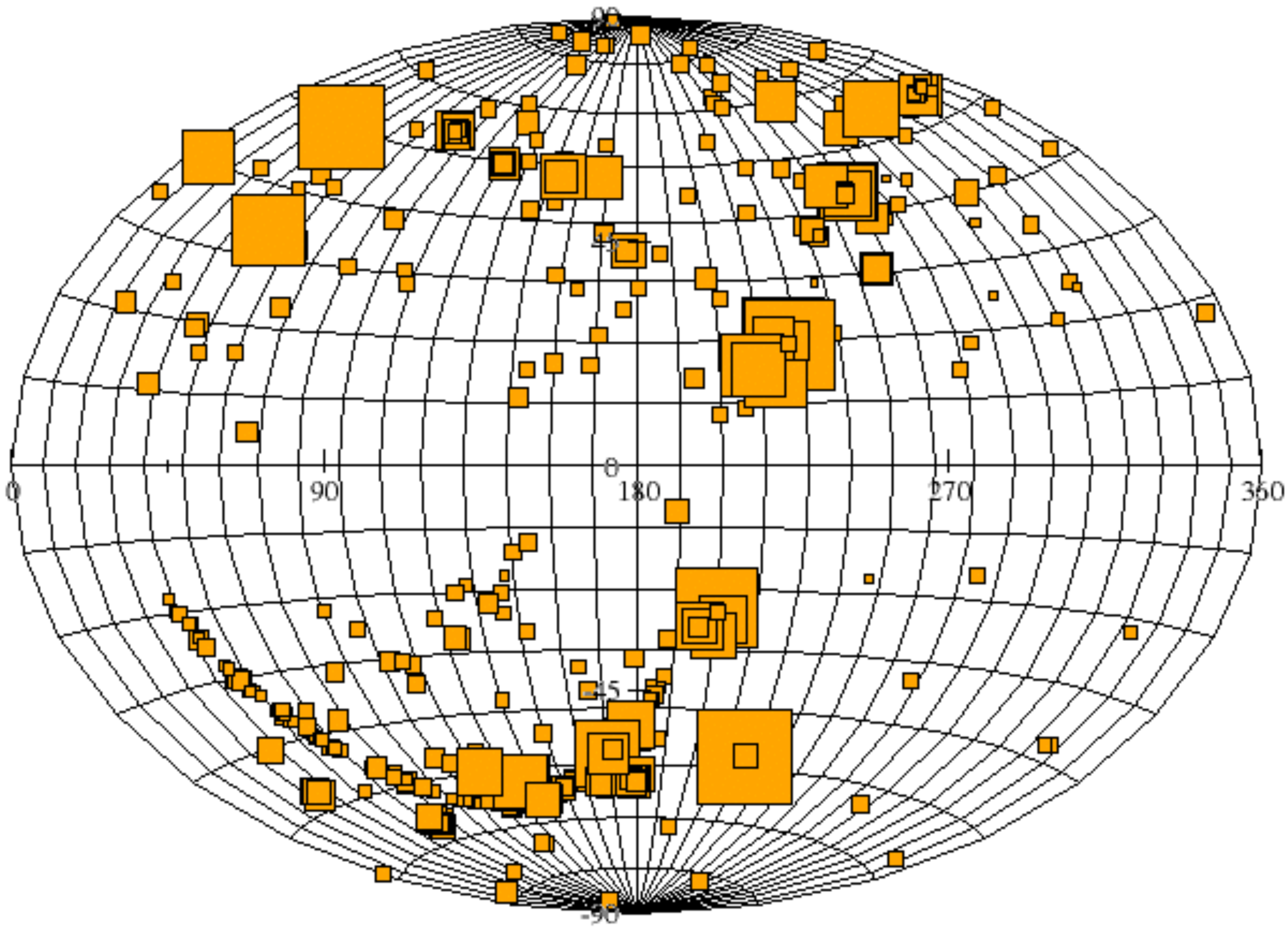
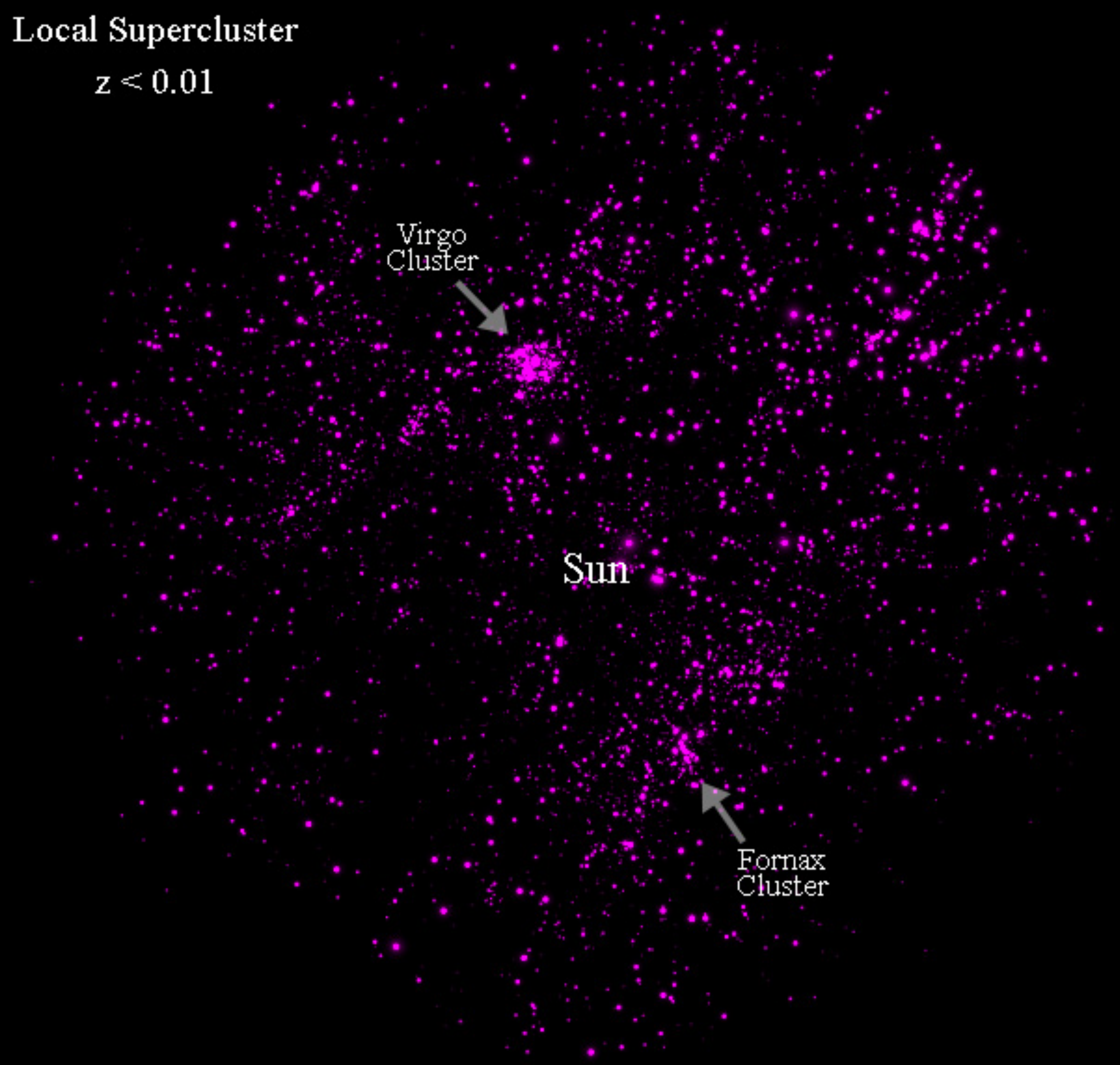
Velocities (distances) from SNe Ia
Union II compilation



Colin, Mohayaee, Shafieloo, Sarkar, MNRAS 2012

Bulk flow of increasingly volume: CMB rest frame ?



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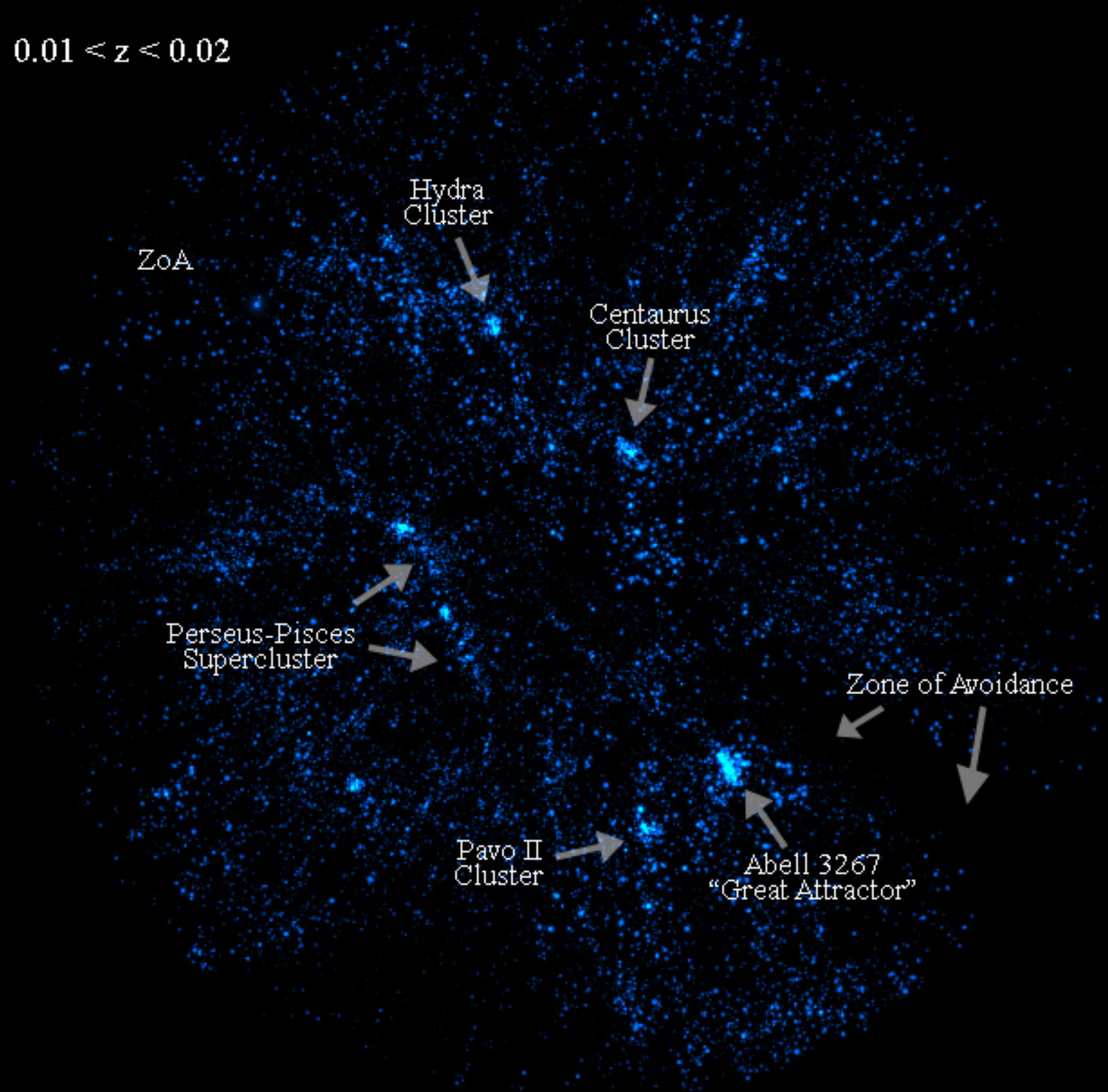
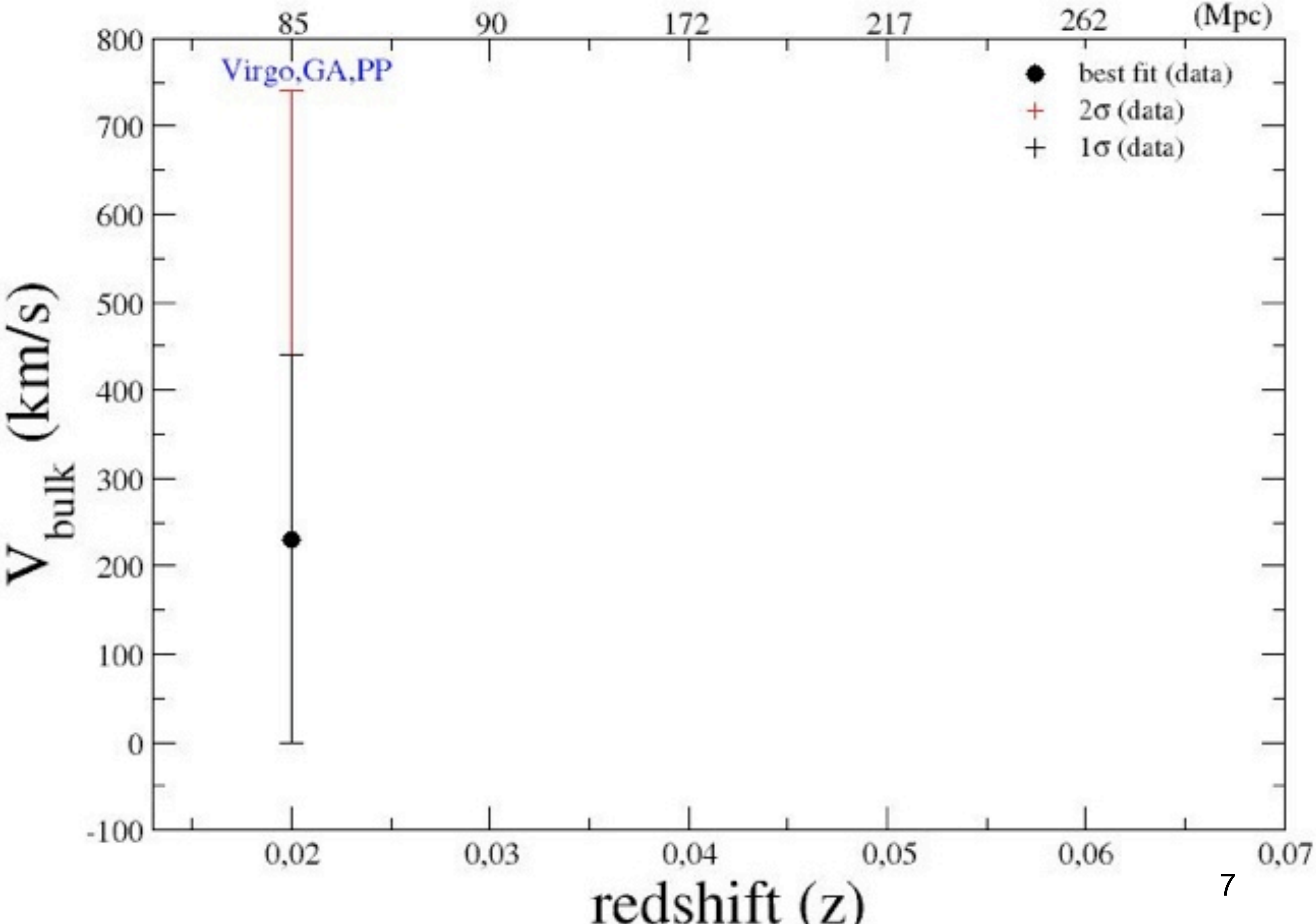
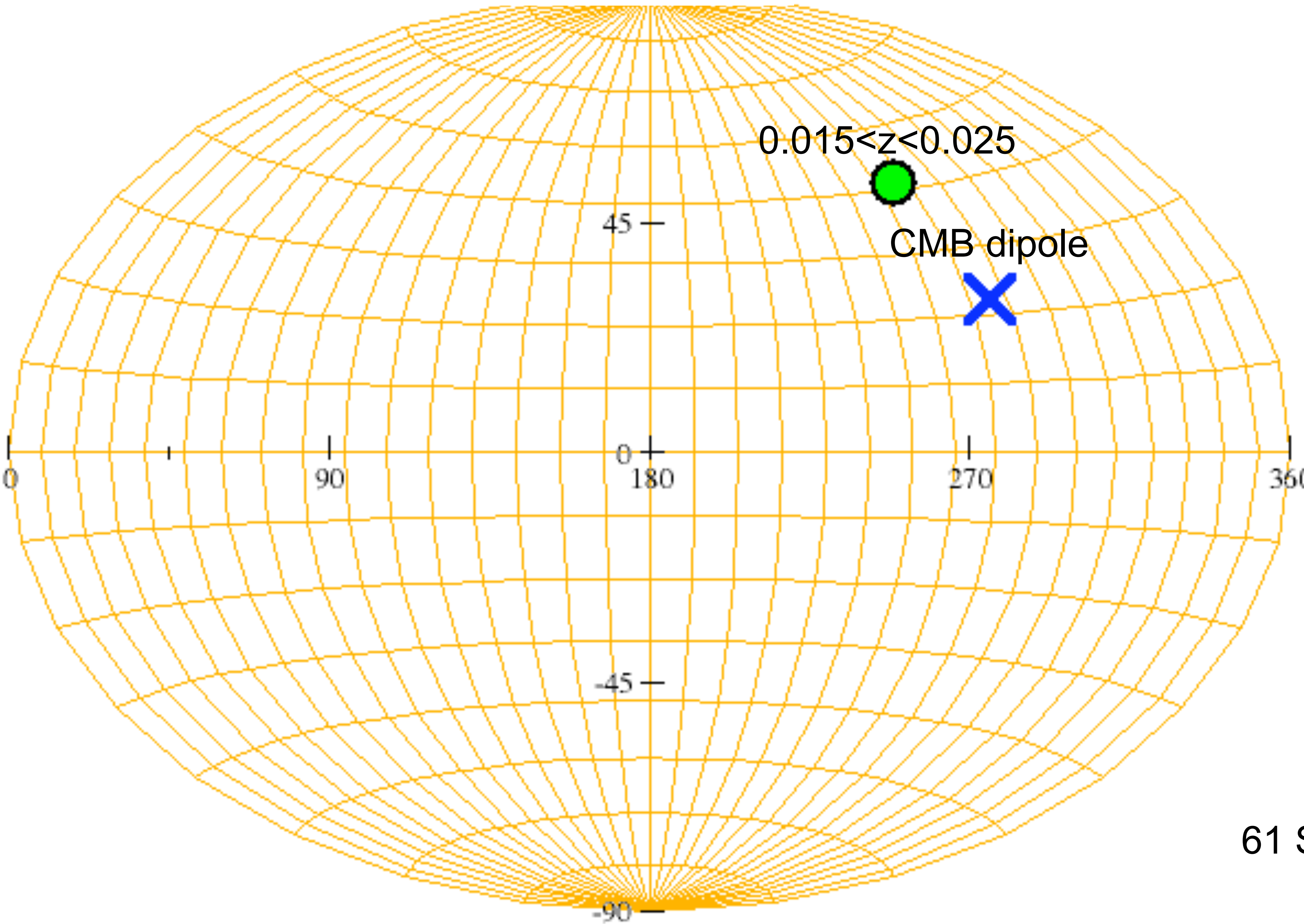


|Bulk flow| from SNe Ia data



Bulk flow direction from data



61 SNe

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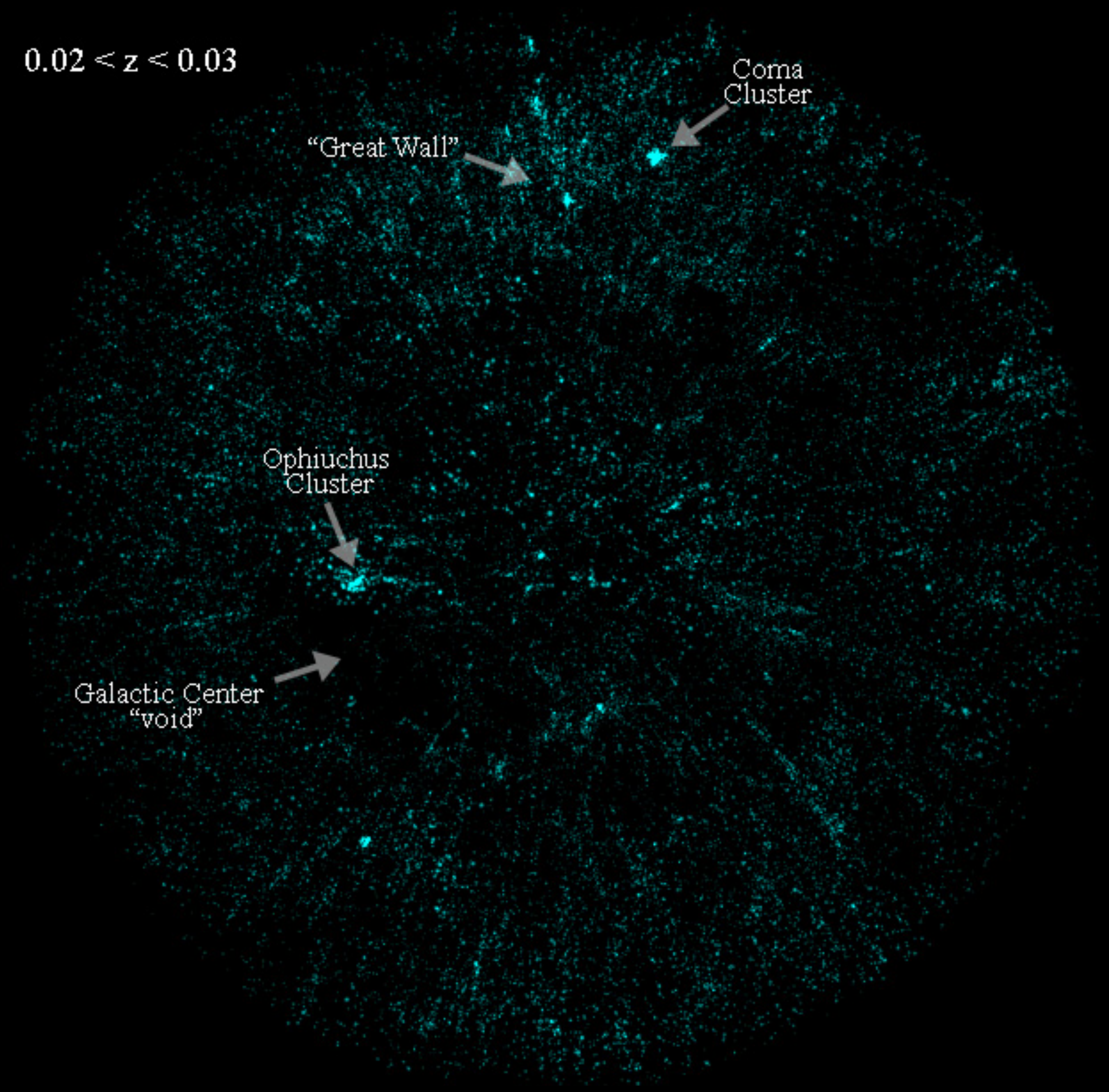

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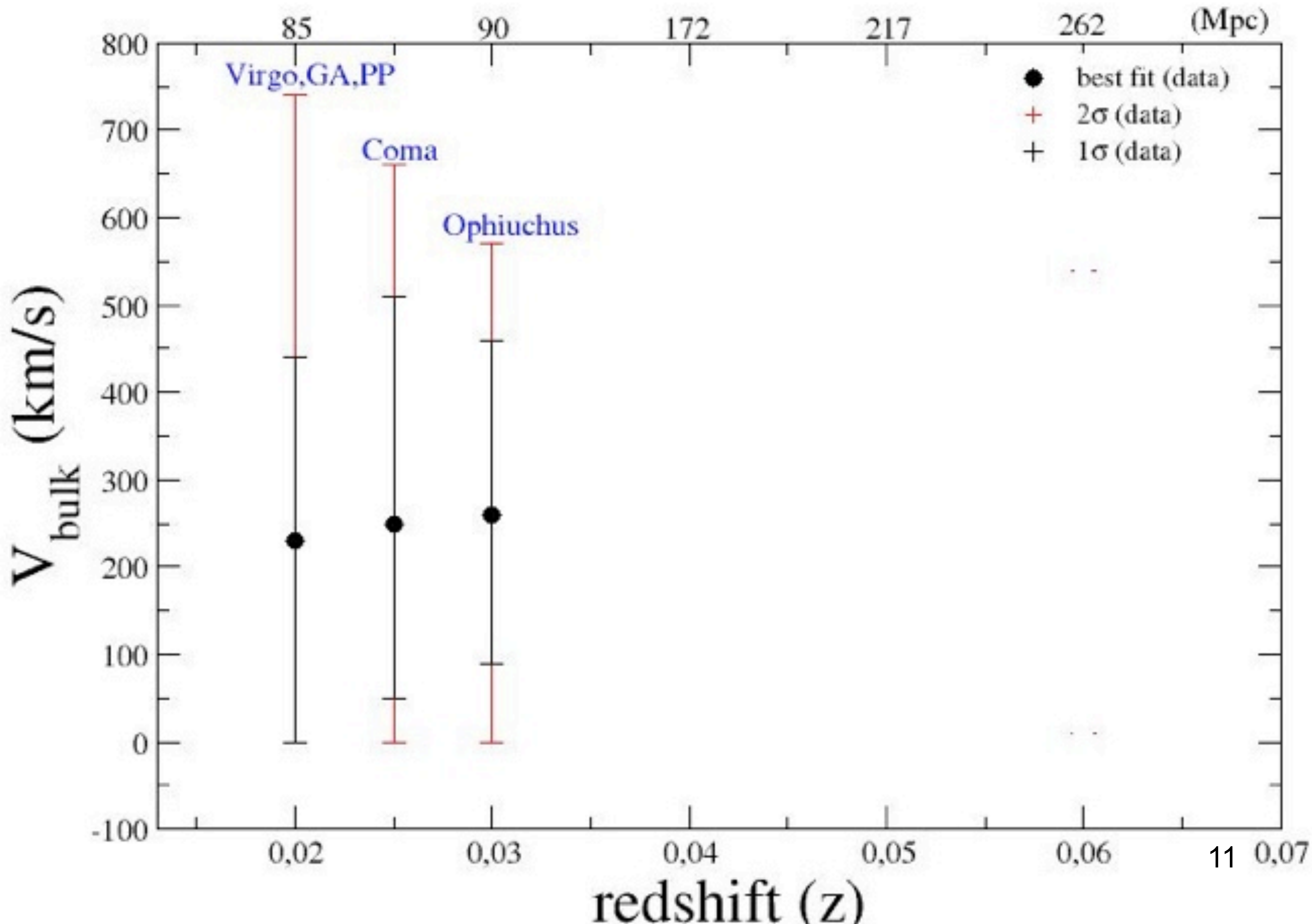

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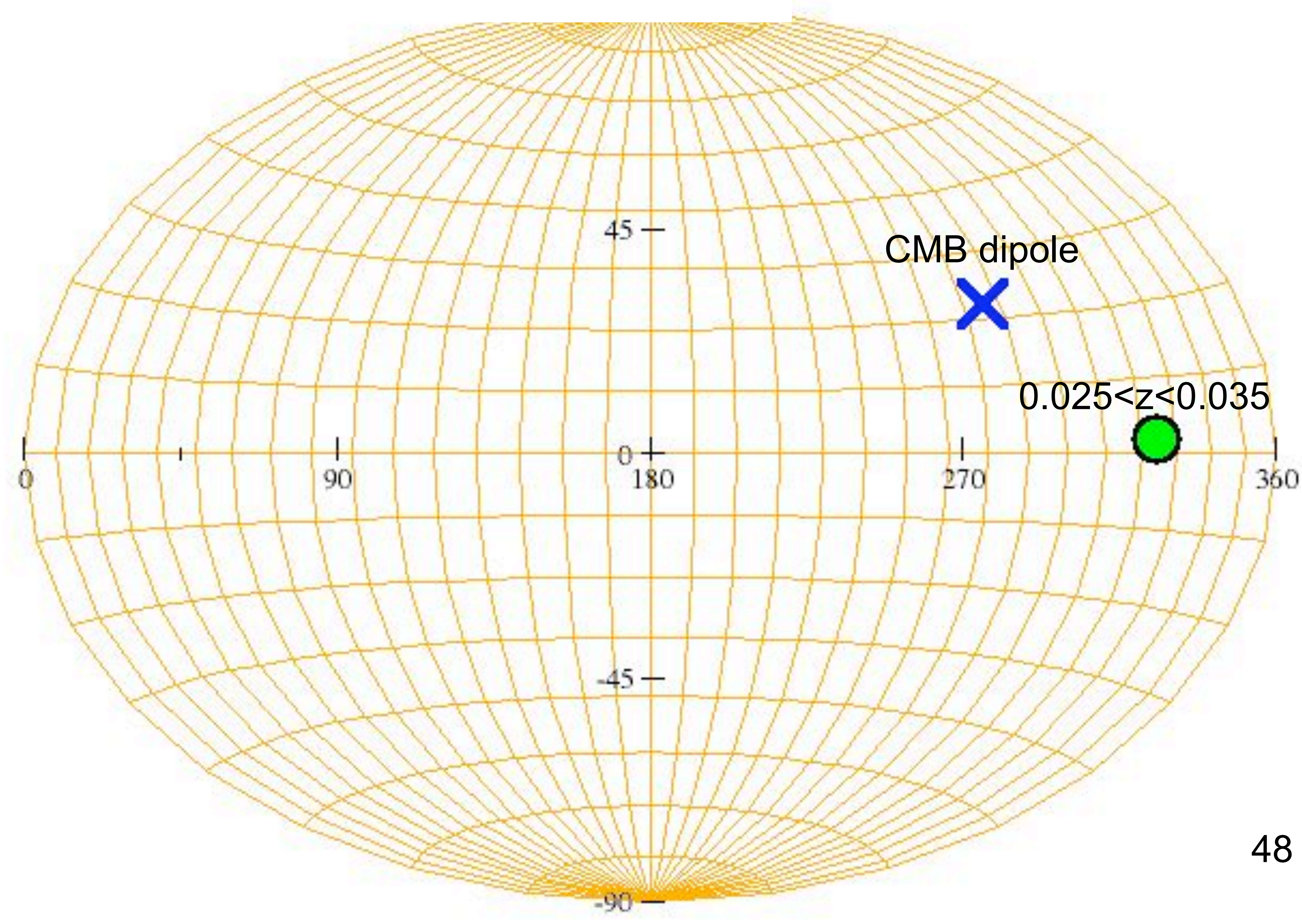
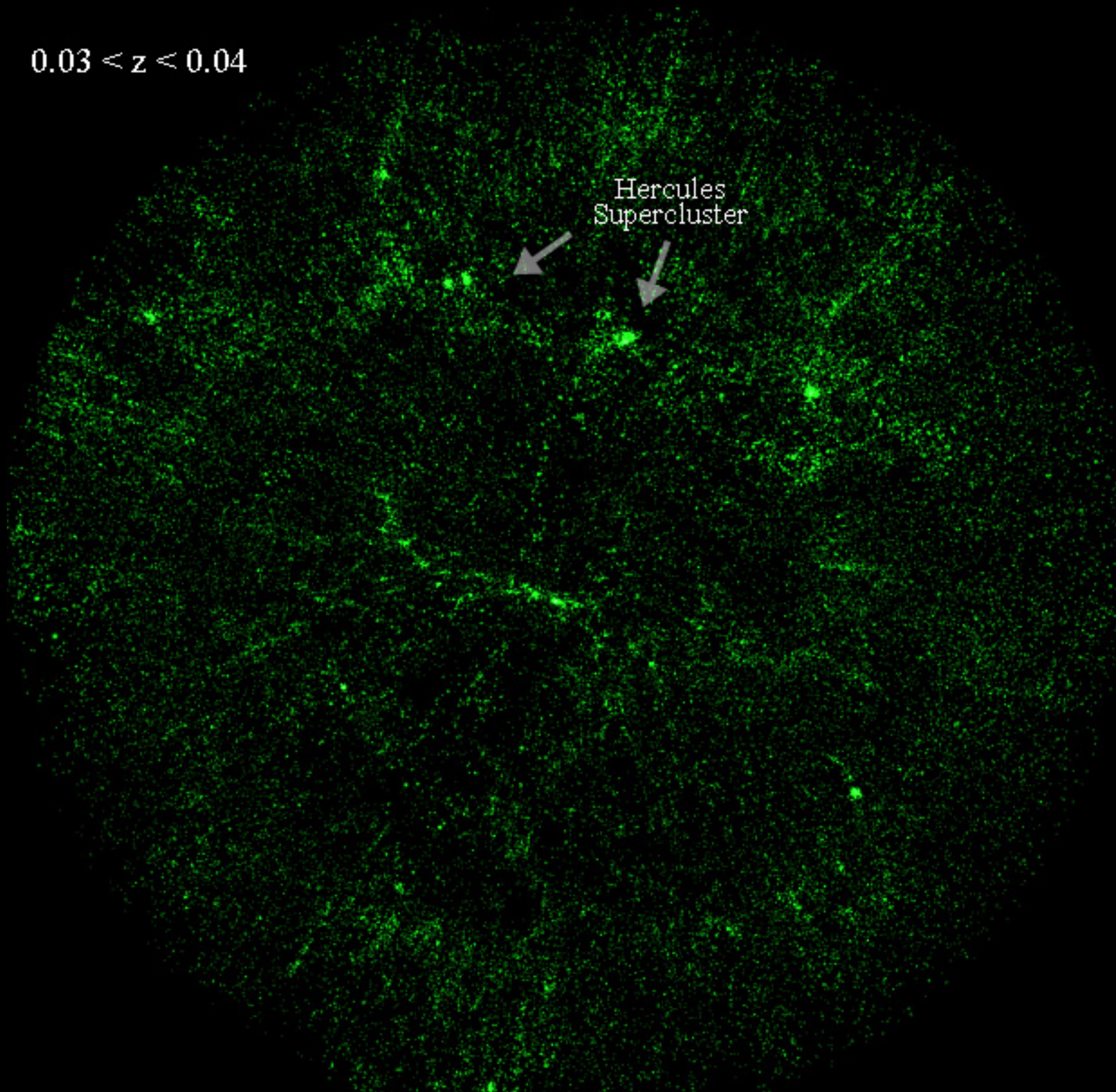
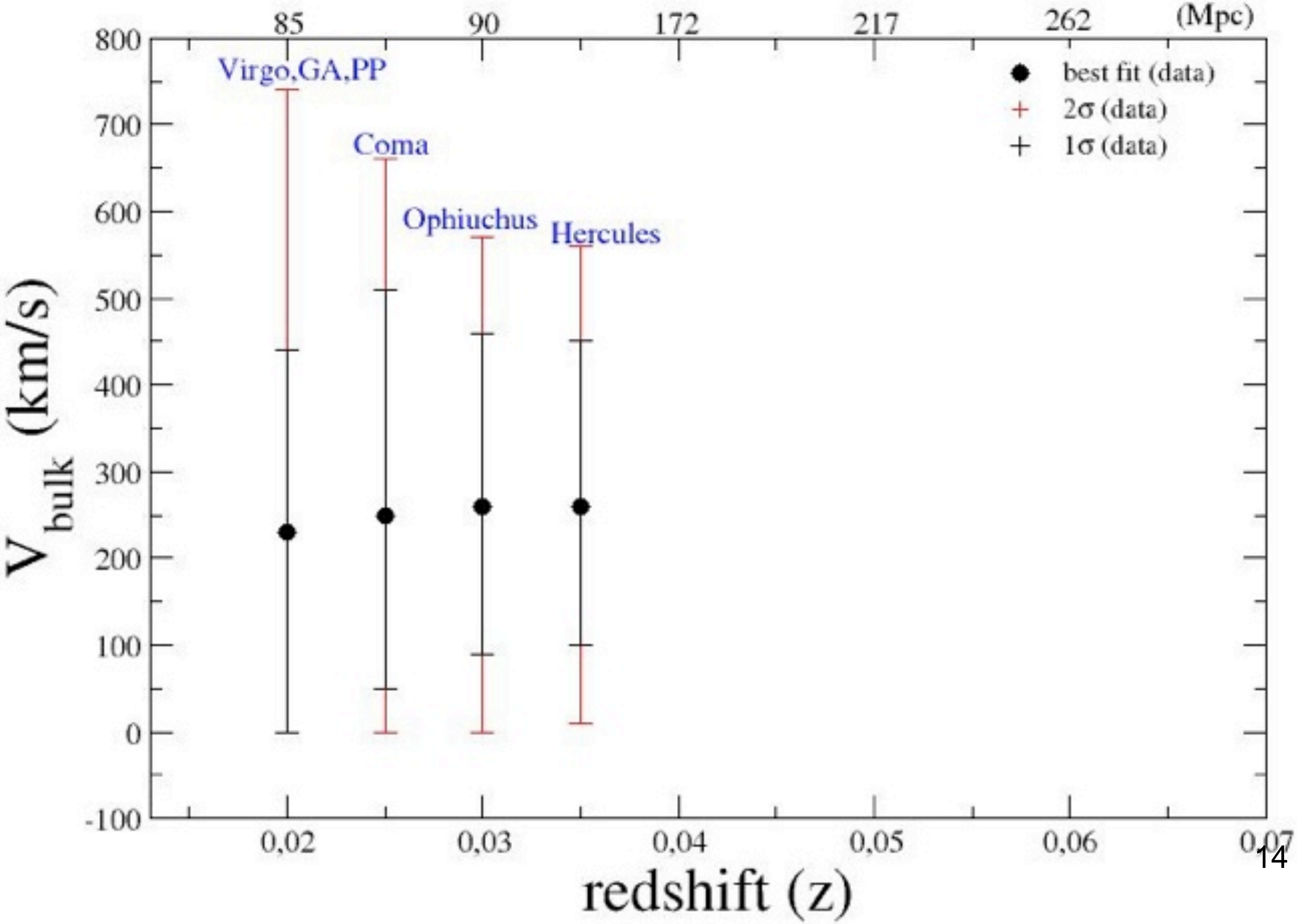


48 SNe


0.03 < z < 0.04
Hercules
Supercluster

|Bulk flow| from SNe Ia data



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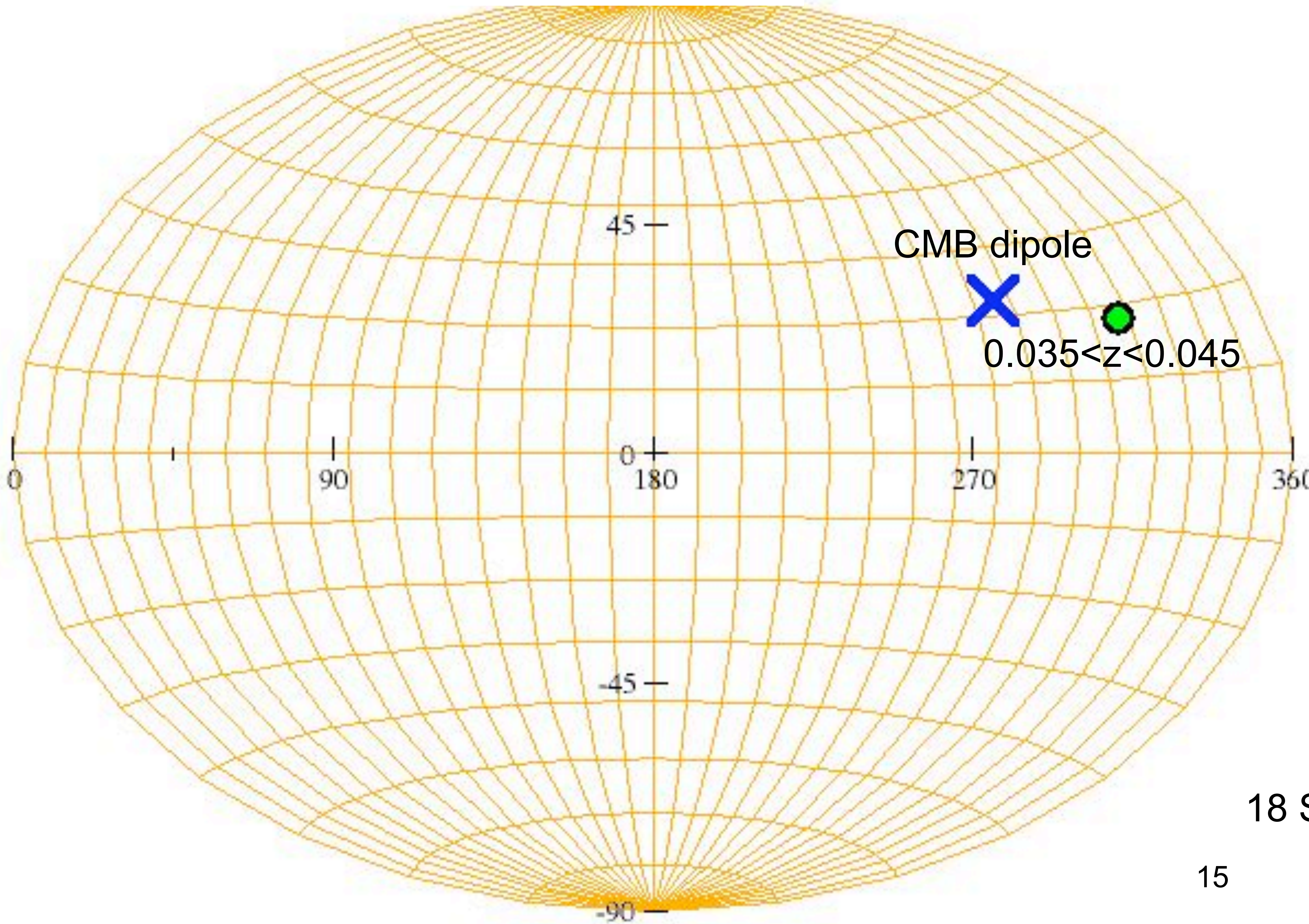
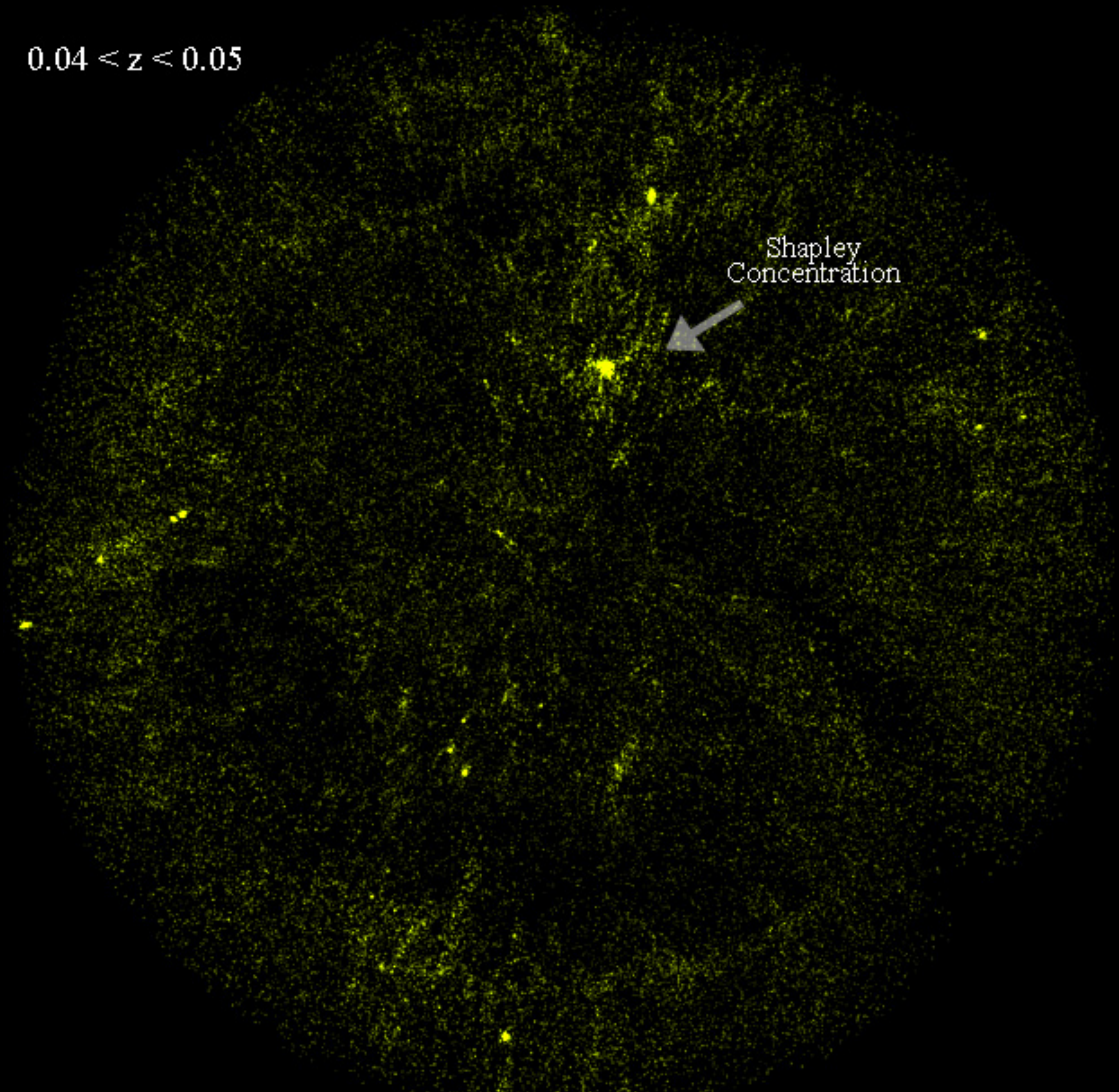


18 SNe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Shapley
Concentration

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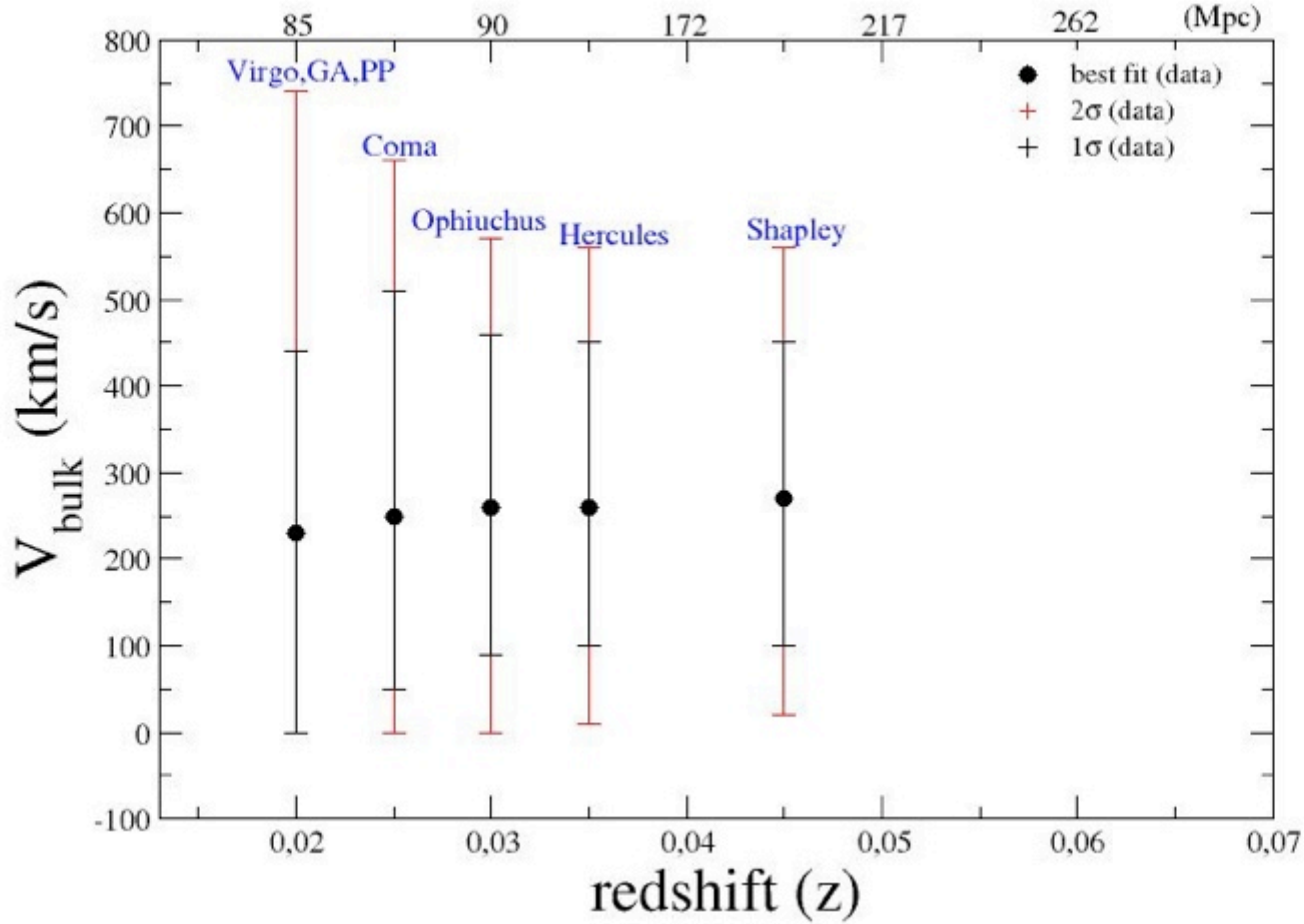

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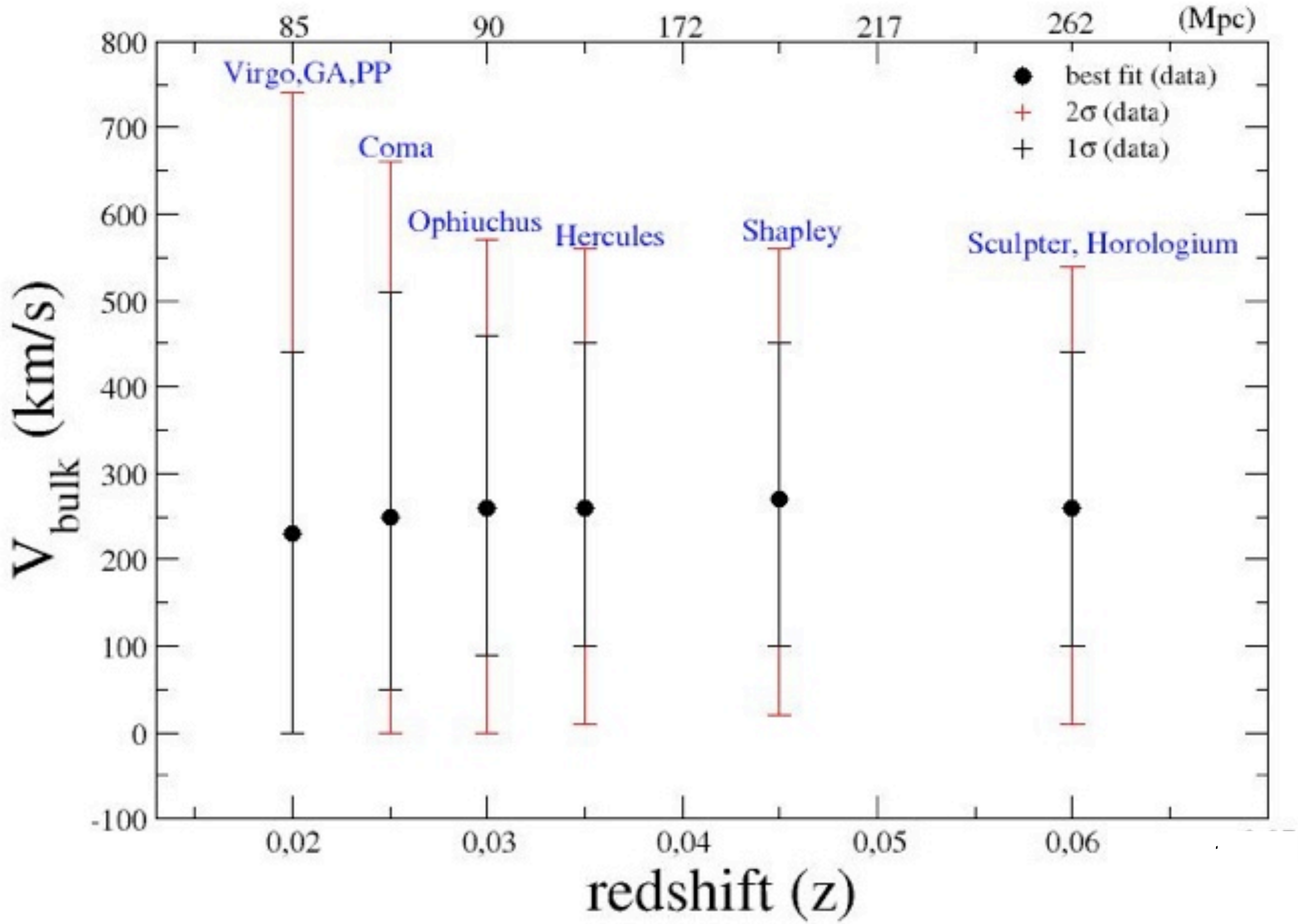

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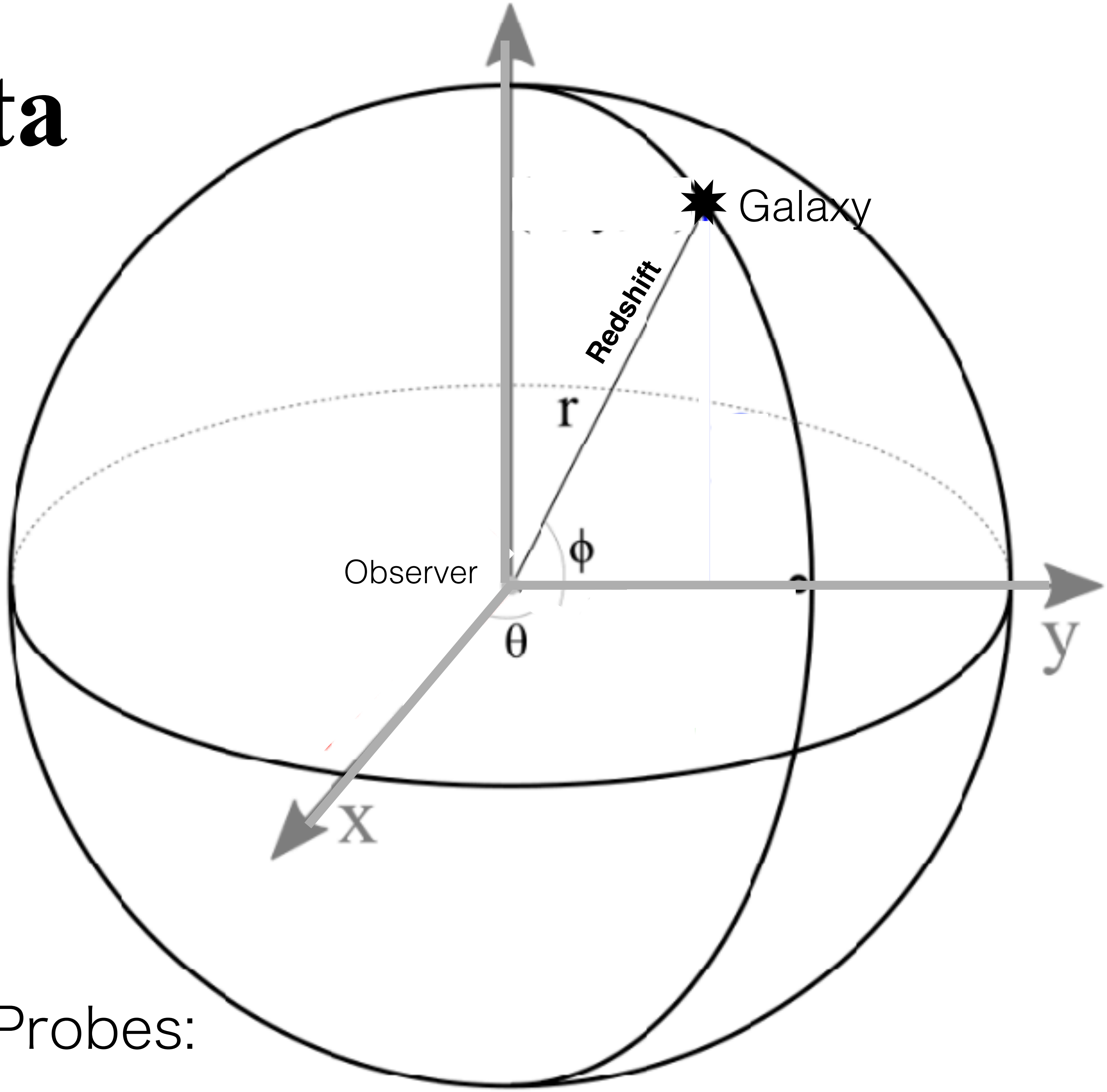

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(II) Θ, φ, z (redshift catalogues)

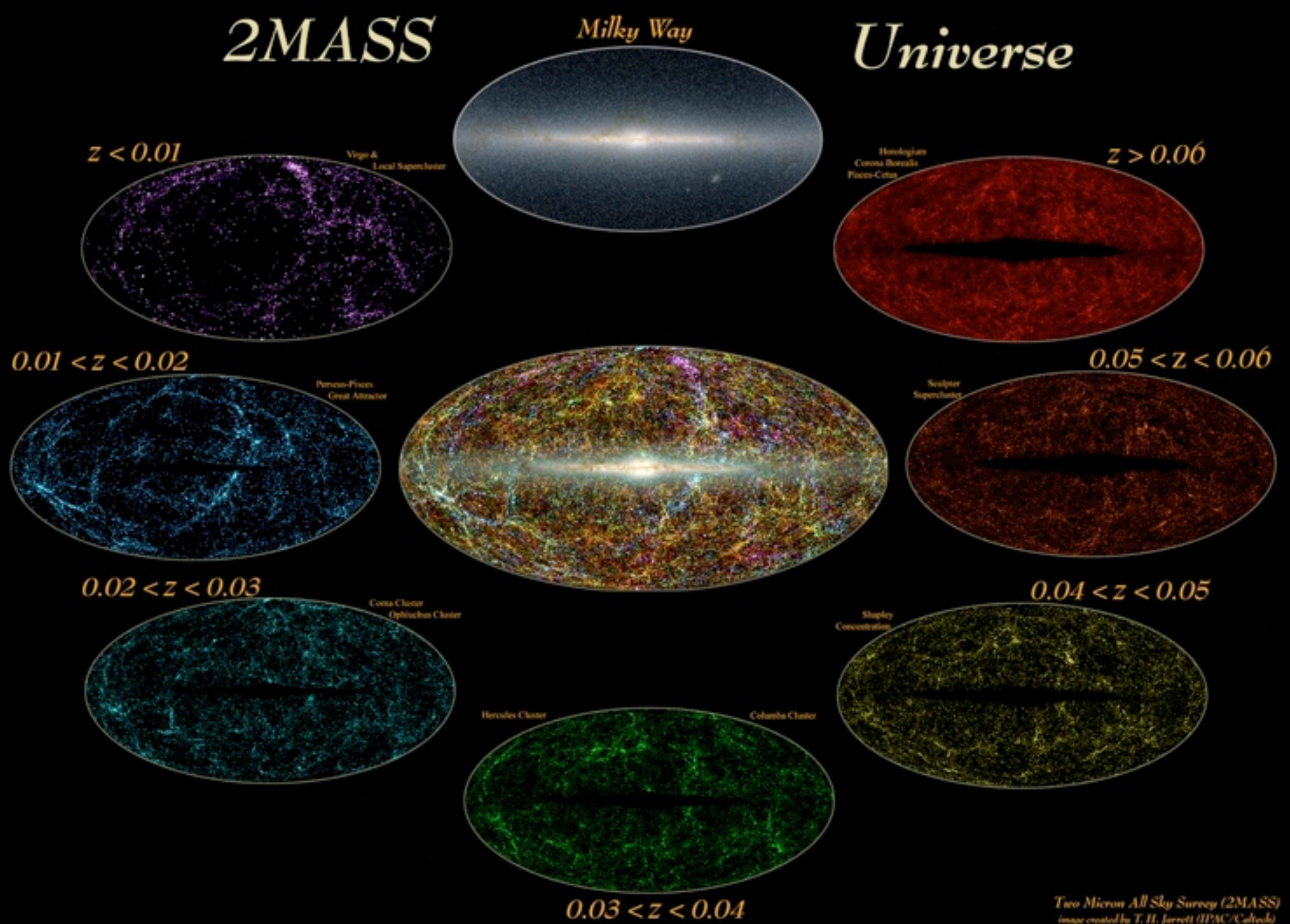
(III) Θ, φ (photometric catalogues)

2MRS redshift survey

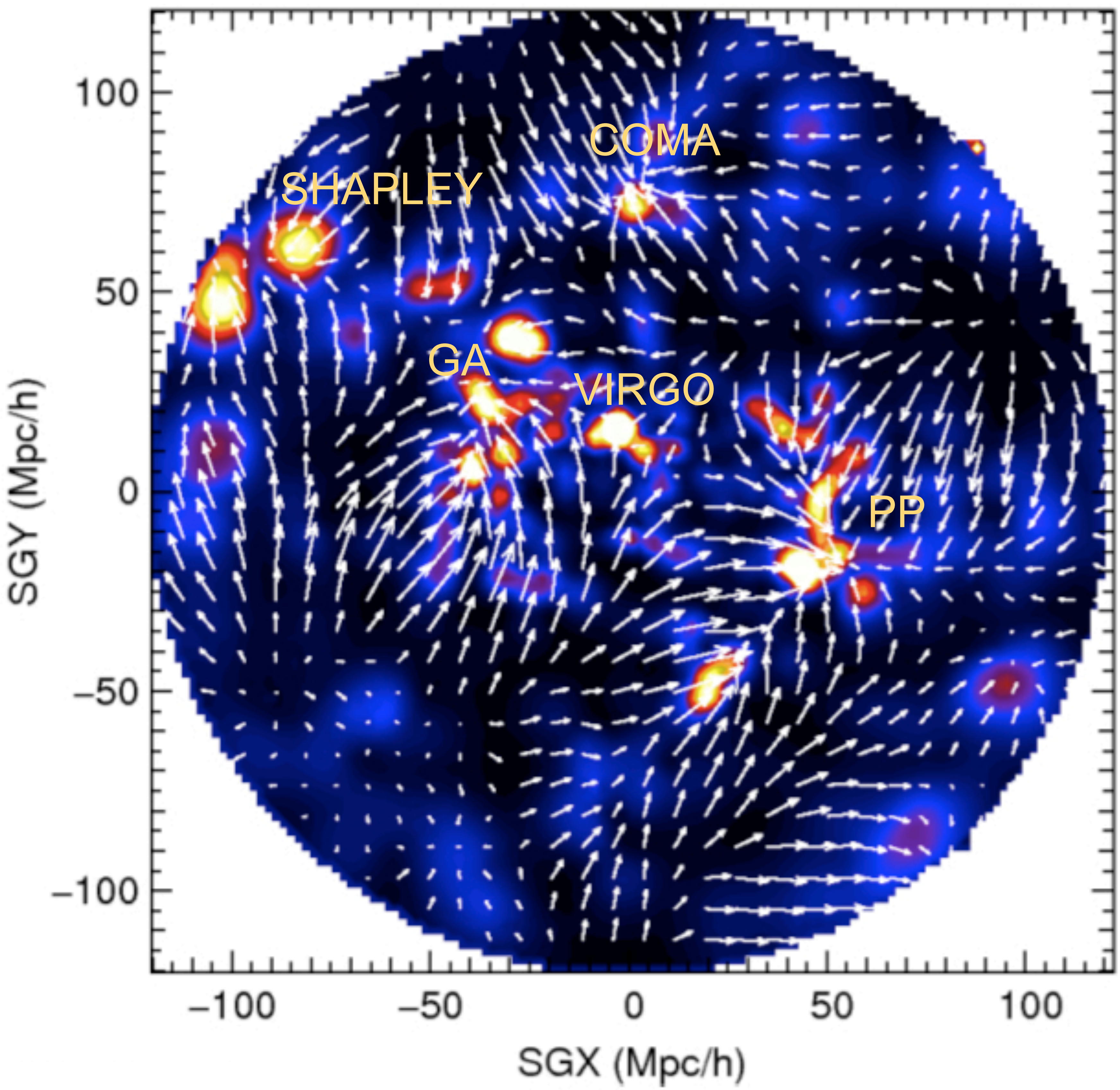
(Huchra etal 2005,...)

Based upon the 2MASS photometric galaxy catalog , Full sky
~25000 galaxies, selected with K_s<11.25

~250 Mpc/h (z~0.08) deep , Distribution peaks at ~90 Mpc/h (z~0.03)



Velocity field of 2MRS: from great attractor to Shapley infall



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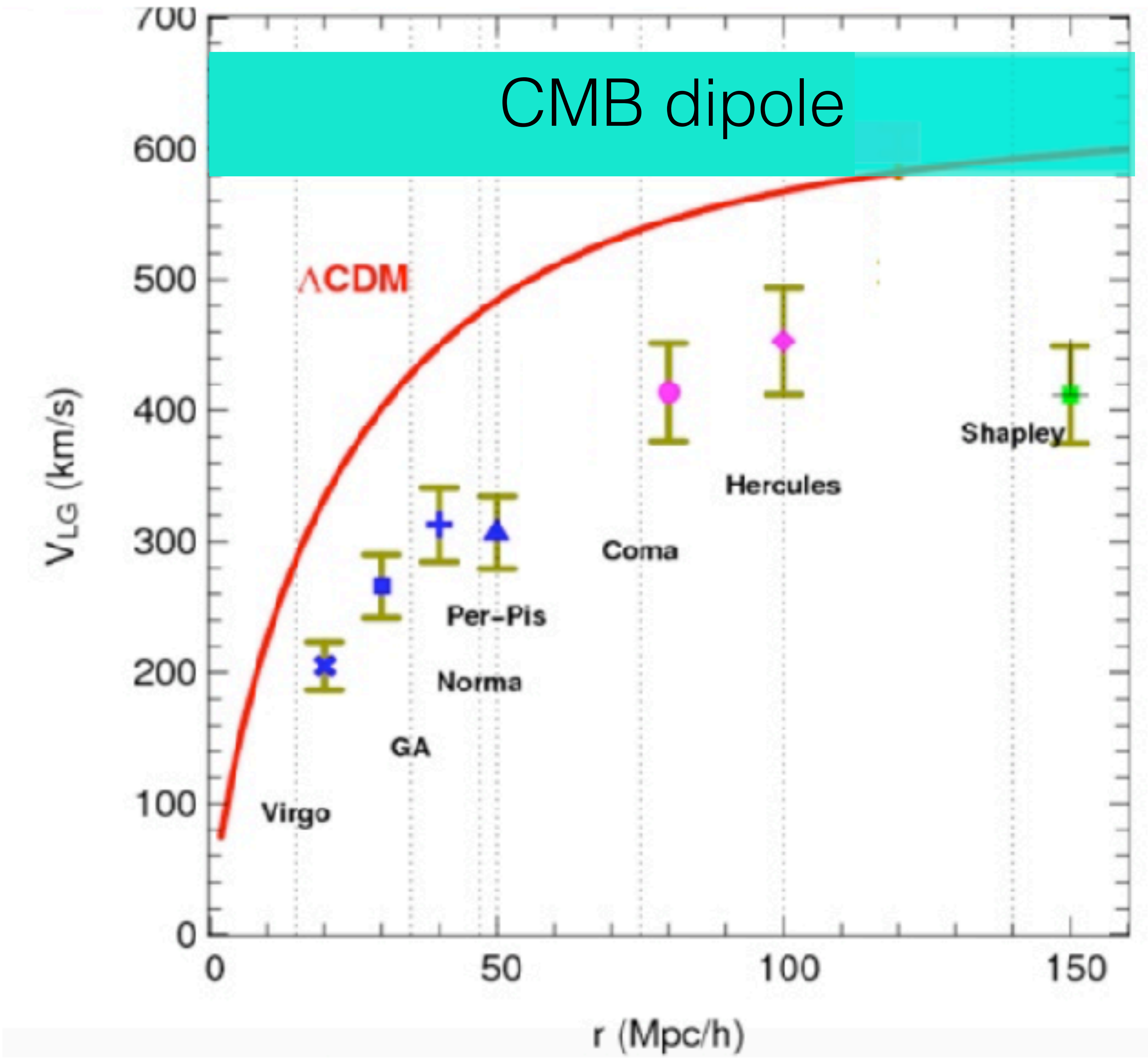

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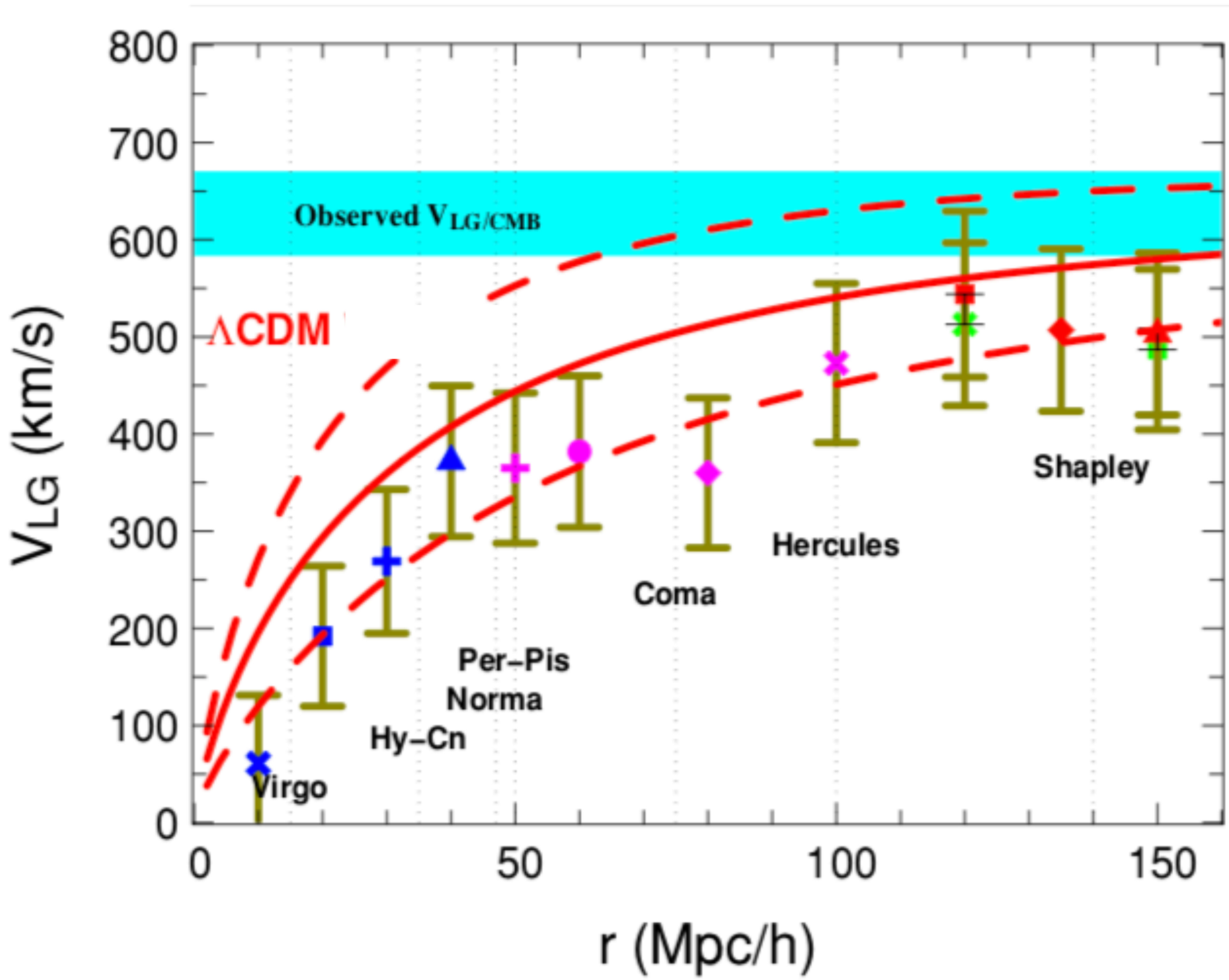

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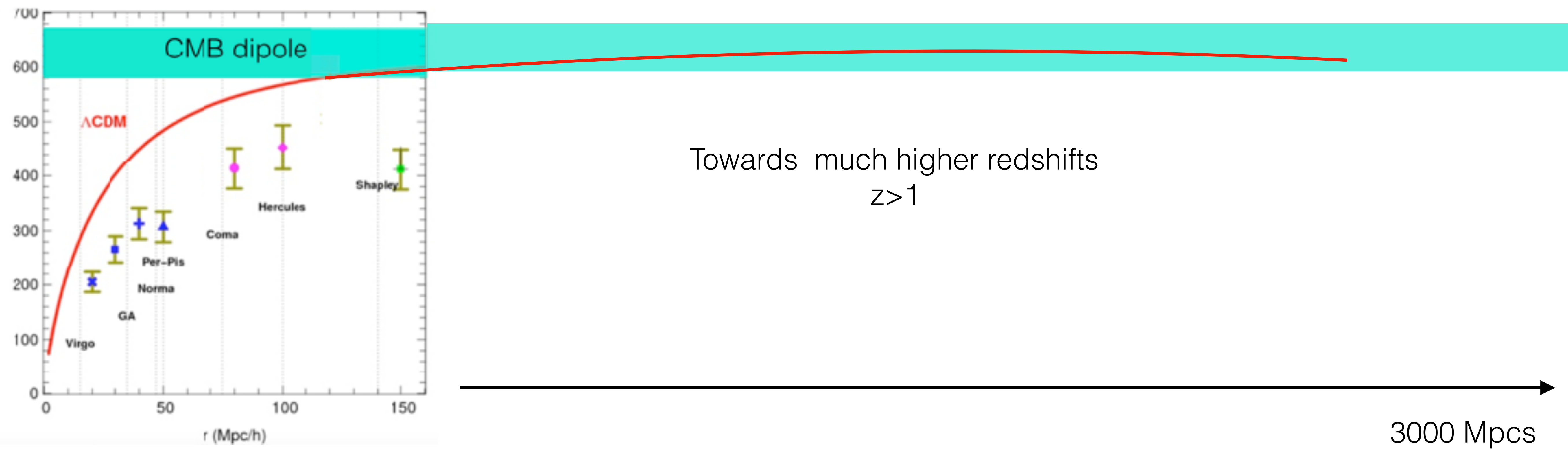

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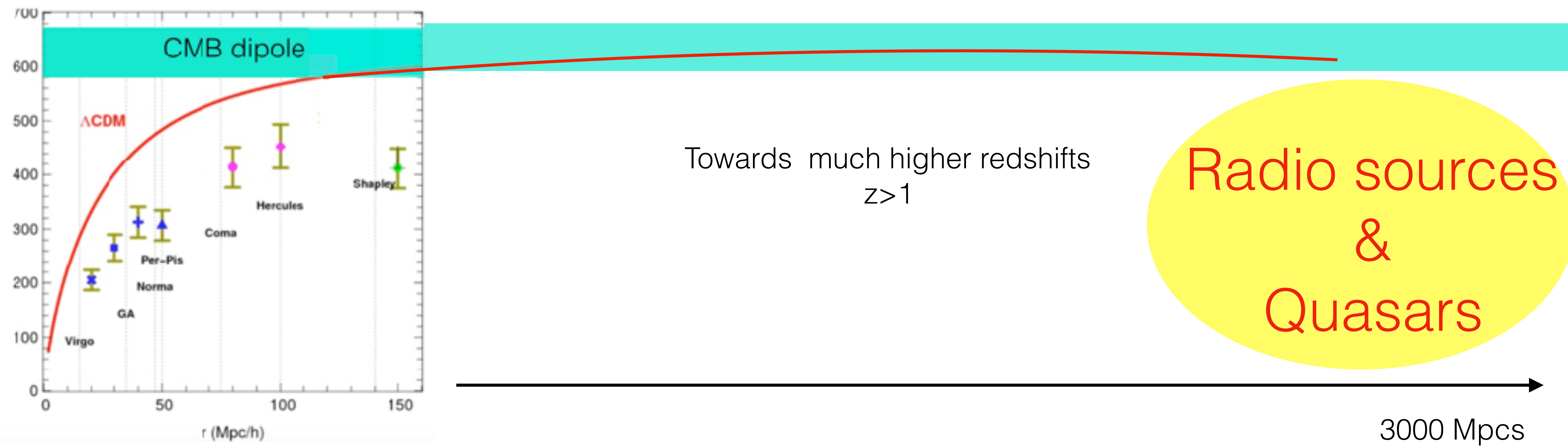

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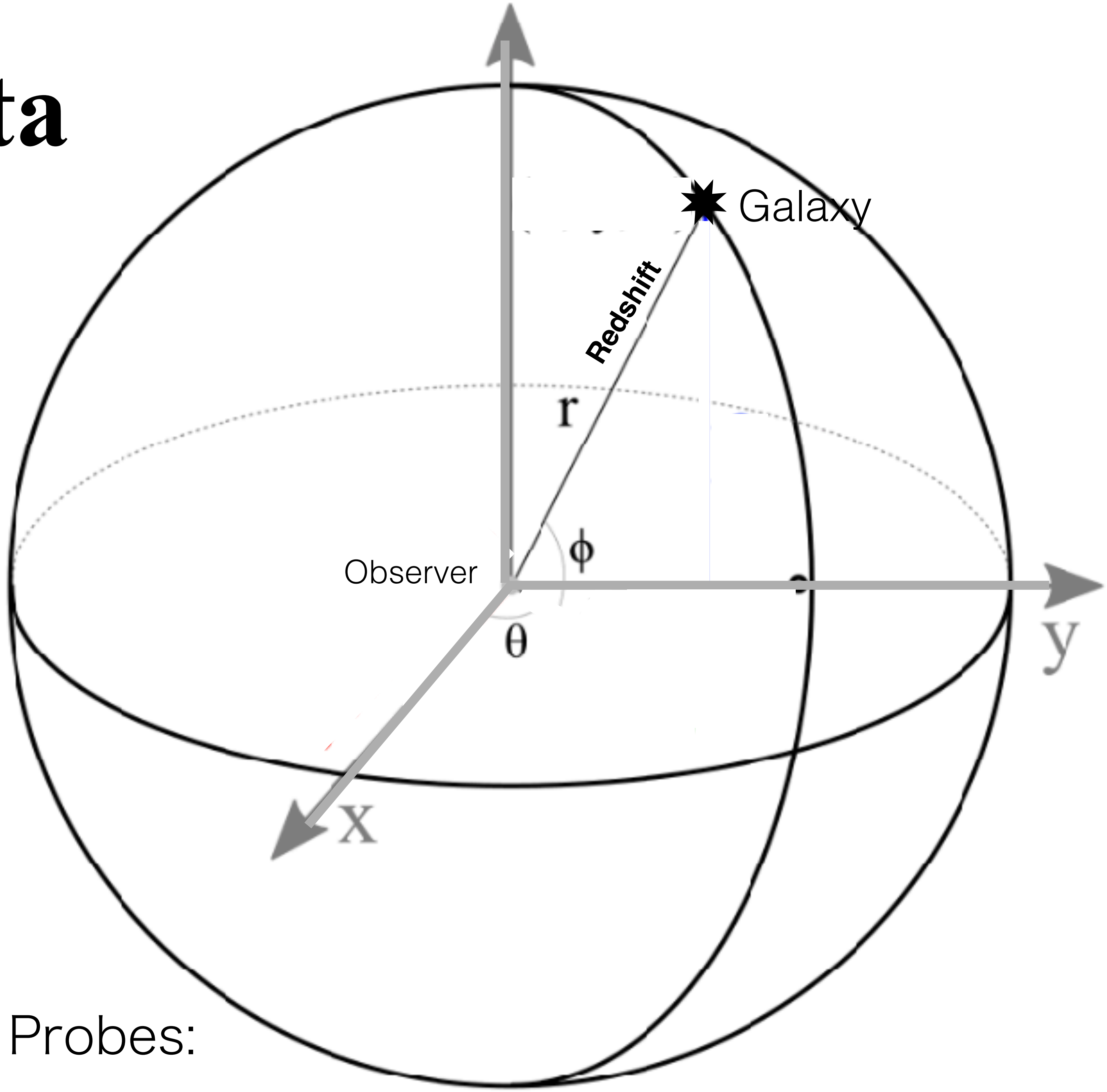

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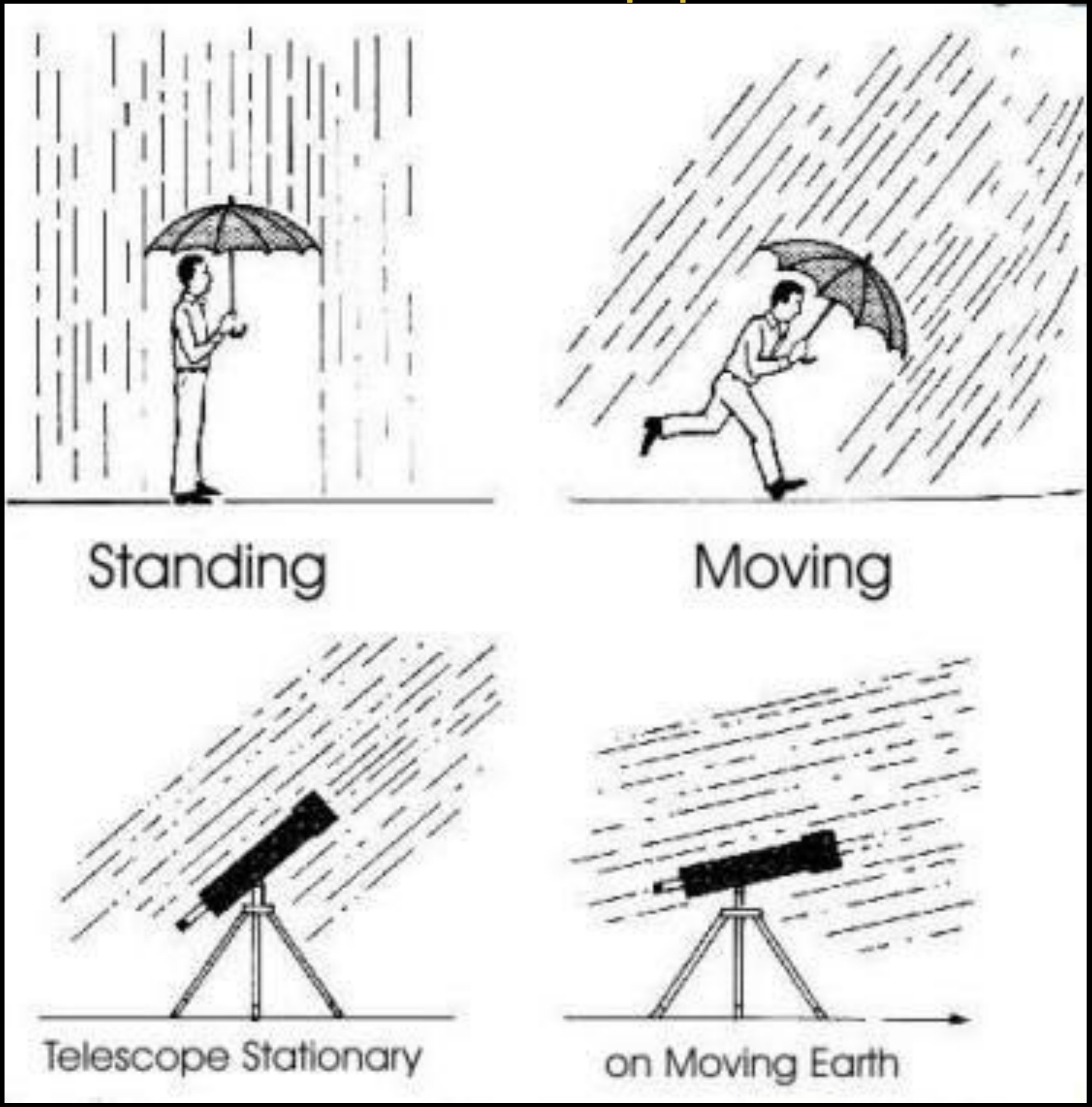
Probe 3 : photometric data

Θ, ϕ (imaging surveys)

Aberration and Doppler boosting



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Secrest, von Hausegger, Rameez, Mohayaee, Sarkar, Colin …, 2021

Aberration

Ellis and Baldwin 1984

Anisotropy in source distribution → observer's velocity

Aberration and Doppler boosting

$$\textbf{Dipole} = [2 + x(1 + \alpha)]v/c.$$

$$dN/d\Omega(>S_\nu) \propto S_\nu^{-x}$$

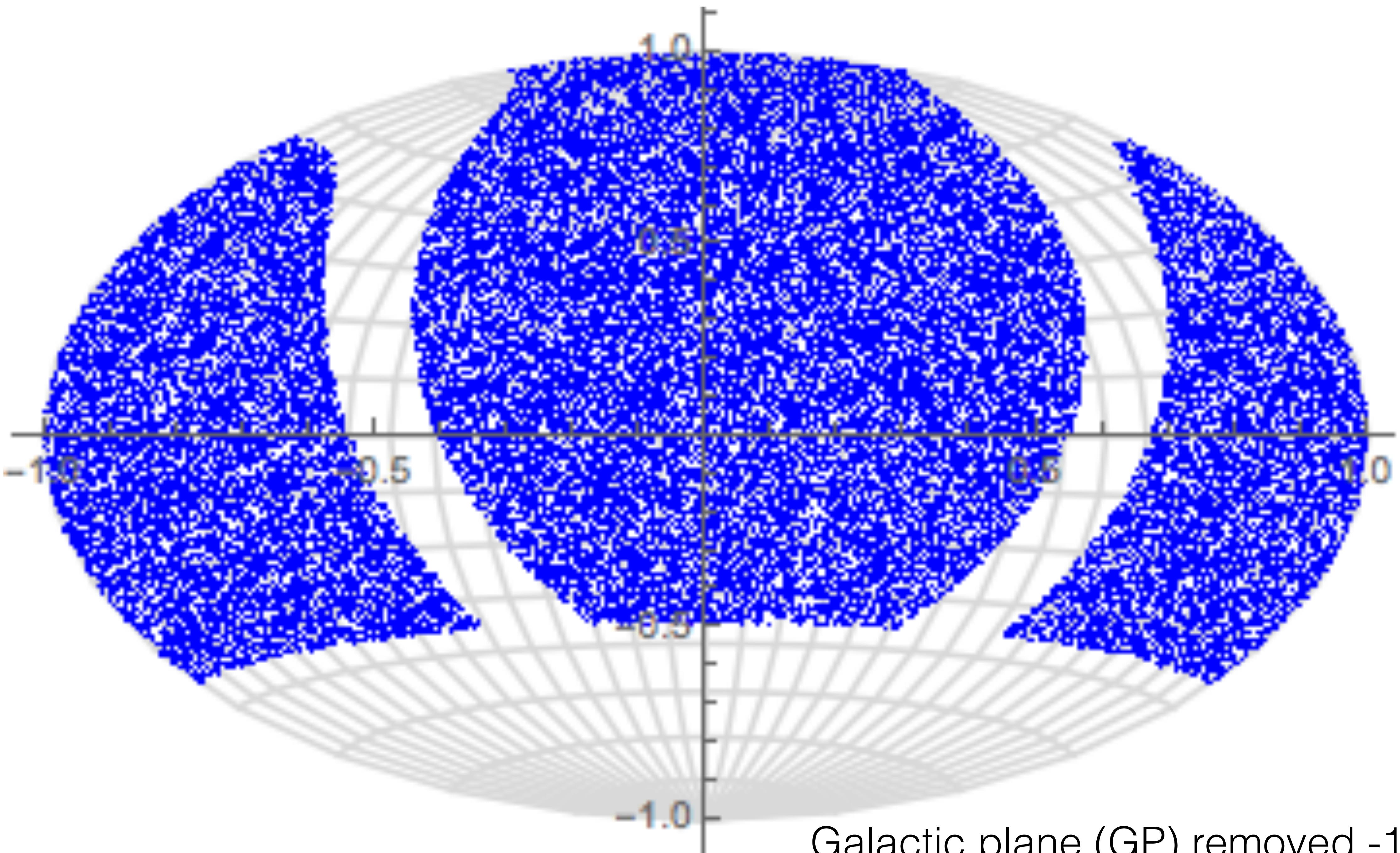
$$S_\nu \propto \nu^{-\alpha}$$

Independent of distance to the source

DATA: NRAO VLA Sky Survey Catalogue (NVSS)

1773488 Radio galaxies

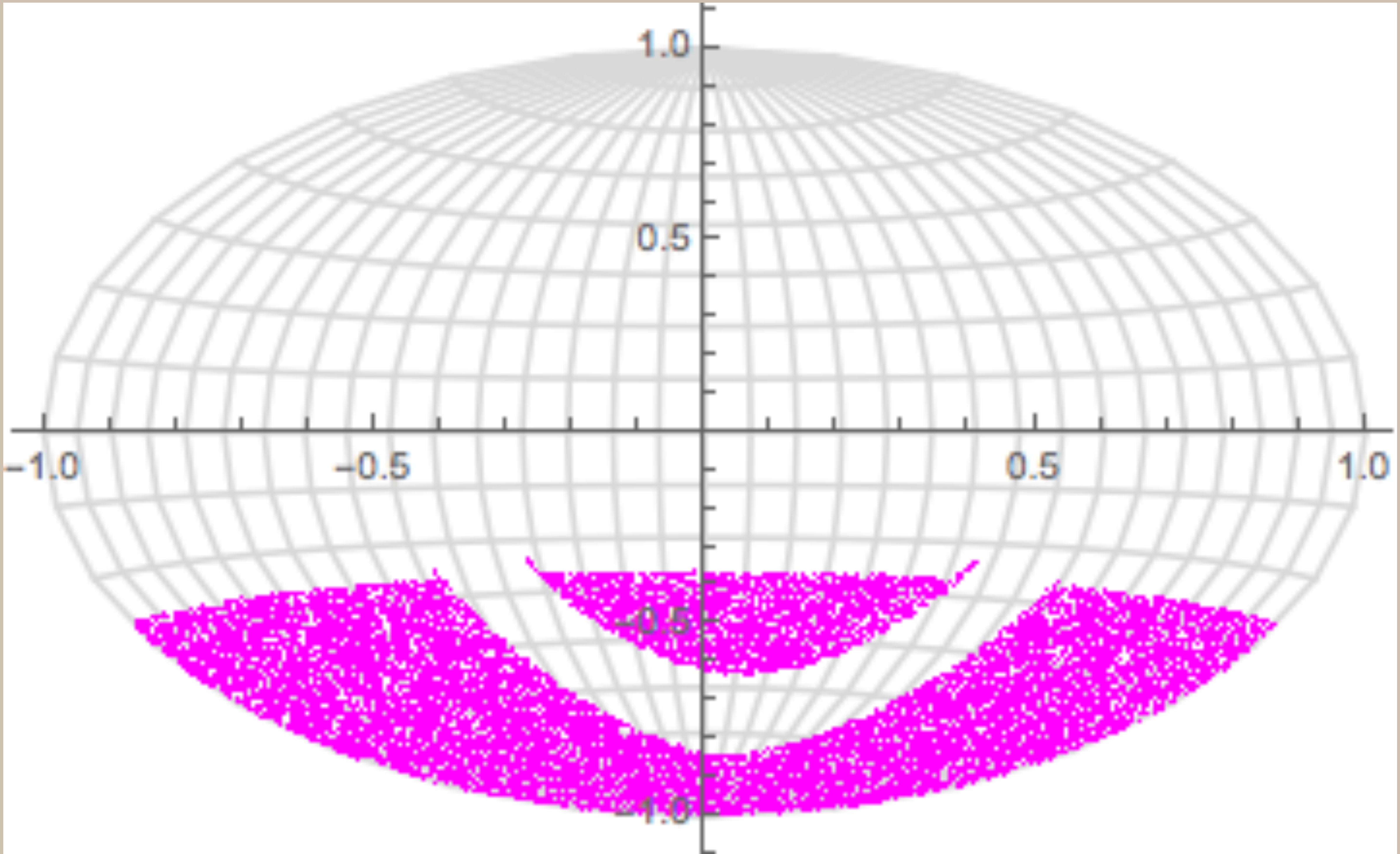
583587 Radio galaxies in 10 mjy <Flux< 1000 mjy



Galactic plane (GP) removed $-10^{o}<b<10^{o}$

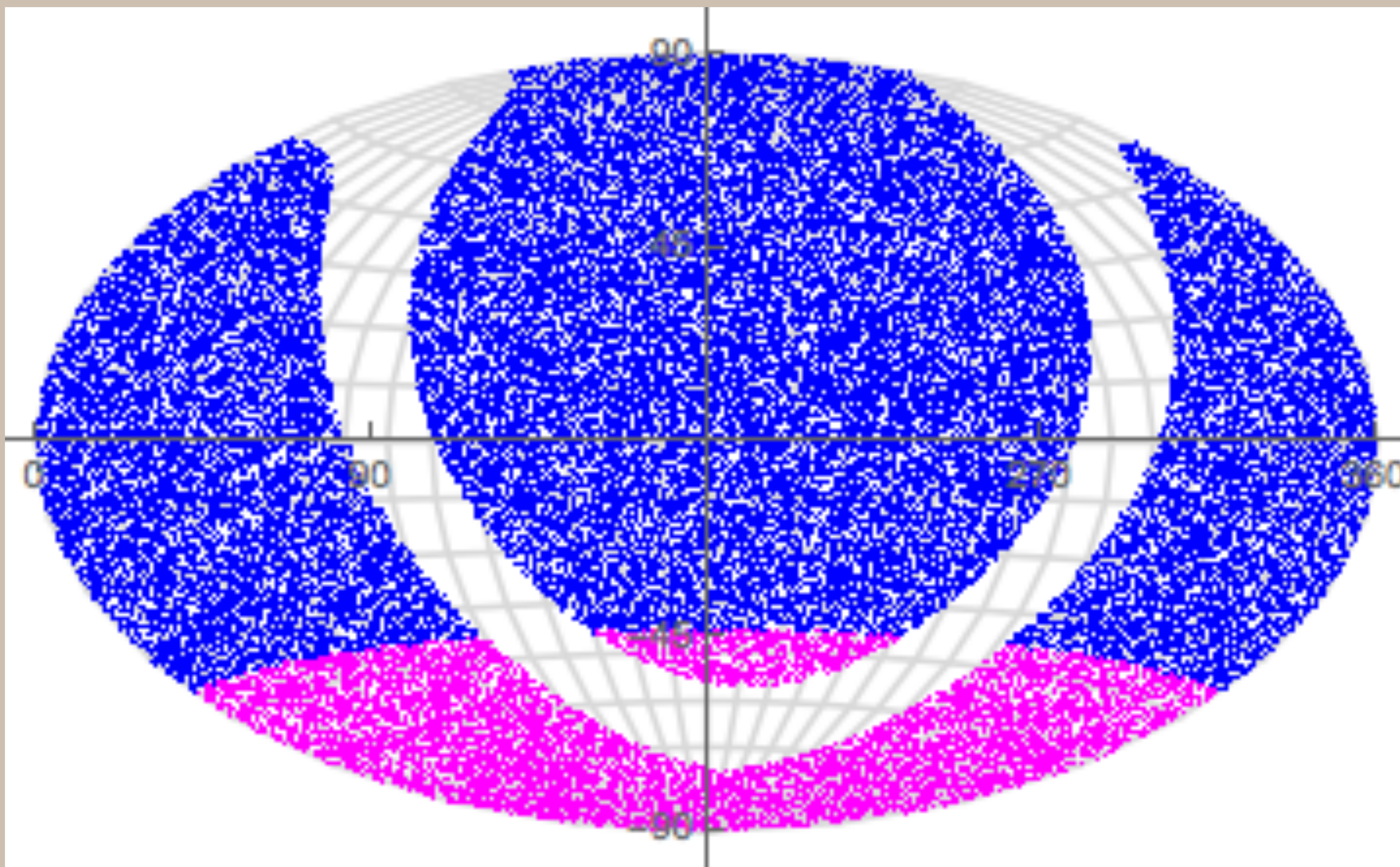
DATA: The Sydney University Molonglo Sky Survey SUMSS

211050 Radio galaxies
183720 Radio galaxies in 10 mjy <Flux< 1000 mjy



DATA: NVSS+SUMSS

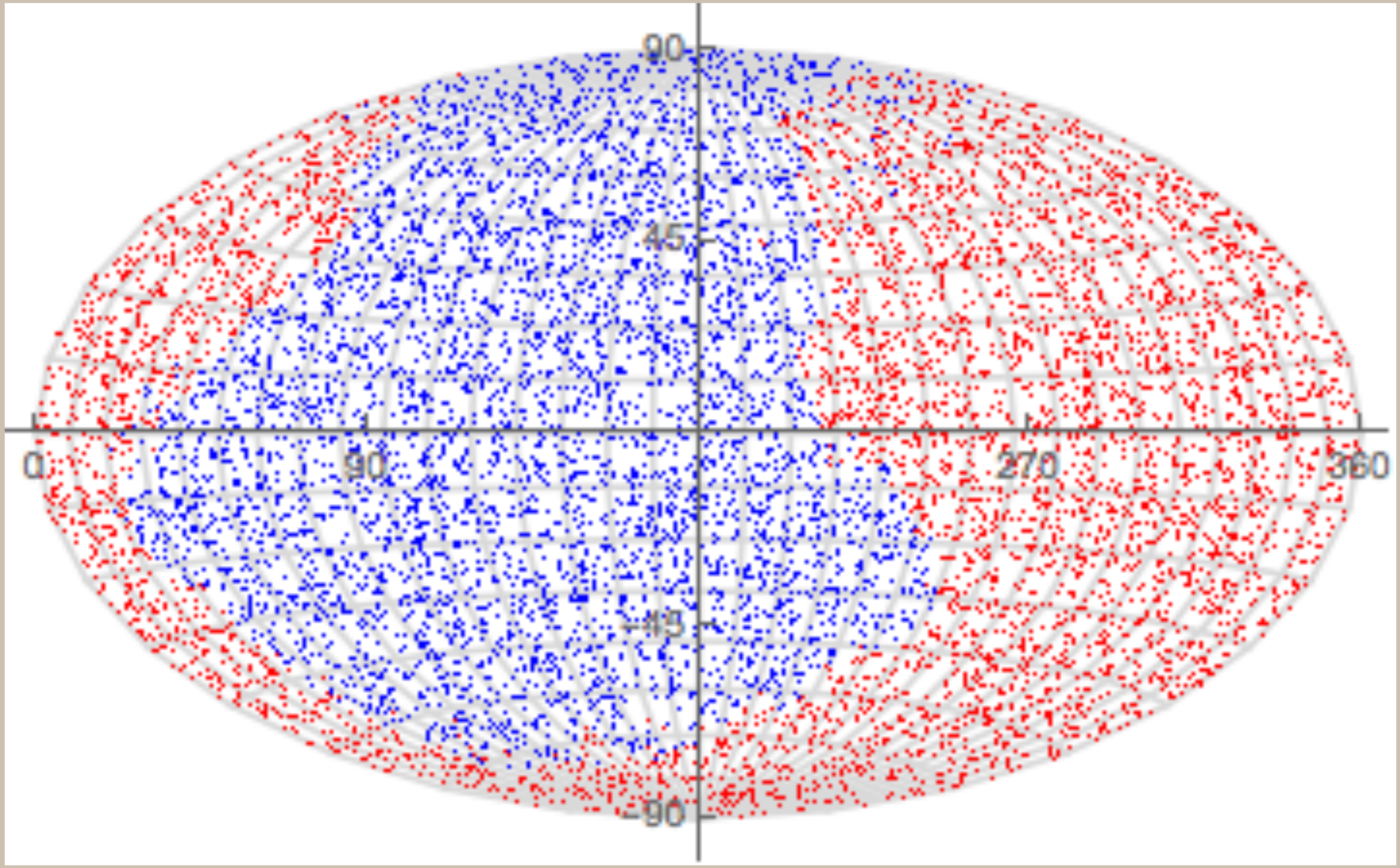
576461 Radio galaxies in 10 mjy <Flux< 1000 mjy



Searching for dipole

We randomly select a direction ($\theta=\{-\pi/2,\pi/2\}$ and $\varphi=\{0,2\pi\}$

and count Number of galaxies in each hemisphere



Mean number of galaxies in each hemisphere: 345192., Max difference between two hemispheres: 5185 galaxies

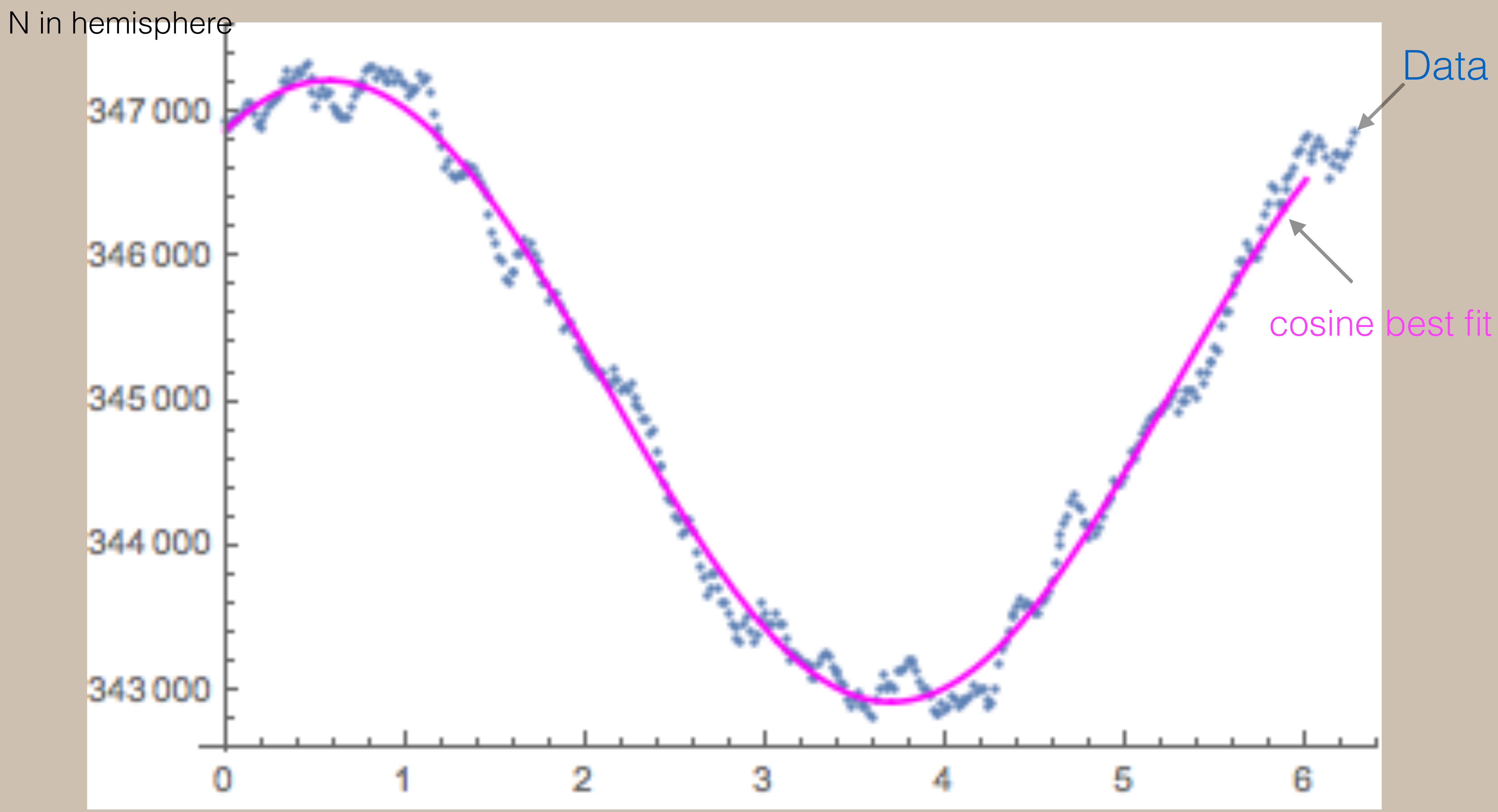
Red: hemispheres containing LESS galaxies than the mean

Blue: Hemispheres containing MORE galaxies than the mean

Searching for dipole

Example of hemispherical counting:

Here we fix the axis $\theta=\{0,90\}$ and turn φ every one degree



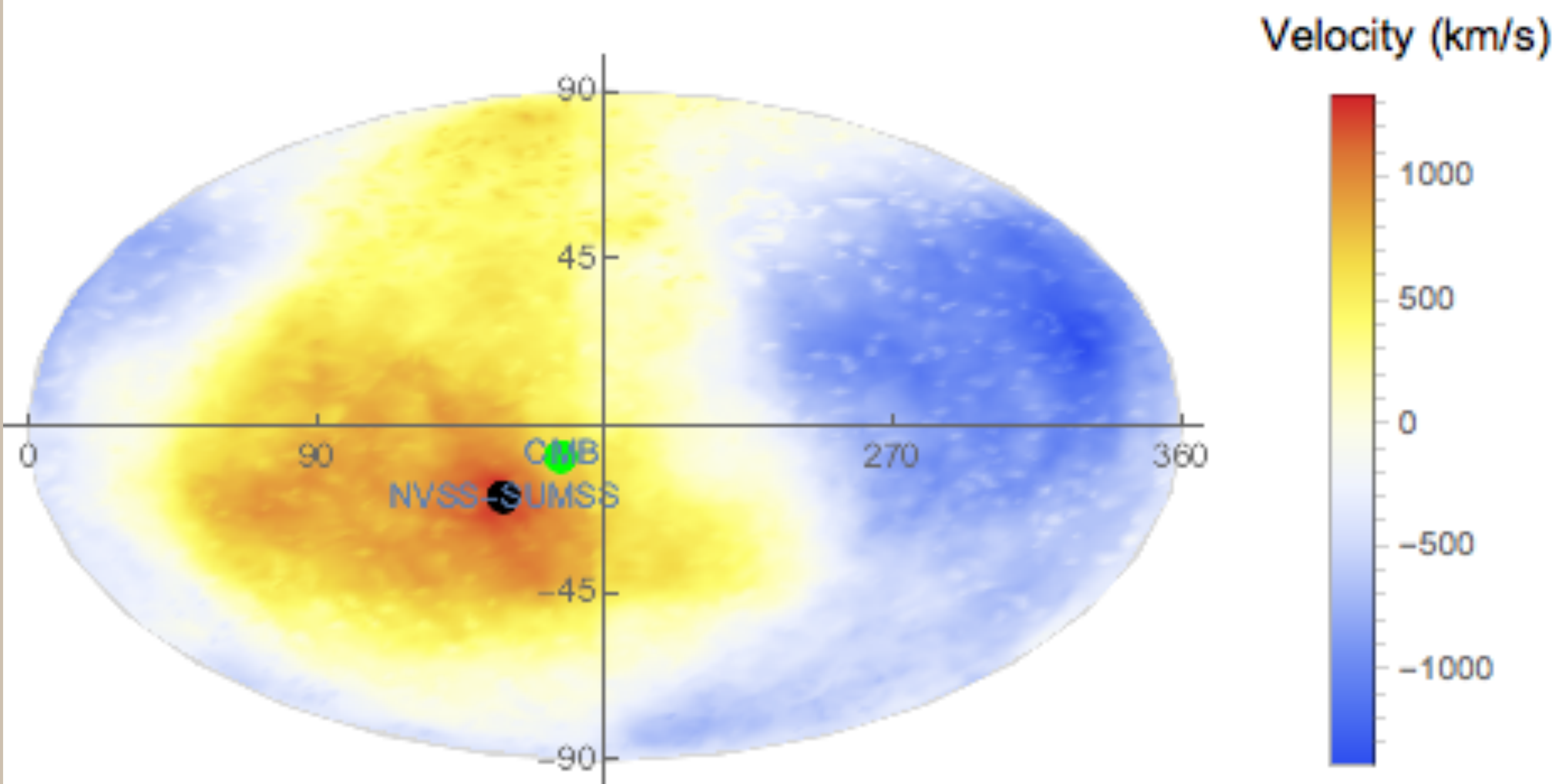
φ (Radians)

Dipole

Dipole direction: {RA=156°, DEC=-17°} compare to CMB DIpole {RA=168° , DEC=-7°}

Dipole Amplitude : velocity of barycentre of solar system w.r.t. Radio galaxies restframe = 1097 km/s

velocity of barycentre of solar system w.r.t. CMB restframe = 369 km/s



Low significance

Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer

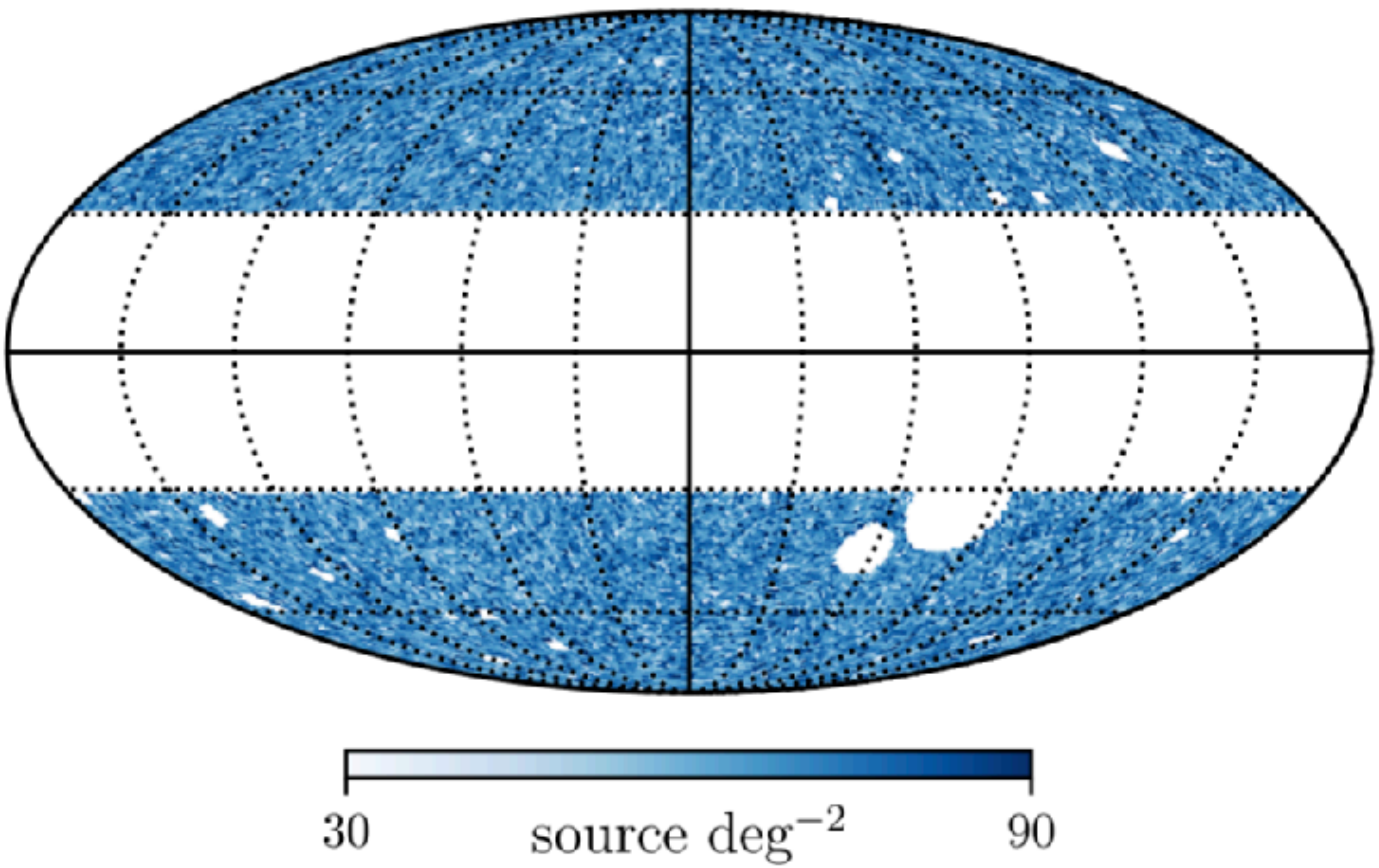
WISE :(Wright et al. 2010) & NEOWISE (Mainzer et al. 2011)

CatWISE : Eisenhardt et al 2020

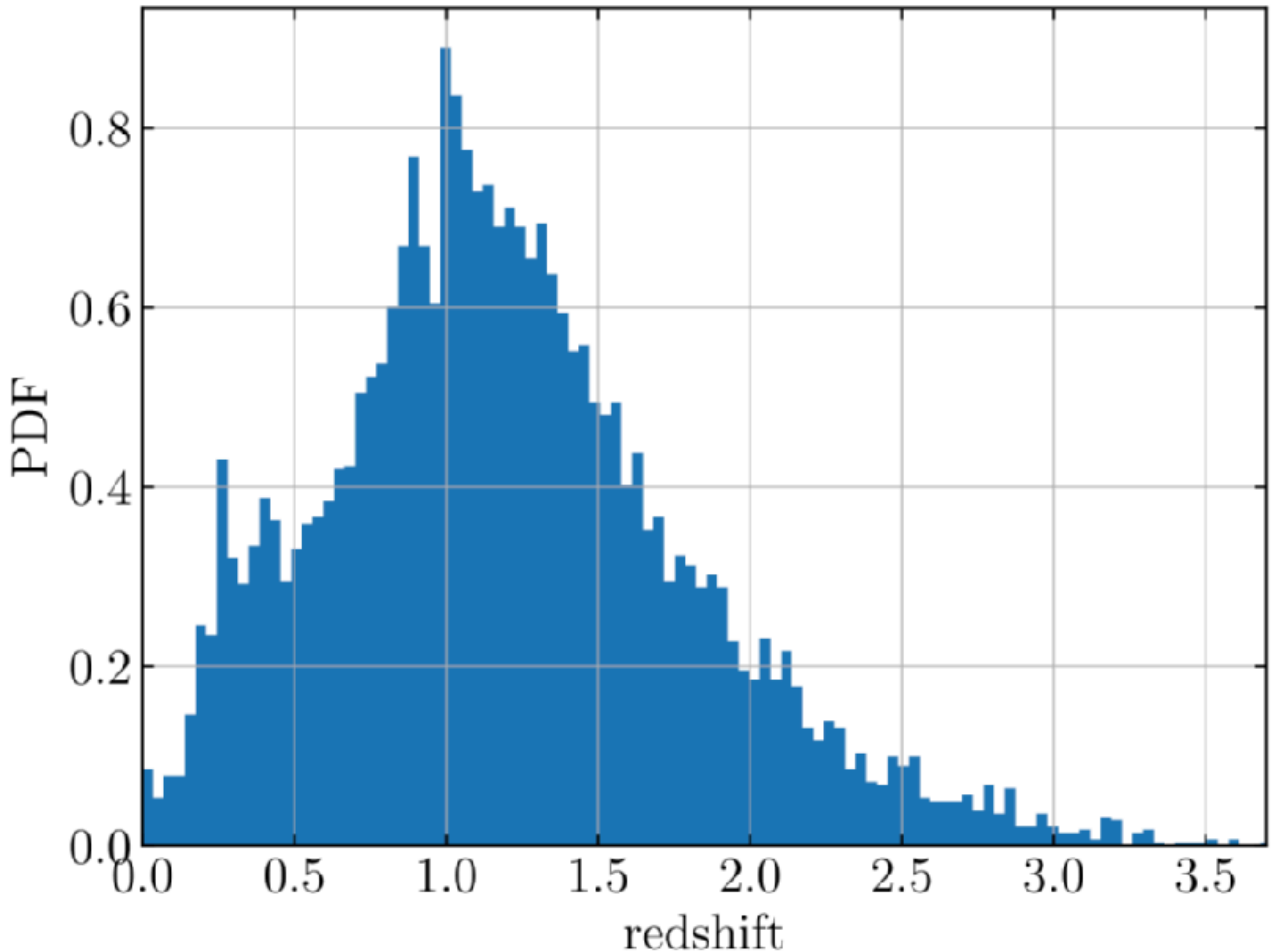
positions and the four-band photometry for 747,634,026 objects

Full-sky **mid-infrared** survey in:

3.4um (W1)	(2009 – present)
4.6um (W2)	(2009 – present)
12um (W3)	(2009 – 2010)
22um (W4)	(2009 – 2010)



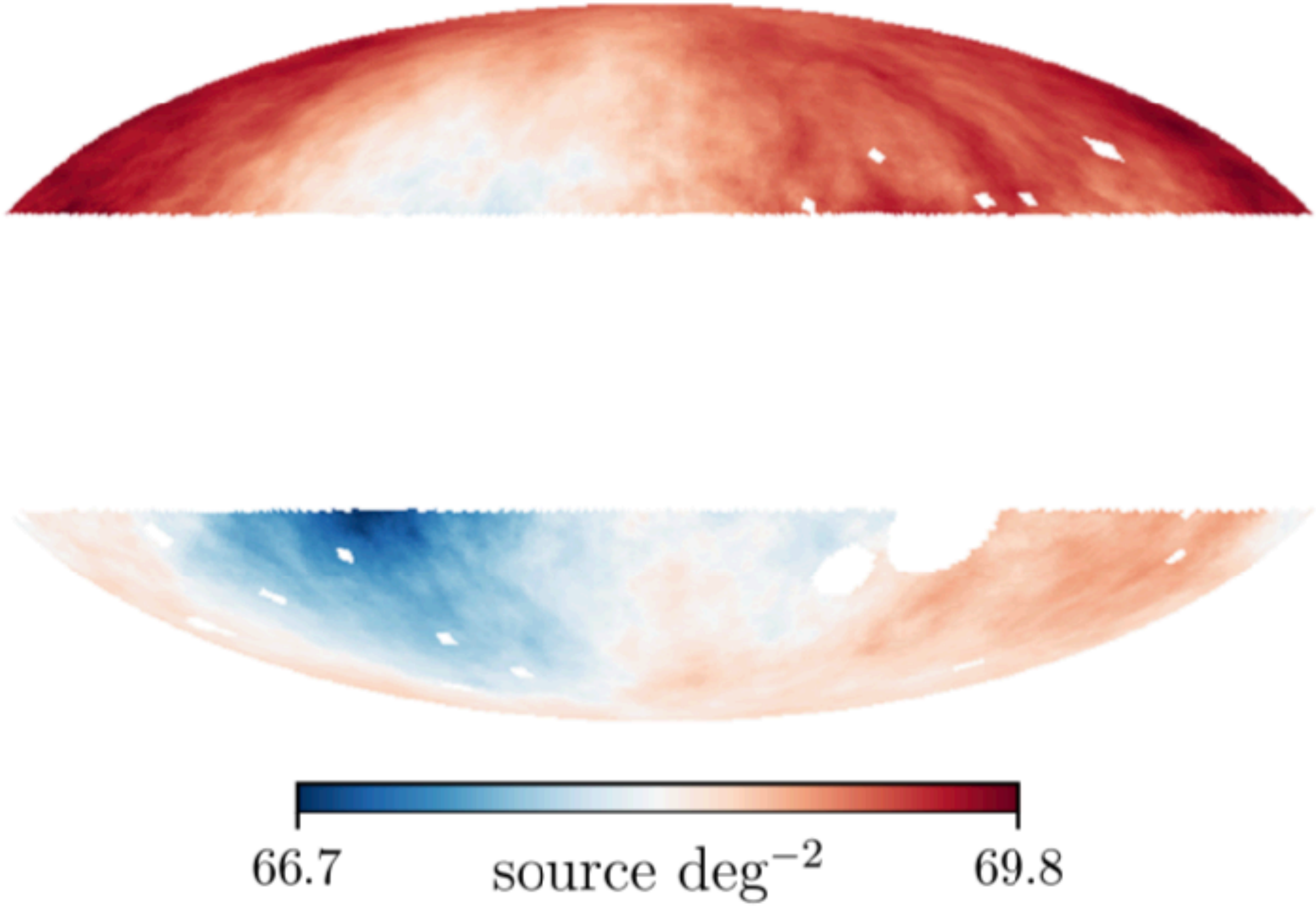
Redshift distribution



The Dipole

Quasar Dipole = 0.01554, (l, b) = (238°. 2, 28°.8).

CMB dipole.   = 0.007 ,   (l, b) = (276°, 30°)

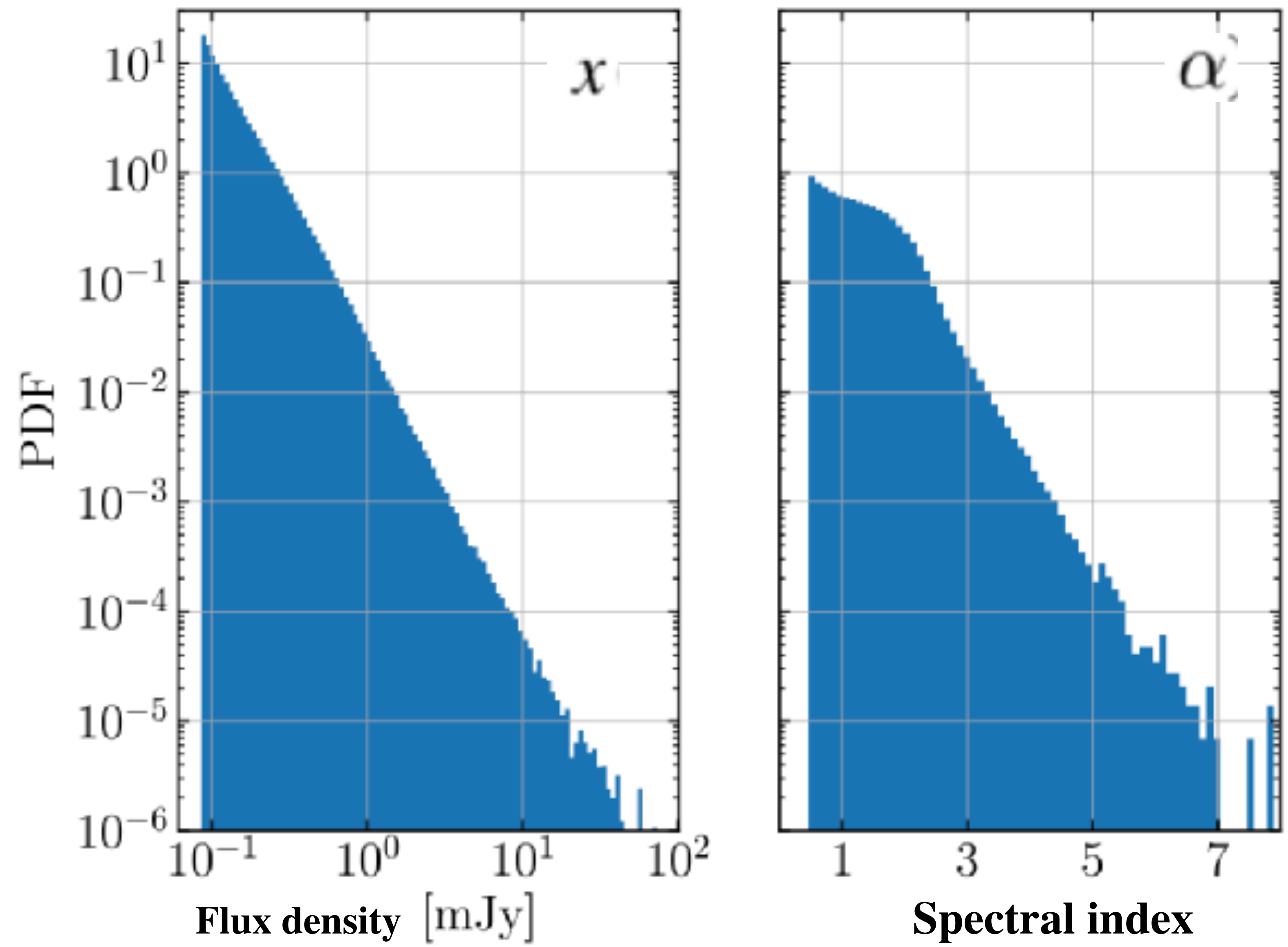


Statistical significance

10^7 random sky

mimicking CatWISE
same masks,
estimator, flux….

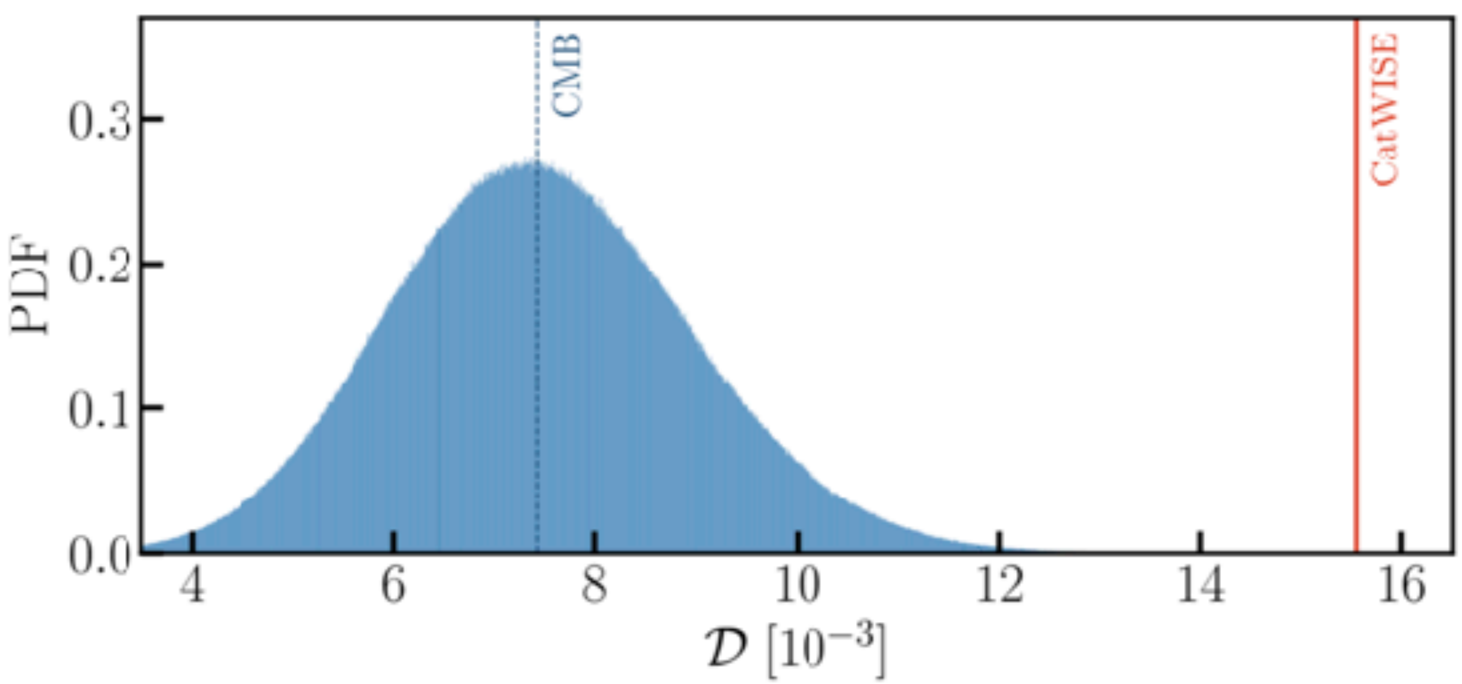
Dipole $= [2 + x(1 + \alpha)]v/c.$

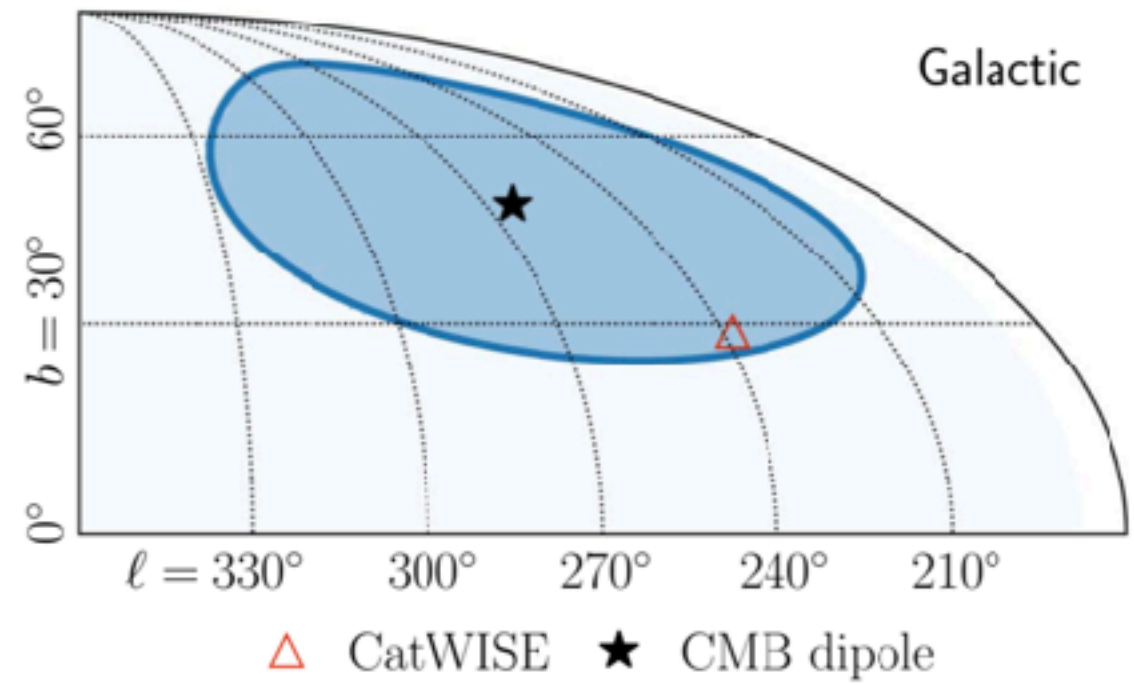


The null Hypothesis:
An observer moving with a velocity of 369.82 km/s (CMB expectation) can see a dipole twice that of CMB" !
Rejected : p value of 5×10^{-7}

Statistical significance

4.9 sigma





The cosmological principle

All data and codes made public:

Code and data → https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.4431089

Our paper (open access):
https://ui.adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2021ApJ...908L..51S/abstract

Improving Physical Cosmology: An Empiricist's Assessment

P. J. E. Peebles

Princeton University

June 4, 2021

This broad variety of ways to look at the universe adds up to a compelling empirical case for the ΛCDM theory as an impressively good approximation to reality.

Maybe more tensions will be found as the constraints improve. If so then I expect the case for ΛCDM as a useful approximation wi remain compelling, and there will be more clues to a still better theory.