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# Cosmic Voids as Probes for Cosmology

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# Outline

- I. Void as a test for modify gravity (MG)  
Void statistics and profiles
- II. Void & the ISW effect:  
Simulations and observations (SDSS DR7)



# I. Void as a probe of modify gravity (chameleon model)

# Chameleon model

Einstein-Hilber action  $S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ \frac{M_{\text{Pl}}^2}{2} [R + f(R)] + \mathcal{L}_m(\psi_i) \right\}$

$$\vec{\nabla}^2 \delta\phi = \frac{dC(\phi)}{d\phi} \rho - \frac{dC(\bar{\phi})}{d\bar{\phi}} \bar{\rho} + \frac{dV(\phi)}{d\phi} - \frac{dV(\bar{\phi})}{d\bar{\phi}},$$

$$\vec{\nabla}^2 \Phi = \frac{1}{2M_{\text{Pl}}^2} [\rho C(\phi) - 2V(\phi)]$$

$$C(\phi) = \exp(\gamma\phi/M_{\text{Pl}}),$$

$$V(\phi) = \frac{\rho_\Lambda}{[1 - \exp(-\phi/M_{\text{Pl}})]^\alpha}$$

$$V_{\text{eff}}(\phi) = V(\phi) + \rho C(\phi)$$

$$M_{\text{Pl}} = 1/\sqrt{8\pi G}$$

$$V(\phi) \sim \rho_\Lambda \quad \text{At the late time}$$

$$2\gamma^2 = 1/3 \quad \text{Like in } f(R)$$

$$\alpha = 10^{-6}$$

$$f(R) = -M^2 \frac{c_1 (-R/M^2)^n}{c_2 (-R/M^2)^n + 1}$$

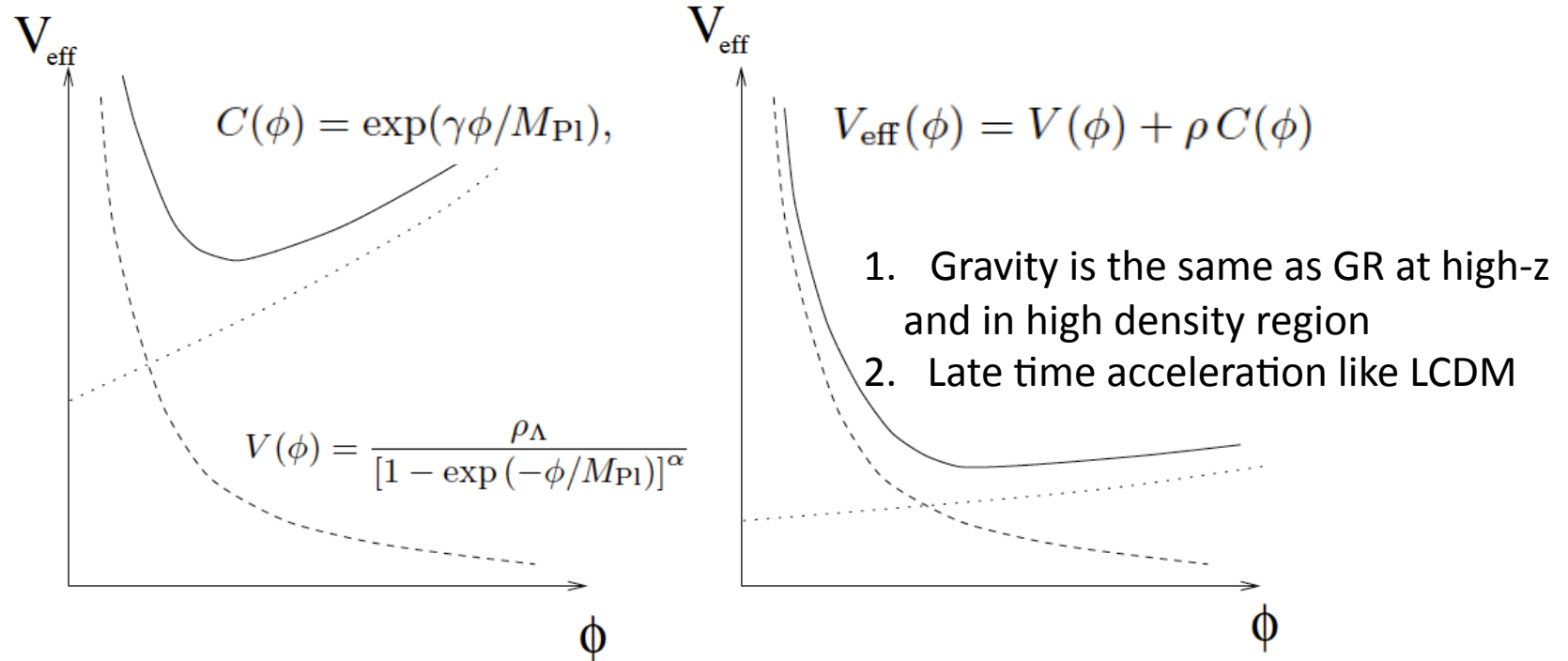
$$M^2 \equiv 8\pi G \bar{\rho}_{m0}/3 = H_0^2 \Omega_m$$

$$|f_{R0}| = 10^{-6}, 10^{-5}, 10^{-4}$$

(Hu & Sawicki 2007)

# Chameleon model

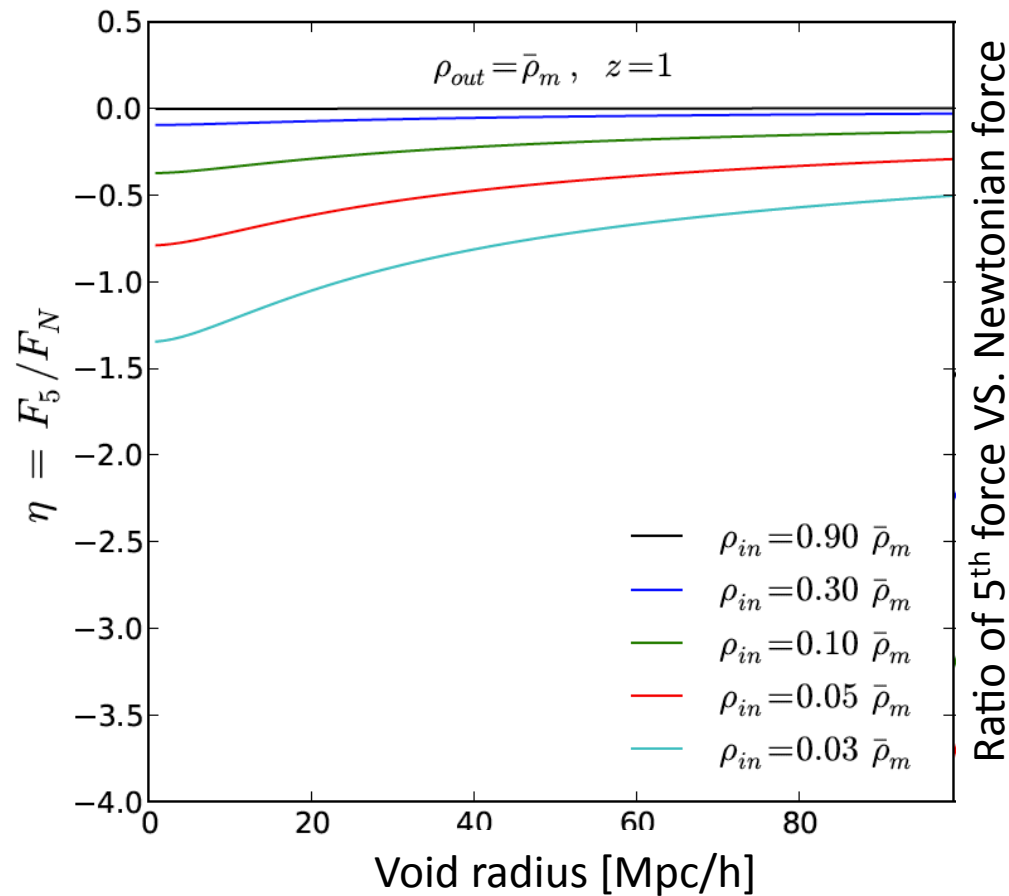
(Khoury & Weltman 2004)



Large  $\rho$   
 Small  $\phi_{\text{min}}$   
 GR

Small  $\rho$   
 Large  $\phi_{\text{min}}$   
 Large 5<sup>th</sup> force

# The repulsive 5<sup>th</sup> force in void



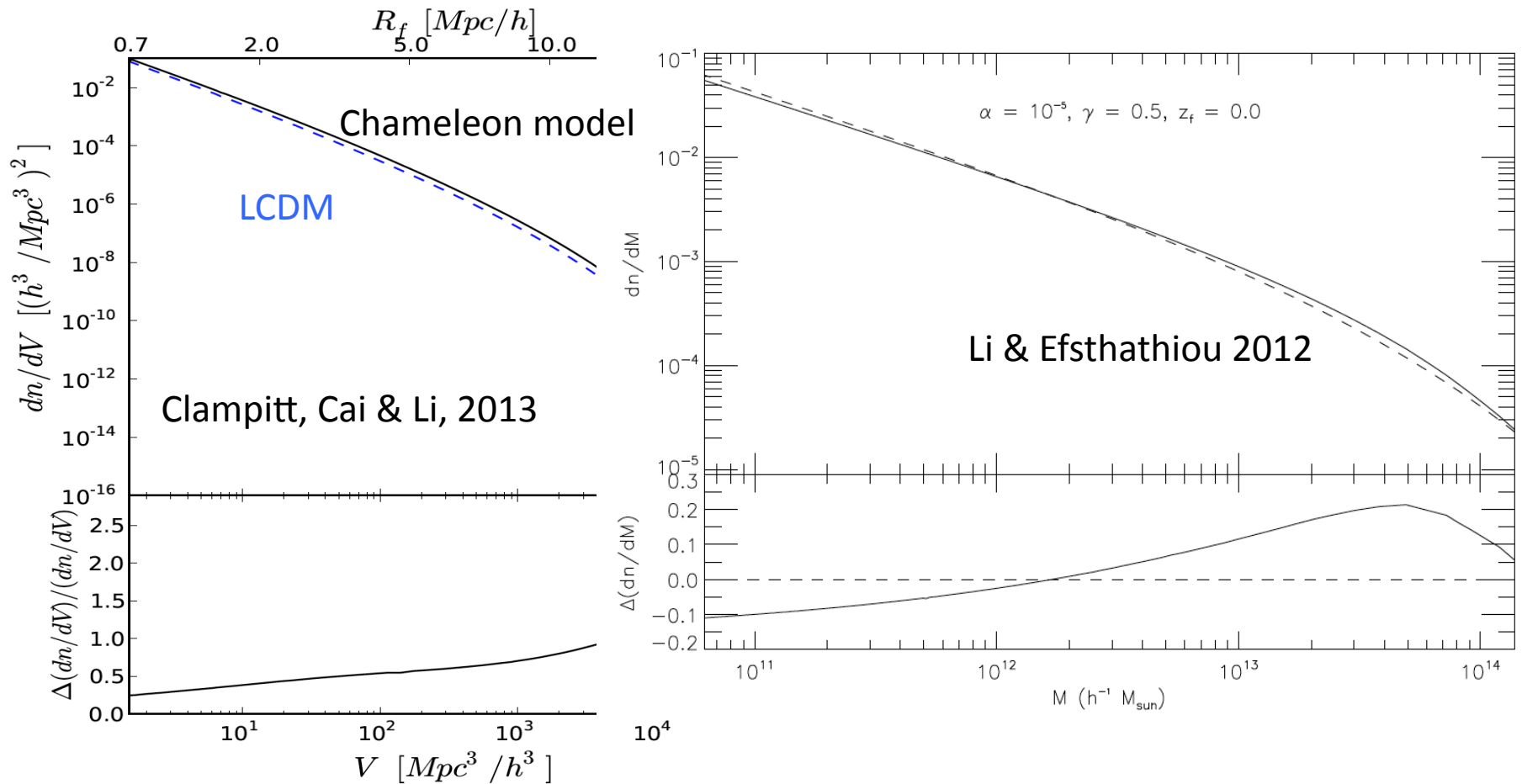
- The 5<sup>th</sup> force is repulsive in voids
- Its amplitudes is unbound in principle
- In halos, it is no more than 1/3 of Newtonian force
- Emptier voids have larger  $|F_5/F_N|$

$$F_5 = \gamma \frac{d(\phi/M_{Pl})}{d\chi} \Big|_{\chi=r}$$

Clampitt, Cai & Li, 2013

- The repulsive force drives voids in MG to grow larger and expand faster

# Void abundance



- Void abundance is more sensitive to gravity than the case of halos

# f(R) simulations

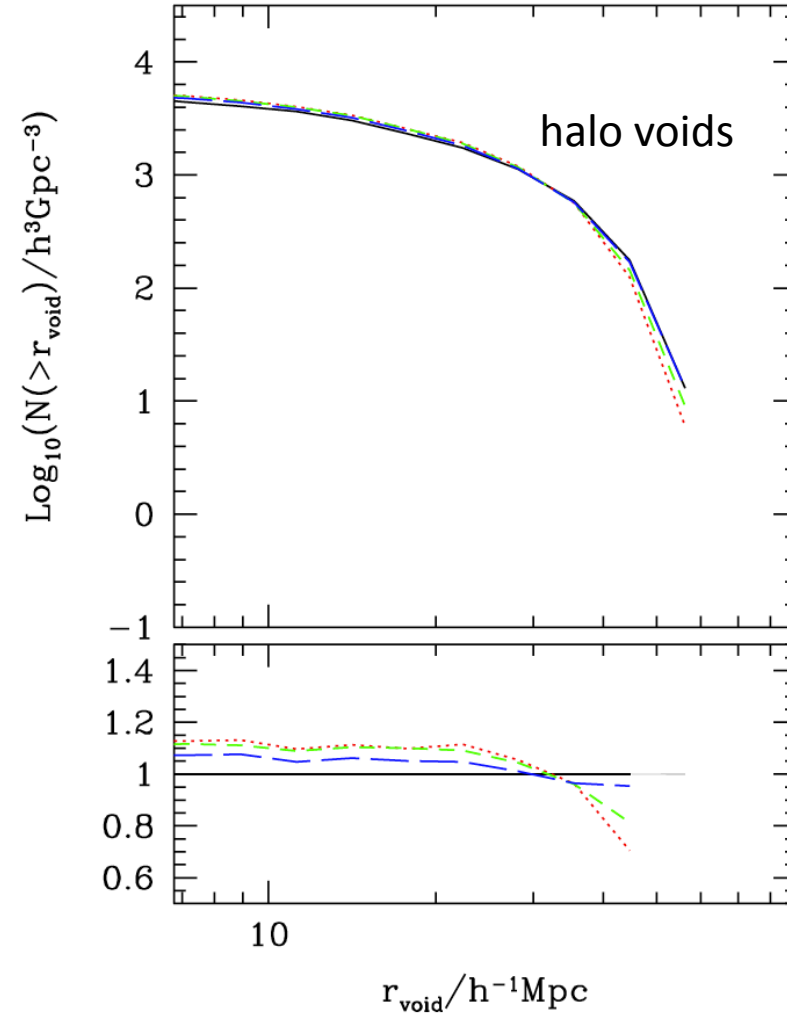
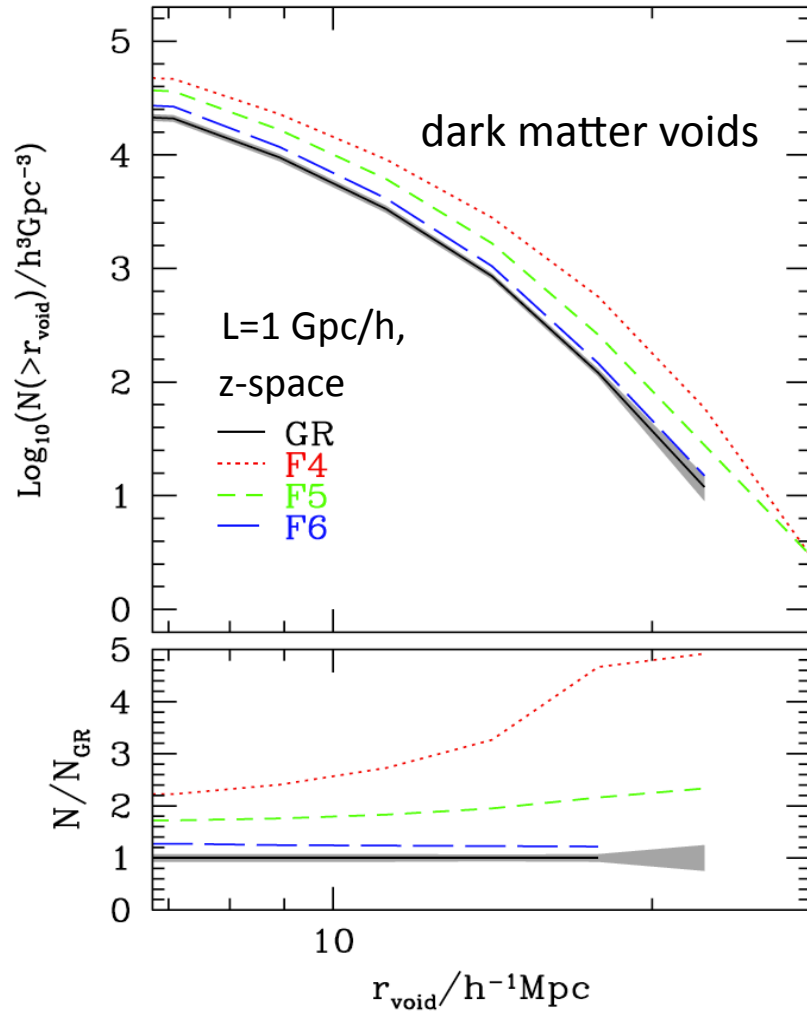
models	$L_{\text{box}}$	number of particles
$\Lambda$ CDM, F6, F5, F4	$1.5h^{-1}\text{Gpc}$	$1024^3$
$\Lambda$ CDM, F6, F5, F4	$1.0h^{-1}\text{Gpc}$	$1024^3$
$\Lambda$ CDM	$250h^{-1}\text{Mpc}$	$1024^3$

F6, F5 and F4 are labels of the Hu-Sawicki f(R) models for  $|f_{R0}| = 10^{-6}, 10^{-5}, 10^{-4}$

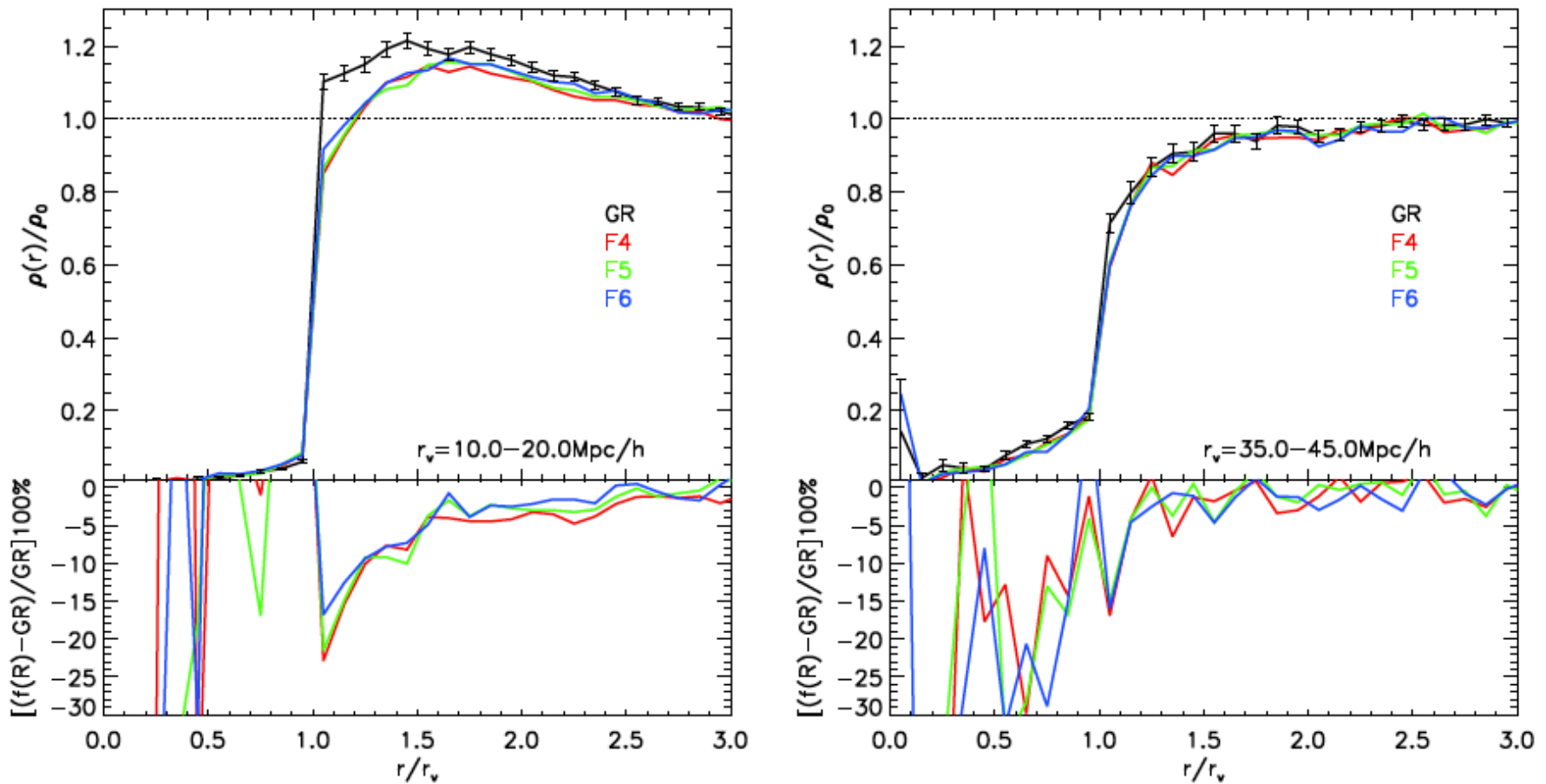
Spherical voids are found with halos  $M > 10^{13} M_{\text{sun}}/h$ ,  $\delta(r < r_v) < 0.2$



# Void abundance

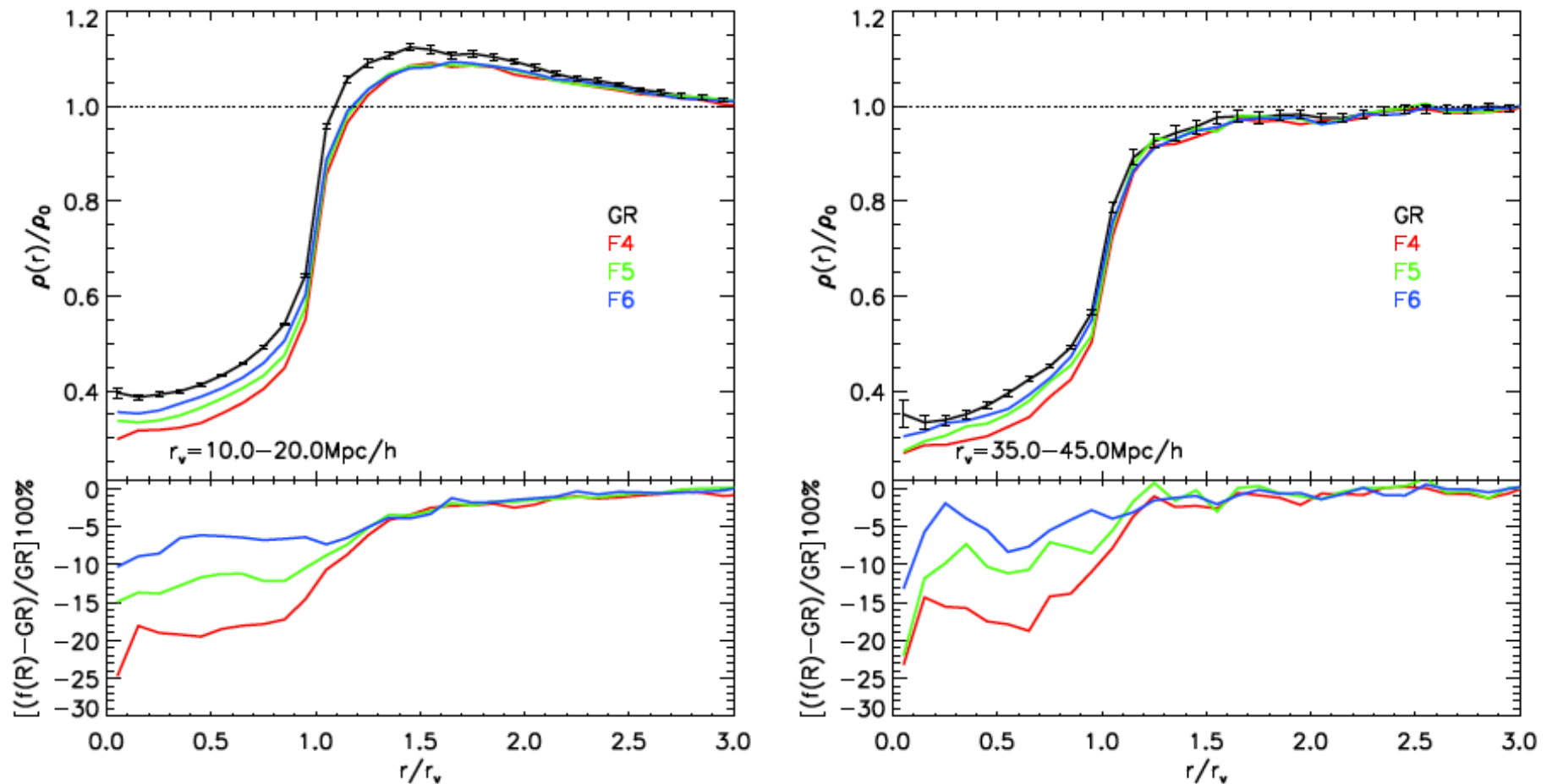


# Void profiles: halo number density



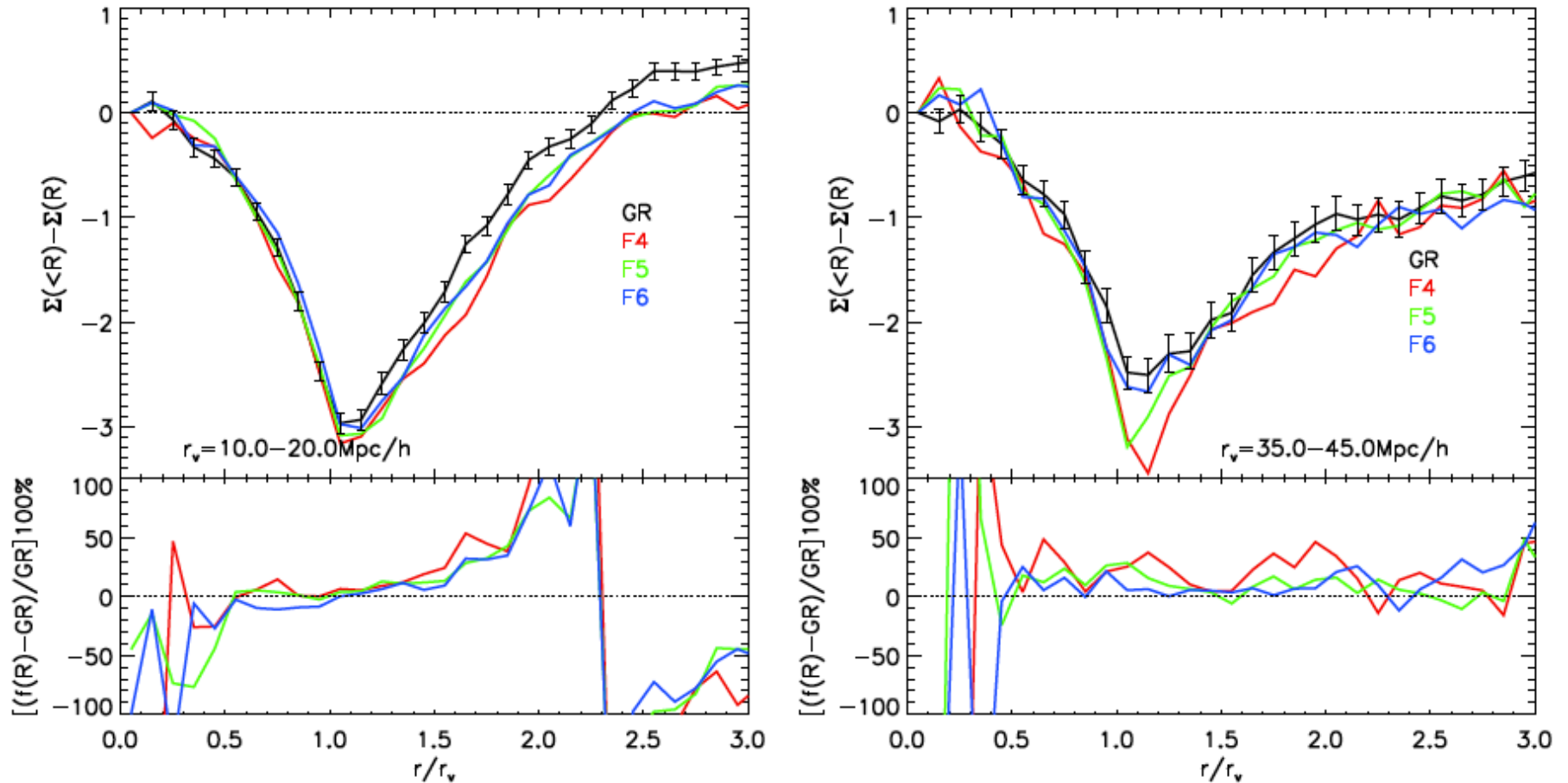
Voids are not quite self-similar (from the spherical over density method)  
 5-20% differences in halo number density profiles,

# Void profiles: dark matter density



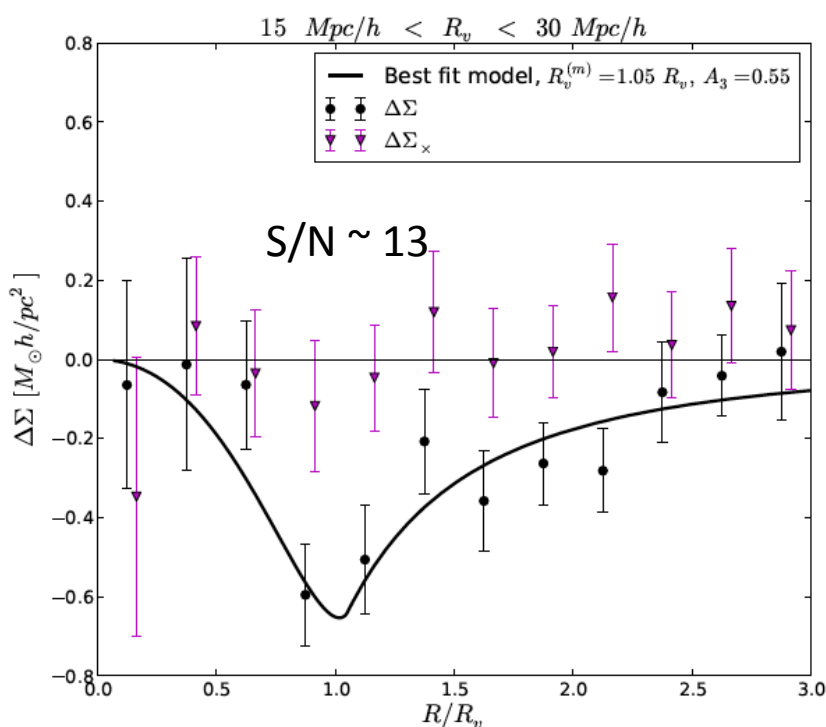
DM voids are not as empty as halo voids, but still very empty  
 5-20% differences in DM density profiles  
 MG voids are emptier

# Lensing tangential shear profiles

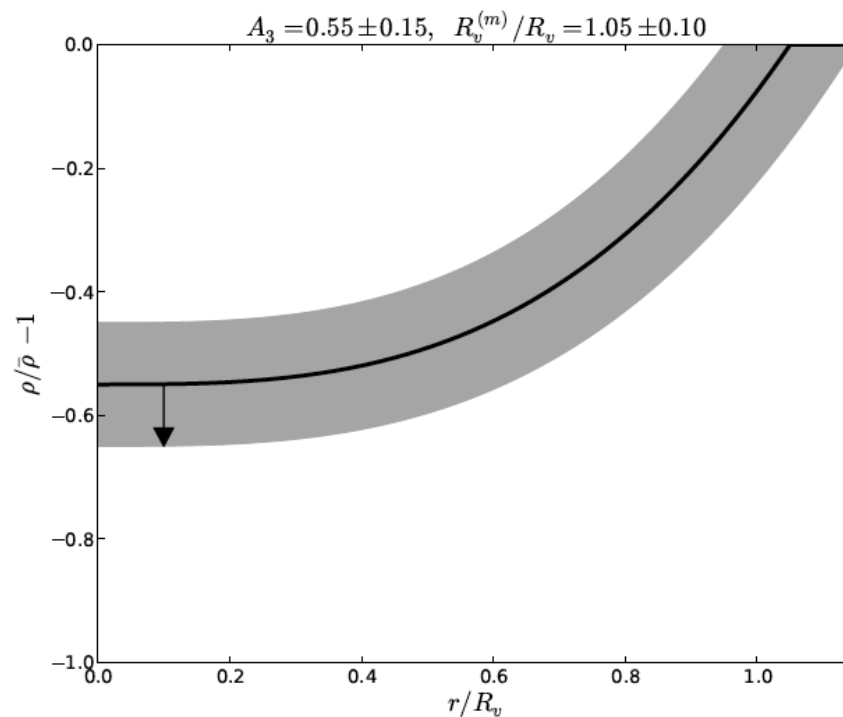


$$\Sigma(R) = \bar{\rho} \int [1 + \xi_{vm}(\sigma, \pi) d\pi], \quad \Delta\Sigma(R) = \gamma_t \Sigma_c = \Sigma(< R) - \Sigma(R)$$

# Void profiles from from gravitational lensing of voids in SDSS-DR7 LRG

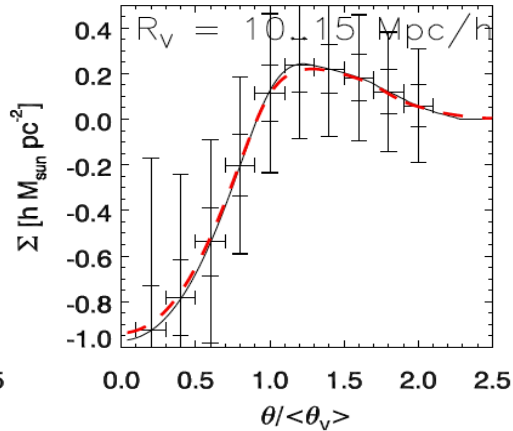
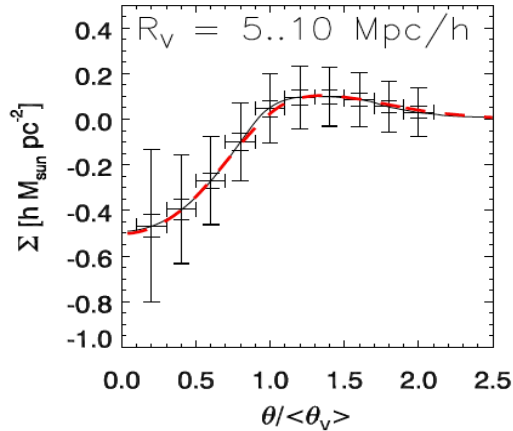


Voids @  $0.16 < z < 0.37$ ,  $A = 8000 \text{ deg}^2$



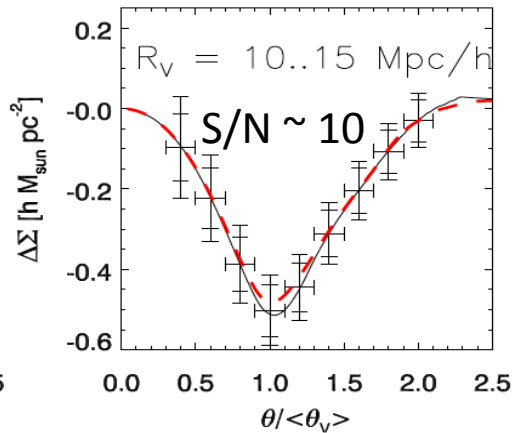
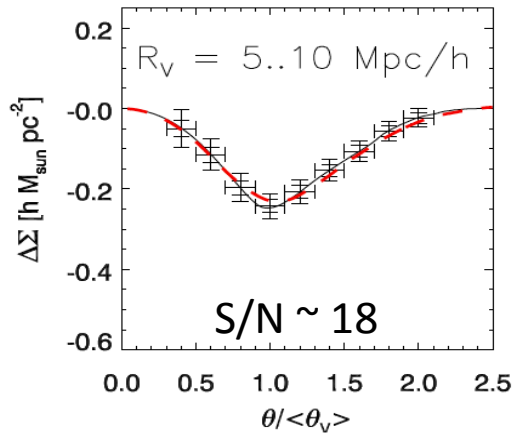
Clampitt & Jain 2014 (arXi:1404.1834)

# Void profiles from lensing



Krause et al. (2013, ApJ 762L, 20K)

Voids @  $0.4 < z < 0.6$ ,  
 $A = 5000 \text{ deg}^2$

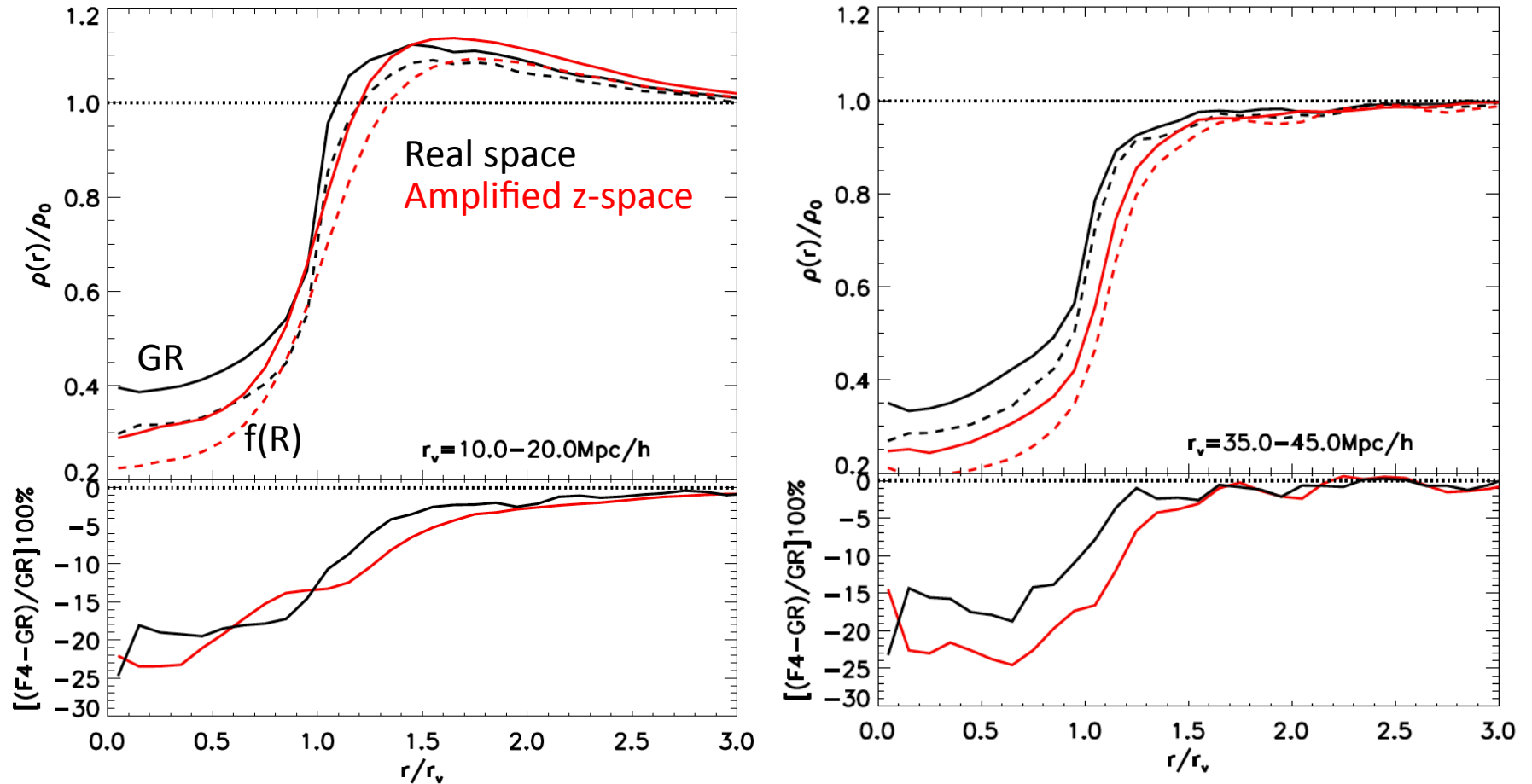


Lensing source galaxies:  
 mean  $z \sim 1$ ,  
 $A = 5000 \text{ deg}^2$   
 $N_g = 12 / \text{arcmin}^2$   
 Shape noise  $\sim 0.3$

EUCLID:  $S/N \sim 33$

$S/N \sim 13$

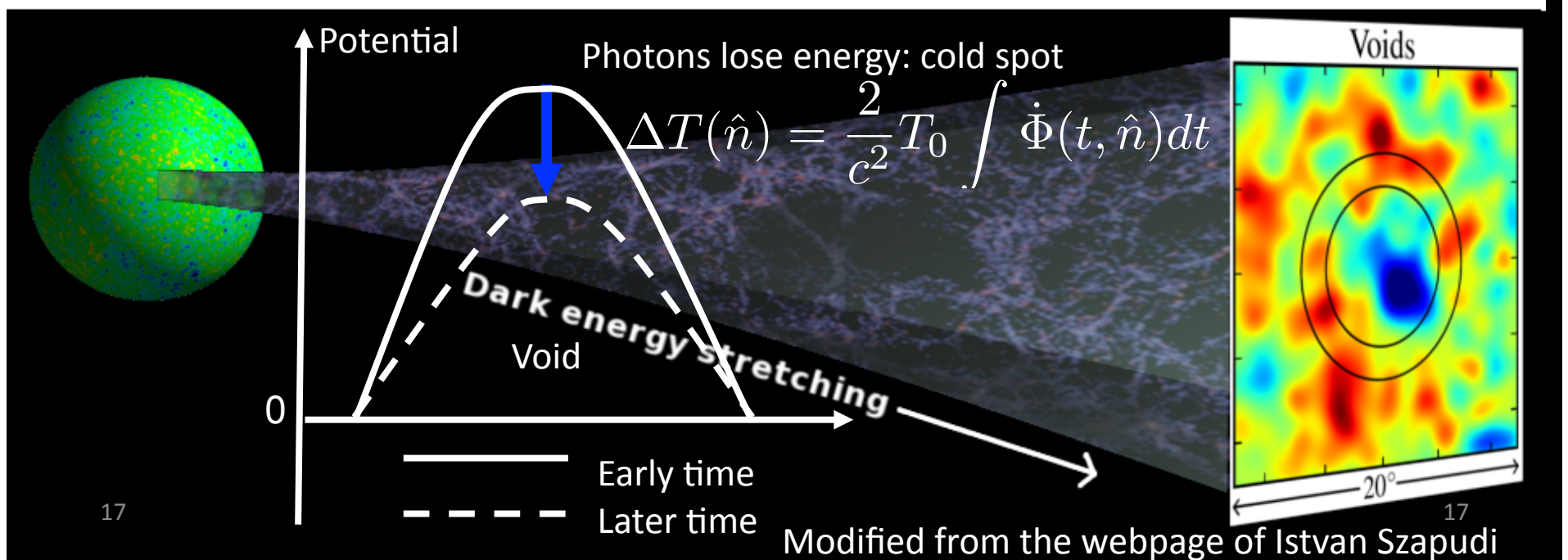
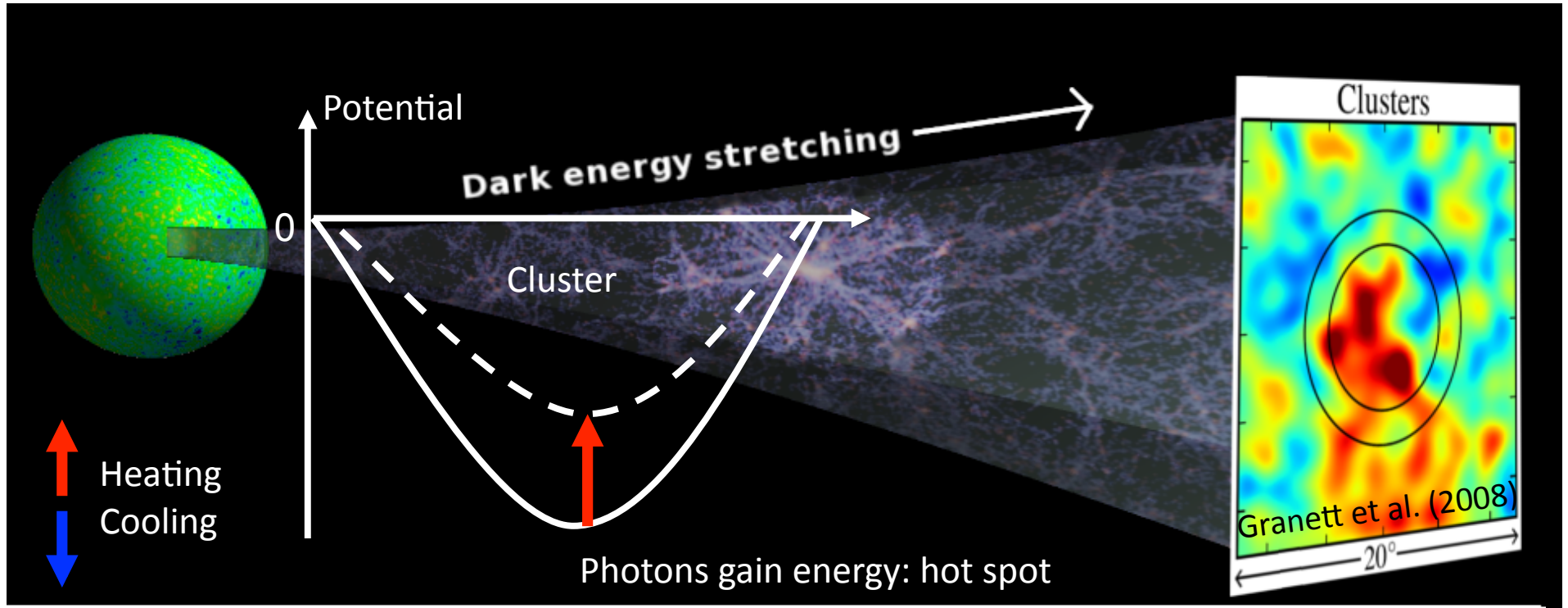
# Void profiles in z-space



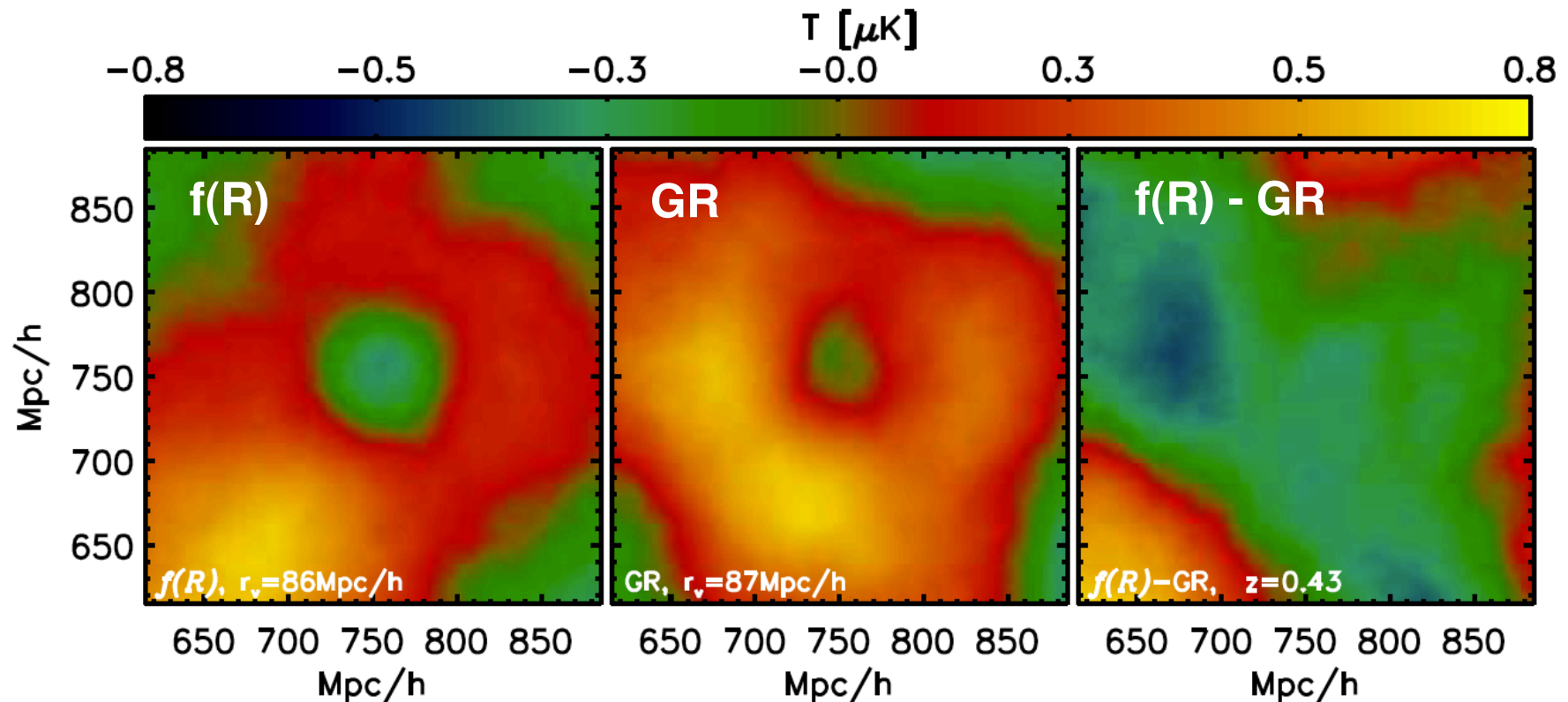


## II. ISW from stacking of voids and superclusters





# Stacking voids for the ISW

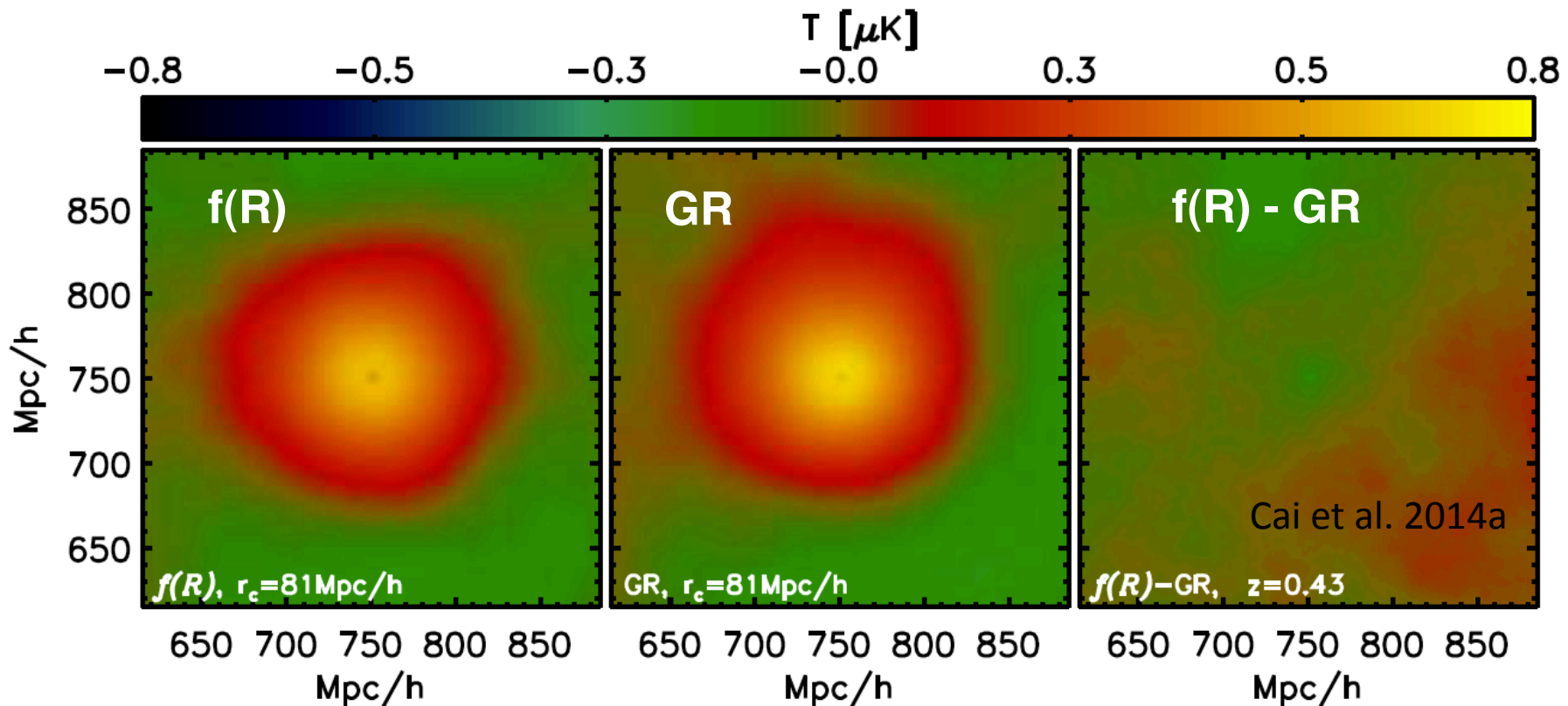


LCDM and f(R) simulations of the same expansion history,  $L=1.5 \text{ Gpc}/h$   
 Voids and superclusters from ZOBOV by Neyrinck (2005, 2008)

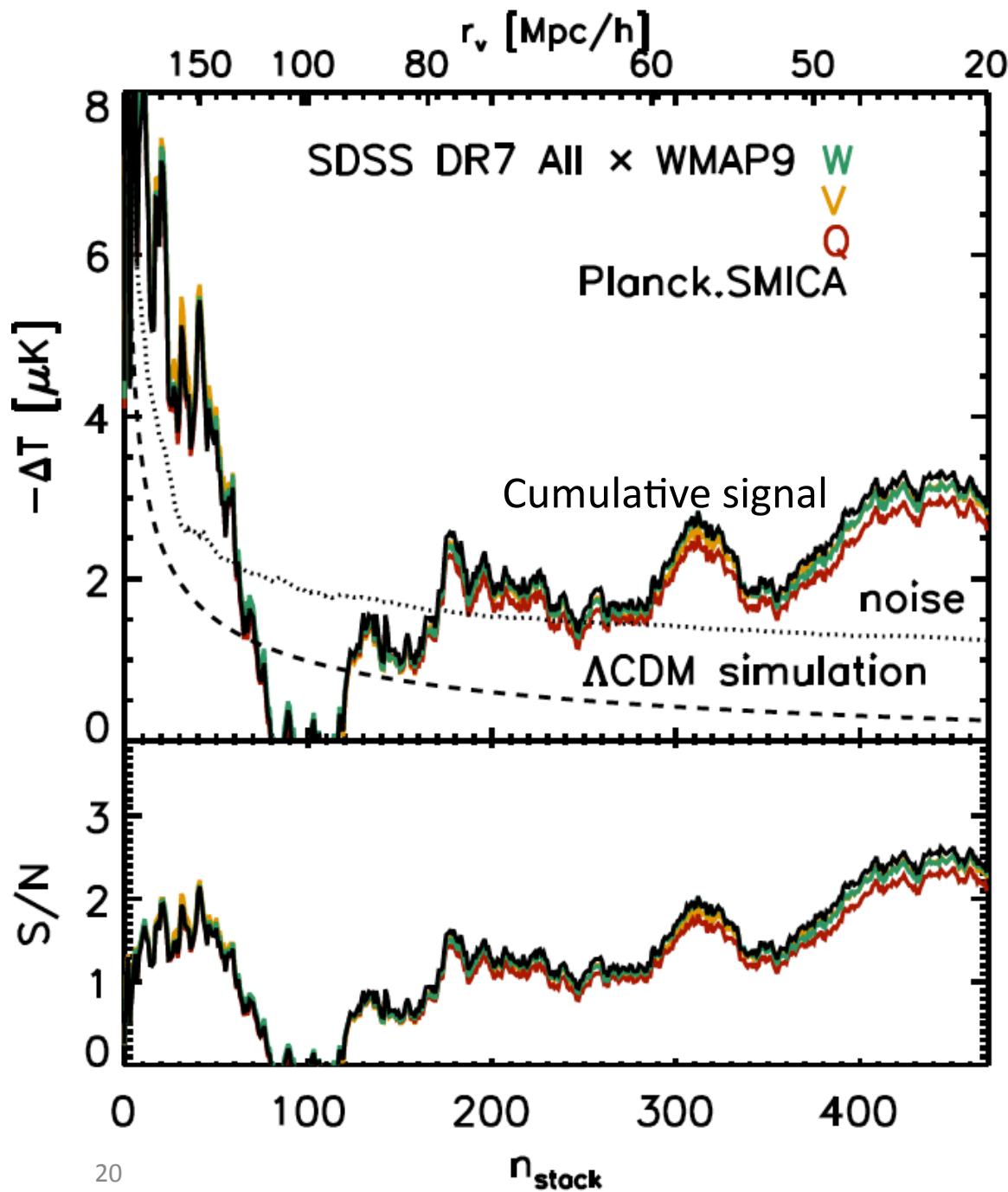
ISW cold spot is colder in f(R)

Cai et al. 2014a

# Stacking Superclusters for the ISW



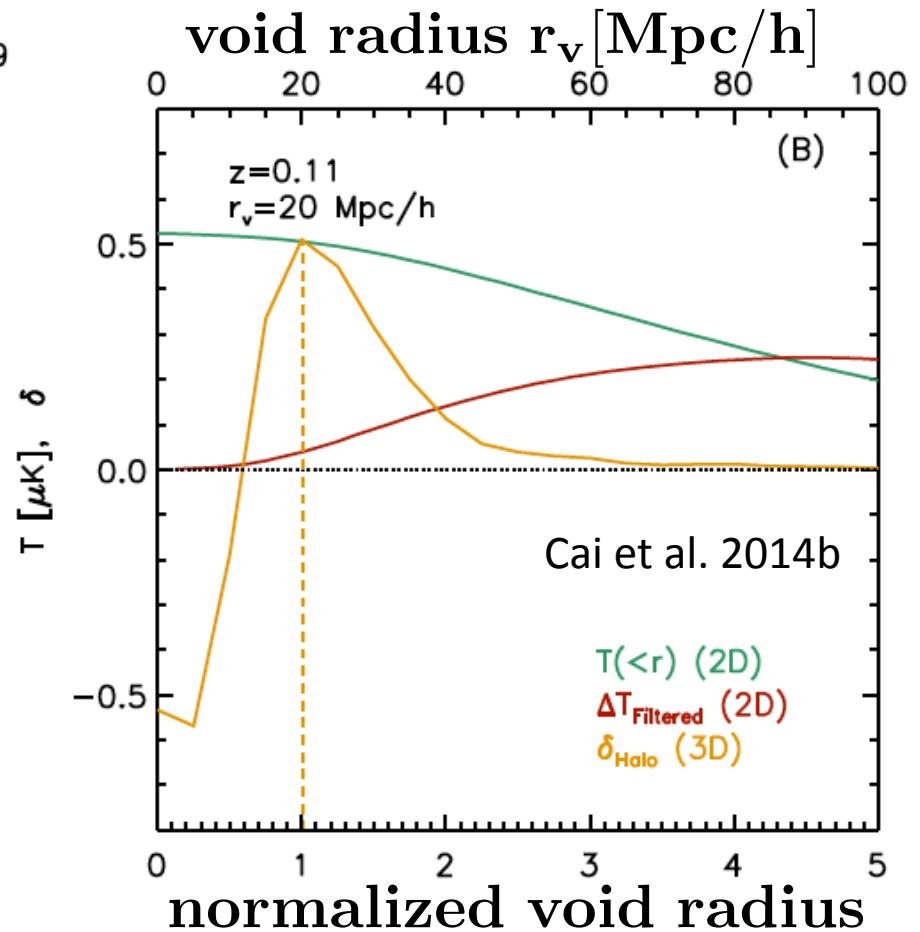
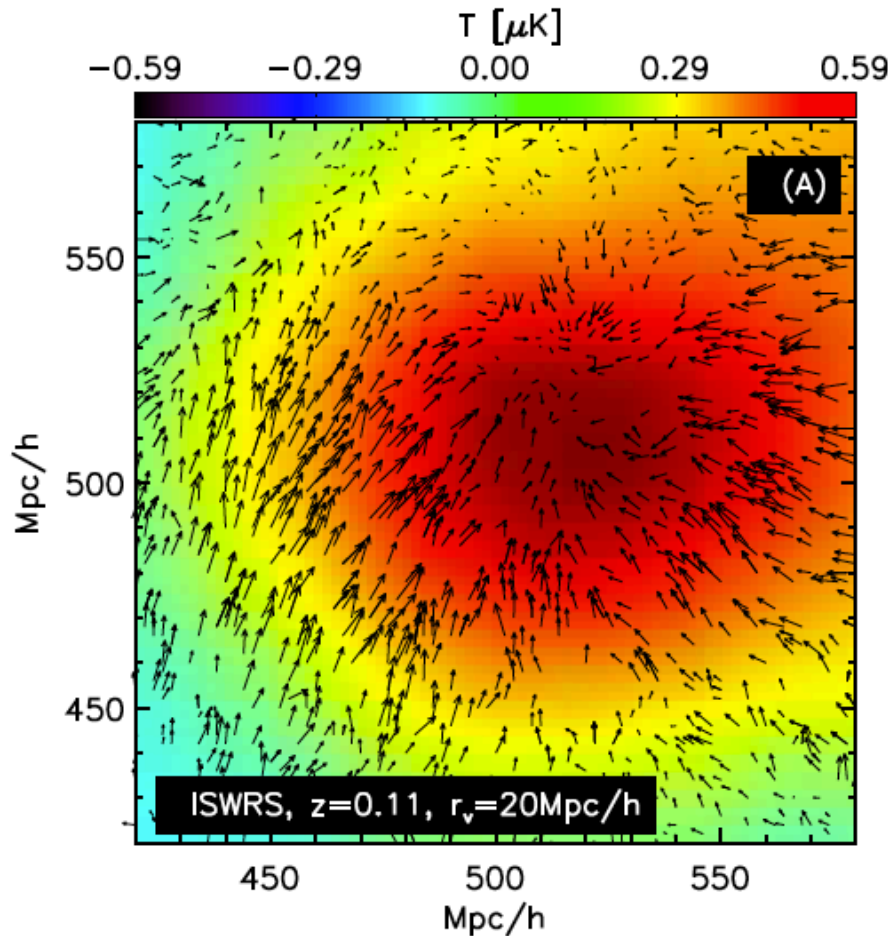
- ISW hot spot is less hot in f(R)
- Rule out the possibility of generating Granett08 results in f(R) model



- 1521 voids at  $0 < z < 0.44$  from SDSS DR7 galaxy sample using ZOBOV
- Clean off 2/3 voids that are likely to be void-in-cloud or noise
- 2.2sigma, not as significant as Granett08

Cai et al. 2014b

# Void in Cloud – Contracting



- Small voids are more likely to reside in overdense environment;
- Stacking void-in-clouds yield an ISW hot spot, rather than a cold spot!



# Summary

- The repulsive  $5^{\text{th}}$  drives voids to grow larger and faster in MG
- Void abundance may be more sensitive than halo abundance in distinguishing chameleon model from GR
- Void properties is strongly environmental dependent in MG
- 3 ways to constrain MG from void profiles:
  - A.) halo/galaxy number density profiles,
  - B.) weak lensing tangential shear profile
  - C.) z-space void-galaxy cross-correlation
- ISW cold spot is colder, and hot spot is less hot in  $f(R)$
- 2-sigma indication of an ISW signal when stacking SDSS DR7 voids
- No strong ISW as in Granett08 is found at  $z < 0.4$  from SDSS DR7