

TESTING LSS AND GRAVITY WITH COSMIC FLOWS

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WHY PECULIAR VELOCITIES?

- The best way to measure the *matter* power spectrum on very large (\sim Gpc) scales in the low z Universe : **bulk flows**
- Measure deviations from GR+ Λ e.g. through growth factor f , and by comparison with lensing, “slip” etc: **infall**

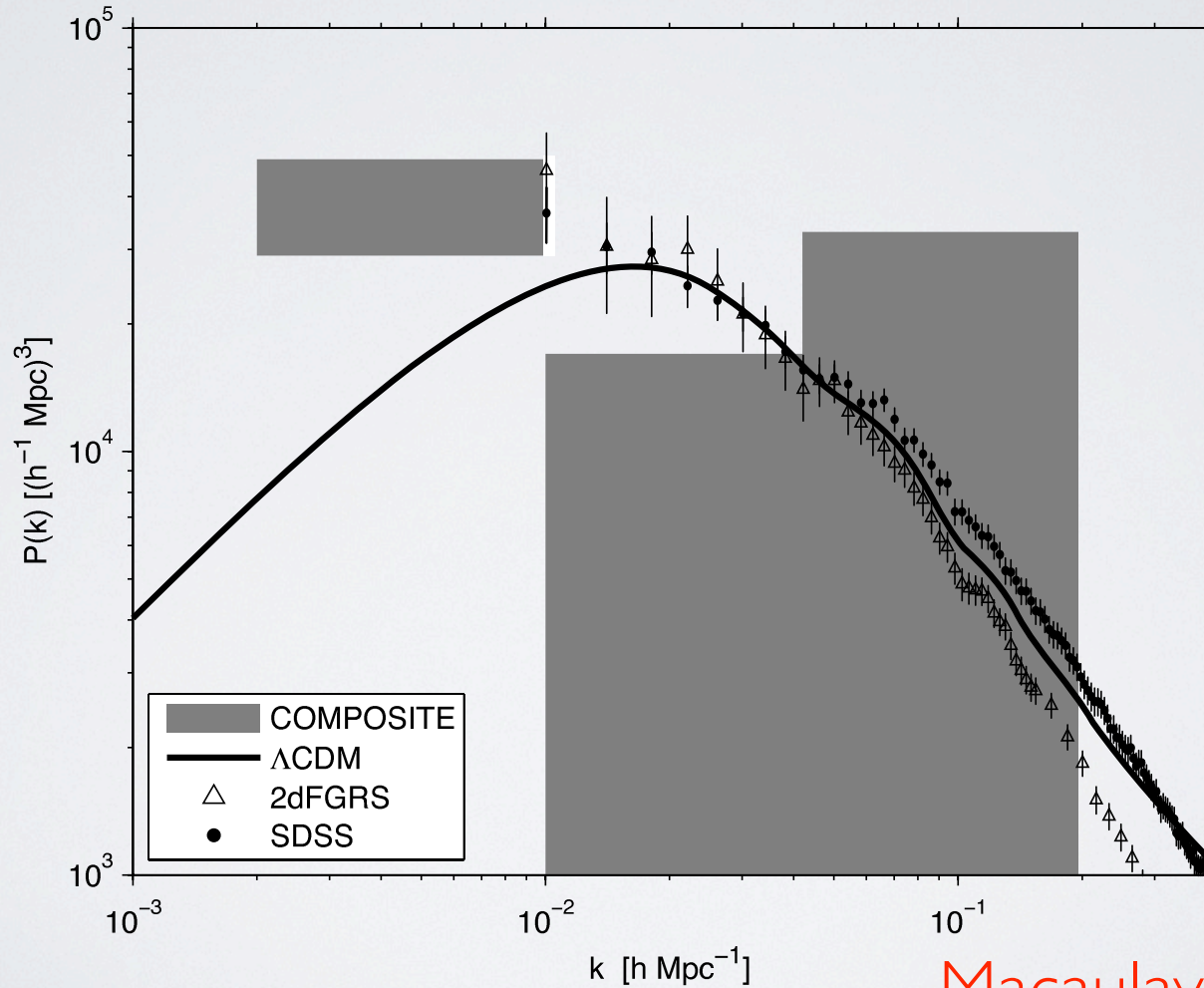
BULK FLOWS

- Bulk flow = **Weighted** mean velocity V of a set of sparse, noisy peculiar velocity data
- **Watkins, Feldman, MH 2009** designed weights to minimize aliased small-scale power, and applied this method to peculiar velocity compilation “COMPOSITE”

$$(\sigma_V)^2 = \frac{\Omega_m^{1.1}}{2\pi^2} \int_0^\infty dk \mathcal{W}_{ab}^2(k) P(k),$$

*~400 +/- 80 km/s bulk flow inconsistent with LCDM
(~100 kms) at ~98% level*

VERY LARGE-SCALE POWER?



Macaulay et al. 2011

“If your experiment needs statistics, you ought to have done a better experiment.”

E. Rutherford

SNE

- “Constitution” + Carnegie SNe = “First Amendment” sample :
 - 254 SNe within 200 Mpc/h
- $V = 250 \pm 75$ km/s for a $R_G = 50$ Mpc/h.
- Similar direction but lower amplitude compared to previous
- *By itself*, this is **consistent** with Λ CDM

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COMPOSITE+SNE BULK FLOW

- The MV-weighted V of Composite and AI SNe are **consistent** with each other.
- Taking both samples *together* the BF is $V=340 \pm \sim 40$ km/s towards $l=293, b=6$
- This combined BF is still slightly inconsistent with LCDM at the 97.5% (2.2 σ) level (vs. 99% for “Composite”).

PREDICTING PECULIAR
VELOCITIES USING THE
GALAXY DENSITY FIELD

$$\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{f(\Omega_m)}{b} \frac{H_0}{4\pi} \int_0^{R_{max}} d^3\mathbf{r}' \delta_g(\mathbf{r}') \frac{(\mathbf{r}' - \mathbf{r})}{|\mathbf{r}' - \mathbf{r}|^3} + \mathbf{U}$$

$$\delta_g = b\delta$$

$$f(\Omega_m) = \Omega_m^\gamma$$


$$\sigma_{\delta,g} = b\sigma_\delta$$

$$\beta = \frac{f}{b}$$

Measurable

$$f\sigma_\delta = \beta\sigma_{\delta,g}$$

SNE VS. PSCZ


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We find

$$\beta = 0.53 \pm 0.08$$

Residual $U = 150 \pm 43$ km/s, towards $l = 345 \pm 20$ $b = 8 \pm 13$

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COSMOLOGICAL PARAMETERS

Combined with galaxy clustering measurements, peculiar velocities yield:

$$f \sigma_8 = 0.40 \pm 0.07$$

Compare with WMAP7 + BAO + SN : 0.39 ± 0.04

Peculiar velocities are consistent with other cosmological probes on small (~ 20 Mpc/h) scales.

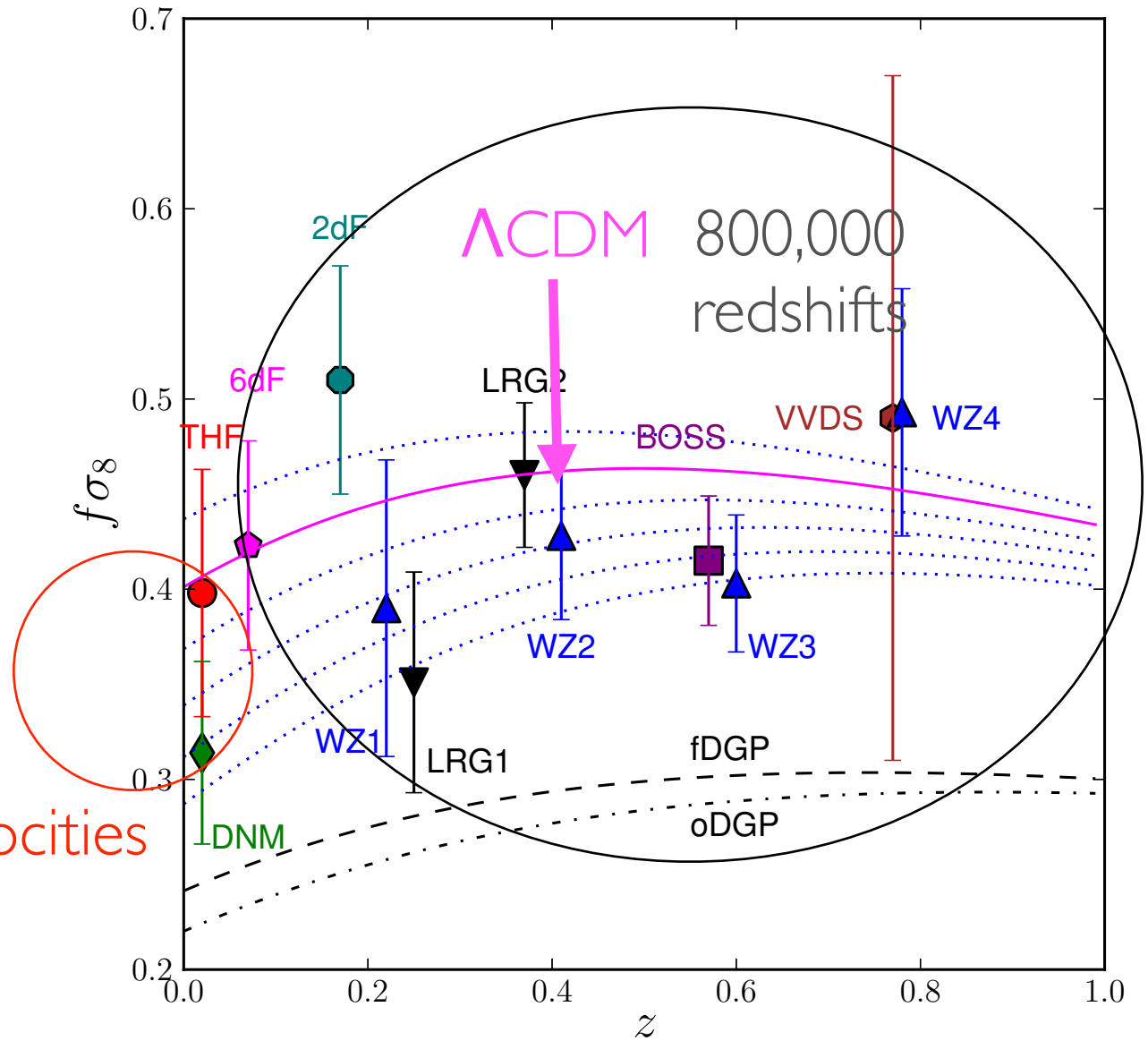
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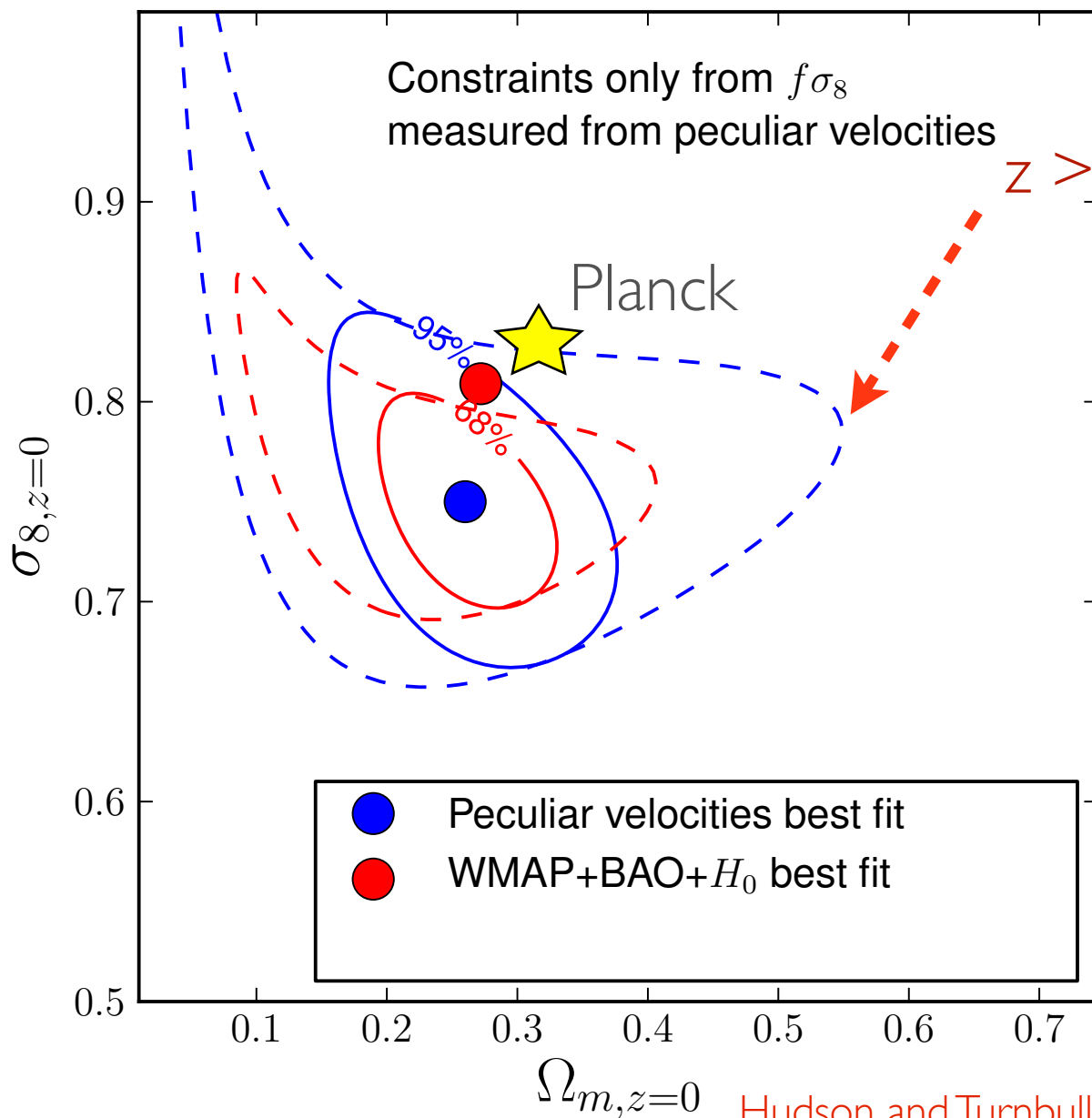
GROWTH OF STRUCTURE

- Using only peculiar velocities at different z , it is possible to break degeneracies between f and σ_8
- At higher redshift we need to add redshift space distortions

USING ONLY
PECULIAR
VELOCITIES AT
ALL REDSHIFTS

6000 peculiar velocities





KINETIC SUNYAEV-ZELDOVICH FROM GALAXIES

Lavaux, Afshordi & MH '13, MNRAS, 430, 1617

- kSZ measures **momentum** of electrons; most electrons are expected to be in galaxy halos and intergalactic space.
- Use *nearby galaxy* distribution as a template for large-scale free electron density field; model velocity as bulk flow.
- Fit template to WMAP, primordial CMB is noise
- $V = 533 \pm 263$ km/s , in the direction $l \sim 324^\circ$, $b \sim -7^\circ$ similar in amplitude and direction to previous measurements on this scale

RESIDUAL BULK FLOW

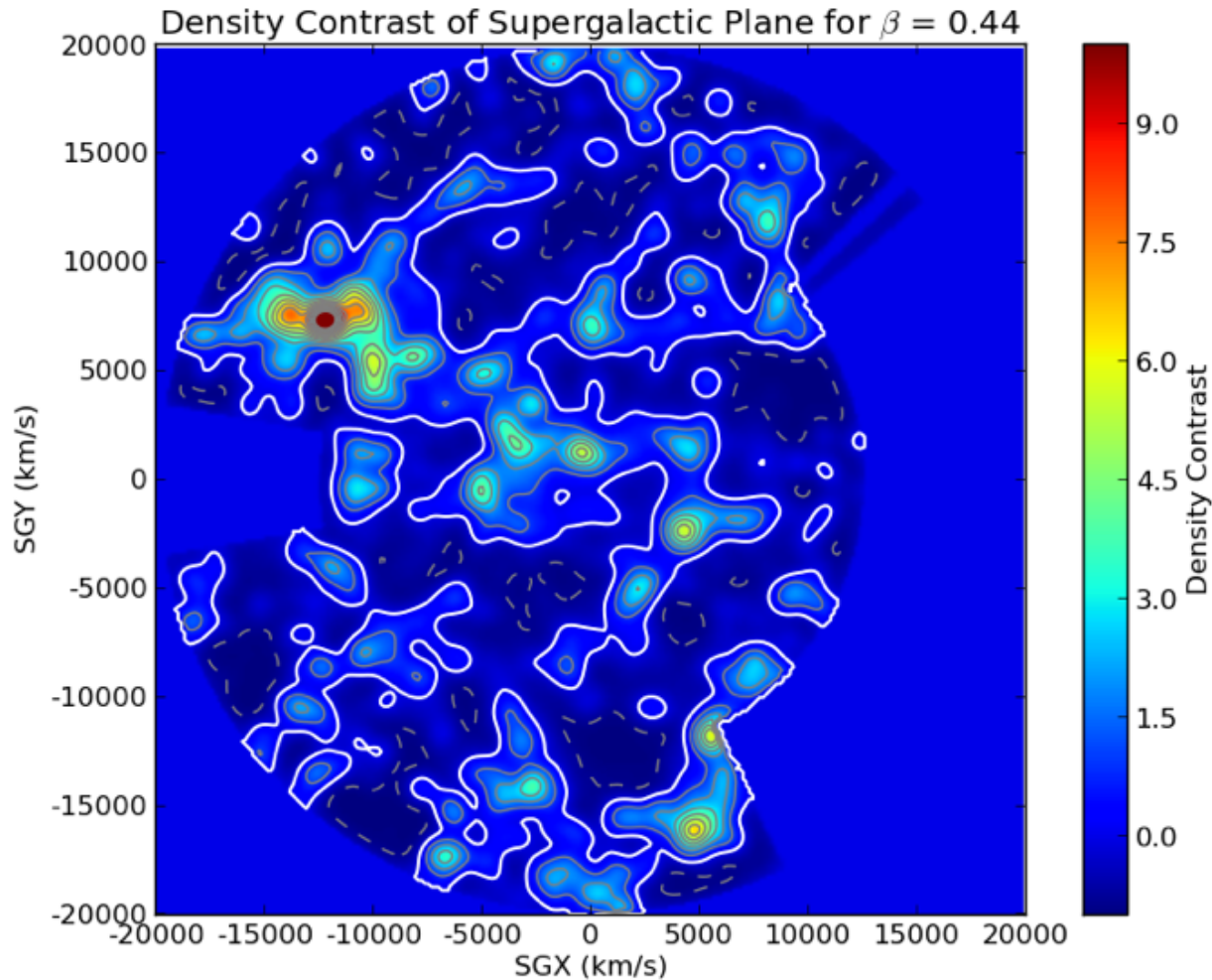
- The residual bulk flow suggests that PSCz does not account for all of the local motions
- Is the missing contribution:
 - Beyond 200 Mpc/h?
 - In the ZoA
 - Or *within* the volume spanned by the PSCz data?

2M++

Lavaux & Hudson 2011, MNRAS, 416, 2840

- Combine 2MRS ($K < 11.5$), 6dF ($K < 12.5$) and SDSS ($K < 12.5$)
- ~ 70 k galaxies
- Reach 200 Mpc/h in 6dF and SDSS areas

2M++ RECONSTRUCTION

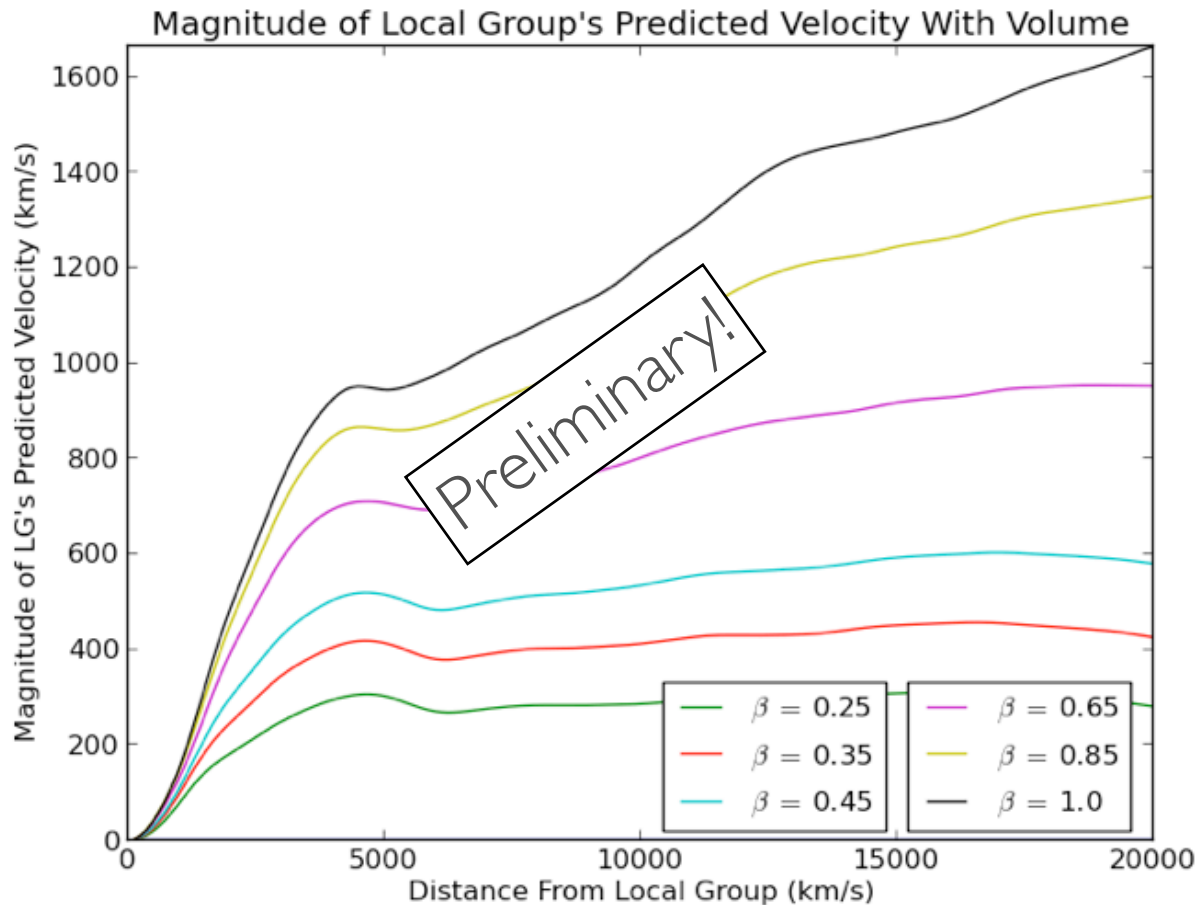


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Carrick

with Guilhem
Lavaux

Preliminary

2M++ GRAVITY DIPOLE



In Λ CDM we expect 40 km/s per component from material beyond 20000 km/s.

If $\beta \sim 0.4$ for this sample, then we have ~recovered LG dipole.

*Carrick et al.
2013, in prep*

FUTURE

- Deeper *all-sky* redshift surveys (6dF + WALLABY+TAIPAN + WNSHS + ? ...) will help to identify sources
- New peculiar velocity data from FP (6dF+TAIPAN), SNe, TF (WALLABY) and Planck kSZ
- Better treatments of “biasing” (halo model)
- Better non-linear treatment of predicted peculiar velocities (e.g. Least Action, MAK)

SUMMARY

- Bulk flow on large scales still in slight tension with LCDM
- On smaller scales, only ~ 6000 peculiar velocities give strong constraints on $f(z)\sigma_8(z)$, consistent with WMAP+
- kSZ around *galaxies* is a promising new probe ... Planck analysis underway.
- 2M++ may be recovering the full LG motion wrt CMB

Cosmic flows estimated from direct peculiar velocity estimates have great potential : need systematic SDSS-like surveys!