

# Cosmic web analysis and information theory

## some recent results

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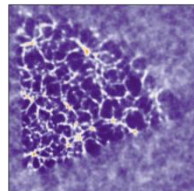
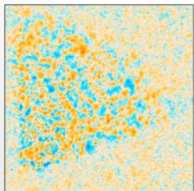
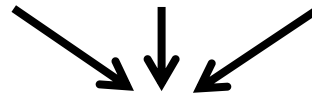
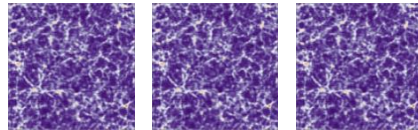
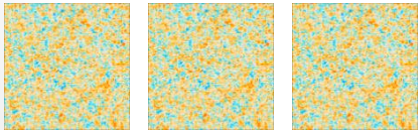
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# Uncertainty quantification



Uncertainty quantification is crucial!



Can we **propagate** uncertainty quantification to **cosmic web analysis**?

Yes, and this is what yields a connection with **information theory**!

# Cosmic web classification procedures

void, sheet, filament, cluster?

- The **T-web**:

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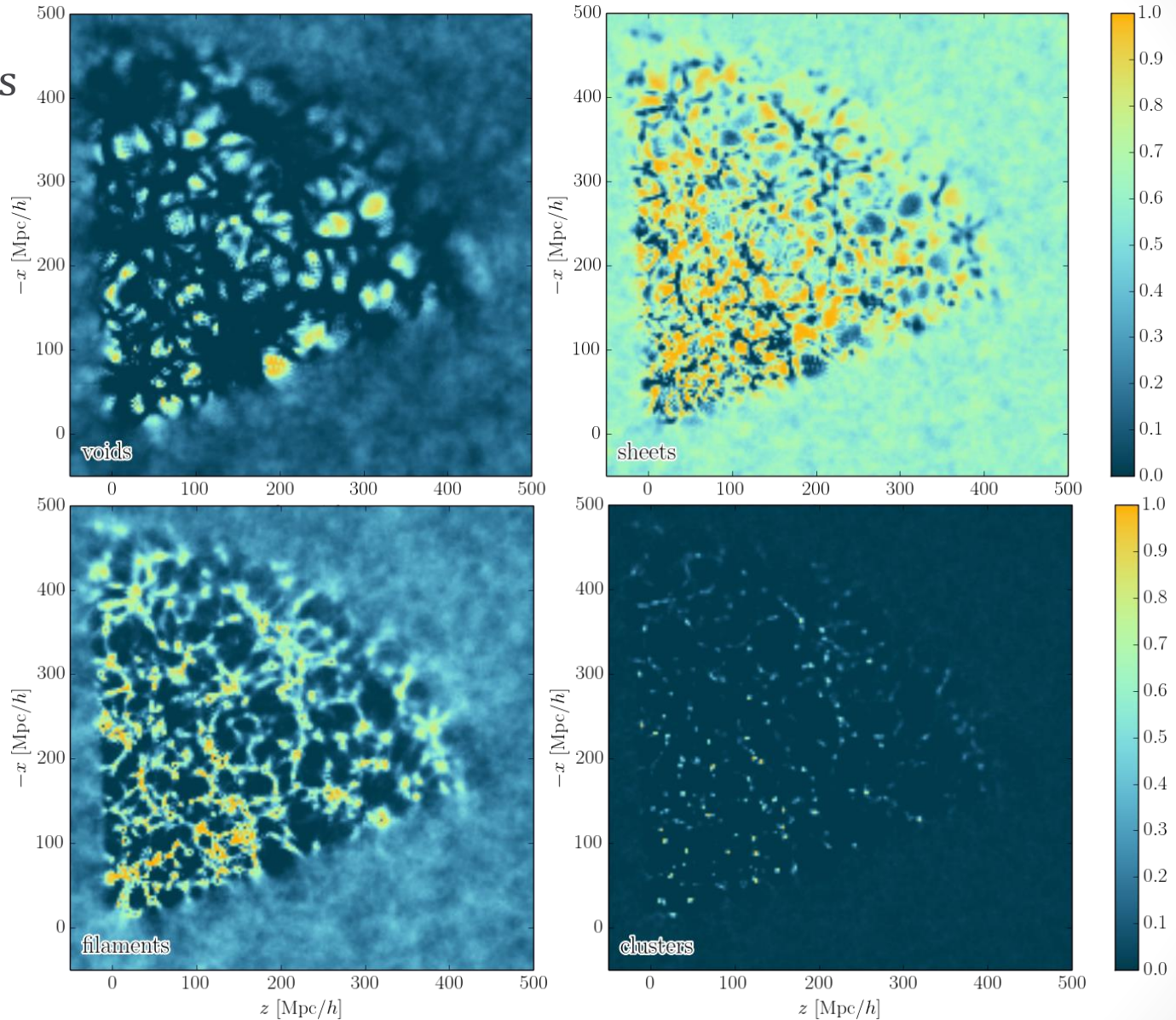
Hessian of the gravitational potential:  $T_{ij}(\mathbf{x}) = \partial_i \partial_j \Phi(\mathbf{x})$

Hahn *et al.* 2007, [arXiv:astro-ph/0610280](https://arxiv.org/abs/astro-ph/0610280)



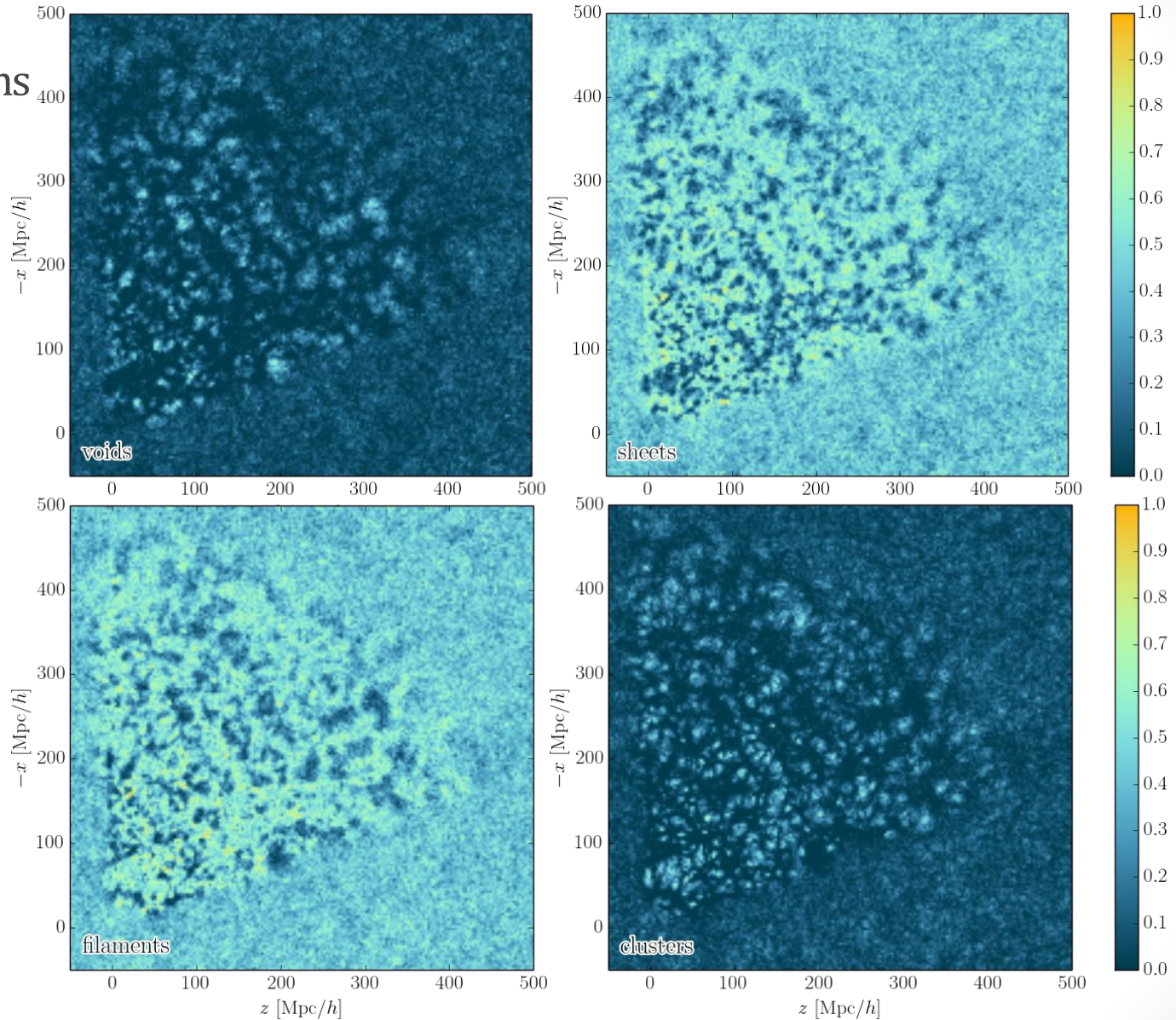
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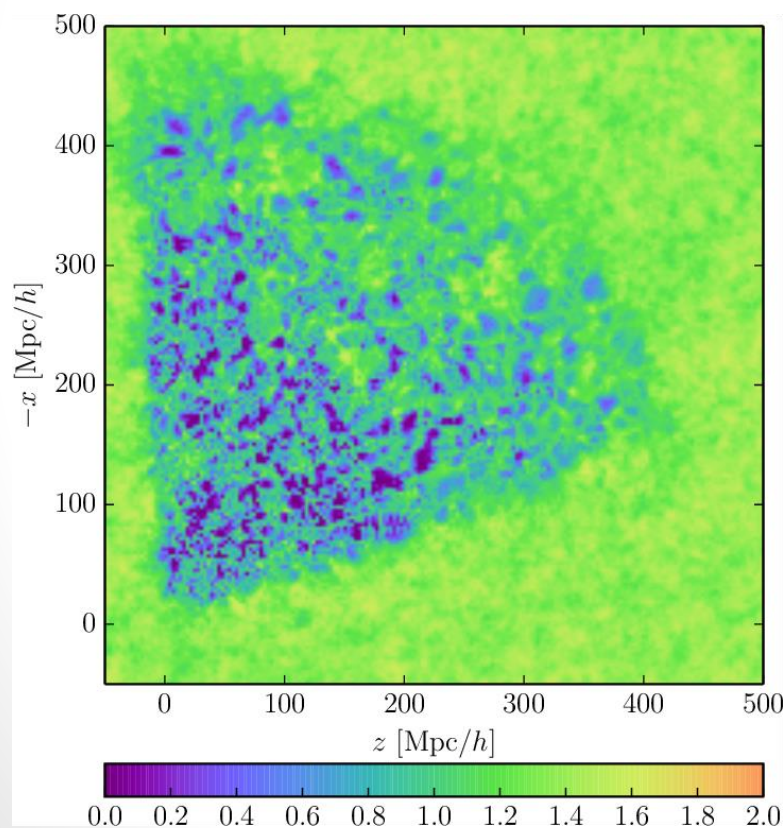


# What is the information content of these maps?

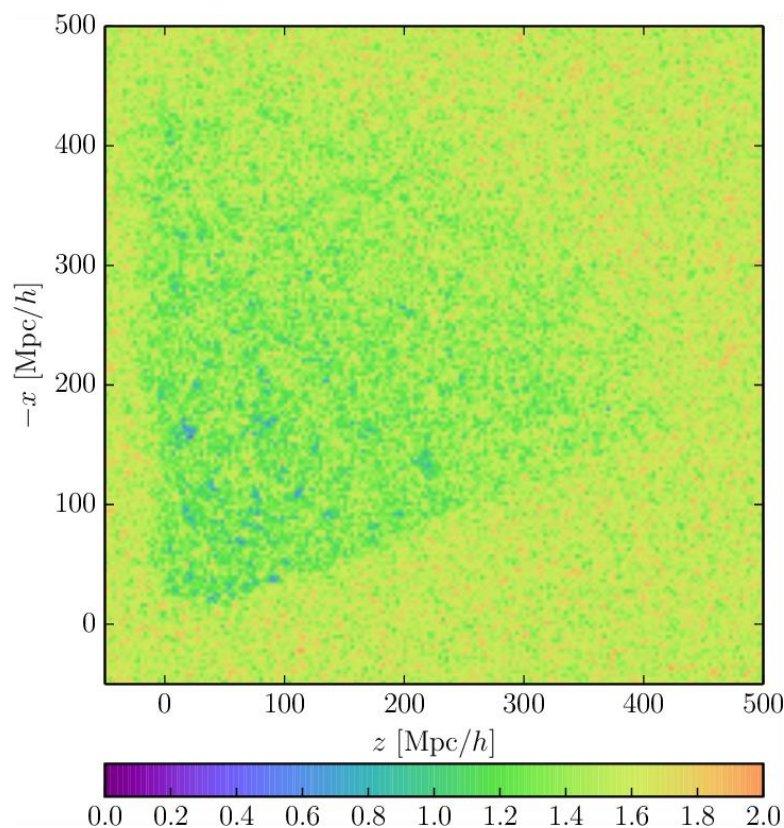
Shannon entropy

$$H[\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{T}(\vec{x}_k)|d)] \equiv - \sum_{i=0}^3 \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{T}_i(\vec{x}_k)|d) \log_2(\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{T}_i(\vec{x}_k)|d)) \quad \text{in shannons (Sh)}$$

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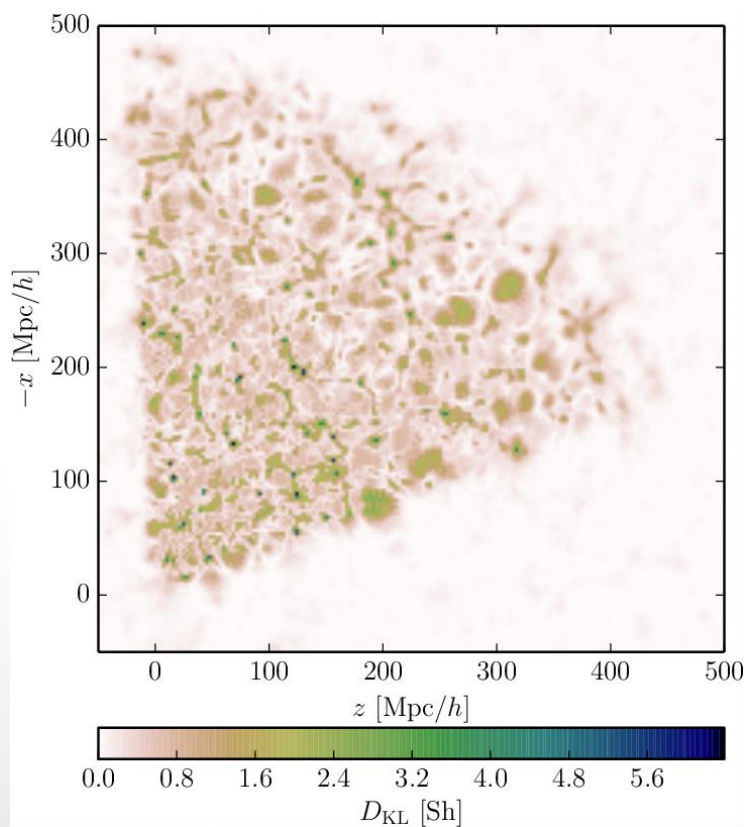
FL, Jasche & Wandelt 2015, arXiv:1502.02690

# How much did the data surprise us?

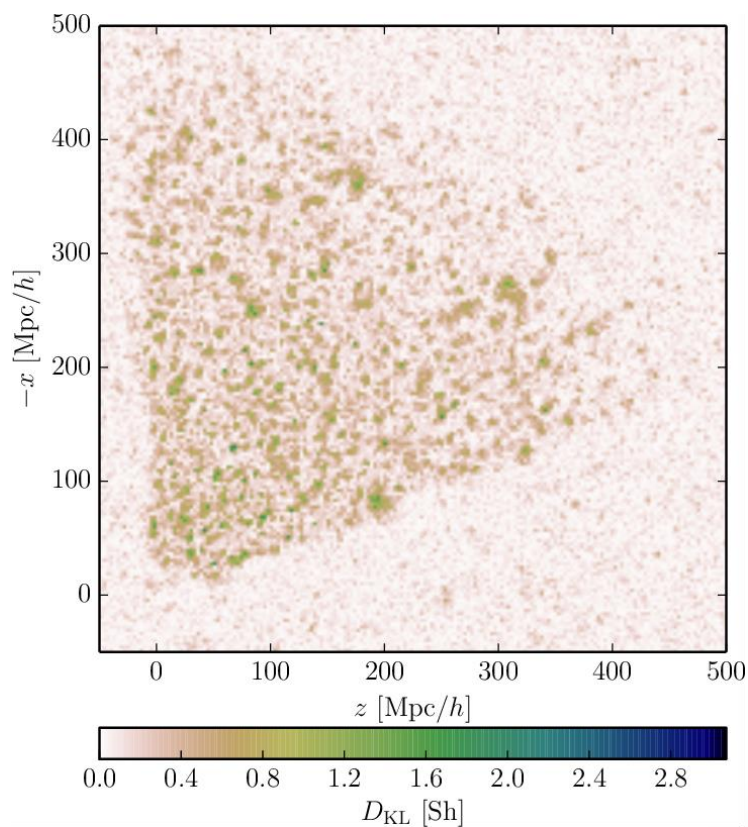
information gain a.k.a. relative entropy or Kullback-Leibler divergence posterior/prior

$$D_{\text{KL}} [\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{T}(\vec{x}_k)|d) || \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{T})] = \sum_i \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{T}_i(\vec{x}_k)|d) \log_2 \left( \frac{\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{T}_i(\vec{x}_k)|d)}{\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{T}_i)} \right) \quad \text{in Sh}$$

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# A decision rule for structure classification

- Space of “input features”:

$\{T_0 = \text{void}, T_1 = \text{sheet}, T_2 = \text{filament}, T_3 = \text{cluster}\}$

- Space of “actions”:

$\{a_0 = \text{“decide void”}, a_1 = \text{“decide sheet”}, a_2 = \text{“decide filament”}, a_3 = \text{“decide cluster”}, a_{-1} = \text{“do not decide”}\}$



A problem of **Bayesian decision theory**:

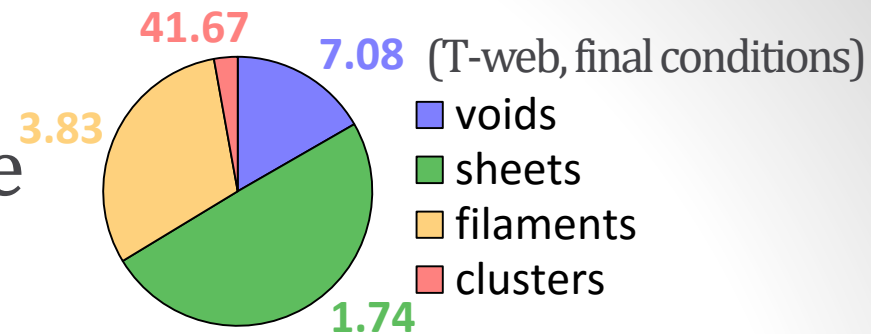
one should take the action that maximizes the utility

$$U(a_j(\vec{x}_k)|d) = \sum_{i=0}^3 G(a_j|T_i) \mathcal{P}(T_i(\vec{x}_k)|d)$$

- How to write down the gain functions?



# Gambling with the Universe



- One proposal:
 
$$G(a_j | T_i) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\mathcal{P}(T_i)} - \alpha & \text{if } j \in \llbracket 0, 3 \rrbracket \text{ and } i = j & \text{"Winning"} \\ -\alpha & \text{if } j \in \llbracket 0, 3 \rrbracket \text{ and } i \neq j & \text{"Loosing"} \\ 0 & \text{if } j = -1. & \text{"Not playing"} \end{cases}$$
- Without data, the expected utility is
 
$$U(a_j) = 1 - \alpha \quad \text{if } j \neq 1 \quad \text{"Playing the game"}$$

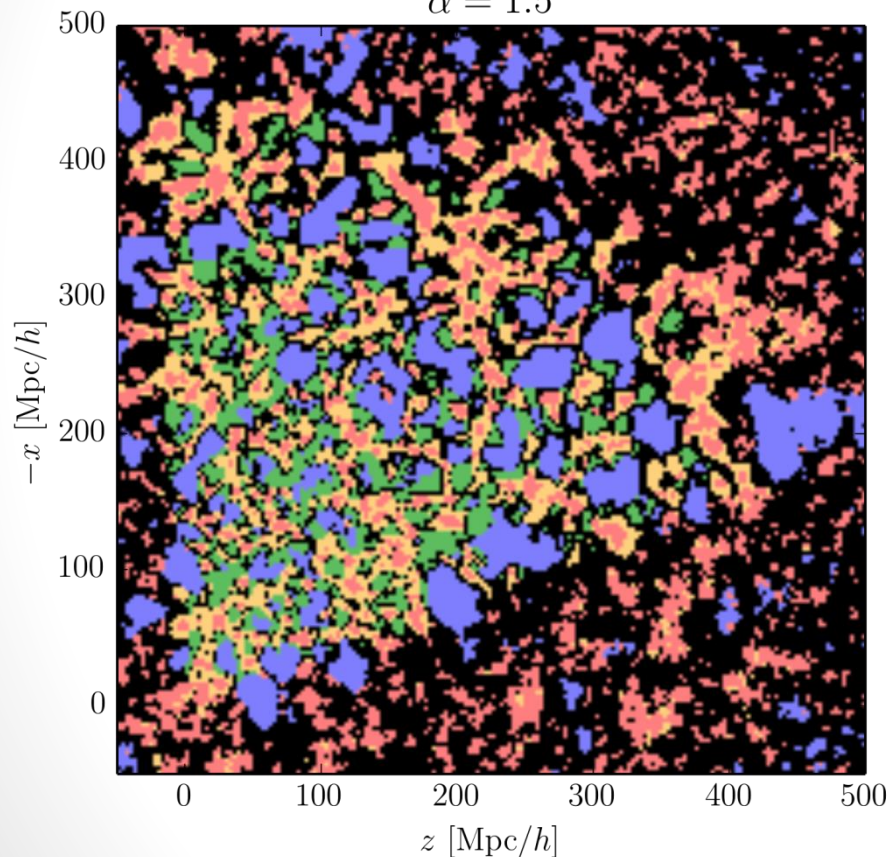
$$U(a_{-1}) = 0 \quad \text{"Not playing the game"}$$
- With  $\alpha = 1$ , it's a *fair game*  $\Rightarrow$  always play  
 $\Rightarrow$  "speculative map" of the LSS
- Values  $\alpha > 1$  represent an *aversion for risk*  
 $\Rightarrow$  increasingly "conservative maps" of the LSS

# Playing the game...



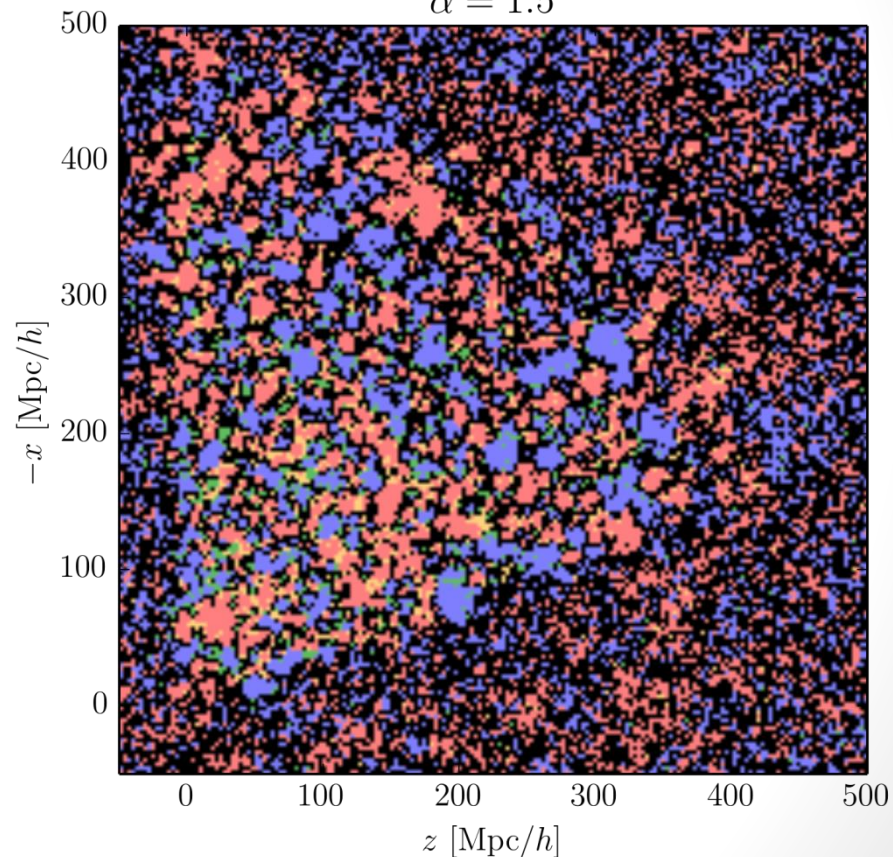
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Hahn *et al.* 2007, arXiv:astro-ph/0610280

- **DIVA**:

uses the sign of  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$ : eigenvalues of the shear of the  
Lagrangian displacement field:  $R_{\ell m}(\mathbf{q}) = \partial_m \Psi_\ell(\mathbf{q})$

Lavaux & Wandelt 2010, arXiv:0906.4101

- **ORIGAMI** :

uses the dark matter “phase-space sheet” (number of  
orthogonal axes along which there is shell-crossing)

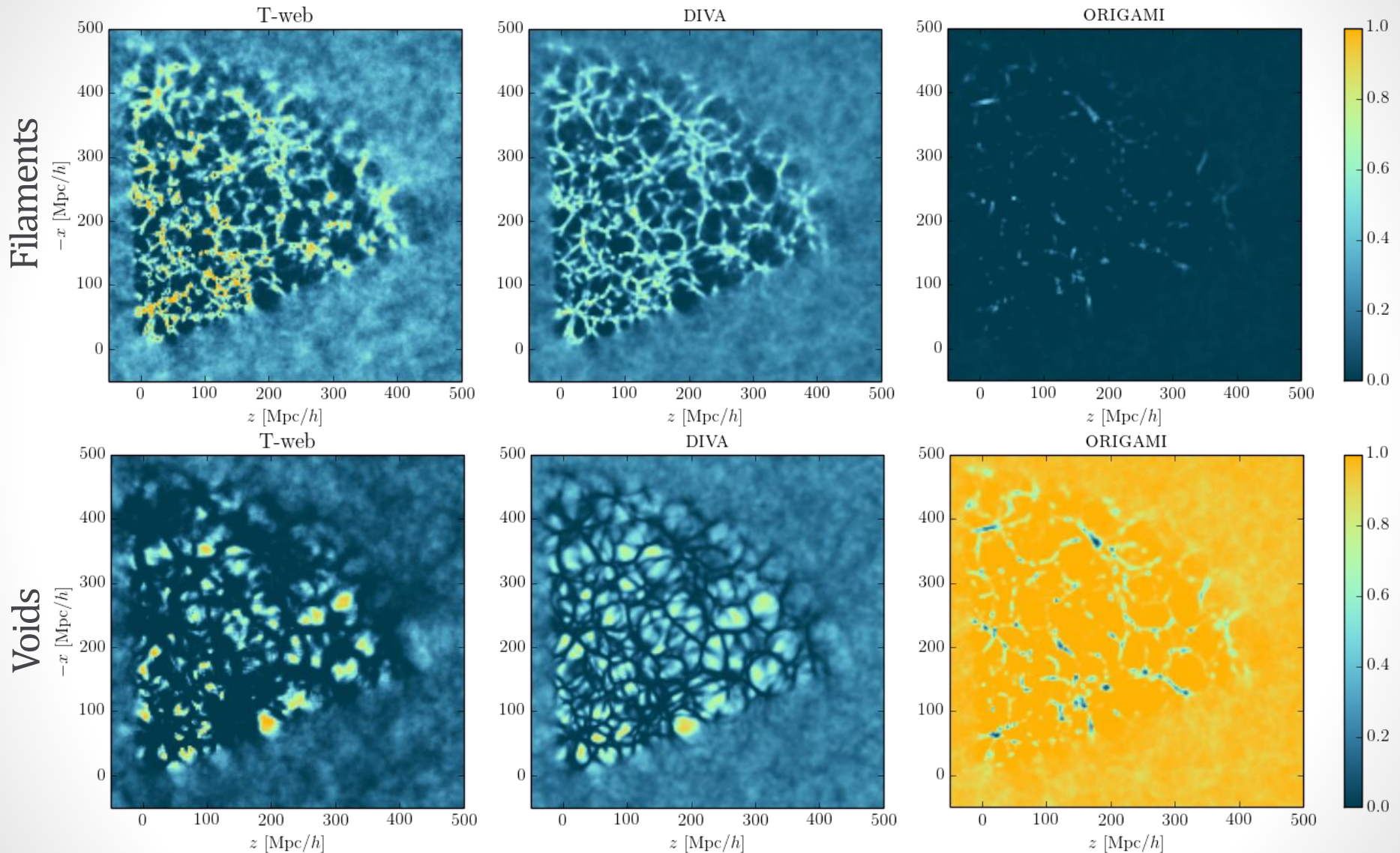
Falck, Neyrinck & Szalay 2012, arXiv:1201.2353

Lagrangian  
classifiers

now usable  
in real data!



# Comparing classifiers



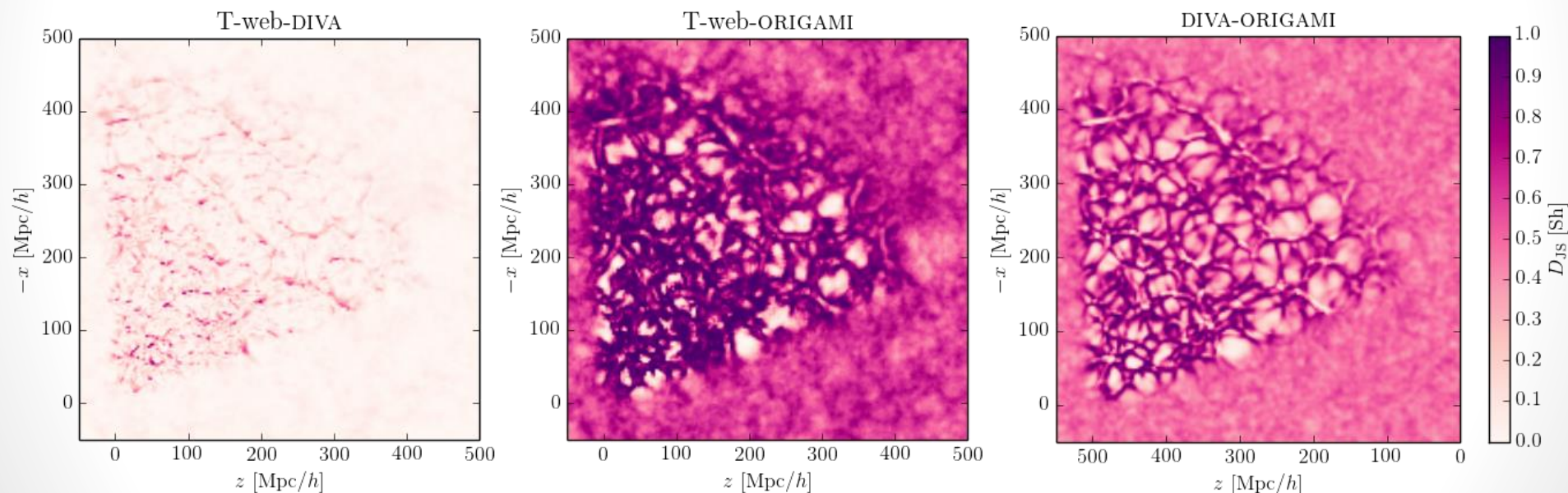
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FL, Jasche, Lavaux & Wandelt 2016, arXiv:1601.00093

# How similar are different classifications?

Jensen-Shannon divergence

$$D_{\text{JS}}[\mathcal{P} : \mathcal{Q}] \equiv \frac{1}{2} D_{\text{KL}} \left[ \mathcal{P} \parallel \frac{\mathcal{P} + \mathcal{Q}}{2} \right] + \frac{1}{2} D_{\text{KL}} \left[ \mathcal{Q} \parallel \frac{\mathcal{P} + \mathcal{Q}}{2} \right]$$



(more about the Jensen-Shannon divergence later)

# Which is the best classifier?

- Can we extend the decision problem to the space of classifiers?
- As before, the idea is to maximize a utility function

$$U(\xi) = \langle U(d, T, \xi) \rangle_{\mathcal{P}(d, T | \xi)}$$

- An important notion: the **mutual information** between two random variables

$$\begin{aligned} I[X : Y] &\equiv D_{\text{KL}}[\mathcal{P}(x, y) || \mathcal{P}(x)\mathcal{P}(y)] \\ &= \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}, y \in \mathcal{Y}} \mathcal{P}(x, y) \log_2 \left( \frac{\mathcal{P}(x, y)}{\mathcal{P}(x)\mathcal{P}(y)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

- Property:  $I[X : Y] = \langle D_{\text{KL}}[\mathcal{P}(x|y) || \mathcal{P}(x)] \rangle_{\mathcal{P}(Y)}$

Mutual information is the expectation of the Kullback-Leibler divergence of the conditional from the unconditional distribution.



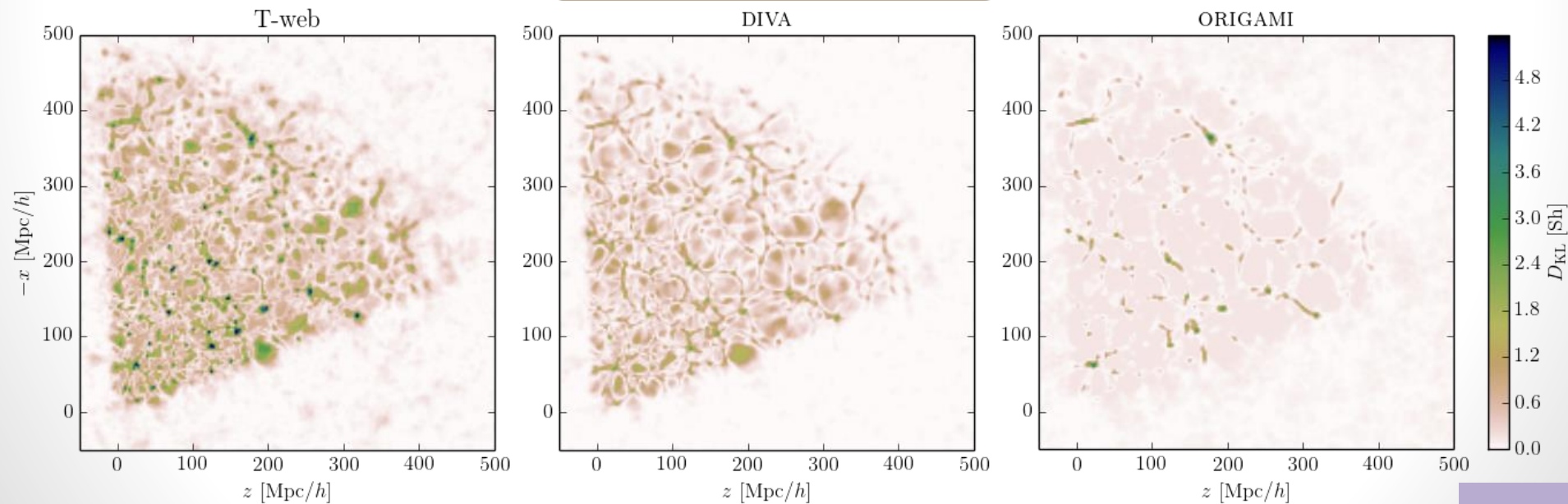
# 1. Utility for parameter inference: cosmic web analysis

- In analogy with the formalism of **Bayesian experimental design**: maximize the **expected information gain** for cosmic web maps

$$U_1(d, \xi)(\vec{x}_k) = D_{\text{KL}} [\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{T}(\vec{x}_k)|d, \xi) || \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{T}|\xi)]$$

$$U_1(\xi) = I[\mathbf{T}:d|\xi]$$

classification data



## 2. Utility for model selection: dark energy equation of state

- For example, consider three dark energy models with  
 $w = -0.9, w = -1, w = -1.1$
- The **Jensen-Shannon divergence** between posterior predictive distributions can be used as an approximate **predictor for the change in the Bayes factor**

Vanlier *et al.* 2014, BMC Syst Biol 8, 20 (2014)

- In analogy:  $U_2(d, \xi)(\vec{x}_k) = D_{\text{JS}} [\mathcal{P}(\text{T}(\vec{x}_k)|d, \mathcal{M}_1) : \mathcal{P}(\text{T}(\vec{x}_k)|d, \mathcal{M}_2) | \xi]$

$$U_2(\xi) = I[\mathcal{M} : \mathcal{R}(d) | \xi]$$

model classifier      mixture distribution

$$\mathcal{R}(d) \equiv \frac{\mathcal{P}(\text{T}(\vec{x}_k)|d, \mathcal{M}_1) + \mathcal{P}(\text{T}(\vec{x}_k)|d, \mathcal{M}_2)}{2}$$

### 3. Utility for prediction of new data: galaxy colors

- Maximize the **expected information gain** for some new quantity

$$U_3(d, T, \xi) = D_{\text{KL}} [\mathcal{P}(c|d, T, \xi) || \mathcal{P}(c|\xi)]$$

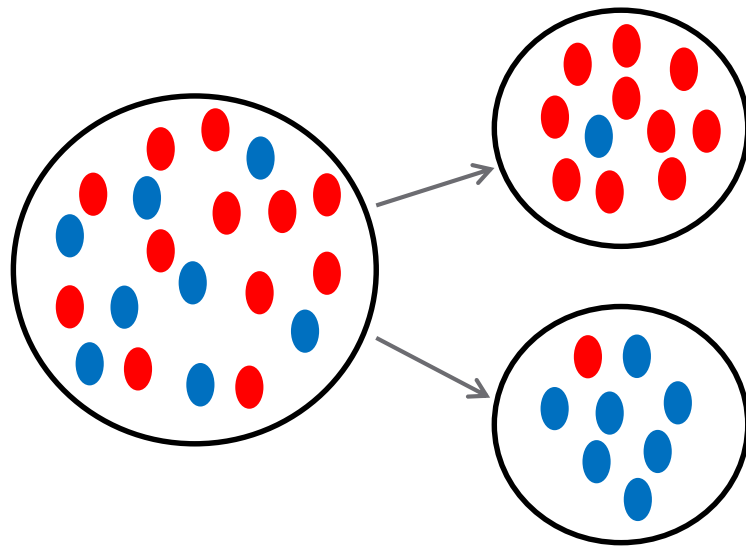
$$U_3(\xi) = I[c: T | \xi]$$

predicted data      classification



### 3. Utility for prediction of new data: galaxy colors

- How to compute the information gain?



child1 entropy:

$$H = -\frac{10}{11} \log_2 \left( \frac{10}{11} \right) - \frac{1}{11} \log_2 \left( \frac{1}{11} \right) = 0.4395$$

child2 entropy:

$$H = -\frac{8}{9} \log_2 \left( \frac{8}{9} \right) - \frac{1}{9} \log_2 \left( \frac{1}{9} \right) = 0.5033$$

parent entropy:

$$H = -\frac{8}{20} \log_2 \left( \frac{8}{20} \right) - \frac{12}{20} \log_2 \left( \frac{12}{20} \right) = 0.9709$$

weighted average entropy of children:

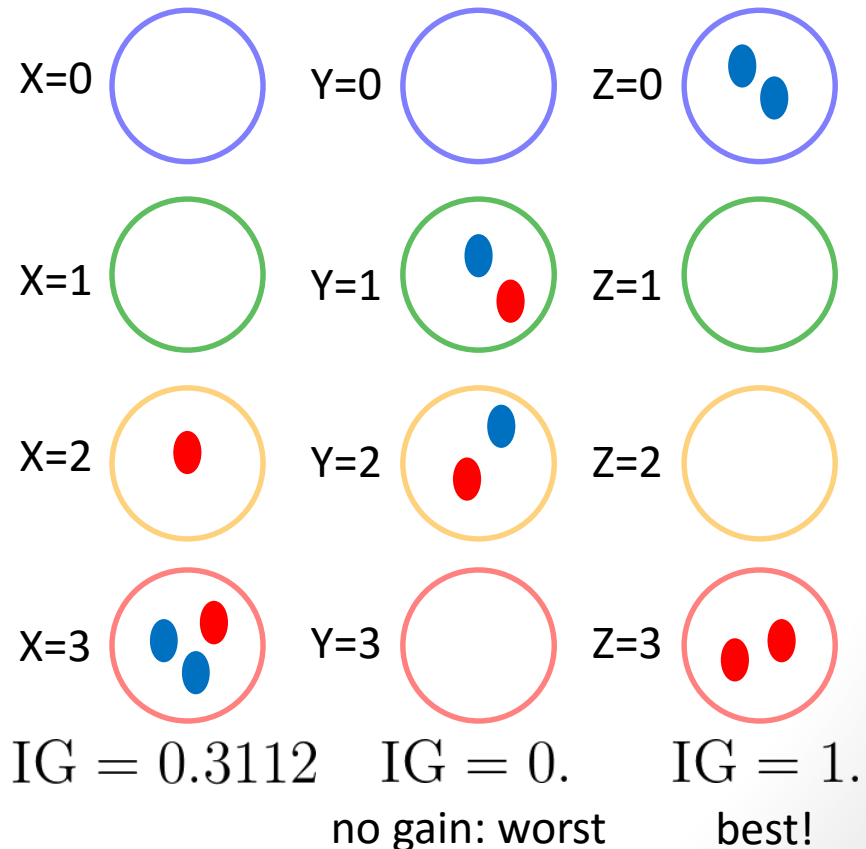
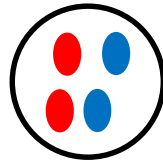
$$\frac{11}{20} \times 0.4395 + \frac{9}{20} \times 0.5033 = 0.4682$$

$$\text{information gain for this split: } 0.9709 - 0.4682 = 0.5027 \text{ Sh}$$

### 3. Utility for prediction of new data: galaxy colors

- A **supervised machine learning** problem!
  - 3 **features** = classifications (T-web, DIVA, ORIGAMI) with
  - 4 **possible values** (void, sheet, filament, cluster)
  - 2 **classes** (red, blue)

| X | Y | Z | C  |
|---|---|---|----|
| 3 | 2 | 3 | I  |
| 3 | 1 | 3 | I  |
| 2 | 2 | 0 | II |
| 3 | 1 | 0 | II |



# Conclusions

- Thanks to **BORG**, the **cosmic web** can be described using various classifiers
- Probabilistic analysis of the cosmic web yields a data-supported **connection between cosmology and information theory**
- **Decision theory** offers a framework to classify structures in the presence of uncertainty  
FL, Jasche & Wandelt 2015, arXiv:1503.00730
- It is now possible to **use Lagrangian classifiers with real data!**  
FL, Jasche, Lavaux & Wandelt 2016, arXiv:1601.00093
- The decision problem can be extended to the **space of classifiers**, with utility functions depending on the desired use  
(Some numerical results for classifier utilities in the upcoming paper)  
FL, Lavaux, Jasche & Wandelt, in prep.