



The Invisible Scaffolding of Space

We can't see dark matter, but its gravity sculpts what we do see from our vantage point inside the Milky Way galaxy. This supercomputer simulation, which looks at our cosmic neighborhood from the outside, is a realistic, data-driven reconstruction of the web of dark matter that guided galaxies to their present positions. Where huge dark tendrils cross, bright galaxies cluster; the Virgo cluster alone includes thousands.

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