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Filaments

from the large-scale structure to the CGM

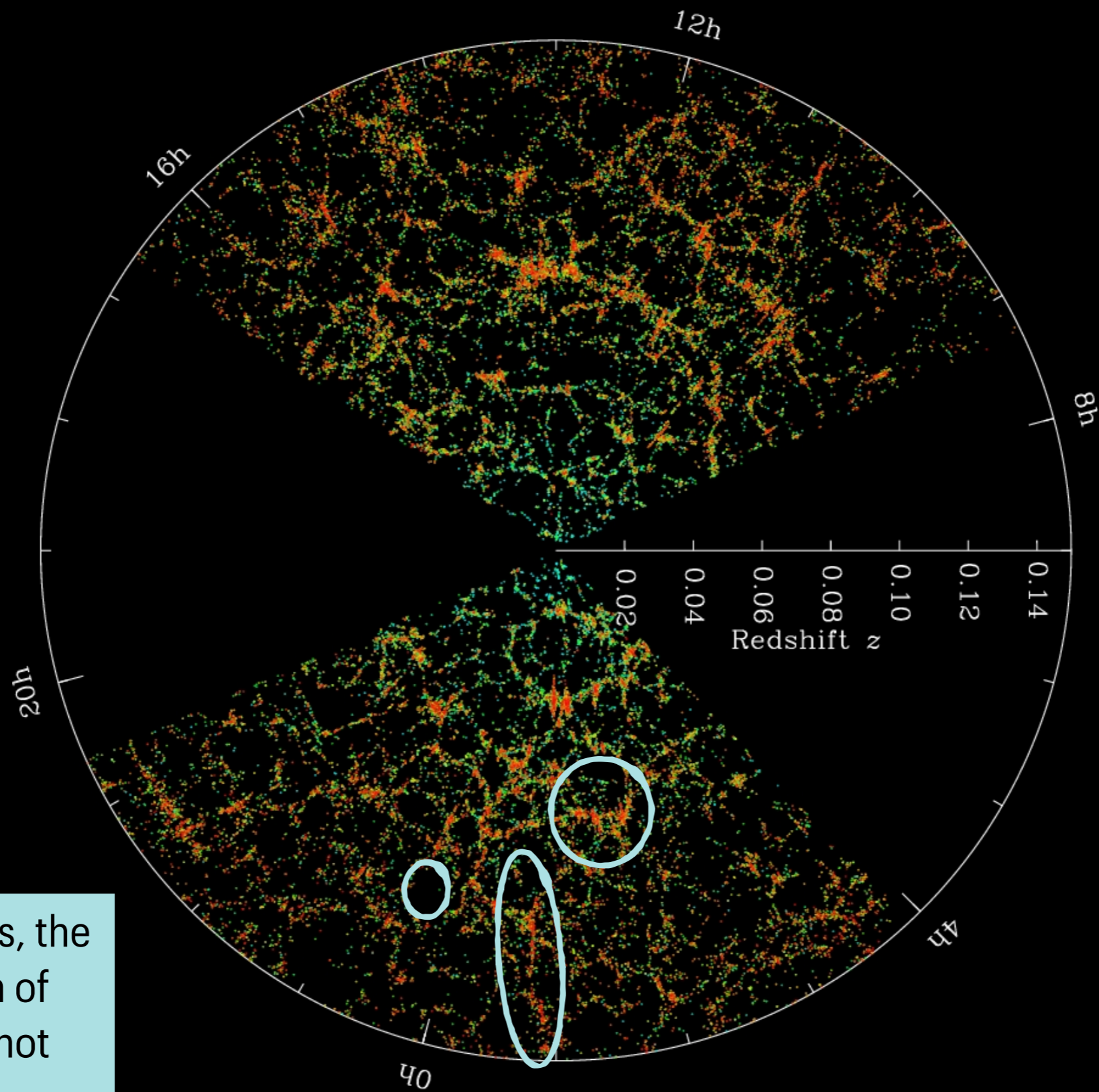
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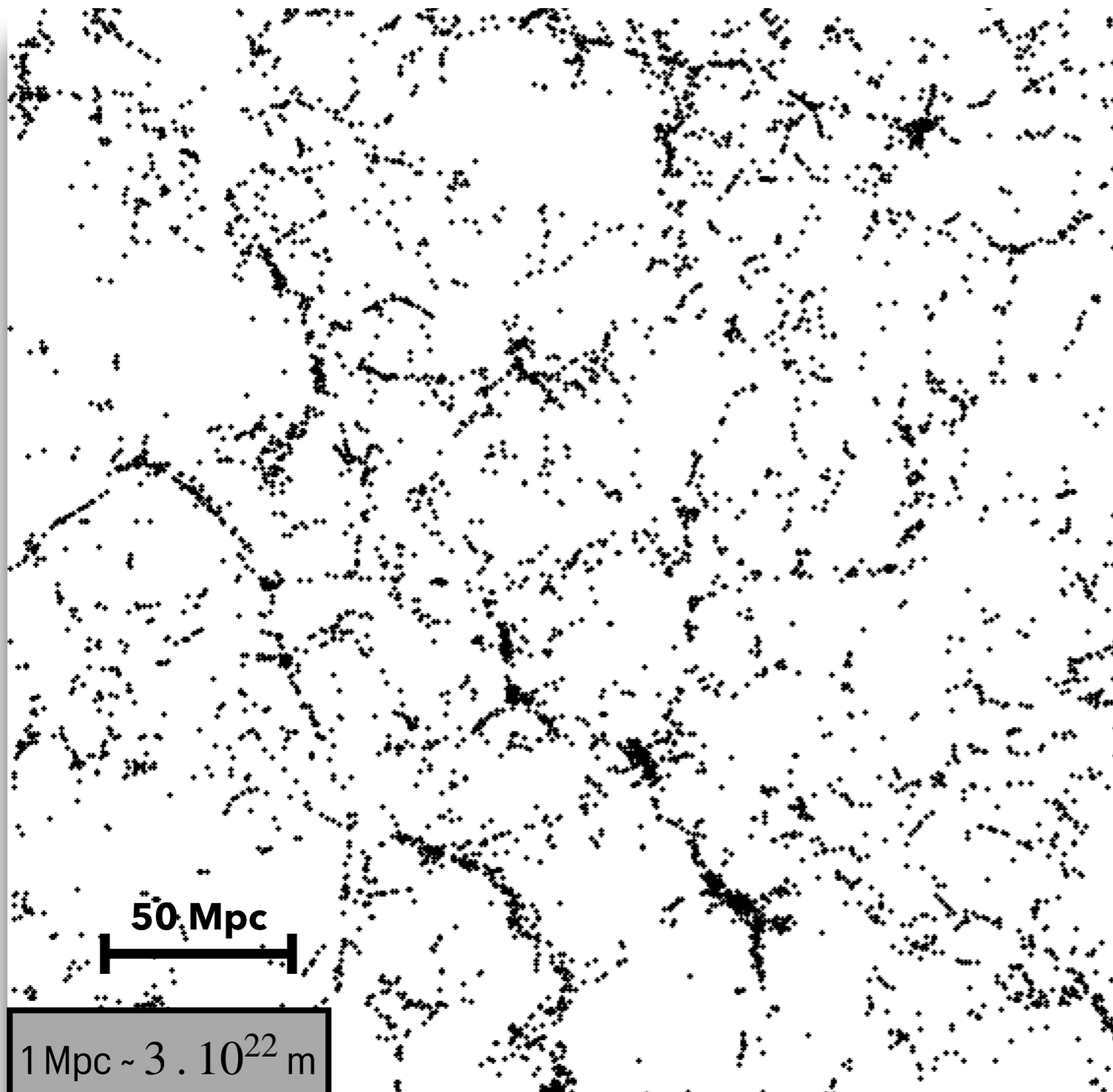


At large scales, the distribution of galaxies is not uniform

Credit: M. Blanton and the Sloan Digital Sky Survey.

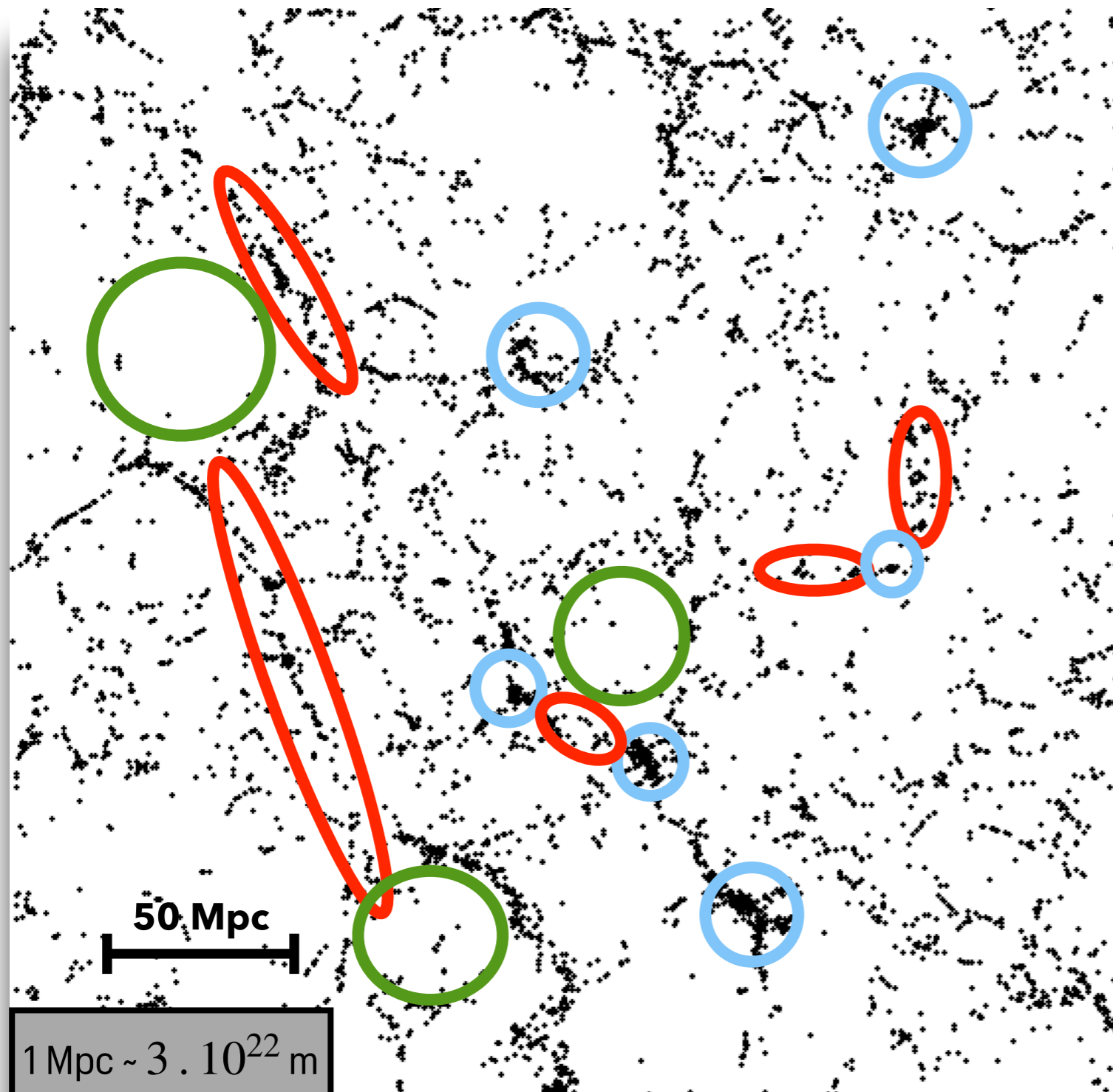
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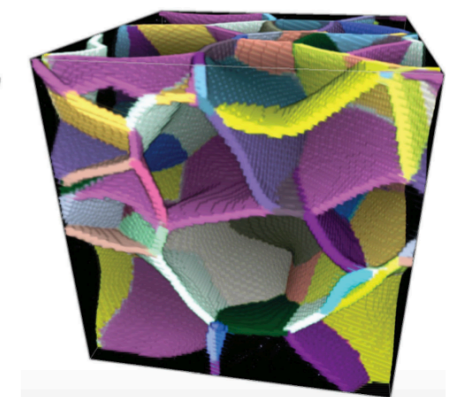


Voids

Walls

Filaments

Nodes



Sousbie 2011

THE COMPONENTS OF THE COSMIC WEB

According to the Λ -CDM model:

Dark Matter

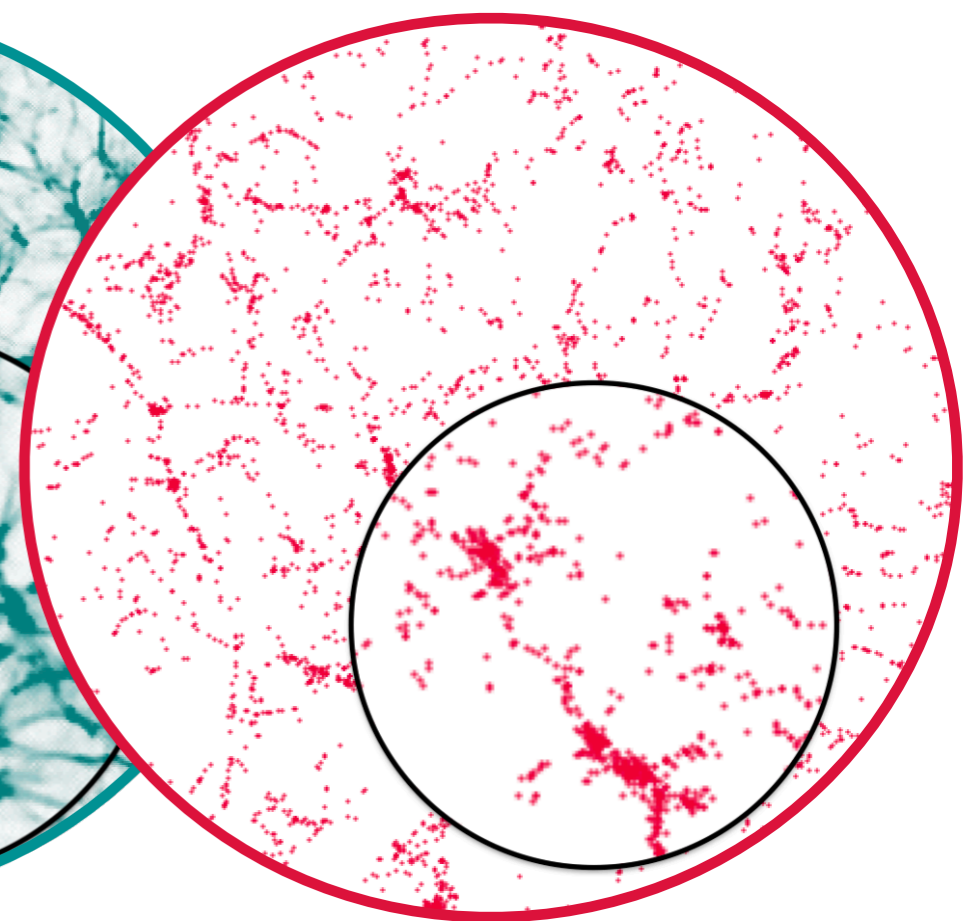
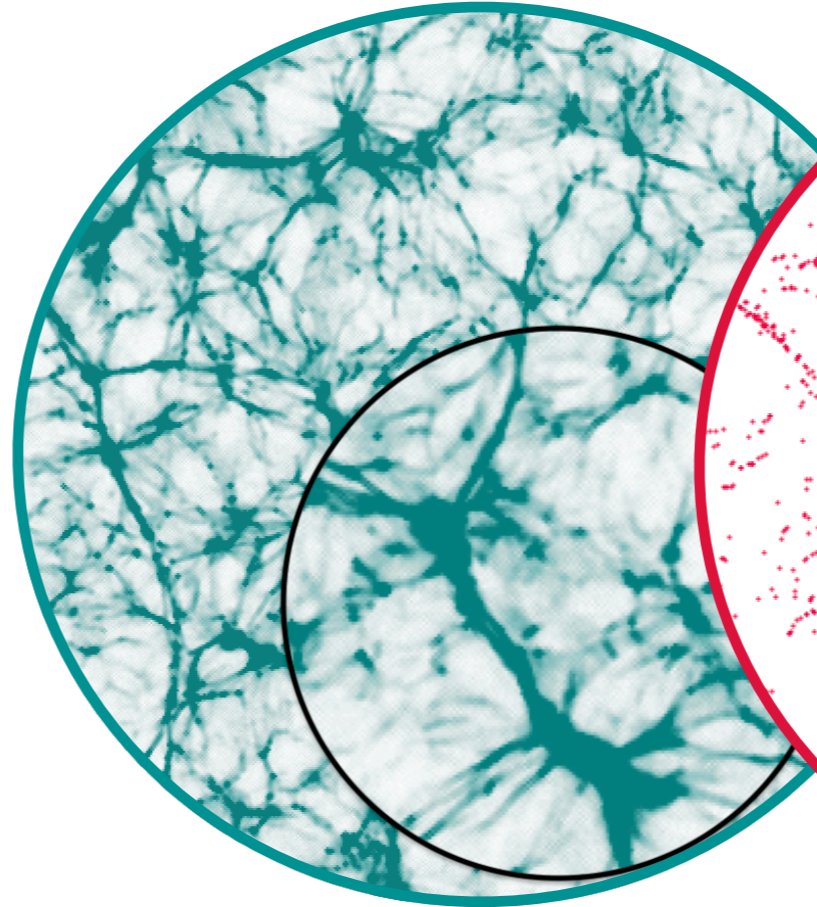
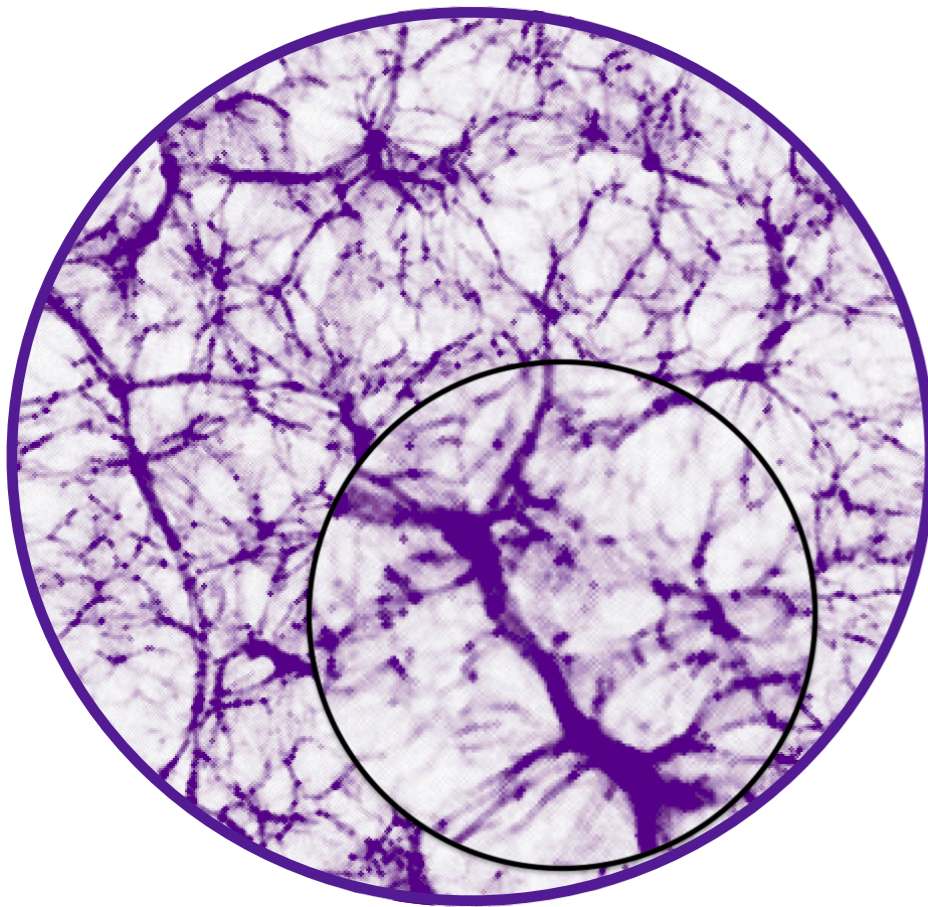
Forms the cosmic skeleton

Baryons

Follow the DM skeleton

Gas

Galaxies



Biased tracers of the matter distribution

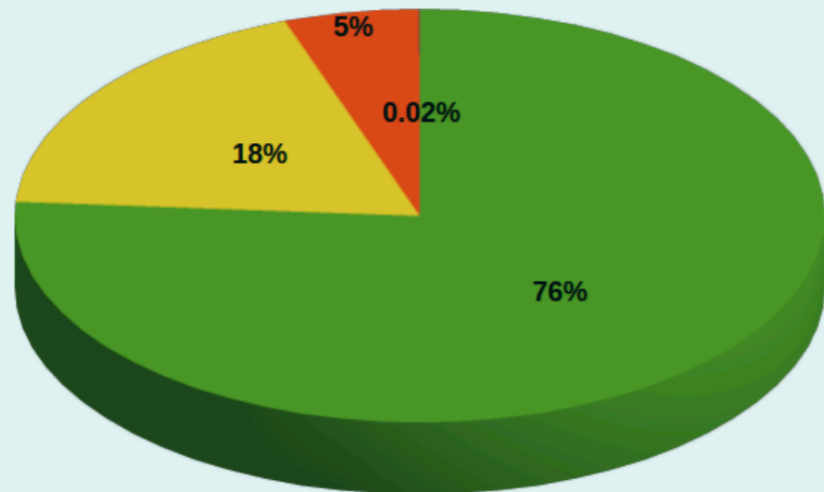
Data from TNG300-1 simulation

MATTER IN THE COSMIC WEB

Studies in numerical simulations:

At $z=0$:

Volume fraction



Ganeshiah Veena+ 2019

Filaments occupy **only 5%** of the total cosmic volume

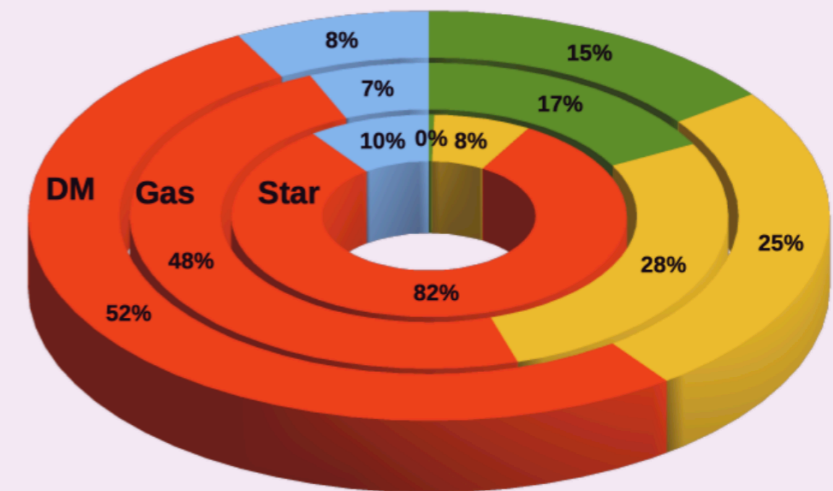
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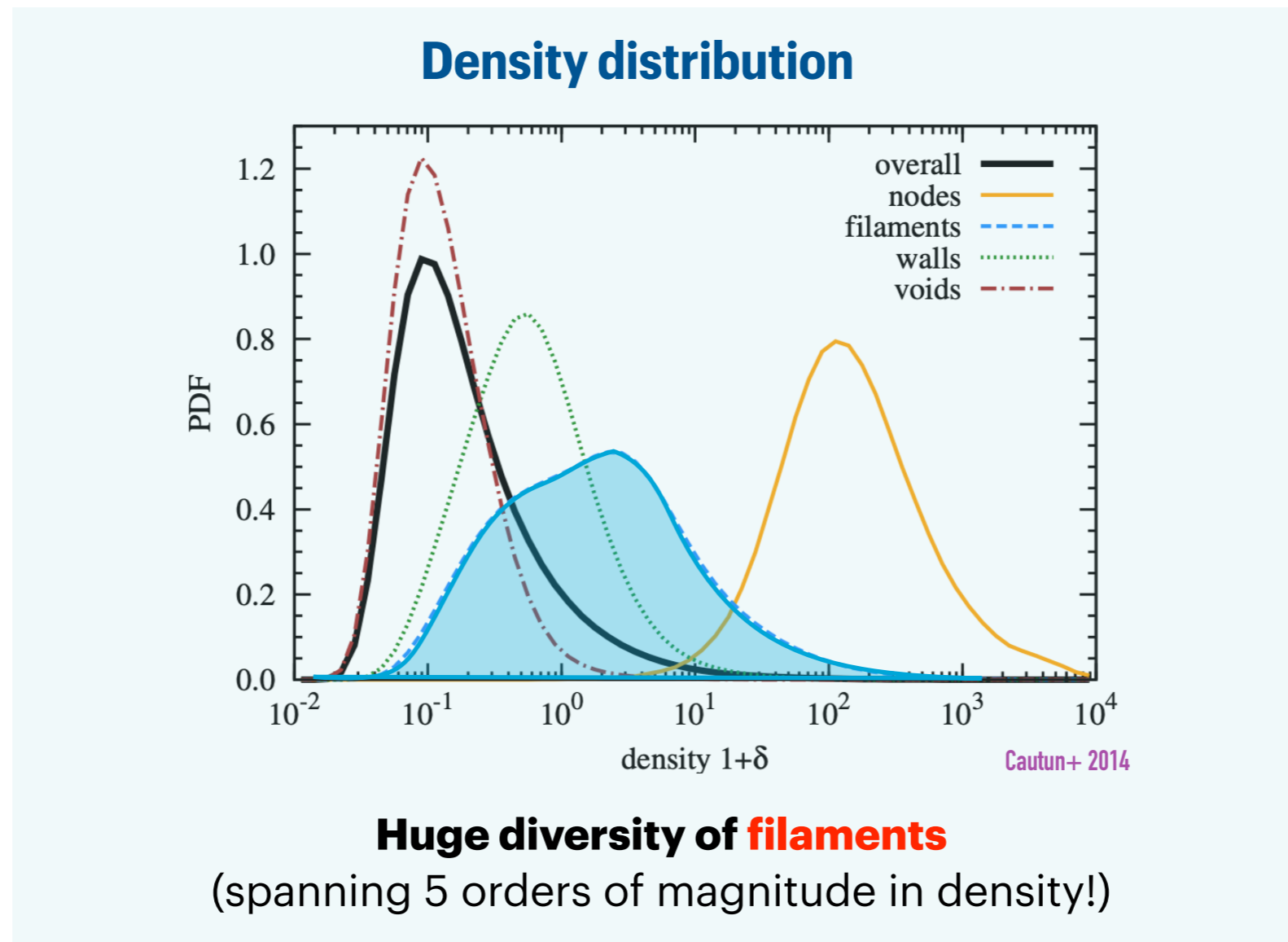
~ **50% of the mass** of the Universe is today contained in cosmic **filaments**

The study of matter at the largest scales is inevitably tied to that of **filaments**

MATTER IN THE COSMIC WEB

Studies in numerical simulations:

At $z=0$:



- ➔ **Are all filaments the same type of structure?**
- ➔ **What are the imprints on the properties of matter? (e.g. gas observables)**

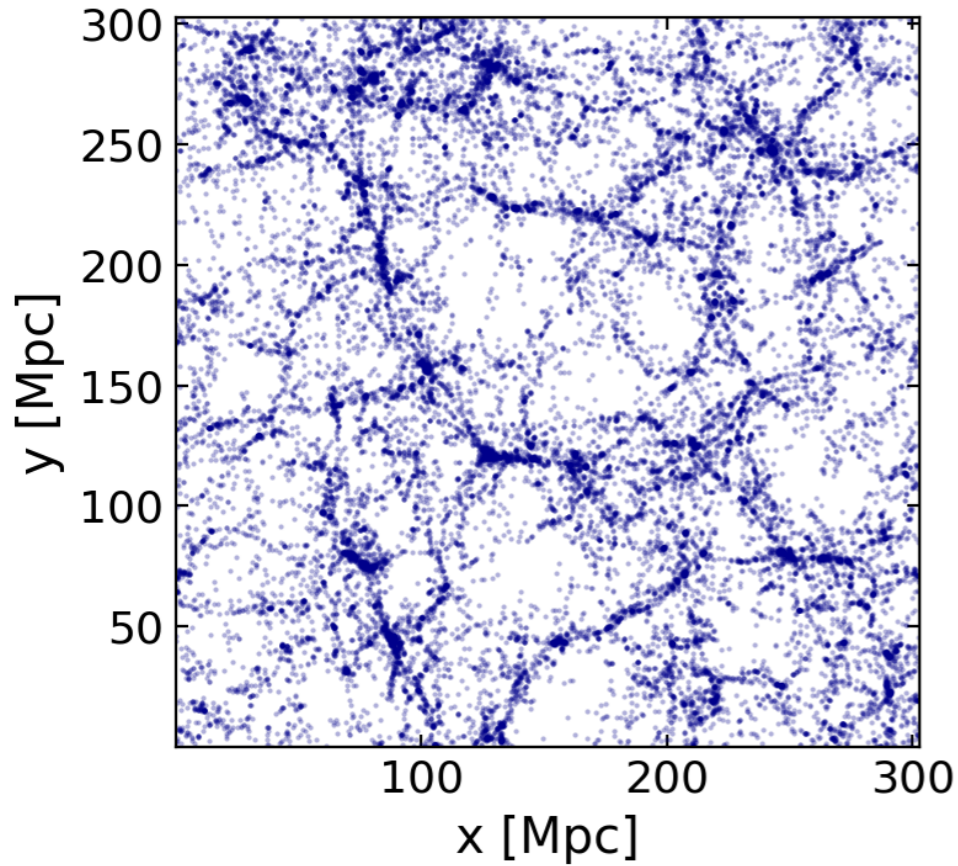
A visualization of the cosmic filament network, showing a complex web of interconnected filaments and nodes. The filaments are represented by dark red lines, and the nodes are represented by small red dots. The background is a dark blue-grey color with a subtle grid pattern.

PART I

Large-scale structure &
cosmic filaments

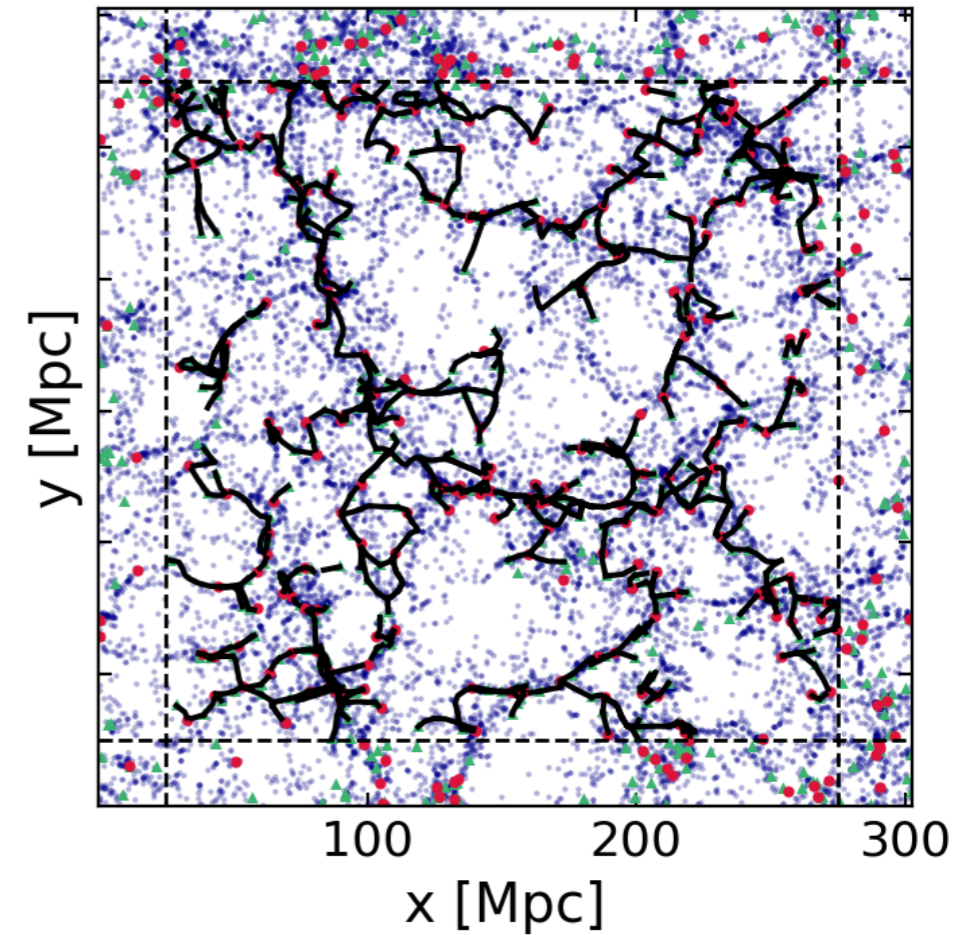
DETECTING COSMIC FILAMENTS

TNG300-1



Filament finder code
DisPerSE

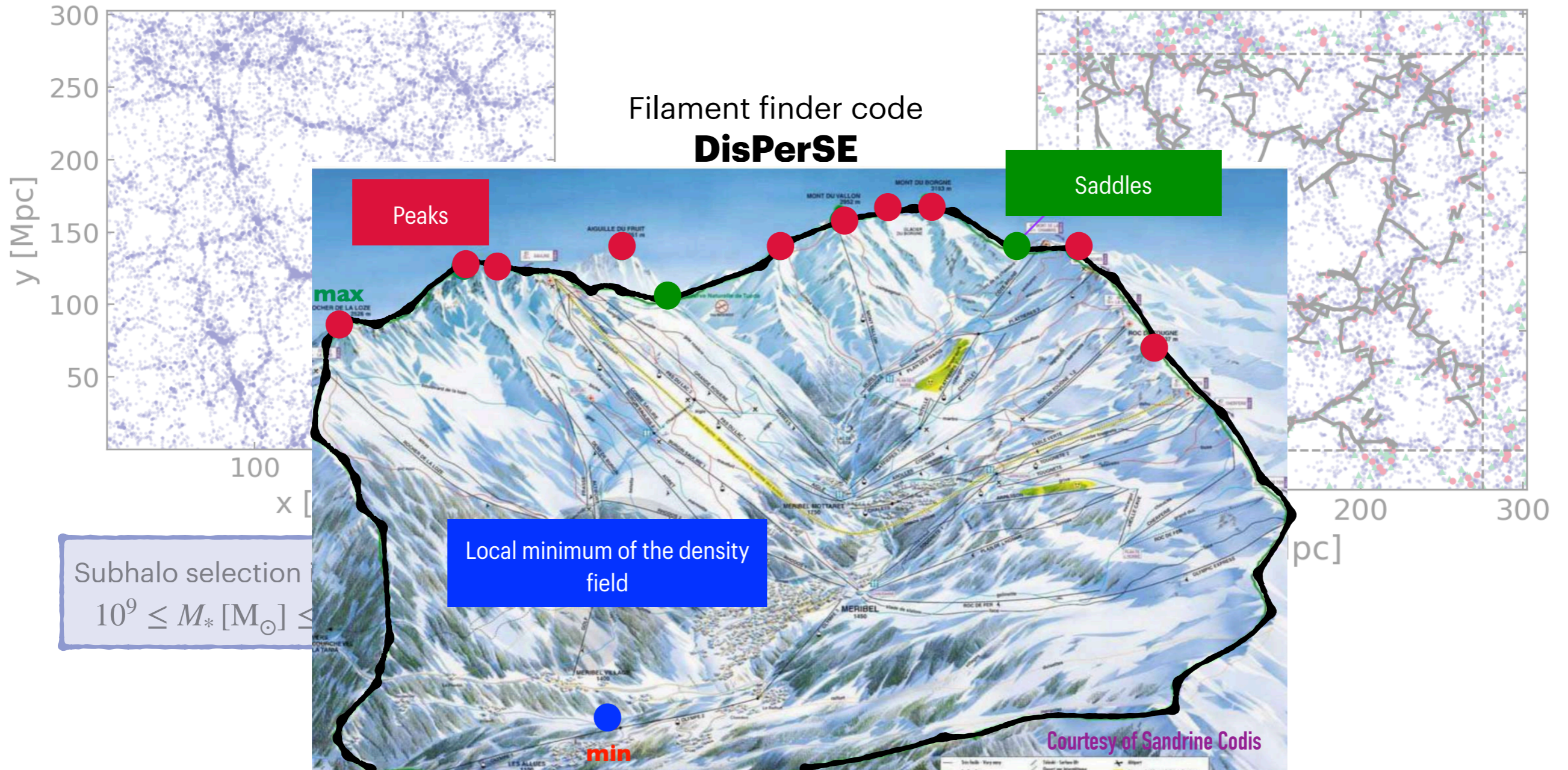
(Sousbie+ 2011, Sousbie 2011)



Subhalo selection in mass
 $10^9 \leq M_* [M_\odot] \leq 10^{12}$

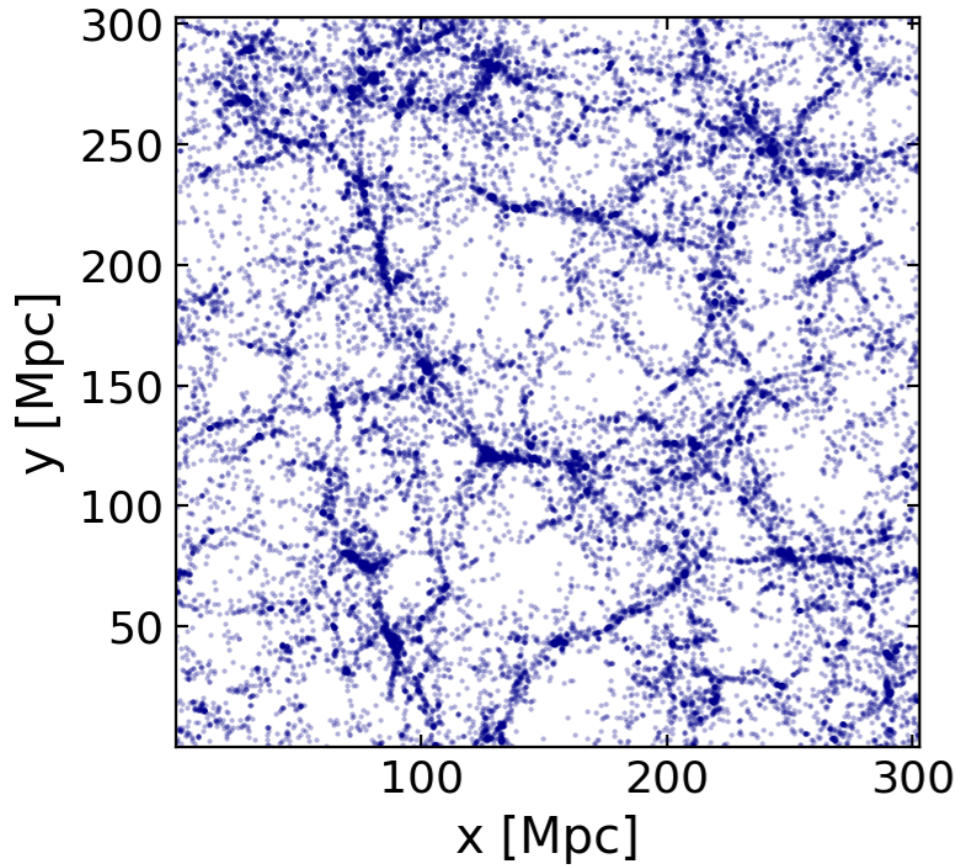
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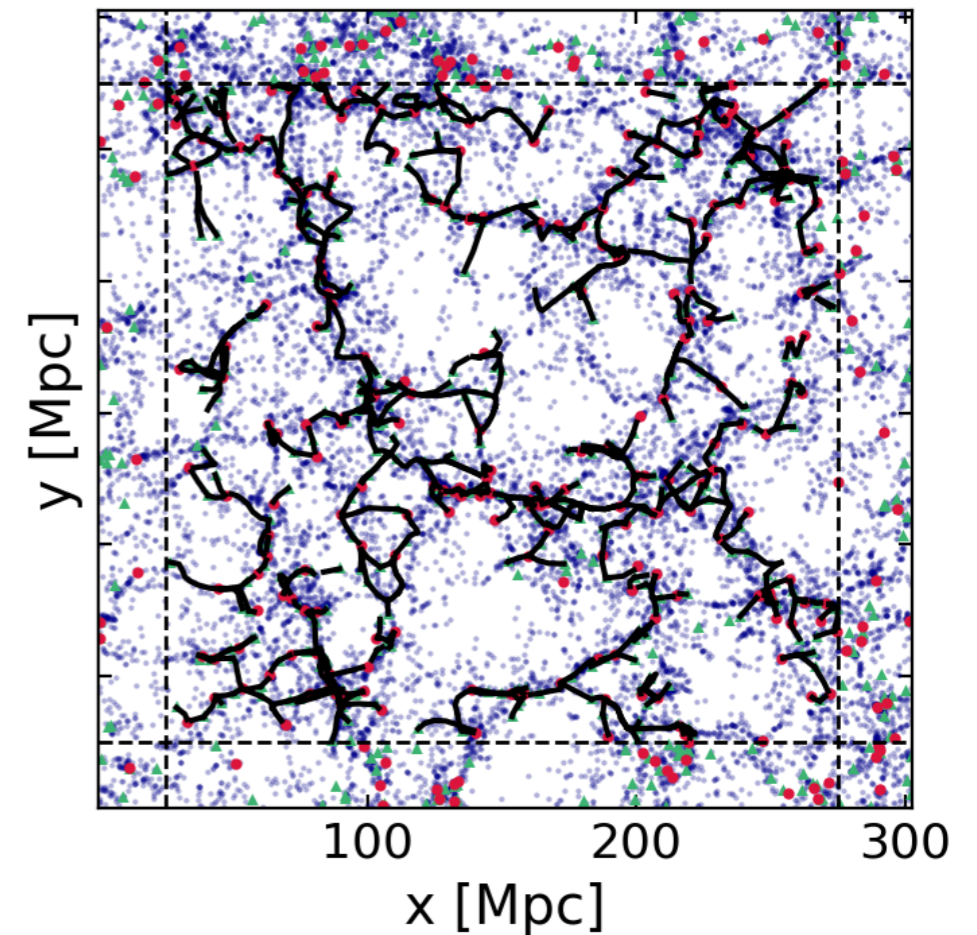
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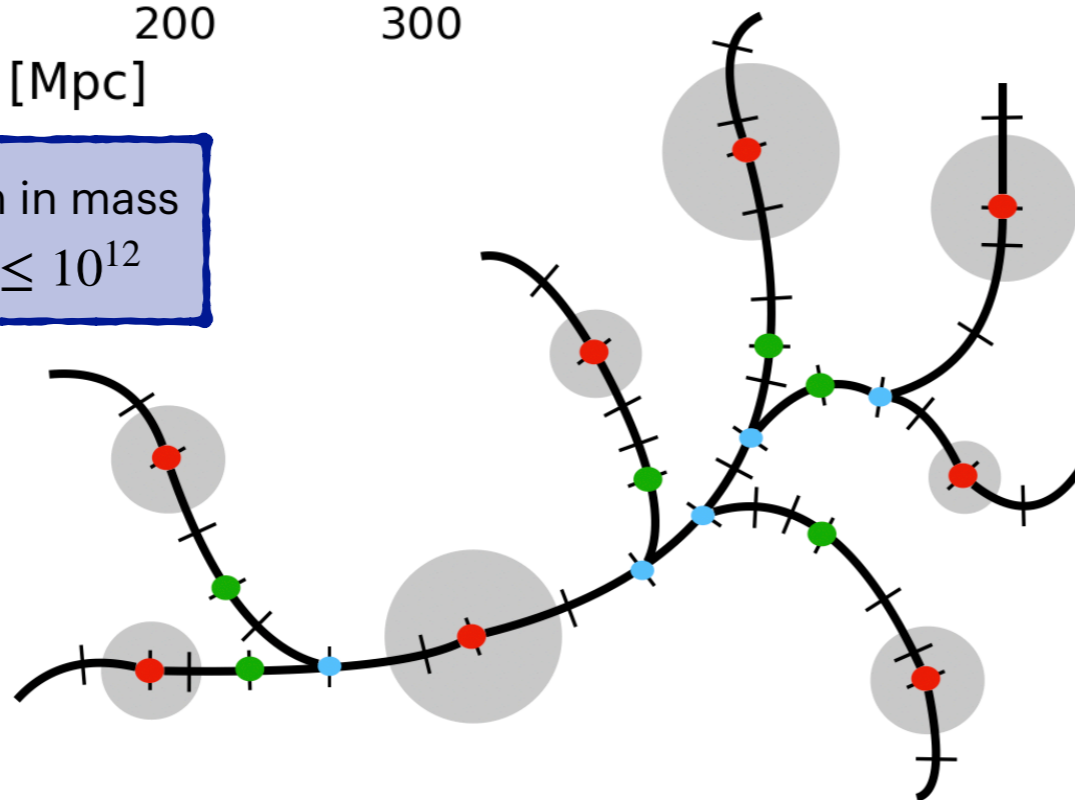


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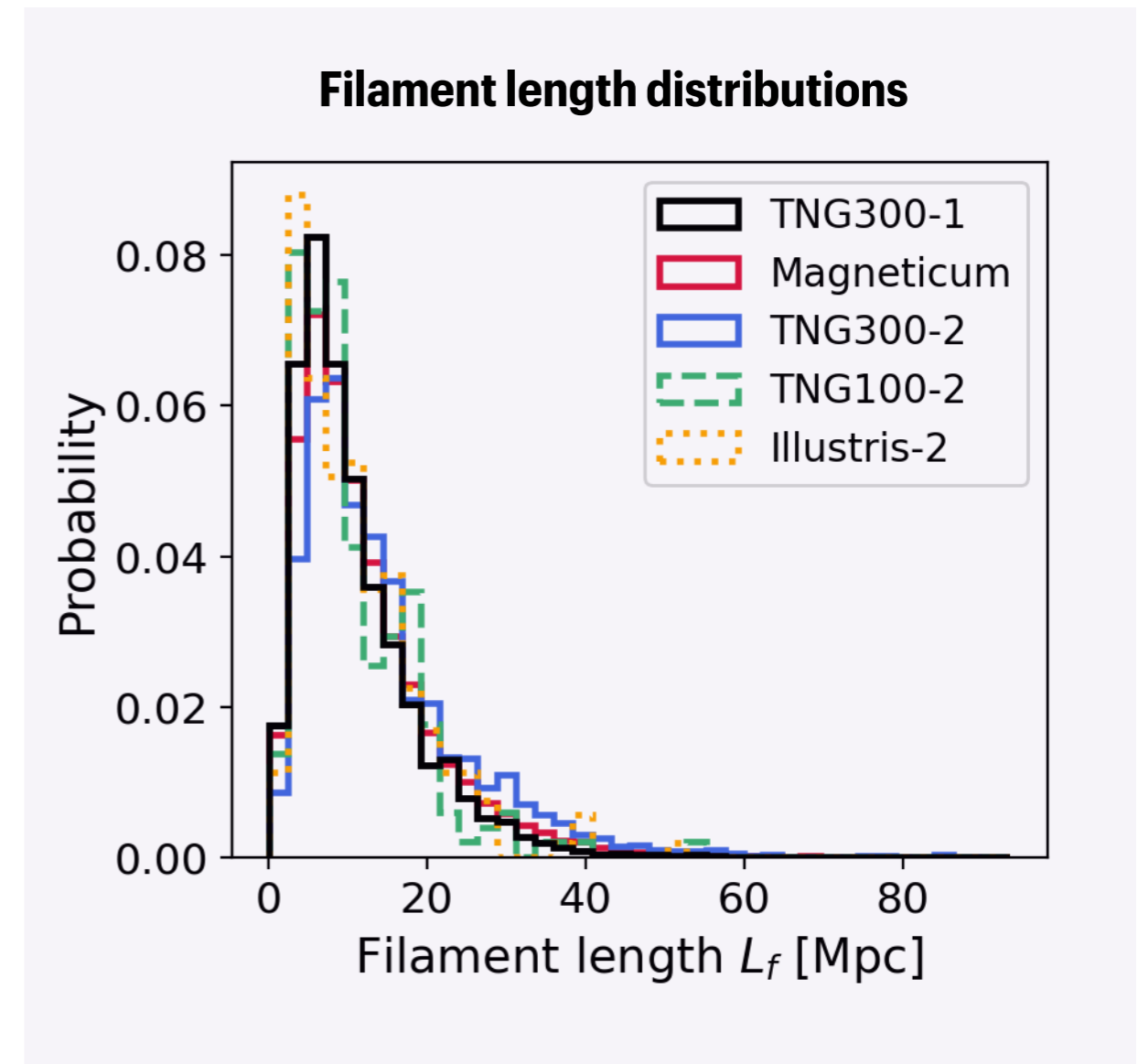
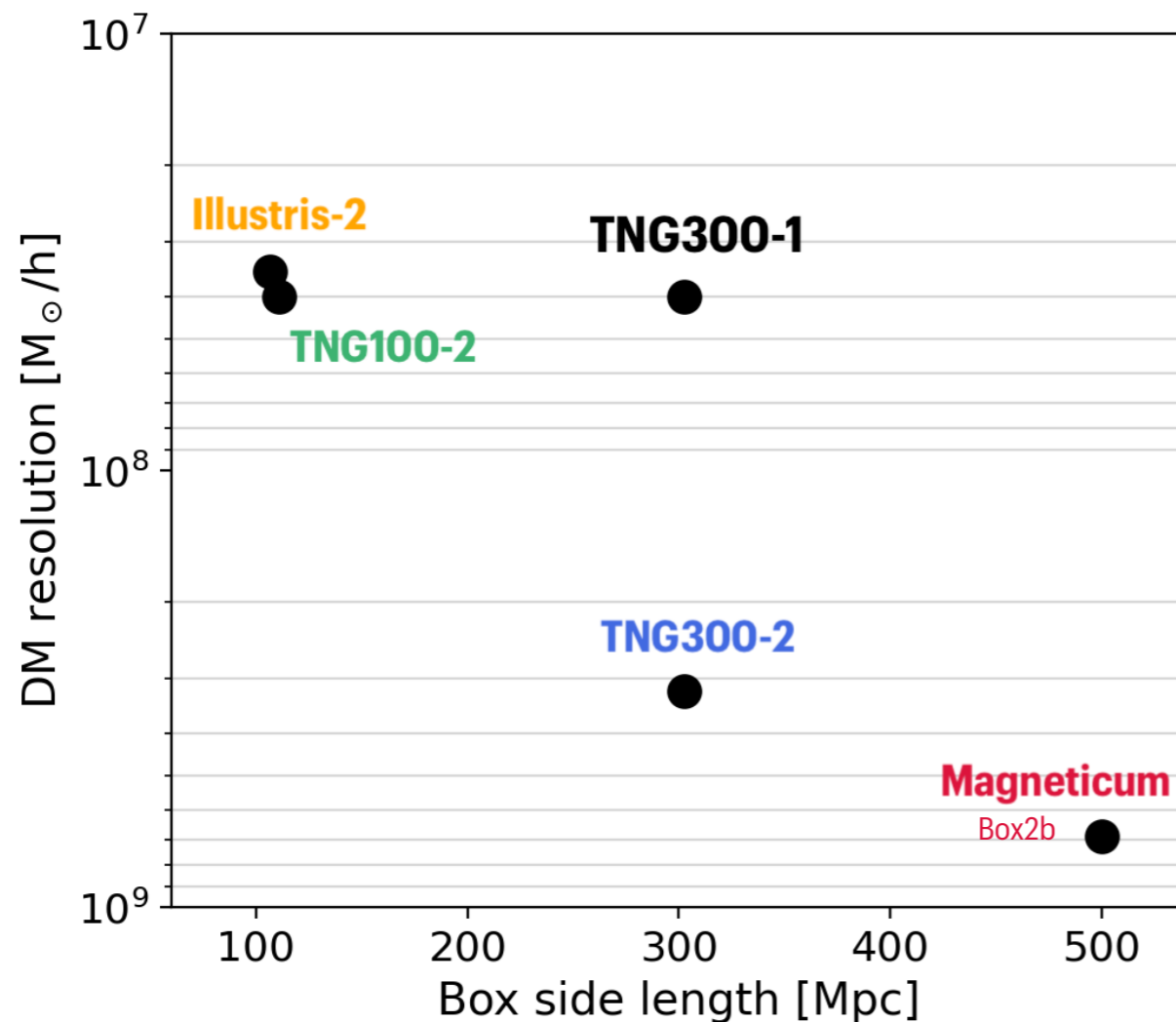


Filaments = sets of segments connecting **maximum density** critical points (CPmax) to **saddles**

Filament catalogues

Analysis of five different publicly available simulations at $z=0$:

- **TNG300-1** Nelson+ 2019, Pillepich+ 2019
- TNG300-2
- TNG100-2
- Illustris-2 Genel+2014, Vogelsberger+ 2014b, Sijacki+ 2015
- Magneticum (Box2b) Hirschmann+ 2014, Dolag+ 2015, Ragagnin+ 2017



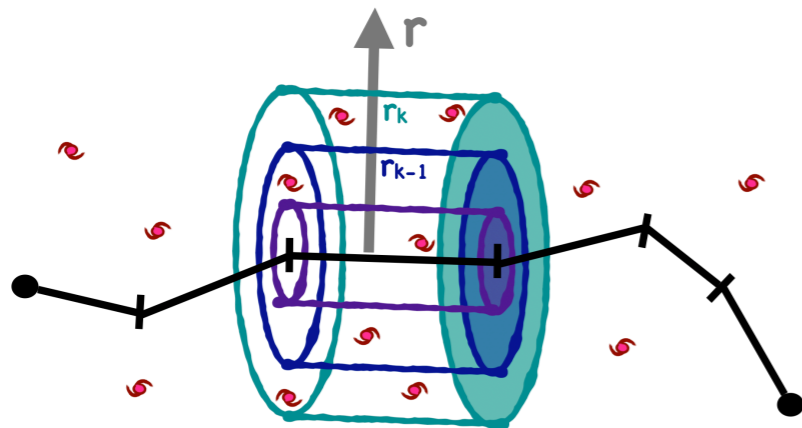
Galarraga-Espinosa+ 2020

Galaxy distribution around filaments

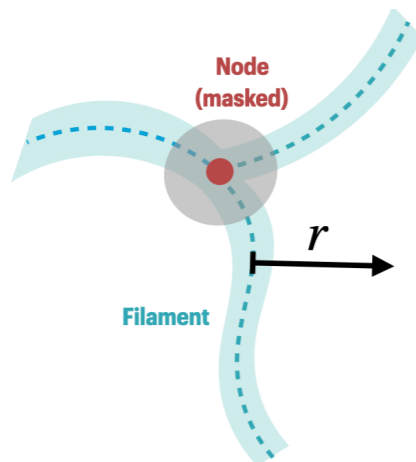
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Method:

Number density of galaxies



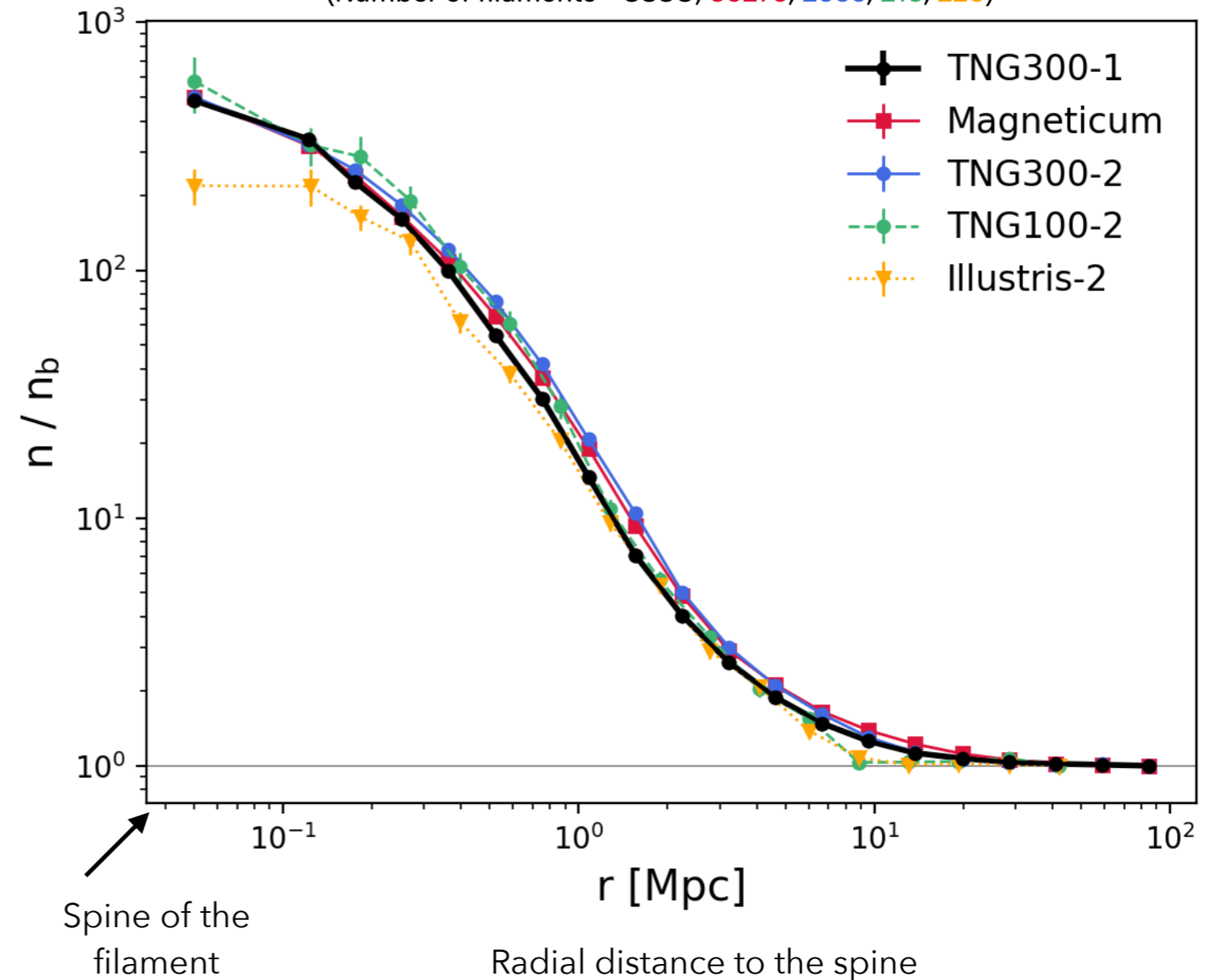
Remove segments in nodes
(= contamination in the study of filaments)



Number density of galaxies

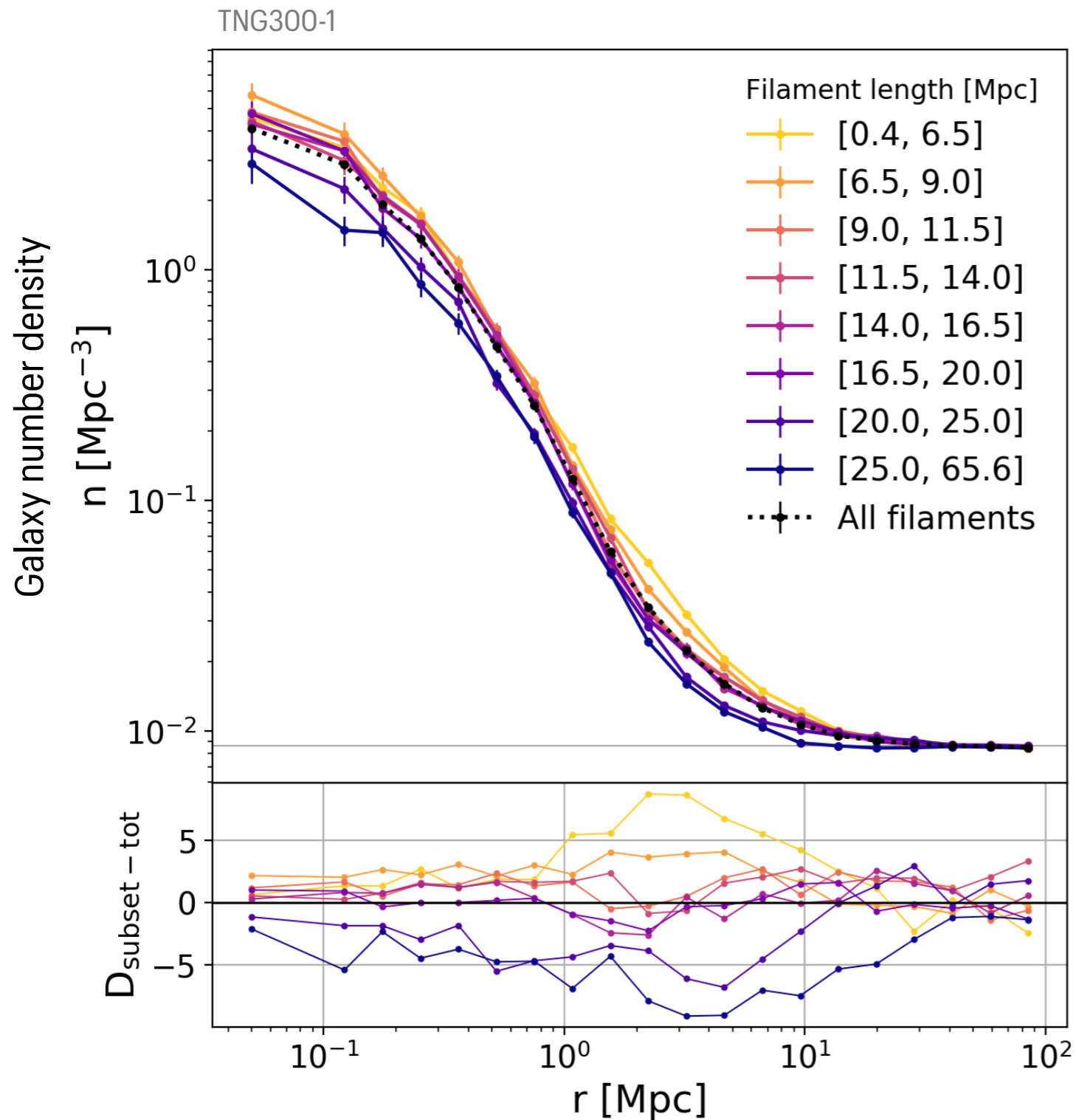
Average profiles

(Number of filaments = **5550**, **38278**, **2885**, **213**, **223**)

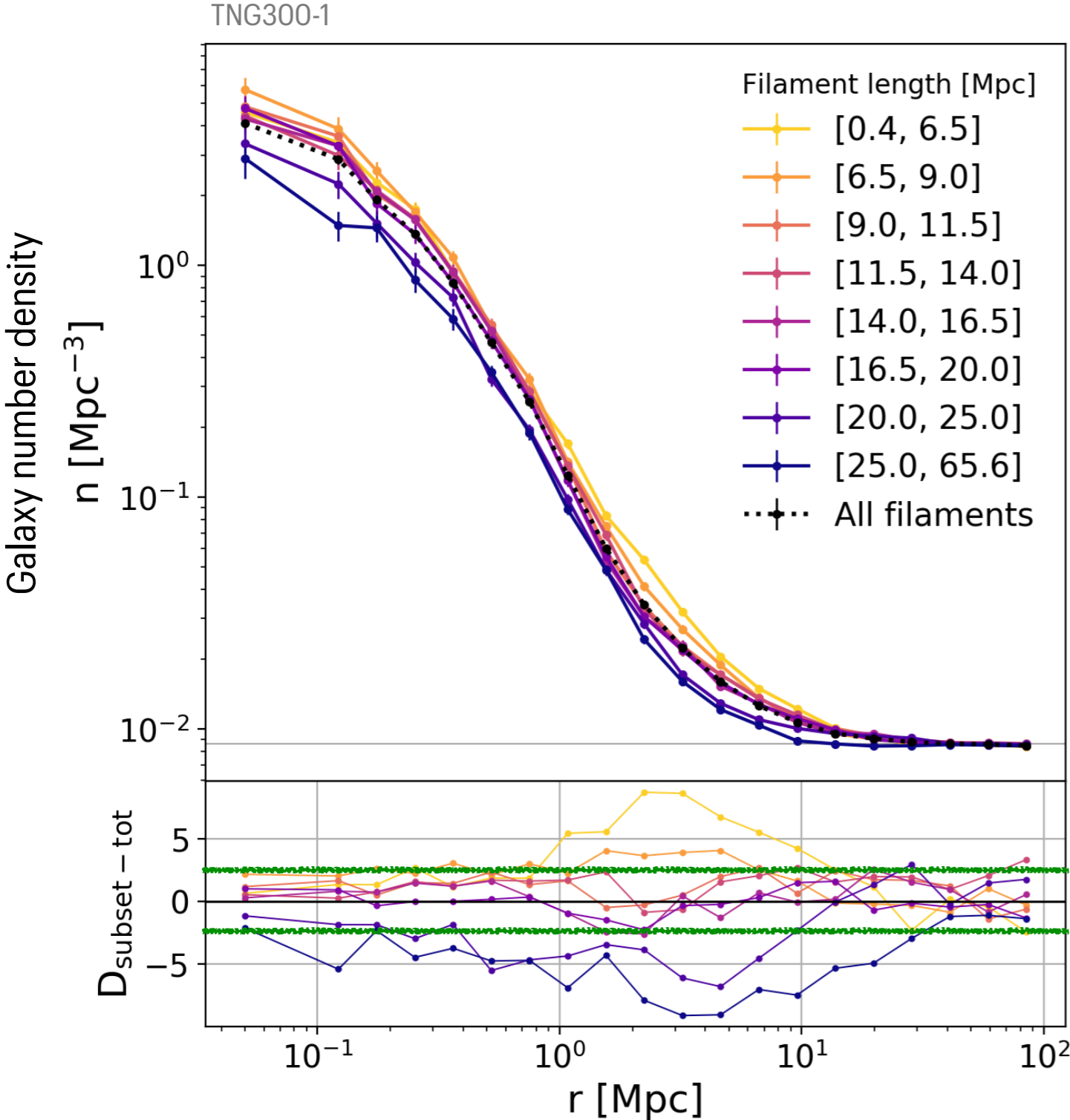


+ Fit with different models (GNFW, beta, Einasto, simple and double power law)

Radial density profiles: variations with filament length



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$$D_{\text{subset-tot}} = \frac{n_{\text{subset}} - n_{\text{tot}}}{\sqrt{\sigma_{\text{subset}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{tot}}^2}}$$

Deviation from the mean profile > 2σ

Identification of 2 extreme populations

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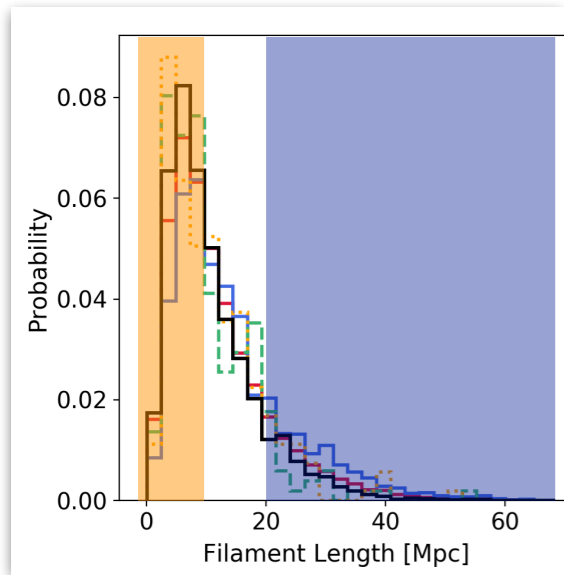
Long: $L_f \geq 20$ Mpc

▶ Kolmogorov-Smirnov (KS) statistical tests

→ **2 different populations**

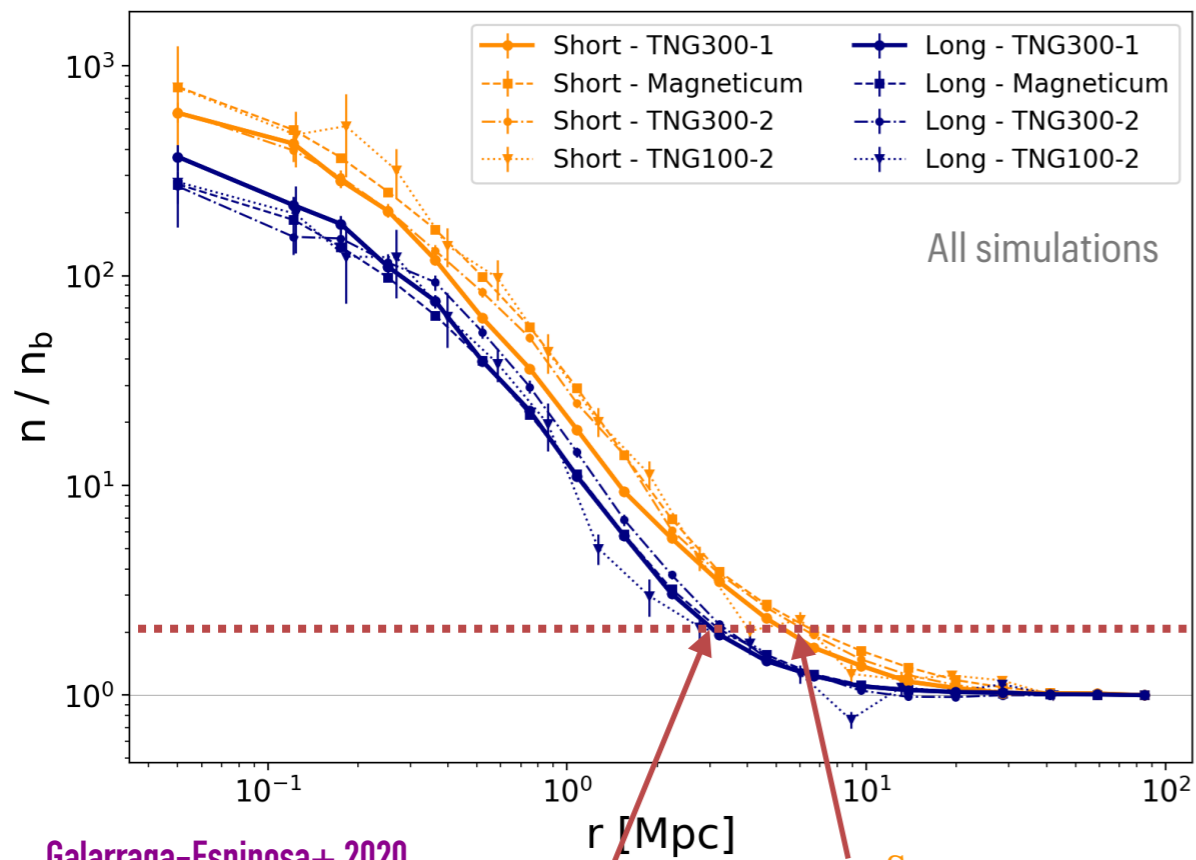
Exploring the extremes

(TNG300-1 simulation)



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Galaxy number density

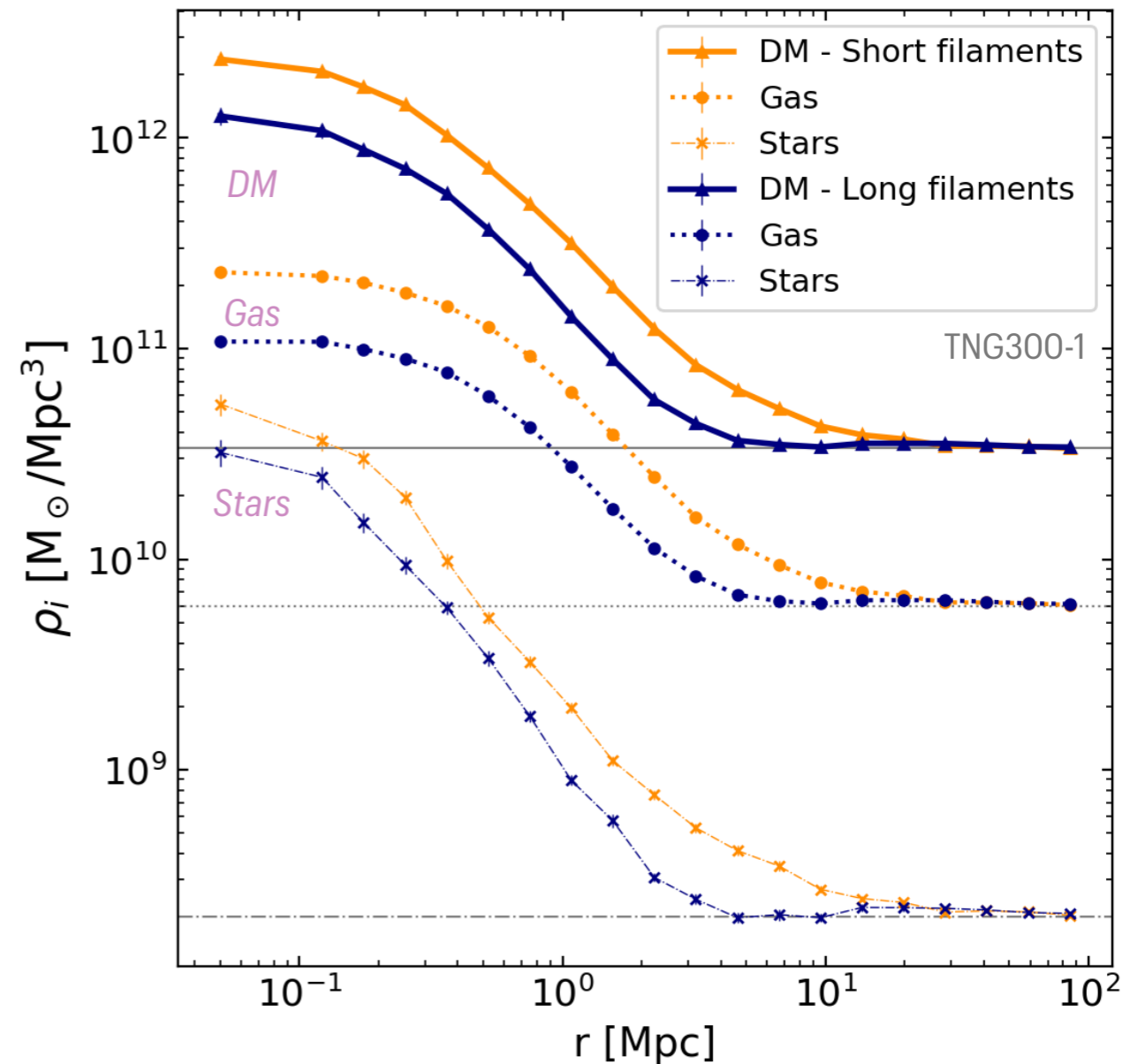


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$r_2^L \sim 3$ Mpc

$r_2^S \sim 5$ Mpc

DM, gas, and stellar mass densities



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Short and puffy, Long and thin
 Densities in **short** are **~3x higher** than in **long**

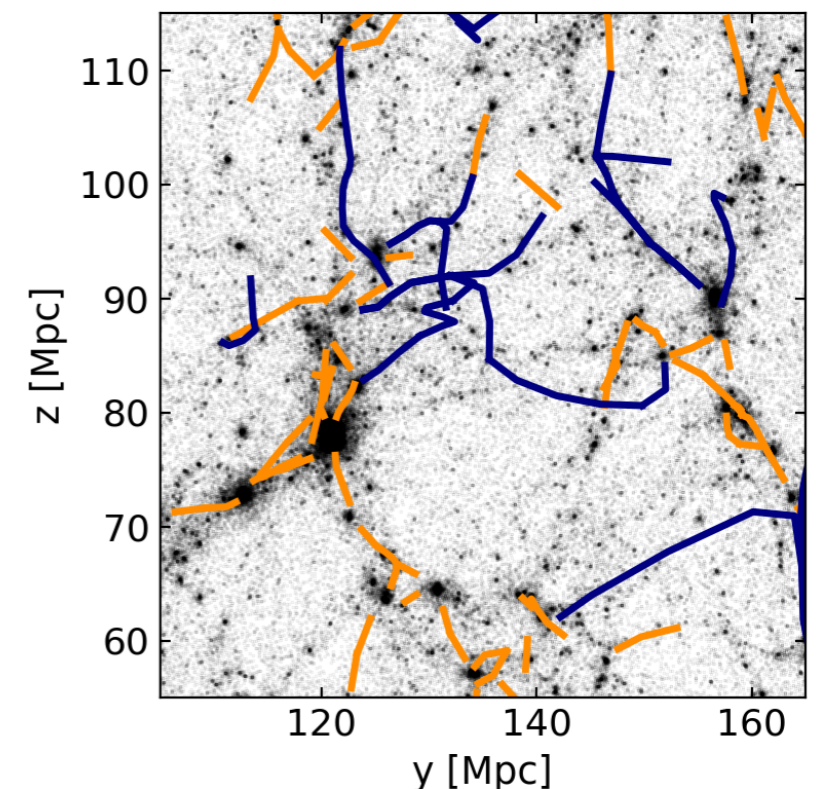
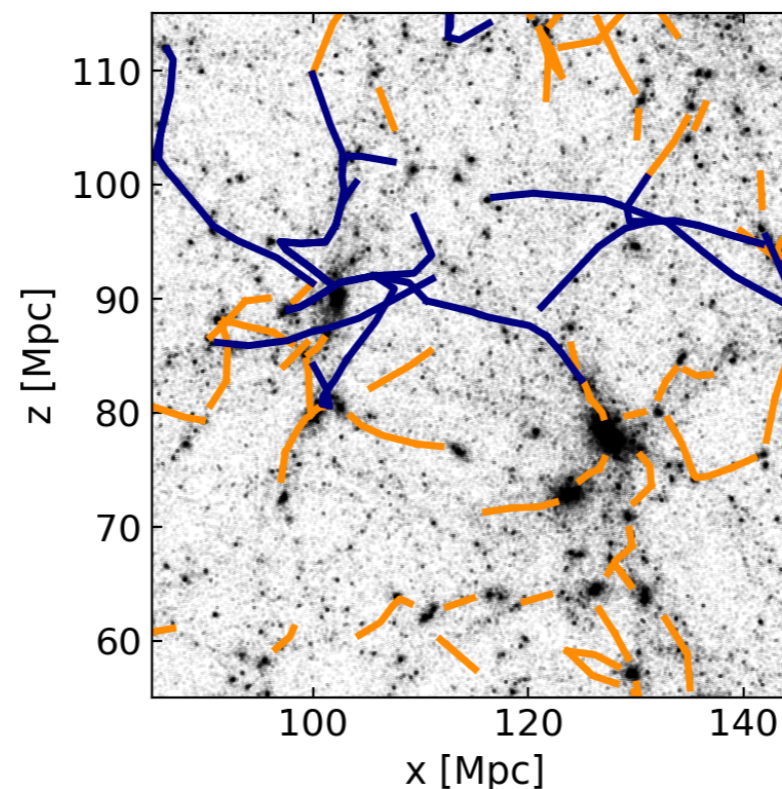
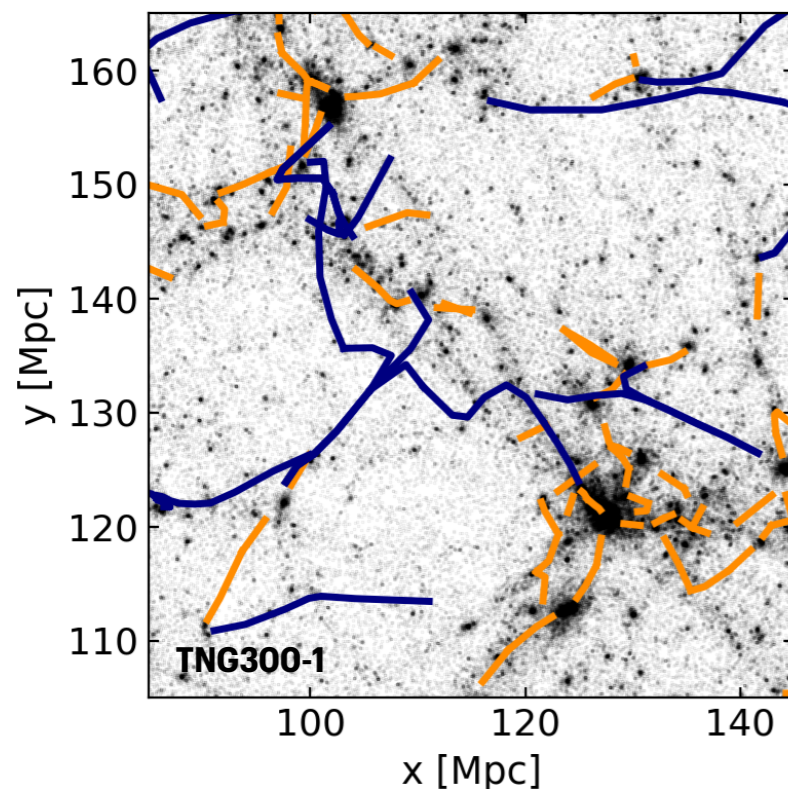
Different Environments

Can we physically identify the two populations in the Cosmic Web?

- ▶ Excess of density (integrated quantity)
 - > **Short** filaments are **denser** than **long**.
- ▶ Mass of the node connected to the filaments
 - > **Short** filaments are **connected to more massive** nodes than **long**.

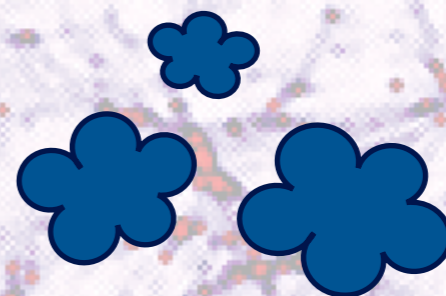
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Different environments in the Cosmic Web:
Short : trace more over-dense regions, **Long** : trace less dense regions



70 Mpc

**What about gas
properties?**



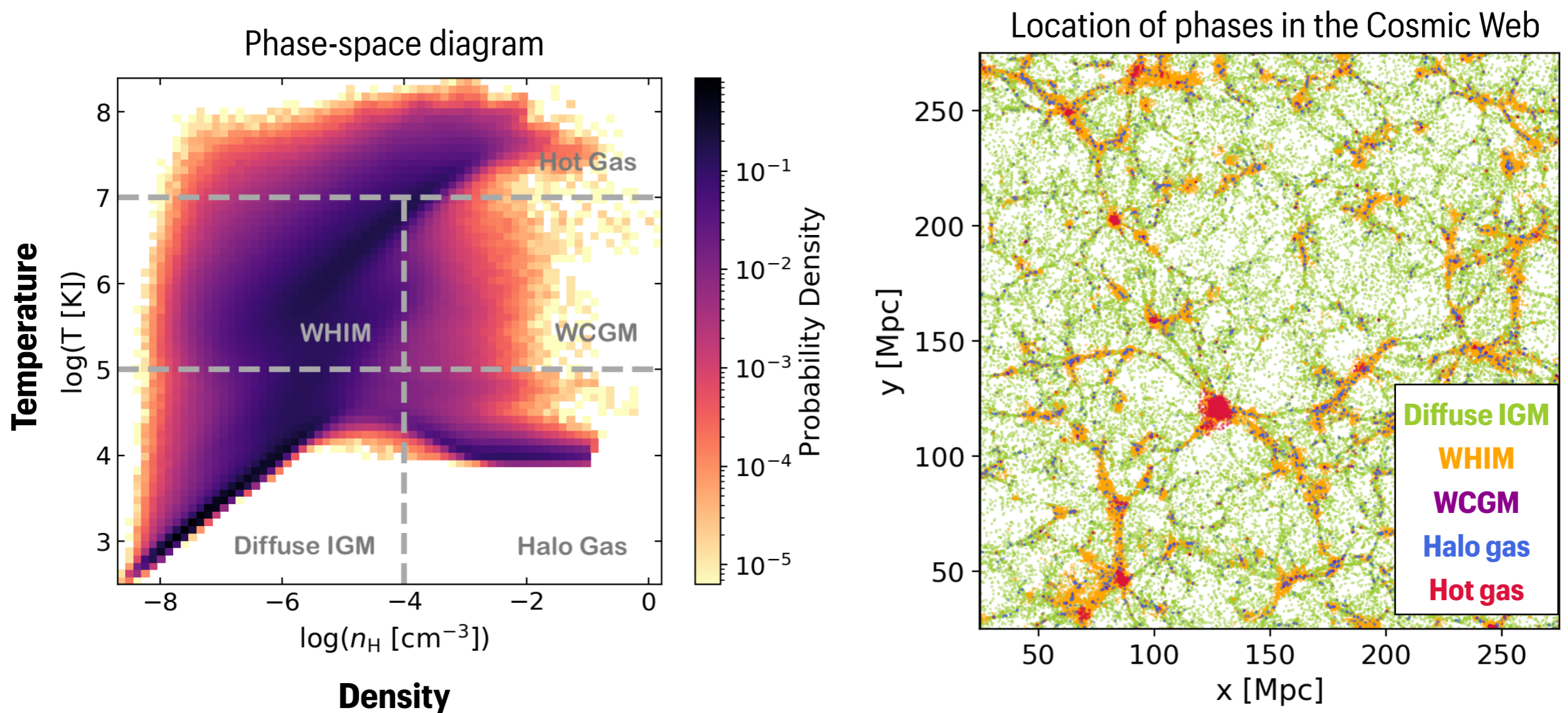
NOT ALL GAS IS THE SAME

Accretion, ejection,
Heating, and cooling



Gas is pushed into different
physical states, or **phases**

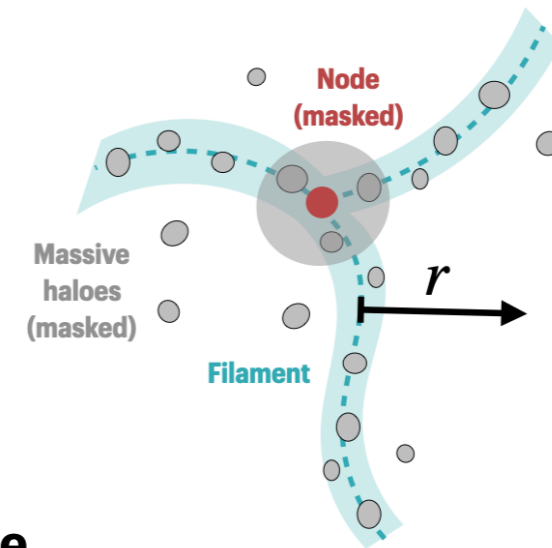
Separation of gas in different phases, following [Martizzi+ 2019](#)



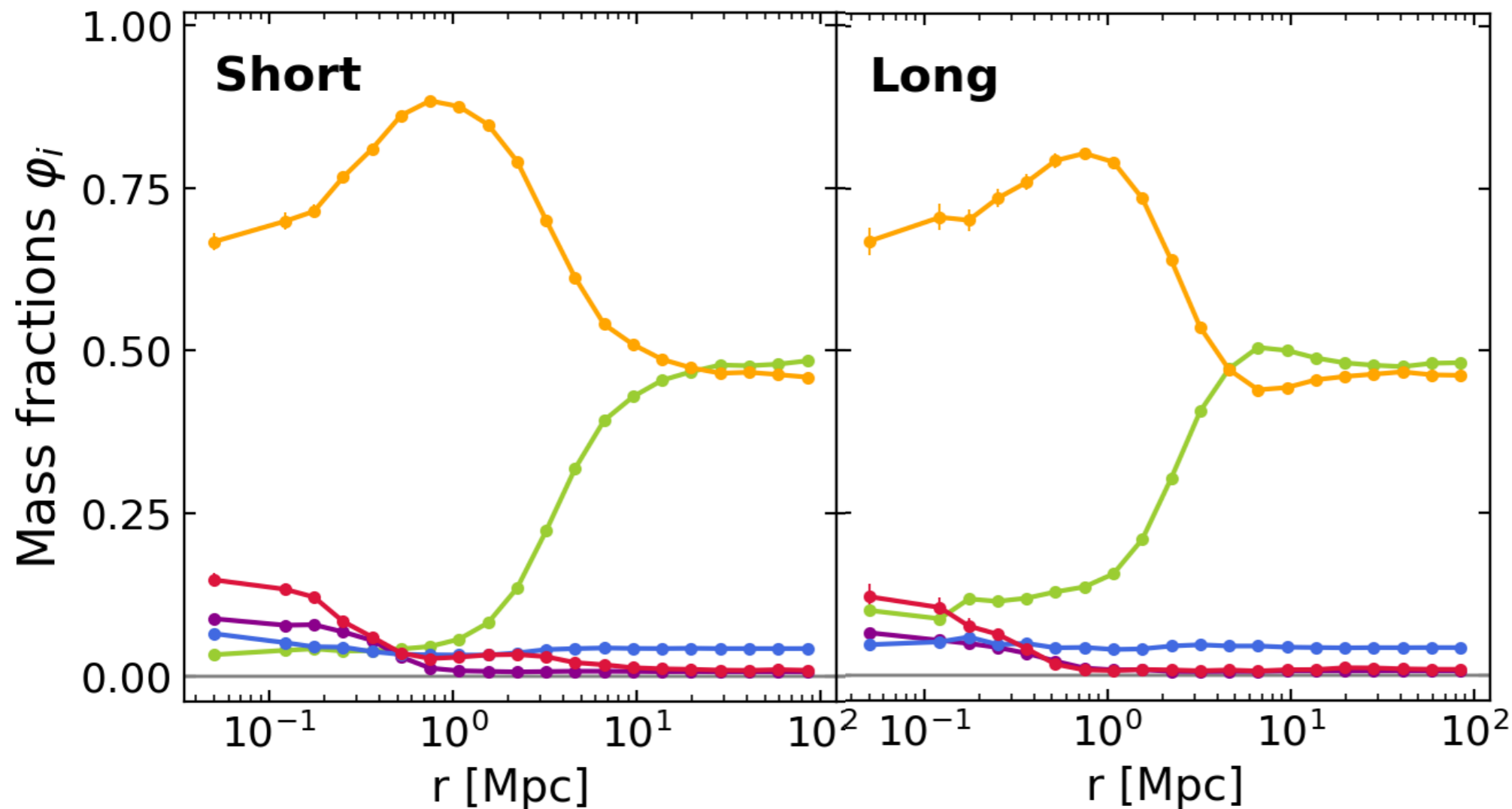
How are the phases distributed around filaments?

Focus only on **inter-filament** gas!

- ✓ Remove gas in nodes ($3 R_{200}$)
- ✓ Remove gas in massive haloes $M_{\text{tot}} > 10^{12} M_{\odot}$ ($3 R_{200}$)



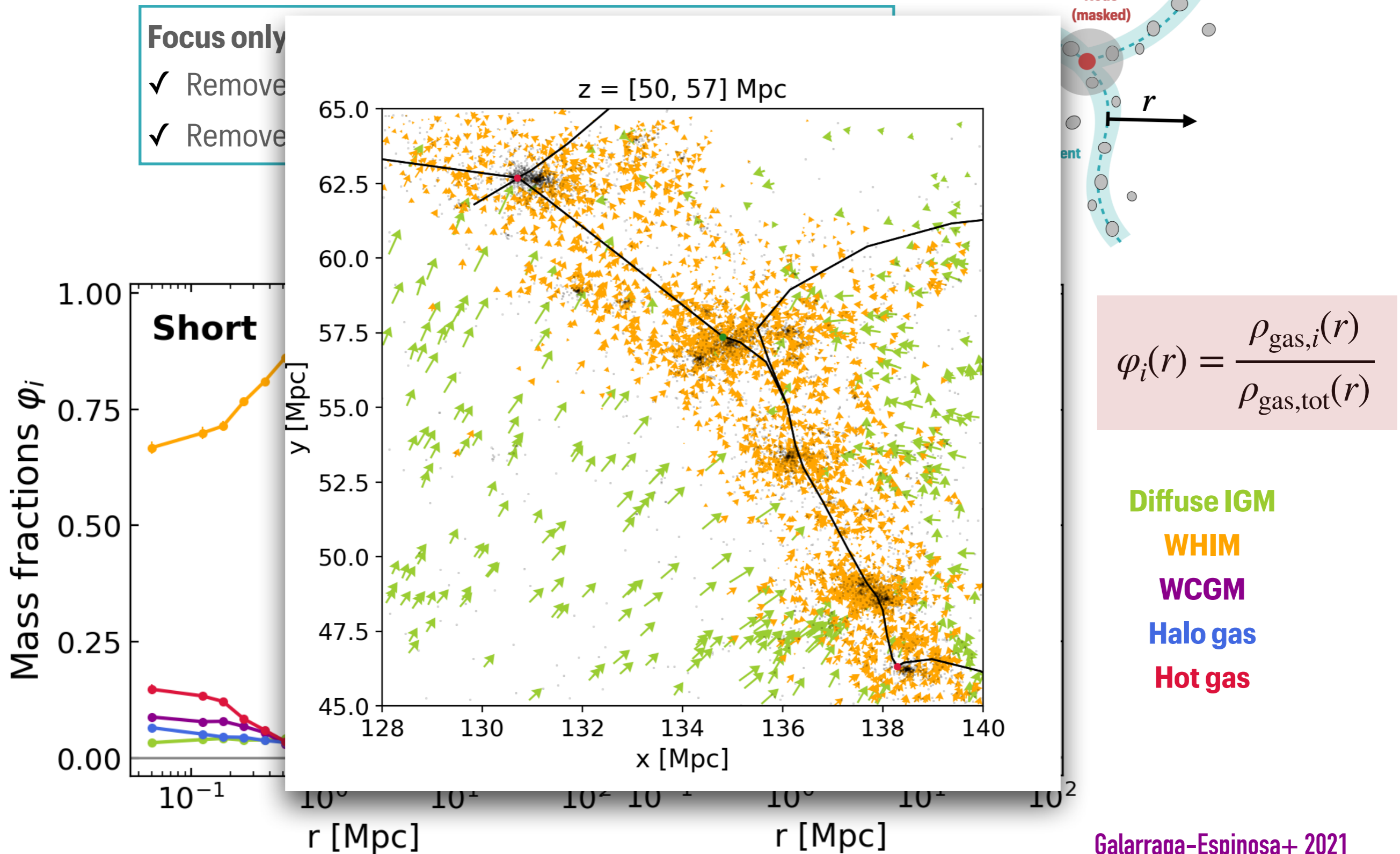
Radial profiles of mass fraction of each gas phase



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- WHIM
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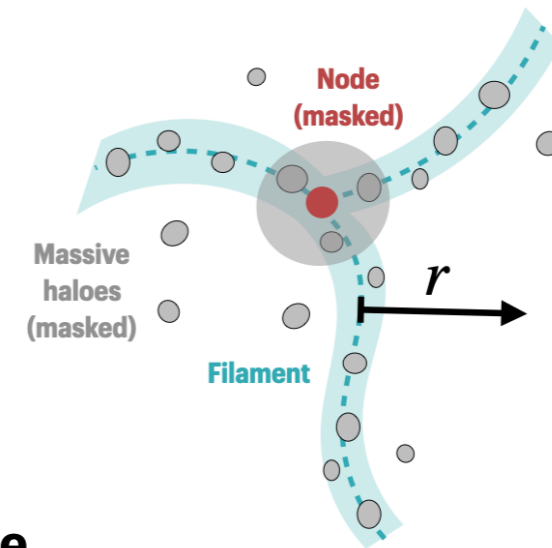


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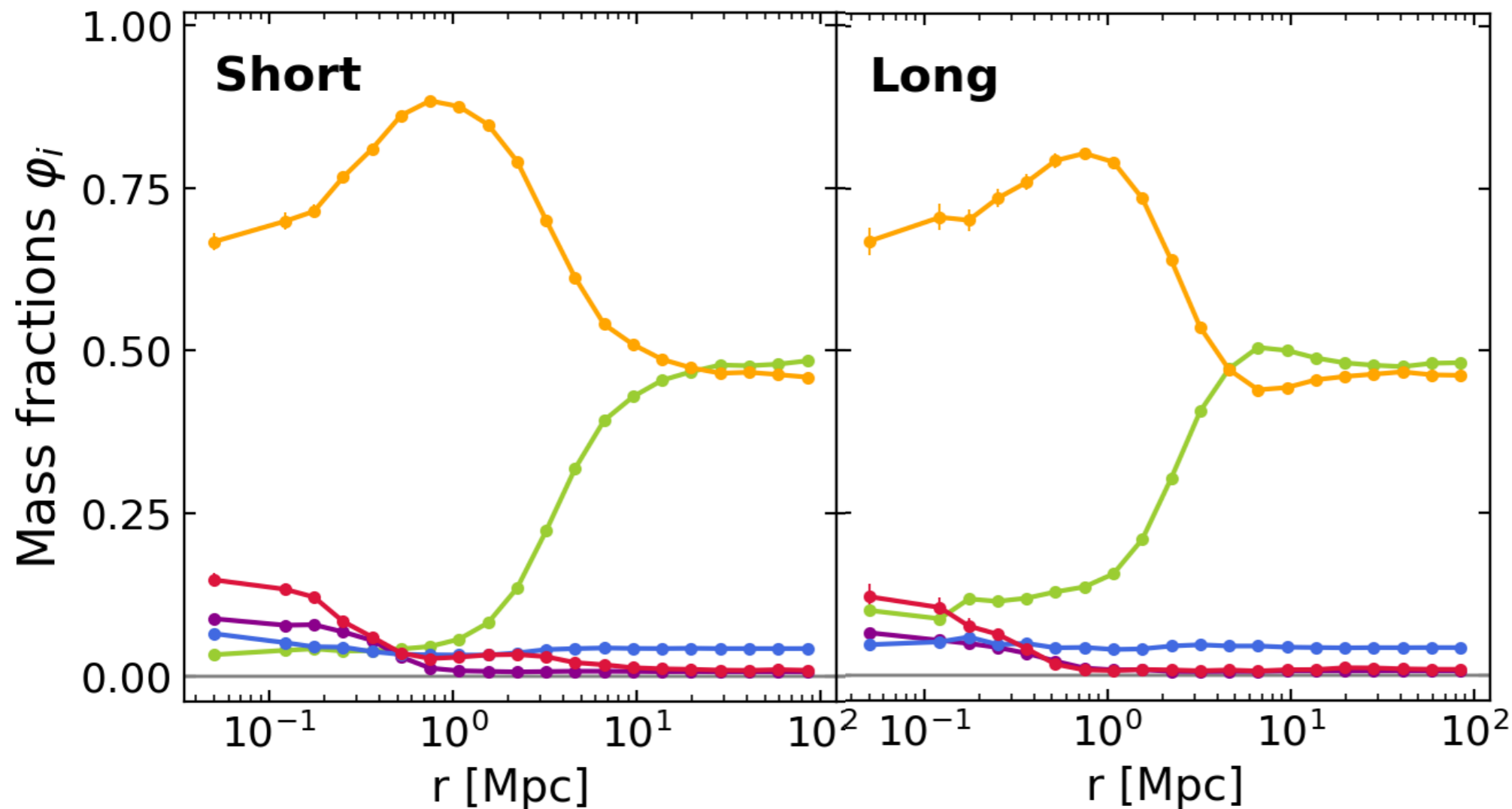
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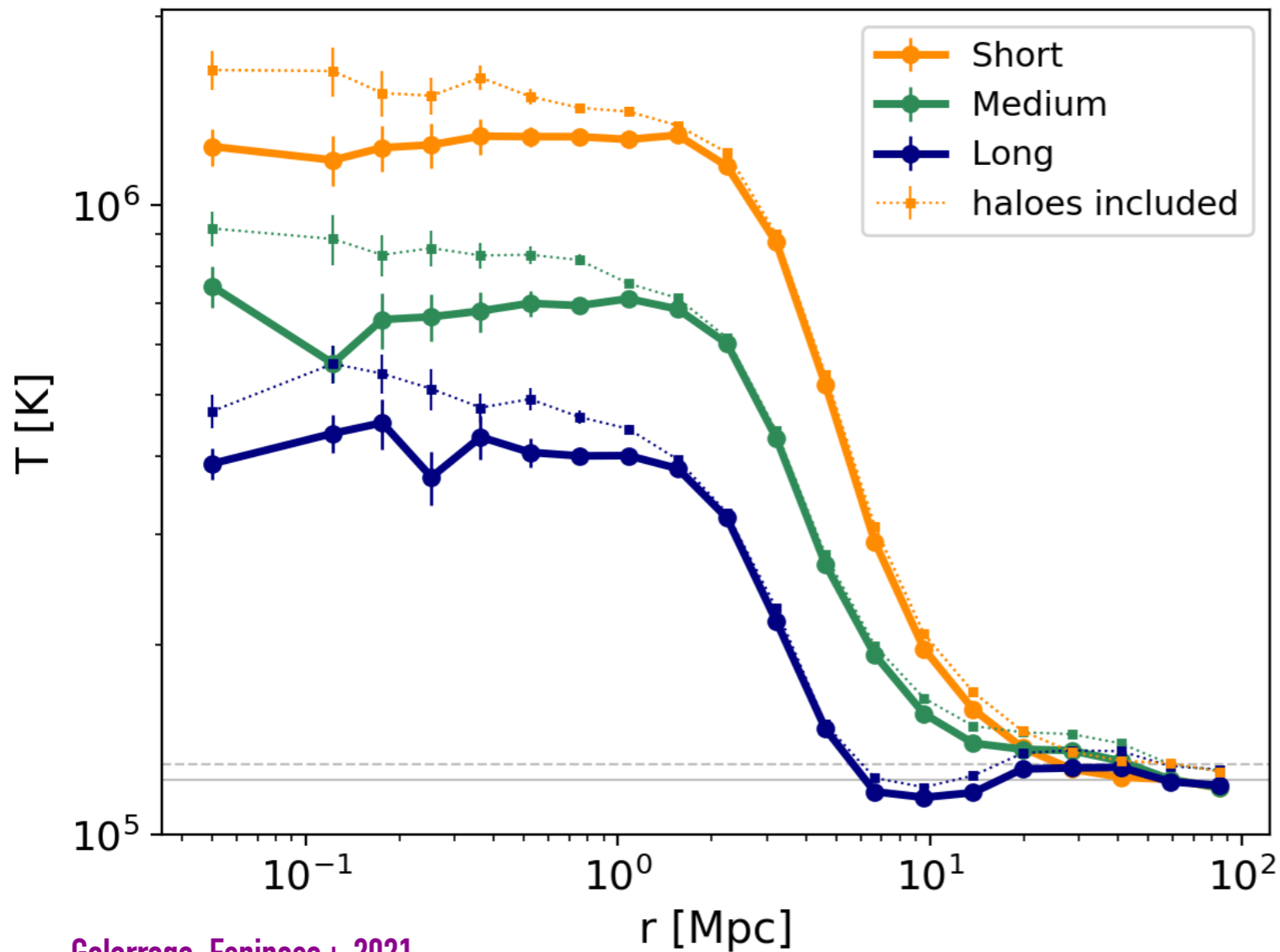


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Gas Temperature

Mean radial temperature profiles



- ▶ Different profiles for different populations of filaments

Short filaments are ~3 times hotter than long

- ▶ All filaments: **isothermal** core up to $r \sim 1.5$ Mpc

In agreement with
Klar & Mucket 2012
Gheller & Vazza 2019
Tuominen+ 2020

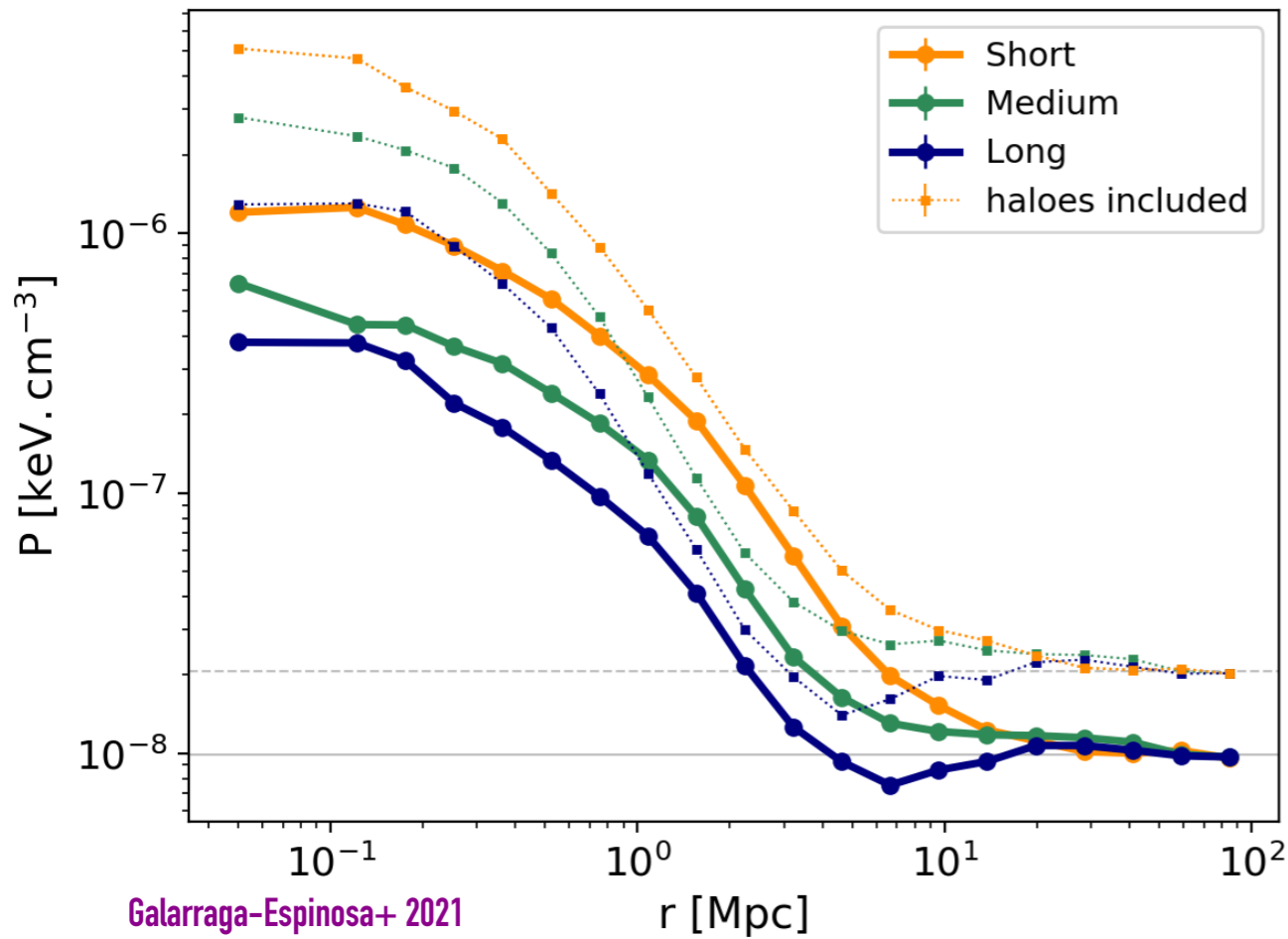
Ramsøy+ 2021 (smaller scale filaments)

Average temperature of filaments:

$$T_{\text{core}} = 4 - 13 \times 10^5 \text{ K}$$

Gas Pressure

Mean radial pressure profiles

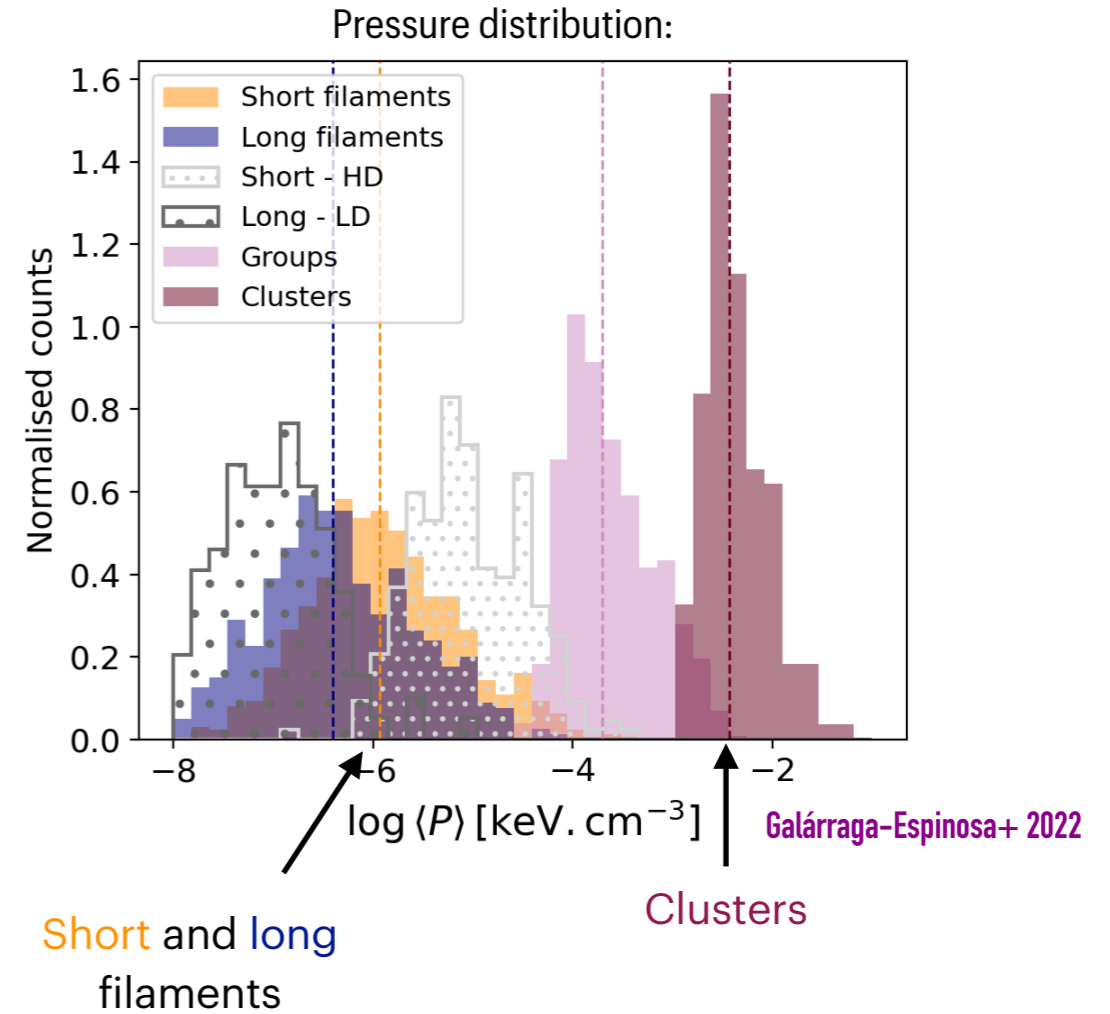


Average pressure of filaments:

$$P_{\text{core}} = 4 - 12 \times 10^{-7} \text{ keV} \cdot \text{cm}^{-3}$$

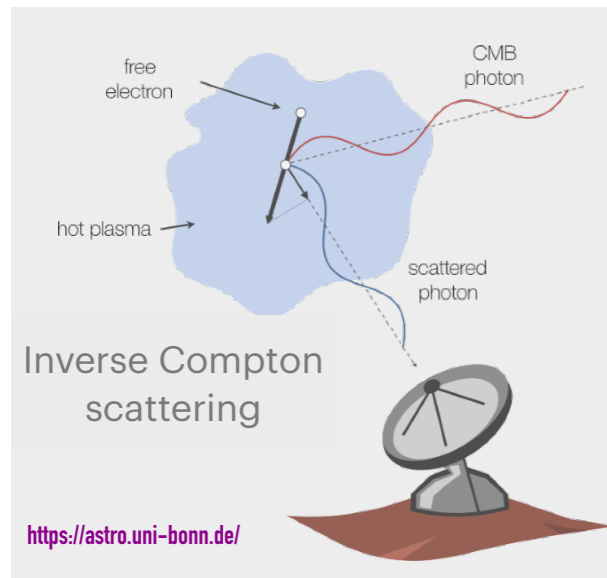
Pressure values are ~3 times higher in short filaments than in long

Comparison with clusters



Pressure in cores of **filaments** is **~1000** times **lower** than in cores of **clusters**

Observing cosmic filaments with the Sunyaev-Zel'dovich (SZ) effect



y-Compton parameter
OBSERVABLE

$$y = \frac{\sigma_T}{m_e c^2} \int P_e dl$$

Pressure profiles

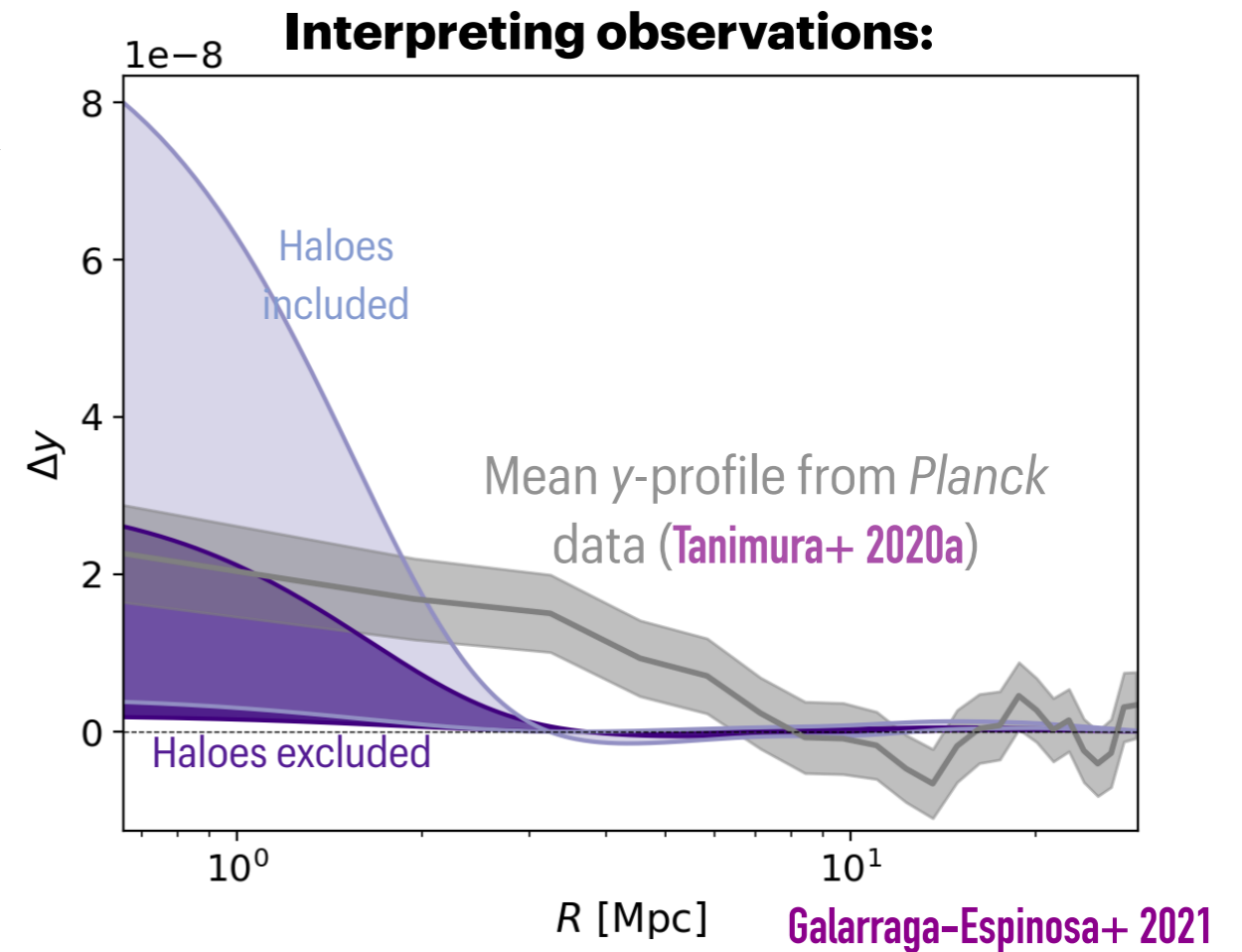
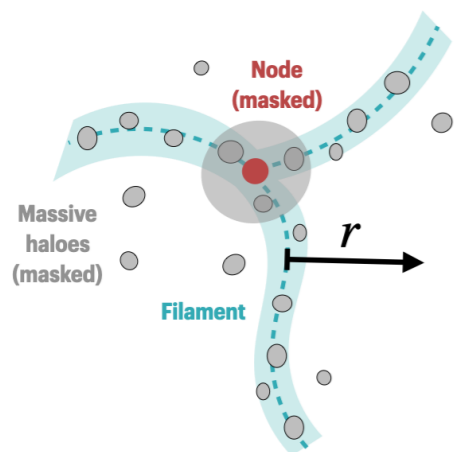
Estimation of minimum and maximum SZ signal from cosmic filaments:

- Only inter-filament gas:

$$y_{\text{core}} = 0.5 - 4.1 \times 10^{-8}$$

- Including haloes (~ 3x)

$$y_{\text{core}} = 0.1 - 1.5 \times 10^{-7}$$





→ **Observed SZ signal mostly due to inter-filament (diffuse) gas!**
Relevant in the search for missing baryons!

Recap

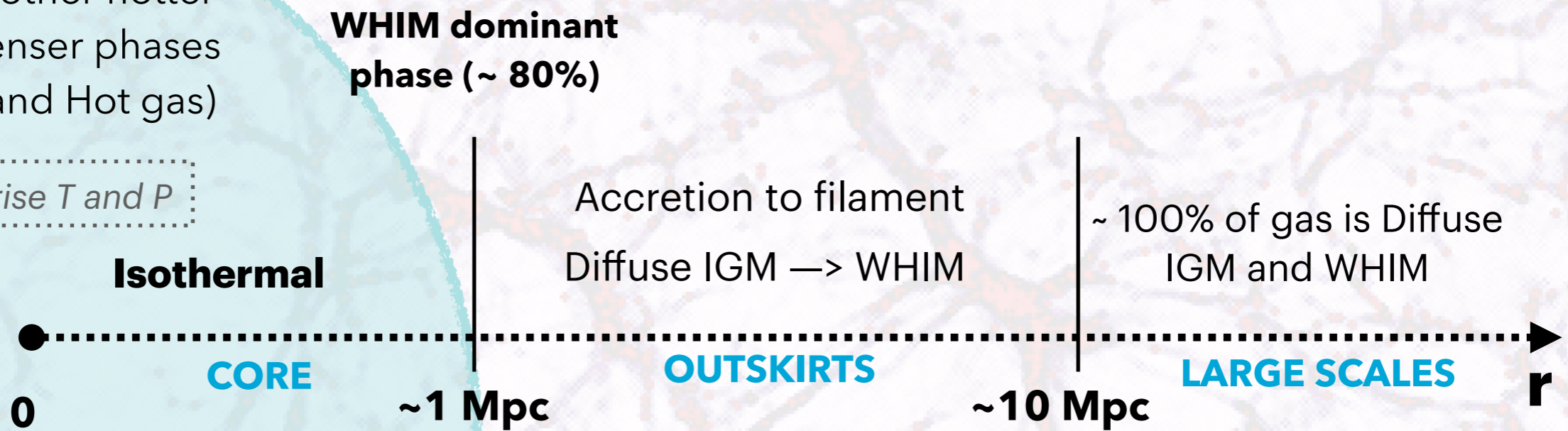
Two populations in:

- Distribution of galaxies
- Densities of matter
- Distribution of gas phases
- Gas properties

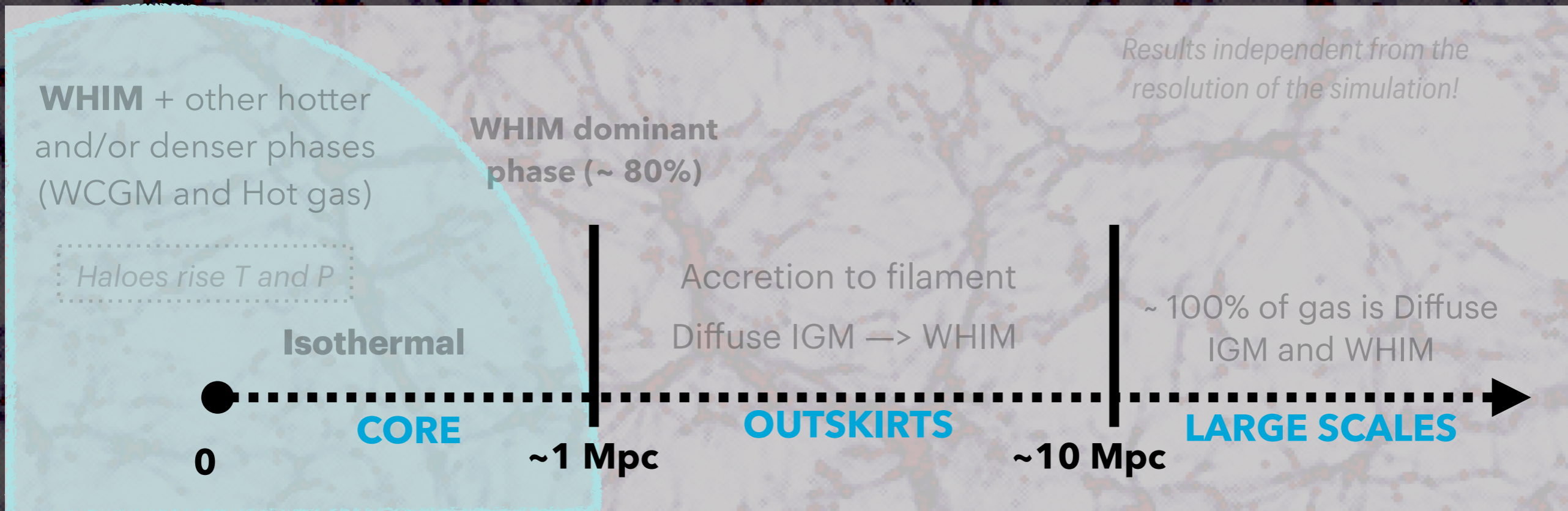
Short	Long
Short and puffy 	Long and thin 
Trace denser environments	Trace less dense environments
Hotter	Cooler
Higher pressure	Lower pressure

WHIM + other hotter and/or denser phases (WCGM and Hot gas)

*Halo*es rise T and P



Three regimes:



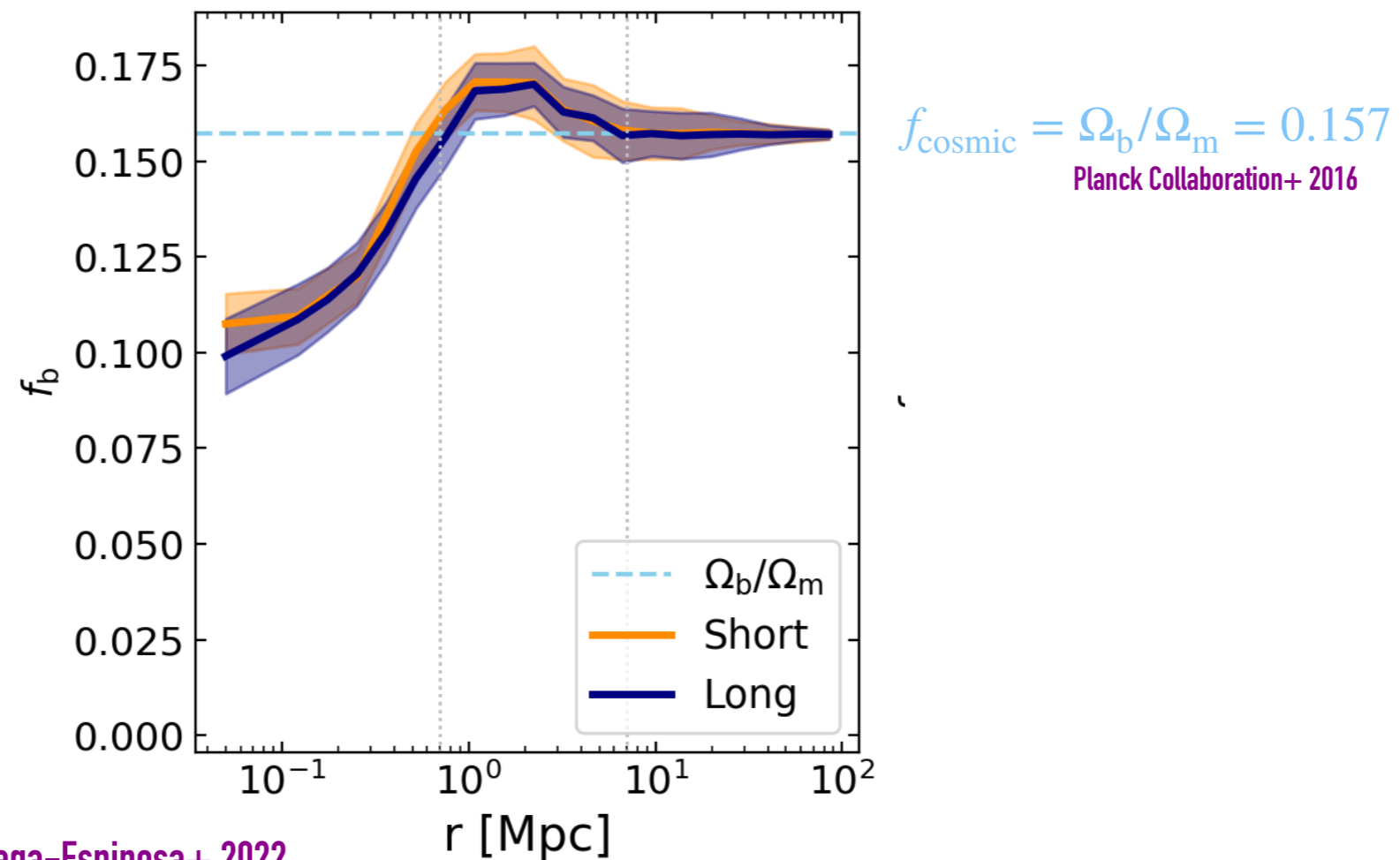
Does gravity explain it all?
What are the driving processes?

—> Ideal observable: the **baryon fraction** of filaments

BARYON FRACTION OF COSMIC FILAMENTS

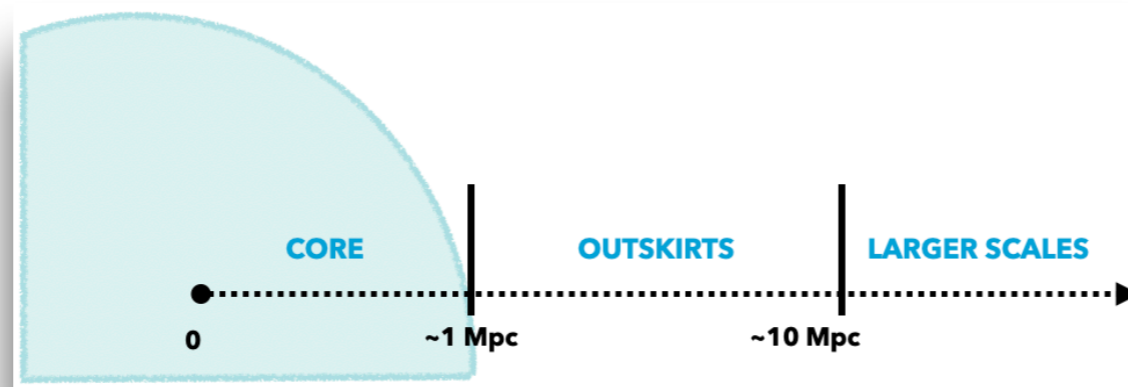
Aim: exploring the relative distribution of matter components

$$f_b(r) \equiv \frac{\rho_{\text{gas}}(r) + \rho_*(r)}{\rho_{\text{DM}}(r) + \rho_{\text{gas}}(r) + \rho_*(r)}$$



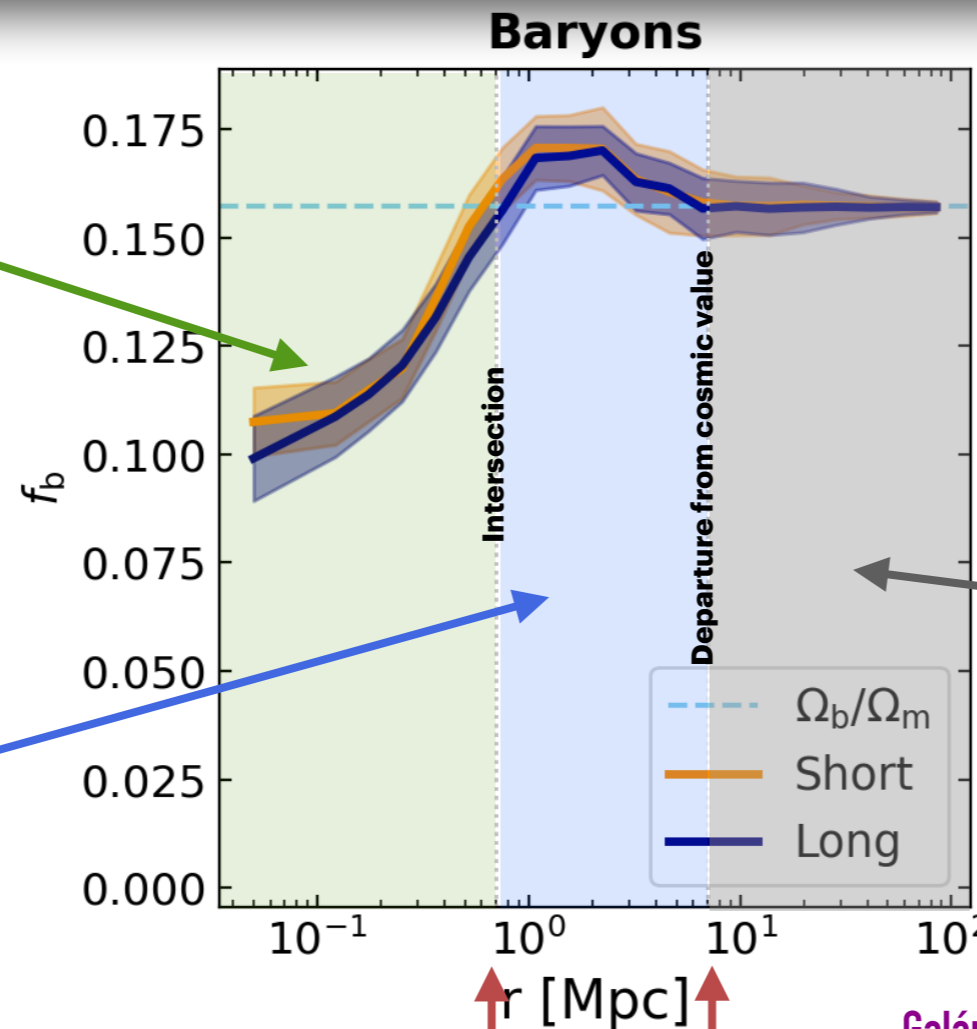
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BARYON FRACTION OF COSMIC FILAMENTS



1. Baryon depletion

2. Excess of baryons



$$f_{\text{cosmic}} = \Omega_b / \Omega_m = 0.157$$

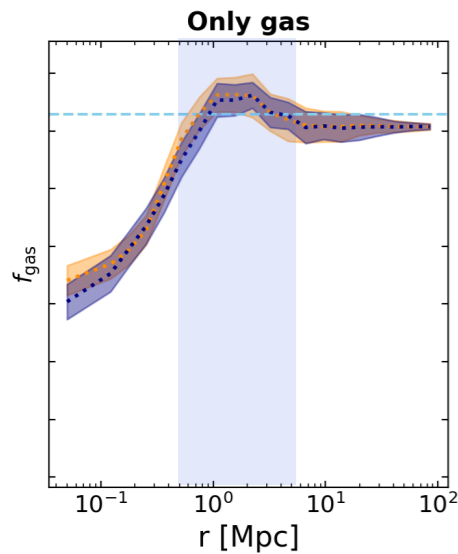
Planck Collaboration+ 2016

3. Follow the cosmic value
Matter simply falls into filament potential wells (gravity)

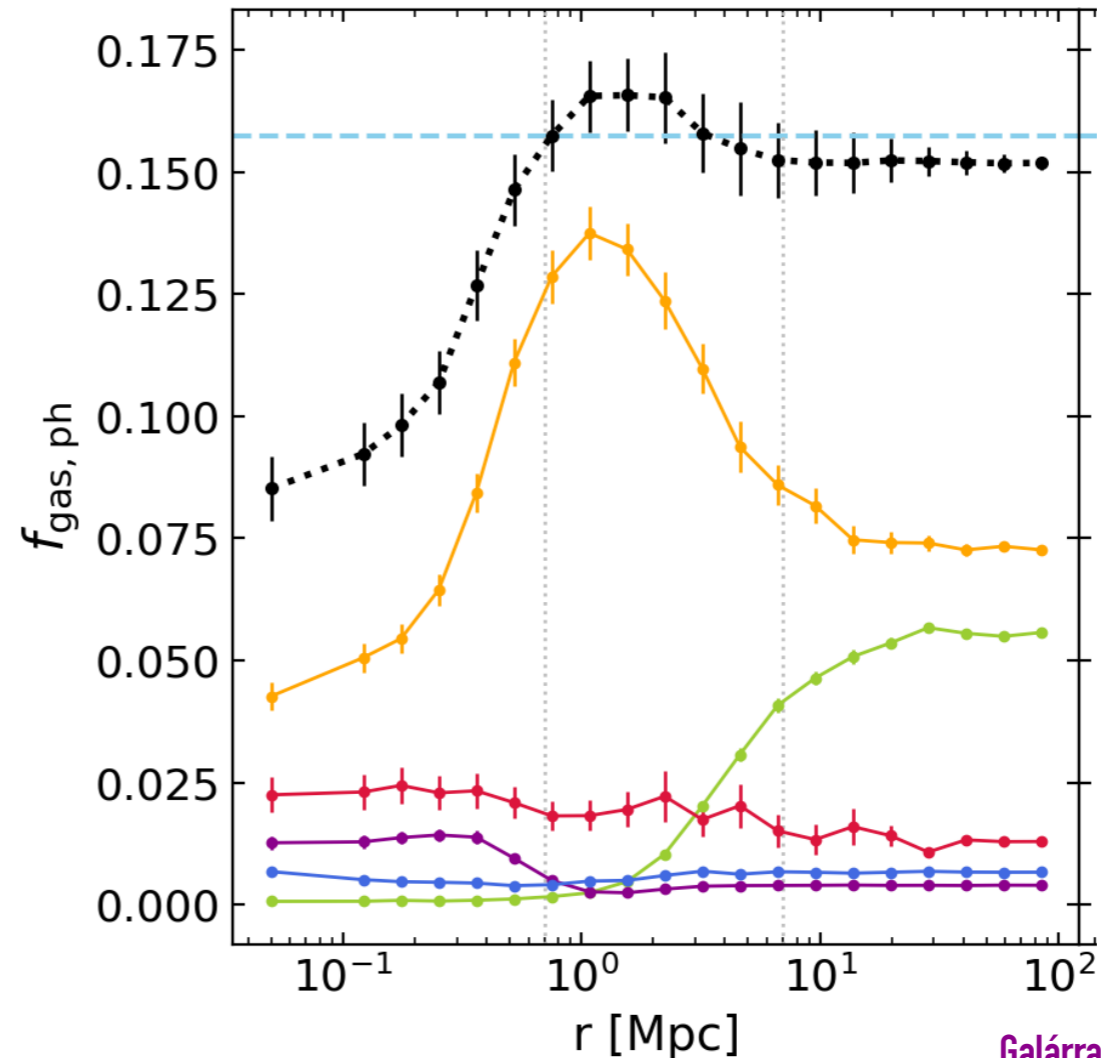
$$r_{\text{int}} \sim 0.7 \text{ Mpc} \quad r_{\text{ext}} \sim 7 \text{ Mpc}$$

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Baryon **excess** at filament outskirts



Disentangle
contribution of the
different gas phases



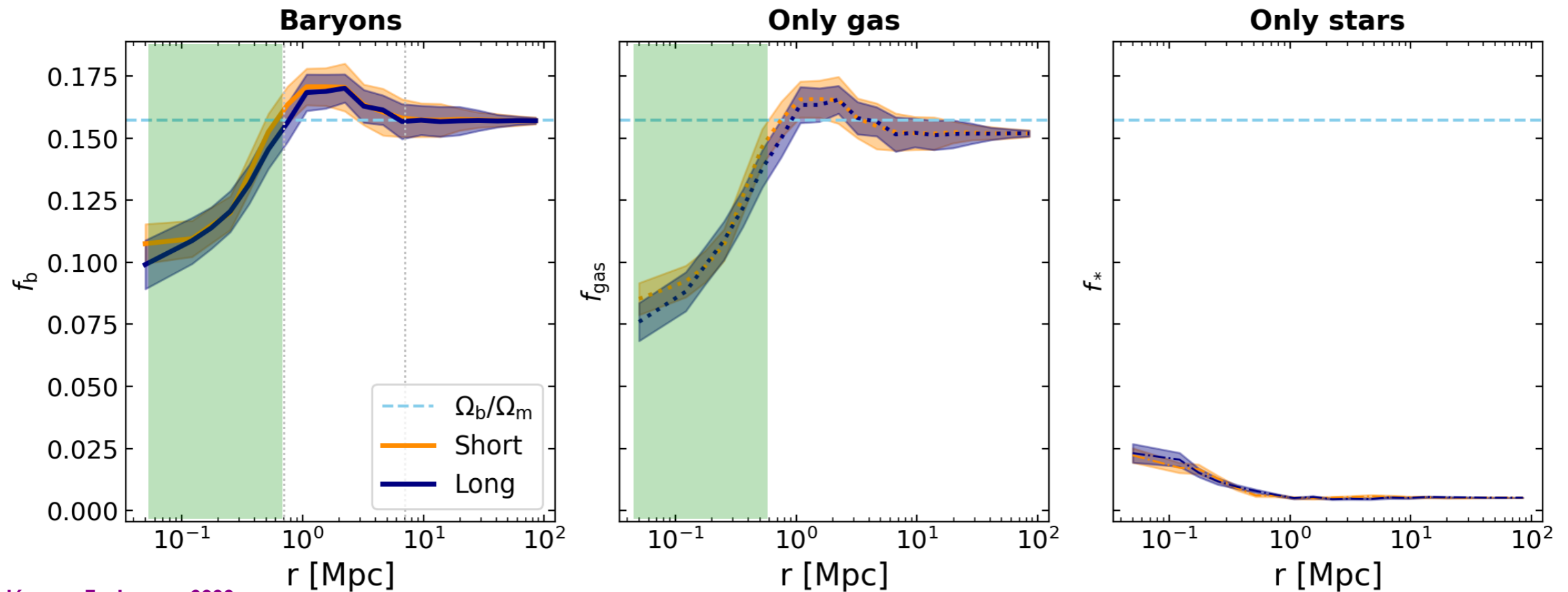
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- Excess corresponds to **WHIM** gas
- Accretion of gas towards the cores (gravitational attraction)
—> Diffuse gas is shock-heated and converted into **WHIM**

*In agreement with the
studies of gas properties!*

Baryon depletion at filament cores



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Need mechanism capable of ejecting gas away from filament cores



Feedback by AGNs?

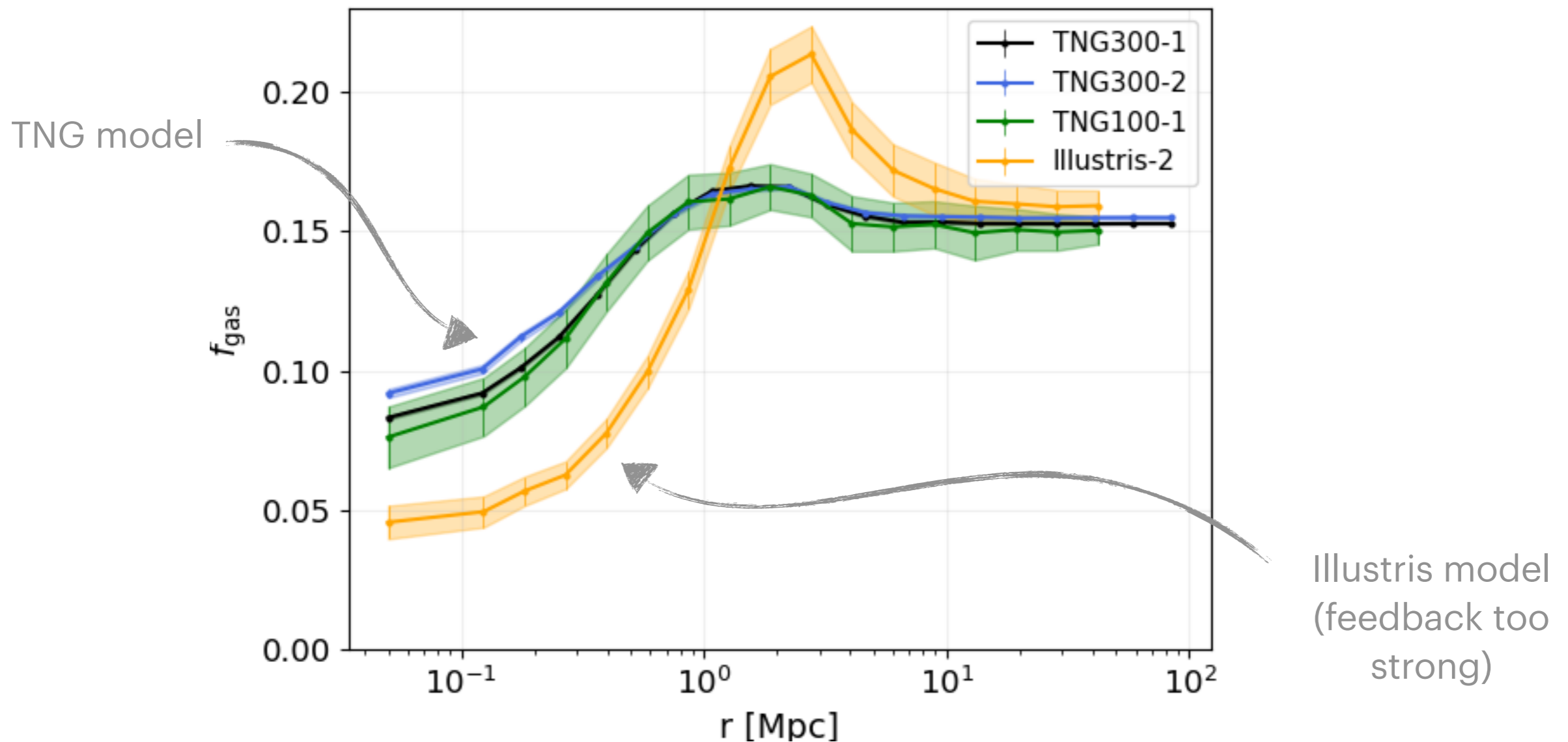
Modification of the distribution of baryons up to several Mpc away from the sources (e.g. [Chisari et al. 2018](#), in Horizon-AGN)

→ compare injected **kinetic energy vs potential energy**
pushing vs pulling of gas

AGNs can be powerful enough to deplete cosmic filaments cores!

Impact of baryonic model...

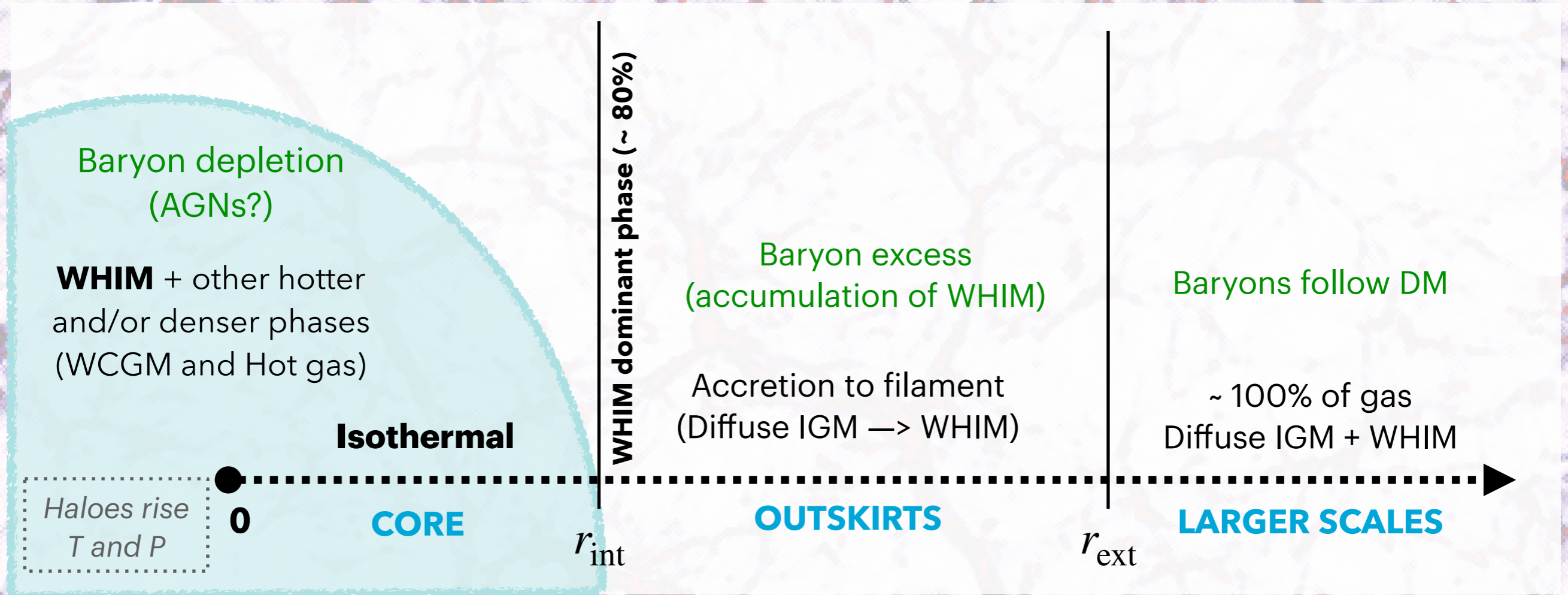
Results in simulation with (too) strong feedback model:



Internal processes in galaxies (such as feedback) have a strong impact on the matter distribution & properties in cosmic filaments

CONCLUSIONS: COSMIC FILAMENTS

A more complete picture of cosmic filaments at $z=0$



Galárraga-Espinosa+ 2020, 2021, 2022

....Currently working on picture at higher z , using MTNG

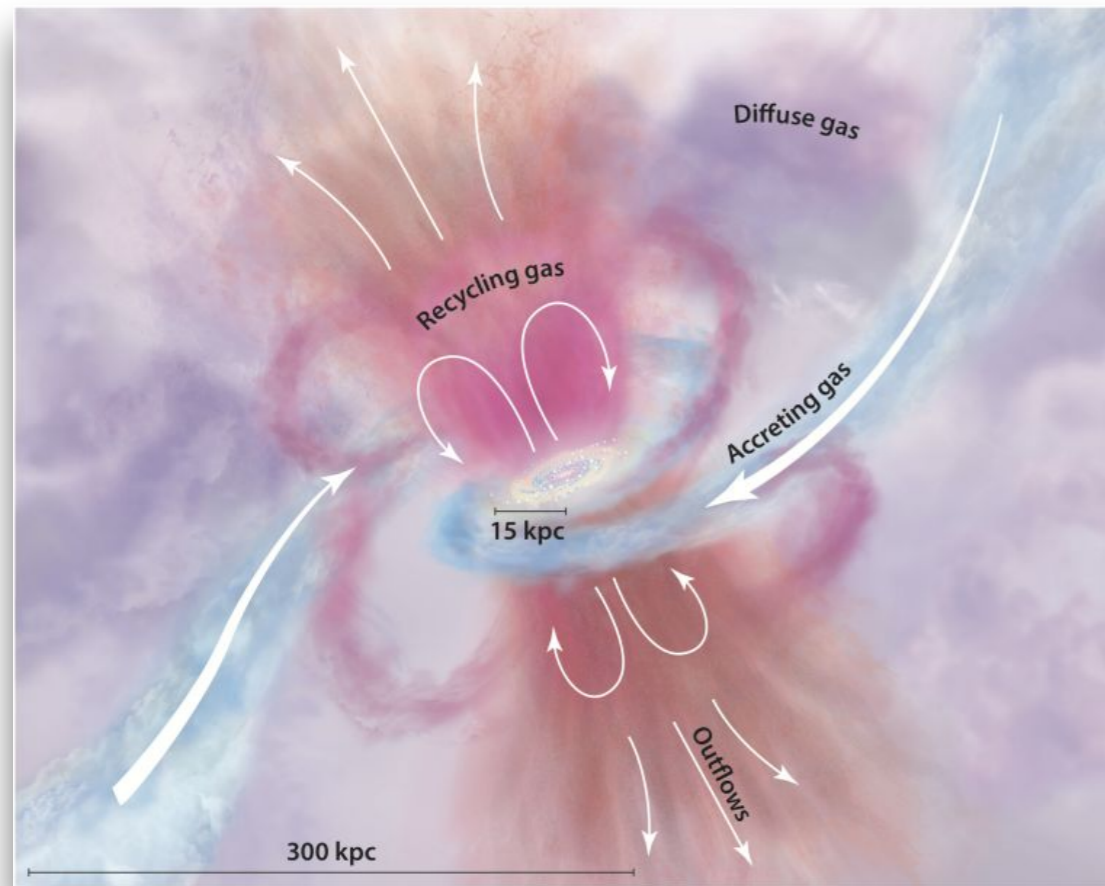
A visualization of the cosmic web, showing a complex network of dark matter filaments and galaxy clusters. The filaments are represented by a dense network of thin, dark lines, while the clusters are shown as larger, more prominent structures. The background is a dark, grainy blue, suggesting a deep field of galaxies or a simulation of the universe's large-scale structure.

PART II

**From the large-scale
structure to the CGM**

Filaments at different scales

Circum-galactic medium (CGM)



Tumlinson+ 2017

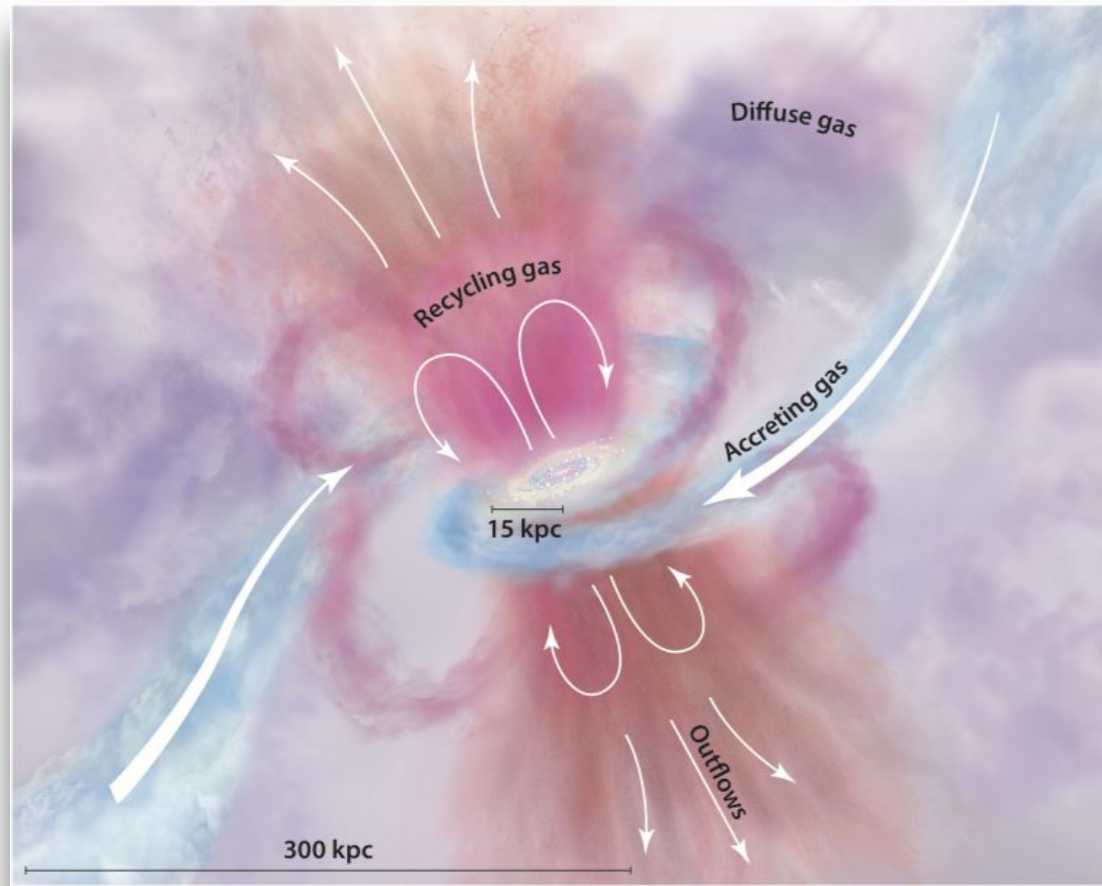
Cold and dense gas via
small-scale filaments (*streams*)

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Bauermeister+ 2010, Prescott+2015, Zabl+2019

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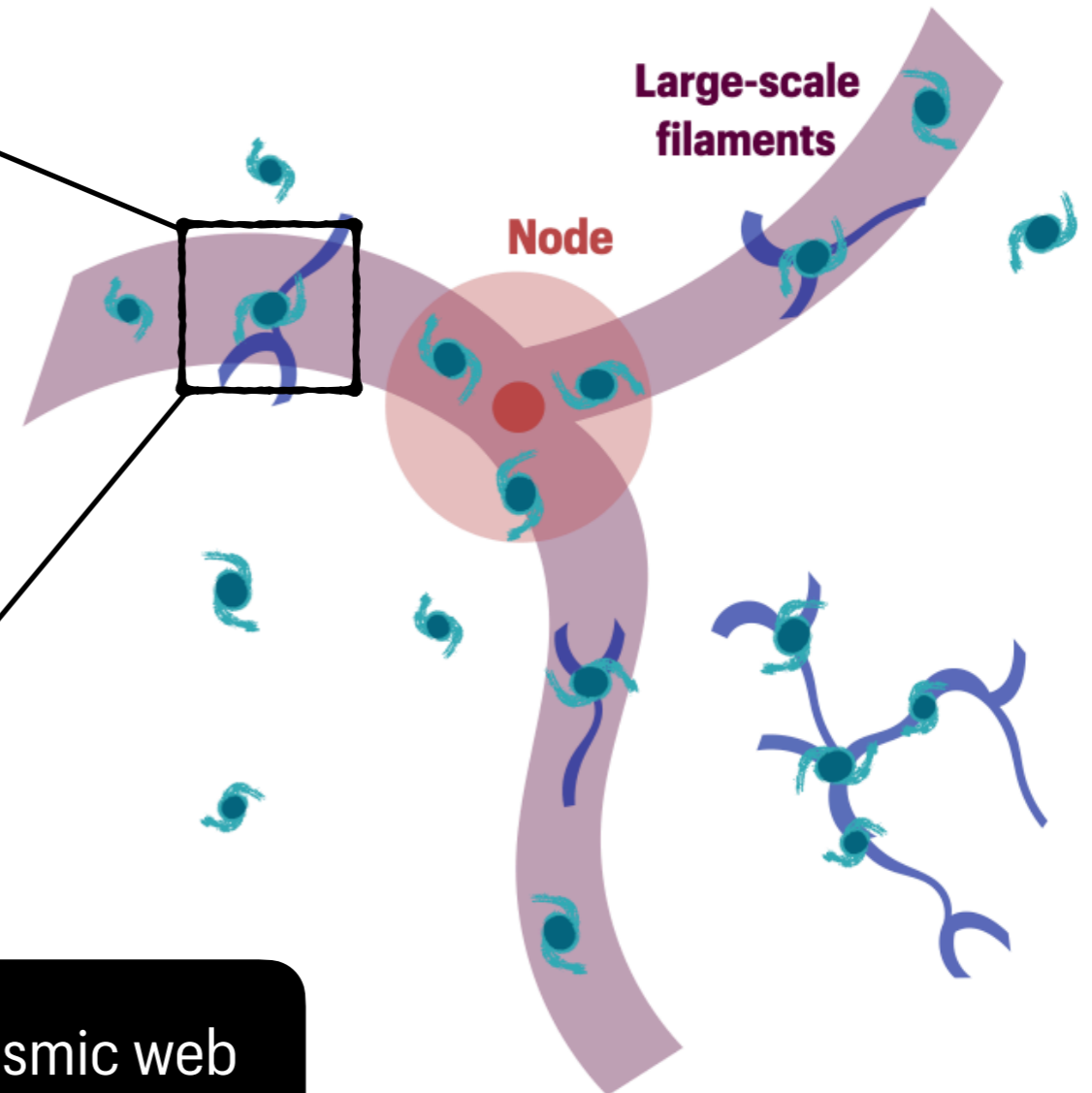


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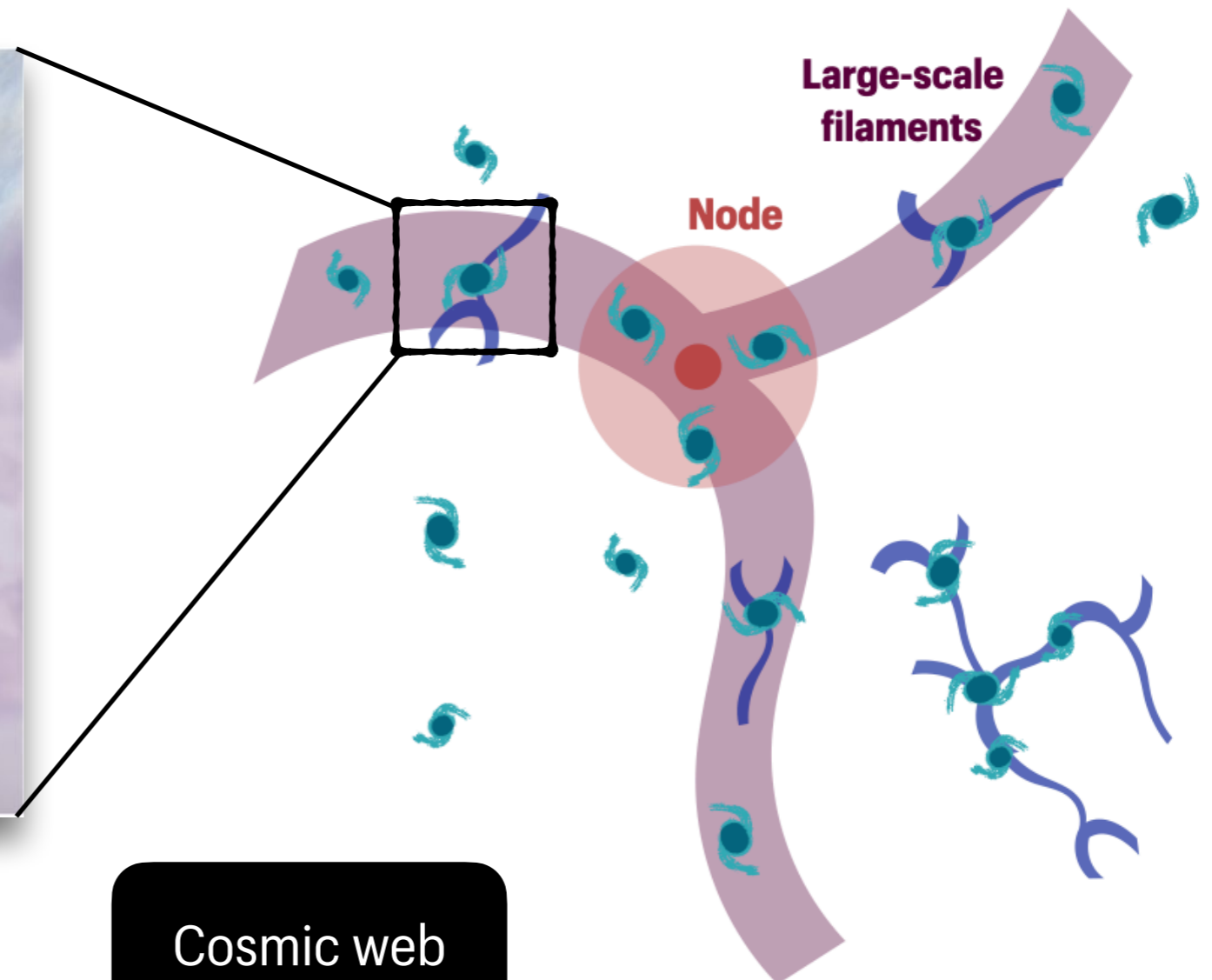
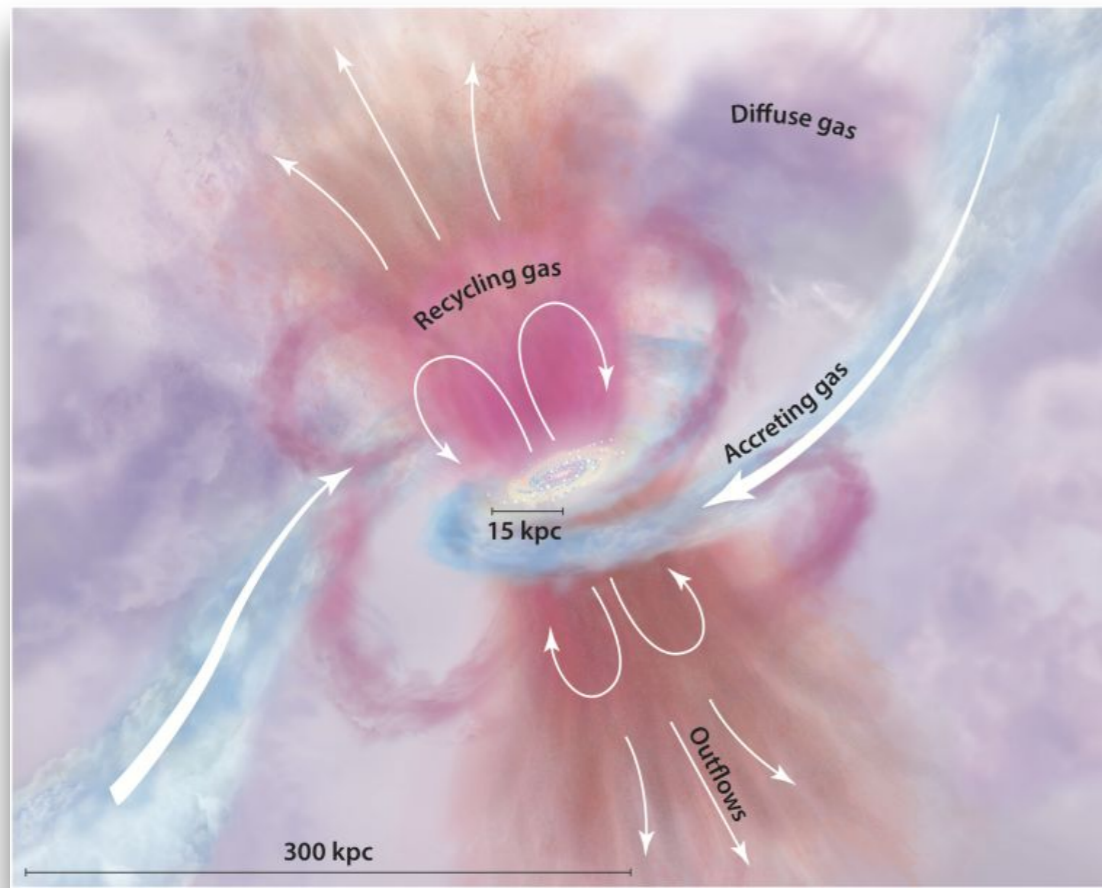
Cosmic web environment



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Filaments at different scales

Circum-galactic medium (CGM)



Tumlinson+ 2017

Cold and dense gas via
small-scale filaments (streams)

Birboim & Dekel 2003; Kereš+ 2005; Ocvirk+ 2008; Dekel+ 2009; Pichon+ 2011; Faucher-Giguère & Kereš 2011; Faucher-Giguère+ 2011; Danovich+ 2012; Ramsøy+ 2021, ...

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Cosmic web environment

Galaxy **star formation, quenching**

FINDING THE STREAMS

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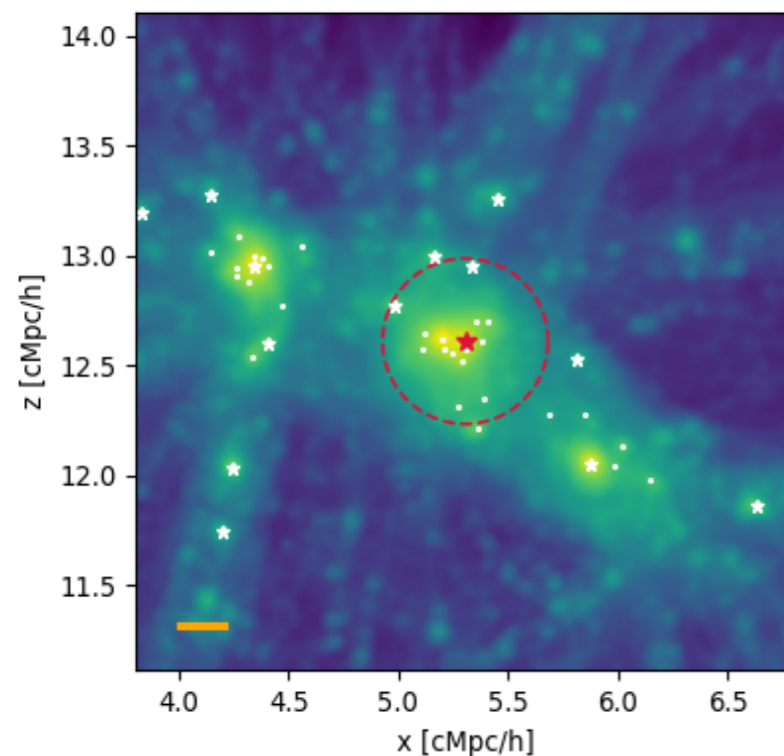
- TNG50-1 simulation
- $z=2$ (peak of star-formation activity)

Galaxies

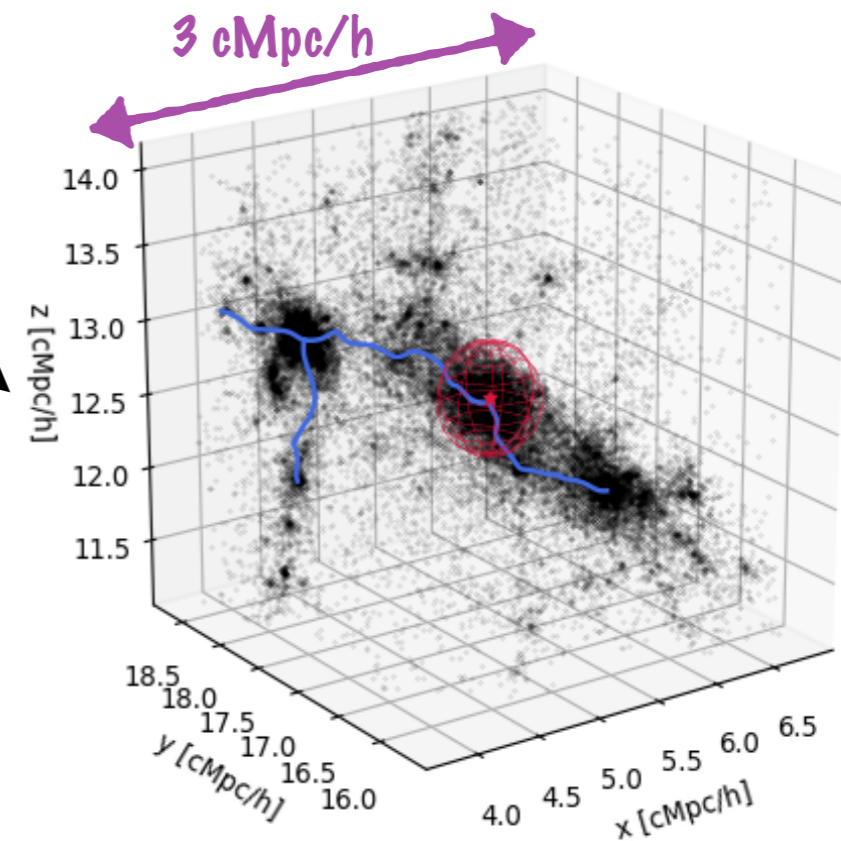
- Only centrals
- Mass selection: $M_* \geq 10^8 M_\odot/h$
- **2942 galaxies**

Streams

- DisPerSE to dark matter density grid
- Sub-boxes of 3 cMpc/h side length
- Grid resolution = 0.02 cMpc/h



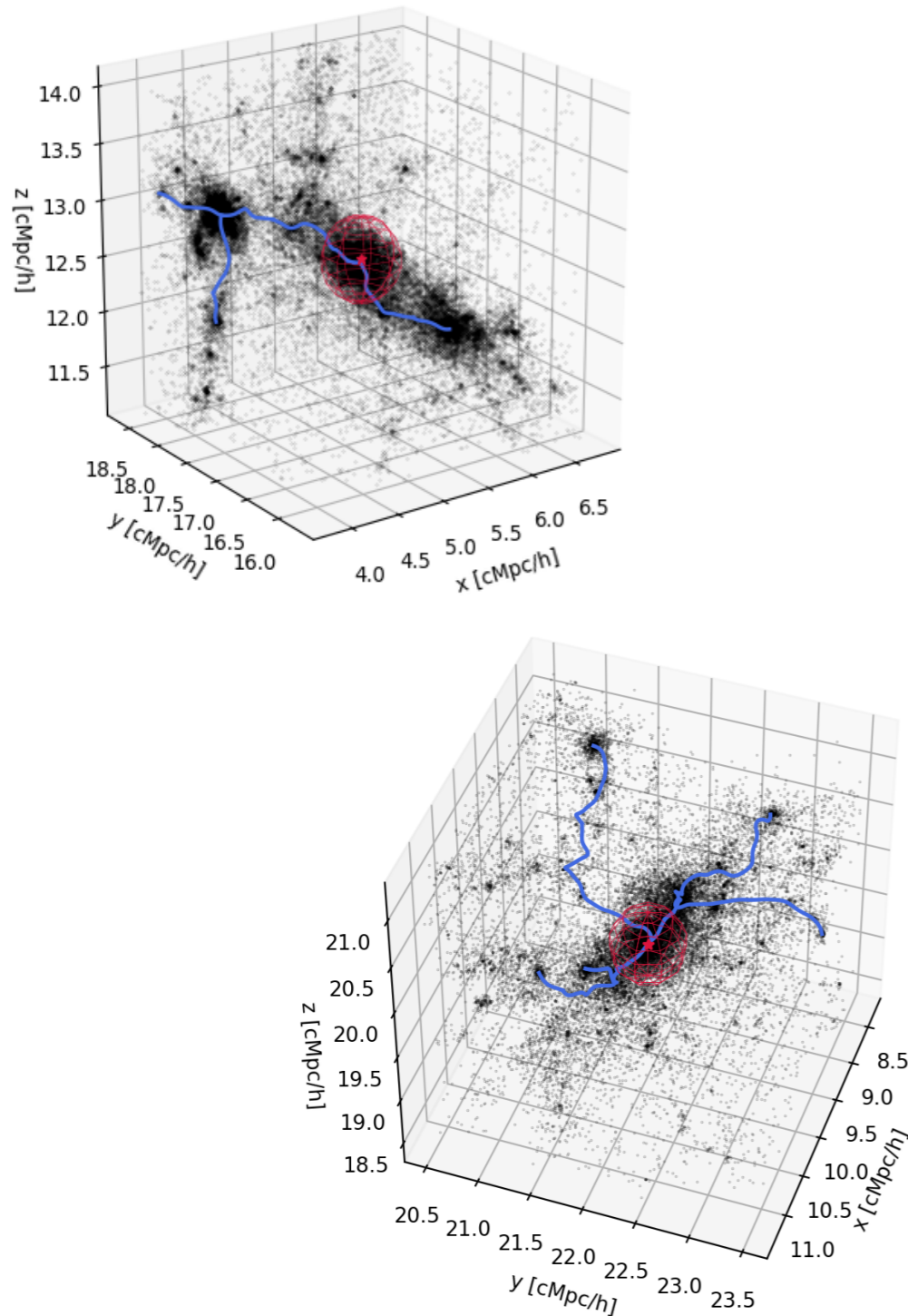
DisPerSE



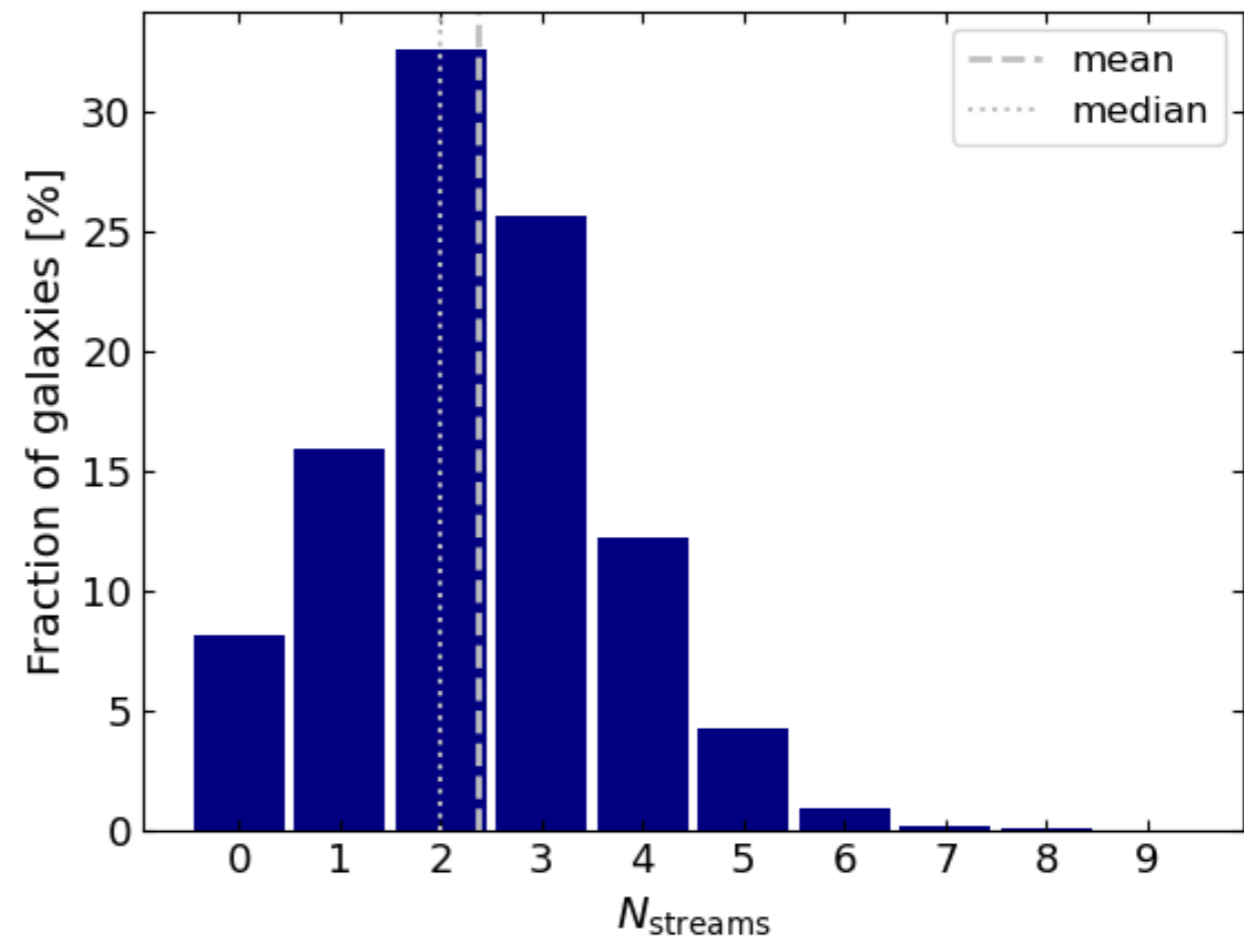
1 galaxy = 1 set of small-scale filaments

GALAXY CONNECTIVITY

Number of streams that cross the virial radius of the host halo.



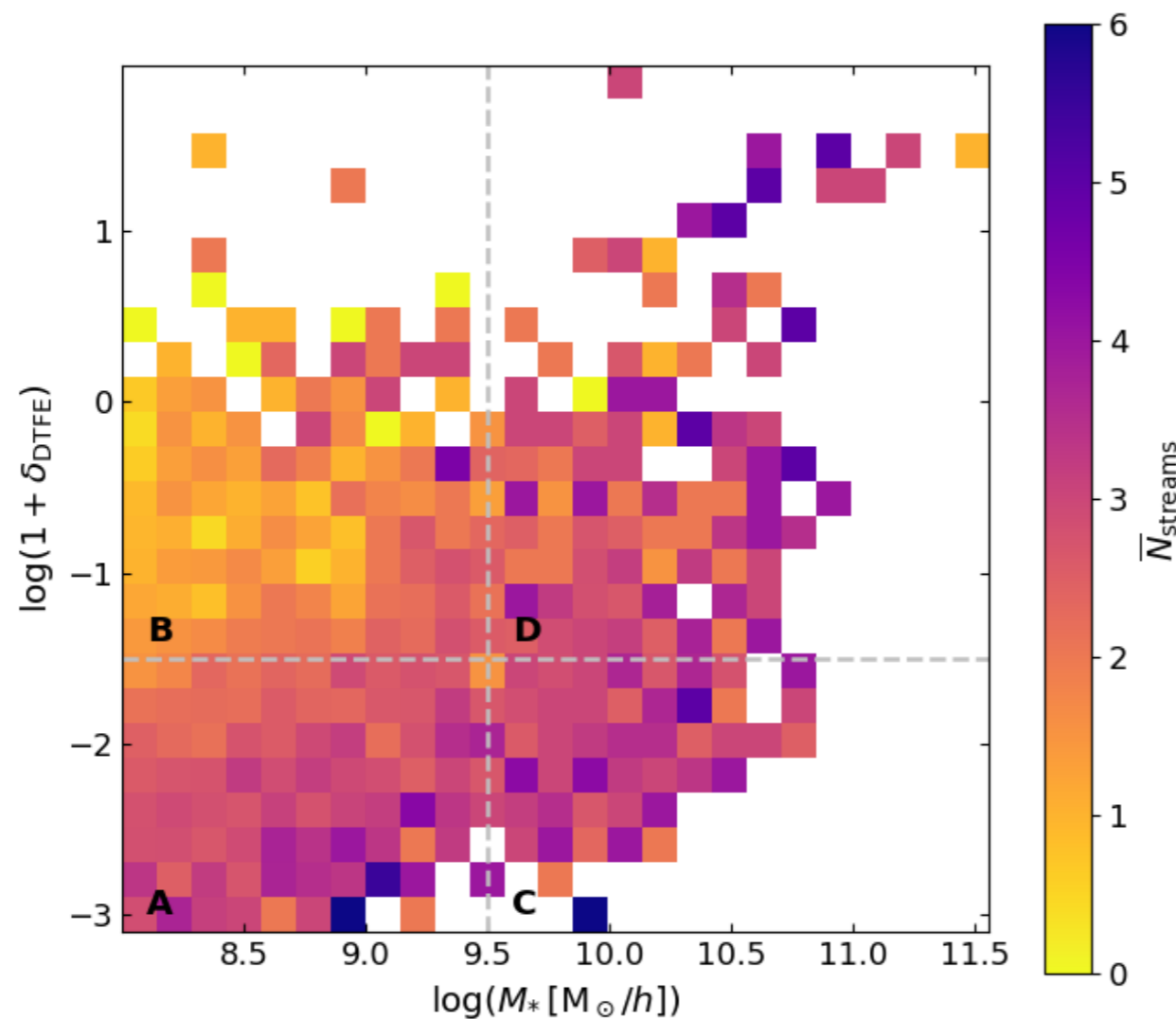
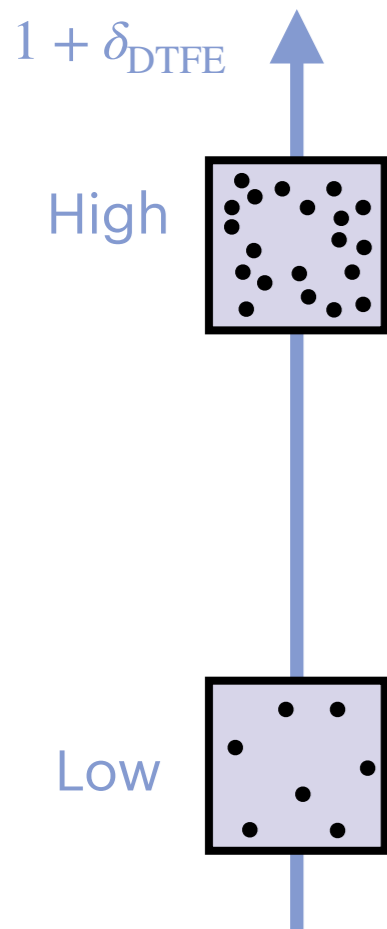
Total distribution (~3000 galaxies)



GALAXY CONNECTIVITY

Number of streams that cross the virial radius of the host halo.

Connectivity in the mass-overdensity plane



- Trends with **mass**: similar to studies of *galaxy clusters*

Aragón-Calvo+ 2010, Codis+2018, Darragh-Ford+ 2019, Sarron+ 2019, Malavasi+ 2020, Kraljic+ 2020, Gouin+ 2021

- Trends with **local density** for low mass galaxies

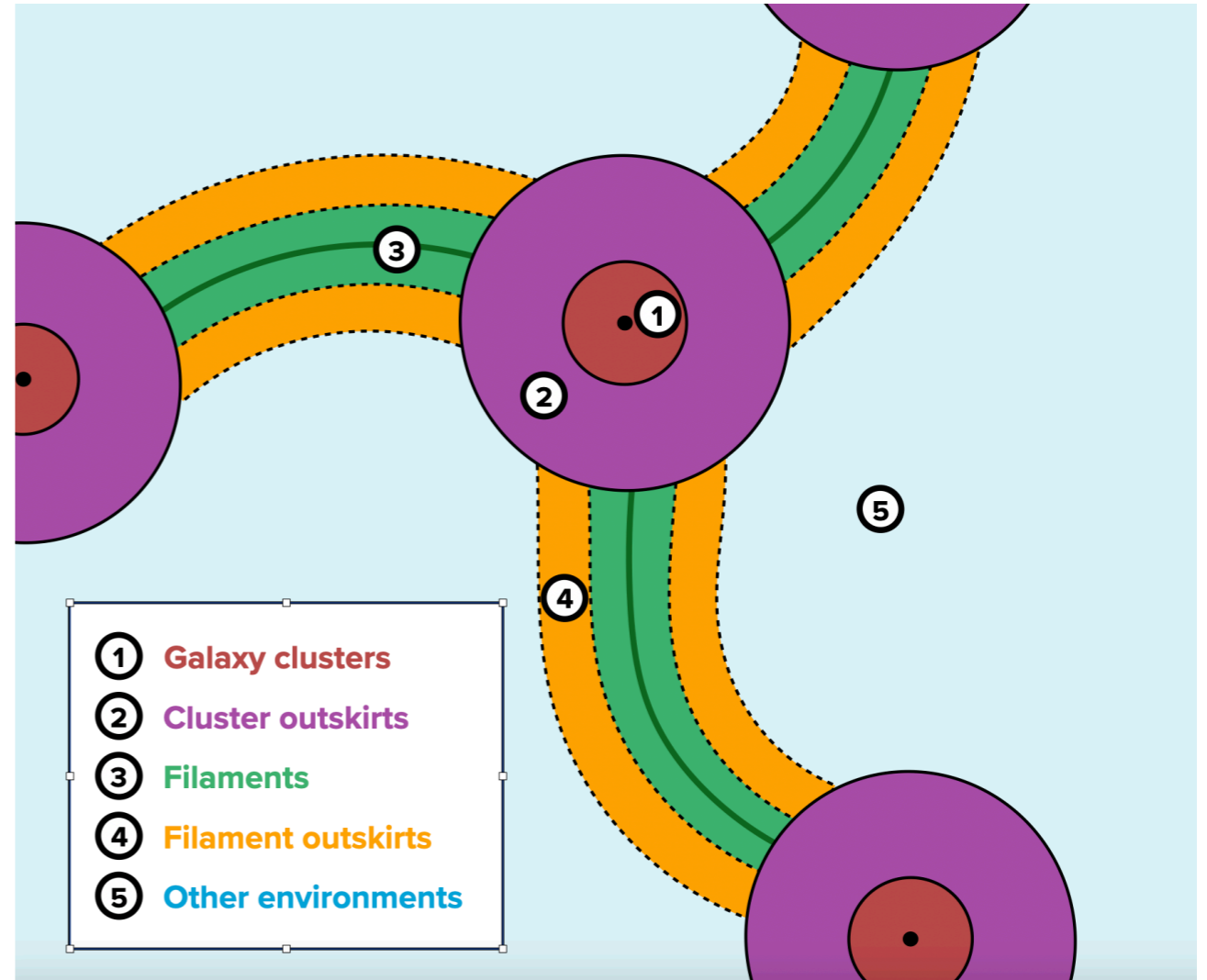
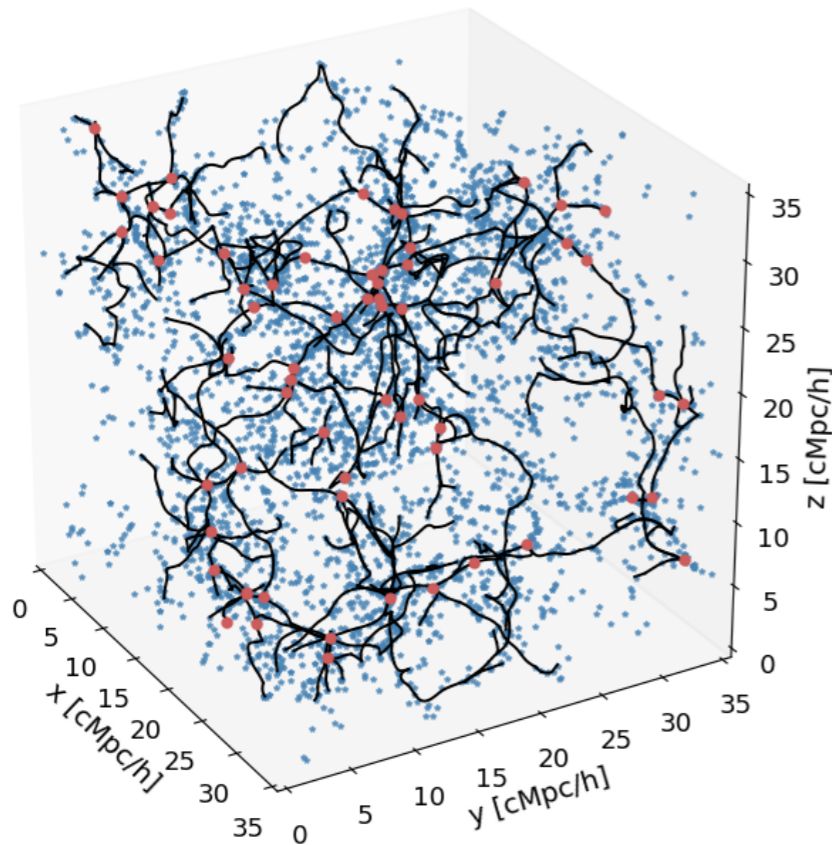
Stronger *local* tides => disconnection from the local web

Hahn+ 2009, Aragón-Calvo+ 2019

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GALAXIES IN THE LARGE-SCALE ENVIRONMENT

Cosmic skeleton detected from DM density, using DisPerSE on the full TNG50-1 box



	Total
All cosmic environments	2942
Voids + Walls	1211
Filament outskirts	454
Filaments	1213
Cluster outskirts	28
Galaxy Clusters	36

Definition

The rest

1 - 2 cMpc/h from filament axis

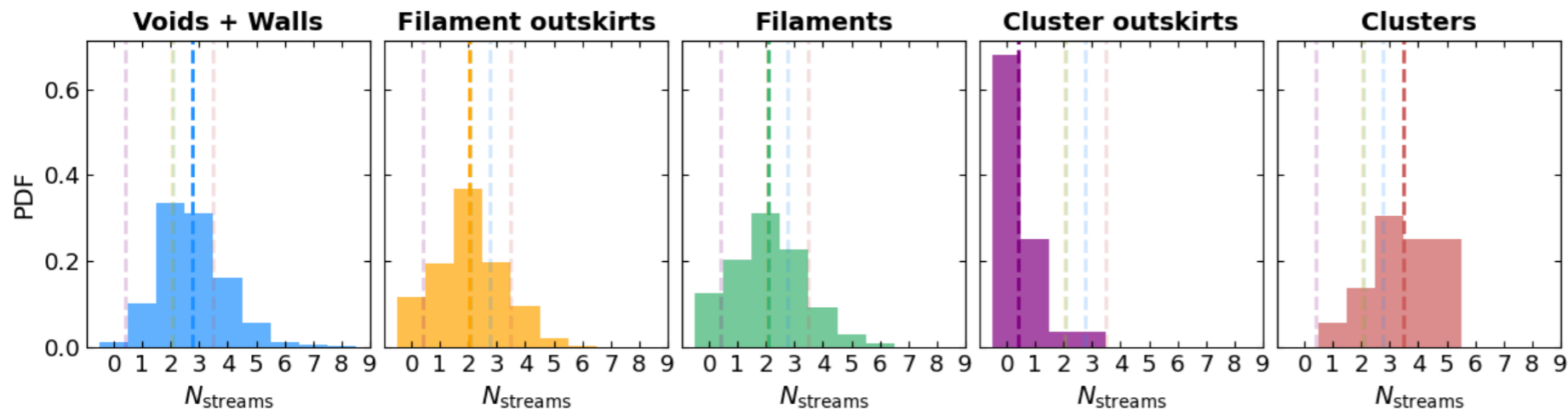
1 cMpc/h from filament axis

Within 1 - 3 R_{200}

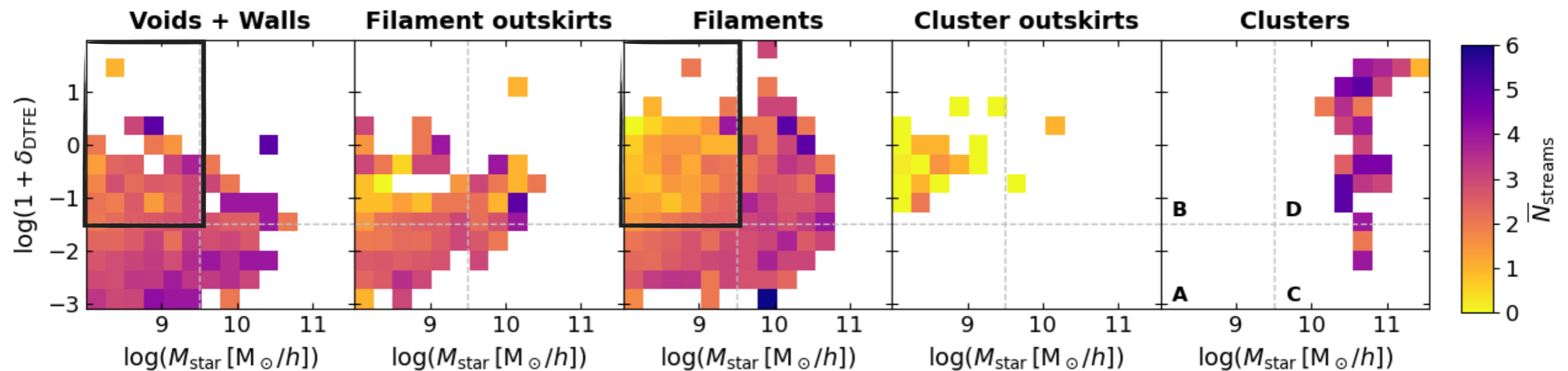
Haloes $M > 10^{12} M_{\odot}/h$, within R_{200}

Galaxy connectivity in different cosmic environments

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Different distributions!
Connectivity depends on location of galaxy in the cosmic web



Example: in zone B

Mean = 2.34 ± 0.09 in **voids+walls**

Mean = 1.43 ± 0.05 in **filaments**

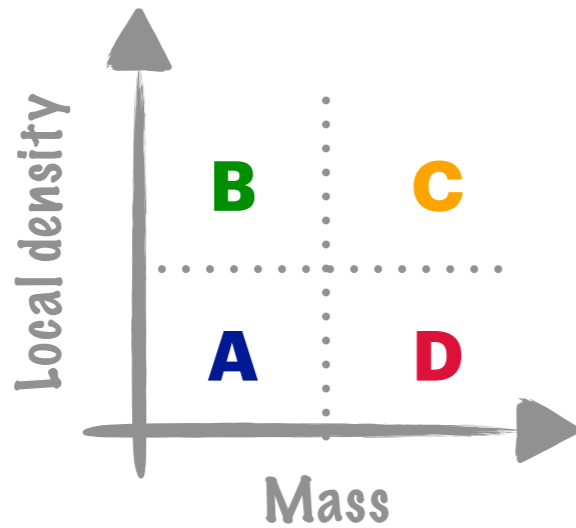
→ **8.48 σ difference**

Explained by different strengths of the cosmic tidal flow

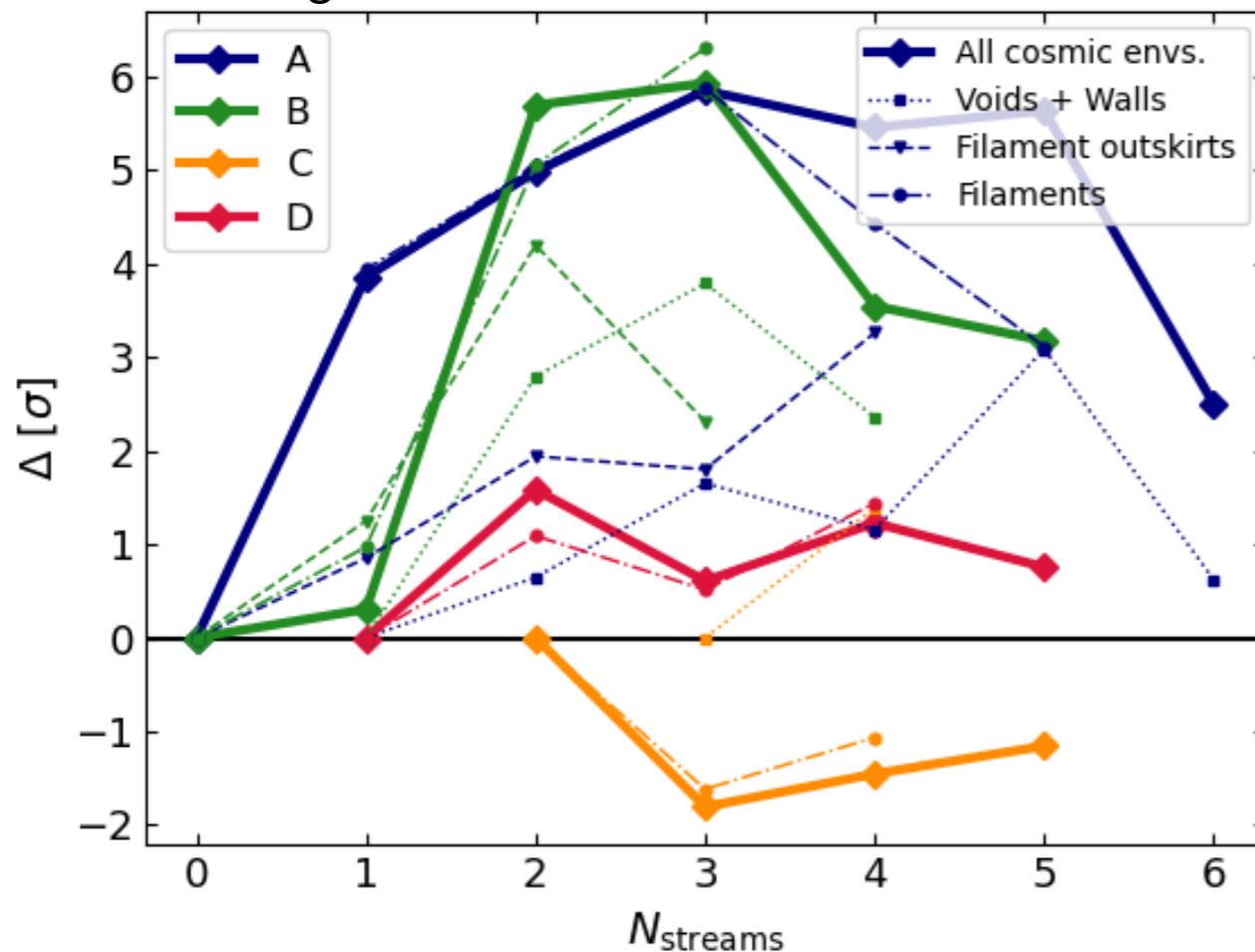
Musso+ 2018; Paranjape+ 2018; Kraljic+ 2019, Jhee+ 2022

In agreement with Borzyszkowski+ 2017; Romano-Díaz+ 2017, Garaldi+ 2018

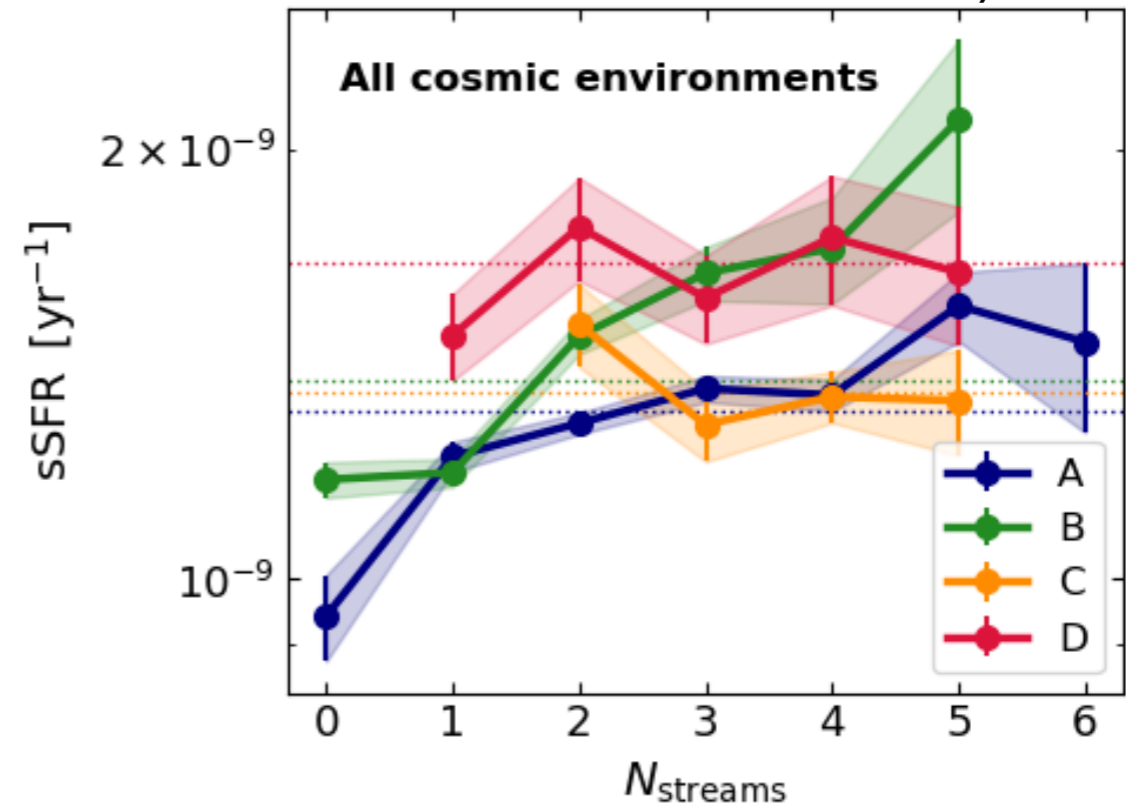
IMPACT ON STAR FORMATION



Significance of sSFR enhancement



Mean sSFR vs connectivity



sSFR significantly boosted for low mass galaxies (A -> 5.84σ, B -> 5.92σ)

larger number of streams

=> more accretion of cold material

=> boost galaxy star-formation

Maximal enhancement (6.30σ) for low mass galaxies in cosmic filaments
(importance of matter reservoirs!)

CONCLUSIONS: GALAXIES IN THEIR MULTI-SCALE ENVIRONMENT

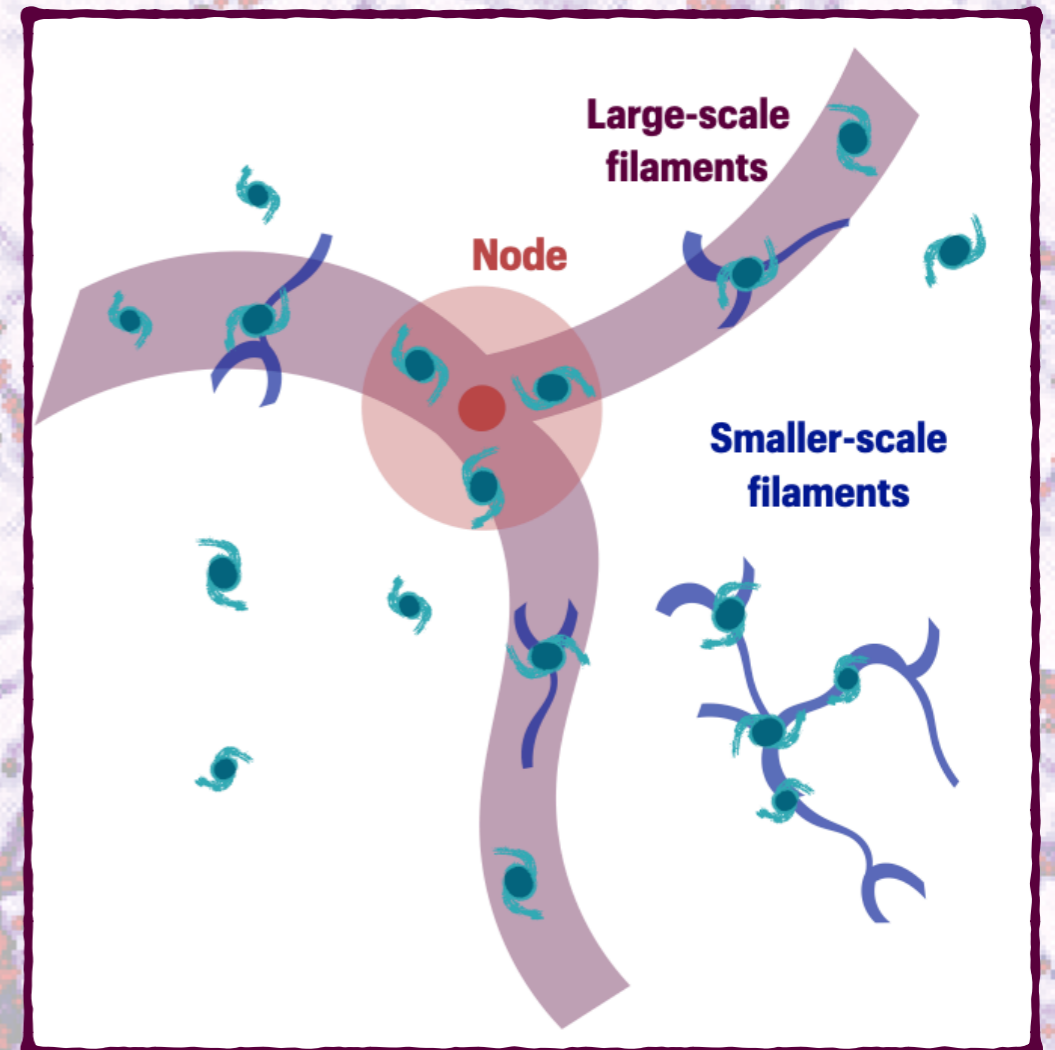
◆ At fixed mass and local density ($z=2$):

- **Galaxy connectivity** depends on location in **cosmic web** structures
- Low mass galaxies: **connectivity enhances the sSFR** ($\sim 6\sigma$)!

◆ Cosmic filaments are rich environments to study galaxy evolution

- Different populations of galaxies co-exist
- Less extreme than clusters
- Diversity in gas density and temperature (see first part of the talk)

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FUTURE PERSPECTIVES:

- Matter transport via DM streams? Gas properties?
- What fraction of gas accreted via the streams vs isotropic accretion?
- Picture from $z=2$ to $z=0$?

+ Currently working on detection of the streams in observations (J-PAS, Bonoli+2021)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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