

# Dancing in the dark: galactic properties trace spin swings along the cosmic web



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Horizon-AGN simulation

<http://horizon-simulation.org>

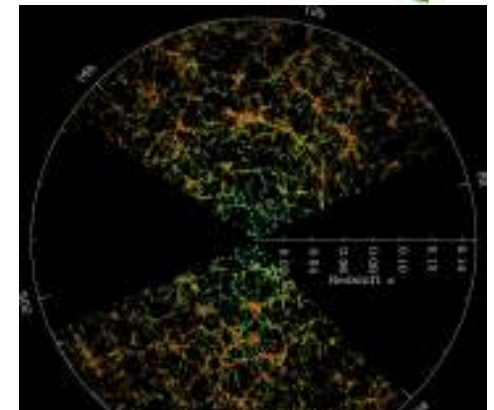
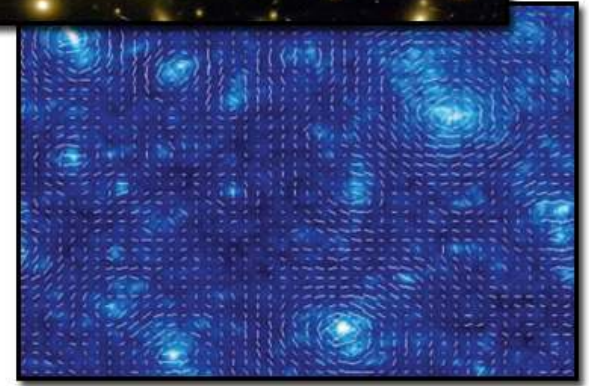
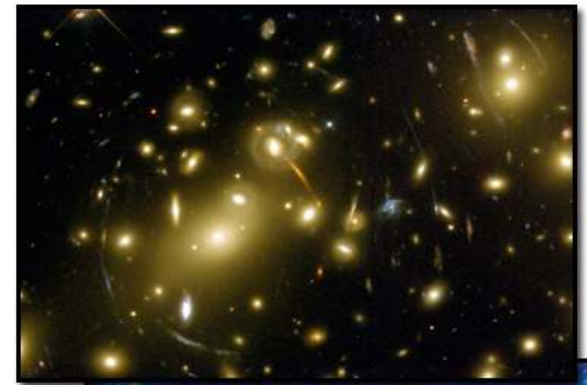
25 Mpc/h

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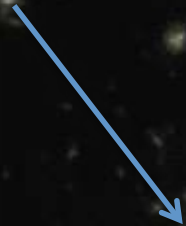
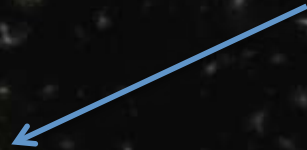
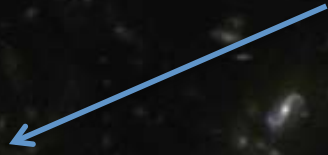


# Introduction

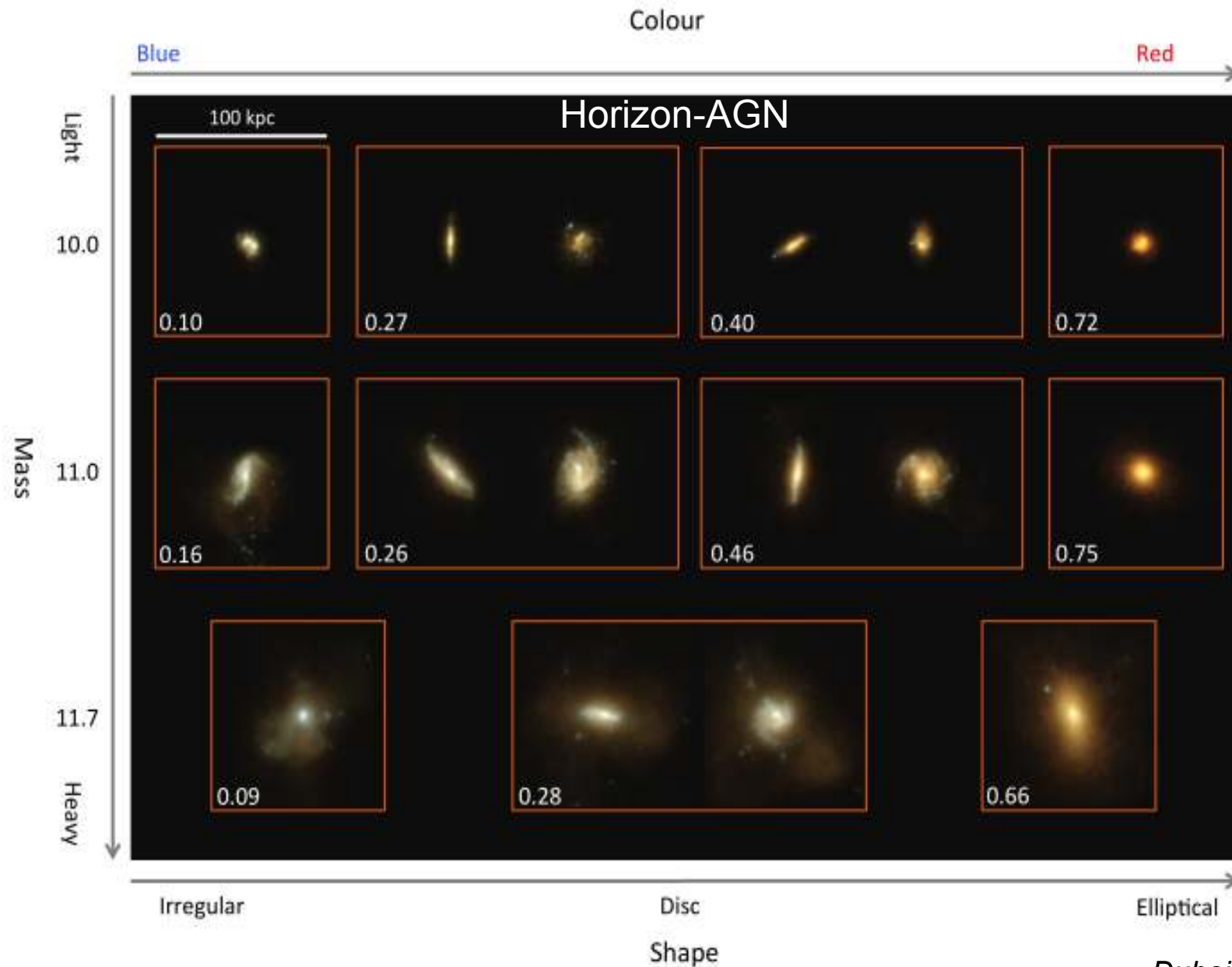
- Why should I care about the alignment of collapsed structures (dark halos, galaxies) with the cosmic web?
- Galaxies form at special locations of the cosmic web (sheets, filaments, nodes).
- Their angular momentum properties may be inherited from large-scale structures
  1. Feedback changes the angular momentum content of galaxies
  2. Evaluate the intrinsic alignment of structures
- Euclid will constraint the nature of the dark energy with the amount of deformation of galaxies by gravitational lensing
- The method works well if galaxies are randomly oriented
- Intrinsic alignment of galaxies is a spurious bias that must be quantified for the success of the mission!
- Need for **large-scale simulations** and direct observations



Without AGN: massive blue spirals are everywhere!

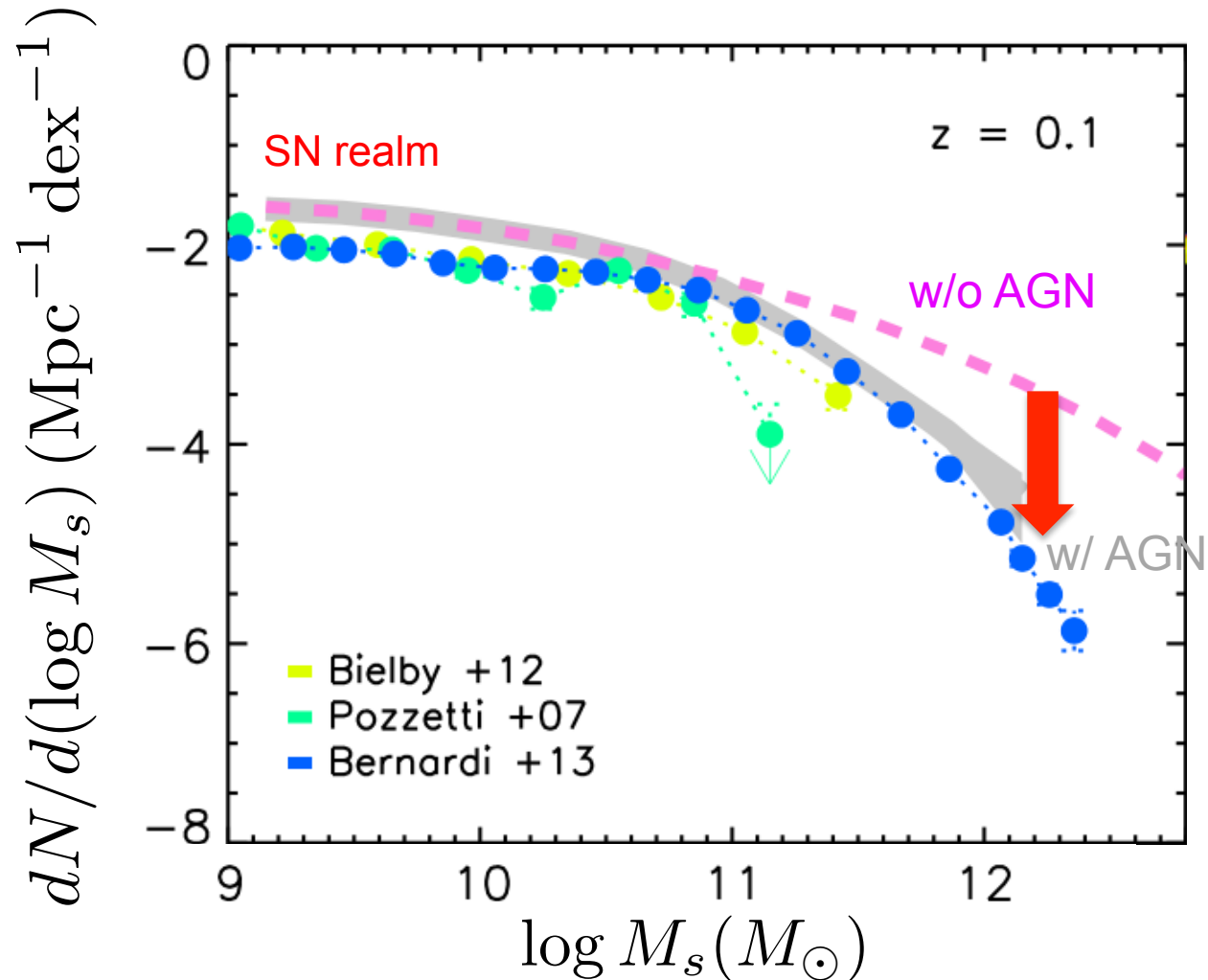


# Morphological variety



# Motivation for AGN feedback

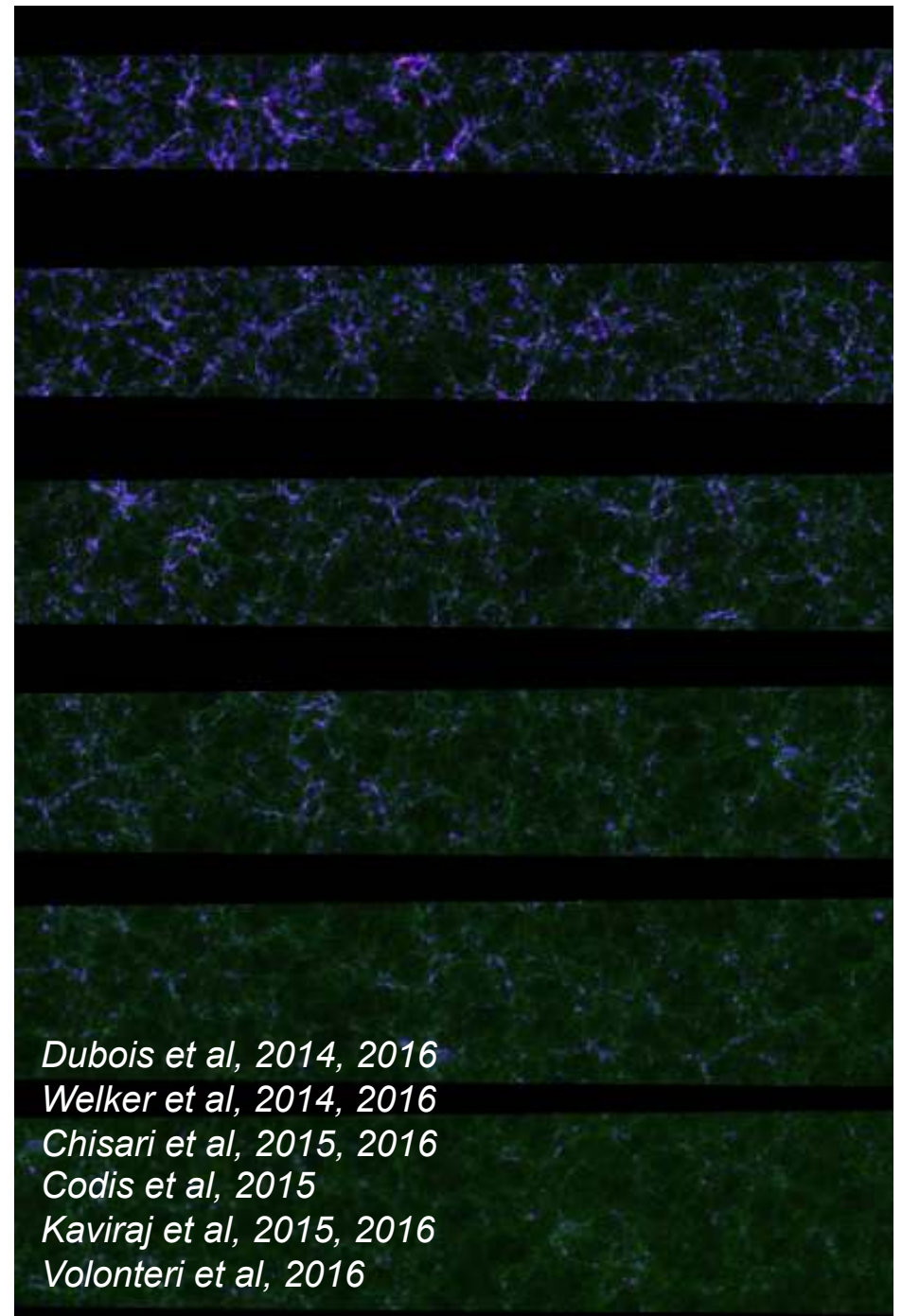
Galaxy mass functions in the Horizon-AGN project



# The Horizon-AGN simulation

- Simulation content
  - Run with Ramses (AMR) *Teyssier (2002)*
  - $L_{\text{box}}=100$  Mpc/h
  - **1024<sup>3</sup>** DM particles  $M_{\text{DM,res}}=8 \times 10^7 M_{\text{sun}}$
  - Finest cell resolution  $dx=1$  kpc
  - Gas cooling & UV background heating
  - Low efficiency star formation
  - Stellar winds + SNII + SNIa
  - O, Fe, C, N, Si, Mg, H
  - AGN feedback radio/quasar
- Outputs
  - Standard outputs  $\sim 200$  Myrs
  - Star particles are backed up every 10-20 Myr
  - Lightcones ( $1^\circ \times 1^\circ$ ) performed on-the-fly
    - Dark Matter (position, velocity)
    - Gas (position, density, velocity, pressure, chemistry)
    - Stars (position, mass, velocity, age, chemistry)
    - Black holes (position, mass, velocity, accretion rate)
- $z=0$  using 10 Mhours on 4096 cores
- 150 000 galaxies per snapshot ( $> 50$  part.)
- $7 \cdot 10^9$  leaf cells (more than Illustris or Eagle)

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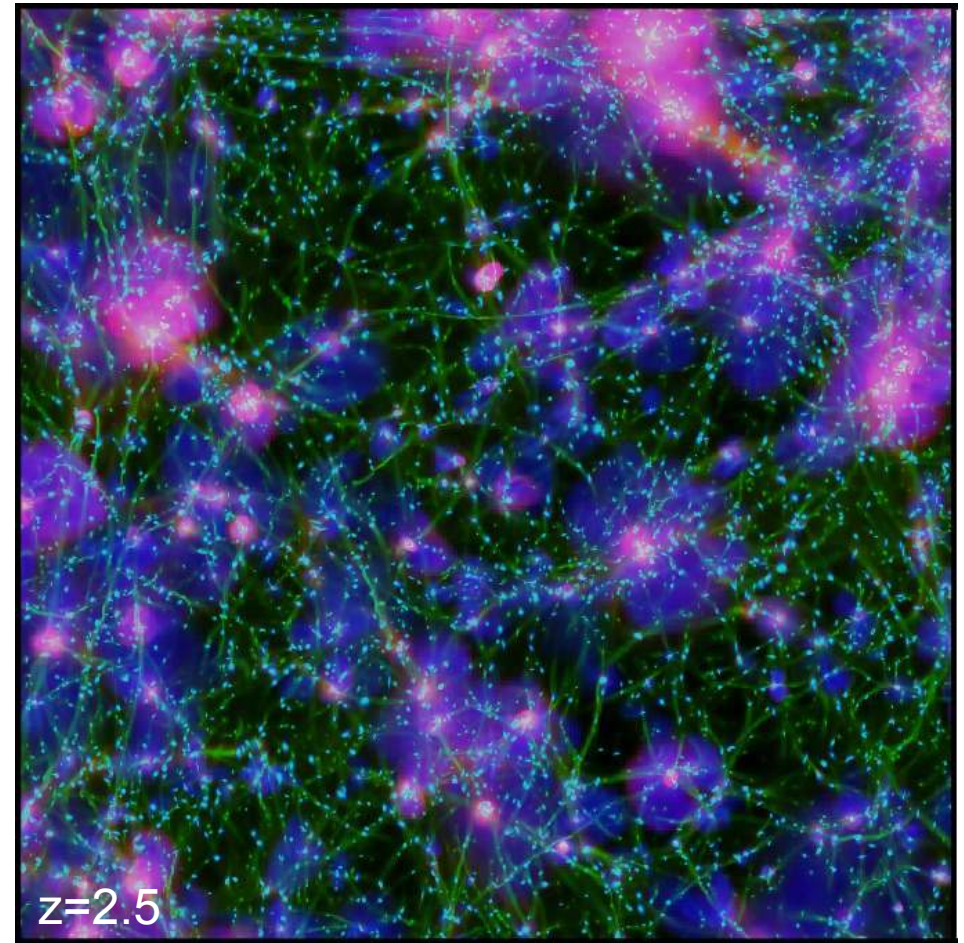
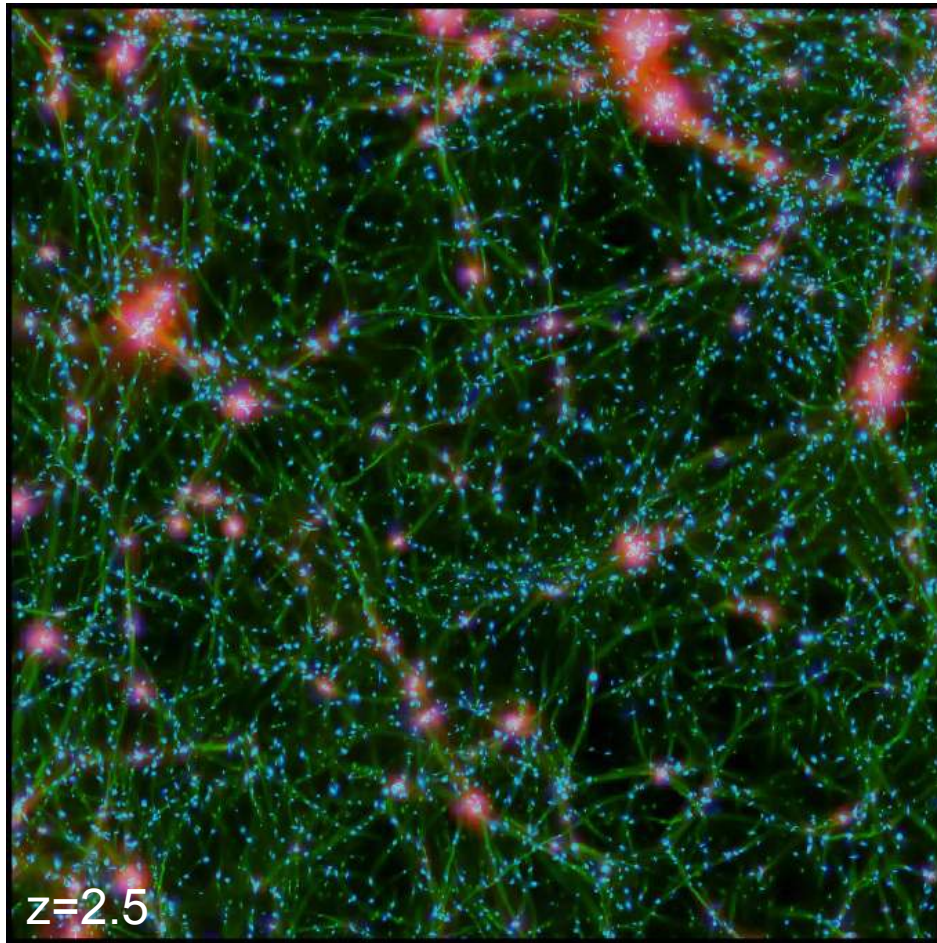


# A visual inspection of the impact of AGN feedback on large-scale structures

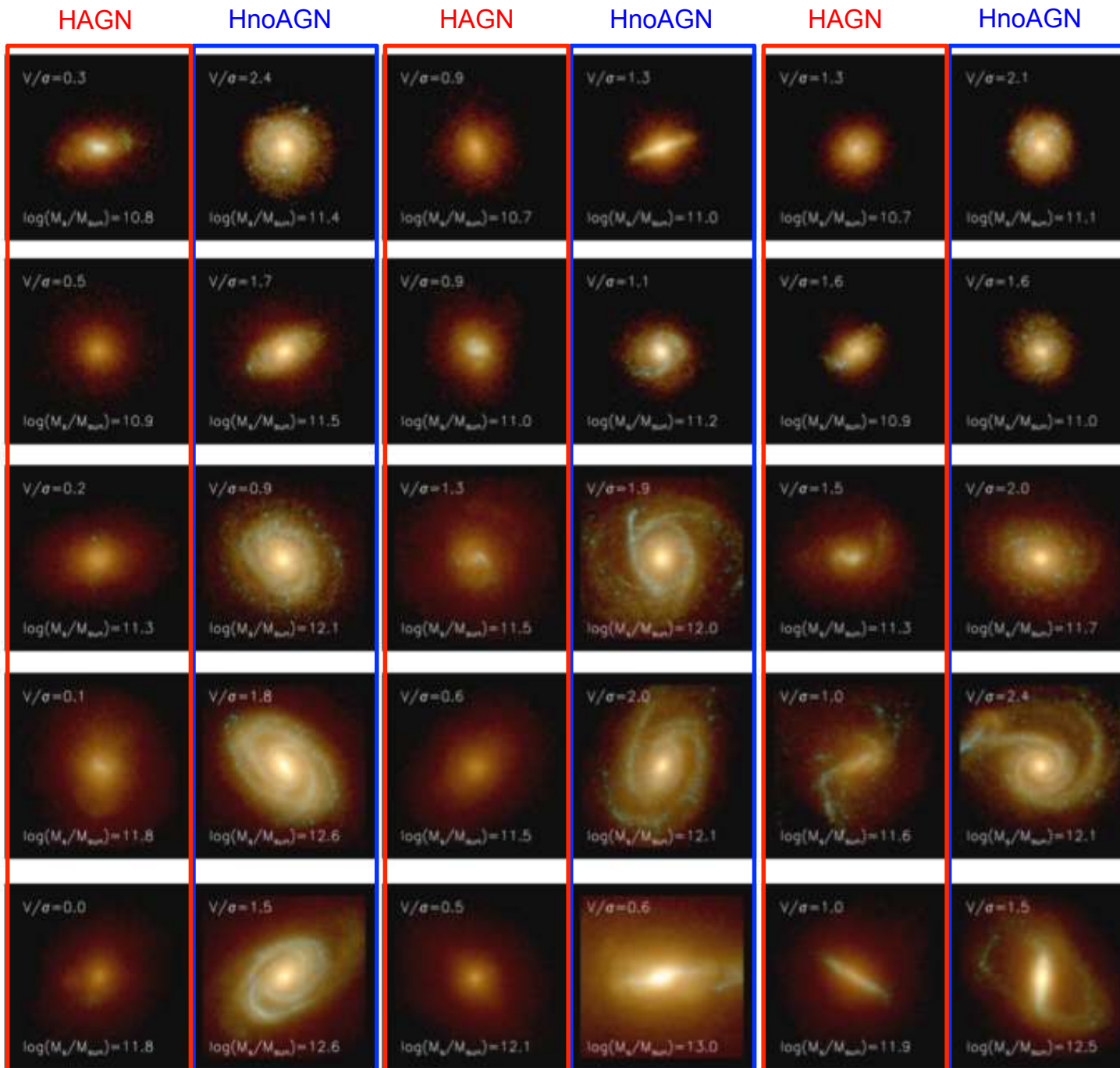
Green: gas density / Red: temperature / Blue: metallicity

Horizon-noAGN

Horizon-AGN

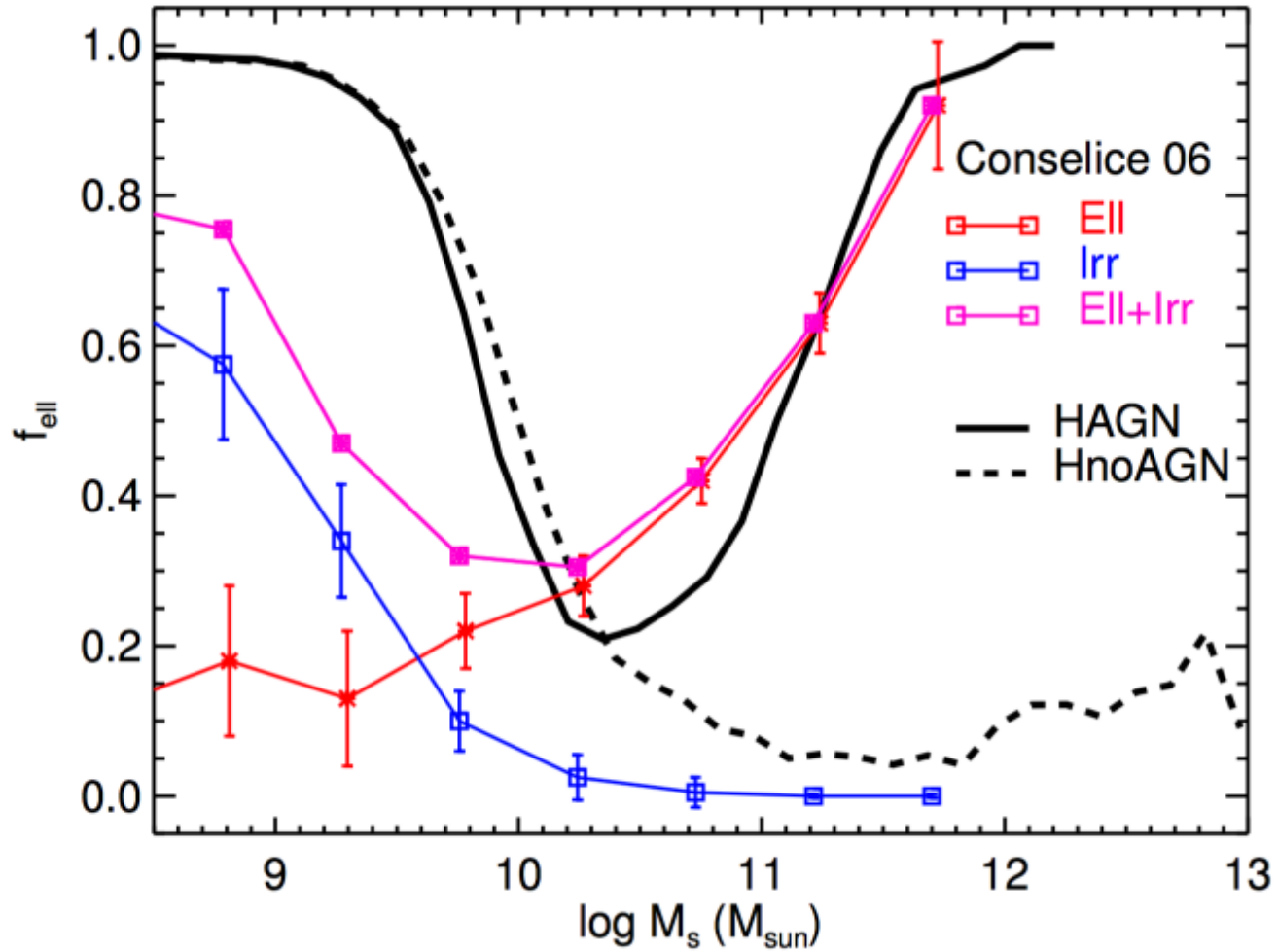


+ one DM-only simulation

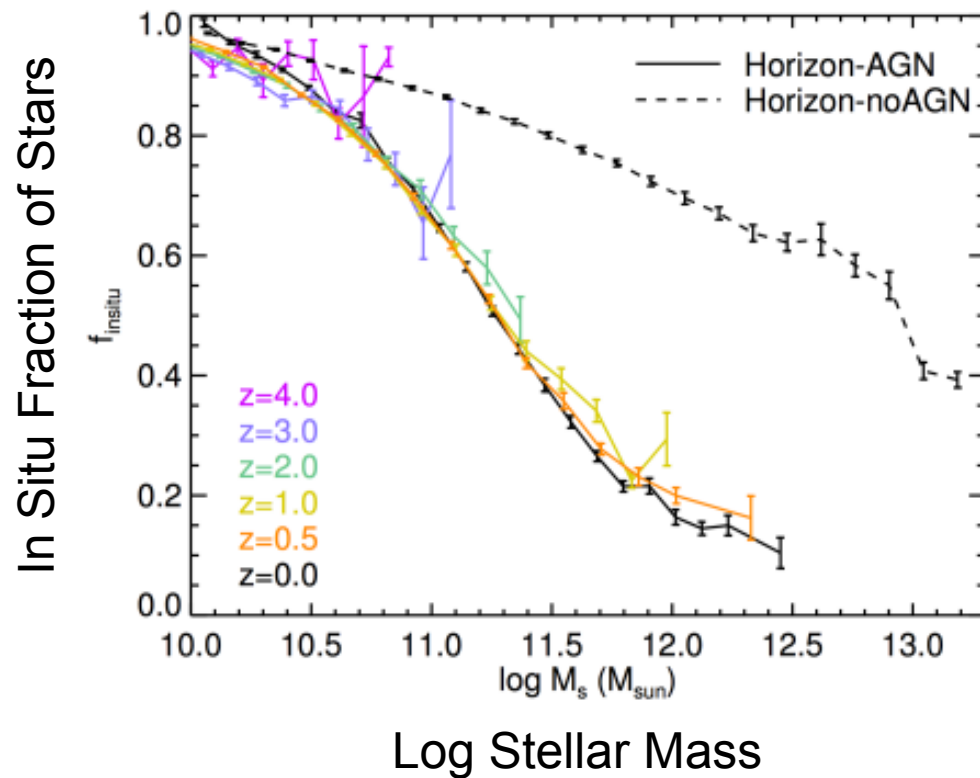




# Fraction of Ellipticals



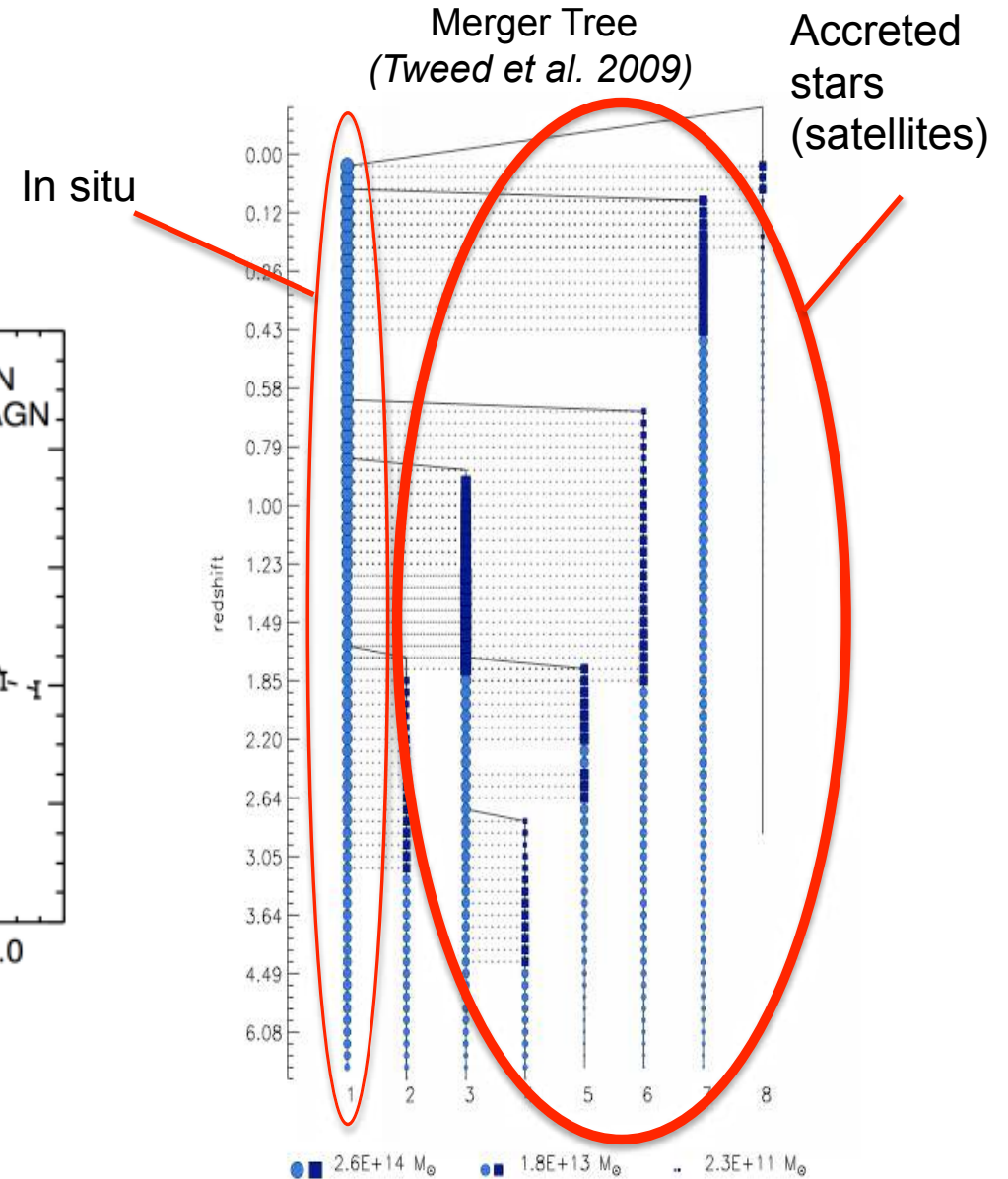
# The origin of the stars



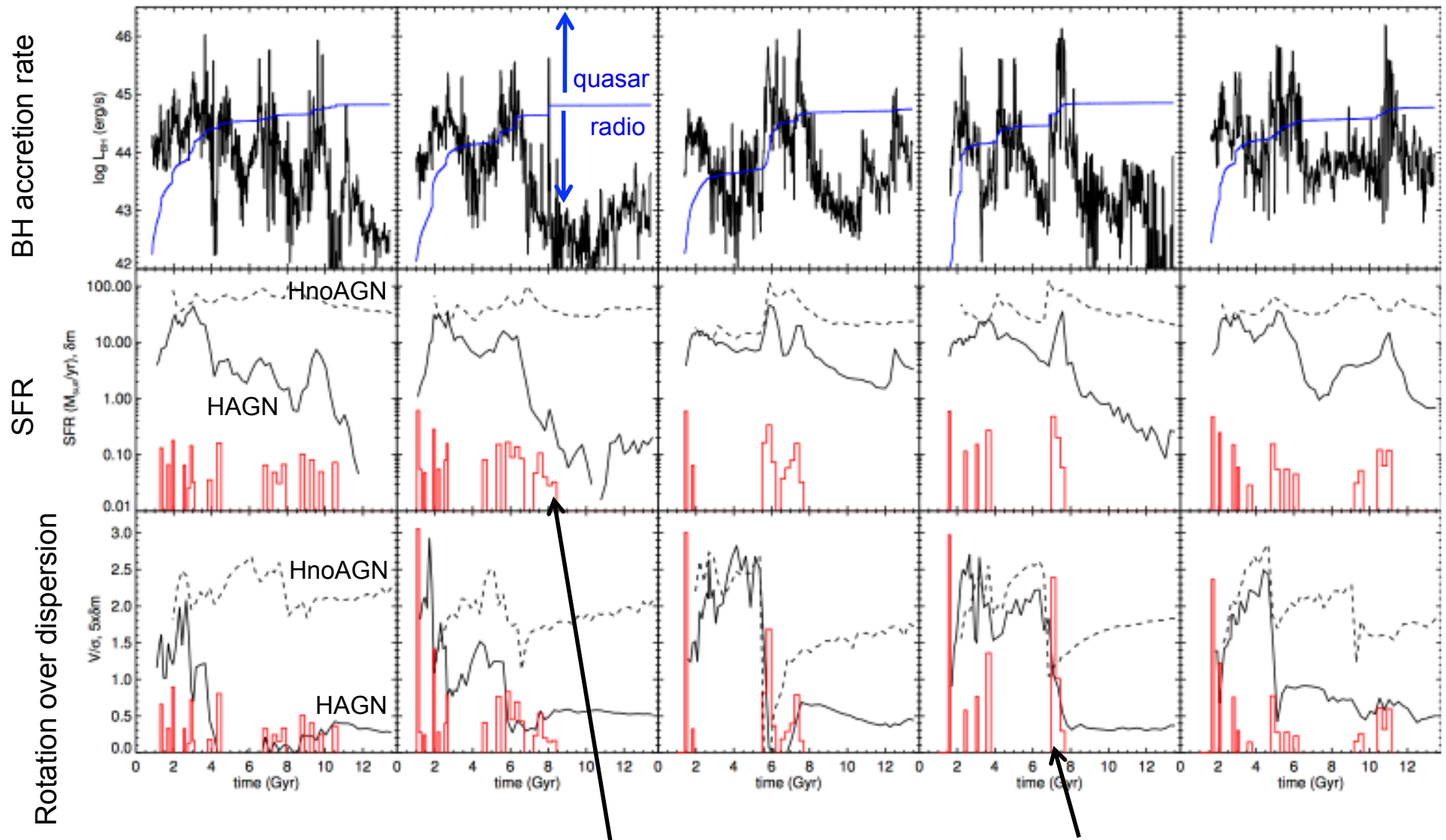
Dubois et al, 2016

See also Dubois, Gavazzi, Peirani, Silk, 2013

Lee & Yi, 2013 (SAM)



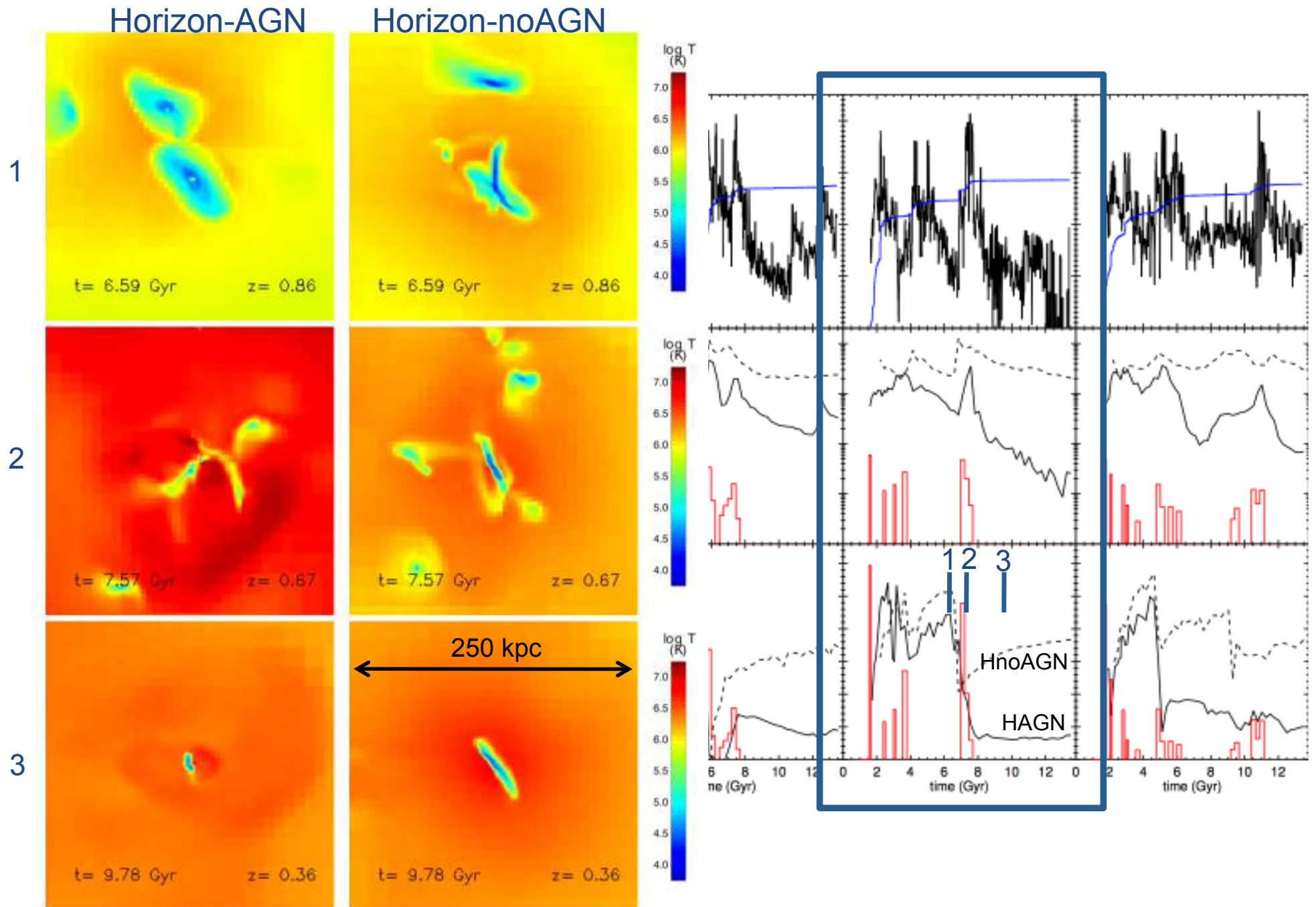
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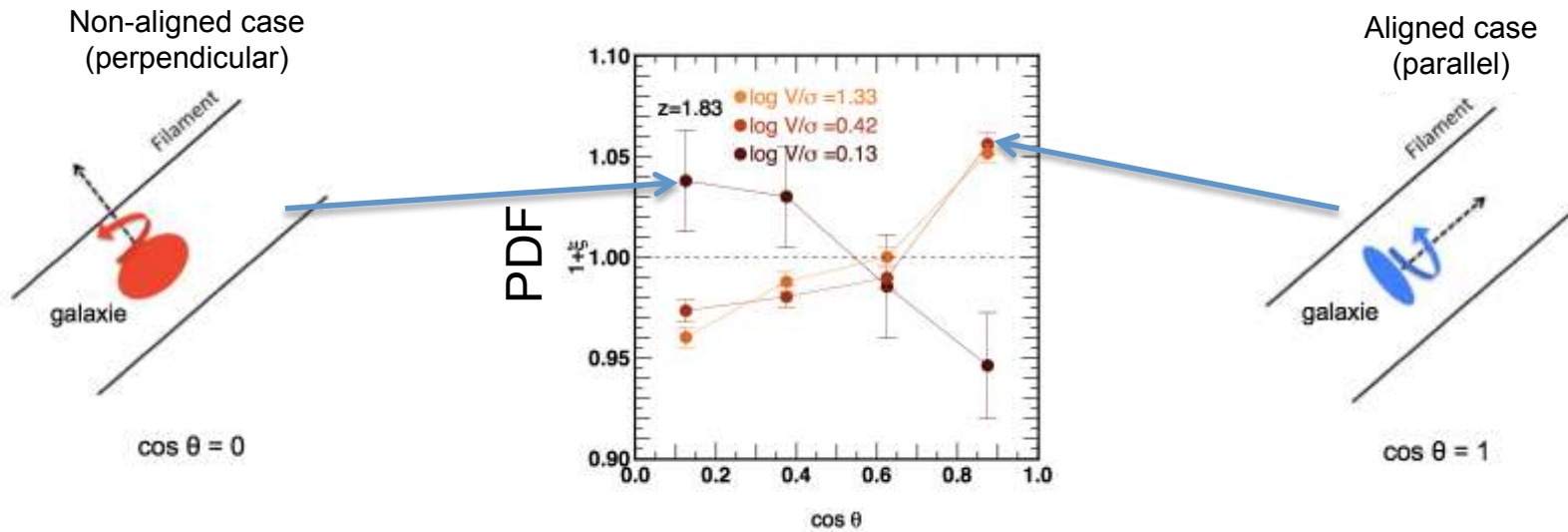
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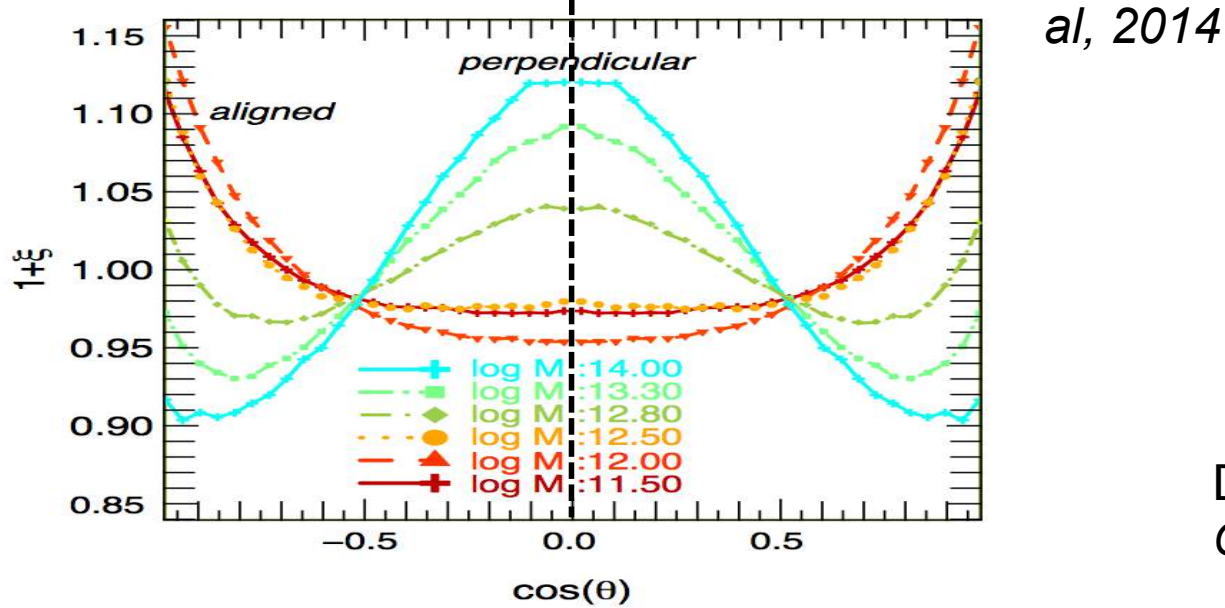
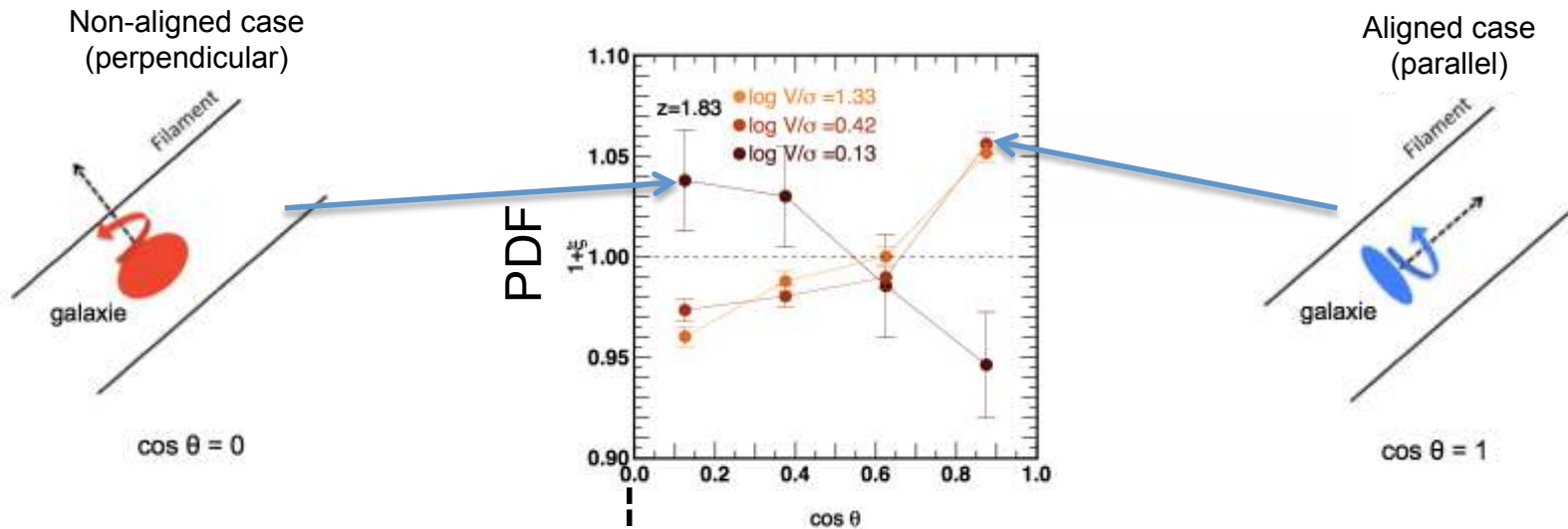
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Horizon-AGN simulation / *Dubois et al, 2014*

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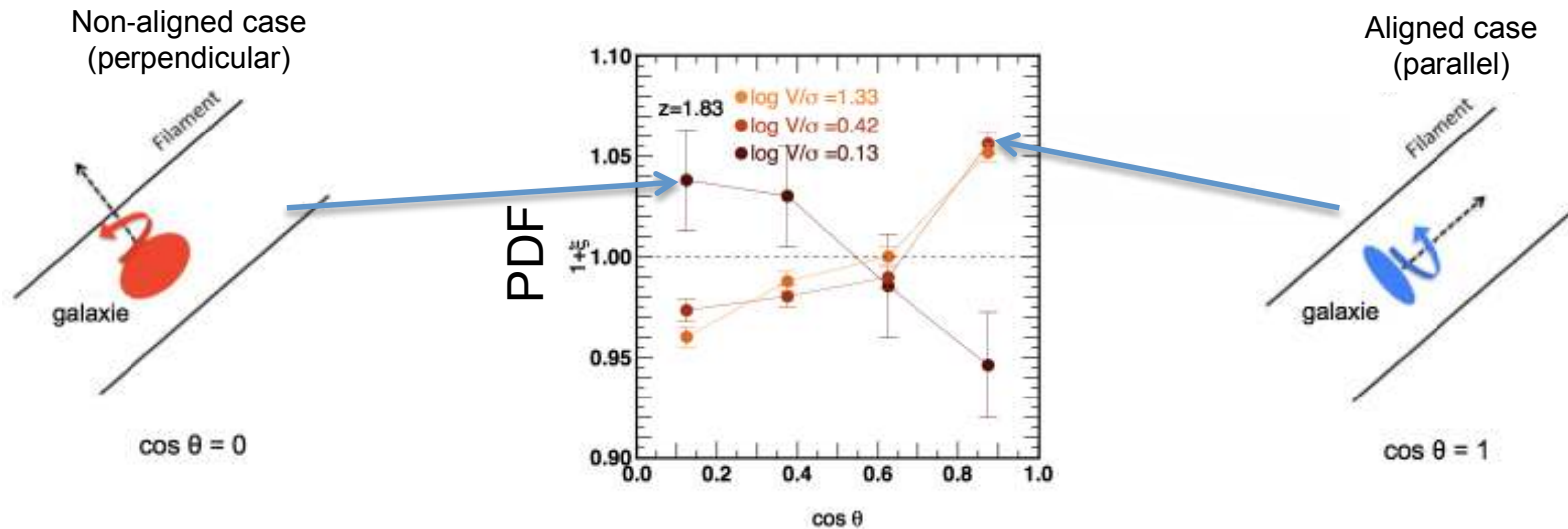
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DM halos  
*Codis et al, 2012*

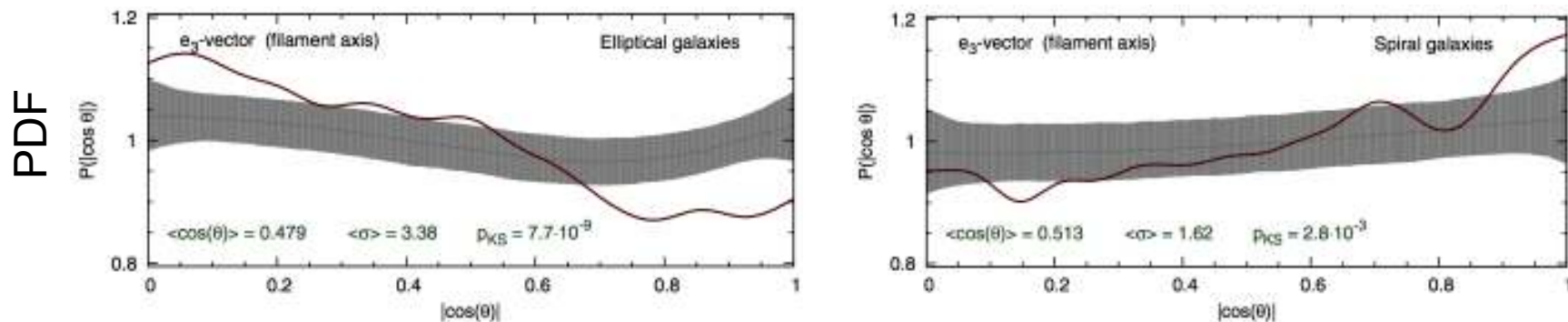
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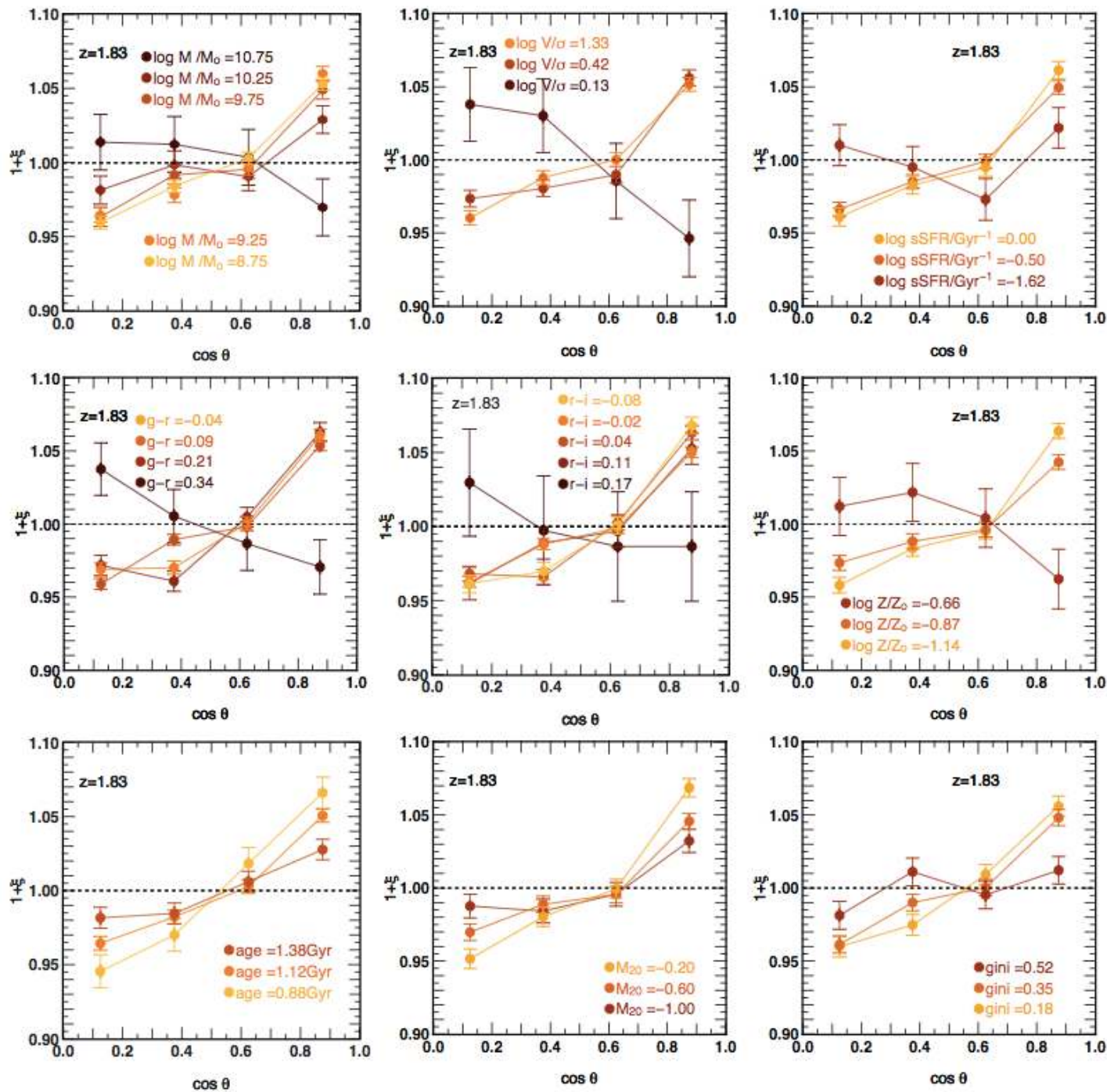
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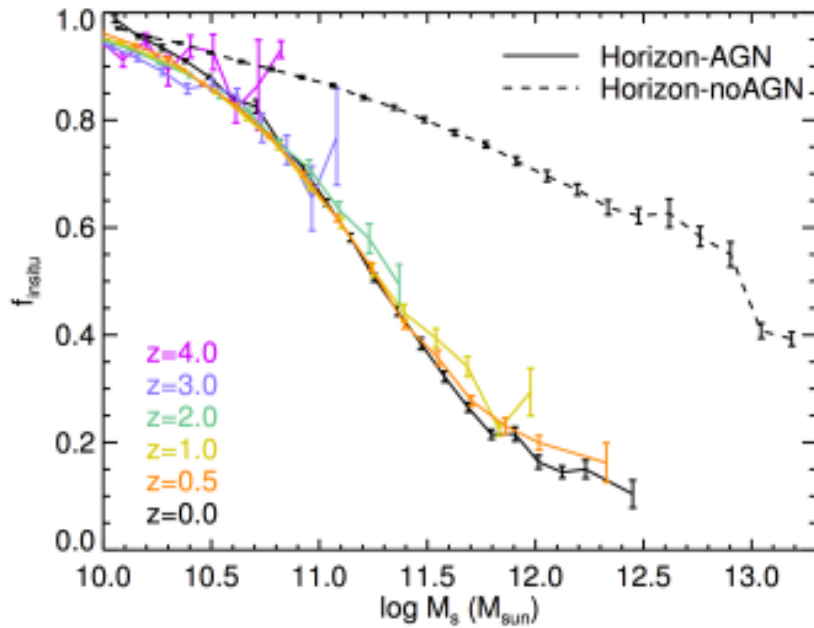
## Observations (SDSS) / *Tempel & Libeskind, 2013*







# How comes some galaxies are aligned and other misaligned?

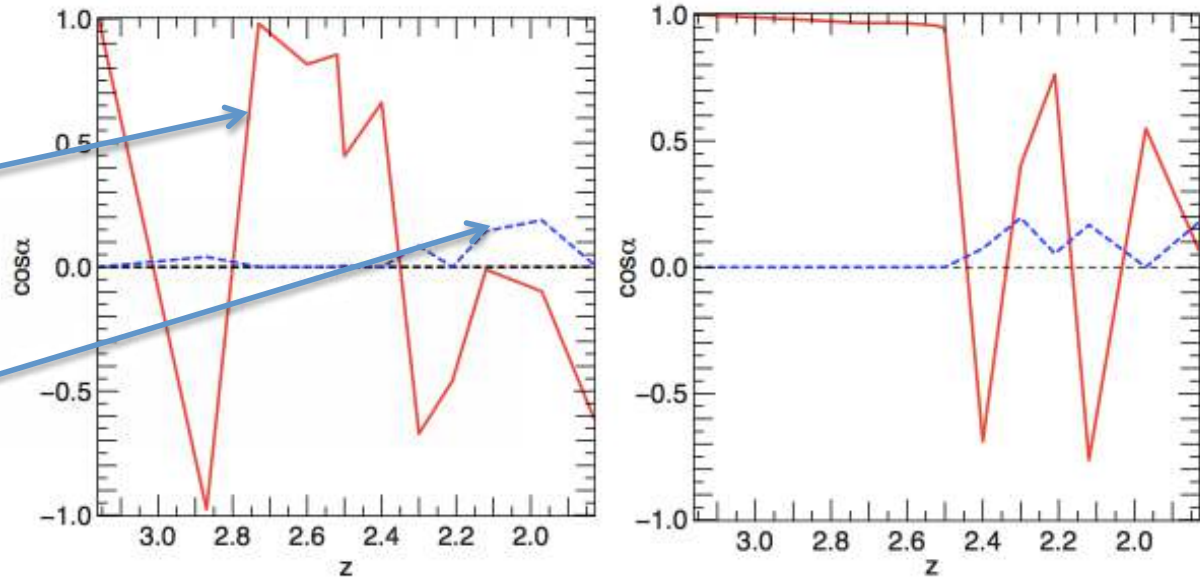


Mergers drive spin reorientation

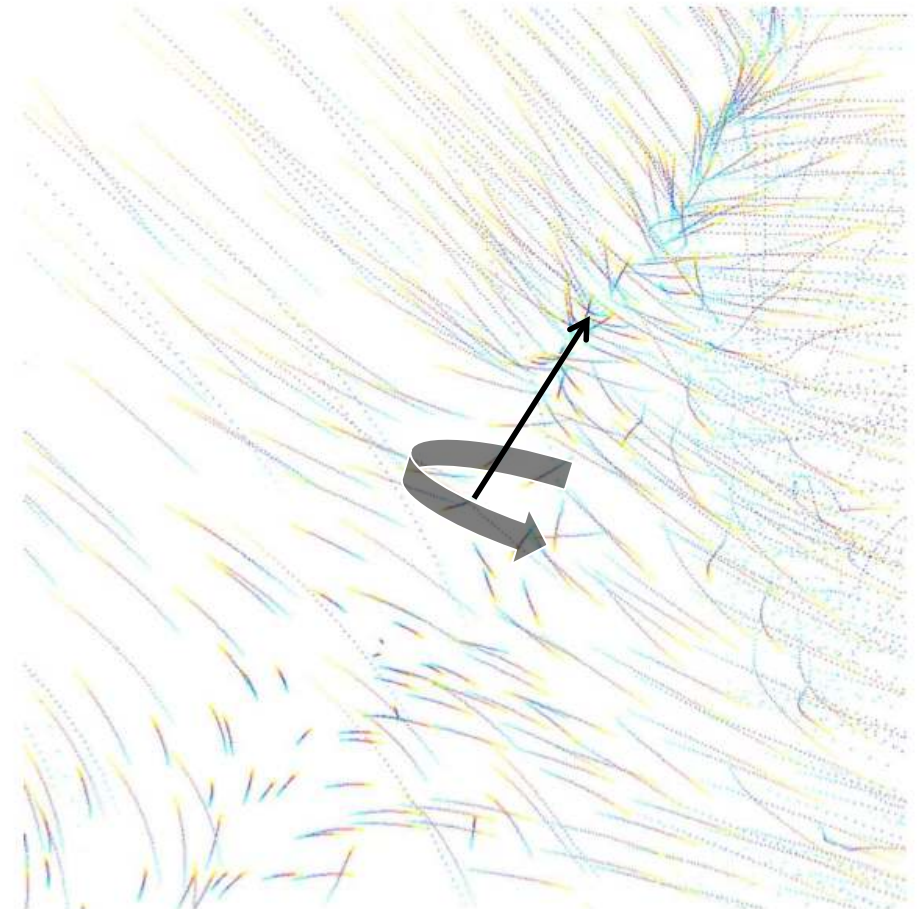
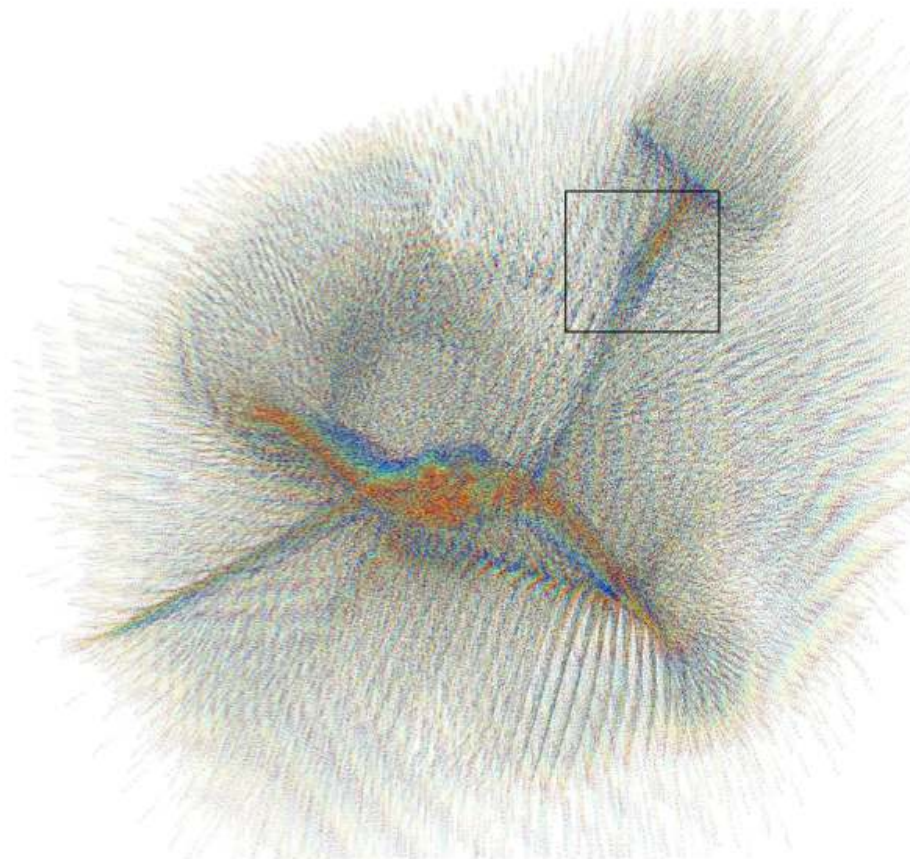
Two examples of galaxies with mergers

Angle between the galaxy spin and its initial orientation

Merger mass ratio

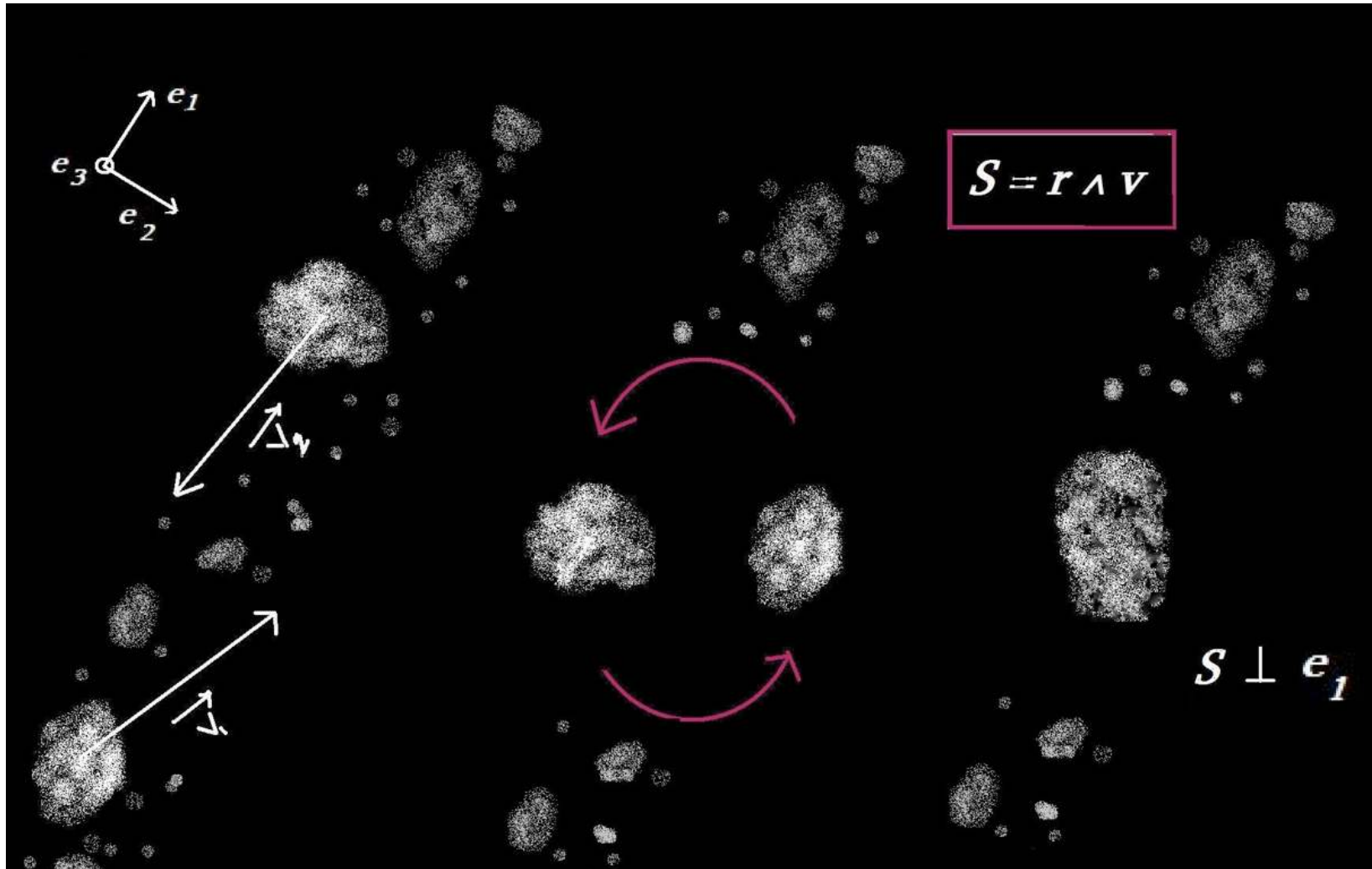


# Why do low-mass halos align with filaments?



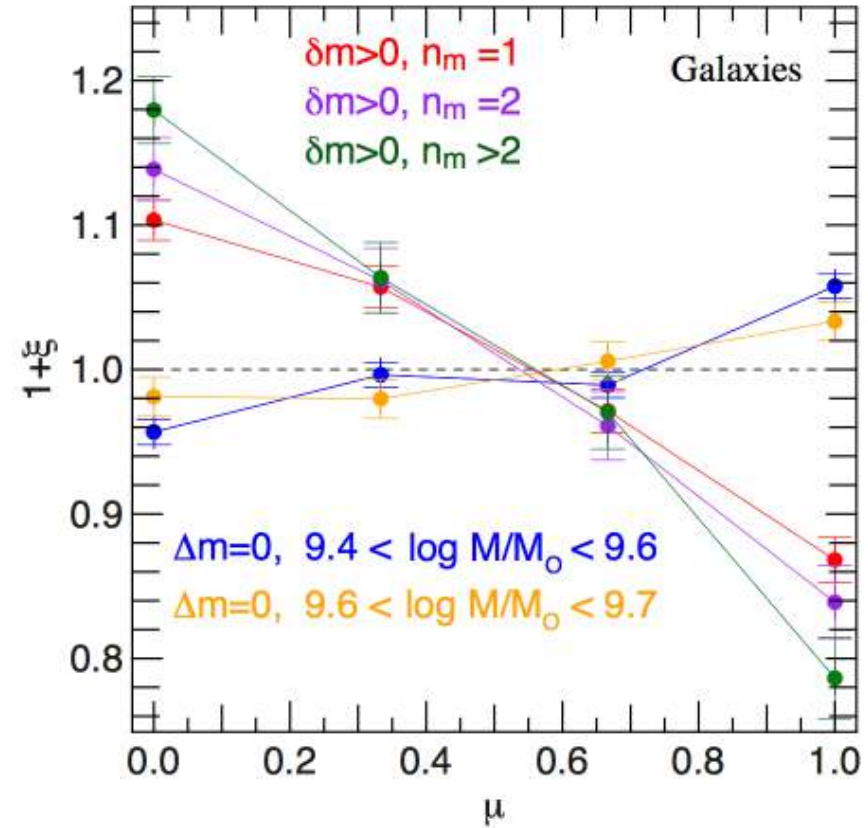
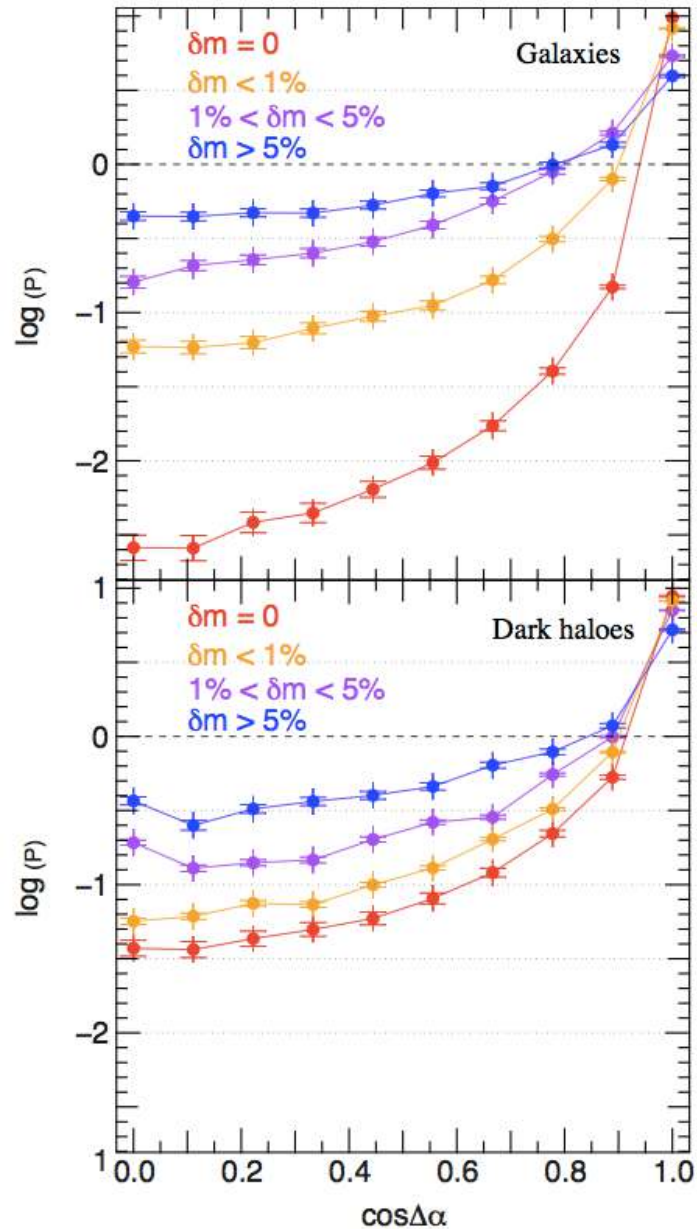
*Pichon et al (2011)*  
*See also Pichon & Bernardeau (1999)*  
*Laigle et al (2014)*  
*Codis, Pichon, Pogosyan (2015)*

# Why do high-mass halos are perpendicular to filaments?



*Courtesy of S. Codis*

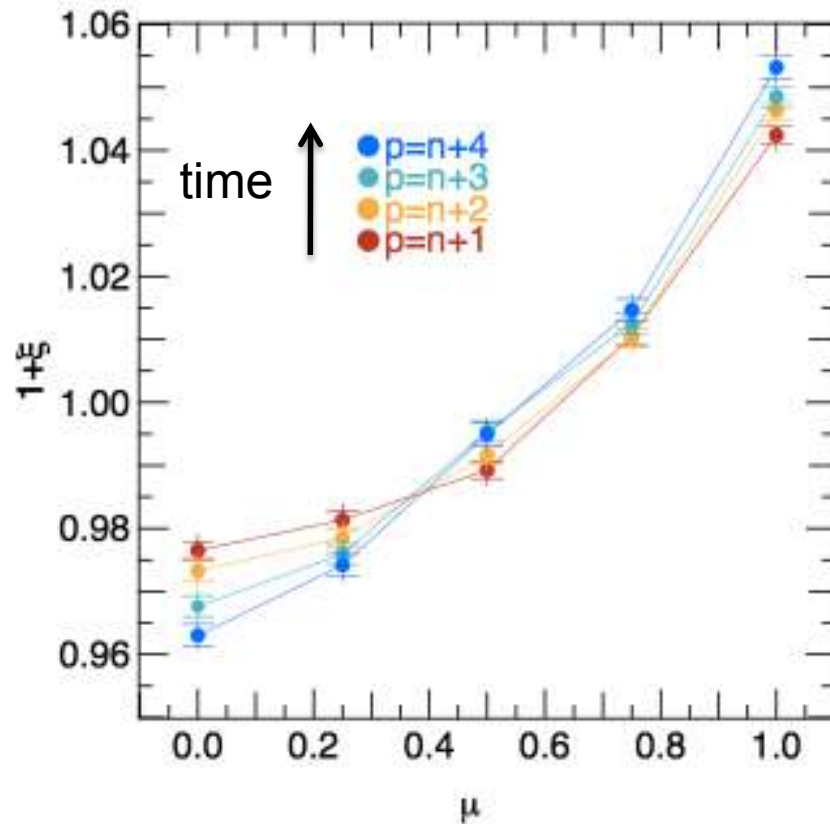
# Spin flips driven by mergers



Welker et al, 2014

# Re-alignment of galaxies

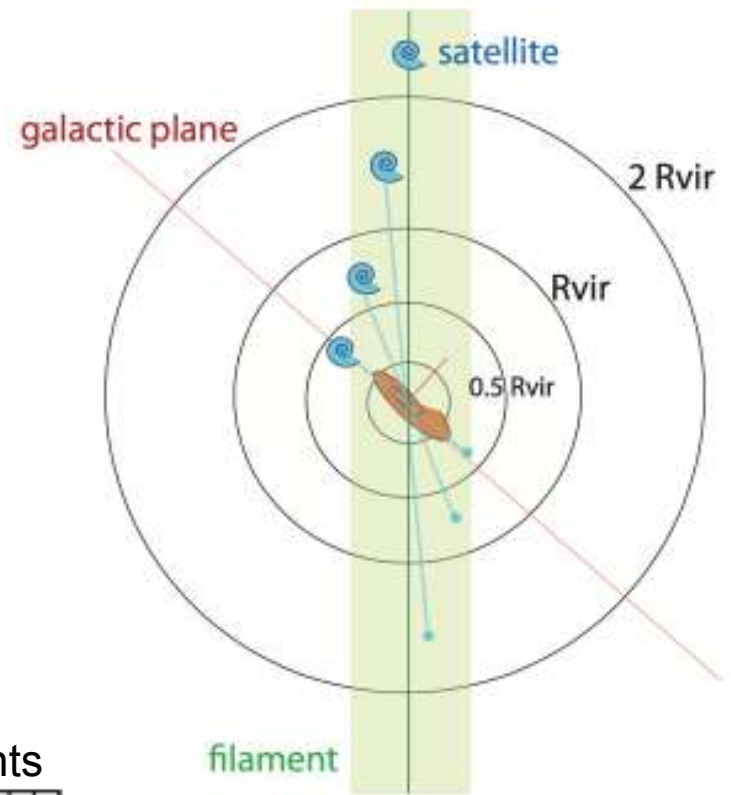
In absence of mergers, galaxies tend to realign with the cosmic web because of gas accretion



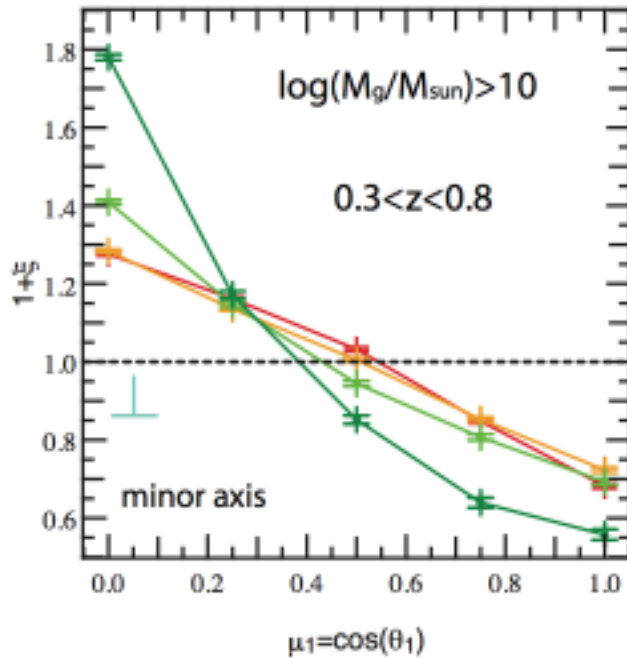
As AGN feedback prevents gas accretion in massive galaxies, it also prevents massive galaxies to realign with the cosmic filaments after a merger.

Therefore, AGN feedback is mandatory to get galaxies perpendicular with cosmic filaments.

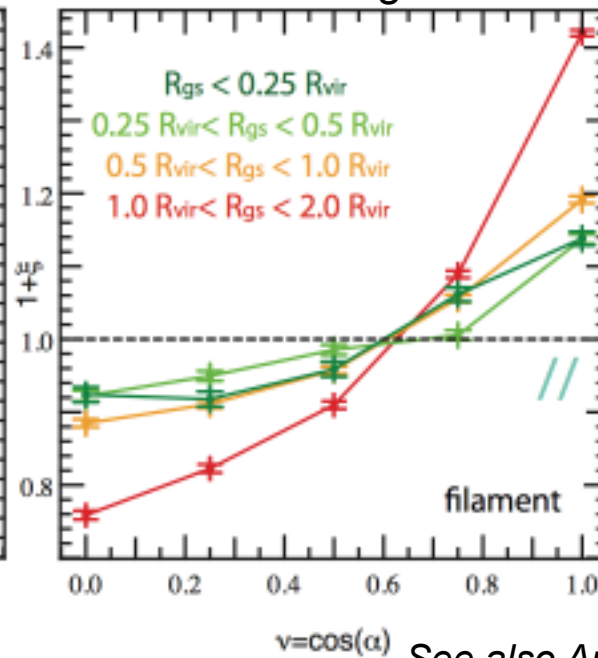
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Satellites perp. to central minor axis



Satellites along filaments

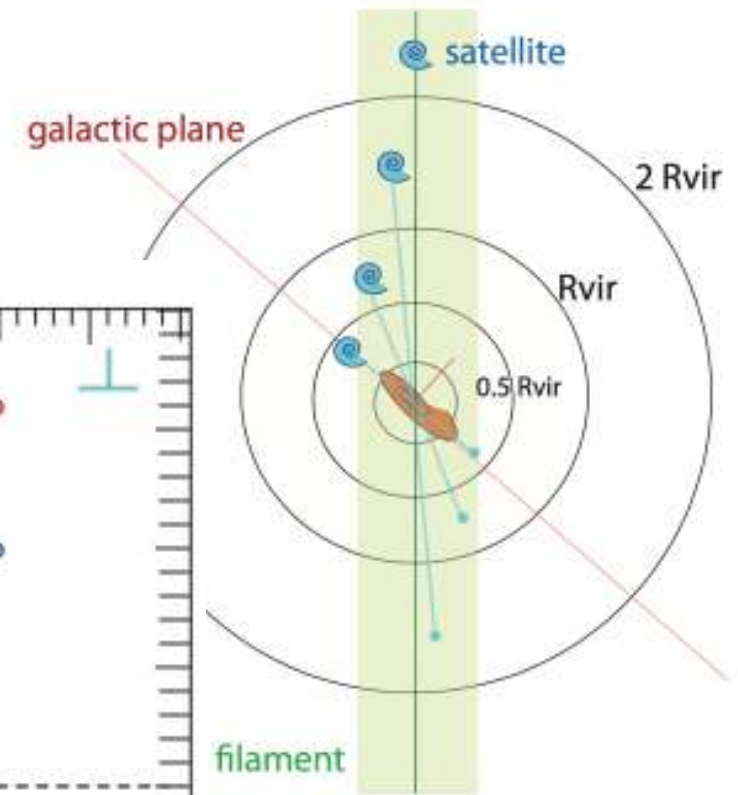
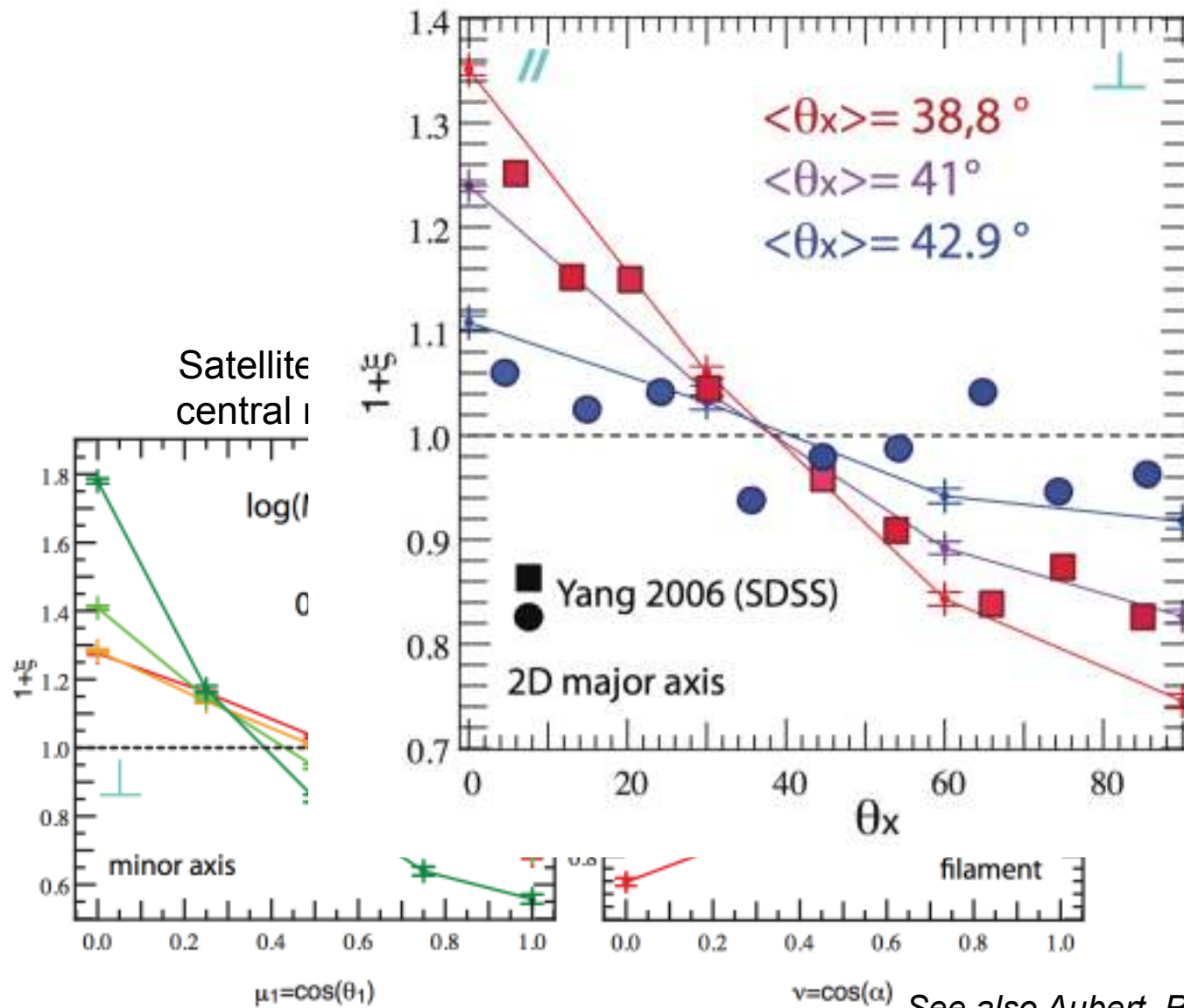


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Welker, Dubois et al, sub.

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# Take home message

- AGN feedback is a key player in shaping massive galaxies mass, size and morphology
- Low-mass galaxies align with filaments because of the coherence of cosmic gas accretion
- High mass galaxies are perpendicular to filaments because of mergers along filaments
- Excess of spin-spin (II) alignment at small distance ( $<2$  Mpc)
- Excess of spin-tidal shear (IG) alignment