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# Surveying the cosmic web: multi-scale tomography of the IGM

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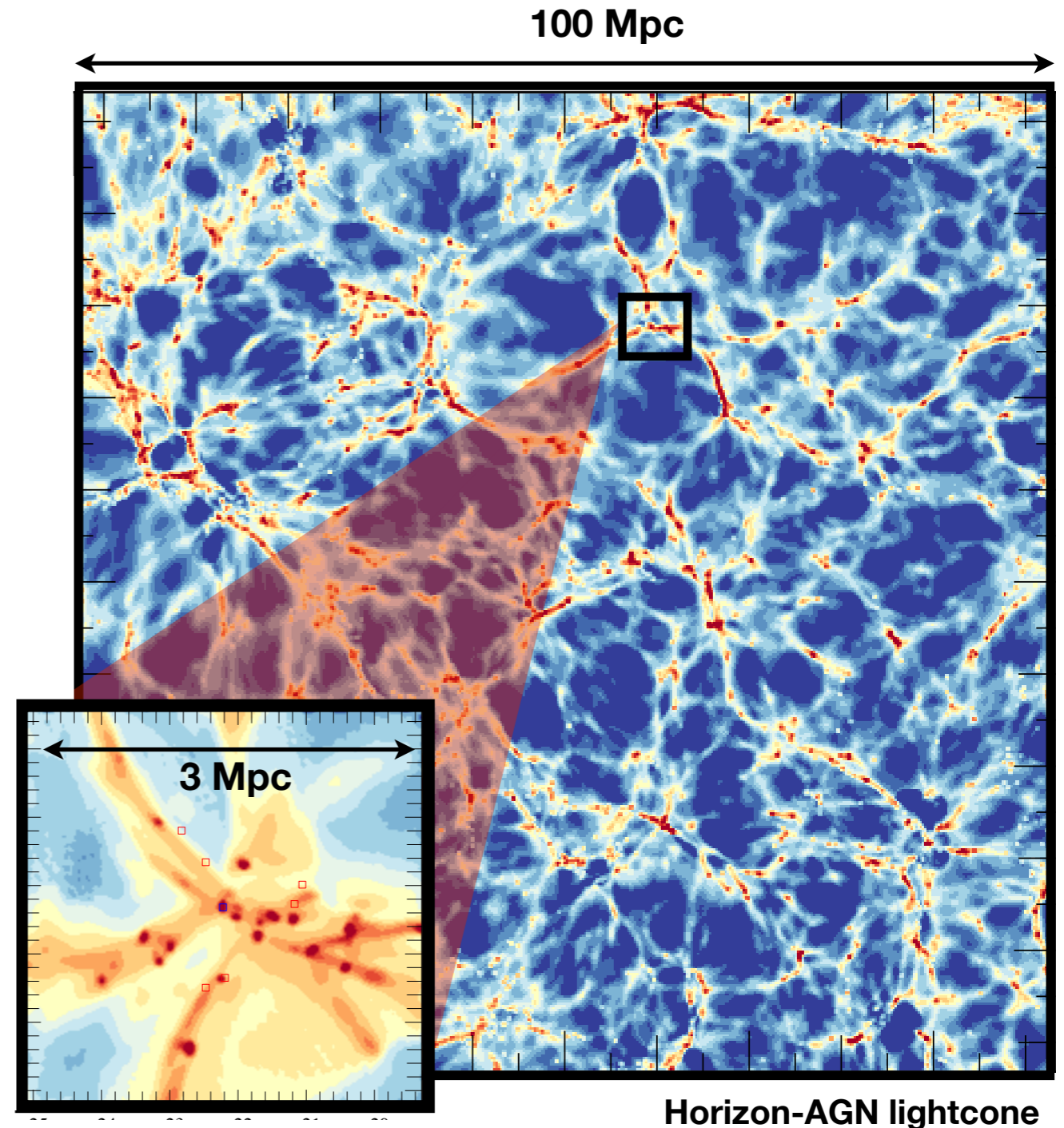
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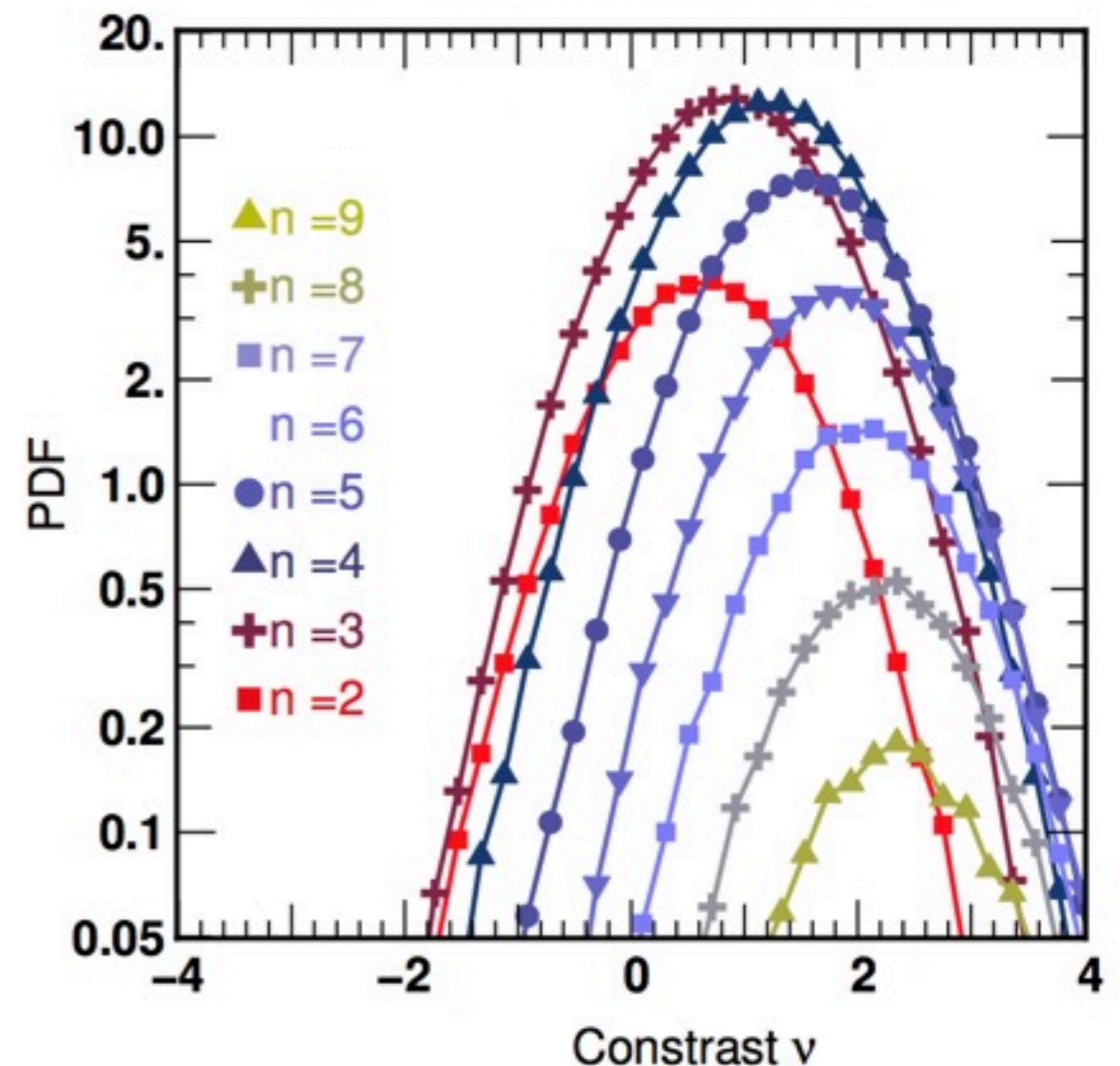
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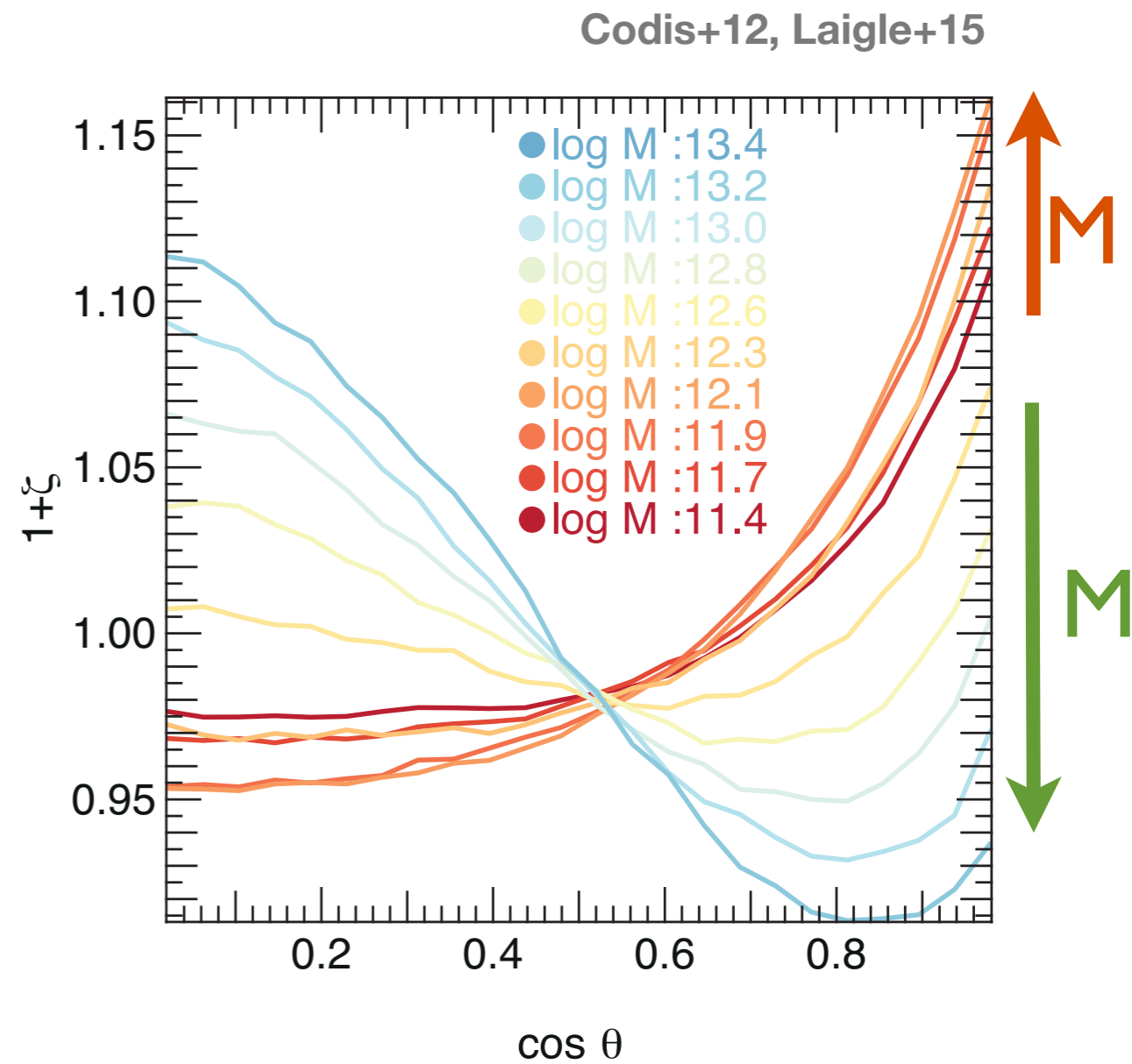
Number of connected filaments as a function of density contrast for a 2D gaussian random field



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halo angular momentum alignment with the filaments as a function of halo mass

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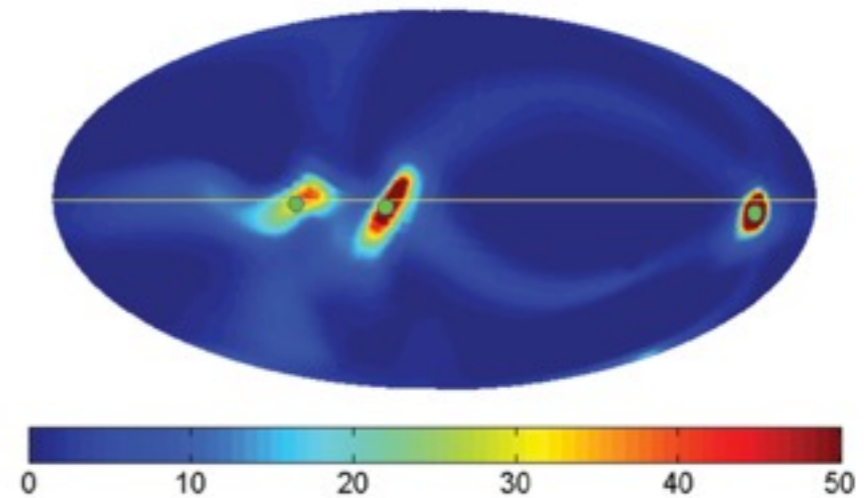
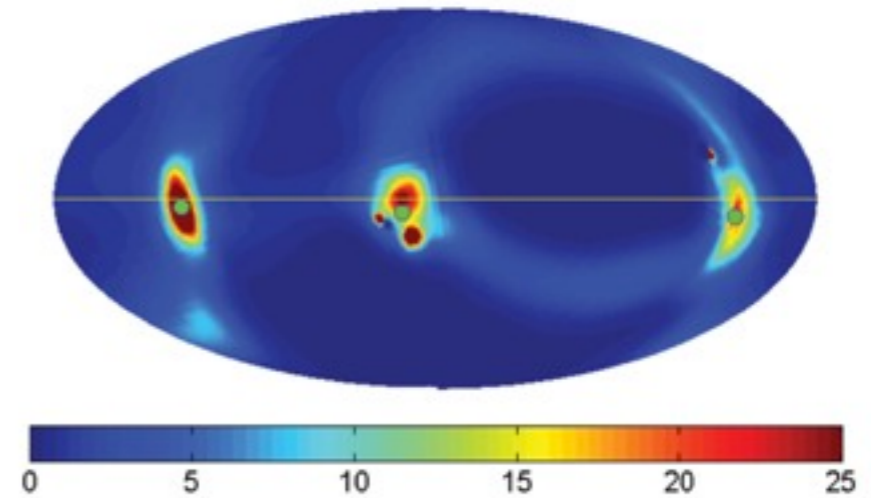
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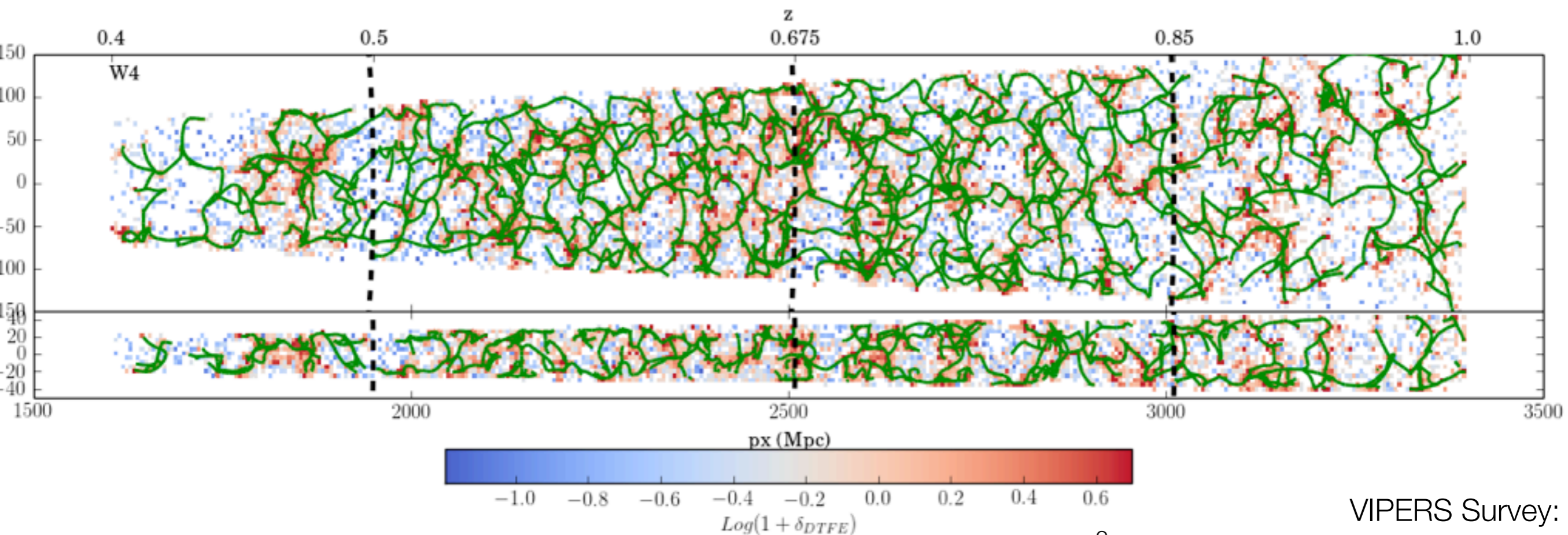
Danovich+11



Inflowing streams in galaxies at  $1 \sim R_{\text{vir}}$ , at  $z \sim 2.5$

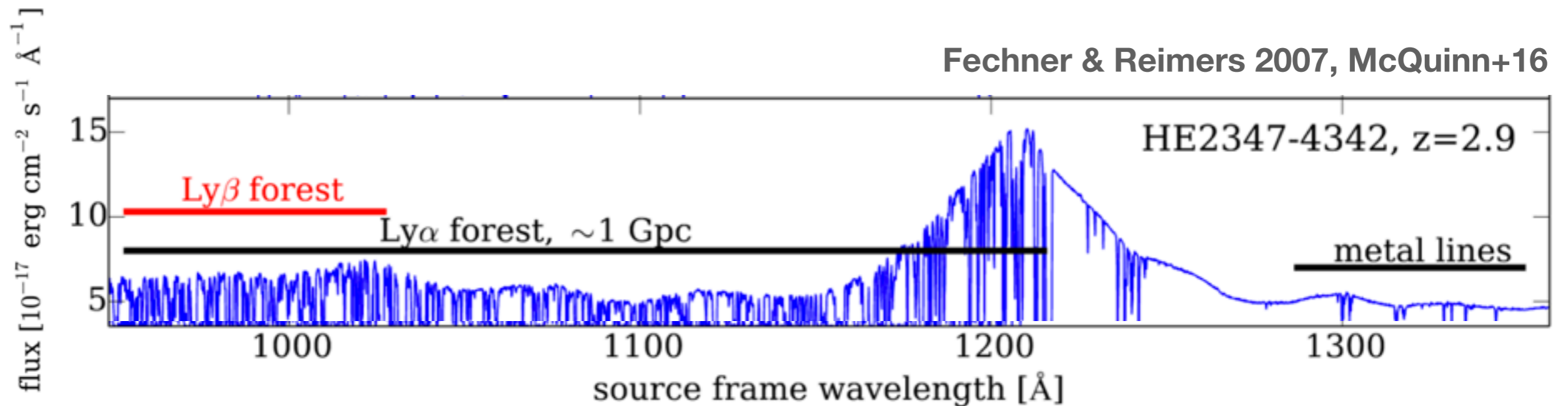
# Reconstructing the cosmic web: galaxy distribution

Skeleton extraction in VIPERS W1,  $0.4 < z < 1$ ,  $i_{AB} < 22.5$ , scale of  $\sim 10cMpc$  (**Malavasi+16**)



At  $z > 1$ , very costly (telescope time) to probe the cosmic web at  $\sim Mpc$  scale

# Reconstructing the cosmic web: tomography



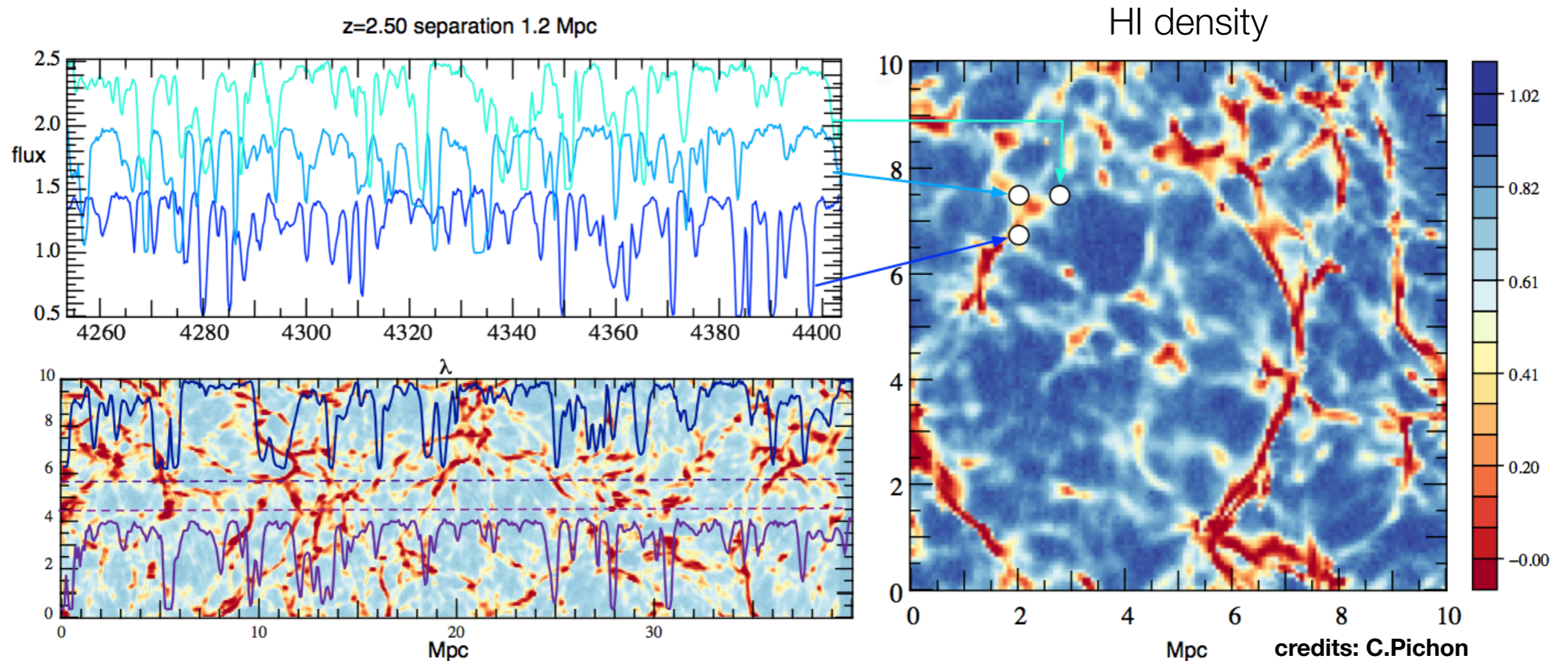
Residual neutral hydrogen in the filamentary IGM causes absorption lines in the spectra of background objects

Excellent tracer of filamentary dark matter at large scale  
(Cen+94, Zhang+95, Hernquist+96, Miralda-Escude+96, Theuns+98)

Lyman- $\alpha$  wavelength redshifted towards optical bands at  $z > 2$



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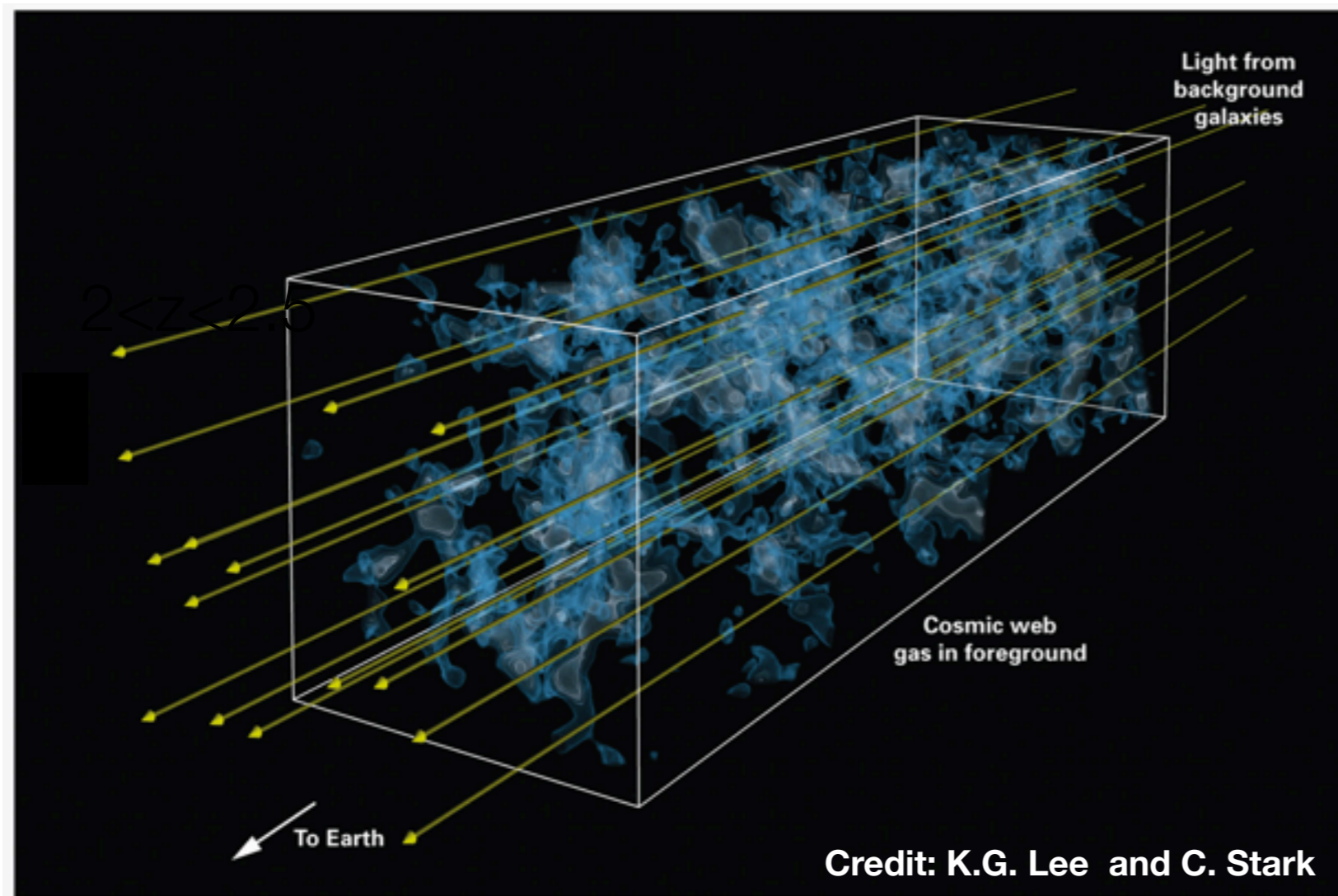


Transmitted flux  $F(\nu_0) = e^{-\tau_\alpha(\nu_0)}$  depends on the neutral hydrogen (HI) density:

$$\tau_\alpha(\nu_0) = \int_0^{x_s} dx \frac{\sigma_\alpha n_{\text{HI}}(x, z)}{1+z}$$



# Reconstructing the cosmic web: tomography



Inversion of the Lyman- $\alpha$  forest through Wiener filtering: interpolation between line-of-sights (los)

Transverse correlation length (map resolution) set by the mean inter-los distance

see **Pichon+01, Caucci+08**

To reach  $\sim$ Mpc scales, use bright galaxies (selected on their r-band photometry at  $z \sim 2$ ) in addition to quasars

# Tomography with current and future surveys

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Ly- $\alpha$  with quasars: not a new idea (see e.g. BOSS, **McDonald+01**, **Slosar+13** )

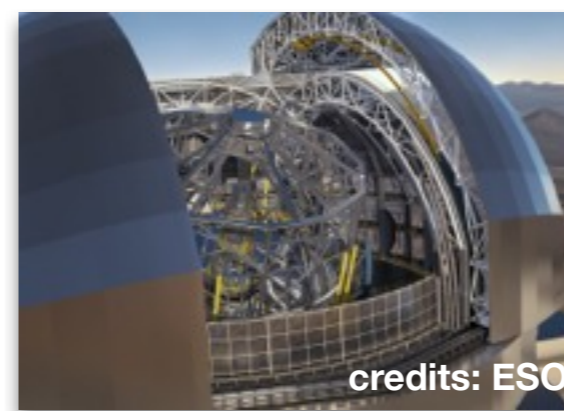
Tomography with bright galaxies: new (see e.g. CLAMATO, **Lee+14**) and requires robust tests

PFS (**Takada+14**)

E-ELT (**Evan+12**)

Prime focus Spectrograph  
on Subaru Telescope

spectra of 2400 targets at  
the same time over 1.3deg  
diameter field



European-Extremely Large  
Telescope

39-meter main mirror

We are in the planification phase for future surveys: use the Horizon-AGN  
lightcone to make predictions

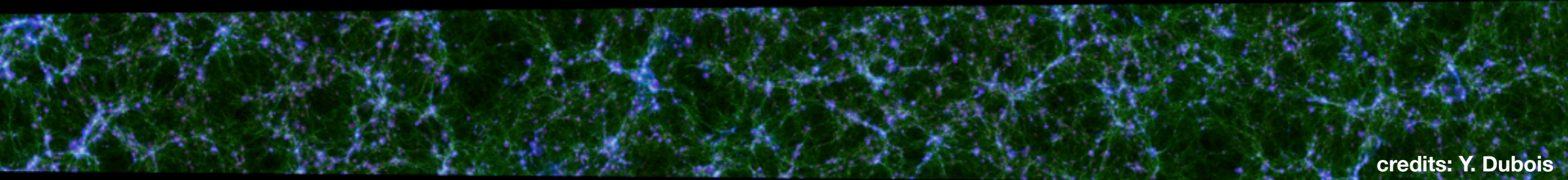
- ▶ realistic IGM modeling + lighthcone geometry
- ▶ realistic source photometry and clustering
- ▶ source spectrum modeling + realistic noise

- ▶ Hydrodynamical simulation run with RAMSES
- ▶ Cosmological volume (100 Mpc/h) + a lightcone (1 deg<sup>2</sup> above  $z > 1$ )
- ▶ Not calibrated on the local Universe
- ▶ Subgrid physics (below  $\sim 1$  kpc): stellar evolution and feedback, BH formation, BH growth, AGN feedback
- ▶ Galaxies and haloes extracted with AdaptaHop (**Aubert+04**)
  
- ▶ Hydro simulations model consistently the IGM
- ▶ 1-point statistics well reproduced in Hz-AGN: colors, luminosity and mass functions (**Kaviraj+16**)
  - ➔ Important for background source selection

$z=2$

$z$

$z=2.5$



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Horizon-AGN lightcone



# Modeling HI absorption in Hz-AGN

HI density: balance between photoionisation, collisional ionization and recombination (**Black+81**):

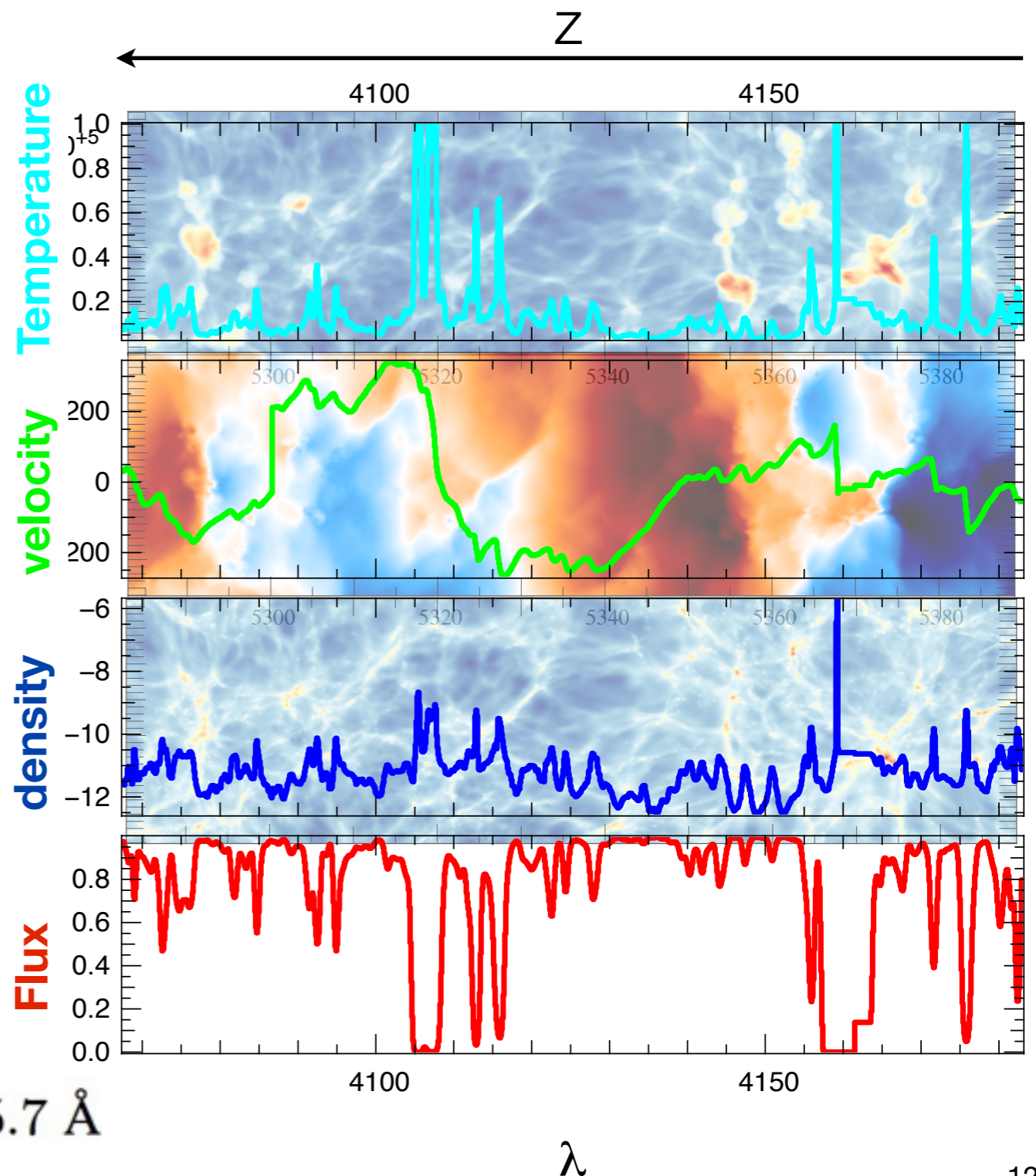
$$\alpha(T)n_e(1 - x_{\text{HI}}) = \gamma(T)n_e x_{\text{HI}} + \Gamma x_{\text{HI}}$$

$$x_{\text{HI}} = \frac{\alpha(T)}{\alpha(T) + \gamma(T) + J_{22}G_1 n_e^{-1}}$$

Line profile: Doppler profile

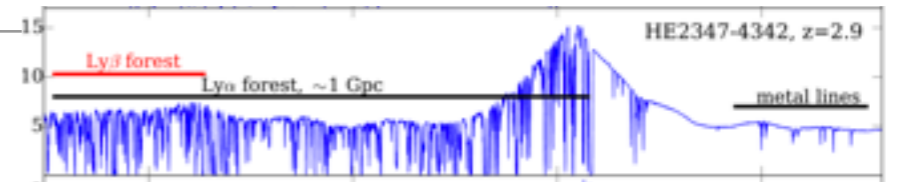
$$\sigma_\alpha = \frac{\sigma_{\alpha,0} c}{b(x,z)\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-\frac{(v(x,z)(1+z)\nu_0 - c\nu_\alpha + c(1+z)\nu_0)^2}{\nu_\alpha^2 b^2(x,z)}}$$

Exploit the spectrum region between  $\lambda_\alpha = 1215.7 \text{ \AA}$  and  $\lambda_\beta = 1025.7 \text{ \AA}$

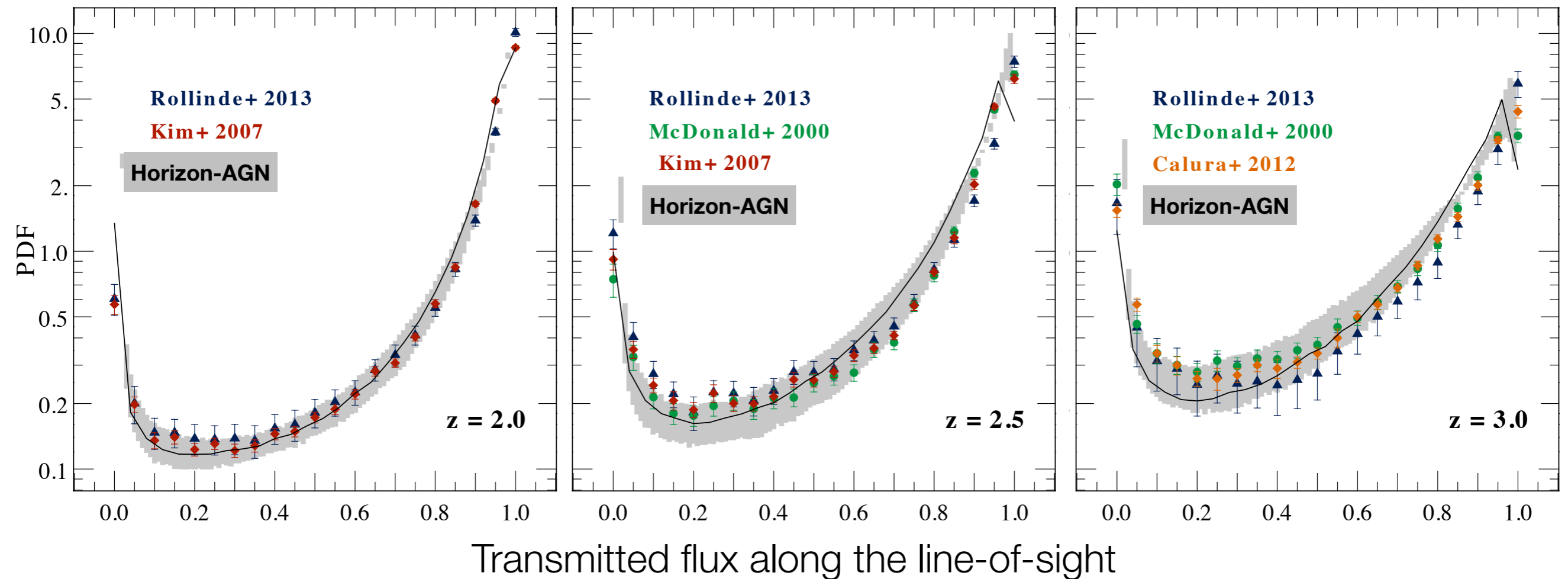


# Statistics on the Lyman- $\alpha$ forest in Hz-AGN

- ▶ Adjust J22
- ▶ Assess the reliability of the Lyman-alpha forest



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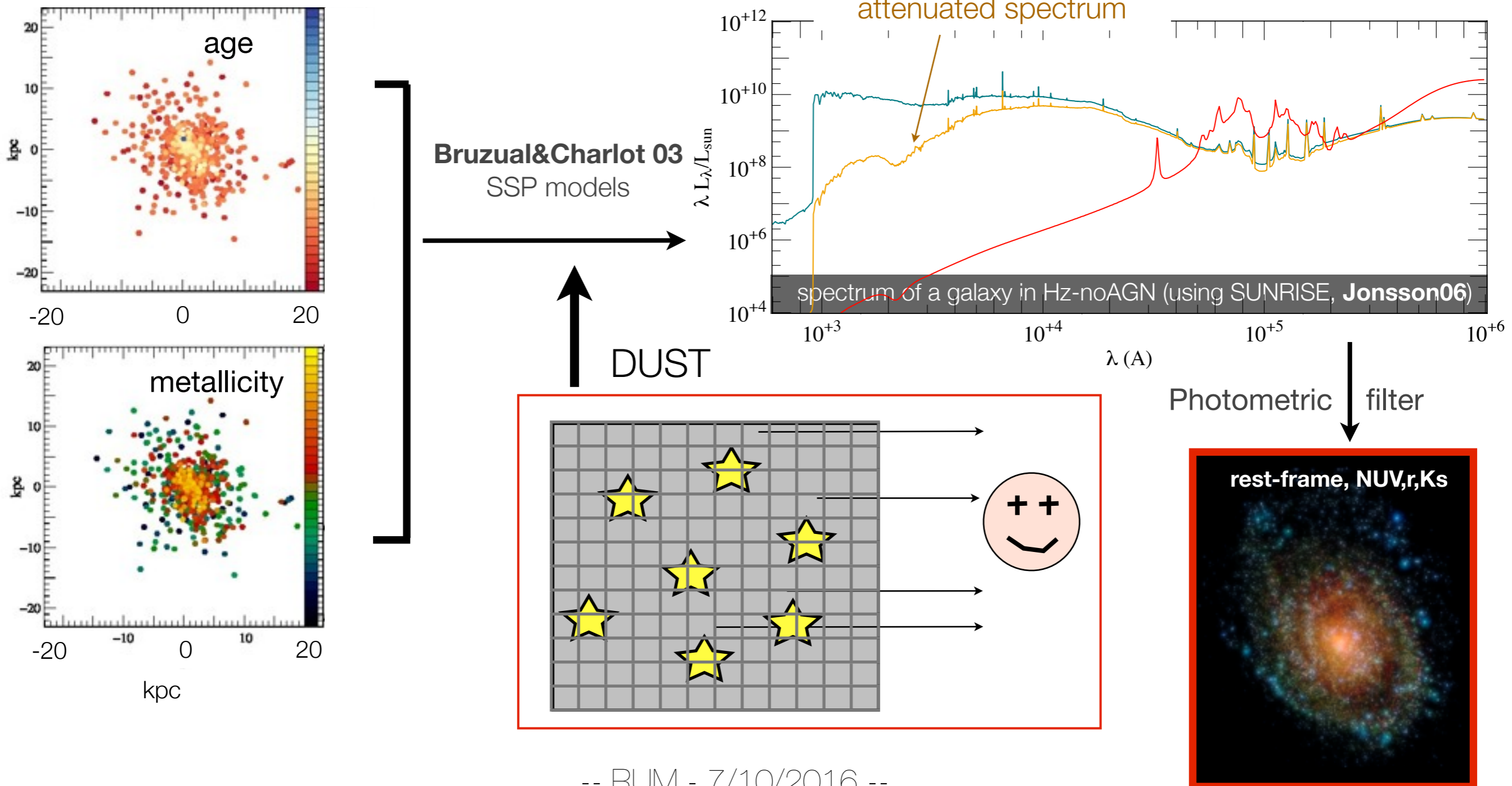


Other relevant statistics:

- ▶ line-of-sight power spectrum
- ▶ HI column density distribution

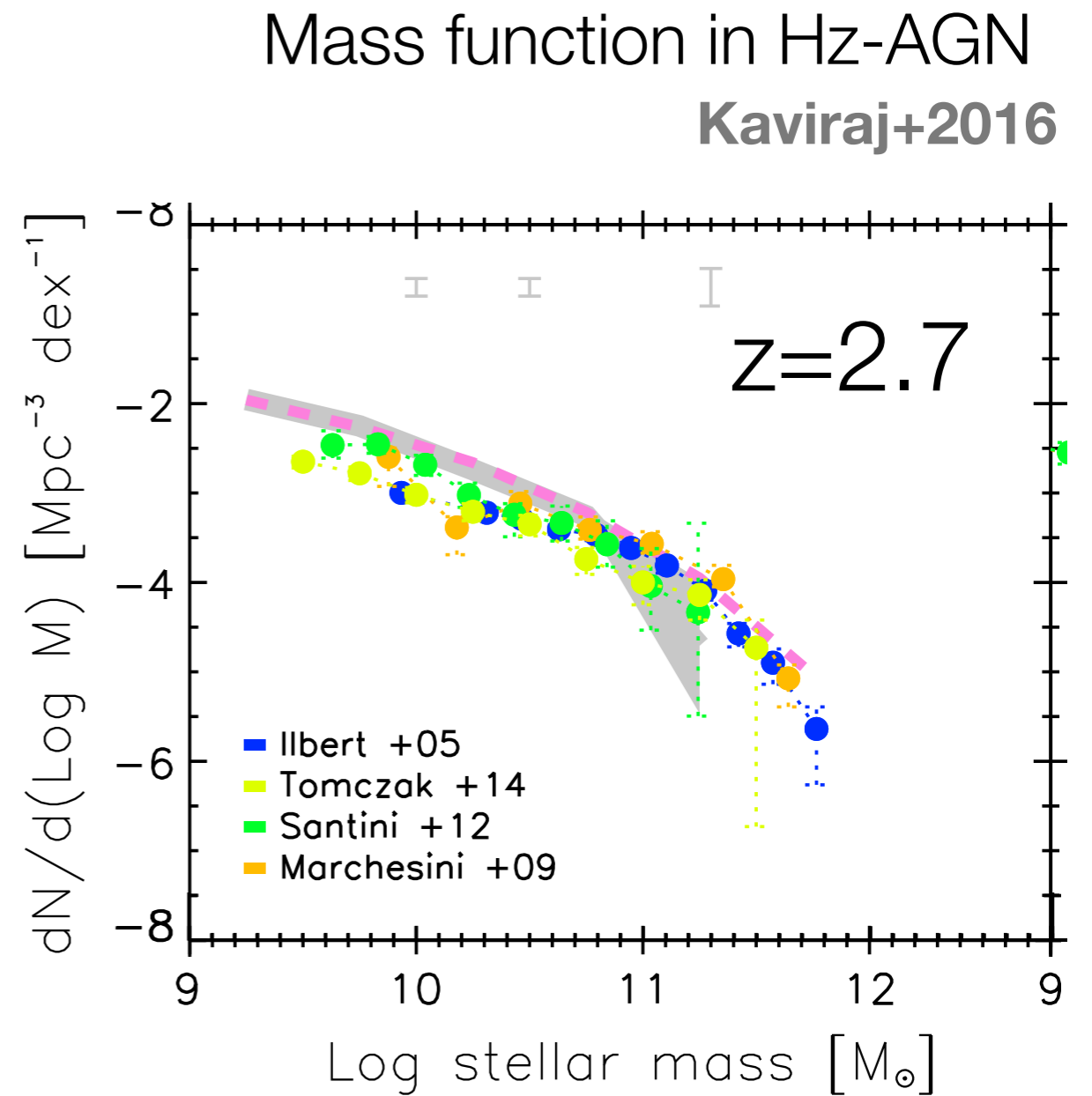
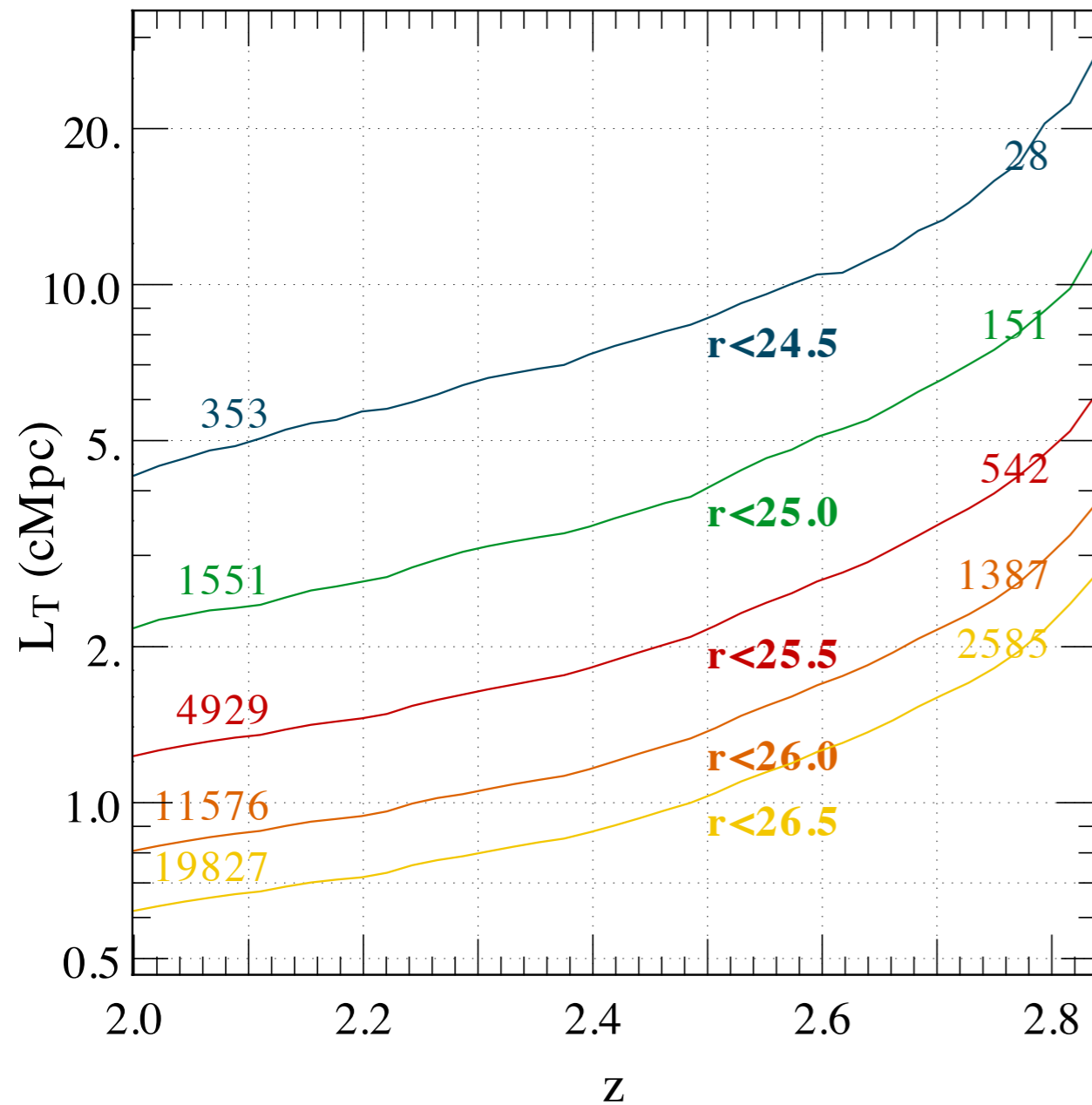
# Realistic background of bright sources in Hz-AGN

Bright background sources are selected based on their apparent magnitudes in the r-band



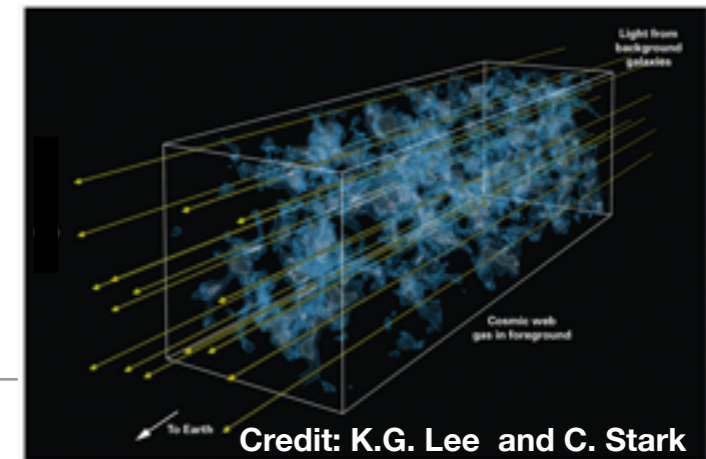


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Horizon-AGN well qualified to make robust predictions for IGM reconstruction

# Tomographic reconstruction



Reconstruction is done on the logarithm of the density in comoving space  
Resolution of reconstructed field directly set by the mean inter-LOS distance

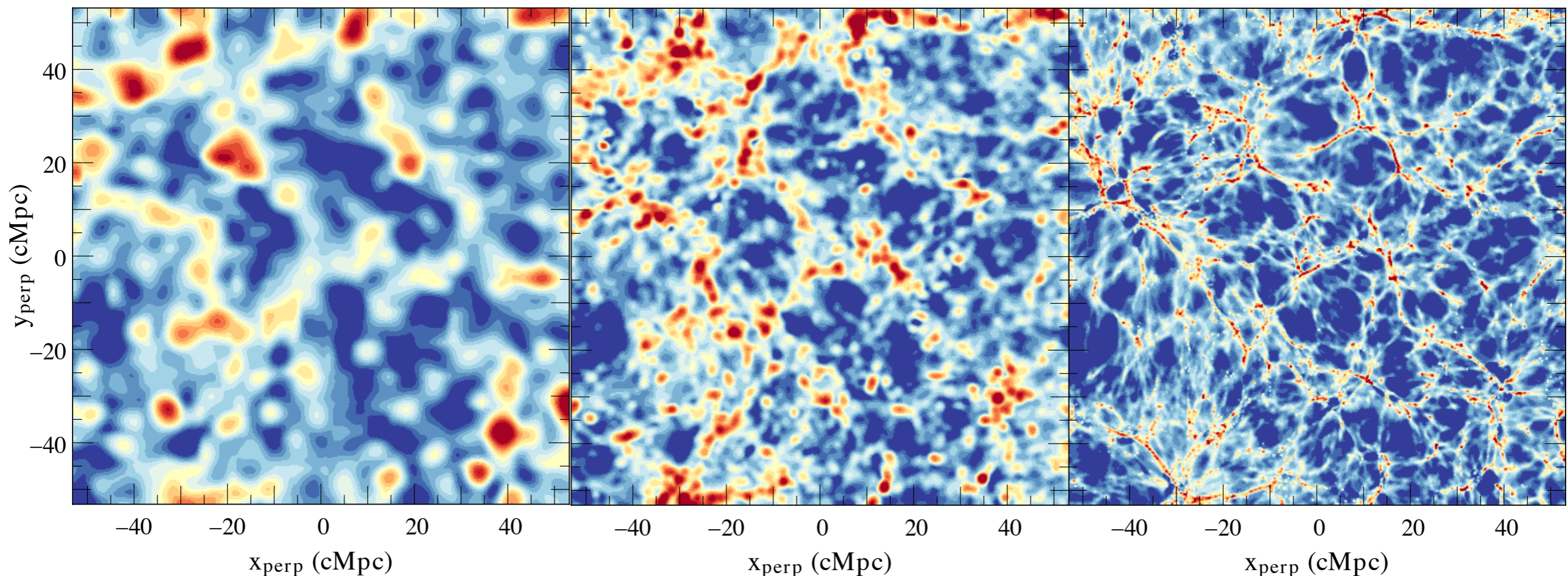
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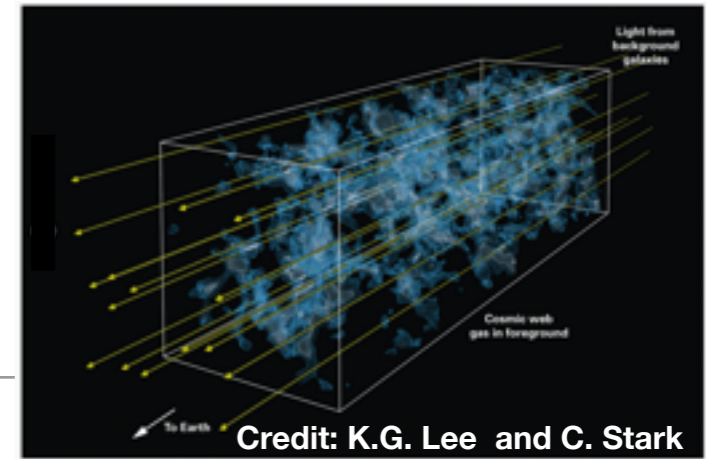
original field



Preliminary reconstruction (without contamination by intrinsic lines and noise)



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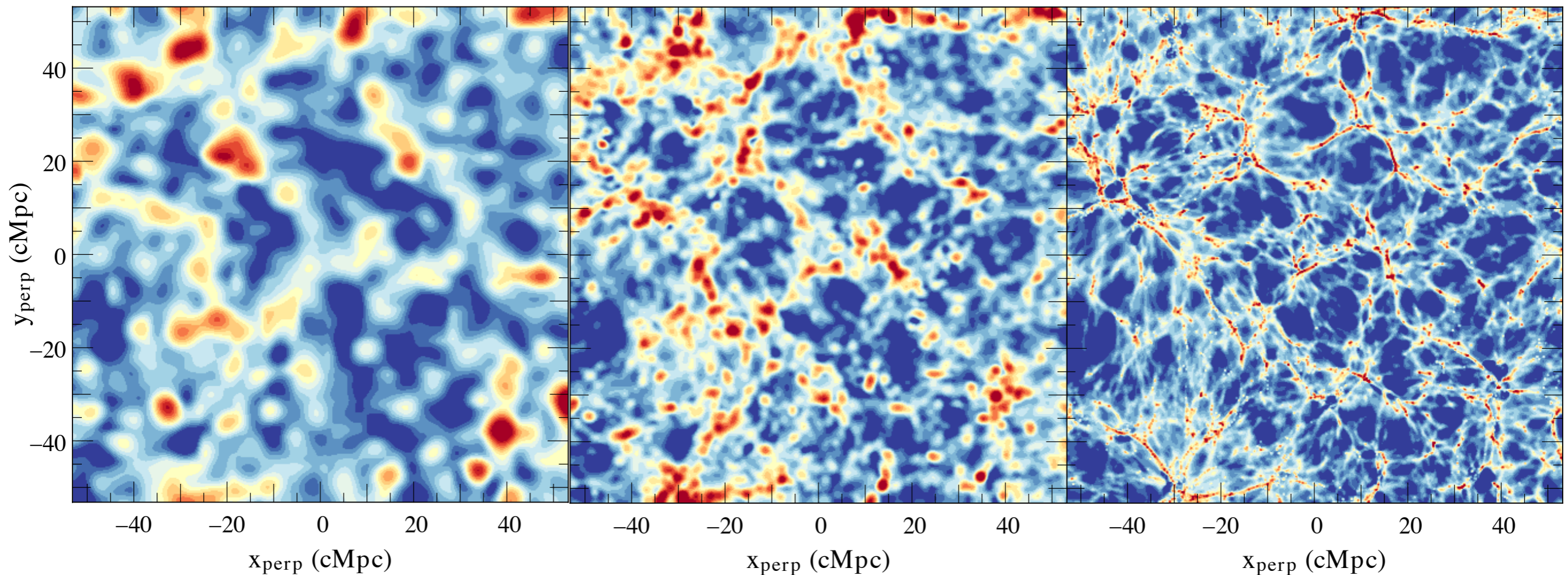
4712 galaxies on  $106^3 \text{ cMpc}^3$   
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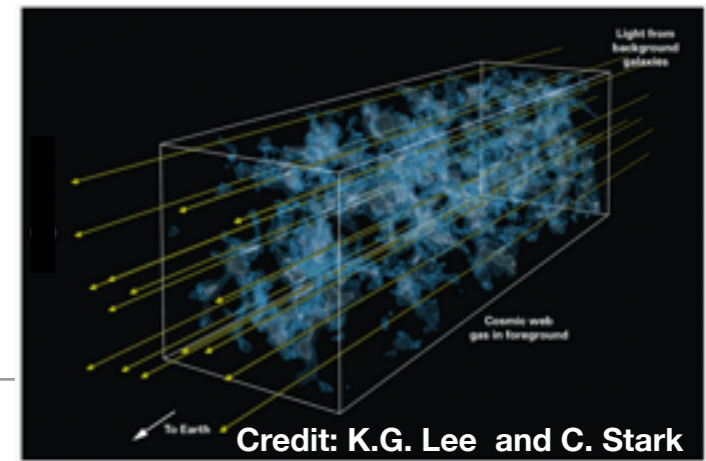
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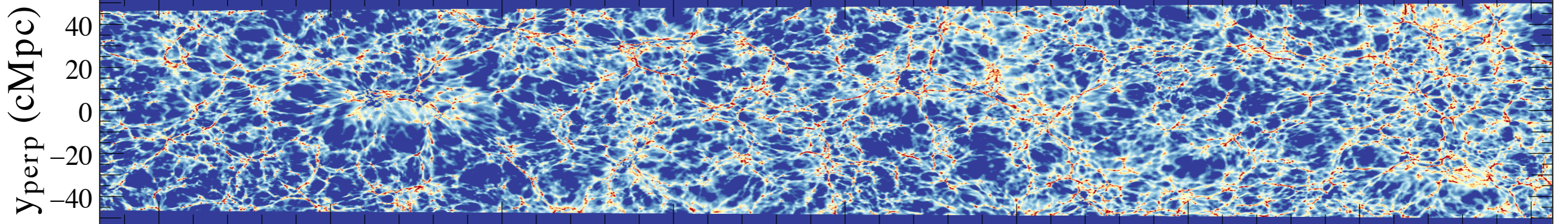
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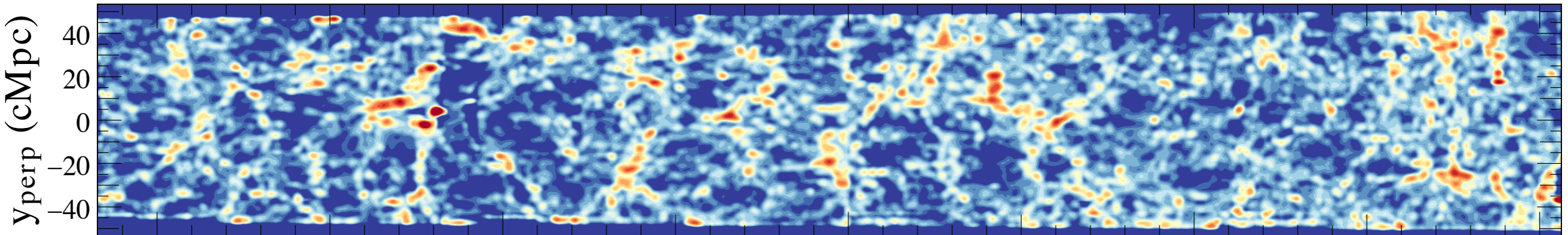
10x100x400 cMpc

redshift

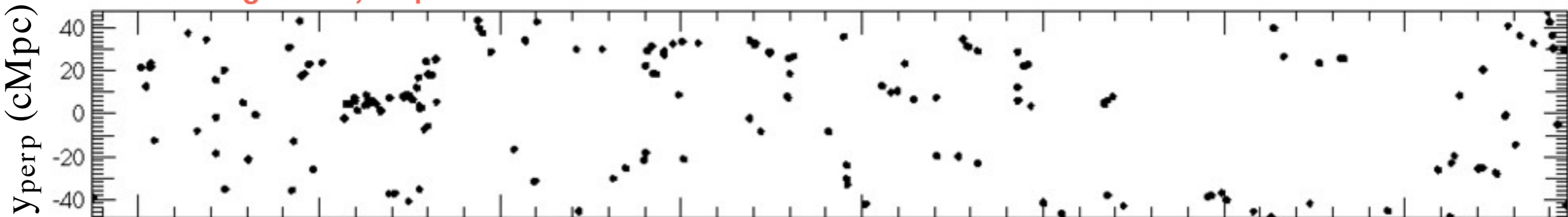
2.002    original field    2.098    2.199    2.304



~120 LOS,  $m_r < 25.5$



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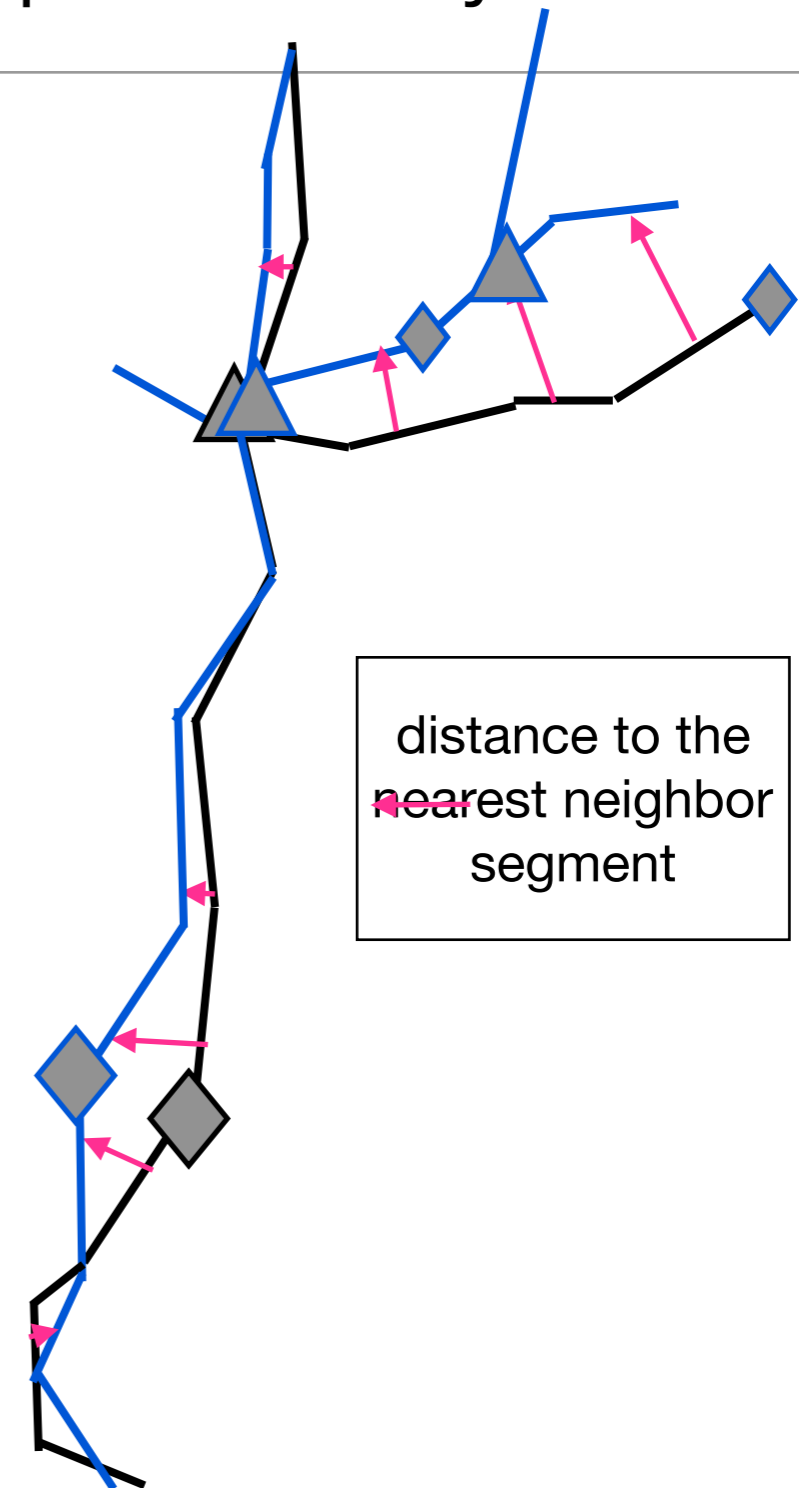
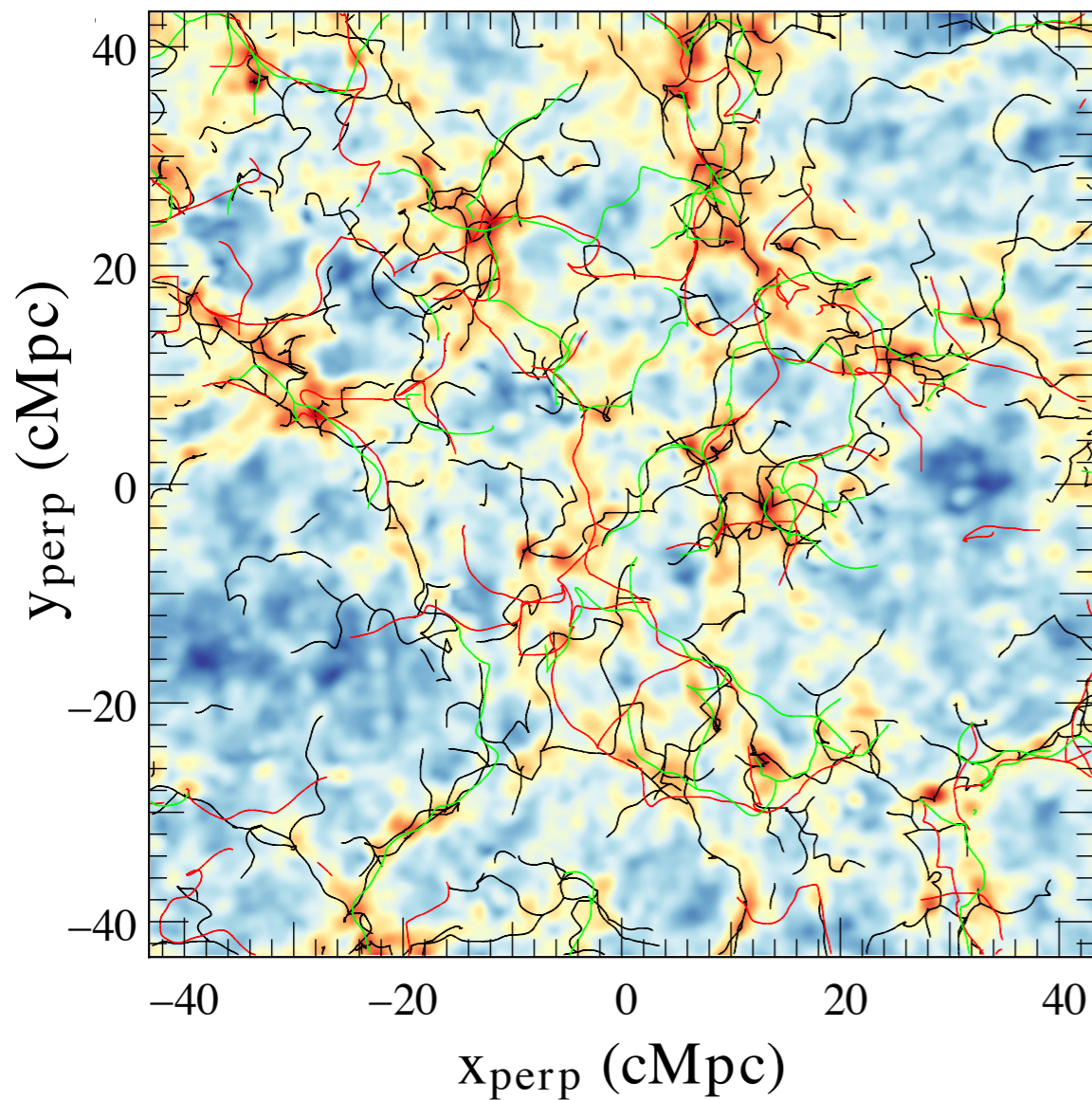
$x_{\text{los}}$  (cMpc)

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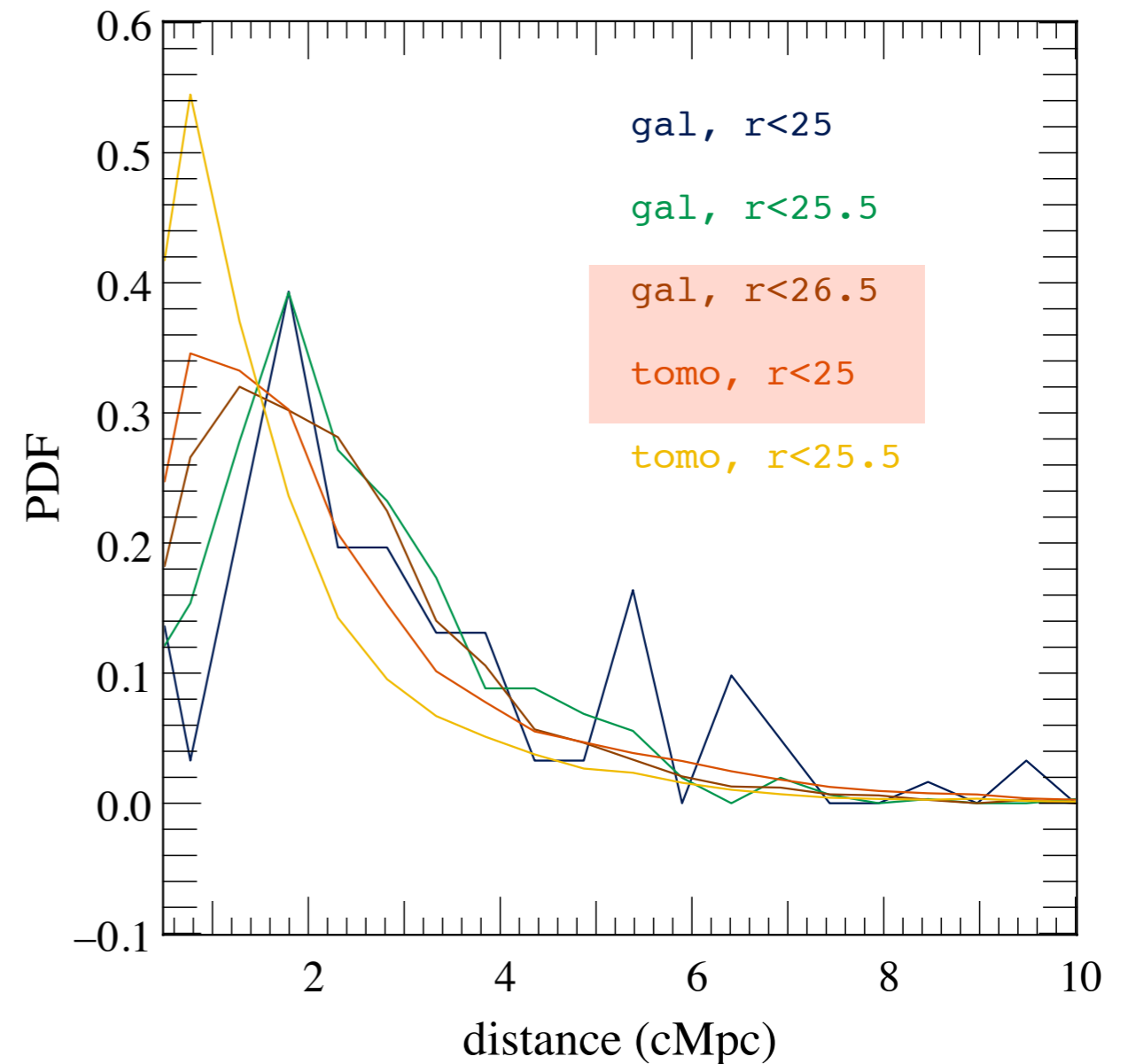
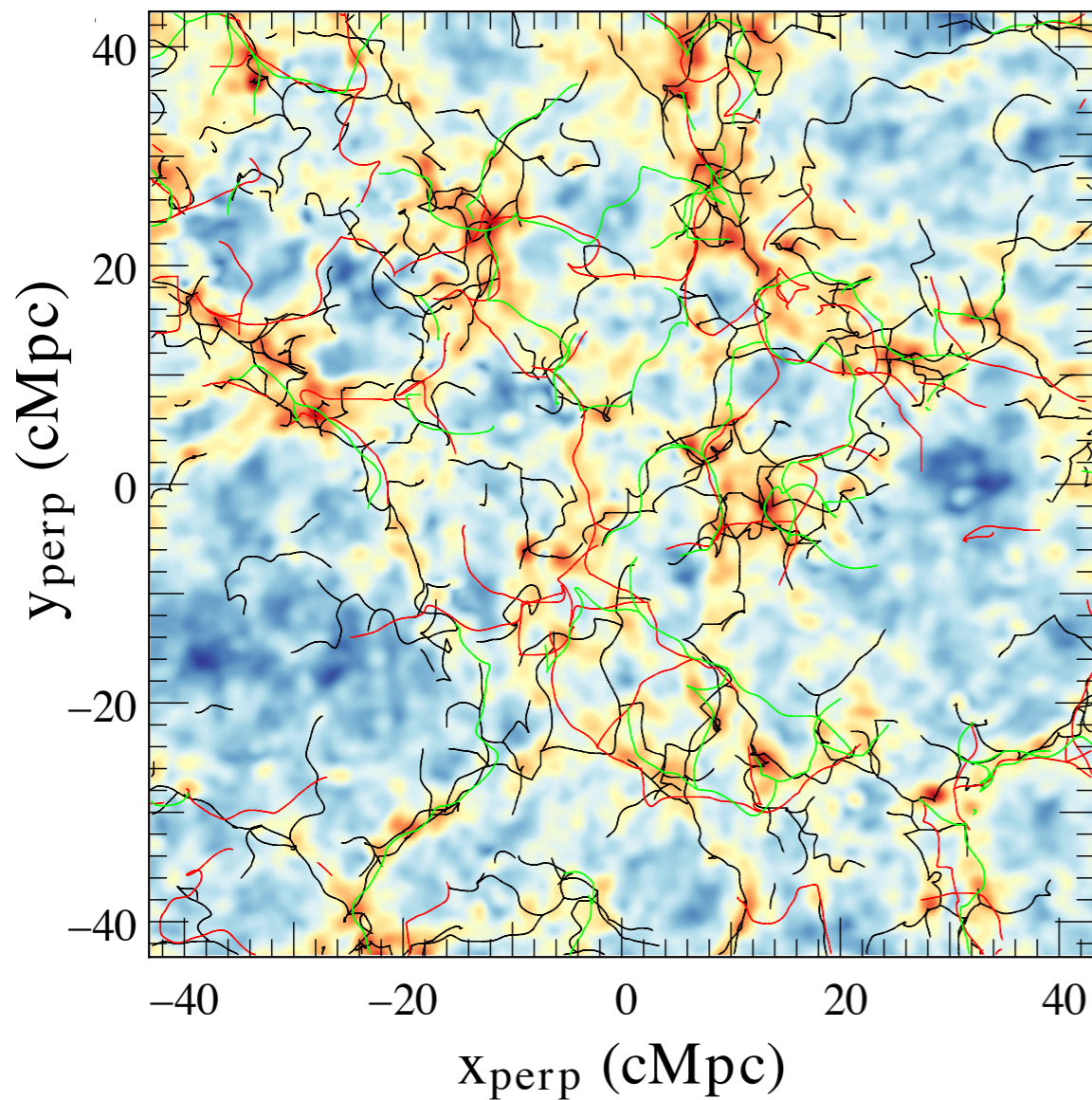
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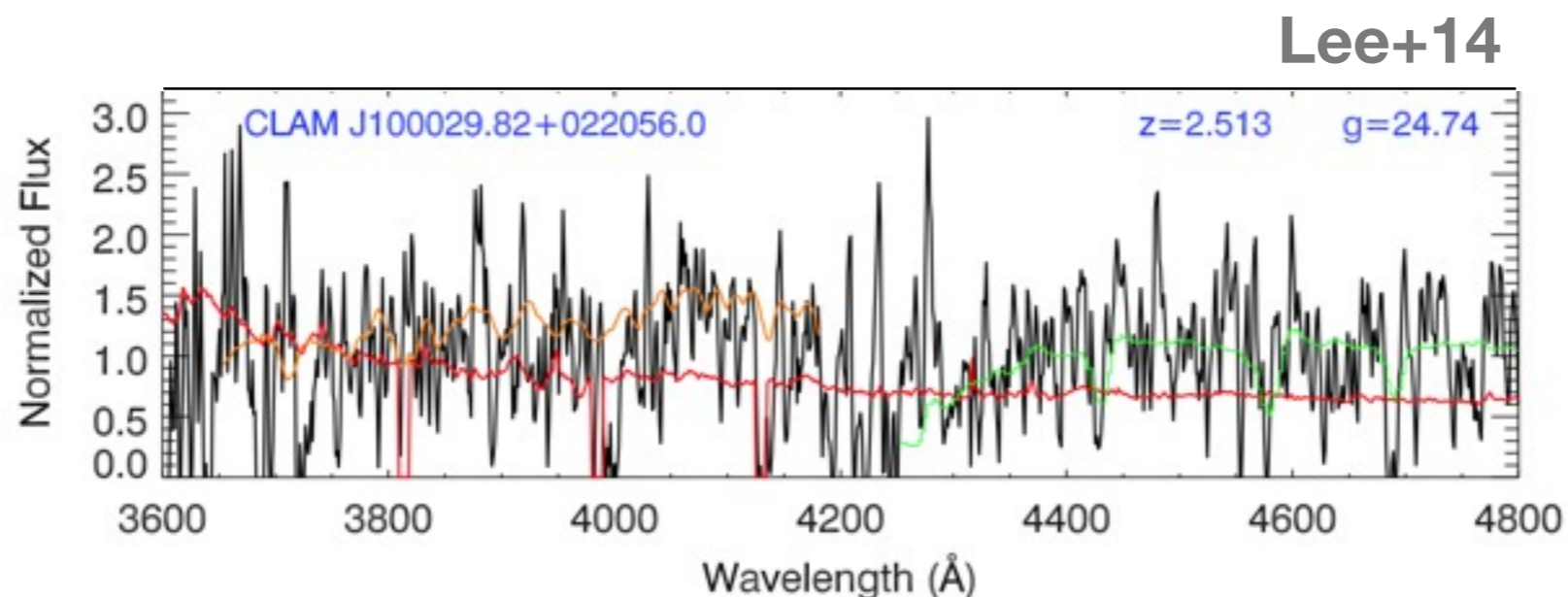
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- ▶ skeleton length
- ▶ connectivity

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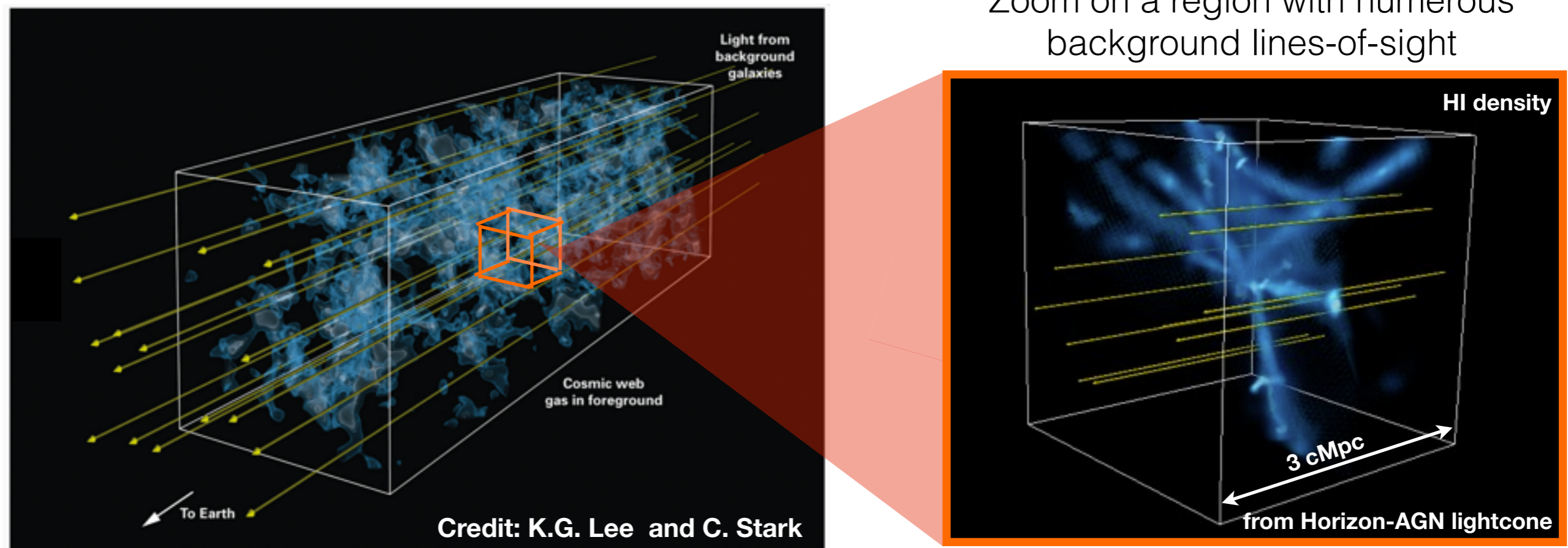
- ▶ How well do we recover galaxy environment?
- ▶ How well are we able to study galaxy alignment with filaments?

Find a reasonable balance between the required telescope time and the resolution  
Use realistic galaxy spectra + add realistic noise



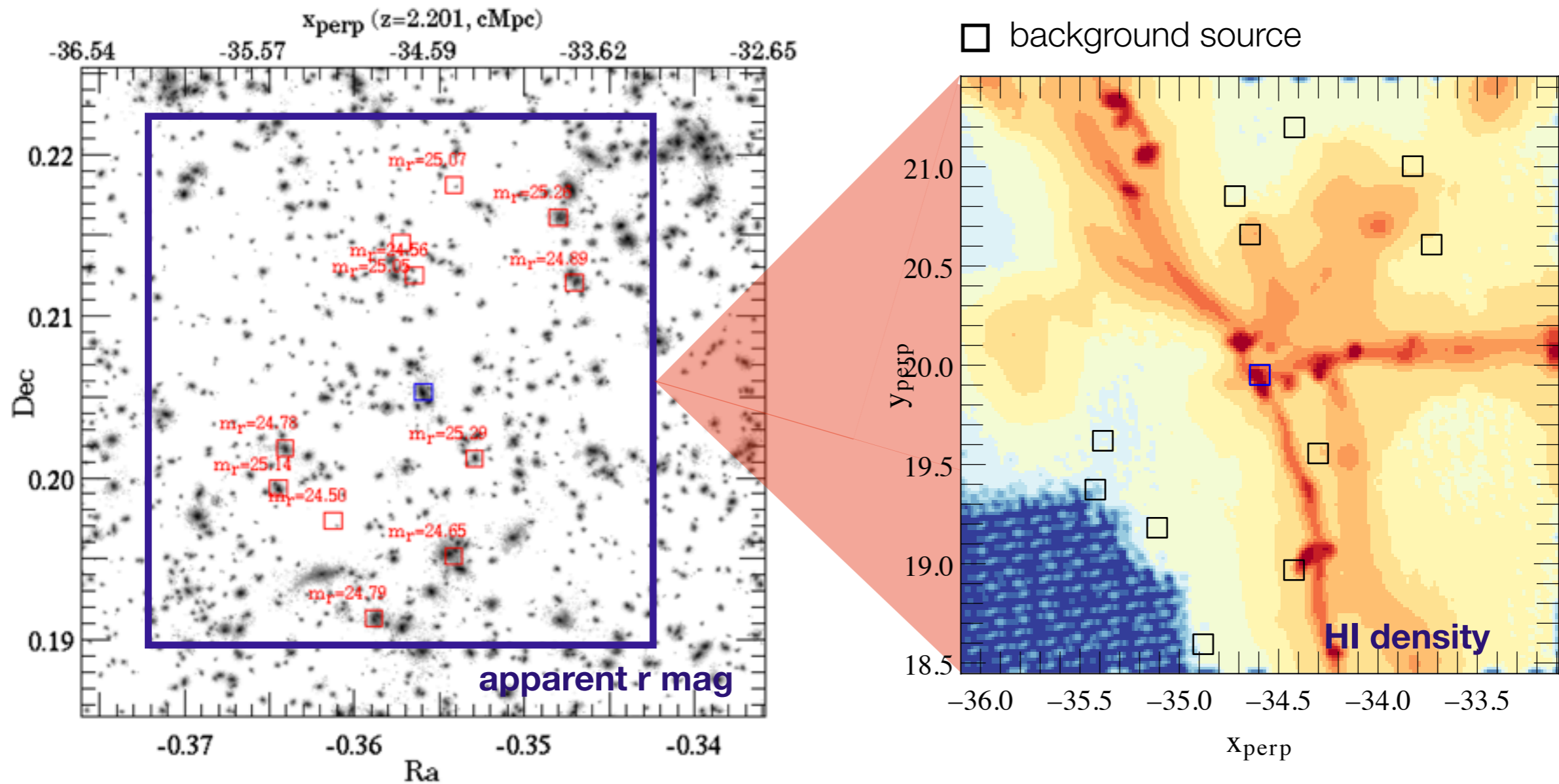
# Probing the geometry of the CGM

Tracing the cosmic web at large scales requires a relatively uniform distribution of sightlines



Inflows around clusters and galaxies can be inferred by punctually observing spectra of clustered background objects

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Background sources selected based on apparent r-band magnitudes and redshift (such that Ly-alpha forest probes foreground CGM)

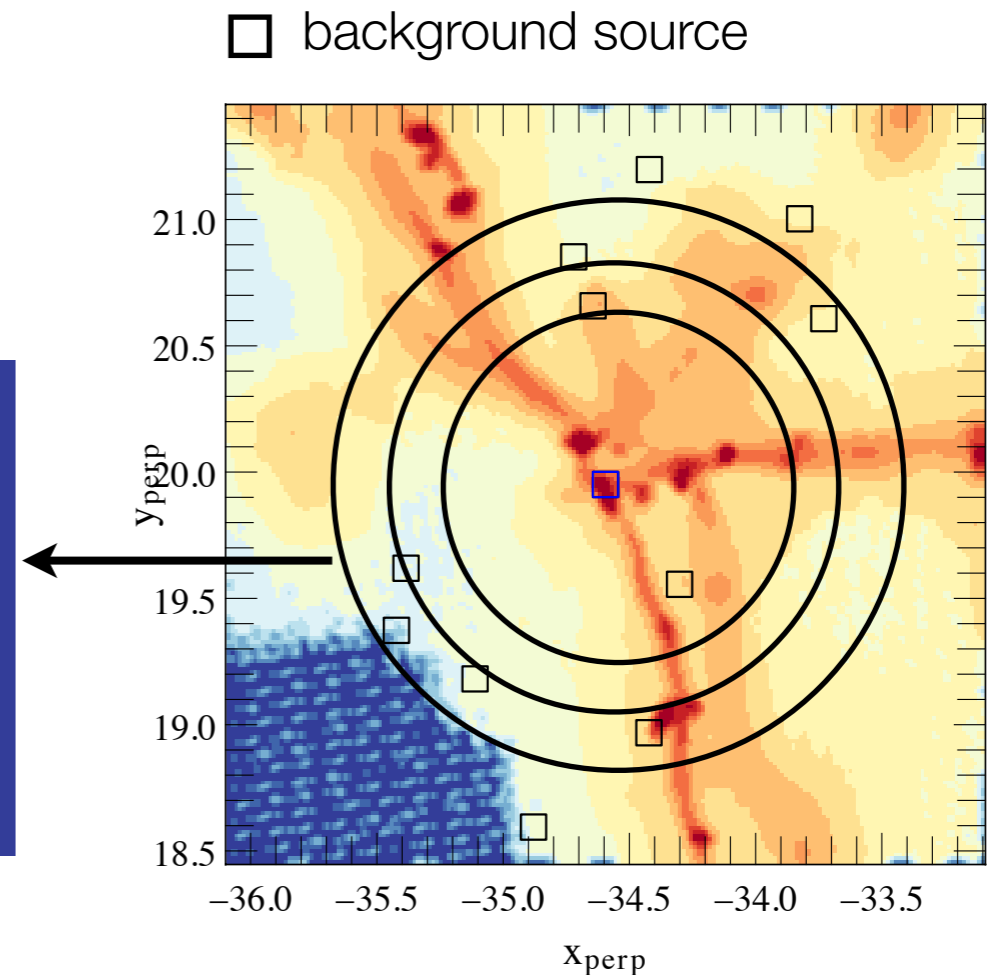
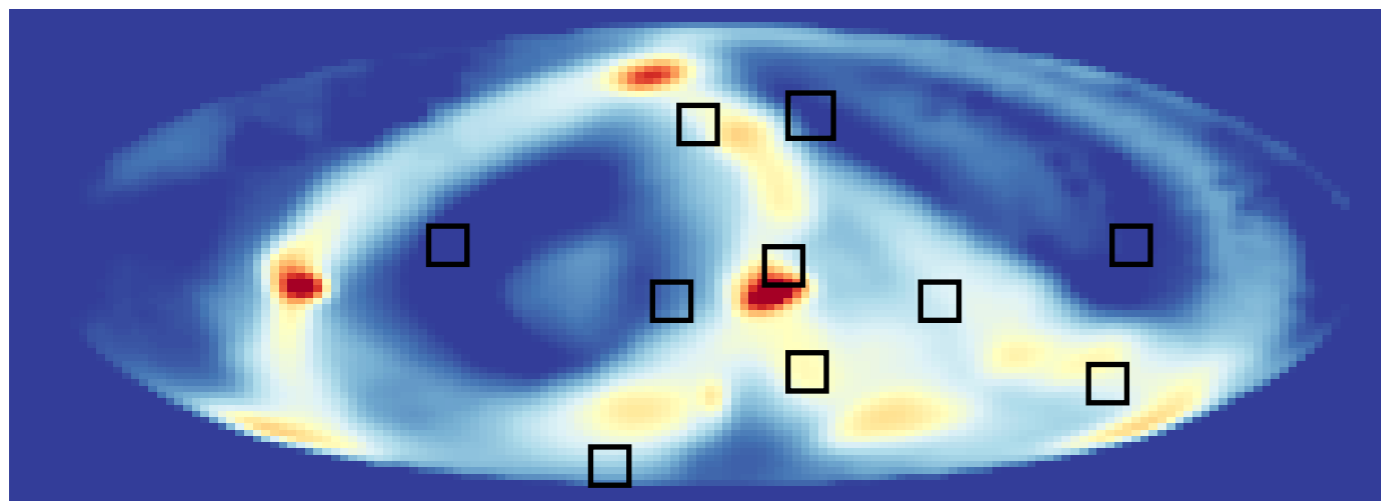
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**$\log (M_*/M_\odot)=10.3, z=2.20$**

Hammer-Aitoff projection at  $R\sim 1.2$  Mpc  
HI density



Multipolar development on the sphere at different radii could characterize gas inflow  
Test the feasibility in observations (model all observational limitations)

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# CONCLUSION

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- ▶ Take advantage of the Lyman-alpha absorption on background objects to reconstruct at large-scale the cosmic web. At smaller scale, characterize the circum-galactic medium. Use bright UV galaxies in addition to quasars.
- ▶ Horizon-AGN: well qualified to make prediction for future surveys: e.g. PFS, E-ELT
- ▶ At equivalent observation time, tomography allows a better reconstruction than galaxy distribution.
- ▶ On-going work: characterizing gas inflow at smaller scale from a limited number of sightlines

## Next steps:

- ▶ Make accurate predictions for future surveys, in particular including noise and using realistic galactic spectra (with intrinsic lines)
- ▶ Combine tomography and redshift distribution to improve the reconstruction