

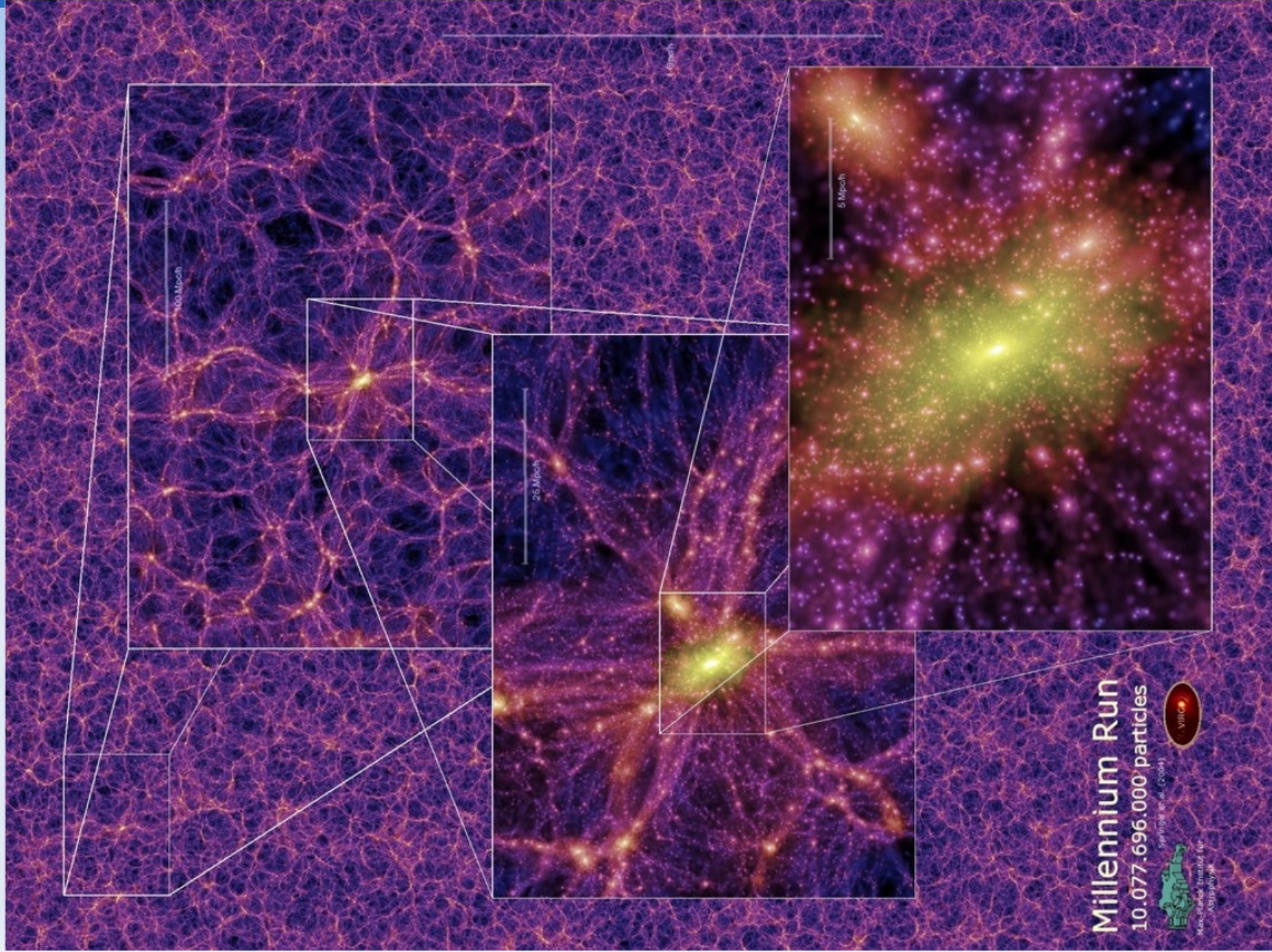
# How does the cosmic web impact assembly bias?

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# Analytically. Really??



# Why analytically?

**One might wonder why** we put effort into approximate descriptions of cosmic structure formation **given** the tremendous recent and promised advances in computing power. Surely the not very distant future will bring computations of arbitrarily **large simulation volumes** with arbitrarily **high resolution** using arbitrarily adaptive hydrodynamical and N-body techniques. That will be so. But **even so, we need a physical language to discuss the outcomes.**

(Bond & Myers 96)

# Really? Yes, for many reasons

- Understand N-body simulations
- Can't run a simulation for every choice of cosmological parameters!
- Explore non-standard cosmologies
- Huge degeneracy in parameter space: study deviation from universality
- Physically motivated fitting formulae (esp. for halo bias!)
- Improve data analysis

# Spherical Collapse

- In spherical models, evolution is governed by the **total mass**  $M$  inside each shell, not sensitive to the inner density profile
- That is, only **mean initial overdensity** within  $V_{in} = 4\pi(a_{in}R)^3/3$  matters:

$$\delta_{R,in}(\mathbf{x}) \equiv \frac{1}{V_{in}} \int_{V_{in}} d^3r \delta_{in}(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{r}) \quad \delta_{in}(\mathbf{x}) \equiv \frac{\rho_{in}(\mathbf{x}) - \bar{\rho}_{in}}{\bar{\rho}_{in}}$$

- A shell of comoving radius  $R$  centered at  $\mathbf{x}$  collapses by  $z$  if

$$\delta_R(z, \mathbf{x}) \equiv D(z)\delta_{R,in}(\mathbf{x})/D(z_{in}) \gtrsim 1.69 \equiv \delta_c$$

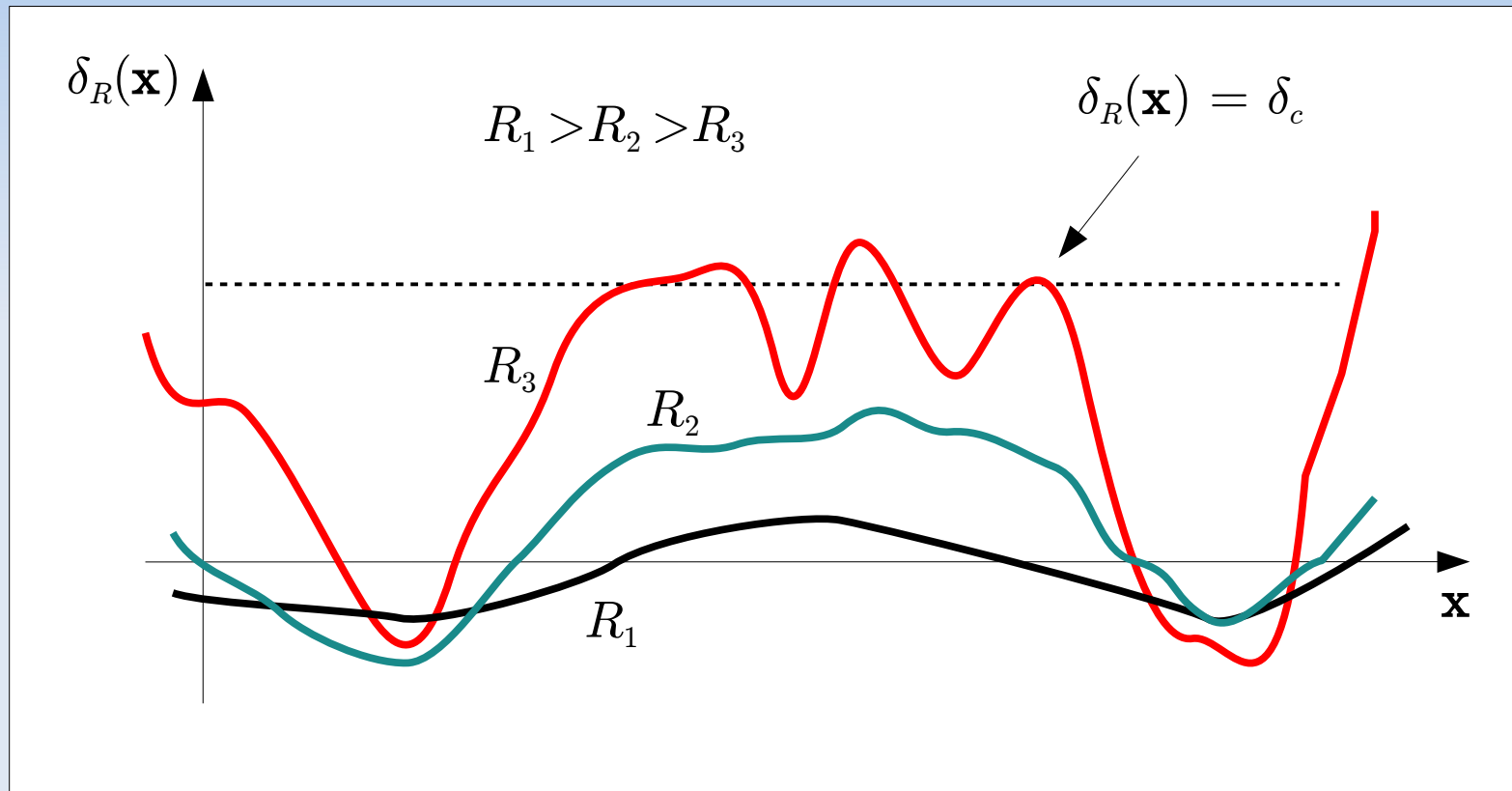
- Can work with the linear field at  $z = 0$ . In Fourier space:

$$\delta_R(\mathbf{x}) \equiv \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}} \frac{3j_1(kR)}{kR} \delta_{lin}(\mathbf{k}) \geq \frac{\delta_c}{D(z)}$$

- Filter **MUST** be **real space TopHat**
- $M = 4\pi\bar{\rho}R^3/3$  is conserved and set by the **smoothing scale**

# Finding proto-halos

- The INITIAL density field varies with position AND smoothing scale

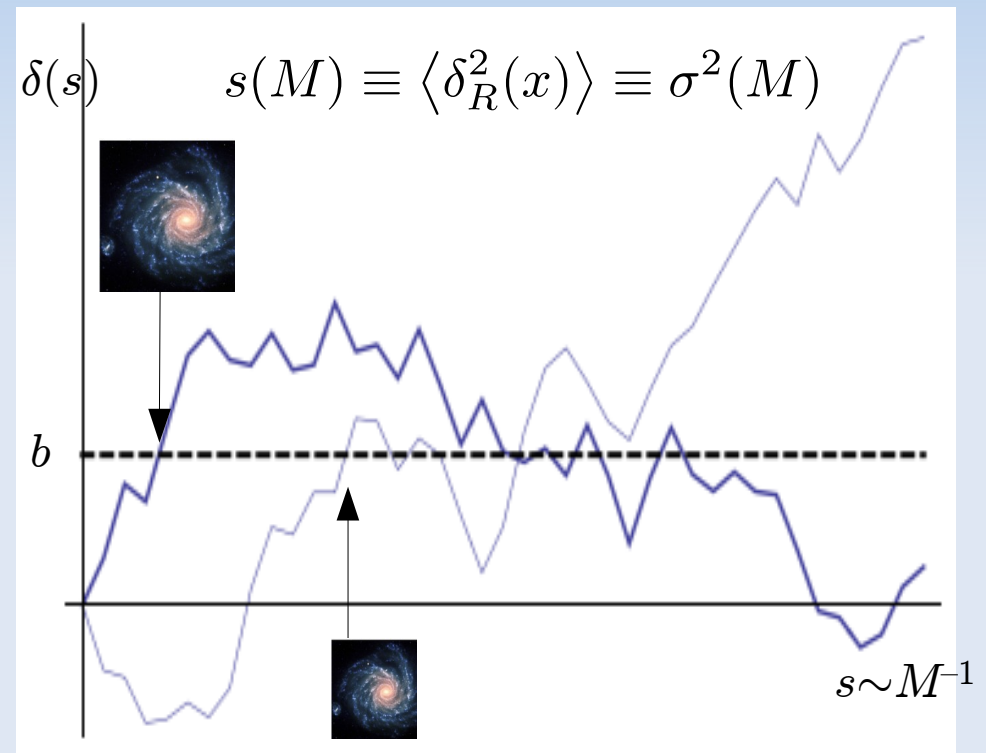


- First crossing fixes  $R$  and  $\mathbf{x}$ : size and position of the proto-halo
- Mass conservation. Final mass is  $M = \bar{\rho} 4\pi R^3 / 3$

# Excursion set theory

- At each position  $\mathbf{x}$ ,  $\delta_R(\mathbf{x})$  follows a different random walk as  $R$  changes
- But the walks are **not Markovian**: steps correlate with each other
- True for any compact filter (include all Fourier modes)

FIRST PASSAGE of random walks w/ CORRELATED steps



- Abundance  $n_h(M) \longleftrightarrow$  first crossing probability  $f(s)$  at scale  $s(M)$
- But  $f(s)$  is not known: need better maths

# Excursion set theory

Halos as patches in the initial conditions that:

- are dense “enough” to have formed by today (“enough” is the initial overdensity of spherical collapse, for now...)
- are not contained in larger patches of the same density (“no cloud-in-cloud”)
- mimicked by random walks in mean density space reaching a critical threshold
- Abundance: propto first-passage pdf  $f(s)$  **with correlated steps**

- Formally: 
$$f(s) \equiv \lim_{\Delta s \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\Delta s} \left\langle \vartheta(\delta_N - \delta_c) \prod_i^{N-1} \vartheta(\delta_c - \delta_i) \right\rangle$$

$$s(R) \equiv \langle \delta_R^2(x) \rangle = \int dk \frac{k^2 P(k)}{2\pi^2} W^2(kR) \equiv \sigma^2(M)$$



# First crossing distribution

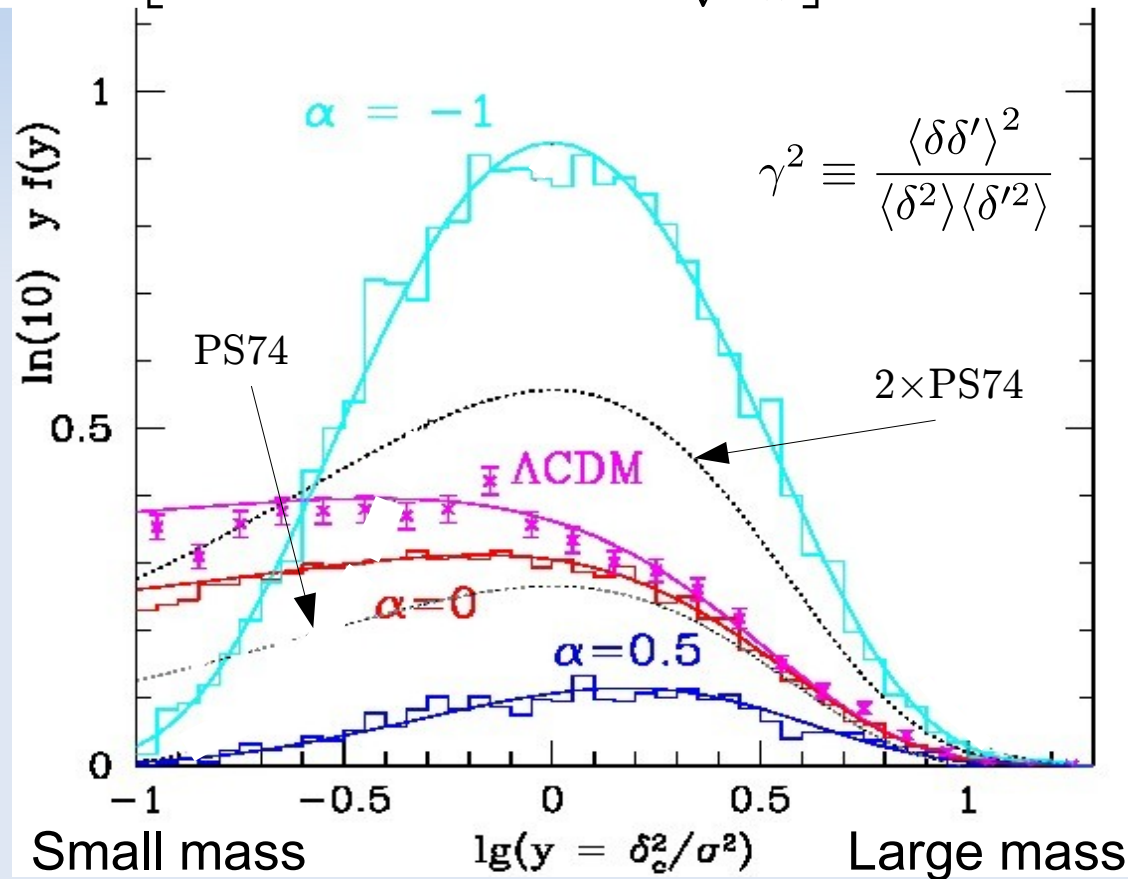
- Probability of **ANY** crossing at  $s$  **Press & Schechter (1974)**
- Want **FIRST** crossing to avoid cloud-in-cloud:  $\delta_s > b(s)$  but  $\delta_S < b(S)$  for  $S < s$ . Solved for Gaussian uncorrelated steps with constant/linear barrier **Bond et al. (1991)**  
**Jedamzik (1995); Sheth(1998)**
- May treat correlations as perturbations **Maggiore & Riotto (2010)**  
**Corasaniti & Achitouv (2011)**
- However: correlations make cloud-in-cloud less likely (less zig-zags) **Paranjape, Lam & Sheth (2011)**
- Can relax **FIRST** into **UPWARDS**:  $\delta_s = b(s)$ ,  $\delta'_s \equiv d\delta/ds \geq db/ds$

$$\frac{M}{\bar{\rho}} \frac{dn_h}{dM} = \left| \frac{ds}{dM} \right| f_{\text{up}}(s) = -\frac{ds}{dM} \int_{b'}^{\infty} d\delta'_s (\delta'_s - b') p(\delta'_s, \delta = b)$$

**MM & Sheth (2012)**

# Upcrossing distribution

$$f_{\text{up}}(s) = f_{\text{PS}}(s) \left[ \frac{1 + \text{erf}(X/\sqrt{2})}{2} + \frac{e^{-X/2}}{X\sqrt{2\pi}} \right], \quad X^2 \equiv \frac{\gamma^2 \delta_c^2}{(1 - \gamma^2)s}$$

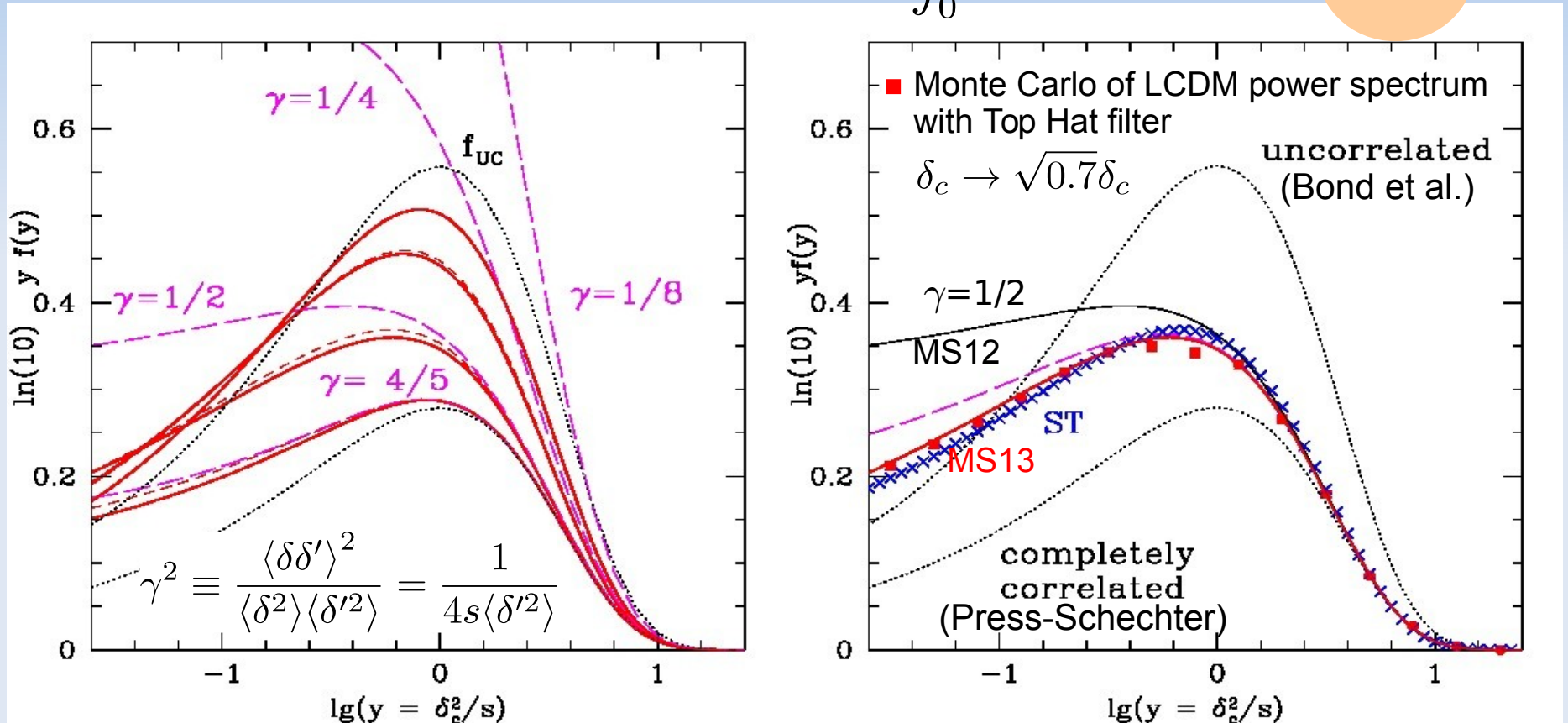


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Compare with Monte Carlo walks (histograms) with various power spectra and barrier  $b = \delta_c + \alpha s$ . Dotted lines are PS74 and twice PS74 (uncorrelated steps)

# Solution by back substitution

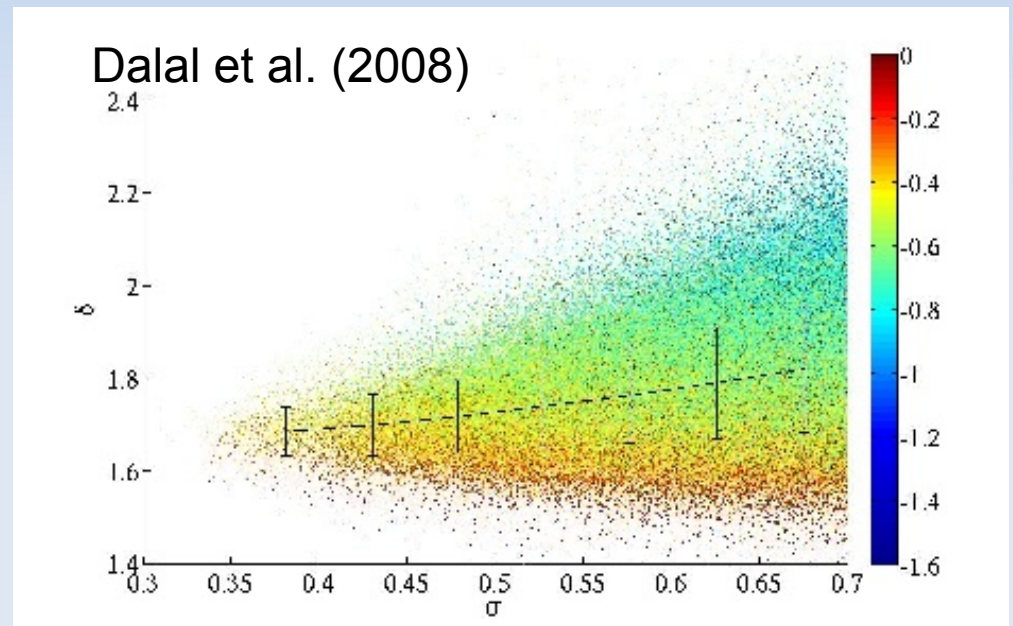
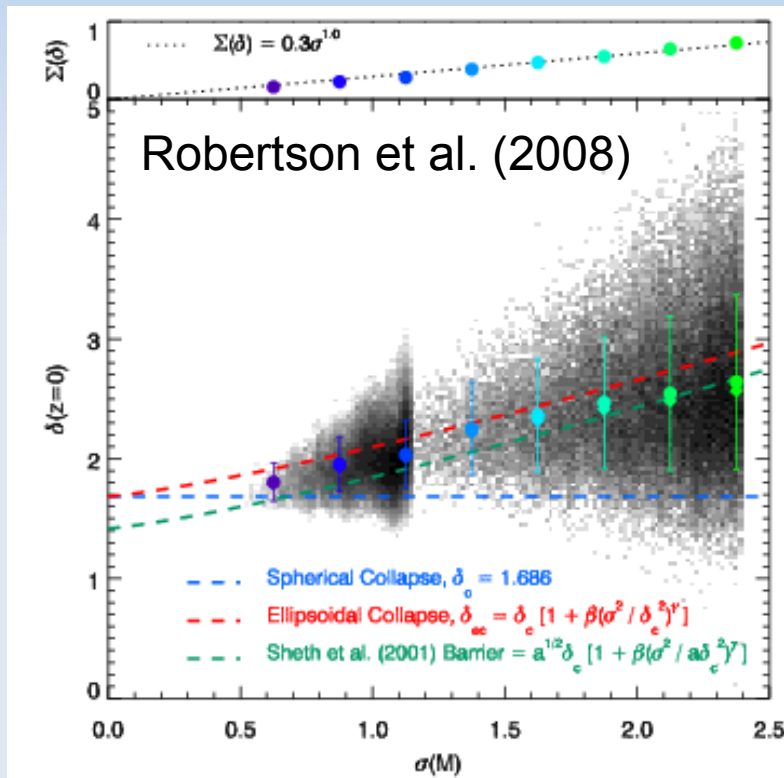
- An even better approx:  $p(\delta_s \geq b) = \int_0^s dS f(S) p(\delta_s \geq b | \text{up}, S)$



- Upcrossing captures  $f(s)$  for all  $P(k)$ , filters and barriers. Yet, the mass function works only if  $\delta_c \rightarrow .84 \delta_c$ . There is a flaw in the ansatz!

# The critical density in real life

- At small mass, barrier  $b$  becomes “stochastic” (other variables play a role, e.g. shear, shape, velocity dispersion) and scale-dependent

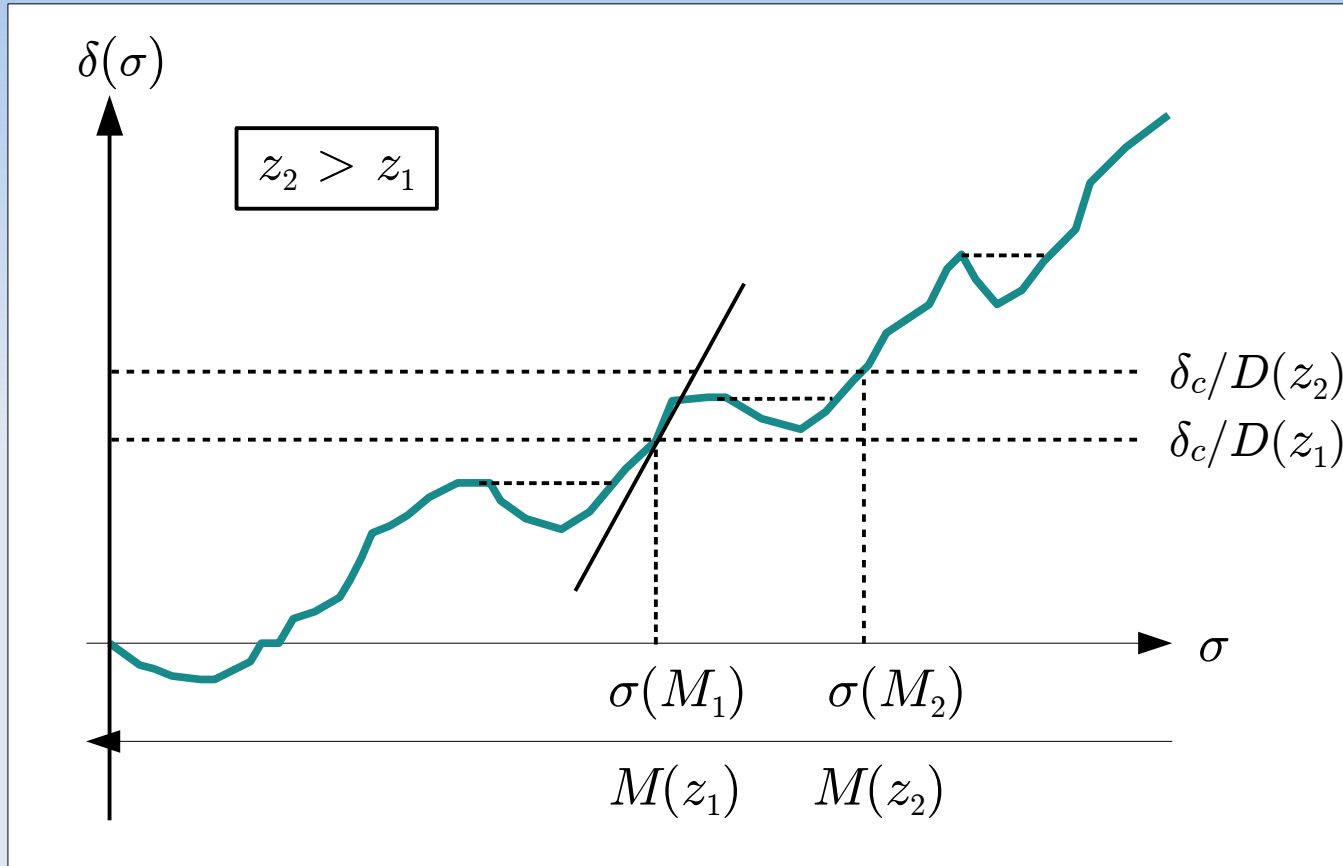


- Halos do not form at random locations, but at density peaks. Should do excursion sets there.

# Assembly bias

- Assembly bias (“there’s more to a halo than its mass...”) is somewhat of an obvious statement. The opposite would be surprising!
- Surprisingly difficult to find the optimal variables to parametrize it because of strong statistical correlation
- Most quantities have unexpected behaviors in some regime
- Because halos are not isolated, their position in the cosmic web is an obvious candidate
- Observationally relevant: surveys (VIPERS, COSMOS, GAMA) find galaxies in different color bins at different distance to the cosmic web (see Clotilde’s and Katarina’s talk)
- But... what is color? For DM halos, can play with accretion rate and formation time

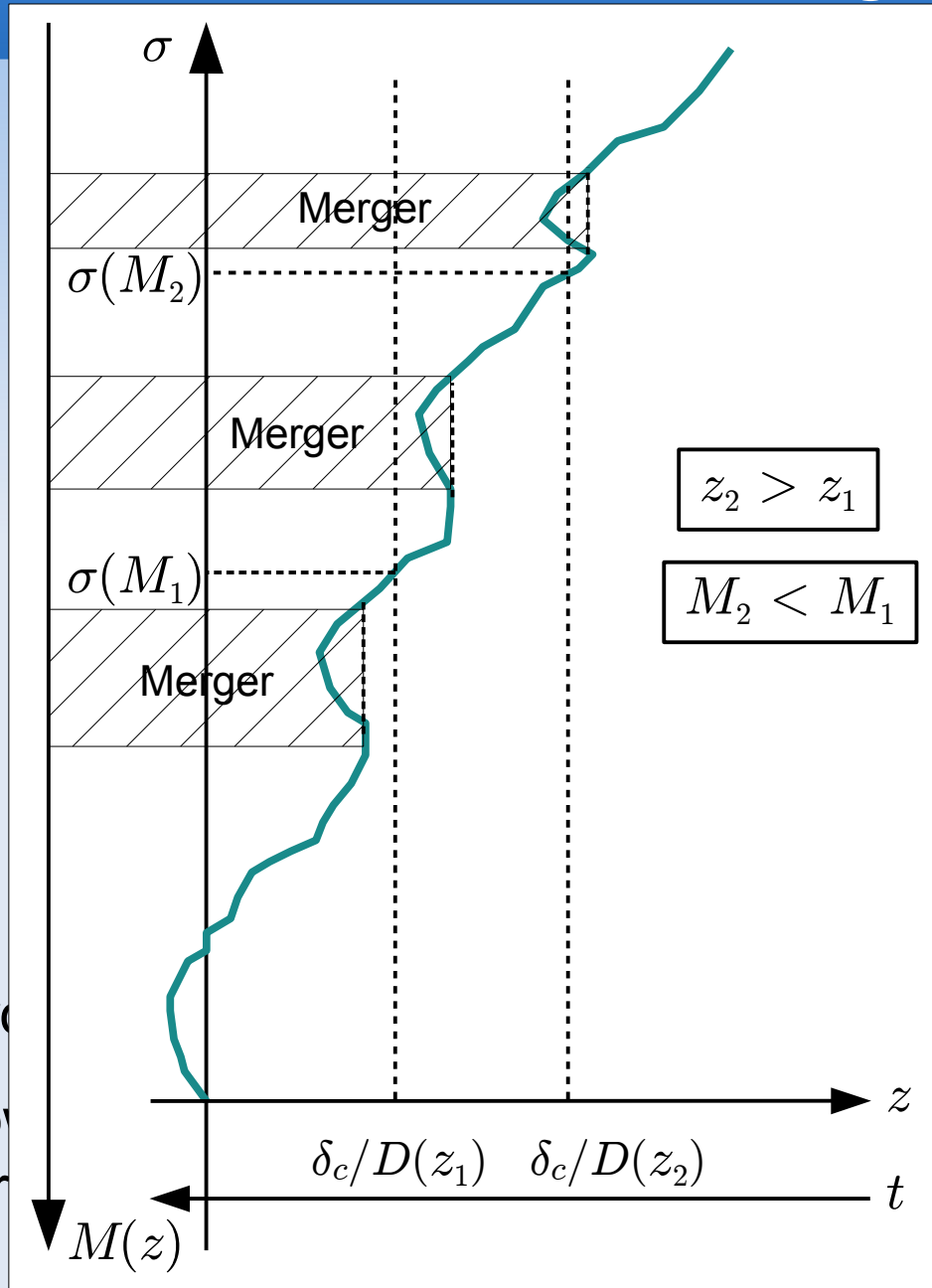
# Formation history



- As threshold drops with time, first crossing moves/jumps to larger  $M$
- Continuous growth of  $M$  is accretion, finite jumps are mergers. Whole formation history  $M(z)$  in the trajectory. Slope gives accretion rate.

**Lacey and Cole (1993)**

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# Accretion rate and formation time

- Following the first-crossing scale at all  $z$  gives  $M(z)$  :

$$\delta(\sigma(M(z))) = \frac{\delta_c}{D(z)}$$

- Differentiating w.r.t.  $z$  gives  $dM/dz$  :

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dM} \frac{dM}{dz} = - \frac{\delta_c}{\delta'(\sigma) D^2} \frac{dD}{dz}$$

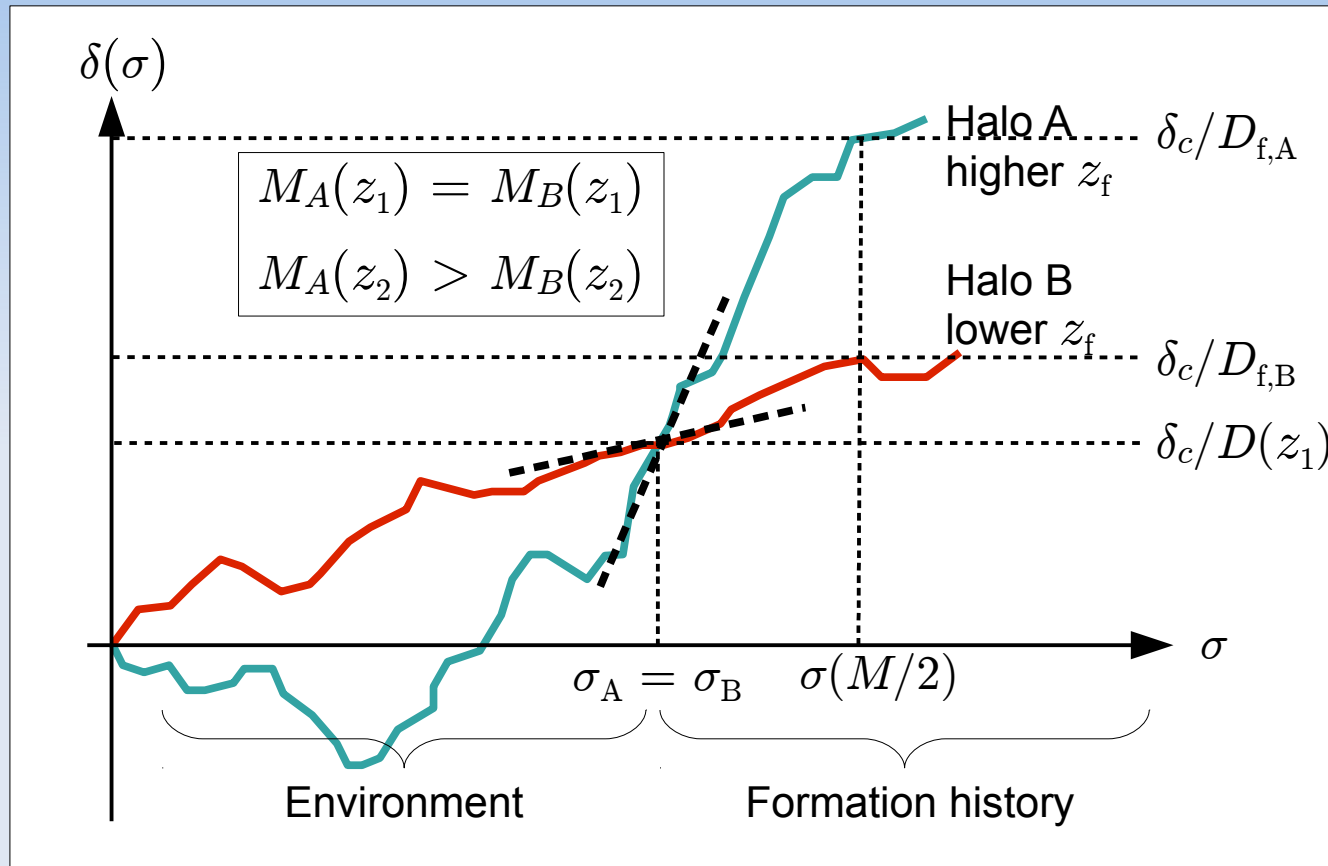
can be done for correlated steps! Accretion rate fixes the slope.

- The height at  $\sigma(M/2)$  gives the value of  $\delta_c/D(z_f)$  :

$$D_f \equiv D(z_f) = \frac{\delta_c}{\delta(\sigma(M/2))}$$

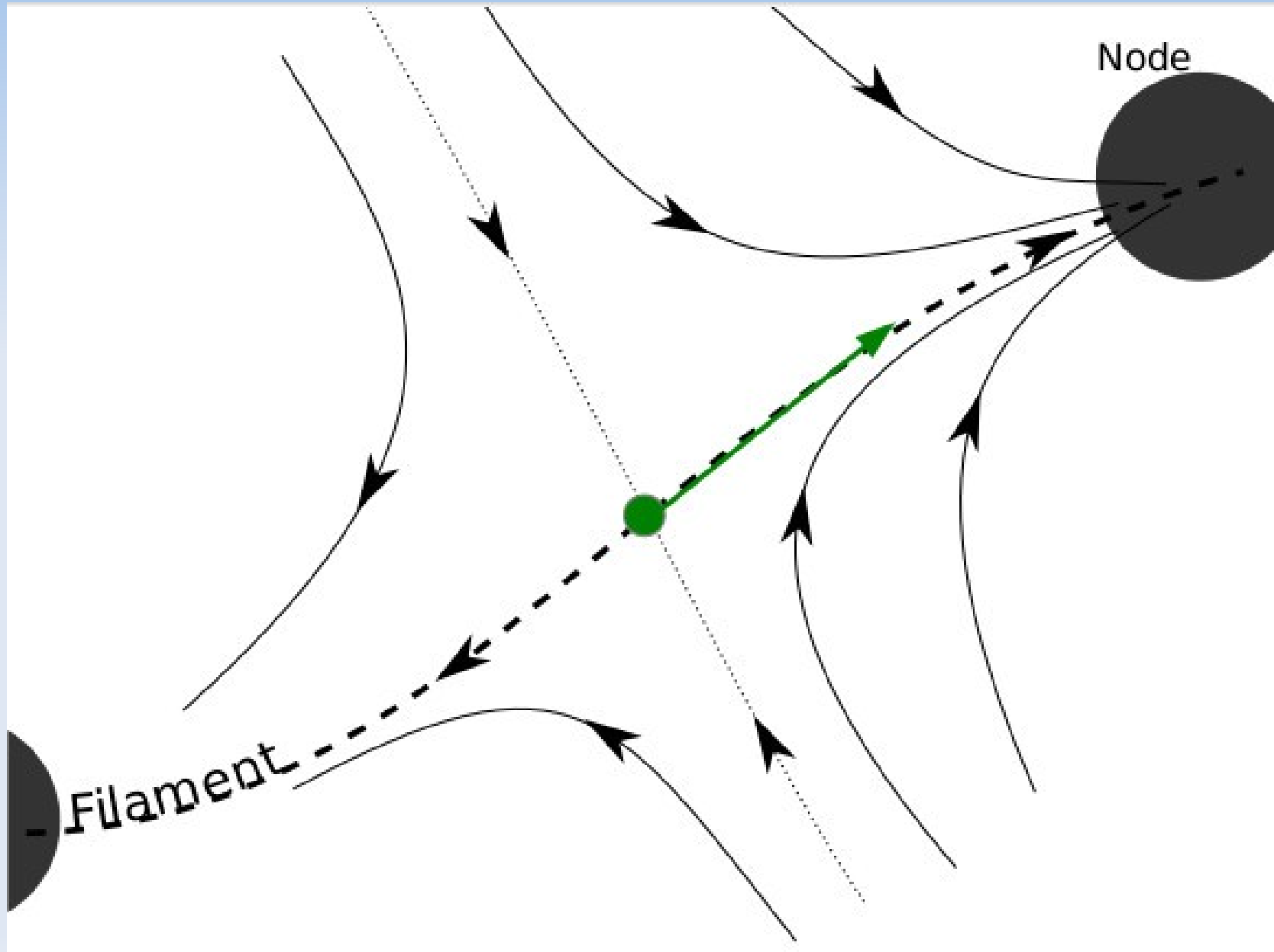


# Accretion rate and formation time



- Same mass at  $z_1$ , but  $\sigma_A$  varies less with  $z$  : slower accretion. At  $\sigma(M/2)$  halo A crosses a higher threshold : forming earlier
- But **sharp turns are unlikely**: B prefers denser environment than A (not so for uncorrelated steps). **Assembly bias!** **Dalal et al. (2008)**

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- Mean potential in sphere of radius  $R_s$   $\phi_s = - \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{\delta(\mathbf{k})}{k^2} \frac{3j_1(kR_s)}{kR_s}$

- No center-of-mass motion:  $g_i \equiv -\nabla_i \phi_s = 0$

- One neg. eigenvalue of shear:  $q_{ij} \equiv \frac{\nabla_i \nabla_j \phi_s}{\sigma^2(R_s)} = \frac{\delta_{ij}}{3} \nu_s + \bar{q}_{ij}$

- Need conditional PDF of  $\delta$  and  $\delta'$ :  $p(\delta(\mathbf{r}), \delta'(\mathbf{r}) | \text{saddle})$

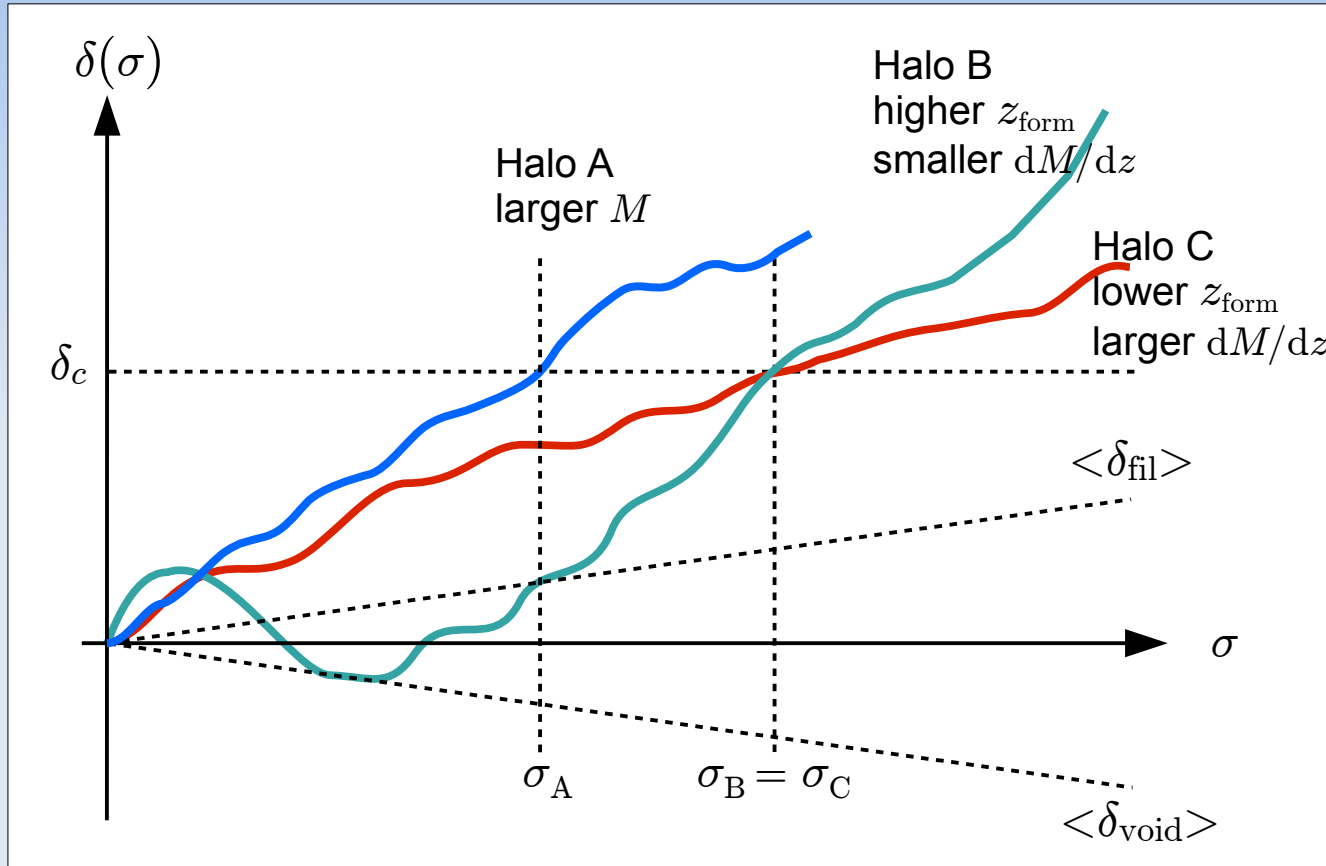
- Anisotropic conditional mean density (at finite distance):

$$\langle \delta(\mathbf{r}) | \text{saddle} \rangle = \xi_{00}(r) \nu_s + 3\xi_{11}(r) \frac{r}{R_*} \hat{r}_i g_i - 5\xi_{20}(r) \frac{3\hat{r}_i \bar{q}_{ij} \hat{r}_j}{2},$$

anisotropy

- Saddles of the potential are saddles of the conditional mean of  $\delta$ .  
Outflowing direction (filament) has higher mean density.

# Saddle point of the potential



- Halo A (filament): large  $\langle \delta|S \rangle$ , more likely, smaller  $\sigma$ , larger  $M$
- Halo B (void): low  $\langle \delta|S \rangle$ , less likely, larger  $\sigma$ , smaller  $M$
- Halo C (filament): same  $\sigma$  as B, shallow slope, high accr., late forming

# Just local mean density effect?

- In general, for any stochastic variables  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$

$$\langle A|B, C \rangle = \langle A| \langle B|C \rangle, C \rangle \neq \langle A| \langle B|C \rangle \rangle$$

- Not just mean density, but also slope. The conditional mean slope is not fixed by the local mean density shift.

$$\langle \delta'(\mathbf{r})|\delta(\mathbf{r}), \text{saddle} \rangle \neq \langle \delta'(\mathbf{r})| \langle \delta(\mathbf{r})|\text{saddle} \rangle \rangle$$

- The local mean density cannot describe all observables
- Not just mean shifts. Also conditional variances (and higher moments)

# Large-scale bias near saddle

- Bias is response to changes in large-scale mean density as usual
- Bias coefficients are derivatives wrt all decorrelated conditional means

$$b_{1,I}(M; \mathbf{r}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu_I} \log [f_{\text{up}}(\sigma; \mathbf{r})p(\text{saddle})]$$

$$\{\mu_I\} = \{\delta_S, \hat{r}_i g_i, \hat{r}_i \bar{q}_{ij} \hat{r}_j, \langle \delta | \text{saddle} \rangle, \langle \delta' | \delta_c, \text{saddle} \rangle\}$$

- Correlation with the large-scale environment  $\delta_0$  is

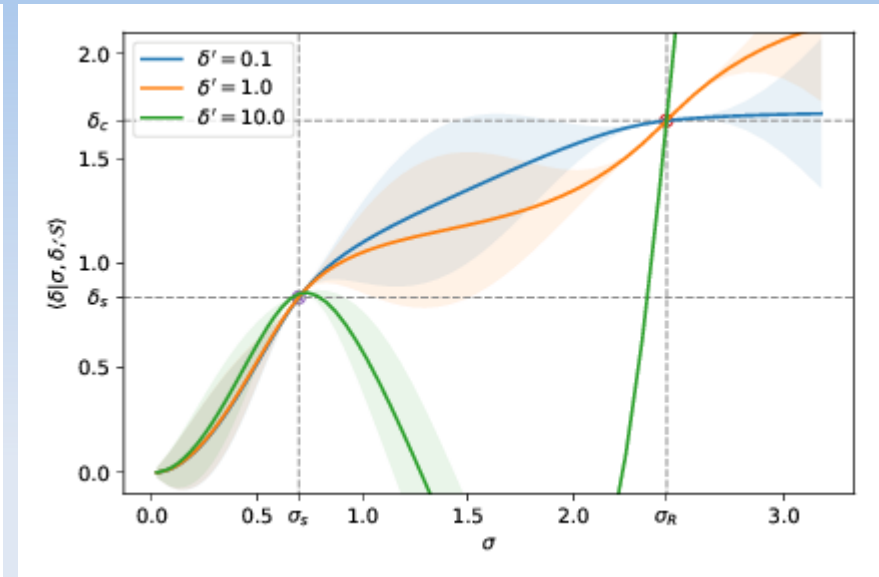
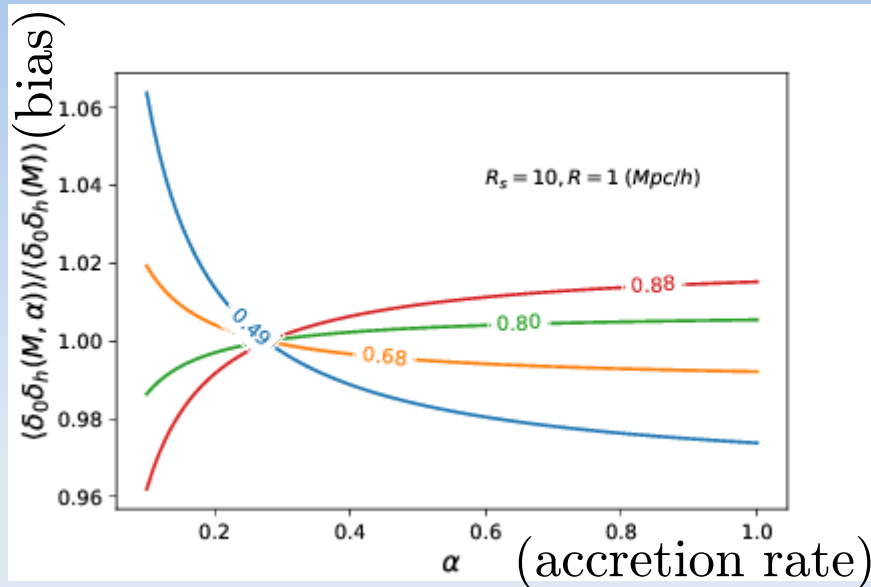
$$\langle \delta_0 n_h(M, \mathbf{r}) \rangle = \sum b_I(M; \mathbf{r}) C_I$$

$$\{C_I\} = \{\langle \delta_0 \delta_S \rangle, 0, 0, \text{Cov}(\delta_0 \delta | \text{saddle}), \text{Cov}(\delta' | \delta_c, \text{saddle})\}$$

- Same at fixed accretion rate:

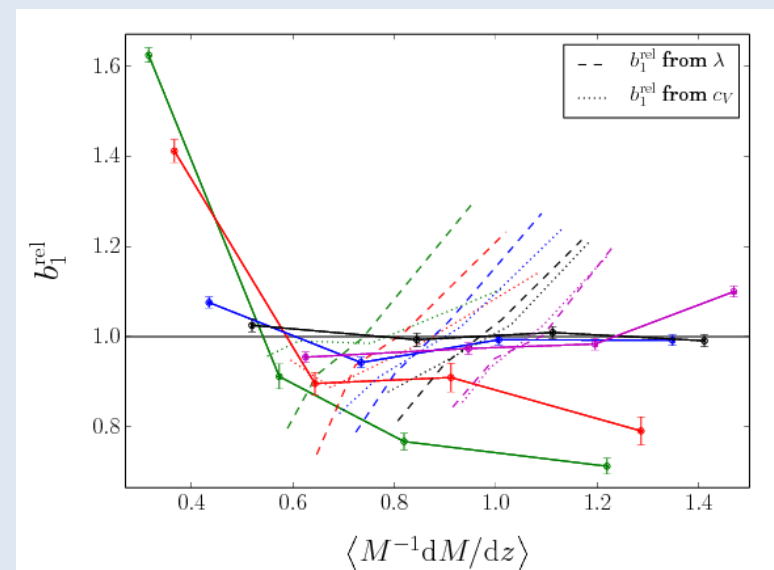
$$b_{1,I}(M, \alpha, \mathbf{r}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu_I} \log [f_{\text{up}}(\sigma, \alpha; \mathbf{r})p(\text{saddle})]$$

# Large-scale bias near saddle



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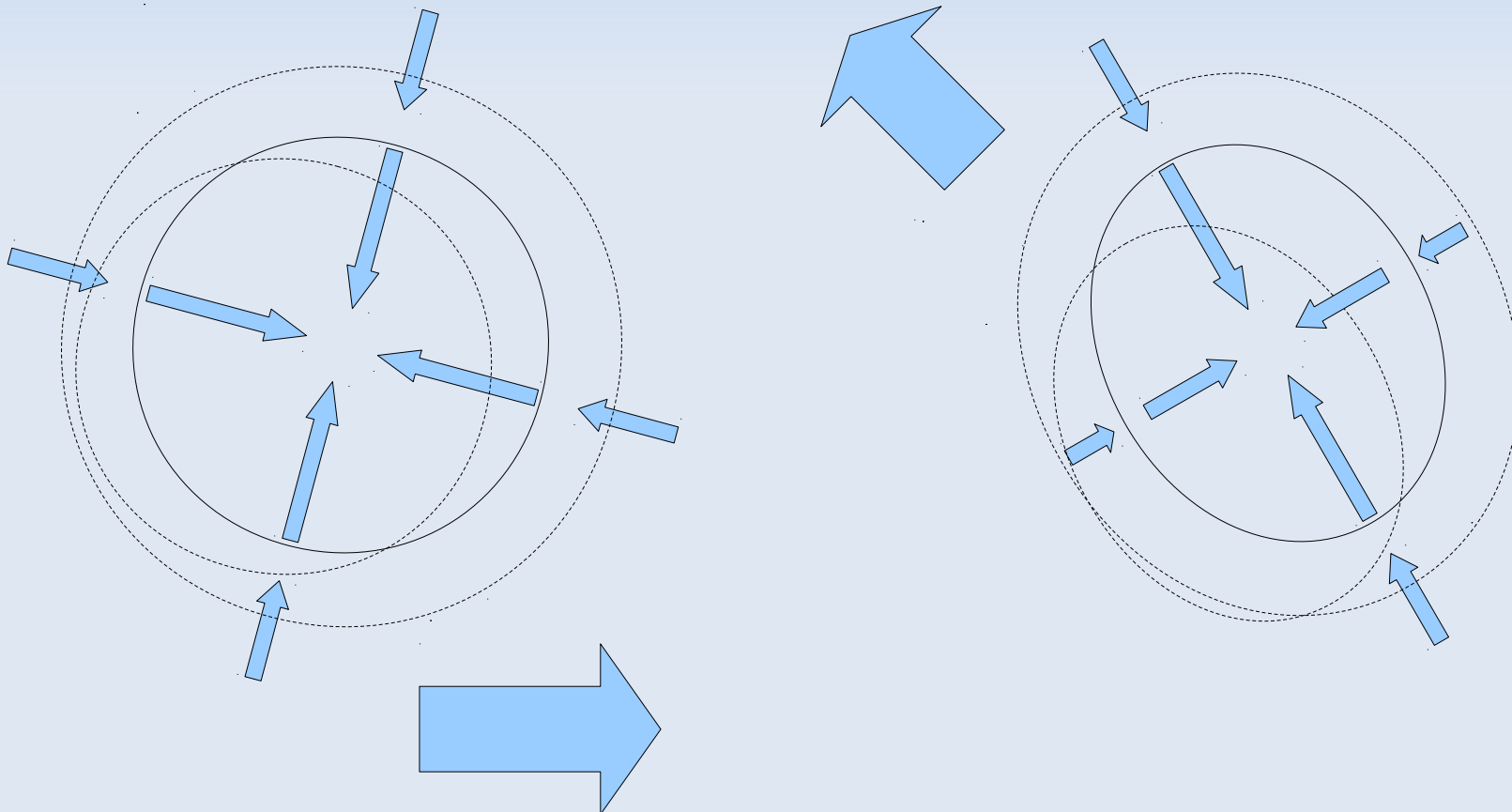
- Near the filament center halos with small accretion rate are more biased, opposite near the nodes
- Consequence of inversion in the constrained excursion set walks
- Same qualitative trend measured in N-body as a function of mass



Lazeyras, MM, Schmidt (2016)

# What's next?

Halos as centers of convergence of the velocity field





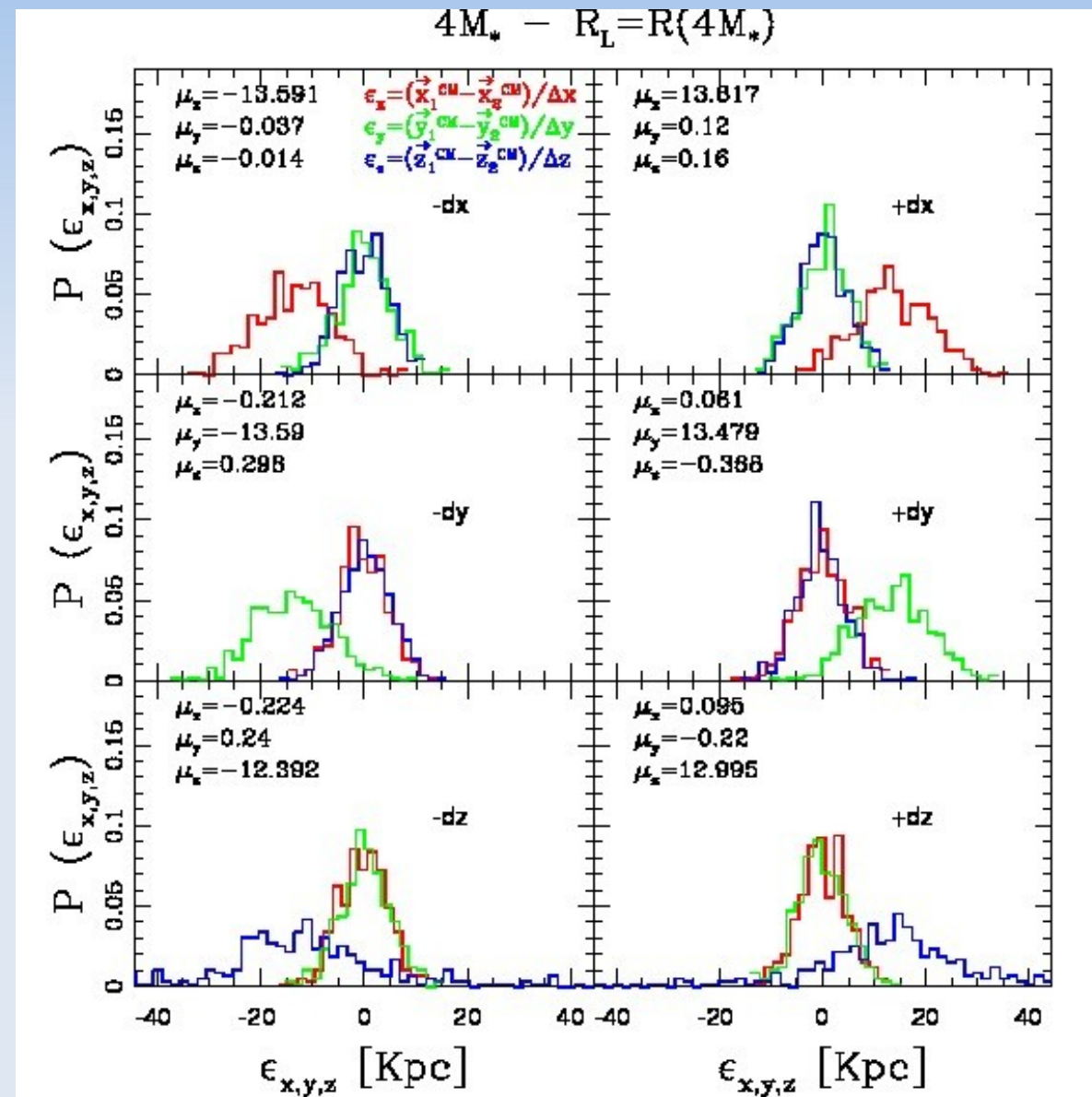
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- Halos as convergence points of the acceleration field
- Identified by spheres with null dipole moment  $D_i$ . That is, set the origin of the coordinates on the center of mass.
- Replace  $\nabla_i \delta = 0$  with  $D_i = 0$ ,  $\zeta_{ij} = -\nabla_i \nabla_j \delta$  with  $-\nabla_i D_j$
- For TH filter: 
$$\zeta_{ij} \equiv -\nabla_i D_j = \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{k_i k_j}{k^2} \delta(\mathbf{k}) \frac{\partial W_{\text{TH}}(kR)}{\partial R}$$
- Describes change of  $\delta$  as any axis shrinks. Triaxial excursion sets!
- Infall from any direction must decrease with distance: **pos def**  $\zeta_{ij}$ , like for peaks
- For a sphere,  $D_i$  is the gradient of the binding energy. Halos are minima of the energy!

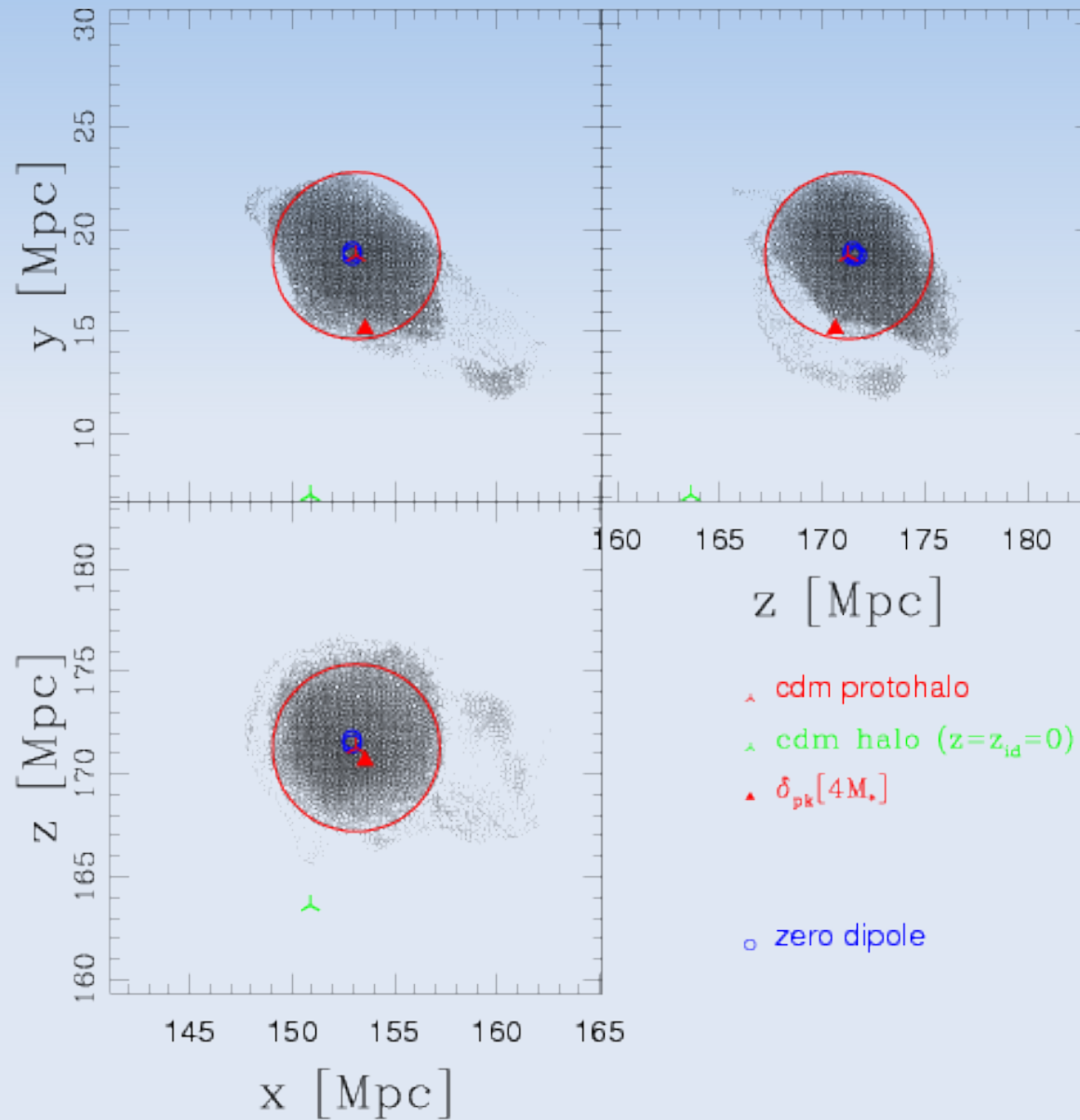
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# What's next?

- The center of mass of a sphere of Lagrangian radius near the center of mass of the protohalo moves in the direction opposite to the displacement
- $D_i = 0$  at the center of mass of the protohalo
- $\nabla_i D_j$  is indeed neg. definite



# What's next?



# Conclusions

- Excursion set theory can be done in a mathematically sound way
- It naturally predicts accretion rates and formation times.
- Can easily include the position in the cosmic web (with a conditional pdf of the excursion set variables) (see Corentin's talk)
- Saddles define a local metric for the various halo properties. The position in the cosmic web is part and parcel of assembly bias
- Can be used to study the correlation of accretion (color?) with angular momentum (see Sandrine's talks) and pin down intrinsic alignments
- What about concentration?
- Need better models with clear dynamical content to improve accuracy and control the errors. Halos as minima of the potential are a very promising candidate
- Need to include local shear in the critical density

**Merci!!**

# Saddle point of the potential

- Upcrossing probability at  $\sigma$  ( $\rightarrow$ mass function) given saddle  $\mathcal{S}$ :

$$f_{\text{up}}(\sigma; \mathbf{r}) = p(\delta_c - \langle \delta(\mathbf{r}) | \mathcal{S} \rangle) \mu_{\mathbf{r}} F(X_{\mathbf{r}}) \quad F(x) = \frac{1 + \text{erf}(x/\sqrt{2})}{2} + \frac{e^{-x/2}}{x\sqrt{2\pi}}$$

$$\mu_{\mathbf{r}} \equiv \langle \delta'(\mathbf{r}) | \delta_c, \mathcal{S} \rangle \quad X_{\mathbf{r}} \equiv \mu_{\mathbf{r}} / \sqrt{\text{Var}(\delta'(\mathbf{r}) | \delta_c, \mathcal{S})}$$

- Conditional probability of  $\alpha$  ( $\rightarrow$ accretion rate) given  $\sigma$  and  $\mathcal{S}$ :

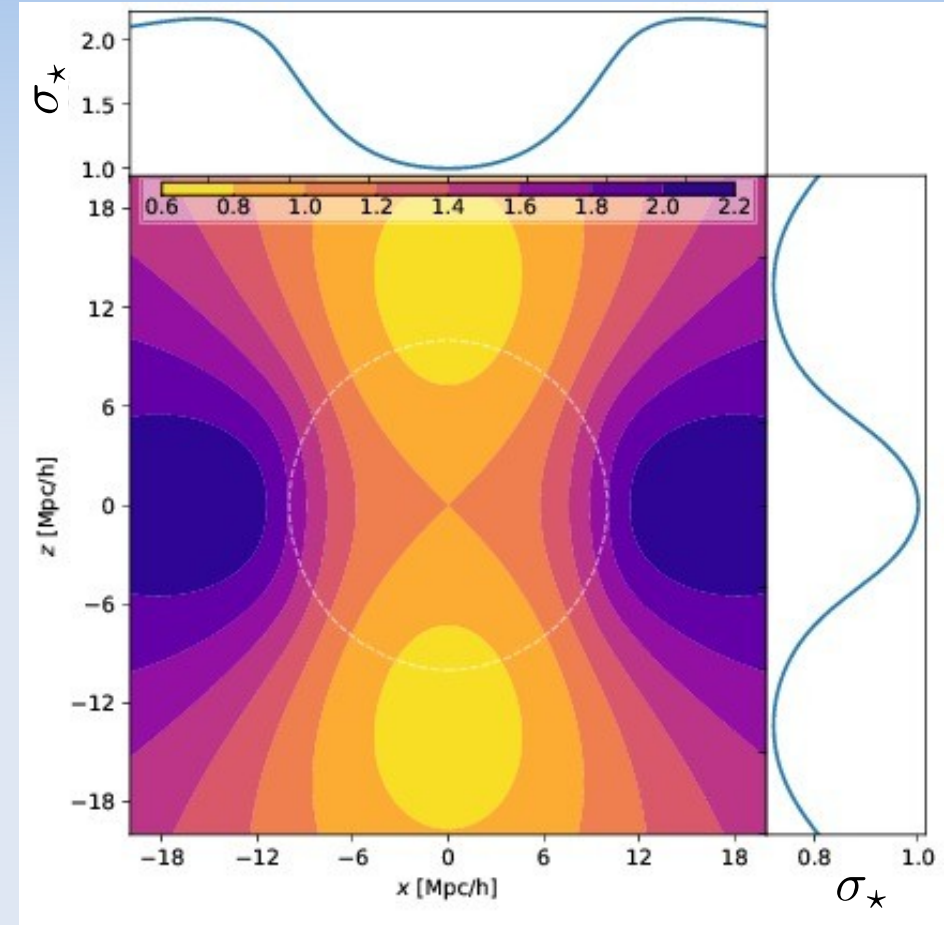
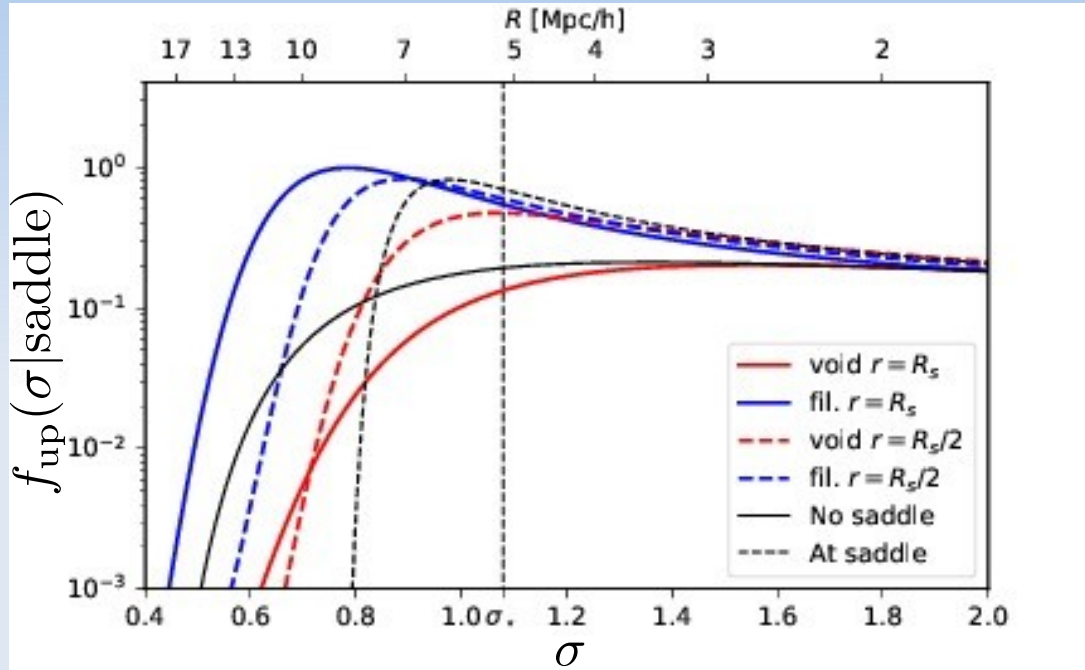
$$f_{\text{up}}(\alpha | \sigma; \mathbf{r}) = \frac{\delta_c^2}{\sigma^2 \alpha^3} \frac{p(\delta_c / \sigma \alpha - \mu_{\mathbf{r}})}{\mu_{\mathbf{r}} F(X_{\mathbf{r}})}$$

- Conditional probability of  $D_f$  ( $\rightarrow$ formation time) given  $\sigma$  and  $\mathcal{S}$ :

$$f_{\text{up}}(D_f | \sigma; \mathbf{r}) = \frac{\delta_c}{D_f^2} p(\delta_c / D_f | \delta_c, \mathcal{S}) \frac{\mu_{f,\mathbf{r}} F(X_{f,\mathbf{r}})}{\mu_{\mathbf{r}} F(X_{\mathbf{r}})}$$

$$\mu_{f,\mathbf{r}} \equiv \langle \delta'(\mathbf{r}) | \delta_c, \delta_c / D_f, \mathcal{S} \rangle \quad X_{f,\mathbf{r}} \equiv \mu_{f,\mathbf{r}} / \sqrt{\text{Var}(\delta'(\mathbf{r}) | \delta_c, \delta_c / D_f, \mathcal{S})}$$

# Assembly bias

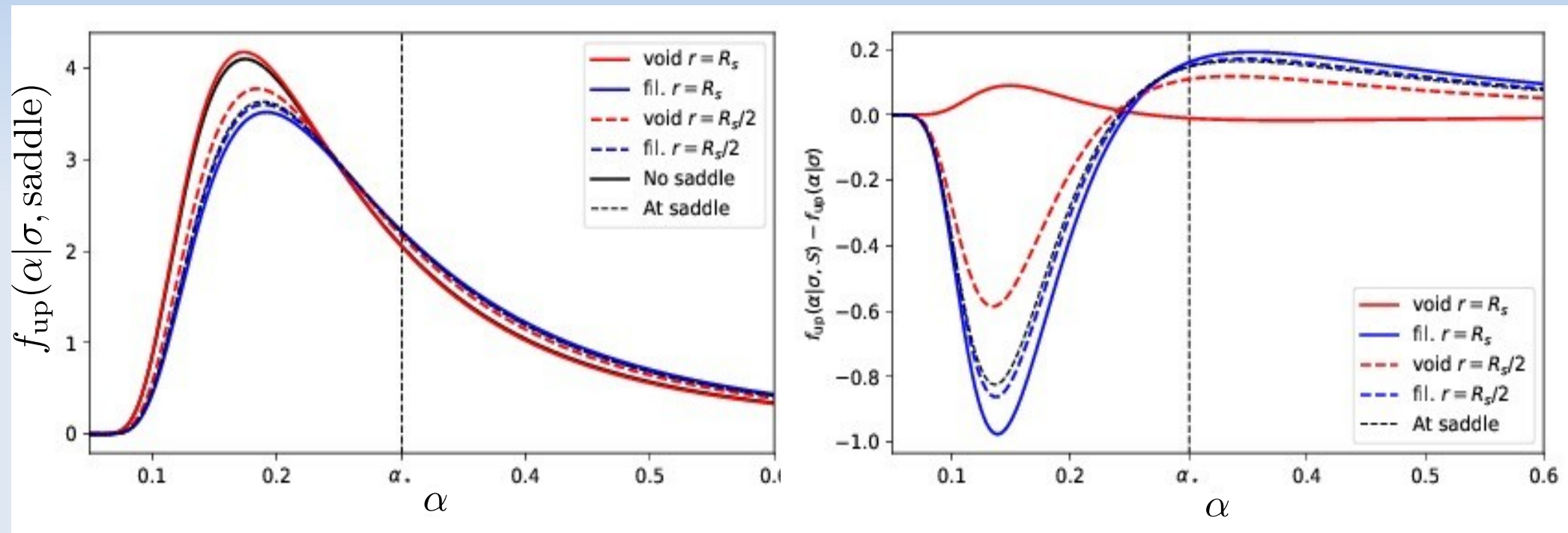


- Saddle point of typical mass too.
- Max of  $\sigma_*$  and min of  $M_*$  along the filament. Receding from nodes, halos are less massive

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# Assembly bias

$$\frac{d(\delta - \delta_c)}{d\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{dD} = -\frac{\delta_c}{D^2} \quad \alpha \equiv -\frac{D}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{dD} = \frac{\delta_c}{\sigma(\delta' - \delta'_c)D}$$

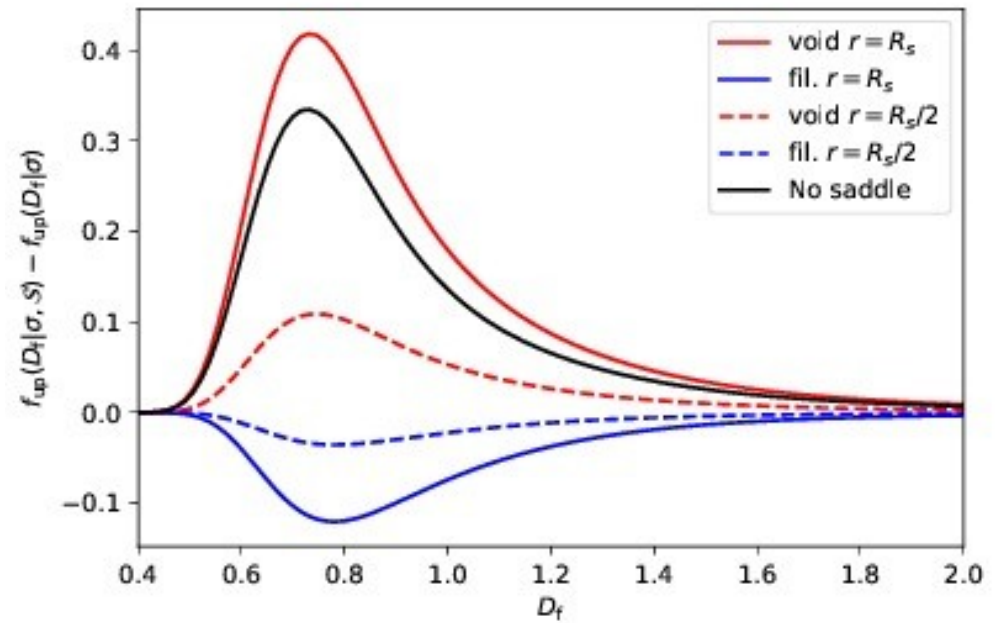
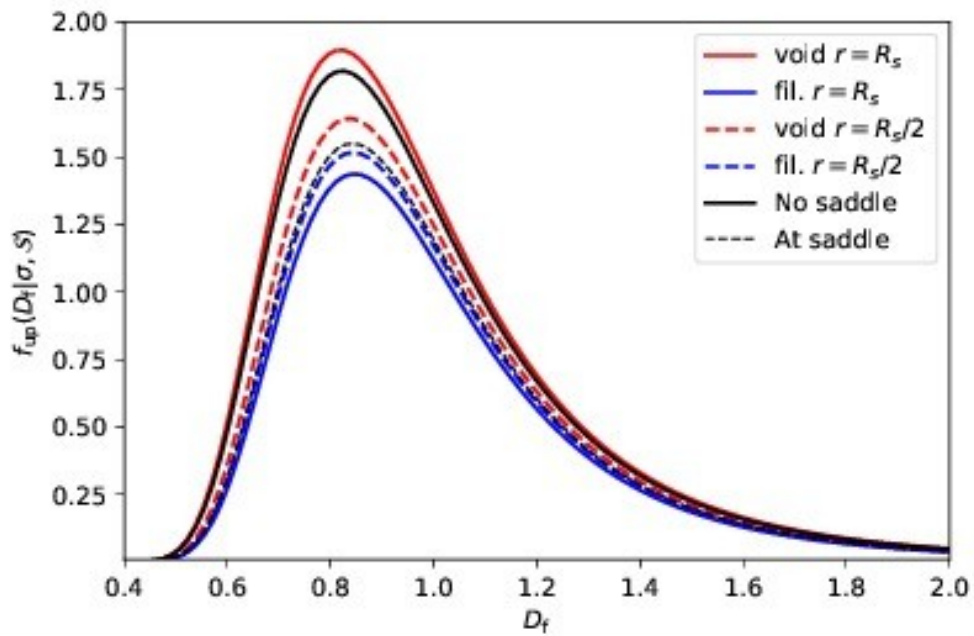


- Slowly accreting halos (small  $\alpha$ ) are more likely in voids
- Most likely  $\alpha$  grows moving to saddle point and then to nodes

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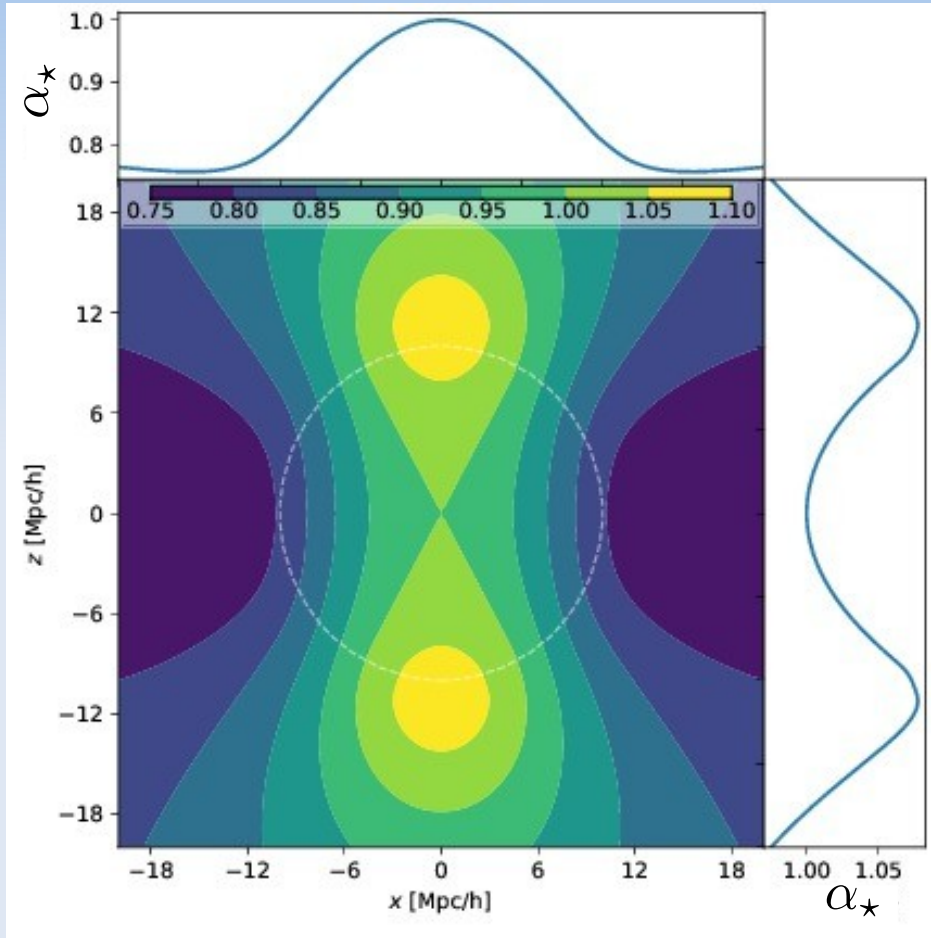
$$\frac{\delta_c}{D_{\text{form}}} \equiv \delta(\sigma(M/2))$$



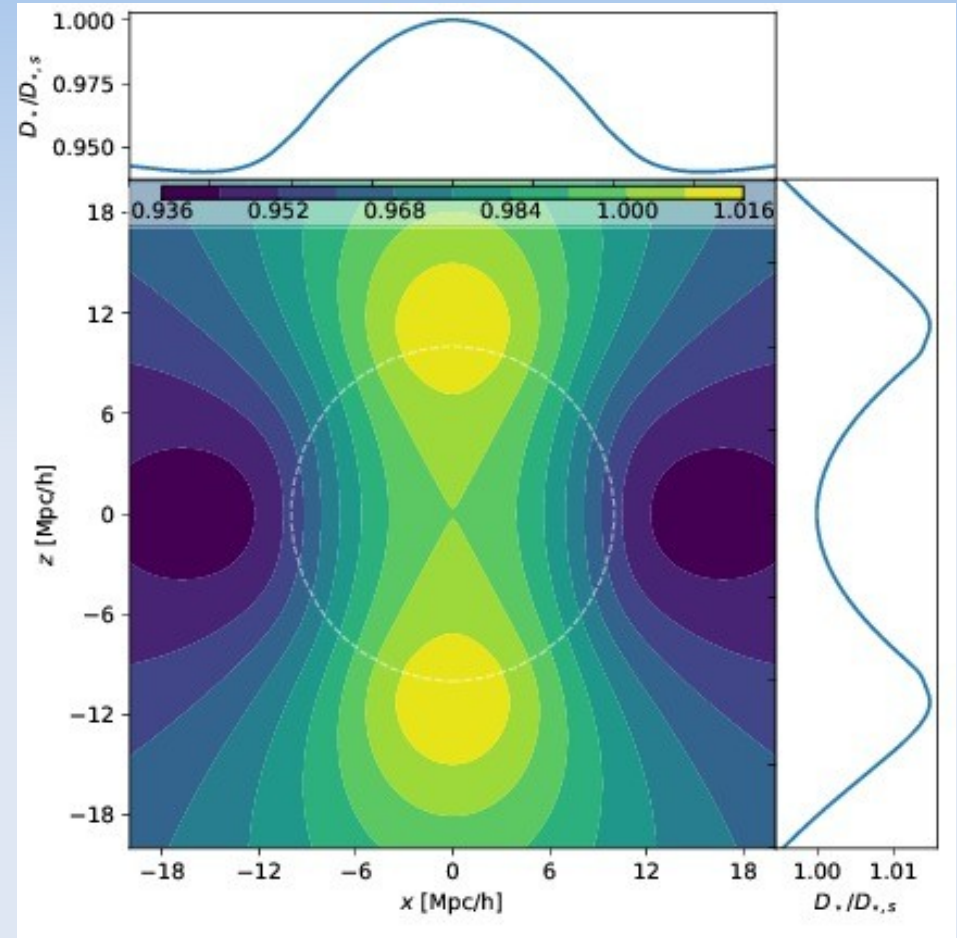
- Early forming halos (small  $D_f$ ) are more likely in voids
- Most likely  $D_f$  grows moving to saddle point and then to nodes



# Assembly bias



Typical accretion rate

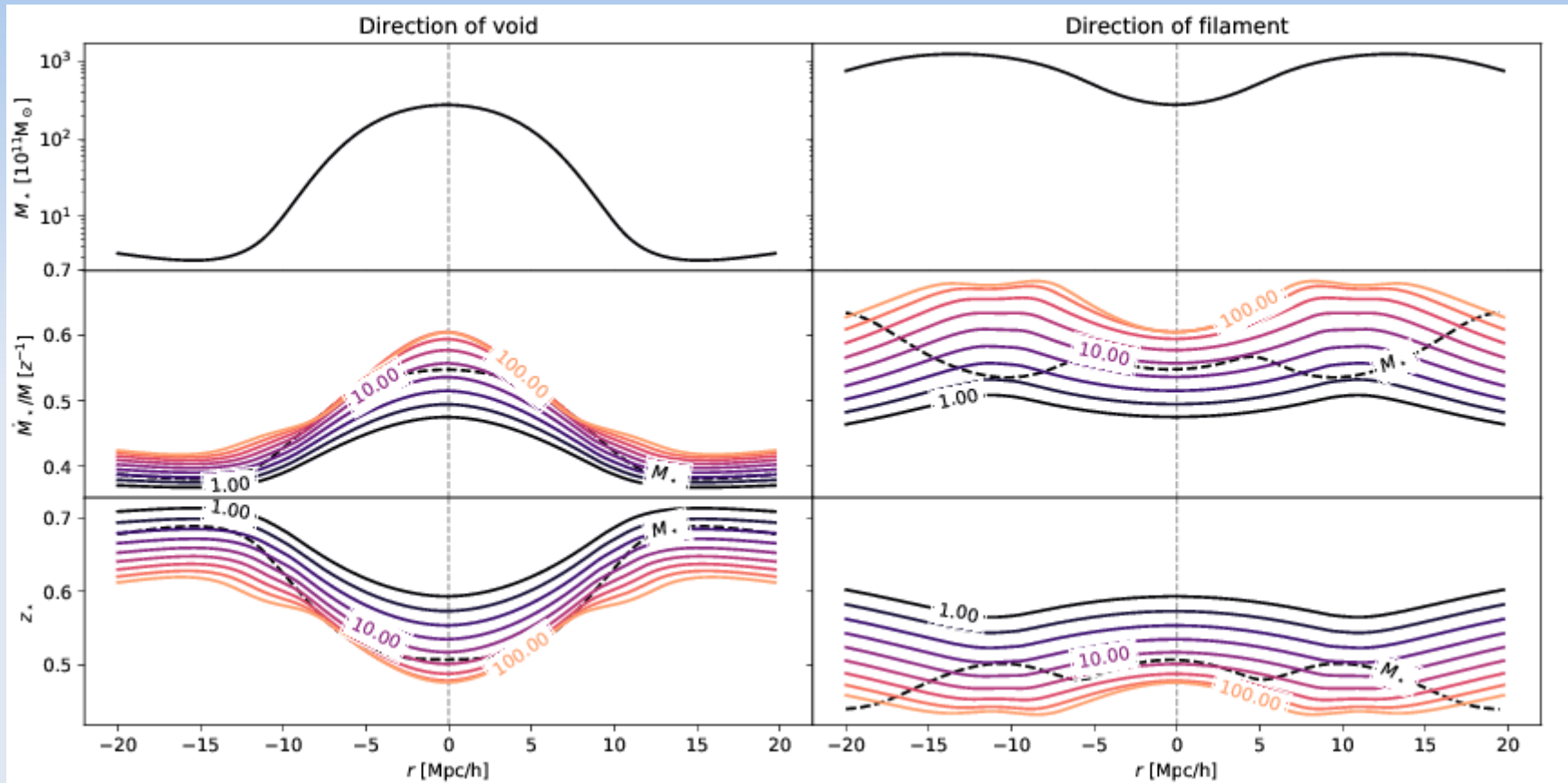


Typical formation time

- Saddle point of  $\alpha_*$  and of  $D_*$ . Receding from nodes, halos form earlier and accrete less today. Different level surfaces (and  $\neq$  from mass)

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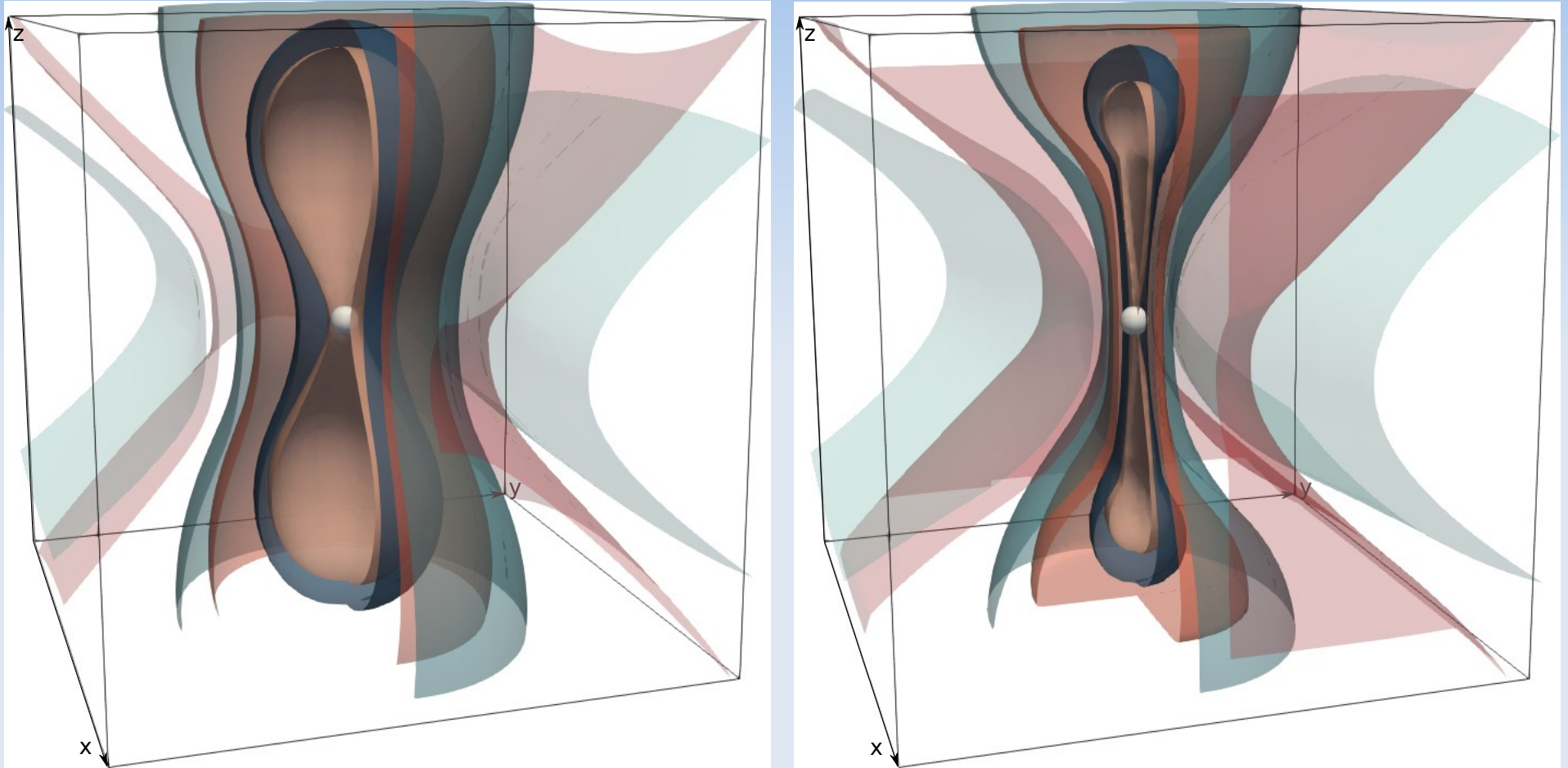
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- Typical mass  $M_*$ , fixed mass accretion rate  $\alpha_*(M)$  and formation time  $D_*(M)$ , along the filament and perpendicularly. Masses in units of  $10^{11} M_\odot/h$

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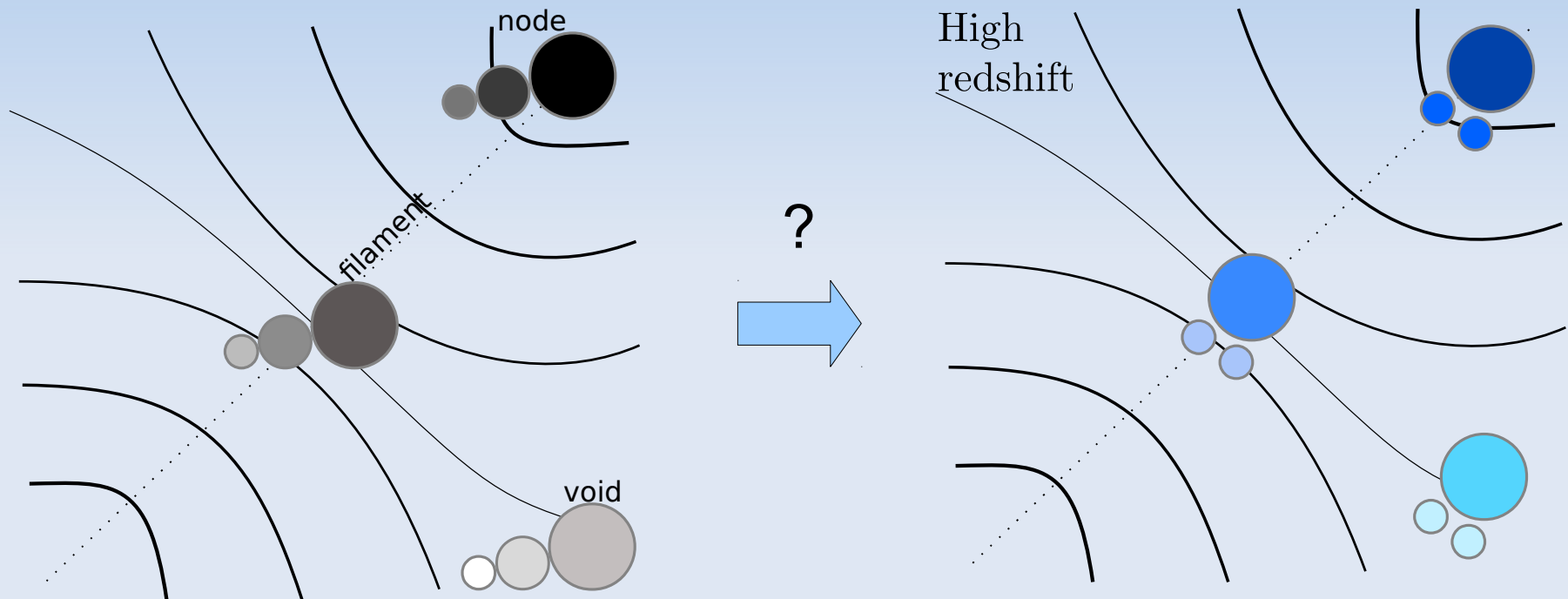
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- Level surfaces are initially not aligned, but they get stretched
- More non-linear scales are more aligned (cfr. GAMA, Kraljic et al 2017)

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# Assembly bias



- Accretion may be related to star formation rate and color. At low redshift, the picture may be reversed by AGN feedback.

# Large scale bias

- Realistic models involve additional variables, which need not be scalars. For instance, ESP has  $\eta_i \equiv \nabla_i \delta$  and  $\zeta_{ij} \equiv -\nabla_i \nabla_j \delta$
- Expansion in derivatives of the field, inducing scale dependent bias
- Only rotational invariant combinations  $\eta^2$ ,  $\text{tr}(\zeta)$ ,  $\text{tr}(\zeta^2)$ ,  $\text{det}(\zeta)$  are relevant. But they are no longer Gaussian variables
- Need to find the appropriate orthogonal basis to expand  $n_h$ . This is a suitable, non-trivial combination of Hermite, Laguerre and Legendre

$$H_{ij}(\nu, (\zeta)) L_k^{(1/2)}(3\eta^2/2) F_{lm}(\text{tr}(\bar{\zeta}^2), \text{tr}(\bar{\zeta}^3))$$

**Lazeyras, MM & Desjacques (2015)**

- Can now compute all the scale dependent coefficients, and measure them by cross-correlating halos with these orthogonal polynomials!