

Astronomy

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Overview



Outline

▶ Introduction to Galaxies

- History of the field: *establishing standard candles*
- Properties of individual galaxies
 - ▶ Morphology & classification
 - ▶ Variations
 - ▶ Physical attributes

- * ○ Statistical properties of galaxies: *distribution functions*
- Sample surveys

▶ A Really Brief History of the Universe

- Big Bang → Creation of primordial elemental abundances
- → Recombination → Reionization

- * ▶ When did reionization occur?

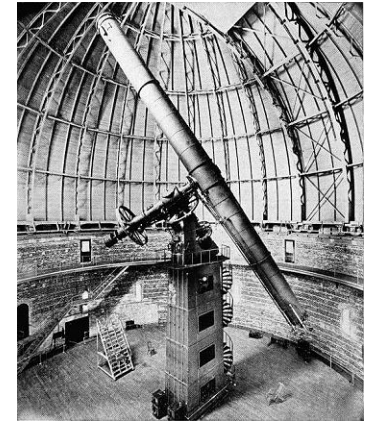
- → Structure Formation and Evolution

- * ▶ Where are all the baryons?
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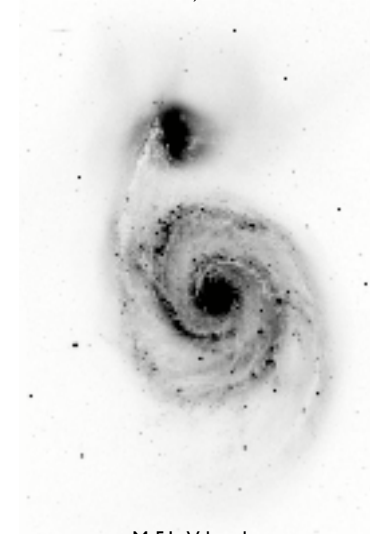


History

- ▶ At end of 19th century – Yerkes was just being built
 - Stars were “fixed” points on the sky – proper motion on the cusp of discovery
 - Clusters and nebulae were fuzzy blobs Messier cataloged in late 1700’s from down-town Paris – to be avoided by comet-hunters
 - Clusters: Open (e.g. Pleiades), and Globular
 - Nebulae:
 - ▶ “planetary nebulae”: disk-like with central star
 - ▶ Giant clouds
 - ▶ “spiral nebulae”
- ▶ What were the “spiral nebulae”?
 - Kant: “island Universes” – things like the Milky Way just farther away
 - Laplace: solar systems in formation (ever seen M51?)
- ▶ Types of matter in the universe
 - Not a lot was known because spectroscopy was hard
 - Spectra of the “fixed” stars looked like the Sun
 - Spectra of the “nebulae” like Orion looked funny – lots of emission lines
 - “spiral nebulae” – not quite right: a little bit of both
- ▶ Missing: distances



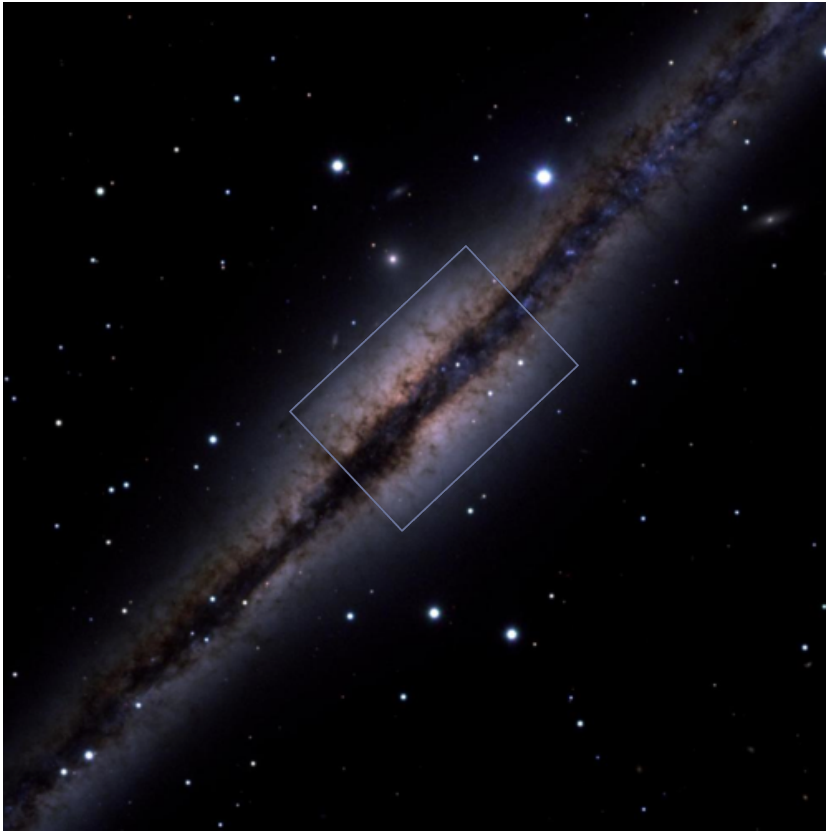
Yerkes, 1897



M 51, V band

Spiral Nebulae

NGC 891 observed with WIYN



MW

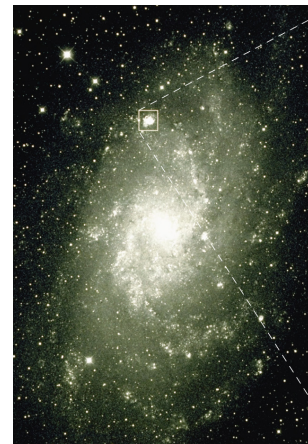


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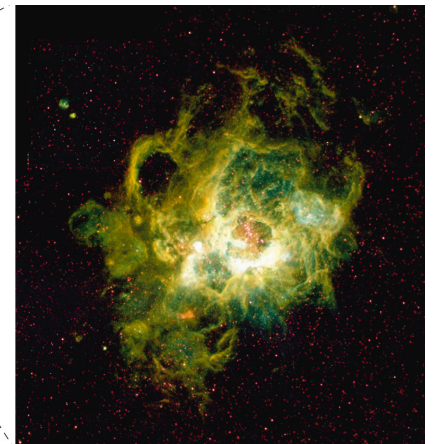
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M33



Star-forming nebula in M33

▶ dust lanes and bulge...a clue?

Early Distances

▶ Trigonometric Parallax

- $D(\text{pc}) = 1/\theta$ (arcseconds)
- In 1900 this was good out to 30 pc ($1 \text{ pc} = 3.1 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}$)
- Hipparcos satellite went out to about 200 pc; GAIA satellite (2014) is extending to $\sim 10 \text{ kpc}$ (*)

▶ Other distance indicators needed

- Statistical parallax (for clusters) – using vertex motion
- Spectroscopic parallax
- Variable stars
 - ▶ Henrietta Levitt (Harvard) looking for variable stars discovered the brightness of Cepheid variables (in LMC) was proportional to the period.

▶ Measure period, get brightness, get distance (Cepheids as “standard candles”)

▶ Continues to this day: Cepheids used by HST to measure H_0

▶ Supernovae (Sne) and galaxies (via scaling-relations) used as standard candles at even larger distances

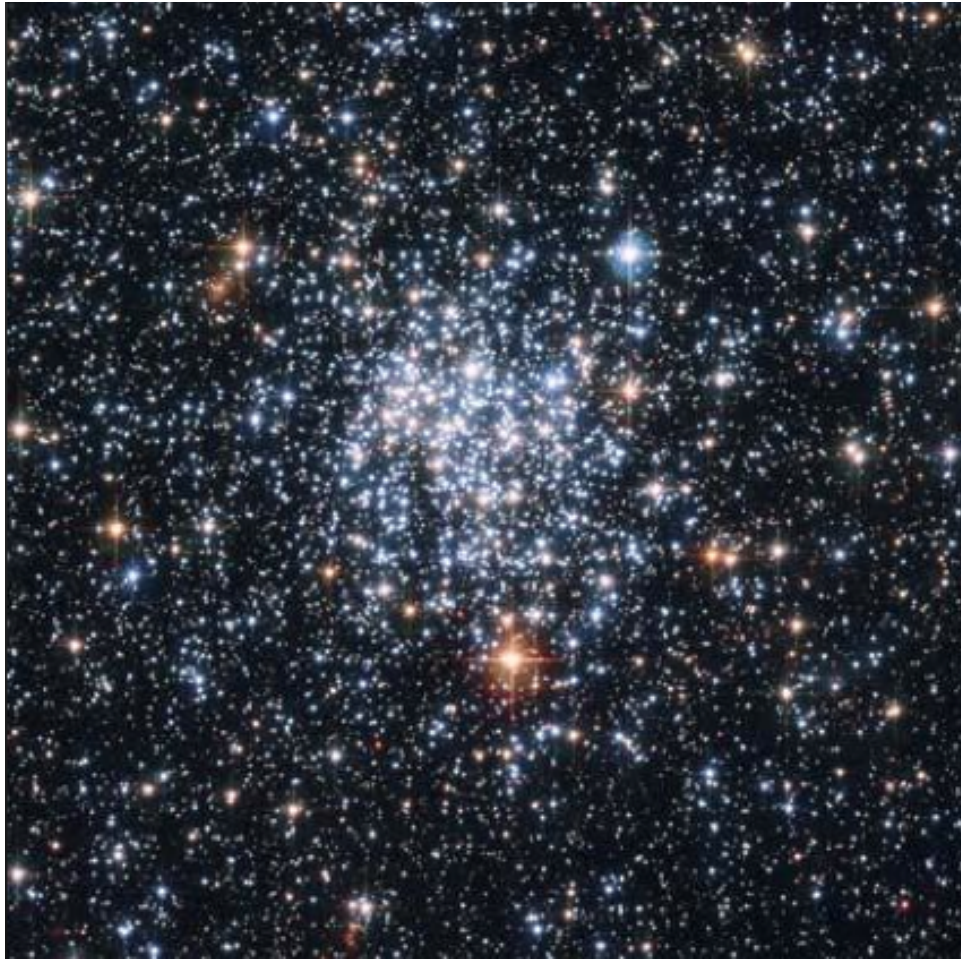
▶ * See: <http://sci.esa.int/science-e/www/area/index.cfm?fareaid=26>

Cepheid Variables

- ▶ Most stars have constant luminosities...(within limits)
- ▶ Some vary...
 - x Binaries – orbital eclipsing
 - x Novae - mass-accreting white dwarves (WD) or neutron stars
 - x Supernovae (SNe) – exploding massive stars or critical-mass WDs
 - x Mira variables – asymptotic giant branch stars (AGB) of intermediate mass; red, long term pulsation (100 days)
 - o RR Lyrae: low-mass giants (evolved stars), short periods (~day), fainter luminosities, lower mass stars (Horizontal Branch, HB)
 - o Cepheids: evolving, luminous massive stars ($> 3M_{\odot}$); blue, w/ periods of 10-100 days, easy to find w/ sufficient resolution and timing
- ▶ Clusters: young vs old
- ▶ Magellanic Clouds – all Cepheids at the same distance, so the period-luminosity relationship really shows up



Star Clusters



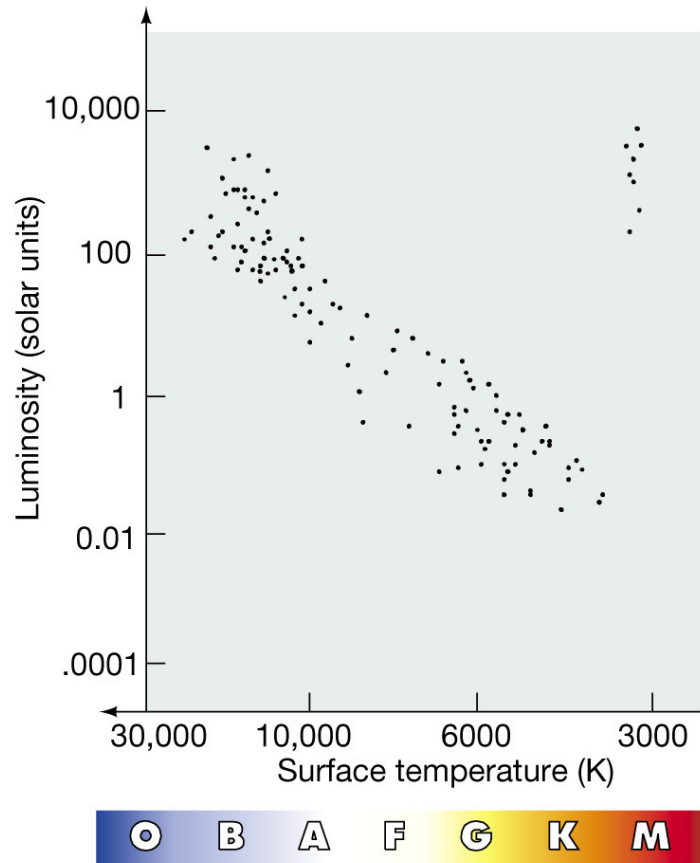
NGC 265 – open cluster in SMC



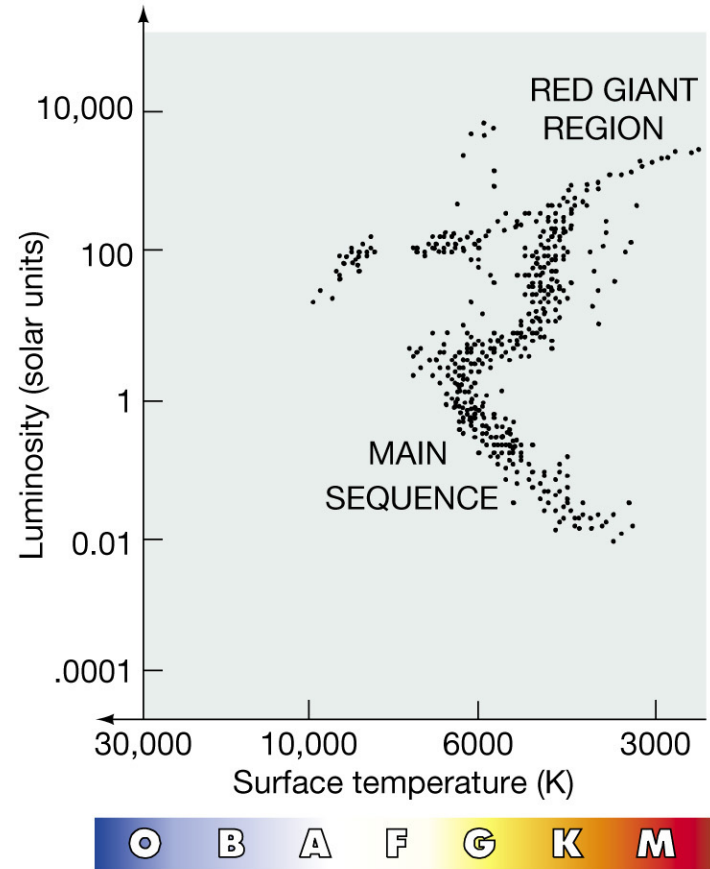
M80 – MW globular cluster



Star Clusters

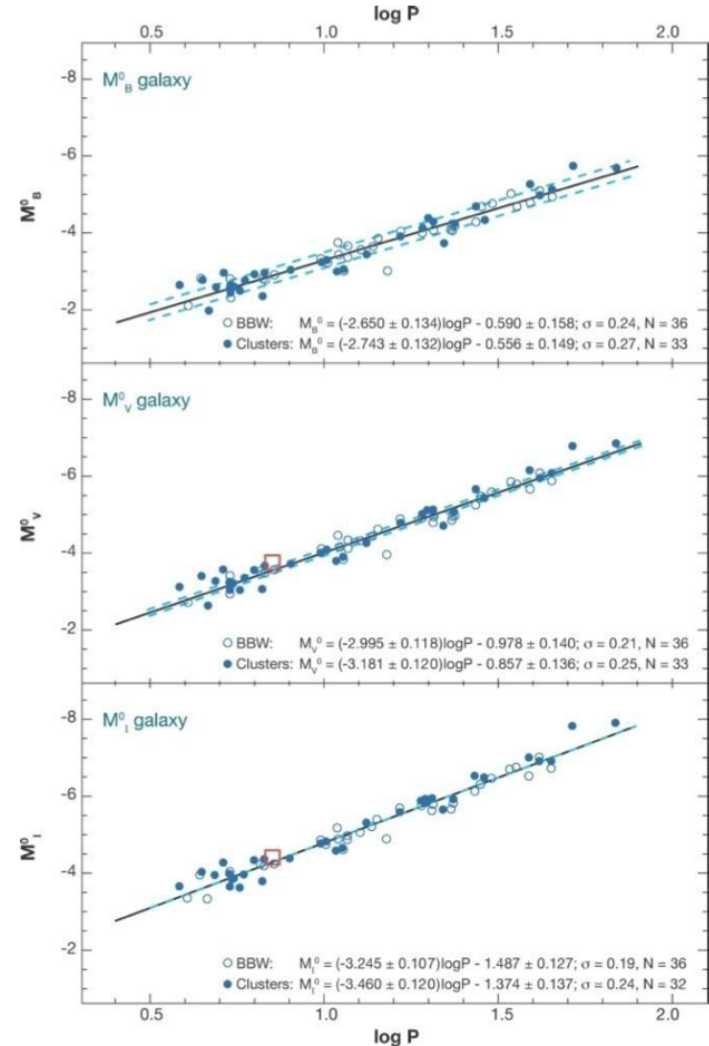
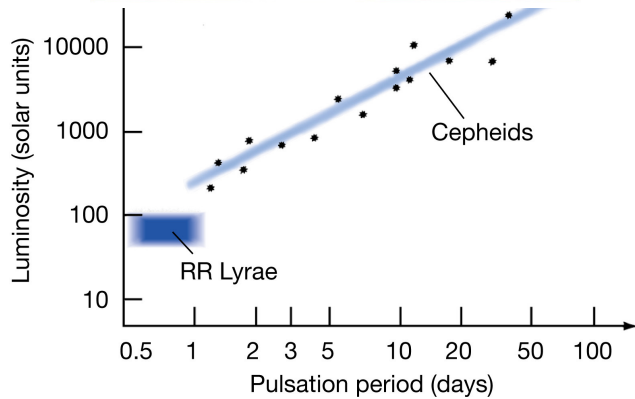
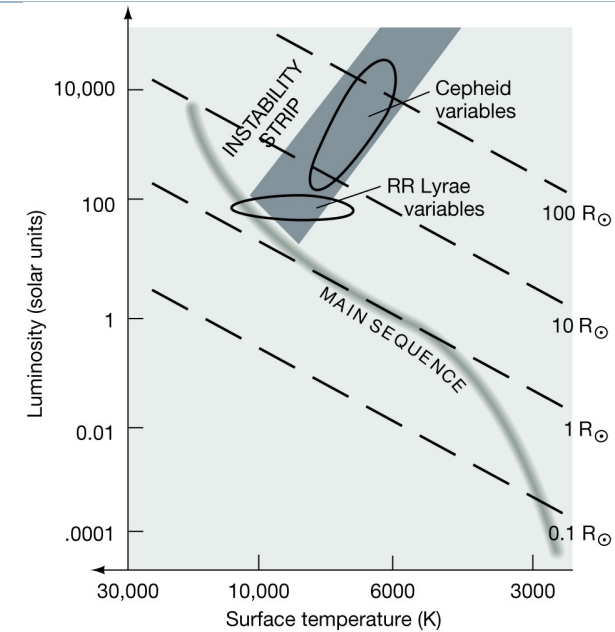


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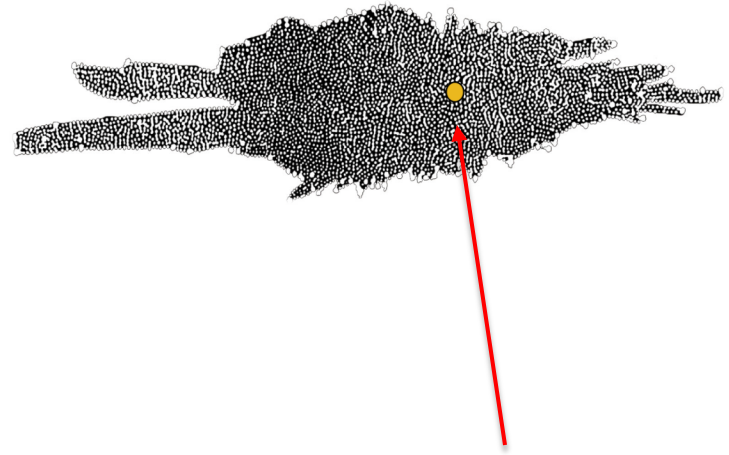
Variables & Cepheid P-L relationship



Shapley

- ▶ Shapley applied Cepheid scale to globular clusters...
 - Spherical distribution centered near Sagittarius (we're not at the center any more)
 - Size of the distribution: 100,000 pc (old size based on star-counts was only 8 kpc)
 - Implication: spiral nebulae had to be contained within the Milky Way!
- ▶ Mistake
 - Wrong variable stars! They were RR Lyraes!
 - Didn't account for reddening (then again, nobody really did)

Picture of our “universe” pre-Shapley



You were thought to be here



Curtis

- ▶ Reported on apparent nova in M31 – derived a distance of 150 kpc (5 times too small, but large enough)
- ▶ Radial velocities of spiral nebulae higher than anything else (clue for Hubble)
- ▶ Band of dark material seen in some edge-on spiral systems
- ▶ Kapteyn used star counts to conclude we live in a flat, heliocentric conglomeration about 15 kpc in diameter (about the same size of M31 if it were 150 kpc away)



Resolution

- ▶ **1923: Edwin Hubble used the 100-inch telescope at Mt. Wilson**
 - Resolved parts of nearby galaxies into stars
 - Detected Cepheids in M31 and measured their periods
 - Used radial-velocity measurements from Slipher at Lowell observatory made with smaller telescopes!
 - Later determined velocity-distance relationship yielding $H_0 \sim 600 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ (bad Cepheid distance calibration)
- ▶ **Discovery of the ISM**
 - Spectra of nebulae showed they were gaseous
 - Stationary absorption lines seen in binary stars
 - Angular diameter vs luminosity distances for Galactic clusters (i.e. open clusters)



Modern times

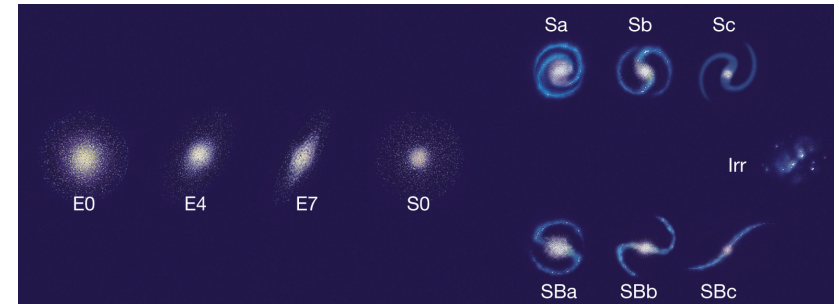
- ▶ 1940-1950's: Understanding of stellar evolution (fusion).
- ▶ 1960's: Discovery of CMBR; Big Bang model consolidated.
- ▶ 1970's: Distant universe opened by radio astronomy (quasars, radio galaxies); early-universe nucleosynthesis calculated.
- ▶ 1980's: modern era of CCD astronomy begins; particle-physics and early-universe meld (unified theories); dark-matter accepted phenomenon.
- ▶ 1990's: era of Hubble Space Telescope (HST) and 10m telescopes (Keck, VLT) begins; galaxy evolution confronted; CMBR probed; basic cosmological parameters determined.
- ▶ 2000: multi-wavelength satellites, large ground-based surveys, more 10m telescopes than 4m telescopes; dark-energy accepted phenomenon.
- ▶ **2020-2030: ALMA, JWST, and ELTs; epoch of reionization and earth-like planets.**



Properties of Galaxies: Classification

▶ Hubble types – quite subjective

- Ellipticals (E0-E7), where $n=10[1-(b/a)]$
- Lenticulars (S0): a transition type
- Spirals
 - ▶ “tightness” of spiral (Sa-Sd)
 - ▶ Prominence of central bulge (Sa-Sd)
 - ▶ Presence of a “bar” (B, as in SBc)
 - ▶ Presence of a ring (r) or lens (s); added by de Vaucouleurs
- “Morphed” into numerical T types: E = - 5, Sb = 3, Irr = 8-10
 - ▶ But note! These are **not** quantitative.



▶ Other classification schemes

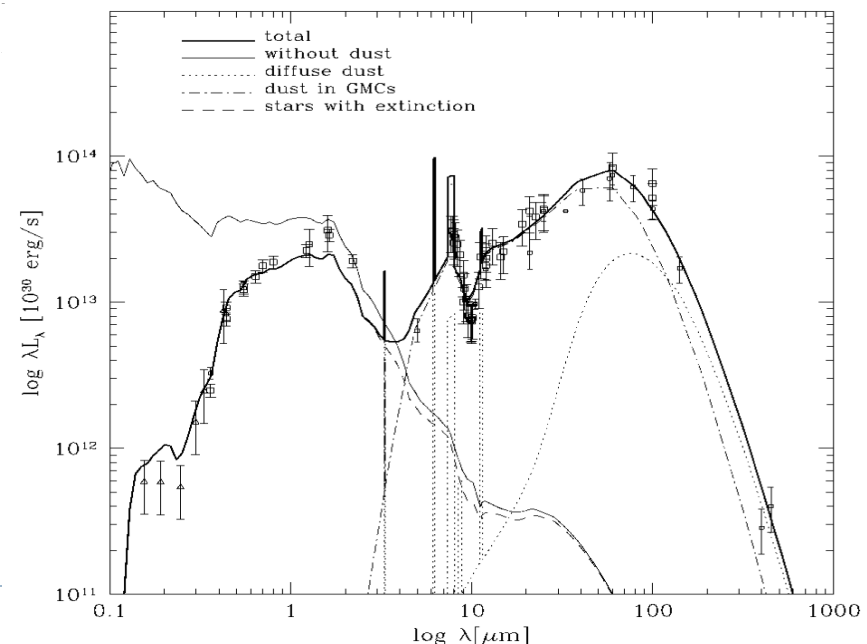
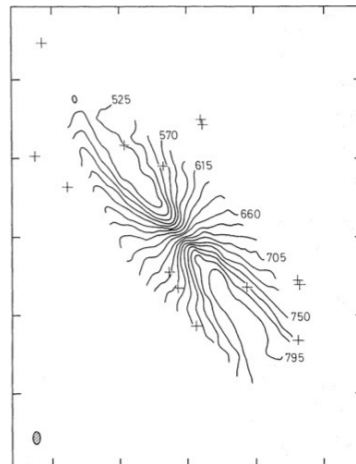
- Luminosity scale (van den Bergh)
- Spectral “types” (Morgan)
- bulge/disk ratio – requires light-profile decomposition (Kent)
- Structural parameters (image concentration, asymmetry and flocculence)
- Gas/stellar ratios
- Kinematic “temperature” (rotational/random velocities)

Physical Properties of Galaxies

► Observables

To first order: everything scales with mass

- Scales: size (s), luminosity (L) (surface-brightness, μ)
- Shapes: light concentration (c), azimuthal structure ($a_1 \dots a_n$)
- Kinematics: rotation (V), random motion (σ)
- Content: spectral energy distributions interpreted as...
 - Stellar populations: age, metallicity, and mass (τ, z, \mathcal{M}_*)
 - Dust, gas (all phases): densities (ρ_i)



Statistical Properties

▶ Crudely defined by the luminosity function (LF)

- $\int \Phi(M) dM = v$, where v is the total number of galaxies in the magnitude range $M, M+dM$
- Need large volume: sample all environments
- Need unbiased sample (we'll talk about the Malmquist bias later)
- Convert magnitudes into real luminosities: $m = -2.5 \log_{10}(L/L_0) + \text{constant}$

▶ Schechter function

- $\Phi(L) = (\Phi^*/L^*)(L/L^*)^\alpha \exp(-L/L^*)$
- L^* is the characteristic luminosity above which the number of galaxies falls off rapidly ($1.2 \times 10^{10} L_\odot$), i.e., the “knee”
- Φ^* = normalization of the galaxy density (0.016 Mpc^{-3})
- α is the faint end slope (-0.8 to -1.8)

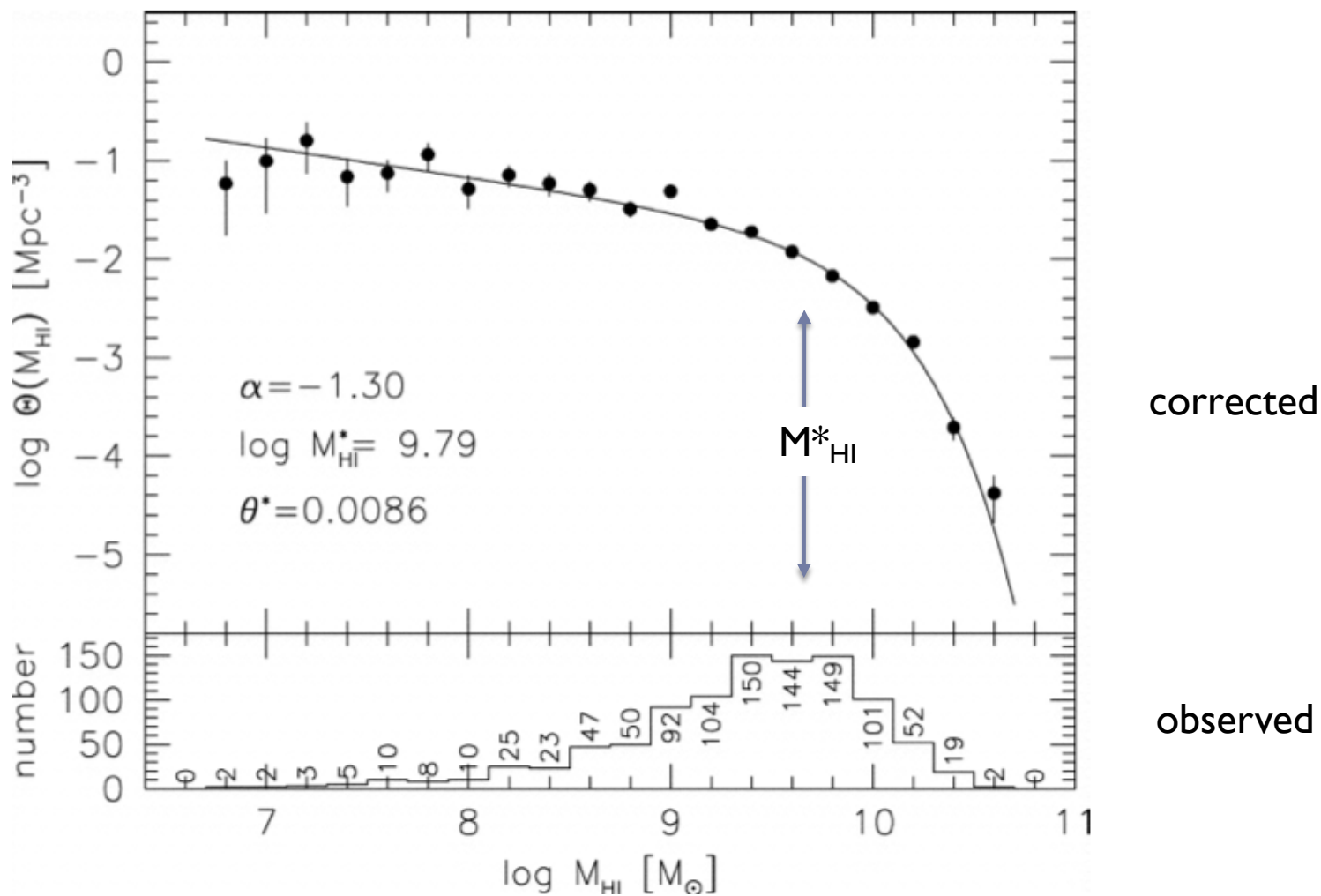
▶ Both luminosity and mass (HI) functions are reasonably well fit by this near L^* , *but there is substantial variation in the slope and normalization between wavelengths, and that a single Schechter function is not enough.*

▶ We really want $\Phi(\text{all observables})$:

$$\Phi(s, L, c, a_1 \dots a_n, V, \sigma, \tau, z, \mathcal{M}_*, \rho_i)$$

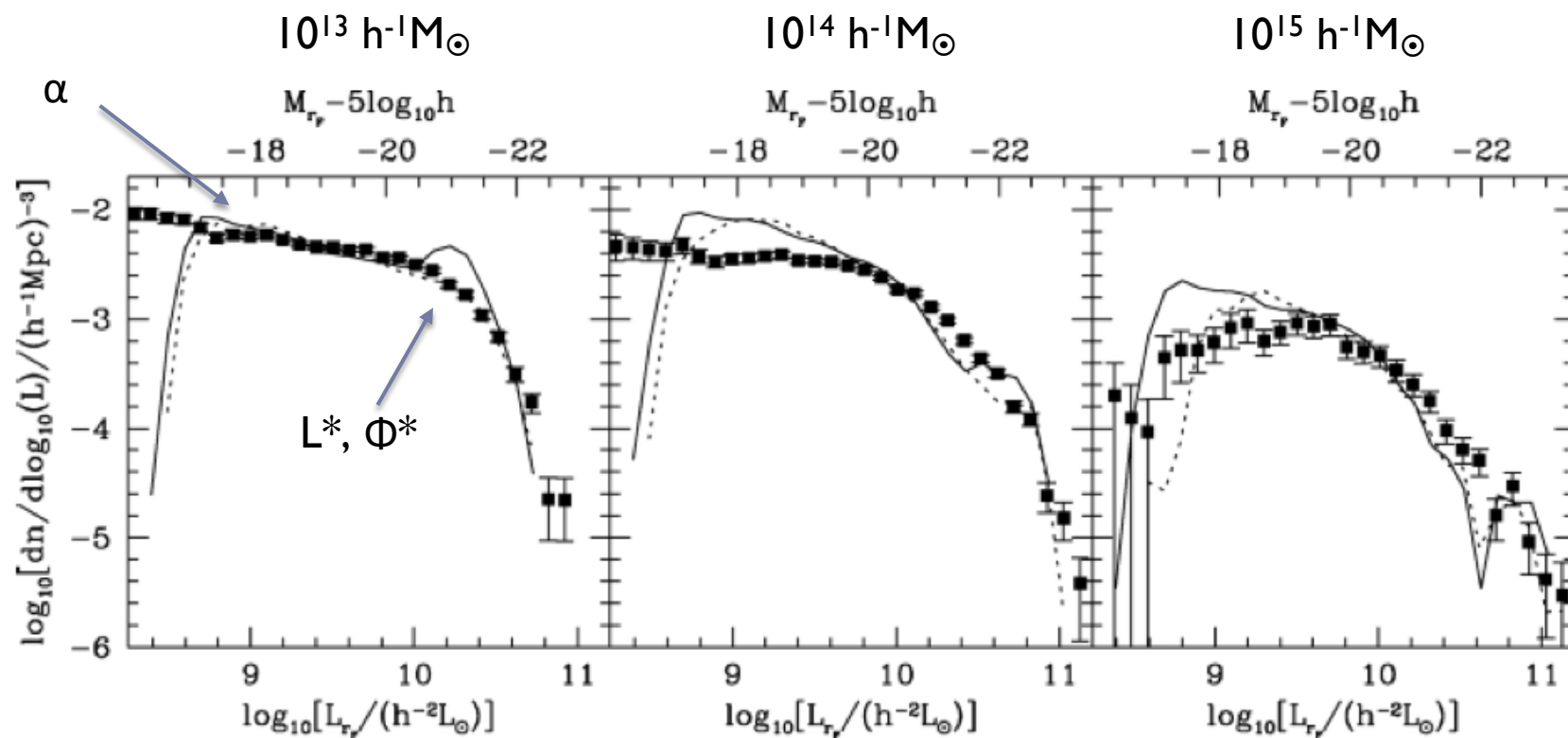


HI Mass function



Optical luminosity functions

As a function of group environment (group total mass): Eke et al. (2004)



Red light (R_F band);
 $h = H_0 / 100 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$

Squares: actual data
 Solid lines measured from simulations, corrected
 Dashed lines measured from simulations, uncorrected

► $\Phi(s, L, c, a_1 \dots a_n, V, \sigma, \tau, z, \mathcal{M}_*, \rho_i; e)$ -- e is environment

Stellar mass function

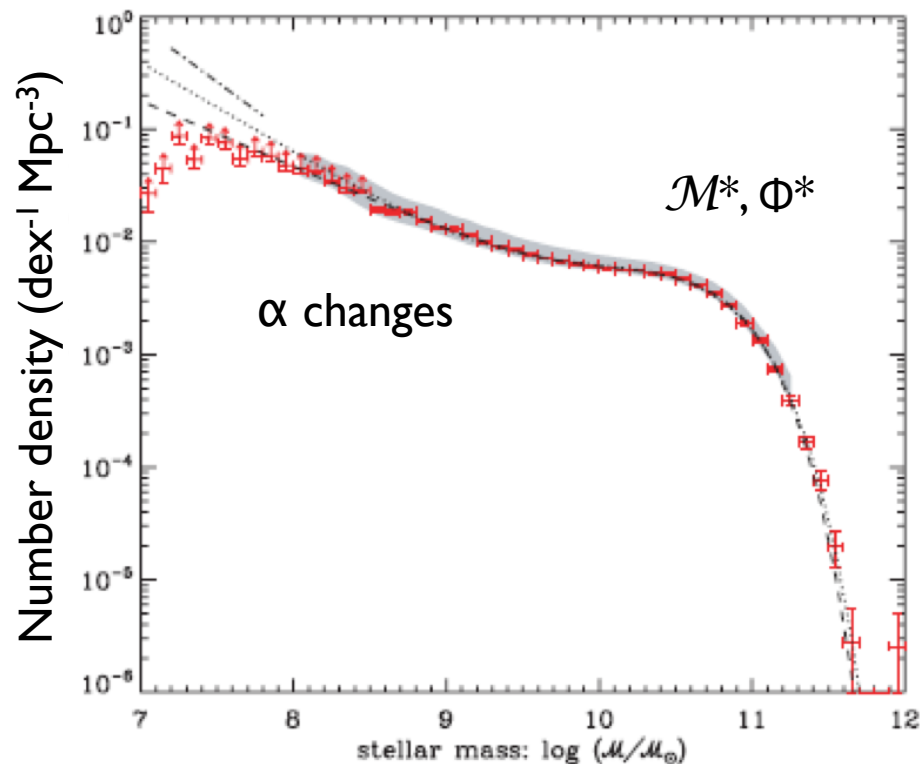
Baldry et al. 2008

Stellar mass estimated from red/near-infrared light assuming a mass-to-light ratio (M/L or Y), which depends on stellar populations (colors), assumptions about:

- the stellar mass function (IMF)
- neutral and molecular gas content,
- dark-matter

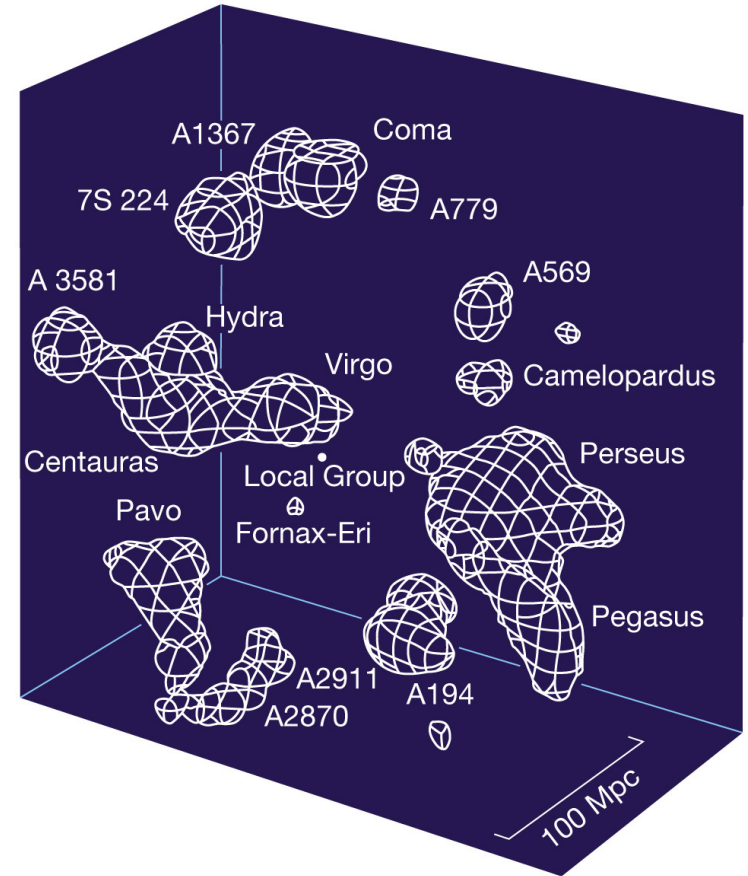
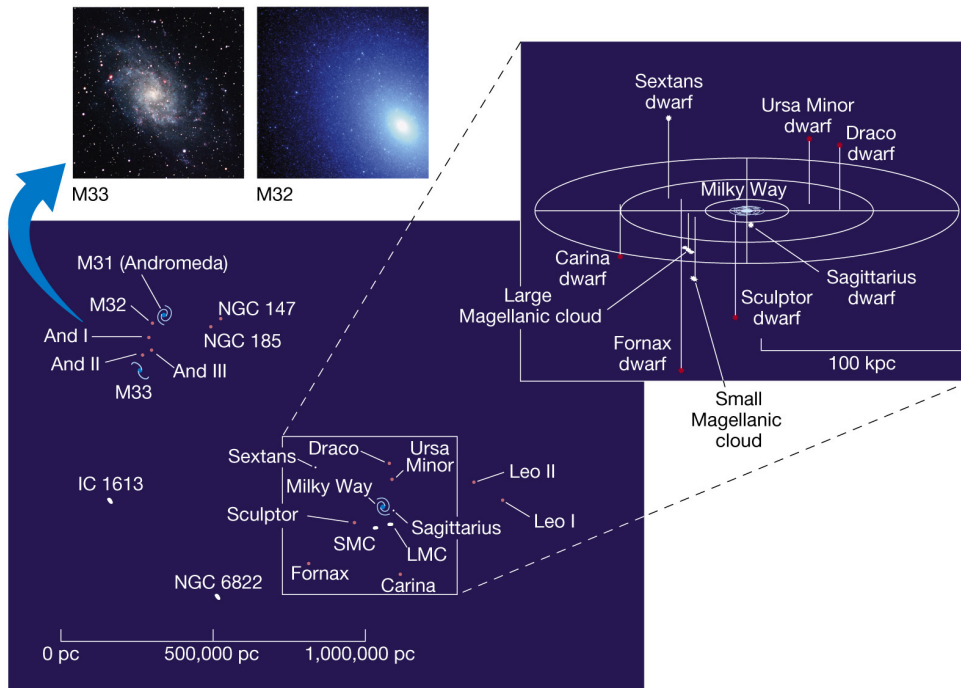
We will discuss these issues.

In this case, stellar mass function is modeled as composite of two Schechter functions with different α and φ^* .



Large Scale Structure

- ▶ What's bigger than a galaxy?
- ▶ Groups: where most galaxies live
 - Local Group:



Large Scale Structure

▶ Bigger still: Clusters

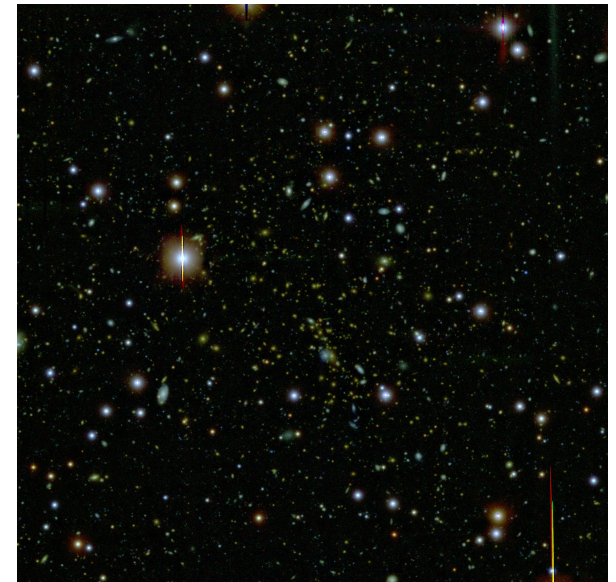
○ Giant Clusters

- ▶ > 1000 galaxies
- ▶ $D \sim 1-2$ Mpc
- ▶ 1-3 giant elliptical galaxies residing at the center

- ▶ High fraction of elliptical galaxies
- ▶ Most have copious diffuse X-ray emission
 - Most of the observed mass in clusters is in hot gas
- ▶ Huge M/L ratios (~ 100) → dark matter dominated
 - Gravitationally bound



Abell 98 nearly next door

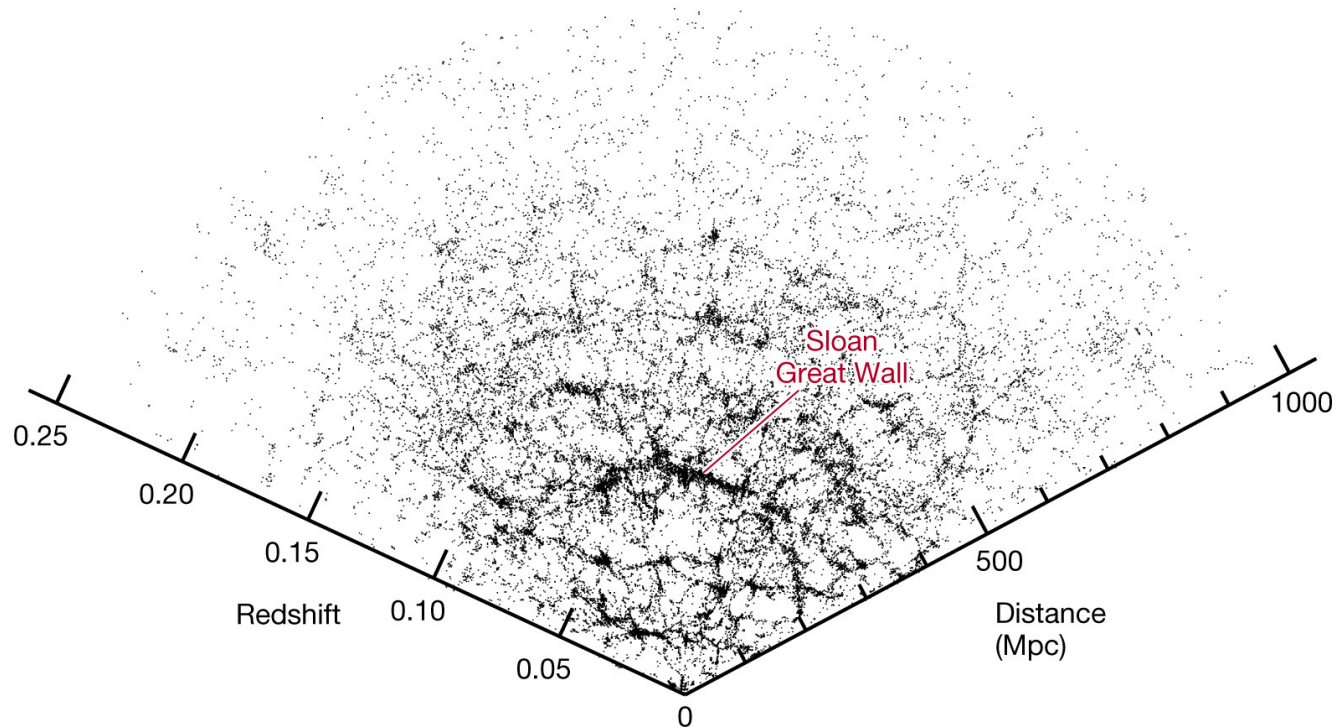


MS0415 at $z = 0.54$



Large Scale Structure

- ▶ Filaments and voids
 - Great Attractor
 - Characteristic scales: 40-120 Mpc



Surveys

- ▶ Palomar Sky Survey (POSS) – blue/red photographic imaging (all sky)
 - digitized version (DSS)
- ▶ Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS) – modern multi-band optical CCD imaging *and spectroscopy*
 - www.sdss.org
- ▶ 2-Micron All-Sky Survey (2MASS) – J,H,K band imaging (all sky)
 - <http://www.ipac.caltech.edu/2mass/>
- ▶ GALEX – UV all-sky survey
 - <http://www.galex.caltech.edu/>
- ▶ IRAS – all sky survey (old satellite: <http://irsa.ipac.caltech.edu/IRASdocs/iras.html>)
- ▶ FIRST/NVSS
 - <http://sundog.stsci.edu>
 - www.cv.nrao.edu/nvss □
- ▶ Arecibo Surveys (ALFALFA)
 - egg.astro.cornell.edu/alfalfa □
- ▶ Various “Deep Fields”
 - Hubble Deep Fields (HDF): north and south
 - Chandra (X-ray), Spitzer (IR) have deep fields and various surveys of galaxies
 - ATCA is doing a radio deep field
- ▶ Ever-increasing chunks of sky, multiple wavelengths



Big Bang / Creation of Matter

▶ The Expansion

- Hubble (1929) discovered correlation between recessional velocity and distance

- ▶ $V = H_0 \times D$ (distance in Mpc, V in km s^{-1} , H_0 in $\text{km s}^{-1} \text{Mpc}^{-1}$)

- ▶ We measure the “redshift”, z , as $1+z = (\lambda_{\text{obs}}/\lambda_{\text{em}})$

- ▶ Best fit from Cepheid data (HST):

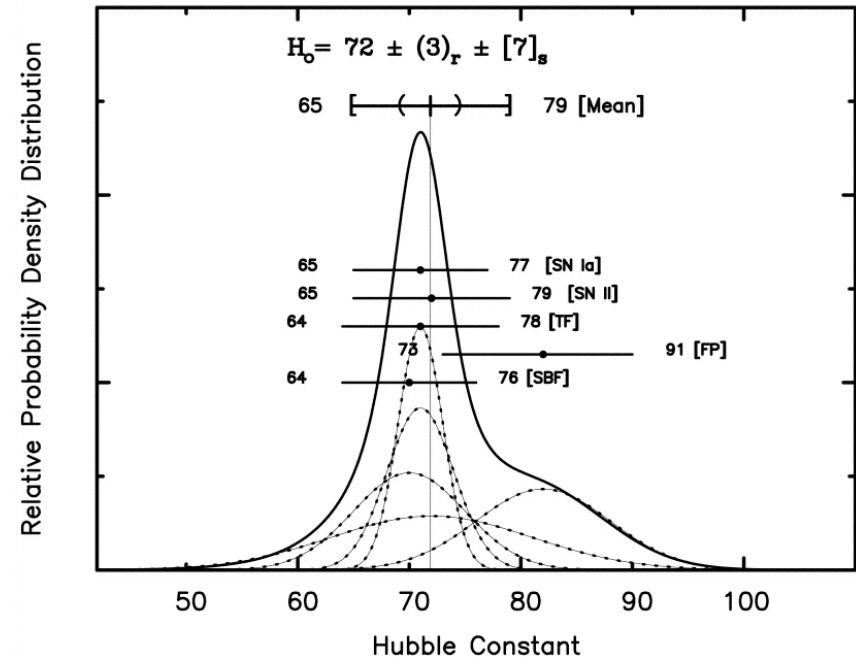
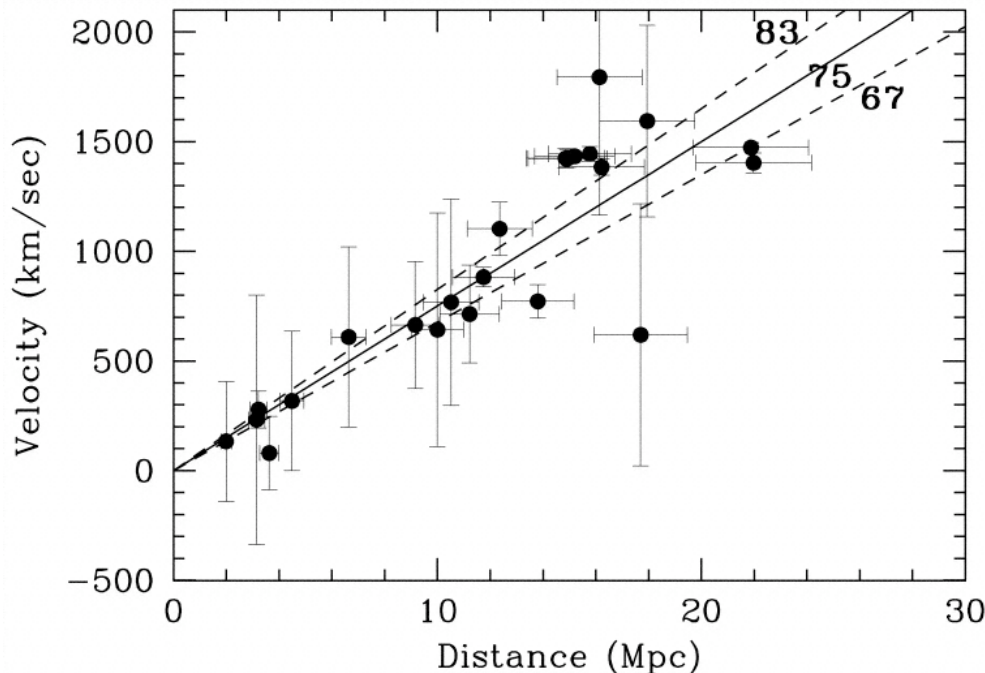
- $H_0 = 72 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{Mpc}^{-1}$ (Freedman et al 2001)

▶ But is the expansion static?



Measuring H_0 : the Hubble “Constant”

- ▶ Freedman et al. 2001, ApJ, 553, 47
 - Recall large-scale structure: GR notion of constant expansion (in space) at given time requires assumption of isotropy and homogeneity to be valid.



Big Bang / General Relativity

▶ Einstein's Field Equation:

$$G_{\mu\nu} = R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} R = 8\pi T_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu}$$

- $G_{\mu\nu}$ is the Einstein tensor
- $R_{\mu\nu}$ is the Ricci tensor, R is the Ricci scalar
- $T_{\mu\nu}$ is the stress–energy tensor

- In words, think of the field equation as a gravitational analogue of Poisson's equation describing how the space–time (“field”) responds to the presence of sources terms (matter, energy, pressure) in $T_{\mu\nu}$.
- Very difficult to do anything without some simplifying assumptions.



Big Bang / World Models

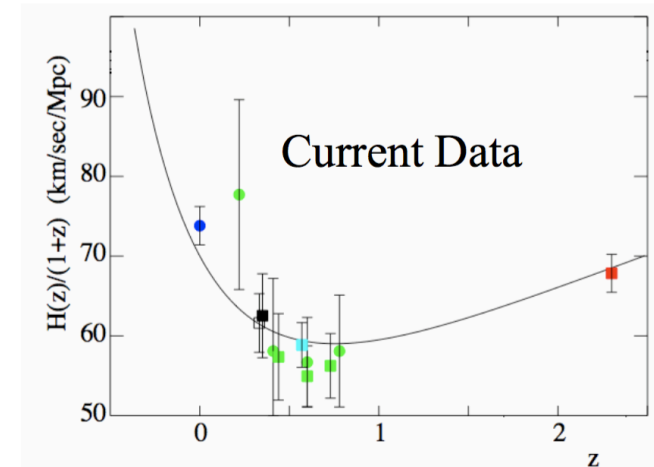
- ▶ Friedman equations: isotropic, homogeneous universe

- $R^2 = [(8\pi G\rho)/3]R^2 - (c^2/\mathcal{R}^2) + [(1/3)\Lambda R^2]$

- $R = -4\pi G/3 R(\rho + 3p/c^2) + [(1/3)\Lambda R]$

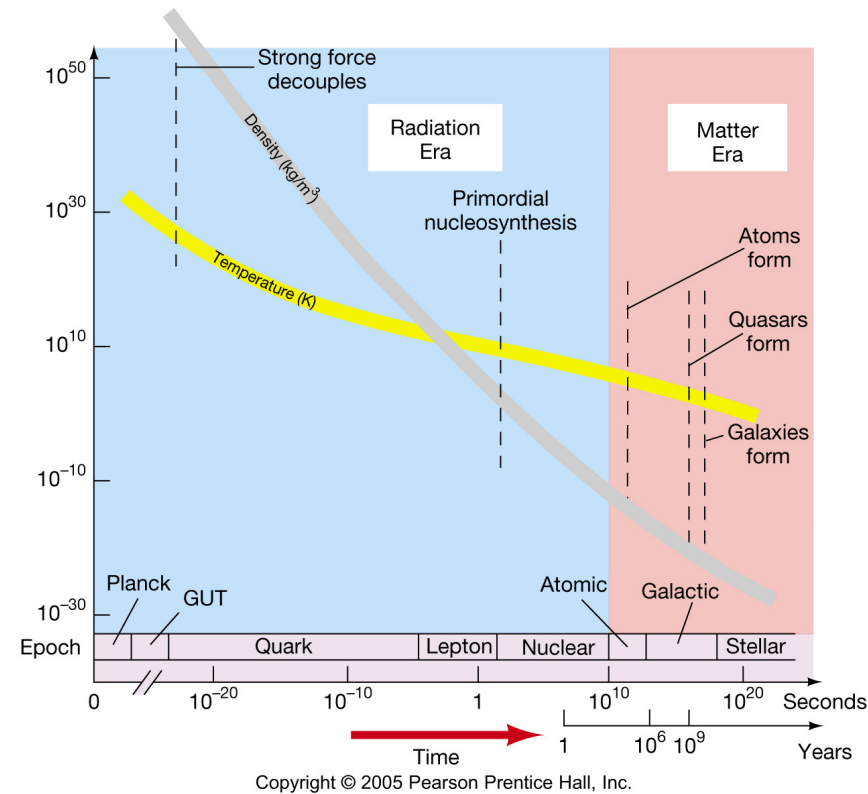
- ▶ R is the scale factor (i.e., dimensionless size):
 $R = 1/(1+z)$
 - ▶ \mathcal{R} is the radius of curvature,
 - ▶ ρ is the density of matter and energy
 - ▶ Λ is the cosmological constant invoked originally to make universe static, and this now looks like “dark energy”

- ▶ $H(t) = \dot{R}/R$ by definition, i.e., H varies with time ($\dot{R} = dR/dt$)
- ▶ Distances: evaluate $D = \mathcal{R} \sin(r/\mathcal{R})$, where $dr = -c dt/R(t)$
- ▶ Times: evaluate the integral of dz/dt



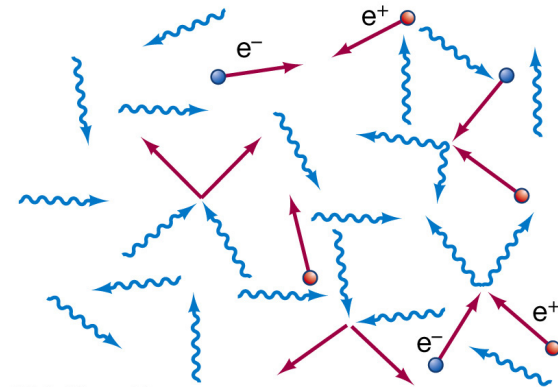
The Early Universe

- ▶ Run the movie backwards...get one big fireball
 - ➔ the “Big Bang”
- ▶ Universe goes from being radiation dominated to matter dominated; expanding and cooling along the way
 - $\rho_r/\rho_m = \sigma T^4(z)/[\Omega_o\rho_{crit}(1+z)^3c^2]$
 - for $z > 4000$, the Universe is radiation dominated
- ▶ Milestones along the way....

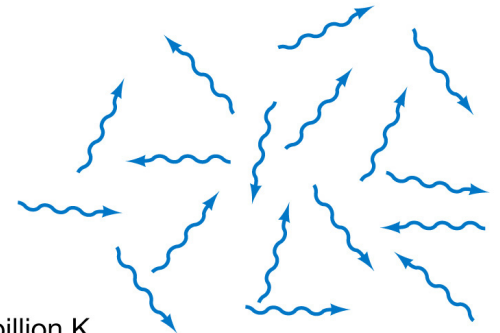


Particle Genesis

- ▶ Boltzmann equation: rate change in the abundance of a given particle is difference between rates for producing and destroying particle. Production is energy dependent, destroying depends on ratio of particle to anti-particle. When Universe cooled below $kT = 13 \text{ MeV}$, proton production ceased, annihilation got rid of anti-protons, and we're left with protons....
- ▶ ...ditto for neutrons
- ▶ ... and for electrons, except $kT = 0.5 \text{ MeV}$
- ▶ What about neutrinos?
 - Cosmic Mystery #1: Why were there slightly more protons than anti-protons?



(a) 10 billion K

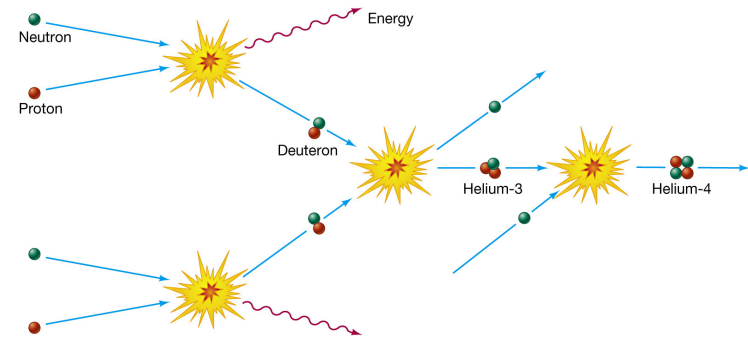


(b) 1 billion K

Big Bang Nucleosynthesis (BBNS)

- ▶ Weak interactions control proton/neutron ratio via following reactions

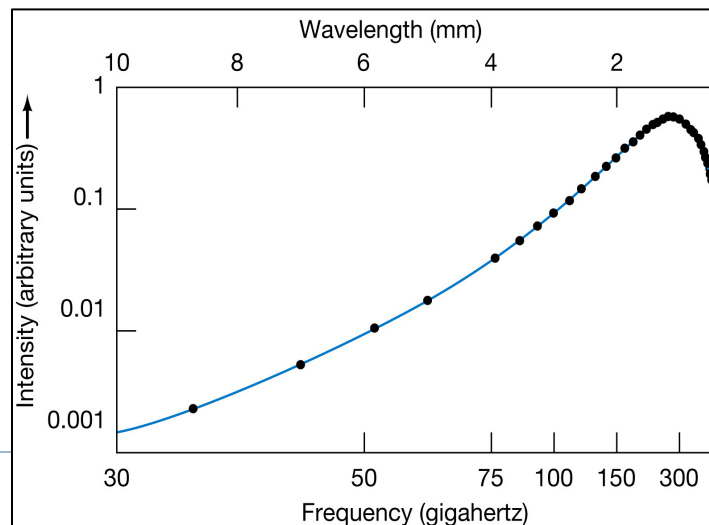
- $p + \nu \rightleftharpoons n + e^+$
- $p + e^- \rightleftharpoons n + \nu$
- $n \rightleftharpoons p + e^- + \nu$ - beta decay



- ▶ $n/p = e^{-Q/kT}$ where $Q = (m_n - m_p)c^2 = 1.3 \text{ MeV}$
- ▶ Once kT is below 0.8 MeV , n/p is set...
- ▶ If all the neutrons get together with a proton, we get the primordial He abundance, which is about 24% by mass → key test of Big Bang cosmology

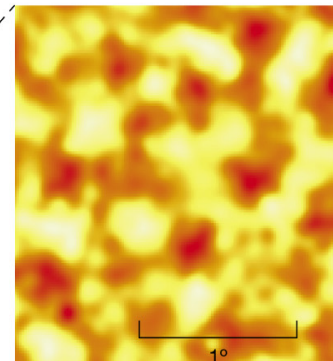
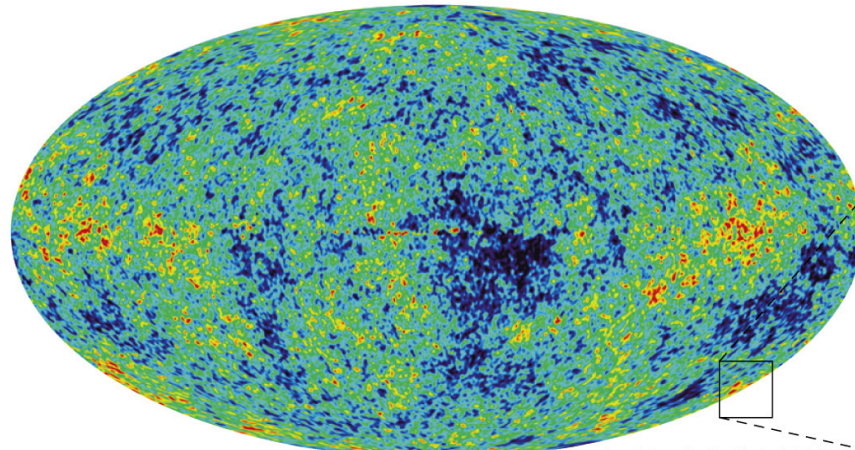
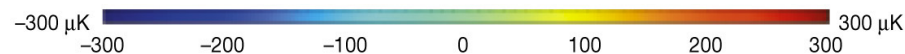
Recombination

- ▶ $T = T_0(1+z)$. At $z \sim 1500$, $T < 4000$ K, photons can no longer ionize H, so H recombines... (Saha equation)
- ▶ ...the Universe becomes transparent to radiation (“surface of last scattering”)
- ▶ If it's 4000 K at $z \sim 1500$, the temperature now should be 2.7 K
→ microwave background. Detected by Penzias & Wilson (1965), shown in exquisite detail by the COBE satellite (e.g. Mather et al. 1990 ApJ, 354, L37)



Structure Formation

- ▶ Is the MWB really smooth?
- ▶ No, there is structure (acoustic peaks) that encode a lot about the physical properties of the Universe.
 - Power spectrum of primordial fluctuations
 - Cosmological model
 - ▶ Λ CDM + flat Universe + baryons + radiation + power law fit to power spectrum
- ▶ WMAP was launched to measure the fluctuations in the microwave background...



WMAP

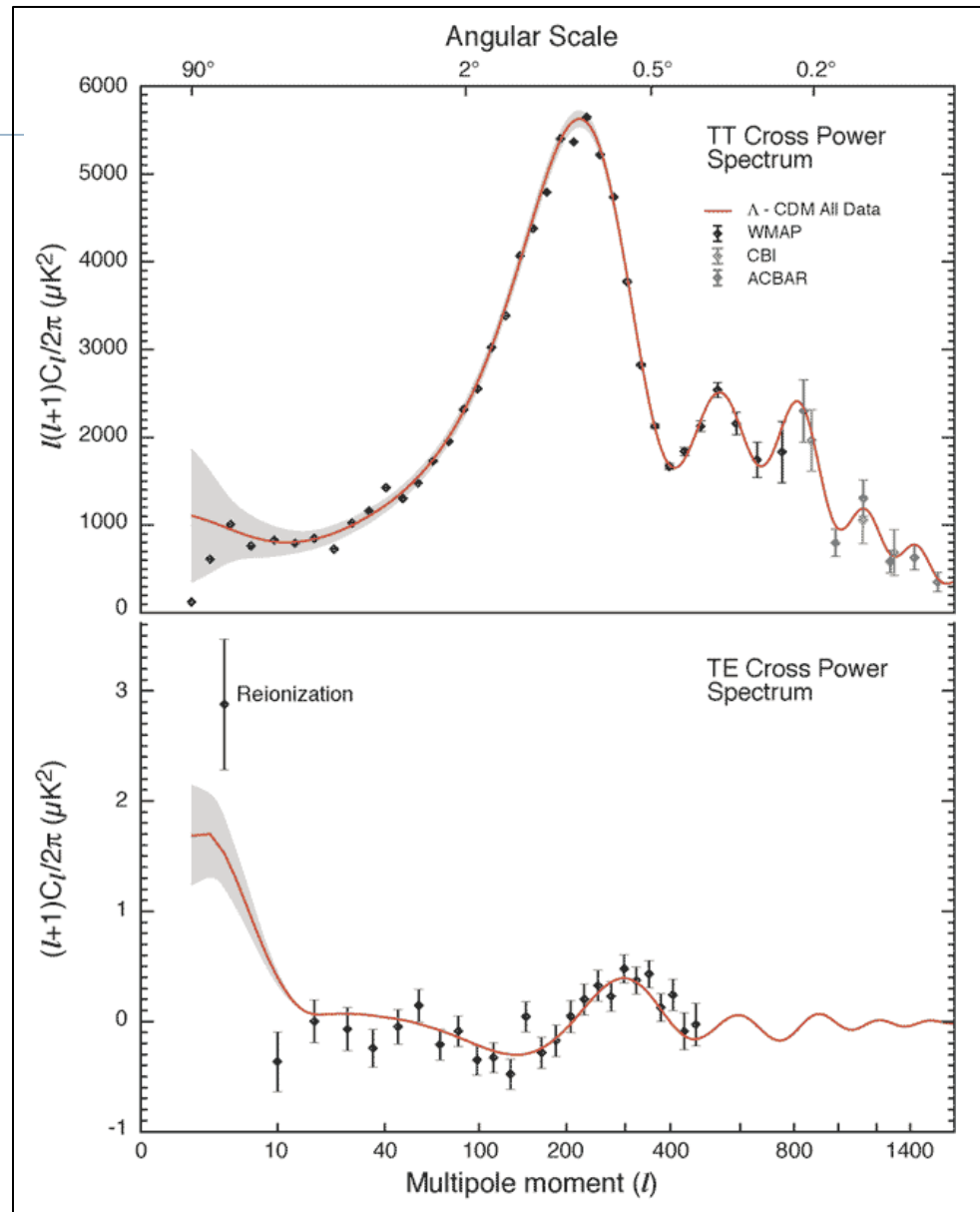
- ▶ Spergel et al. (2003,2007)
- ▶ Dunkley et al. (2009)

TABLE 1

POWER-LAW Λ CDM MODEL PARAMETERS: *WMAP* DATA ONLY

Parameter	Mean (68% Confidence Range)	Maximum Likelihood
Baryon density, $\Omega_b h^2$	0.024 ± 0.001	0.023
Matter density, $\Omega_m h^2$	0.14 ± 0.02	0.13
Hubble constant, h	0.72 ± 0.05	0.68
Amplitude, A	0.9 ± 0.1	0.78
Optical depth, τ	$0.166^{+0.076}_{-0.071}$	0.10
Spectral index, n_s	0.99 ± 0.04	0.97
χ^2_{eff}/ν		1431/1342

NOTE.—Fit to *WMAP* data only.



WMAP

WMAP FIRST-YEAR RESULTS: PARAMETERS

TABLE 2
DERIVED COSMOLOGICAL PARAMETERS

9yr results*

Parameter	Mean (68% Confidence Range)	
Amplitude of galaxy fluctuations, σ_8	0.9 ± 0.1	0.821 ± 0.023
Characteristic amplitude of velocity fluctuations, $\sigma_8 \Omega_m^{0.6}$	0.44 ± 0.10	
Baryon density/critical density, Ω_b	0.047 ± 0.006	0.04628 ± 0.0009
Matter density/critical density, Ω_m	0.29 ± 0.07	0.2865 ± 0.009
Age of the universe, t_0	13.4 ± 0.3 Gyr	
Redshift of reionization, ^a z_r	17 ± 5	10 ± 1
Redshift at decoupling, z_{dec}	1088_{-2}^{+1}	
Age of the universe at decoupling, t_{dec}	372 ± 14 kyr	
Thickness of surface of last scatter, Δz_{dec}	194 ± 2	
Thickness of surface of last scatter, Δt_{dec}	115 ± 5 kyr	
Redshift at matter/radiation equality, z_{eq}	3454_{-392}^{+385}	
Sound horizon at decoupling, r_s	144 ± 4 Mpc	
Angular diameter distance to the decoupling surface, d_A	13.7 ± 0.5 Gpc	
Acoustic angular scale, ^b ℓ_A	299 ± 2	
Current density of baryons, n_b	$(2.7 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-7} \text{ cm}^{-3}$	
Baryon/photon ratio, η	$(6.5_{-0.3}^{+0.4}) \times 10^{-10}$	

NOTE.—Fit to the *WMAP* data only.

^a Assumes ionization fraction, $x_e = 1$.

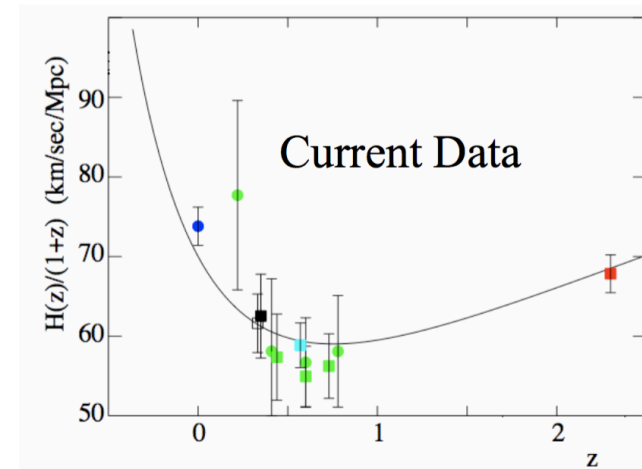
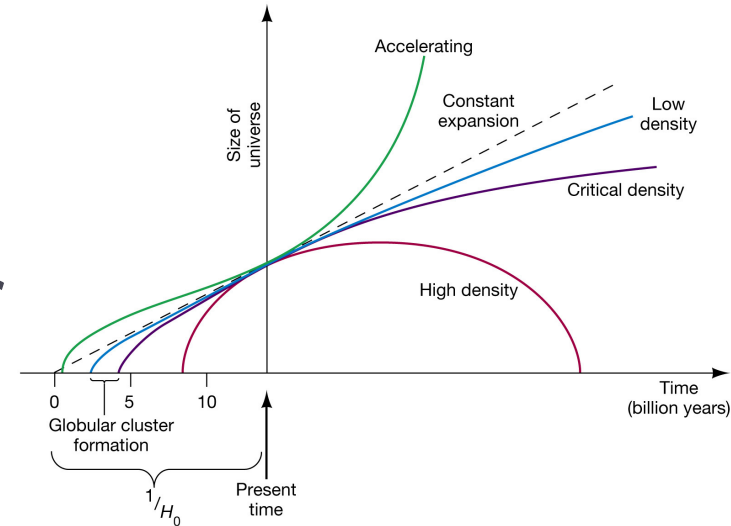
^b $\ell_A = \pi d_C / r_s$.

Cosmological Conclusions (delusions?)

▶ Λ CDM is the best viable model:

- The Universe is, and always was, spatially flat ($\Omega=1$), but temporally open ($\Omega_\Lambda=0.7$).
- Universe of *matter* today is **dark-matter** dominated ($\Omega_{DM}=0.25$, $\Omega_b=0.05$)
 - ▶ And its probably cold...(CDM)
- There's something that behaves like "Dark Energy", maybe.
 - ▶ Since $z = 1$ to 0.7 it has dominated the total mass-energy budget of the Universe, and growing.
- Reionization happened somewhere between a redshift (z_r) of ~ 7 and a redshift of $\sim 9-11$.

↑ WMAP
↑ Hi-z QSOs



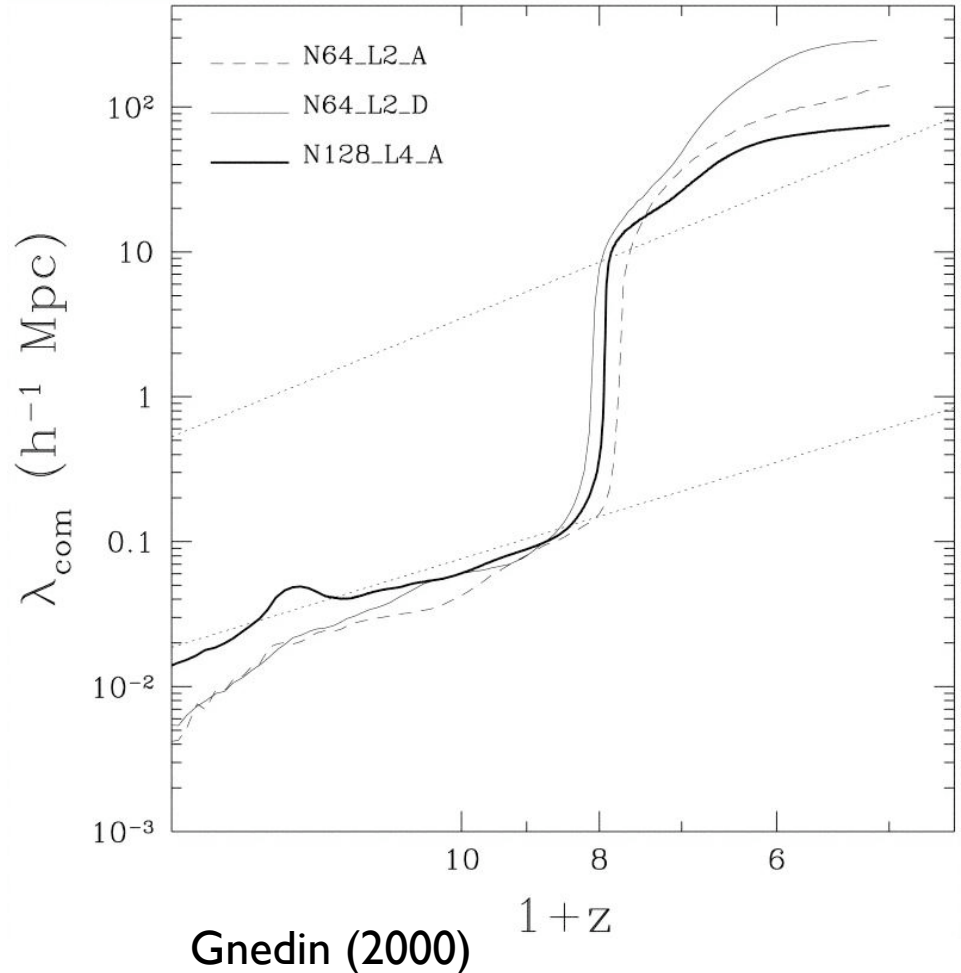
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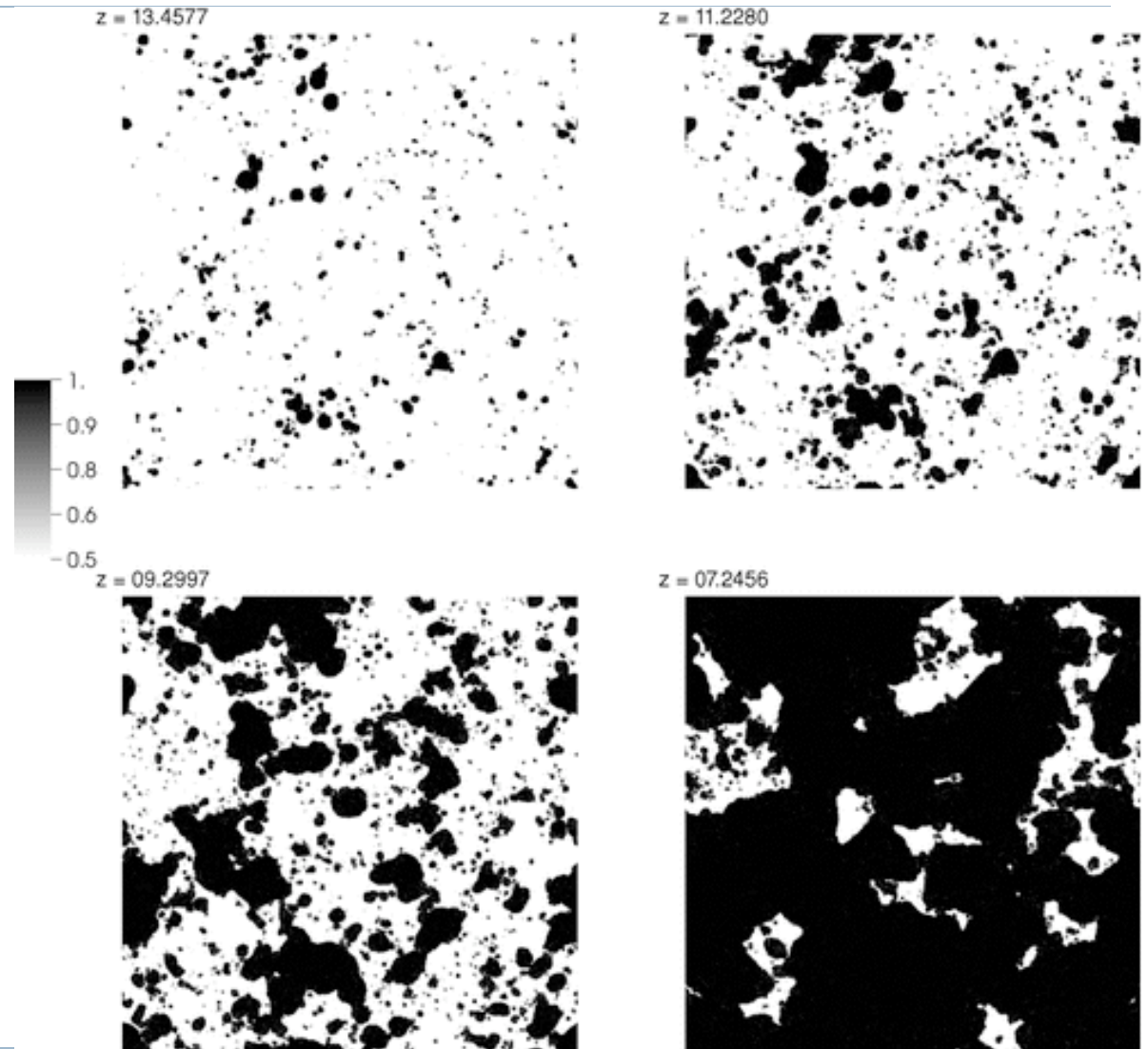
Classical Reionization

- ▶ Individual HII regions overlap → mean free path of ionizing photon increases
- ▶ Fast phase transition
- ▶ Depends on...
 - Number of sources
 - Ionizing efficiency
 - Clumpiness of IGM



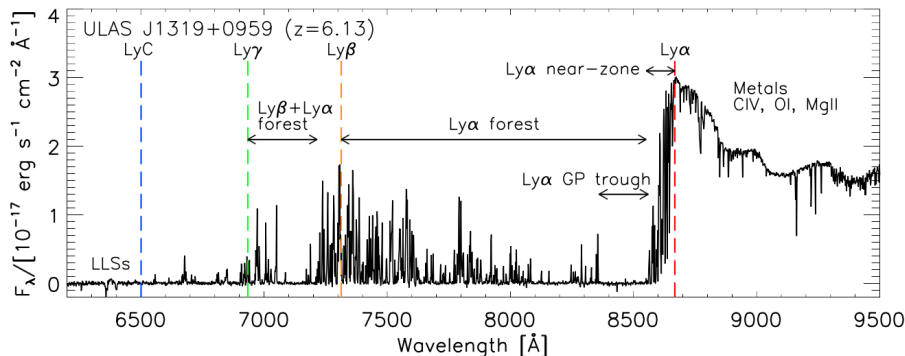
Epoch of Reionization: Simulated

Shin, Trac, Cen
(2008)

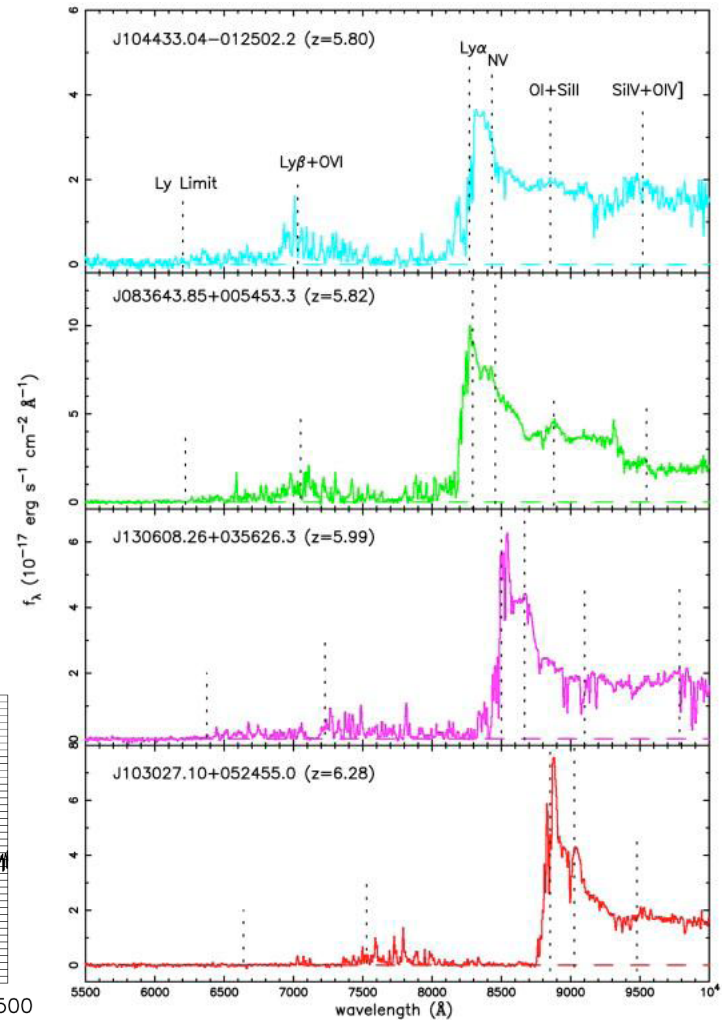


The High-Redshift IGM

- ▶ Neutral between recombination and reionization → hard to study!
- ▶ Does the onset of the Gunn-Peterson trough in high-redshift quasars imply they lie before the epoch of reionization?
- ▶ Consistent with WMAP?



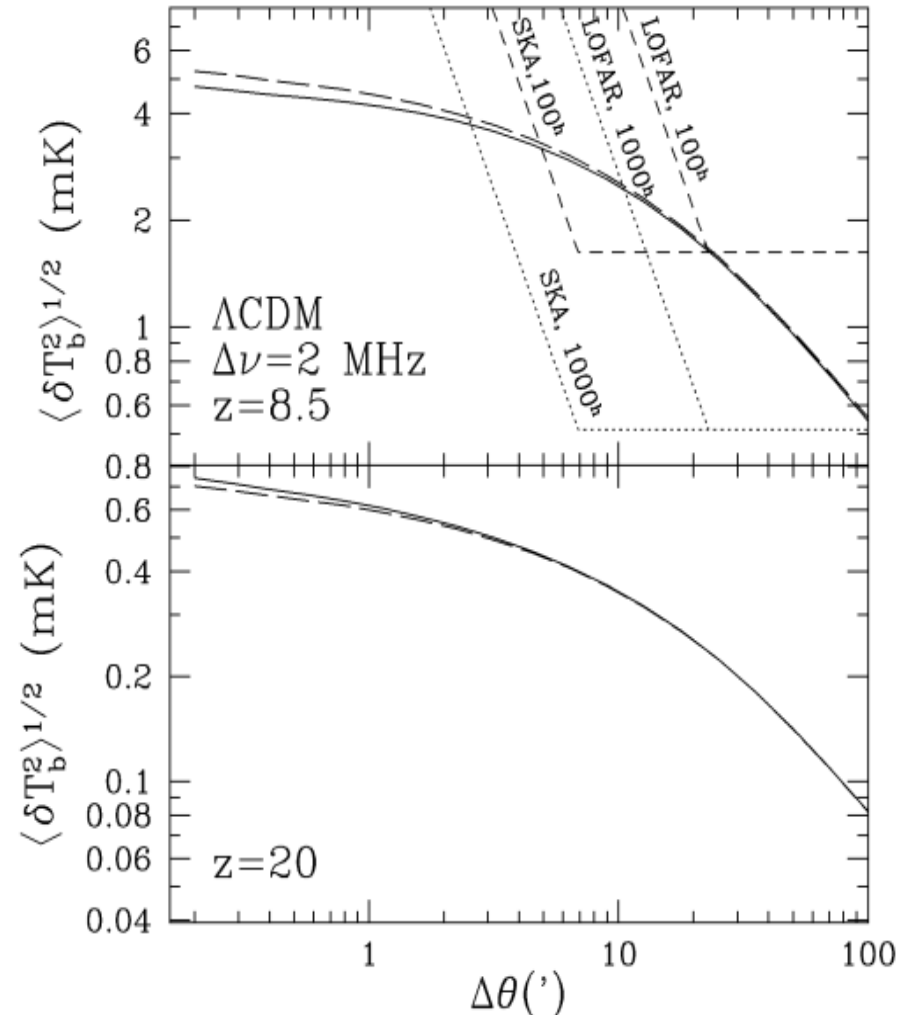
▶ Becker et al 2015



▶ Becker et al 2001

Dark Ages: Emission from Over-dense Neutral Gas

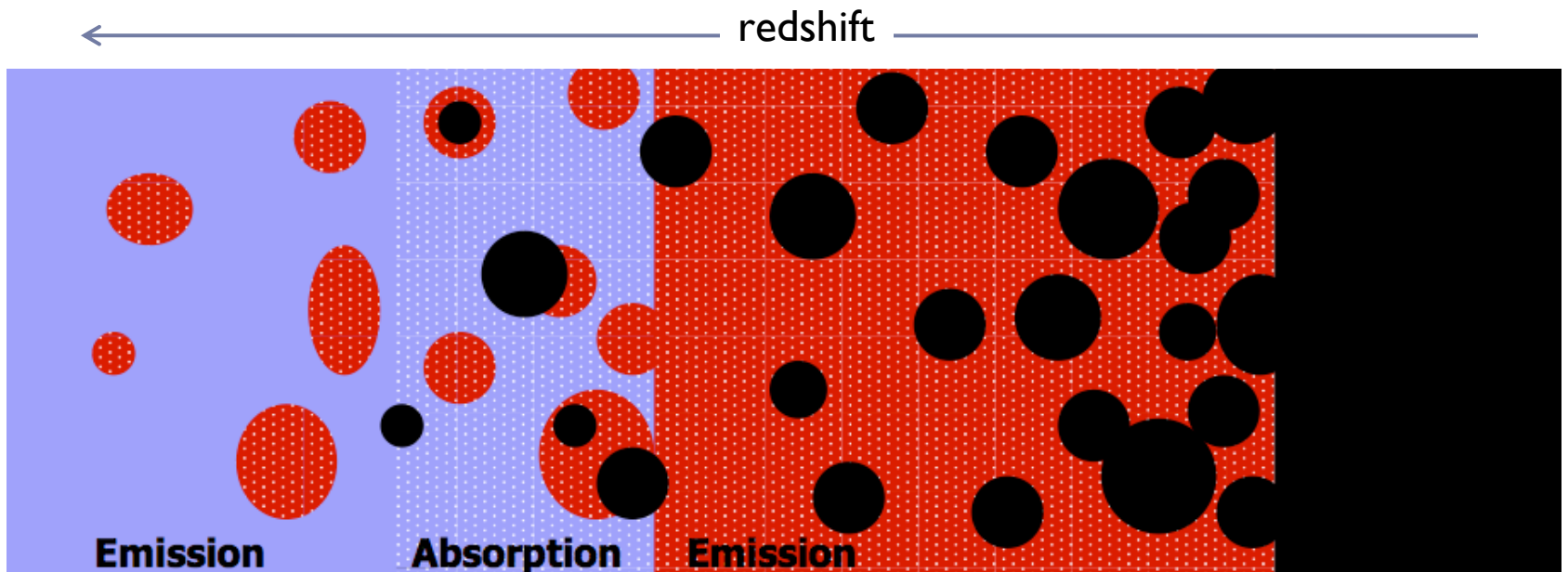
- ▶ Signal proportional to projected HI mass-variations between beams
- ▶ Sensitivity curves in top panel are 3σ in 100 hours
- ▶ Extremely hard at $z=20$ because signal decreases rapidly *and* T_{sky} increases rapidly
- ▶ Perhaps a few stronger because of collapsing gas! (Furlanetto & Loeb, in prep)



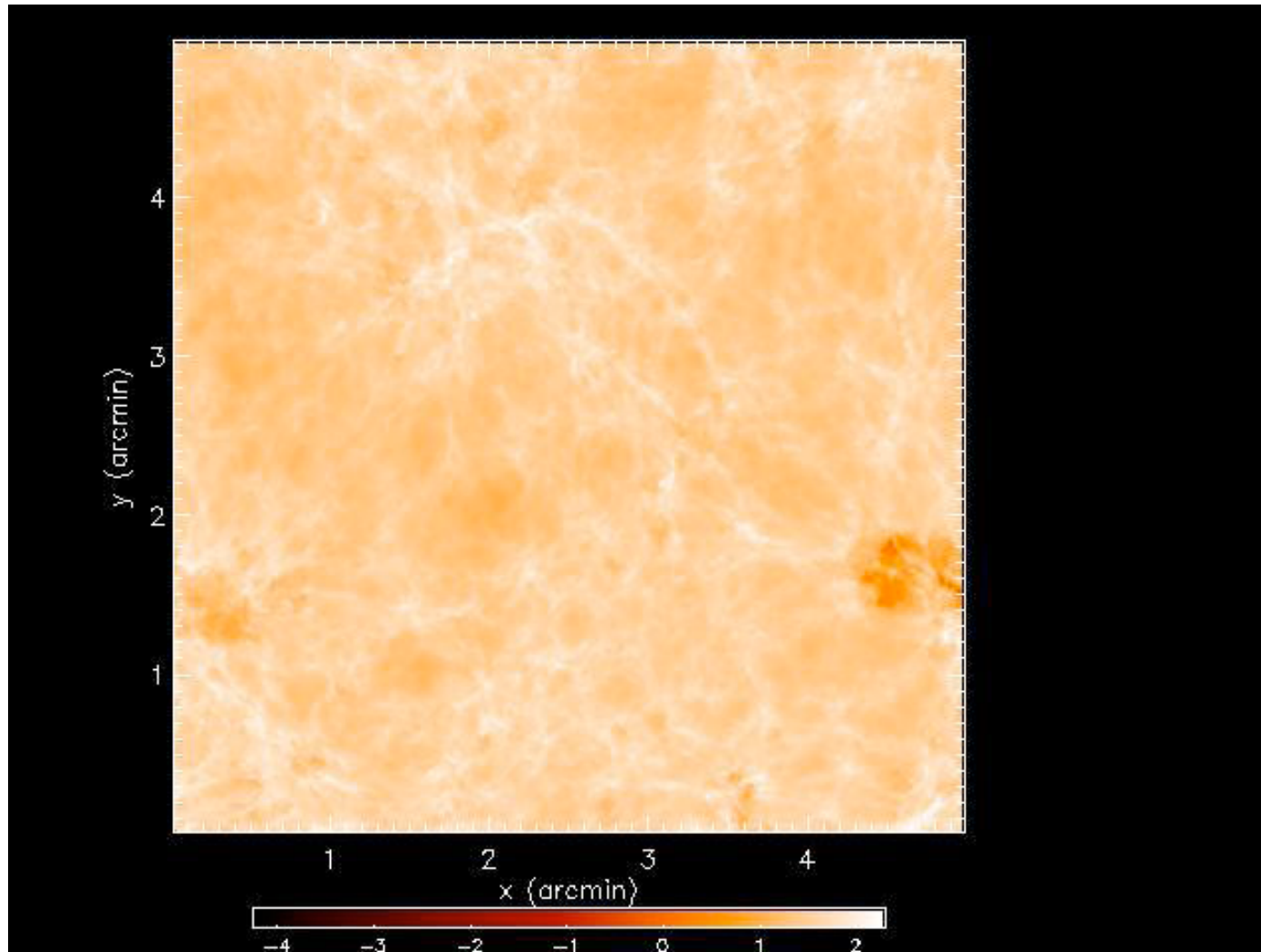
21 cm Toolbox

- ▶ X-rays heat diffuse IGM to $T_K > T_{\text{CMB}}$
 - ➔ signal independent of T_K
- ▶ Brightness variations from δ only
- ▶ Ionized regions grow

Blue: Cold IGM
Red: Hot IGM
Black: Ionized IGM
Hatch: $T_S \sim T_K$



21 cm Observations: Emission



$z = 18.3$
 $z = 16.1$
 $z = 14.5$
 $z = 13.2$
 $z = 12.1$

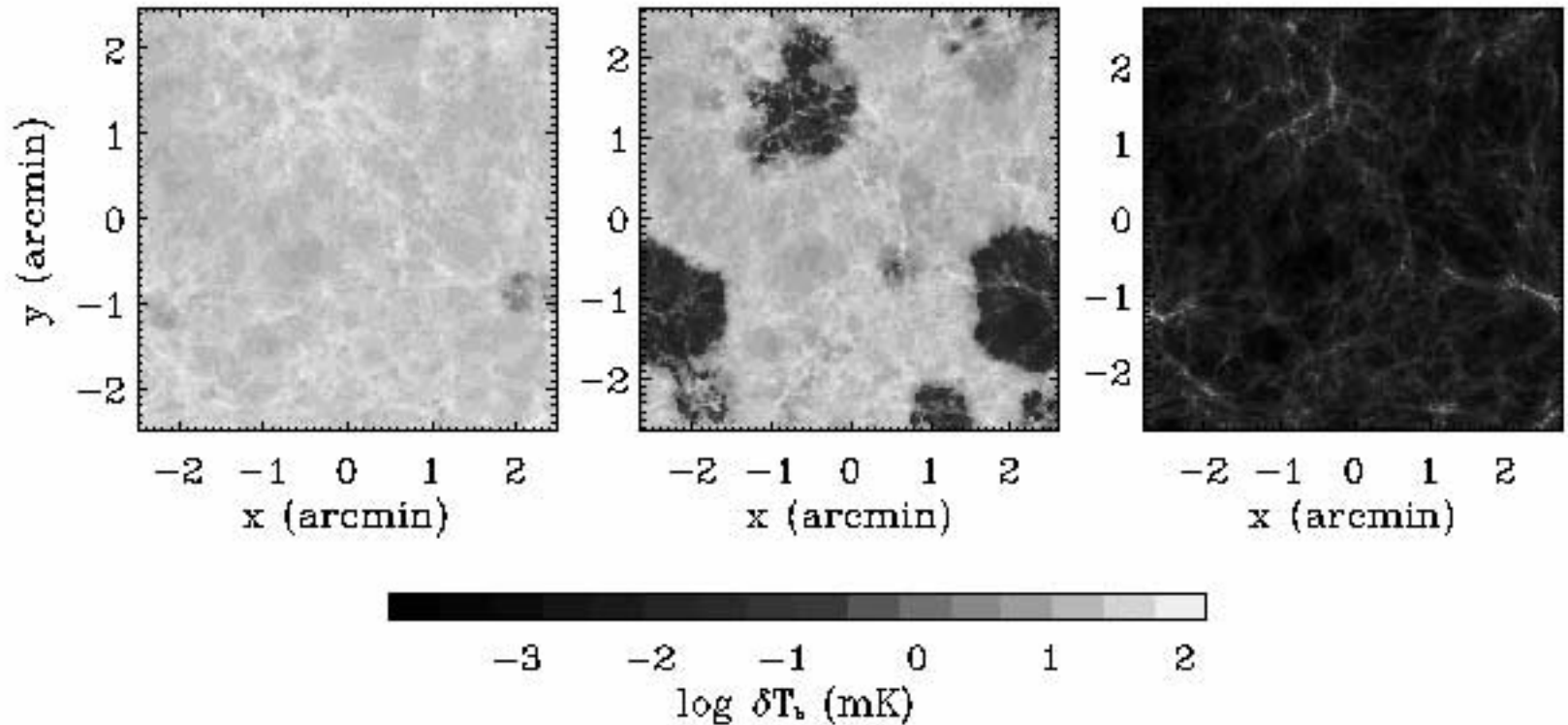
10 Mpc comoving
 $\Delta\nu = 0.1$ Mhz

21 cm Observations: Emission

$z = 12.1$

$z = 9.2$

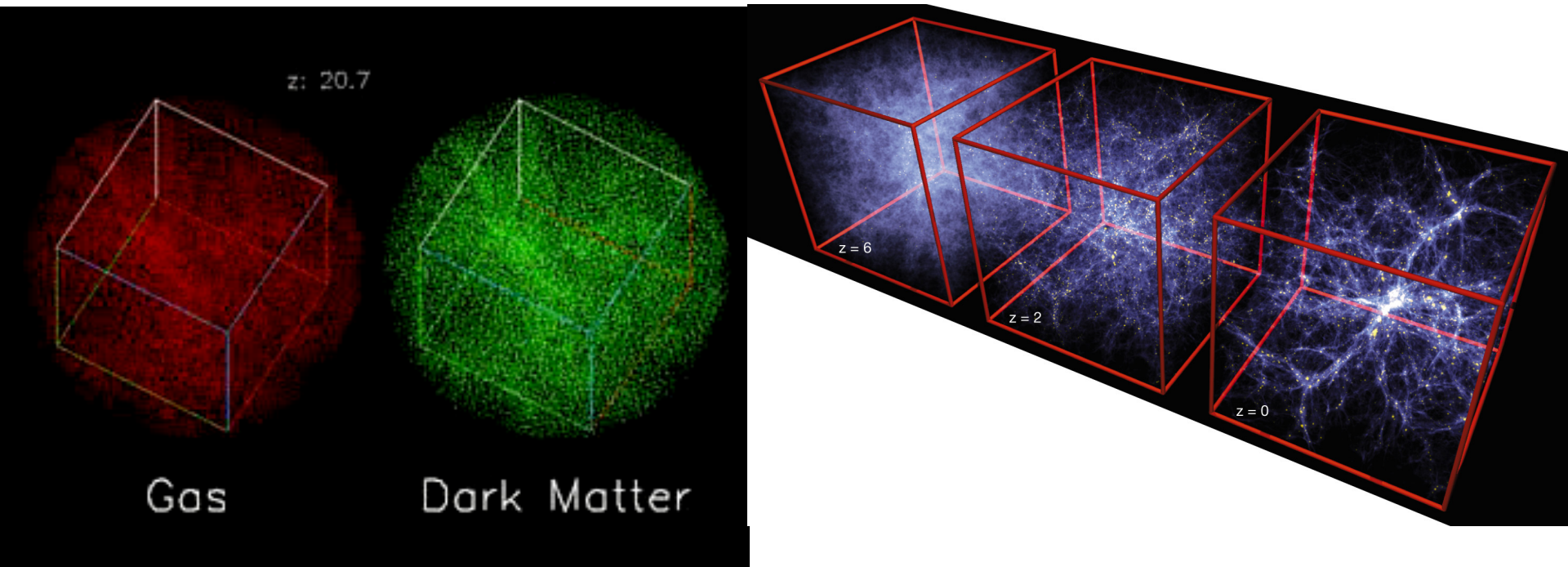
$z = 7.6$



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Large scale structure of the Universe

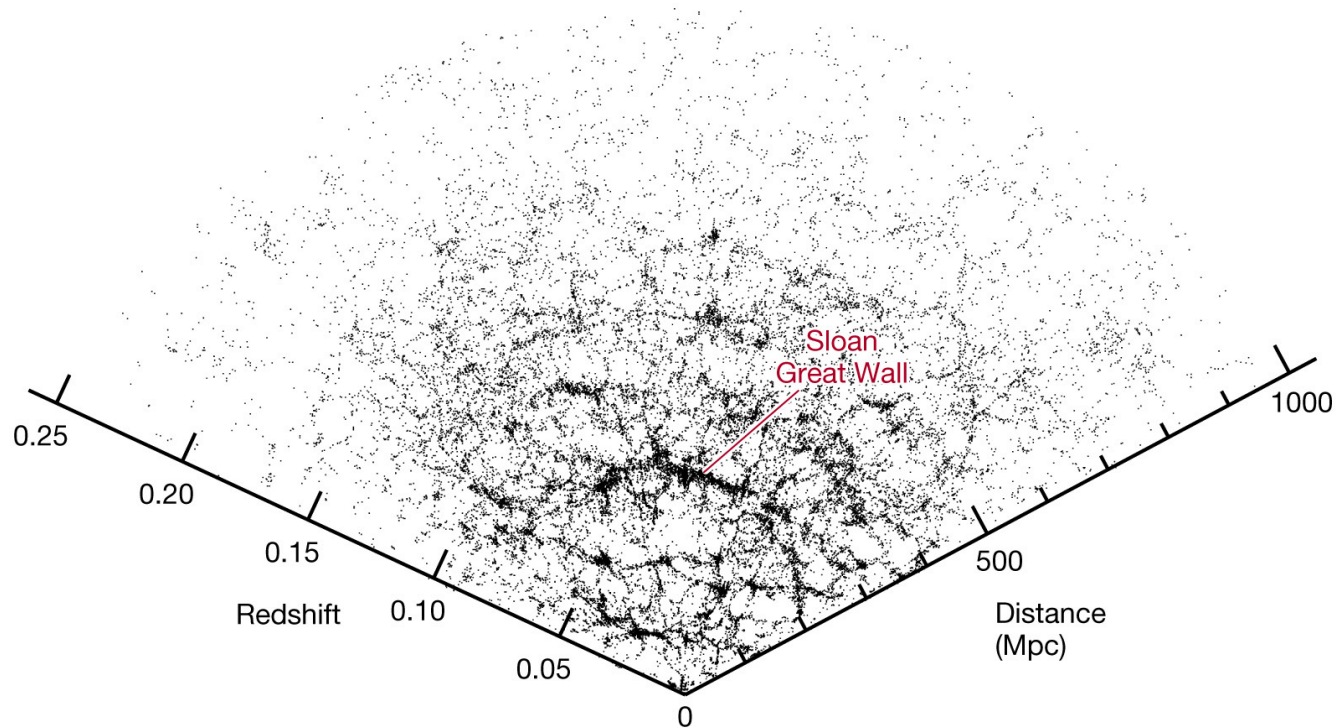
► Fly-through of the Cosmic Web



Large Scale Structure: observed

► Filaments and voids

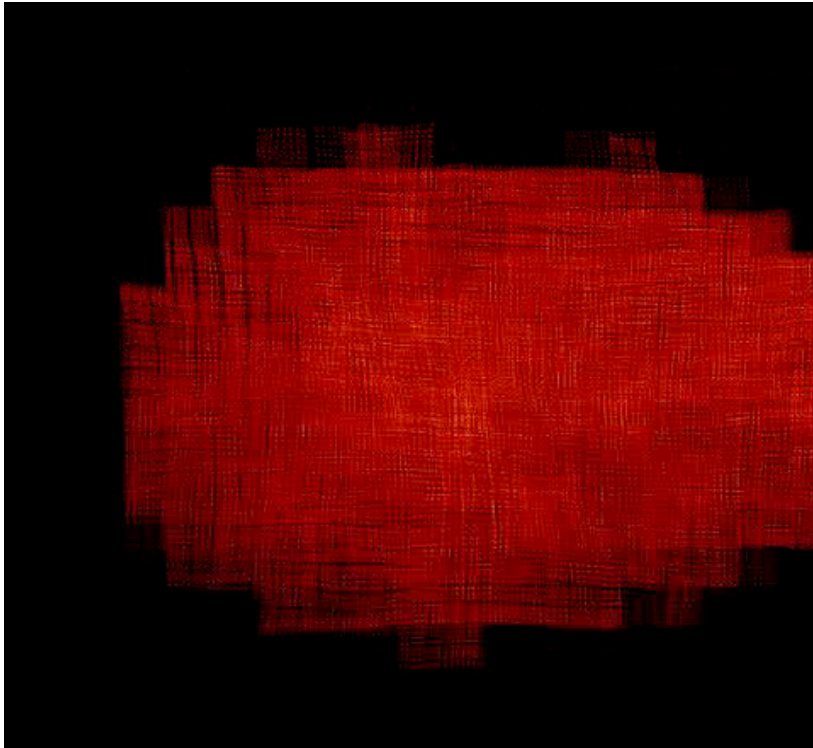
- Great Attractor
- Characteristic scales: 40-120 Mpc



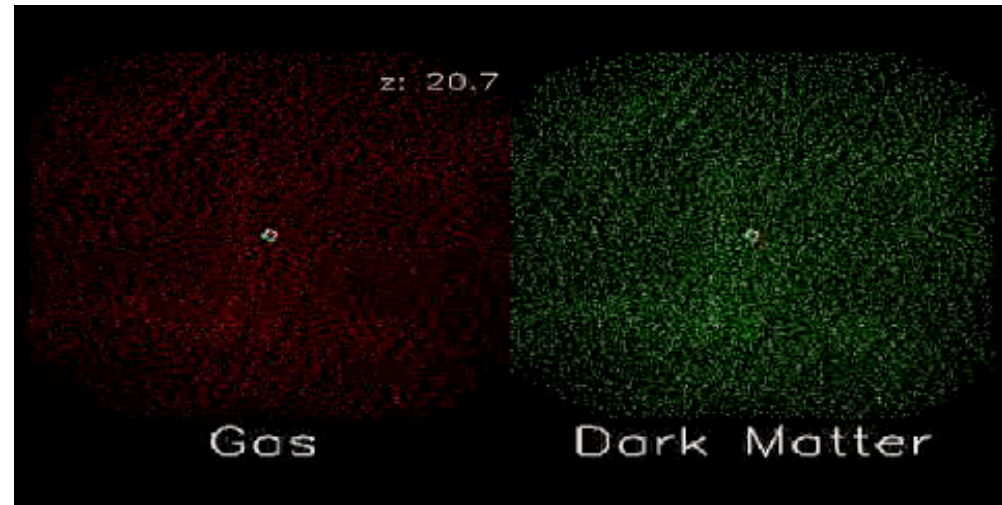
Large scale structure of the Universe

▶ Structure and Galaxy Formation

elliptical

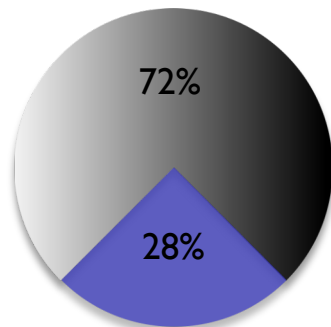


spiral



What's missing? The baryons

WMAP (e.g., Bennett et al. '13)

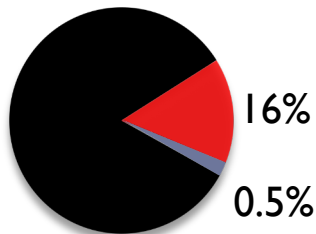


■ energy ■ matter

■ dark matter

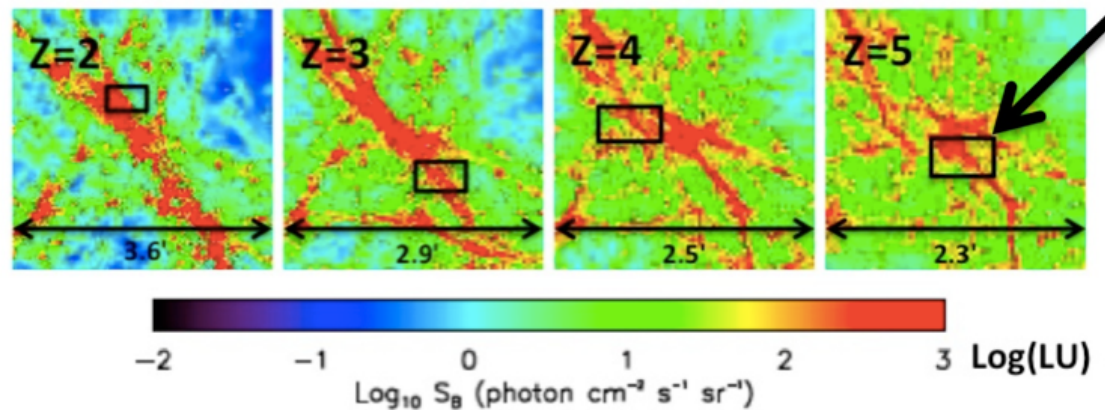
■ gas

■ stars



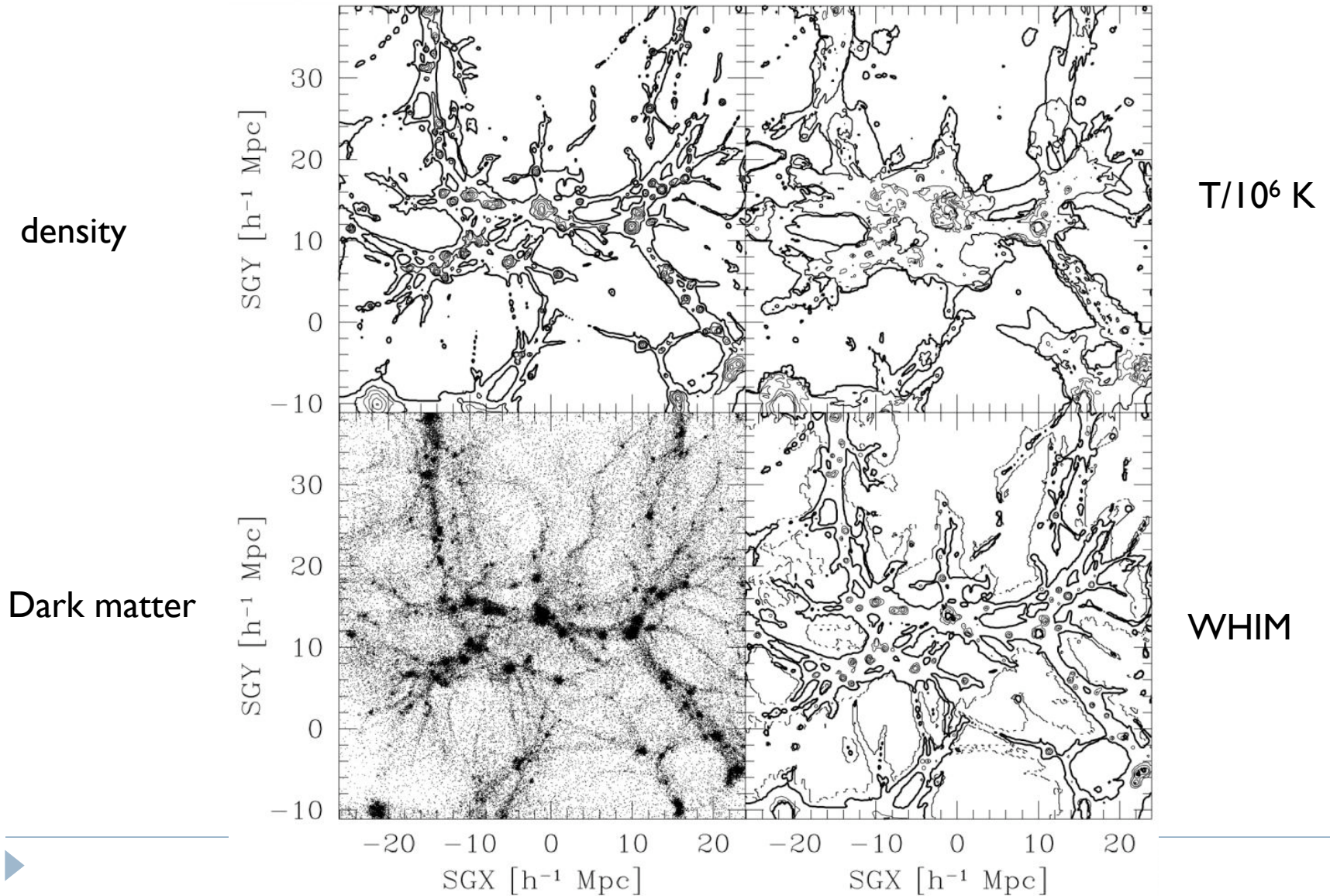
- ▶ ~5% of the energy-density
- ▶ ~17% of the mass in the universe
- ▶ Only ~3% of the baryons are bound in galaxies; the rest is presumably very hot gas in IGM (cosmic web and halos)
 - Stellar Mass Fraction ~ 0.5%

not well known



Ly α and OVI doublet (103.2, 103.8nm; primary coolant for $T=3e5K$ near solar gas, Otte+'03)

The WHIM: Warm-Hot Intergalactic Medium



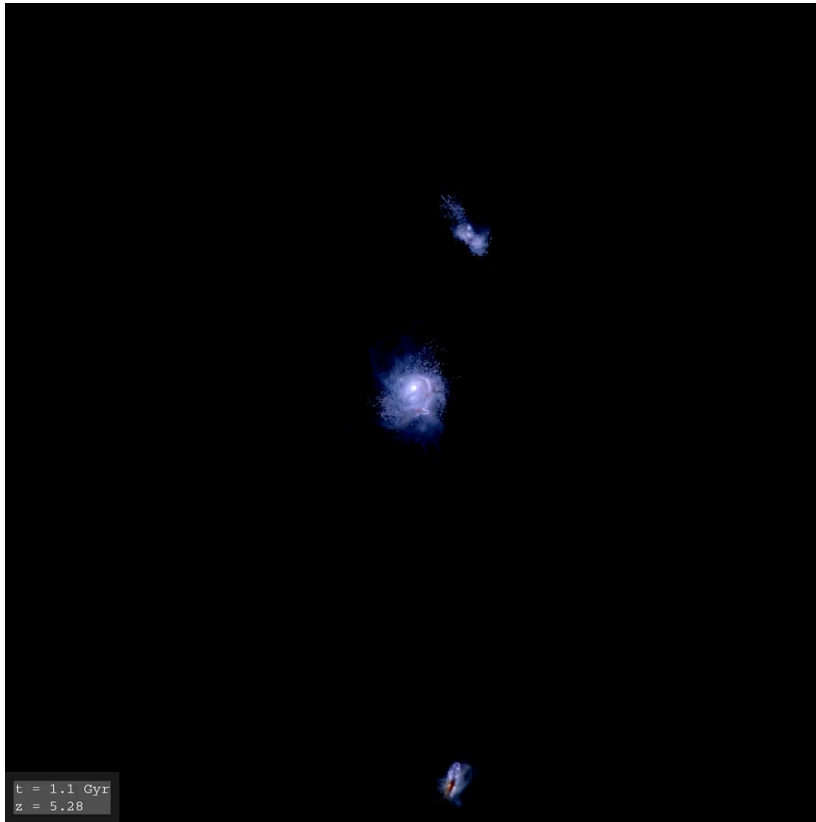
Physical Properties of the WHIM

- ▶ Detection in: QSO absorption line (HST,FUSE)
 - Limited to individual sightlines – FUSE has < 200 usable sightlines
 - Unknown: ionization fraction, abundance, temperature, filling factor
 - ▶ Any measure of the physical conditions in the WHIM are dependent on these
 - ▶ ***Claimed to contain the bulk of normal matter (baryons) in the universe***
- ▶ How was the WHIM produced?
- ▶ Is there cold gas too? (how do you detect it?)



Galaxy Formation simulations focusing on multiphase gas and the CGM

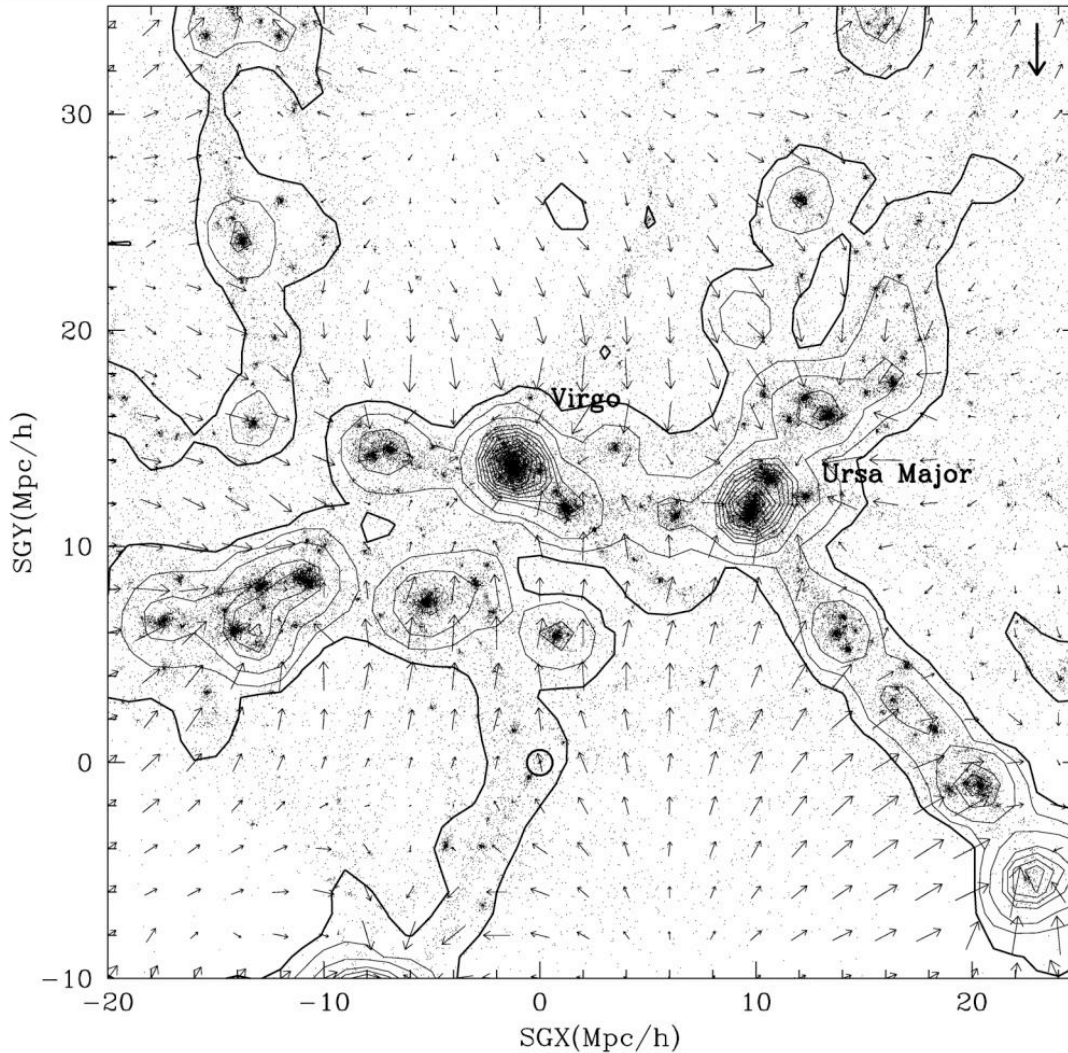
FOGGIE (Peeples et al. 2019)



<https://foggie.science/multimedia.html>



Cosmic Streaming



- ▶ What does H_0 mean?
 - Over what scales (spatial)?
 - What kinematic scales?

Klypin et al. 2003

Physical Processes in the Cosmic Web

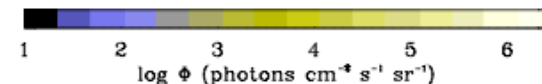
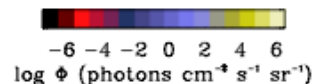
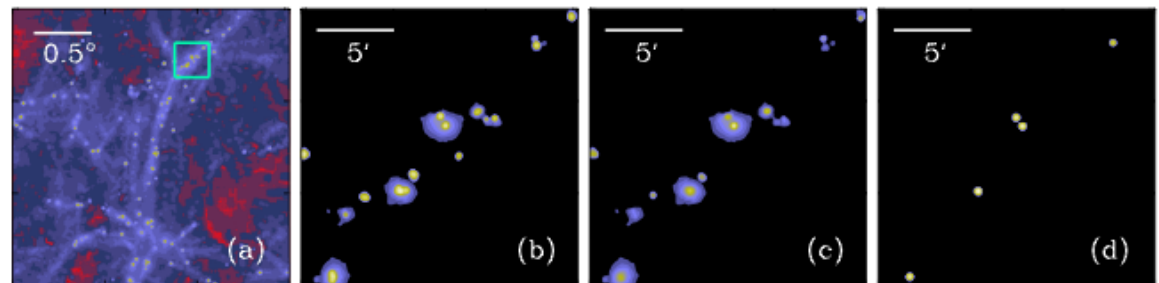
- ▶ Large scale shocks as baryons accrete onto collapsing structures
- ▶ Gas is shock-heated to 10^5 - 10^7 K
 - WHIM origins, or AGN and star-formation too?
- ▶ Shock accelerate particles (cosmic ray ions) to 10^{18} - 10^{19} eV
- ▶ Inter-cluster B-fields: 10^{-7} - 10^{-12} G
 - Origin and amplification?



Mapping the Cosmic Web

- ▶ Galaxies are only the high density islands in the web
- ▶ Most of the web is in the form of diffuse WHIM
 - Detected primarily via QSO absorption sightlines
 - Fraction of kinetic power converted to radiative energy
- ▶ Diffuse emission should be detectable in the optical (nebular line emission, e.g., redshifted Ly α) but suitable instrumentation has yet to be built.
- ▶ Diffuse synchrotron emission (radio) another possibility
 - Parameters:
 - ▶ Infall velocity
 - ▶ Density of in-falling baryonic gas
 - ▶ Magnetic field strength
 - ▶ Efficiency of shock acceleration
 - ▶ Fraction of kinetic power converted to radiative energy

Furlanetto et al. 2003:
Ly α surface-brightness



Summary: Big Bang / Creation of Matter

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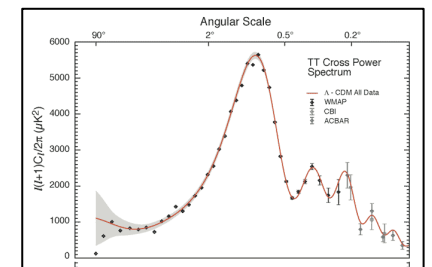
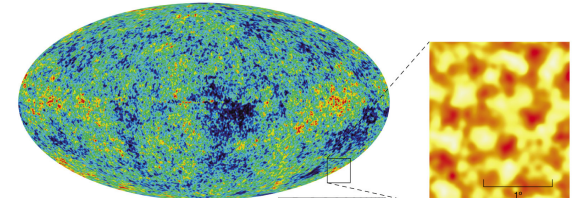
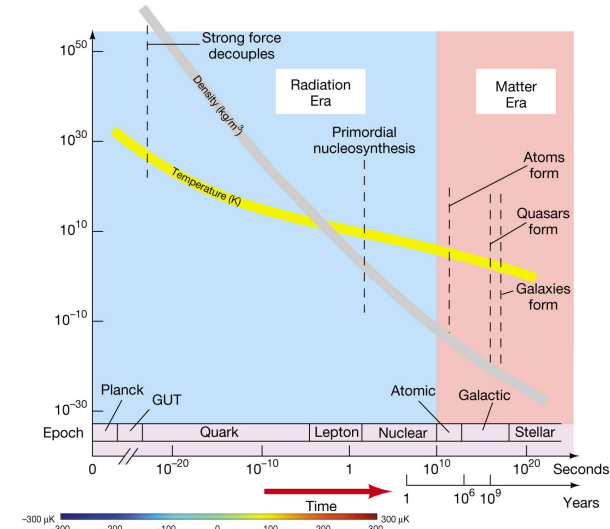
- ▶ Expansion & evolution: GR and Friedman equations: $R = 1/(1+z)$, \dot{R}, \ddot{R}
- ▶ Early Universe
 - Inflation (10^{-34} sec)
 - Particle genesis (10^{-15} to 1 sec)
 - BBNS (3 minutes) → Cosmic He abundances
 - *Recombination* (4×10^5 yr) → CMBR

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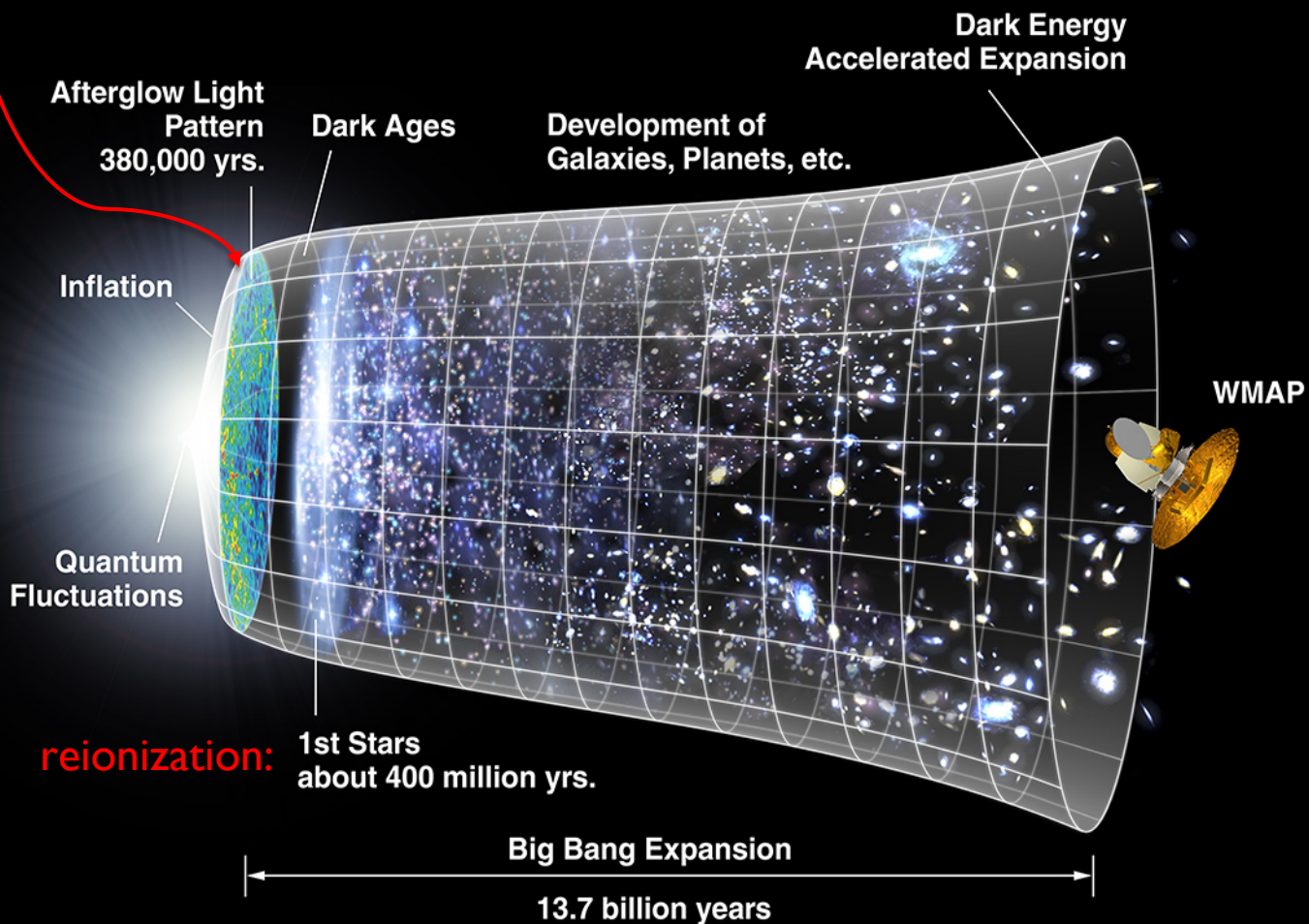
- ▶ Dark Ages (?)
- ▶ *Reionization* and onward
 - When the first stars and AGN formed ($z=12?$)
 - Galaxy formation
 - Evolution of galaxies, their stars and planets

Structure grows via gravity
in matter dominated era

precision cosmology
& first glimpse of
structure



Structure starts growing here



Outstanding Observational Issue: Epoch of Reionization

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- ▶ Where are the baryons?

