

PART I

Galaxy Formation Models

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PART I: Building synthetic universes

PART II: The parameters of galaxy formation

PART III: The universe in the cloud

The basics of how galaxies are built and
evolve

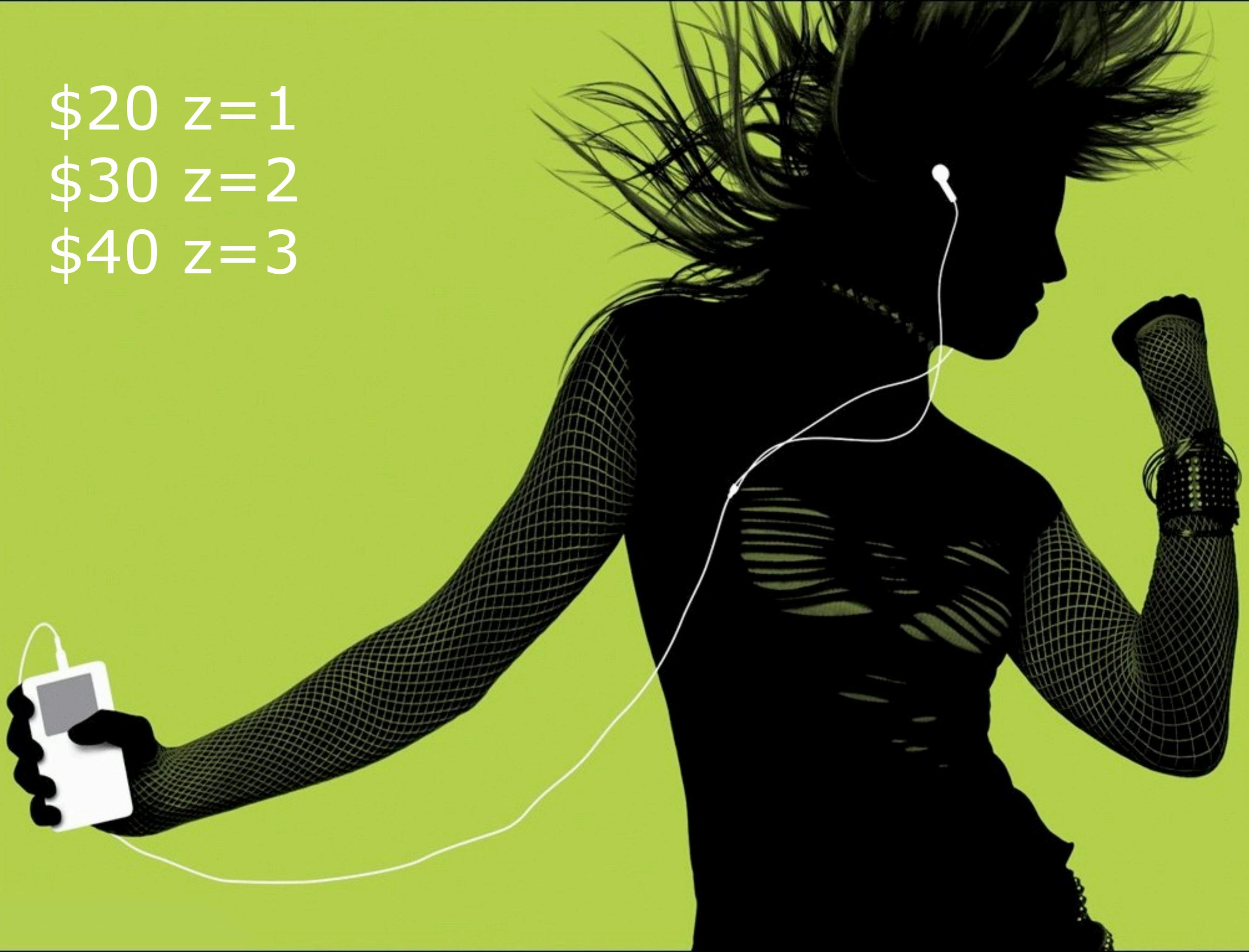
The uses and limitations of semi-analytic
galaxy models

The challenge of data access and delivery

\$20 $z=1$

\$30 $z=2$

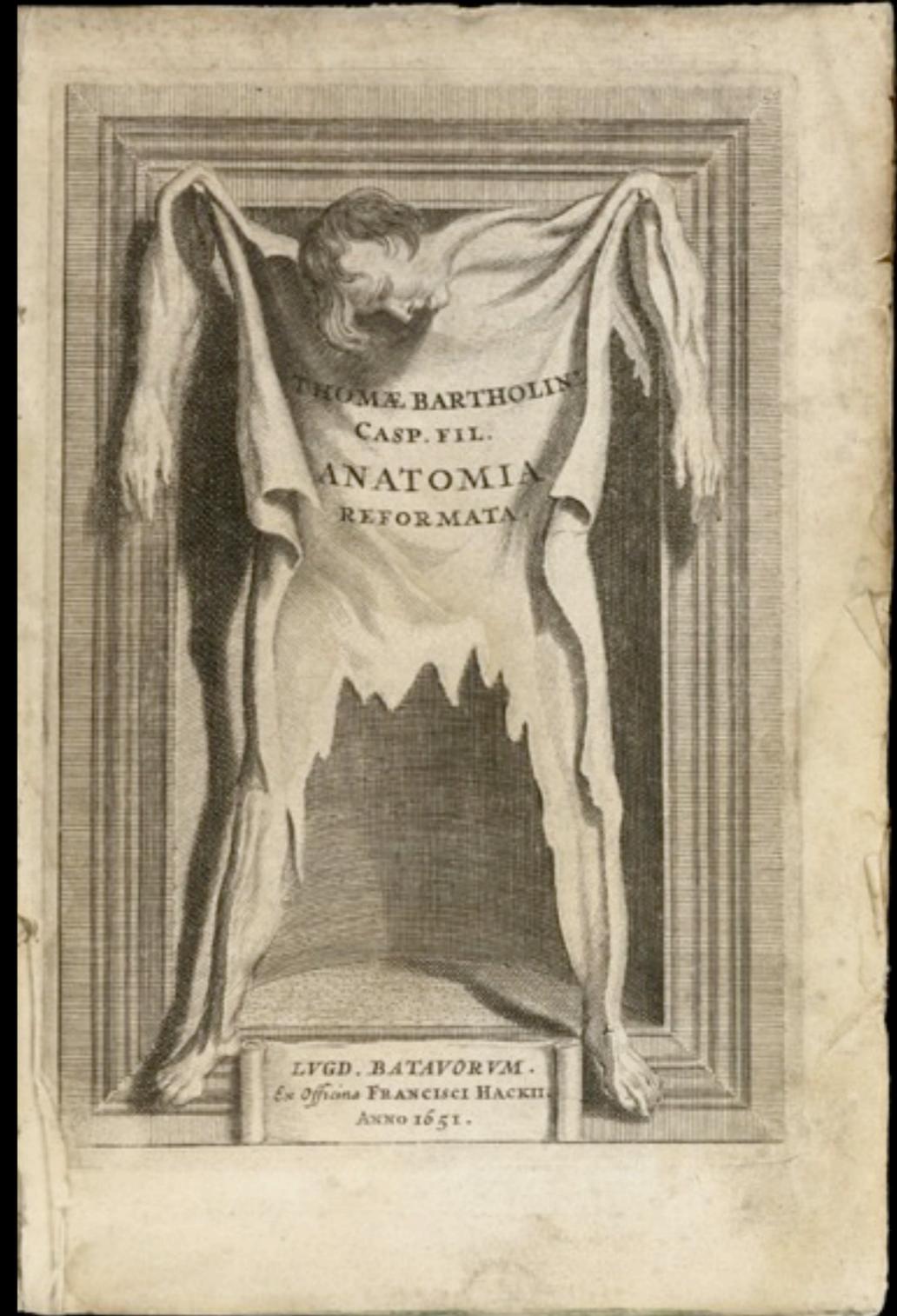
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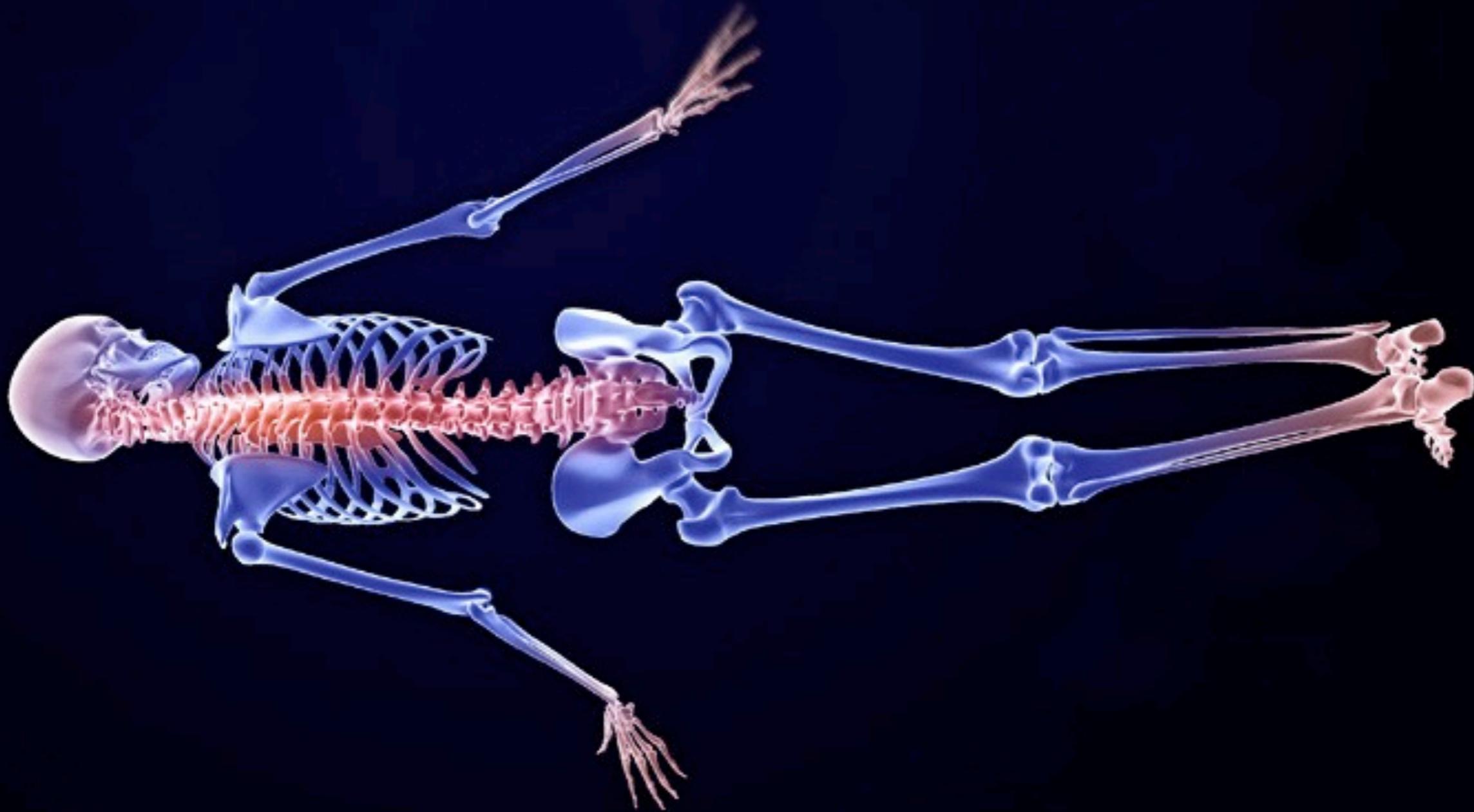
Galaxy formation primer



The skeleton

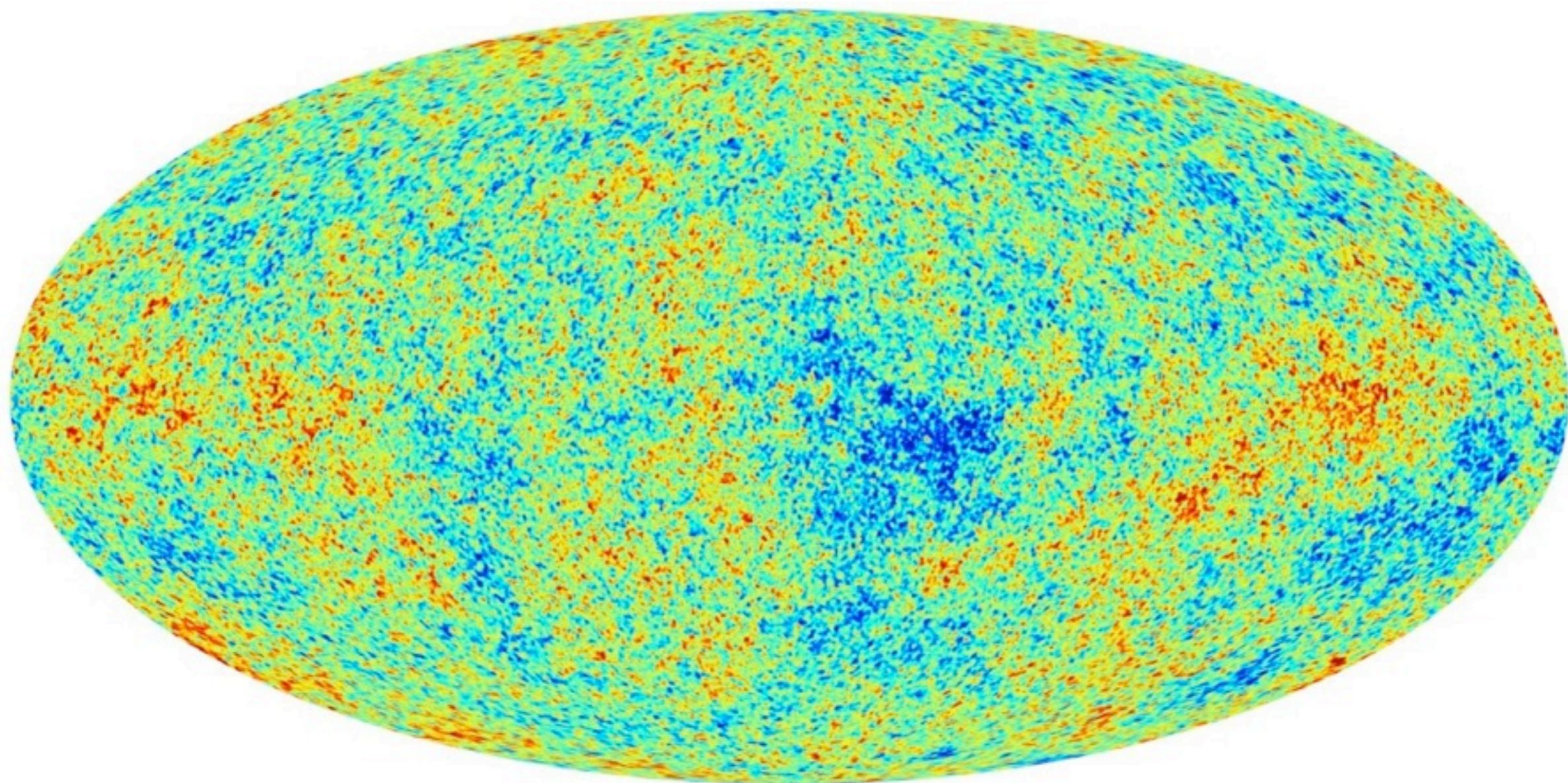


The flesh

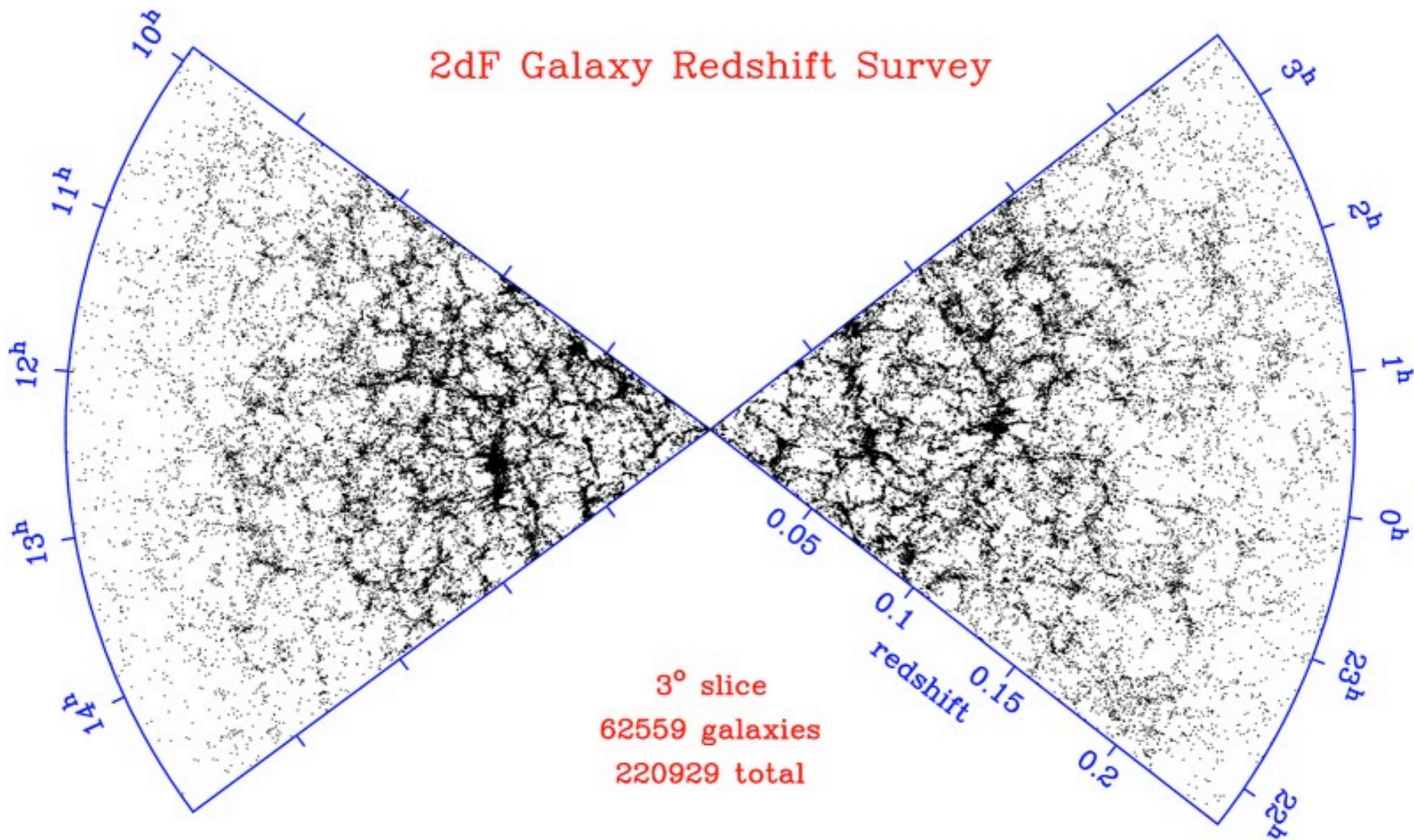


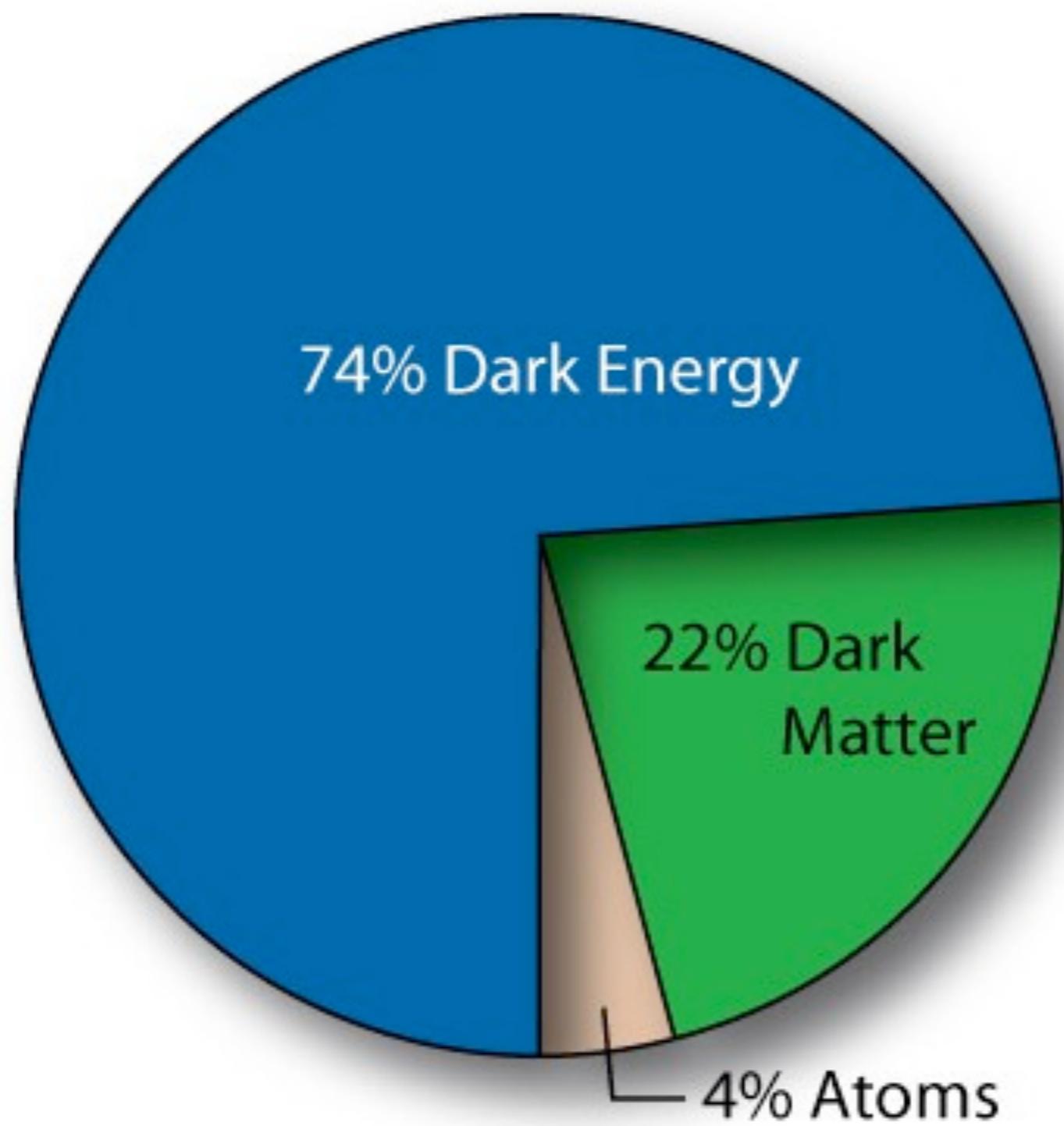
1. The skeleton: N-body simulations

2. The flesh: interwoven analytic models of the physics of galaxy formation



2dF Galaxy Redshift Survey









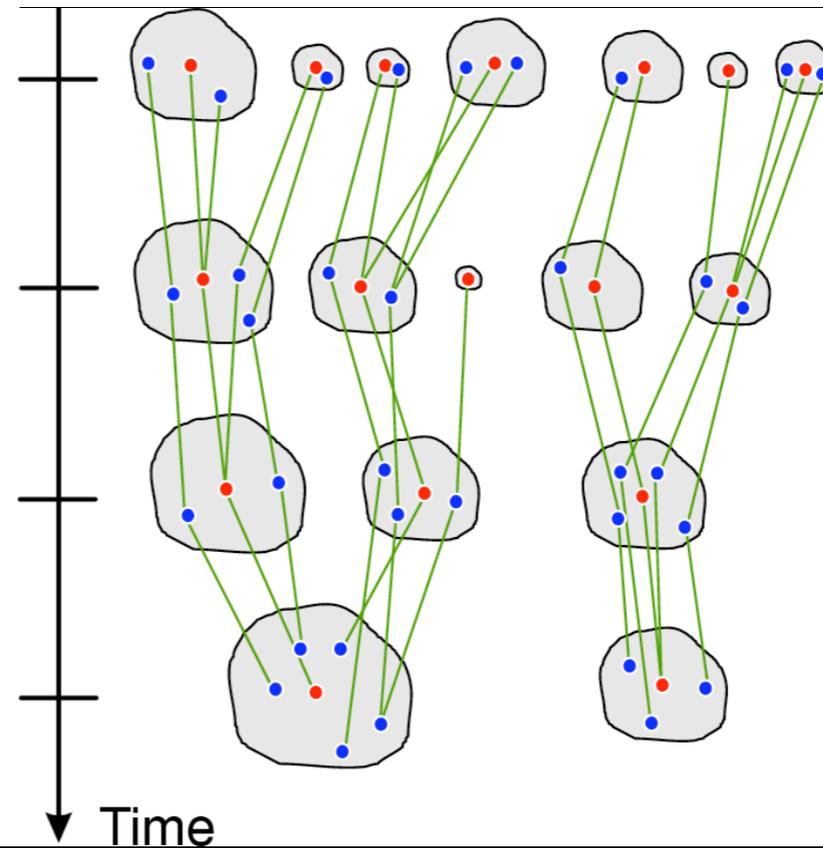
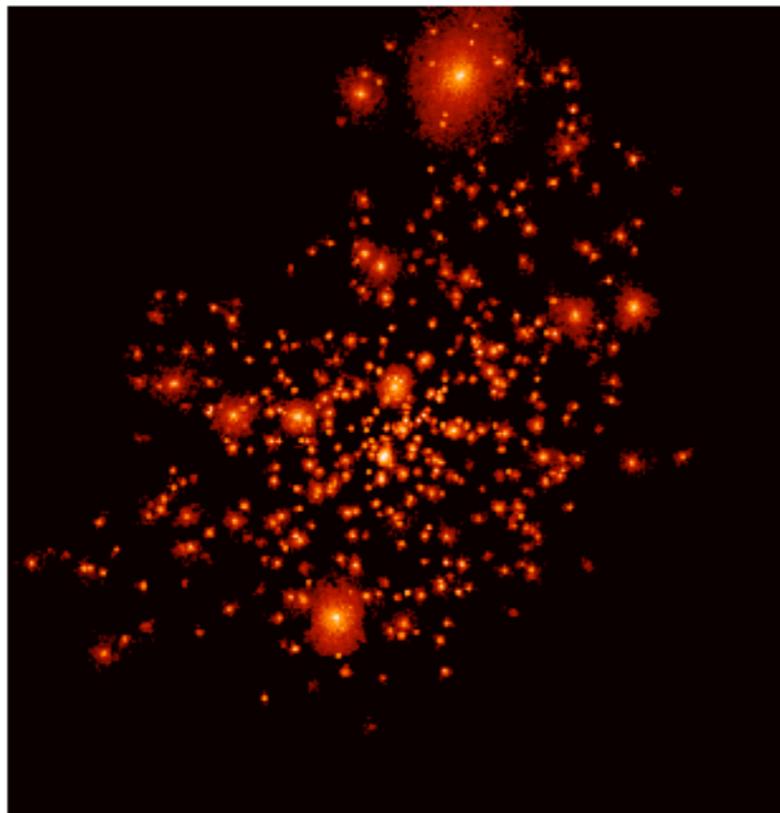
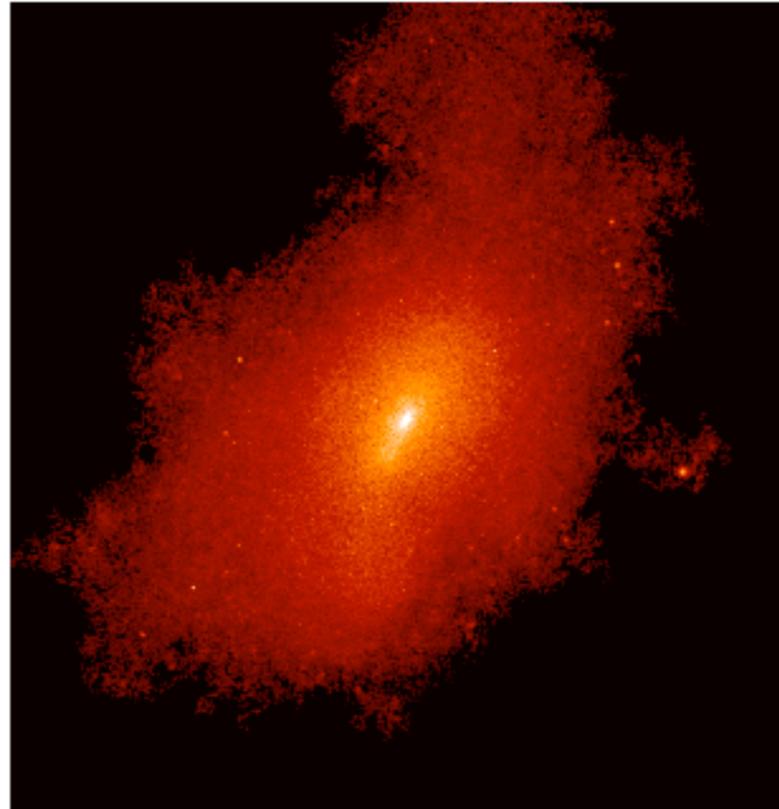
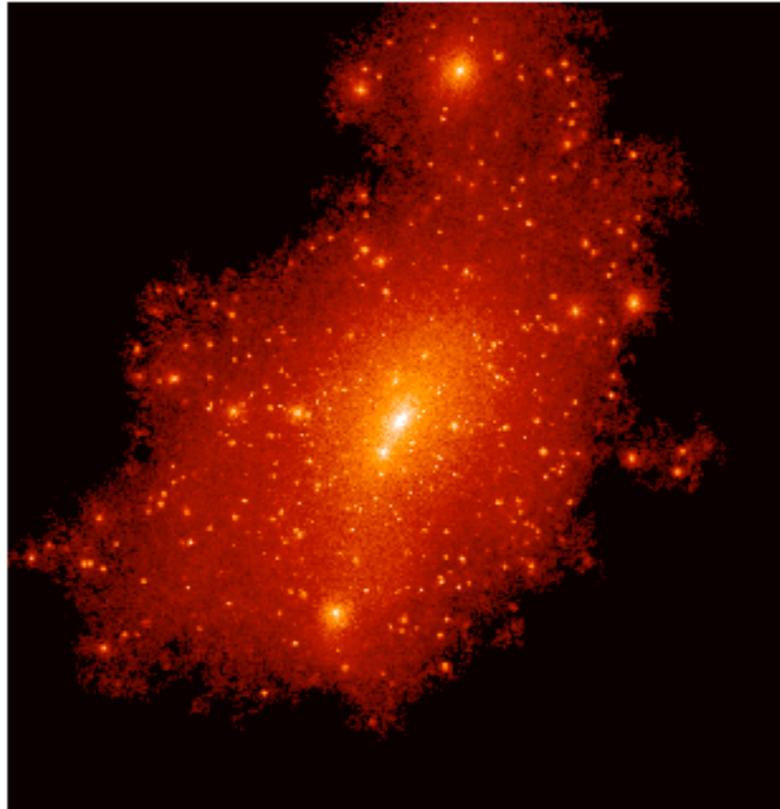
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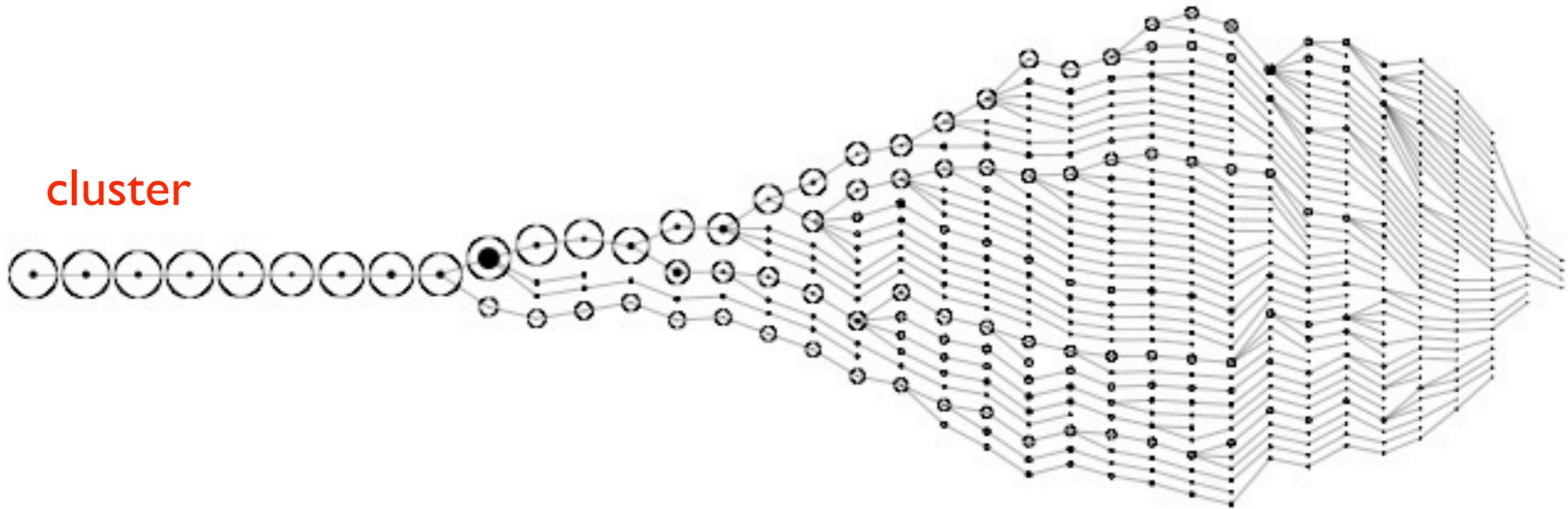
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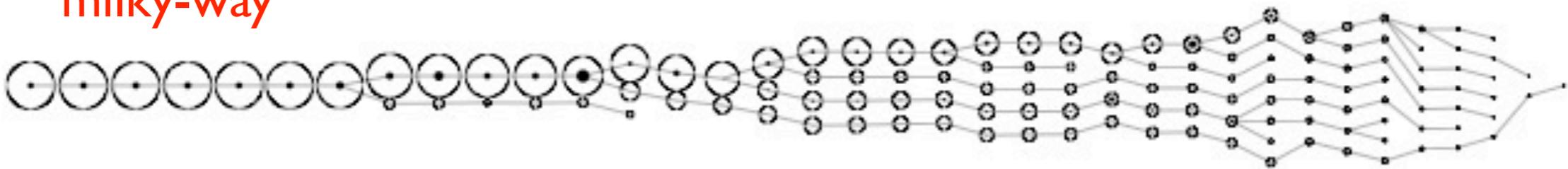
$z=6$

cluster

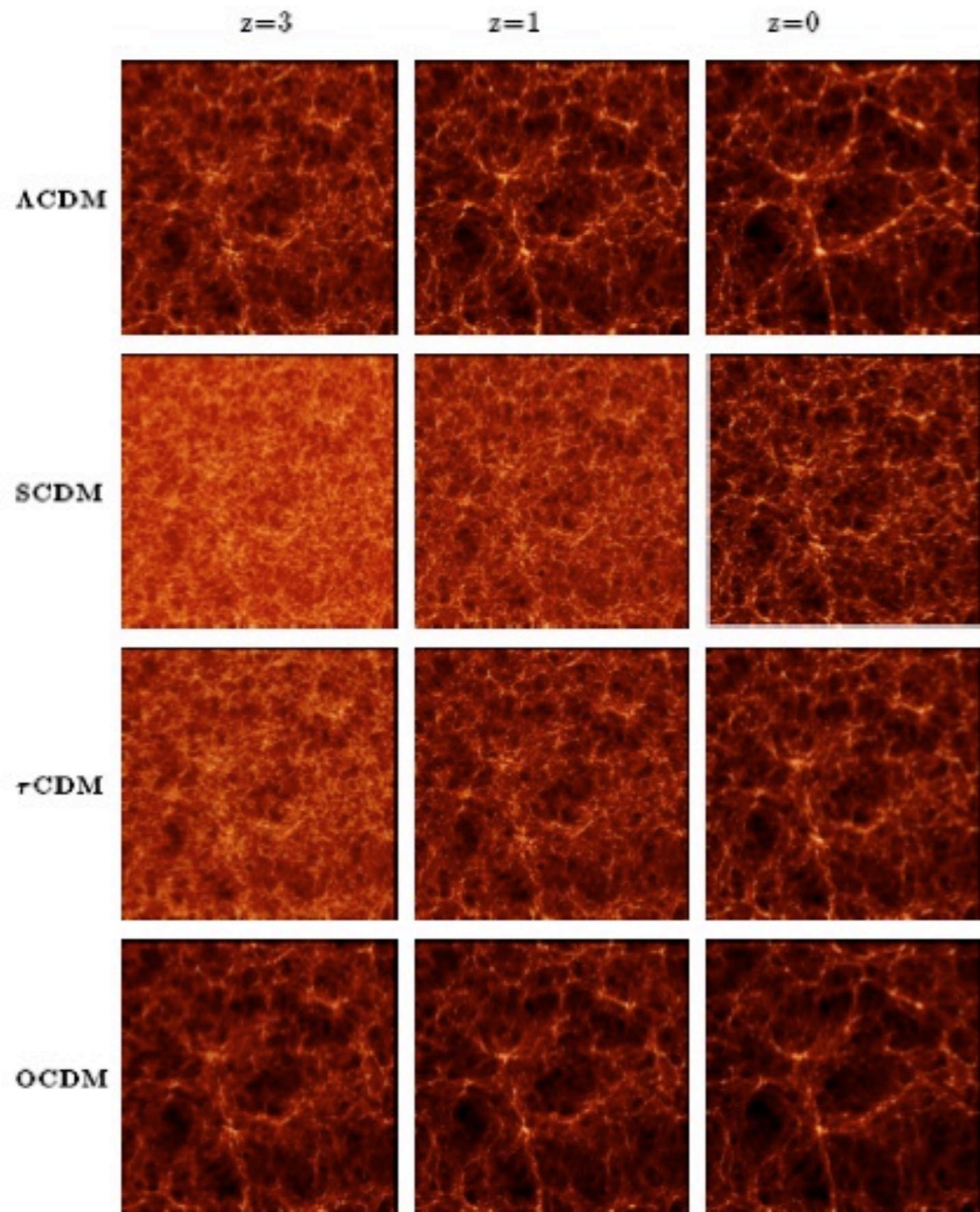


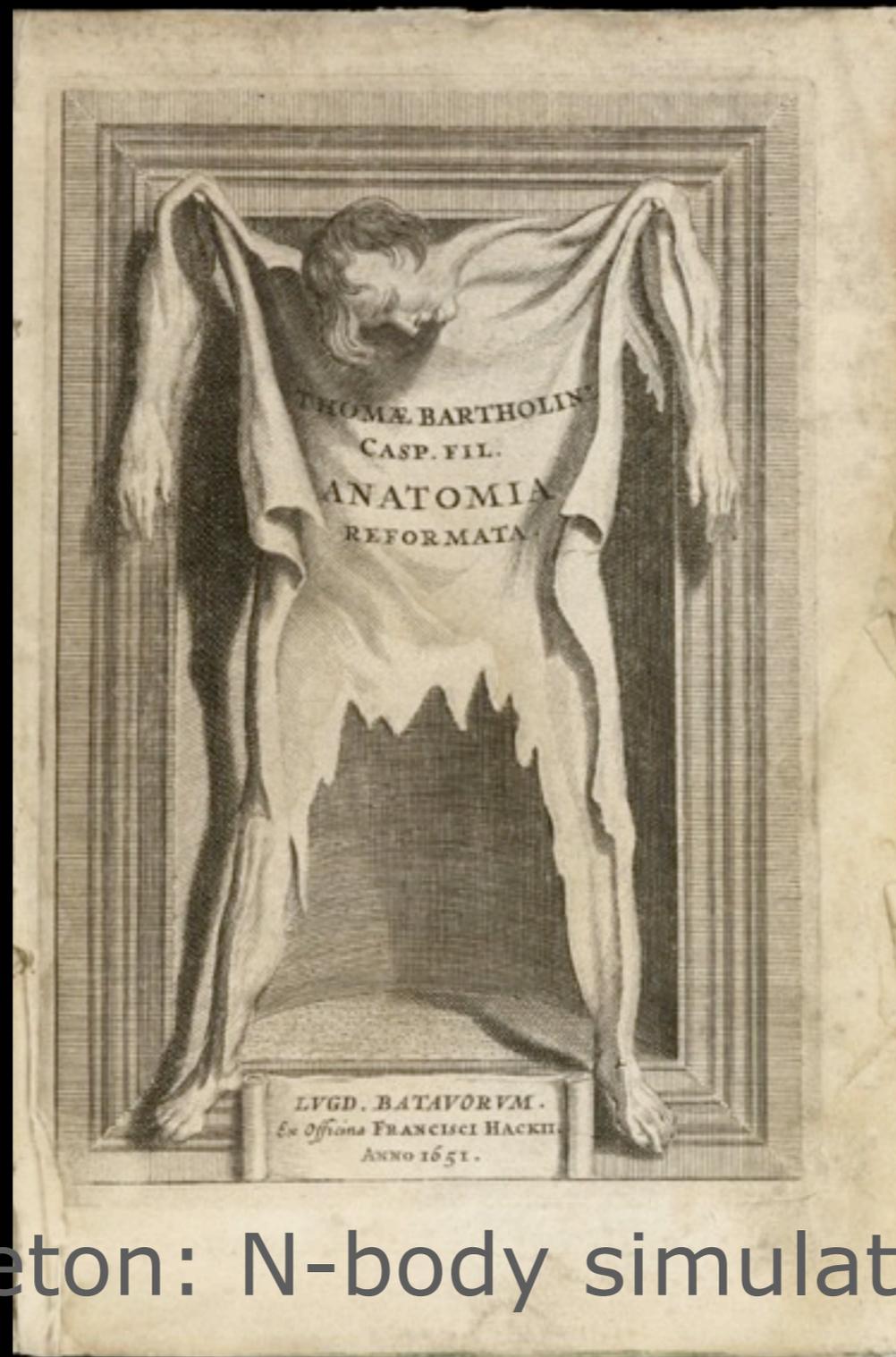
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milky-way



Wechsler et al. 2002





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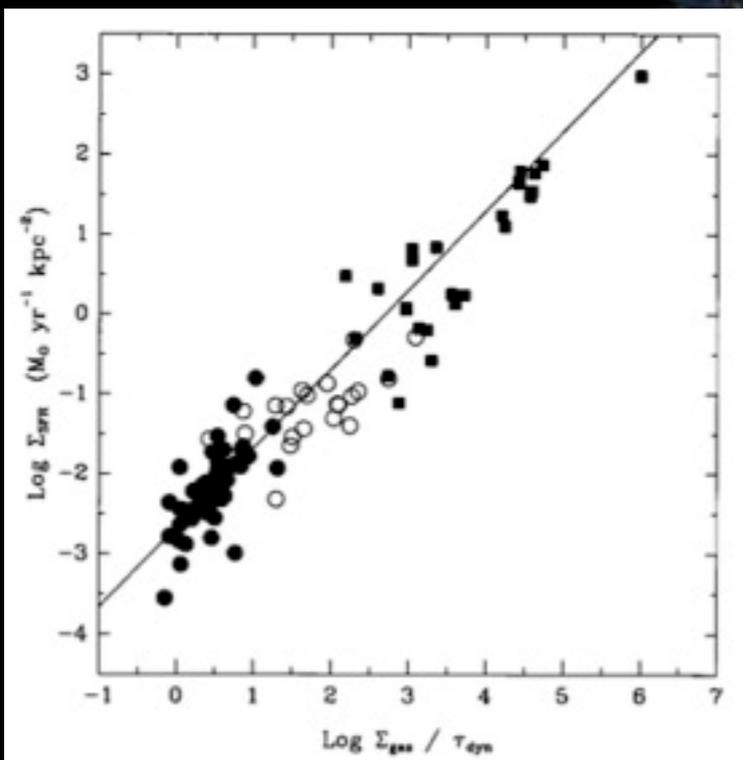
Galaxies, why we care ...

- highly non-linear evolution
- home of internal phenomena
- shaped by external influences



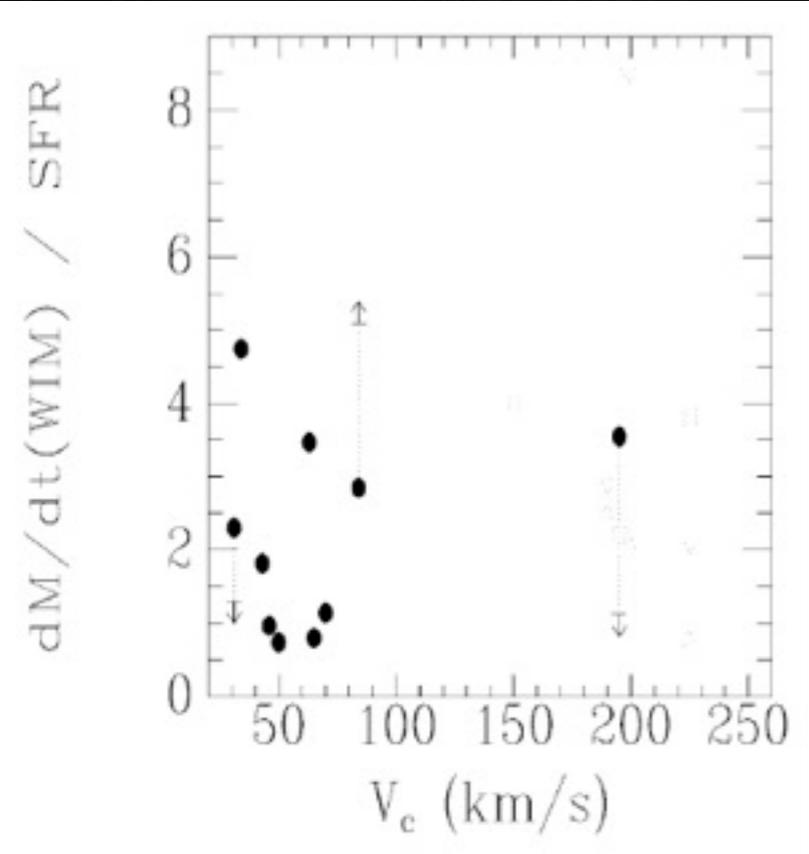
Star formation

Kennicutt 1998



M31

M82

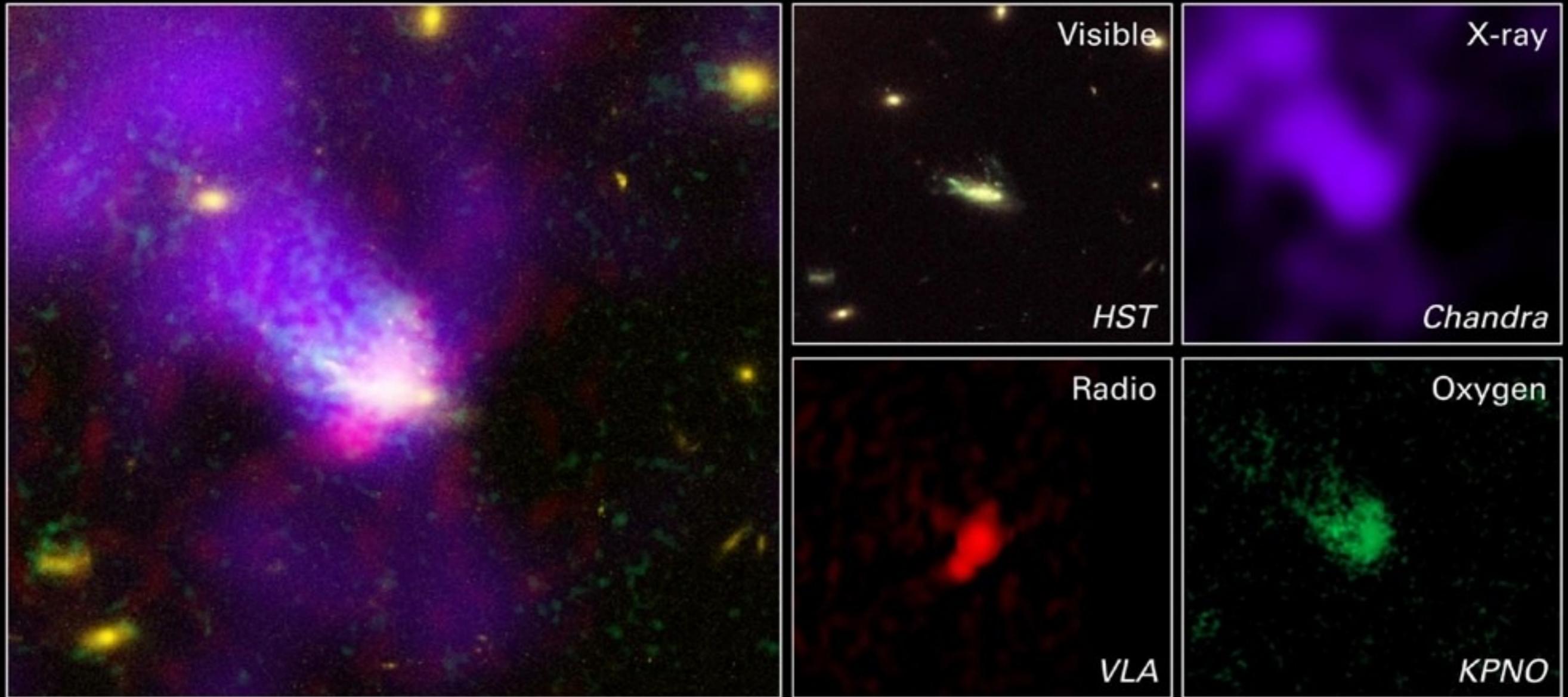


Martin 1999

Supernova feedback

Satellite galaxies

Galaxy C153 in Cluster Abell 2125



NASA, W. Keel (University of Alabama), F. Owen (National Radio Astronomy Observatory),
M. Ledlow (Gemini Observatory) and D. Wang (University of Massachusetts)

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Morphological evolution



NGC 2207 & IC 2163

... and assembly



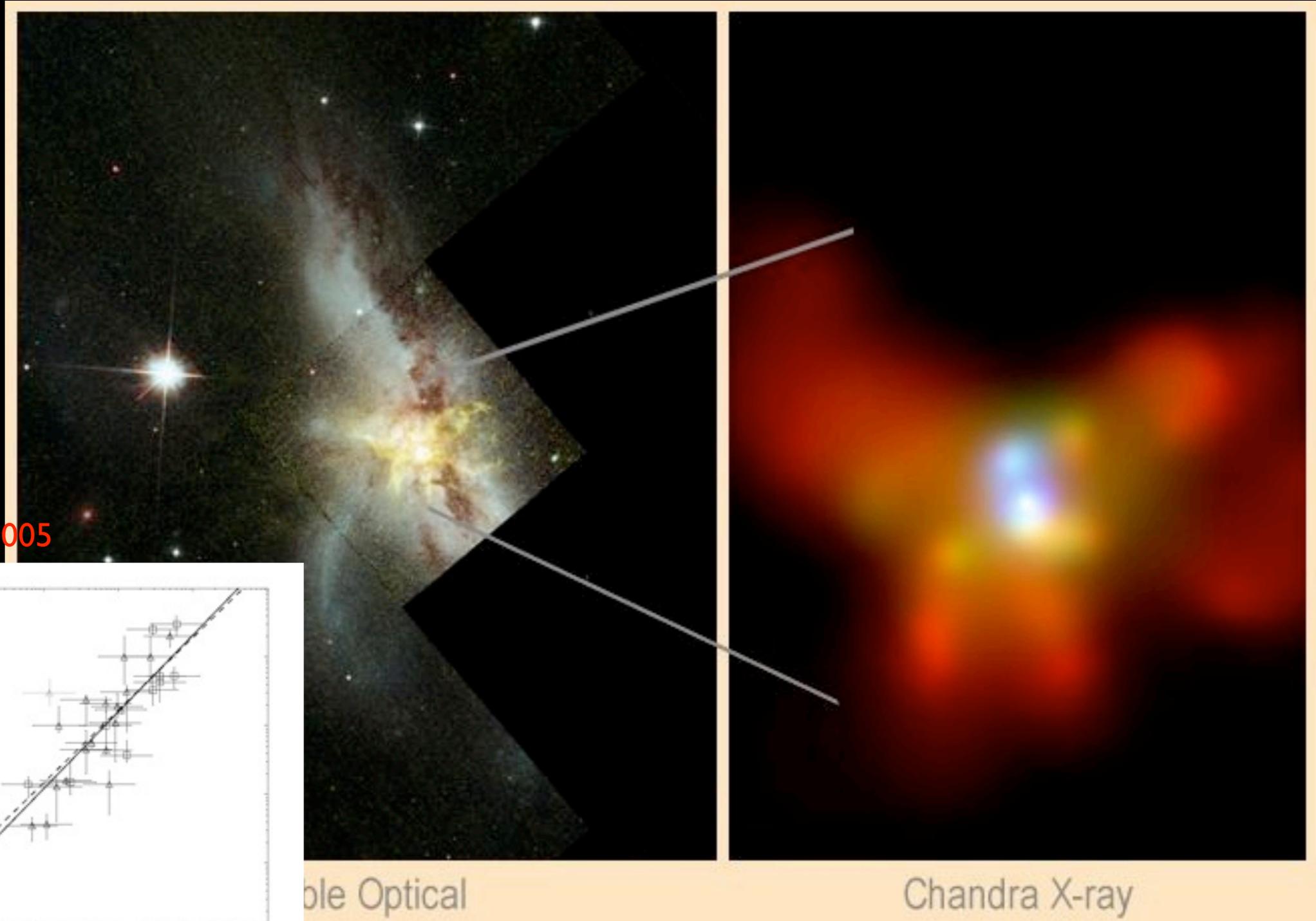
Seyfert's Sextet



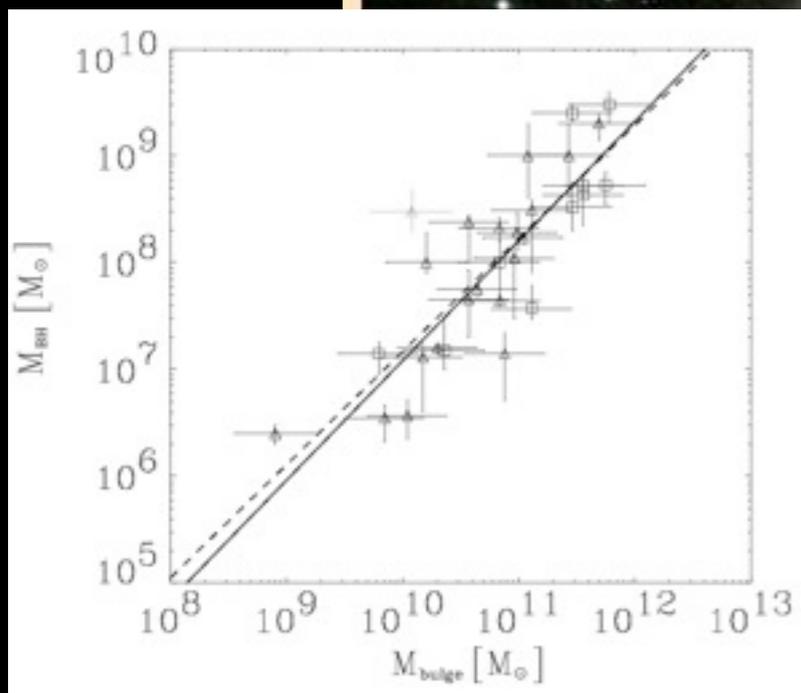
... and death

M87 (Virgo cluster)

Black holes

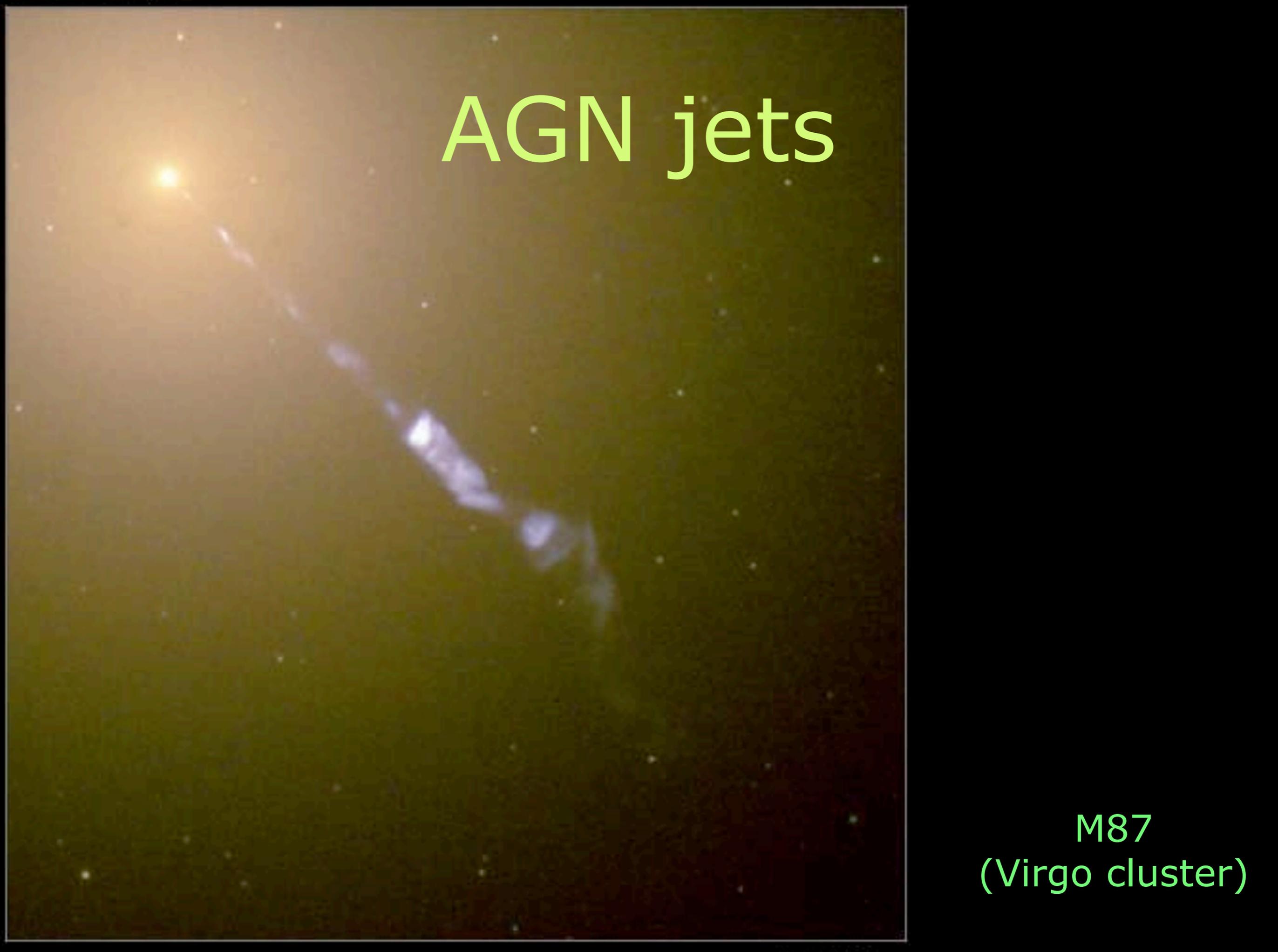


Haring & Rix 2005



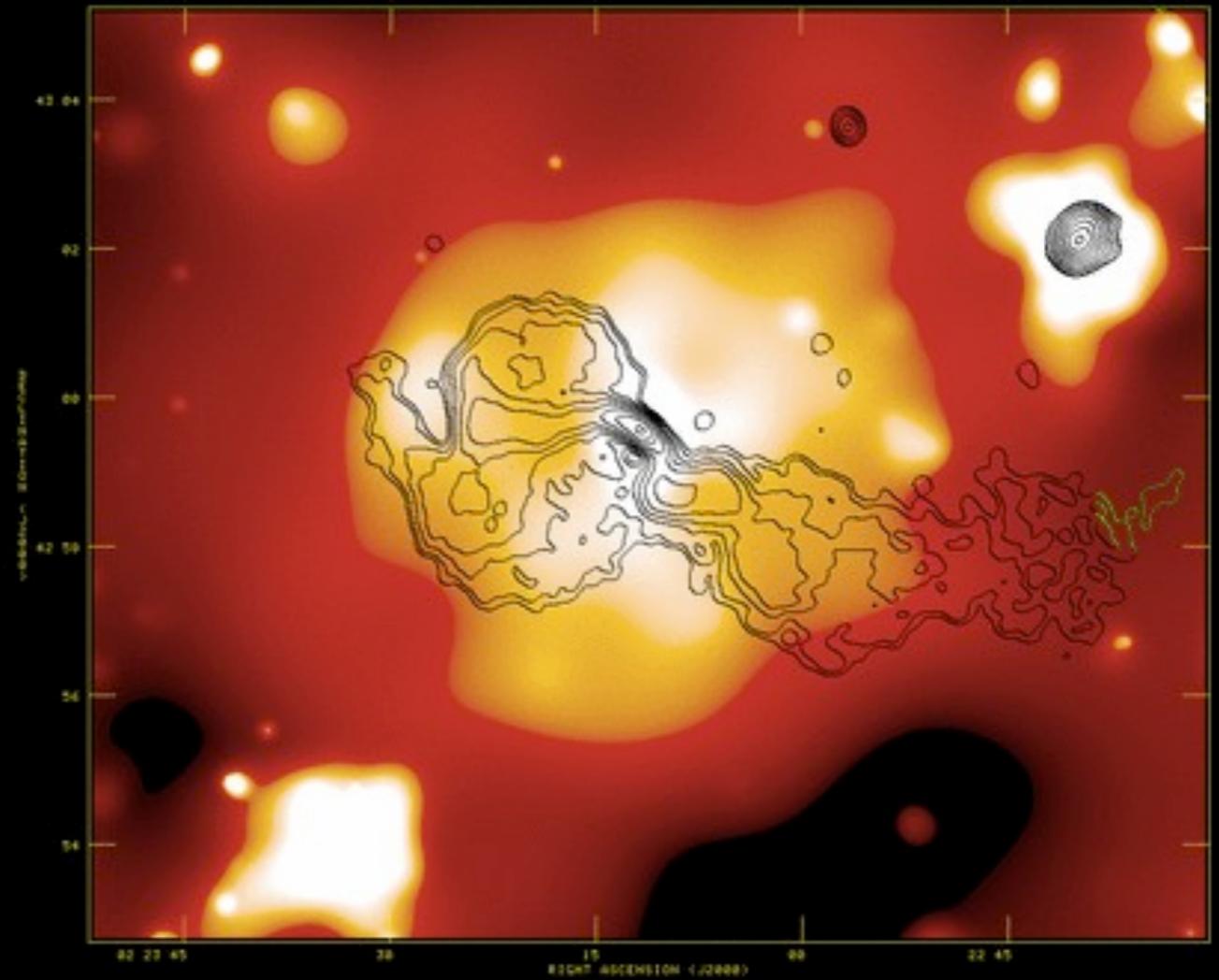
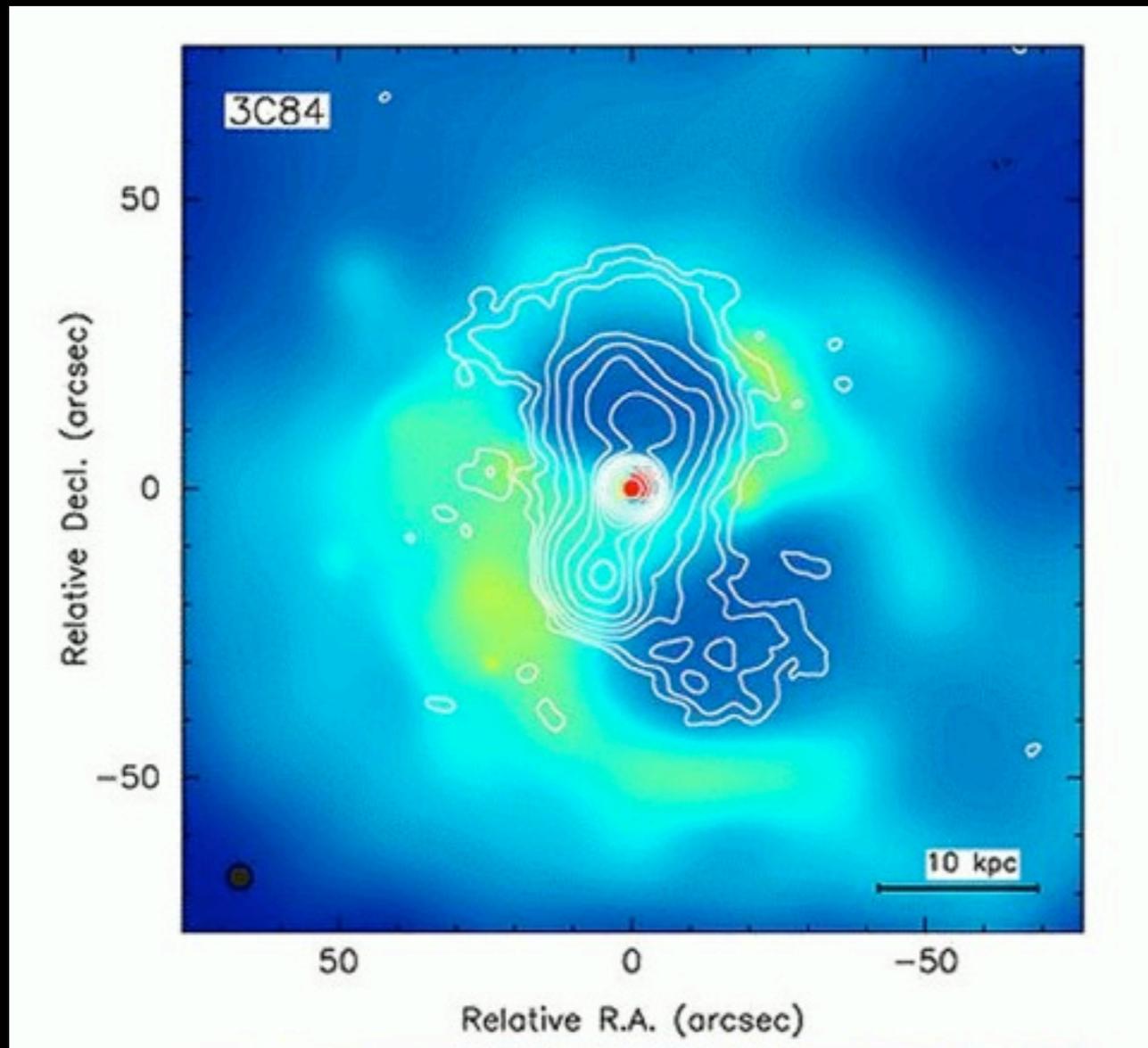
NGC 6240

AGN jets

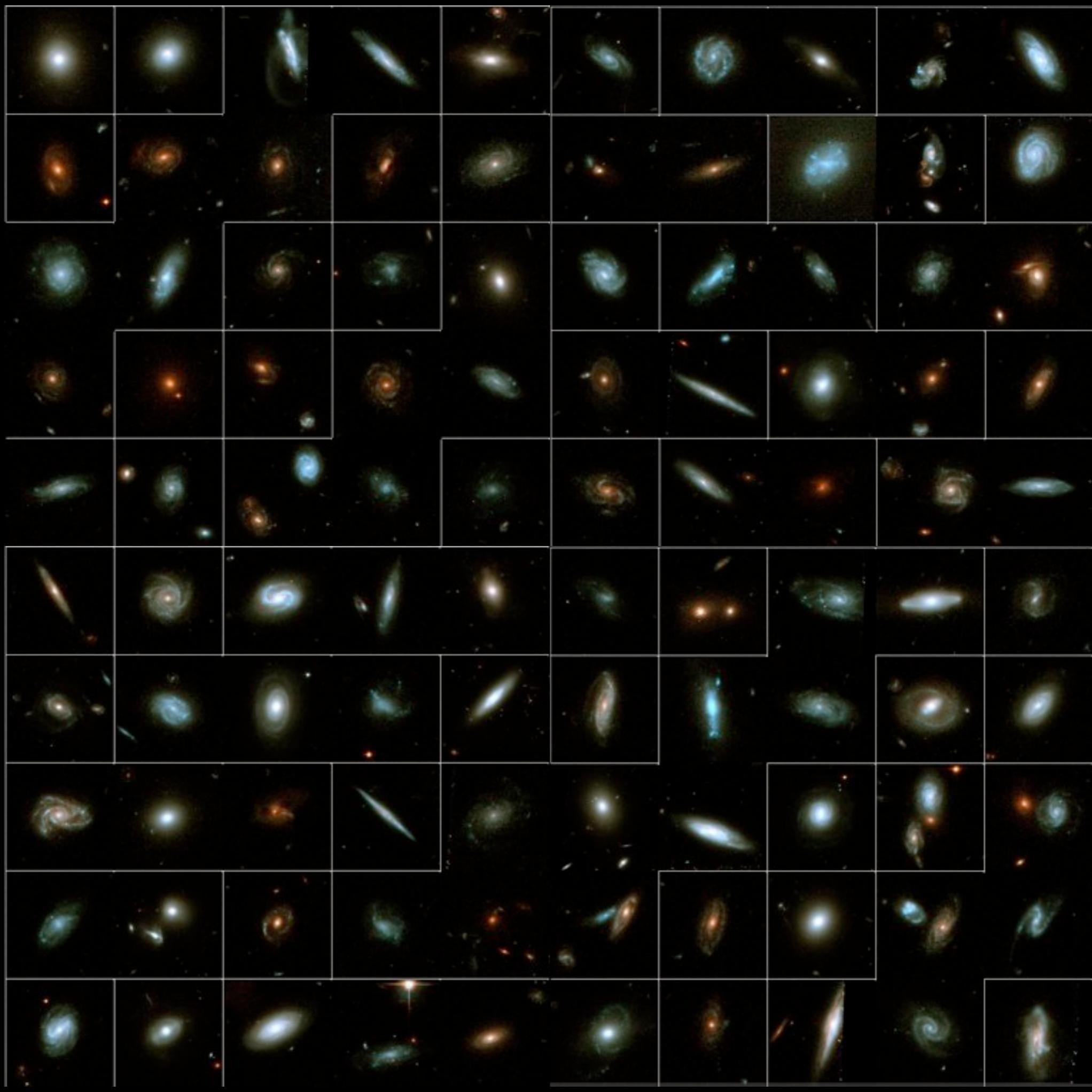
The image shows a bright, yellowish-white point source in the upper left, representing the nucleus of the M87 galaxy. A long, narrow, and slightly curved jet of light extends from this source towards the lower right. The jet is composed of several distinct, brighter segments separated by fainter regions, indicating internal structure or shocks. The background is a dark, reddish-brown color, typical of a radio continuum image, with numerous small, faint white spots representing other stars or galaxies in the field.

M87
(Virgo cluster)

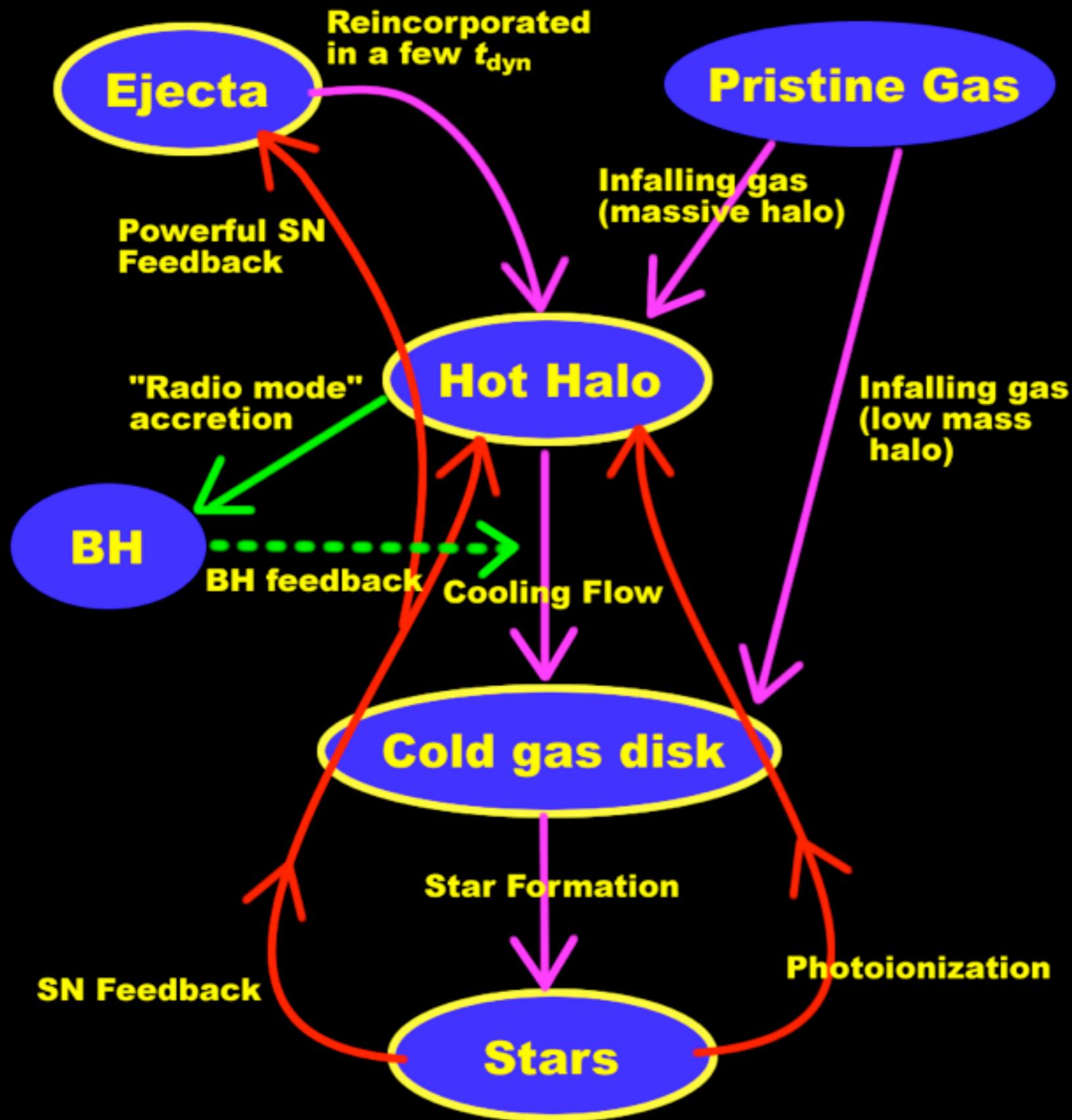
AGN bubbles



GEMS (Rix et al. 2004)



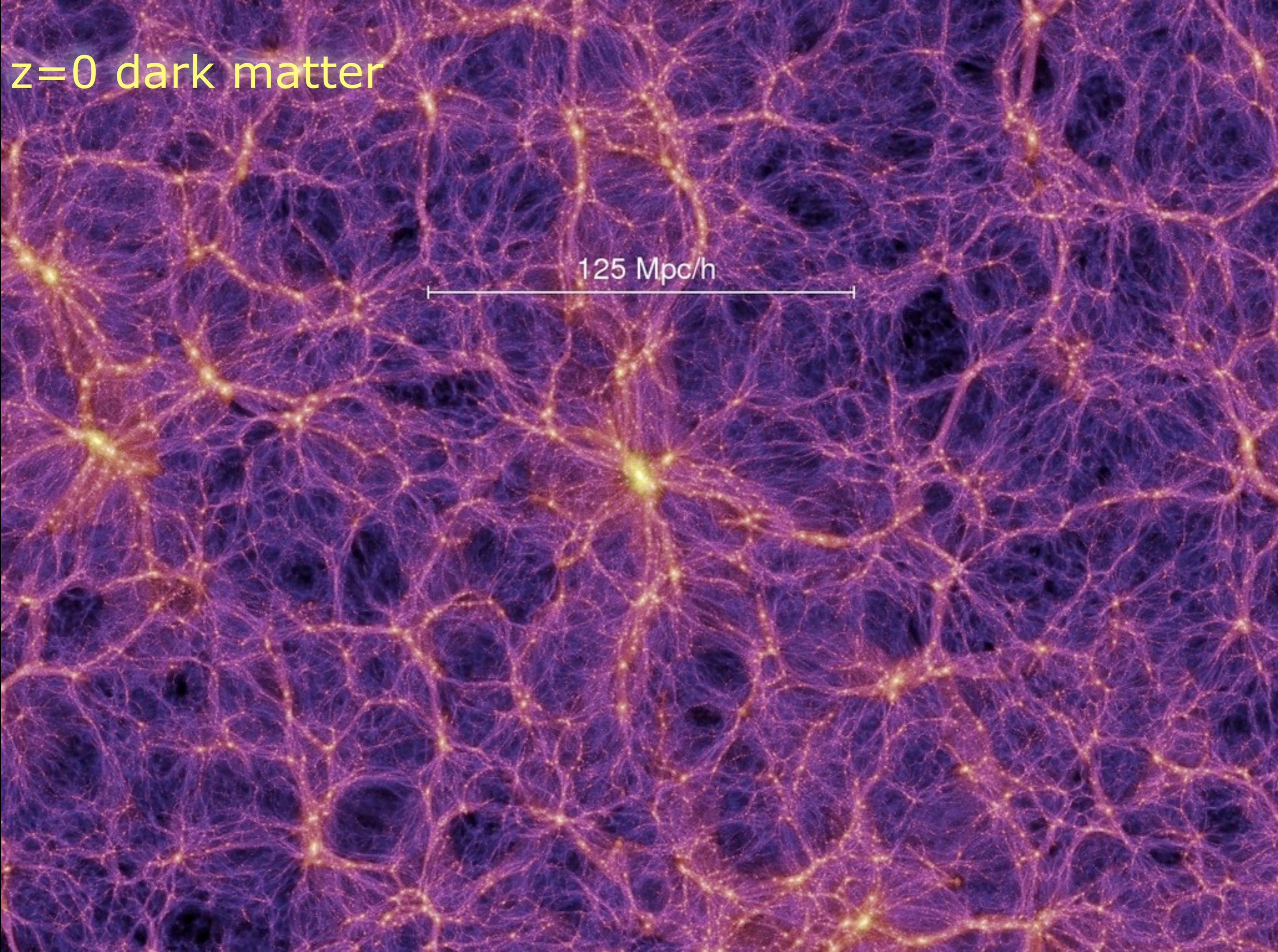
iPad



- ▶ Schmidt law star formation
- ▶ SFR dependent SN winds
- ▶ satellite gas stripping
- ▶ morphological transformation
- ▶ assembly through mergers
- ▶ starbursts through mergers
- ▶ Magorrian relation BH growth
- ▶ jet & bubble AGN feedback

$z=0$ dark matter

125 Mpc/h

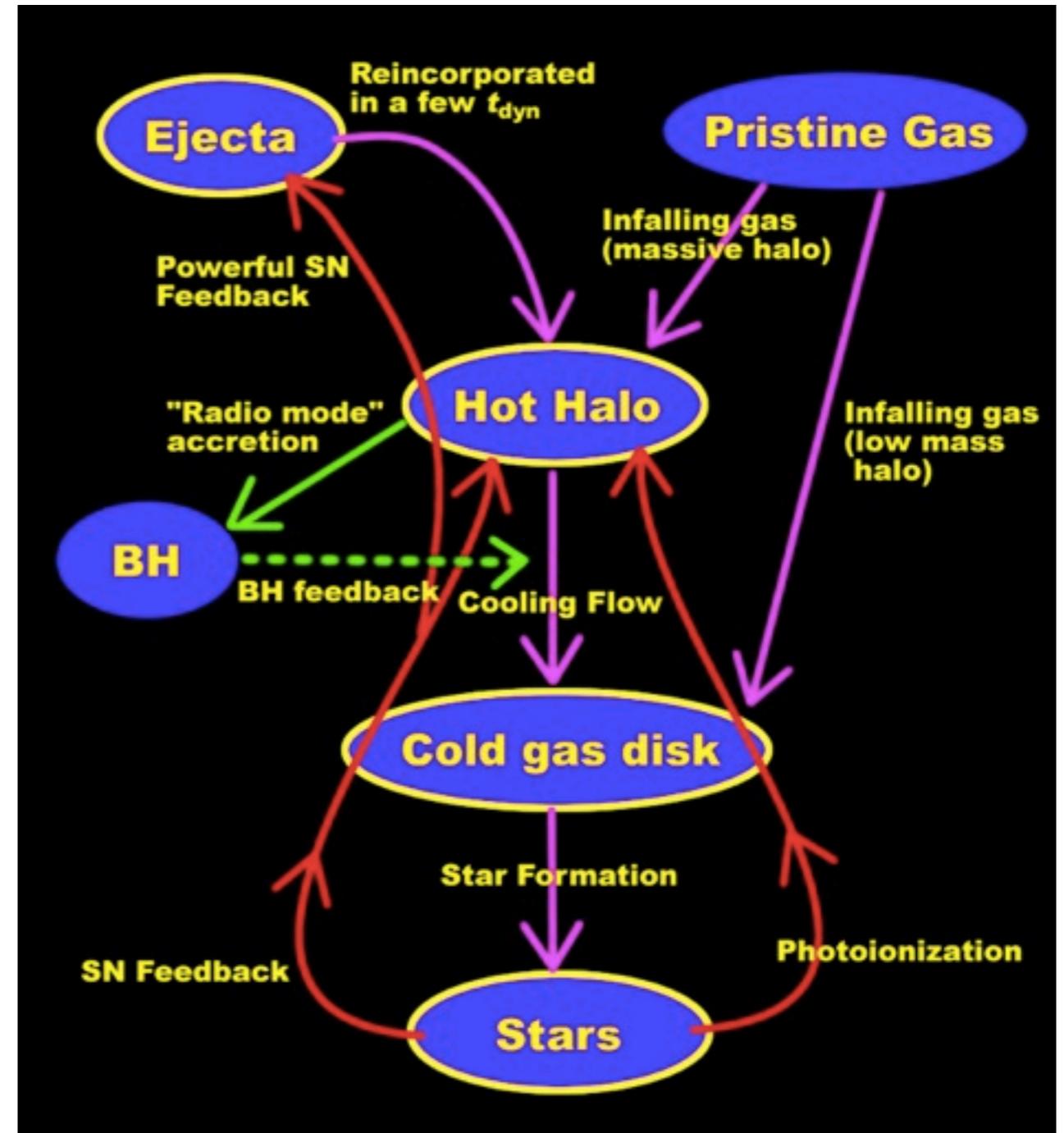
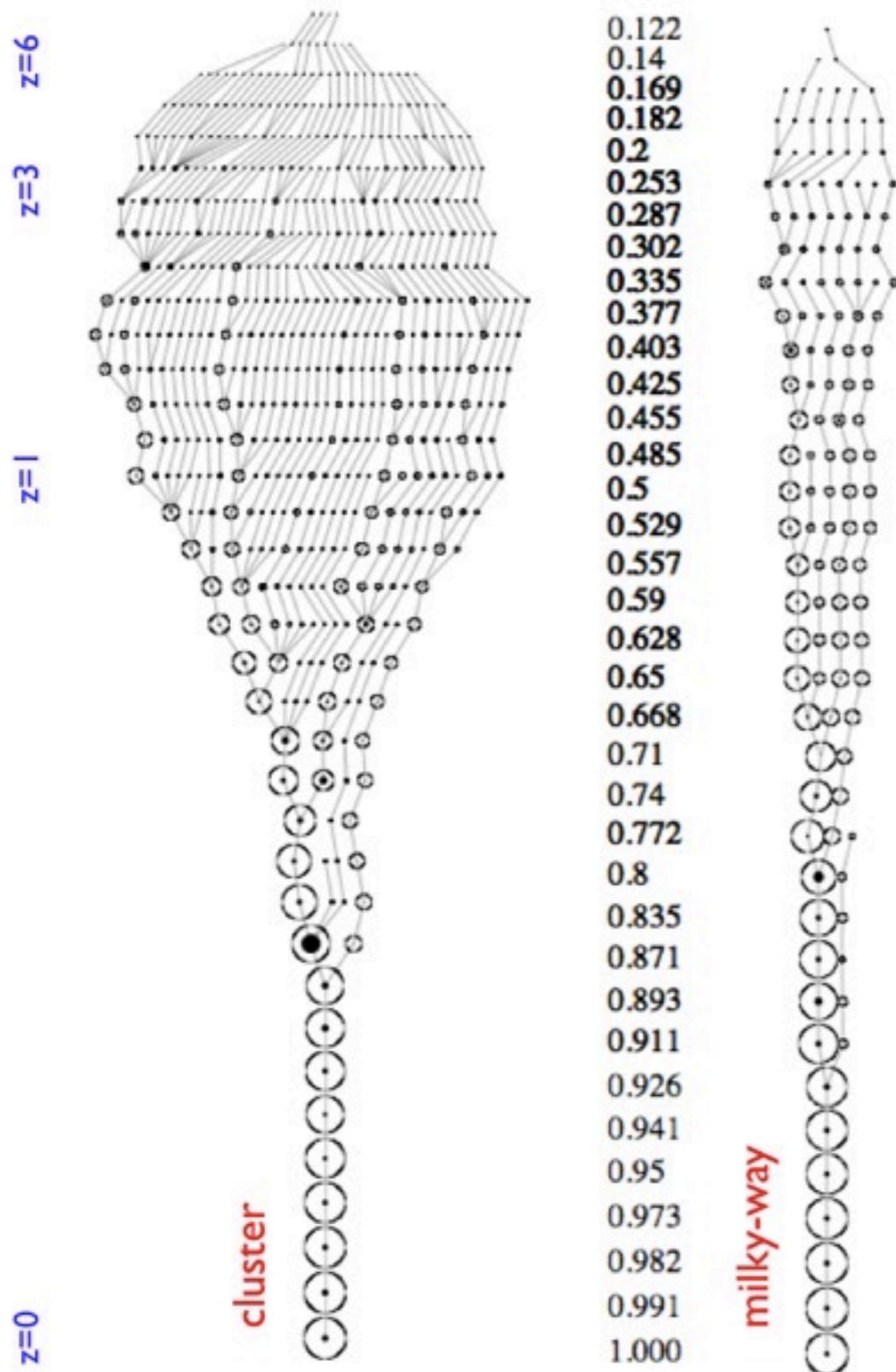


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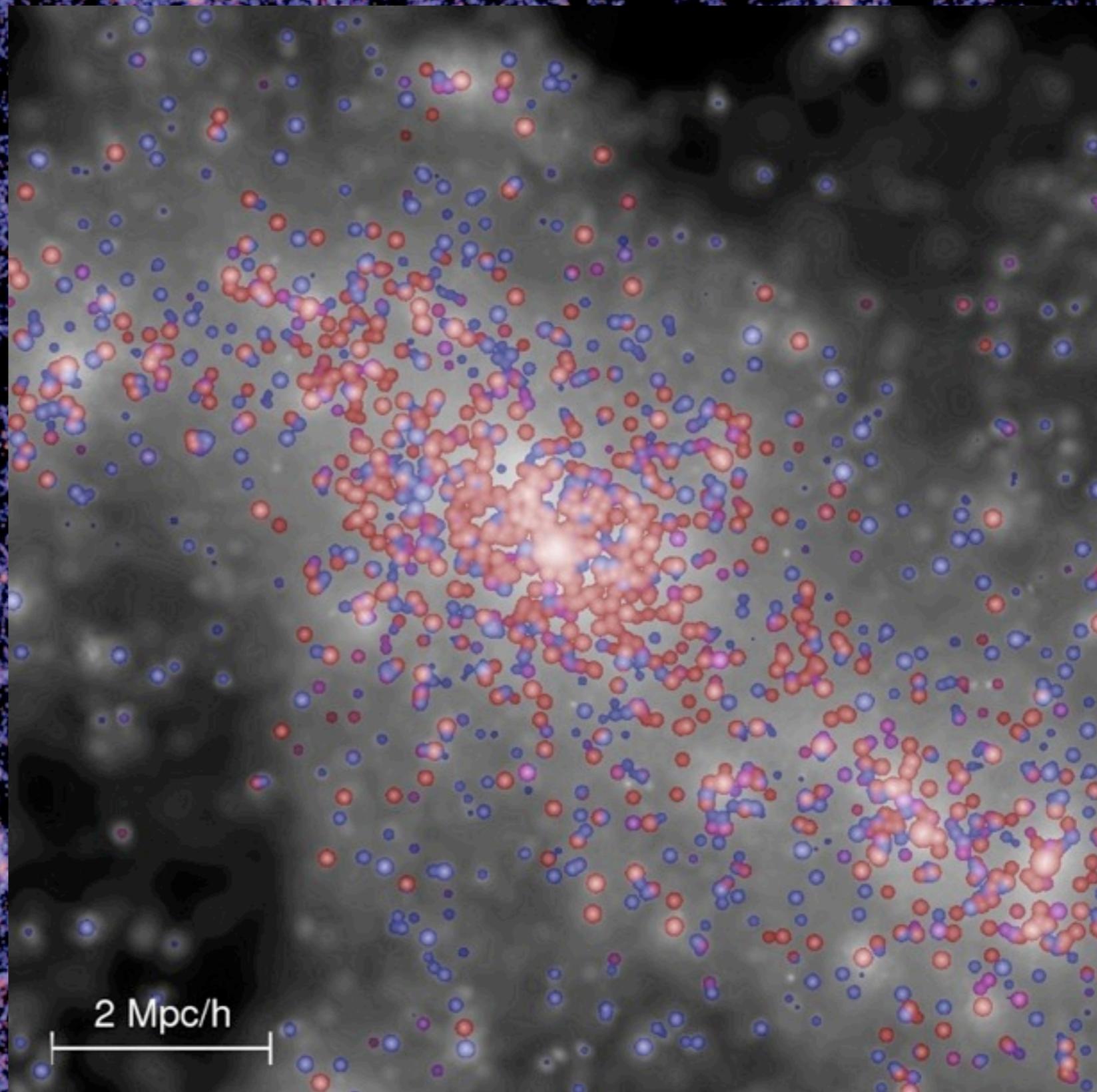
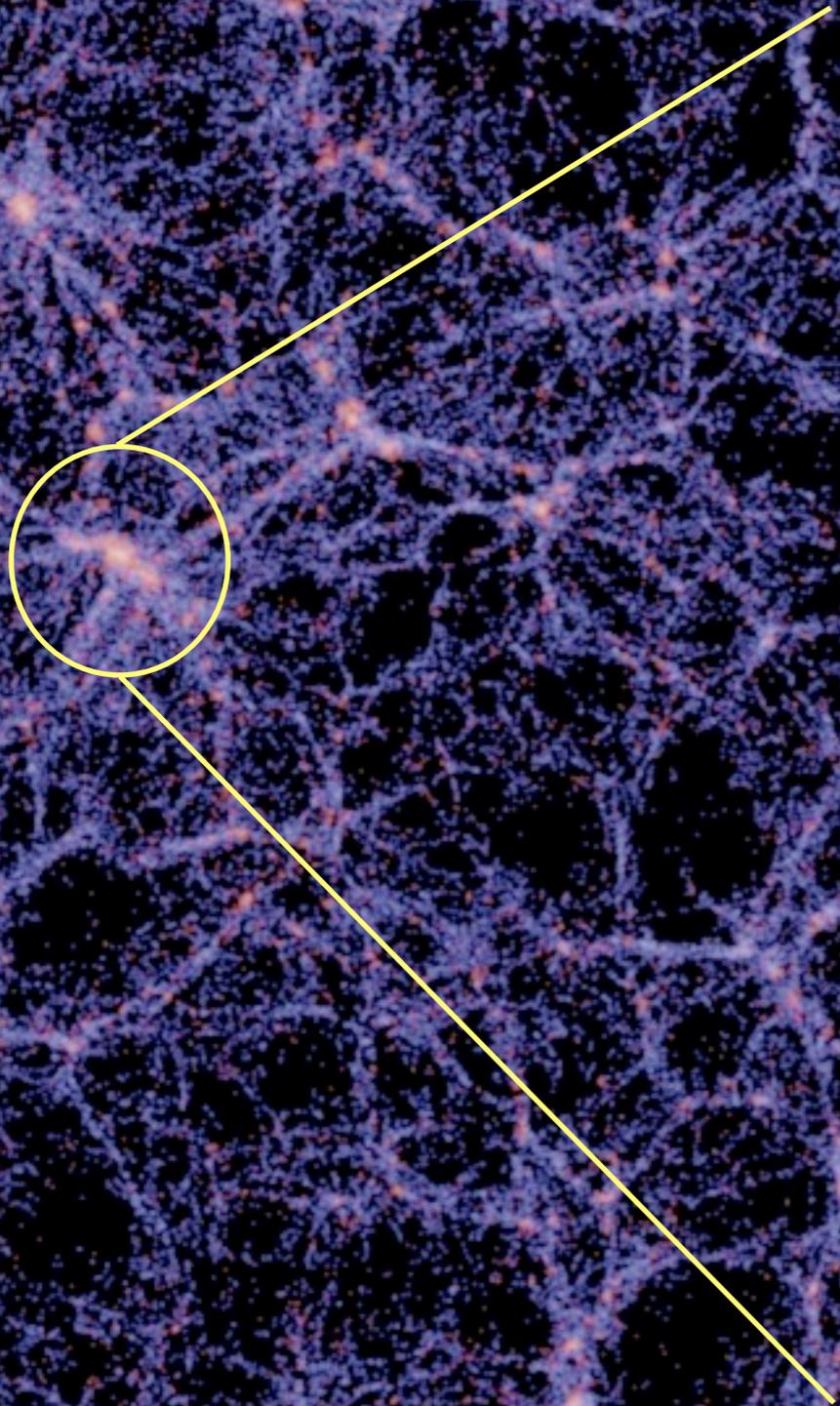
Numerical Simulation

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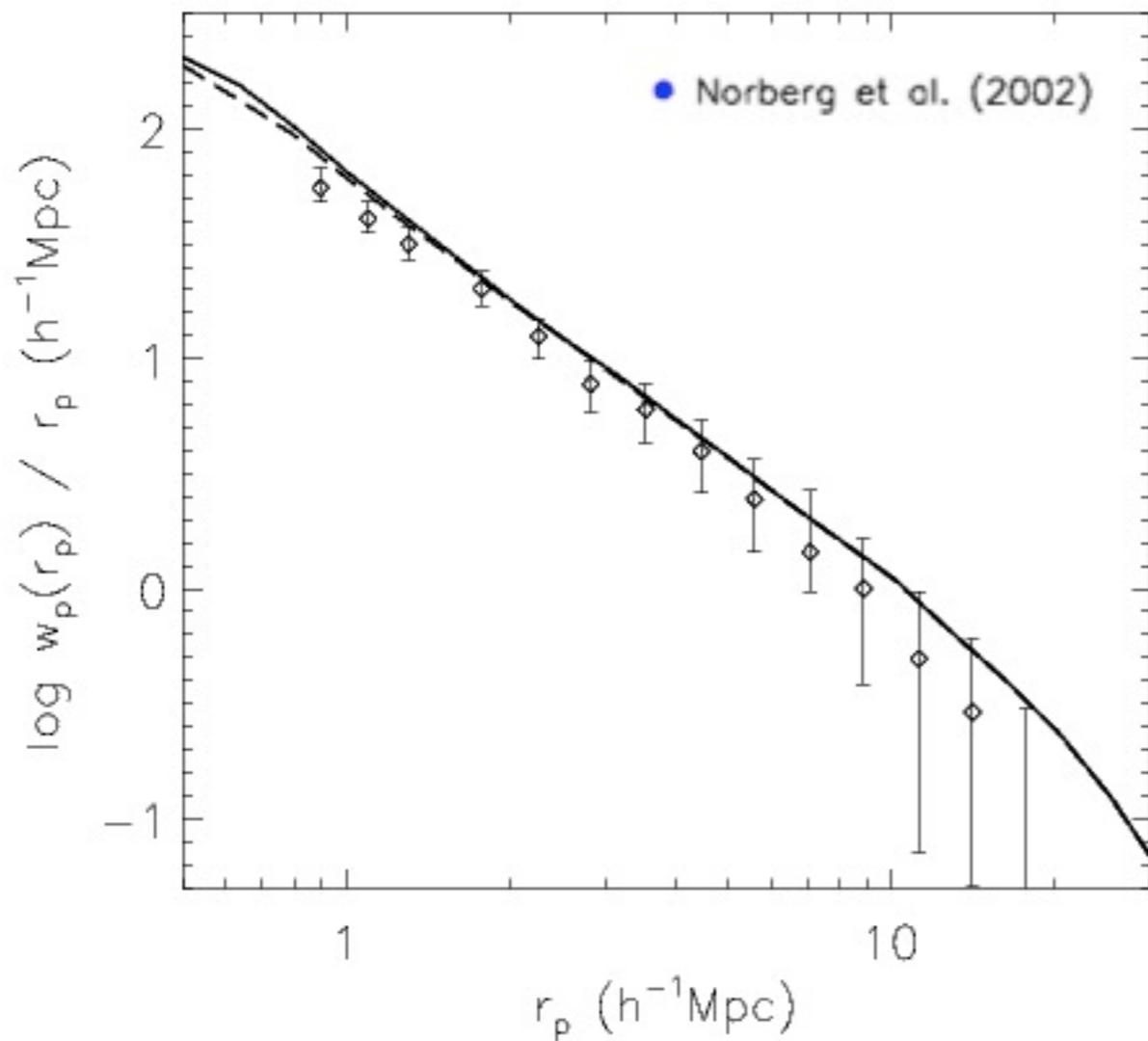
Analytic Simulation



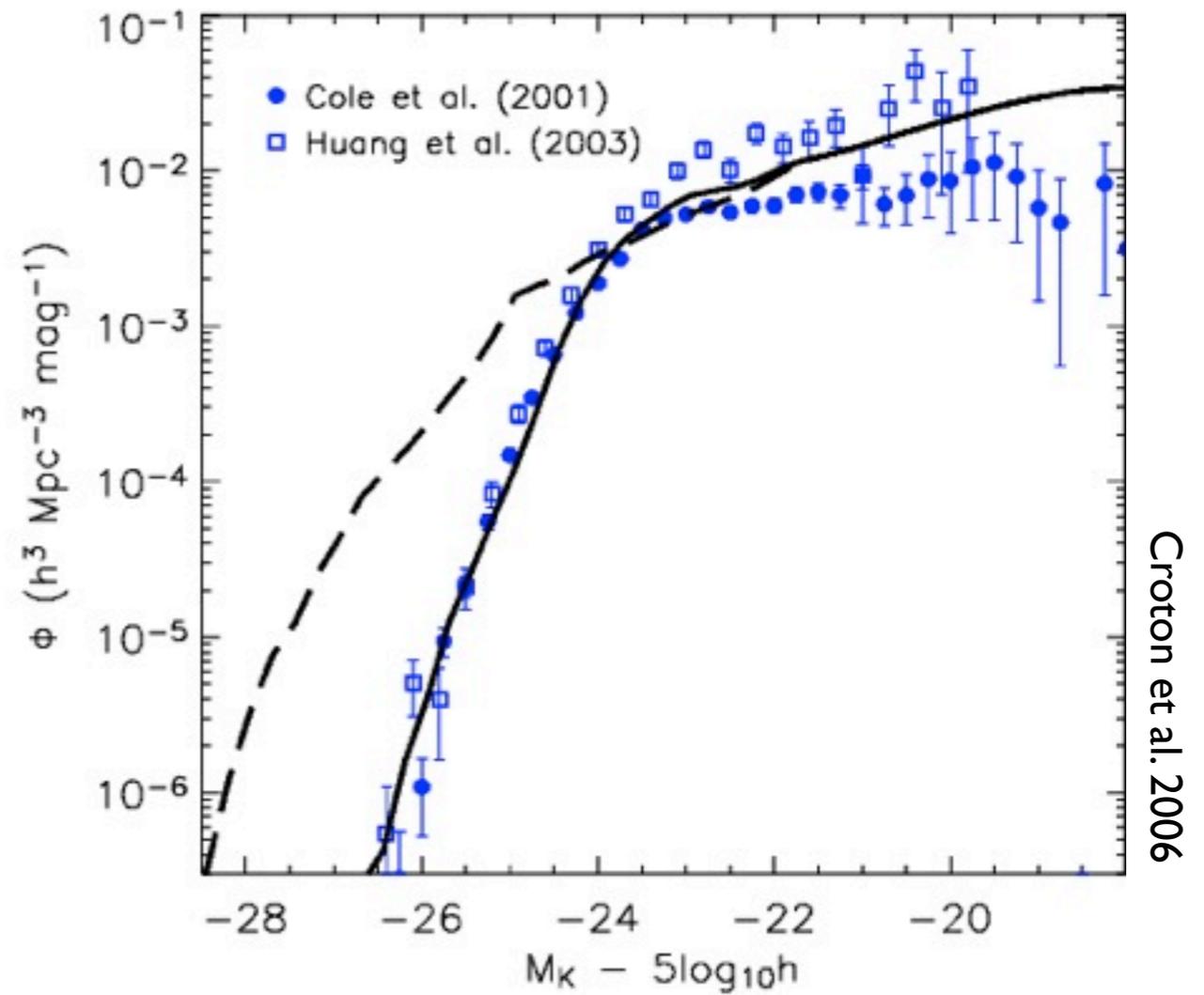
$z=0$ galaxy light



Galaxy spatial and luminosity distributions



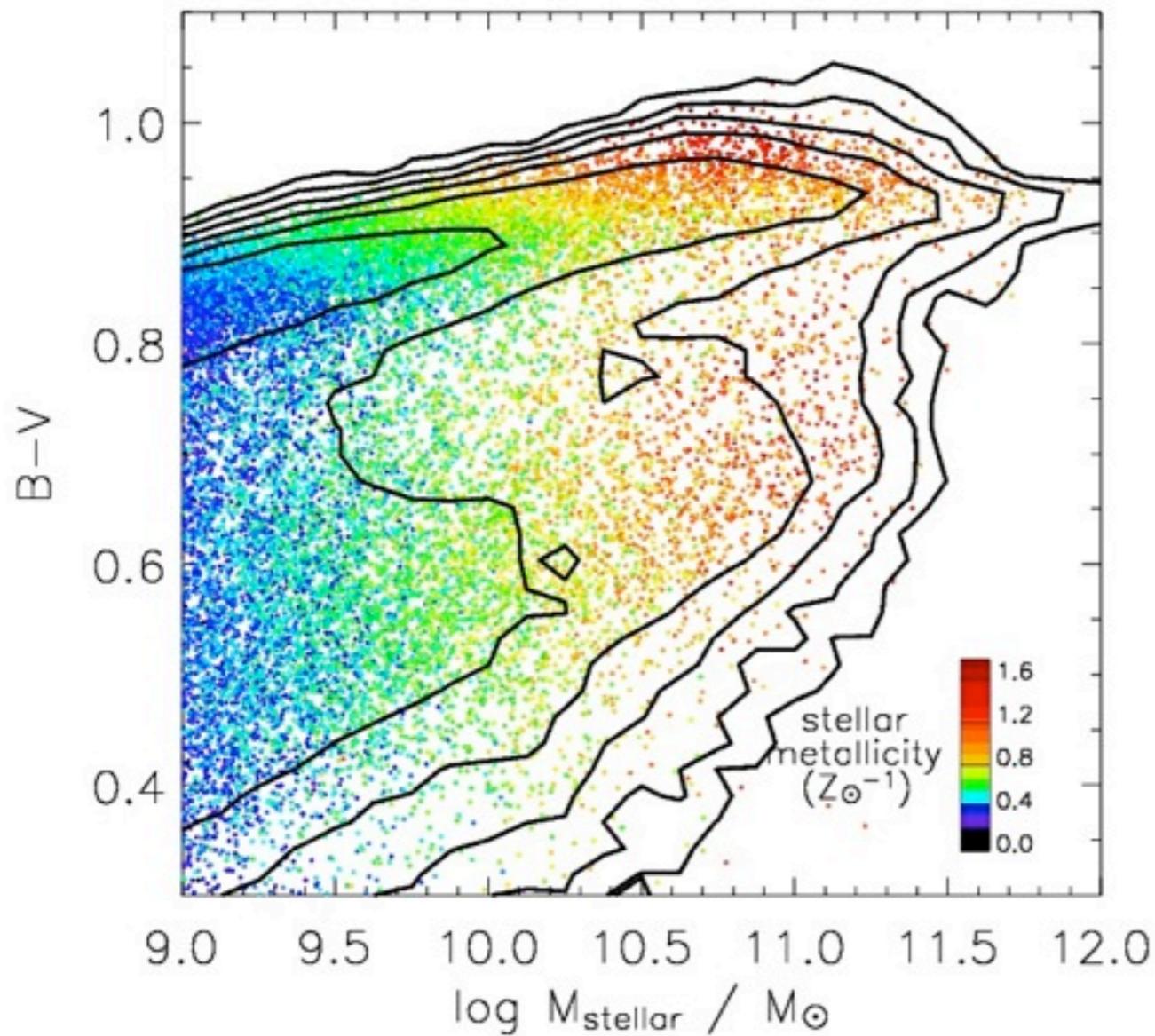
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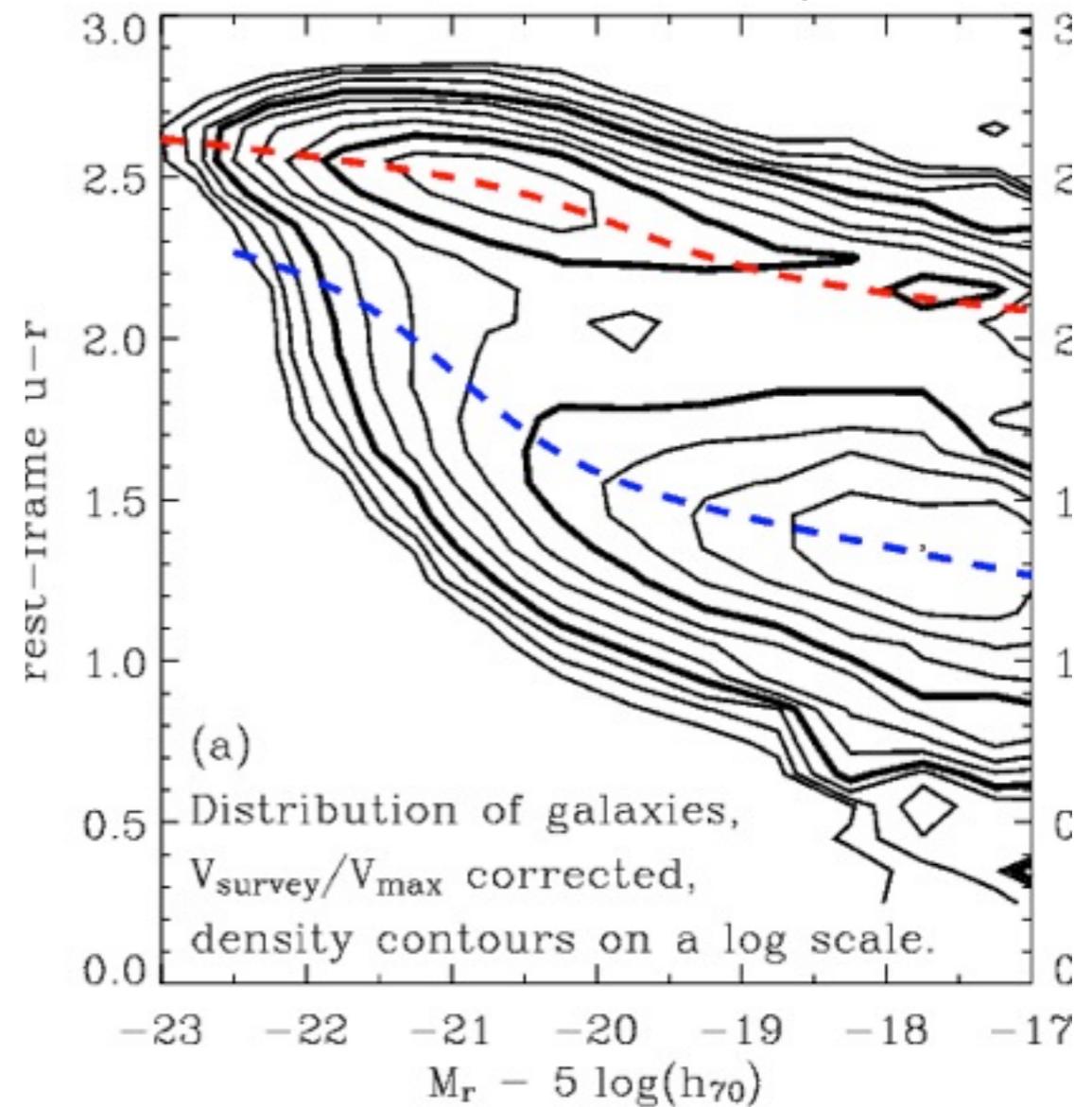
Galaxy colour distribution

Croton et al. 2006



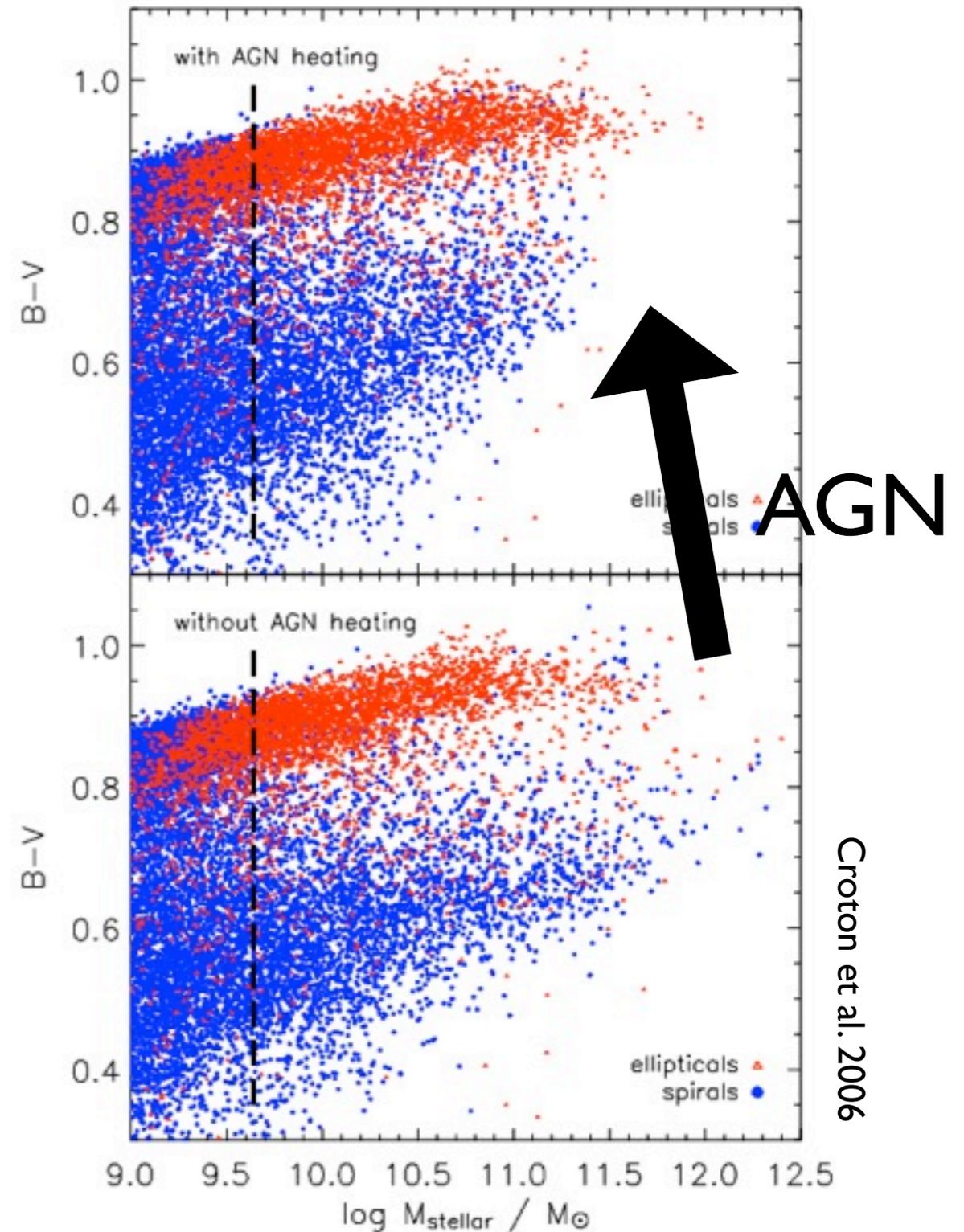
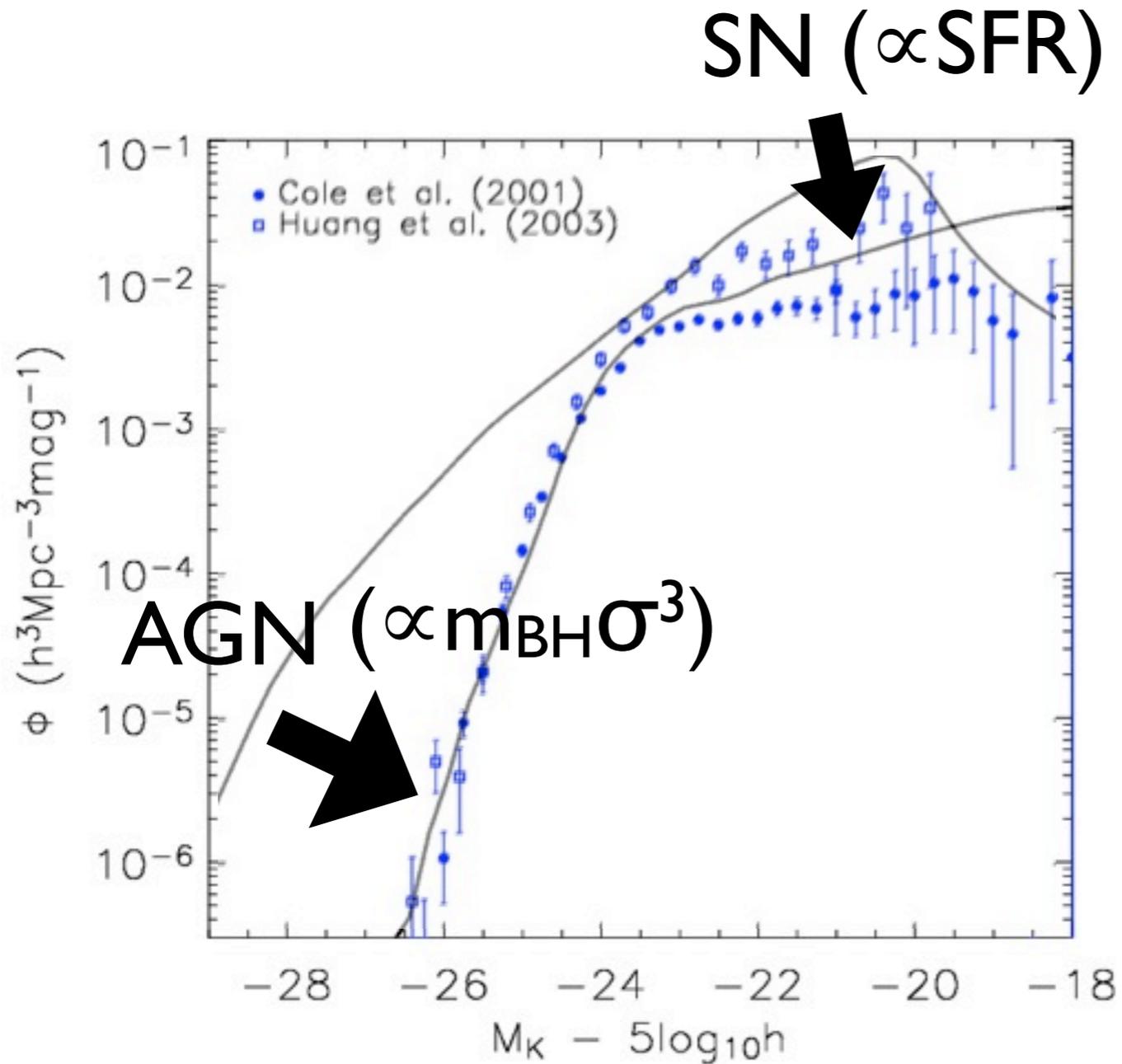
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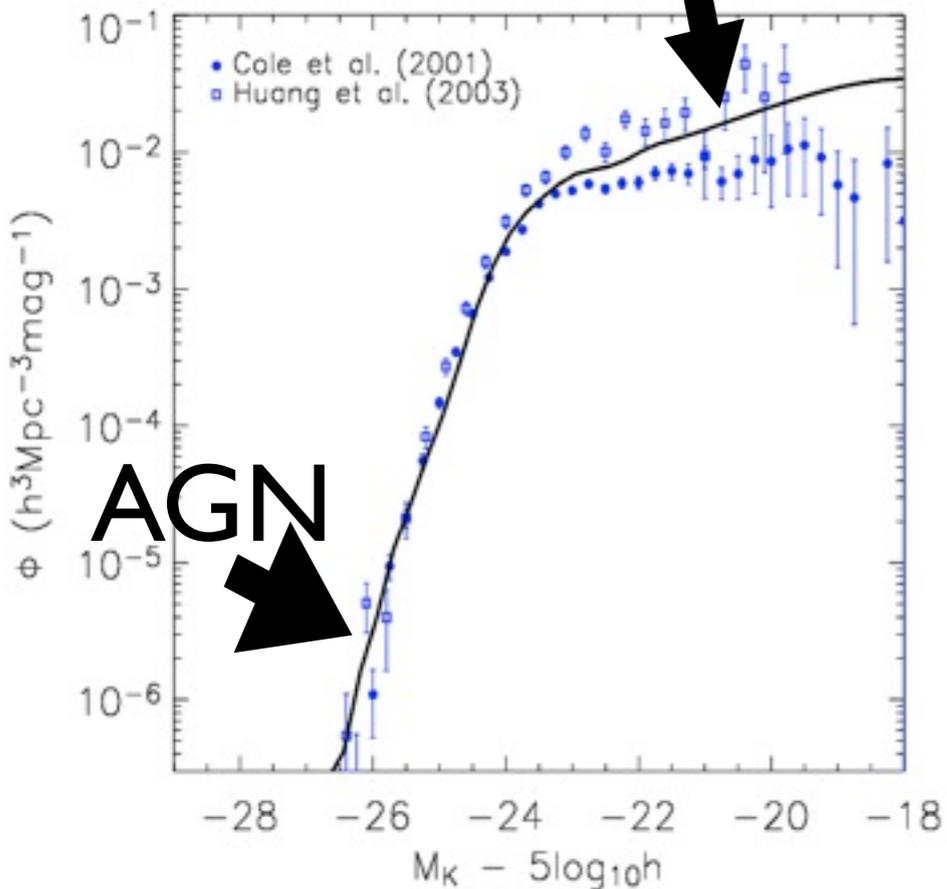
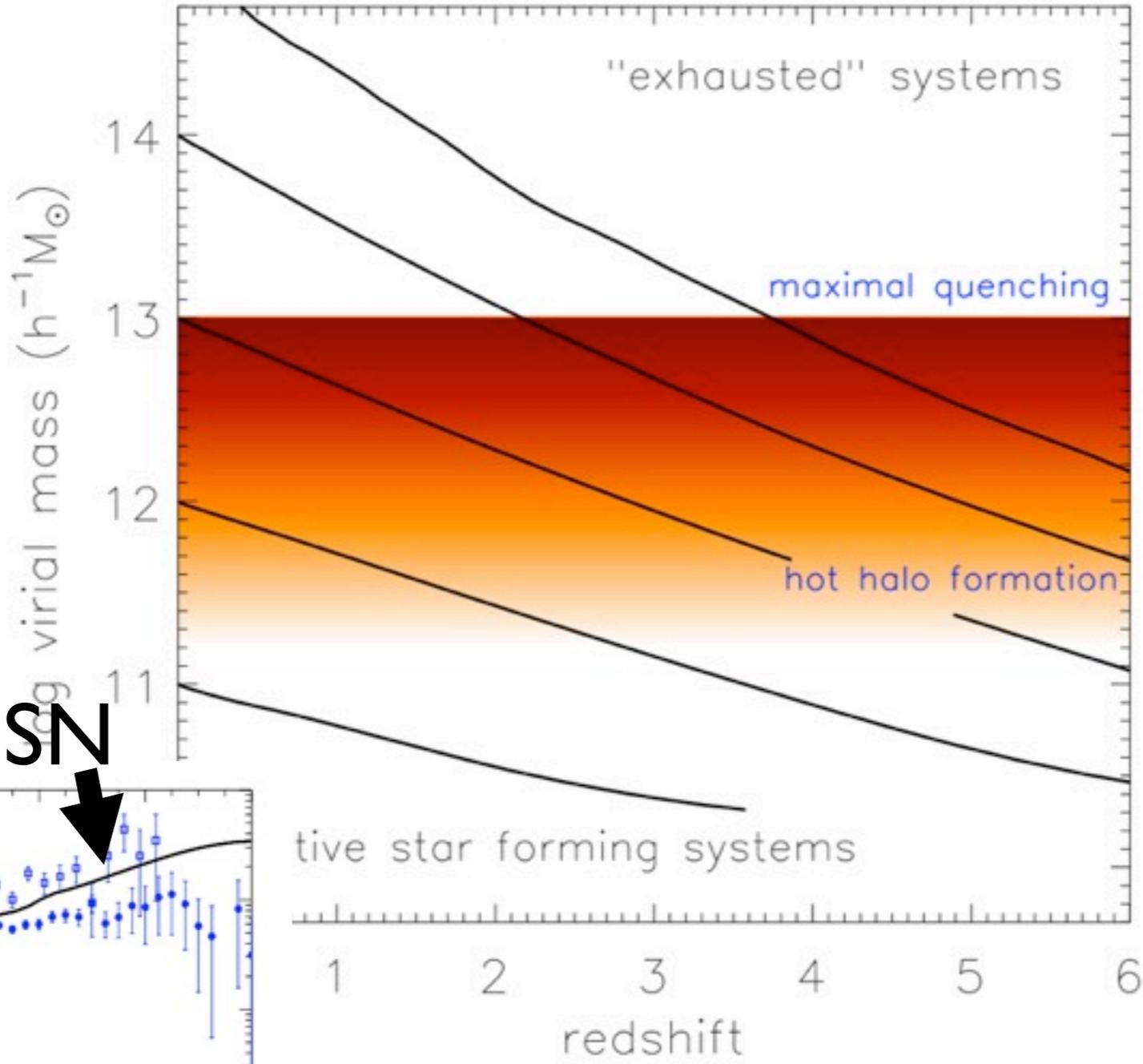
Baldry et al. 2005

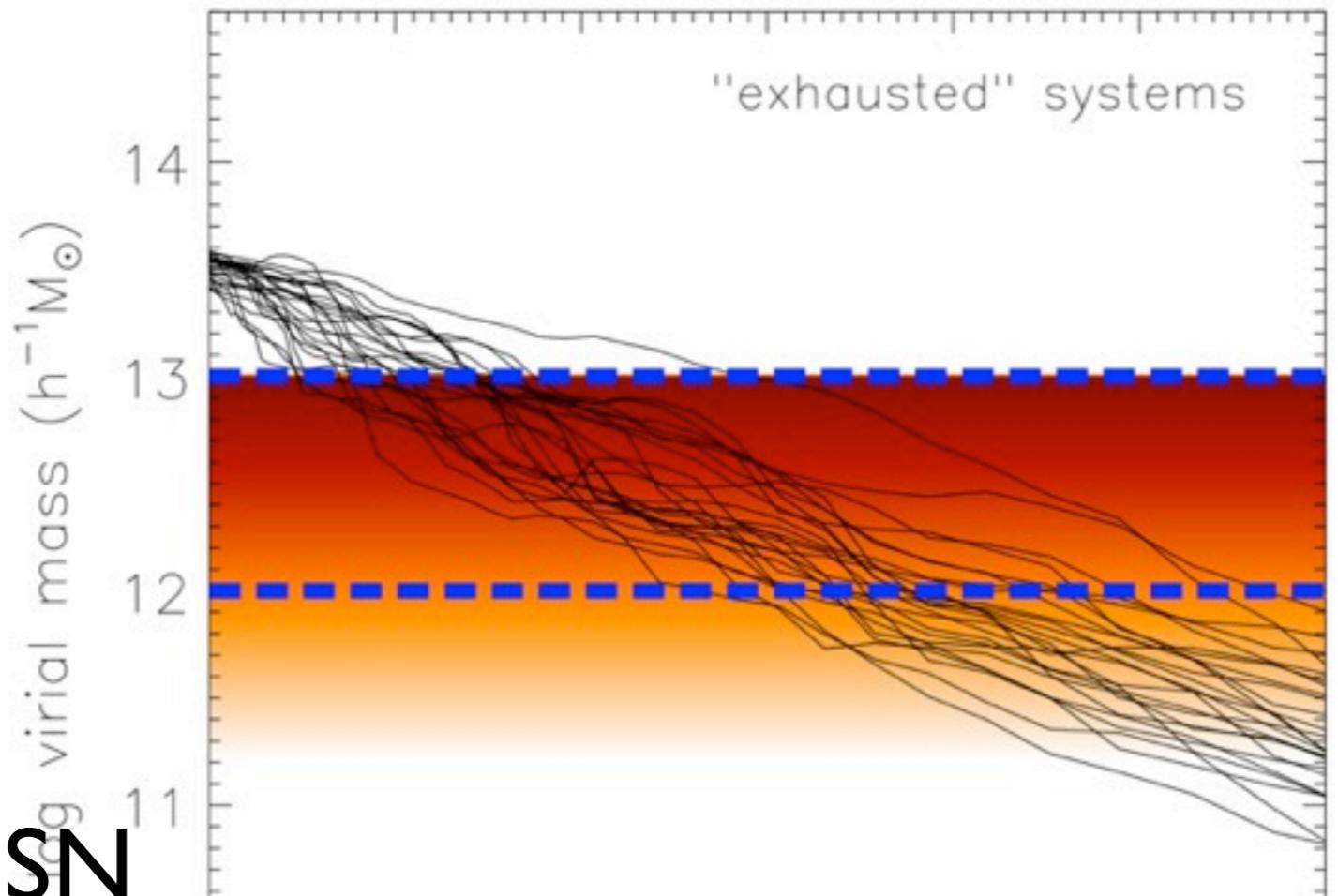


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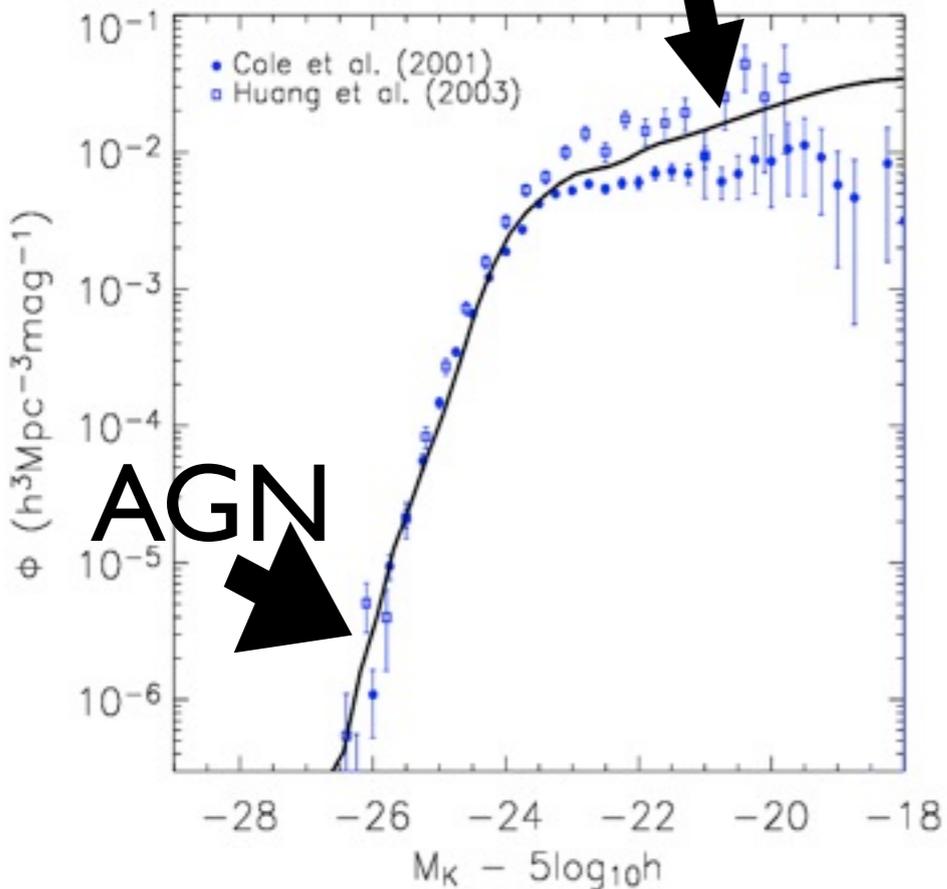
Physical consequences



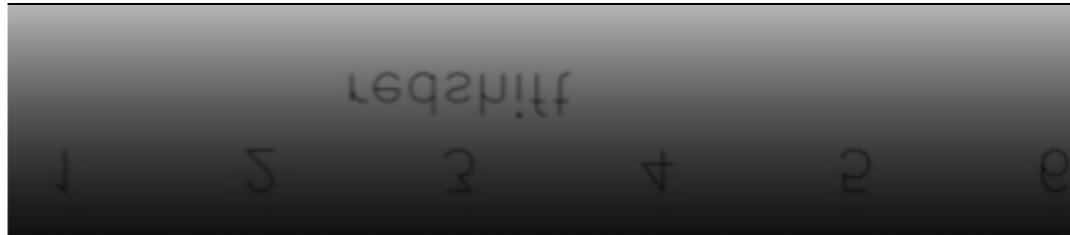




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active star forming systems



Our model is only as good as the
questions we ask



For systems with infinite levels of
complexity, our model can never be
"correct"

...and the story continues in
the next lecture with
“Model parameterisation”...