

Galaxy Surveys

- Galaxies, Groups, Clusters & Superclusters:

Tracers of Structure in the Universe

- discrete tracers of underlying density field:

$$n(\vec{x}) \leftrightarrow \rho(\vec{x})$$

- Fair or Biased Tracer ?

Galaxy Surveys

- Ideal Sample:

- all sample points have exactly the same properties over complete “survey volume”

- However ...

galaxies have different luminosities, sizes, etc.:

- systematic influence on distribution as function of depth

- do galaxy properties depend on environment ?

Galaxy Surveys

- Various selection criteria:
 - + magnitude-limited
 - + angular diameter – limited
- Galaxy distribution as tracer cosmic structure:
 - + requirement to understand selection $\psi(r,\theta,\varphi,\nu,T)$:
sampling rate of galaxies at
distance r
sky position θ, φ
frequency ν
galaxy type T
- Most convenient and best controlled:
 - + selection on basis luminosity/brightness

Luminosity Function

Large variety of galaxies

- ranging from dwarfs to giant ellipticals
- large range of luminosity/brightness

Luminosity distribution:

$$dn(L) = \phi(L)dL$$

number density of galaxies with luminosity

$$[L, L+dL]$$

PS. Luminosity distribution may depend on various galaxy properties, such as morphological type

Schechter Luminosity Function

Very good approximate expression for the galaxy luminosity distribution:

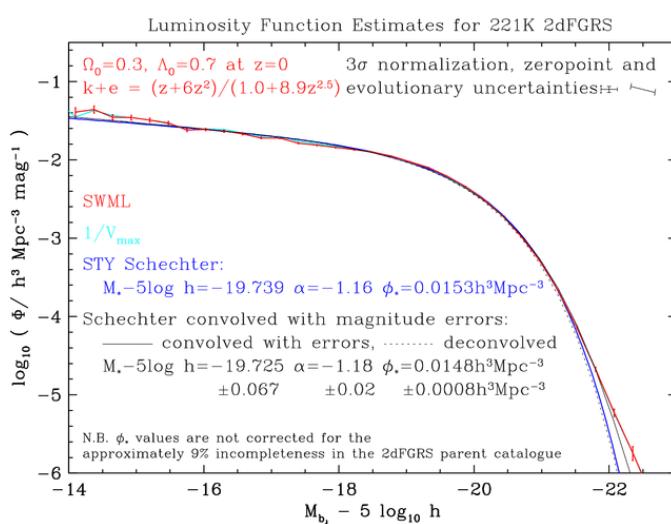
- Schechter Luminosity Function:

$$\phi(L)dL = \phi^* \left(\frac{L}{L_*} \right)^\alpha e^{-L/L_*} d\left(\frac{L}{L_*} \right)$$

- Parameterized by 3 parameters:

ϕ^* : normalization density parameter
 L_* : characteristic luminosity
 α : faint-end slope

Schechter Function



Schechter Luminosity Function

- Mean space density gal's:

$$\langle n \rangle = \int_0^{\infty} \phi(L) dL = \phi^* \int_0^{\infty} s^{\alpha} e^{-s} ds = \phi^* \Gamma(\alpha + 1)$$

- Gamma function: $\Gamma(z) = \int_0^{\infty} t^{z-1} e^{-t} dt$

- Notice: divergent if $\alpha < -1$
(infinite contribution faint gal's)

- Mean Luminosity (from cosmic volume)

$$\langle L \rangle = \int_0^{\infty} L \phi(L) dL = \phi^* L_* \int_0^{\infty} s^{(\alpha+1)} e^{-s} ds = \phi^* L_* \Gamma(\alpha + 2)$$

- divergent only if $\alpha < -2$

Schechter Luminosity Function

- 2d FGRs luminosity function:

$$\begin{aligned} M_* &= -19.725 \\ \alpha &= -1.18 \\ \phi^* &= 0.0148 \text{ } Mpc^{-3} \end{aligned}$$

- Faint Galaxies dominate number density !!!!!

Bright Galaxies determine the luminosity (stars)
in a cosmic volume !!!!!

Survey Depth

- Most galaxy surveys defined by apparent magnitude limit m_{lim}
- All galaxies having an apparent brightness higher than that corresponding to m_{lim} are included in survey
- Depends on
 - intrinsic brightness/absolute magnitude M
 - (luminosity) distance d_L
(- k-correction: shift galaxy spectrum as function redshift z)
- Absolute Magnitude \longleftrightarrow Apparent Magnitude

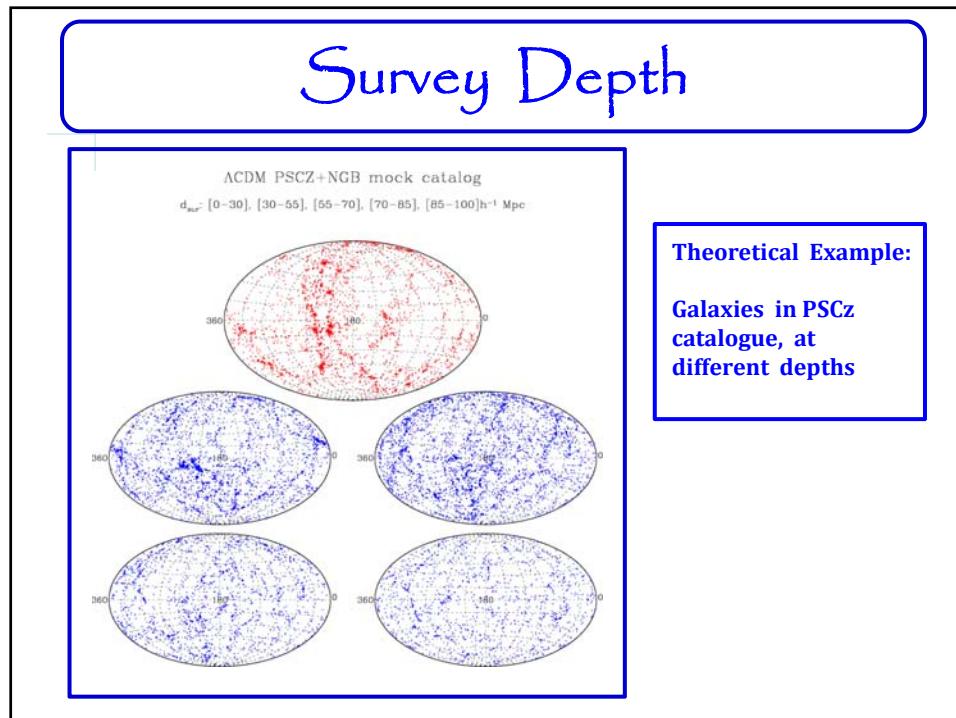
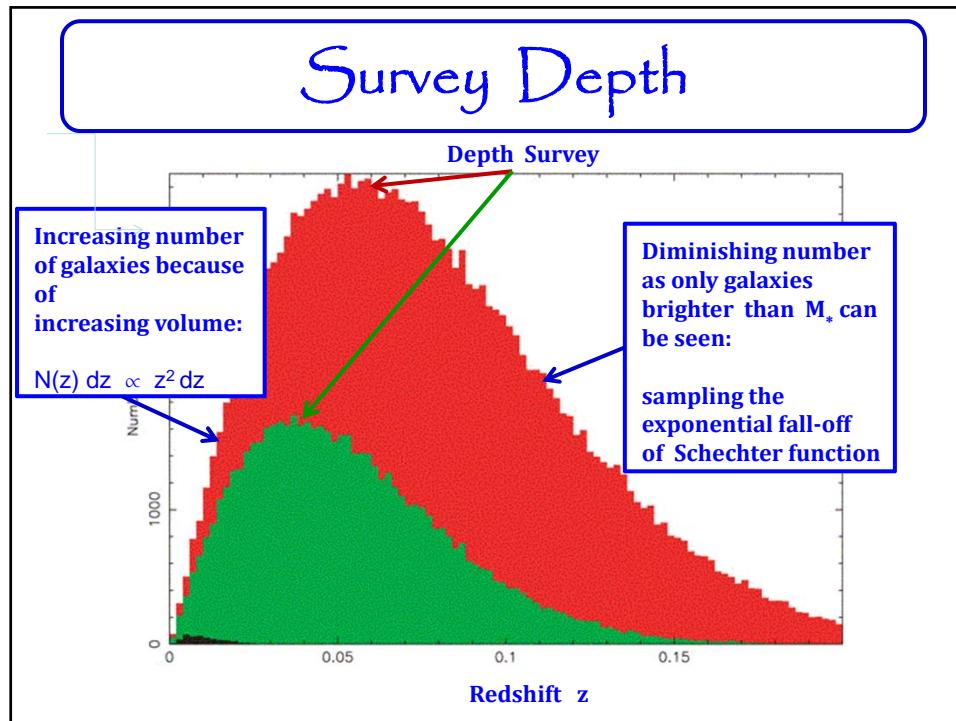
$$M = m - 5 \log d_L(z) - 25 - k(z)$$

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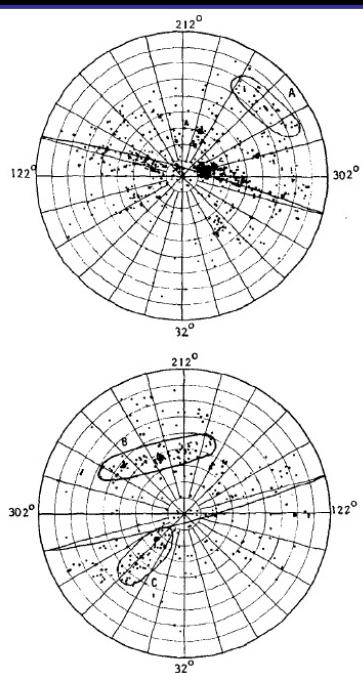
- For a survey with magnitude limit m_{lim} :
- At distance d_L (Mpc) one can see galaxies brighter than:

$$M_{\text{lim}} = m_{\text{lim}} - 5 \log d_L(z) - 25 - k(z)$$
- Survey Depth d_{sur} :
distance out to which one can see an M_* galaxy:

$$\log d_{\text{sur}} = 0.2(m_{\text{lim}} - M_*) + 5 + 0.2k(z)$$



Sky Maps: world all around us



Early Views

Shapley-Ames catalog (1932) of nearby galaxies:

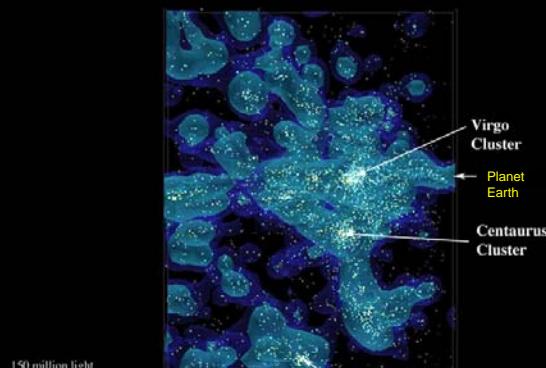
All-sky survey of galaxies to $m=18.3$

$$\delta > -23^\circ$$

- numerous concentrations:
groups and clusters (incl. Virgo cluster)
- asymmetry between north and south:
many more galaxies on northern sky
- conspicuous concentration along a line
running through richest nearby cluster,
the Virgo cluster:
- The Supergalactic Plane
(first identified by de Vaucouleurs:
the plane of our own Local Supercluster)

The Local Supercluster

End-on View of the Local Supercluster:



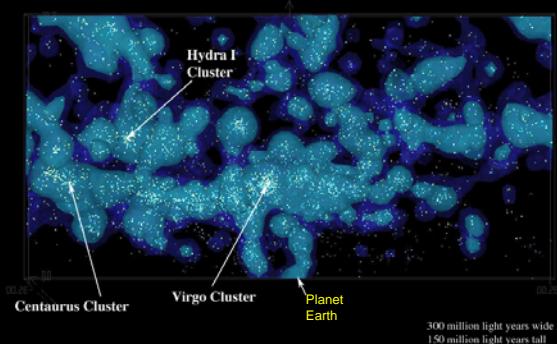
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Our Local Group finds itself located at the outer region of a large supercluster region,

- the “Local Supercluster”,
- a large flattened mass concentration $\sim 10 h^{-1} \text{ Mpc}$ in size,
- centered on one rich cluster, the Virgo cluster

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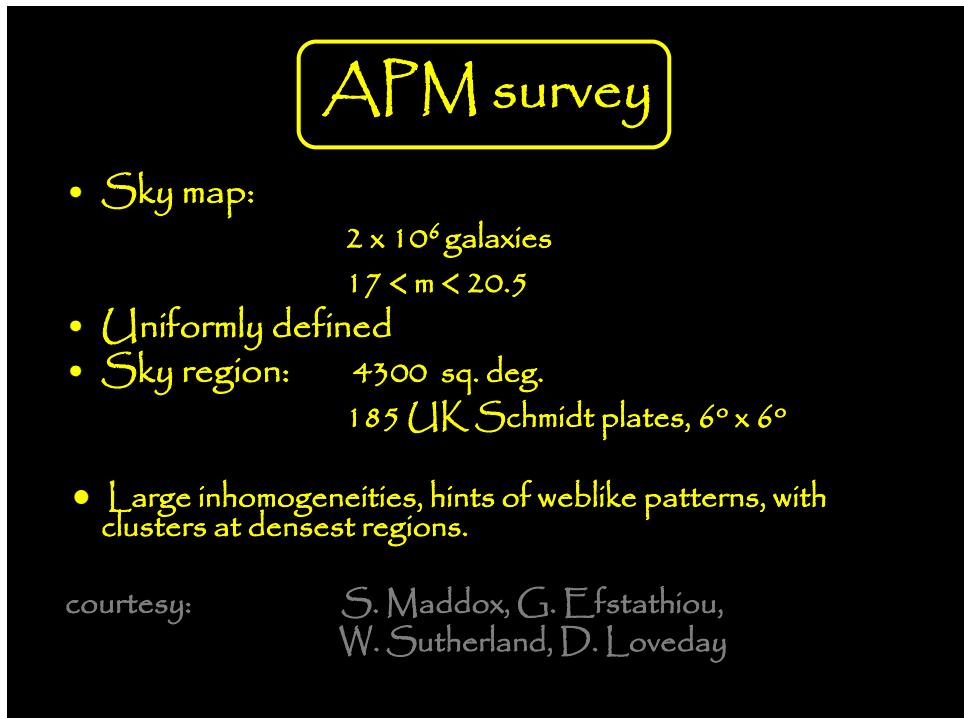
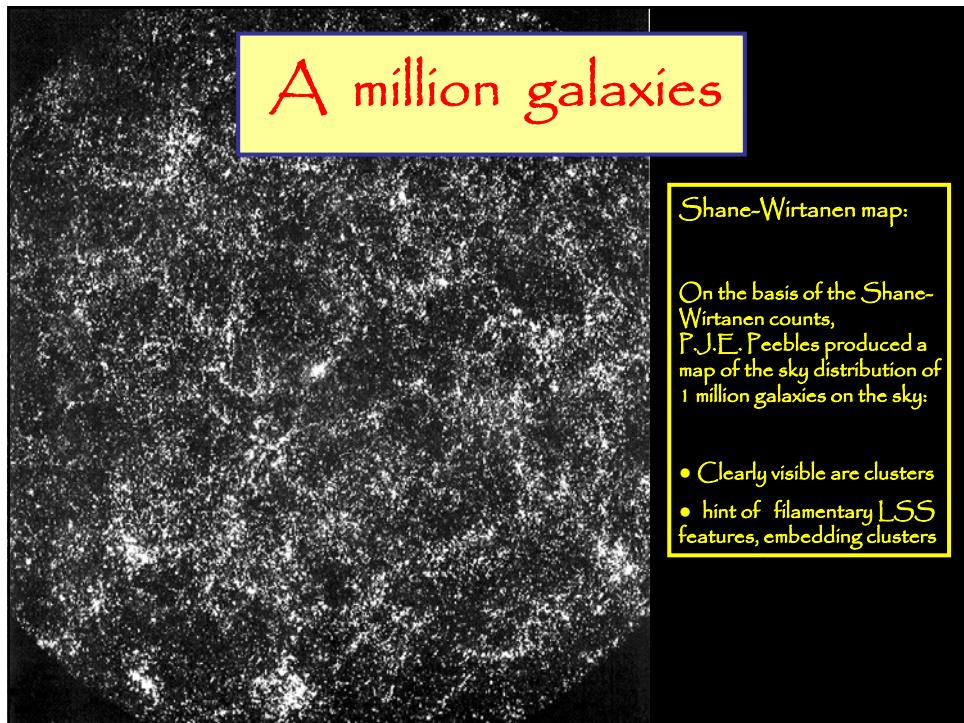
Polar View of Local Supercluster:

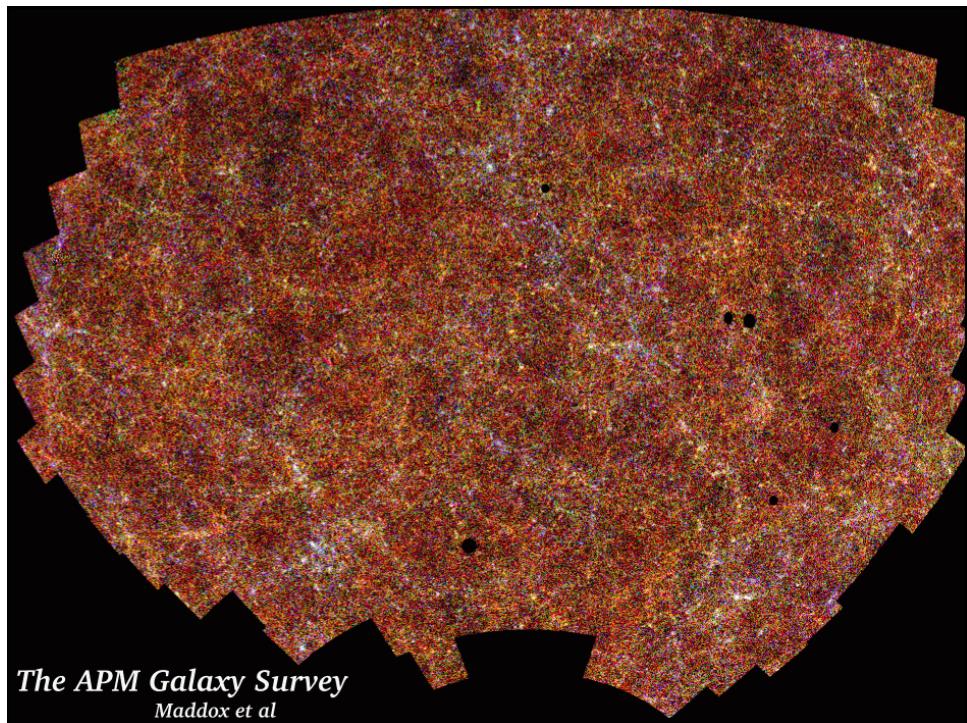


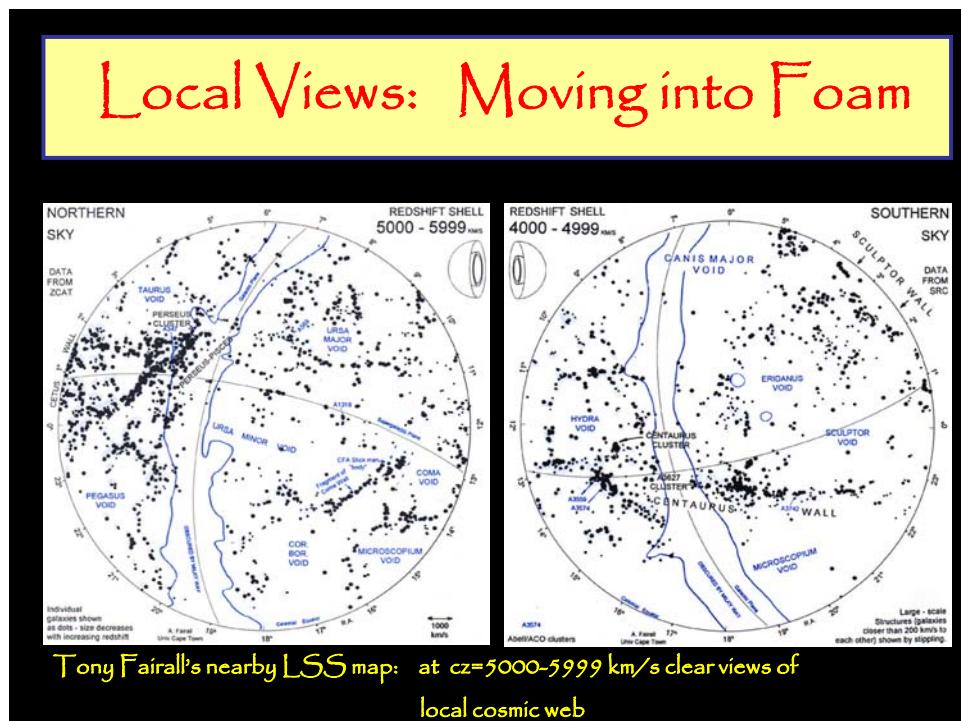
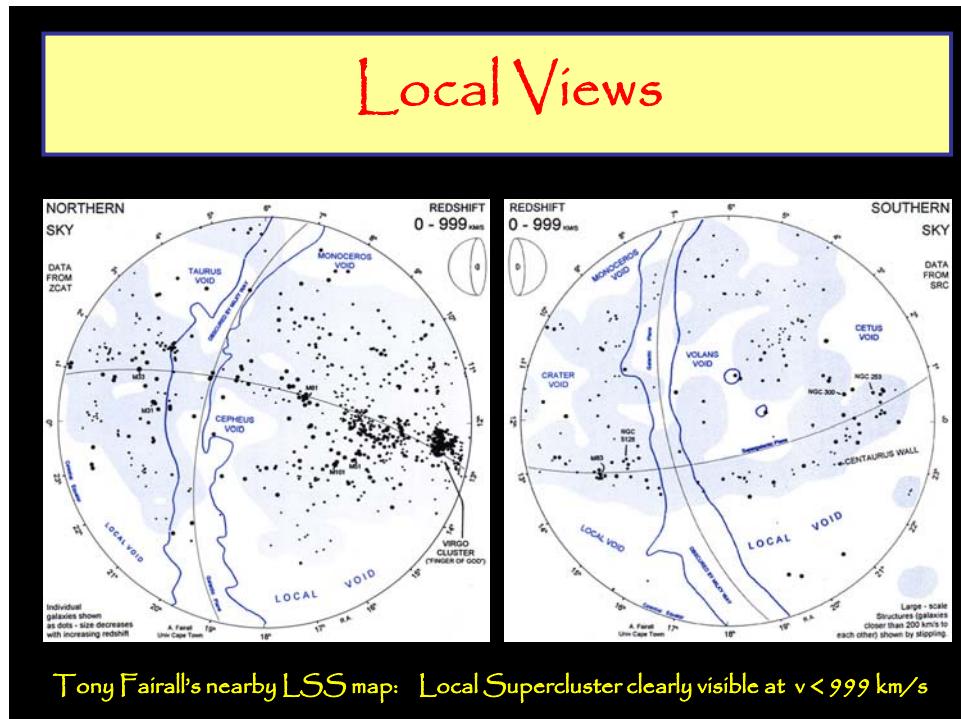
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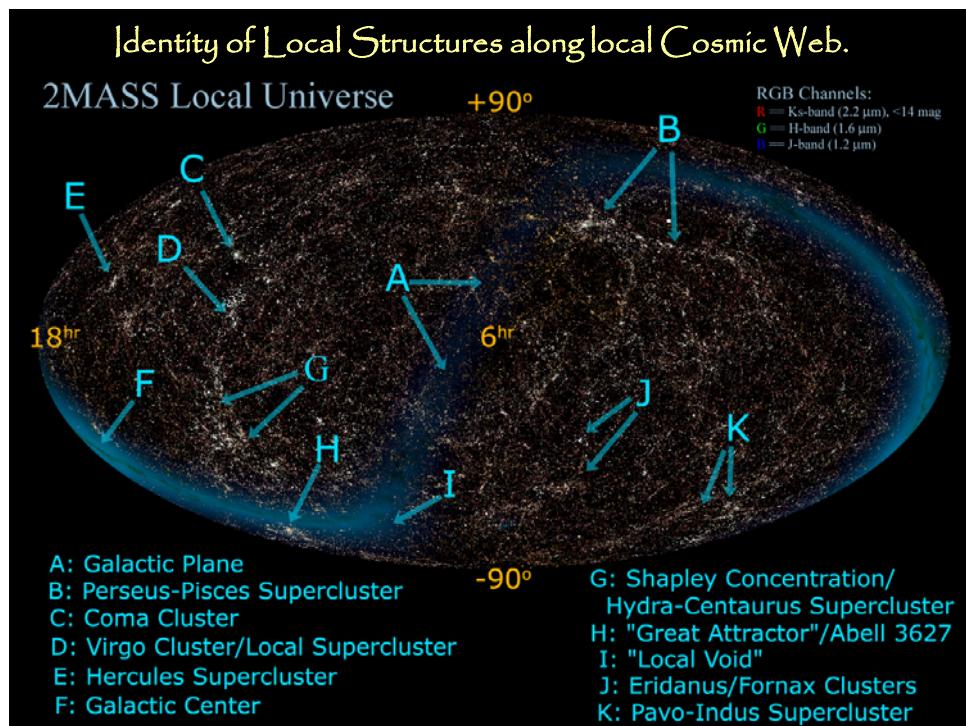
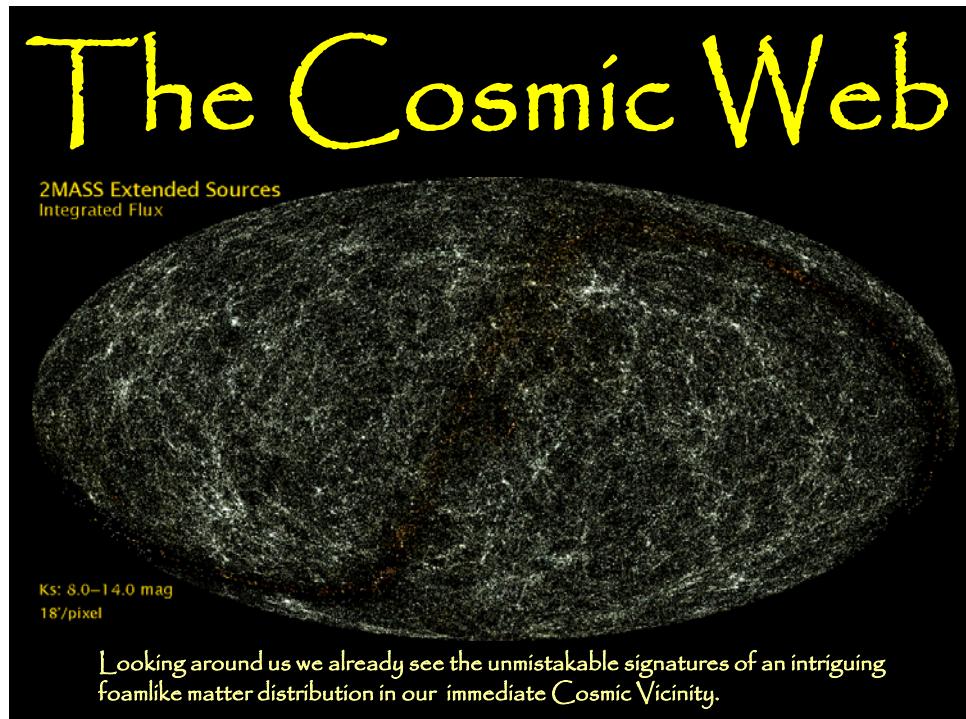
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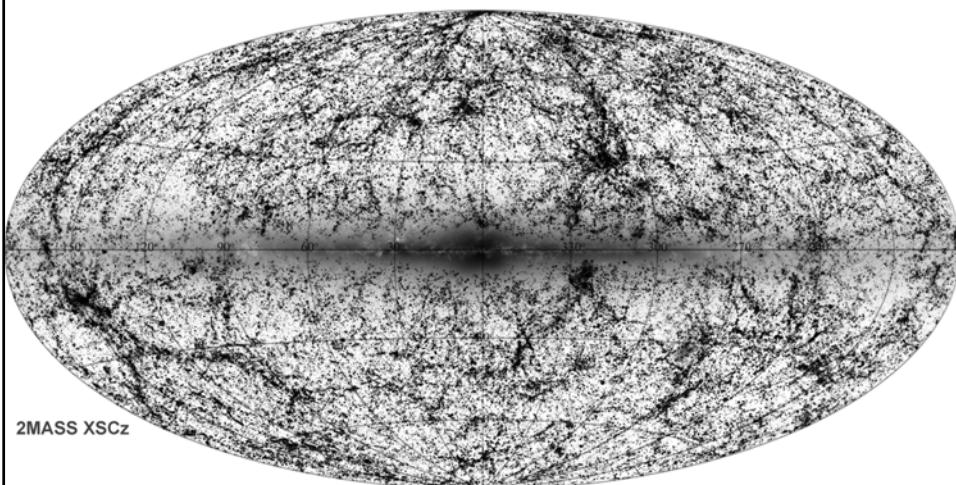
2MASS survey

- 2MASS all-sky survey:
ground-based near-infrared survey whole sky,
 $J(1.2\ \mu m)$, $H(1.6\ \mu m)$, $K(2.2\ \mu m)$
- 2MASS extended source catalog (XSC):
1.5 million galaxies
- unbiased sample nearby galaxies
- photometric redshifts: depth in 2MASS maps,
“cosmic web” of (nearby) superclusters spanning
the entire sky.

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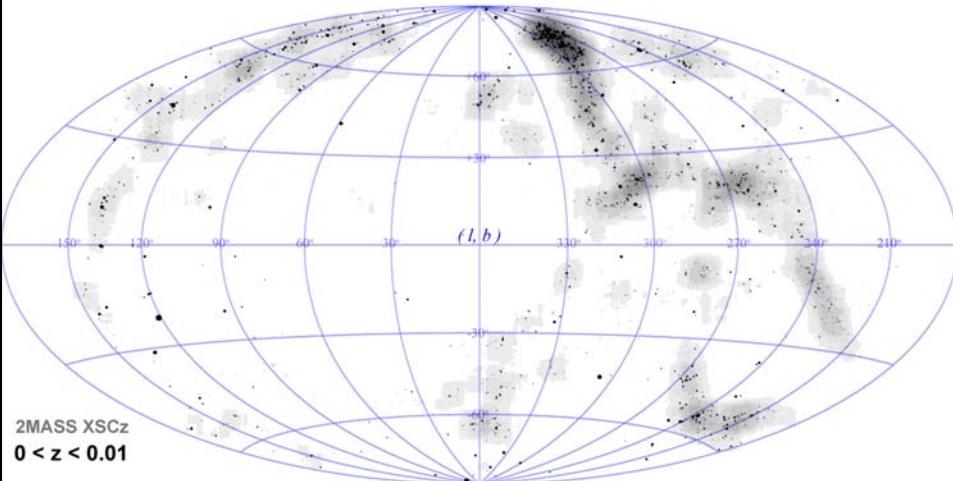
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2MASS Cosmic Web



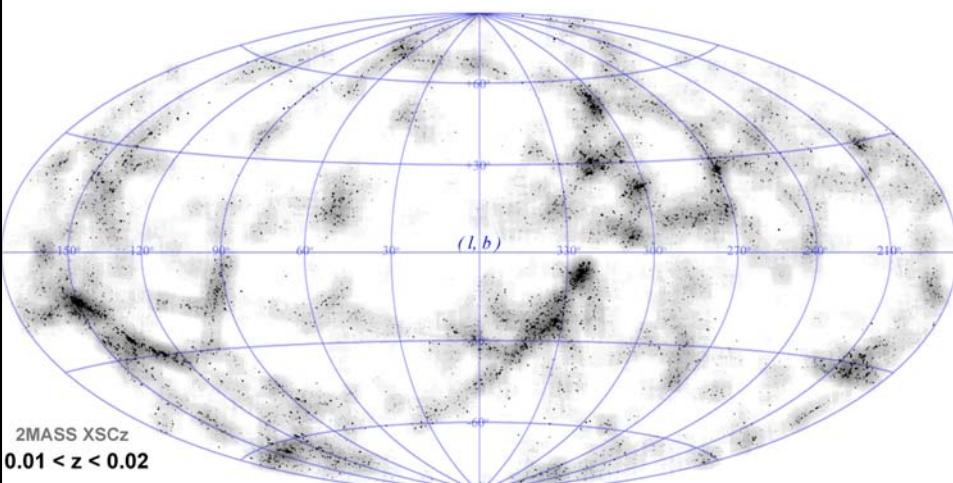
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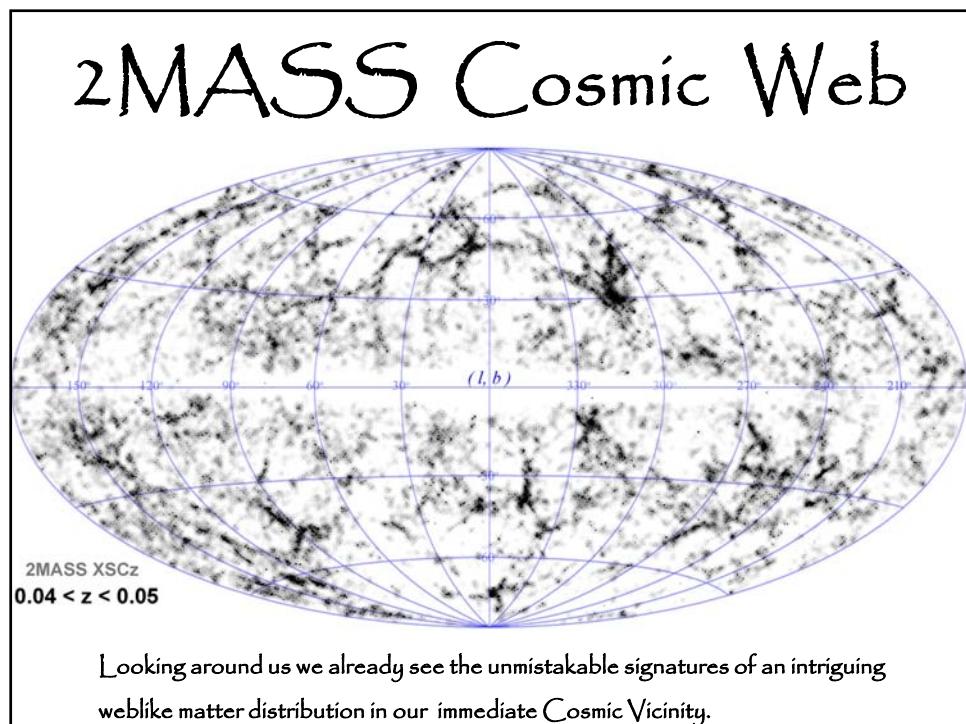
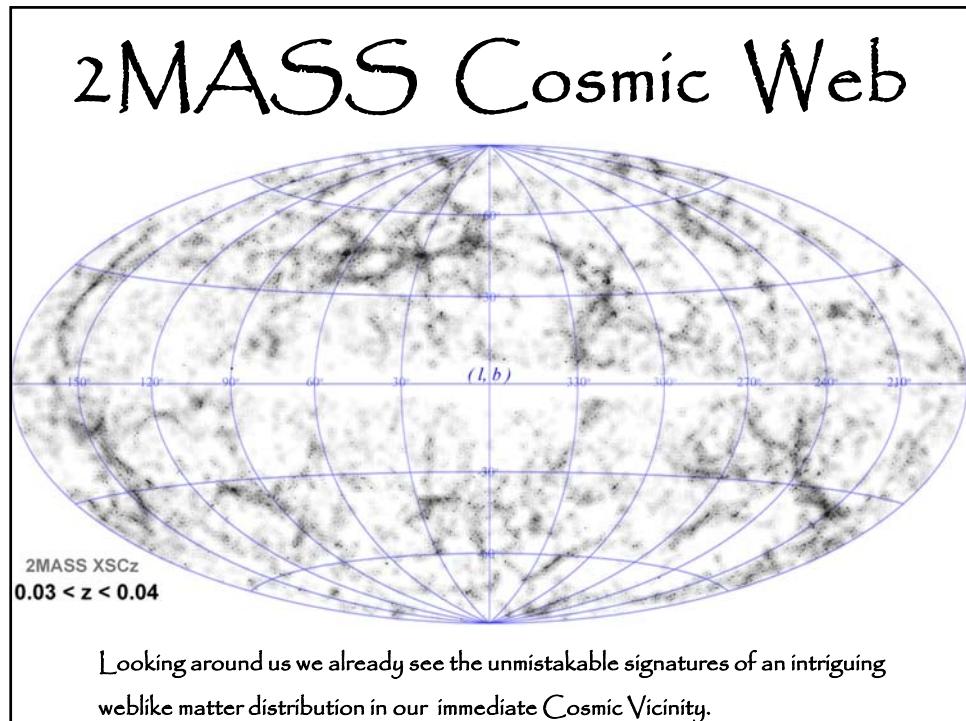


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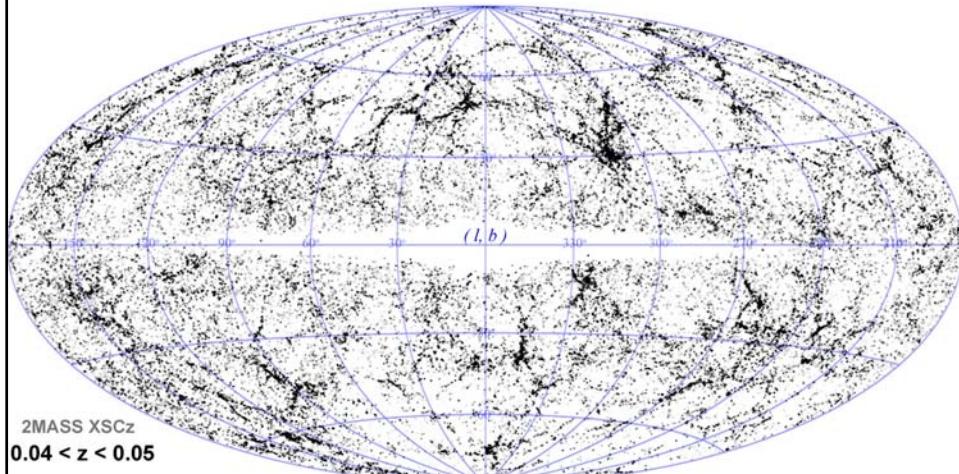
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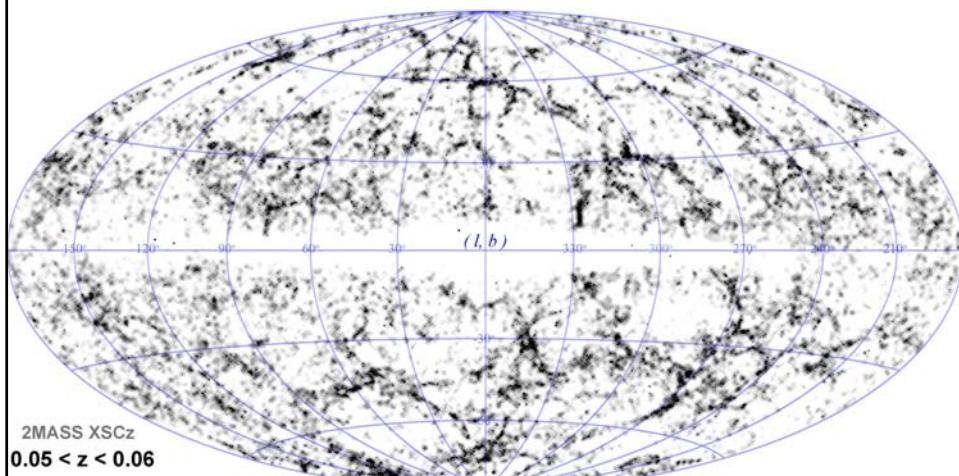


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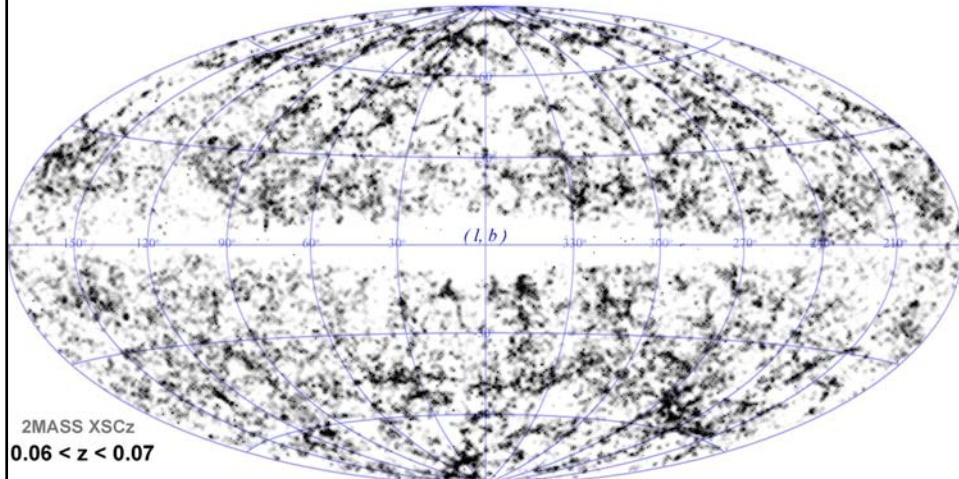
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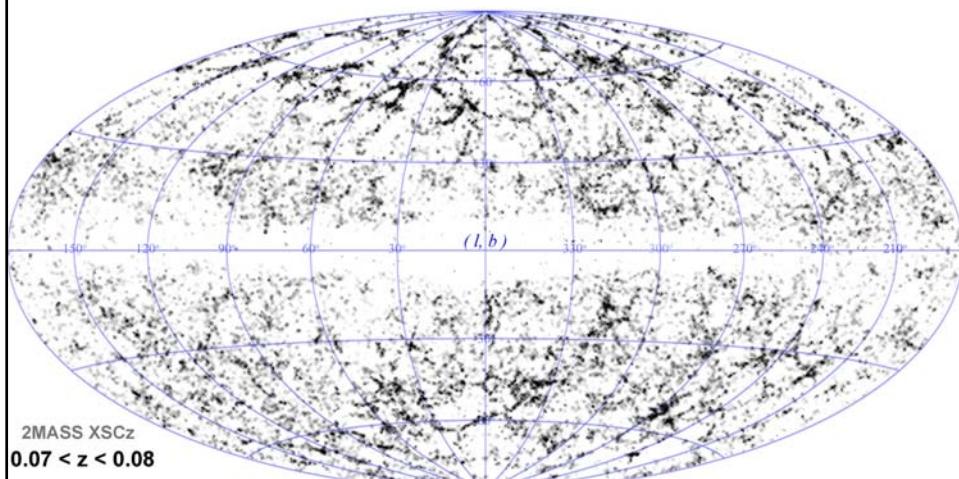
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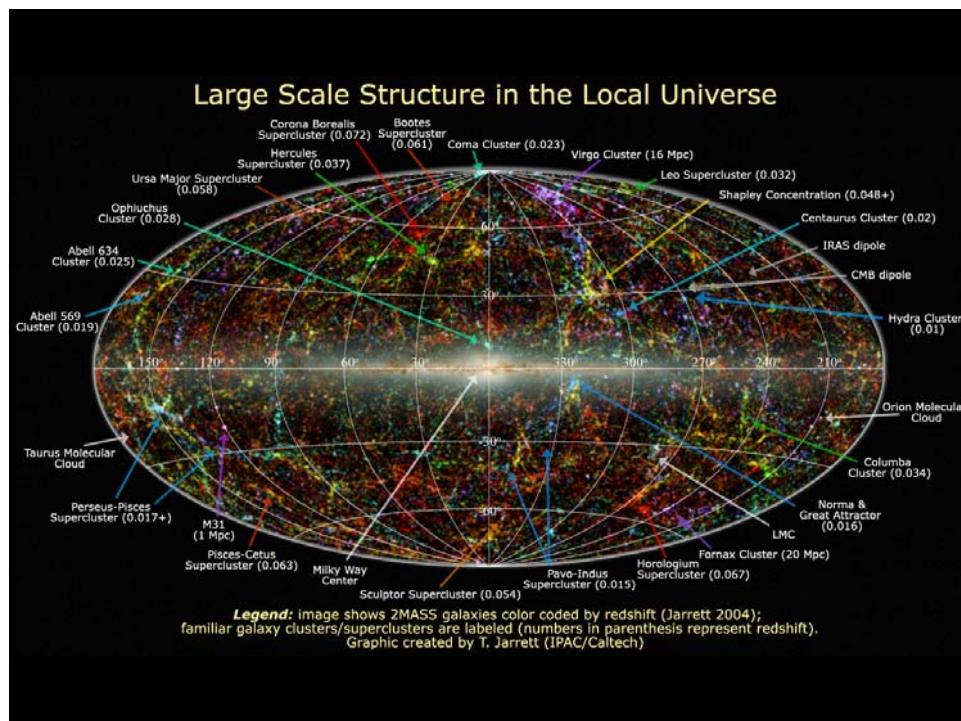
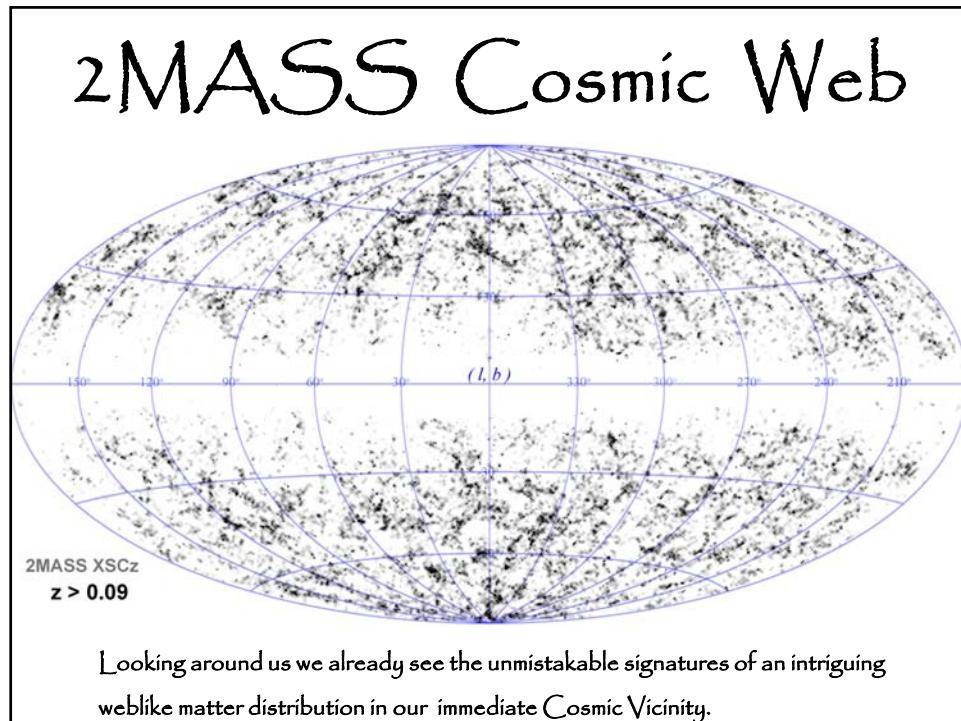


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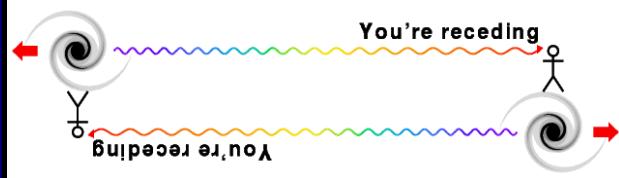
Galaxy Redshift Surveys

- For obtaining 3D maps of the galaxy distribution:
measure spatial location of galaxies:
 - position on the sky (α, δ)
 - distance r
- Determination real distance r of galaxy very cumbersome, reasonably accurate estimates only for nearby gal's ...
- Common approximate method:
exploit Hubble expansion of the Universe

Galaxy Redshift Surveys

$$1 + z = \frac{1}{a} \iff \begin{cases} \lambda_{em} = \lambda_0 \\ \lambda_{obs} = \frac{a(t_{obs})}{a(t_{em})} \lambda_0 \end{cases}$$

$$z \equiv \frac{\lambda_{obs} - \lambda_{em}}{\lambda_{em}}$$



Galaxy Redshift Surveys

- Hubble Expansion:

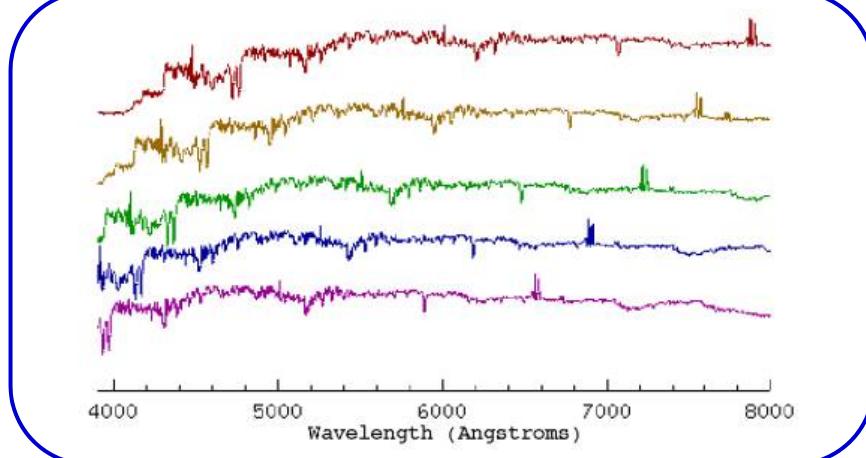
$$cz = Hr \quad (z \ll 1)$$

galaxy at distance r
has redshift z
(c: vel. light; H: Hubble constant)

- Redshift of galaxies can be much more easily determined than distance:

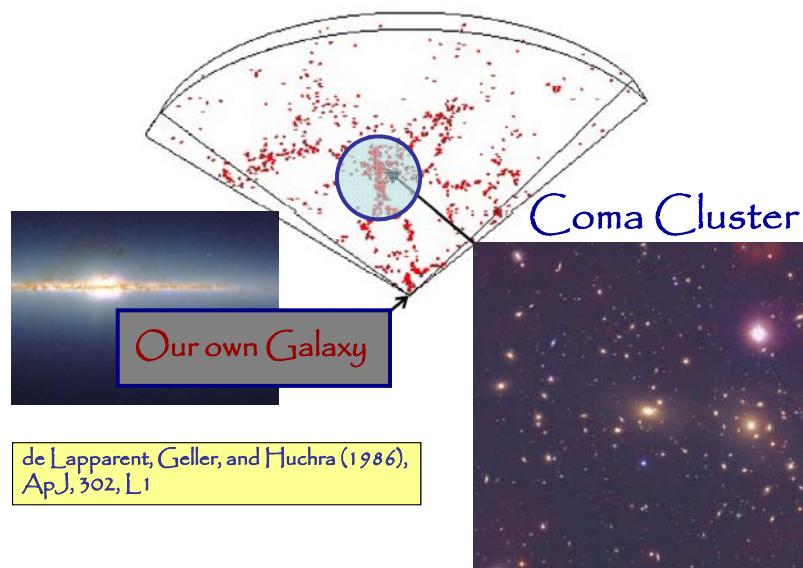
Galaxy Spectrum

Galaxy Redshift Surveys



Examples of redshifted galaxy spectra

Mapping the Universe



Redshift Space Distortions

Redshift Distortions

- In reality, galaxies do not exactly follow the Hubble flow:

In addition to the cosmological flow, there are locally induced velocity components in a galaxy's motion:

$$cz = Hr + v_{pec}$$

the galaxy's peculiar velocity v_{pec}

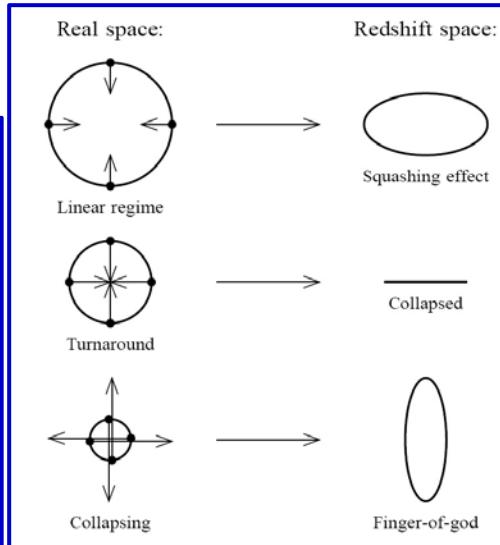
- As a result, maps on the basis of galaxy z do not reflect the galaxies' true spatial distribution

Redshift Distortions

Origin of peculiar velocities:

three regimes

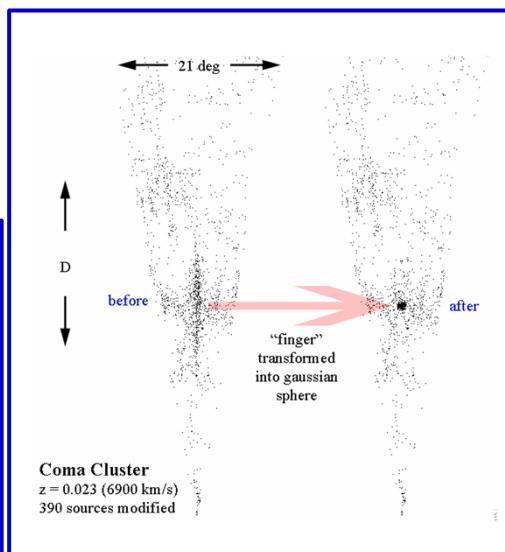
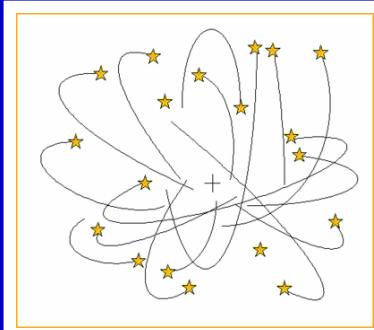
- very high-density virialized cluster (core) regions:
“thermal” motion in cluster, up to > 1000 km/s
“Fingers of God”
- collapsing overdensity (forming cluster): inflow/infall velocity
- Large scales: (linear, quasi-linear) cosmic flow, manifestation of structure growth



Fingers of God

$$cz = Hr_{clust} + \frac{\vec{v}_{gal} \cdot \vec{r}_{gal}}{r_{gal}}$$

Galaxy velocity component along line of sight



Fingers of God

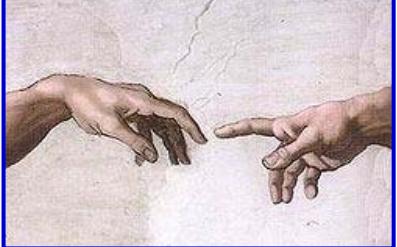
Clusters of galaxies:

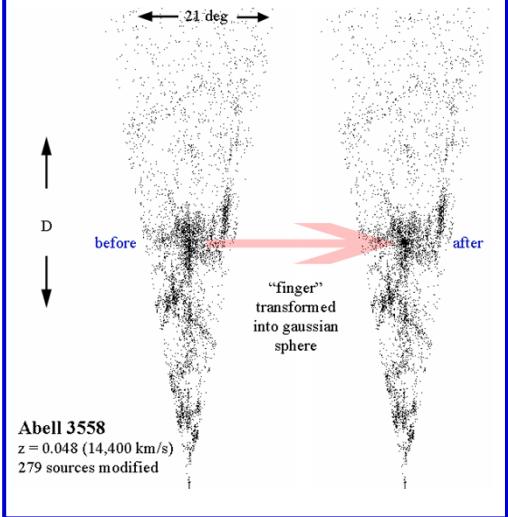
Mass:	10^{14} - $10^{15} M_{\odot}$
Radius:	$\sim 1.5 \text{ Mpc}$
Overdensity	$\Delta \sim 1000$

Thermal velocity: $\sim 1000 \text{ km/s}$

Internal cluster galaxy velocities visible in projection along line of sight

→ "Finger of God"





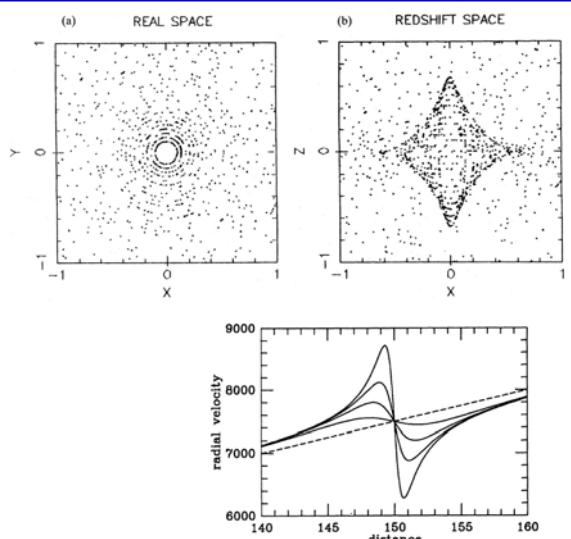
Nonlinear Infall Pattern

Cluster Infall:

Matter in surroundings falling in onto cluster

- infall velocities up to 1000 km/s radially declining:
- velocities decrease as distance to cluster centre increases
- projected radial velocity function of angle & distance wrt. cluster centre.

→ triple-value region redshift space:
- within turnaround radius,
a particular redshift z
may correspond to 3 spatial
positions



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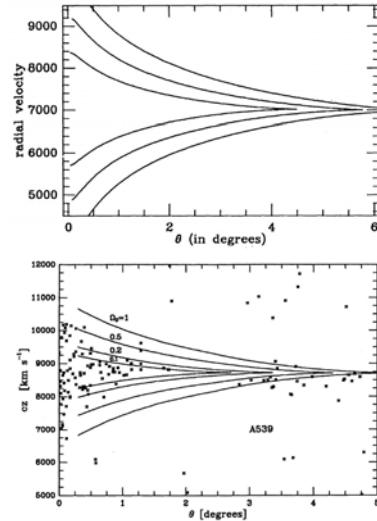
Cluster Caustics:

Three-value region cluster infall:

Projection onto restricted cone-shaped redshift space regions around clusters

Enclosed within caustic surfaces

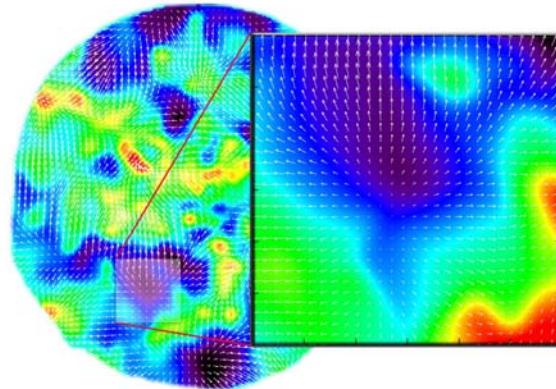
Position caustics dependent on Ω_m



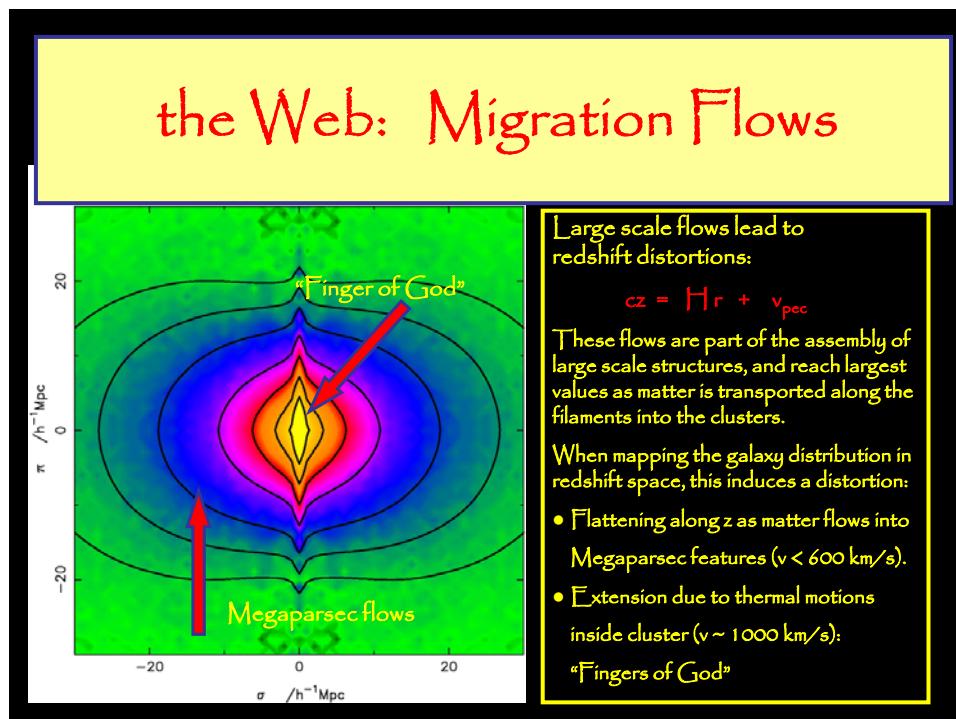
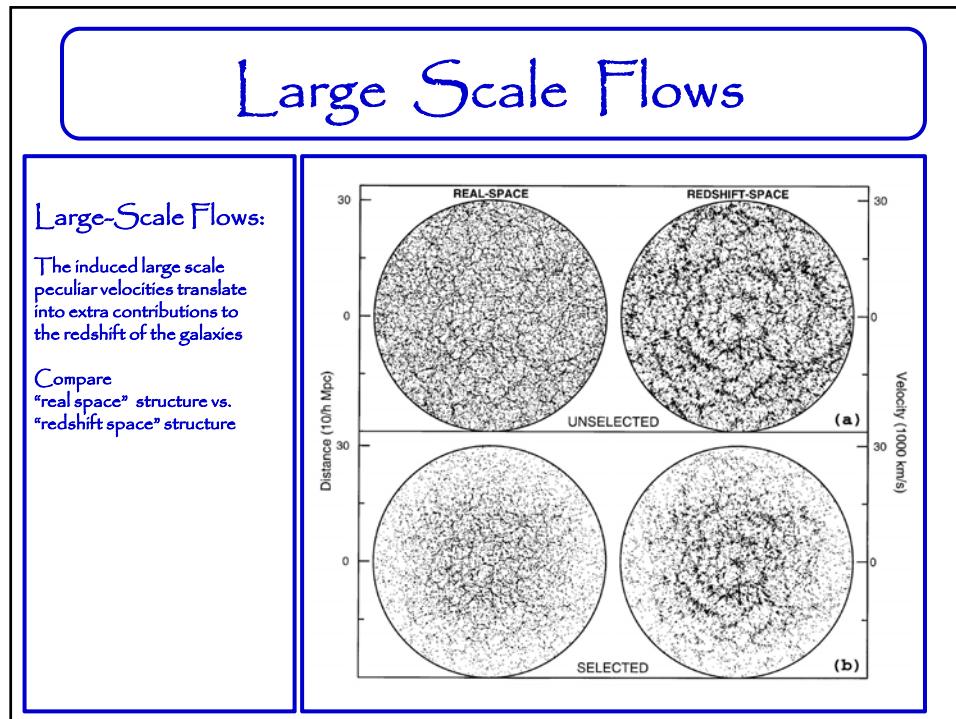
Large Scale Flows

Large-Scale Flows:

- On large (Mpc) scales, structure formation still in linear regime
- Structure buildup accompanied by displacement of matter
- Cosmic flows
- Directly related to cosmic matter distribution
- In principle possible to correct for this distortion, i.e. to invert the mapping from real to redshift space
- Condition: entire mass distribution within volume should be mapped



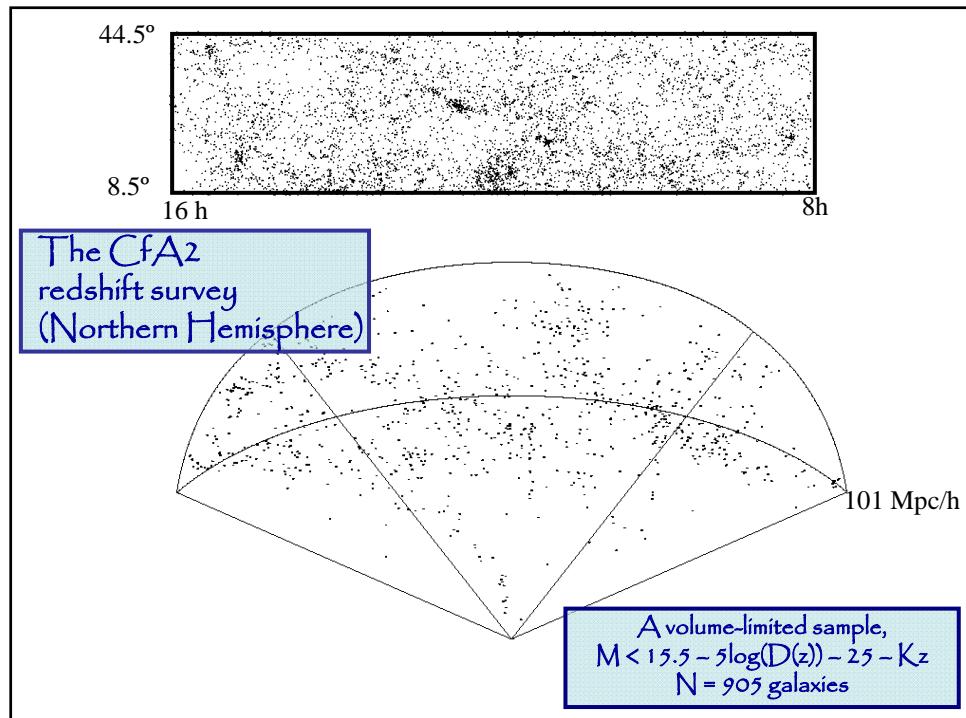
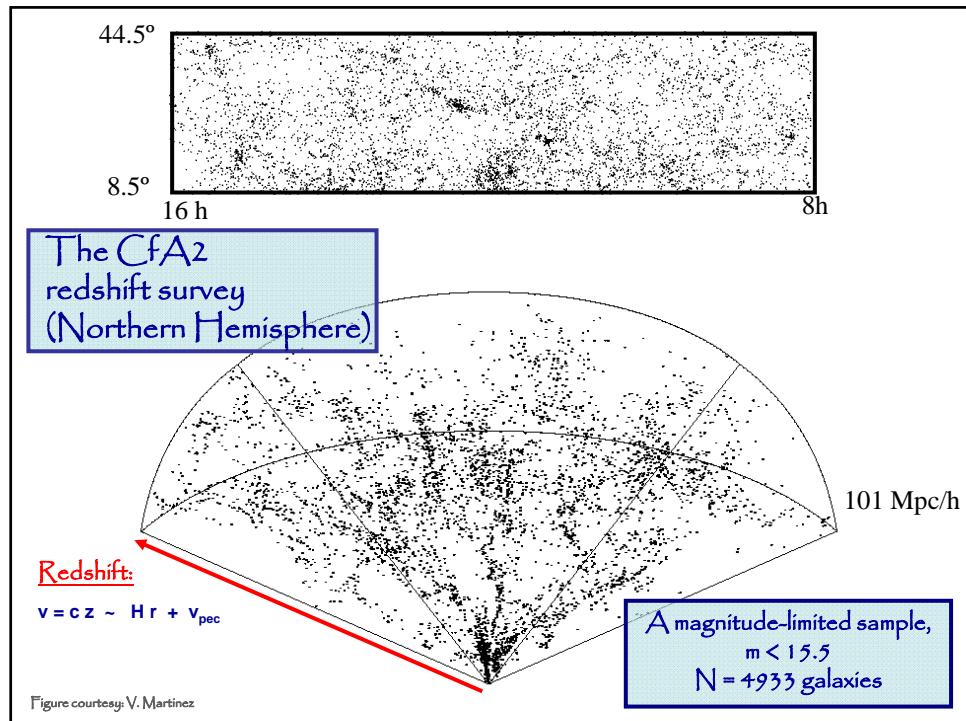
$$\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \frac{H}{4\pi} \frac{f(\Omega_m)}{b} a \int d\mathbf{x}' \delta_{gal}(\mathbf{x}', t) \frac{(\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x})}{|\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x}|^3}$$



Magnitude vs. Volume Limited

Magnitude vs. Volume limited Surveys

- Two different sampling approaches for analysis spatial structure from galaxy redshift catalogue:
- Volume-limited surveys:
 - uniform spatial coverage, including all galaxies within volume to depth d_s
 - all galaxies with an absolute brightness > survey limit M_s
$$M_s = m_{\text{lim}} - 5 \log d_s - 25 - k(z)$$
 - diminishing sampling density & spatial resolution as one wishes to include larger volume (excluding all galaxies $M > M_s$)
- Magnitude-limited survey
 - include all galaxies with apparent magnitude brighter than m_s
 - assures optimal use of spatial galaxy catalogue
 - at the price of an non-uniform spatial coverage & diminishing resolution towards higher depths



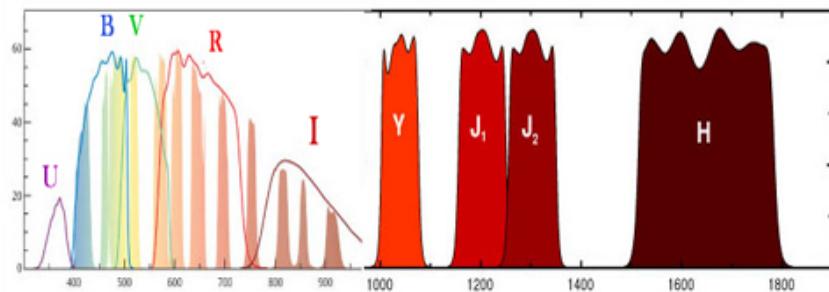
Photometric Redshifts

Photometric Redshifts

- Instead of measuring the electromagnetic spectrum of the galaxies in a survey, one may get a good estimate of the redshift on the basis of the photometry and colours of the objects.

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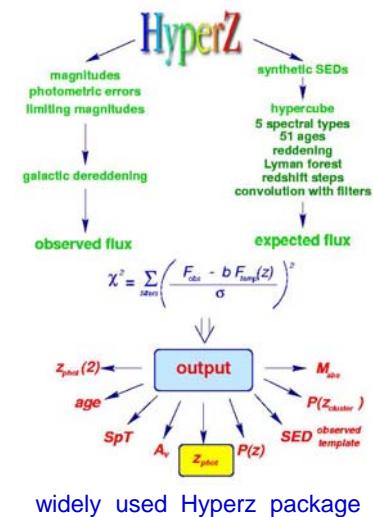
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Photometric Redshifts

Practical Implementation:

- Photometric redshifts determined by fitting to standard SED (SED: spectral energy distribution)
- Taking into account:
 - spectral type
 - reddening
 - Lyman α forest (high z)
 - filters
- Accuracy (typical):
 - $\Delta z \sim 0.1$



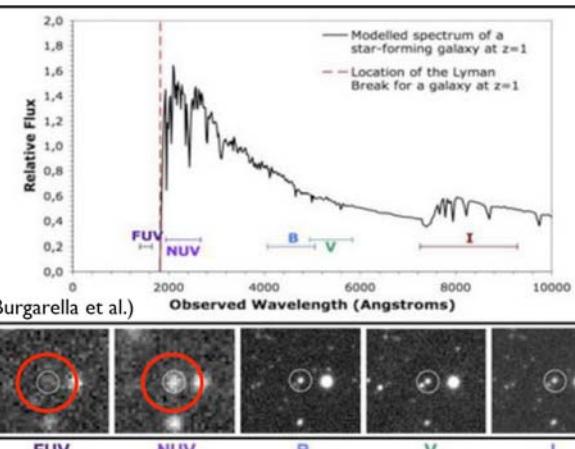
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Technique widely used for identifying high z objects

For example, Lyman break results in

FUV-NUV dropouts (1400-1800 Å) for $z \sim 0.5-1.0$

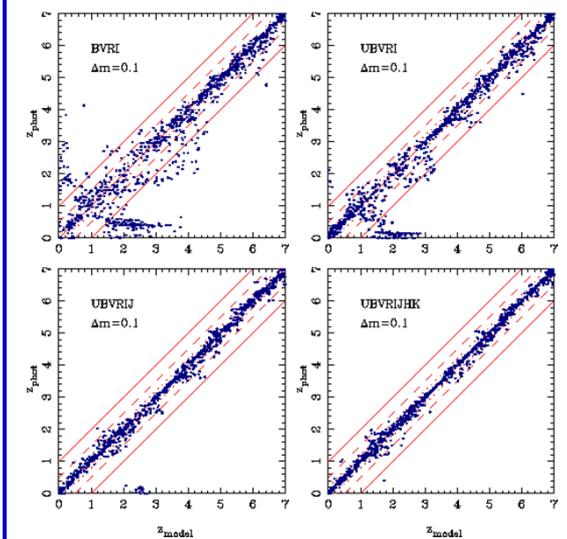


Below the Lyman break at 912 Å, hydrogen absorbs galaxy light

Photometric Redshifts

Photometric Redshifts:

- Accuracy (typical):
 $\sim \Delta z \sim 0.1$
- Accuracy higher as more bands are used
- Bands to be chosen to take into account spectral characteristics/features
- e.g. low z : UV still weak point

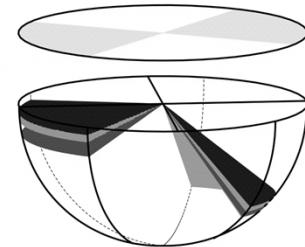


Survey Geometry

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Practical Limitations

- Limited telescope time
- Limited detector sensitivity
- How to optimally sample structure in Universe?
- Devise survey geometry that reveals optimal amount of information on question at hand
- Patterns galaxy distribution
- Distribution high-density peaks
- Density Field

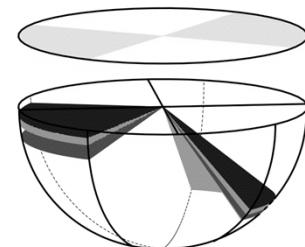


Sky Location
2-D LCRS survey slices

Survey Geometry

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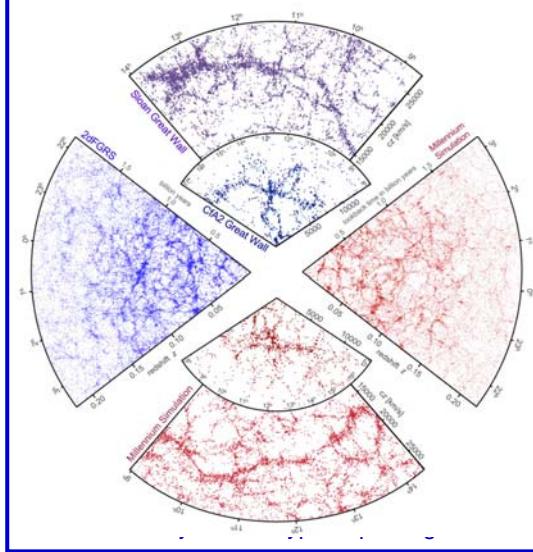
- Slice Surveys:
 - thin stripe on sky
 - very sensitive to reveal patterns galaxy distribution
- Pencil-beam surveys
 - very narrow region on sky
 - very deep
 - strategy to probe largest structures
 - structure at high z (early times)



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Survey Geometries

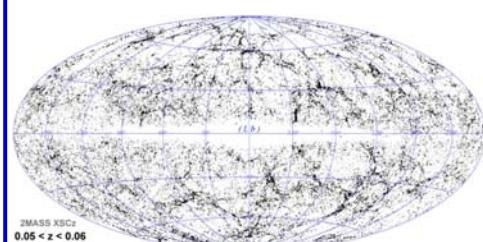
Examples of
Slice Redshift Surveys:
From
CfA2-2dFGRS-SDSS



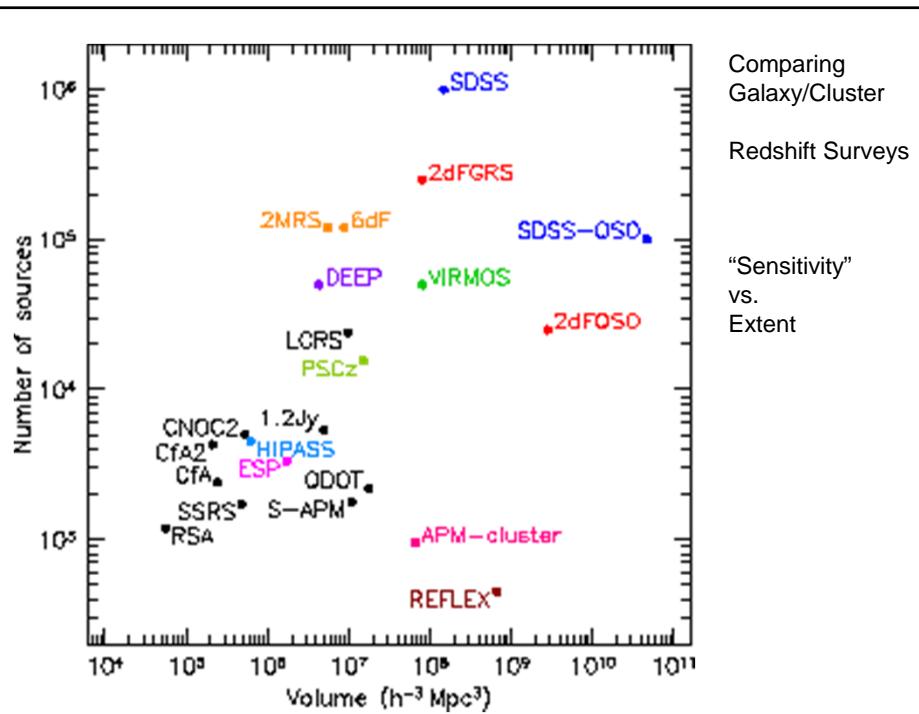
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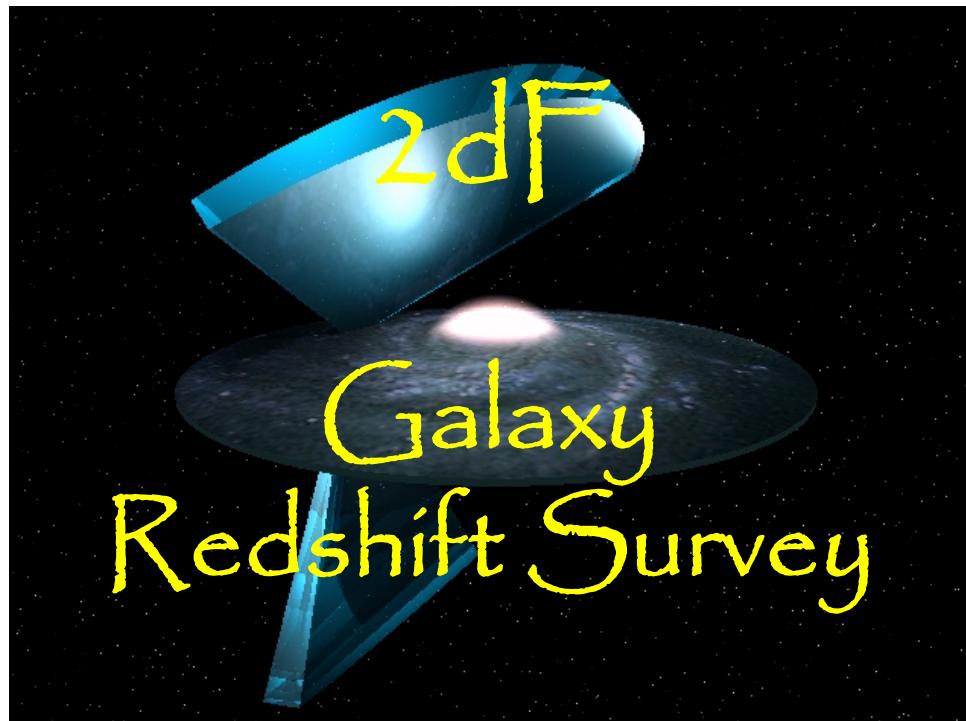
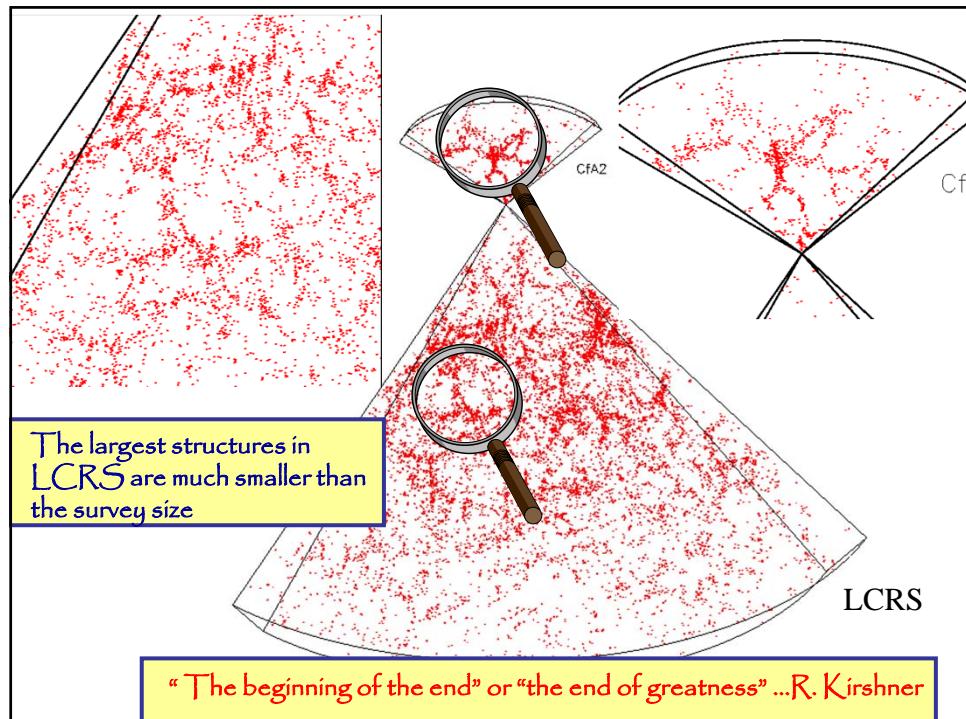
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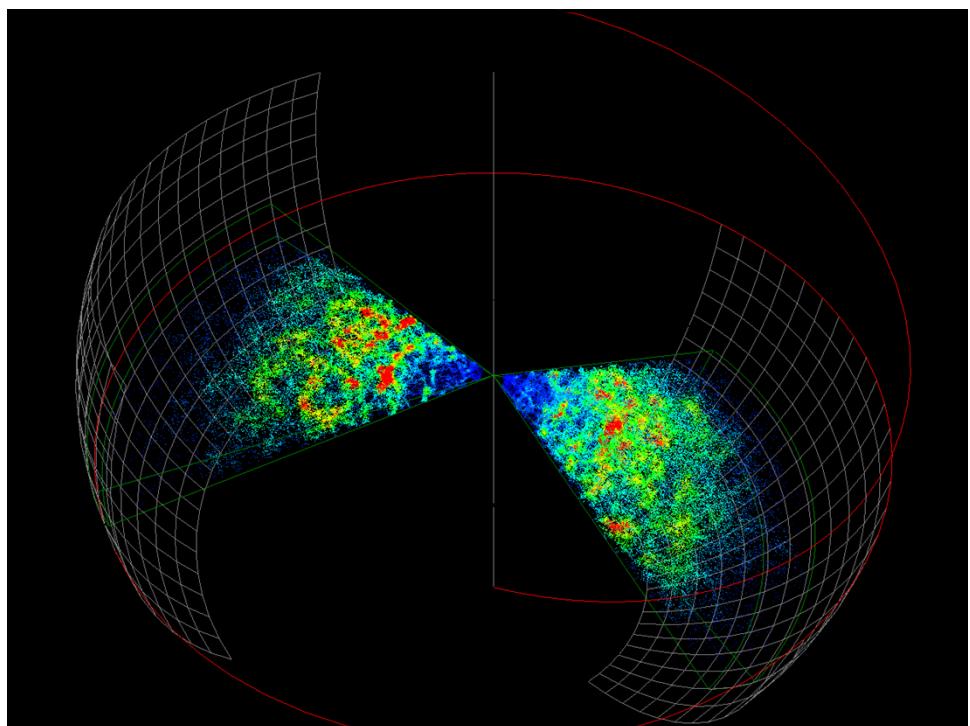
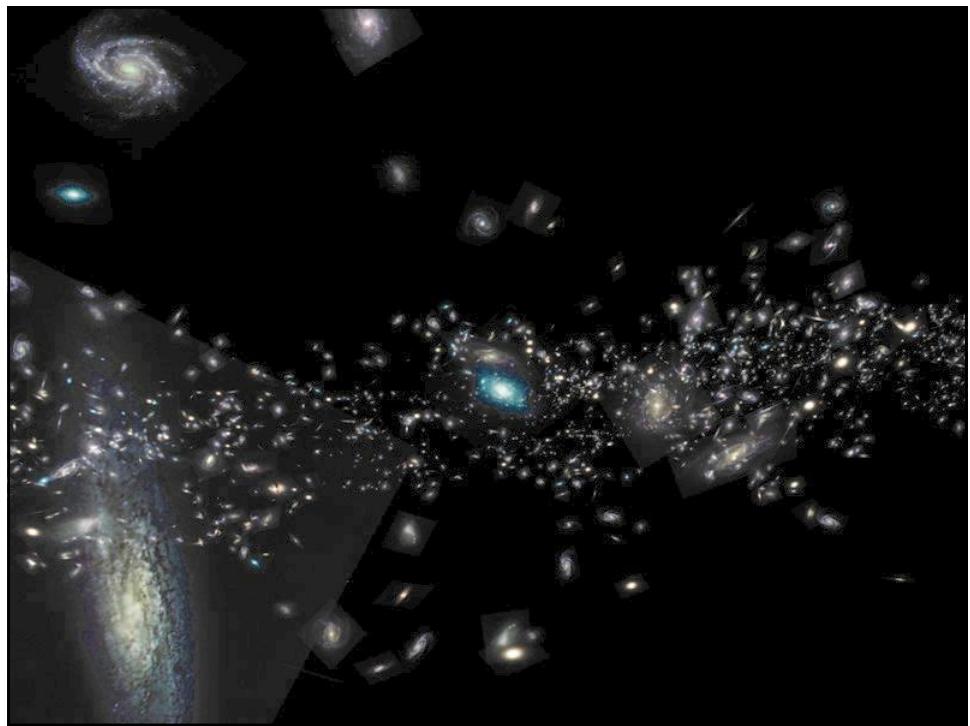
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 - on scales > intergalaxy distance
- Full-sky surveys
 - necessary to probe dynamics cosmic regions

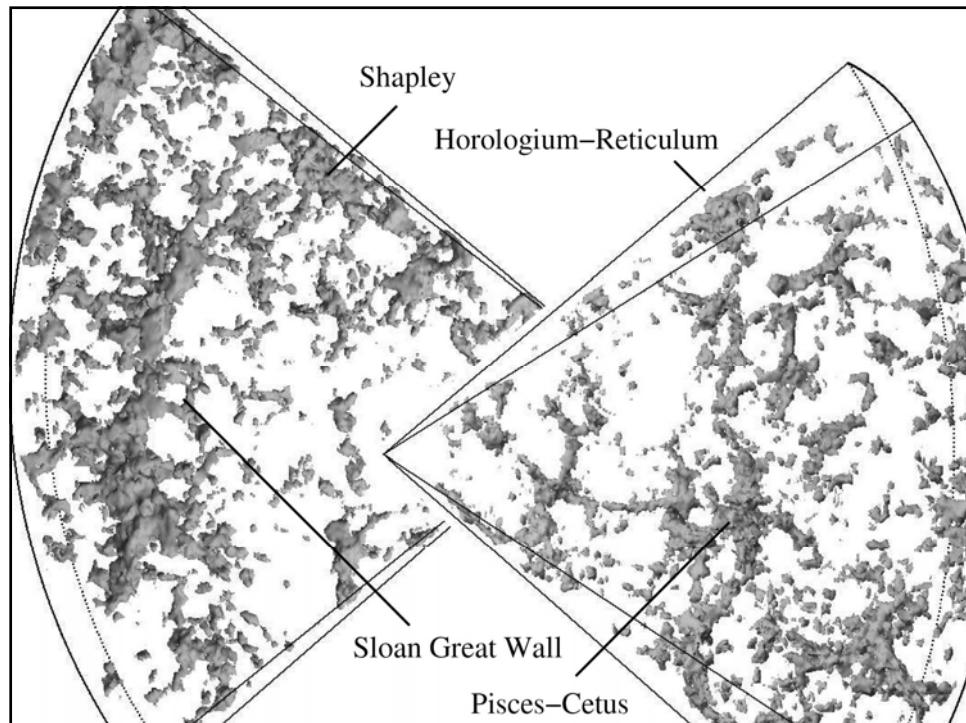
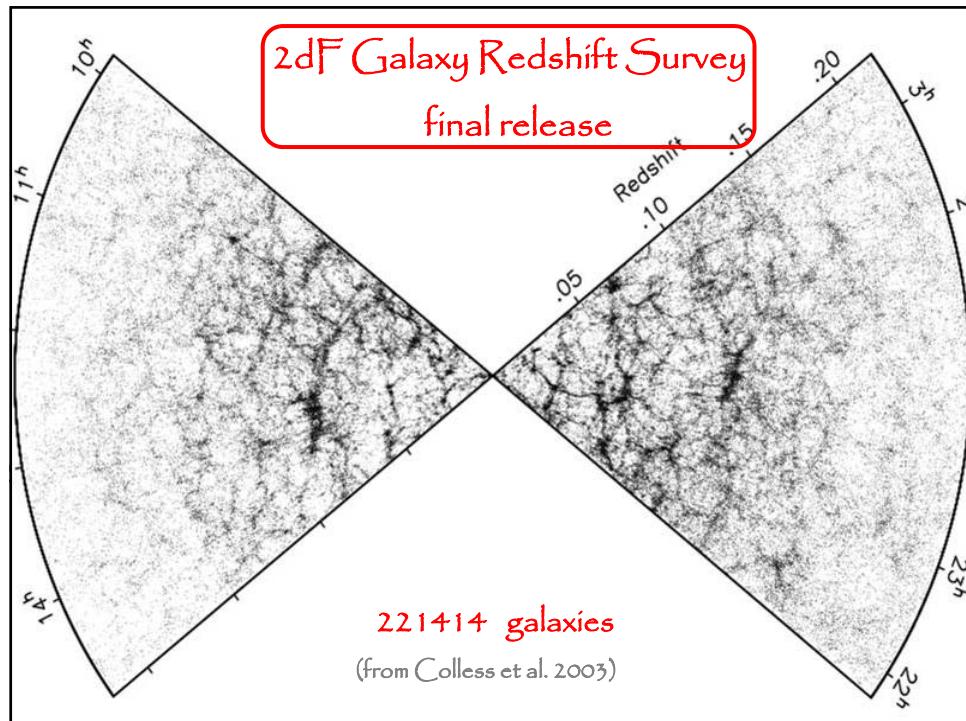


Galaxy Redshift Surveys: Overview









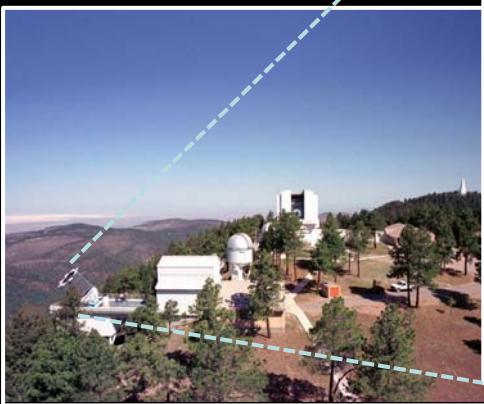


SDSS survey

- Largest and most systematic (digital !) sky survey in history of astronomy.
- Images sky in 5 photometric bands !!!!
Down to apparent magnitude $r \sim 23.1$
- Covers $\sim 25\%$ of the sky: 8452 sq. deg.
- With 2dFGRS, the SDSS has produced the most extensive map of the spatial structure of our cosmic neighbourhood.
- Millions of galaxies subsequently selected for measuring redshift z : electromagnetic spectrum
- Total:
 sky survey: 10^8 stars, 10^8 galaxies, 10^5 quasars
 spectroscopy: 10^6 galaxies, 10^5 quasars, 10^5 stars

SDSS survey

Specially dedicated
2.5m wide-angle telescope
Apache Point Observatory (New Mexico)




SDSS survey

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DR7 ~ 8423 sq.deg.

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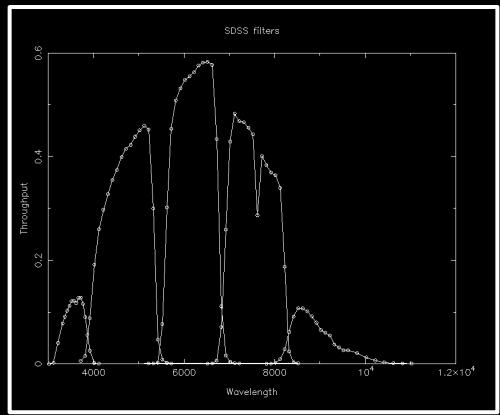
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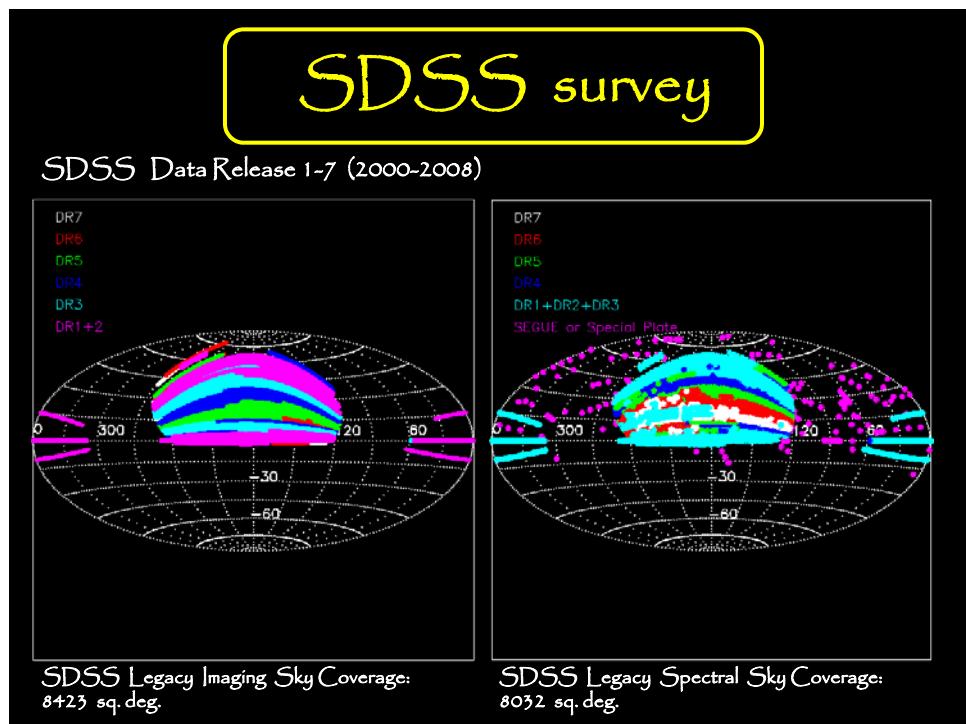
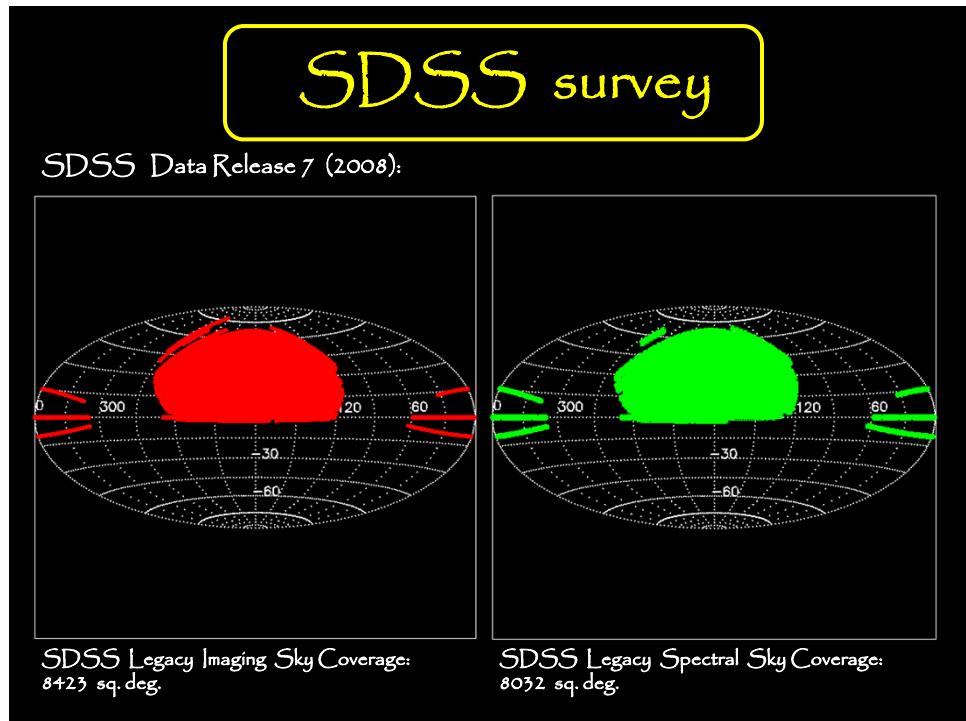
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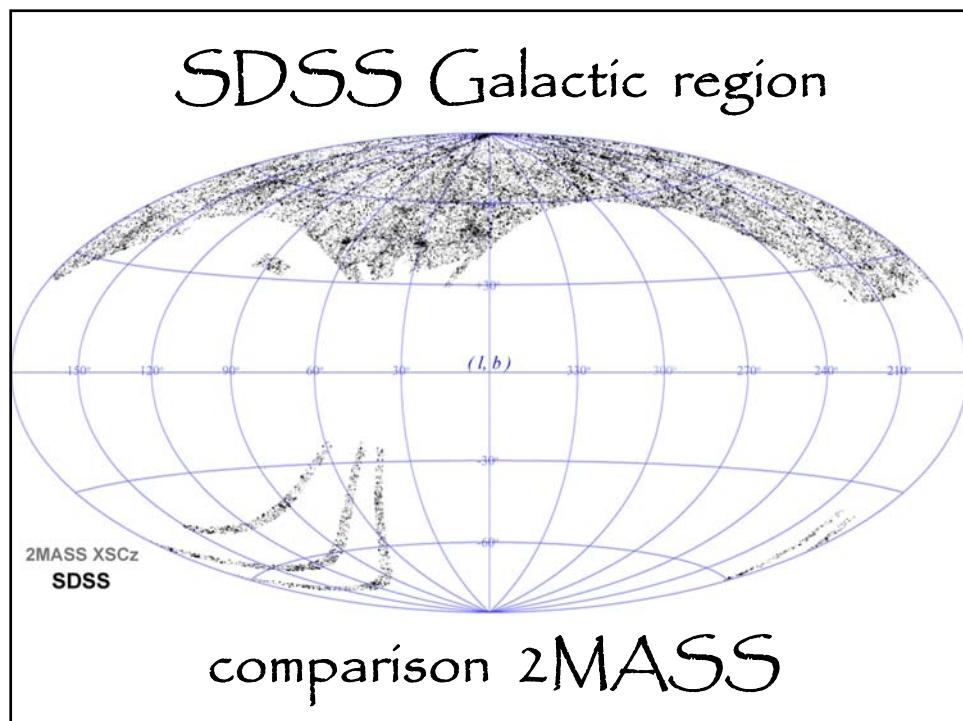
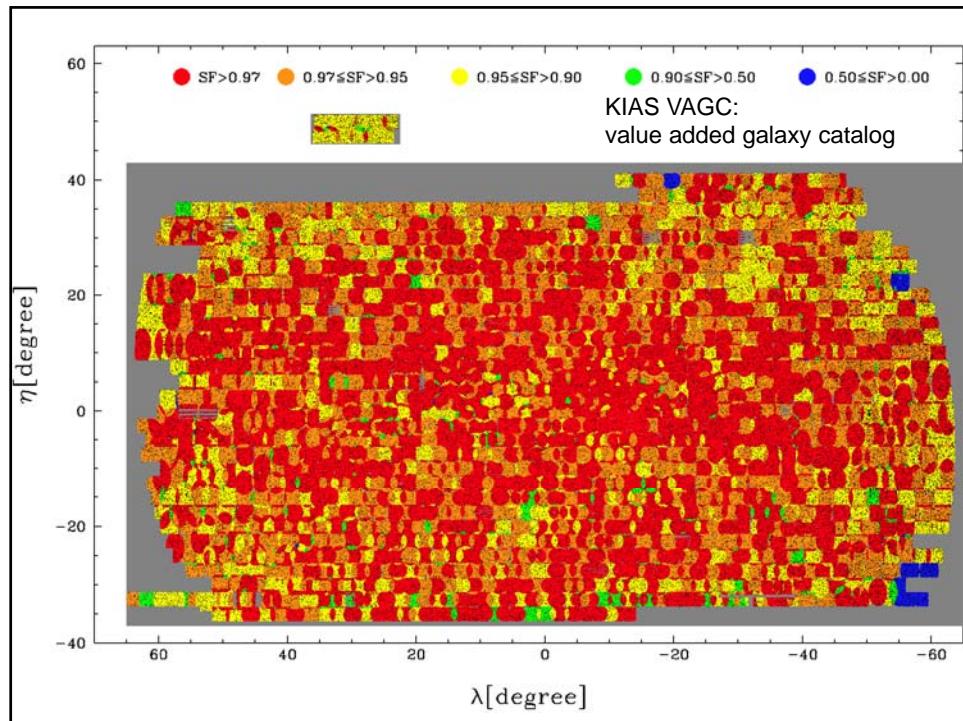
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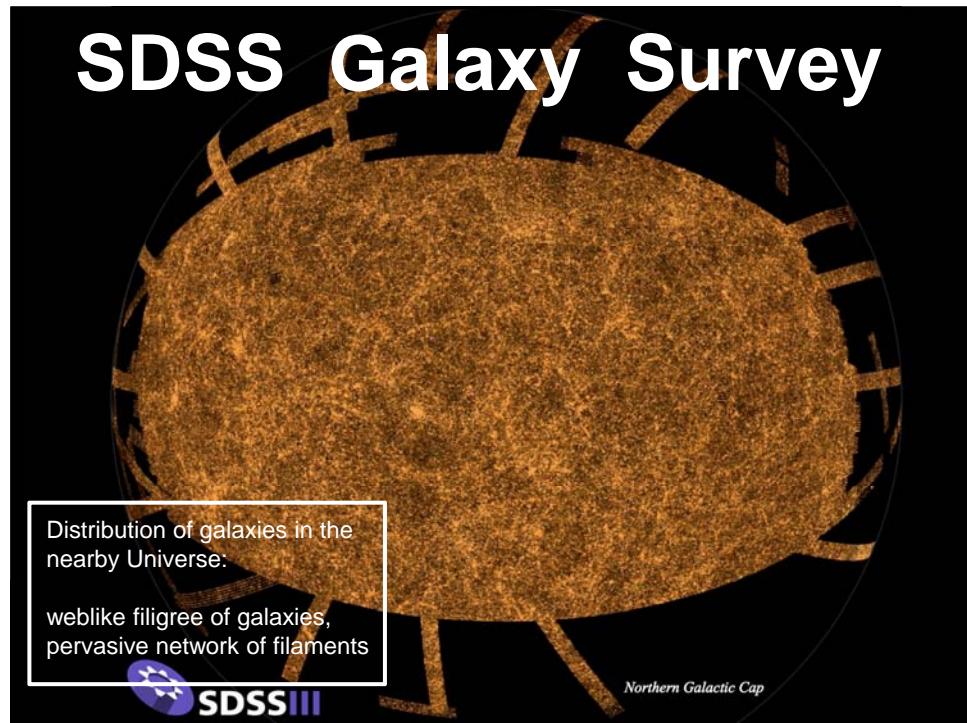
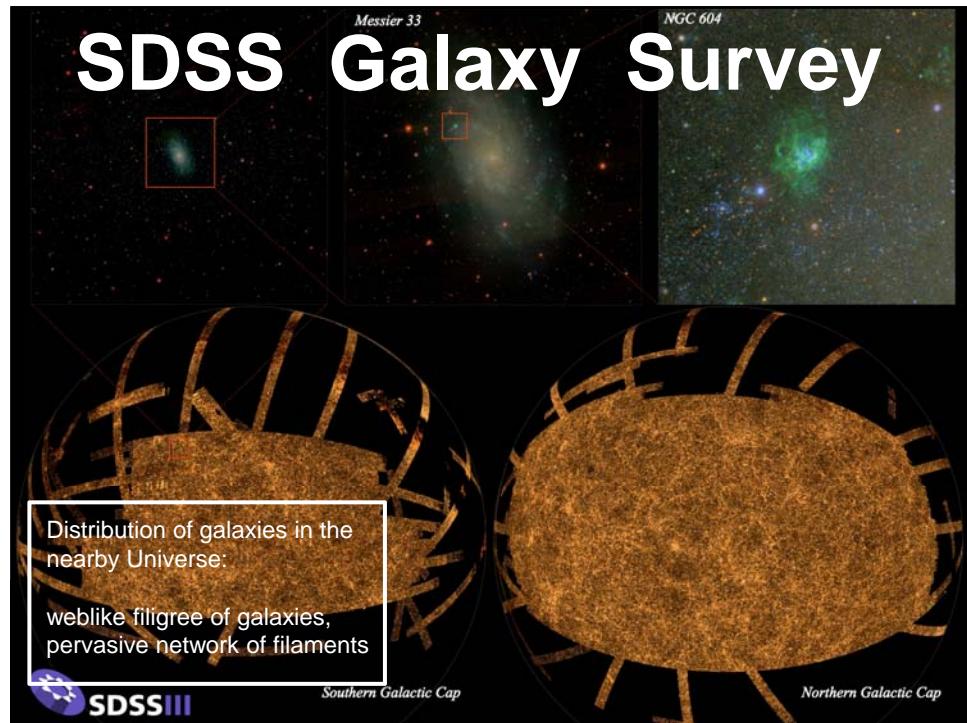
5-color Camera

30 CCD chips

Fiber Spectrograph







SDSS survey

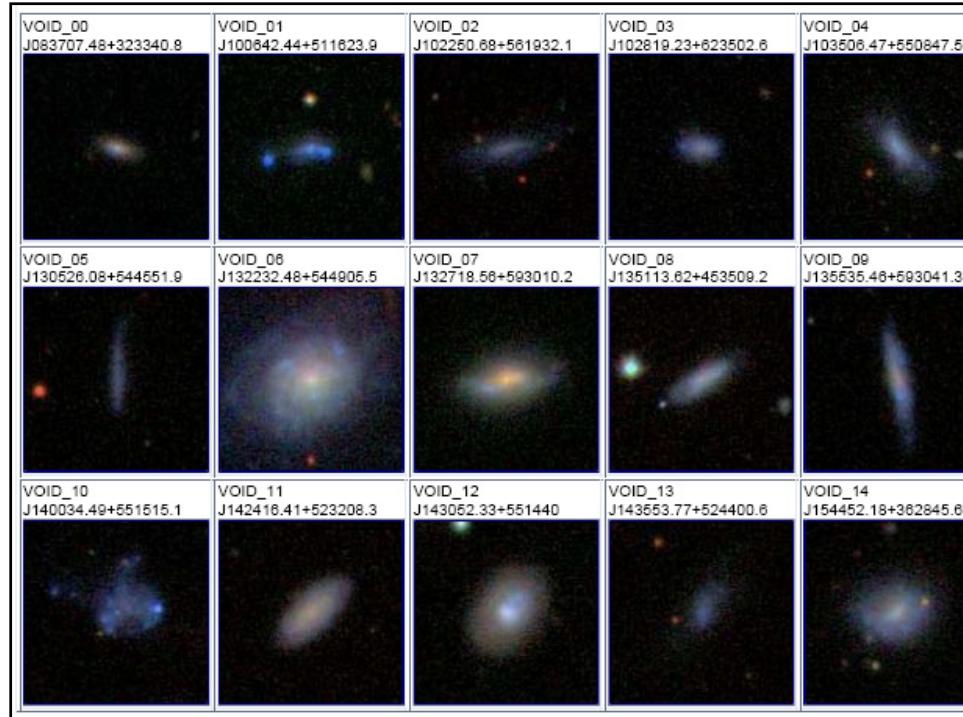
- Imaging: 230 million objects

- Spectroscopic (Redshift) survey:

magnitude limit:
galaxies: (Petrosian) $r < 17.7$
quasars $i < 19.1 / i < 20.2 (z > 2.3)$

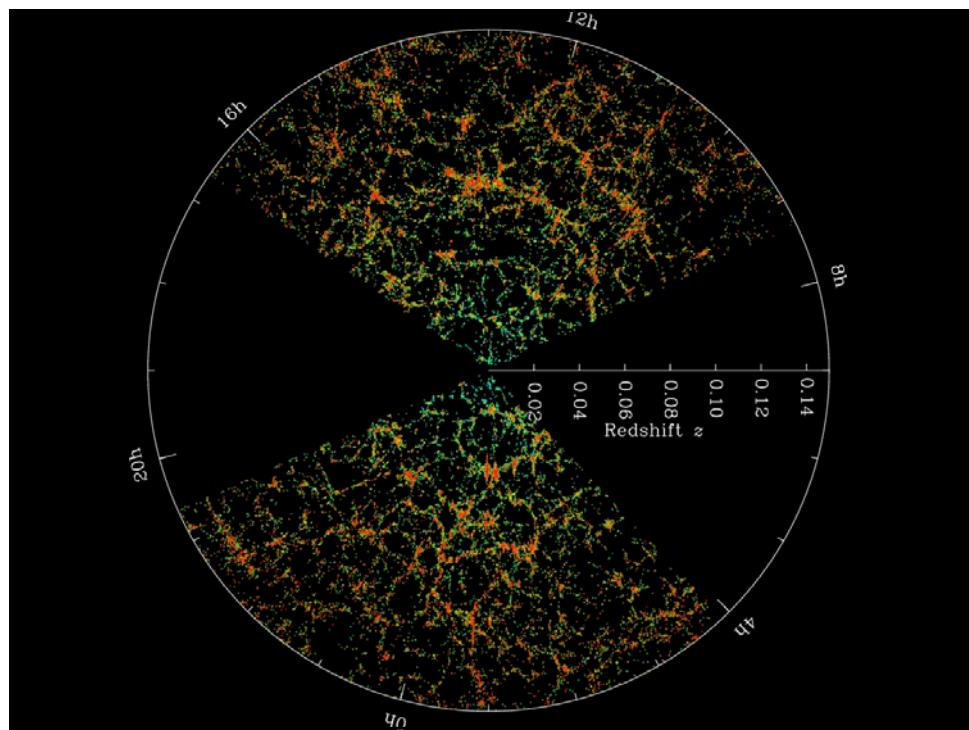
objects:
928,567 galaxies
109,862 quasars $z < 2.3$
8,802 quasars $z > 2.3$







Mapping the Galaxy Distribution







Clusters of Galaxies

- Assemblies of up to 1000's of galaxies within a radius of only
 $R \sim 1.5\text{-}2h^{-1}\text{ Mpc}$,
- Total masses:
 $M \sim 10^{14} M_{\odot}$
- Representing overdensities of $\Delta \sim 1000$
- Galaxy move around with velocities
 $v \sim 1000 \text{ km/s}$
- They are the most massive, and most recently, fully collapsed structures in our Universe.

Clusters of Galaxies



Courtesy:
O. Lopez-Cruz

Coma Cluster

Studying Clusters

Includes many different aspects of these versatile astrophysical laboratories:

- **Optical/Infrared/Ultraviolet**
 - Galaxy Population:
 - spatial distribution, kinematics, galaxy morphology
- **X-ray observations**
 - (hot, ionized) intracluster gas
 - distribution (density, temperature): cluster mass
 - abundances heavy elements (enrichment)
- **Sunyaev-Zel'dovich effect:**
 - “cluster shadows” in cosmic microwave background radiation
 - CMB microwave wavelength region
 - intracluster gas (pressure)
 - peculiar motion cluster (kinematic SZ)
- **Gravitational Lensing**
 - mainly optical, also radio, submm, ...
 - strong lensing (arcs, rings), weak lensing (sheared images)
 - dark matter mass
 - dark matter distribution
- **Radio wavelengths**
 - radio halos, radio relics
 - synchrotron radiation in shocked, hot, ionized intracluster plasma

Virgo Cluster



Coma Cluster



Clusters of Galaxies

- Clusters not only contain galaxies:
- in fact, galaxies & stars are a minor component:

I. Clusters are Halos of Dark Matter:

$$M_{\text{DM}}/M_{\text{total}} \sim 82\%$$

II. Clusters are Hot Balls of (highly ionized) Gas

$$M_{\text{ICM}}/M_{\text{total}} \sim 16-17\%$$

III. Galaxies are mainly raisins in a sea of dark matter & hot gas

$$M_{\text{stars}}/M_{\text{total}} \sim 2\%$$

Clusters of Galaxies: X-ray intracluster gas

Baryonic matter in clusters is not only confined to galaxies:

~ 2 to 5 times more baryonic mass in the form of a **diffuse hot X-ray emitting**

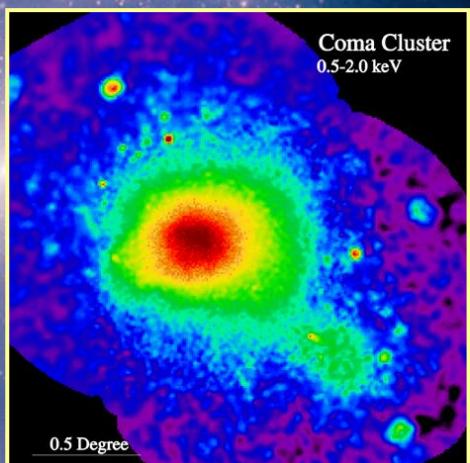
Intracluster Gas,

trapped and heated to a temperature of the order of

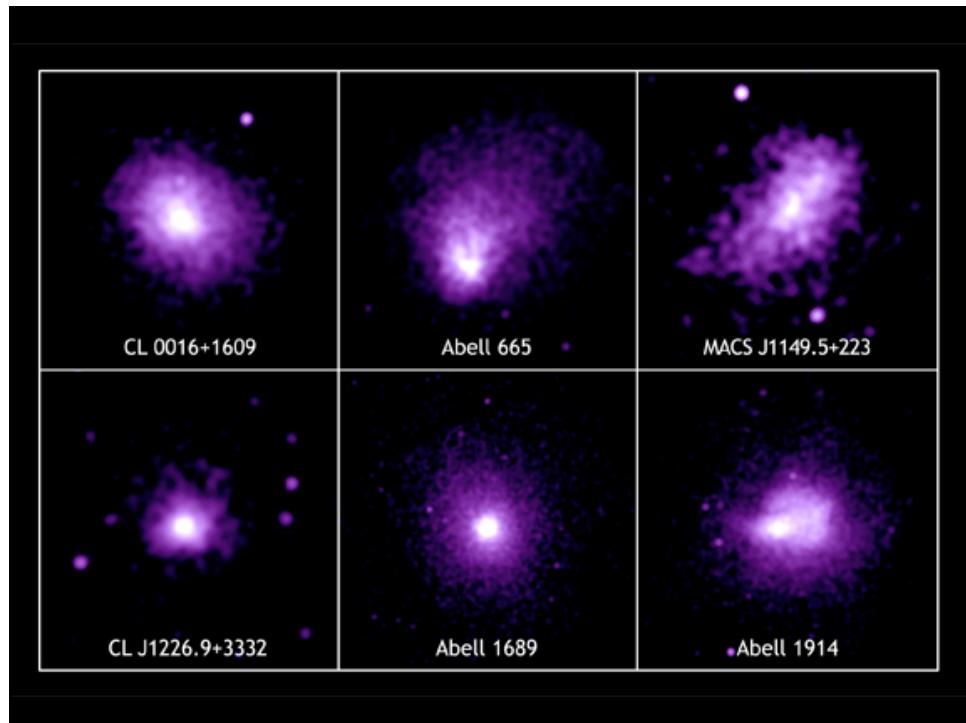
$$T \sim 10^8 \text{ K}$$

by the gravitational potential of the cluster.

At such high temperatures, this gas is a fully ionized plasma, producing powerful X-ray emission, bremsstrahlung radiation induced by the electron-ion interactions.



ROSAT X-ray image Coma Cluster



Cluster Mass: X-ray intracluster gas

Hydrostatic Equilibrium:

$$\frac{GM(r)}{r^2} = -\frac{k_B T}{\mu m_H} \left[\frac{d \log \rho}{dr} + \frac{d \log T}{dr} \right]$$

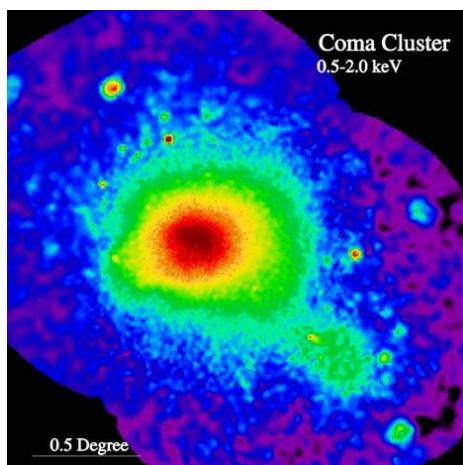
Determination Mass from X-ray observations:

-assumption:

Isothermal: $T(r)=T_0$

-density profile:

X-ray emission Bremsstrahlung: $L(r) \sim \rho(r)^2$



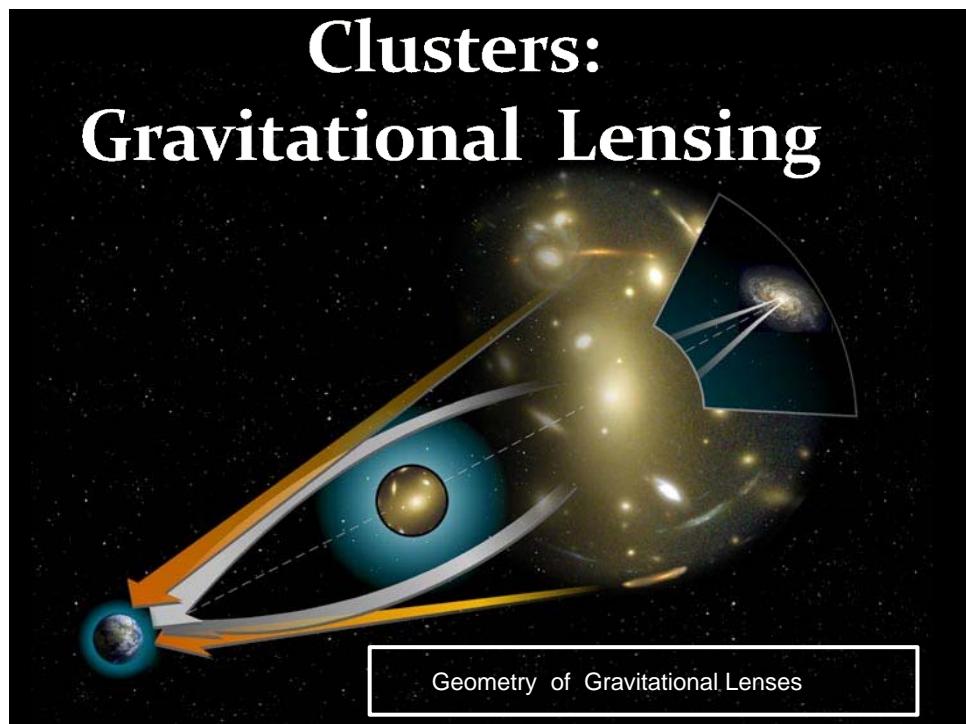
ROSAT X-ray image Coma Cluster

Clusters of Galaxies: Gravitational Lenses

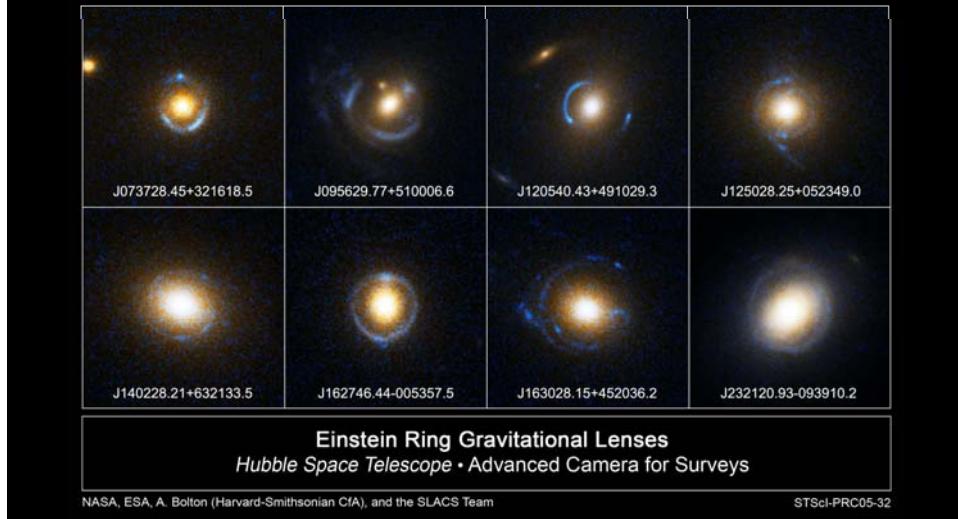
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T. Broadhurst et al.

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Gravitational Lensing: Einstein Ring

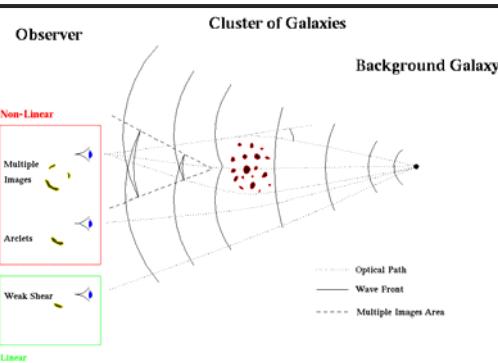


Gravitational Telescopes: Weak vs. Strong Lensing

$$\theta_E = \sqrt{\frac{4GM}{c^2} \frac{d_{LS}}{d_L d_S}}$$

Two kinds of lensing:

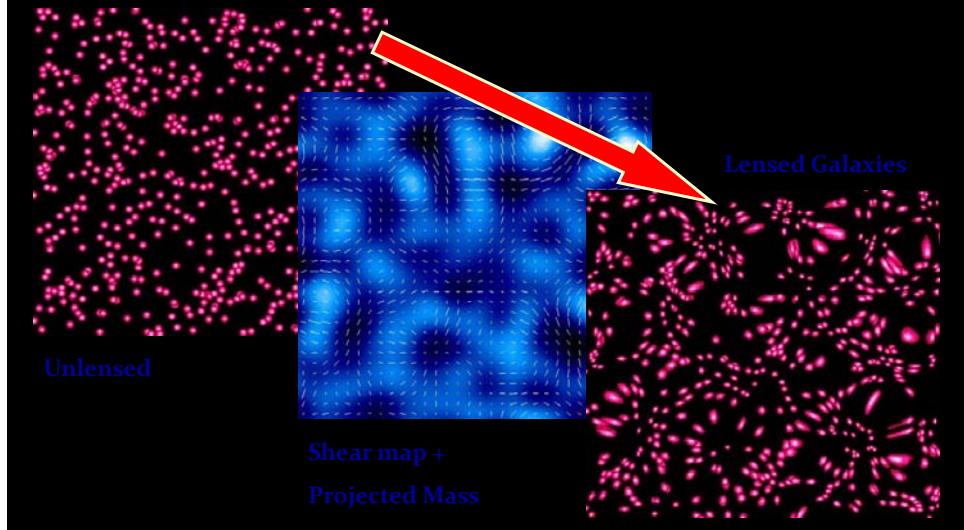
- **Strong Lensing:**
 $\theta < \theta_E$
- nonlinear distortions
- multiple image
- **Weak Lensing:**
 $\theta > \theta_E$
- linear distortions
- sheared images



Cluster Mass determination:

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| Weak Lensing: | Linear Inversion Distortion Field |
| Strong Lensing: | Complex Modeling density distribution.
non-trivial |

Weak Gravitational Lensing



Weak Gravitational Lensing: MS1054

$z=0.83$

one of the highest known z
clusters

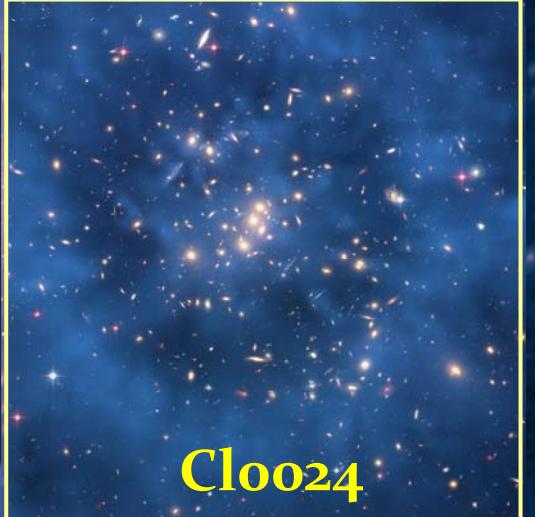
Weak Lensing study by

- Clowe et al. Keck
- Hoekstra et al. HST

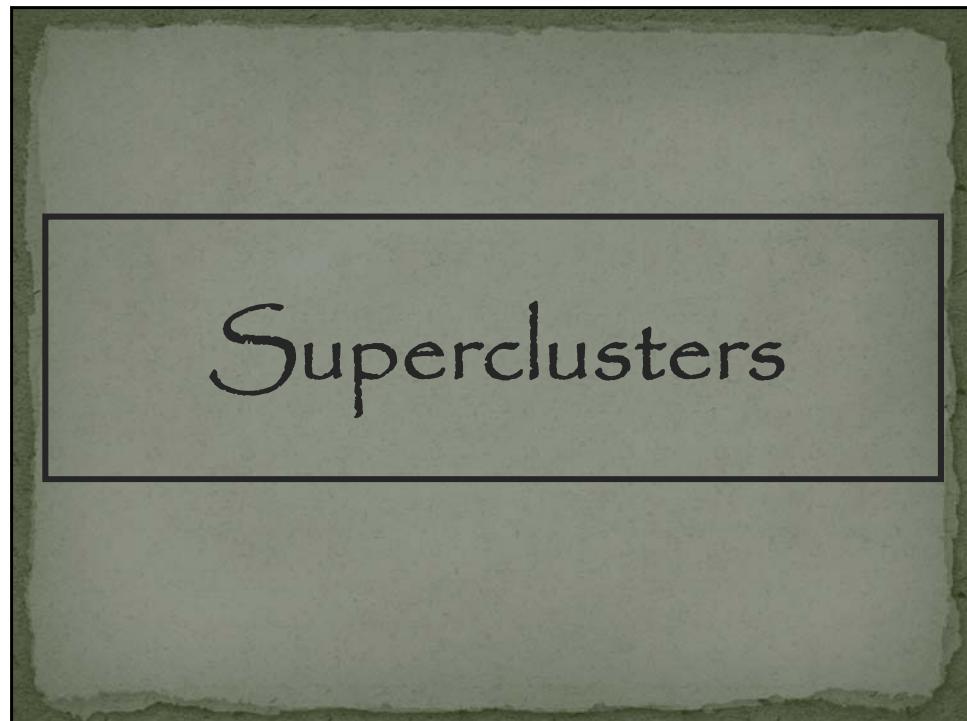
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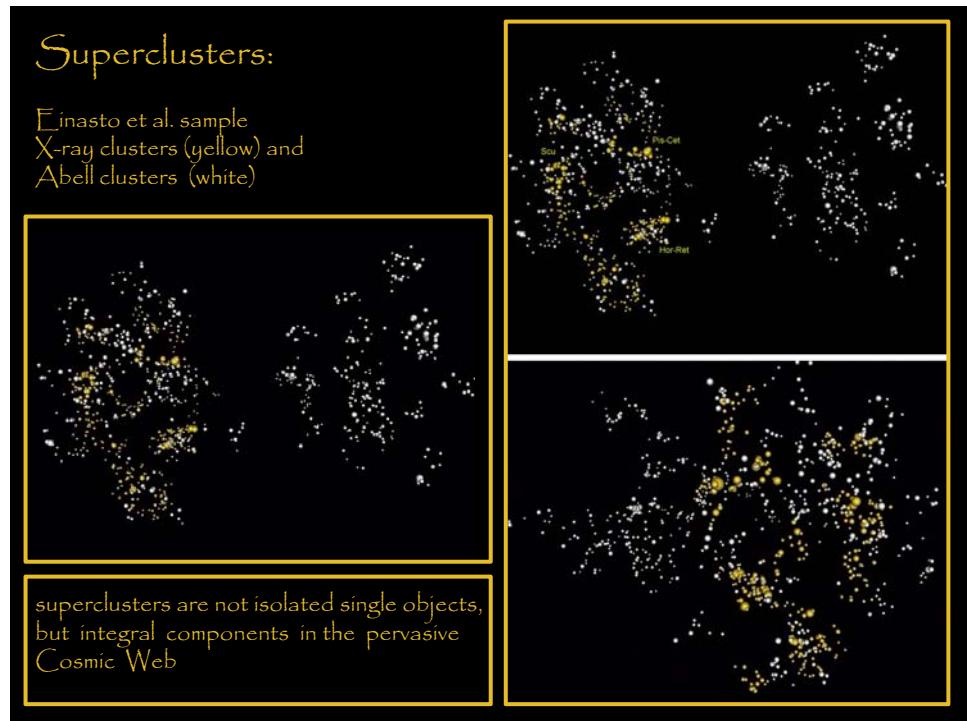
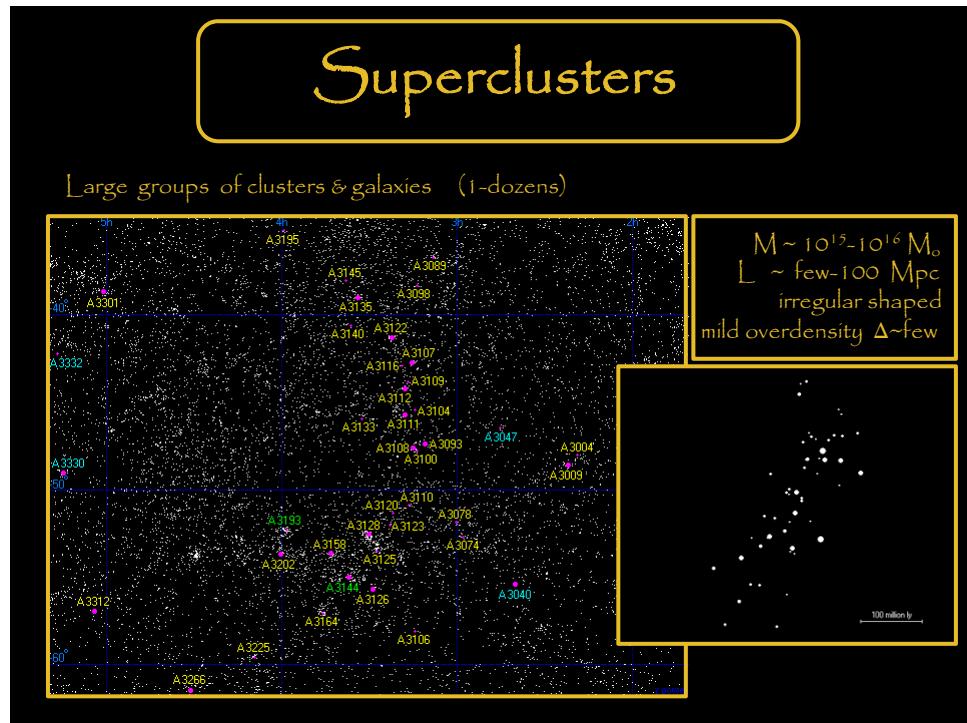
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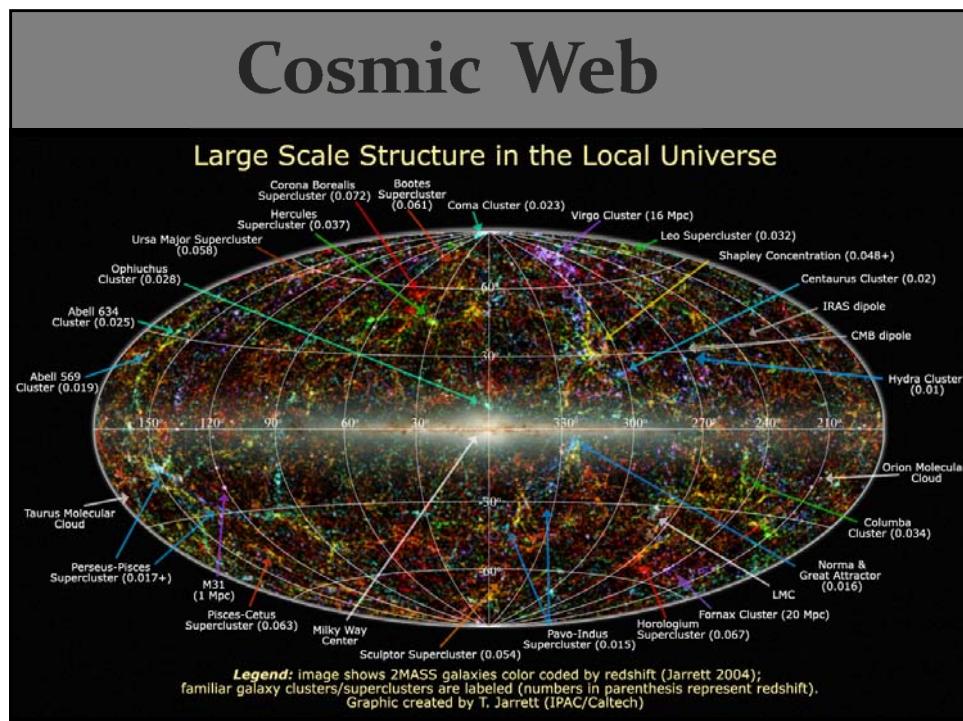
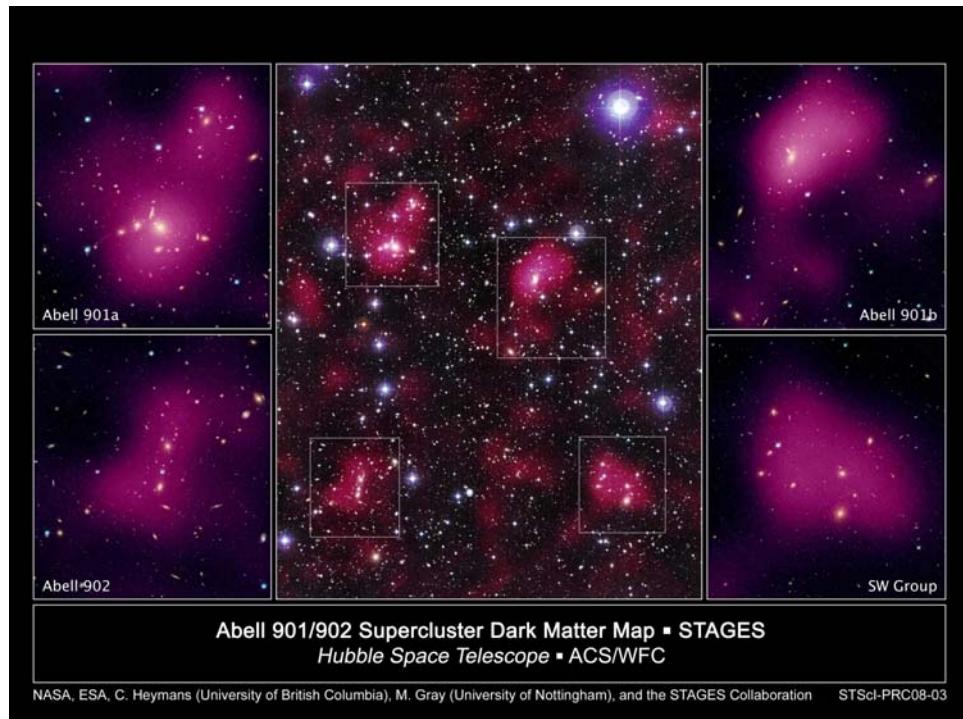


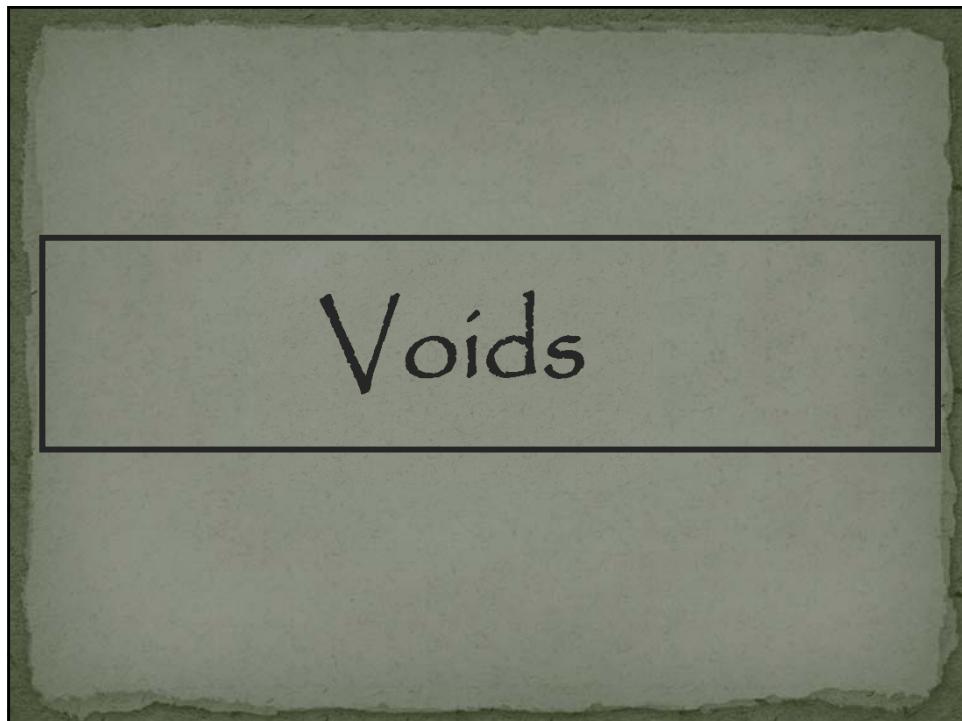
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Superclusters







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REVIEW ARTICLE

Giant voids in the Universe

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Recent observations indicate that most galaxies are concentrated in superclusters consisting of galaxies, and clusters of galaxies, aligned along strings. Giant volumes exist between superclusters which are almost empty of visible objects. Theories of galaxy formation predict the formation of non-spherical superclusters and giant voids. Large-scale structure changes very slowly, so the currently observed structure reflects the whole history of galaxy formation and structural evolution.

Zeldovich, Einasto & Shandarin 1982:
 First linking of observationally visible void regions and the theory of cosmic structure formation.

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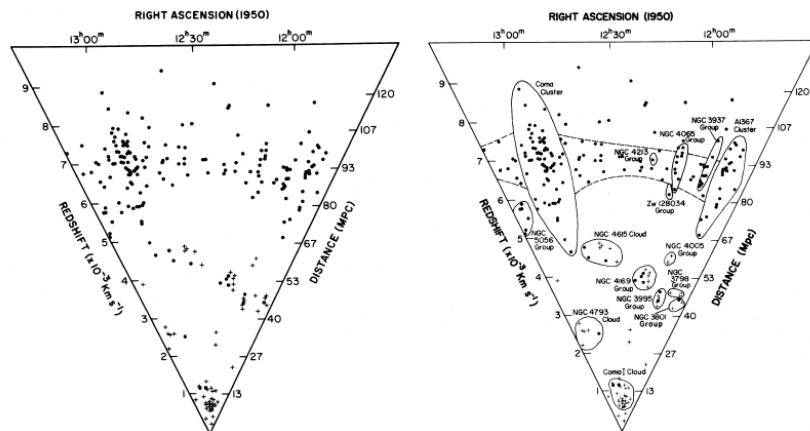
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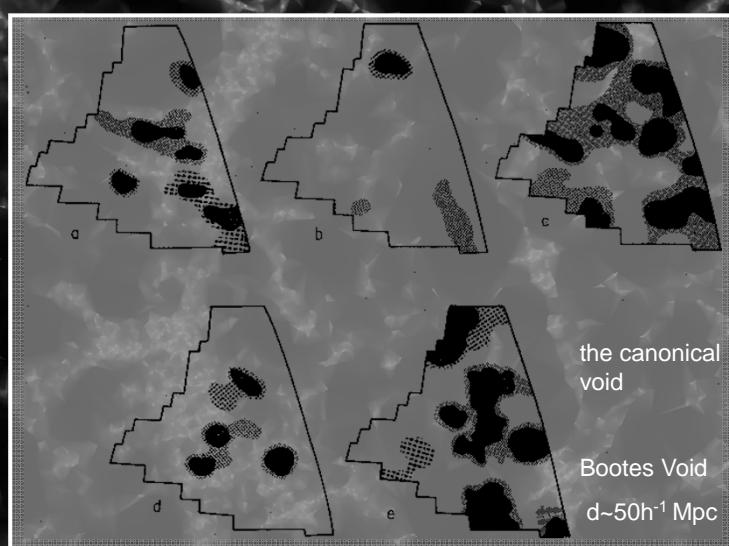
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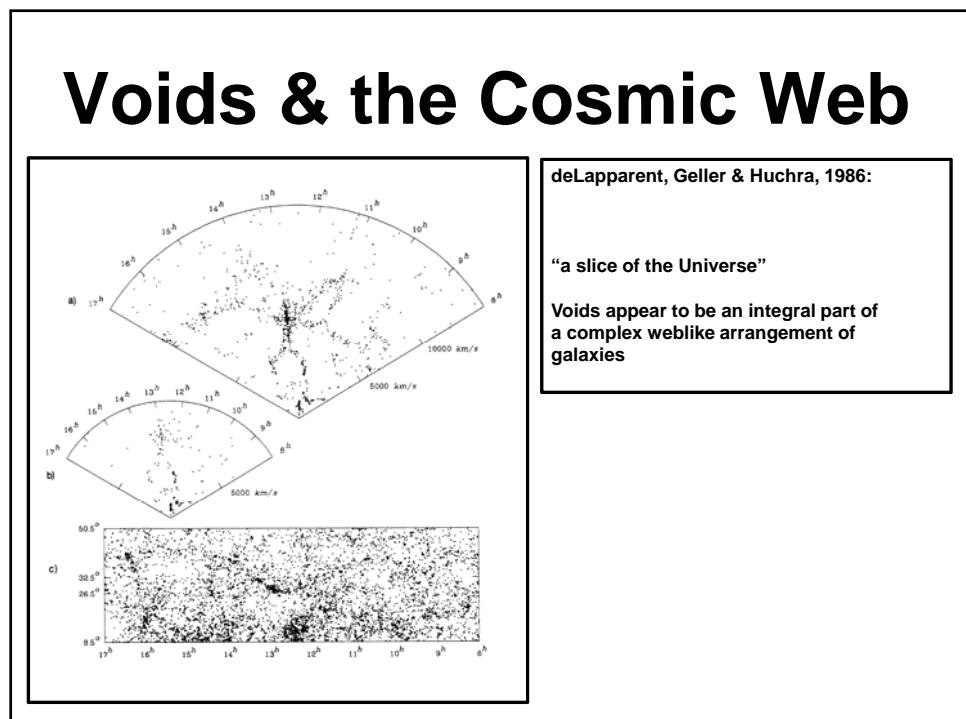
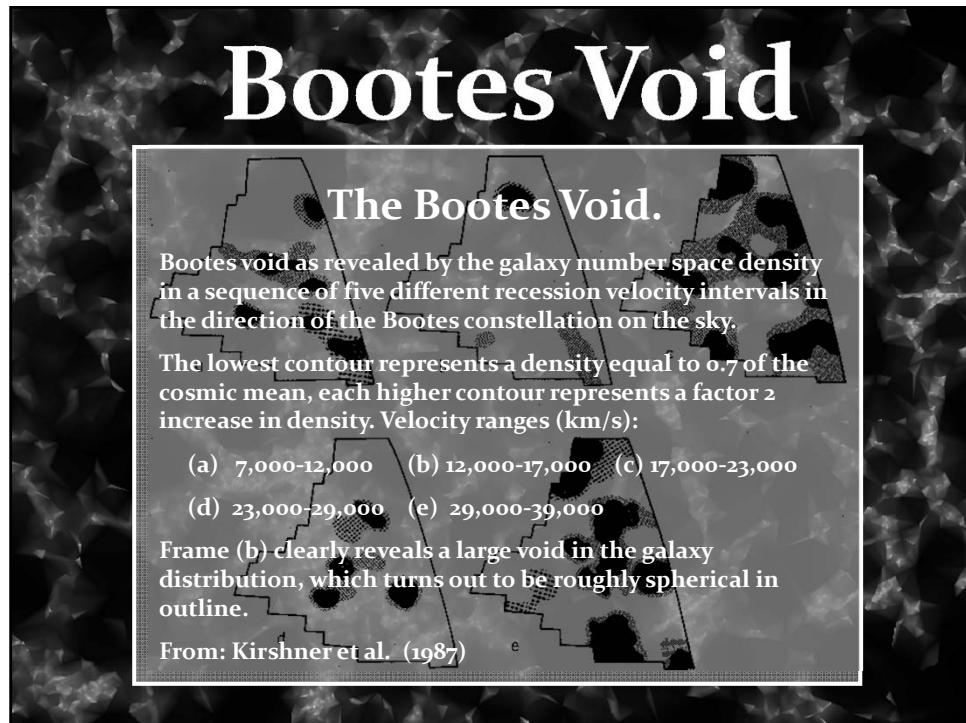


Gregory & Thompson 1978:
redshift survey of Coma/A1367 supercluster region revealed existence of large near-empty regions of space.

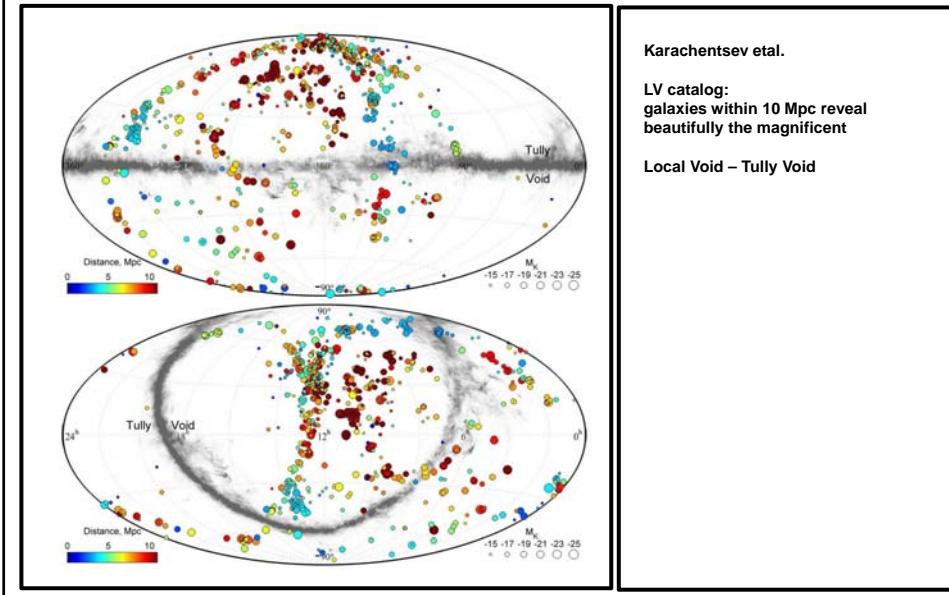
Bootes Void

Kirshner, Oemler, Schechter, Schechter (KOSS) 1981, 1987

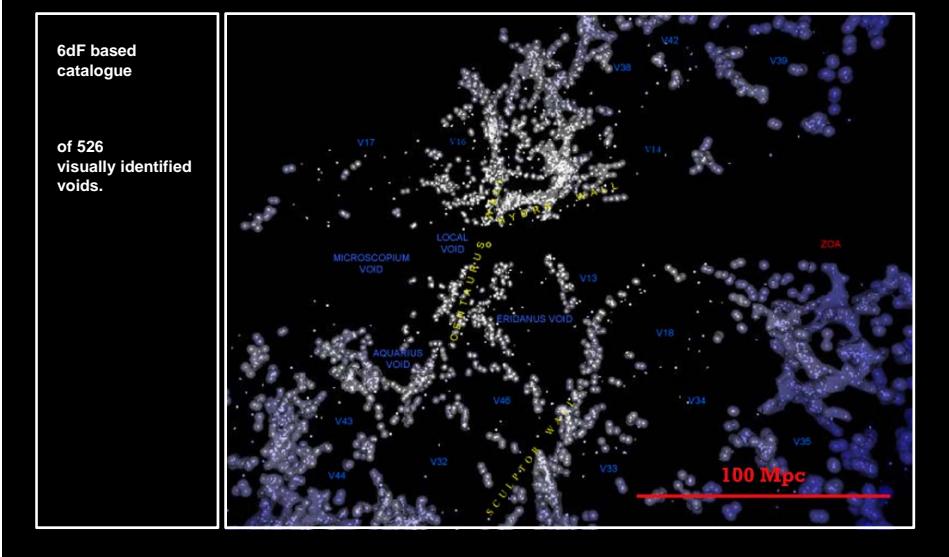




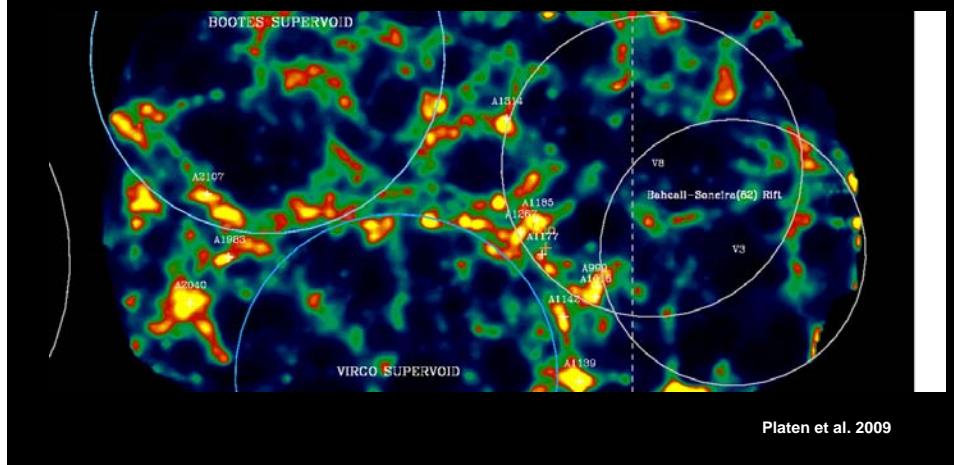
local Cosmic Web: Local Void



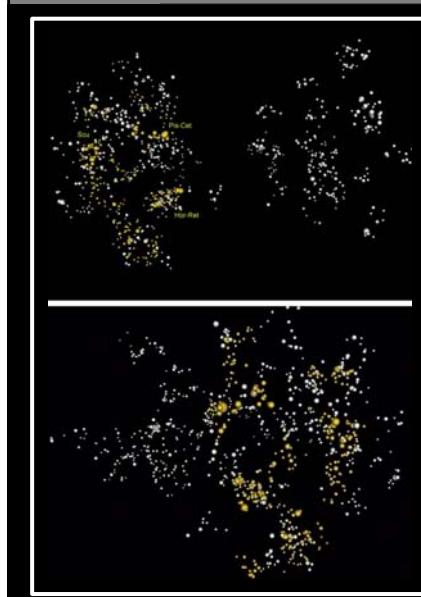
Fairall Void Catalogue



Bootes Void: Substructure



Voids & Clusters

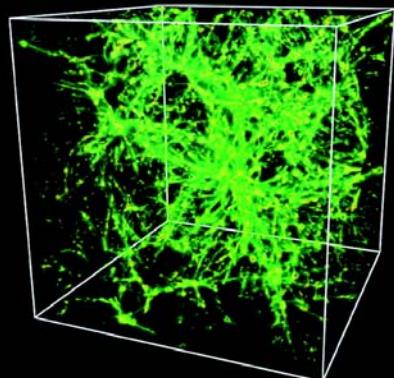


Einasto, Saar et al. (1990s)

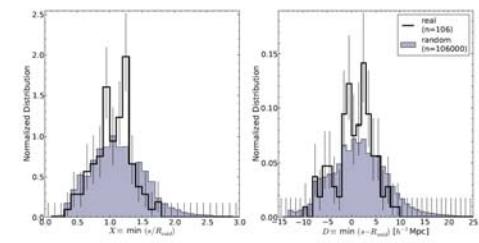
- Superclustering in Abell/APM clusters catalog
- Finding of characteristic scale ~ 140 Mpc, corresponding to large voids in the cluster distribution

Reflex II cluster catalog (Bohringer et al.) reveals same population of voids in cluster distribution (see talk by Collins).

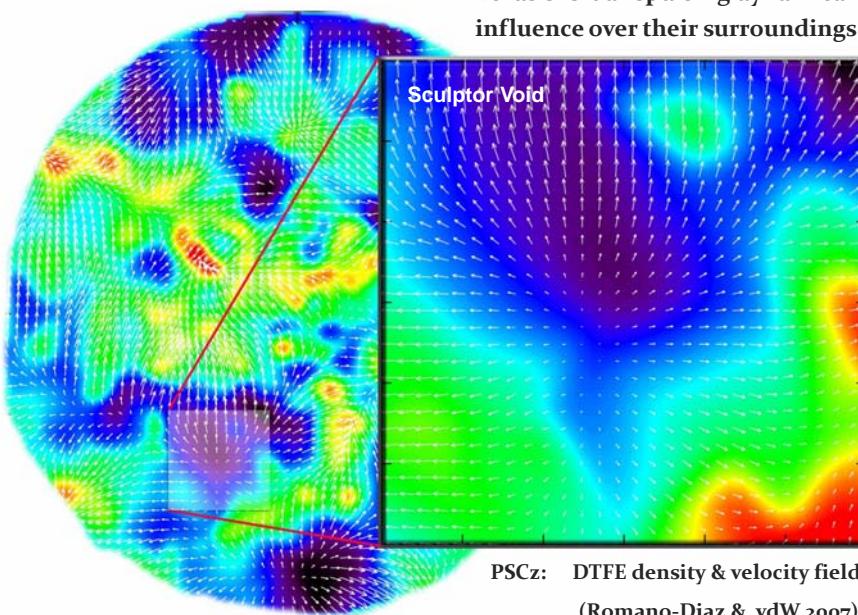
Voids & the Gaseous Web



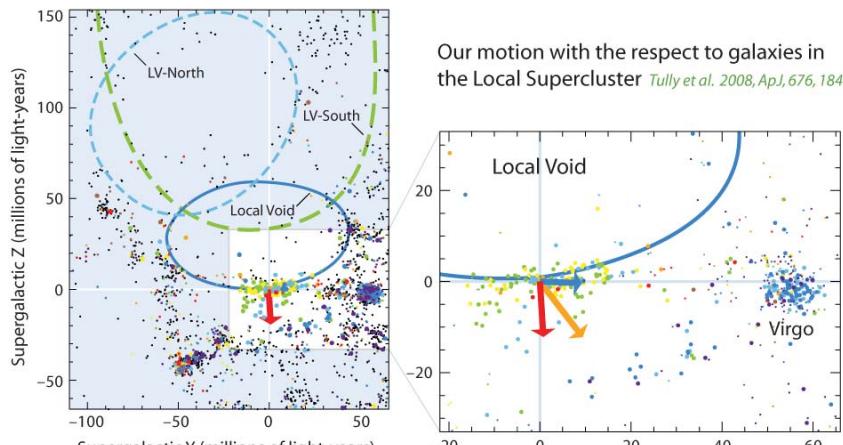
Tejos et al. 2012:
HI Ly α absorption systems clearly delineate voids



Voids exert a repulsing dynamical influence over their surroundings.

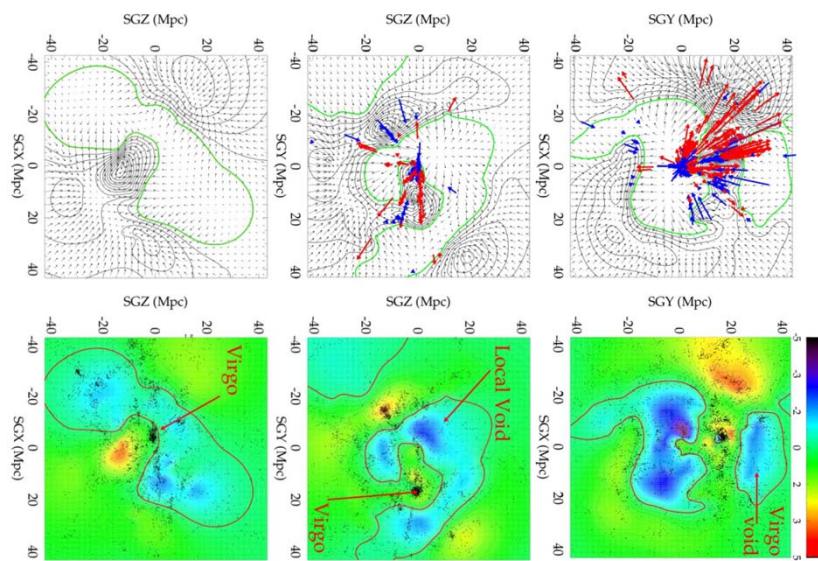


Push of the Local Void



Tully et al. 2008:
Local Void pushes with ~260 km/s against our local neighbourhood

Void Dynamics: Local Void

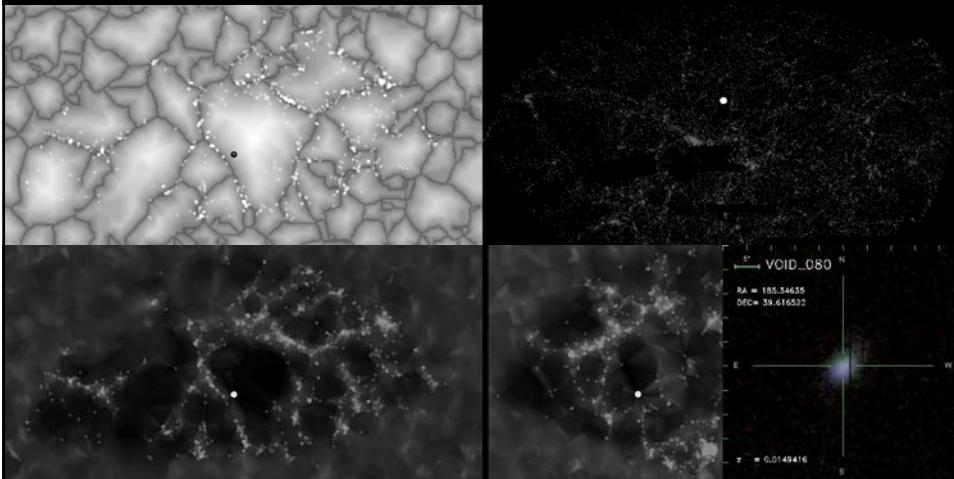


Voids: Identification & Catalogues

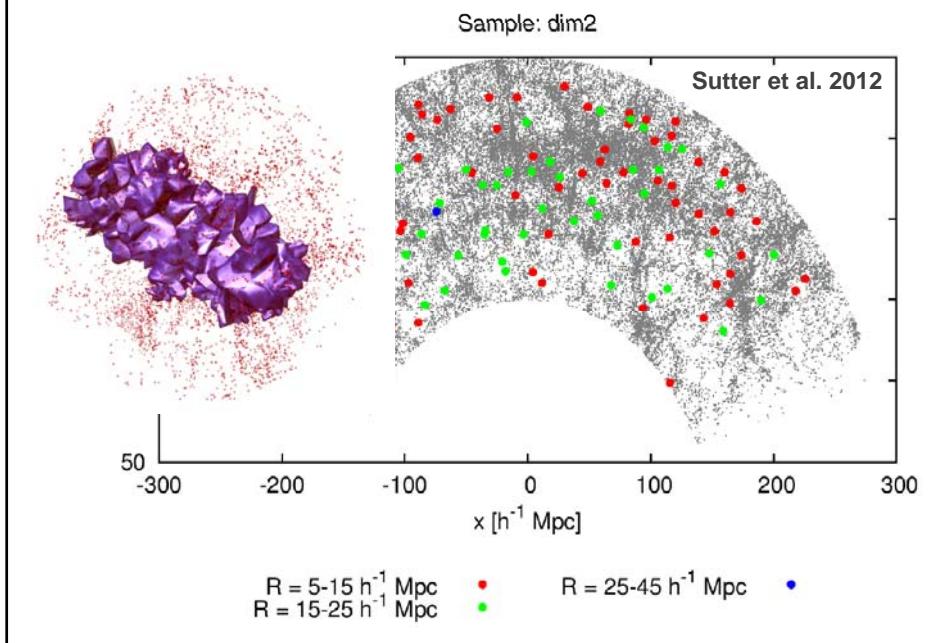
- Voids are not easily defined
not as cleanly & objectively identifiable objects as clusters
- range of criteria & identifiers,
often conflicting see Colberg et al. 2008
- increased interest due to cosmological/dark energy
information contained in voids

- Catalogues:
 - Fairall 2006 by eye
 - Pan et al. 2012 Hoyle-Vogeley algorithm
 - Sutter et al. 2012 Watershed/ZOBOV multiscale

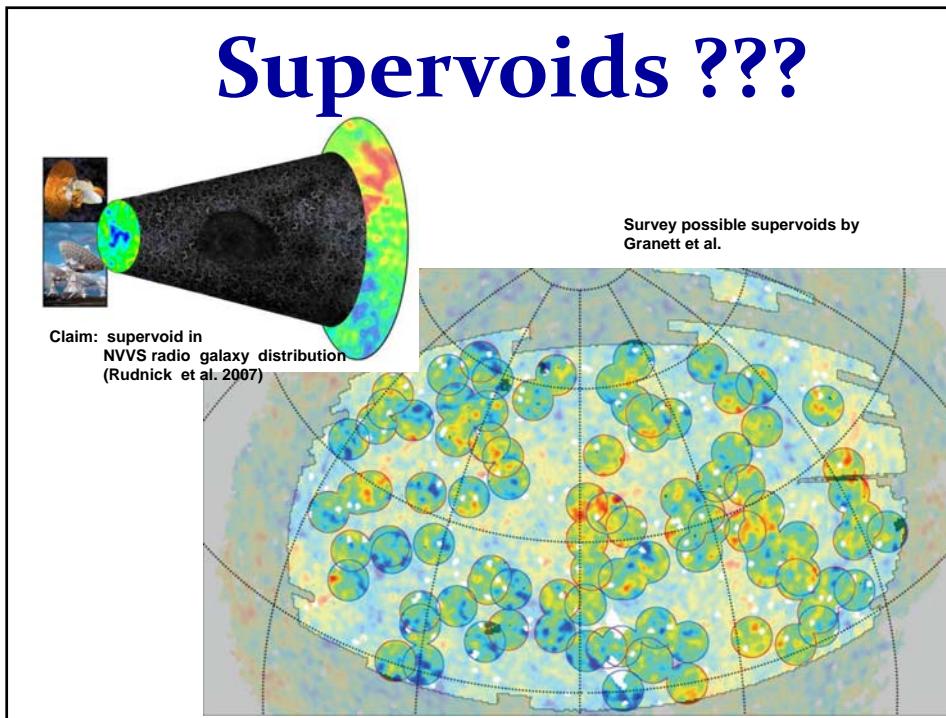
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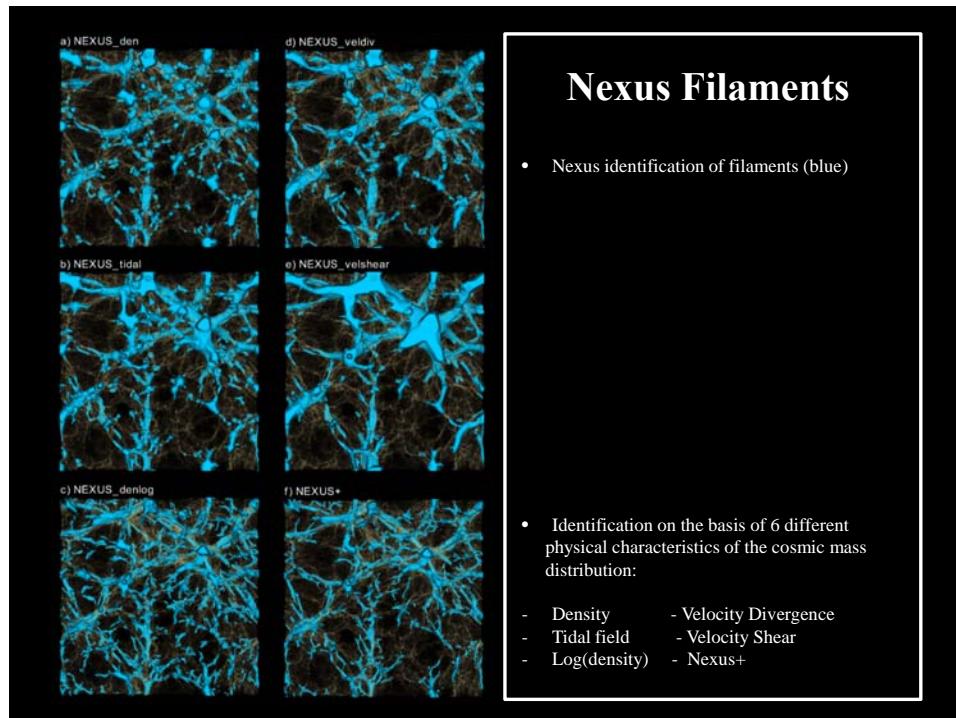
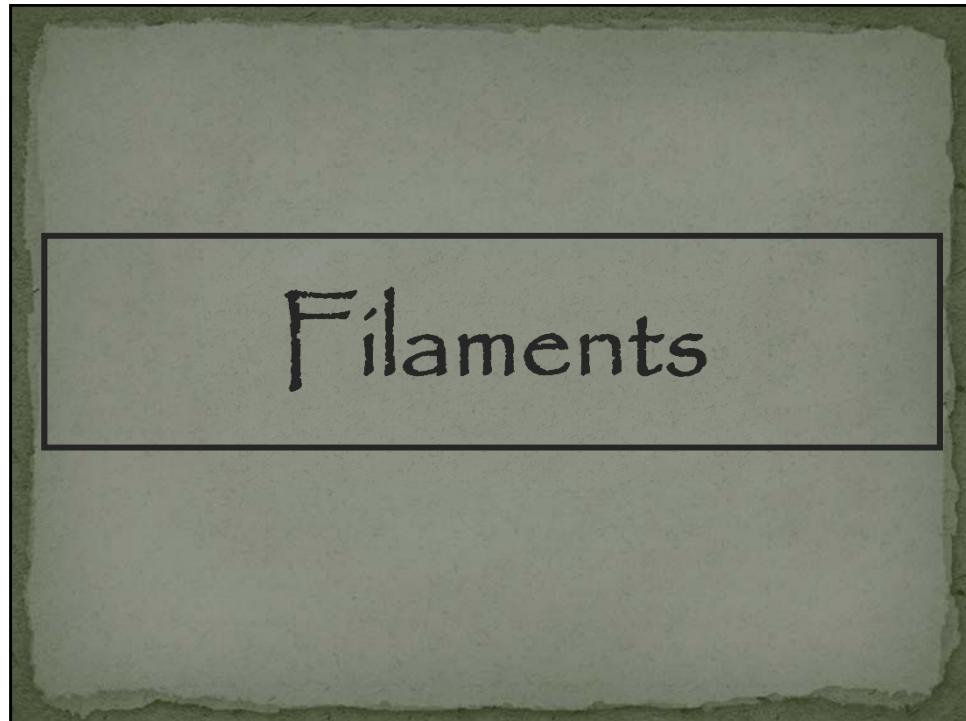


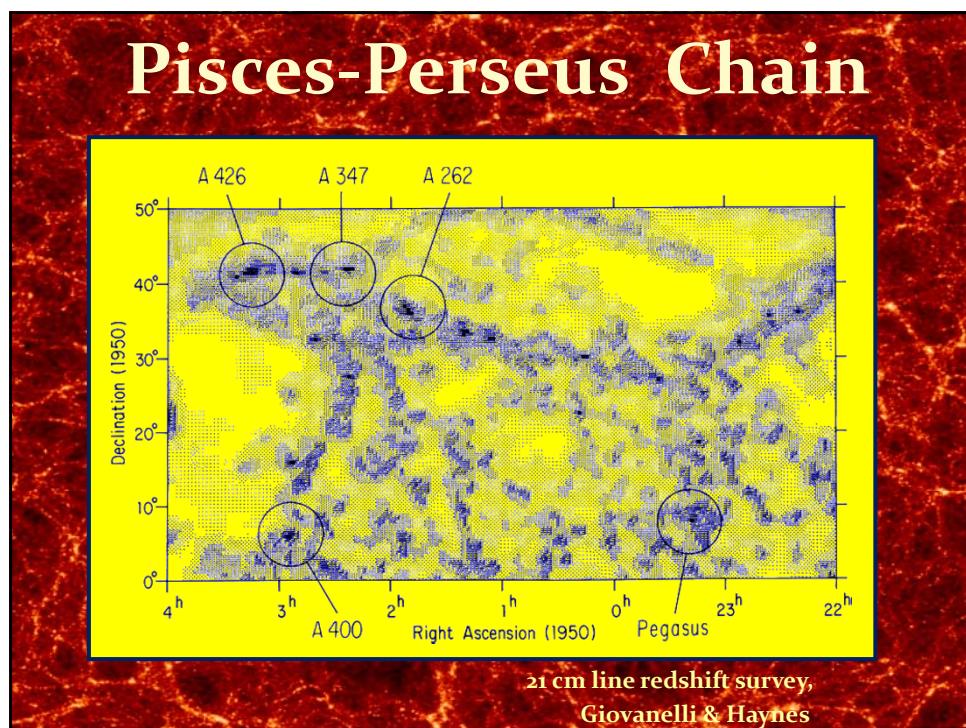
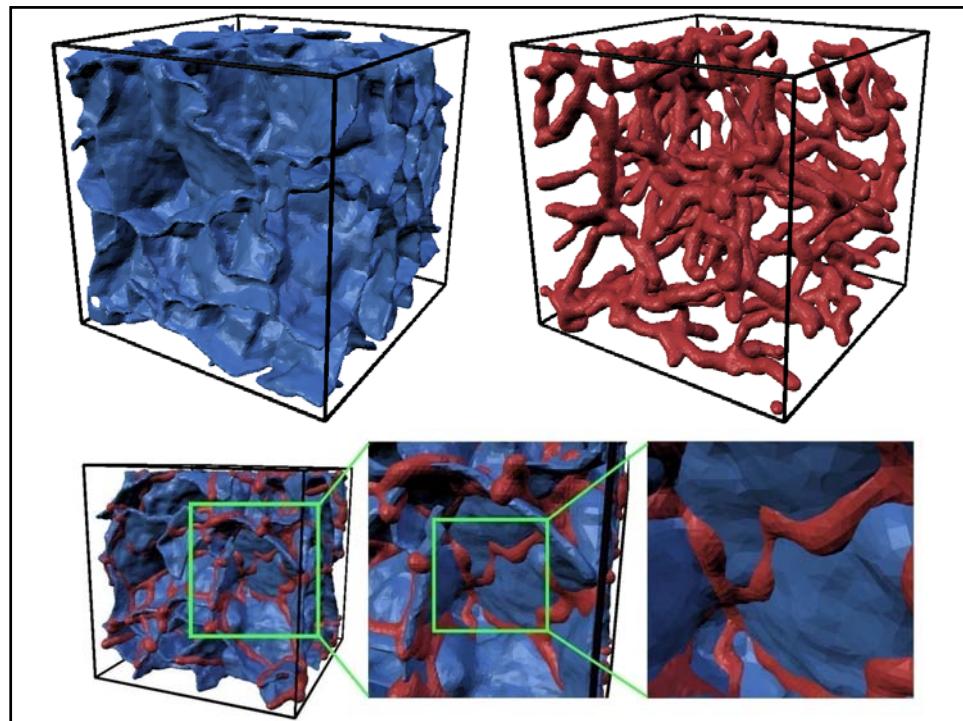
SDSS Multiscale Watershed Void Catalog



Supervoids ???







Pisces-Perseus Chain

Canonical example of a strongly flattened supercluster consisting of

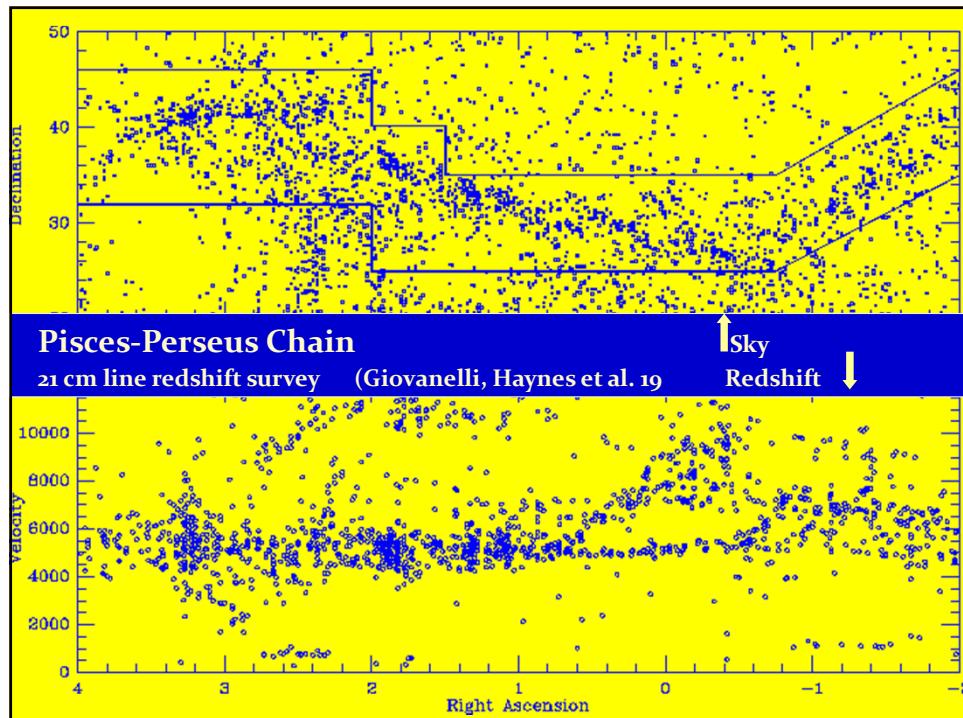
- sheet-like central region, dense filamentary boundary ridge
- Relative proximity ($d \sim 55h^{-1}$ Mpc),
- Characteristic & salient filamentary morphology,
- Favourable orientation.

Northern boundary: ridge south-westward of Perseus cluster (A426)

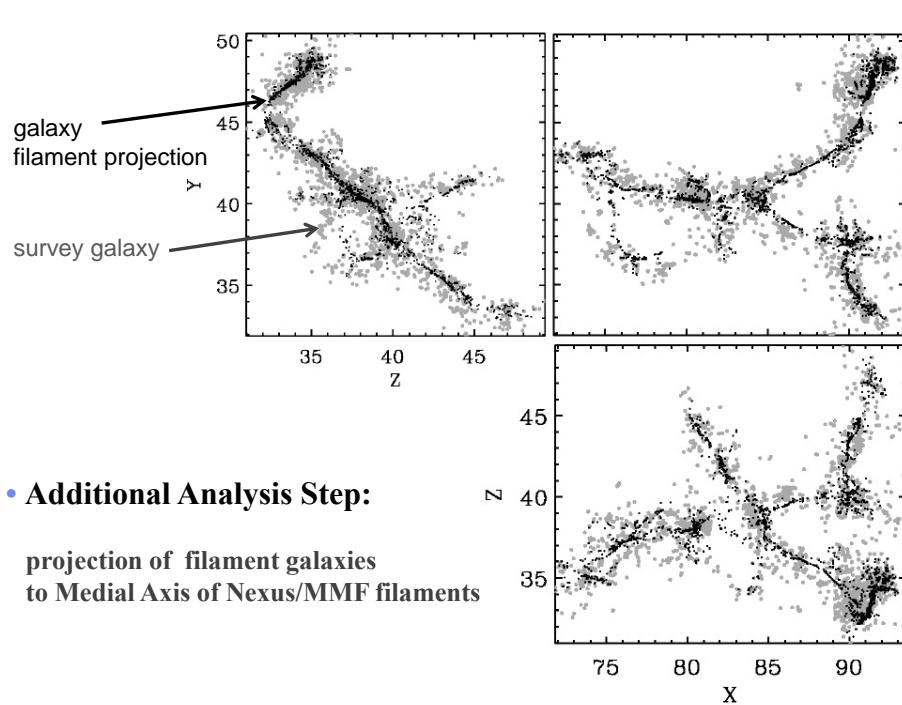
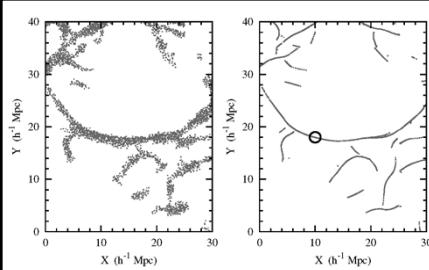
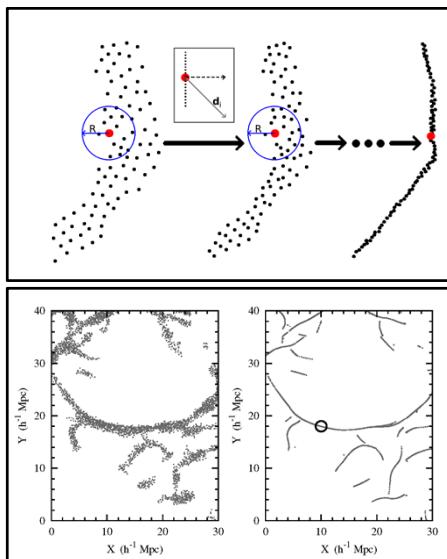
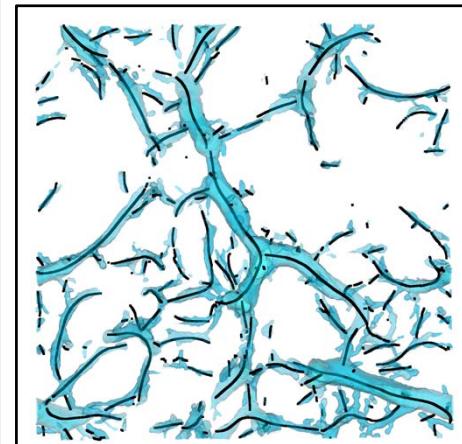
Dimensions Ridge: $5h^{-1}$ Mpc wide

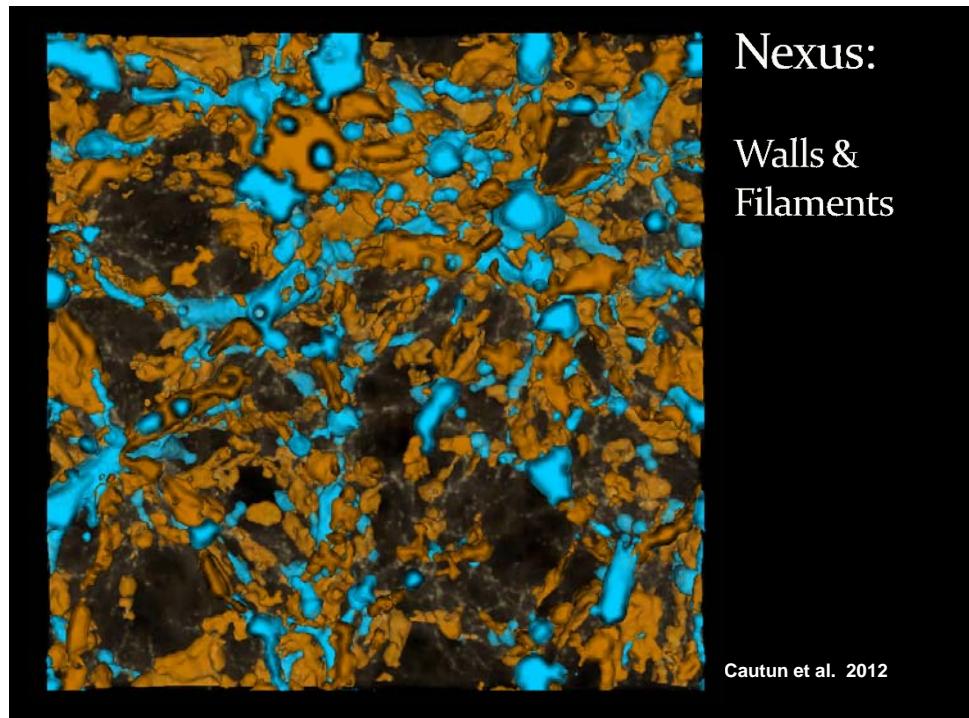
$50h^{-1}$ Mpc length; possible $140h^{-1}$ Mpc extension

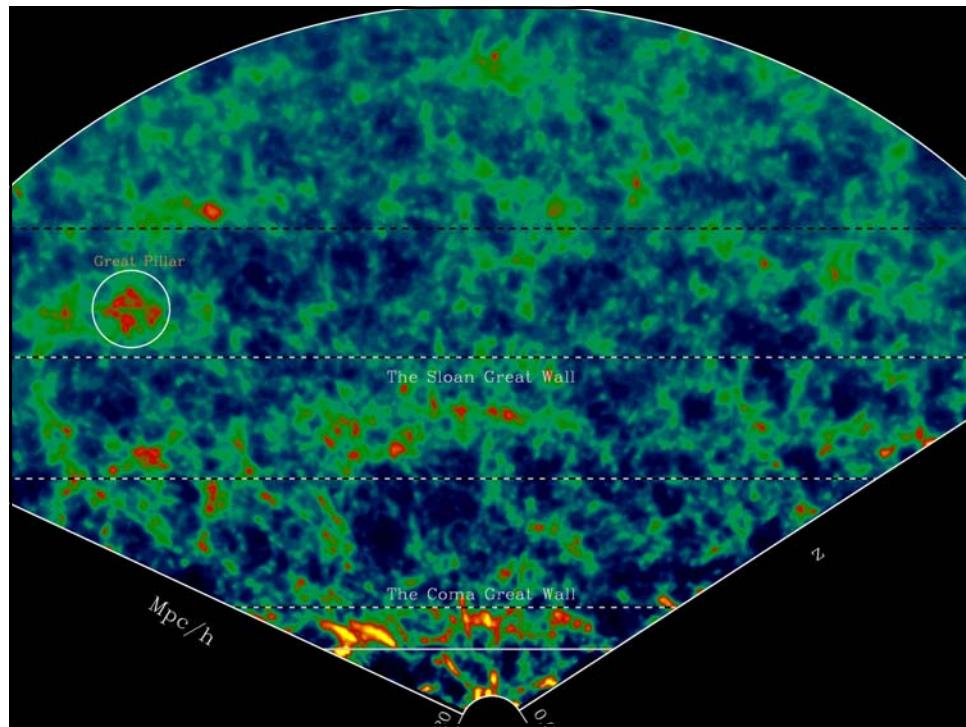
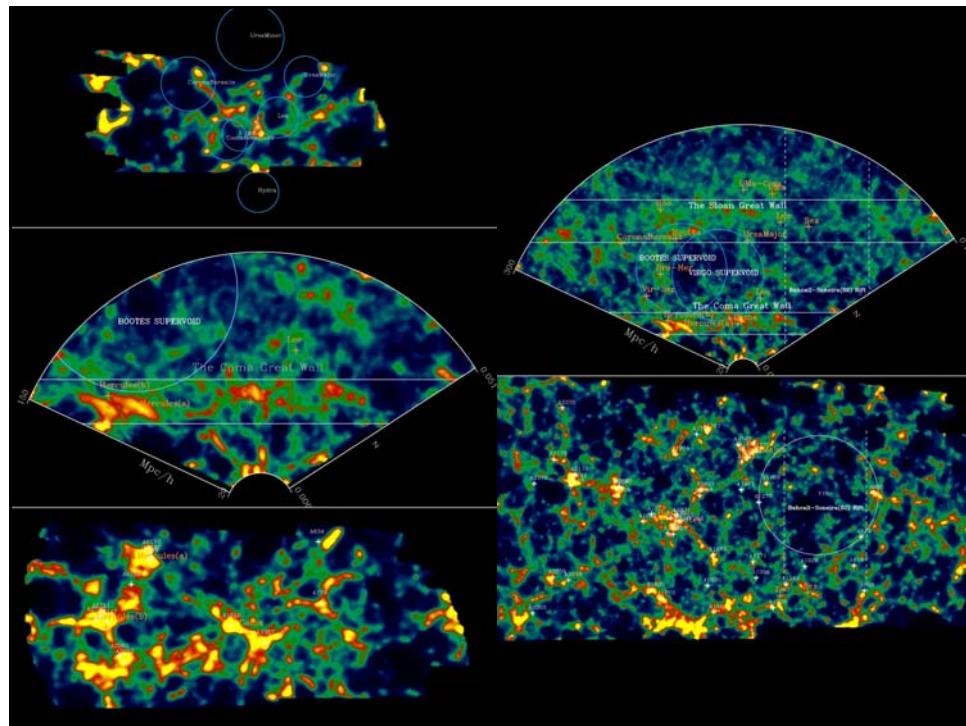
Along Ridge: high density clusters, incl. A462, A347, A262

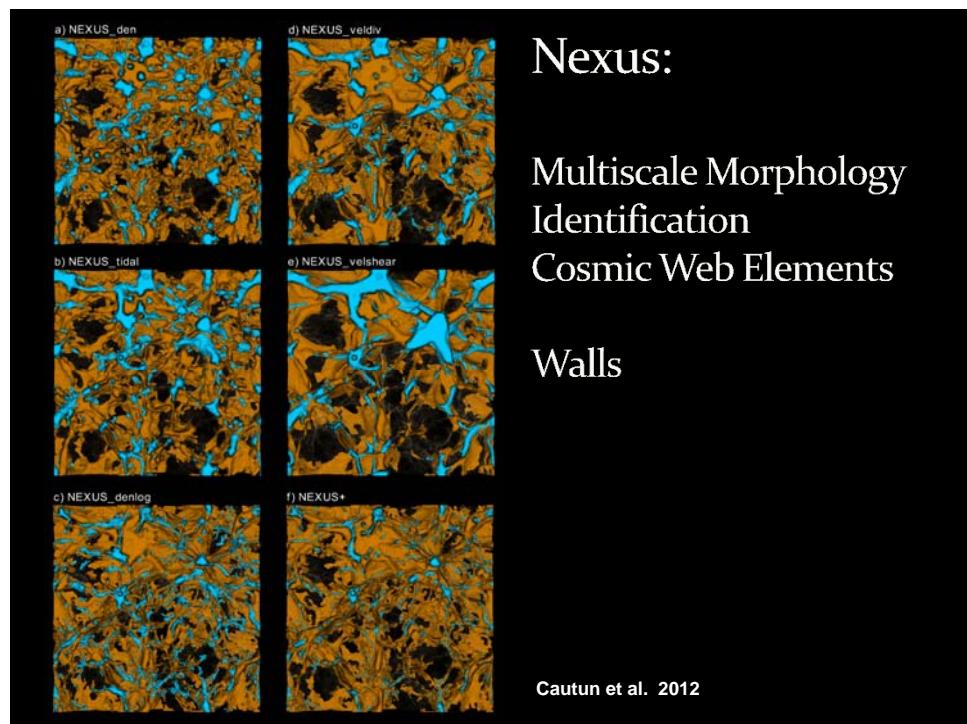
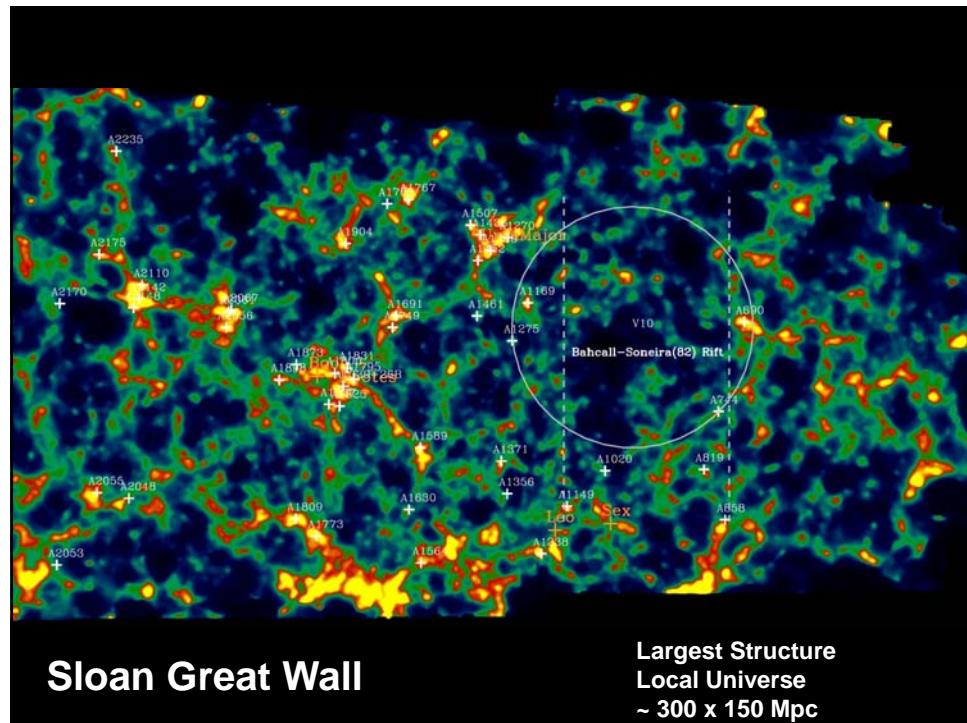


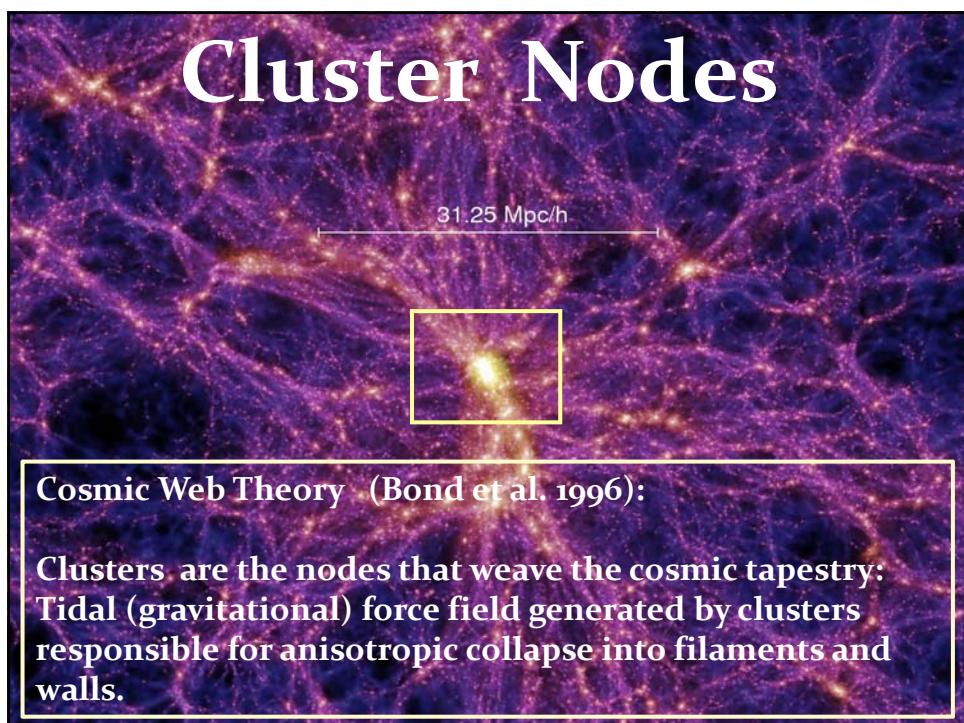
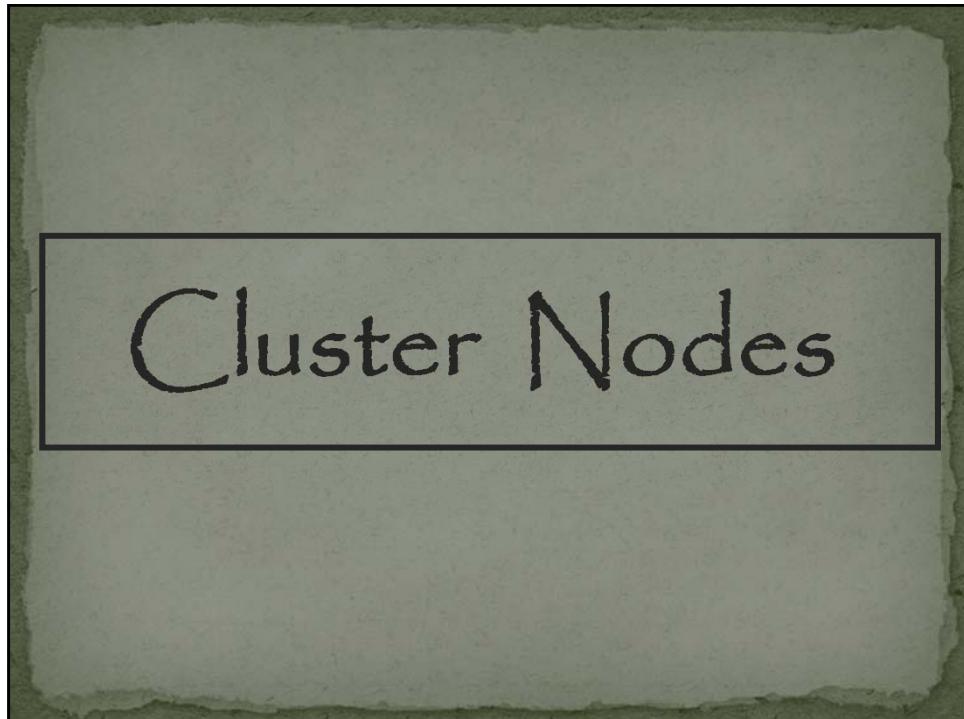
Spine of the Cosmic Web

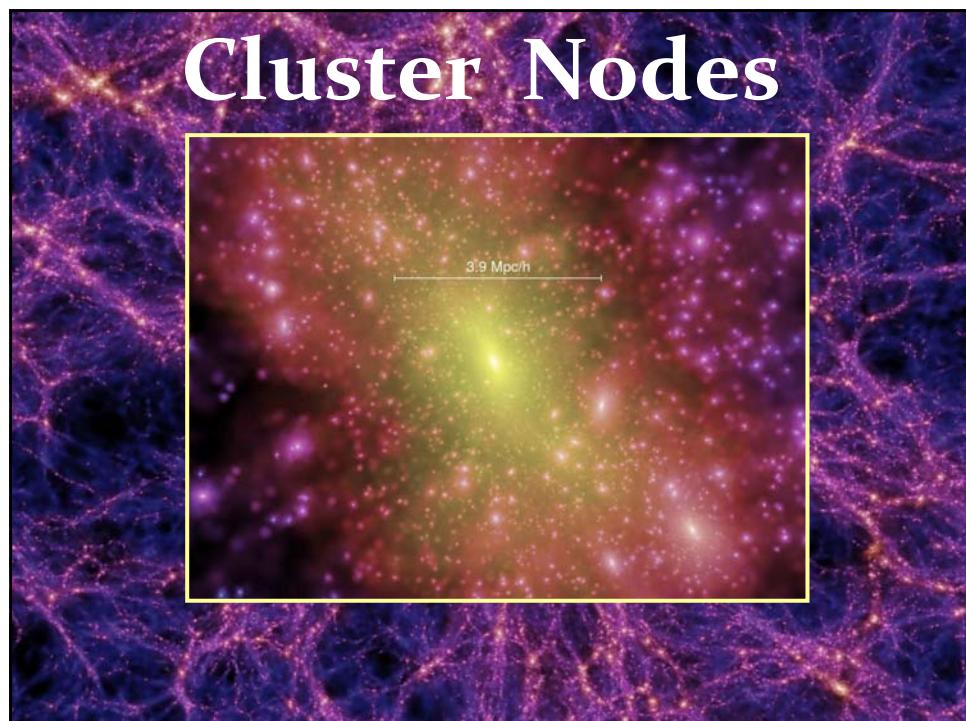
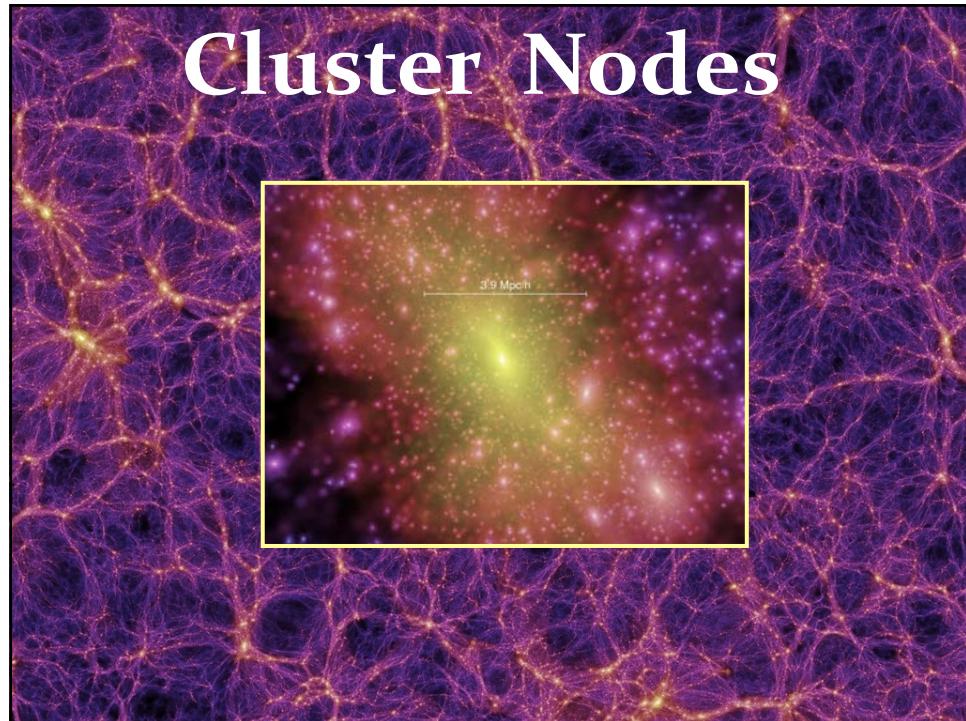


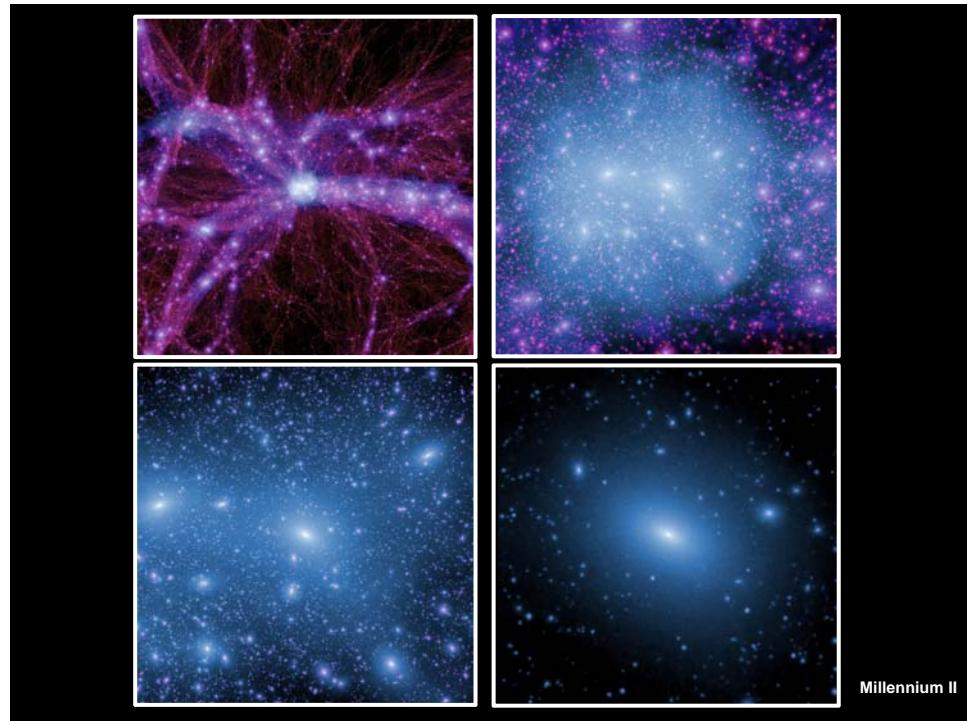
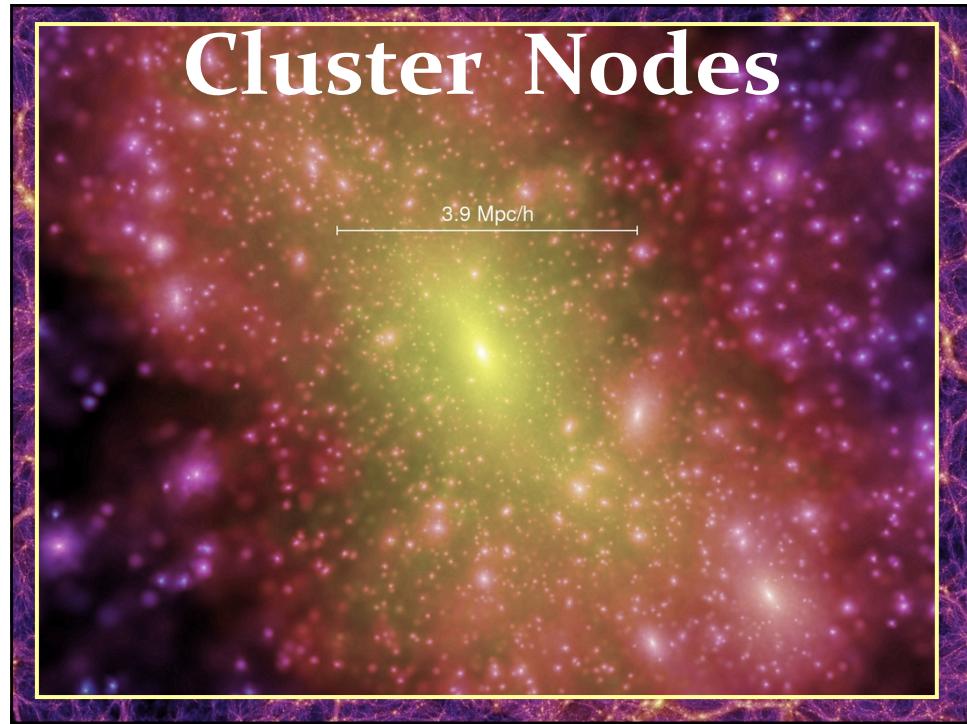


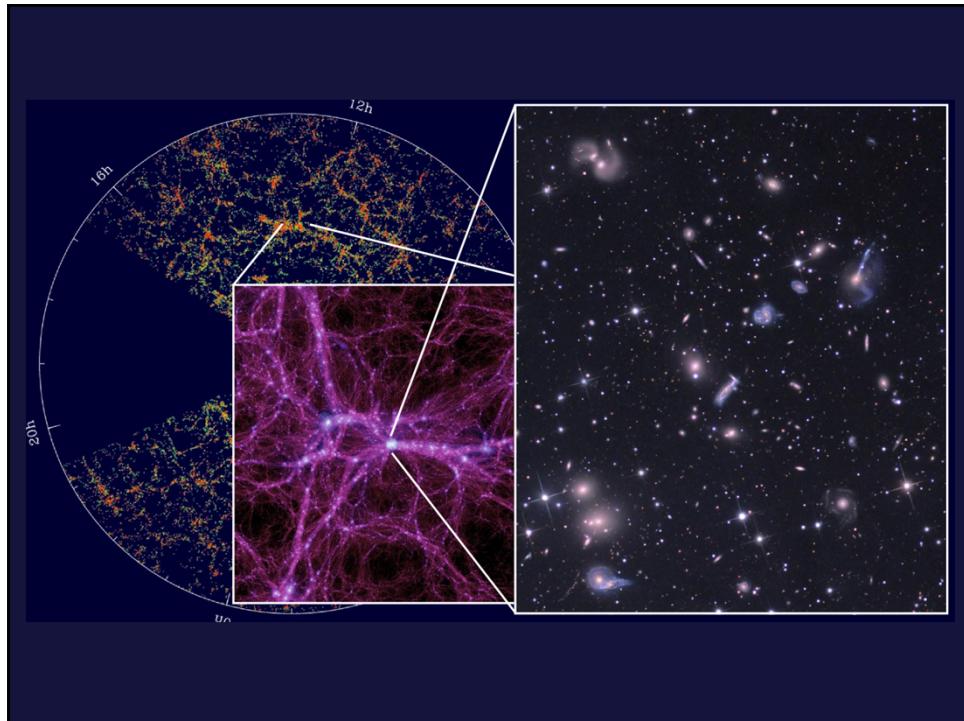




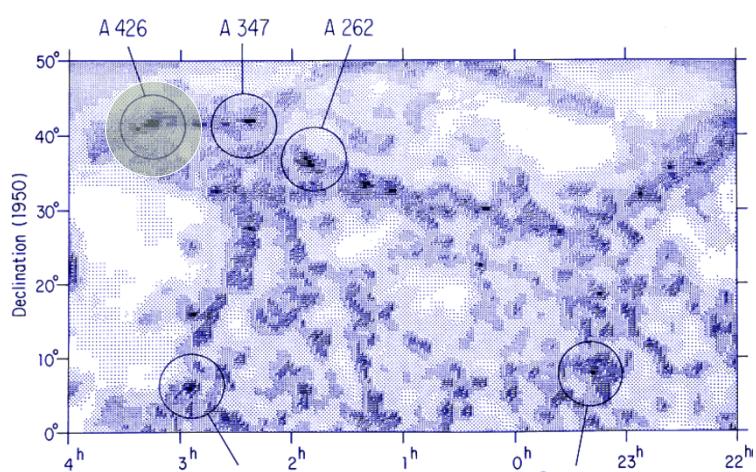




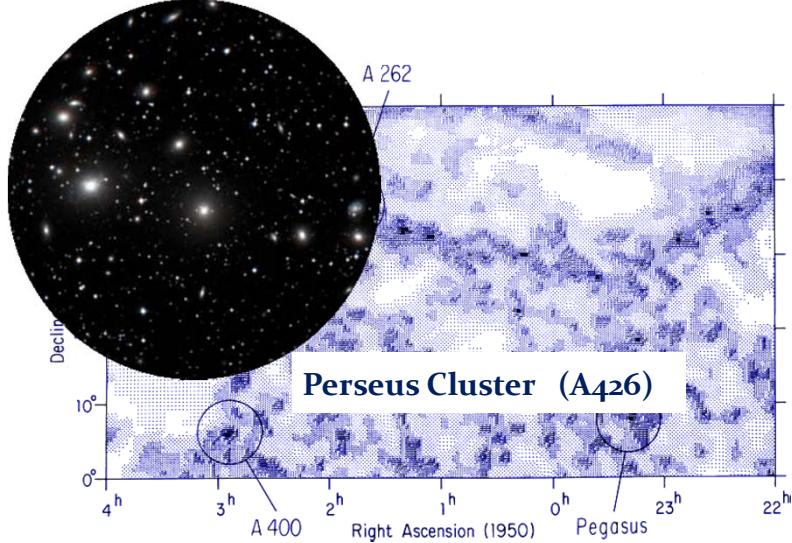




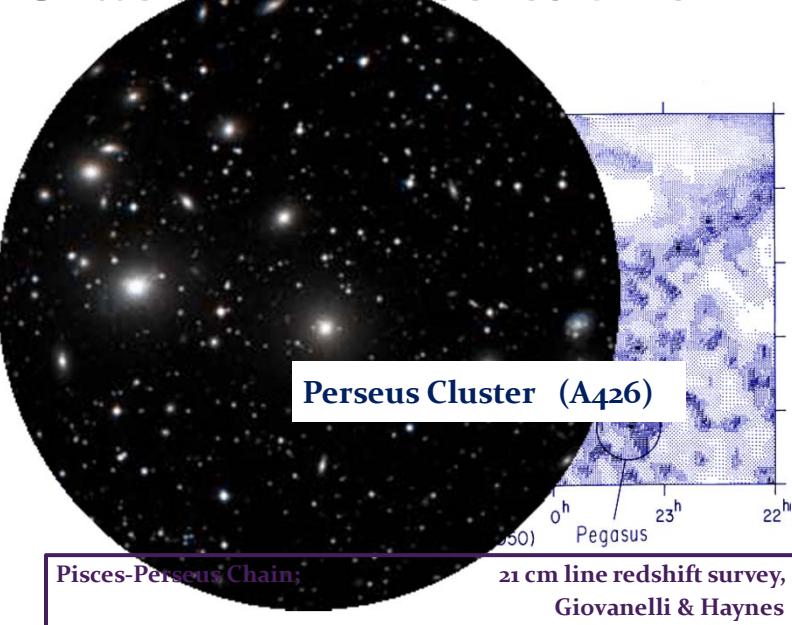
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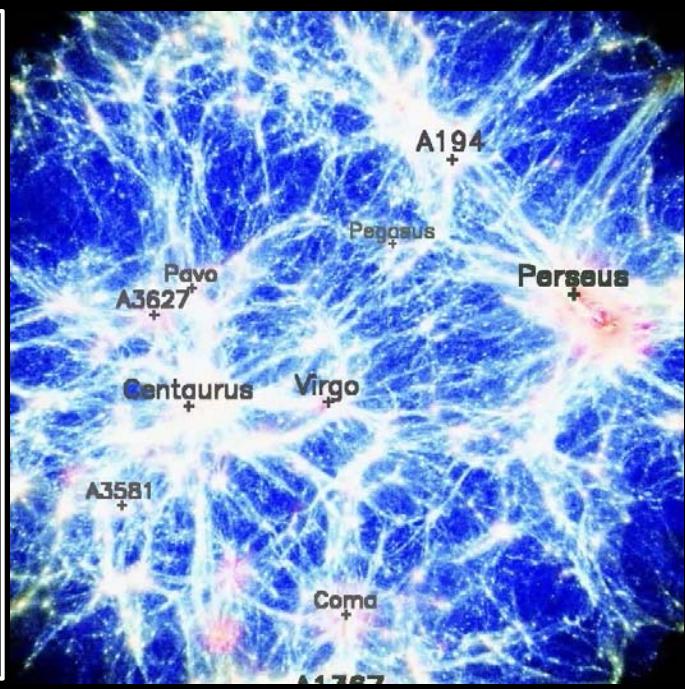
Cosmic Web: Gas

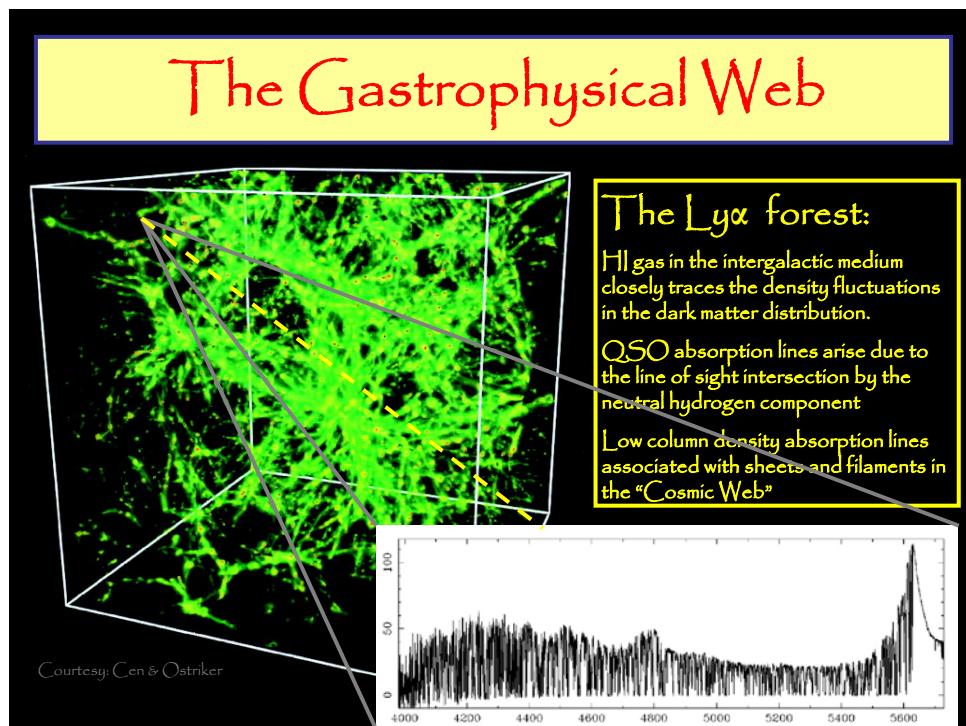
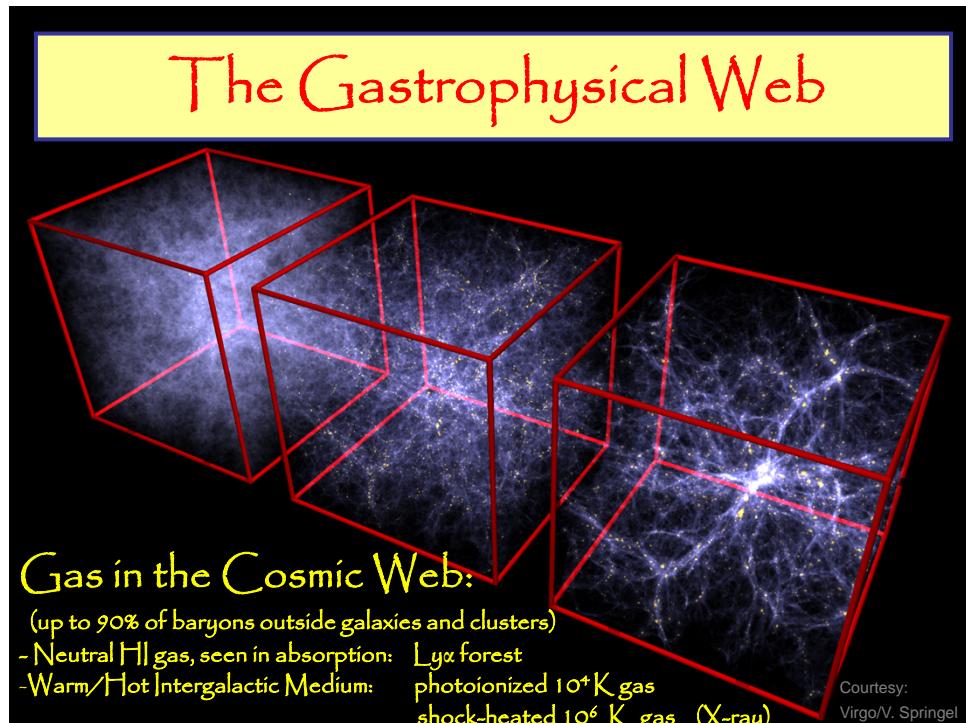
Local
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Constrained
Simulation

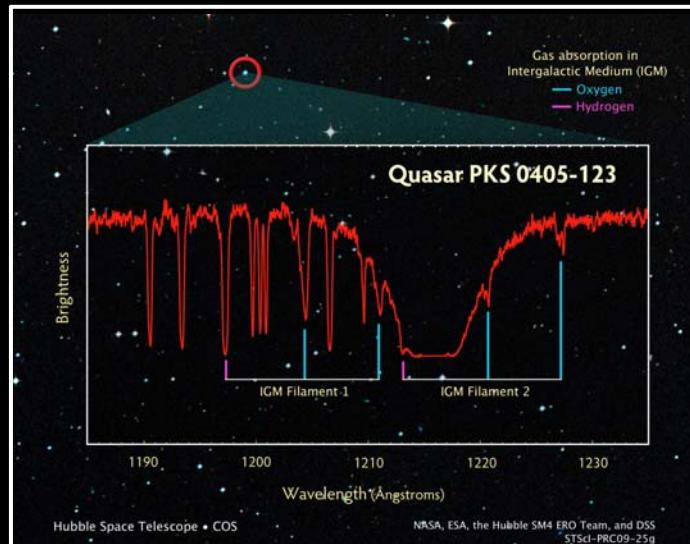
Gas Distribution

courtesy:
Klaus Dolag





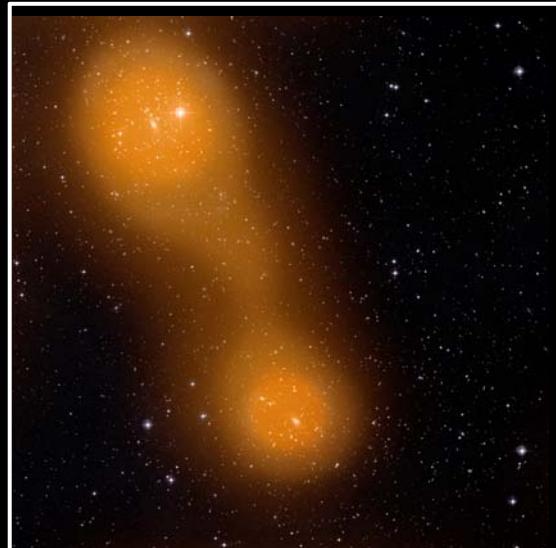
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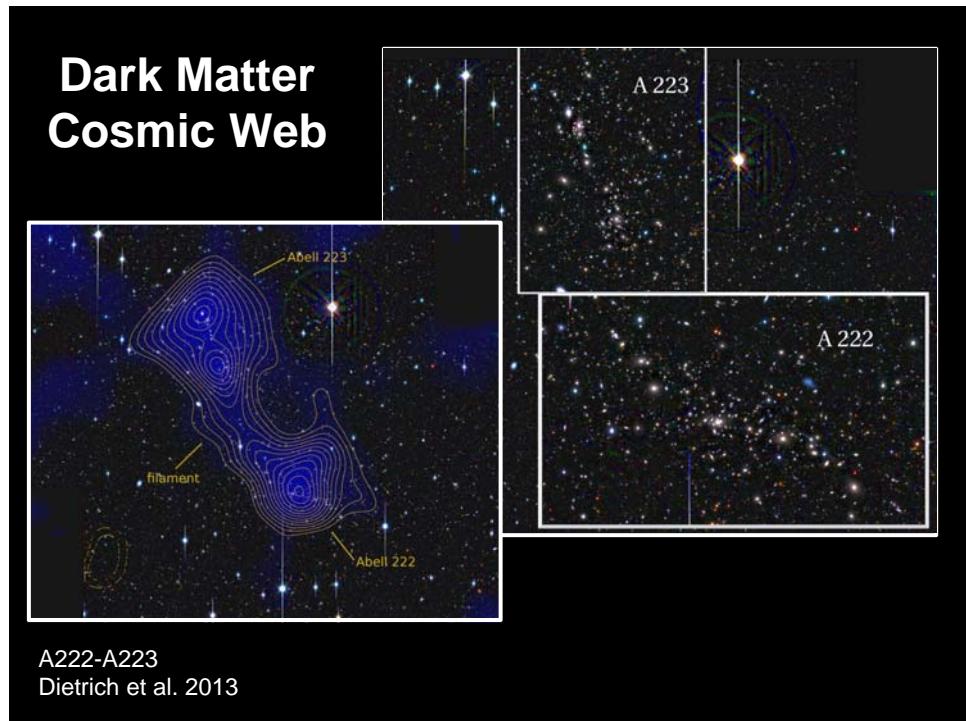


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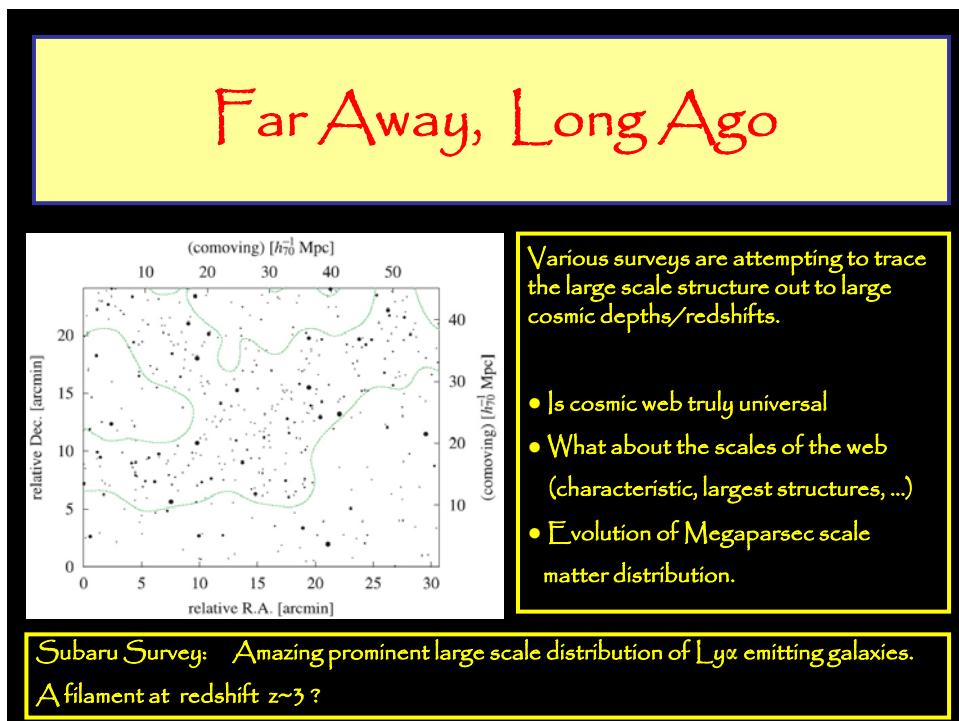
SZ detection of
Inter-cluster bridge/filament
in between clusters
A401 and A399

ESA/Planck collaboration

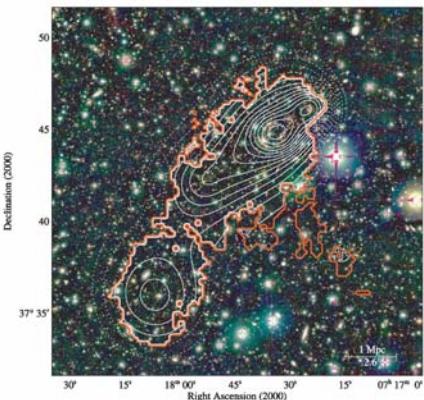




**Cosmic Web:
in depth**



Far Away, Long Ago



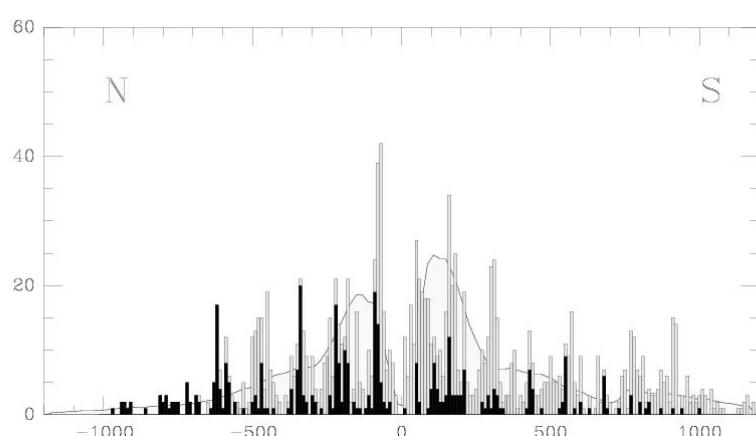
Various surveys are attempting to trace the large scale structure out to large cosmic depths/redshifts.

- Is cosmic web truly universal?
- What about the scales of the web (characteristic, largest structures, ...)
- Evolution of Megaparsec scale matter distribution.

Ebeling et al. (2004):

A filamentary structure in between two rich clusters.

Far Away, Long Ago



Deep pencil beam survey (Broadhurst et al):

A semi-regular pattern of redshift spikes along line of sight, indicating the passage of l.o.s. through sheets, filaments and clusters. Suggestions for a characteristic scale of $\sim 120 h^{-1} \text{Mpc}$ should be ascribed to the 1-D character of the redshift skewer through 3-D structure.