

# Observational Basics of Modern Cosmology (part I)

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# The Cosmology Today

Today cosmology is entered in “golden age”. Several scientific organization were established which are specially devoted to cosmological investigations. Discussion on the cosmology became popular among community. All that provides us with hope that cosmology will be necessary element of mankind culture for a long time.

# Three sources of success:

1. The development of astronomical observation;
2. The development of physical theory;
3. The moral courage of the scientists.

*Beginning of cosmology as “science”...*





*Cosmology at present time...*



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# The observational basis of the Standard Cosmological Model

**1. EXPANSION OF OUR UNIVERSE**

**2. EXISTENCE OF PRIMORDIAL RADIATION**

**3. THE DISCOVERY OF LARGE SCALE  
STRUCTURE OF OUR UNIVERSE**

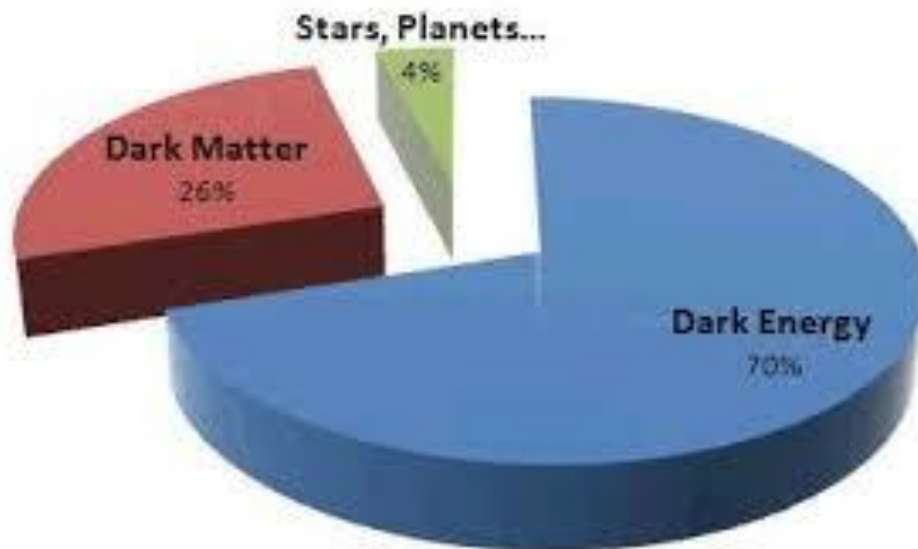
**4. LIGHT ELEMENT ABUNDANCE IN OUR  
UNIVERSE**

**<sup>9</sup> 5. ANISOTROPY OF THE CMBR**

# New Discoveries of last century

**1. DARK MATTER IN OUR UNIVERSE**

**2. DARK ENERGY IN OUR UNIVERSE**



# 1. Expansion of our Universe

The experimental basis of modern cosmology is based on several experimental facts. Below the most important facts are presented.

The first fact is the expansion of our Universe. This fact was predicted by russian physicist **A.A. Friedman, 1924** and discovered by american astronomer **E. Hubble, 1929**.

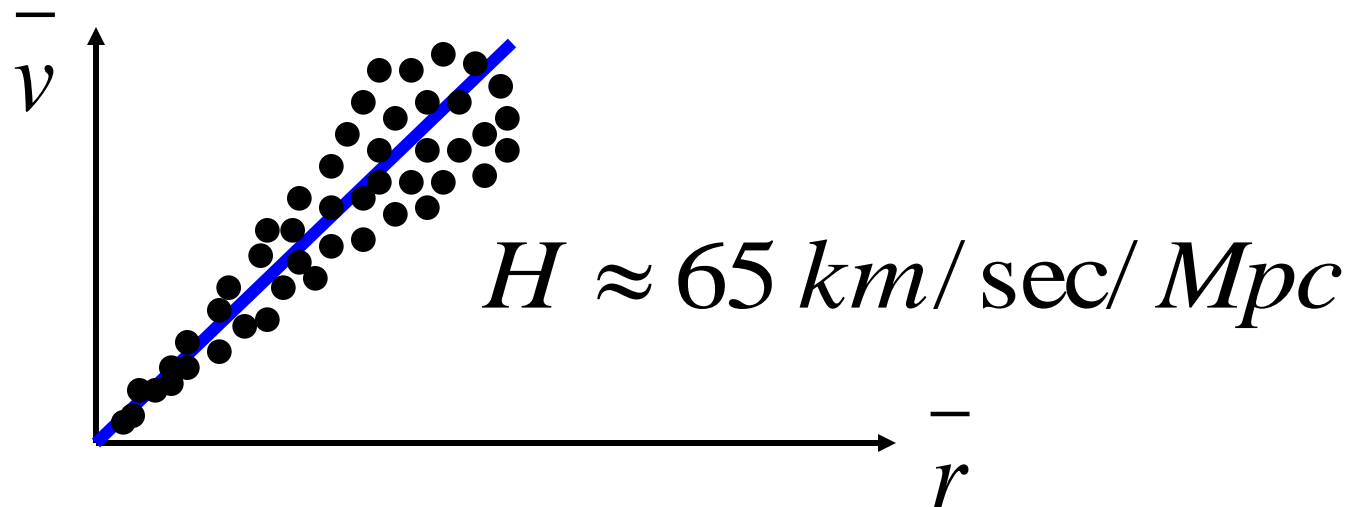
The expansion law is named now **“Hubble law”**. The equation that describes the expansion law is very simple:

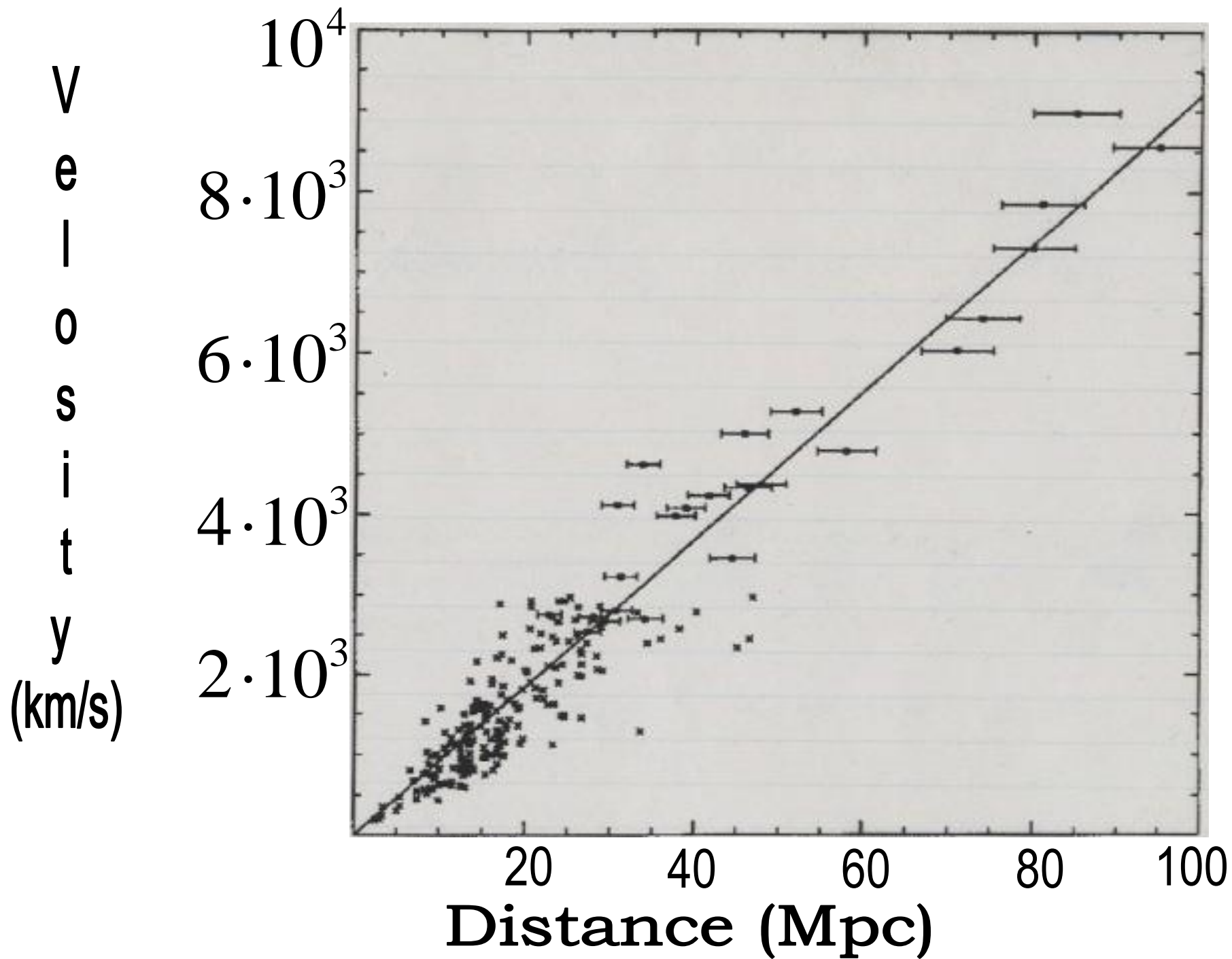
$$\vec{v} = H\vec{r}$$

$\bar{v}$  is velocity of a galaxy,  $\bar{r}$  is distance from an observer to the galaxy,

$H$  is Hubble constant,  $[H] = \text{sec}^{-1}$

the [inclination](#) is the Hubble constant





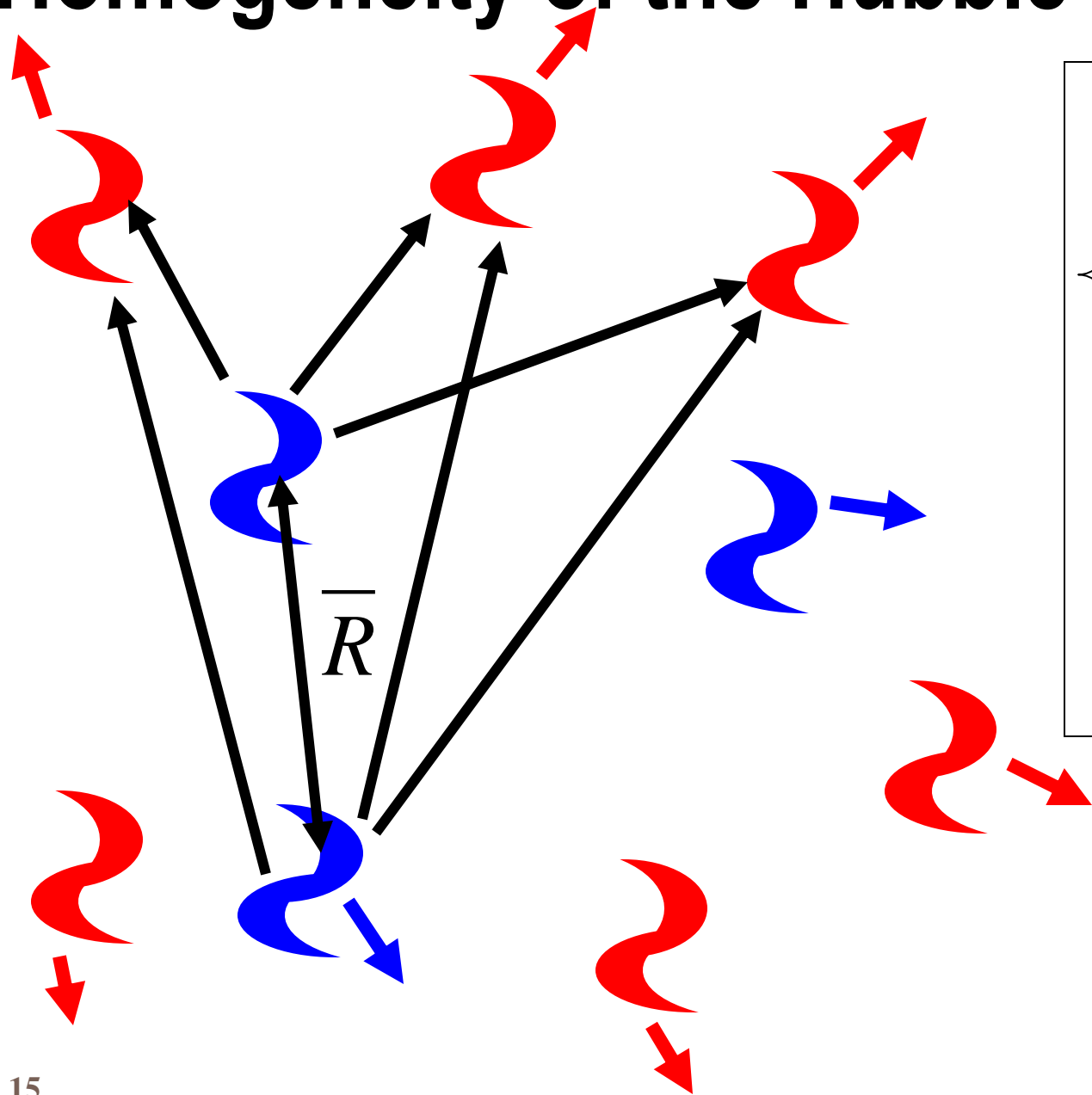


# Size of our Universe

Our Universe is 14 Giga year old. Therefore the first light we see passes finite distance. We are inside the sphere. The distance to this sphere is called “particle horizon”. The radius of this sphere is

$$R = 3.4 \frac{c}{H_0} \cong 14 \text{ Gpc}$$

# Homogeneity of the Hubble flow



$$\begin{cases} \bar{v} = H \cdot \bar{r} \\ \bar{r} = \bar{\rho} + \bar{R} \\ \bar{v} = \bar{v} + H \cdot \bar{R} \end{cases} \quad \Downarrow \quad \bar{v} = H \cdot \bar{\rho}$$

## 2. The existence of primordial radiation

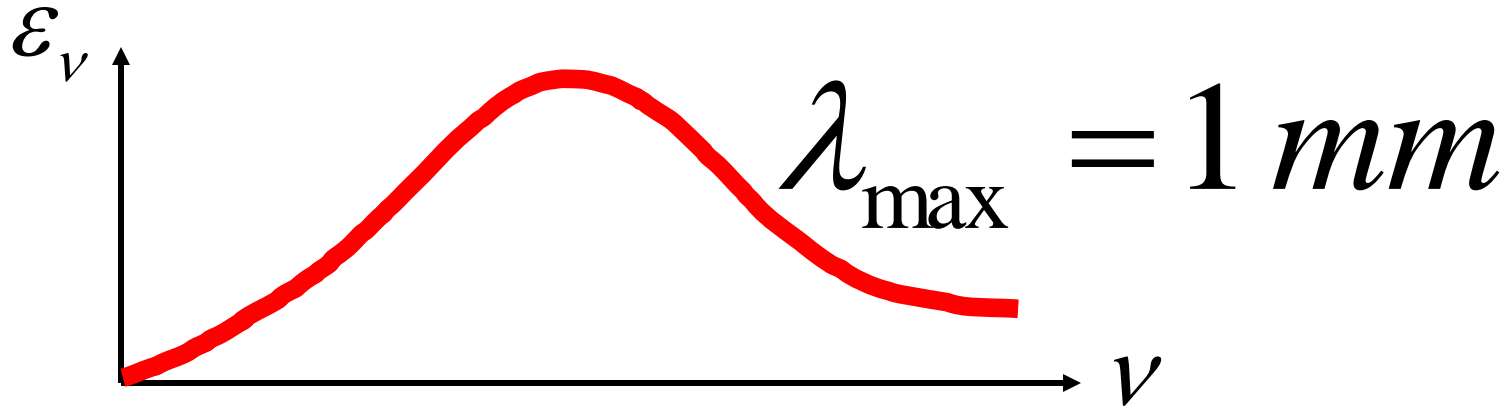
In *russian literature* it is called **relic radiation**.

In *english literature* it is called **Cosmic Microwave Background Radiation** (**CMBR** or **CMB**).

It was predicted by **G. GAMOV** in 1946, who was a student of **A. FRIEDMAN**, and was discovered by american physicists Penzias and Wilson (1964). Penzias and Wilson were awarded by Nobel Prize for this discovery.

The CMBR is a blackbody radiation with temperature 2.75 K. It is the relic of the early stages of evolution of our Universe.

The spectrum of CMBR is Planckian



The discovery of the CMBR proved standard Big Bang model. Before the discovery of the CMBR there were two main models:

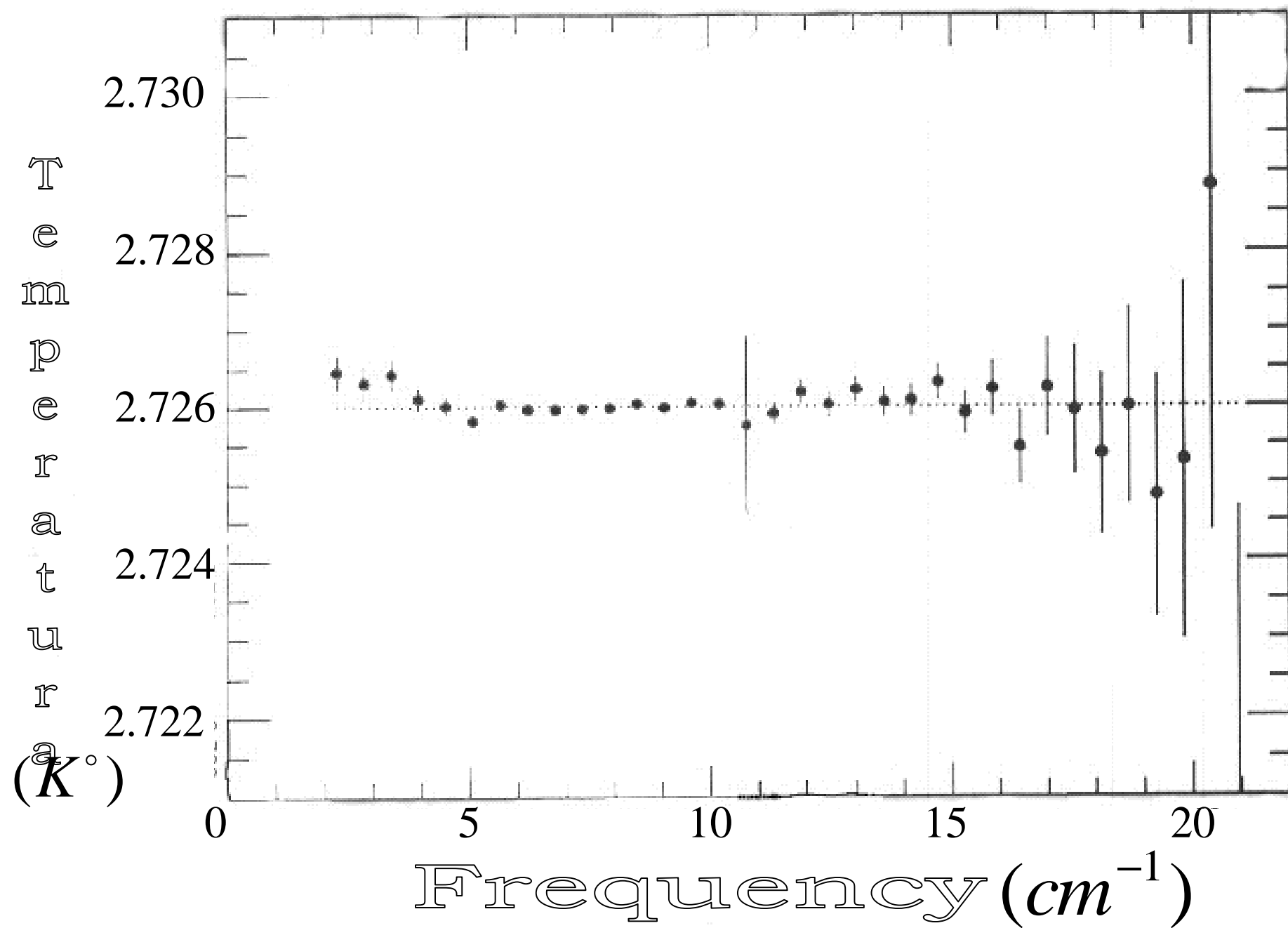
1. *HOT UNIVERSE* (standard Big Bang model);
2. *COLD UNIVERSE* (is forgotten now).

Encounters with CMBR

**SHAKHBASOV** (1957)

«ECHO» satellite (1961)

**PENZIANS** and **WILSON** discovered it and were awarded by  
Nobel prize in Physics





# The “elementary particles” of our Universe

We are living on the Earth, one of the planet of our solar system orbiting the Sun. The Sun is a star of our Galaxy. It is a huge system which consists from stars of different types.

Here and below I'm using several slides which were prepared by Prof.M.Capaccioli.

*Via Lattea: galassia a spirale  
una massa di 200 miliardi di Soli*

30-mila anni luce



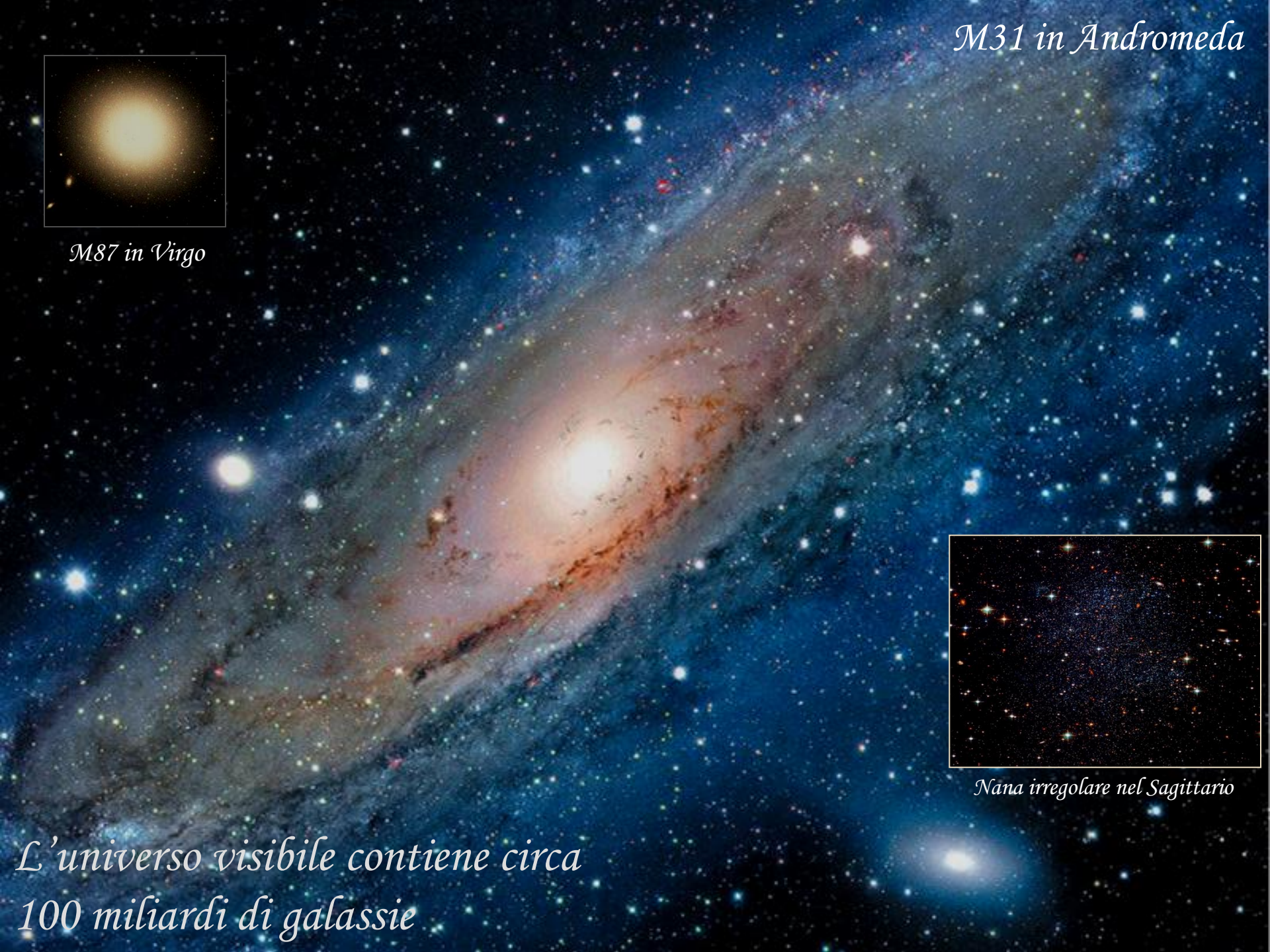
*Casa, dolce casa ...*



*M31 in Andromeda*



*M87 in Virgo*



*Nana irregolare nel Sagittario*

*L'universo visibile contiene circa  
100 miliardi di galassie*

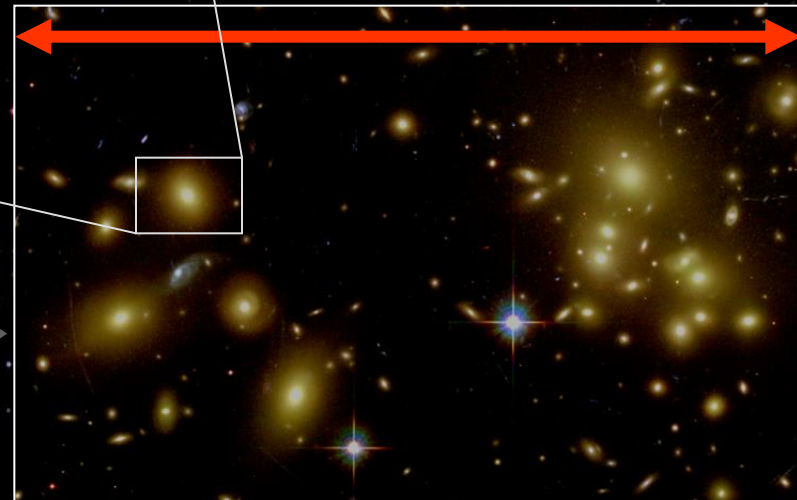


*1 miliardo di miliardi di km = 100.000 anni luce*



*Una galassia è  
costituita da  
centinaia di miliardi  
di stelle*

*300 miliardi di miliardi di km  
= 30 milioni di anni luce*



*Un ammasso di galassie è costituito  
da centinaia o migliaia di galassie*

*Galactic of different types exist  
in our Universe:*

*Elliptic galaxies,  
Spiral galaxies,  
Active galaxies ....*



*M87: 10-mila miliardi di stelle*

getto lungo 5000  
anni luce



galassie satelliti

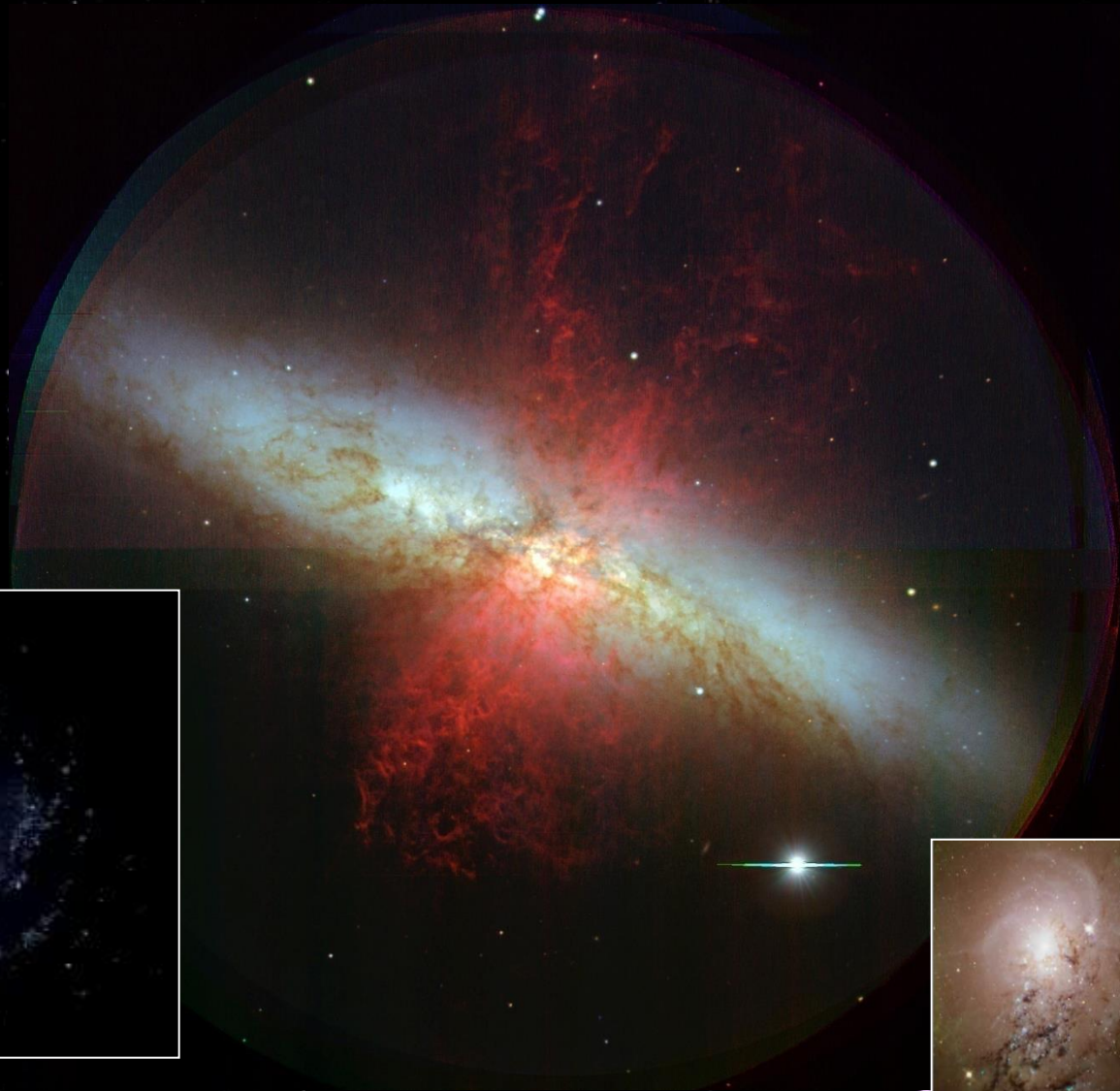
*Le galassie ellittiche*



*Le galassie a spirale*



*Galassie che  
esplodono*



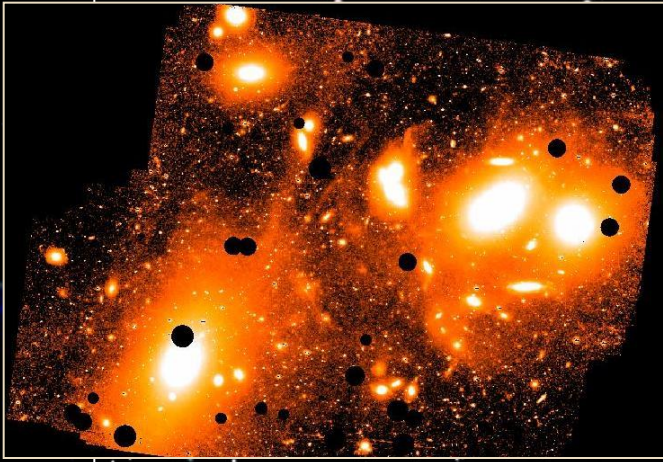
*Galaxies form groups . . . .*

# *Gruppi di galassie*





*Galaxies form clusters . . . .*



*Superammasso della Vergine*

*Distanza dal Sole: 50 milioni di anni luce*

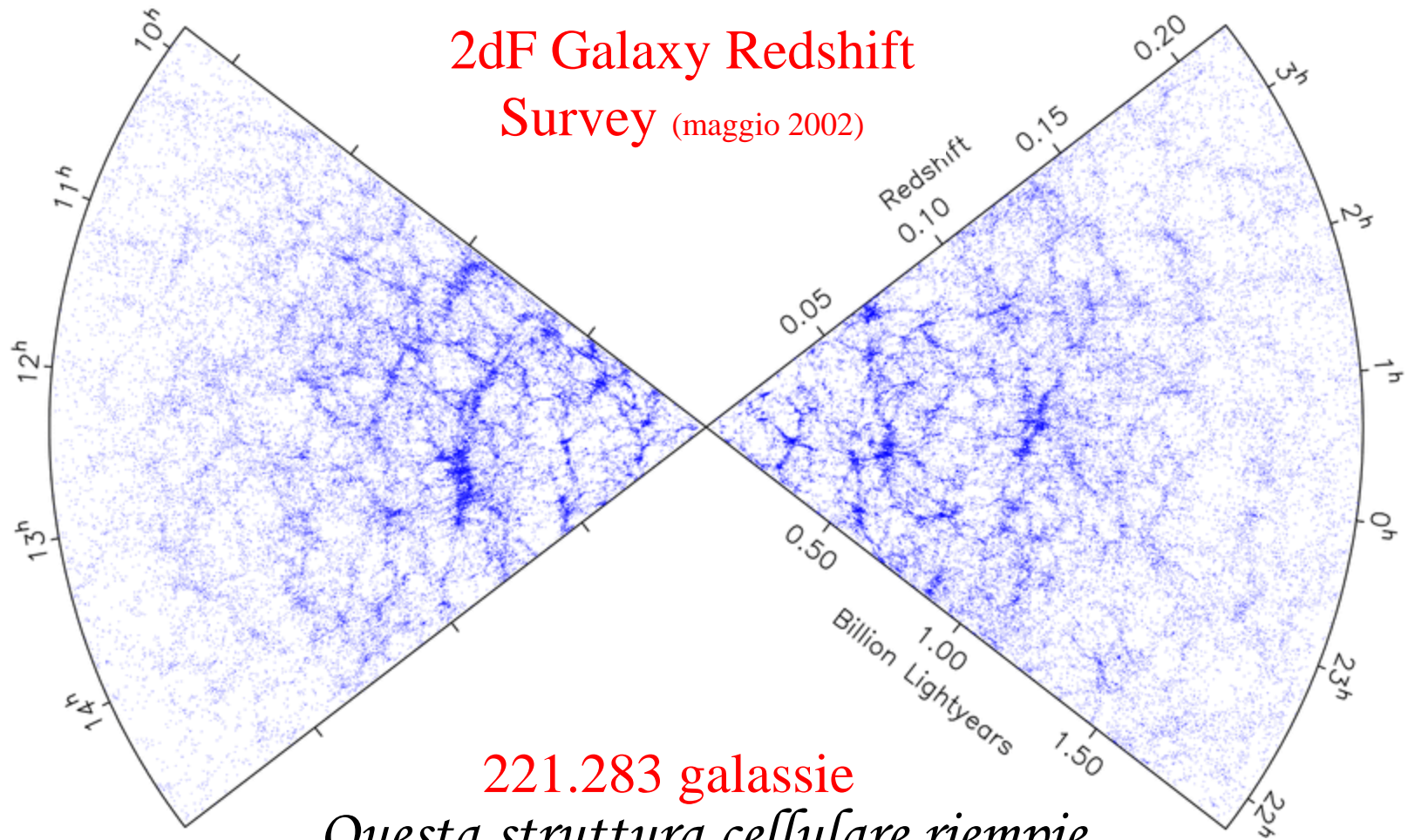


# *Superammasso con migliaia di galassie*



*...and galaxies form **Large Scale Structure** .*

*Le galassie e gli ammassi di galassie sono distribuiti in una struttura cellulare, “spugnosa”, con filamenti e muri di galassie, separati da enormi vuoti cosmici*



**221.283 galassie**

*Questa struttura cellulare riempie uniformemente tutto l'universo “vicino”*



# 3. The discovery of Large Scale Structure of our Universe

The Universe is uniform on big scales. The scale of transition from heterogeneity to homogeneity is around 200 Mpc.

$$1 \text{ pc} = 3.0857 \cdot 10^{16} \text{ m} = 206265 \text{ a.u.} = 3.262 \text{ l.y.}$$
$$1 \text{ Kpc} = 10^3 \text{ pc}, 1 \text{ Mpc} = 10^6 \text{ pc}, 1 \text{ Gpc} = 10^9 \text{ pc}$$

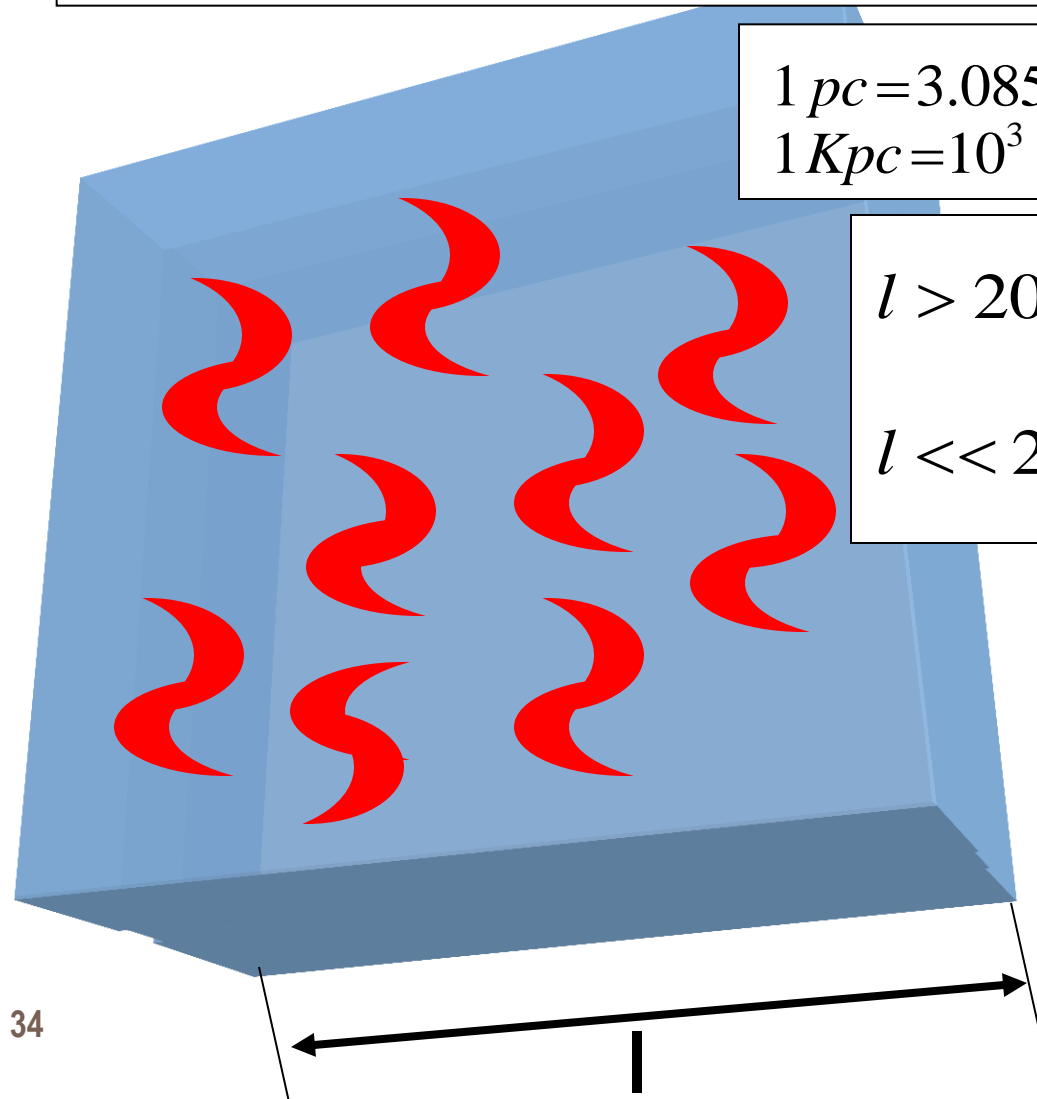
$$l > 200 \text{ Mpc}, \frac{\delta\rho}{\rho} < 1$$

$$l \ll 200 \text{ Mpc} \quad (l \approx 1 \text{ Mpc}), \frac{\delta\rho}{\rho} \gg 1$$

In the past (before the decoupling era)

$$\frac{\delta\rho}{\rho} \leq 10^{-4}$$

in present day scale  
10 Gpc - 10 Mpc.

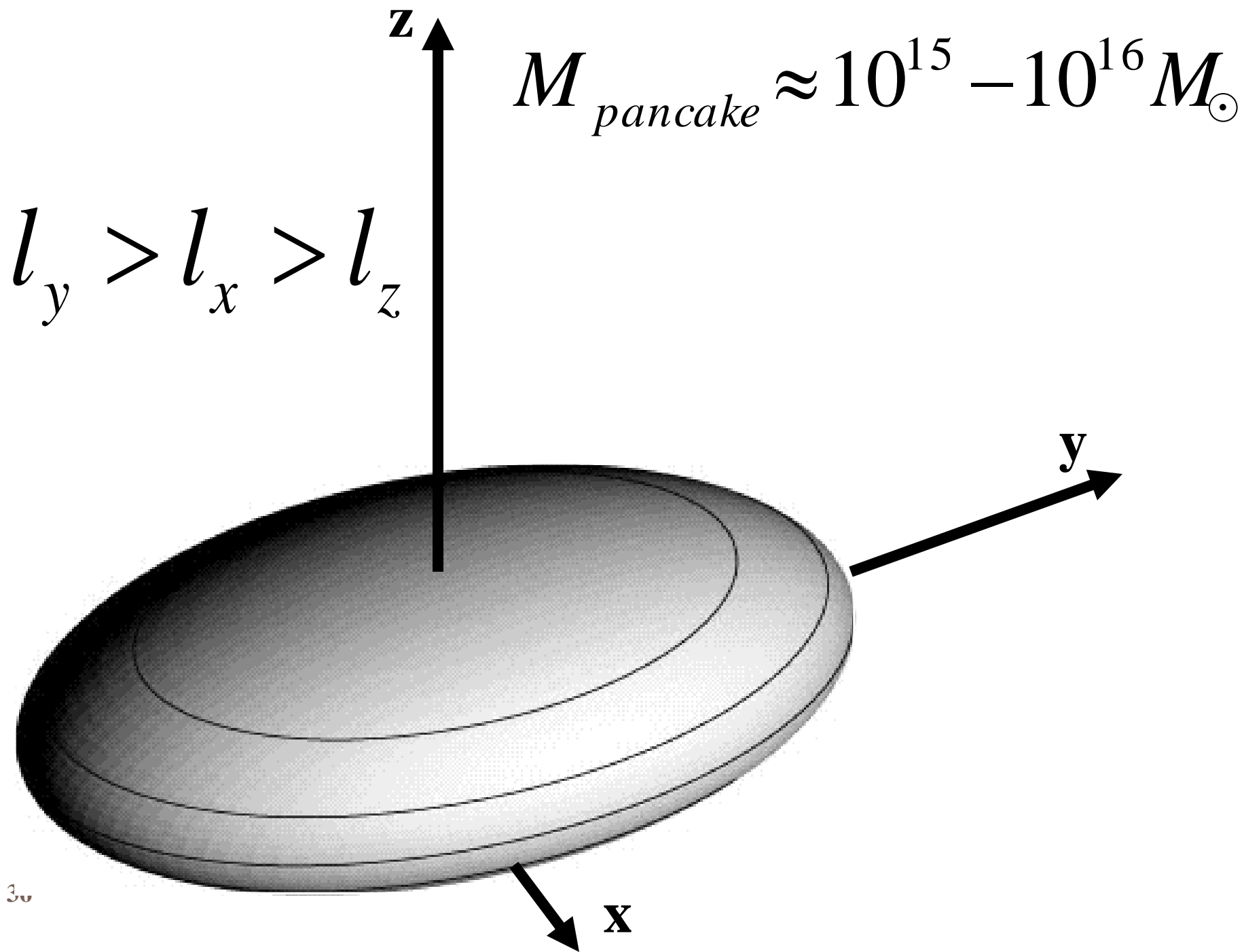


Small inhomogeneity must exist in the past as far as we observe today the large density contrast on the small scales.

The perturbations in  $\delta\rho / \rho$  increased after decoupling era due to gravitational instability (Jeans instability) and formed the present structure of our Universe.

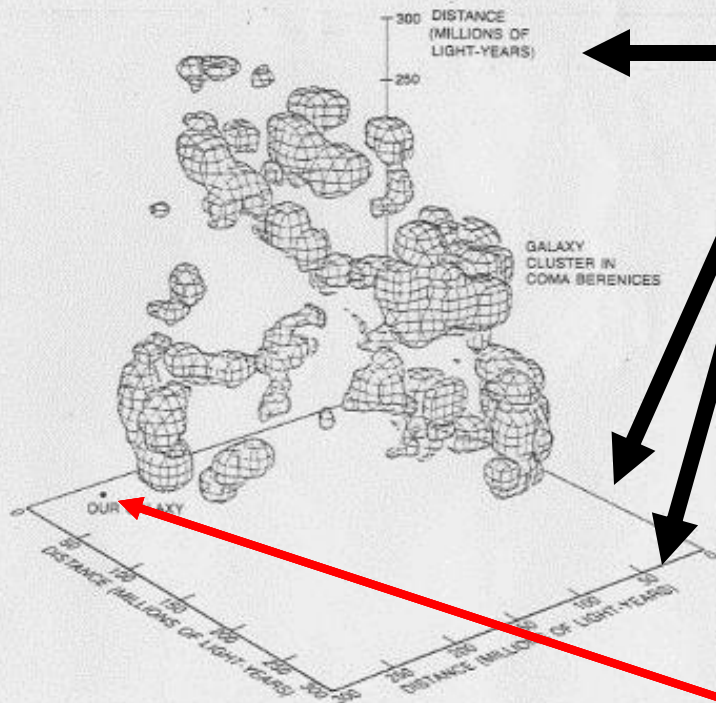
Such inhomogeneity had negligible influence in early cosmological evolution but later caused gravitational clustering.

**JEANS, LIFSHITZ , ZELDOVICH , PEEBLES** and many others.



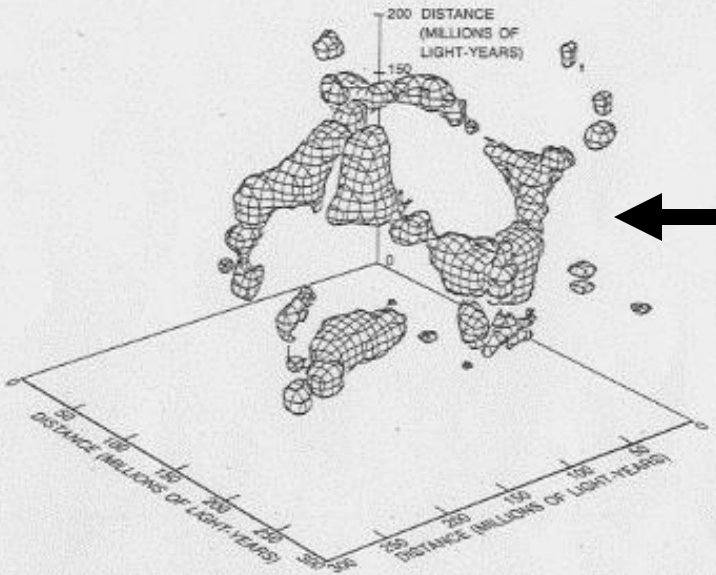
Distance,  $0 \div 300$   
millions of light-years

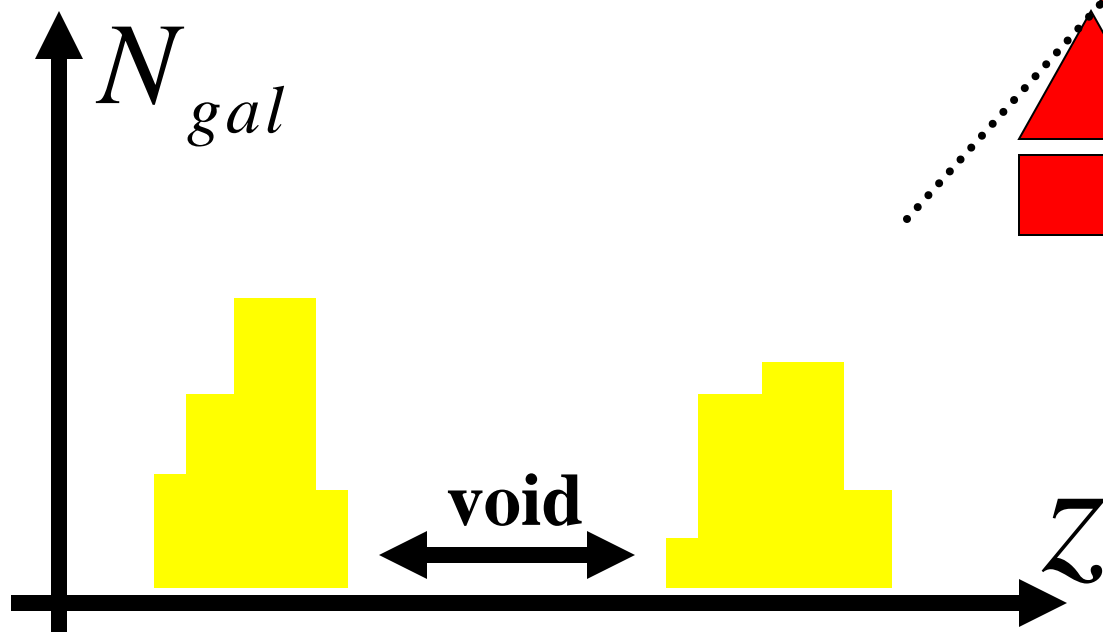
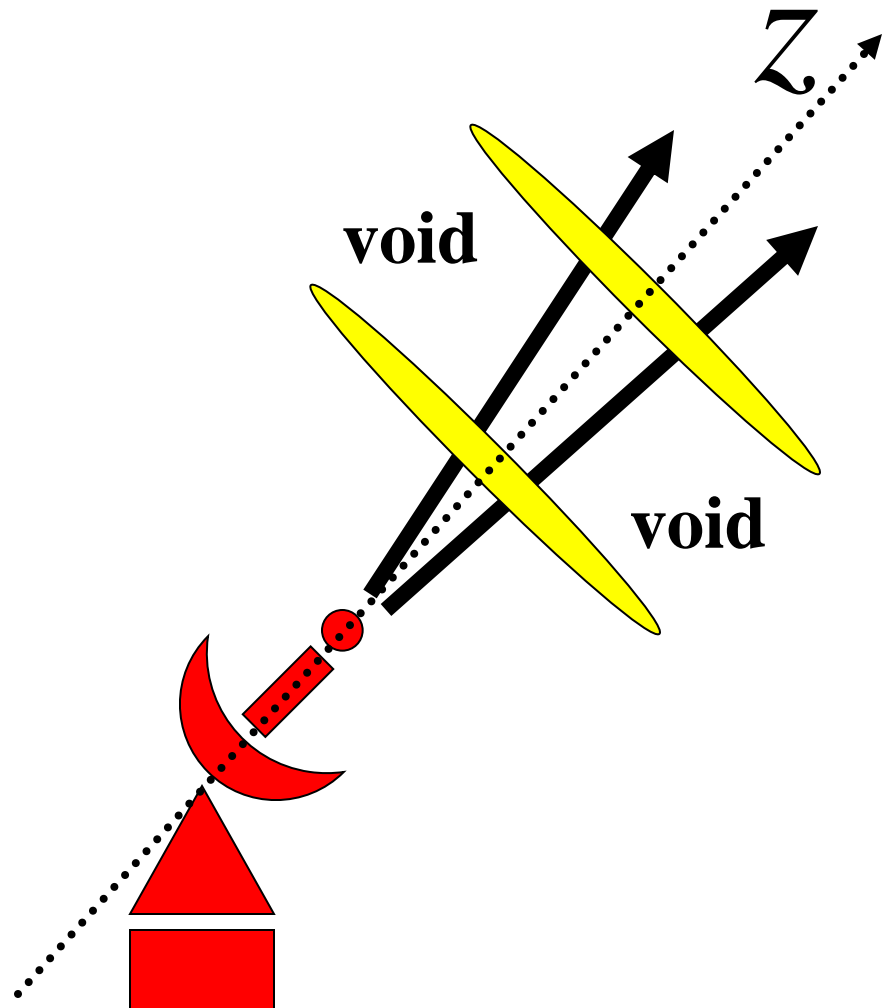
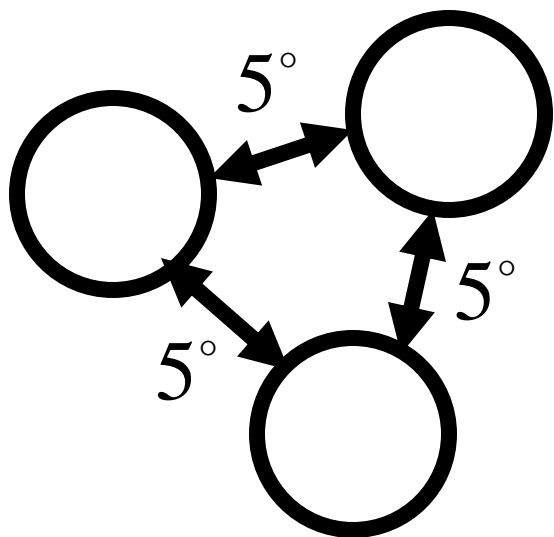
Galaxy clusters in  
COMA BERENICES



Our Galaxy

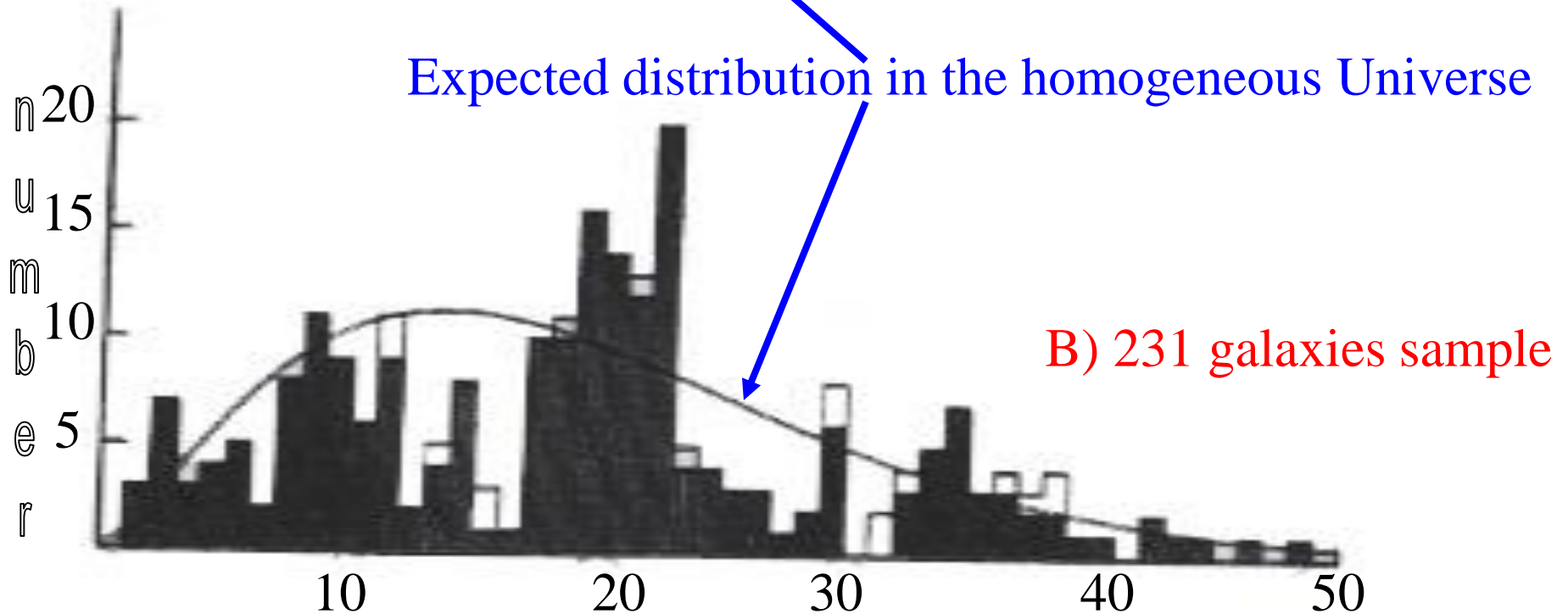
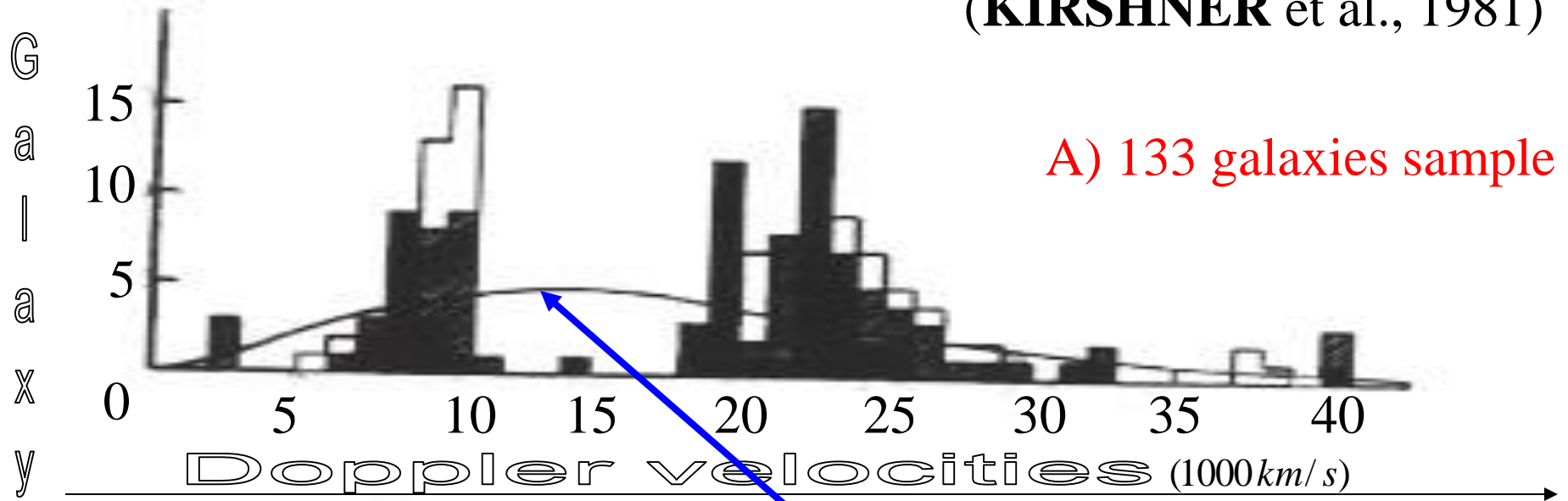
Simulation of the predictions of  
the **pancake model** on a computer  
(FRENK, WHITE, DAVIS)

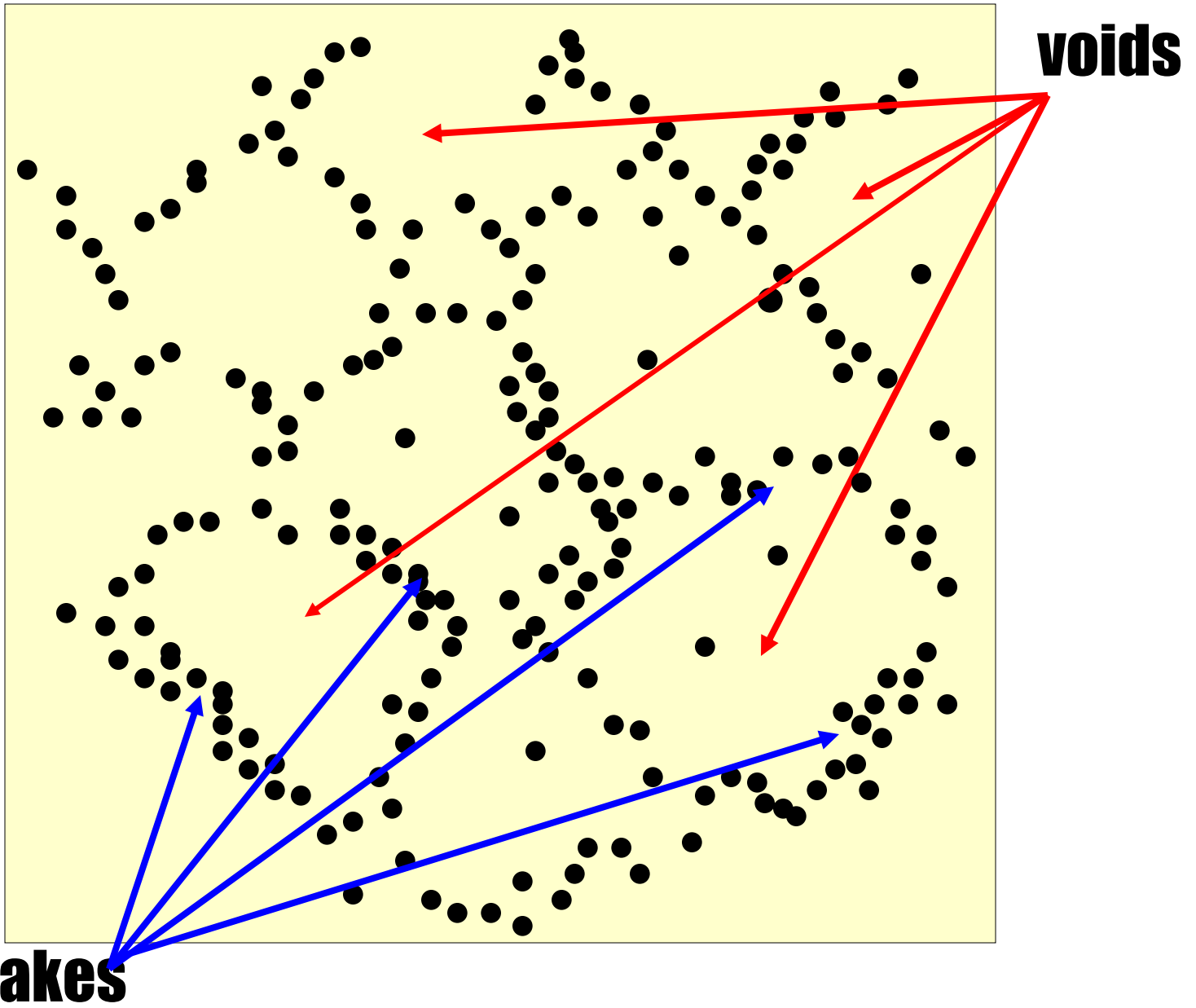


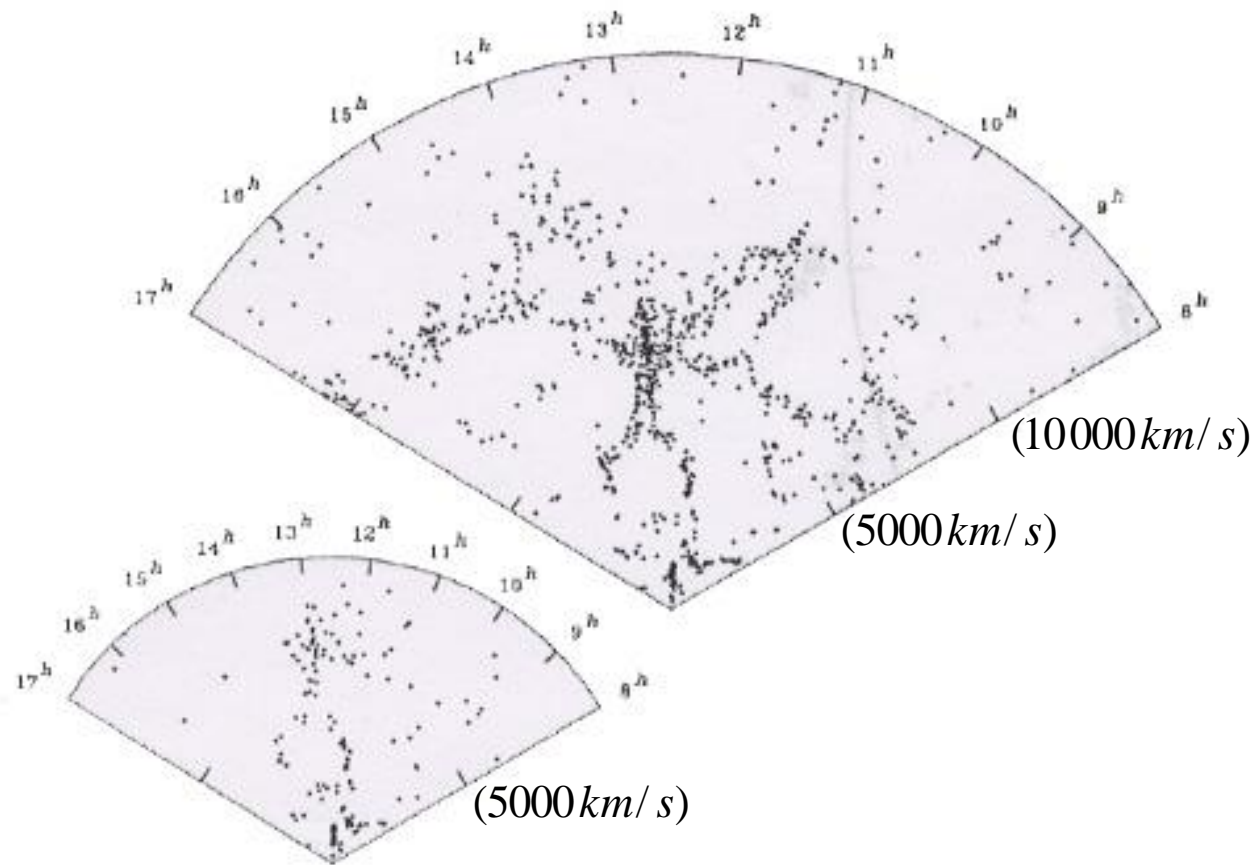


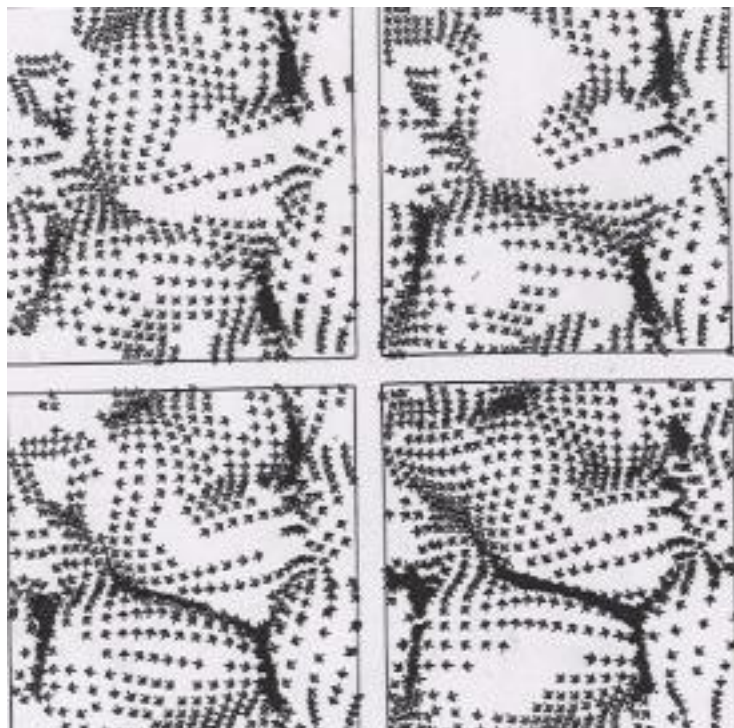


(KIRSHNER et al., 1981)

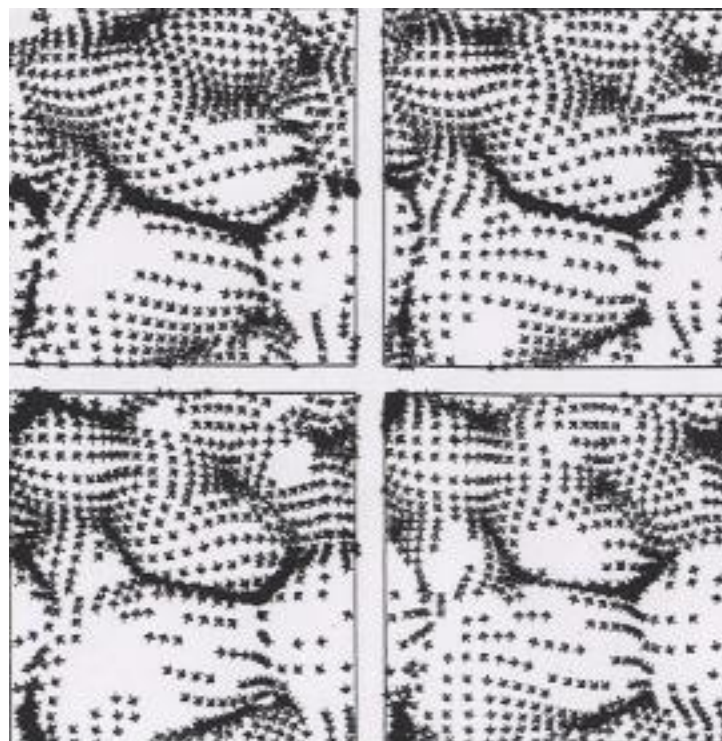






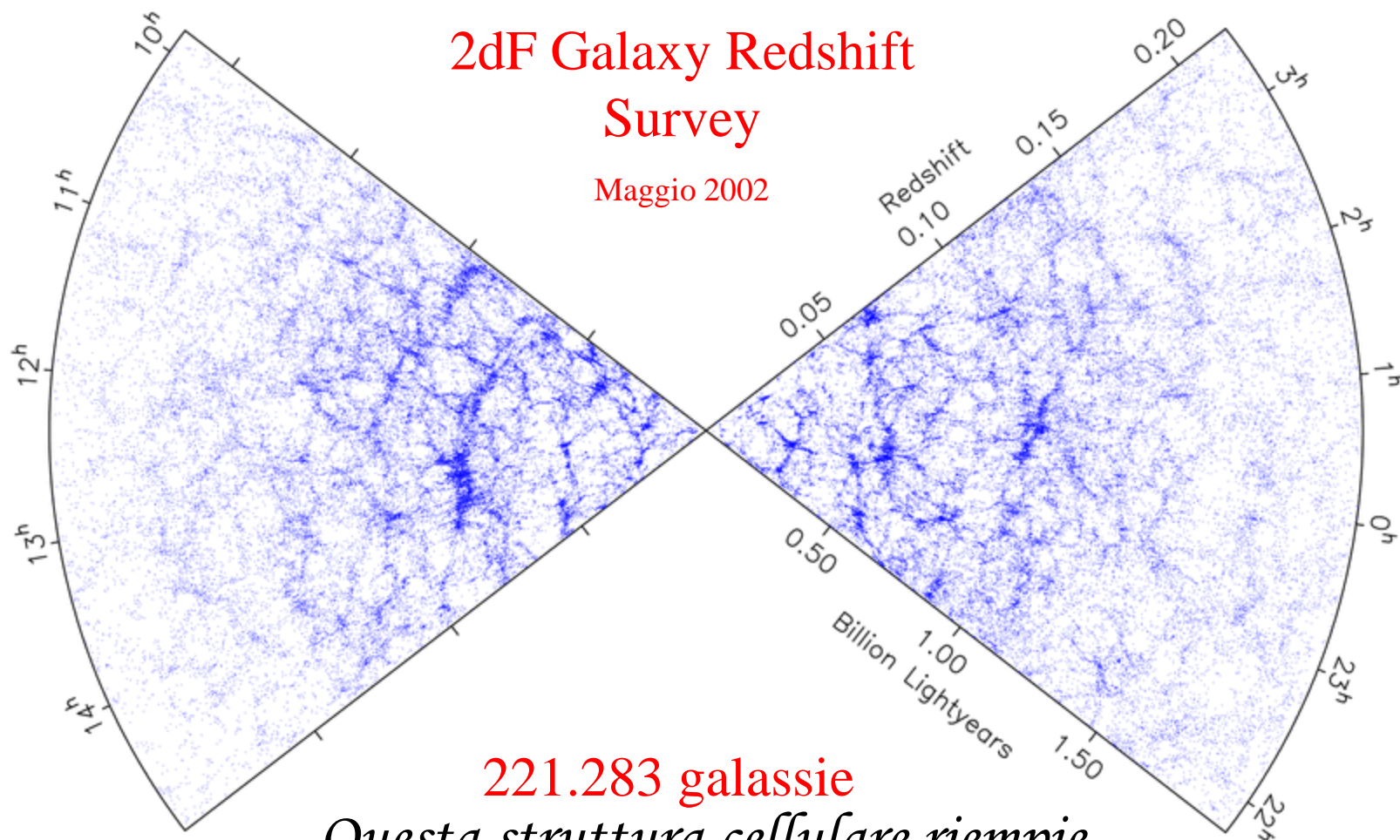


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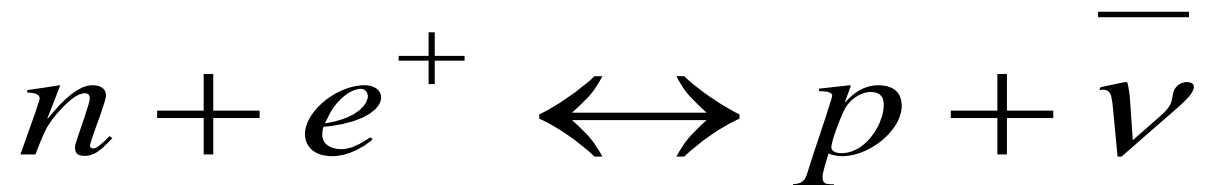
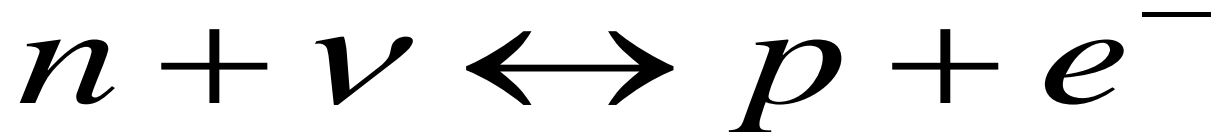
# 4. Light element abundance in our Universe

Period from 1 sec to 200 seconds of expansion plays very important role in the history of our Universe. At that time our Universe was smaller and hotter. The temperature in the Universe was of the order of 1 billion degree. The Universe represents a great Nuclear reactor in which light chemical elements were created. Nuclei output are very sensitive to the ratio of neutrons over protons ( $n/p$ ) at this time. This ratio is determined by equation:

$$\frac{n}{p} = \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta m}{T}\right)$$

Here  $\Delta m$  is mass difference of neutron and proton, and  $T$  is current temperature.

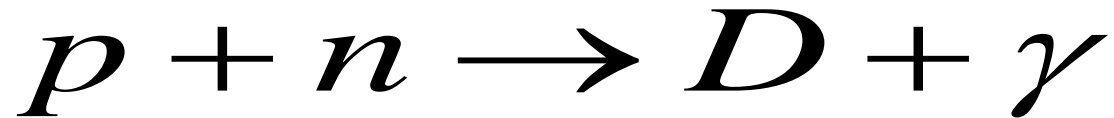
Thermal equilibrium was in the Universe during expansion. Particles of different types were in equilibrium. Here we interested in relative abundance of protons and neutrons. The equilibrium between them was maintained by weak interaction:



etc

When  $T$  drops below 0.7 MeV the neutron over proton ratio freezes and only frozen neutrons act in nuclear reaction.

Later neutrons became bound into deuterium (D) due to the process:

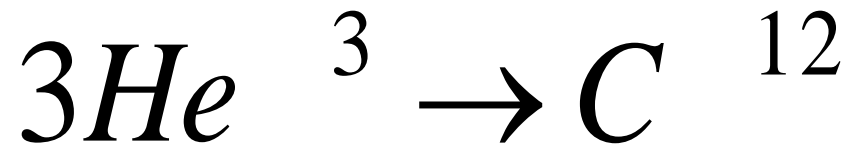


or decay (the lifetime of free neutron is approximately 1000 sec).

In primordial nucleosynthesis deuterium,  $He^3$ ,  $He^4$  and some amount of  $Li^6$ ,  $Li^7$  were produced

**No stable nuclei** with  $A=5$  that prevents to production of heavier elements.

The reaction of the types:



are rare and do not produced significant amount of elements.

That's why more heavy elements are produced in stars later.

The Big Bang theory predicts the correct amount of light elements.





Thank you for attention