

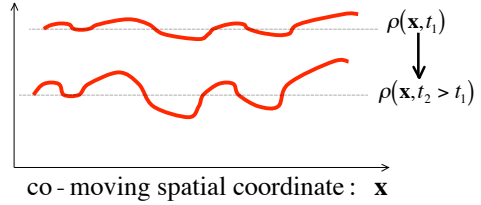
## Large Scale Structure

- Galaxies are (biased) tracers of the mass
- "Bubbly" structure observed
  - Voids
  - Walls = edges of voids
  - Filaments = intersections of walls
  - Clusters = intersections of filaments
- Compare with supercomputer simulations.
  - initial density perturbations grow
  - stars / galaxies form when density high enough
- Determine  $\Omega_M$ 
  - High  $\Omega_M \Rightarrow$  faster growth
  - $\Rightarrow$  clusters form at earlier redshifts
  - $\Rightarrow$  stronger clustering today
  - $\Omega_M \sim 0.3$  matches observed structure.

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## Density Perturbations Grow

$$\rho(\mathbf{x}, t) = \bar{\rho}(t) (1 + \delta(\mathbf{x}, t))$$



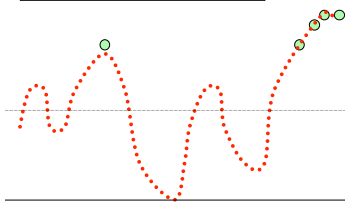
Linear regime:  $|\delta| < 1 \quad \delta \equiv \frac{\rho - \bar{\rho}}{\bar{\rho}}$

$$\delta \propto R(t) \propto \frac{1}{1+z}$$

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## Biased Galaxy Formation

Non-Linear regime  $\delta \geq 1$



Galaxy clusters form in density maxima.

Voids (almost no galaxies) in density minima.

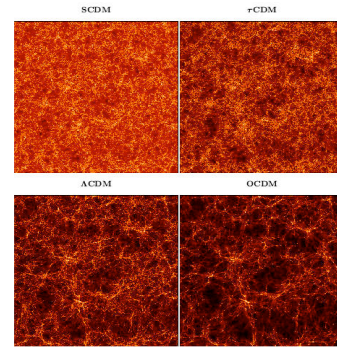
$$\delta_{galaxies} = b \delta_M$$

b = "bias parameter"

b > 1  $\rightarrow$  Galaxies more strongly clustered than matter

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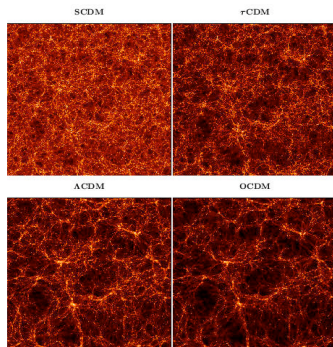
## Simulations: z = 3



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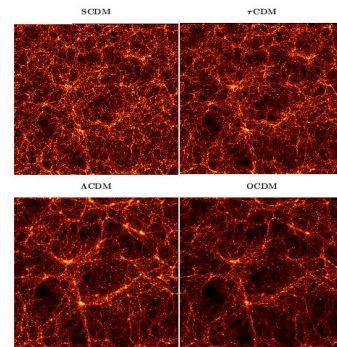
## Simulations: z = 1



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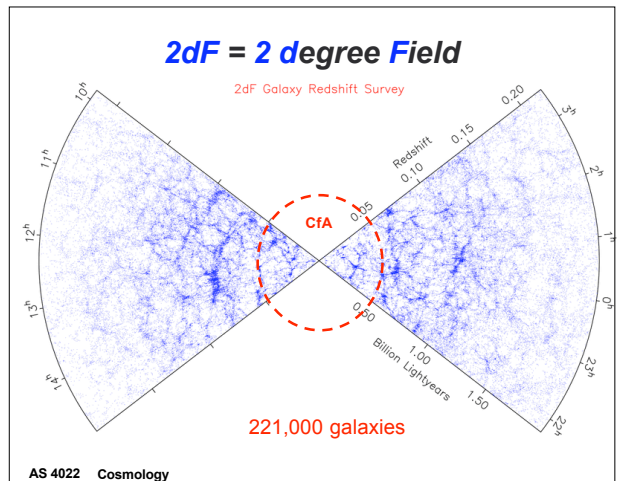
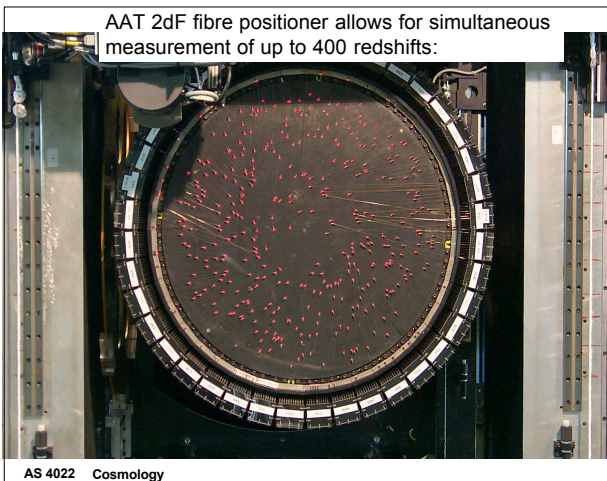
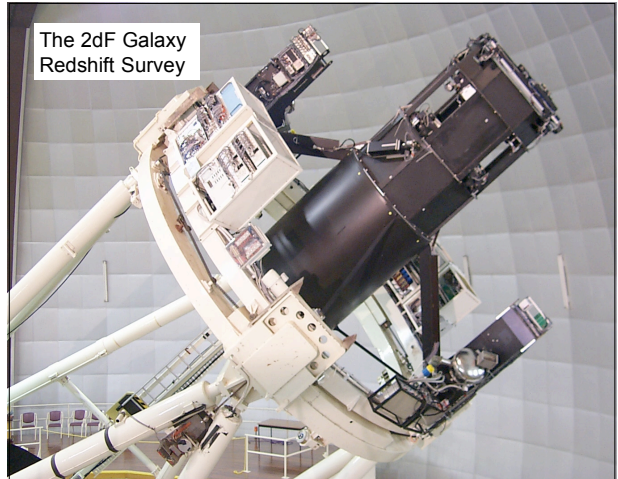
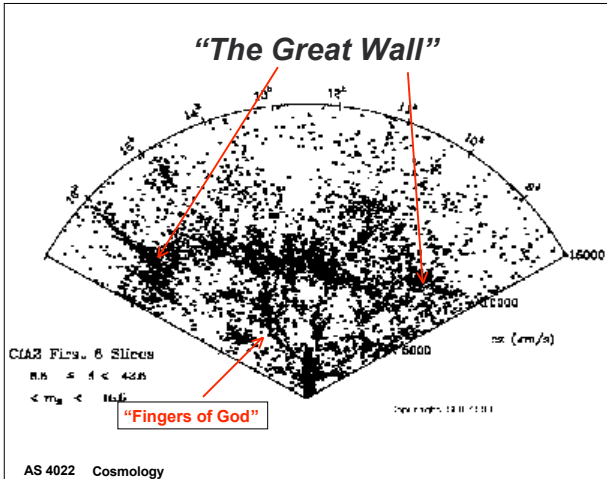
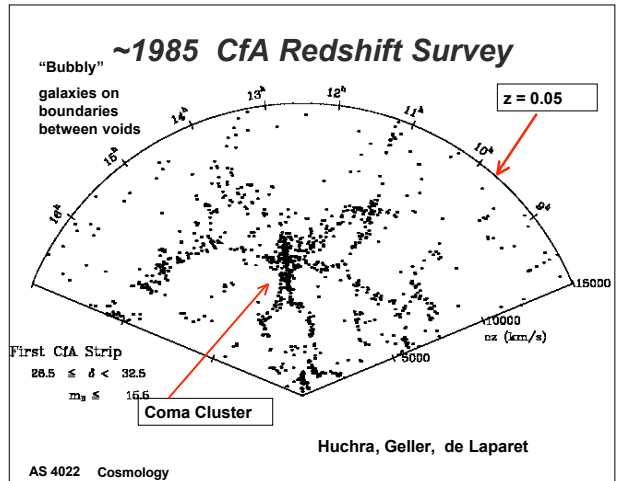
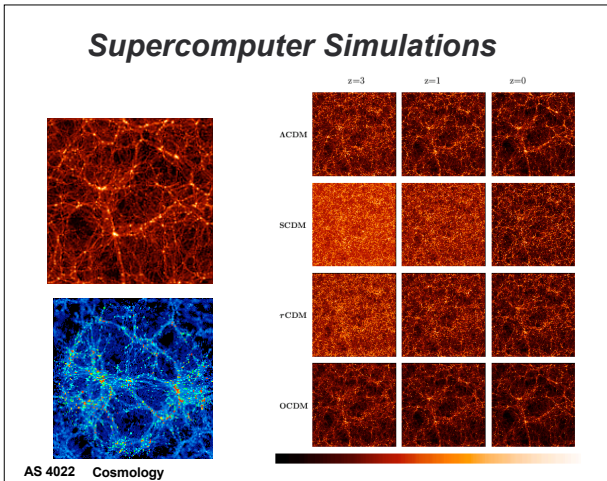
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## Simulations: z = 0



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## Galaxy Redshift Surveys

**Large Scale Structure:**

- Empty voids ~50Mpc.
- Galaxies are in
  1. **Walls** between voids.
  2. **Filaments** where walls intersect.
  3. **Clusters** where filaments intersect.

**Like Soap Bubbles !**

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## Theory vs Observations

- **Can't directly compare simulations and observations**
  - details (exactly where density is high/low) don't matter.
- **Amplitude of structure vs size of structure is what matters. Quantify this using:**
  - Power Spectrum:  $P(k)$  wavenumber  $k = 2\pi/\lambda$
  - 2-point Correlation Function :  $\xi(r)$
- **Biased galaxy formation:**
  - bias parameter  $b$ .
- **Initial conditions:**
  - Power-law power spectrum for initial amplitude vs scale.
  - Amplitude  $A$ , slope  $n$   $P_0(k) \sim A^2 k^n$

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## Fourier Analysis (Parseval's Theorem)

density perturbations  $\delta(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\rho(\mathbf{x}) - \langle \rho \rangle}{\langle \rho \rangle} = \frac{\delta\rho}{\bar{\rho}}$       fourier amplitudes  $\delta_k$

mean  $\langle \delta \rangle = 0$       variance  $\langle \delta^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{V} \int \delta^2(\mathbf{x}) d^3\mathbf{x}$       (average over volume  $V$ )

$\delta(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_k \delta_k \exp(-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x})$

$\langle \delta^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{V} \int \left| \sum_k \delta_k \exp(-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}) \right|^2 d^3\mathbf{x}$

$= \frac{1}{V} \int \sum_j \sum_k \delta_k \delta_j^* \exp(-i(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{j}) \cdot \mathbf{x}) d^3\mathbf{x}$

$= \sum_j \sum_k \delta_k \delta_j^* \int \exp(-i(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{j}) \cdot \mathbf{x}) \frac{d^3\mathbf{x}}{V}$

$\langle \delta^2 \rangle = \sum_k |\delta_k|^2$

$= \frac{V}{(2\pi)^3} \int |\delta_k|^2 d^3\mathbf{k}$

1 if  $\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{j}$

0 otherwise

mode spacing:

$\lambda_x = L_x/n$

$k_x = \frac{2\pi n}{L_x} = n \Delta k_x$

$\Delta k_x = \frac{2\pi}{L_x}$

$d^3\mathbf{k} = \frac{(2\pi)^3}{L_x L_y L_z} = \frac{(2\pi)^3}{V}$

=  $\mathbf{k}$  - space volume per mode

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## Power Spectrum

**For isotropic structure (consistent with observations) :**

power spectrum (average over directions)

$$P(k) = \langle |\delta_k|^2 \rangle = \int \int \delta^2(k, \theta, \phi) \frac{\sin\theta d\theta d\phi}{4\pi} \quad k = |\mathbf{k}| = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$$

variance of density fluctuations:

$$\langle \delta^2 \rangle = \sum_k |\delta_k|^2 = \frac{V}{(2\pi)^3} \int |\delta_k|^2 d^3\mathbf{k}$$

$$= \frac{V}{(2\pi)^3} \int P(k) 4\pi k^2 dk = \frac{V}{2\pi^2} \int P(k) k^2 dk$$

dimensionless power spectrum :

$$\Delta^2(k) = \frac{d\langle \delta^2 \rangle}{d \ln k} = \frac{V}{2\pi^2} k \frac{d}{dk} \left( \int P(k) k^2 dk \right) = \frac{V}{2\pi^2} k^3 P(k)$$

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## Predicted Power Spectra

Independent constraints from CMB and Large-Scale Structure

$\Omega_m = 0.4, h = 0.65, \Omega_b h^2 = 0.02$

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## CDM Model Fits to Galaxy Power Spectrum

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