Astronomy 1 – Fall 2019

Sa (NGC 1357)

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Adam Block/Steve Mandel/Jim Rada and Students/NOAO/AURA/NSF

←Not your typical nebula!

Final Exam on Monday at 4pm (here!). Bring parscore form, pencils, and calculator (optional).

See equation sheet on web page.

Practice problems in Sections this week.

Lecture 15; December 2, 2019

Previously on Astro 1

- The Milky Way Galaxy
  - Contains ~2×10^{11} stars
  - Sun is in a nearly circular orbit 8 kpc from the center
  - Stars (Pop I) in disk are young and metal rich
  - Stars in halo (Pop II) are older and metal poor
  - The central bulge has a radius of 1 kpc and a mass about 1000 times larger than the supermassive BH.
- The velocities of the stars in a galaxy determine its mass
  - This mass is much higher than the mass of the stars and gas
  - That the Universe as whole contains about 5 times more "dark matter" than normal matter.
- Galaxy formed from coalescence of smaller galaxies.
  - Tidal forces rip satellite galaxies apart now
  - Will collide with the Andromeda galaxy in about 4 Gyr.

Today on Astro 1

- **The Universe is full of billions of galaxies.**
  - Why this wasn't clear to Einstein.
  - Hubble's discovery of Cepheids in Andromeda
  - Distances to galaxies
- **Those galaxies are flying away from us!**
  - Hubble's remarkable observation
  - The expansion of the universe
- **Galaxies are found in bubble-like structures**
  - They live in groups, clusters, and superclusters
  - Absence of super-duper cl-usters underlies cosmology
- **The formation and growth of galaxies**
  - Small galaxies collided to form bigger galaxies
  - Tidal forces drive gas into the centers of galaxies where it forms molecular clouds, stars, and new solar systems.

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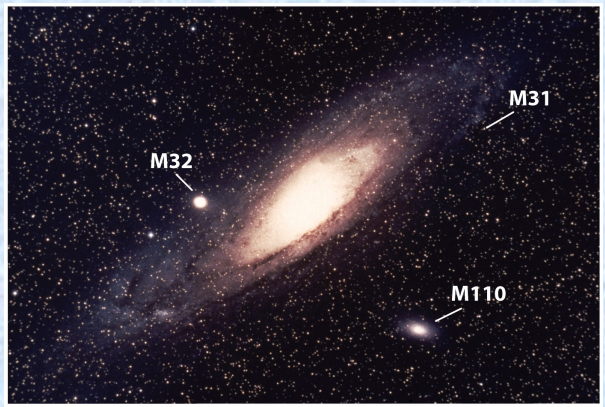

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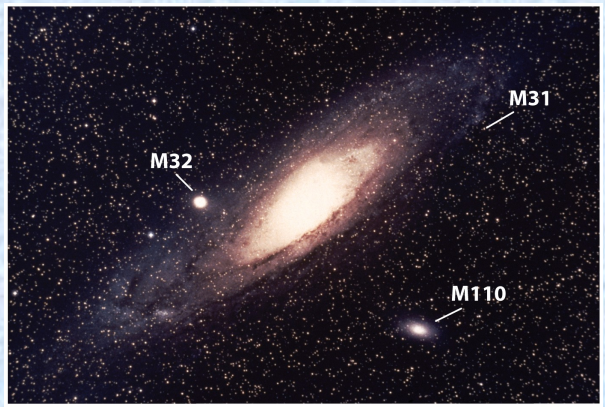

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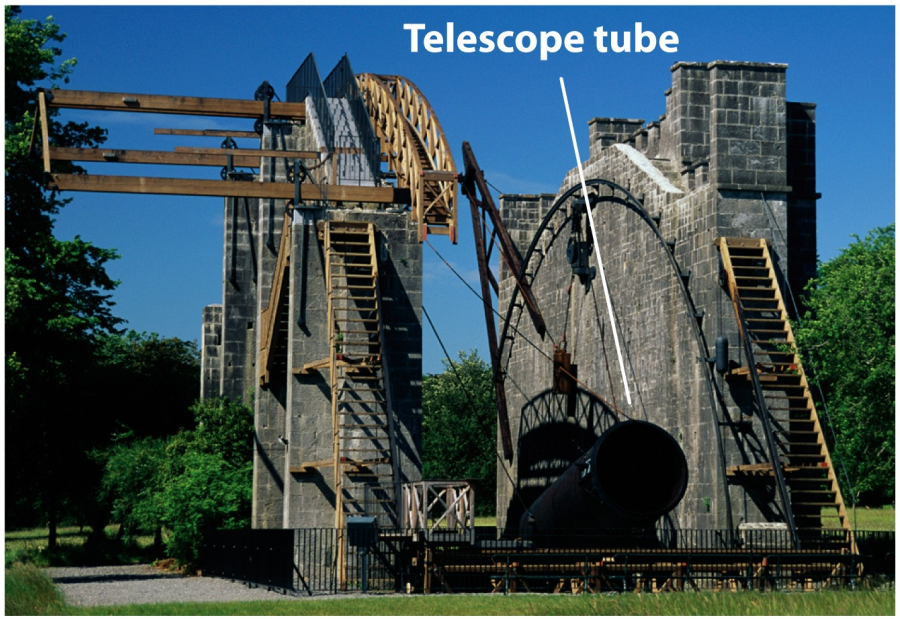
The Distance Problem

1845 – Drawing of M51

Components of the Galaxy or Island Universes?



Rosse's "Leviathan of Parsonstown"

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M51 as viewed through the "Leviathan"

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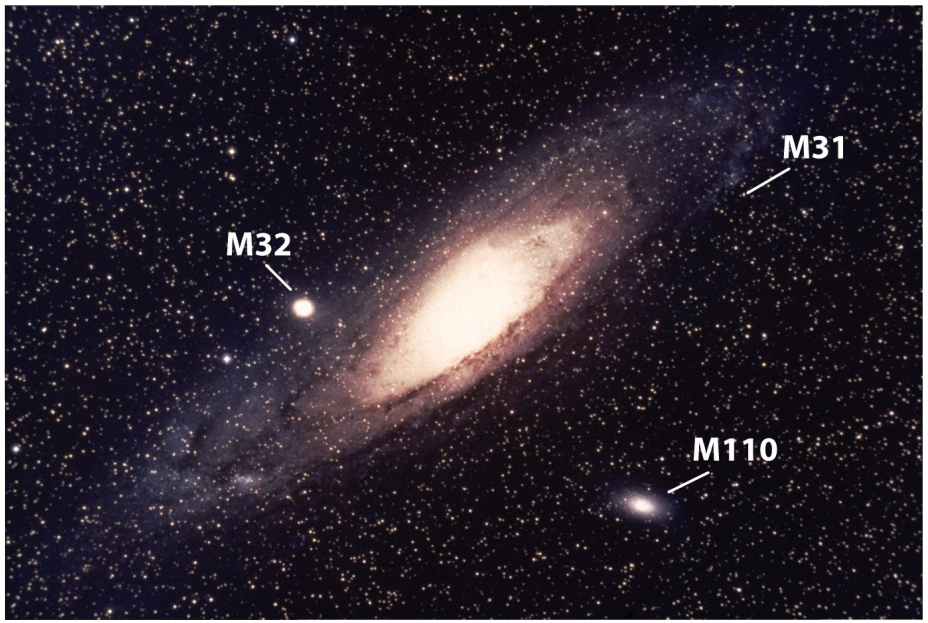
1920 – Debate about the Distance to "Spiral Nebulae"

- Harlow Shapley
  - Thought spiral nebulae were relatively small, nearby objects scattered around the Galaxy like globular clusters
- Heber D. Curtis
  - Each spiral nebulae is a rotating system of stars much like our own Galaxy
- The debate resolved nothing.
- Needed a direct measurement of the distance to a spiral nebula. But how?

1924 – Hubble Proved that the Andromeda Galaxy (M31) was well beyond the Milky Way



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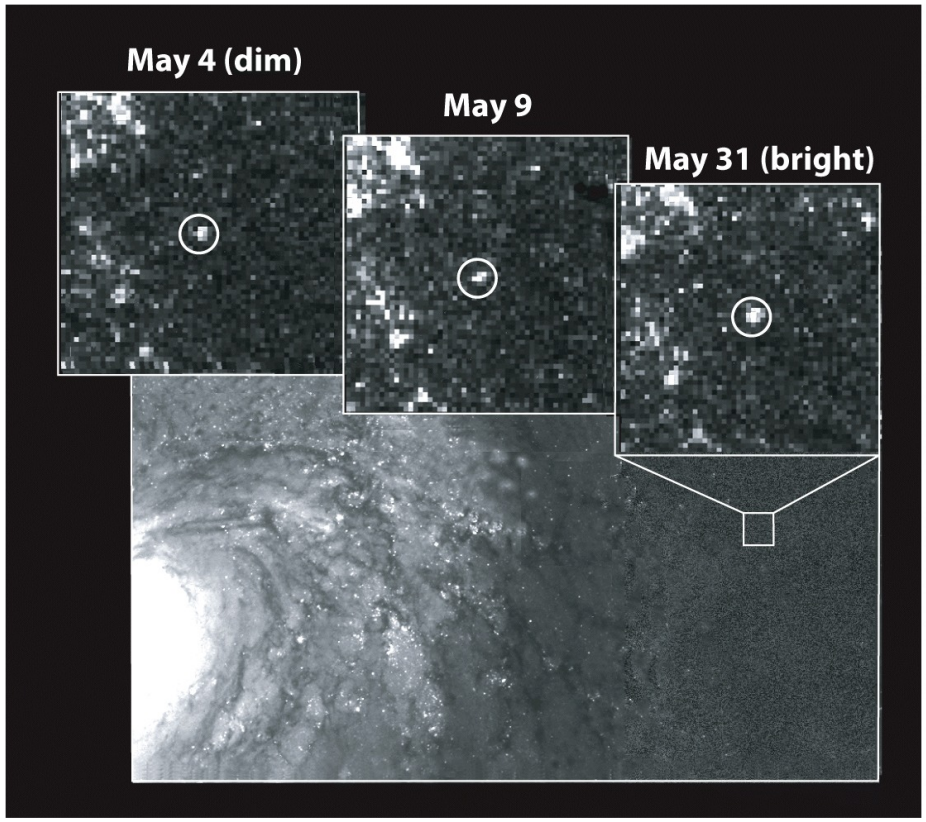

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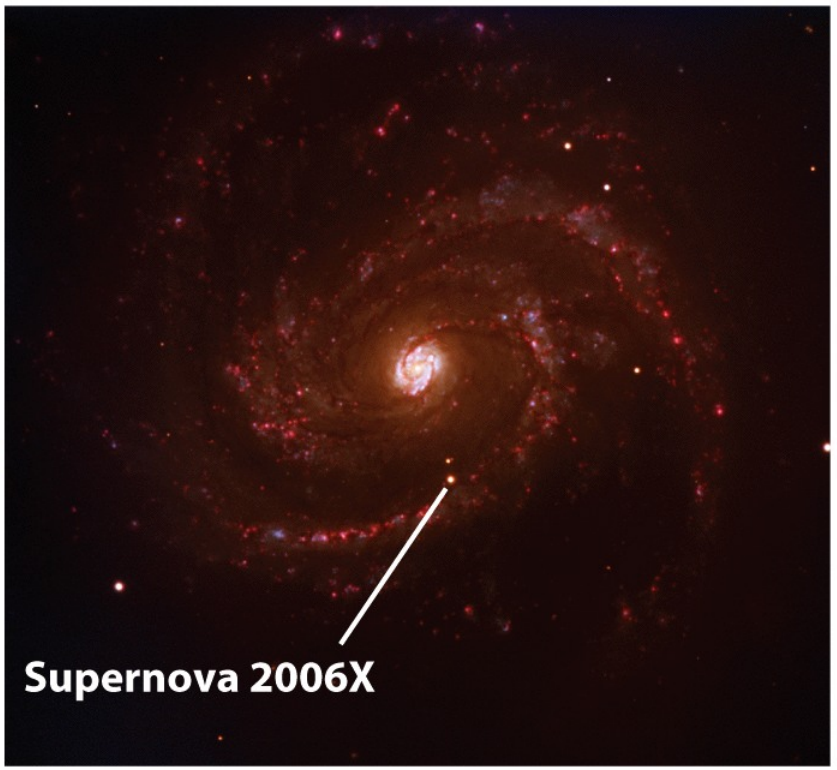
Distances from Type Ia Supernovae

(a) M100 in March 2002



(b) M100 in February 2006, showing Supernova 2006X

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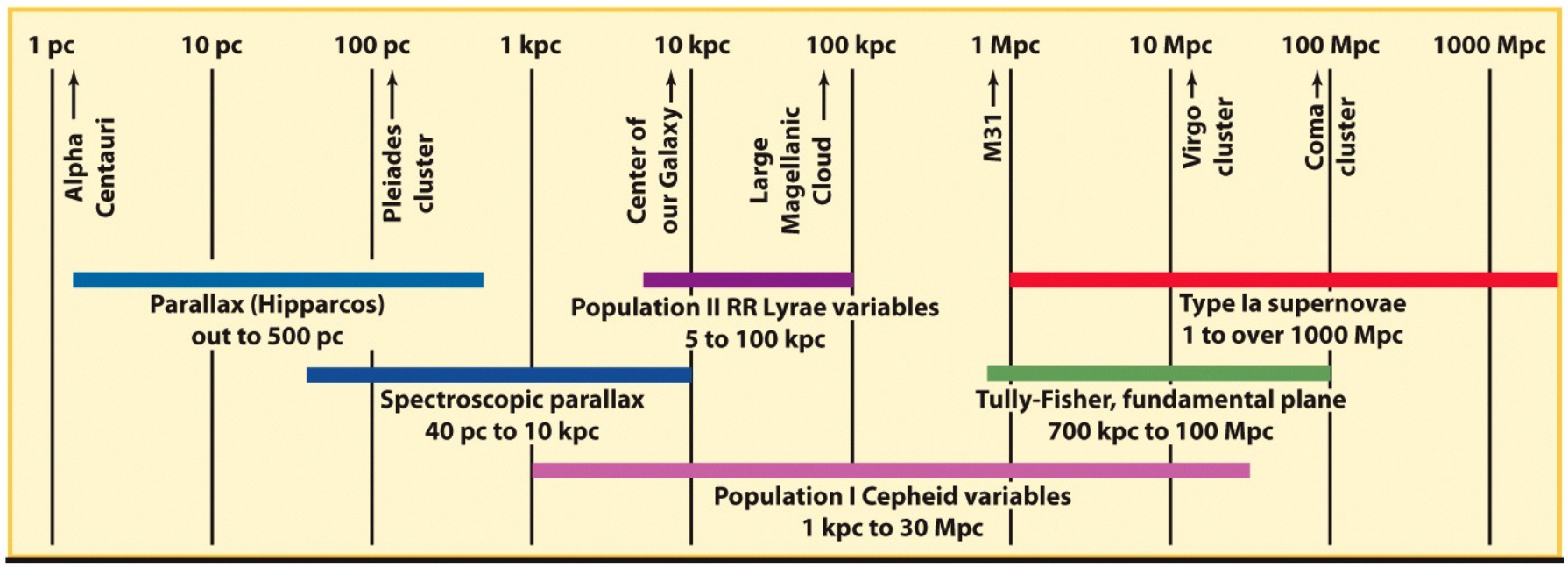
The Cosmic Distance Ladder:
We Can Measure Distances to Galaxies Now



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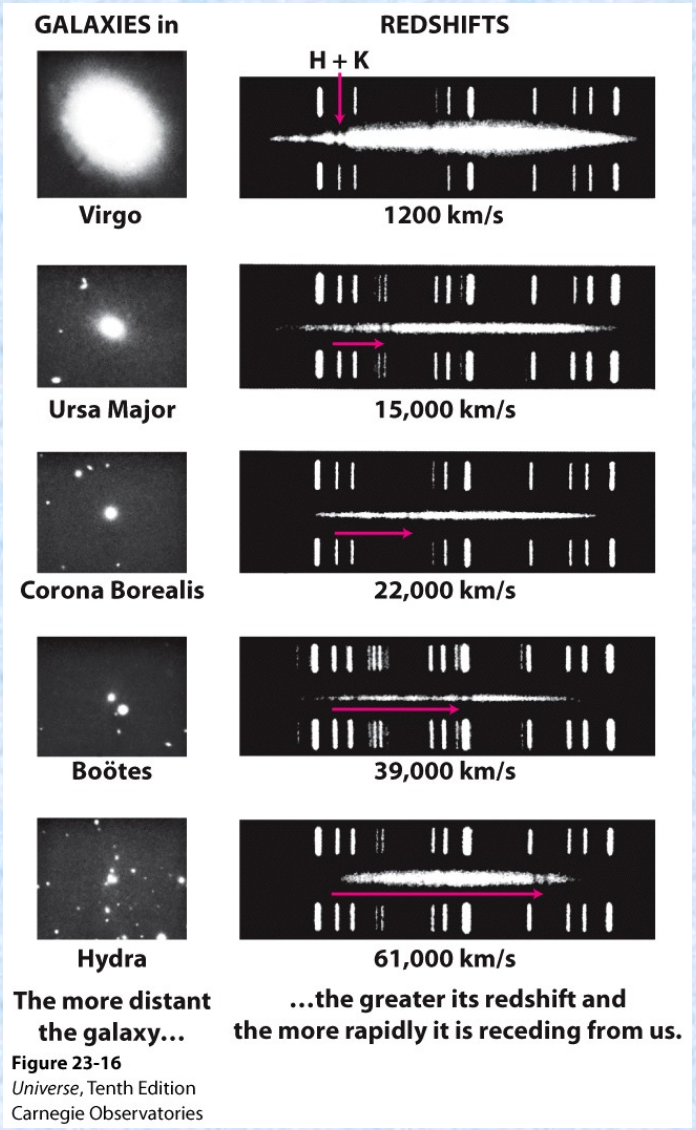
Galaxies Map Out the Structure of the Universe as a Whole

Hubble's Remarkable Discovery:



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Carnegie Observatories

Definition of Spectroscopic Redshift

λ = observed wavelength

λ_0 = laboratory wavelength

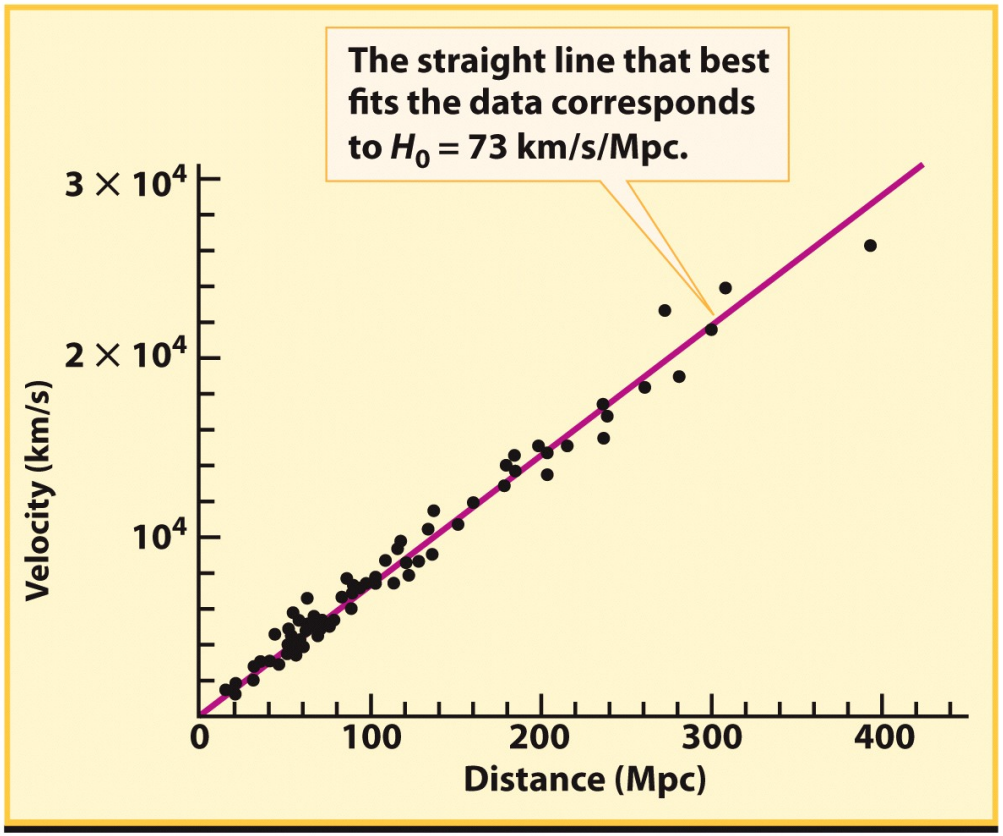
$\Delta\lambda = \lambda - \lambda_0$

$$z = \frac{\lambda - \lambda_0}{\lambda_0} = \frac{\Delta\lambda}{\lambda_0}$$

Looks like the Doppler Shift formula for v << c, so we talk about galaxies moving away from us. But be careful ….

$$z \approx \frac{v}{c}$$

Hubble's Remarkable Discovery: All the Galaxies are Flying Away from Us!



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Hubble's Law

$$v = H_0 d$$

v = shift of spectral lines in km/s

d = distance to galaxy in Mpc

H_0 = fitted constant of roughly 73 km/s/Mpc

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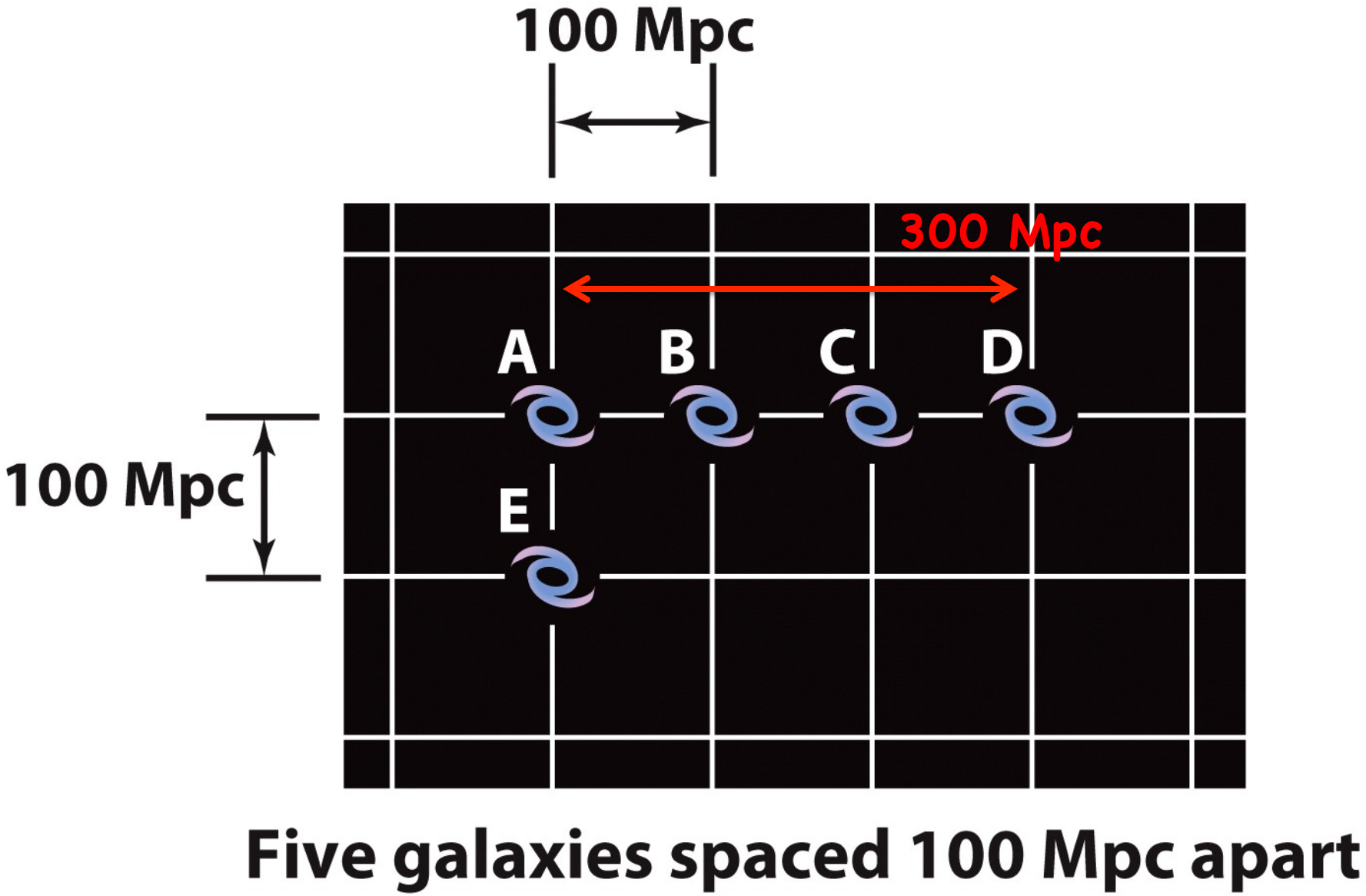
Important Clarifications

- We are NOT at a special place in the center of the universe.
- The redshifts that Hubble measured are not Doppler shifts.
- They reflect the expansion of the fabric of space-time.



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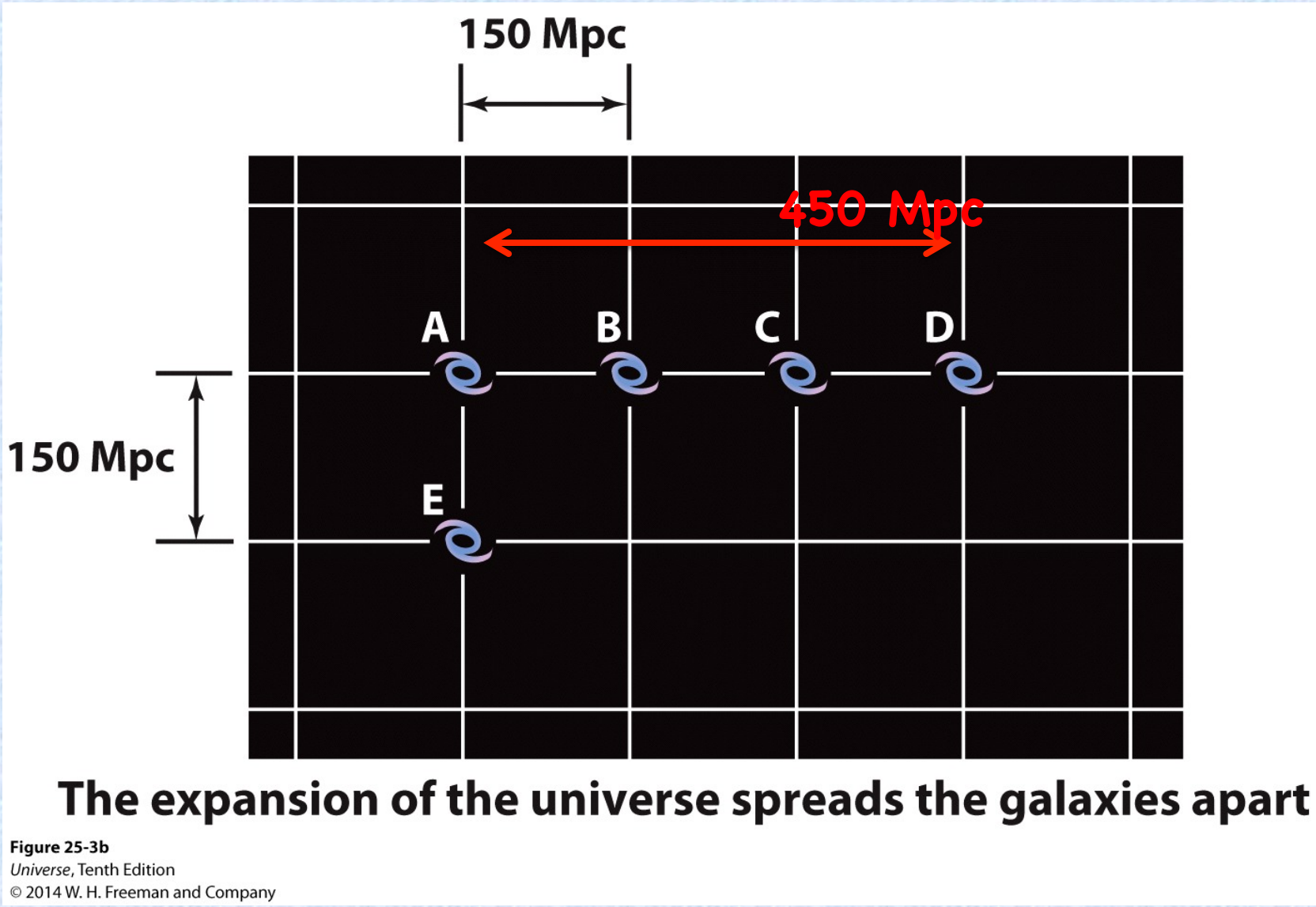
The Expansion of Space Carries the Galaxies with It



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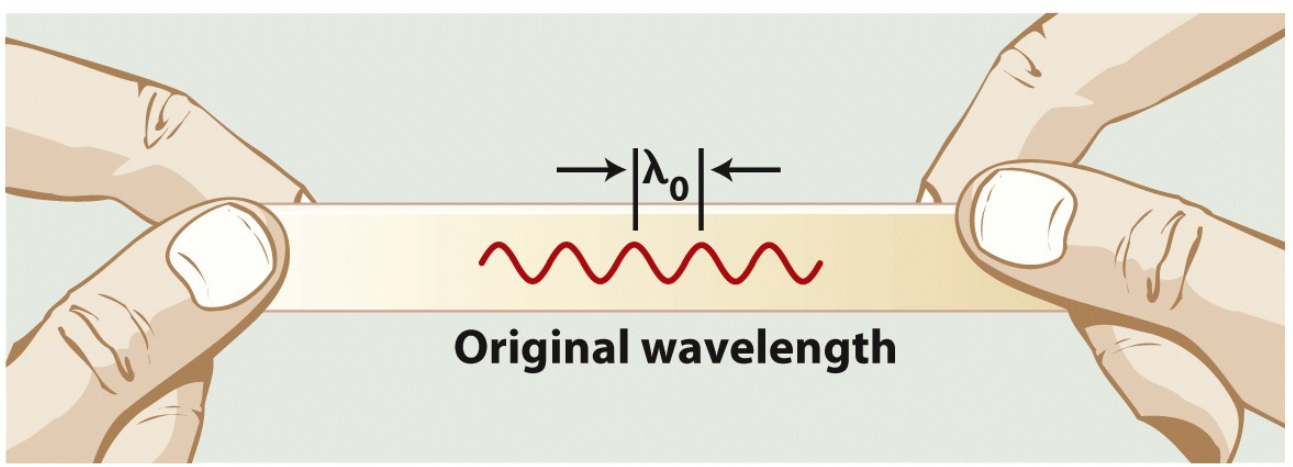
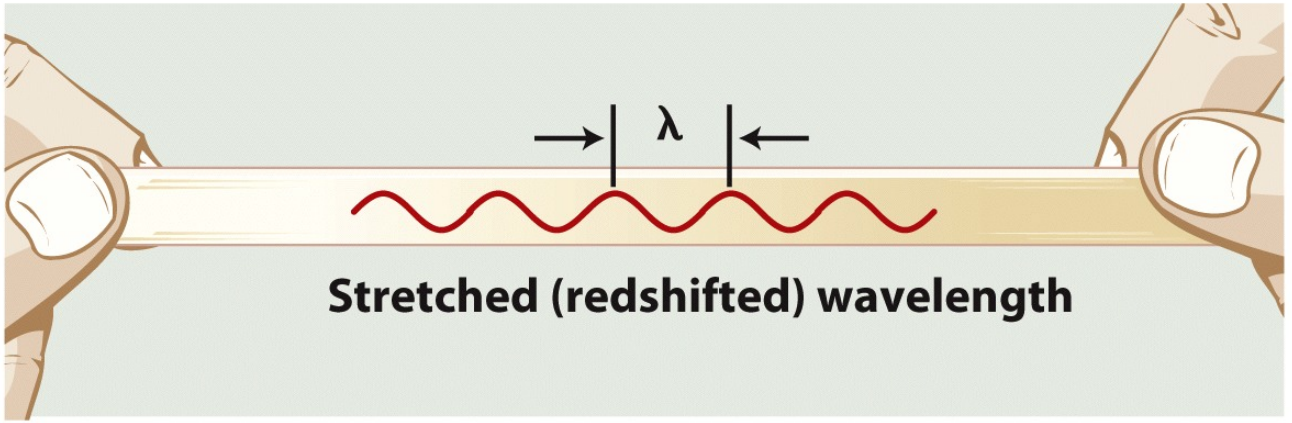
Expansion of Space-Time Stretches Light Waves



(a) A wave drawn on a rubber band …



(b) … increases in wavelength as the rubber band is stretched.

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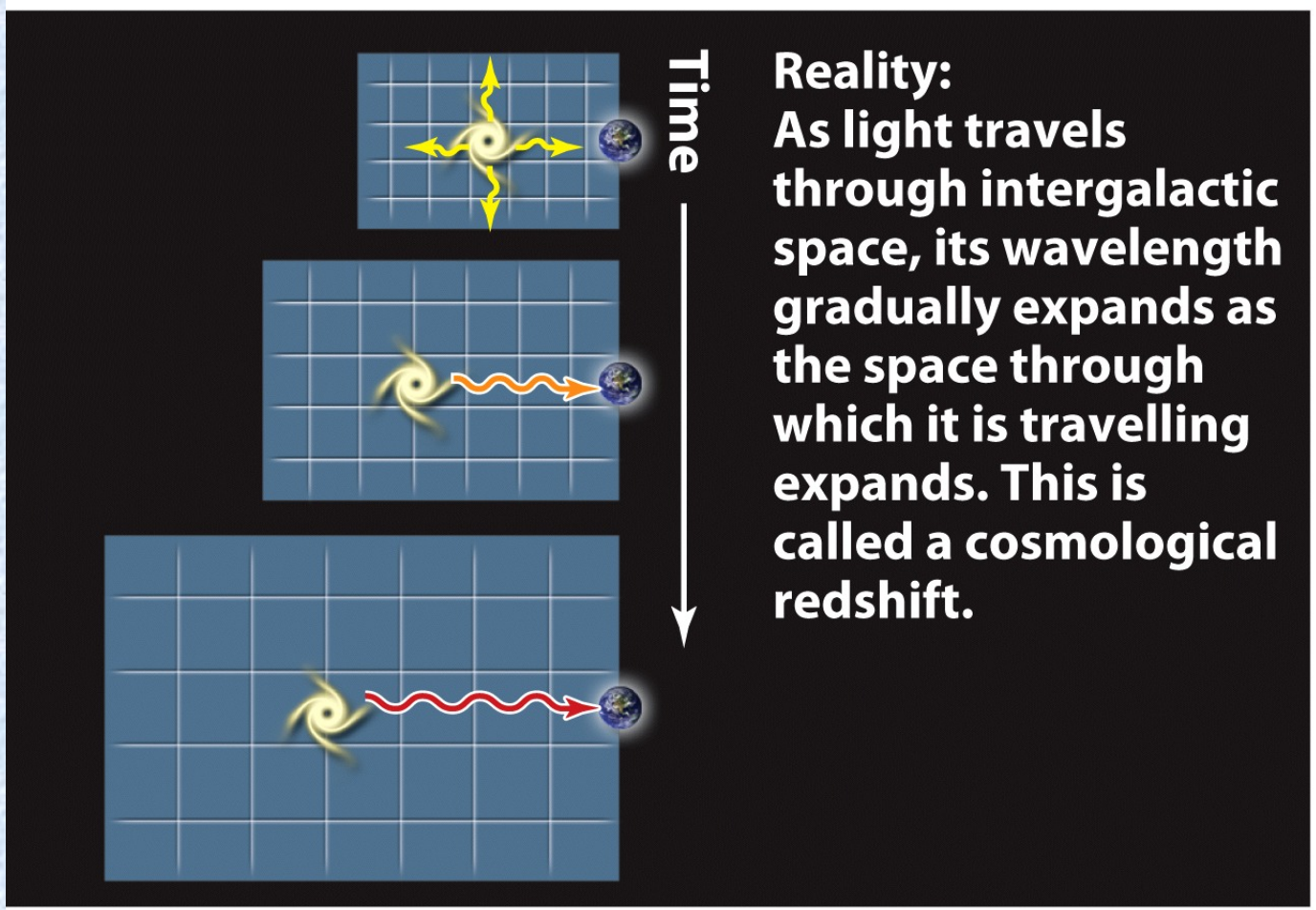
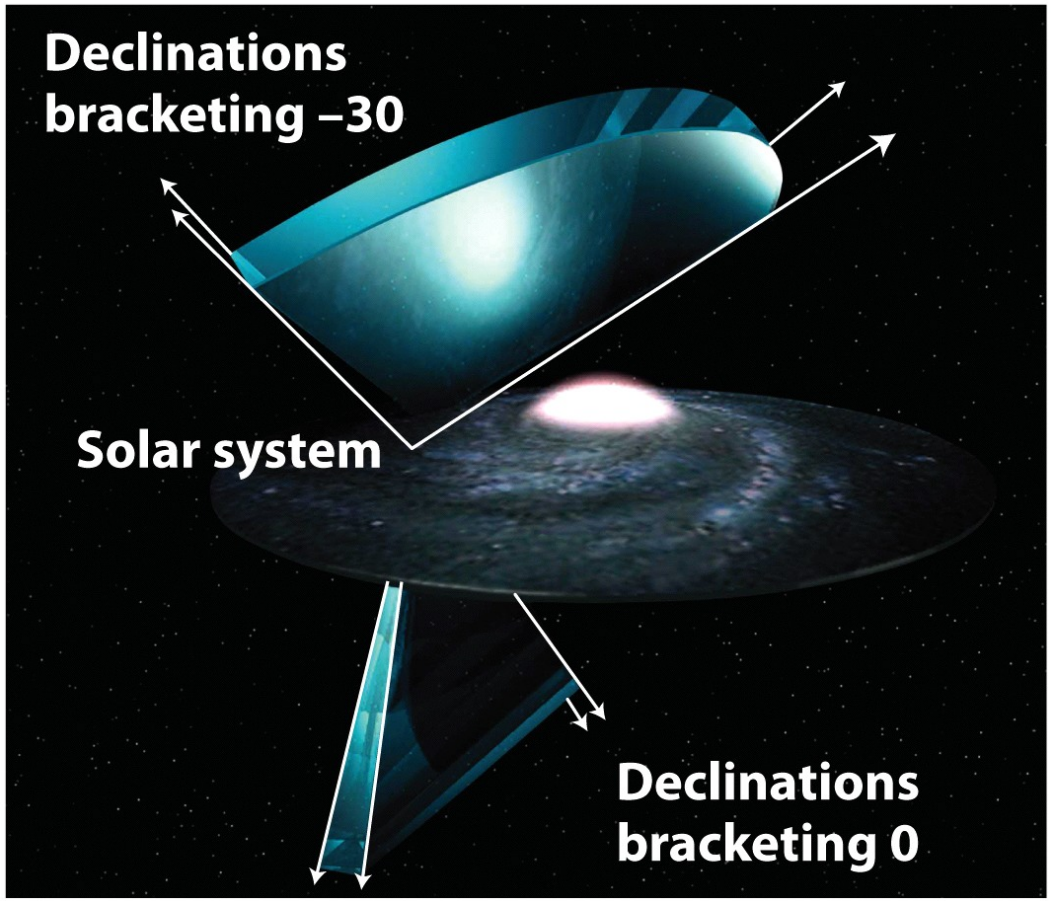

Time
Reality:
As light travels through intergalactic space, its wavelength gradually expands as the space through which it is travelling expands. This is called a cosmological redshift.

Galaxy Formation and Cosmology

- Running the expansion backwards, the *age* of the Universe is 13.8 billion years.
- The Universe was smaller in the past.
  - It is (1 + z) times larger today than at redshift z.
  - The Universe has expanded by a factor of 10 since redshift z = 9.
- The Universe contains the same amount of matter today as it did 13.8 billion years ago.
- Hence the density of the Universe was higher in the past.

Redshifts (Distances) Map Out the Distribution of Galaxies



Fields of view in the 2dF survey

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Courtesy of the 2dF Galaxy Redshift Survey Team/Australian Astronomical Observatory

Redshift Measures Distance

- Step 1: Measure the redshift from a spectrum. Exact.
  - Small redshift (roughly $z < 0.1$), then the distance is

$$d \approx \frac{cz}{H_0}$$

  - Redshift $z > 0.1$, then the equation describing the distance in terms of redshift is more complicated.

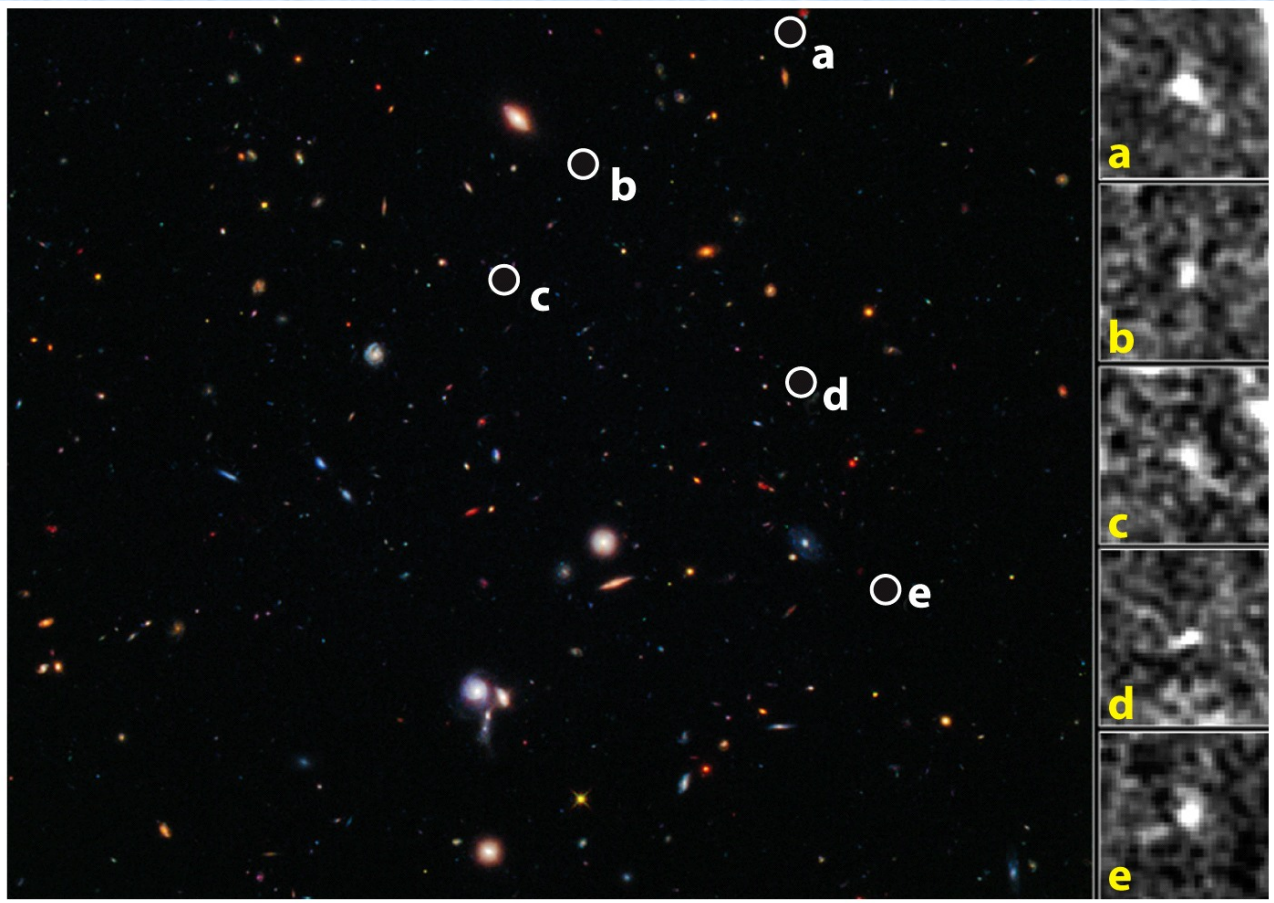
29. **Box 23-2** In the spectrum of the galaxy NGC 4839, the K line of singly ionized calcium has a wavelength 403.2 nm. (**a**) What is the redshift of this galaxy? (*Hint:* See Box 23-2.) (**b**) Determine the distance to this galaxy using the Hubble law with $H_0 = 73\ \text{km/s/Mpc}$.

How Did Galaxies Form?

Two approaches:

- Near-field cosmology, or the archaelogical record
  - "Old" RR Lyrae stars in halo globular clusters and the bulge
  - Star-forming regions (nebulae) in galactic disks
  - Supermassive black hole in the center of the bulge
- Observing very distant galaxies, which is equivalent to looking back into the past.
  - Use cosmological redshift to identify distant galaxies.
  - The light left them 13 billion years ago, so we see these galaxies when they when the universe was young.

Distant (Young) Galaxies are Small



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Objects in the circles are 13 billion light years from Earth (z ~ 7).

Galaxies Form Hierarchically

Galaxies formed from the coalescence of smaller galaxies.

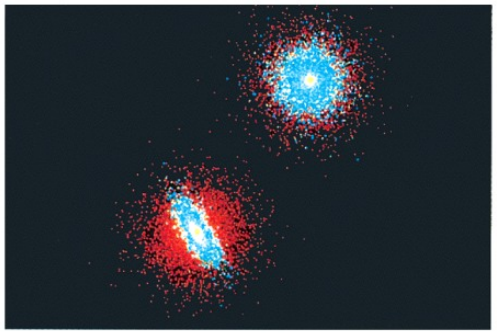
Last time we saw a picture of a tiny galaxy slamming into the Milky Way.

In a few billion years, our Milky Way will collide with the Andromeda Galaxy.

The Milky Way Will Collide with Andromeda (M31) in about 4 Gyr

This illustration shows a stage in the predicted merger between our Milky Way galaxy and the neighboring Andromeda galaxy, as it will unfold over the next several billion years. In this image, representing Earth's night sky in

Computer Simulation of Galaxy − Galaxy Merger



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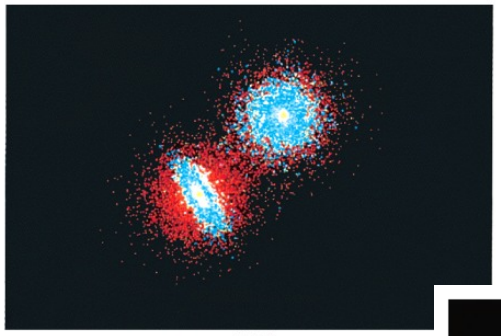

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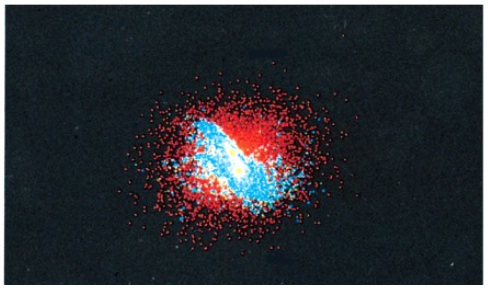
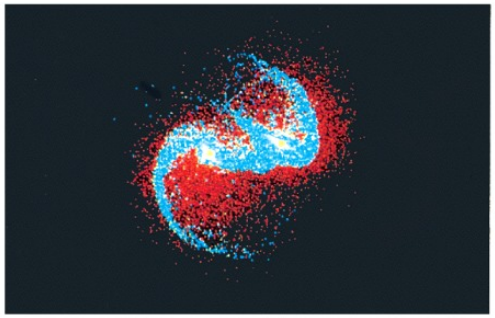
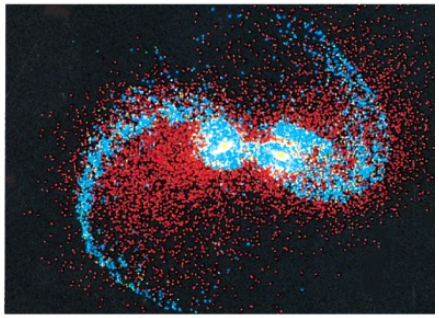




t = 375 million years



t = 500 million years

Figure 23-29
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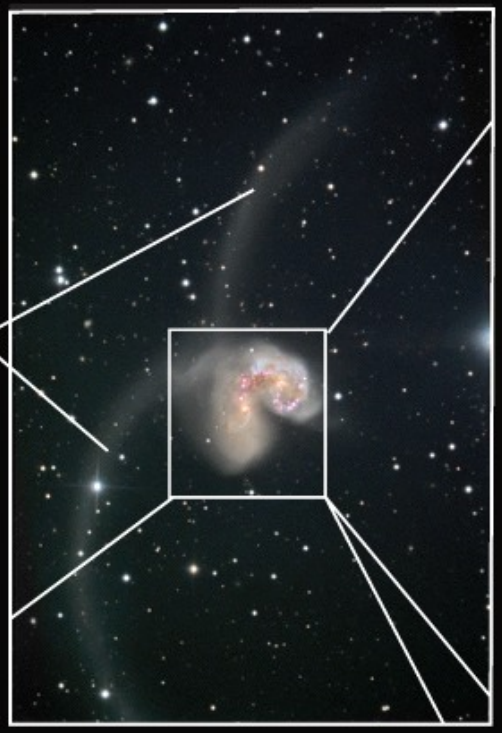
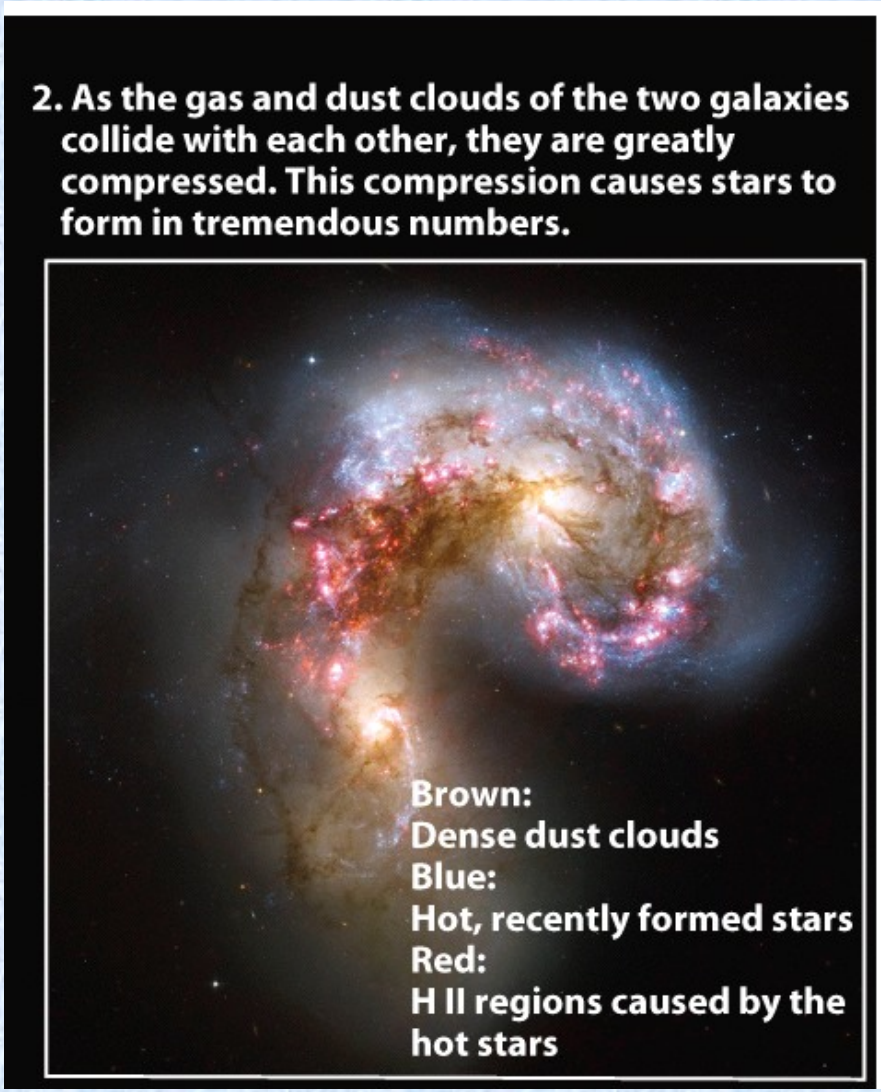
Joshua Edward Barnes, Institute for Astronomy, University of Hawaii

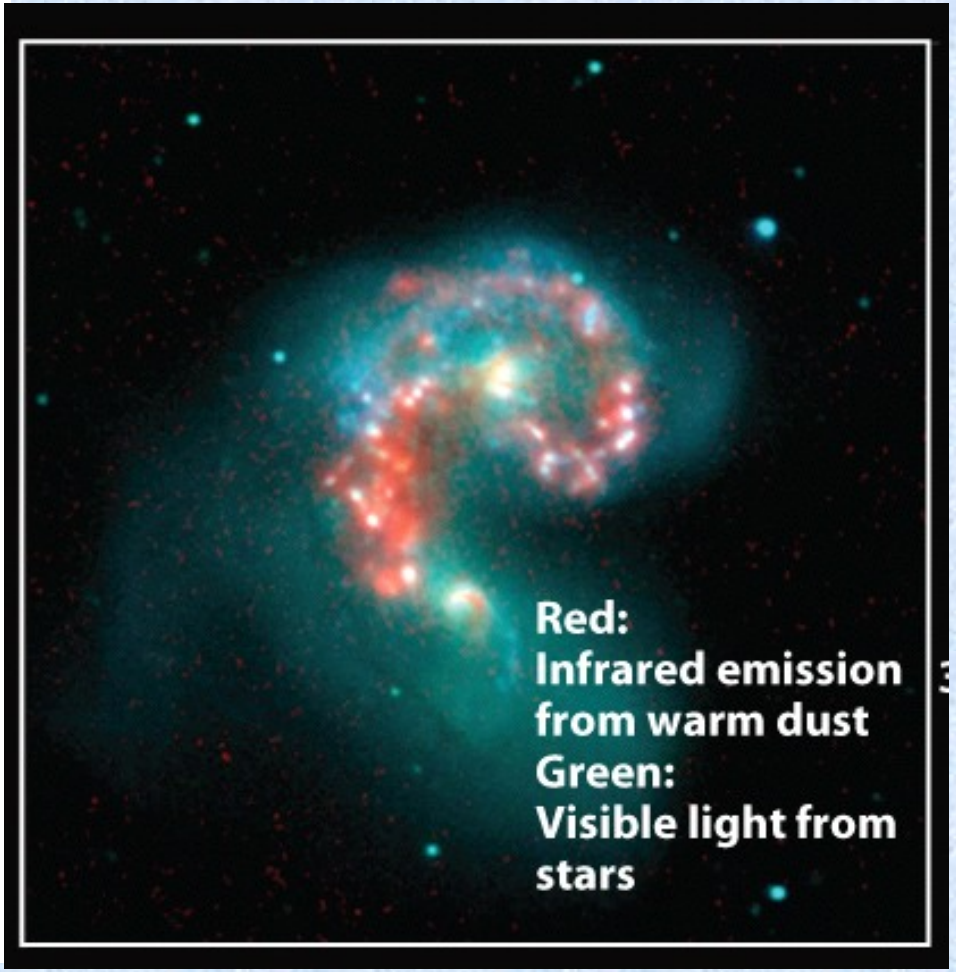
1. One example of a galactic collision is the pair of galaxies called the Antennae, which lie 19 Mpc (16 million ly) from Earth in the constellation Corvus (the Crow). They probably began to interact several hundred million years ago.

Tidal forces between the galaxies pulled out these long "tidal tails" 200 to 300 million years ago.



Mergers Drive Gas to Center of Galaxy



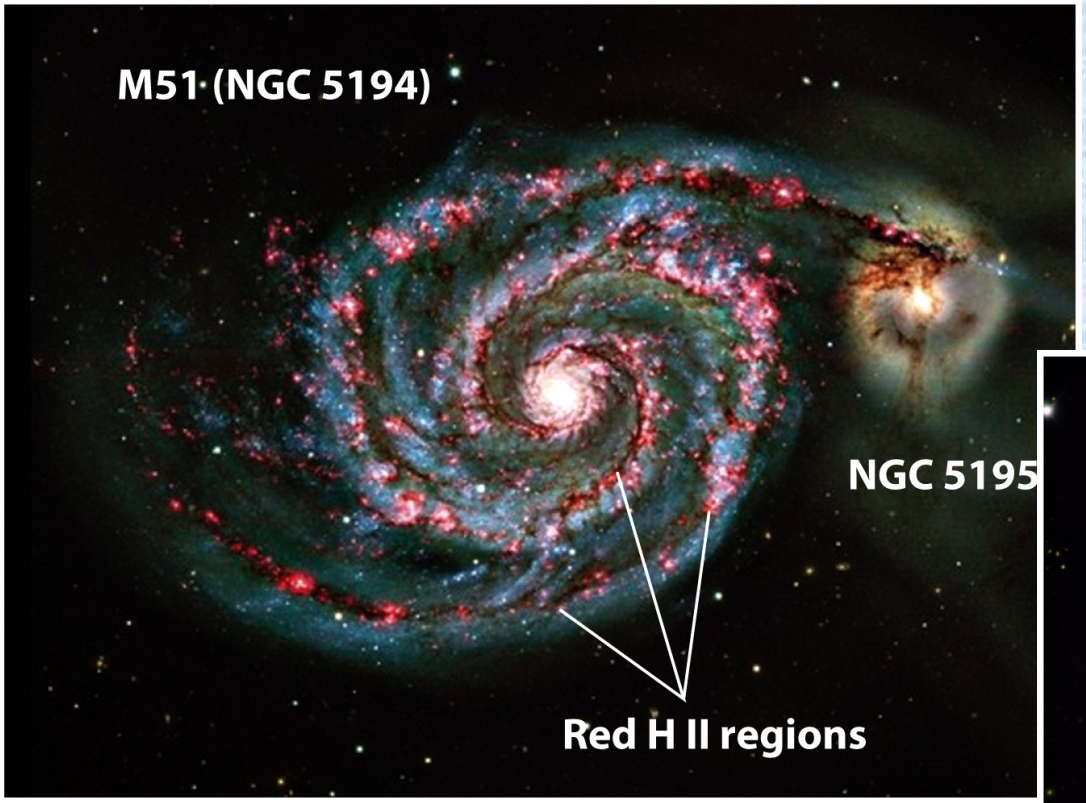


Mergers often produce a burst of star formation, i.e. a ***Starburst***.

Homework Problem

41. The accompanying images show the unusual elliptical galaxy NGC 5128 in visible and infrared wavelengths. Explain how the properties of this galaxy seen in the infrared image can be explained if NGC 5128 is the result of a merger of an elliptical galaxy and a spiral galaxy.

Examples of "Minor" Mergers



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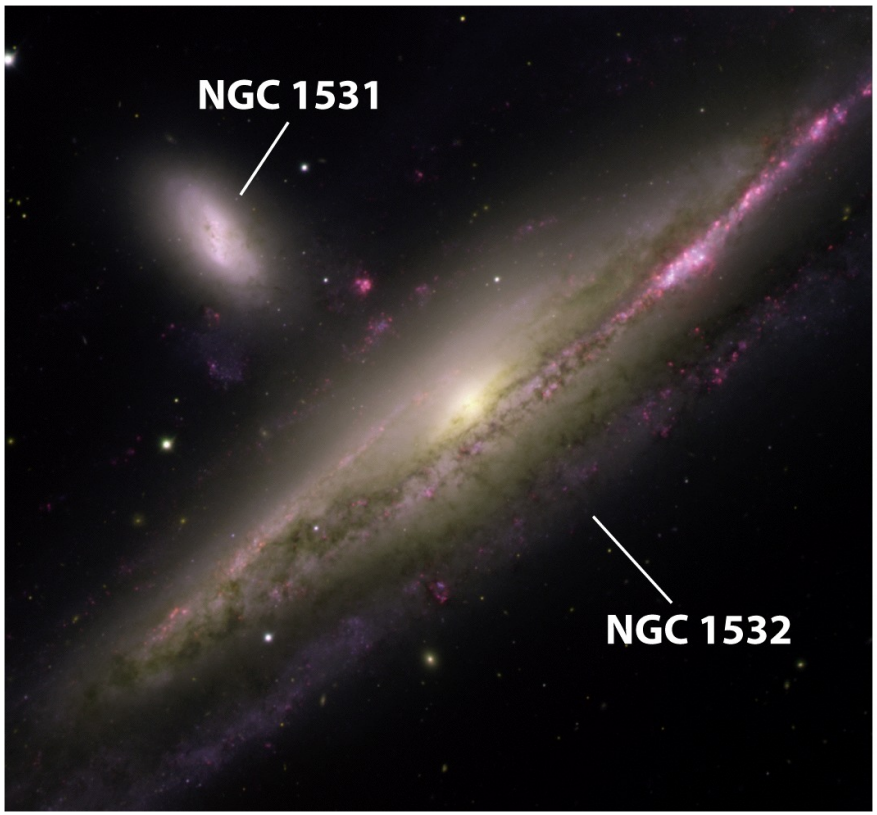

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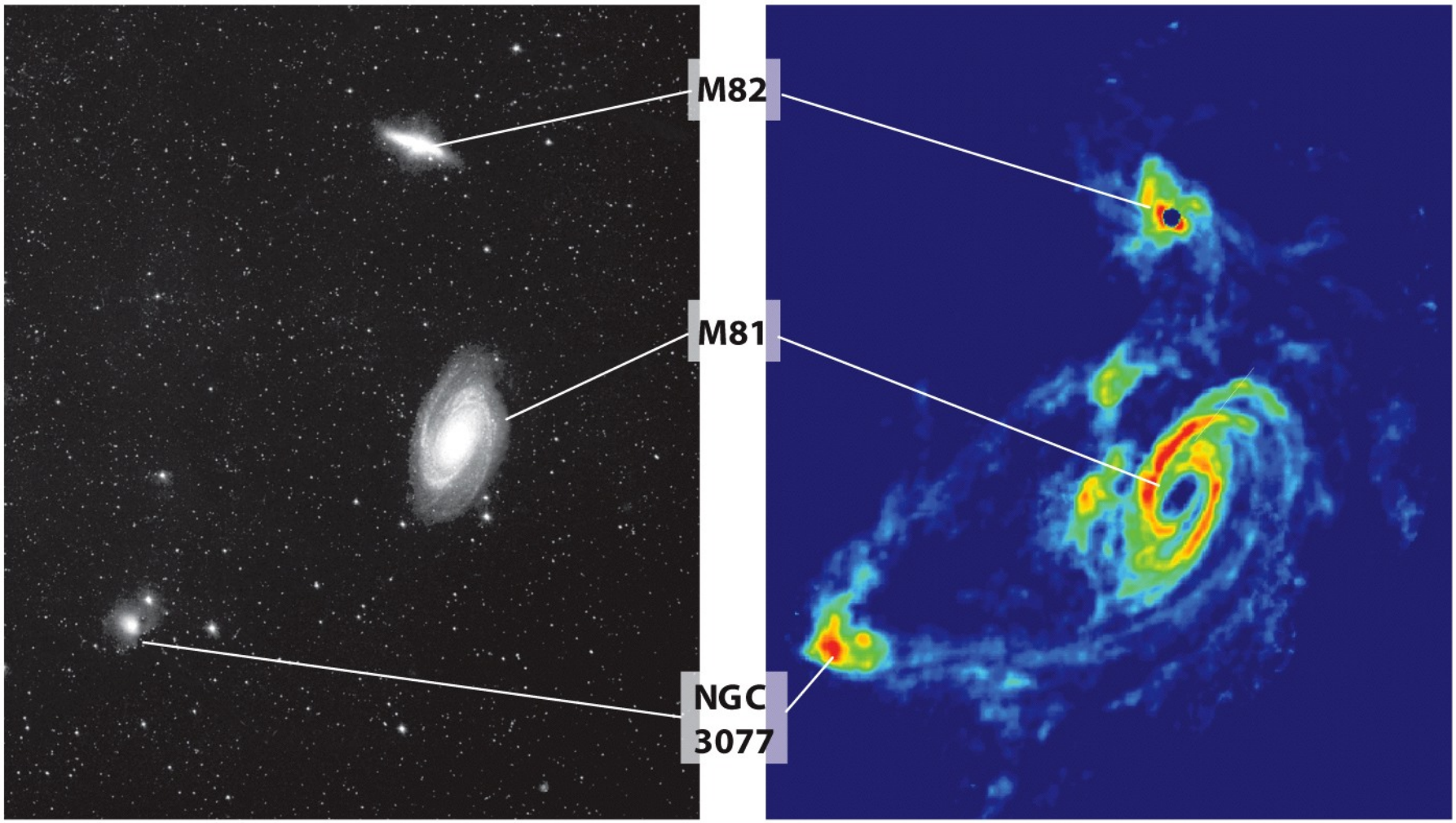
Most Galaxies are Found in Groups

Optical Image shows the starlight. The Hydrogen Gas



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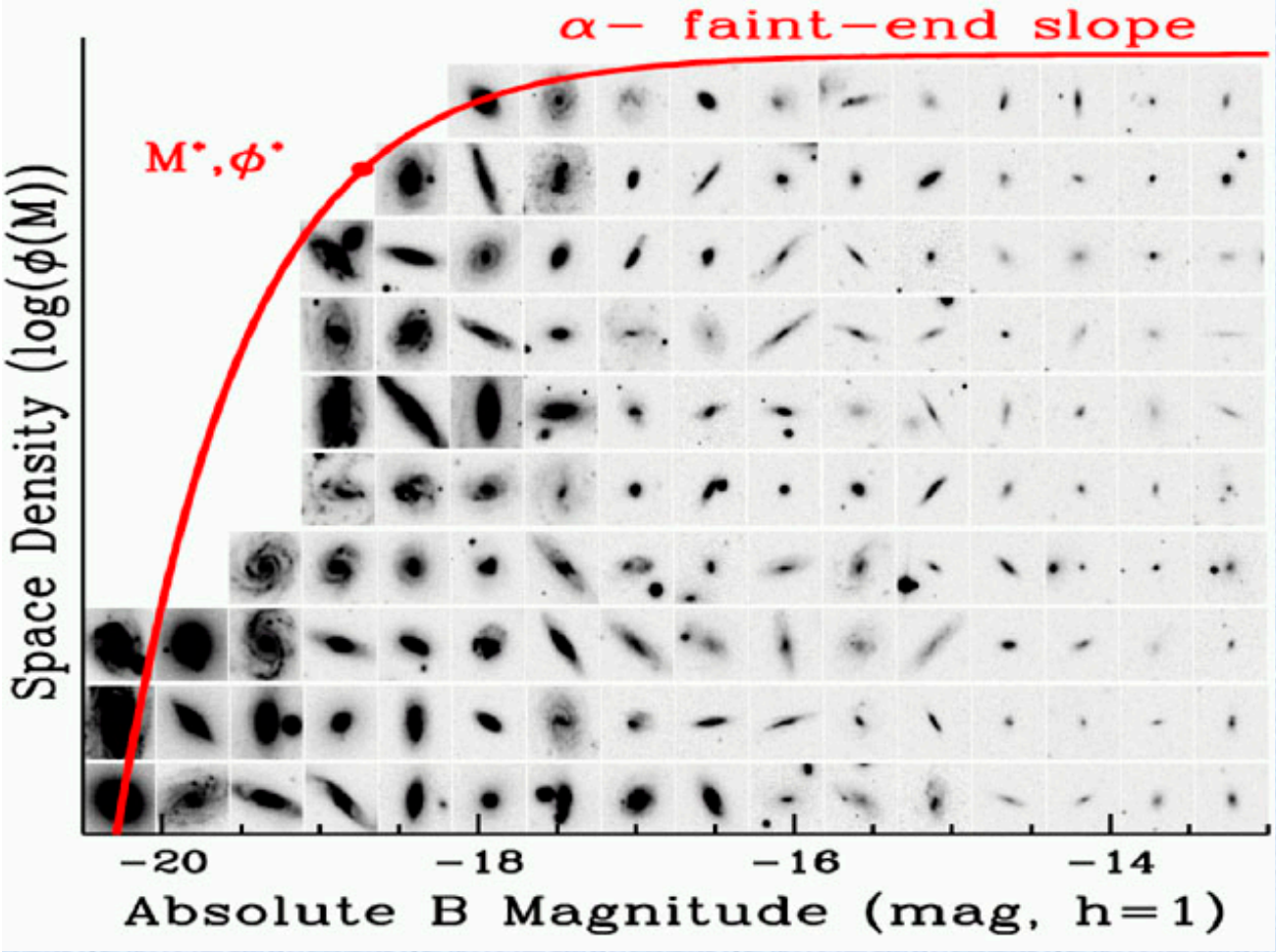
a: Palomar Sky Survey; b: Image courtesy of NRAO/AUI

Distribution of Galaxy Sizes

There are plenty of small galaxies for every big galaxy, so this merging process can continue for a long time.



Bright

Faint

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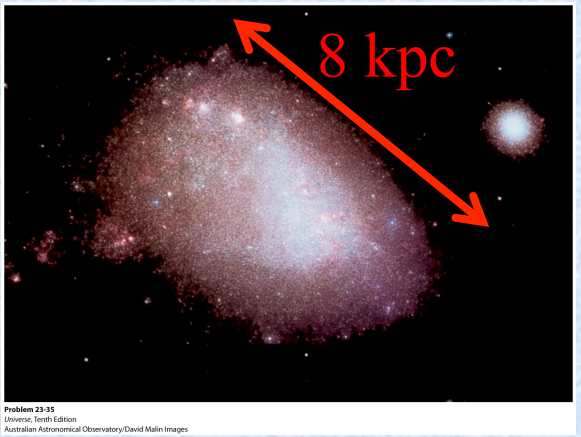
NASA and The Hubble Heritage Team (STScI/AURA)

Leo I (180 kpc away)



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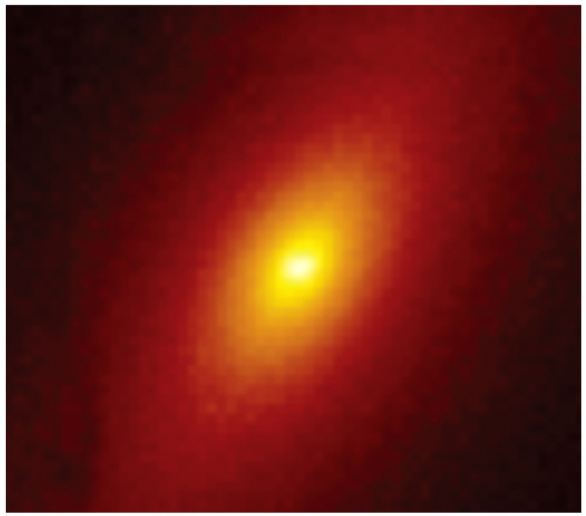
Australian Astronomical Observatory/David Malin Images

SMC (60 kpc away)

Two General Types of Large Galaxies.
1. Ellipticals



E6 (NGC 3377)

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E3 (NGC 4406)

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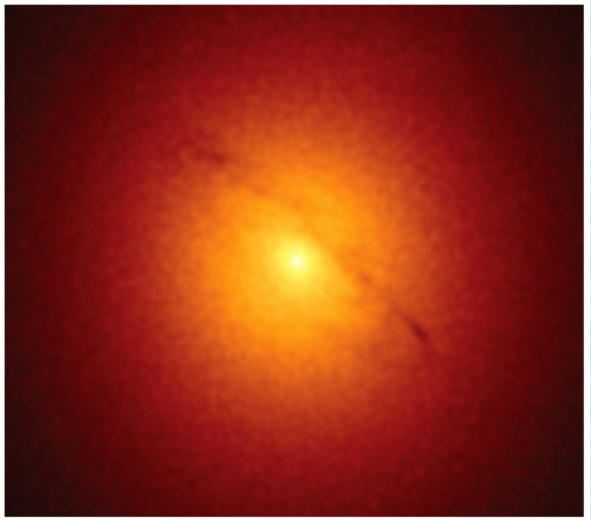
Jean-Charles Cuillandre, Hawaiian Starlight, CFHT



E0 (M105)

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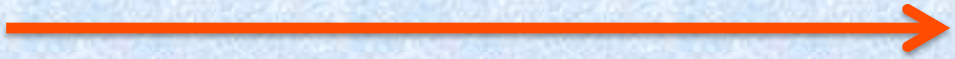

More spherical, more random motion, & less rotation

Two General Types of Large Galaxies.
2. Spiral Galaxies

Sc (NGC 4321)

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FORS Team, 8.2-meter VLT, ESO

Sb (M81)

Figure 23-5b
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(a) Sa (NGC 1357)

More tightly wound arms & large bulge-to-disk ratio

SBc (NGC 1365)

Figure 23-6c
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FORS Team, 8.2-meter VLT, ESO

SBb (M83)

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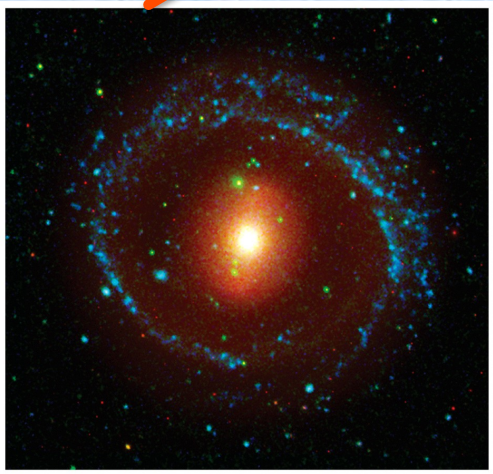
FORS Team, 8.2-meter VLT, ESO



SBa (NGC 1291)

Figure 23-6a
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NASA/JPL-Caltech/CTIO

Galaxies Grow Over Cosmic Time

- Galaxies continuously accrete intergalactic gas and dark matter.

- Collisions between galaxies also produces bigger galaxies.
  - Mergers of (roughly) equal mass spiral galaxies produce elliptical galaxies, disrupting the stellar disk and making a spheroidal stellar distribution.
  - Provide fuel for star formation because gas from the outer parts of the galaxies falls to the new center ➔ starburst galaxy.

- Average galactic star formation rate was much higher in the past.
  - The universe was smaller.
  - The density was higher.

  ➔ more collisions and more accretion

The Properties of Large Galaxies Reflect How They Formed

TABLE 23-1 **Some Properties of Galaxies**

	Spiral (S) and barred spiral (SB) galaxies	Elliptical galaxies (E)	Irregular galaxies (Irr)
Mass ($M_\odot$)	10^9 to 4×10^{11}	10^5 to 10^{13}	10^8 to 3×10^{10}
Luminosity ($L_\odot$)	10^8 to 2×10^{10}	3×10^5 to 10^{11}	10^7 to 10^9
Diameter (kpc)	5 to 250	1 to 200	1 to 10
Stellar populations	Spiral arms: young Population I Nucleus and throughout disk: Population II and old Population I	Population II and old Population I	mostly Population 1
Percentage of observed galaxies	77%	20%*	3%

This percentage does not include dwarf elliptical galaxies that are as yet too dim and distant to detect. Hence, the actual percentage of galaxies that are ellipticals may be higher than shown here.

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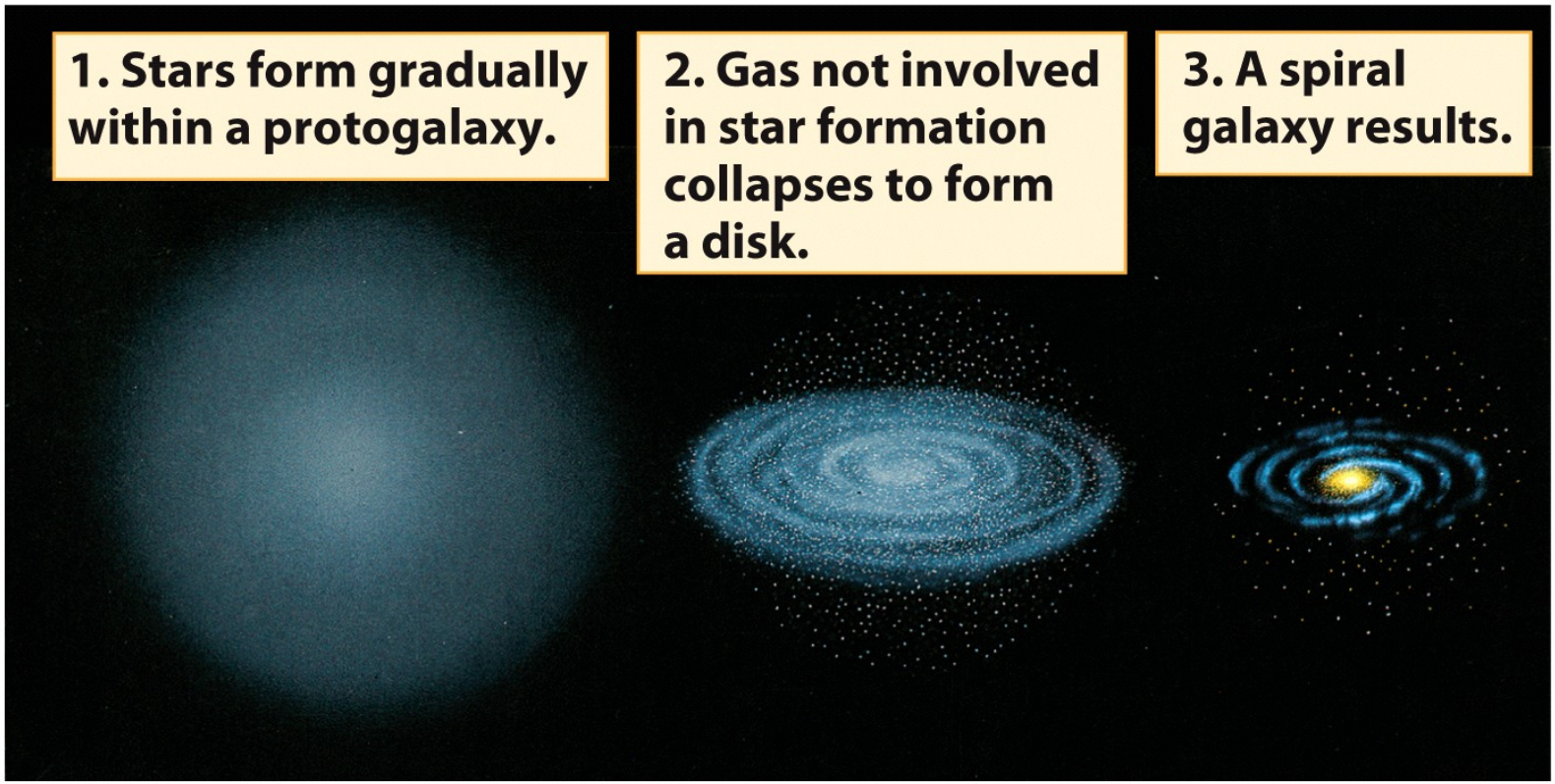
Second Type of Large Galaxy.
I. High Angular Momentum (Spiral Galaxies)



Formation of a spiral galaxy

Figure 23-36a
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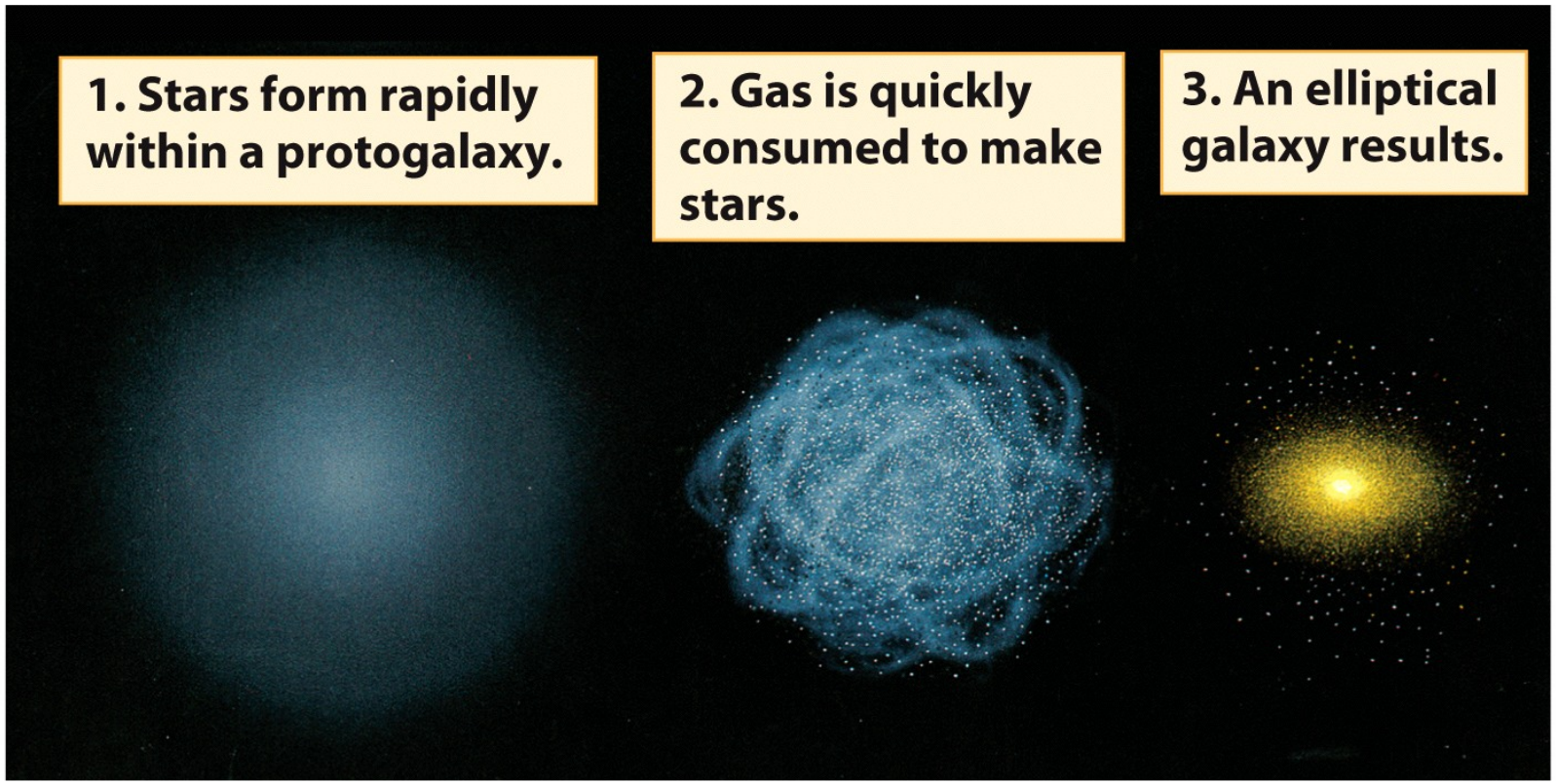
Two General Types of Large Galaxies.
II. Little Net Angular Momentum (Elliptical Galaxies)



Formation of an elliptical galaxy

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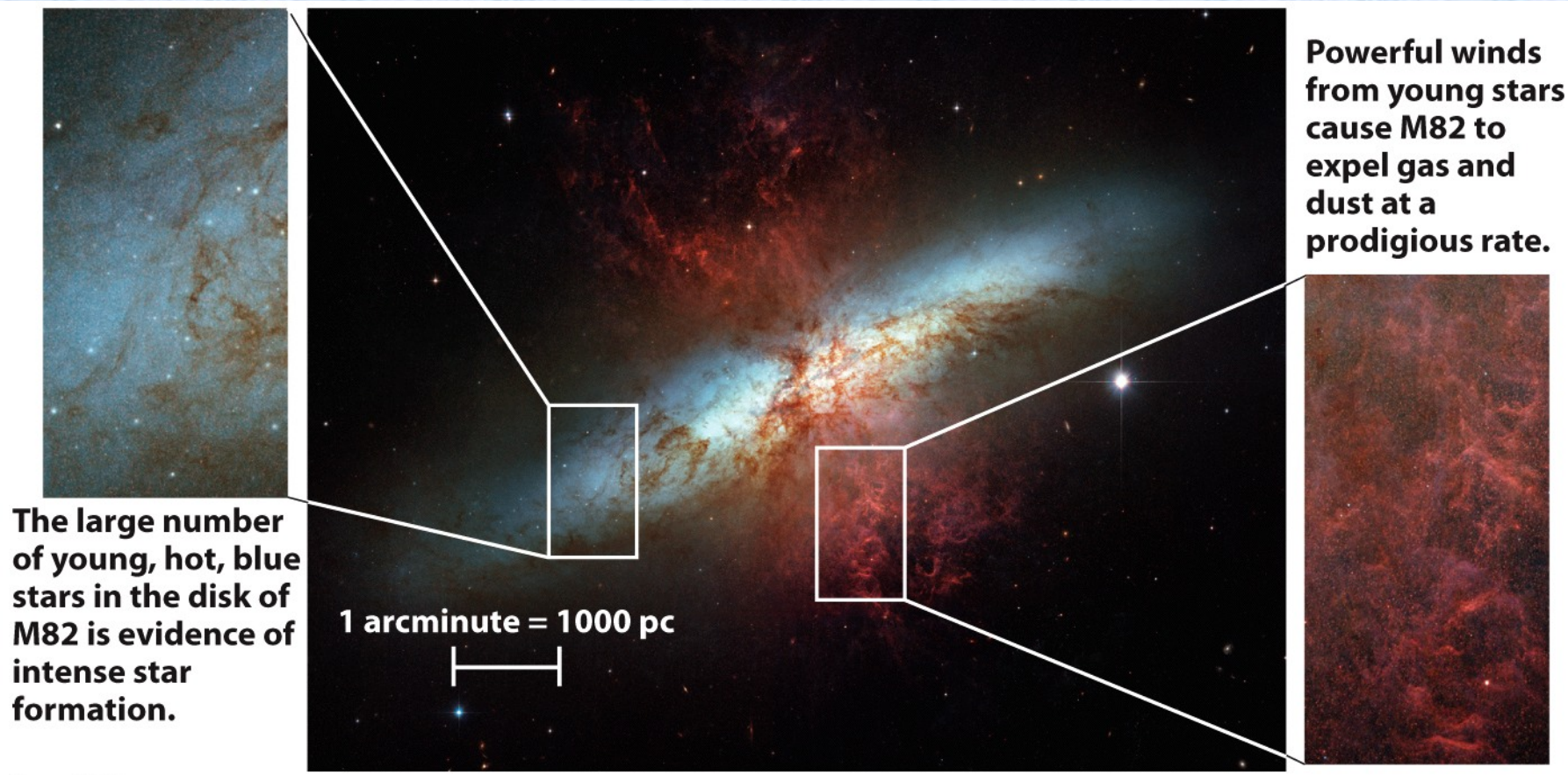
And through mergers of spiral galaxies.

Gas Flows Out of Galaxies Too



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NASA; ESA; and the Hubble Heritage Team, STScI/AURA

Example of a Galactic Wind (from Professor Martin's research)

Projection of the 1.6 Million Brightest Galaxies on the Sky

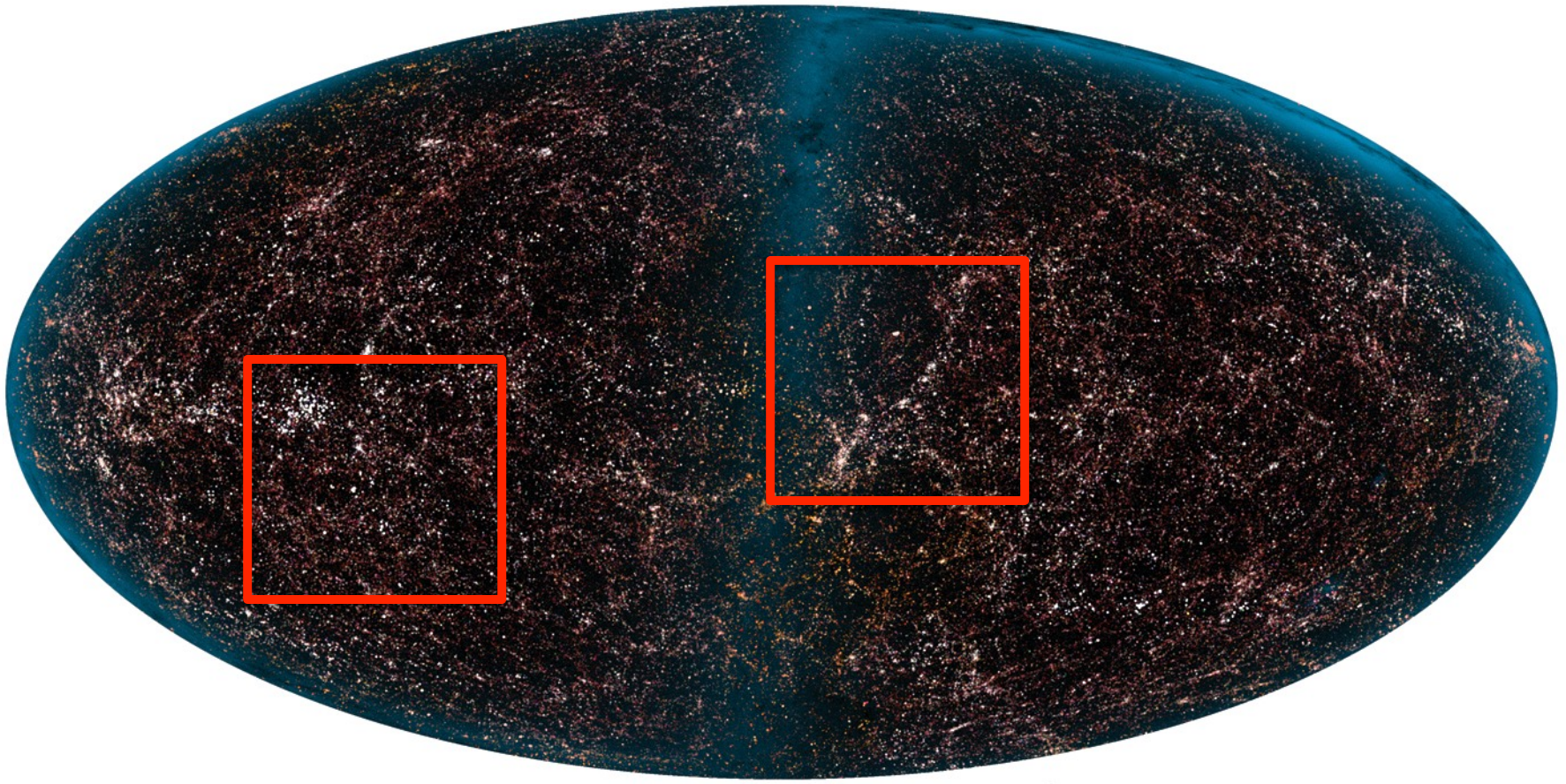

Figure 23-23
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Two Micron All Sky Survey [2MASS]

The distribution of galaxies is the same in every direction, or isotropic.

Two Wedges of Sky Showing the Distances to 62,559 Galaxies

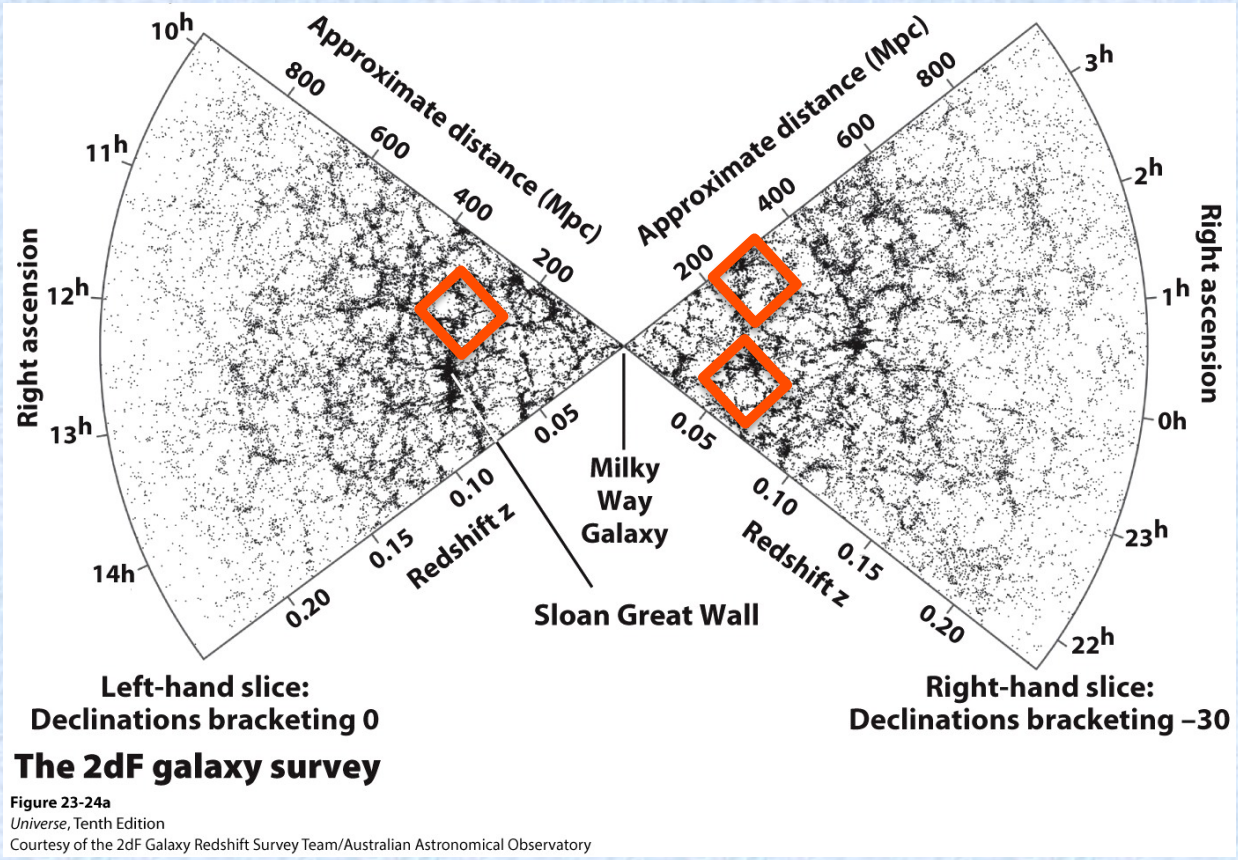

Figure 23-24a
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Courtesy of the 2dF Galaxy Redshift Survey Team/Australian Astronomical Observatory

The distribution of galaxies is homogeneous on large scales.

The Cosmological Principle

The Universe is homogeneous and isotropic.

In space, time, or both?

Summary

- **The Universe is full of billions of galaxies.**
  - Why this wasn't clear to Einstein.
  - Hubble's discovery of Cepheids in Andromeda
  - Distances to galaxies
- **Those galaxies are flying away from us!**
  - Hubble's law
  - The expansion of the universe
- **Properties of galaxies reflect how they formed**
  - The first galaxies were small.
  - Galaxies grow by colliding with other galaxies.

Take Away

- From the habitable zone to the shadow of a black hole, I hope this class has been eye opening.
- The same laws of physics apply on Earth and across the Cosmos.
- The scientific method is based on observations, makes predictions, and is falsifiable.

- I hope you had fun. I did!