

The Physics of Galaxies

Observations versus Theory

From the Early Universe to the Present

Part 5

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Fundamental Questions about Galaxy Formation & Evolution

When and how did galaxies

- form their stars ? **SFH** (continuously – in starbursts)
- produce their heavy elements ? **CEH** (how much into ICM)
- assemble their masses ? **MAH** (stellar – gaseous)

How did all this depend on

- galaxy mass / type ?
(down-sizing, staged galaxy formation)
- environment (field, group, cluster) ?
→ role of mergers & galaxy transformation ?

How is the formation & evolution of galaxies related to the formation & evolution of Large Scale Structure?

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Spectral Evolution of a Galaxy

Stellar population :

- Stellar Initial Mass Function
- Stellar evolutionary tracks (m , Z)
- Star Formation Histories of various galaxy types

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Chemically Consistent Evolutionary Synthesis GALEV

simultaneous modeling of the

- ★ chemical evolution of the gas/ISM and the
- ★ spectral evolution of the stellar component (incl. gaseous emission : HII regions)

→ chemically consistent approach

: = account for increasing initial abundances of successive stellar generations

by using input physics of appropriate metallicity for each stellar generation

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Why Chemically Consistent Modelling ?

- ★ Bulk of local galaxy population have subsolar abundances late – type & dwarf galaxies
- ★ Normal local galaxies feature broad stellar metallicity distributions solar neighbourhood, MW & M31 bulges, ellipticals
- ★ Distant galaxies are less evolved / enriched in particular the faint ones in Deep Fields

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Observed Stellar Metallicity Distributions

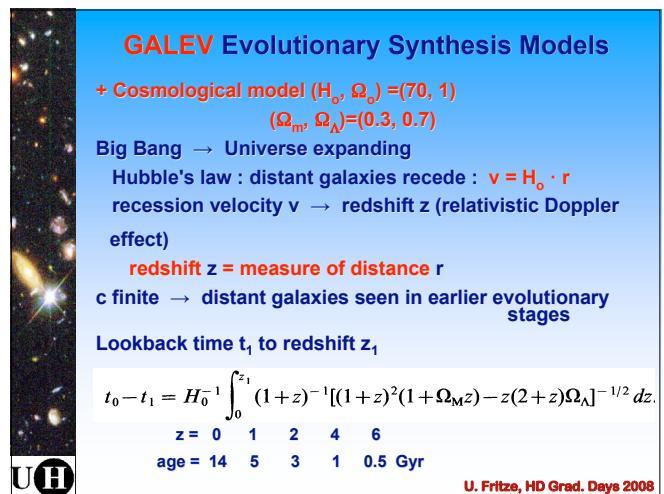
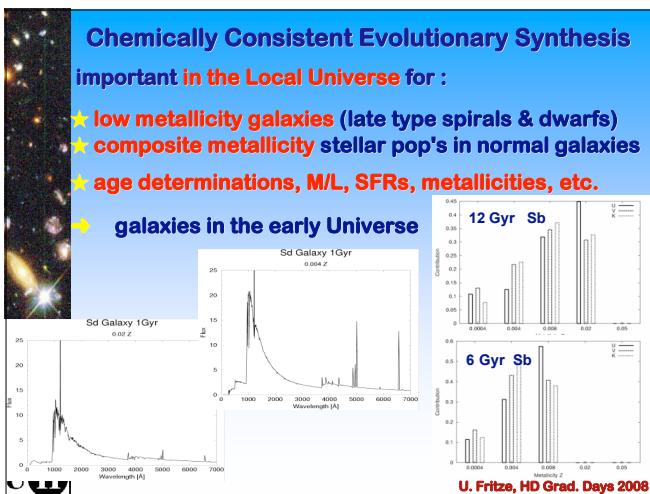
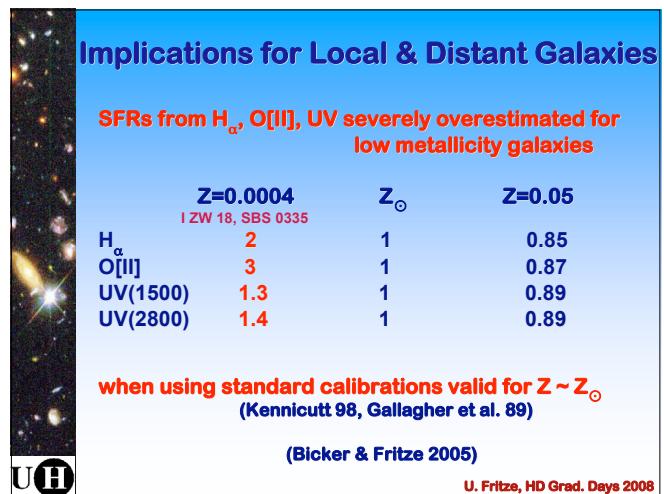
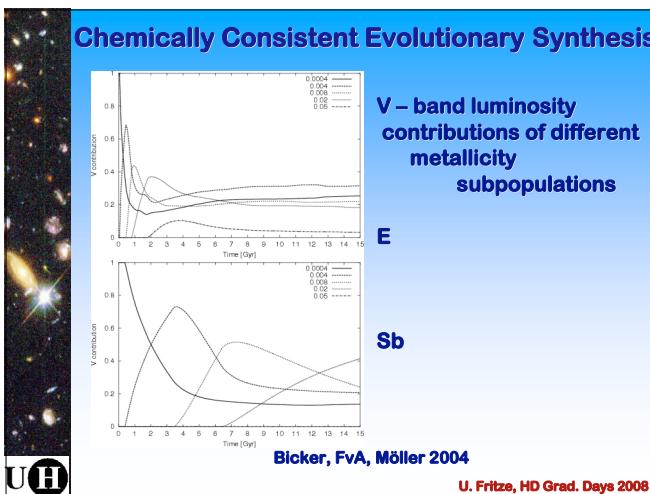
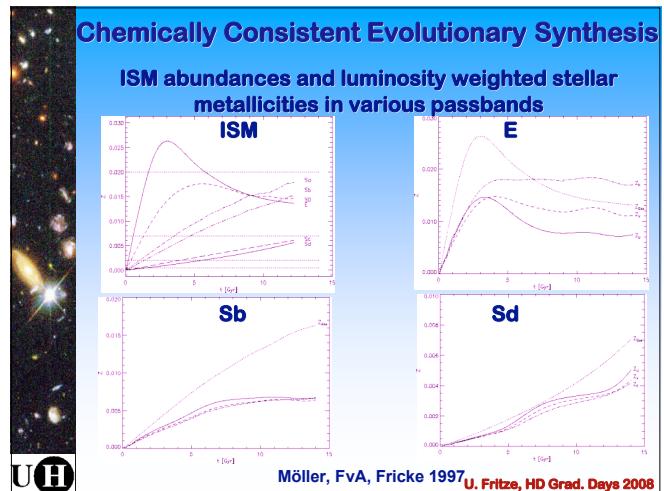
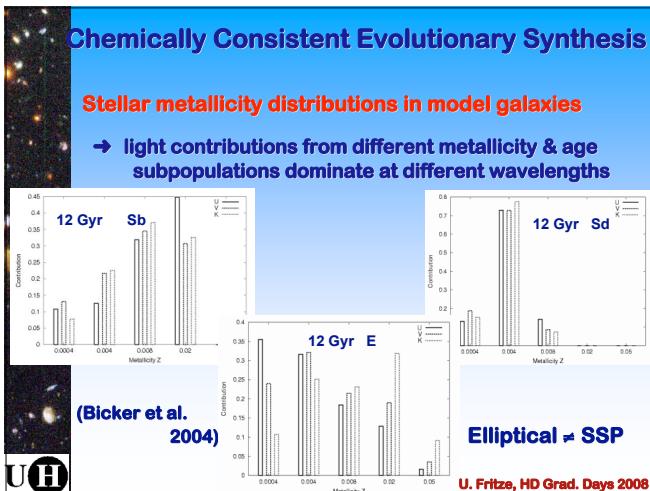
Solar neighbourhood G, K, M stars
(Rocha-Pinto & Maciel 1998)
 $\Delta[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \sim 2 \text{ dex}$

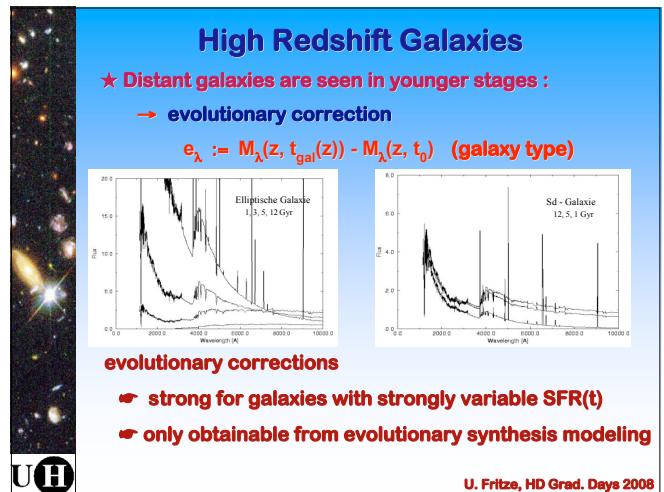
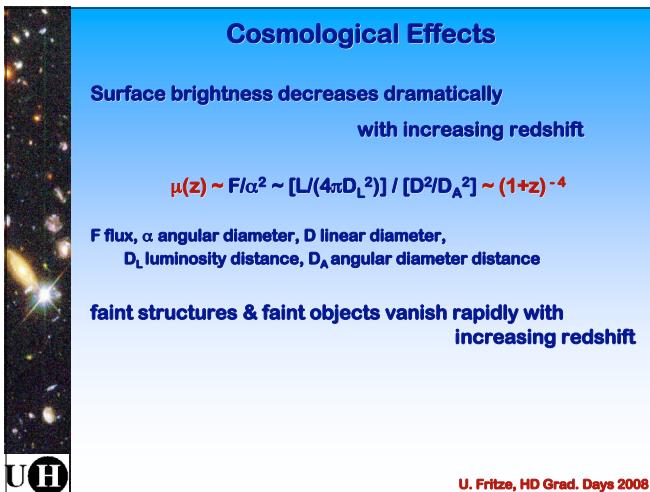
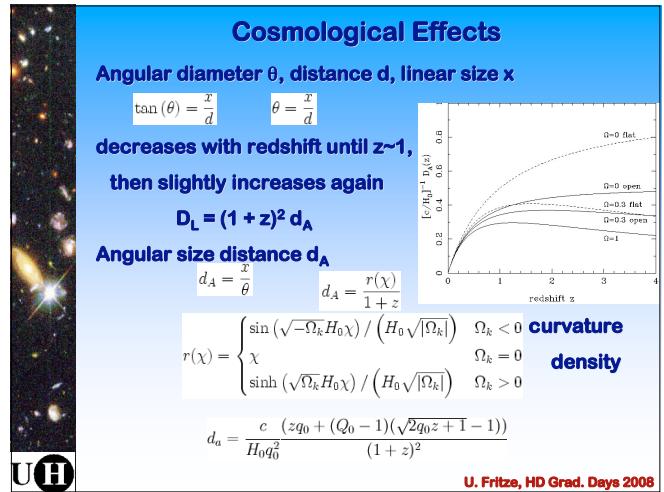
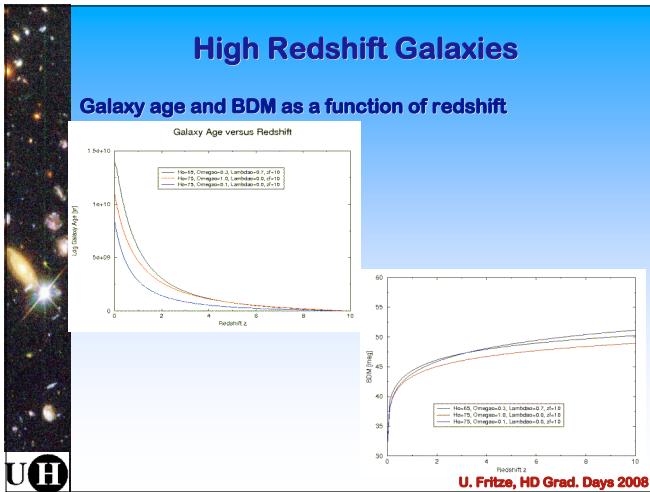
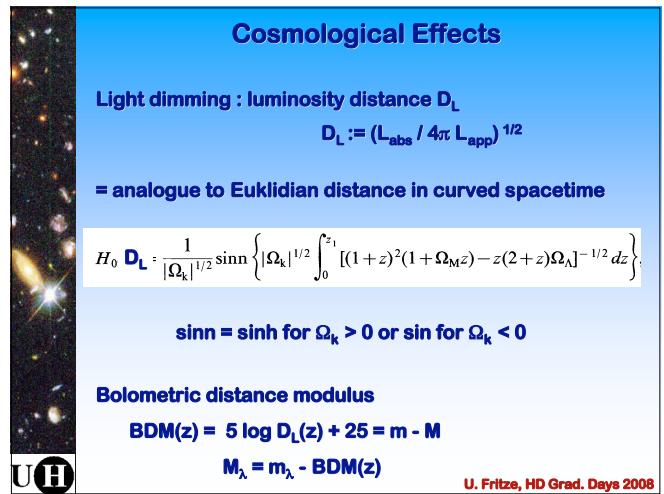
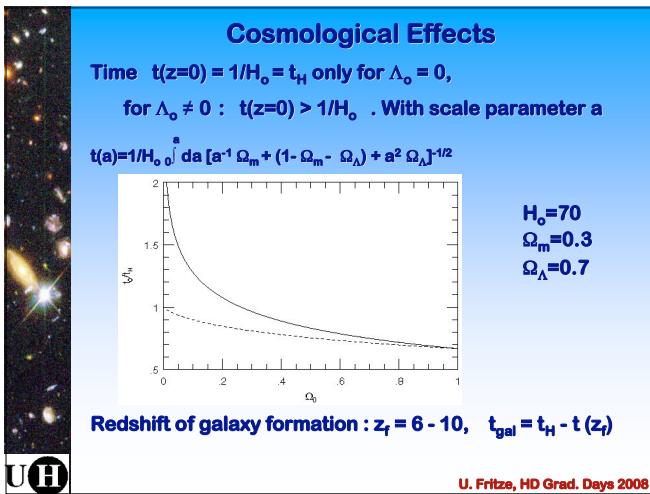
MW & M31 bulges
(Sarajedini & Jablonka 05)

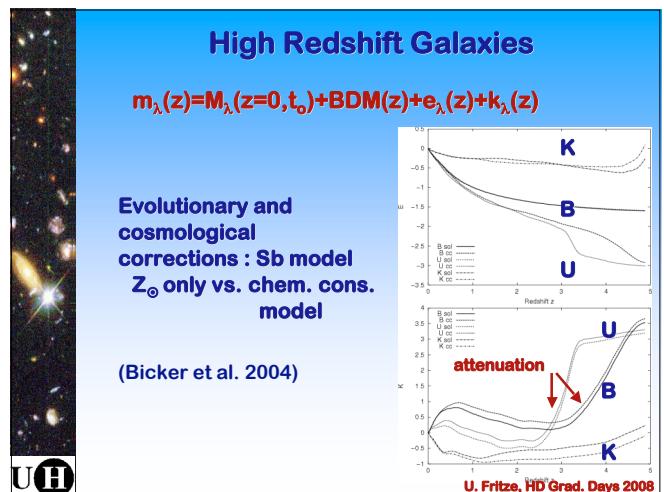
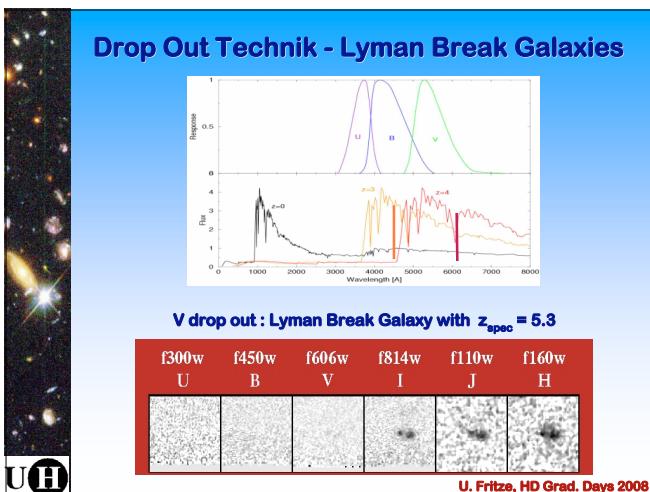
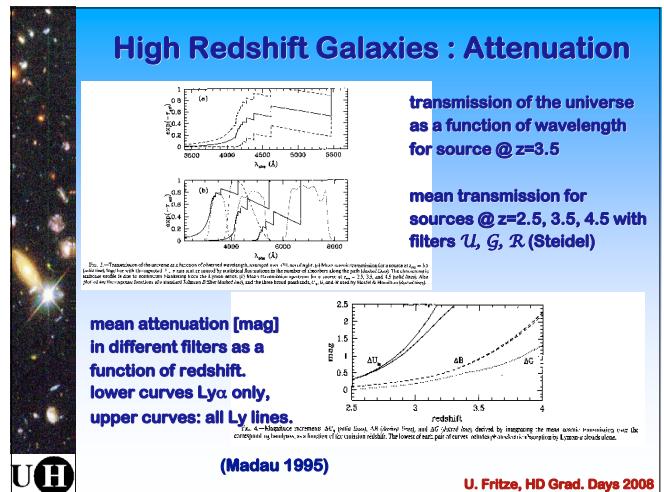
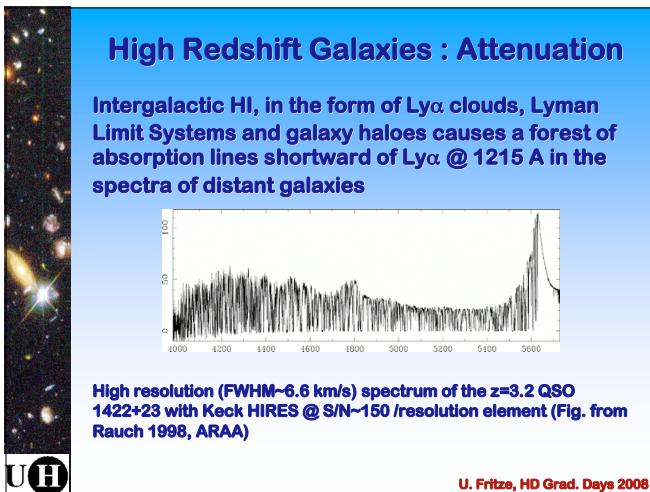
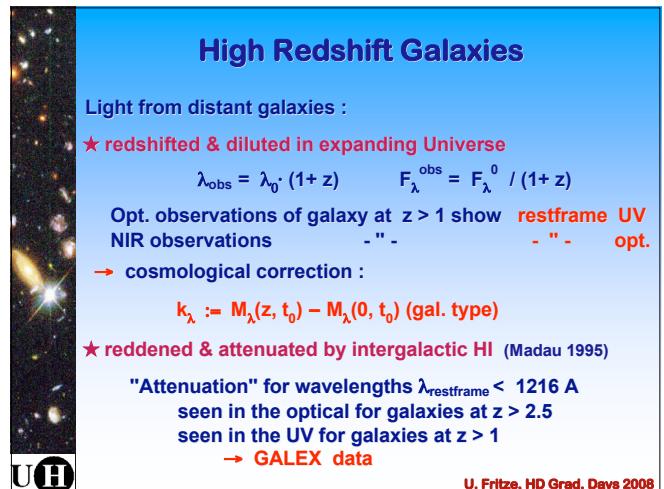
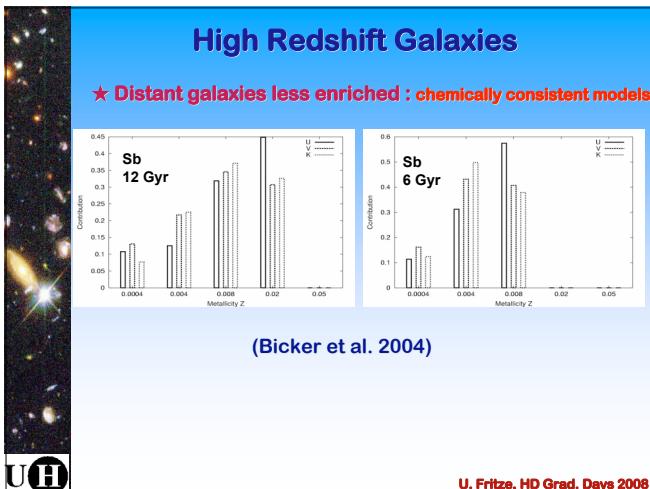
E : NGC 5128 halo
(Harris & Harris 2000)

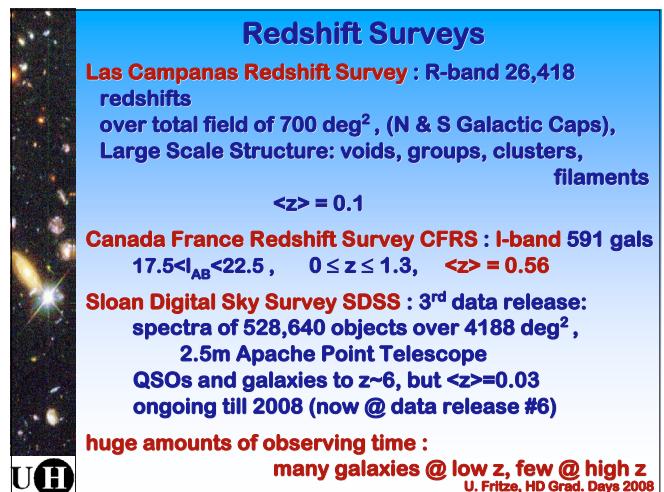
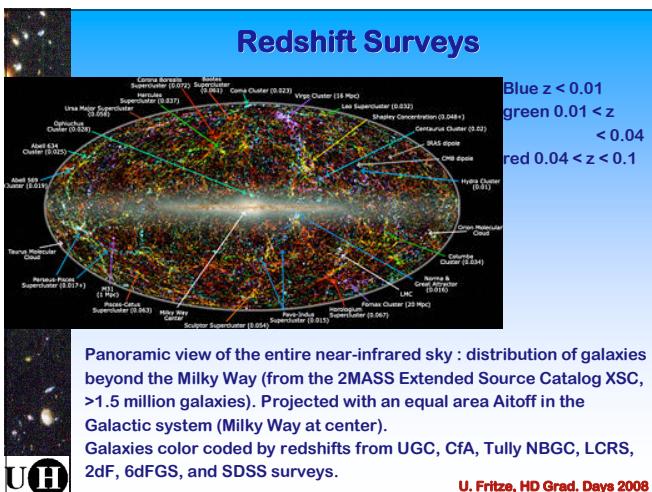
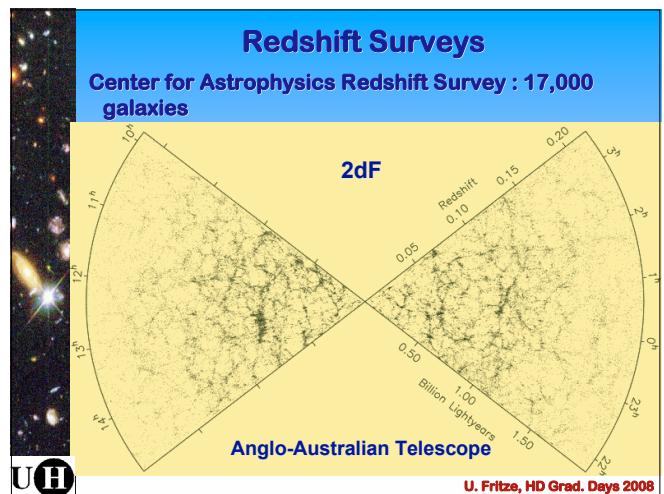
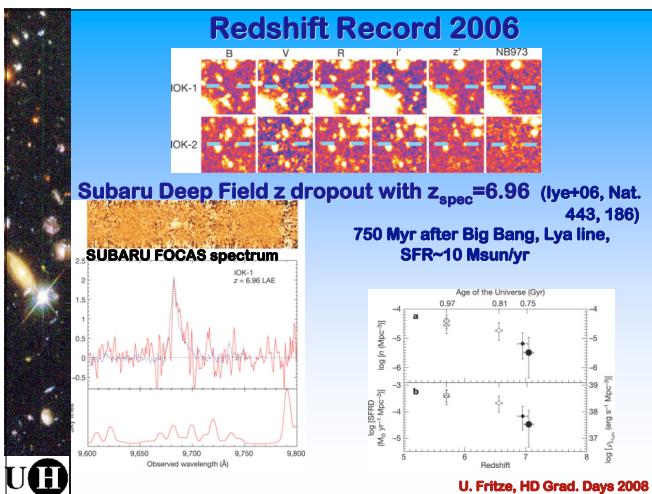
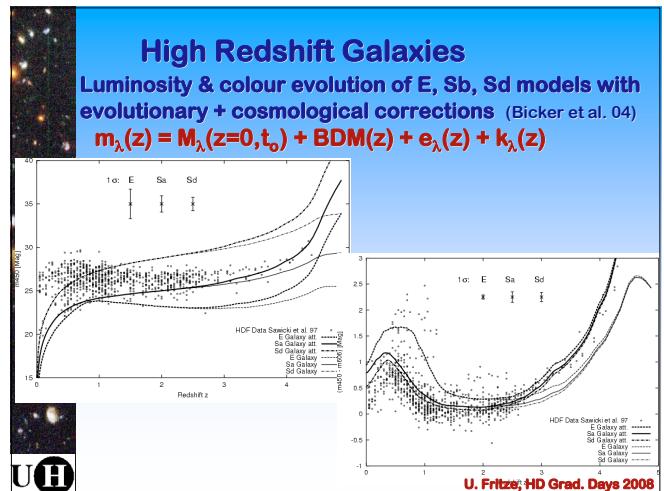
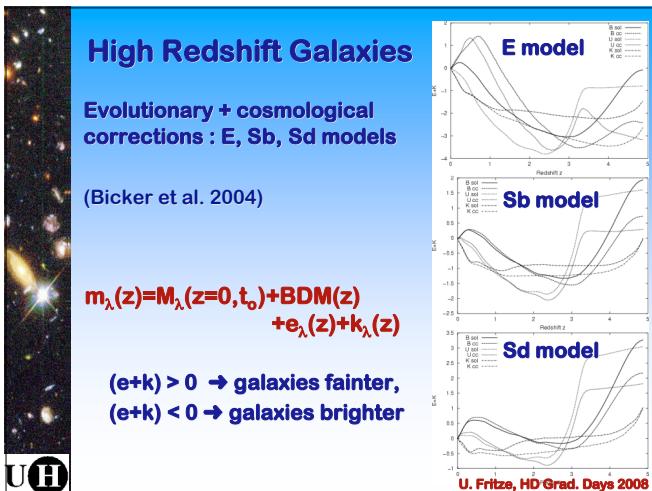
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Beyond Redshift Surveys

huge amounts of observing time :
many galaxies @ low z, few @ high z

Look for other strategies to find high – z galaxies :

- Lyman - α searches
- QSO fields
- optical identifications of QSO absorbers
- drop out technique
- exploit gravitational lensing/magnification
- color selection criteria for SFing and passive galaxies
- photometric redshifts

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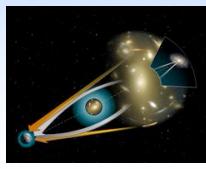
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Gravitational Lensing : a Great Telescope

Mass concentrations change 4-dim. space-time
 $G_{\mu\nu} = \kappa T_{\mu\nu}$

Foreground galaxy clusters deflect & magnify light from distant background galaxies, can produce multiple images, arcs, ... but do not change the spectrum !

Gravitational telescope!




Gravitational Lens G2237+025

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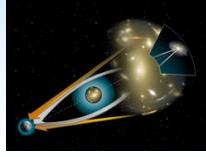
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Galaxy Cluster Abell 1689
Hubble Space Telescope • Advanced Camera for Surveys

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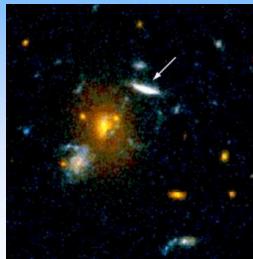
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magnification factor ~30

(Teplitz+02) : NIRSPEC@KeckII : NIR spectrum: restframe optical spectrum



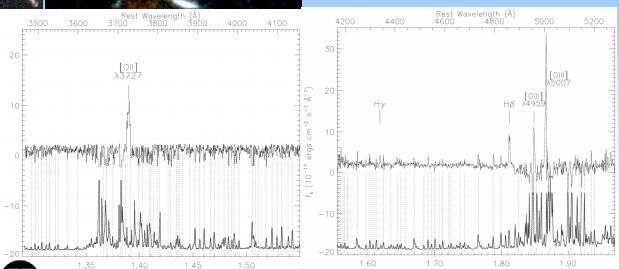
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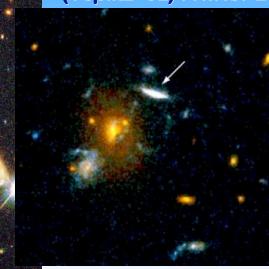
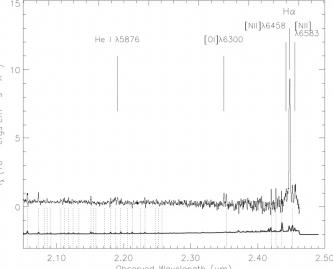
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NIR spectrum: restframe optical spectrum

Balmer decrement H α /H β \rightarrow E(B-V)=0.27

H α \rightarrow SFR=620 \pm 18 M $_{\odot}$ /yr

width of Balmer lines, UV continuum \rightarrow M $_{\text{dyn}}=1.2 \times 10^{10} M_{\odot}$

12 + log(O/H) = 9.2 \rightarrow Z \sim 1/3 Z $_{\odot}$

Pettini+02 : optical spectrum : 48 rest-UV ISM abs. lines (1134 - 2576 Å), due to elements from H to Zn.

Abundance pattern: O, Mg, Si, P, and S are all \sim 2/5 solar, N and the Fe-peak elements Mn, Fe, and Ni are underabundant by a factor of \sim 3

\rightarrow metal enrichment in cB58 has taken place within the last \sim 300 Myr, ok with stellar population age!

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NIR spectrum: restframe optical spectrum

| Line | λ_{obs} (μm) | z_{em} | W_{rest} (Å) | F^a |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| [O II] λλ3726, 3728 | 1.3898 | 2.72897 | 37 \pm 3 | 12.74 \pm 1.22 |
| Hγ λ4340 | 1.61828 | 2.72875 | 9 \pm 1 | 1.61 \pm 0.17 |
| Hβ λ4861 | 1.81217 | 2.72774 | 26 \pm 4 | 4.07 \pm 0.57 |
| [O III] λλ4959 ^b | 1.84913 | 2.72890 | 26 \pm 8 | 4.01 \pm 1.30 |
| [O III] λ5007 | 1.86678 | 2.72845 | 97 \pm 5 | 14.73 \pm 0.78 |
| He I λ5876 | 2.19100 | 2.72873 | 3 \pm 1 | 0.35 \pm 0.09 |
| [O I] λ6300 | 2.34949 | 2.72935 | 25 \pm 4 | 3.06 \pm 0.46 |
| [N II] λ6548 | 2.44204 | 2.72944 | 7 \pm 2 | 0.86 \pm 0.21 |
| Hα λ6563 | 2.44750 | 2.72935 | 106 \pm 3 | 12.56 \pm 0.37 |
| [N II] λ6583 | 2.45566 | 2.73031 | 10 \pm 2 | 1.14 \pm 0.26 |

^a Observed line flux in units of 10^{-16} ergs s $^{-1}$ cm 2 .

^b The blue wing of the 4959 Å line is in a deep atmospheric absorption trough.

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Bulk outflow of the ISM at a speed of \sim 255 km/s and at a rate that exceeds the star formation rate.

Unclear whether this gas will be lost or retained by the galaxy

Baker+04 : Iram: CO(3-2): M $_{\text{CO}} \sim 7 \times 10^9 M_{\odot}$

\rightarrow consumption timescale 10 7 yr, unless replenished from HI

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Lyman Break Galaxies : Colour Selection Techniques

(Adelberger+04)

SFing galaxy spectrum @ z=0, 1, 2, 3

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Spectroscopic redshifts only for SFing emission line galaxies ! Lyman Break technique also for passive galaxies !

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Color Selection Criteria

Balmer break 3700 Å

4000 Å break

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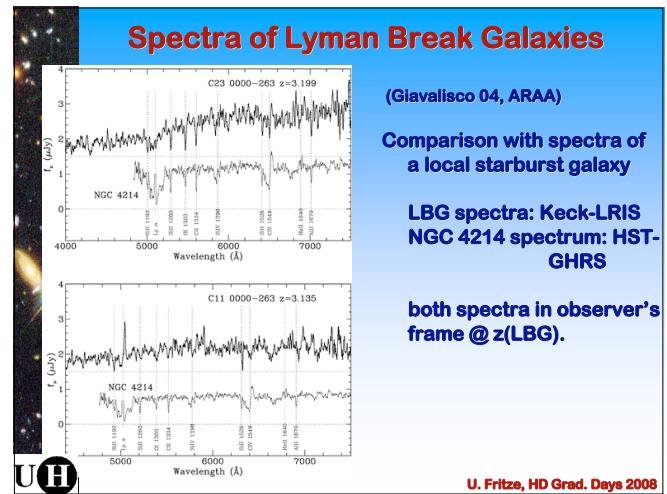
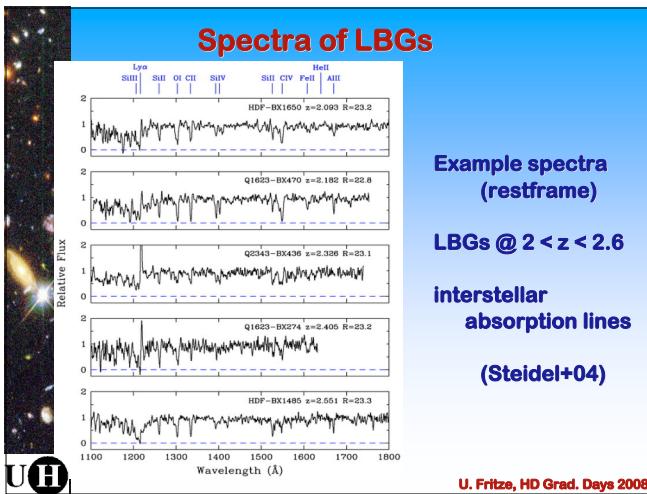
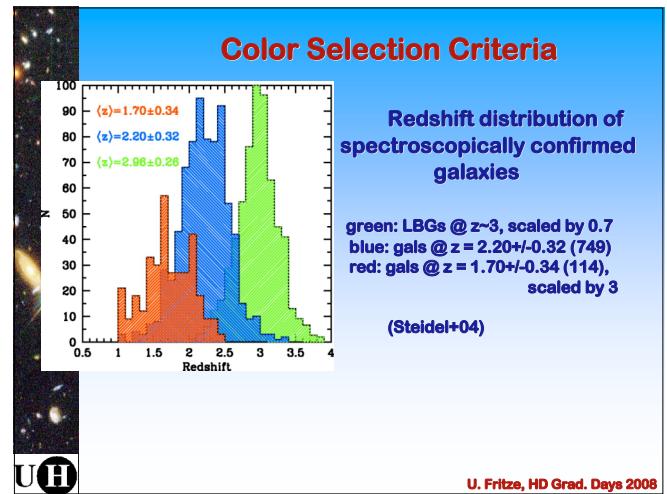
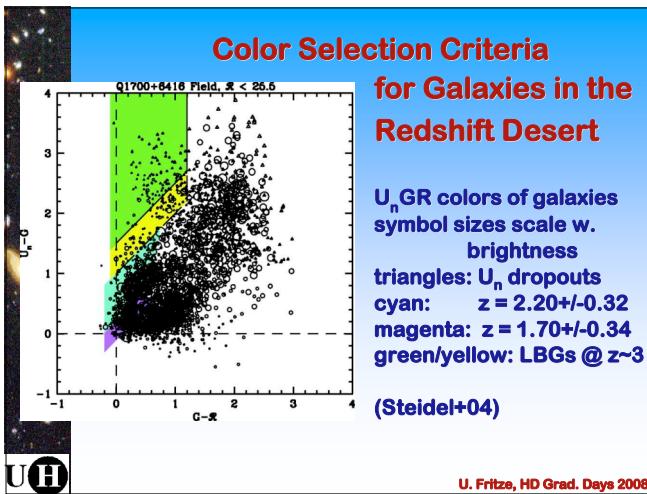
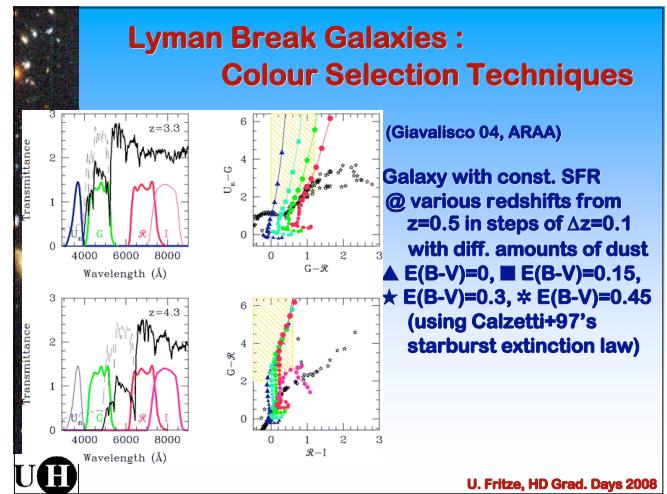
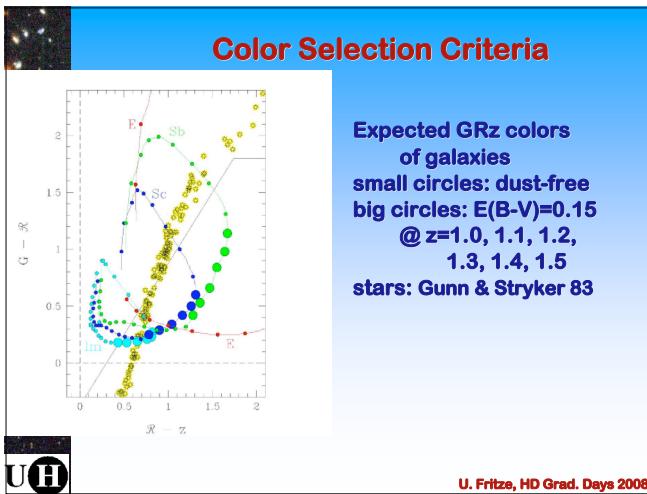
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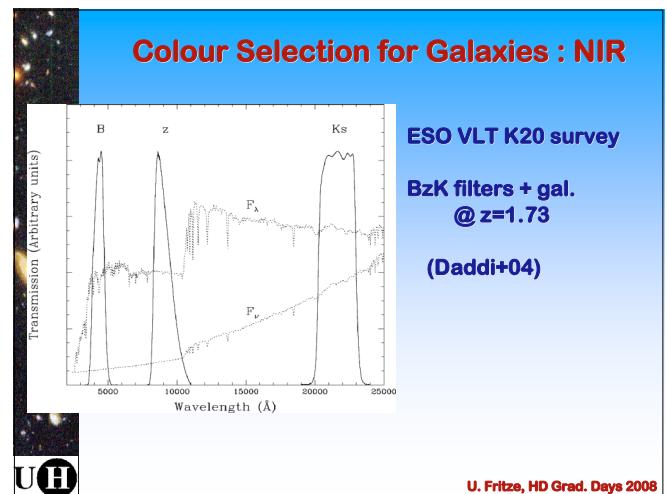
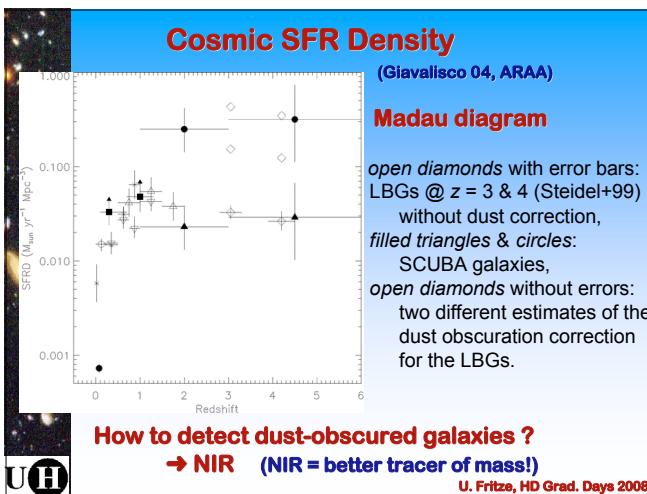
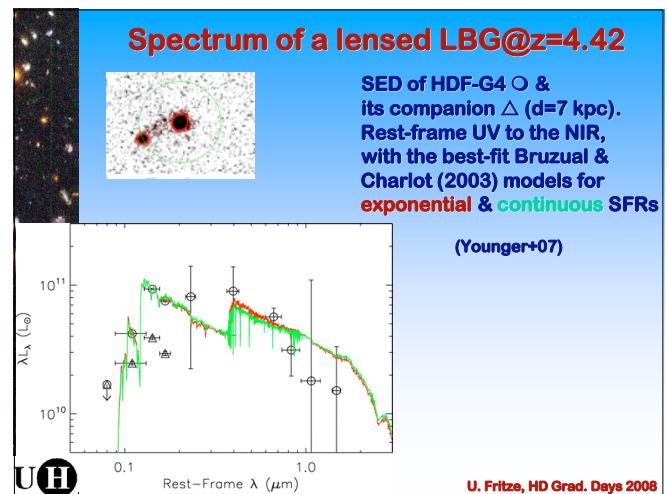
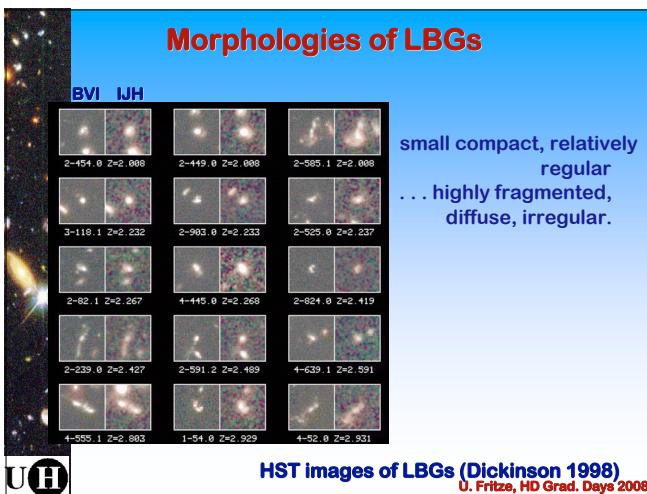
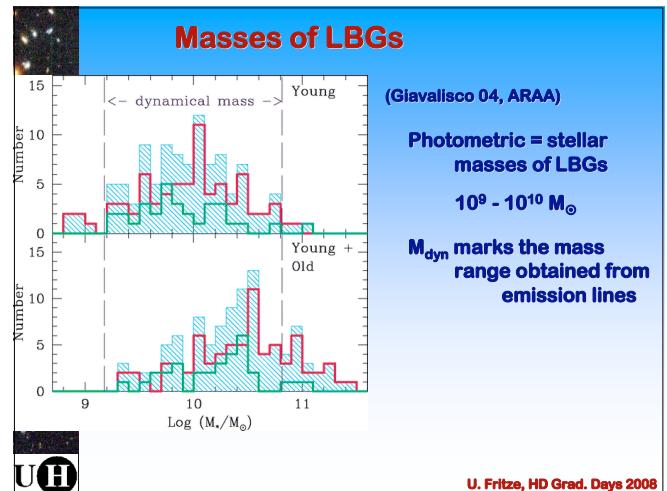
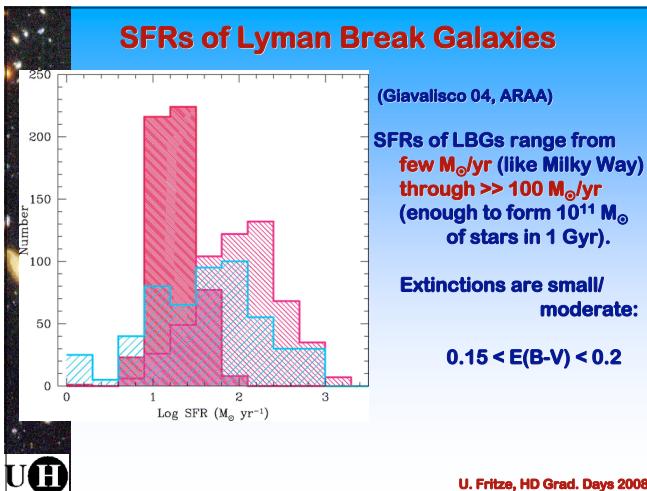
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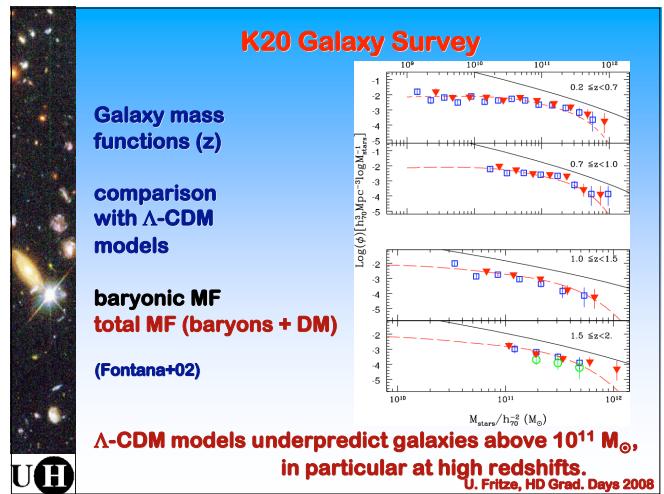
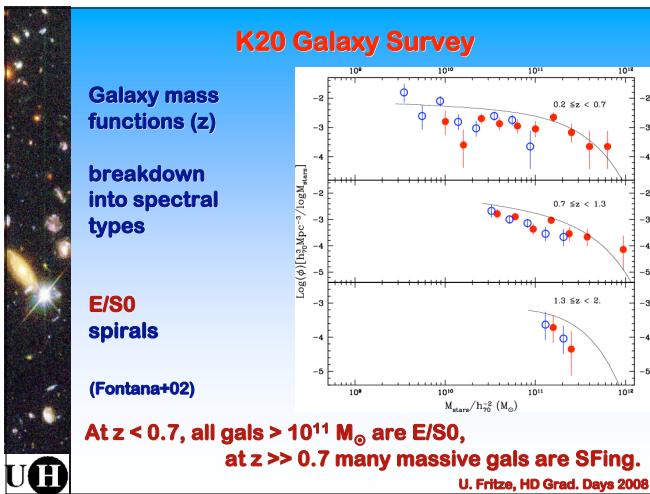
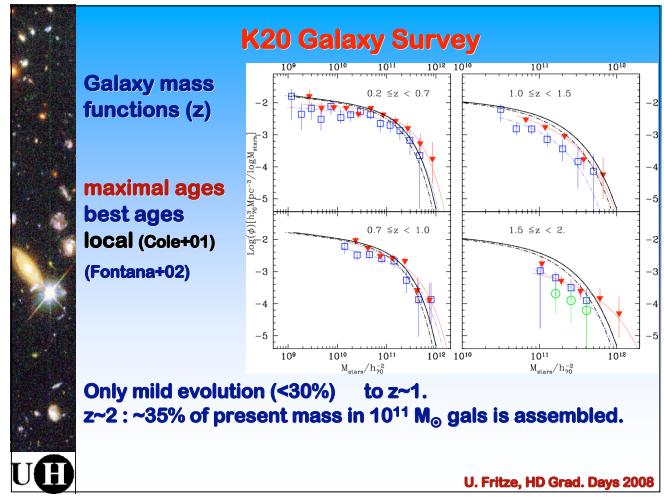
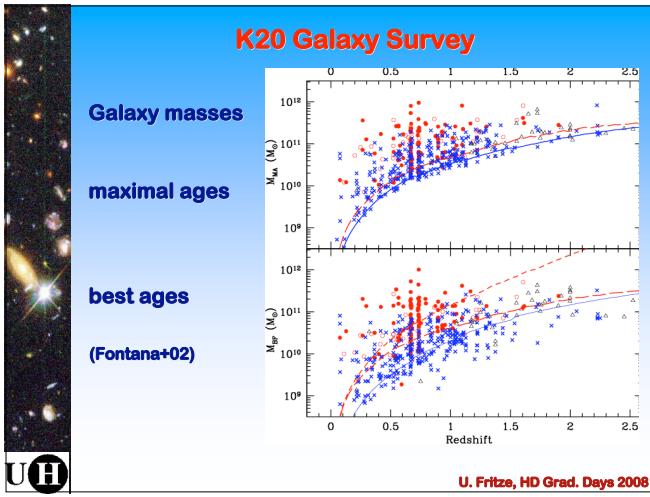
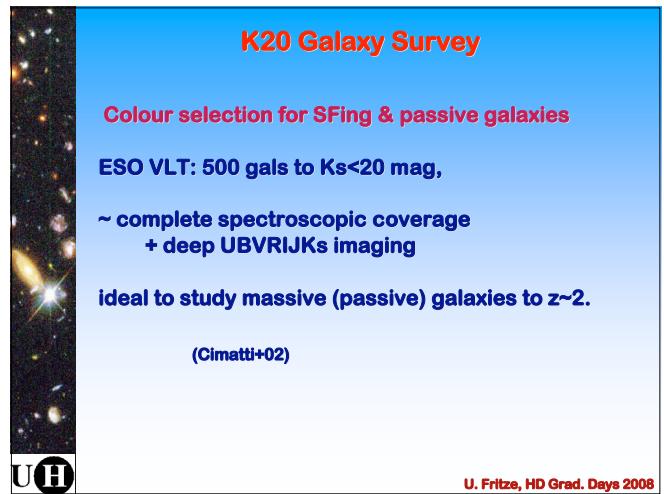
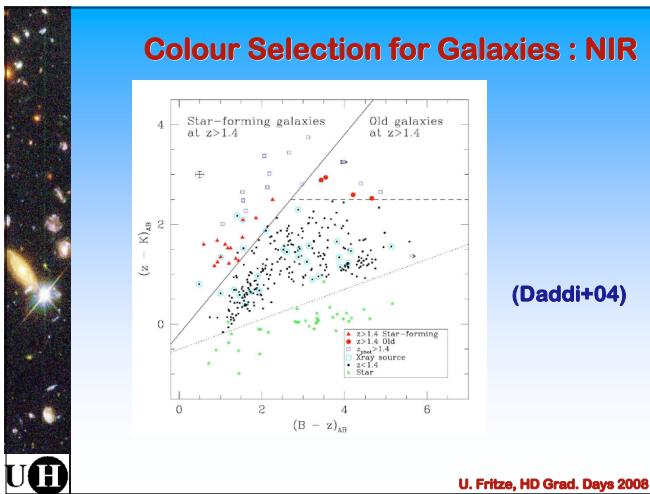
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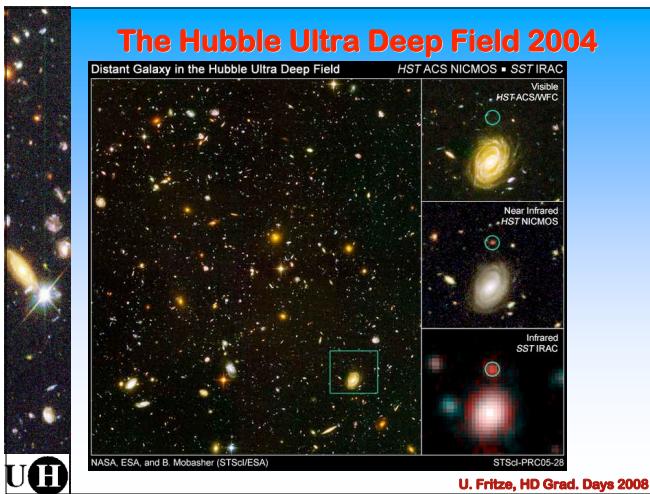
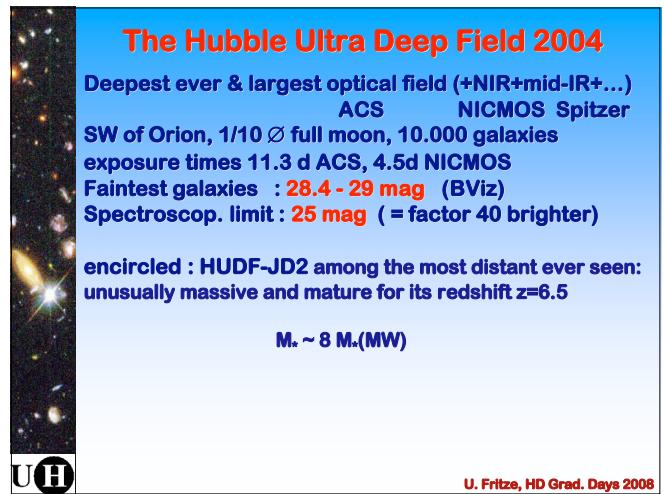
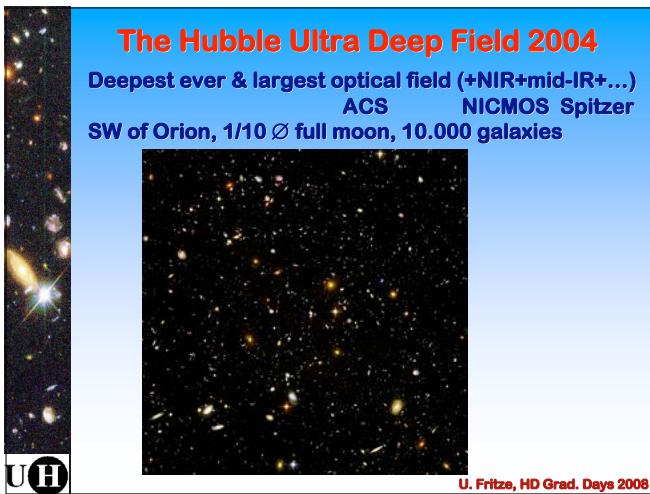
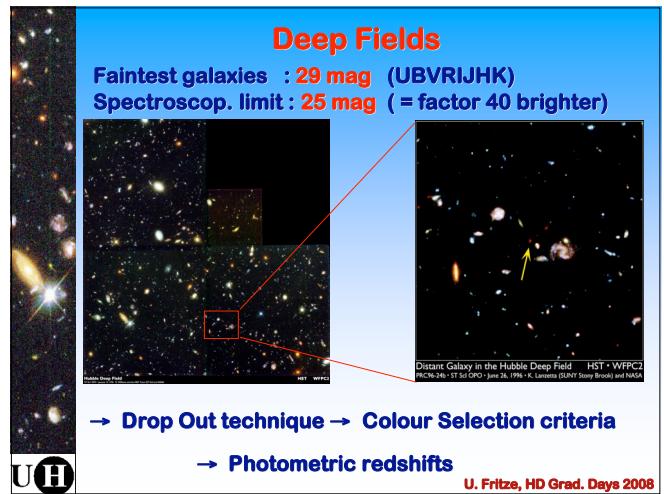
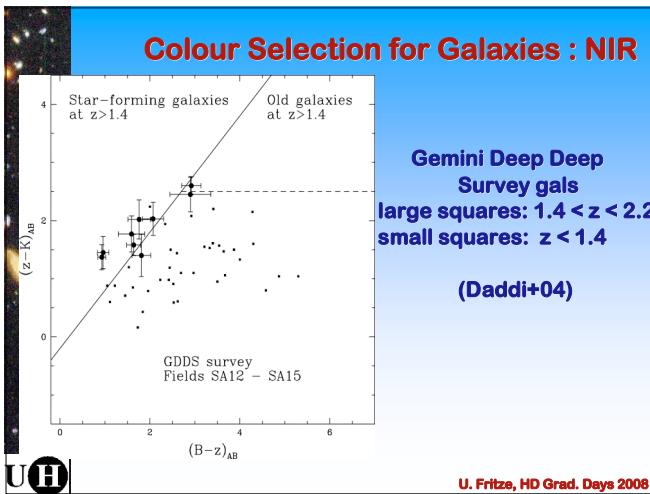
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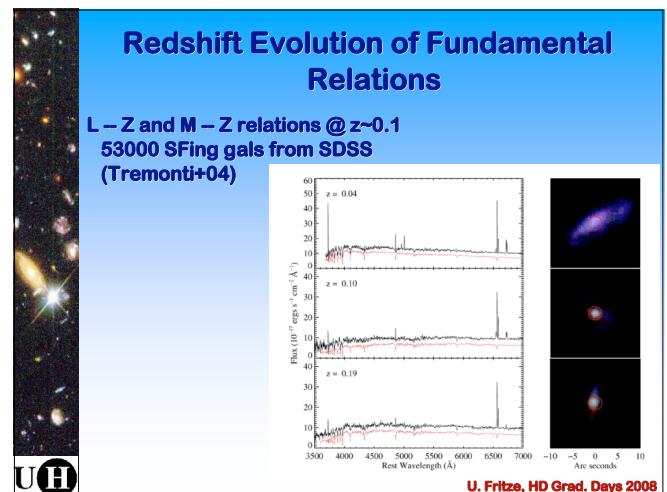
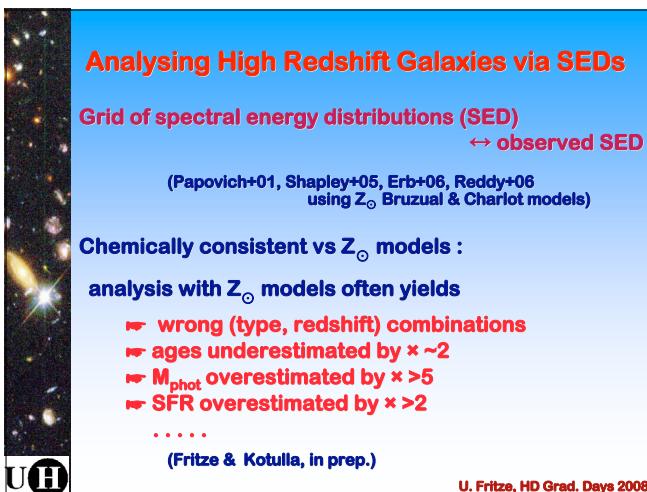
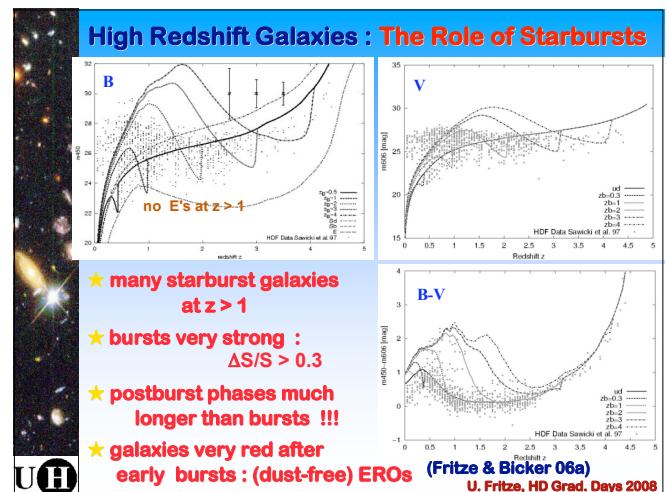
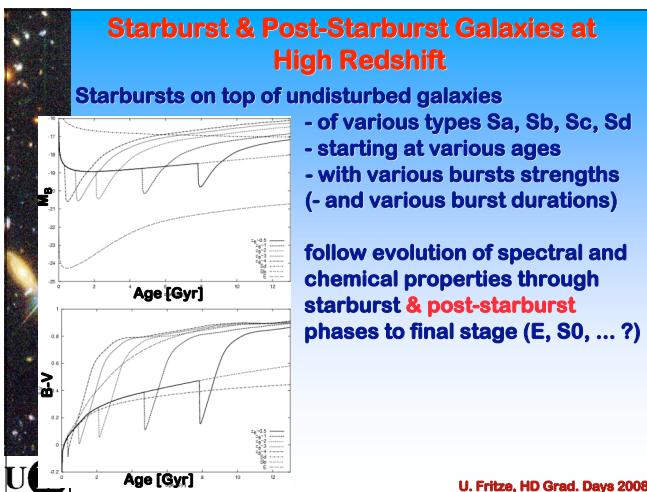
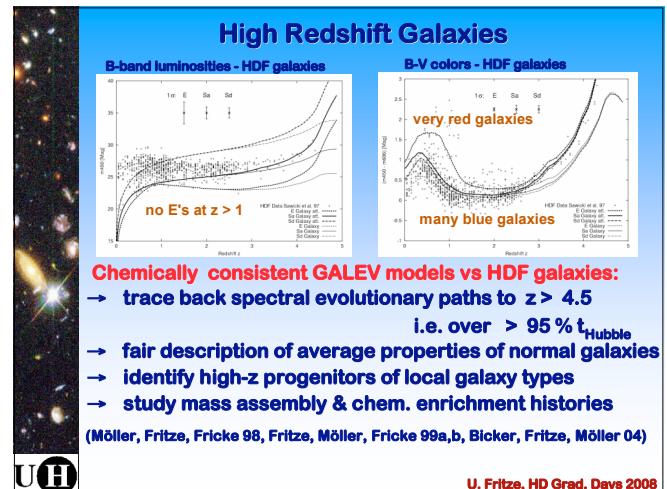
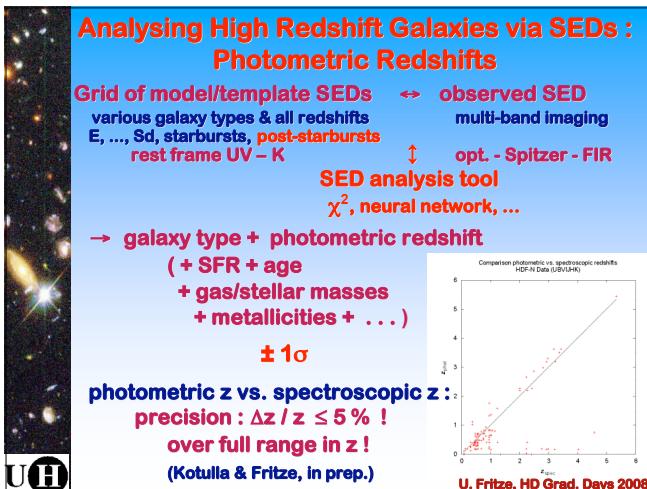
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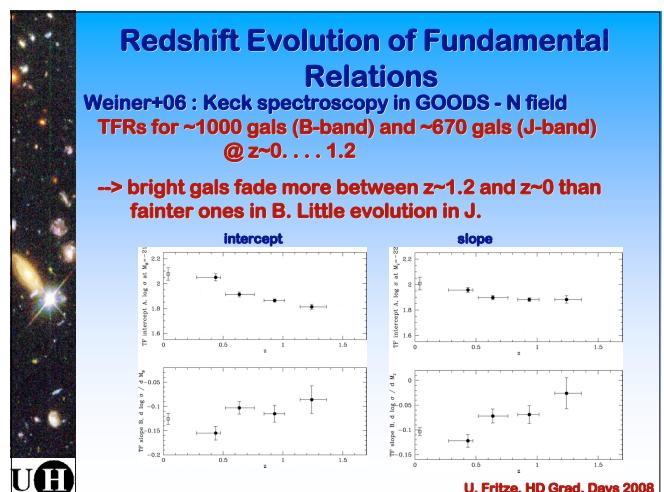
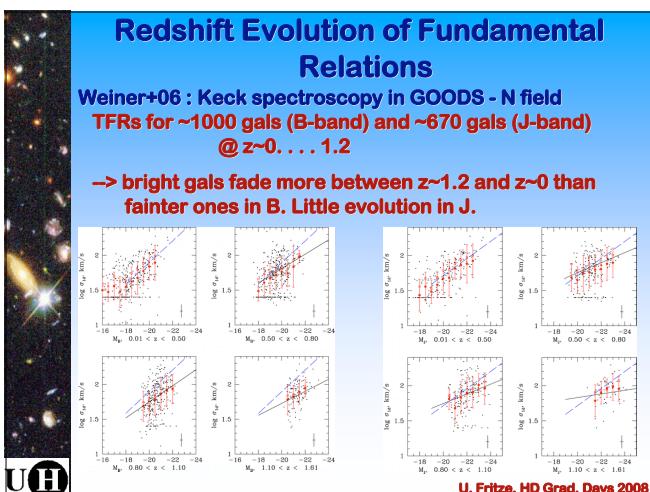
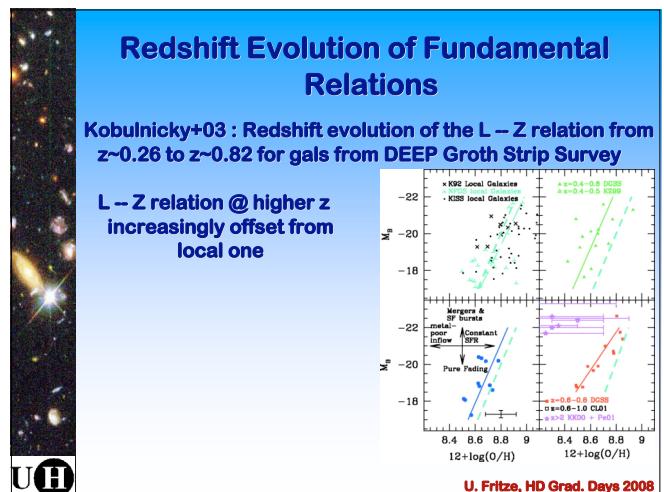
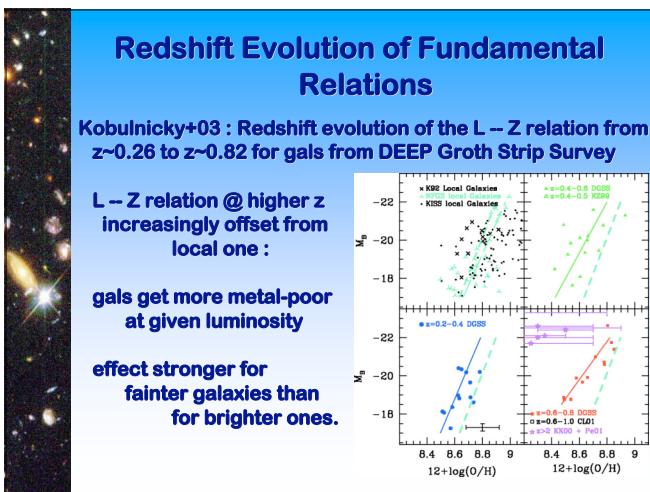
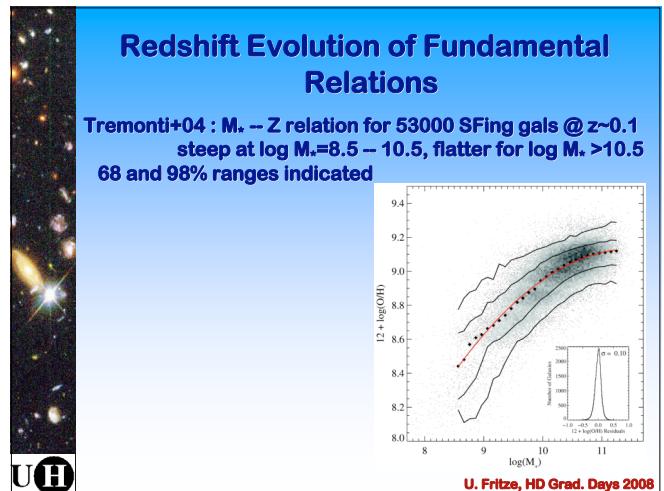
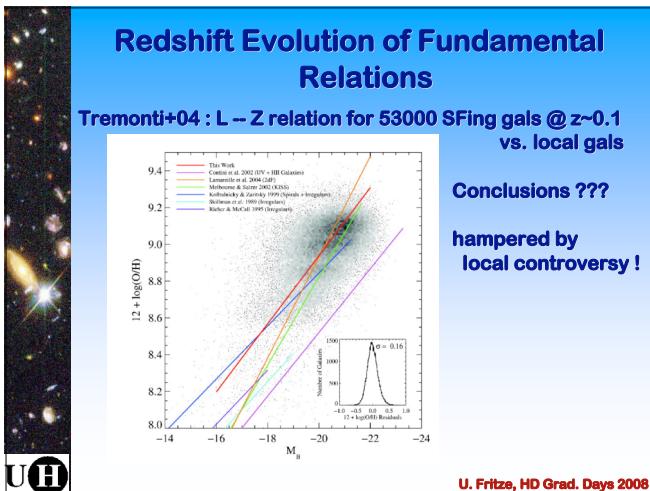


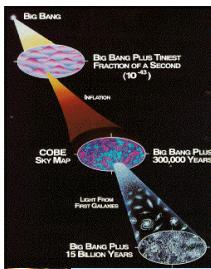












Universe formed in a Big Bang

Hot plasma, fully ionized
after ~300.000 yrs @ T~3000°:
H- (and He-) nuclei bind electrons
→ Universe gets transparent (decoupling)
Since then, radiation spreads freely & cools down to ~ 3K by today, photons travel straight

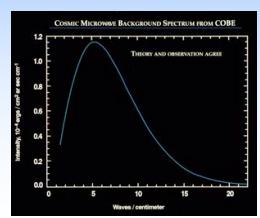
Cosmic Background Radiation & Observational horizon

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Thermal History of the Universe

Predictions from Big Bang theory (G. Gamov, 1946): thermal radiation from decoupling ($z \sim 1000$, age ~ 300.000 yr) : cosmic microwave background 2.7 K observed 1965 by A. Penzias, R. Wilson



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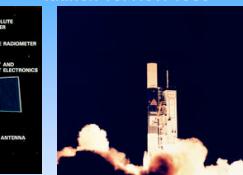


Thermal History of the Universe

COBE satellite :



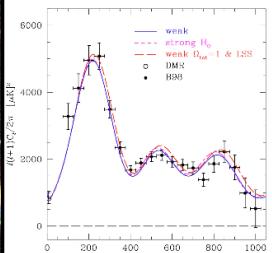
launch 18. Nov. 1989



primordial fluctuations : amplitude $\Delta T/T \sim 2 \cdot 10^{-5}$

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Density of the Universe



Boomerang balloon experiments measured fluctuations on much smaller angular scales than COBE: analysis of these spectra, combined with theoretical models, yield parameters:

$$\Omega_m + \Omega_\Lambda = 1.02 \pm 0.06, \quad \Omega_b h^2 = 0.020 \pm 0.004,$$

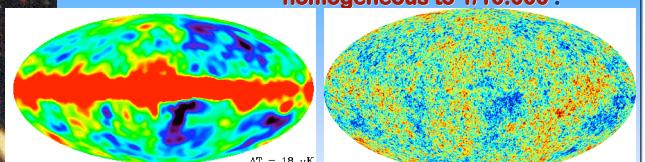
independent confirmation of conclusions from Big Bang nucleosynthesis!

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Cosmic Background Radiation

At an age of 300.000 yrs, the Universe was homogeneous to 1/10.000 !



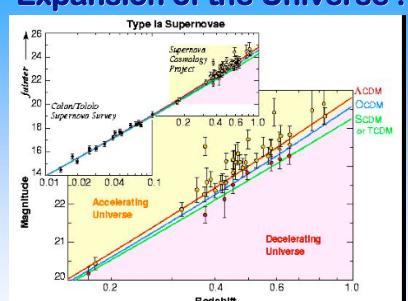
COBE Satellit

WMAP Satellit

From these tiny inhomogeneities the galaxies, the galaxy clusters and the Large Scale Structure must have formed — how ?

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Dark Energy : Acceleration of the Expansion of the Universe : Ω_Λ



Measuring the flux of SN Ia as a function of redshift
→ distances out to large redshifts

→ two teams : SN Ia fluxes require a non-zero Ω_Λ

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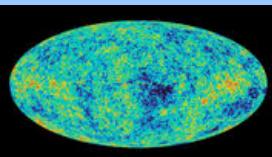


WMAP - Concordance Cosmology

WMAP high accuracy measurements of many cosmological parameters:
Age of the universe : 13.7 ± 0.2 Gyr
Hubble constant :
 $70 \text{ (km/s)/Mpc} \pm 2.4/-3.2$

Composition of the universe :
4% ordinary baryonic matter
22% dark matter
74% dark energy

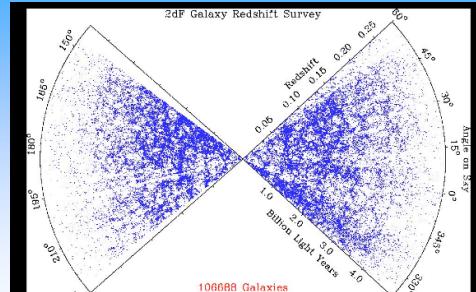
Total density (matter + energy)
consistent with flat geometry.



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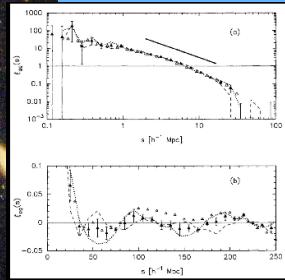
Density Fluctuations -- Galaxy Correlation Function



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Density Fluctuations -- Galaxy Correlation Function



Galaxy correlation function from Las Campanas Redshift Survey.
 Filled triangles = combination of northern & southern data.
 Power law $\gamma = 1.52$ for comparison (solid line)
 (cf. Tucker et al. 1997, MNRAS 285, L5)

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Density Fluctuations -- Galaxy Correlation Function

Power spectrum $P(k)$ gives amplitude of density fluctuations as a function of length scale $L = 1/k$.
 Power spectrum $P(k)$ is the Fourier transform to the galaxy correlation function $\xi(r)$:

$$P(k) = 2\pi \int_0^\infty dr r^2 (\sin kr) / kr \xi(r)$$


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Gravitational Instability

Structure in the Universe evolves via gravitational instability:
 starting from very tiny initial fluctuations (e.g., inflated quantum fluctuations), slightly overdense regions

- have higher gravity field,
- expand slower than rest of Universe,
- increase their density relative to rest of Universe further,
- slows relative expansion down more,
- etc.

This gravitational instability is predictive:
 density evolution in the Universe can be calculated with an impressive accuracy.

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Gravitational Instability

Models are predictive in their statistical properties, given:
 • the cosmological parameters, Ω_m , Ω_Λ , H_0 , and Ω_b ;
 • the density fluctuation spectrum at early times,
 e.g. at the time of recombination,
 which depends on the nature of dark matter:
Cold Dark Matter (CDM) : non-relativistic particles at t_{eq}
Hot Dark Matter (HDM) : relativistic particles at t_{eq}
 (e.g. light neutrinos)
HDM : large structures form first,
 smaller ones by fragmentation; no agreement
 with today's structures.
CDM : small structure forms first, larger ones later
 by merging; better agreement with observations.

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Galaxy Formation Epoch

Highest redshift QSO at present : $z = 6.28$ (SDSS)
Highest redshift galaxy : $z \sim 6.96$ (Ly α +06)

The Universe (IGM) must be mostly ionized at $z < 6$:

Reionization by the first stars or AGNs around $z \sim 6$.

A small fraction of the hydrogen in the Universe burning to helium is enough to generate energy for reionization
($4 \text{ H} \rightarrow {}^4\text{He} + 7 \text{ MeV per nucleon}$;
ionization energy per H is 13.6 eV)

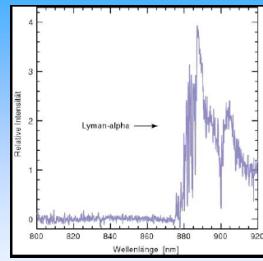
Reionization of the IGM is directly visible in QSO spectra :
Gunn Peterson trough due to HI seen in spectrum of QSO@
 $z=6.28$ (Becker 01), not seen in spectra of QSOs @ $z < 6$.

Most of the baryons at redshifts $z > 2$ are in highly ionized intergalactic medium with $T \sim 2 \times 10^4 \text{ K}$.



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(Re-)ionization



VLT spectrum of the highest-redshift QSO at $z = 6.28$ (Becker 2001)

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Summary & Outlook

Galaxy formation & evolution :

- boost of knowledge in past years + tons of new ????
- synergy from diff. wavelengths, HST/satellites + ground-based large telescopes
- will continue: ALMA, Herschel, adaptive optics, IFS, + numerical techniques & computing power
- spectral, chemical & dynamical aspects interrelated
- observations + numerical modeling
- galaxies not isolated: role of mergers !
galaxy evolution related to Large Scale Structure formation/evolution
- galaxy evolution related to stellar evolution & nucleosynthesis

This course could only give a 1st glimpse,
much more not dealt with than dealt with...

Thank you for your interest !

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