

The Physics of Galaxies

Observations versus Theory

From the Early Universe to the Present

Part 4

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Galaxy Formation Histories from Globular Cluster Age & Metallicity Distributions

Star Cluster formation = dominant mode of violent SF.
Massive compact SCs form under extreme SF efficiency conditions & are longterm stable: GCs

= key tracers of their parent galaxy's (violent) SFH & metal enrichment histories – over cosmological lookback times, i.e. back to the very onset of SF in the Early Universe.

Imaging in 3 bands U/B ... K: Ages & metallicities for all GCs in the FoV.

GC age distribution : when merger-induced starburst
GC metallicity distribution : ISM abundance of galaxies involved.

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Galaxy Formation Histories from Globular Cluster Age & Metallicity Distributions

Before we can also use GCs to study their parent galaxy's mass assembly histories, we must understand

- the relative amount of SF that goes into GC formation and
- its dependence on galaxy, interaction & starburst properties

→ study major mergers/minor accretions, big/dwarf galaxies, gas-rich/gas-poor,...

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Formation of Tidal Dwarf Galaxies

Gaseous / stellar condensations

- **Tidal Dwarf Galaxies** galaxy recycling
- galaxy formation in the local universe
- cosmological significance ! ?

VLT+FORS MOS
(Weilbacher, FvA, Duc 2000, 2001a, b, 2002, 2003)

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Formation of Tidal Dwarf Galaxies

VLT+FORS MOS : kinematic independence ?

Velocity profiles : VLT FORS MOS (Weilbacher, FvA & Duc 2002)

- significant velocity gradients ($> 2\sigma$) in 7 TDG candidates in AM 1353-272
- rotation and free fall

→ TDGs in formation

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Tidal Dwarf Galaxies & Dark Matter

Bournaud+07 : VLA observations : HI rotation curve for 3 TDGs in NGC 5291 ↔ N-body models, $N \sim 10^6$ for each stars, gas, DM : $M_{\text{dyn}} \geq 2(M_{\star} + M_{\text{HI}} + M_{\text{CO}})$

→ contain significant amount of DM !

But TDGs form in tidal tails torn out from disks, we do not expect them to contain DM from the halo

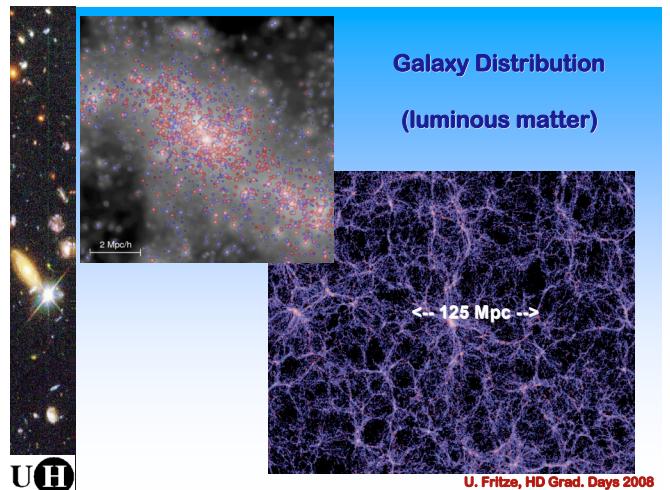
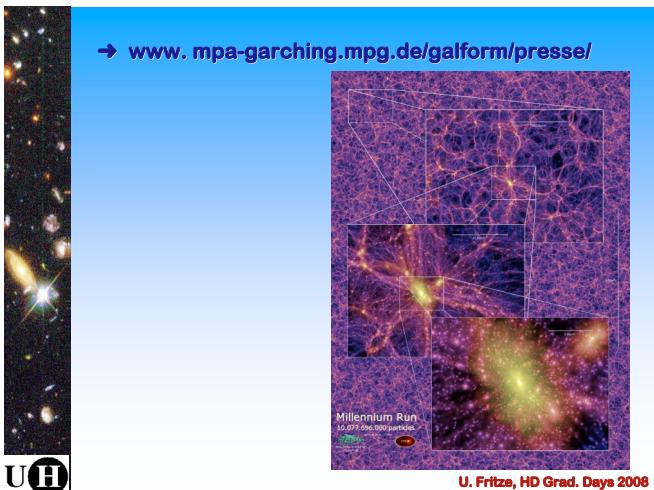
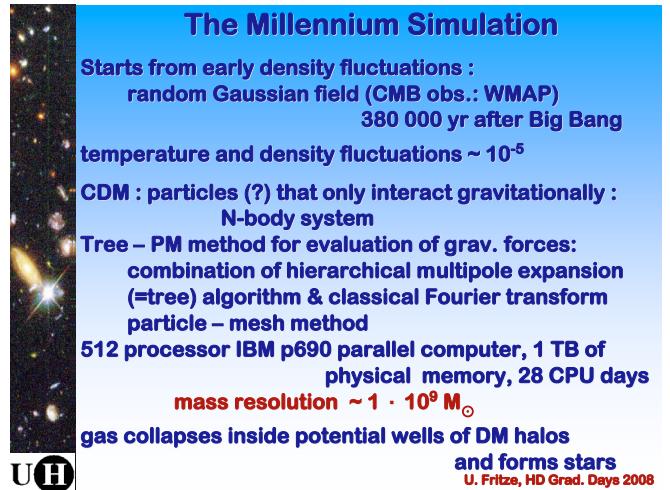
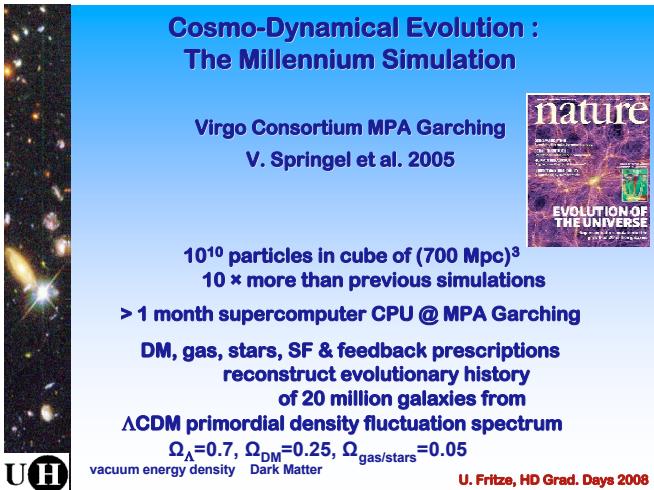
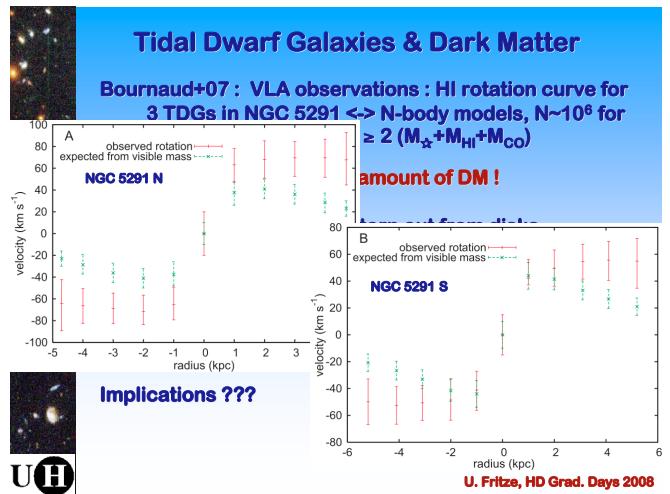
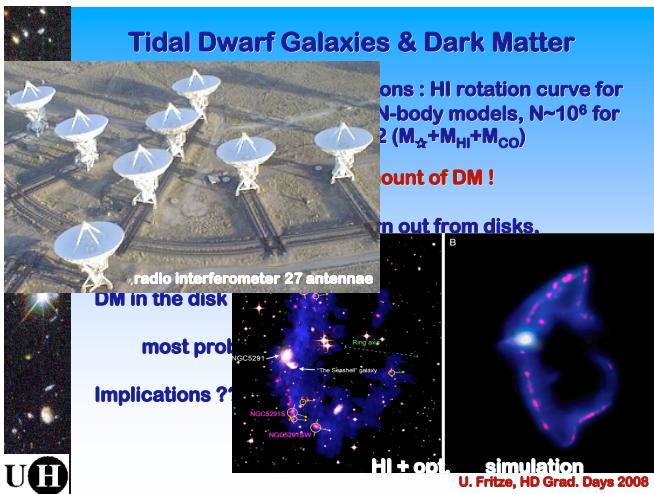
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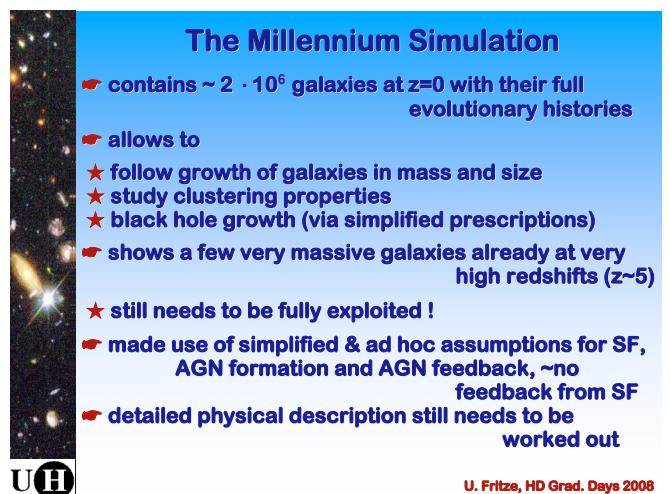
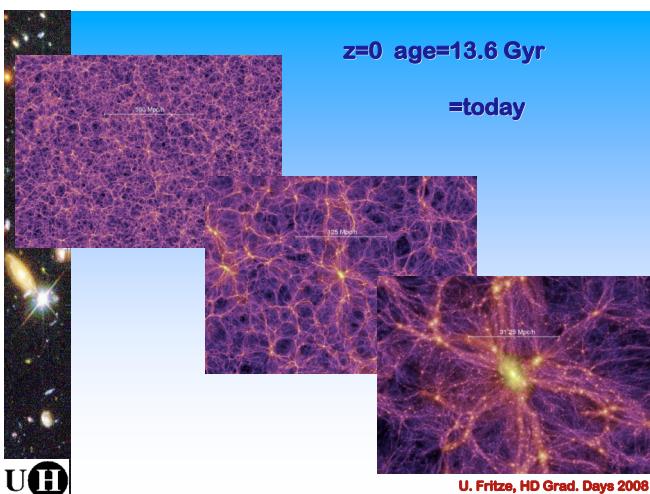
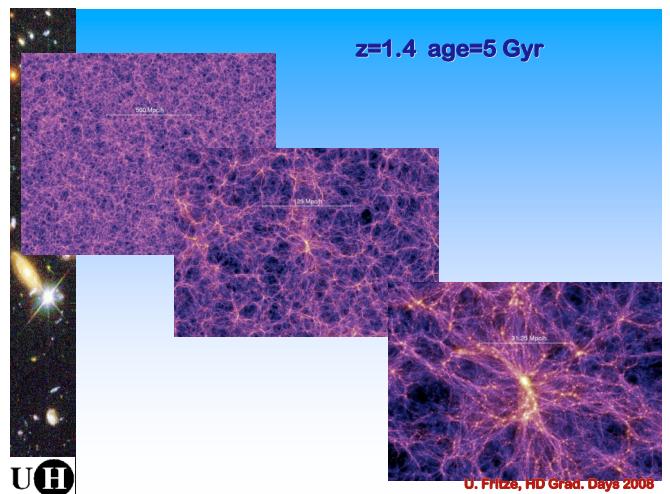
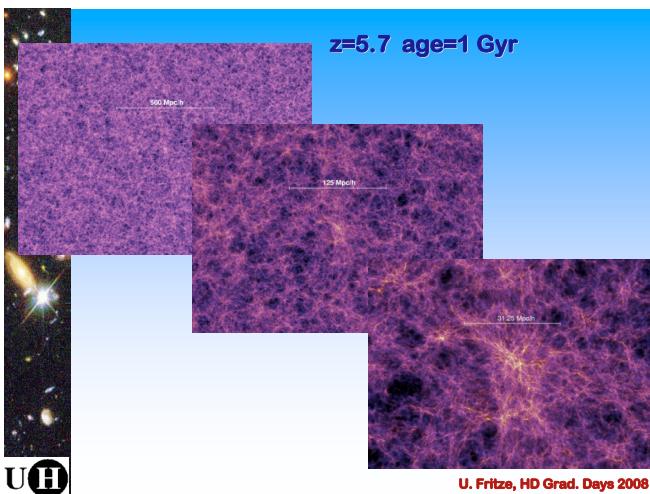
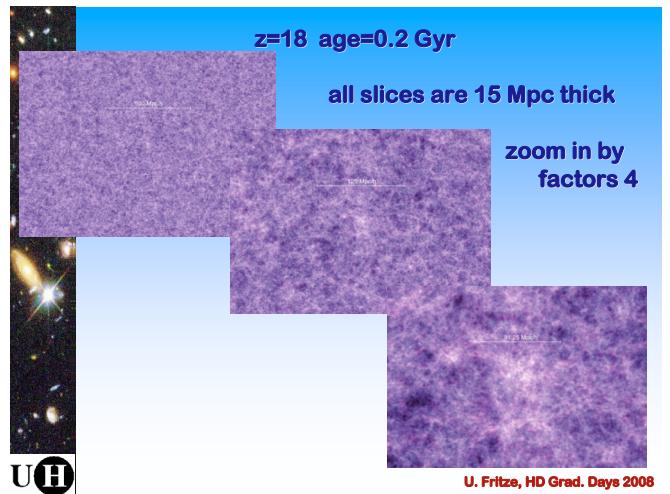
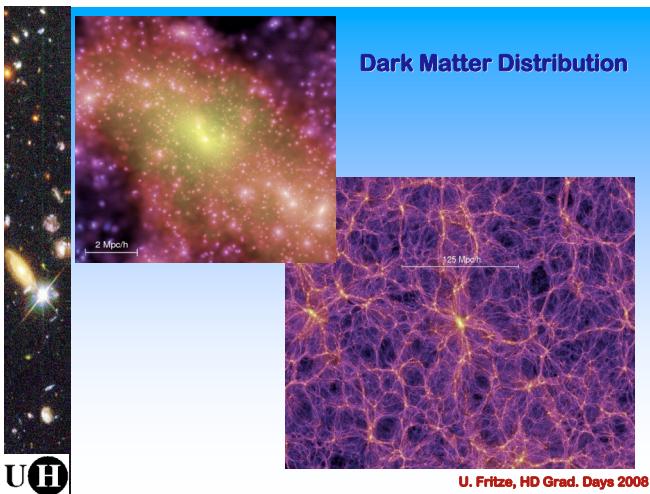
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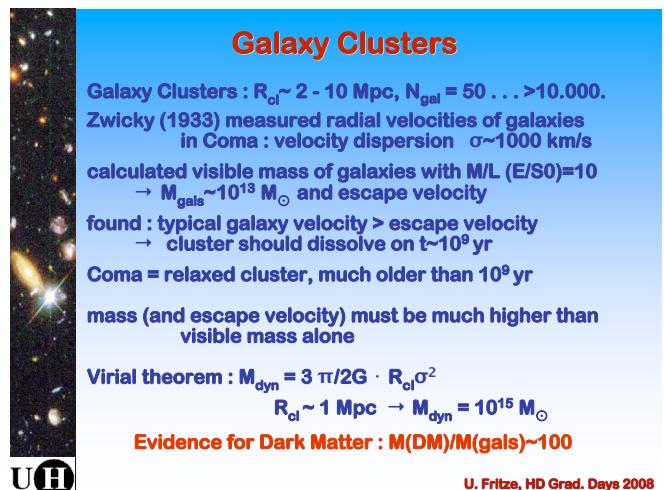
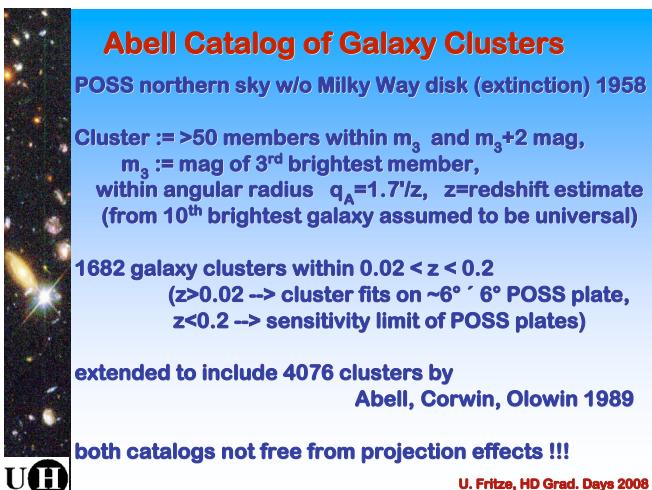
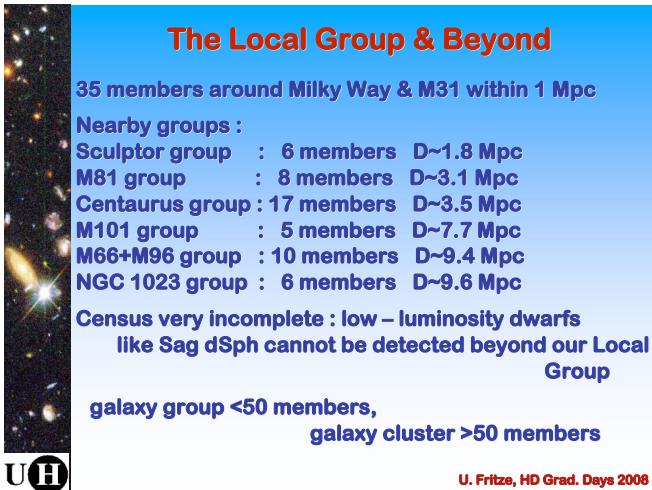
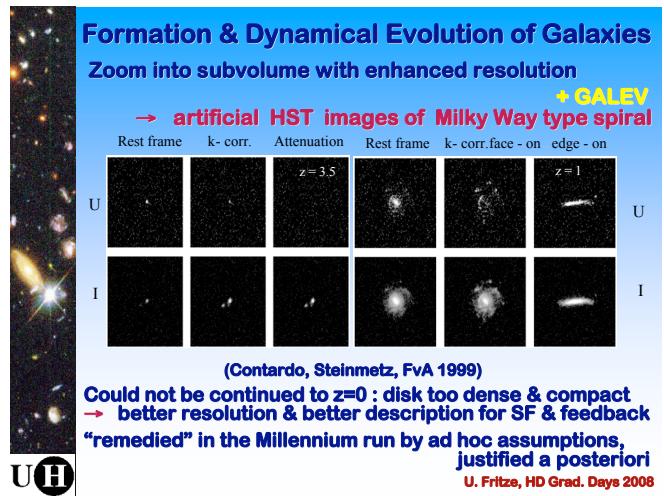
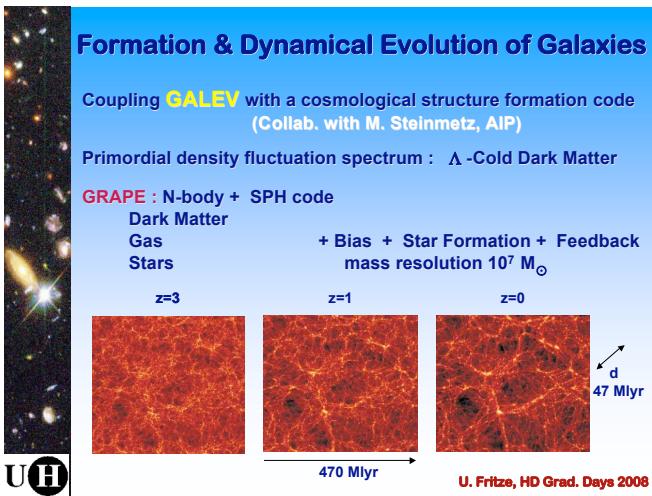
Implications ???

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Galaxy Clusters

Anisotropy in the velocity dispersion or non-spherical mass distribution could affect the mass estimate
 → alternative mass estimates : X-rays !

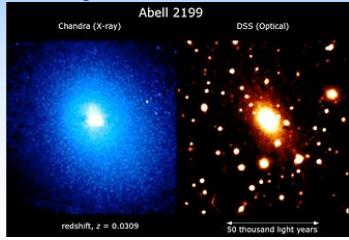


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Intra Cluster Medium ICM

Galaxy clusters contain hot (10^{7-8} K) X-ray emitting gas : Intra Cluster Medium ICM.
 ICM heated by the gravitational energy released by the formation of the cluster from smaller structures. Kinetic energy gained from the gravitational field is converted to thermal energy by shocks. The ICM is highly ionised.
 Abundance $\sim 1/3 Z_{\odot}$.



Abell 2199
 Chandra (X-ray) DSS (Optical)
 redshift, $z = 0.0309$ 50 thousand light years

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Galaxy Clusters

Cooling flows :
 X-emitting gas loses energy, cools on
 $t_{cool} := u/\epsilon^f$
 $u = 3/2 nkT$: energy density of the X-gas
 ϵ^f : Bremsstrahlung emissivity
 $t_{cool} \gg t_{Hubble}$ over most of the cluster
 → hydrostatic equilibrium
 exception : dense cores of rich clusters :
 cooling gas flows towards centre, increases density,
 accelerates cooling, increases L_x

X-ray observations : show density & temperature structure in cores of some rich local clusters
 (Fabian et al.)

Fate of cooling gas : star formation !?
 ? Cooling rate ↔ star formation rate ?



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Galaxy Clusters

2-body relaxation between galaxies unimportant :
 $t_{rel} = t_{cross} \cdot N_{gal}/\ln N_{gal} \gg t_{Hubble}$

σ independent of galaxy type and luminosity or mass
 → motion of galaxies in cluster not thermalized.

violent relaxation still going on on crossing timescale,
 i.e. clusters are still in formation.

~ 5 - 10 % of the luminous galaxies live in clusters today.



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Galaxy Clusters

Dynamical friction :

gravitation of a moving galaxy causes inhomogeneity in an initially homogeneous galaxy distribution : overdensity along trajectory, strongest behind the moving gal.

→ braking : $dv/dt \sim -mpv/v^3$ p : mass density
 most massive galaxies feel strongest dynamical friction

→ mass segregation, formation of cD galaxy

Between galaxies in clusters :

- ★ hot X-ray gas : $T \sim 10^8$ K, $M_{X\text{-gas}} \leq 5 M_{\text{stars}}$
- ★ intracluster stars, PNe, GCs : ~10% of optical light



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Galaxy Clusters

Scaling relations for galaxy clusters :

$T_x \sim M / R_{vir}$
 within R_{vir} : $\langle \rho \rangle \sim 200 \rho_{cr}$, typically $R_{vir} = 1 - 3$ Mpc with ρ_{cr} critical density of the universe
 \rightarrow virial mass $M_{vir} = 4\pi/3 \cdot 200 \rho_{cr} R_{vir}^3$
 $\rightarrow T_x \sim M_{vir} / R_{vir} \sim R_{vir}^{-2} \sim M_{vir}^{-2/3}$

Observations show very tight correlation between T_x and M_{vir} , better than between σ^3 and M_{vir}
 (outliers: unrelaxed clusters)

Typical $M_{vir} \sim 10^{14-15} M_{\odot}$,
 ~5% galaxies, ~10% ICM, ~85% DM



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Galaxy Transformation in Clusters

Galaxy populations in rich local clusters very different from field galaxy population

Field galaxy population dominated by SFing spirals, inner regions of nearby clusters dominated by

- passive Es, S0s, dEs, dSphs
- faint galaxies : steep faint end slope of LF in clusters (Trentham+01, 02, 05)

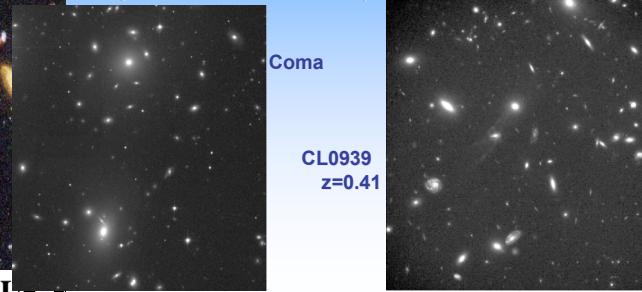


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Galaxy Populations in Clusters

Central regions of nearby rich clusters : ~80% S0s, dEs, Es
Rich clusters at $0.3 \leq z \leq 0.8$: high spiral, low S0, similar E fractions
(Dressler 1980, Dressler et al. 1997, van Dokkum et al. 2000)
→ significant transformation spirals → S0s from $z \sim 0.5$ to $z = 0$



Coma
CL0939
 $z = 0.41$
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Butcher – Oemler Effect

Distant clusters have significant populations of blue* galaxies not seen in local rich clusters (Butcher & Oemler 1978, 1984)

blue* : bluer than CMR red sequence (van Dokkum 2001, Dahlen et al. 2004)

- 5 increase in blue galaxy fraction
- $f_b = N_{\text{blue}} / N_{\text{tot}}$
- from $z \sim 0.5$ to $z \sim 0$

- ★ most blue galaxies are low-mass spirals & Irrs (Smail et al. 1997)
- ★ some show SF, others strong Balmer absorption lines → recent starburst (Dressler & Gunn 1983)
- ★ some red galaxies also show strong Balmer lines (E+A, k+a) → post - starbursts (spectroscopic BO-effect) → progenitors of S0s ?



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Butcher – Oemler Effect

BO-effect driven by infall of field spirals that lose their HI and terminate their SF (after/without a starburst) in interactions

- ★ with other cluster galaxies : harassment
- ★ in infalling groups : merging
- ★ with the dense hot ICM (X-rays) : ram pressure stripping/ sweeping : HI anemic → SF truncation/strangulation (if disk/halo gas gets stripped)

All processes observed to work in certain cases

- ? $t(\text{spectral transformation}) \leftrightarrow t(\text{morphological transformation})$?
- ? relative importance of diff. transformation channels & ev. dependence on cluster properties ?



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Galaxy – ICM Interactions

$P_{\text{ICM}} > P_{\text{ISM}}$ → ram pressure → disk stripping, sweeping

- HI anemic spirals → SF truncation
- $t_{\text{trunc}} \sim 10^8 \text{ yr}$

$P_{\text{ICM}} > P_{\text{halo gas}}$ → halo gas stripping

- accretion truncation → SF strangulation
- $t_{\text{strang}} \sim 10^9 \text{ yr}$

When SFR → 0 : disk surface brightness ↓ very rapidly, disk harder to detect, → apparent B/D ratio ↗



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Butcher – Oemler Effect

Redshift evolution of the blue galaxy fraction

$$f_b = N_{\text{blue}} / N_{\text{tot}}$$

due to

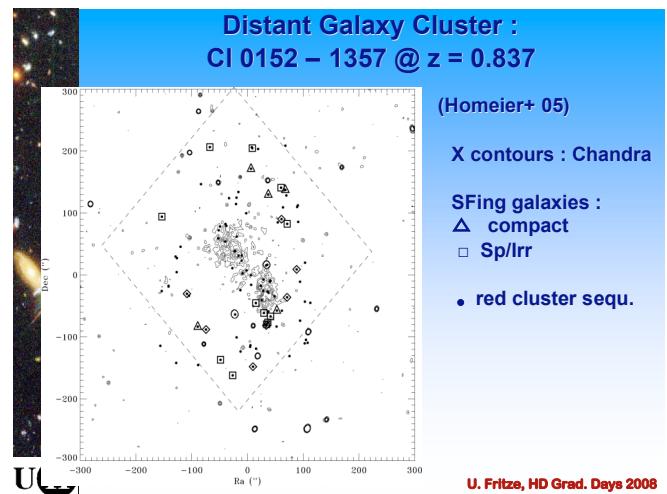
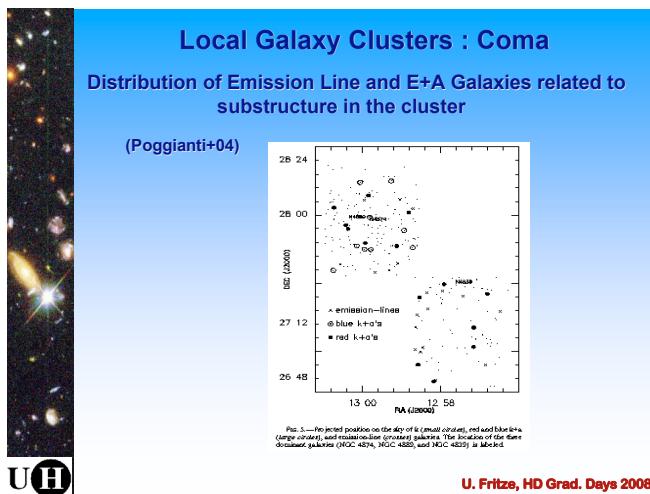
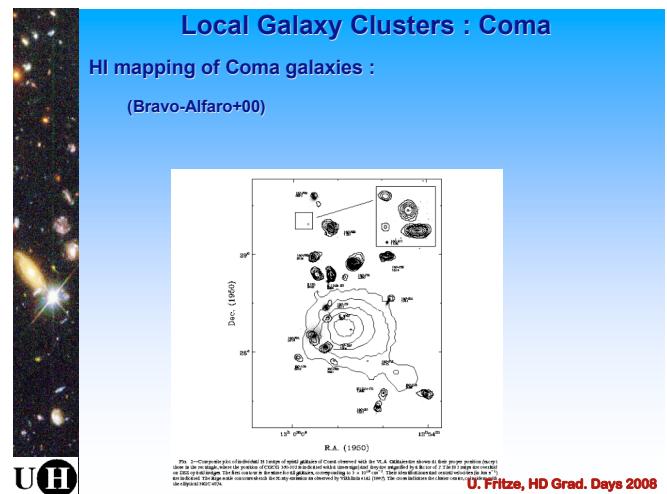
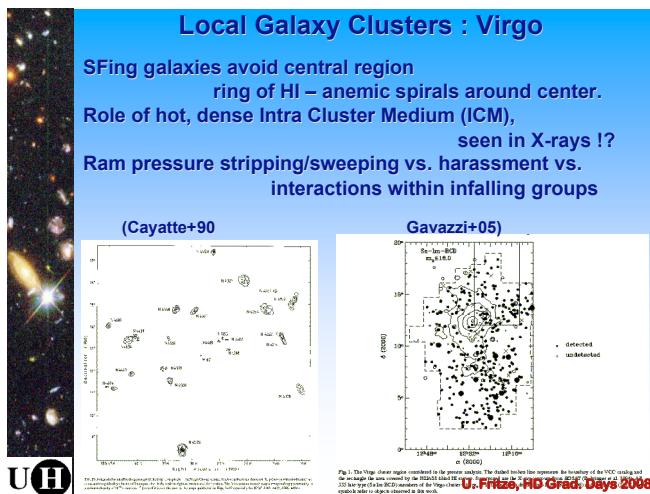
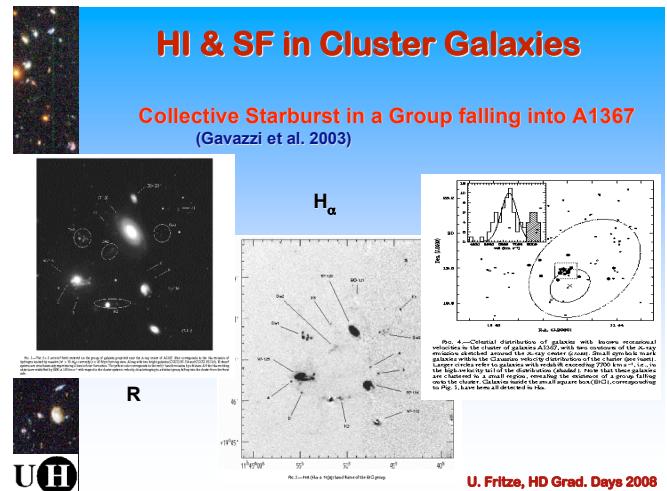
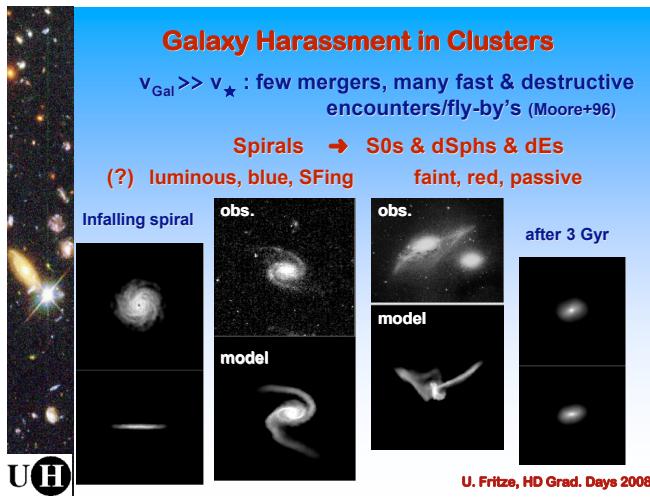
- decreasing galaxy infall rate (Kauffmann 1996, Diafero et al. 2001)
- decreasing HI content & SFR (field gals) (Madau et al. 1996)
- increasing ICM content (Evrard et al. 1999)

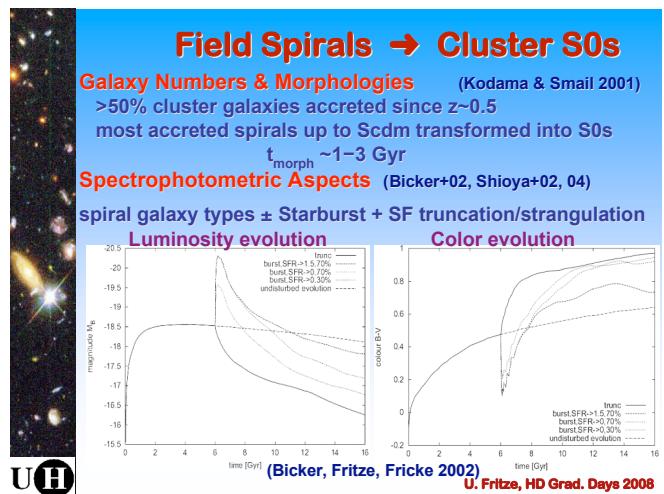
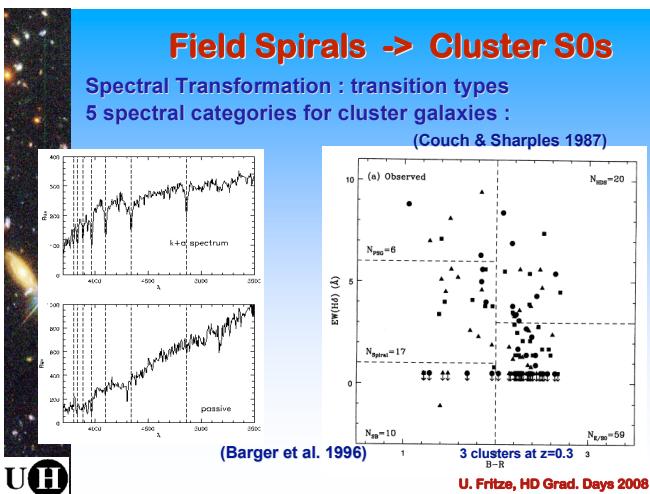
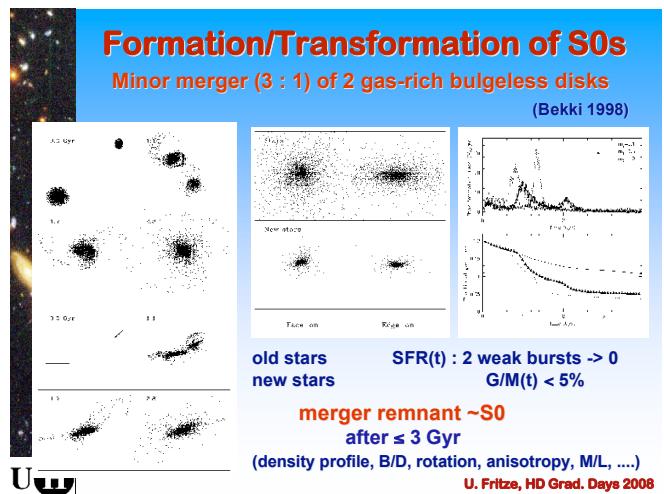
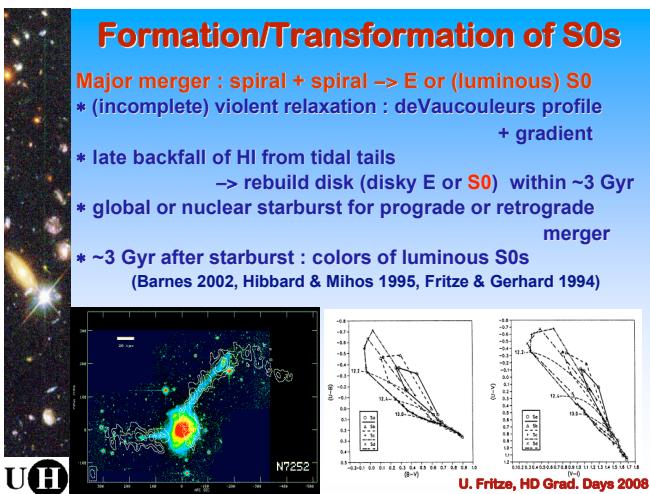
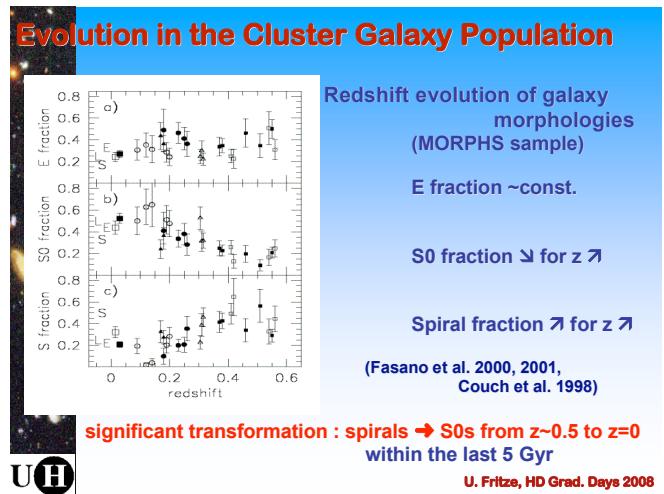
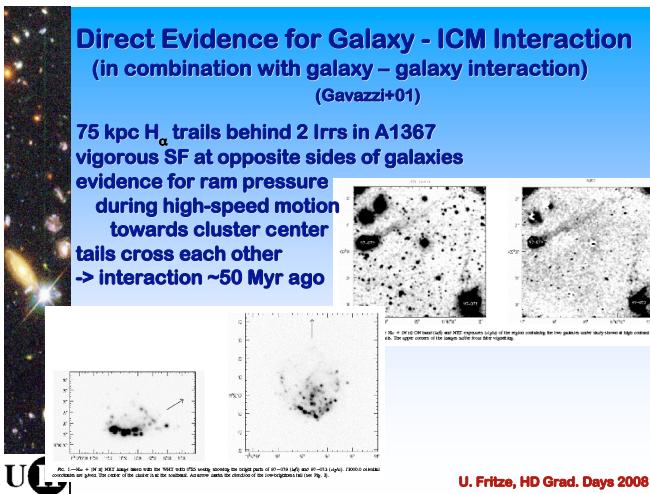
Continuous addition of “young” S0s with low M/L → Progenitor Bias slows down the redshift evolution of the $\langle M/L \rangle$ → reduces redshift evolution of FP

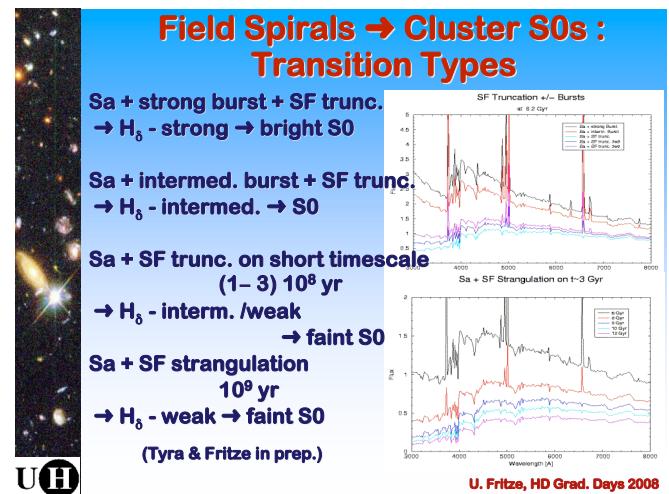
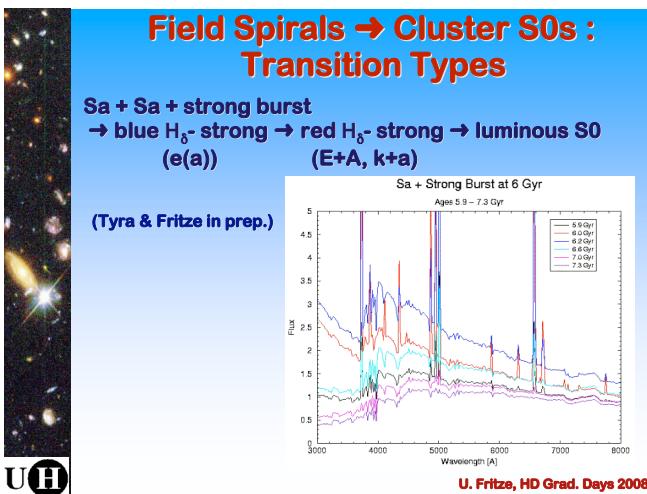
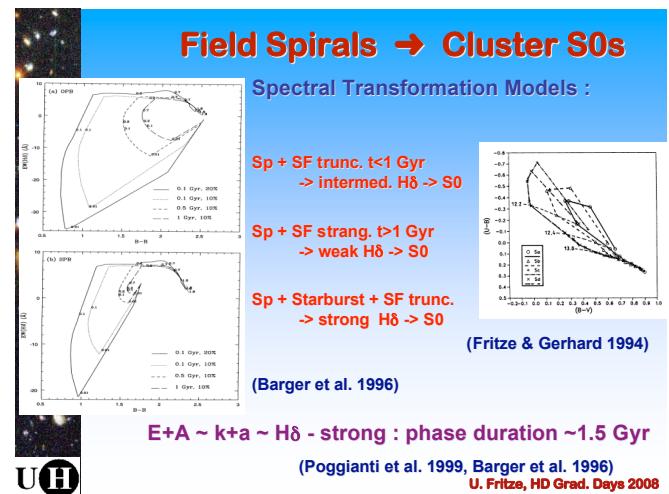
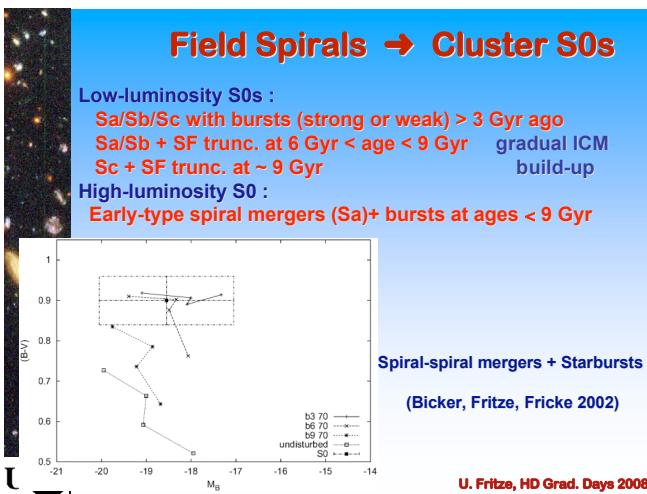
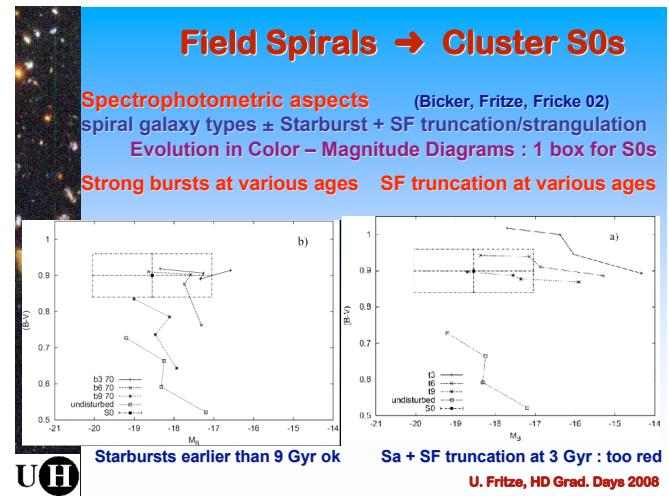
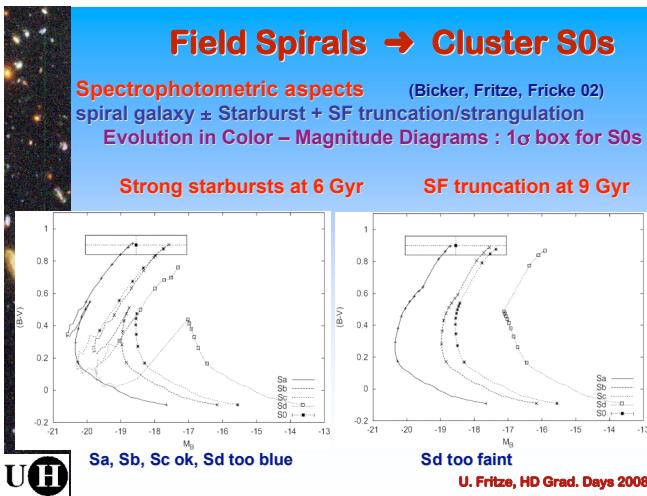


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Cluster E+A Galaxies

E+A galaxies in clusters :

- 5 (E) \leq HT \leq 3 (Sb), mostly disk dominated with $0 \leq B/T \leq 0.7$
- >50% have significant asymmetry \rightarrow recent interaction (Tran et al. 2003)
- \rightarrow t(spectral) $<$ t(morphological)
- most H δ – strong galaxies are regular spheroids \rightarrow t(spectral) $>$ t(morphological) (Couch & Sharples 1987)
- \rightarrow timescales may depend on type of transformation process
- diverse properties of E+As :
 - \rightarrow heterogeneous parent population
 - \rightarrow more than 1 transformation channel ?

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Cluster E+A Statistics

high redshift clusters : E+A & k+a galaxies luminous & massive, starbursts strong $\Delta S/S \sim 0.3$

low redshift clusters : only low luminosity/mass E+A & k+a, starbursts weaker $\Delta S/S \sim 0.1$

\rightarrow 2-fold downsizing effect (also for SFing field galaxies) (Bower et al. 1999, Cowie et al. 1996)

ISOCAM midIR data for A1689 ($z \sim 0.2$)
~90 % SF hidden by dust in optical (Duc et al. 2002)

Lifetime statistics

\rightarrow 30 – 100% E/SOs have undergone E+A phase (Tran et al. 2003, Poggianti et al. 2003)

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266 E+As from SDSS

E+A's have excess of local galaxy density on scales $< 100\text{ kpc}$ (=group scales), not on larger (=cluster) scales, nor on very large (=Large Scale Structure) scales

\rightarrow E+A related to close companions

Almost all E+A's have bright compact cores
~ 30 % have dynamically disturbed signatures or tidal tails

\rightarrow E+A related to (weak?) interaction with companion (Goto 05)

Dust plays important role for starburst galaxies, not any more during E+A – phase

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266 E+As from SDSS

(Goto 05)

Ratio of N Companion

Distance (kpc)

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Field E+A Galaxies

E+A galaxies also exist in the field

E+A galaxy fraction in the field : $2.7 \pm 1.1\%$ at $0.3 < z < 1$, $50 \leq \sigma \leq 220 \text{ km/s}$

E+A galaxy fraction in clusters : $11.0 \pm 3.0\%$ at $0.3 < z < 1$

80% field E+As morphologically irregular

\rightarrow major & minor mergers

4/5 field E+As with WFPC2 imaging show $B/T \leq 0.5$

\rightarrow minor mergers (Tran et al. 2004)

NGC 7252 = field E+A = major merger Spectrum : F. Schweizer (Fritze & Gerhard 1994)

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Stellar Population Ages in Cluster S0s

Spectroscopy of 19 Es & 33 S0s in Coma over wide range $-20.5 < M_B < -17.5$ (Poggianti et al. 2001)

* ~ 40% S0s (one of the Es) had significant SF in their central regions during last 5 Gyr

* fraction of S0s with recent SF \nearrow with L \blacktriangleleft

* key to series of discrepant results : magnitude limit of sample

Lum. weight. Age (Gyr)

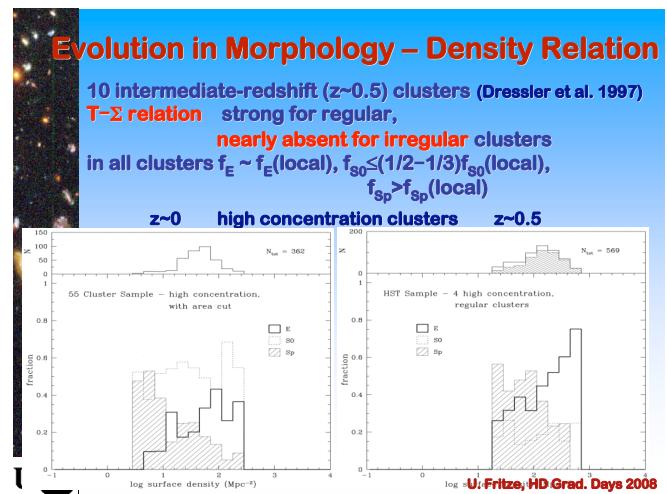
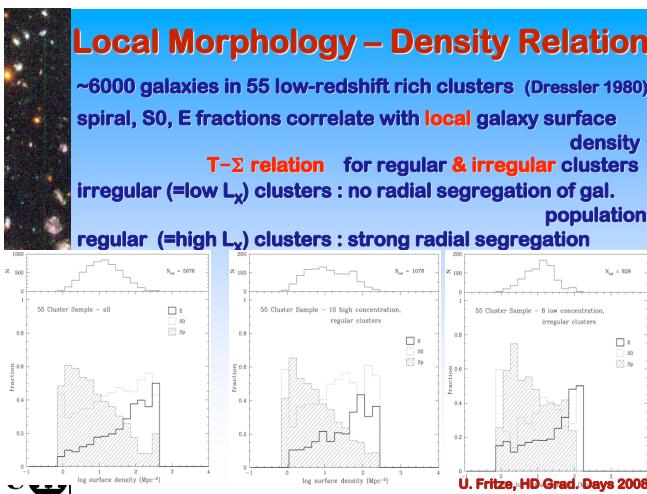
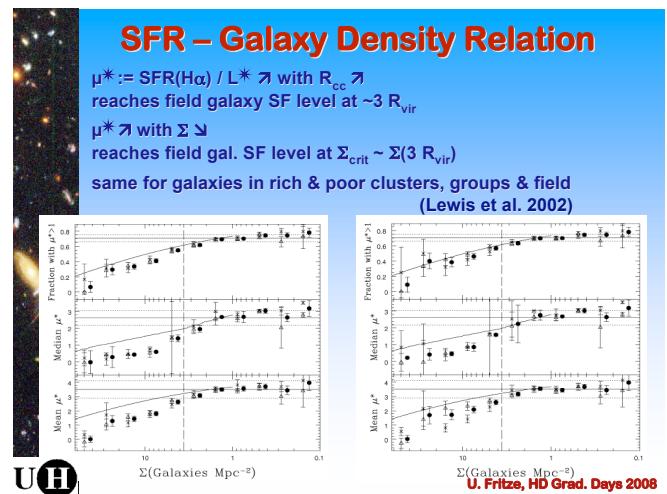
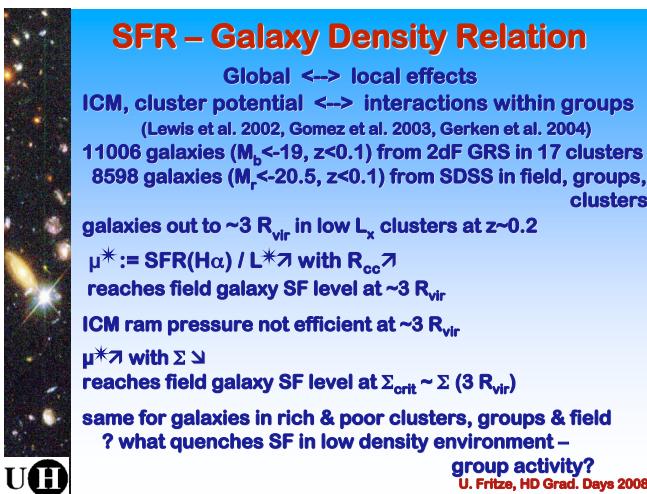
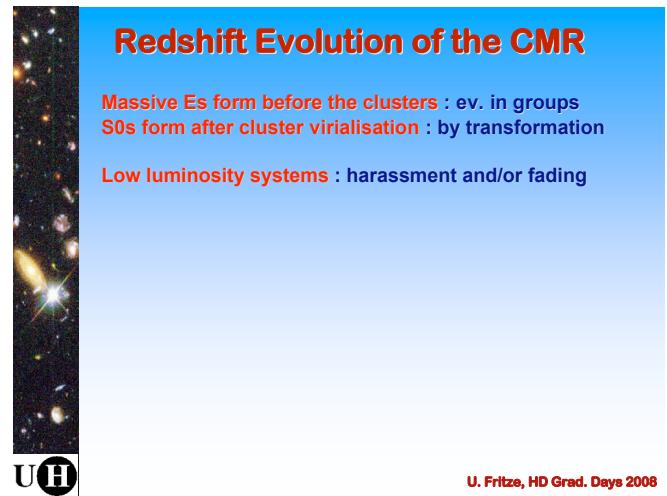
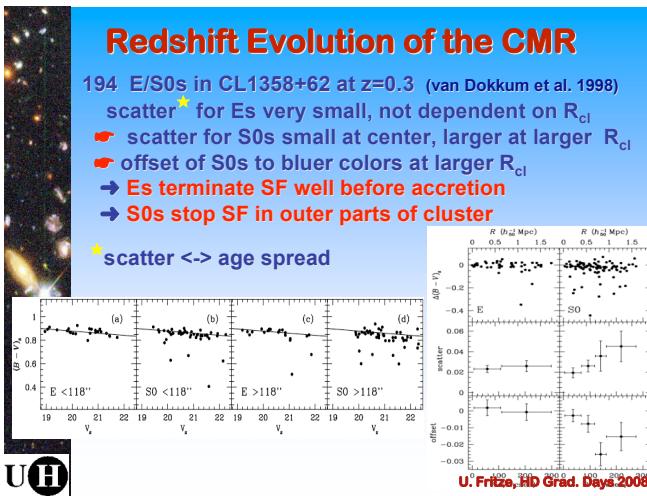
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also found from optical + NIR photometry in Abell 2218 ($z=0.17$) (Smail et al. 2001)

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Wrap up: Galaxy Populations in Clusters

Cosmological structure formation & evolution intimately linked with galaxy formation & evolution. Massive Es form before the clusters, spirals are transformed into S0s & dwarf galaxies as they are accreted by clusters. A variety of transformation scenarios are at work: harassment, ram pressure, merging within infalling groups. All affect the morphology as well as the spectral properties, timescales may be different.

Recent surprise: transformations already occur at $3 R_{\text{vir}}$ from the cluster centre, local galaxy density effects must be important – and are also seen in groups and the field.

We still lack a complete census of the relative role of the various transformation channels, timescales, transition stages and their dependence on galaxy/cluster properties.

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