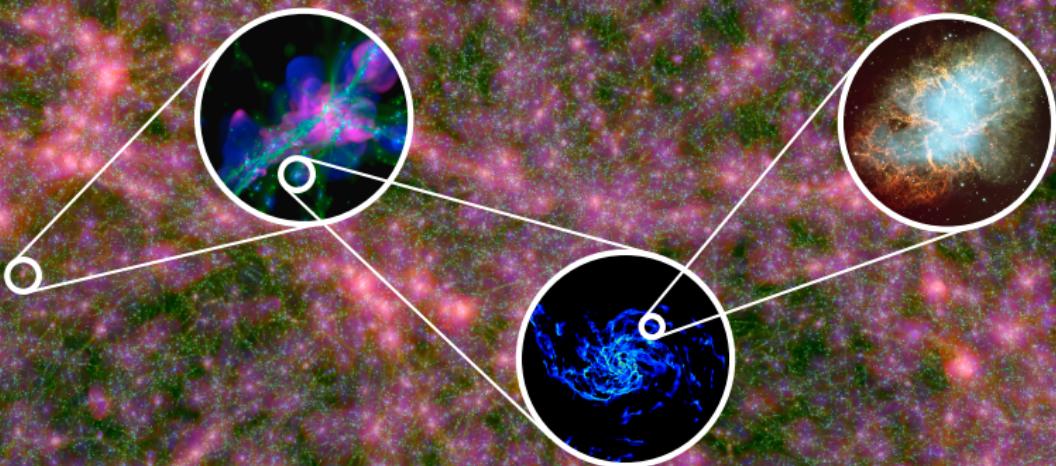


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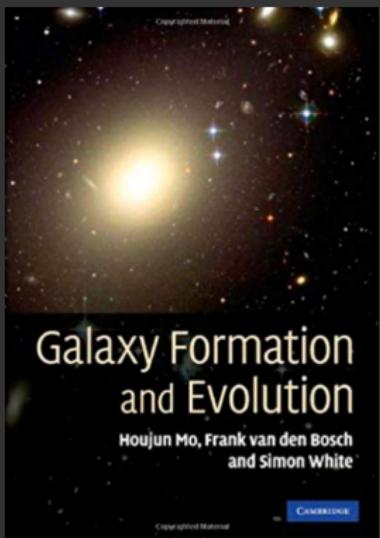
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Physical Models of Galaxy Formation in a Cosmological Framework

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Modeling galaxy formation is a computational science problem one of the greatest challenges in astrophysics today, due to the vast range of scales and numerous physical processes involved. Here we review the current state of models that employ two leading techniques to predict the properties of galaxies: hydrodynamic simulations and semi-analytic models. We focus on a set of observational targets that describe the evolution of the global and structural properties of galaxies from roughly Cosmic High Noon ($\sigma_8 \sim 2$) to the present day. We also highlight the need for more observational constraints to facilitate convergence between different methods and make predictions that are in qualitative agreement with observations. We emphasize the importance of numerical simulations as a tool that are critical for shaping galaxy properties. This can include cosmological scenarios, along with models which are more efficient at low masses, that include feedback that propagates through the intergalactic medium, and models that include the evolution of dark matter haloes through merging and environmental processes. However, all cosmological models must be tested against observations. In this paper, we highlight the types of tests which must be used to constrain observations. Many details of how these diverse processes interact within a hierarchical structure formation setting remain poorly understood. Emerging multi-scale simulations will allow us to test these models and refine them. We also discuss existing models on a finer, more physically grounded footing. Concerningly, upcoming release facilities will provide new challenges and opportunities for models, particularly by directly measuring when and where the first stars form in the most distant galaxies.

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Theoretical Challenges in Galaxy Formation

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Numerical simulations have become a major tool for understanding galaxy formation and evolution. They have been used to help us understand the physical processes that regulate the formation of individual galaxies and galaxy populations from well-defined initial conditions with realistic abundances and global properties. An essential component of the evolution of galaxies is the interaction of their baryonic matter with the surrounding dark matter, which is observed indicating low formation efficiency and strong circum-galactic pressure of gas around galaxies. The interaction of galaxies with their environment, i.e., with other galaxies and with black holes – generally described in cosmological simulations – plays a major role for driving galaxy evolution. It is also important to regulate many aspects of galaxy evolution. A seemingly long way of plausible models remains to be taken to explain the evolution of galaxies. They capture the essential characteristics of the problem, i.e. outliers regulating particle motion, and they are able to predict the evolution of galaxies. However, they still pose a challenge for galaxy formation theory: to understand the underlying physical processes that regulate the formation of galaxies and to predict the evolution of galaxies in the presence of galaxy outliers. This requires accurate physical models and numerical simulation, which can predict to describe the multi-phase nature of the intergalactic medium or the extremely massive haloes formed by mergers of large systems. The formation of supermassive black holes ultimately requires the fall accounting for the dominant cooling and heating processes, the radiation pressure of the accreting matter, the formation of black holes, its ultimate treatment of supernova explosions as well as the non-thermal conversion of the intergalactic medium by magnetic fields and cosmic rays.

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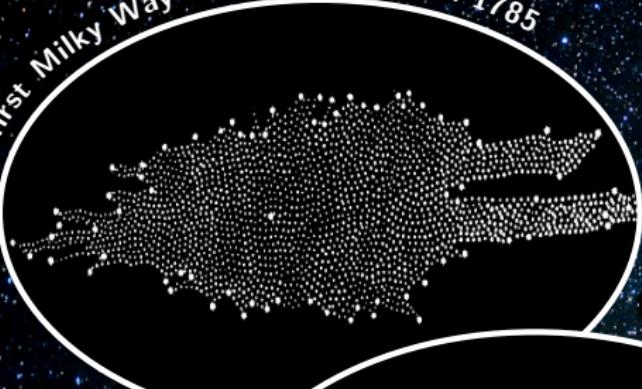


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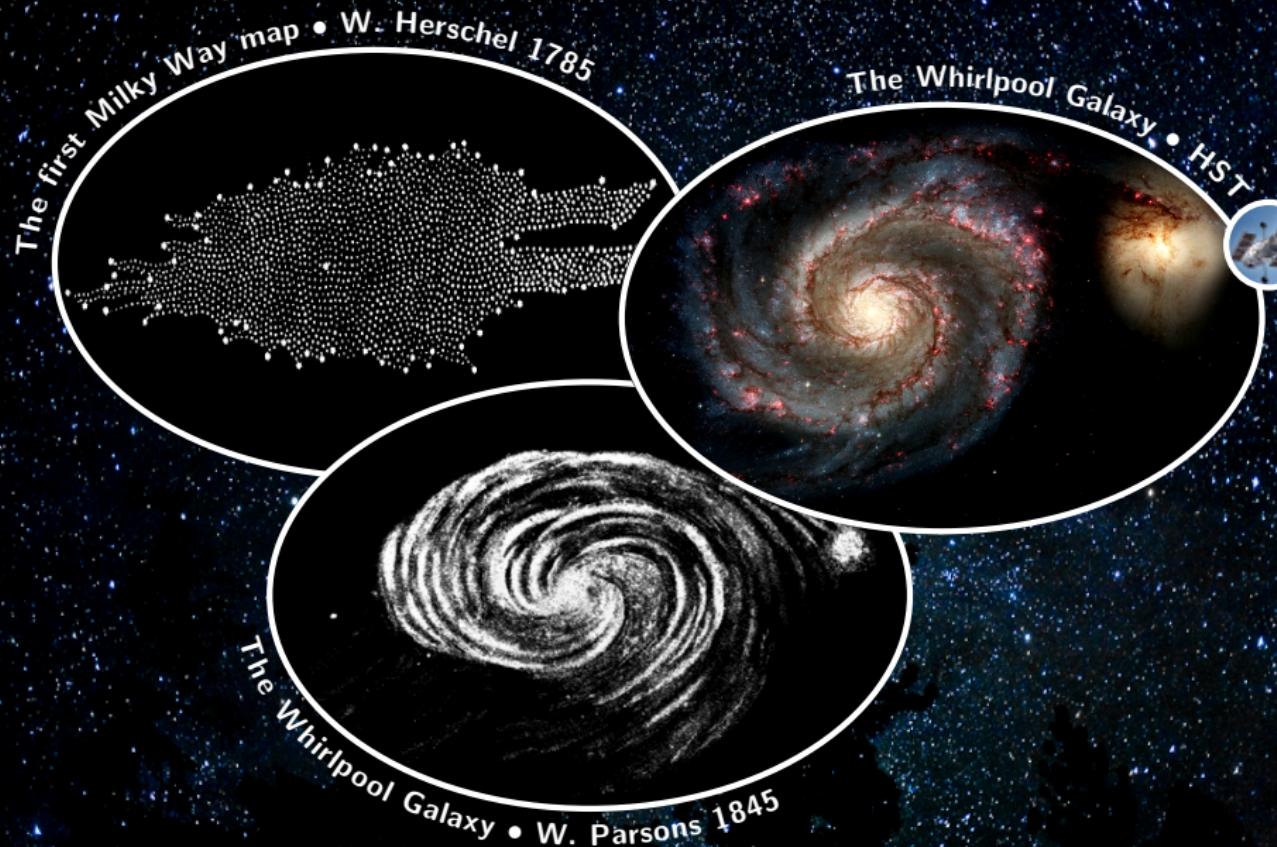
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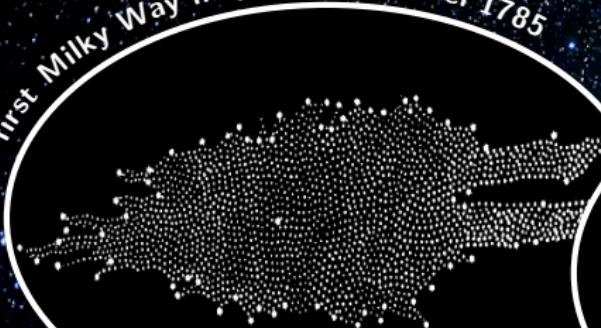


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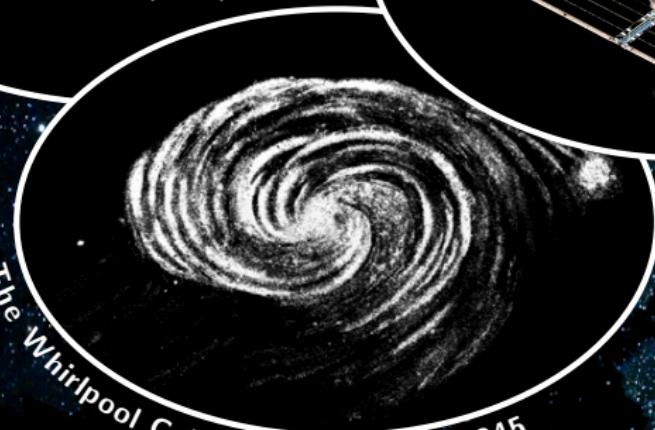
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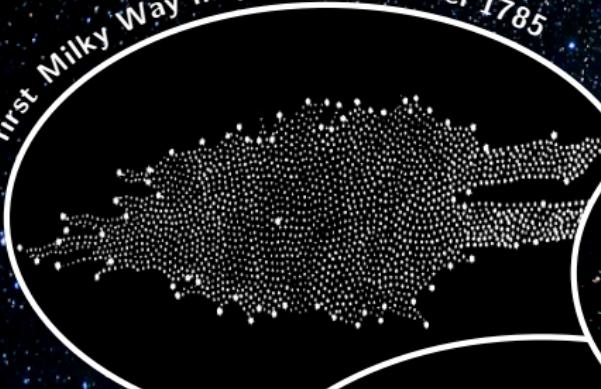


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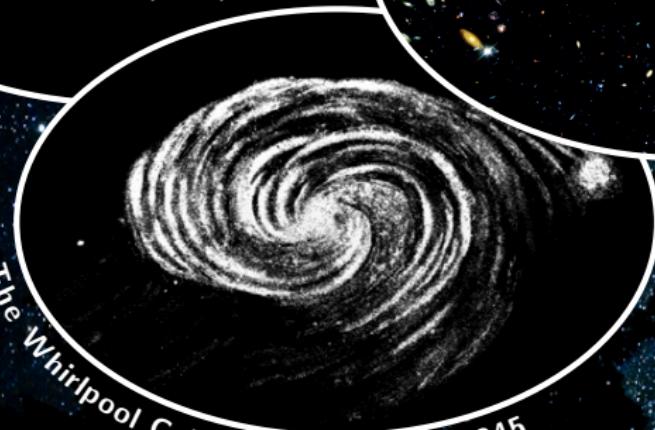
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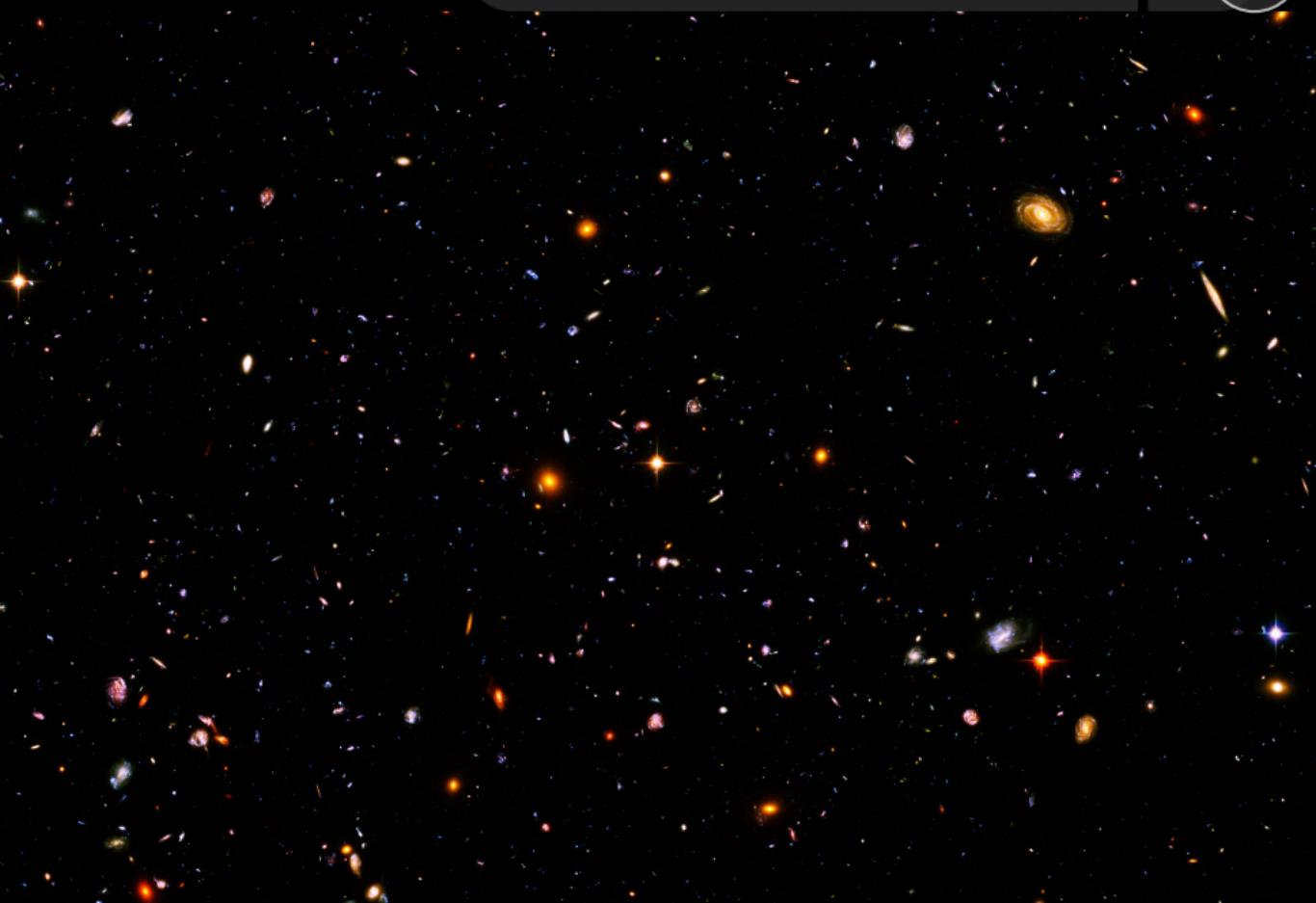
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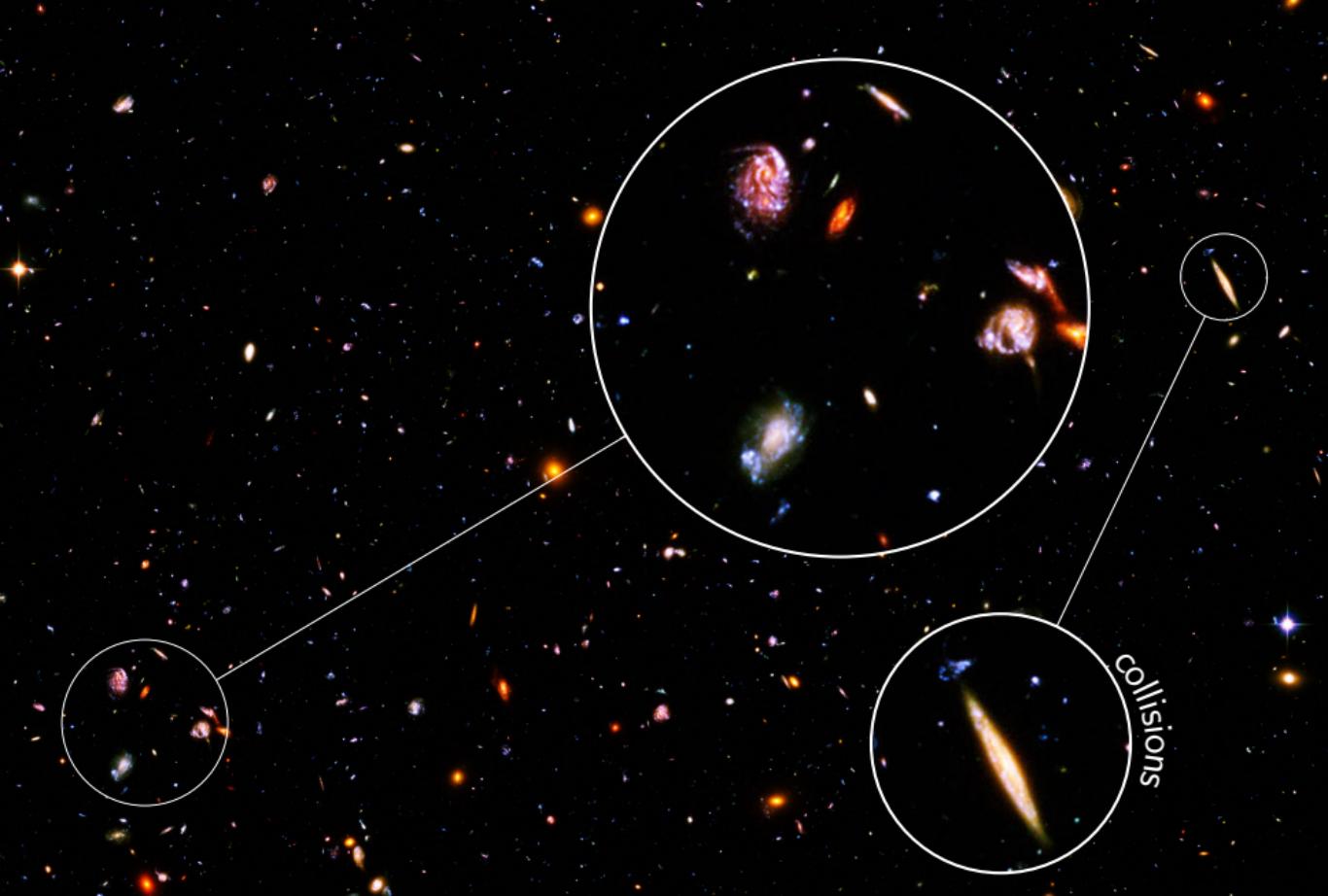
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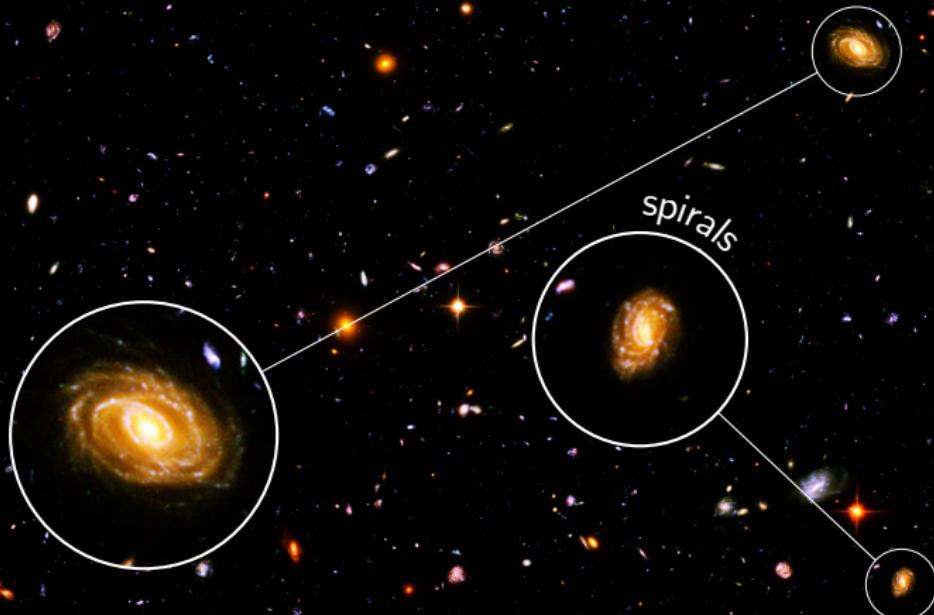
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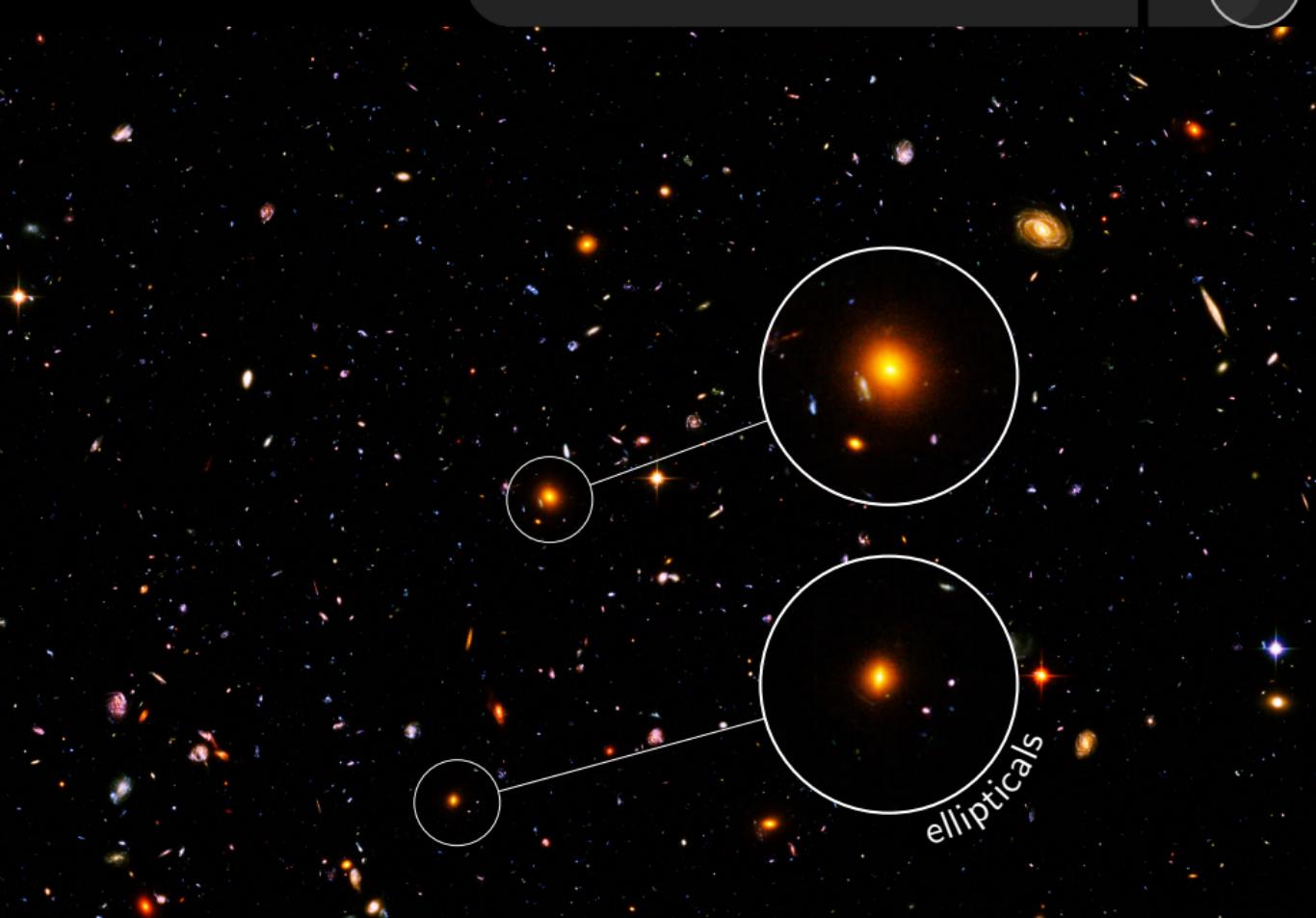
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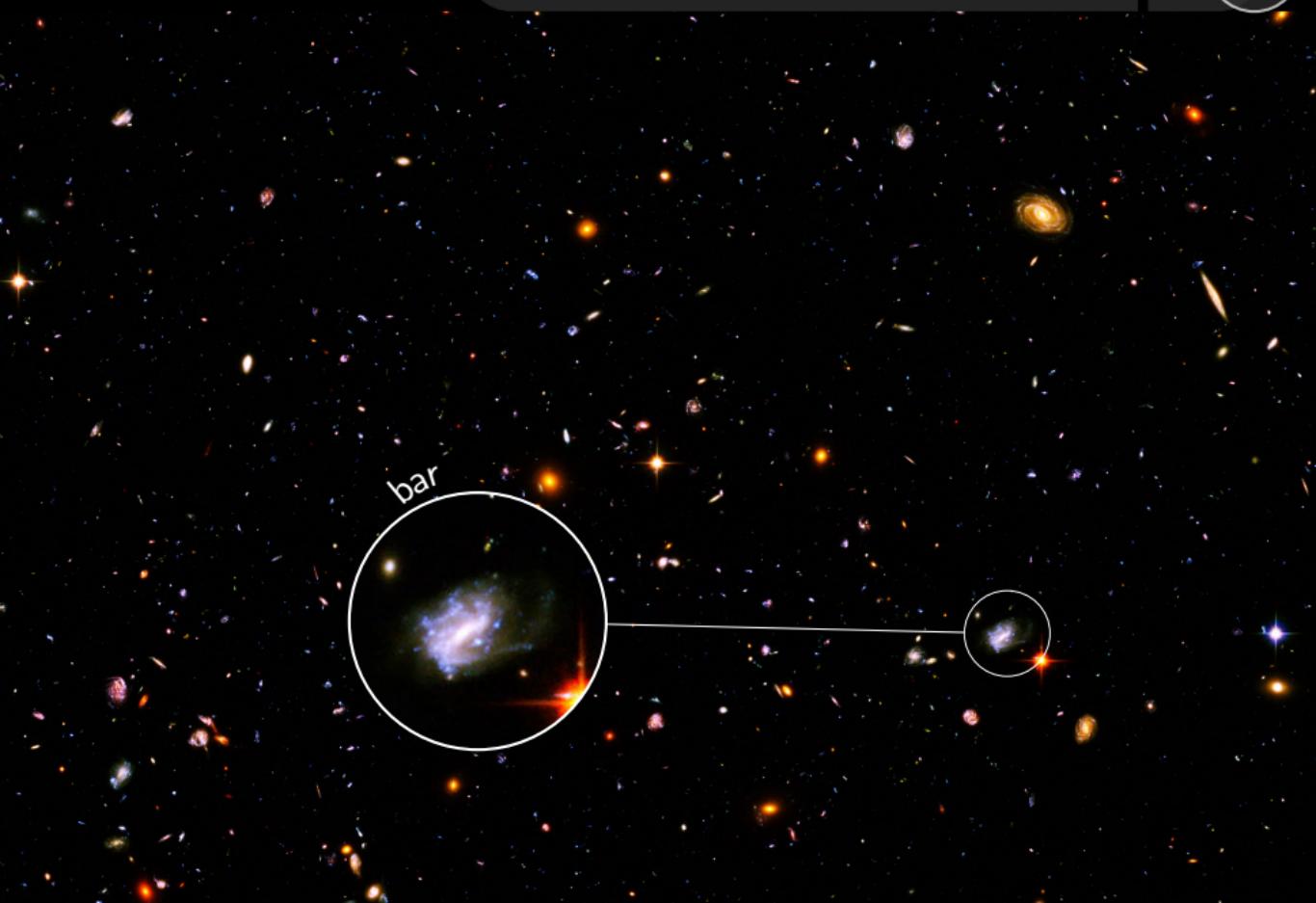
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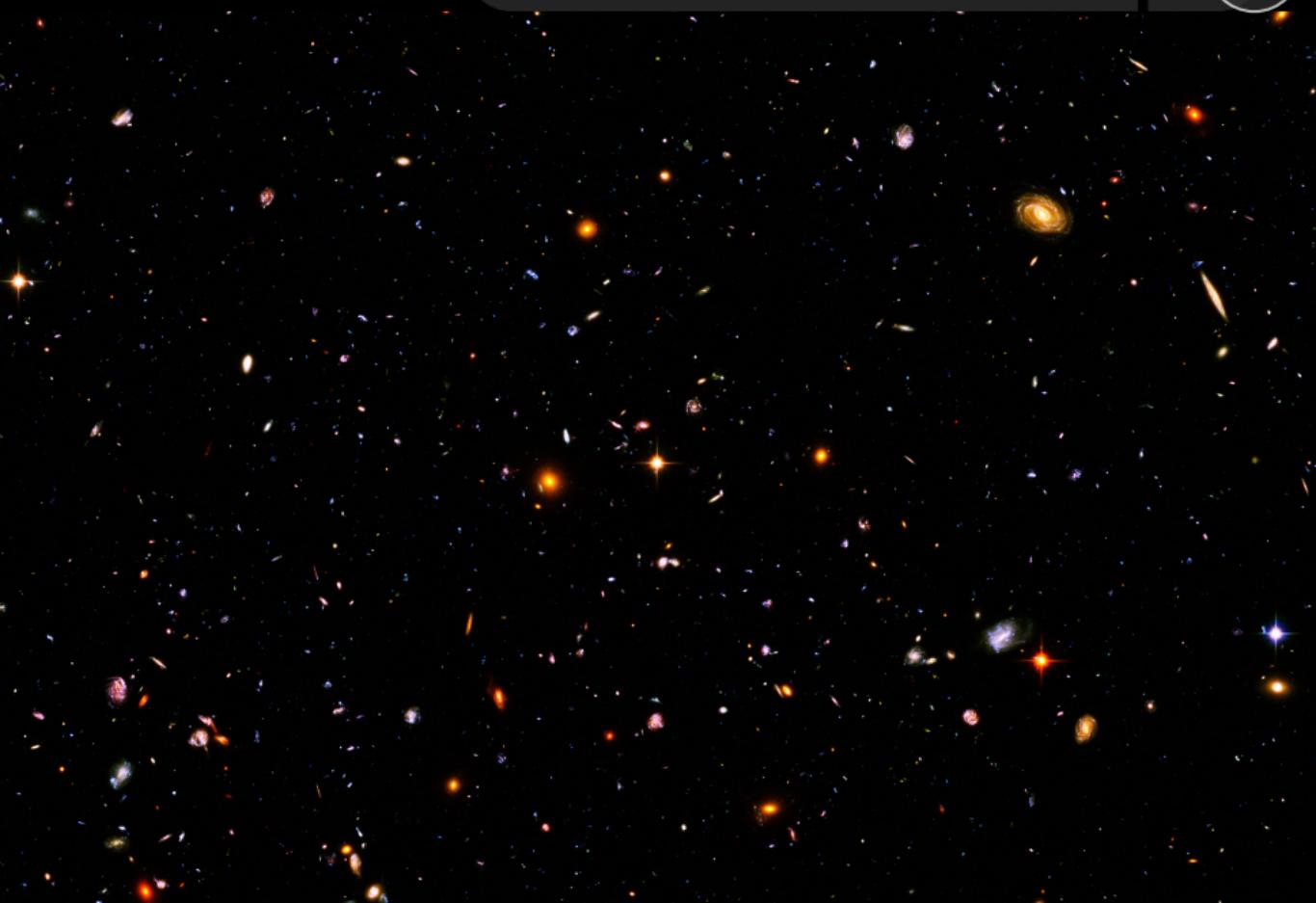
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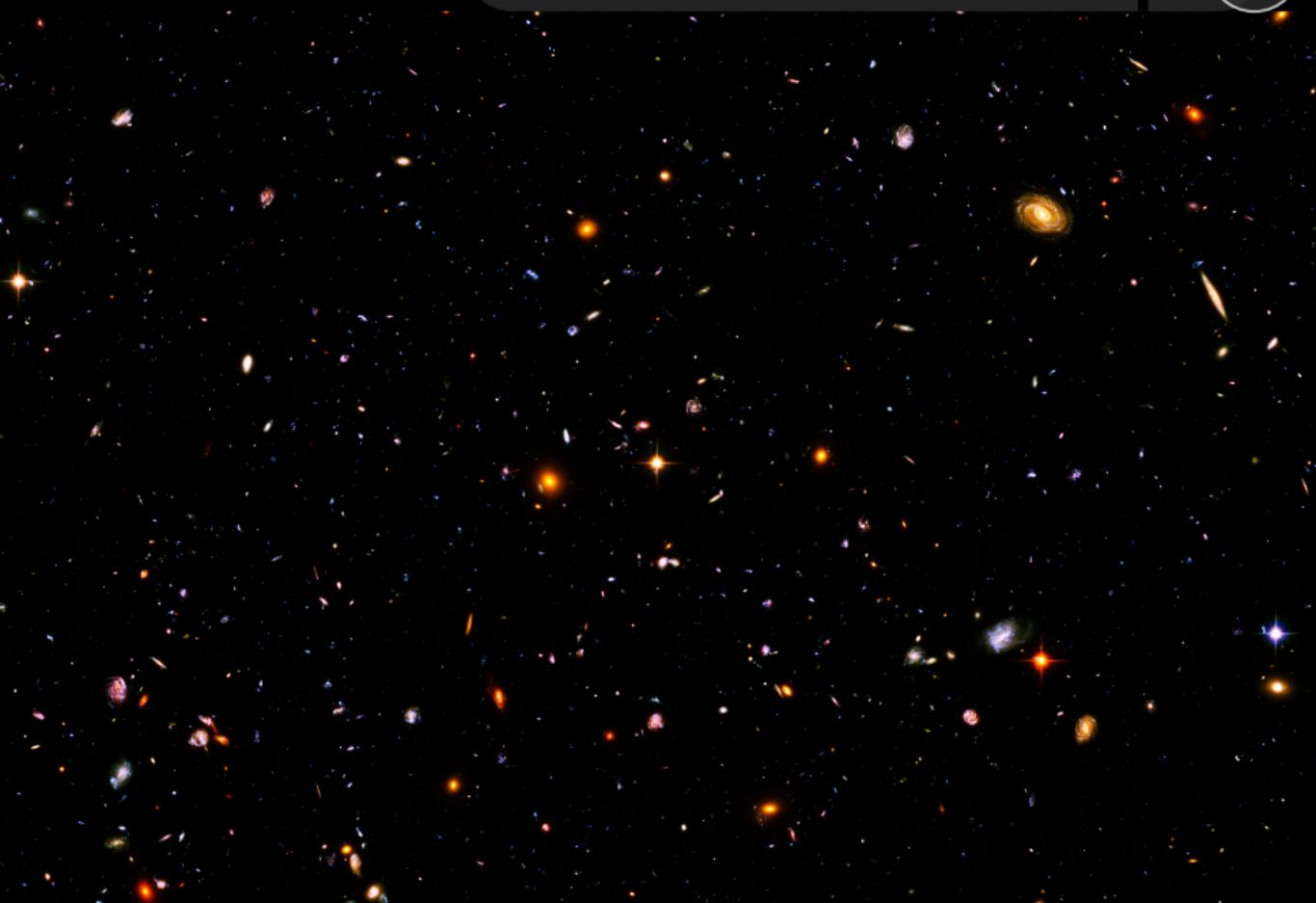
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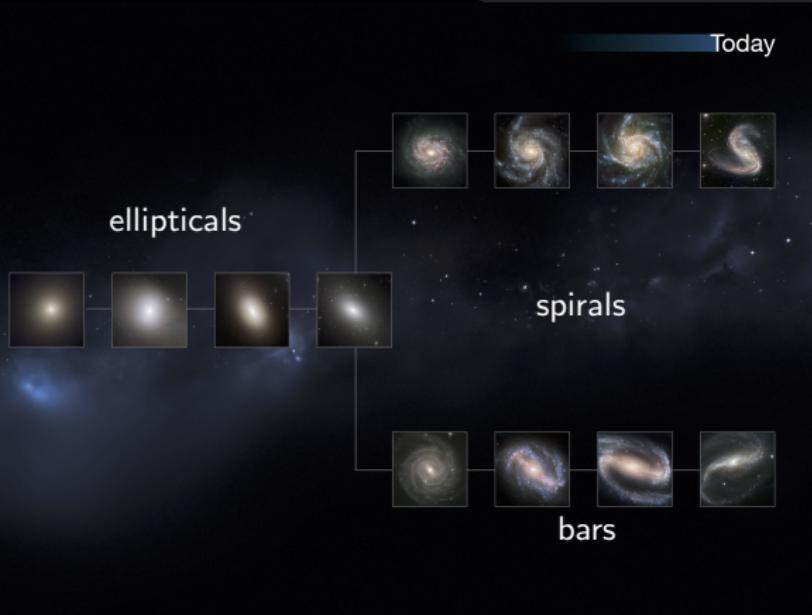


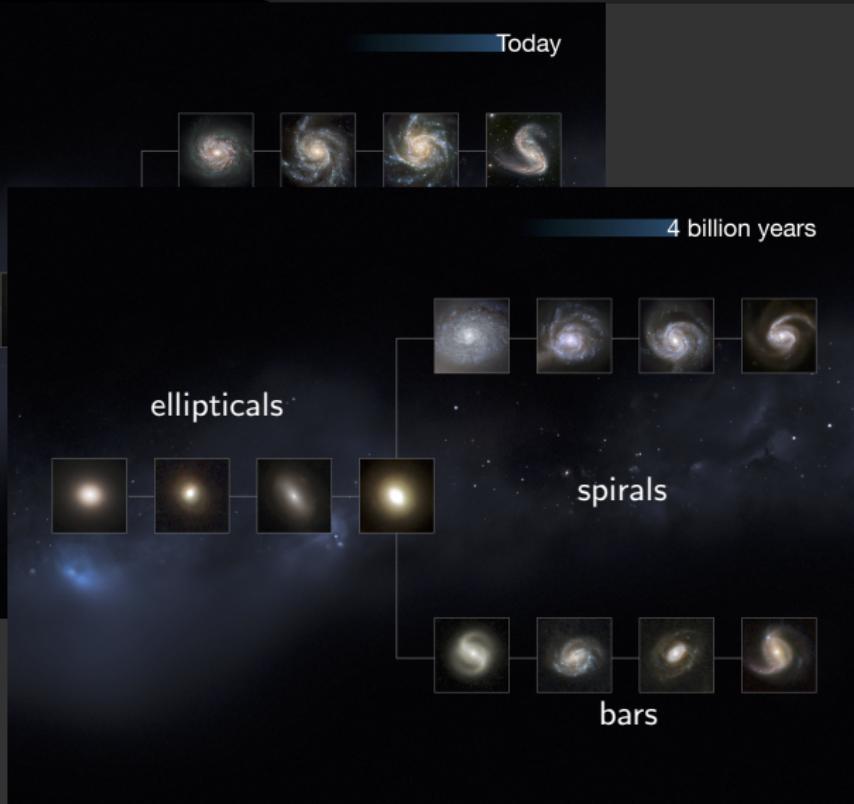
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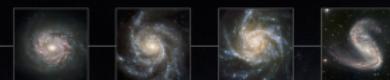
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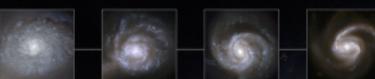




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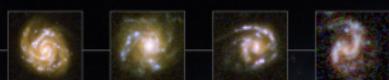
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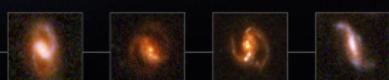
11 billion years



ellipticals



spirals



bars



Hubble Probes the Early Universe



1990



Ground-based observatories



1995



Hubble Deep Field



2004



Hubble Ultra Deep Field



2010



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James Webb Space Telescope

Redshift (z):

Time after
the Big Bang

Present

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6 billion
years

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1.5 billion
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800 million
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480 million
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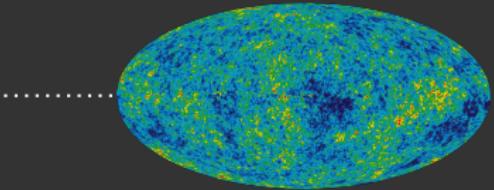
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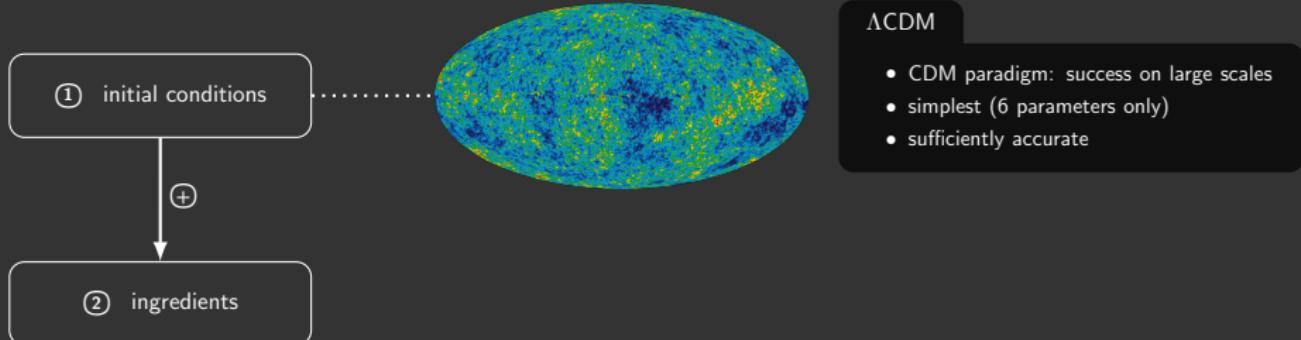
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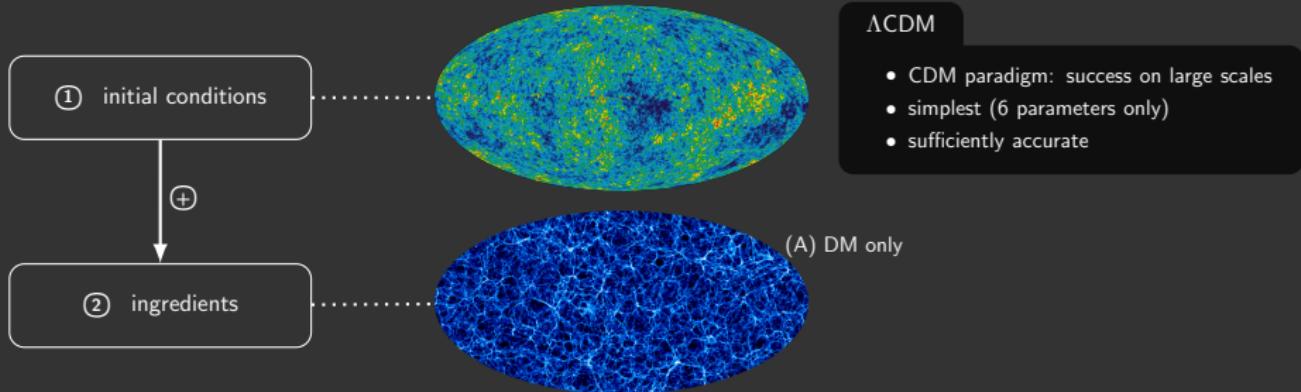
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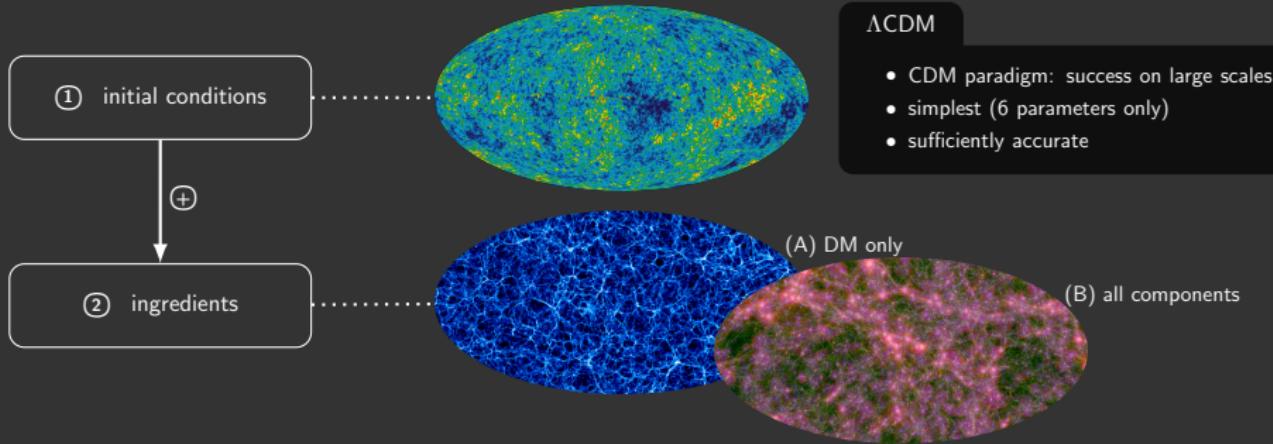


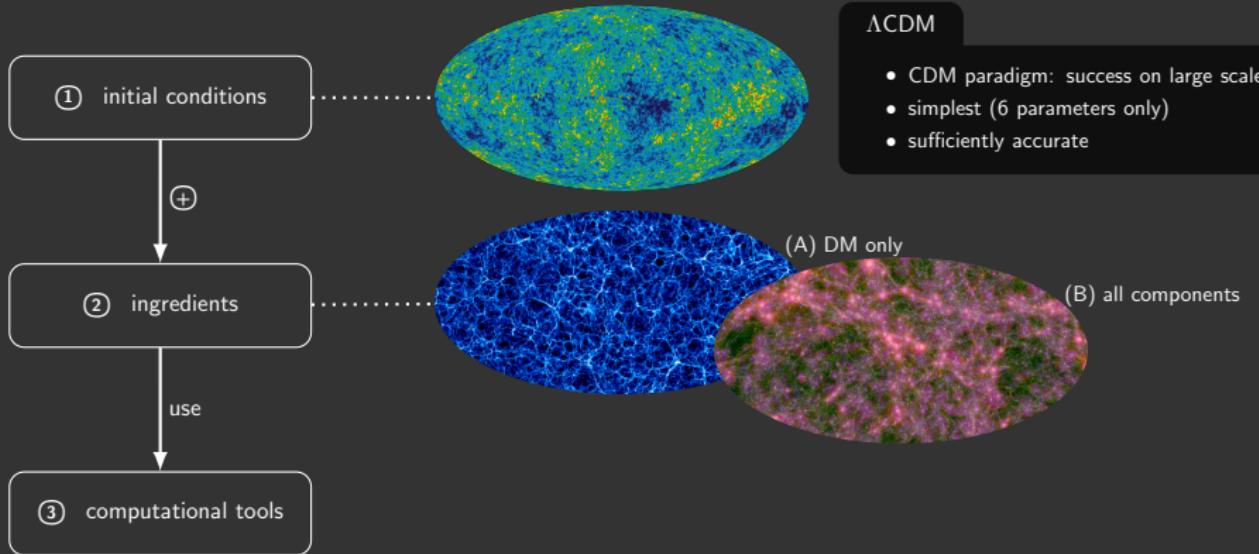
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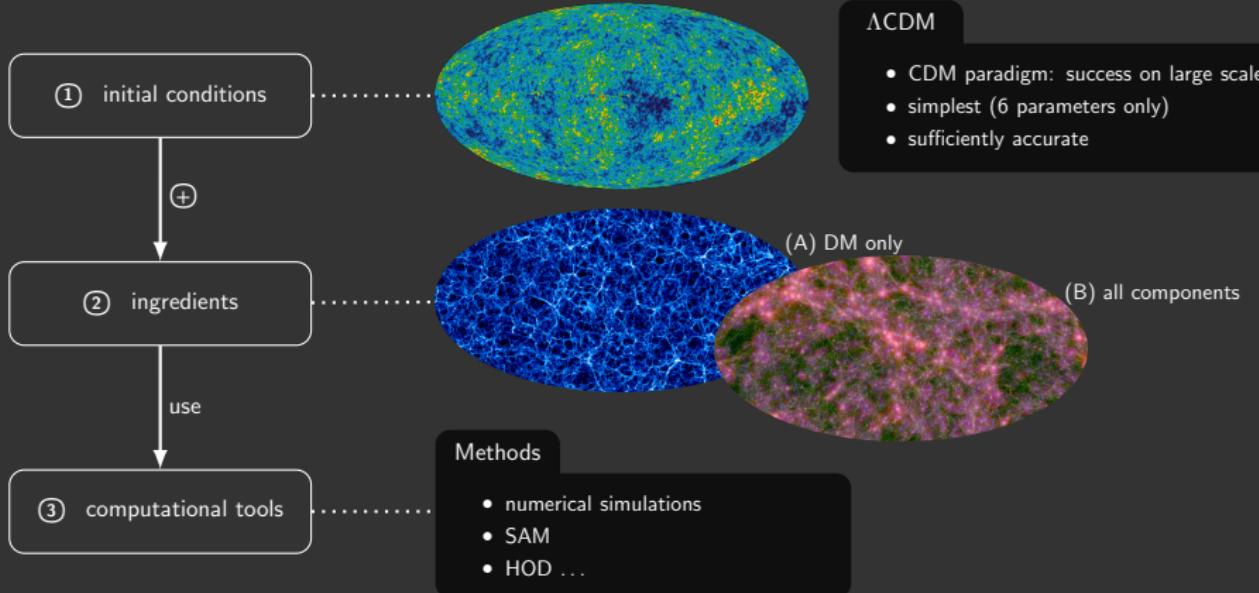
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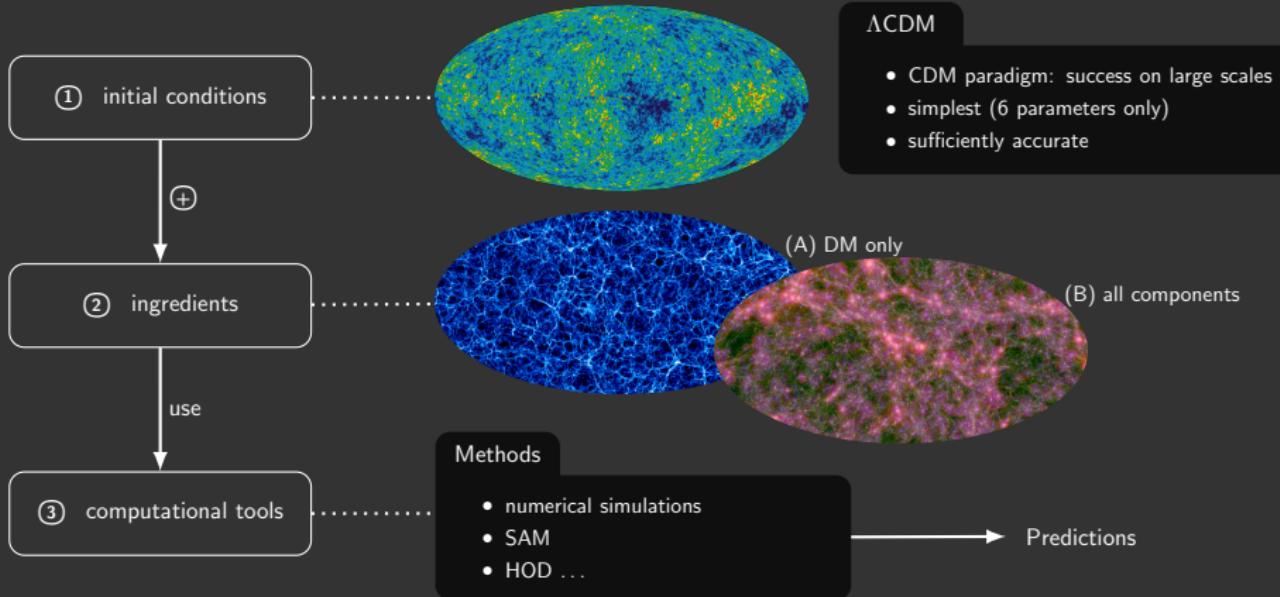


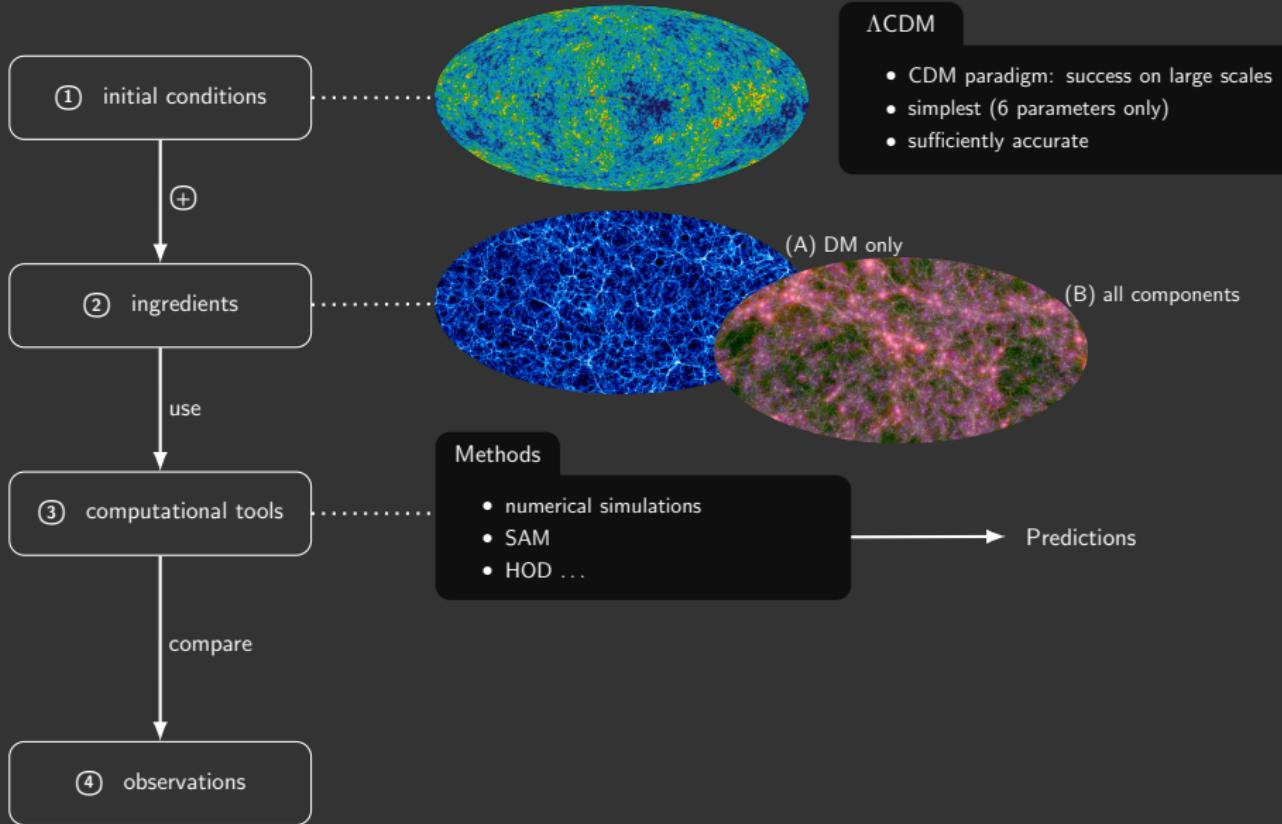


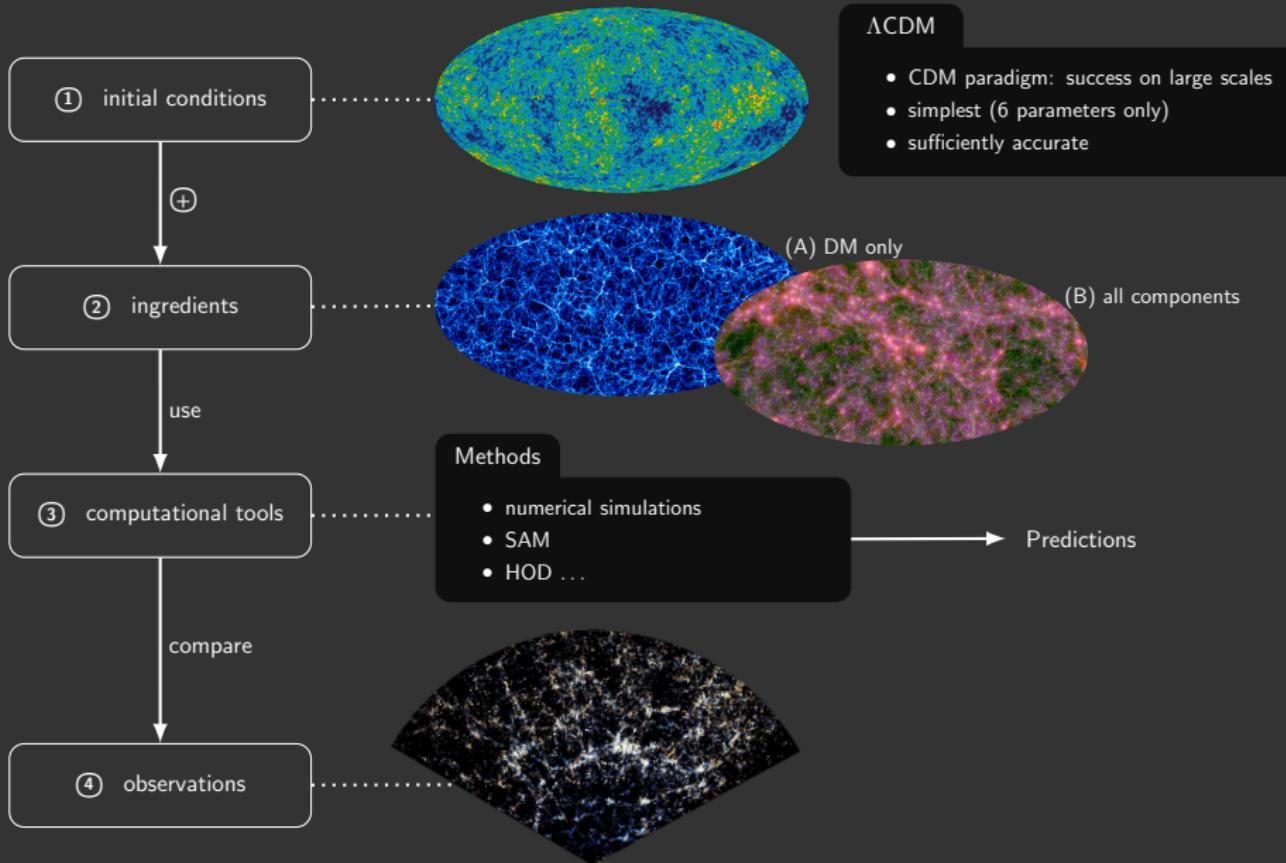


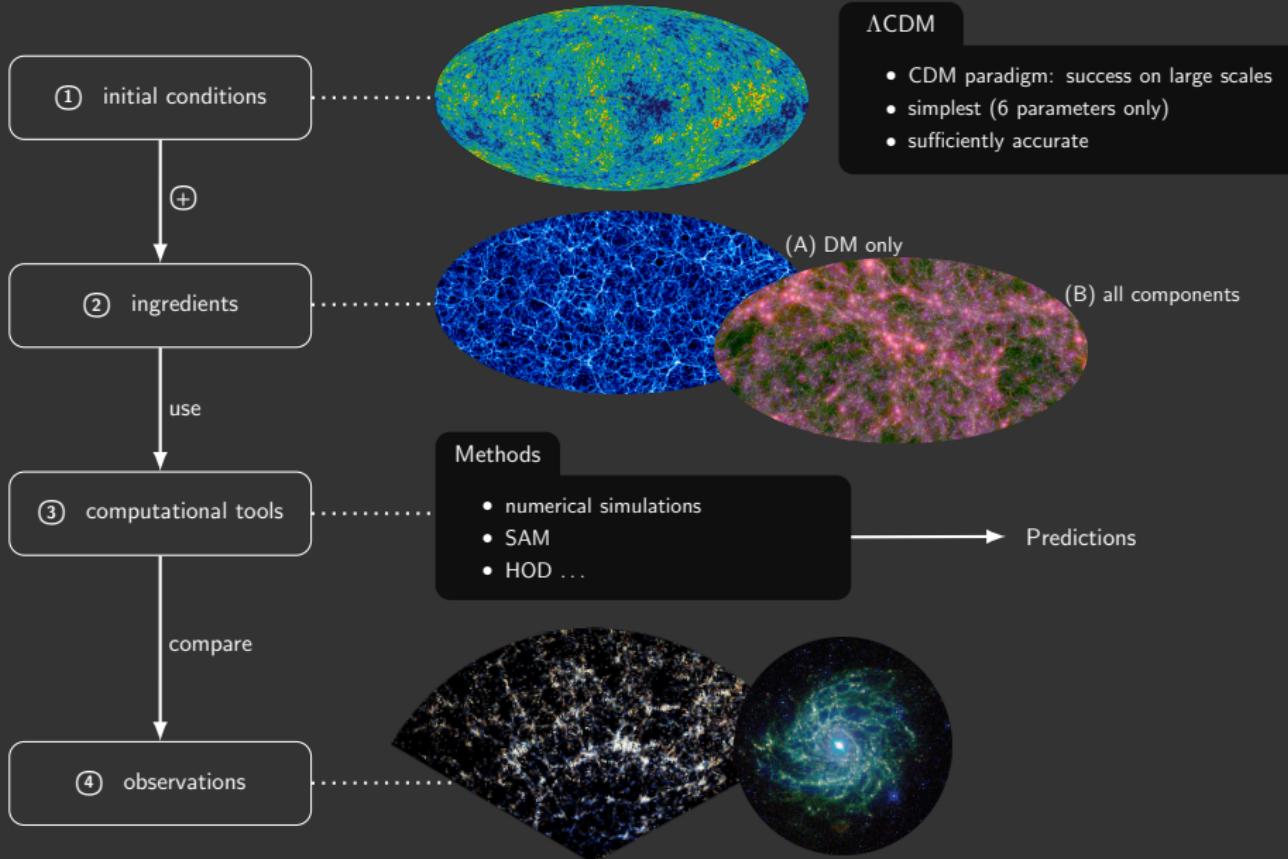


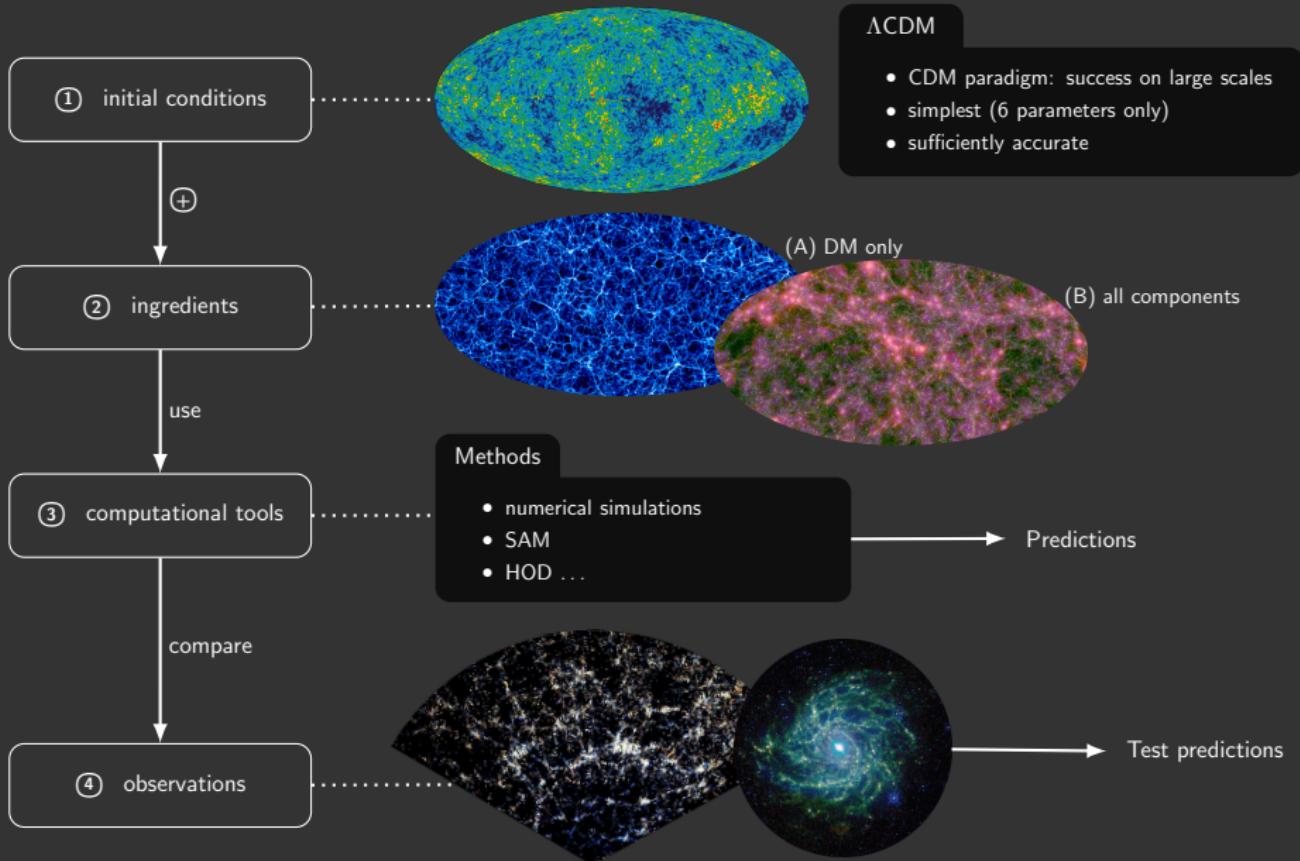








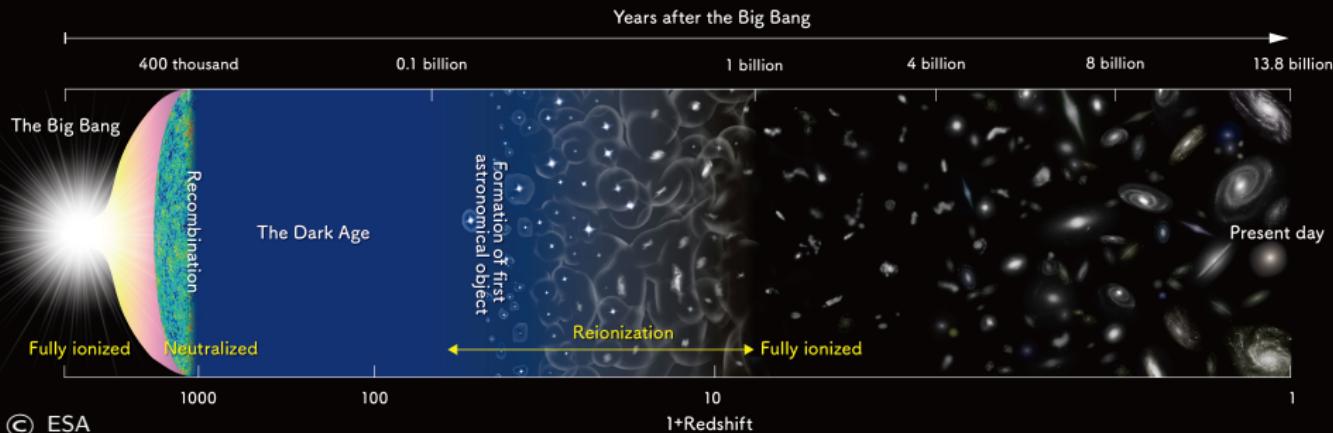




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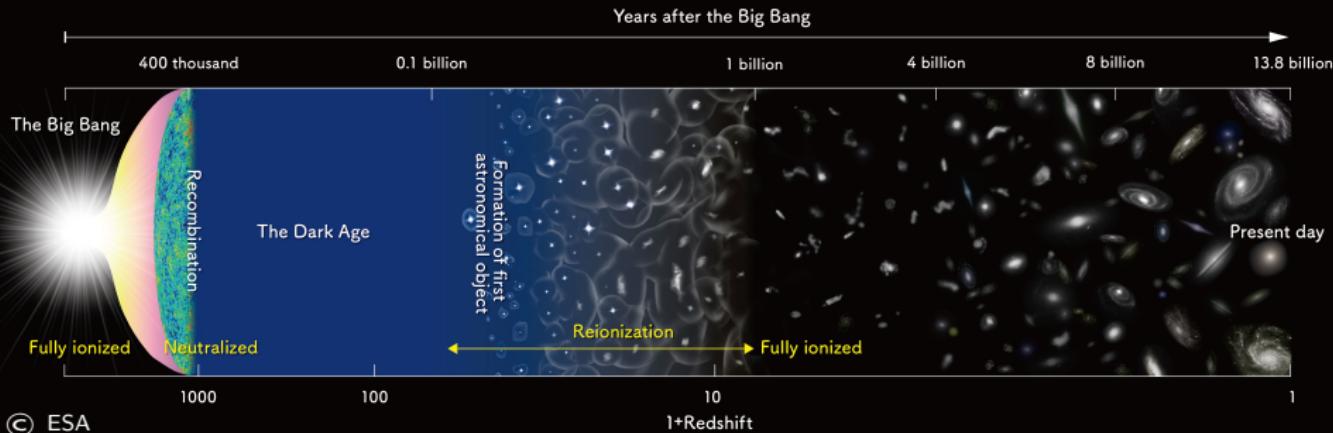


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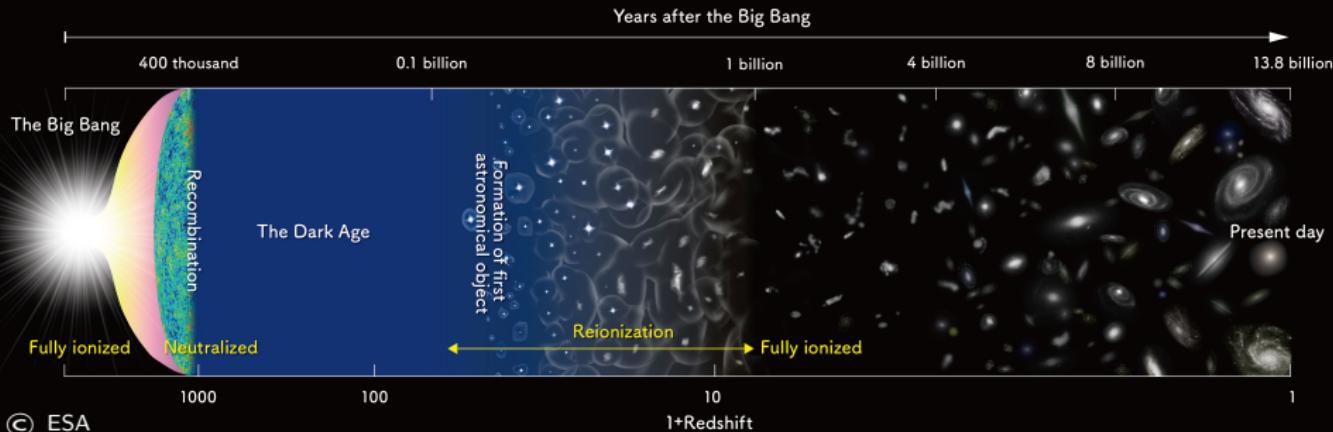
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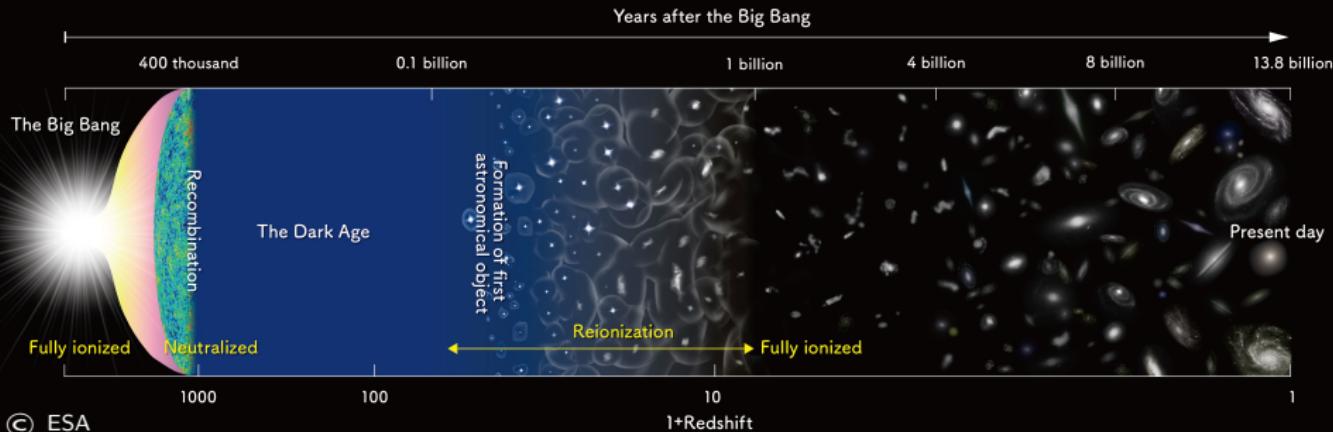
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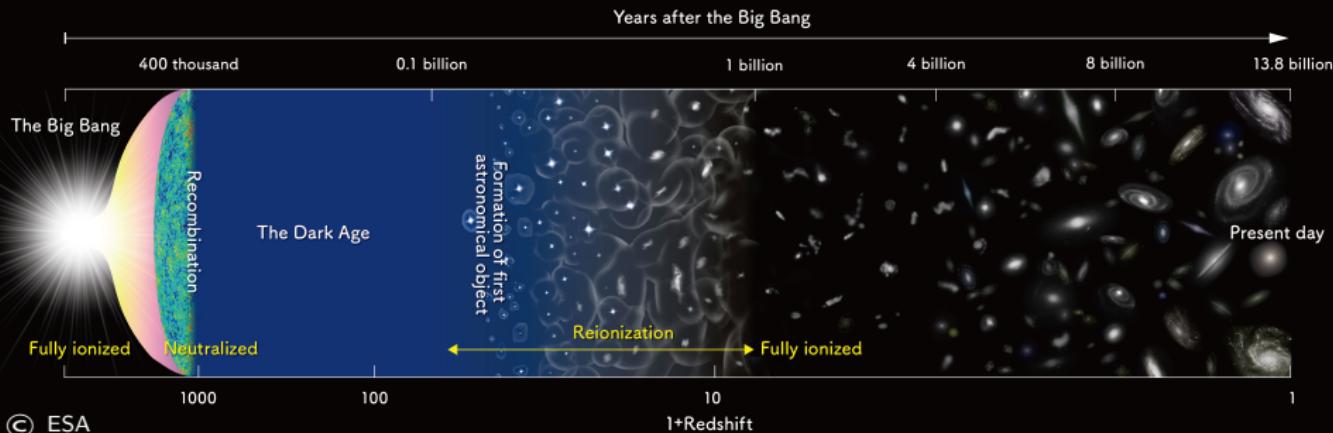


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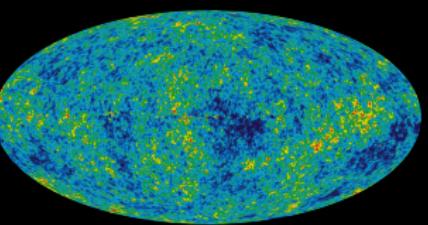
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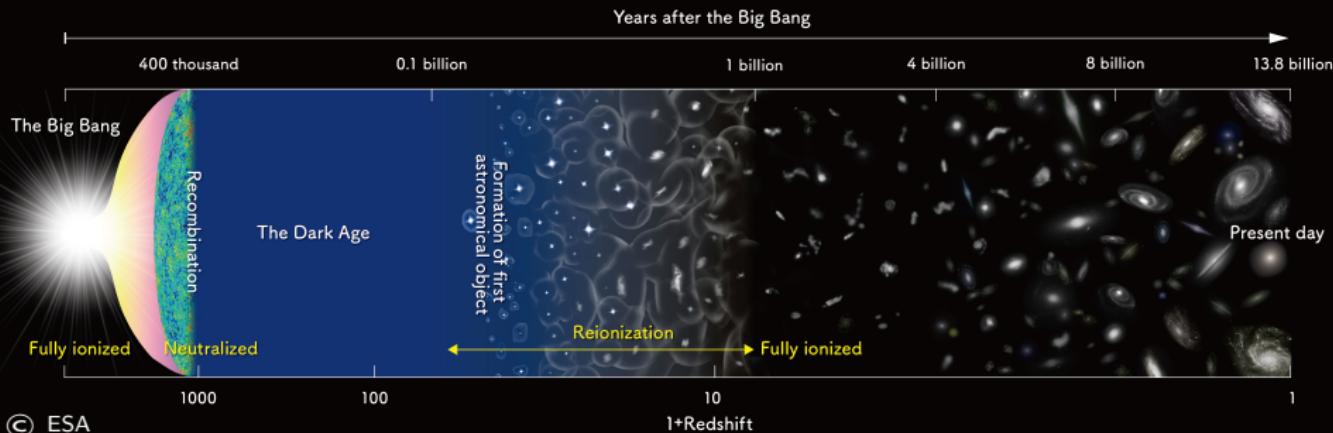


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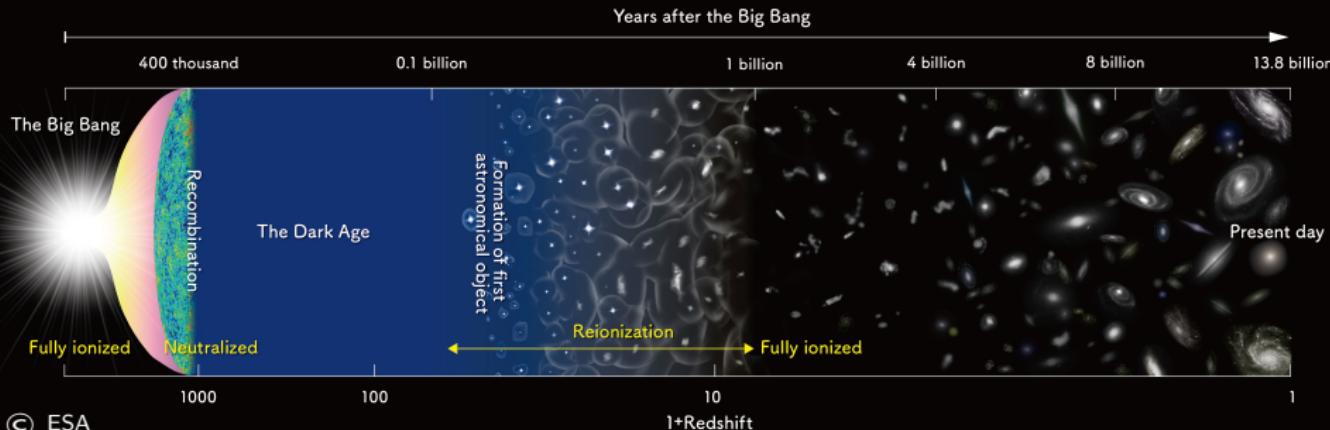
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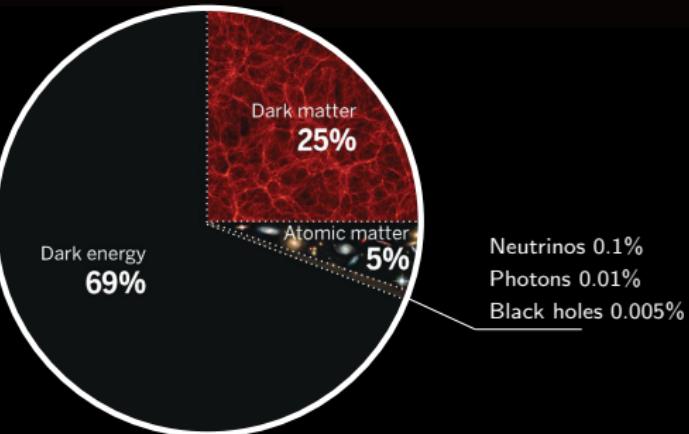
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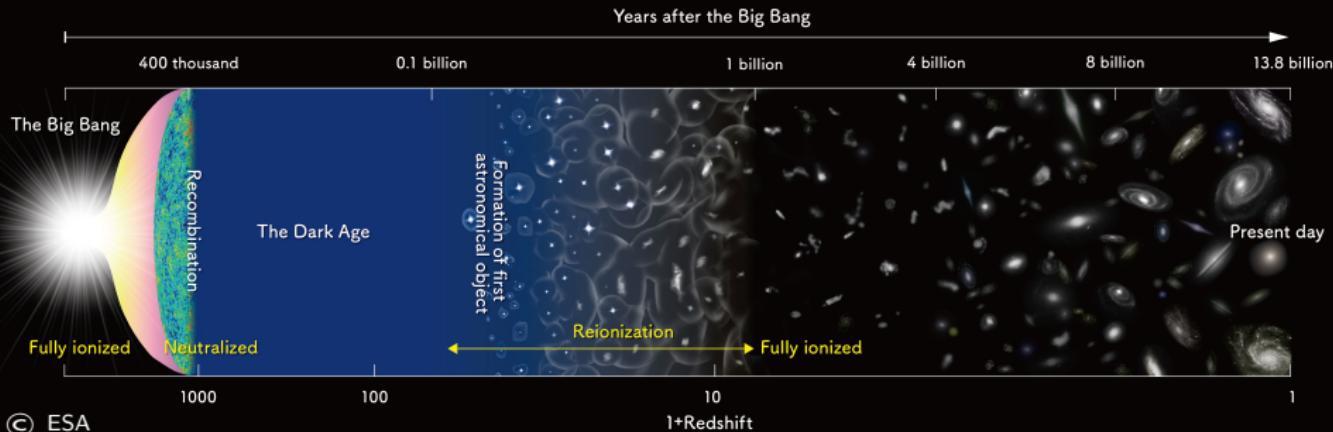
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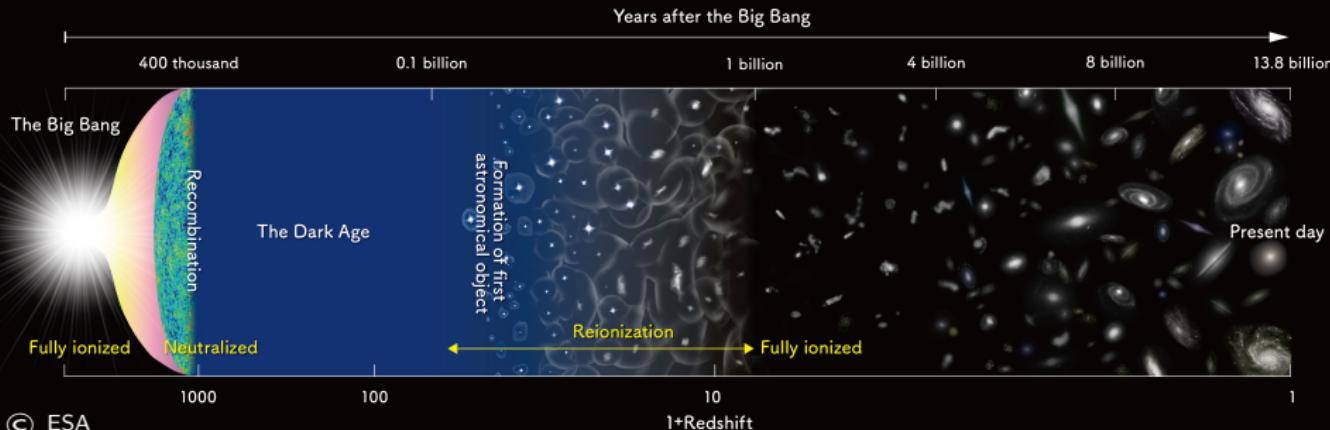


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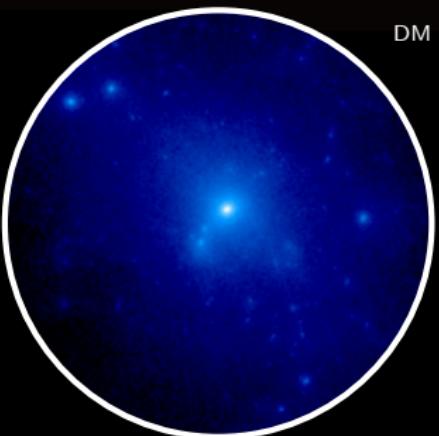
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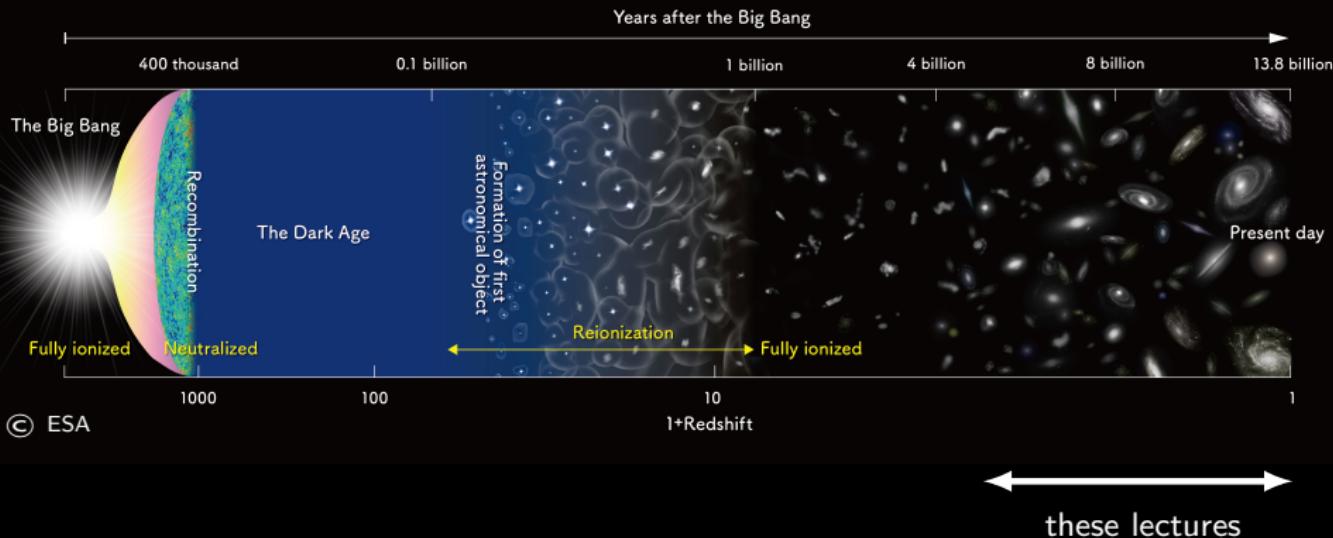
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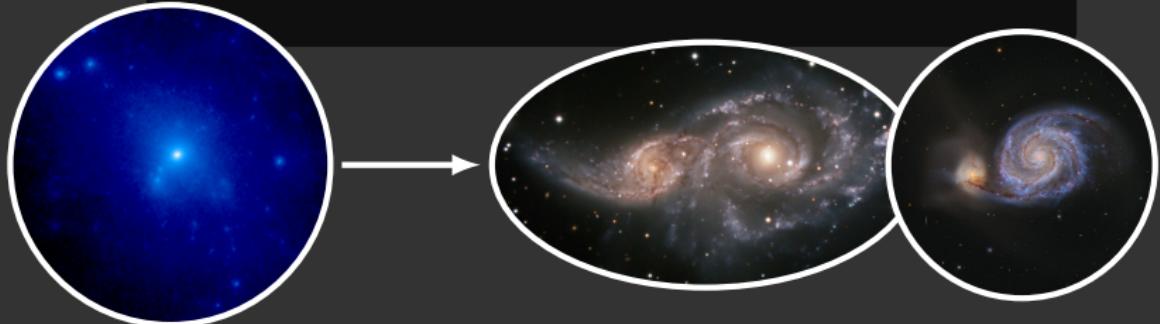
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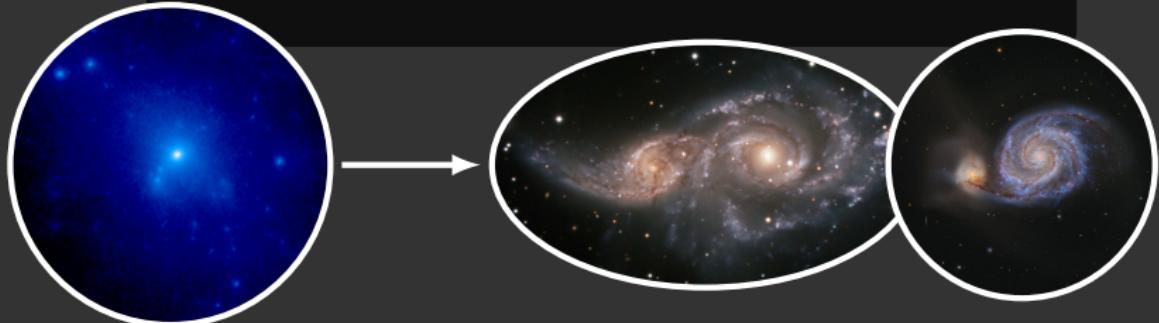
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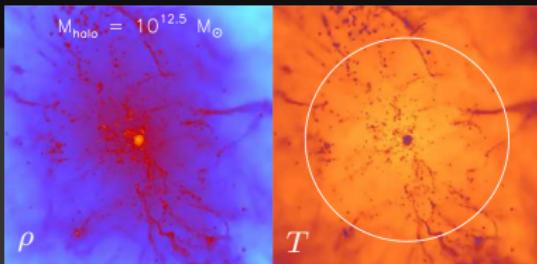


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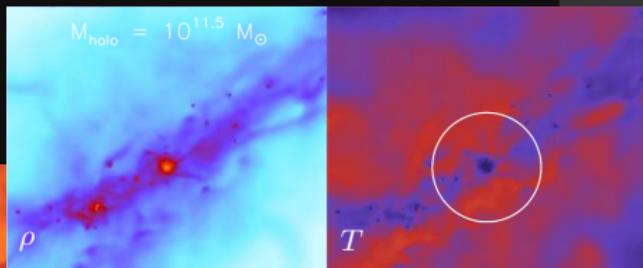
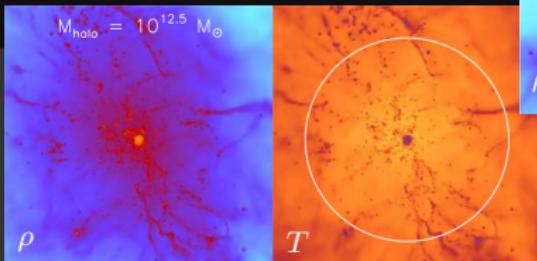
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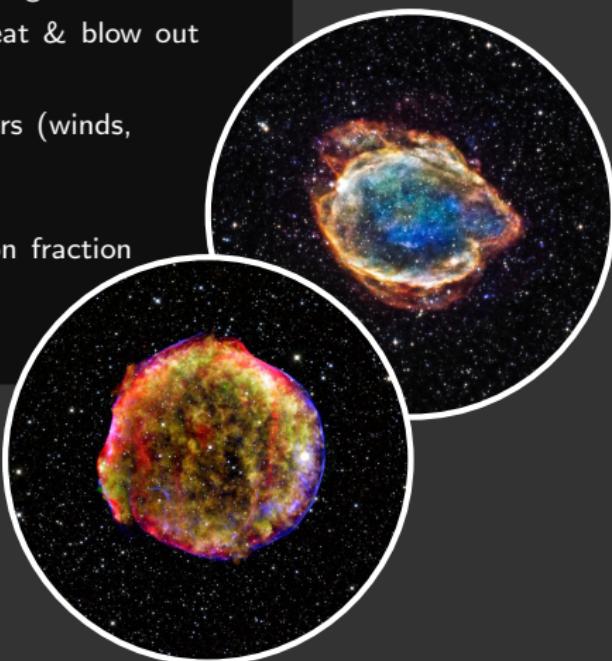
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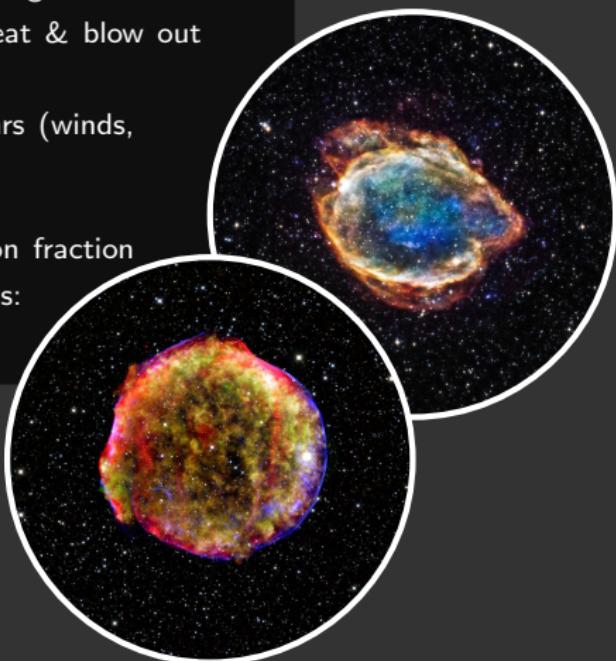
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- *today recognised:* SNe & massive stars (winds, photo-heating, photo-ionization) \rightarrow
 - inefficient SF
 - large-scale winds reducing baryon fraction



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- *problem:* CDM models \rightarrow "overcooling"
- *early solution:* SNe explosions \rightarrow heat & blow out gas \implies inefficient SF
- *today recognised:* SNe & massive stars (winds, photo-heating, photo-ionization) \rightarrow
 - inefficient SF
 - large-scale winds reducing baryon fraction
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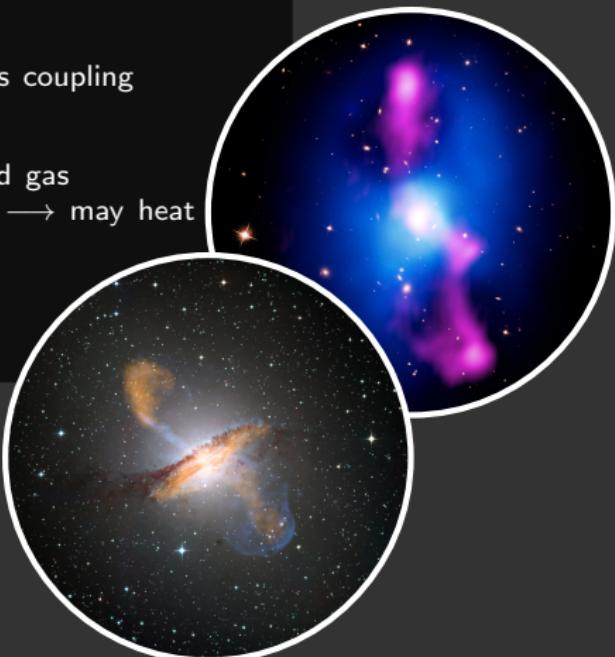
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- Halo occupation distribution (HOD) models
- Conditional luminosity function (CLF) models
- Sub-halo abundance matching (SHAM) models
- no modeling of physical processes
- mapping galaxies \longleftrightarrow halos

Methods

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② numerical hydrodynamic techniques

- most explicit way
- solve eqs of gravity, hydrodynamics, thermodynamics for DM, gas and stars
- advantages: predictions for ρ , T , \vec{v} , ...
- drawbacks: high computational cost & arbitrary recipes

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③ semi-analytic modeling (SAM)

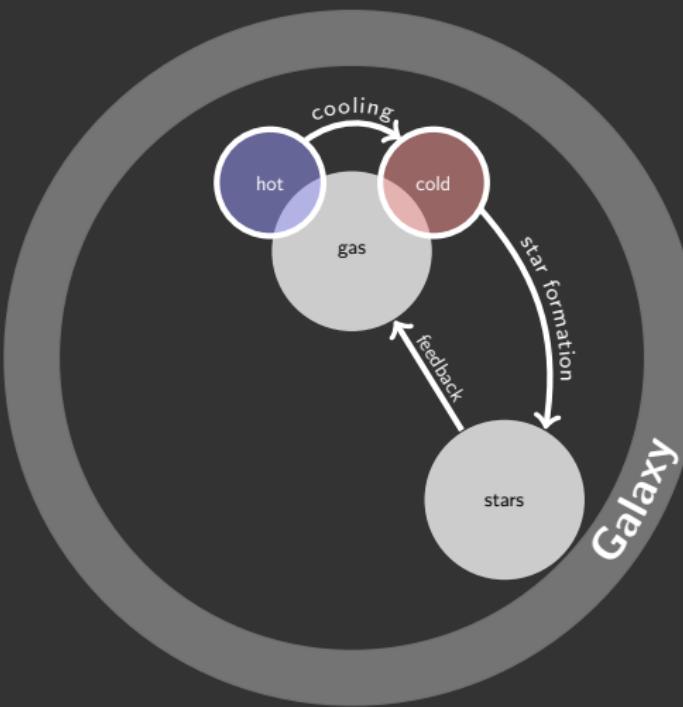
- set of simplified flow eqs for bulk components → tracks
 - how much gas accretes onto halo
 - how much hot gas cools & SF
 - removal of cold gas by feedback processes ...
- advantages: reduced computational cost

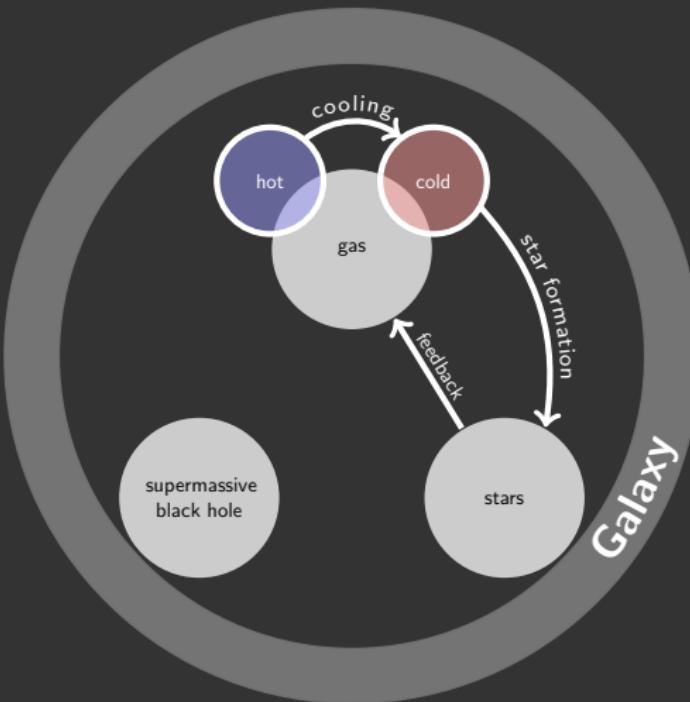


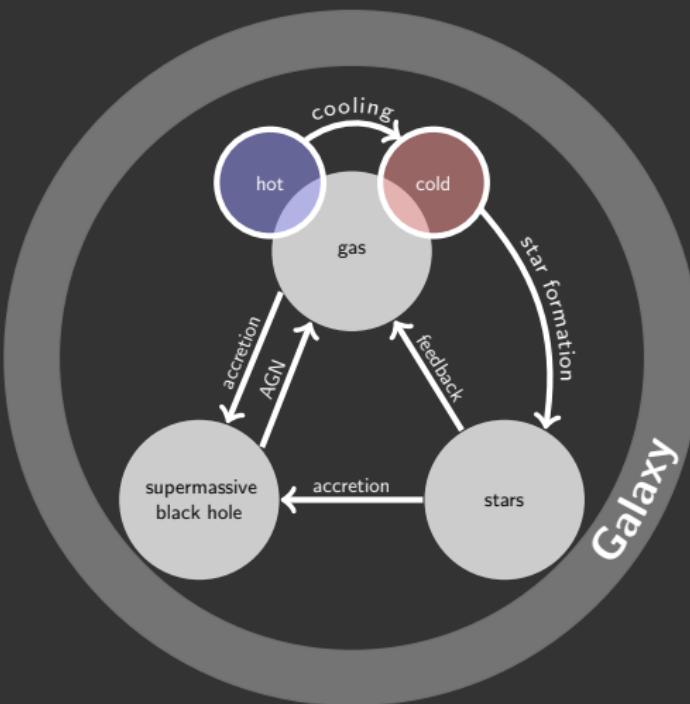


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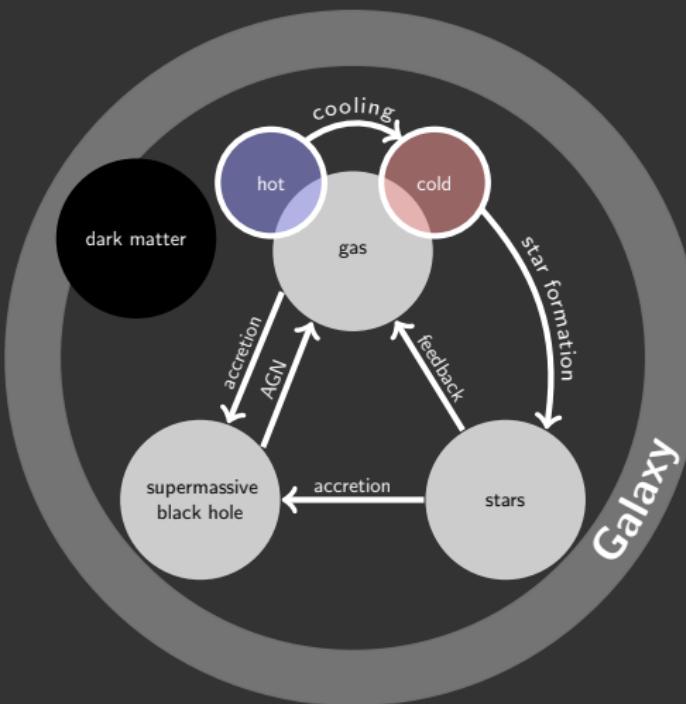




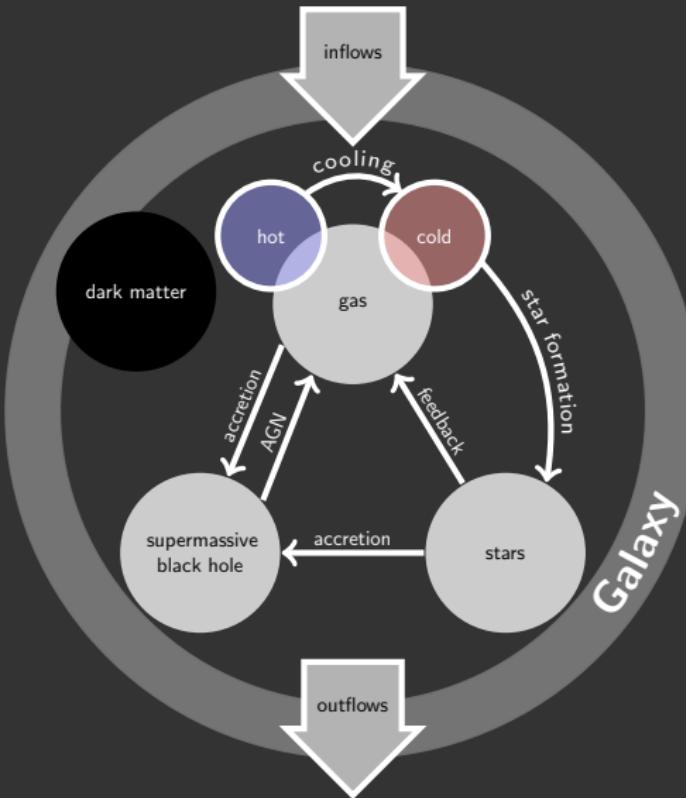




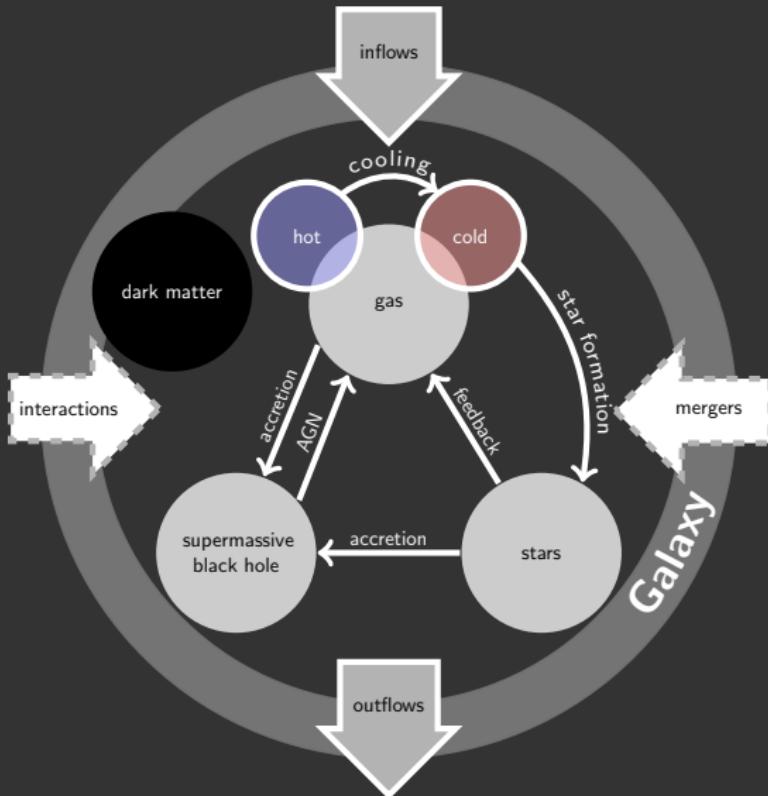
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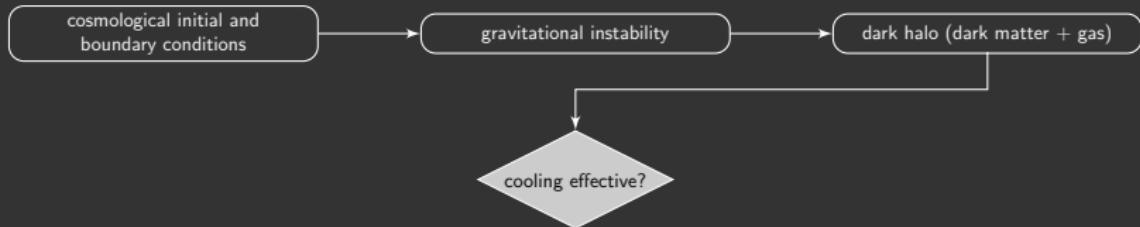


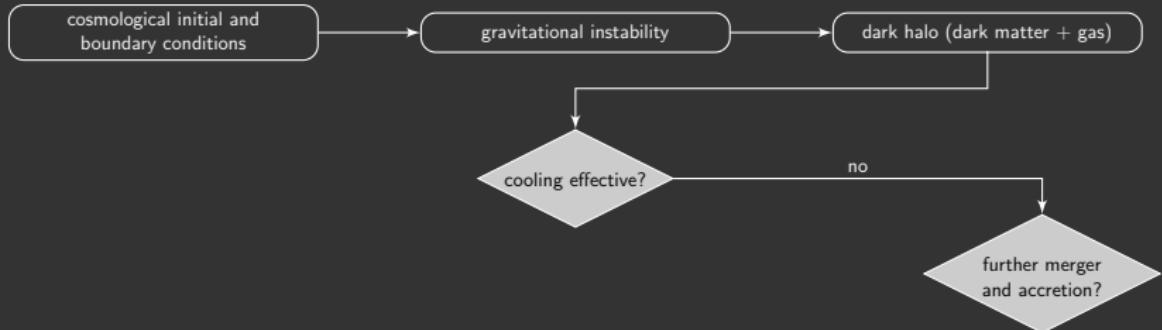
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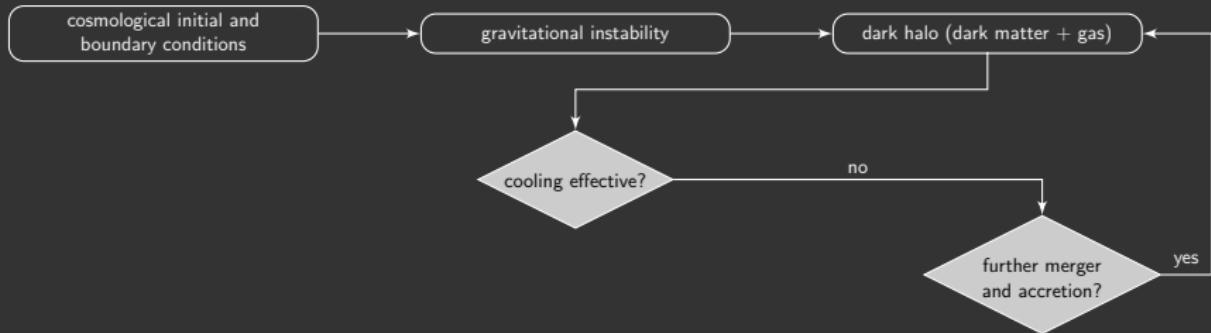
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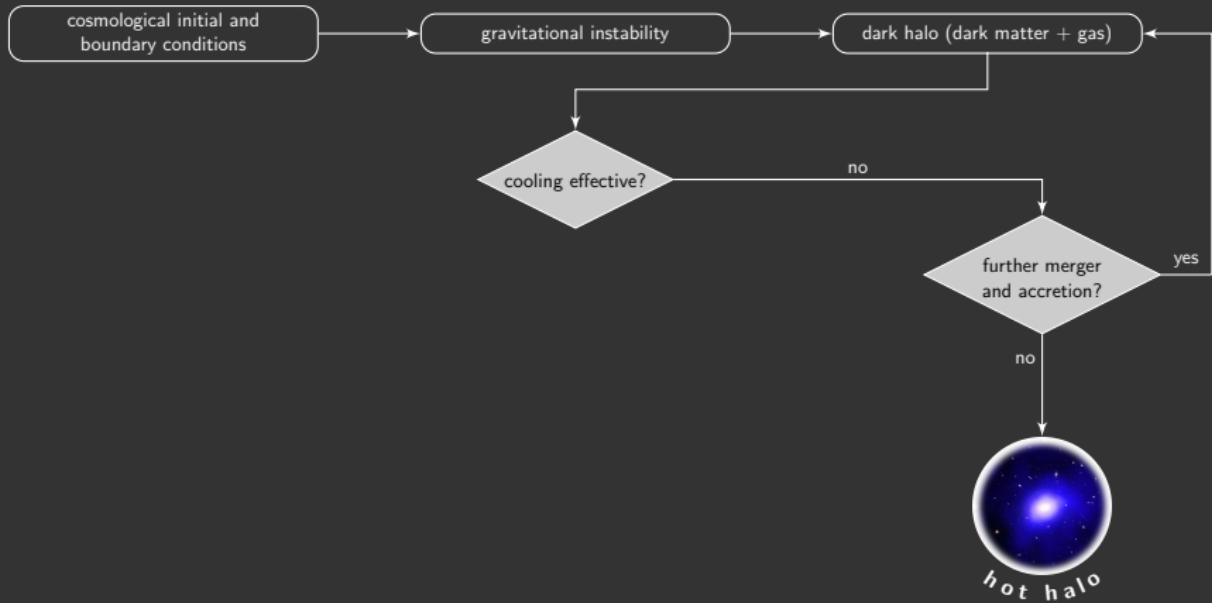




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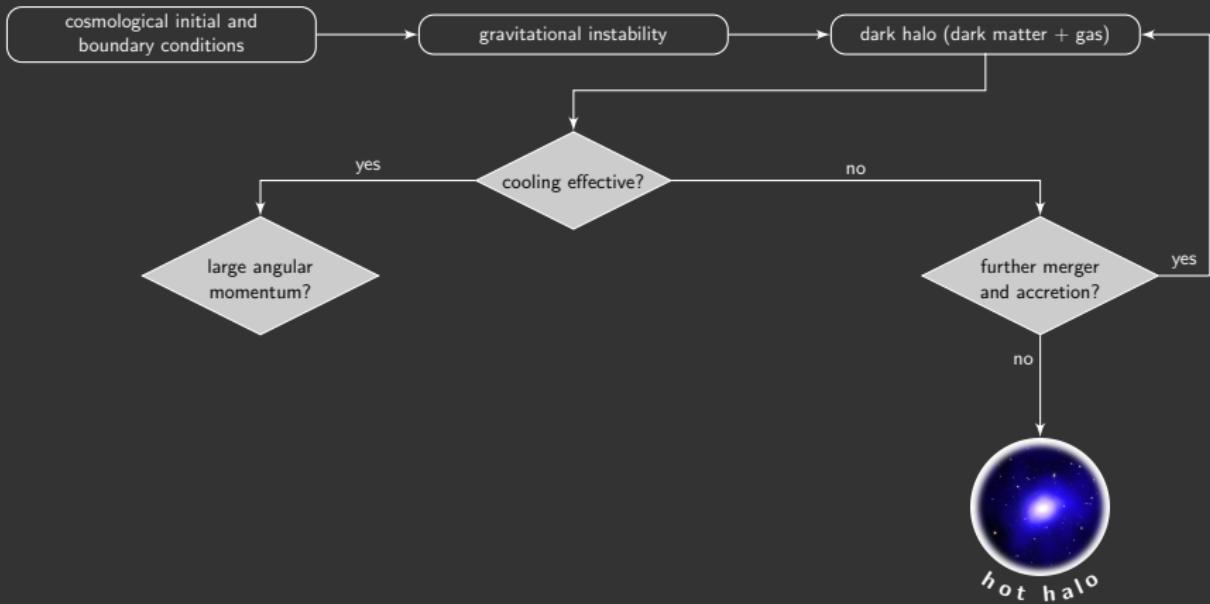


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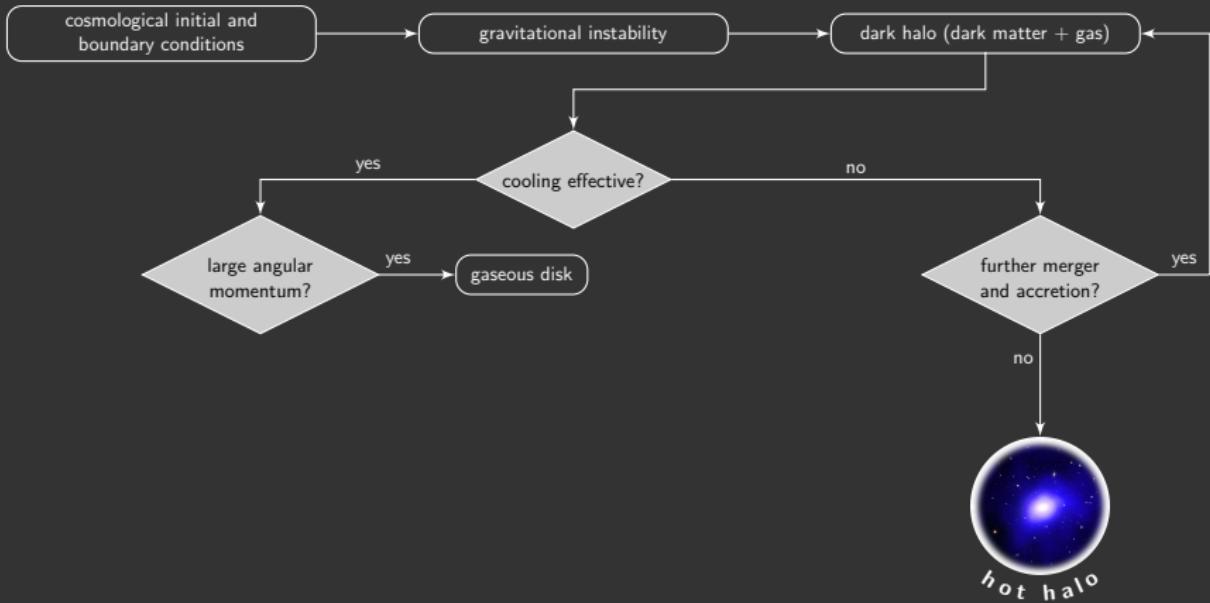


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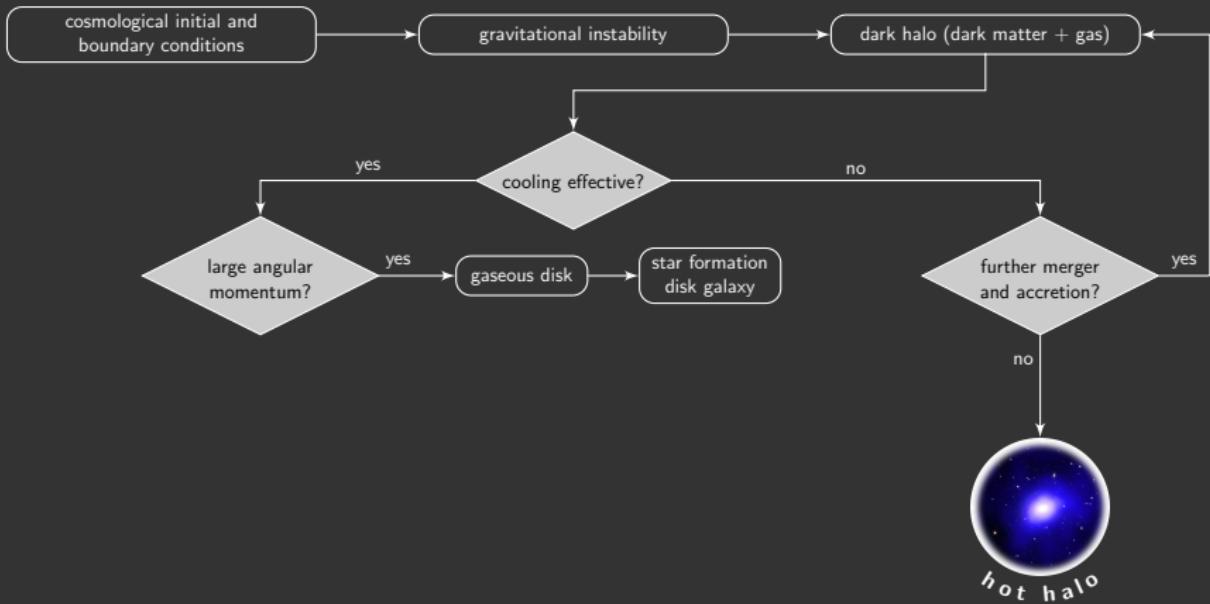


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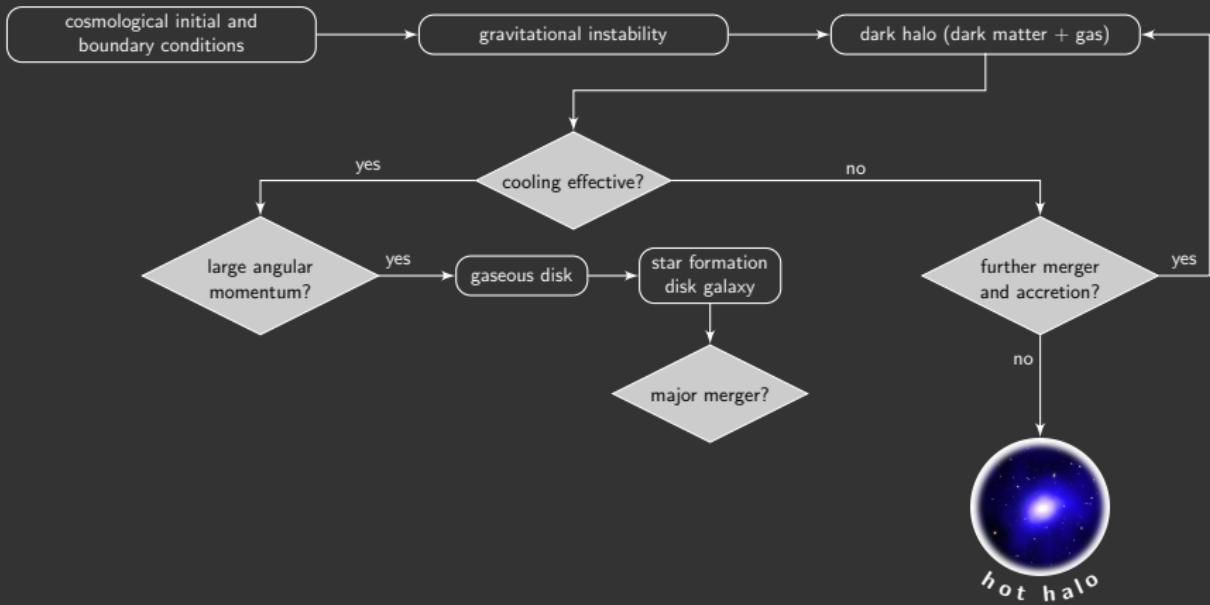
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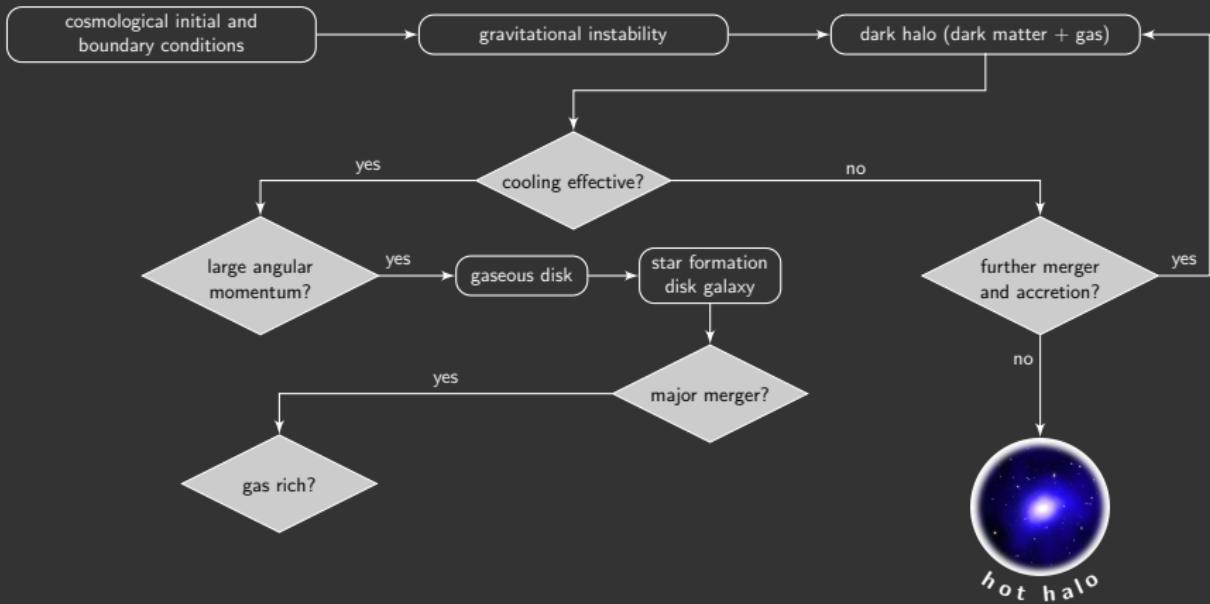


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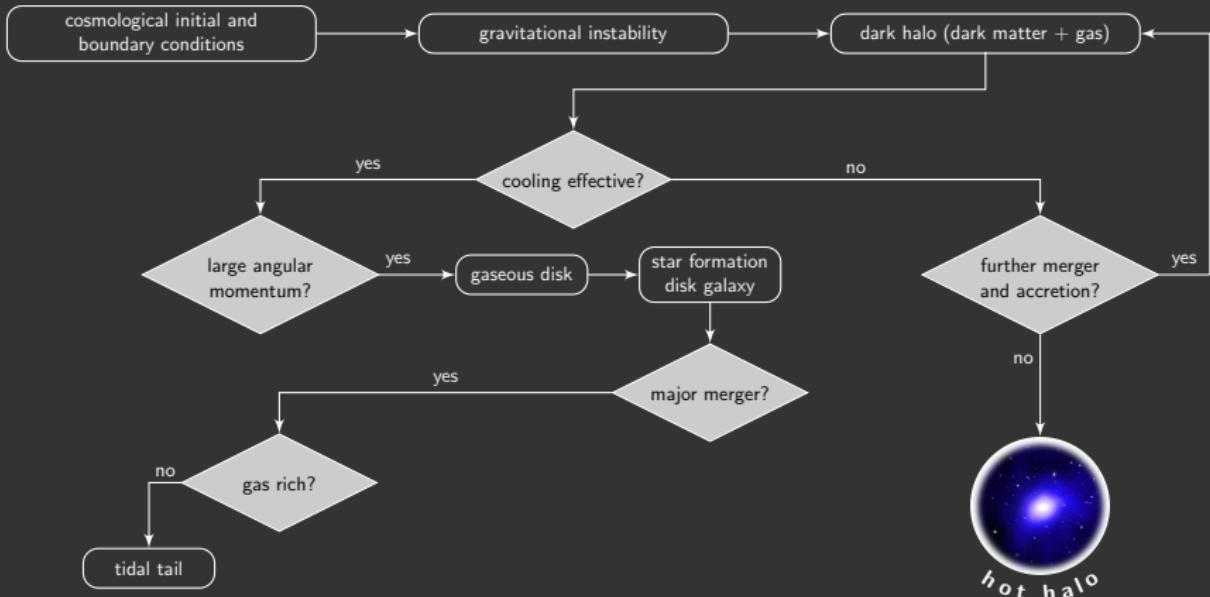


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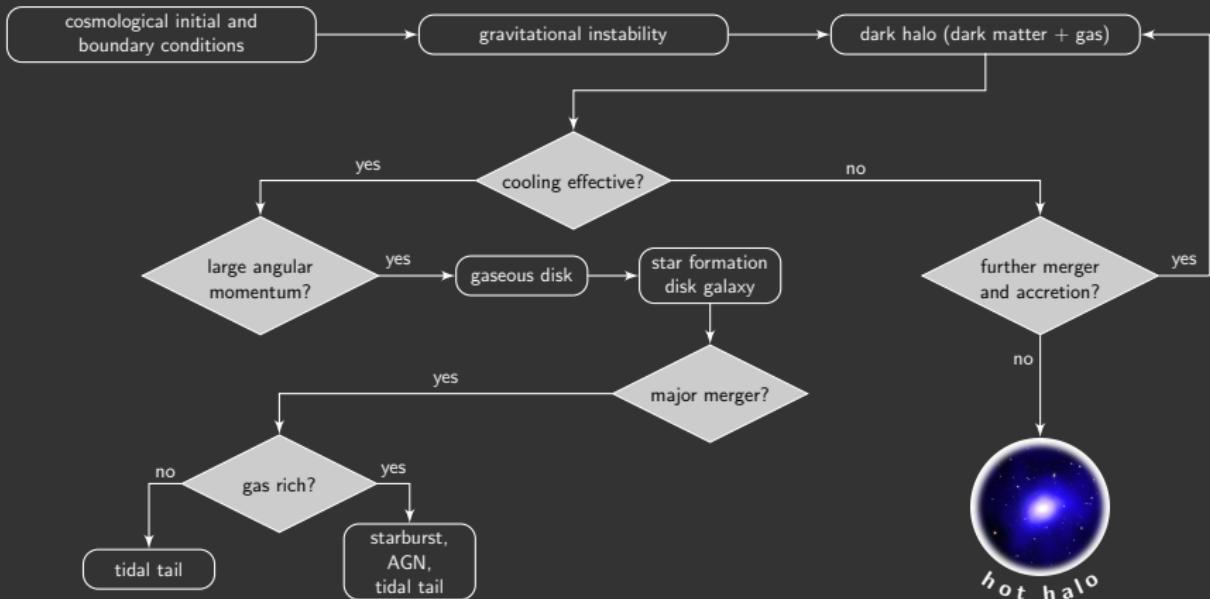


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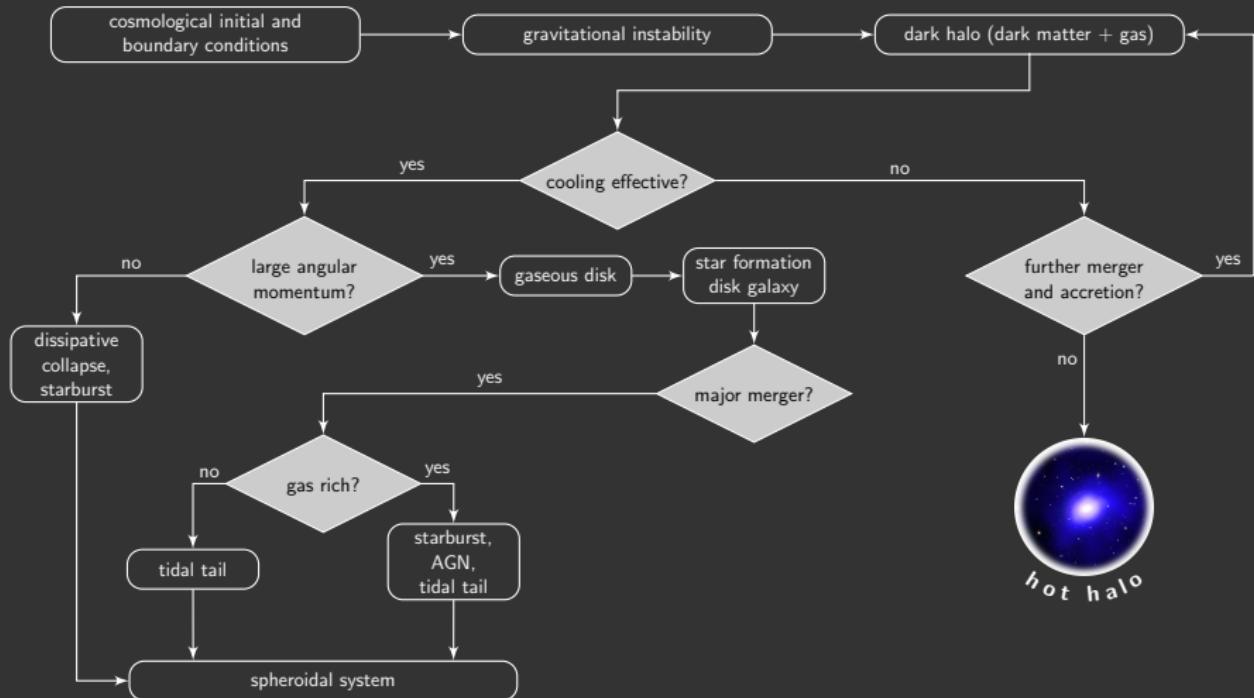


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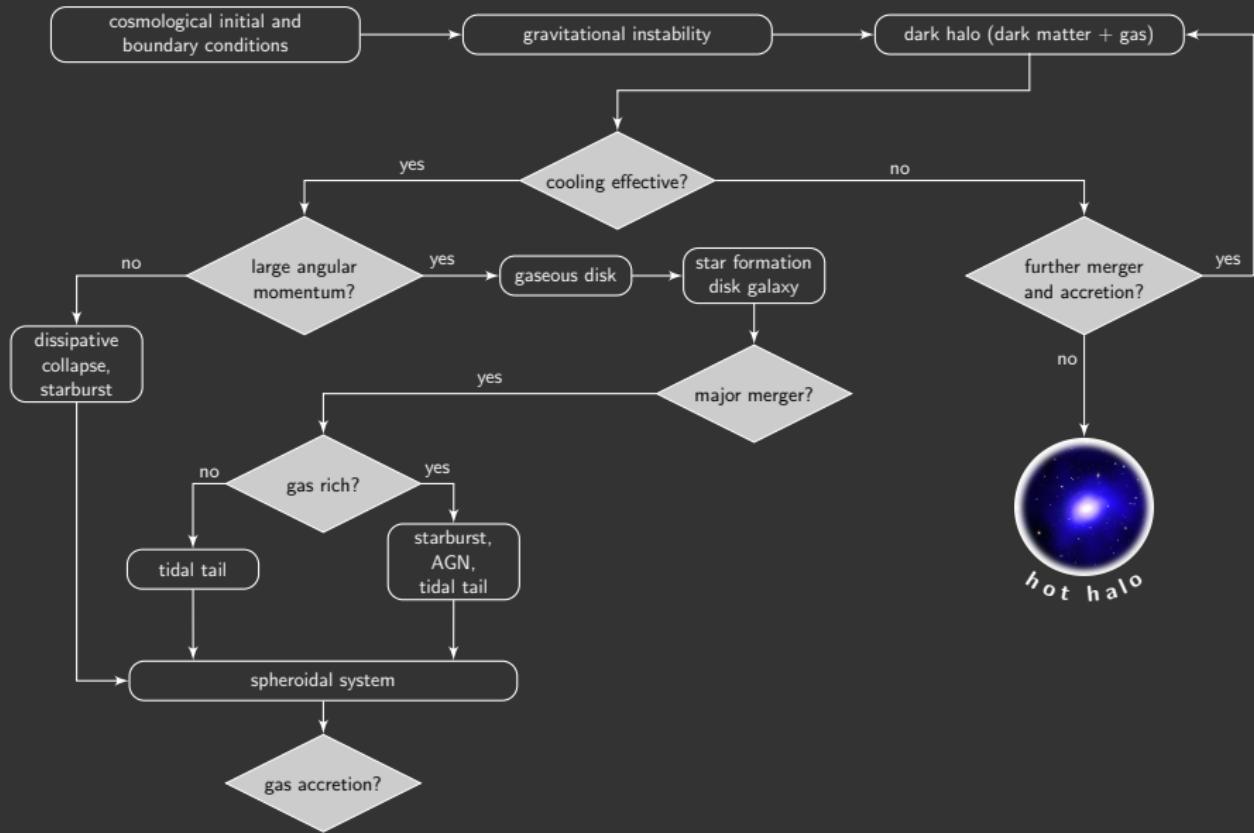


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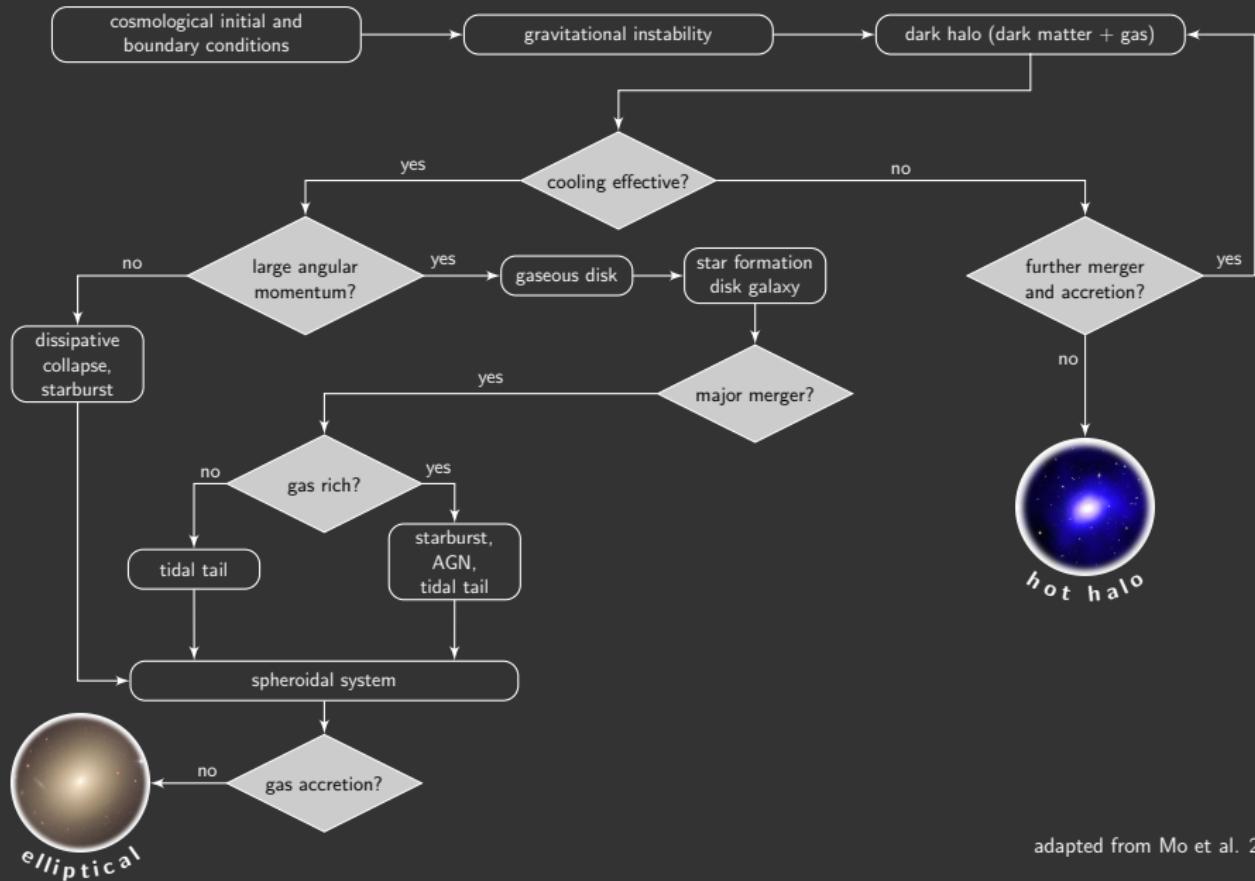


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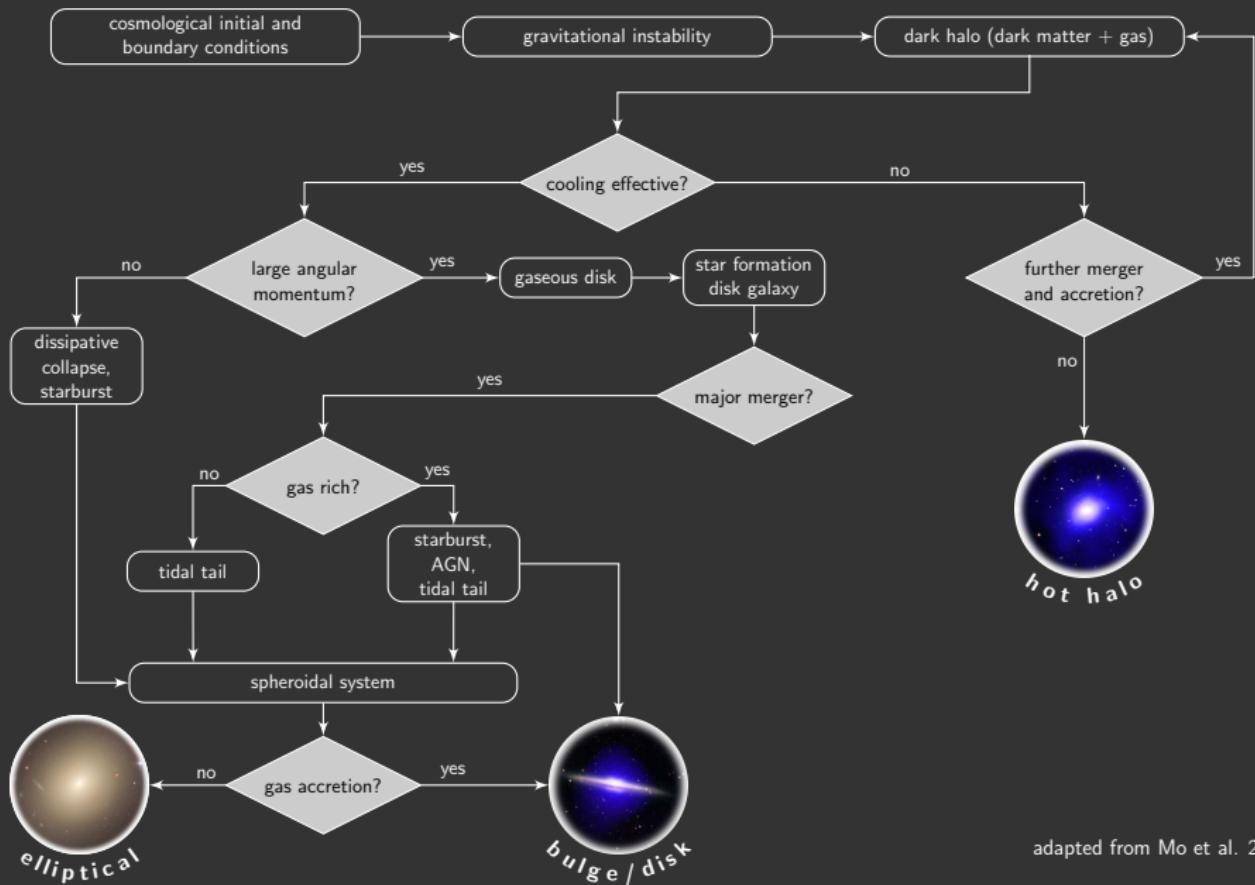


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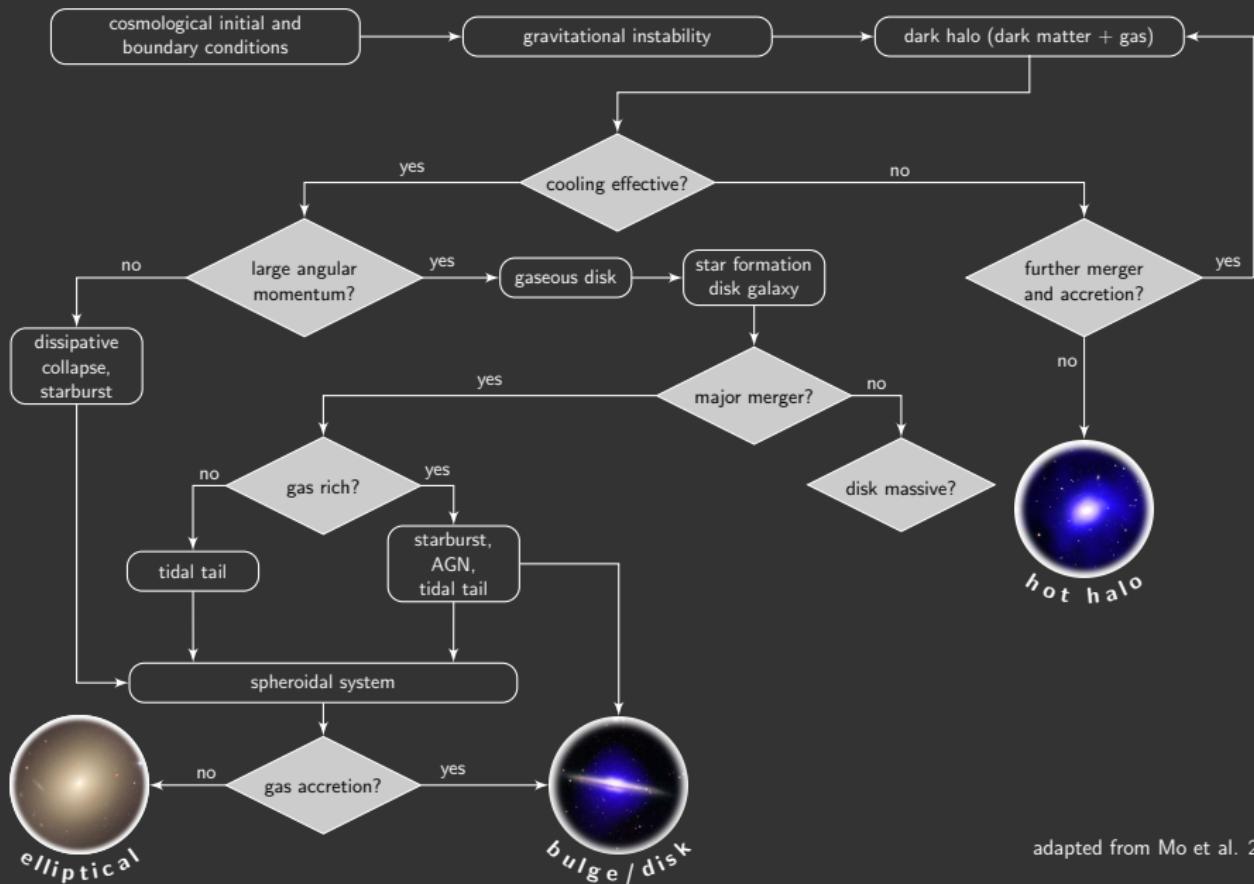


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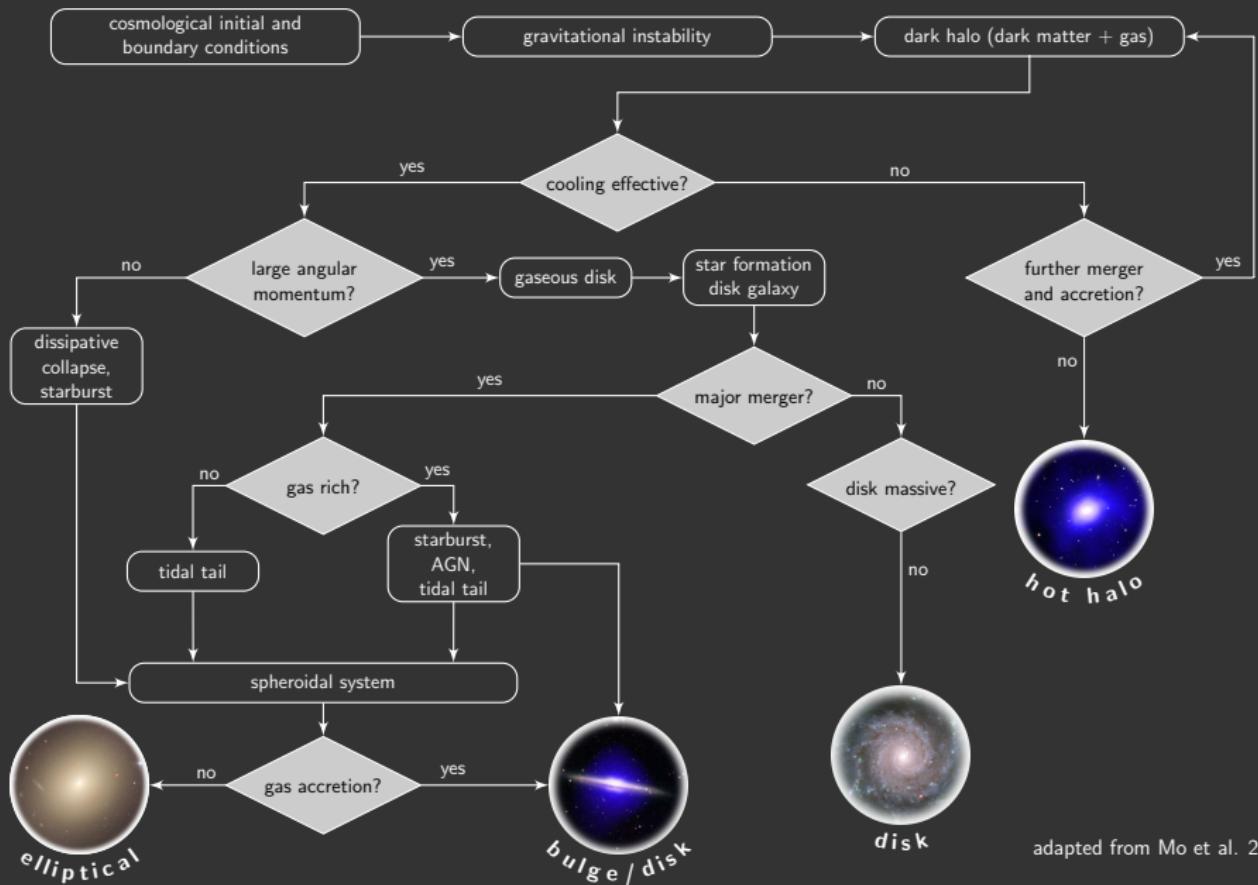


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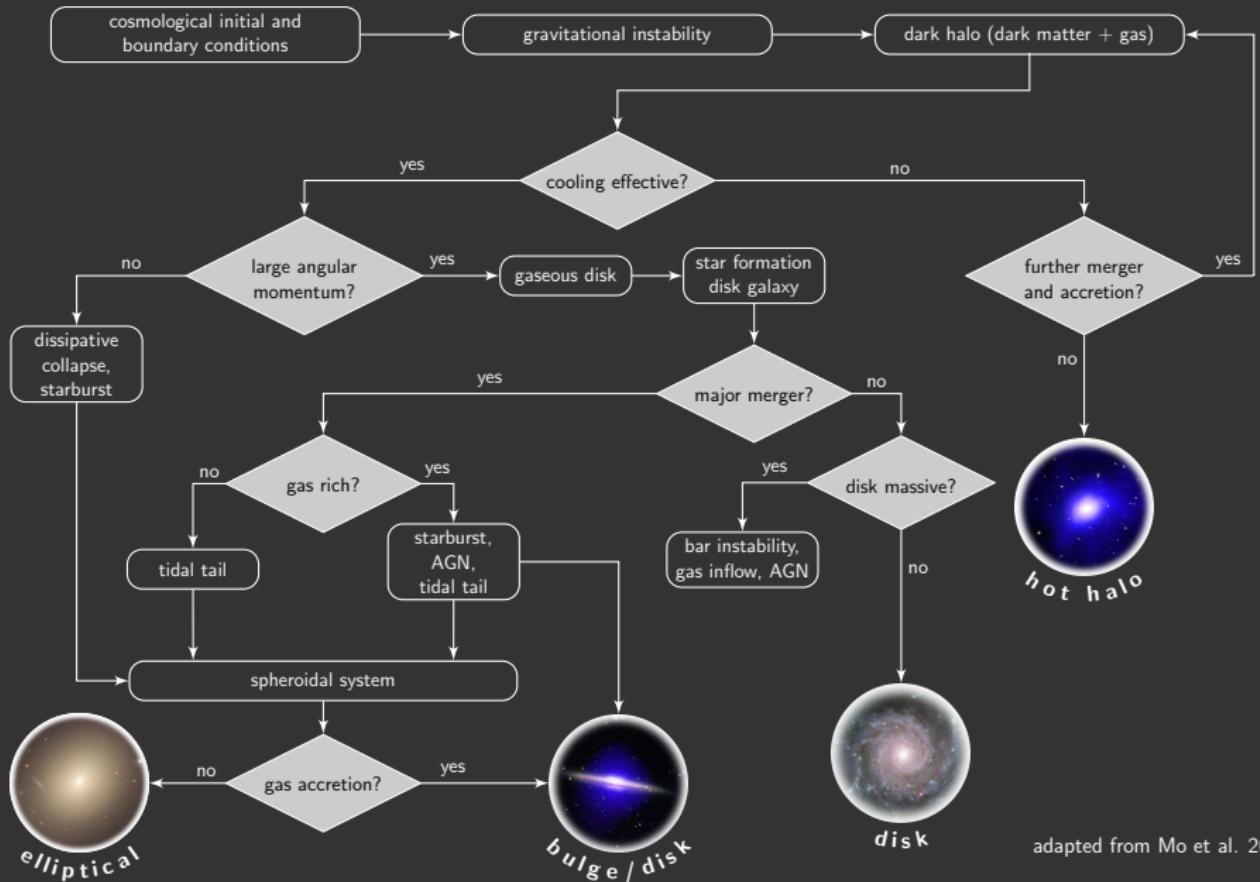


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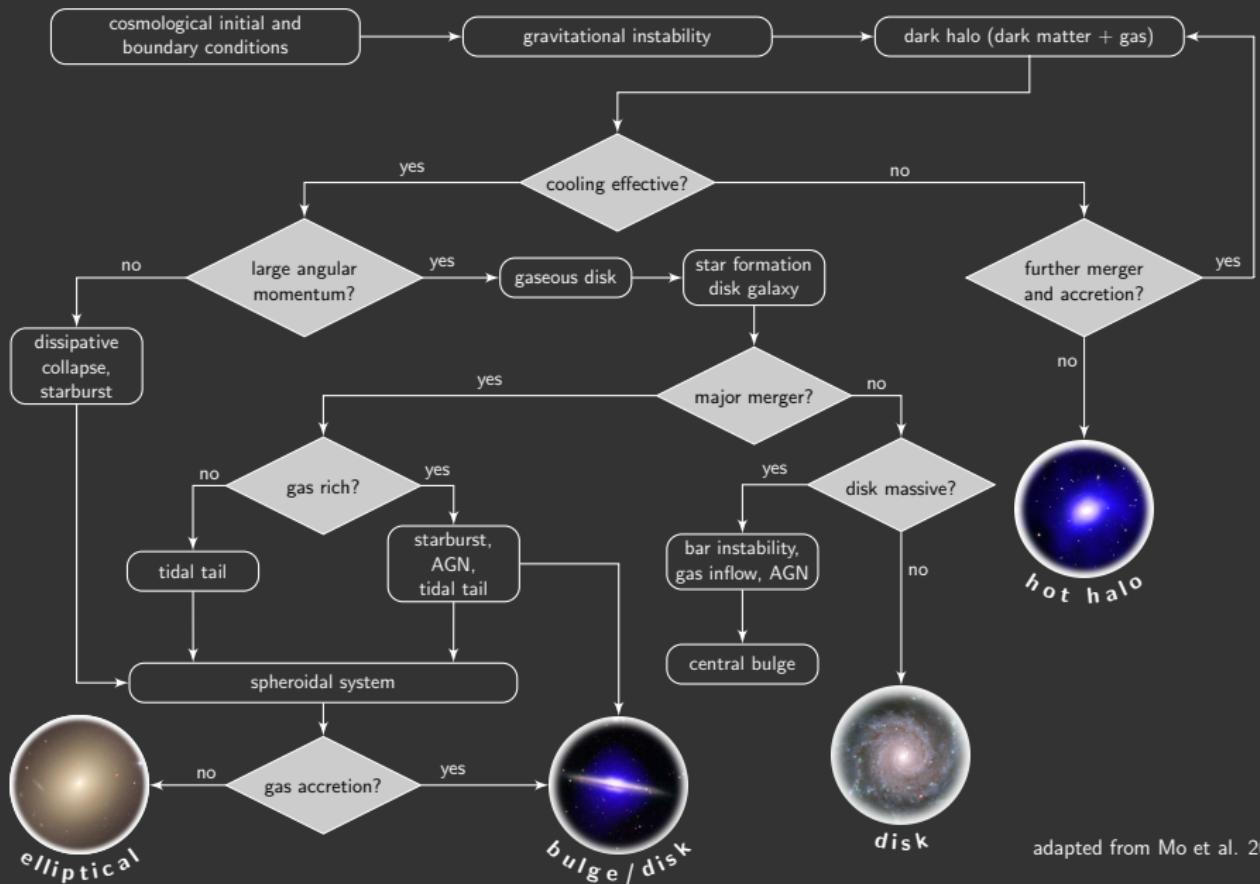


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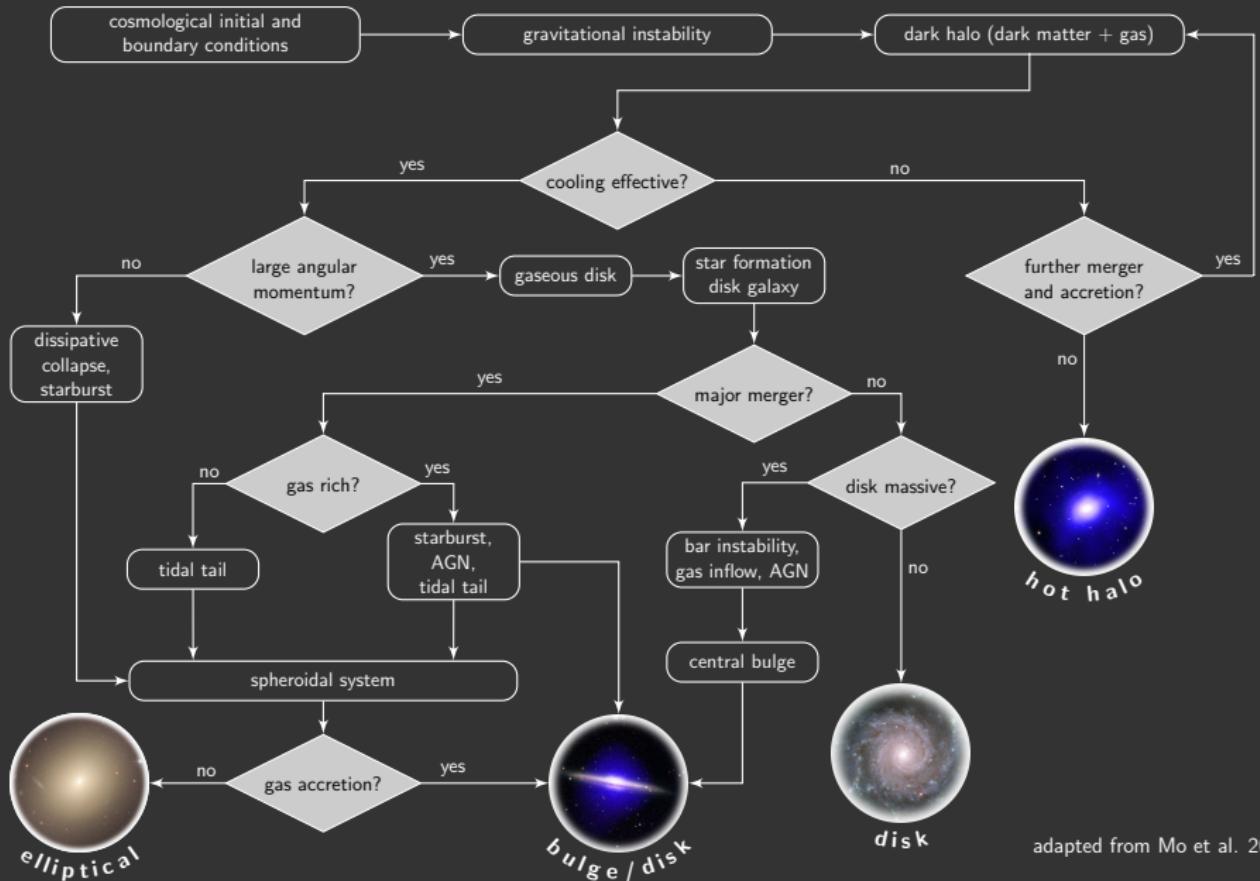


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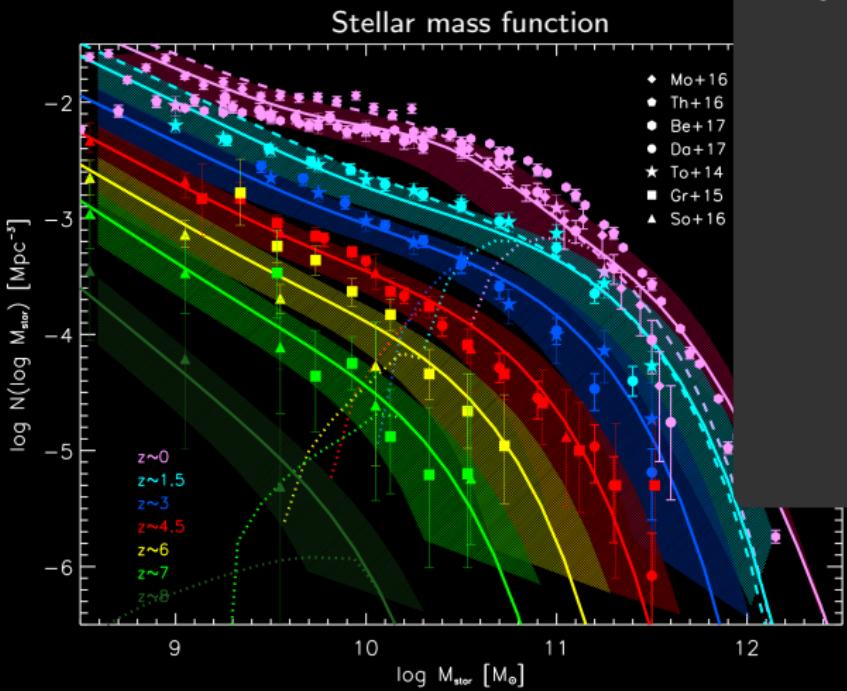
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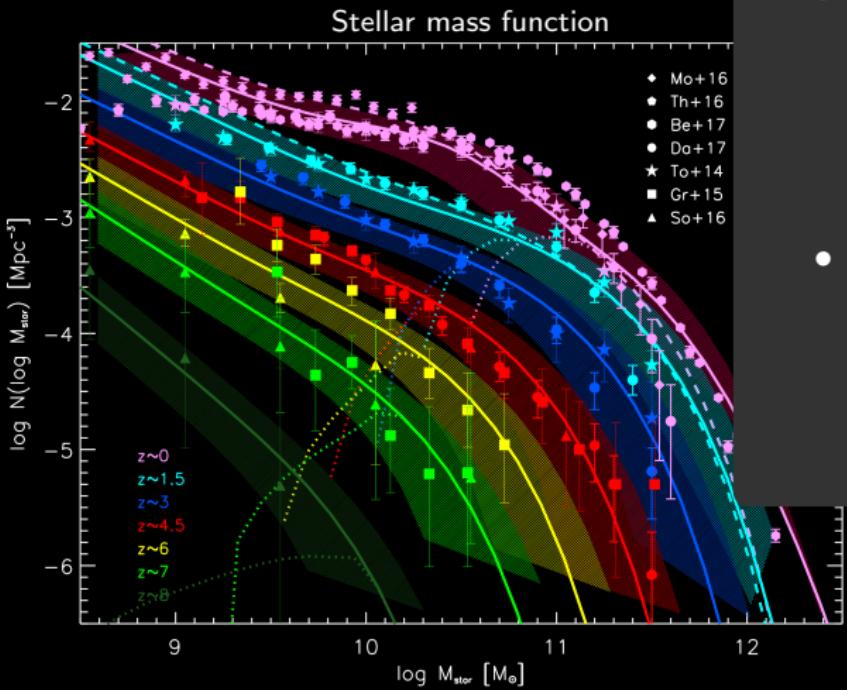
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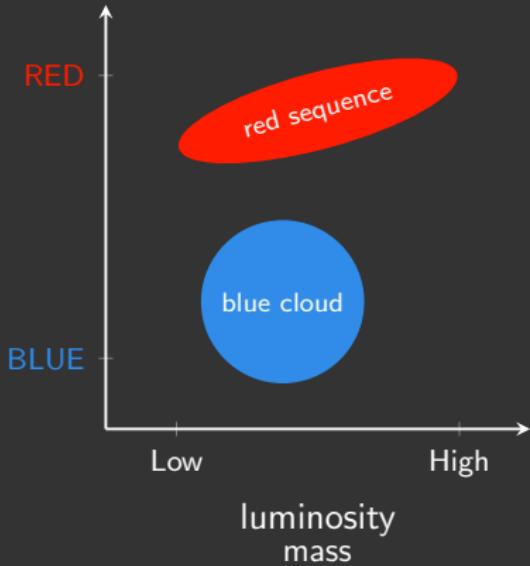
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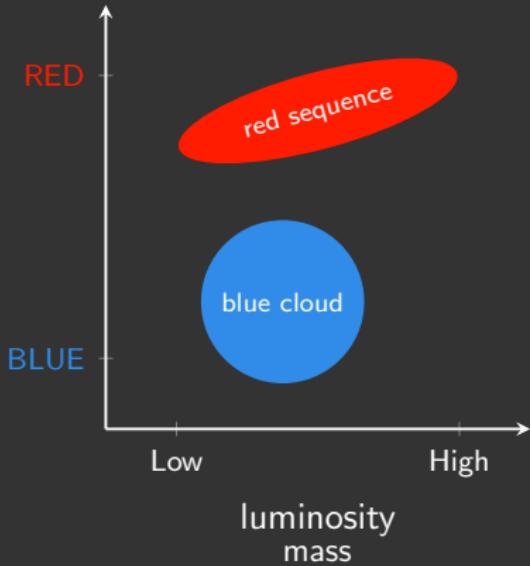
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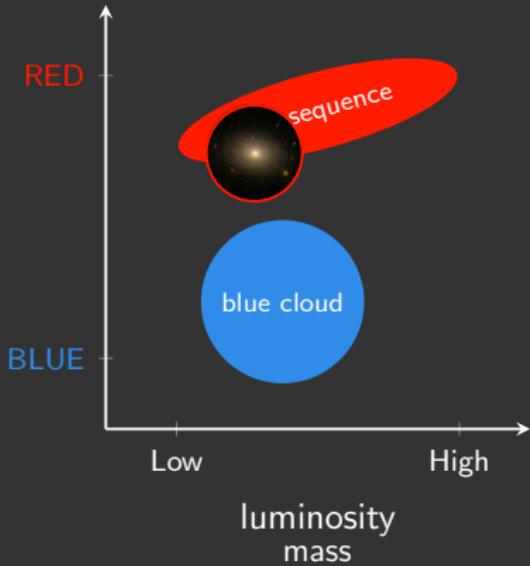
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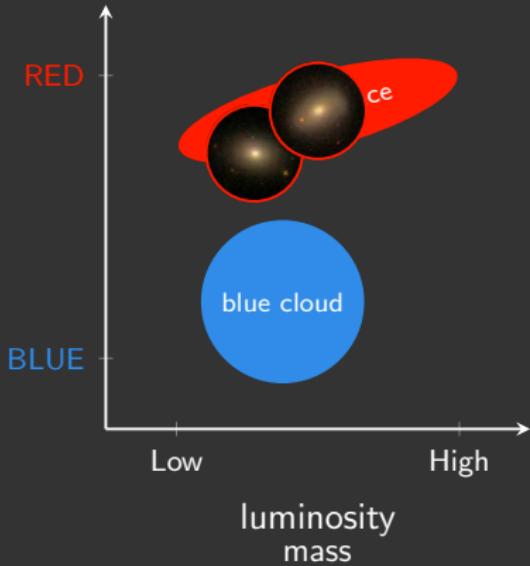
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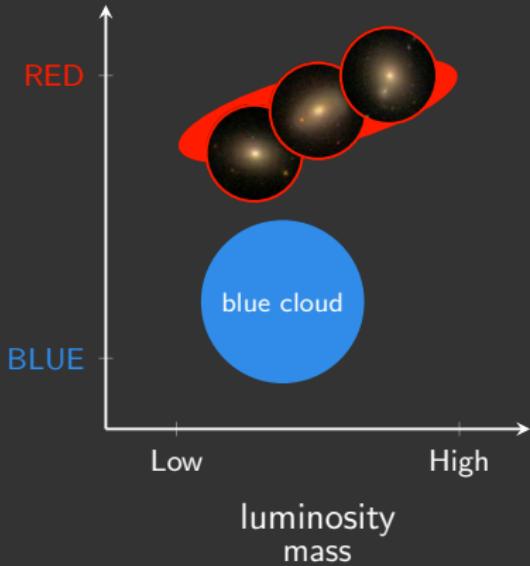
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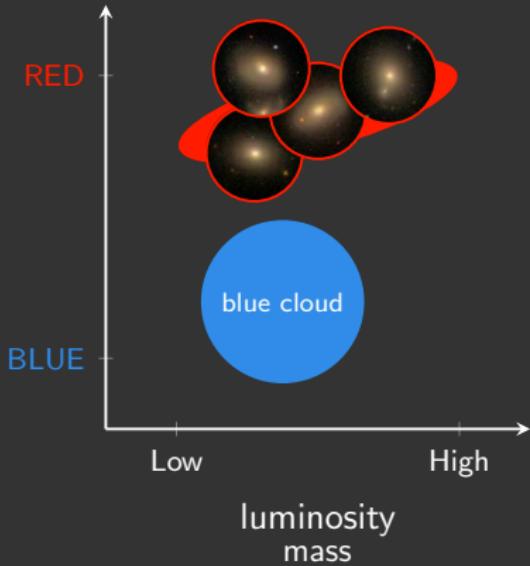
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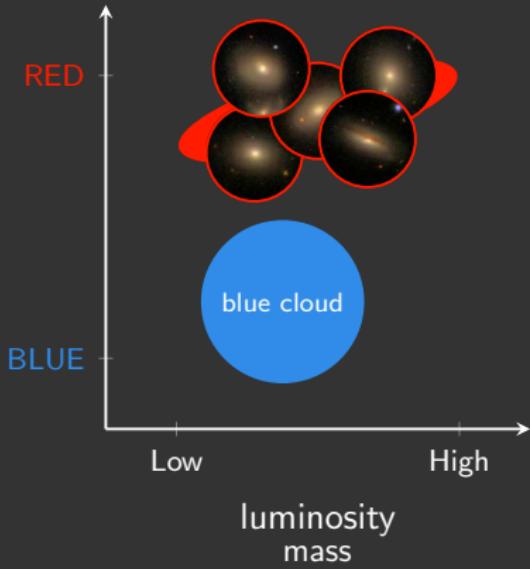
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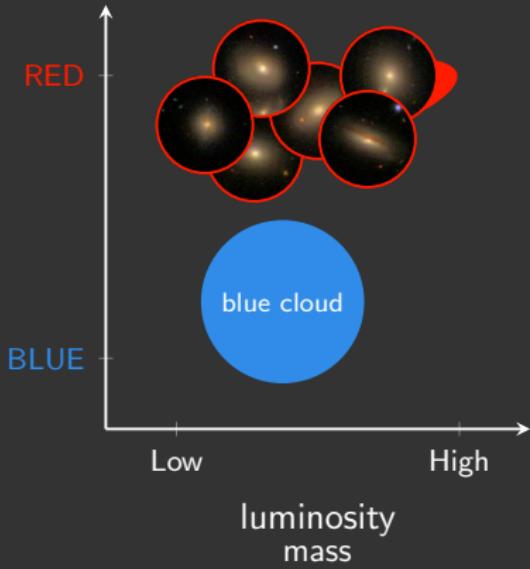
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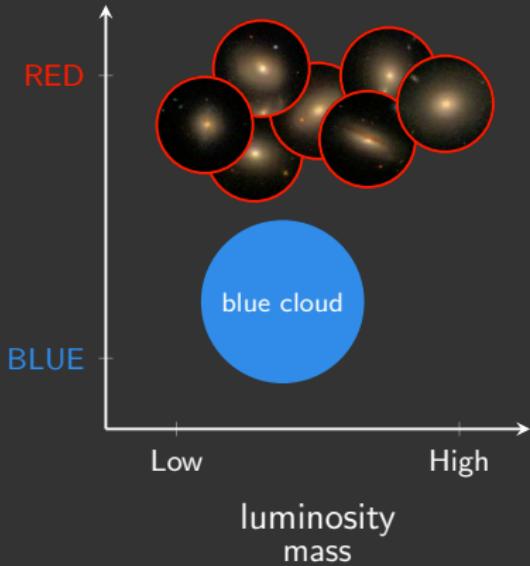
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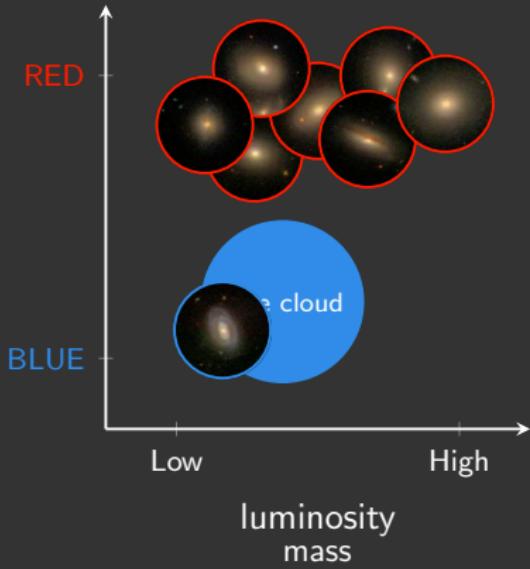
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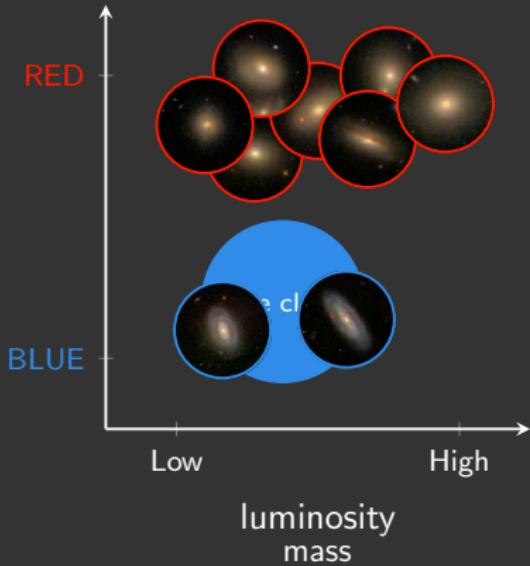
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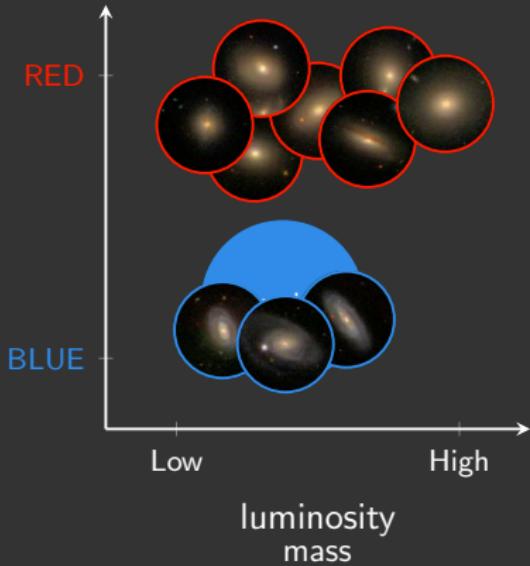
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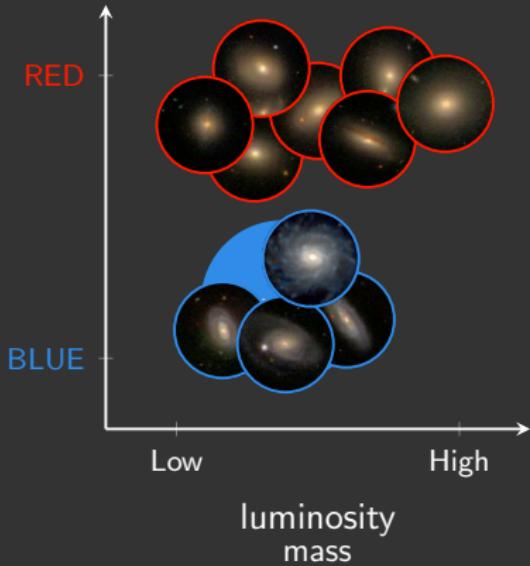
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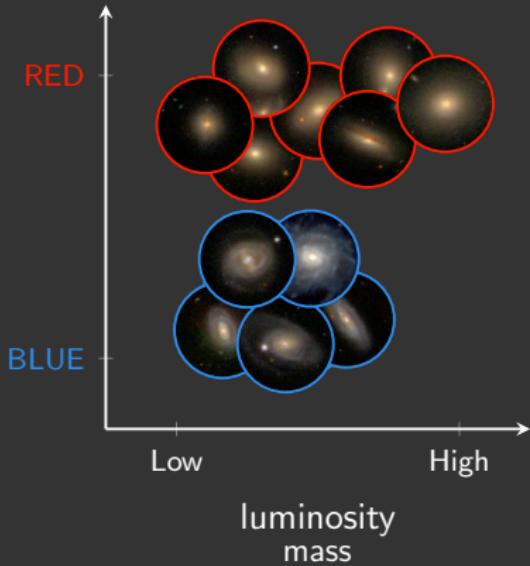
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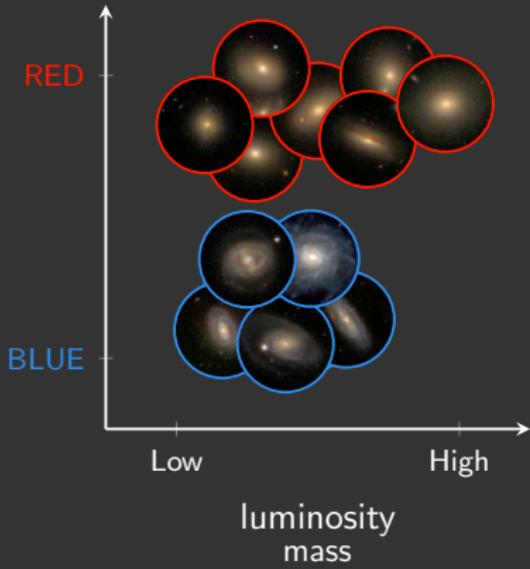
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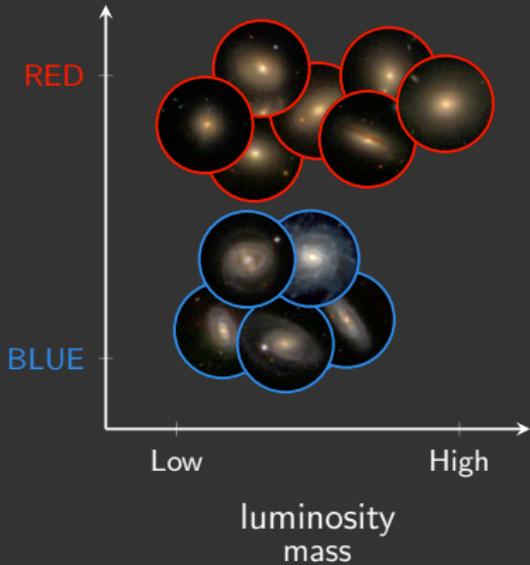
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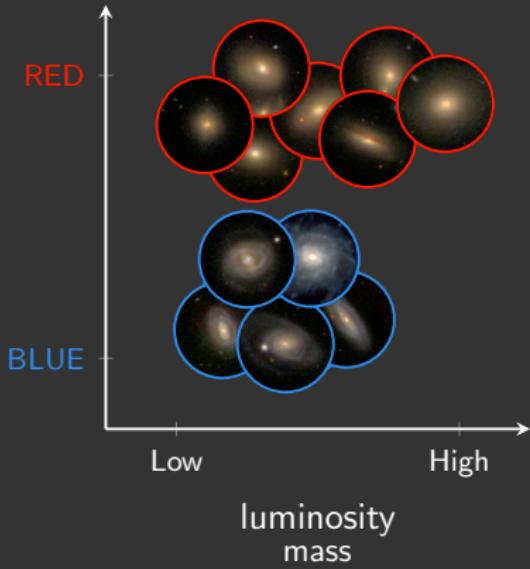
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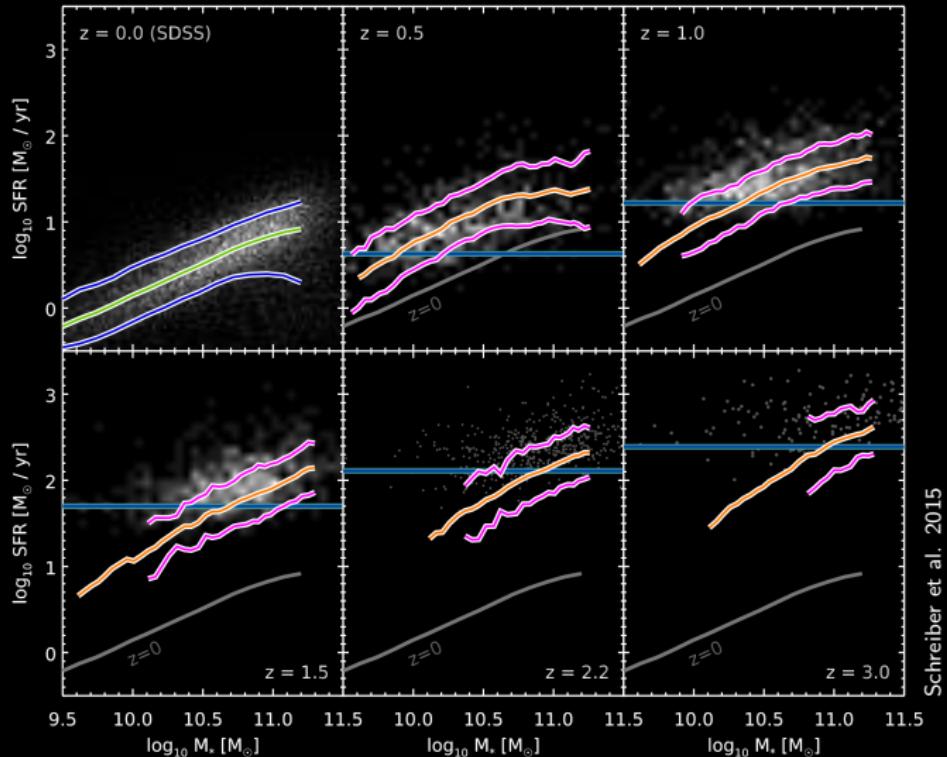
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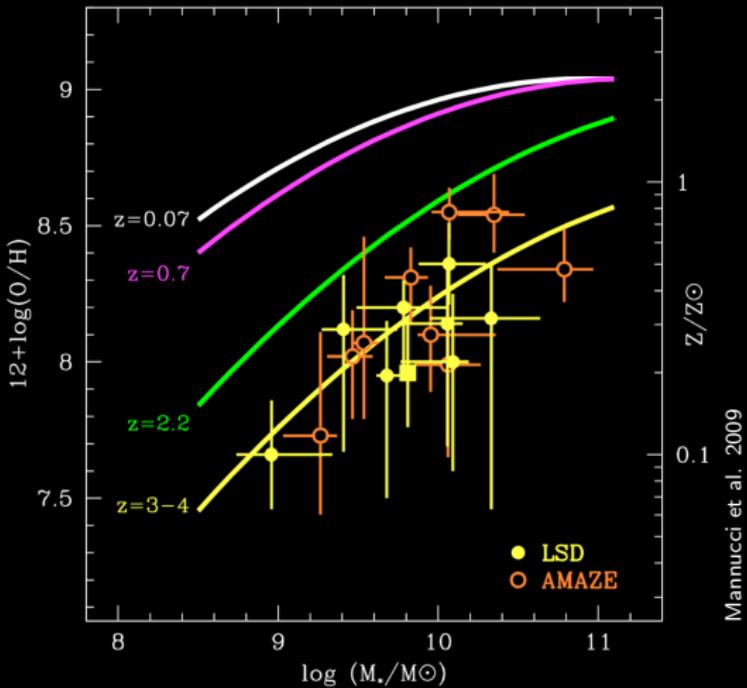
(1) SF main sequence



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also e.g. Noeske et al. 2007, Speagle et al. 2014

② Mass-metallicity relation



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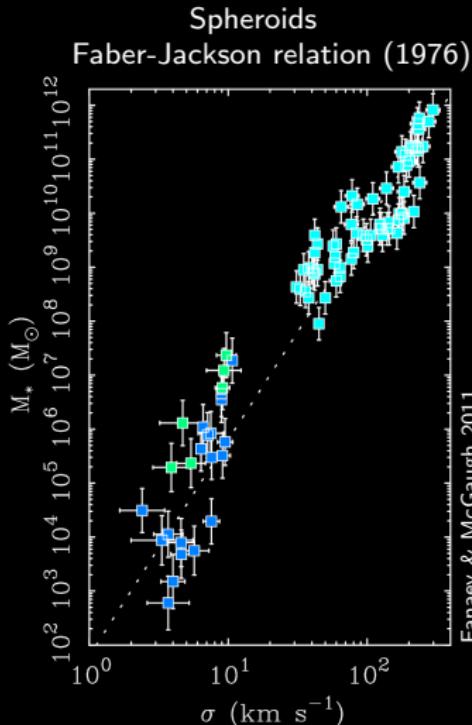
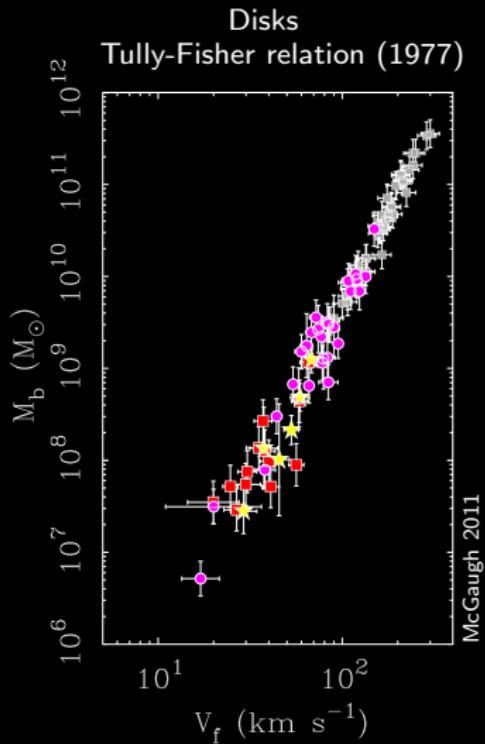
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$L [M_\star]$ – internal velocity



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