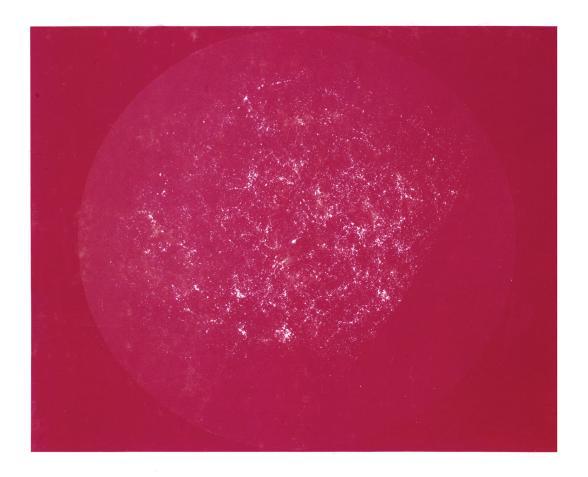
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The symposium indicated how there is now considerable agreement among observers about the essential features of the large scale structure of the Universe. The problem areas were highlighted and the directions for future research outlined.

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