

Cosmology for Pedestrians

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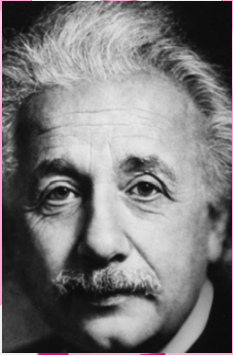
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- Supernovae and the accelerated expansion
- The Cosmic Microwave Background
- Probing gravity and inflation

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■ Concepts of General Relativity



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cosmos

“the order of the universe”

cosmology

science of the origin and
development of the universe

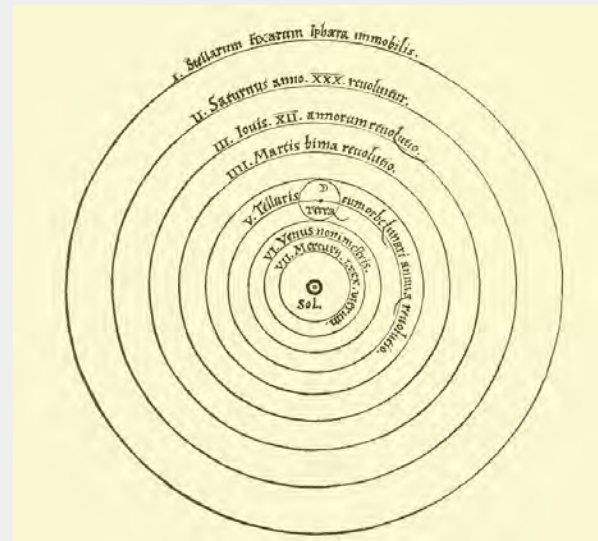
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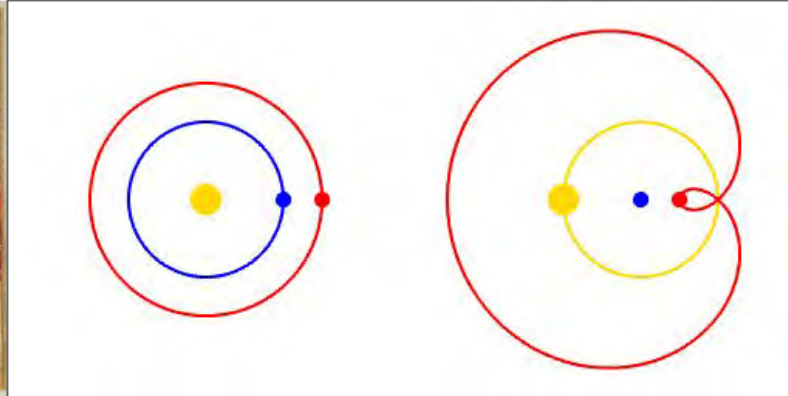
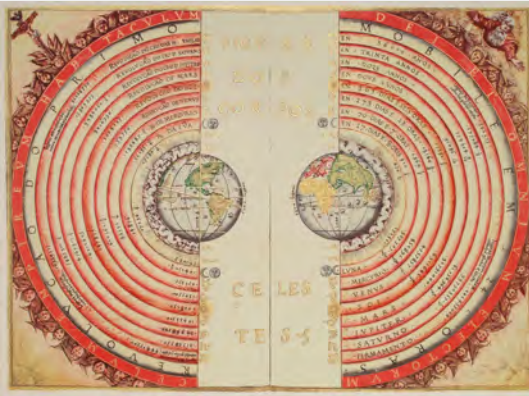
The Greek had sun and planets orbiting the Earth

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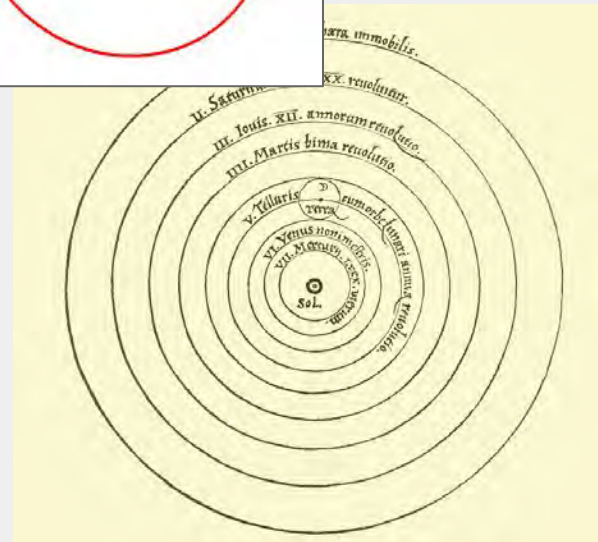


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The Universe is large!



Milky Way consists of numerous distant stars (~14th century; Arabic observers).

Shape of Milky Way as rotating disk, with Sun at one edge (18th century; Wright, Kant, Herschel)

Fuzzy nebulae not gas but independent galaxies far, far away (1850-1920; Rouse, Slipher, Wirtz, Hubble)

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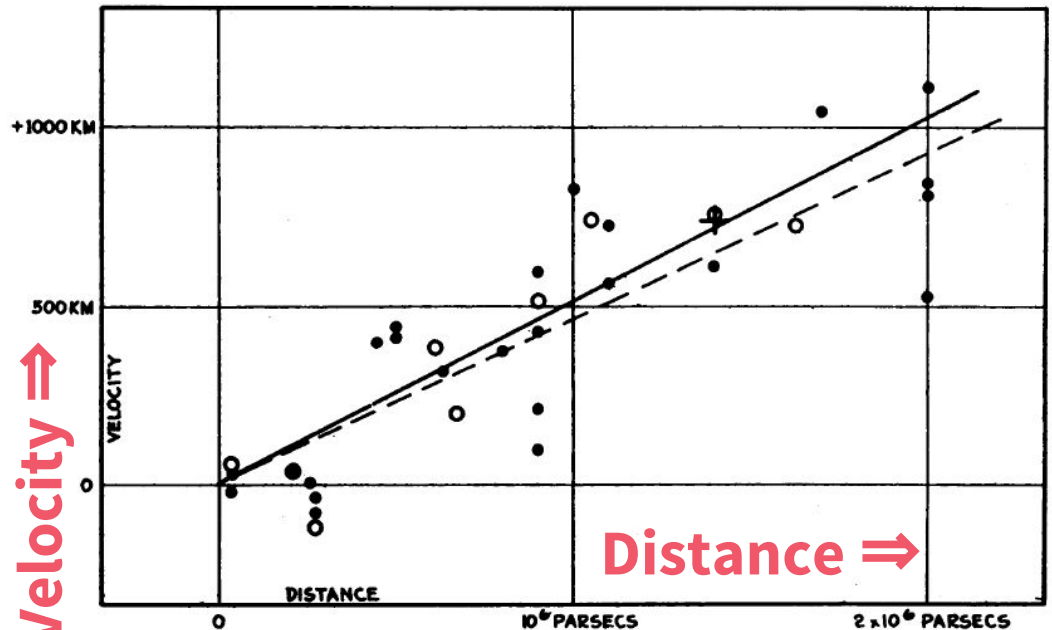


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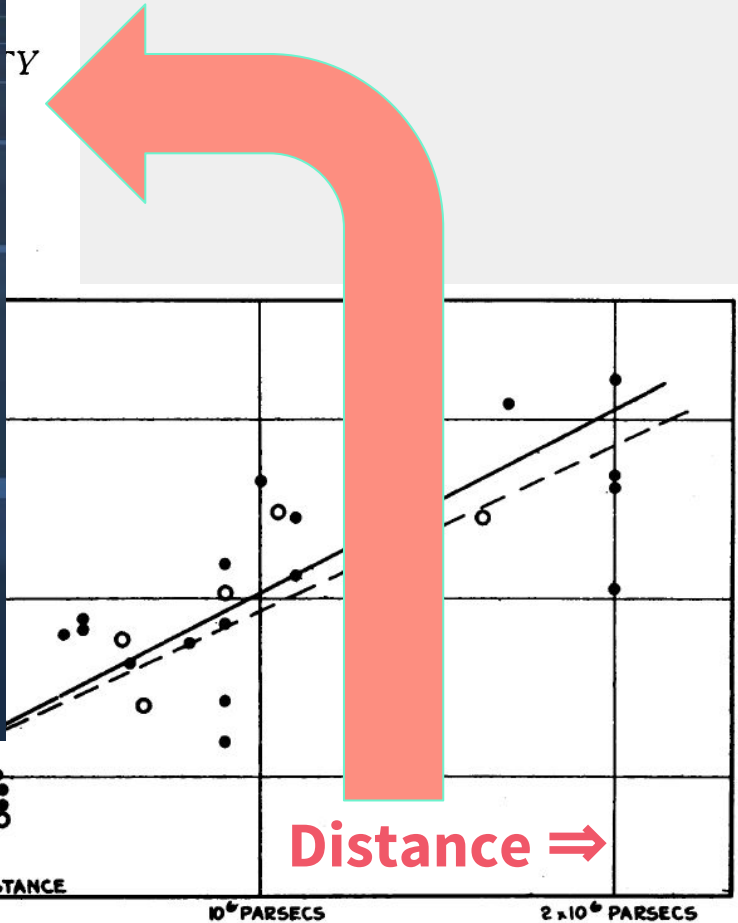


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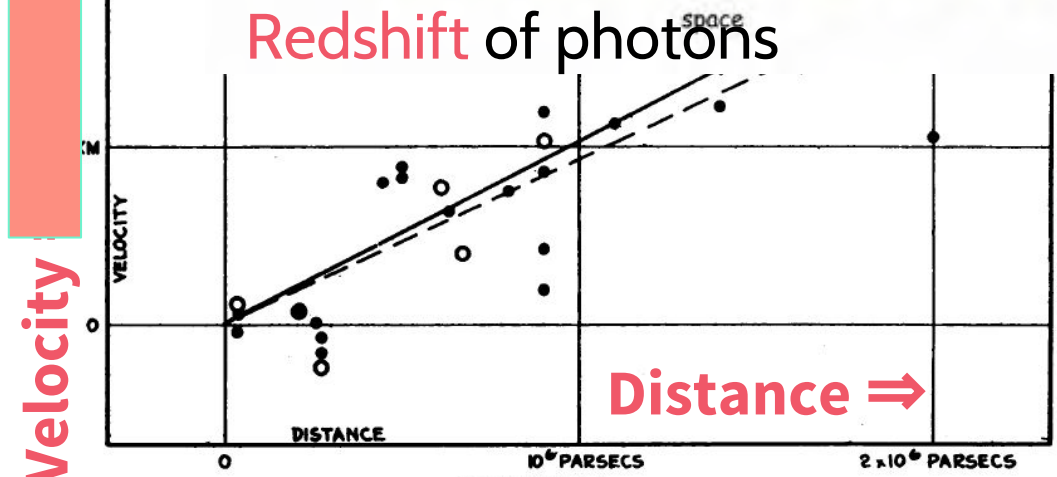
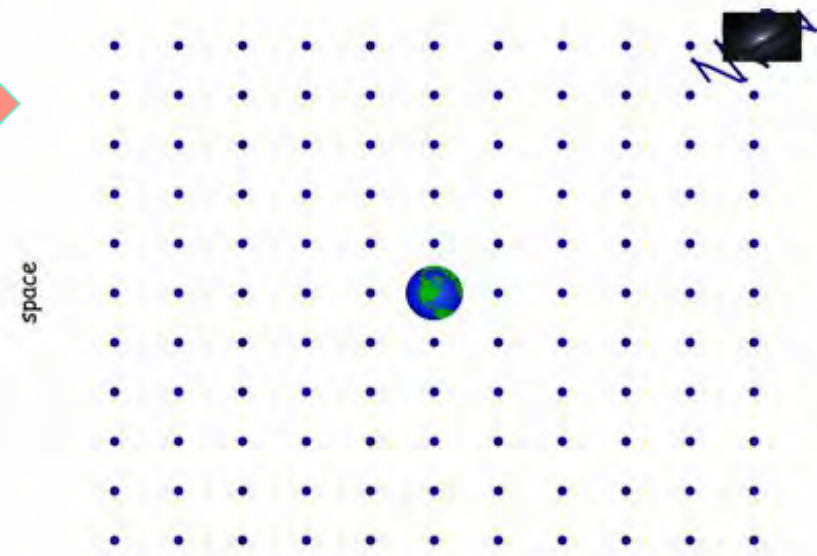
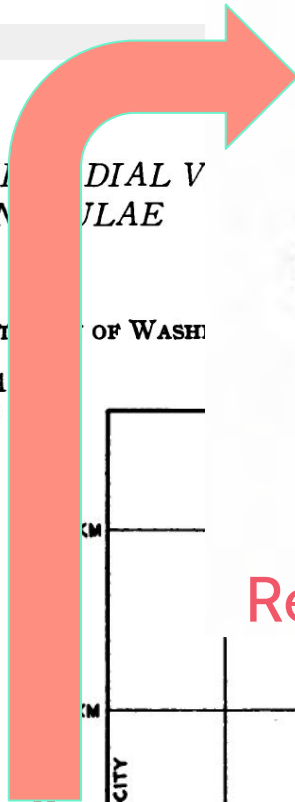
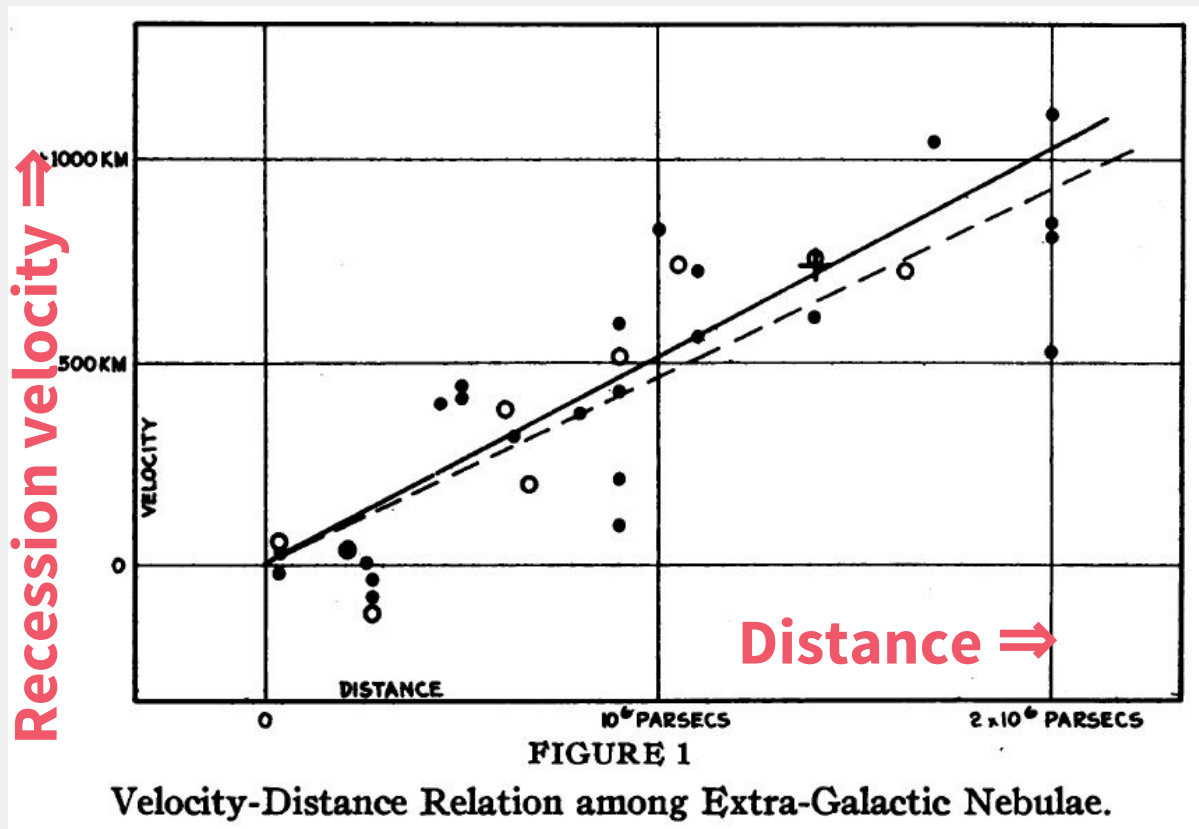
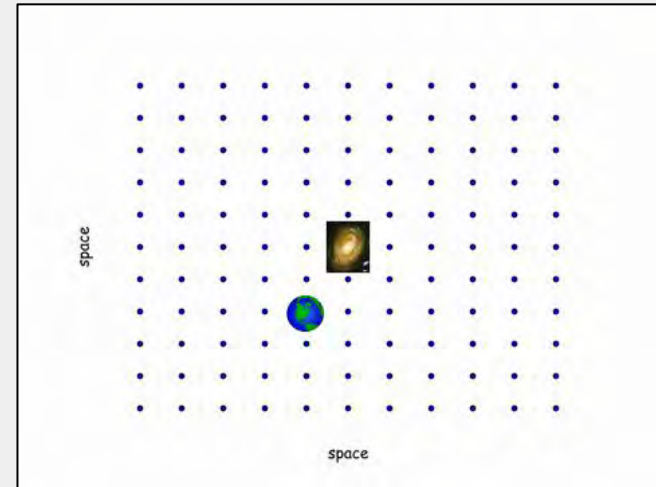
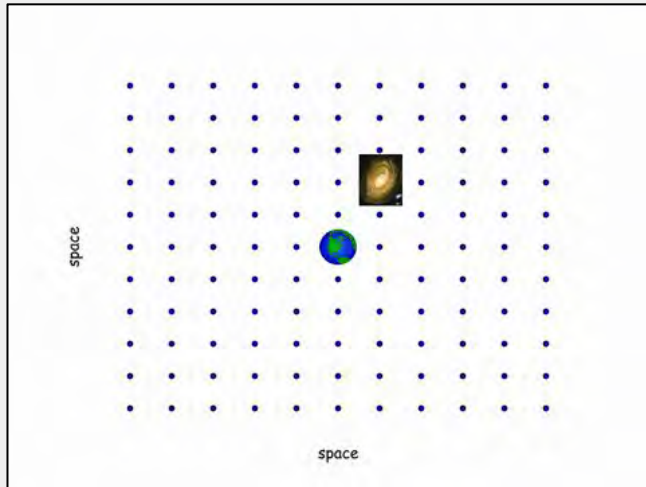


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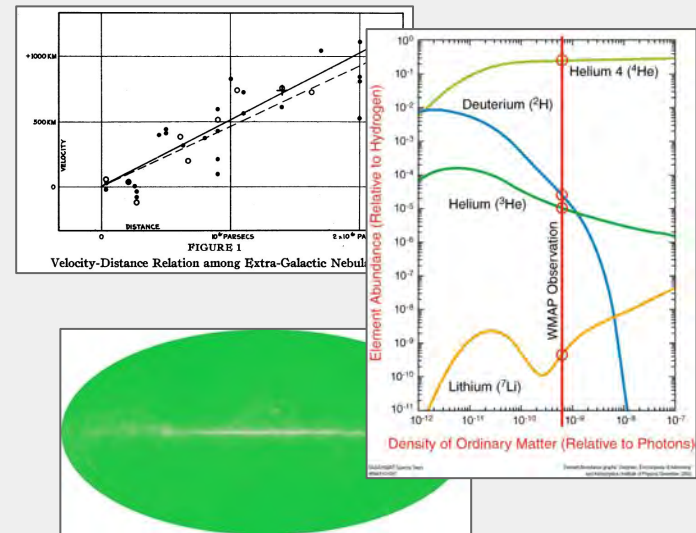
What does it mean??

The Big Bang

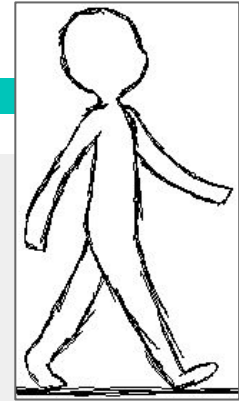


Spacetime is expanding from Big Bang
Only theory that explains the **Hubble law**, **primordial nuclear densities** and the **Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB)**.

Formulated in GR by Lemaitre (1920s)



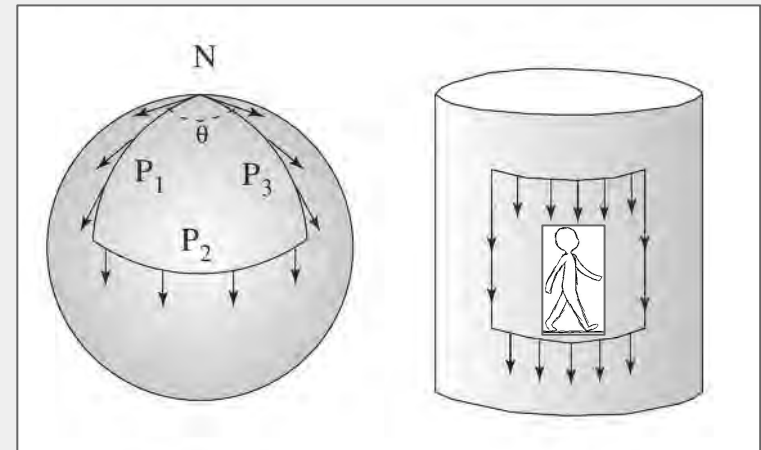
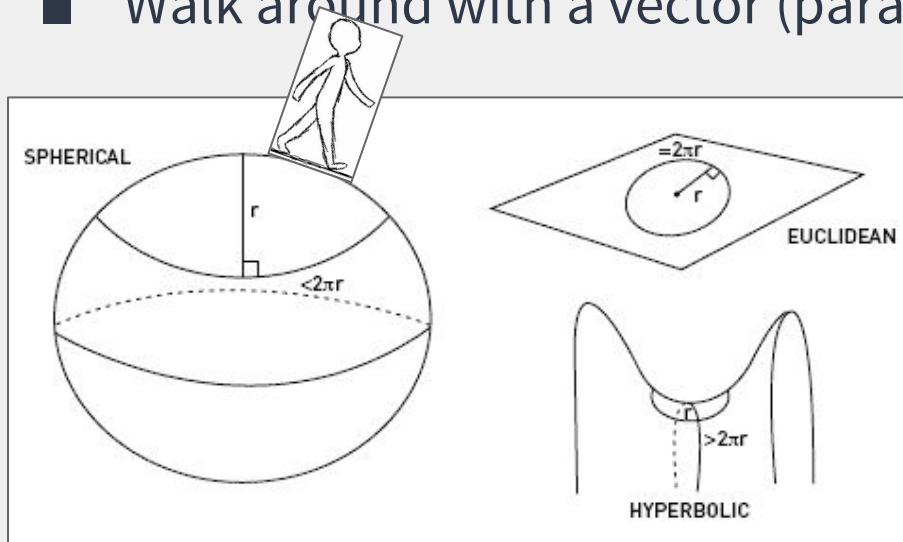
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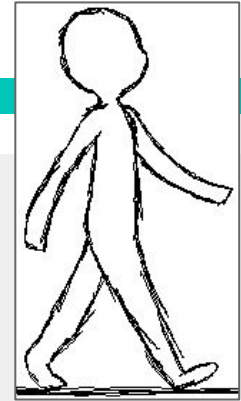
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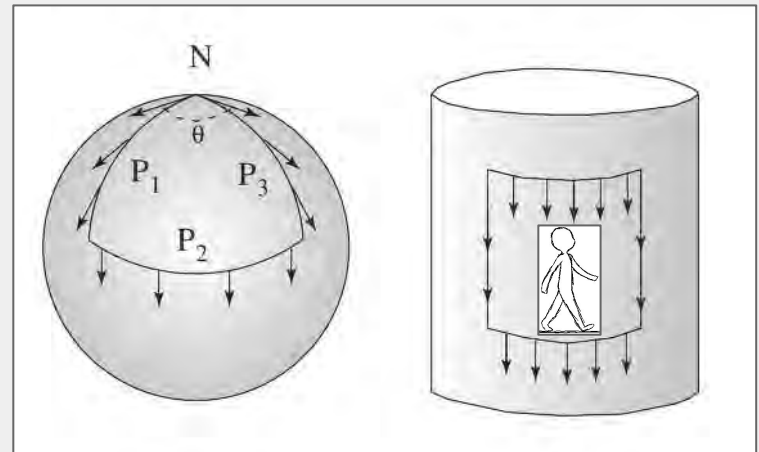
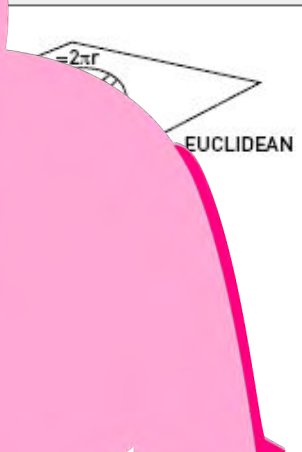
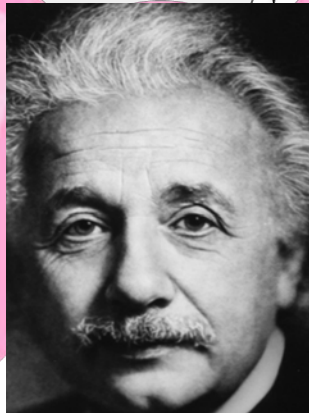
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General Relativity

Messy, not mysterious

Cosmological parameters ... in a few steps

1. Define the **metric connections**
2. Formalize the notion of parallel transport of vectors using the **Riemann tensor**
3. Connection to **energy/matter** through equivalence principles
4. **Friedmann equations** (GR solutions in a perfect fluid)
5. Calculate the luminosity distance - how the brightness of an object depends on **cosmological parameters**

0. Special relativity, tensor notation and the metric

In Special Relativity, ds^2 is the conserved quantity.

$$ds^2 = c^2 dt^2 - |\mathbf{r}|^2 = (dx^0)^2 - (dx^1)^2 - (dx^2)^2 - (dx^3)^2$$

A metric is a function that gives returns the physical (4-dimensional) distance between points in an arbitrary coordinate system.

$$ds^2 = \sum_{i,j=1}^3 G_{ij} dx^i dx^j \equiv G_{ij} dx^i dx^j$$

$$ds^2 = c^2 dt^2 - dx^2 - dy^2 - dz^2$$

$$ds^2 = c^2 dt^2 - dr^2 - r^2 d\theta^2 - r^2 \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2$$

0. The Stress-Energy Tensor

A compact way to describe energy and momentum conservation.

Elements of the energy-momentum 4-vector

$$p^\mu = (E/c, p_x, p_y, p_z)$$

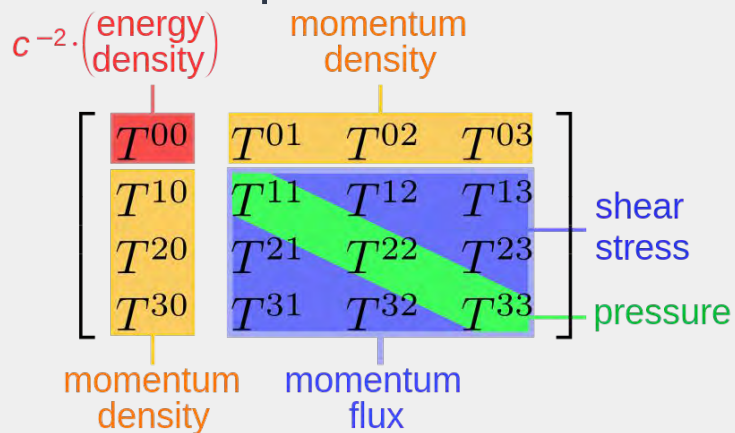
Conserved through continuity equations

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{J} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\text{energy density}) = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\text{energy flux})$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(p_x \text{ density}) = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot (p_x \text{ flux})$$

Collect these quantities in a tensor $T^{\mu\nu}$



And conservation of energy and momentum can be described as

$$\frac{\partial T^{\mu\nu}}{\partial x^\nu} = \frac{\partial T^{\mu 0}}{\partial t} + \partial_i T^{\mu i} = 0$$

1. The metric connection

Locally, we can define a flat (Special Relativity) metric with free fall eq:

$$\frac{d^2 \xi^\mu}{d\tau^2} = 0$$

$$d\tau^2 = \eta_{\mu\nu} d\xi^\mu d\xi^\nu$$

Performing a coordinate transformation to a general coordinate system yields the *geodesic equation*:

$$\frac{d^2 x^\sigma}{d\tau^2} + \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\sigma \frac{dx^\mu}{d\tau} \frac{dx^\nu}{d\tau} = 0$$

$$d\xi^\mu = \frac{\partial \xi^\mu}{\partial x^\nu} dx^\nu$$

$$ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu$$

Where the metric connection (“Christoffel symbols”) given by derivatives of the metric:

$$\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\sigma = \frac{g^{\rho\sigma}}{2} \left(\frac{\partial g_{\nu\rho}}{\partial x^\mu} + \frac{\partial g_{\mu\rho}}{\partial x^\nu} - \frac{\partial g_{\nu\mu}}{\partial x^\rho} \right)$$

$$\frac{d^2 x^\sigma}{d\tau^2} = f^\sigma$$

(Geometric terms can be interpreted as force)

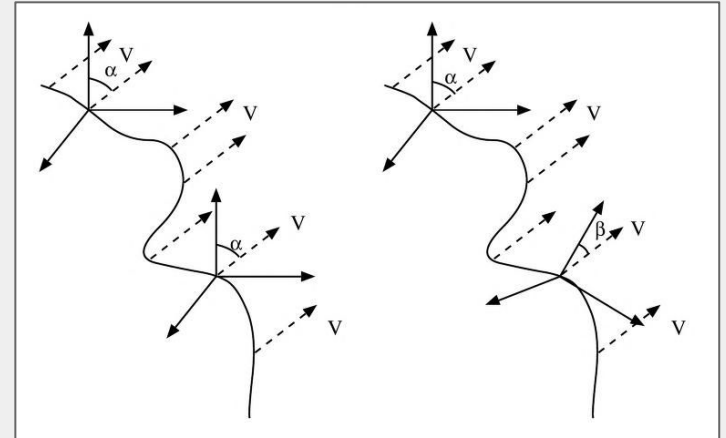
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The change of a vector decomposed into intrinsic changes to the vector field and apparent changes due to coordinate system:

$$\frac{DV^\mu}{Ds} = \frac{dV^\mu}{ds} + \Gamma^\mu_{\rho\nu} V^\rho \frac{dx^\nu}{ds}$$

A full cycle described by

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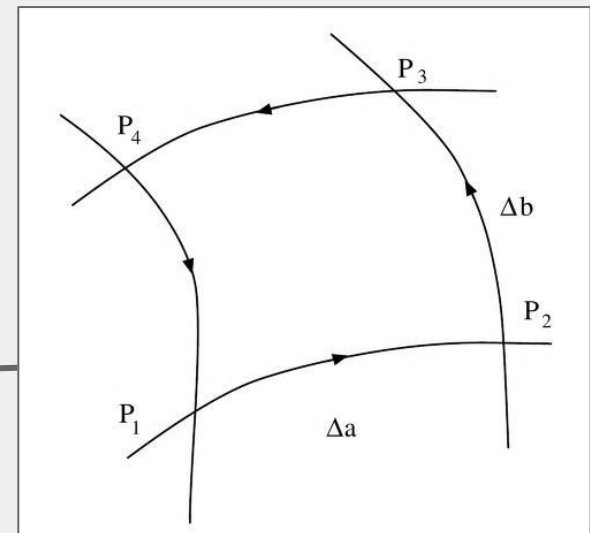
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3. The equivalence principle



(inertial mass) x (acceleration) =

(intensity of the gravitational field) x (gravitational mass)

Weak and strong equivalence principles:

- (inertial mass) = (gravitational mass)
- The outcome of any local experiment (gravitational or not) in a freely falling laboratory is independent of the velocity of the laboratory and its location in spacetime.

4. General relativity

Einstein realized that if we want to take seriously the notion that mass/energy and space-time curvature are equivalent the stress-energy tensor must be related to the metric:

$$G^{\mu\nu} = \text{const} \cdot T^{\mu\nu}$$

Determined that only a particular combination of the Riemann tensor fulfills the continuity requirements:

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}R = 8\pi G_N T_{\mu\nu}$$

$$R_{\mu\nu} = g^{\alpha\gamma} R_{\alpha\mu\gamma\nu}$$

$$R = g^{\mu\nu} R_{\mu\nu}$$

Equations also allow a constant term - **the cosmological constant**:

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}R - \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu}$$

5. The Friedmann equations

On large scales, the Universe can be considered a **perfect fluid**, casting the stress-energy tensor into a simple form:

$$(T^{\alpha\beta})_{\alpha,\beta=0,1,2,3} = \begin{pmatrix} \rho & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & p & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & p & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & p \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$T_{\mu\nu} = (p + \rho)u_{\mu}u_{\nu} - pg_{\mu\nu}$$

Using the

$$ds^2 = dt^2 - a^2(t) \left(\frac{dr^2}{1 - kr^2} + r^2 d\theta^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2 \right)$$

metric parameterization, the Einstein equation simplifies to:

$$H^2 = \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \rho - \frac{kc^2}{a^2}$$

$$\dot{H} + H^2 = \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3} \left(\rho + \frac{3p}{c^2} \right).$$

$$\rho_{tot} = \rho_m + \rho_{rad} + \rho_{vac}.$$

6. Luminosity distance and cosmological parameters

Typically written using Ω notation:

$$\frac{H^2}{H_0^2} = \Omega_{0,R} a^{-4} + \Omega_{0,M} a^{-3} + \Omega_{0,k} a^{-2} + \Omega_{0,\Lambda}.$$

$$H'(z) = \frac{H(z)}{H_0} = \sqrt{\Omega_M(1+z)^3 + \Omega_K(1+z)^2 + \Omega_\Lambda}$$

$$\Omega_M = \frac{8\pi G \rho_0}{3H_0^2},$$

$$\Omega_\Lambda = \frac{\Lambda}{3H_0^2},$$

$$\Omega_M = \frac{\rho_0}{\rho_{crit}^0},$$

$$\Omega_R = \frac{8\pi G \rho_{rad}}{3H_0^2}$$

Different dependency on scale factor/redshift!

Relate to how luminous an object appears to us:

$$d_L = \sqrt{\frac{L}{4\pi\mathcal{F}}} = a(t_0)r(1+z) = \frac{c(1+z)}{H_0\sqrt{|\Omega_K|}} \mathcal{S} \left(\sqrt{|\Omega_K|} \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{H'(z')} \right)$$

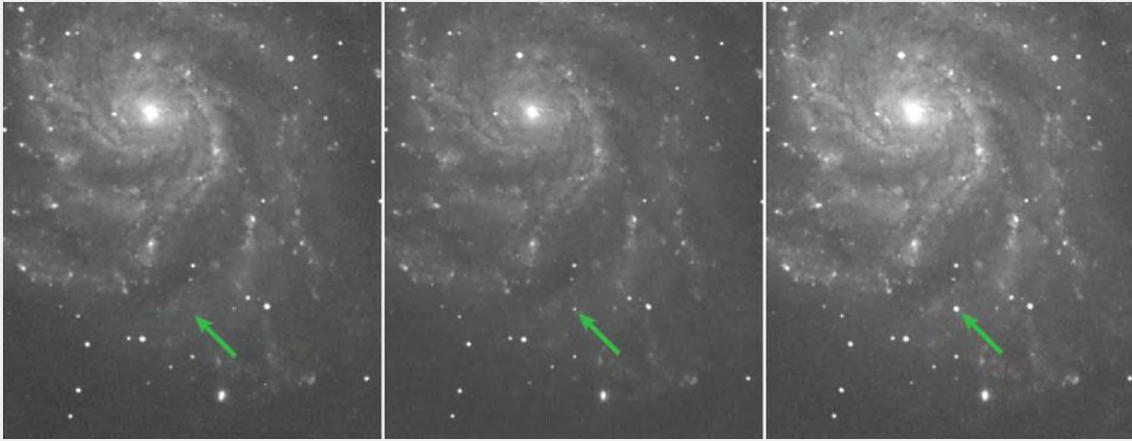
$$\frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{\sqrt{1-kr^2}}{a(t)}$$

$$H = \frac{d}{dt} \log \left(\frac{a(t)}{a_0} \right) = \frac{d}{dt} \ln \left(\frac{1}{1+z} \right) = \frac{-1}{1+z} \frac{dz}{dt}$$

Supernovae & dark energy

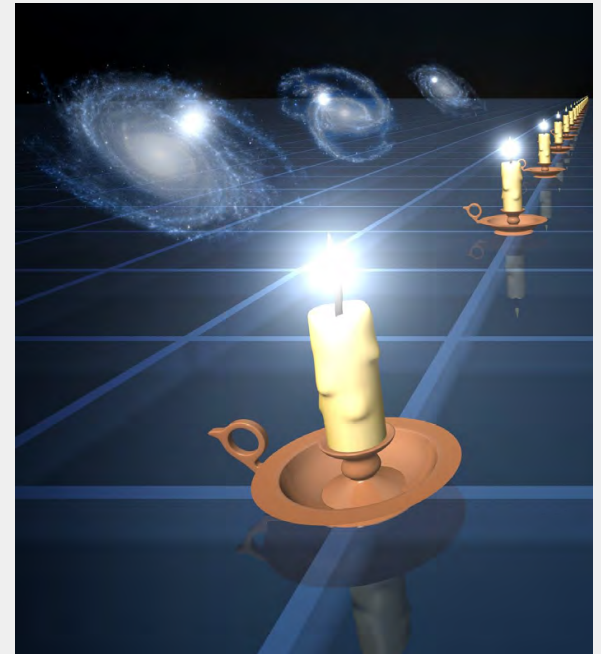
The accelerated expansion of the Universe

Type Ia supernovae

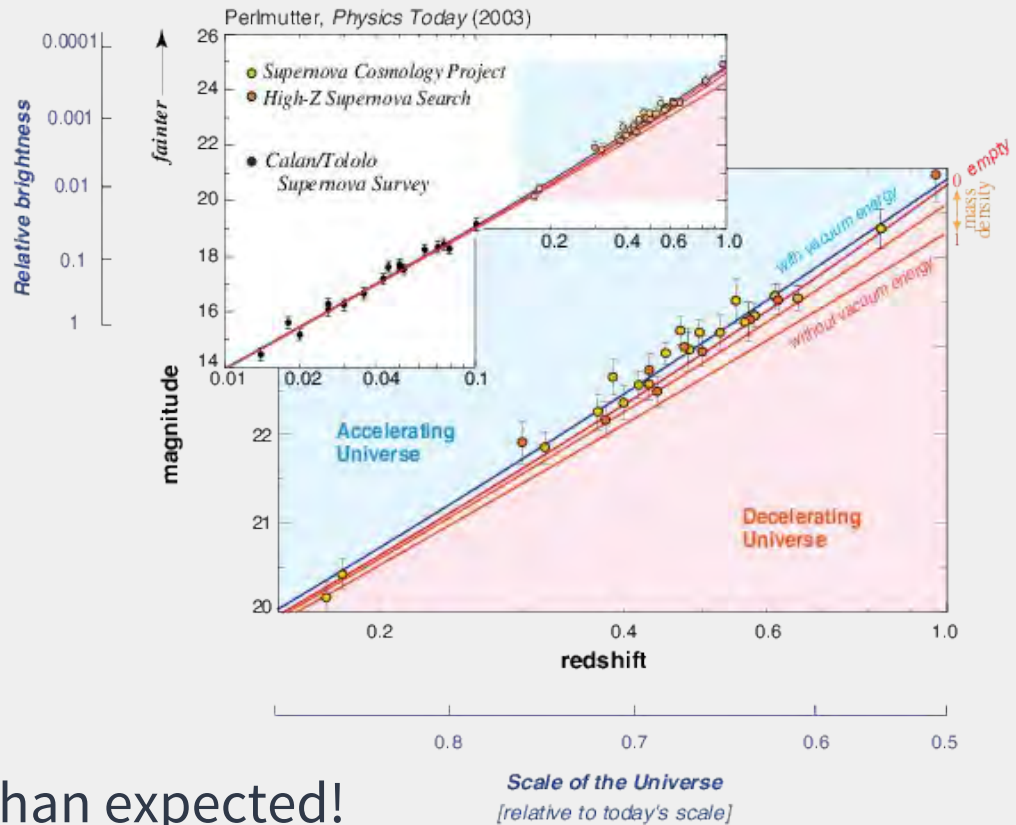
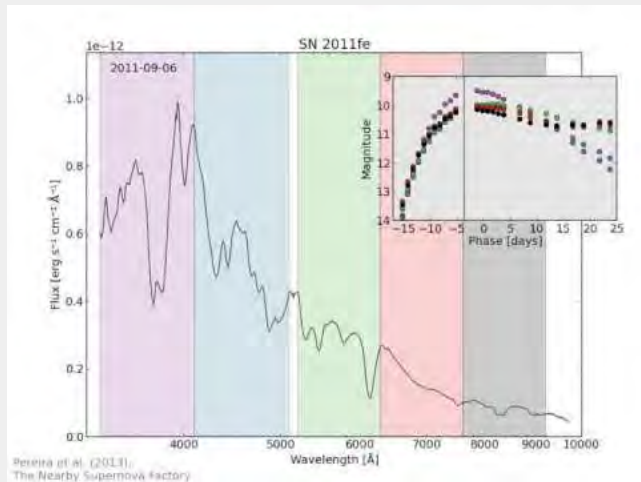


Type Ia supernovae, thermonuclear detonations of compact objects, shine as bright as galaxies for ~one month.

The uniform burning process provides an extremely bright standard(izable) candle



The discovery of dark energy

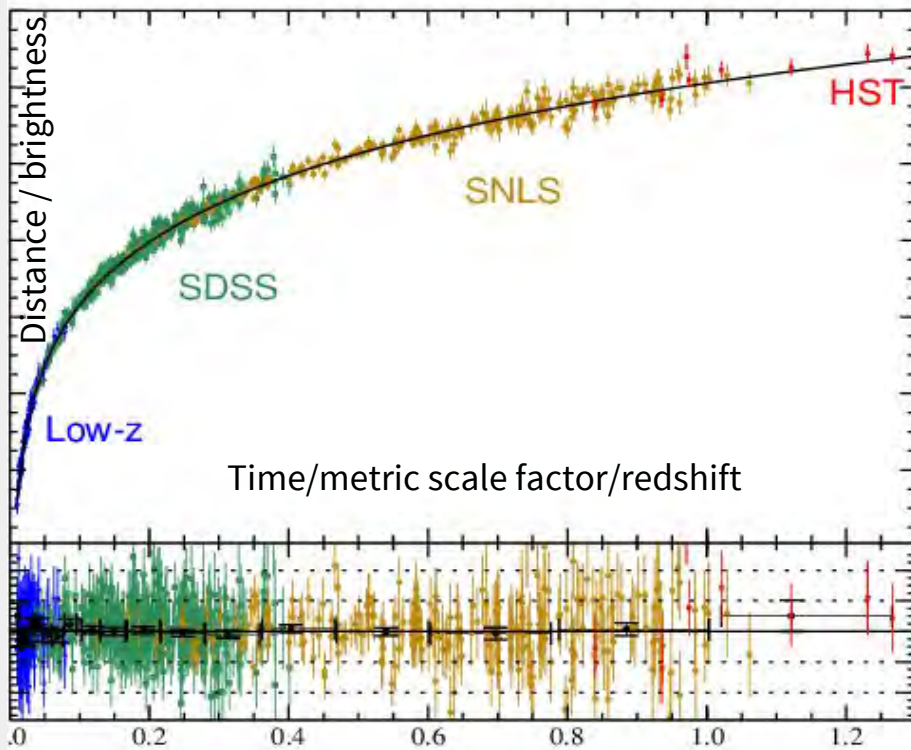


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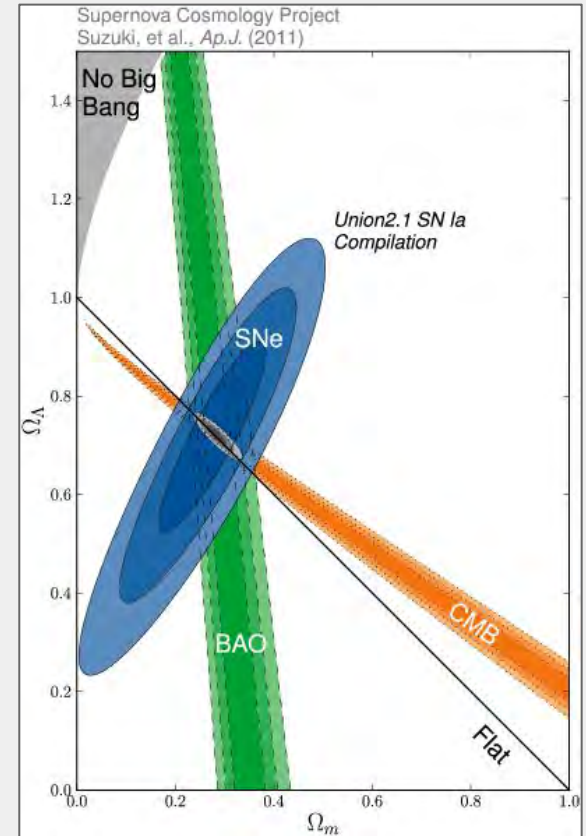
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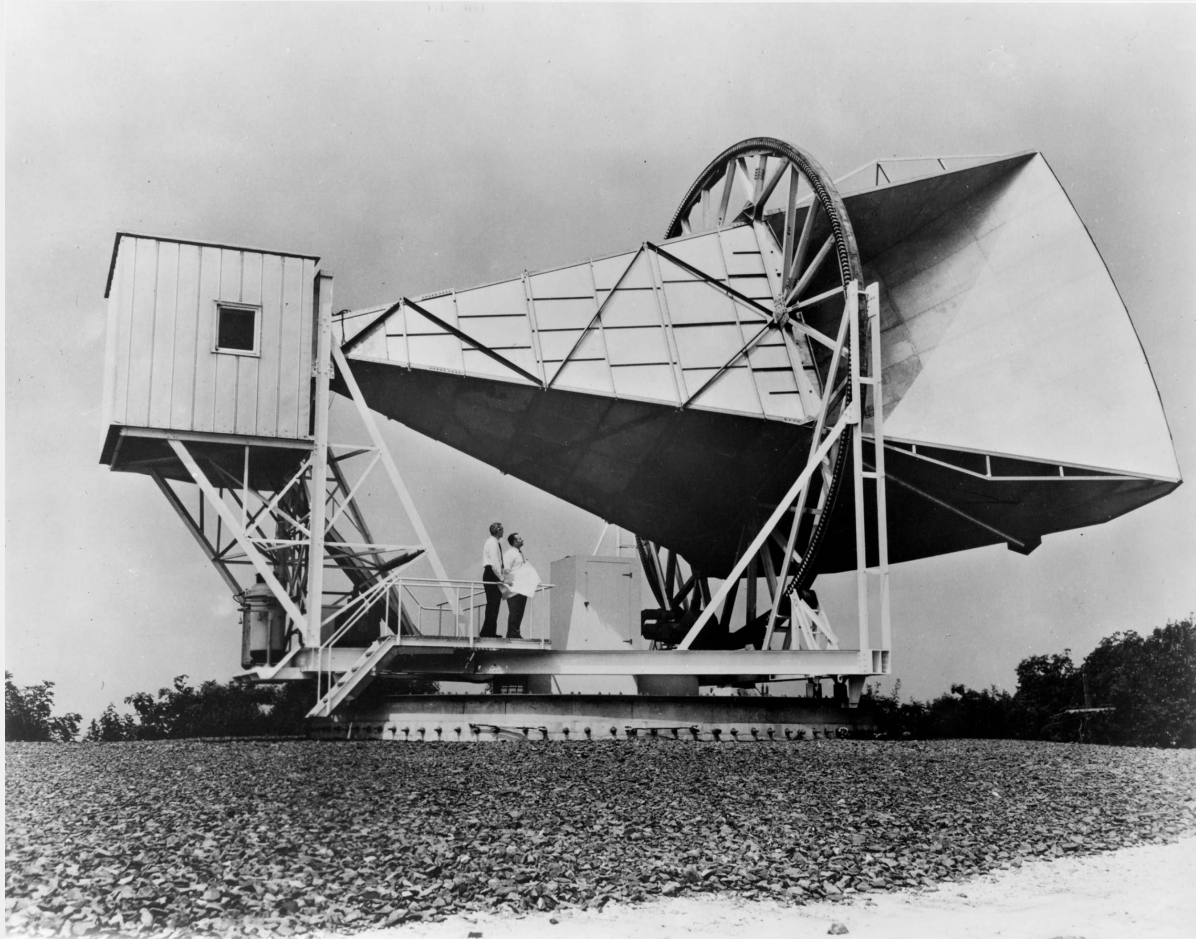
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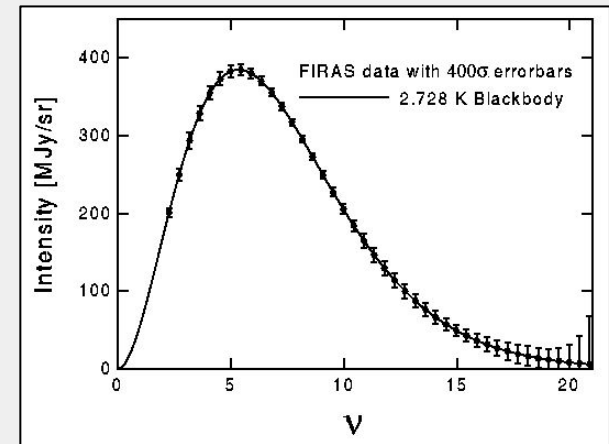
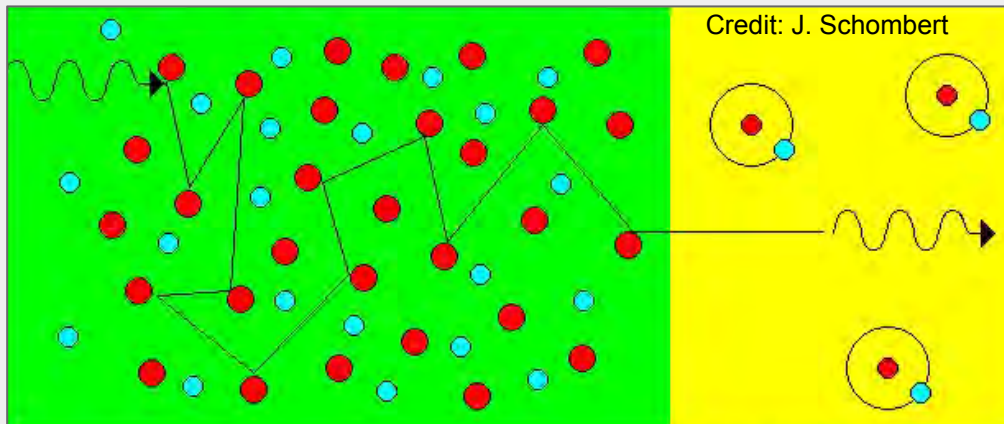
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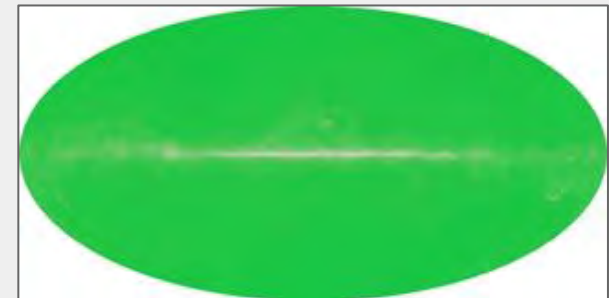
- Penzias & Wilson failed to remove background radio noise
- First measurement of relic background light from Big Bang

The Epoch of Recombination

In a universe that gradually cools, hydrogen must at some point go from ionized to neutral - the epoch of recombination.

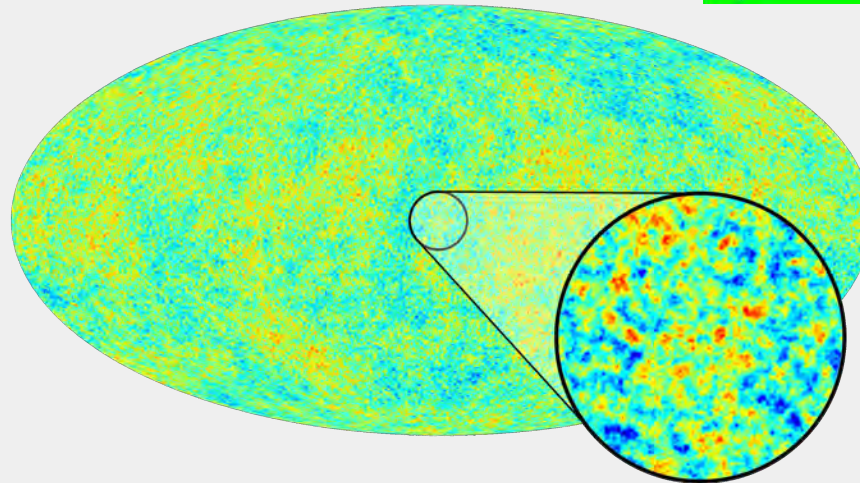
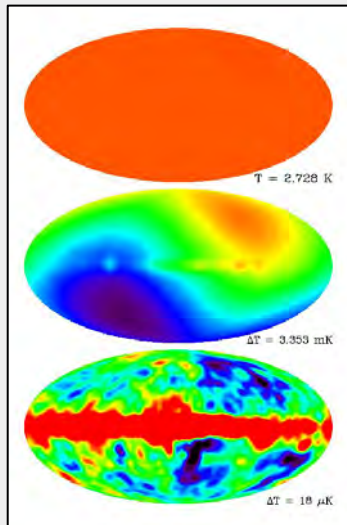
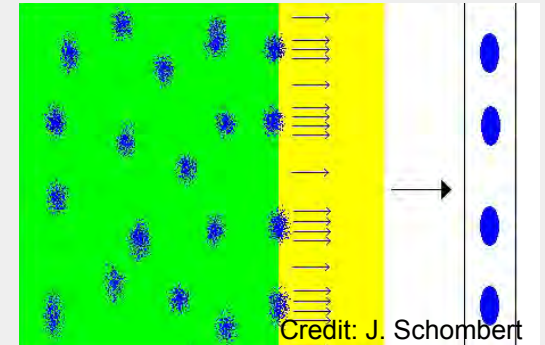


Photons emitted have propagated through a largely empty universe since. Seen as a $T=2.728(1+z)$ K isotropic background radiation in all directions.



CMB fluctuations

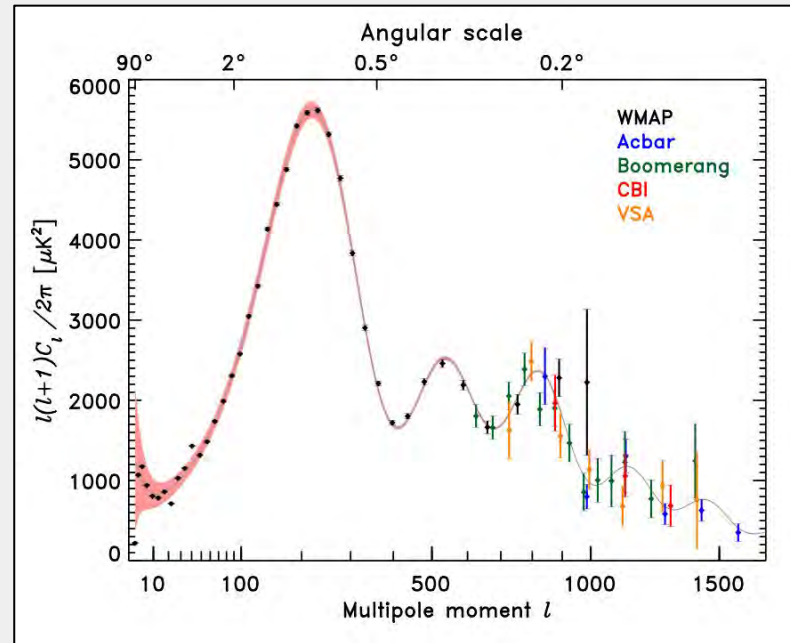
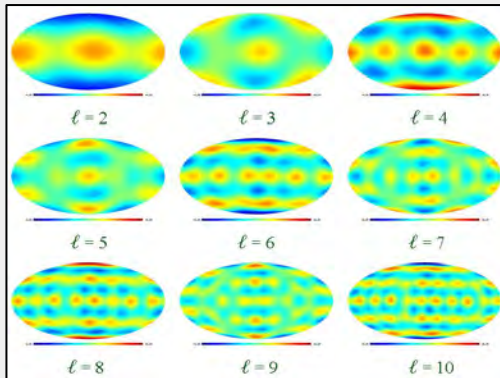
(Dark matter) density variations prior to recombination caused temperature fluctuations at the $1e-5$ scale.



Visible after removal of mean value, dipole velocity and galactic emission in observations by COBE, WMAP & PLANCK.

The CMB power spectrum

Decomposing fluctuation map using spherical harmonics yields the CMB Power Spectrum

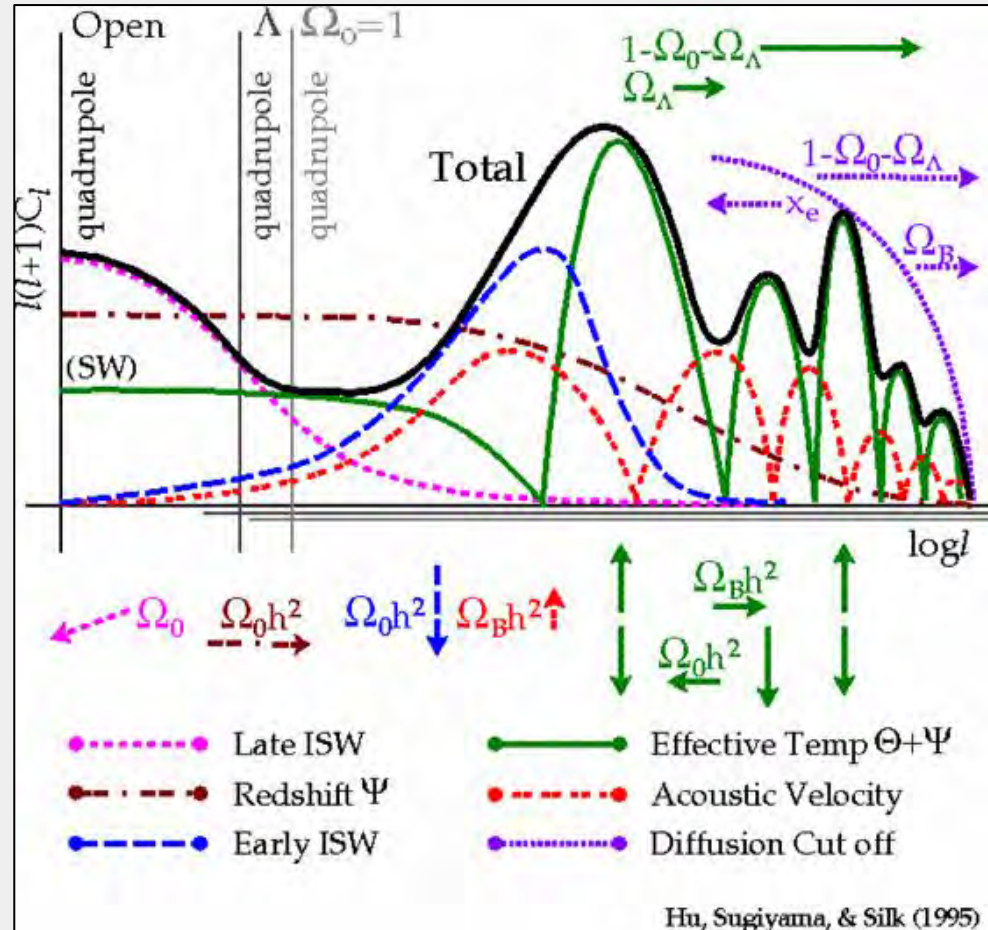


Peaks correspond to correlated density fluctuation at certain scales

$$\frac{\Delta T}{T} = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} a_{\ell m} Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \phi). \quad C_{\ell} \equiv \sum_{m} |a_{\ell m}|^2.$$

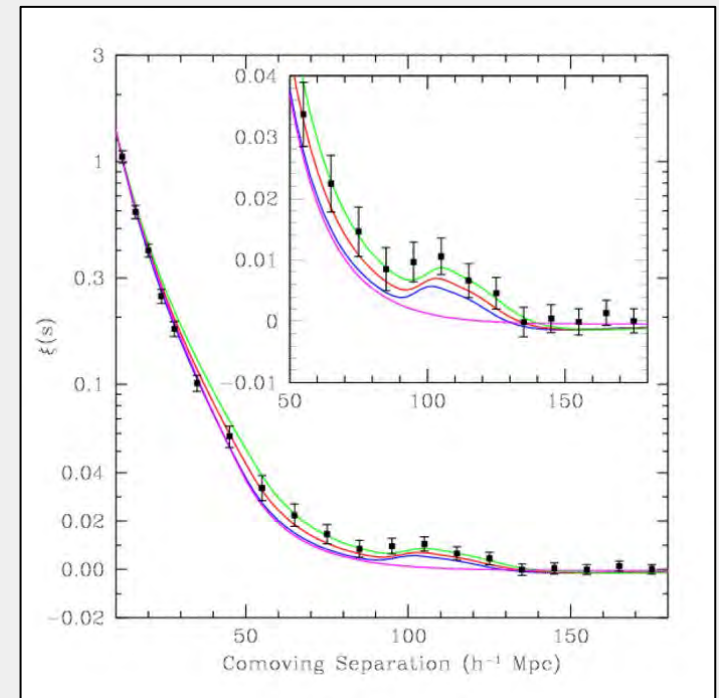
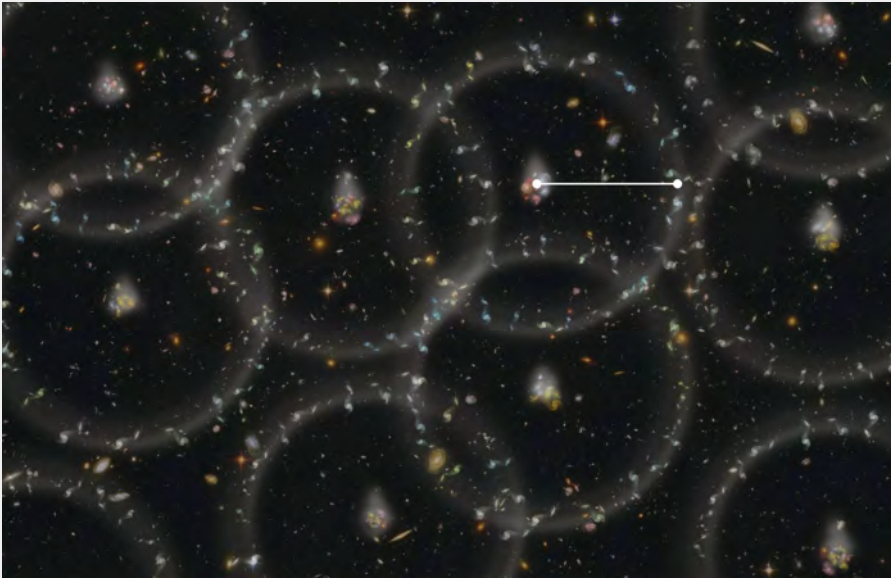
Sensitivity to multiple cosmological parameters

Sensitive to many parameters...



Also visible today as Baryon Acoustic Oscillations

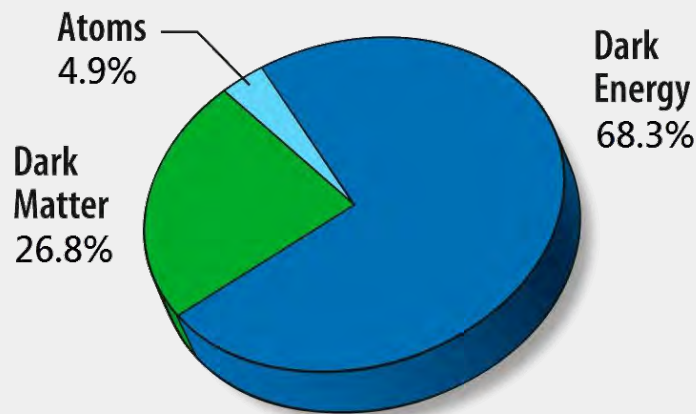
The original density fluctuations have since grown to galaxies. Through comparing the scale of density correlations today we directly test the expansion of the Universe



Concordance Model

A wealth of independent data is well explained by the Concordance Model

- Supernovae, CMB, cluster counting, lensing, age estimate, nucleosynthesis, structure formation ...



	Description	Symbol	Value
Independent parameters	Physical baryon density parameter ^[a]	$\Omega_b h^2$	$0.022\ 30 \pm 0.000\ 14$
	Physical dark matter density parameter ^[a]	$\Omega_c h^2$	0.1188 ± 0.0010
	Age of the universe	t_0	$13.799 \pm 0.021 \times 10^9$ years
	Scalar spectral index	n_s	0.9667 ± 0.0040
	Curvature fluctuation amplitude, $k_0 = 0.002\ \text{Mpc}^{-1}$	Δ_R^2	$2.441^{+0.088}_{-0.092} \times 10^{-9}$ ^[16]
	Reionization optical depth	τ	0.066 ± 0.012
	Fixed parameters	Total density parameter ^[b]	Ω_{tot}
Equation of state of dark energy		w	-1
Sum of three neutrino masses		Σm_ν	$0.06\ \text{eV}/c^2$ ^{[c][12]:40}
Effective number of relativistic degrees of freedom		N_{eff}	3.046 ^{[d][12]:47}
Tensor/scalar ratio		r	0
Running of spectral index		$dn_s / d \ln k$	0

The Future

What we might find

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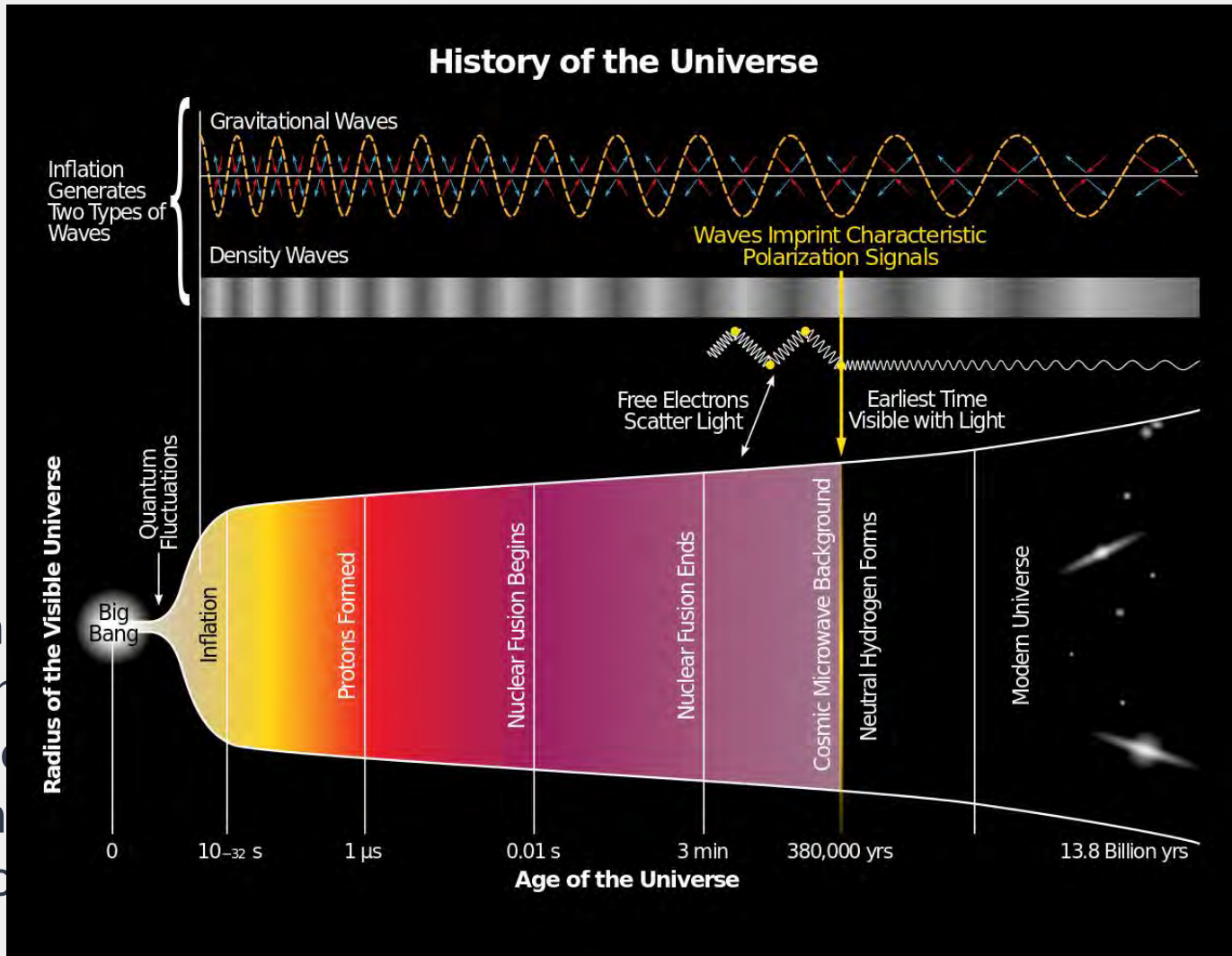
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	Physical dark matter density parameter ^[a]	$\Omega_c h^2$	0.1188 ± 0.0010
	Age of the universe	t_0	$13.799 \pm 0.021 \times 10^9$ years
	Scalar spectral index	n_s	0.9667 ± 0.0040
	Curvature fluctuation amplitude, $k_0 = 0.002 \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$	Δ_R^2	$2.441^{+0.088}_{-0.092} \times 10^{-9}$ ^[16]
	Reionization optical depth	τ	0.066 ± 0.012
Fixed parameters	Total density parameter ^[b]	Ω_{tot}	1
	Equation of state of dark energy	w	-1 $a \propto t^{\frac{2}{3(1+w)}}$
	Sum of three neutrino masses	$\sum m_\nu$	$0.06 \text{ eV}/c^2$ ^{[c][12]:40}
	Effective number of relativistic degrees of freedom	N_{eff}	3.046 ^{[d][12]:47}
	Tensor/scalar ratio	r	0
	Running of spectral index	$dn_s / d \ln k$	0

Probing inflation



Inflation - exponential growth of the Universe - would allow quantum fluctuations to explain primordial density fluctuation while naturally predicting a flat universe without magnetic monopoles. Unfortunately, electromagnetic data does not go beyond recombination.

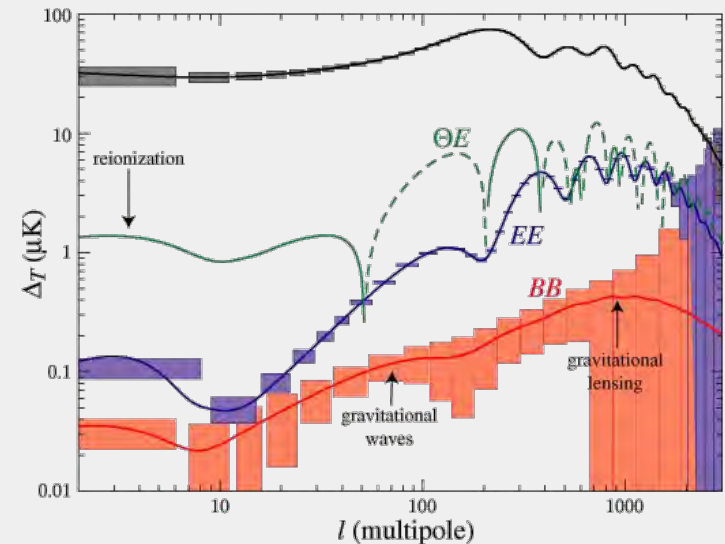
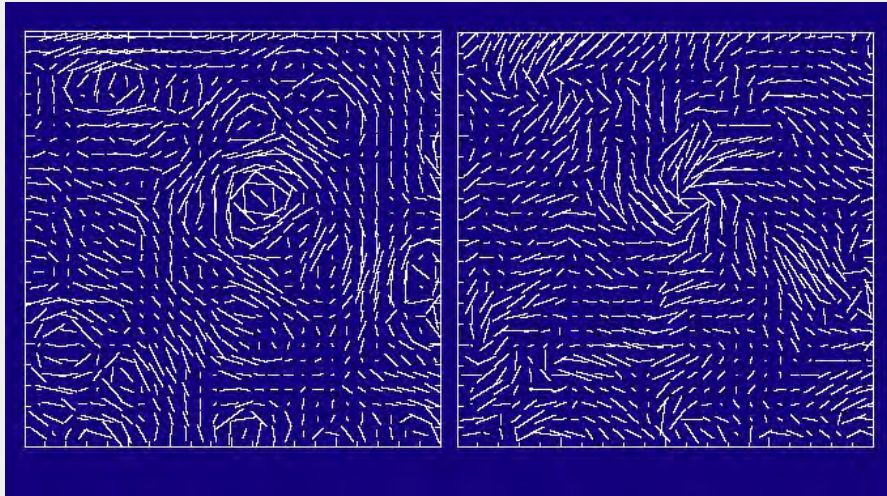
Probing inflation



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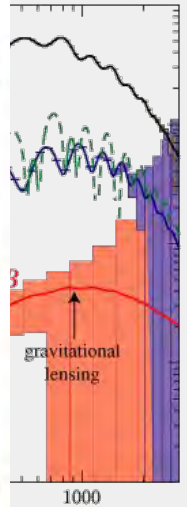
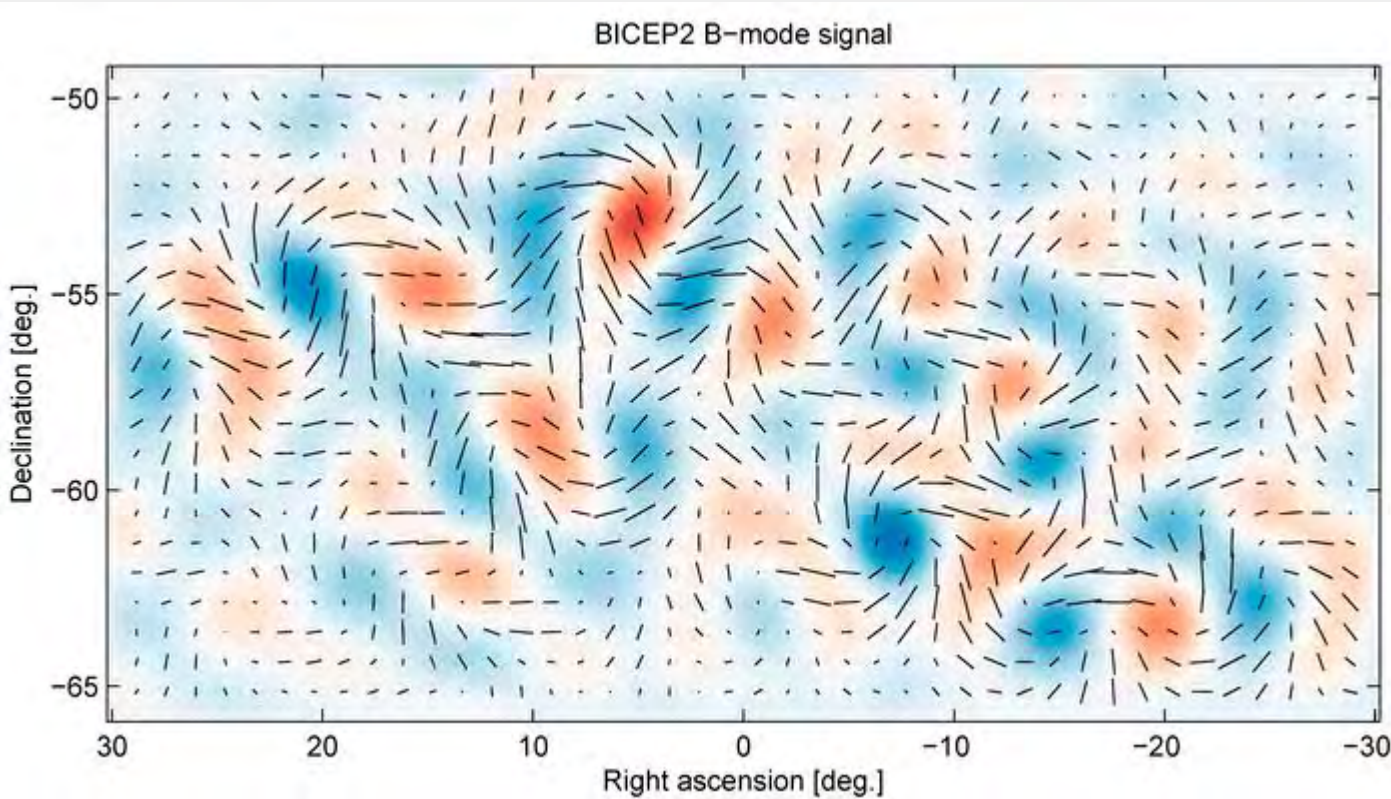
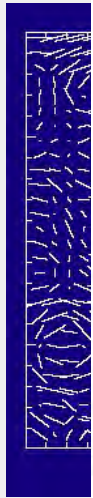


We expect CMB photons to be polarized - photons from over/under densities scatter with free electrons.

Primordial gravitational waves would also do so, but also as “tensor” perturbations.

In practice, CMB polarization decomposed into E (curl-free, electric field-like) and B (grad free, magnetic-field like)

CMB polarization



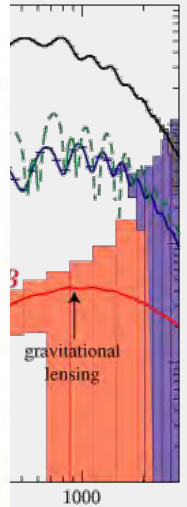
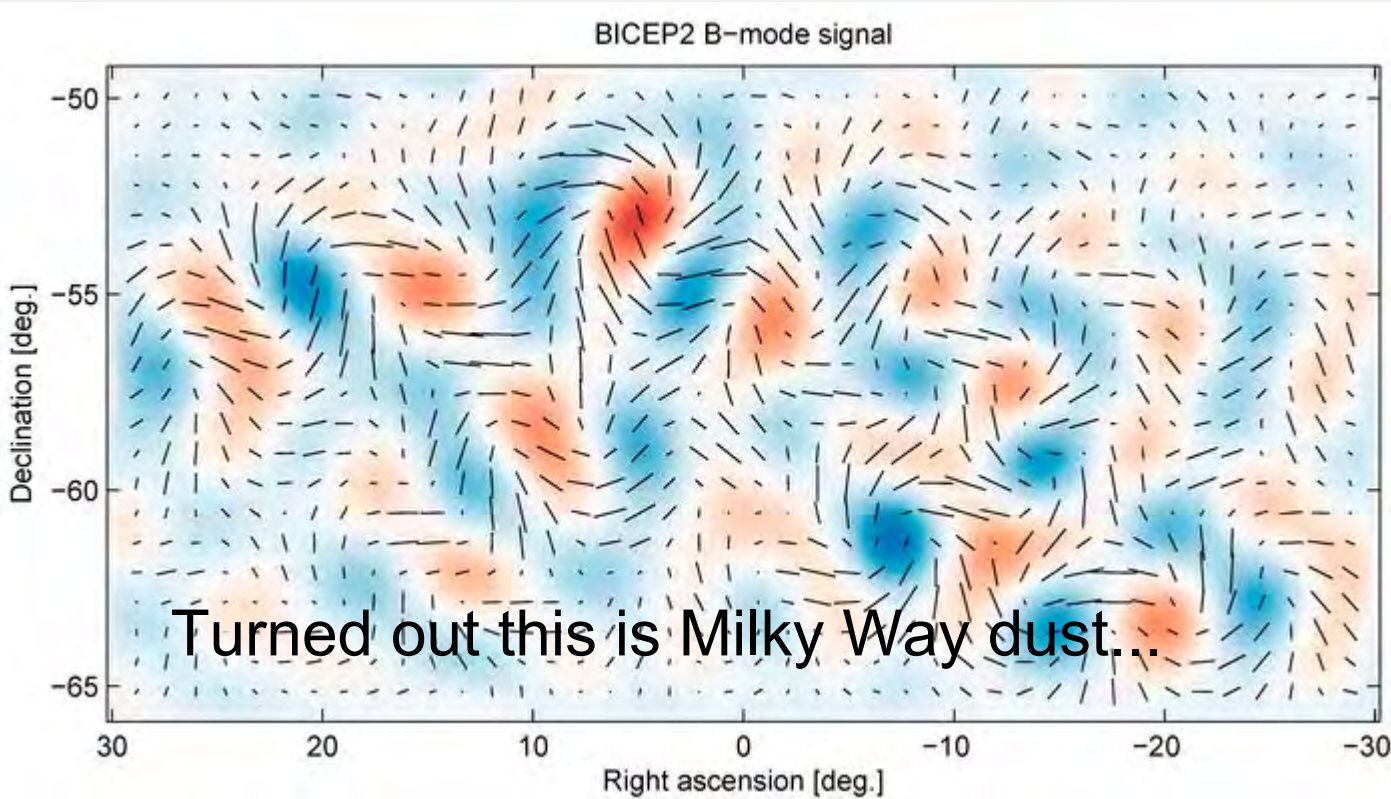
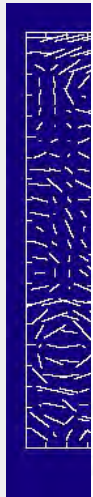
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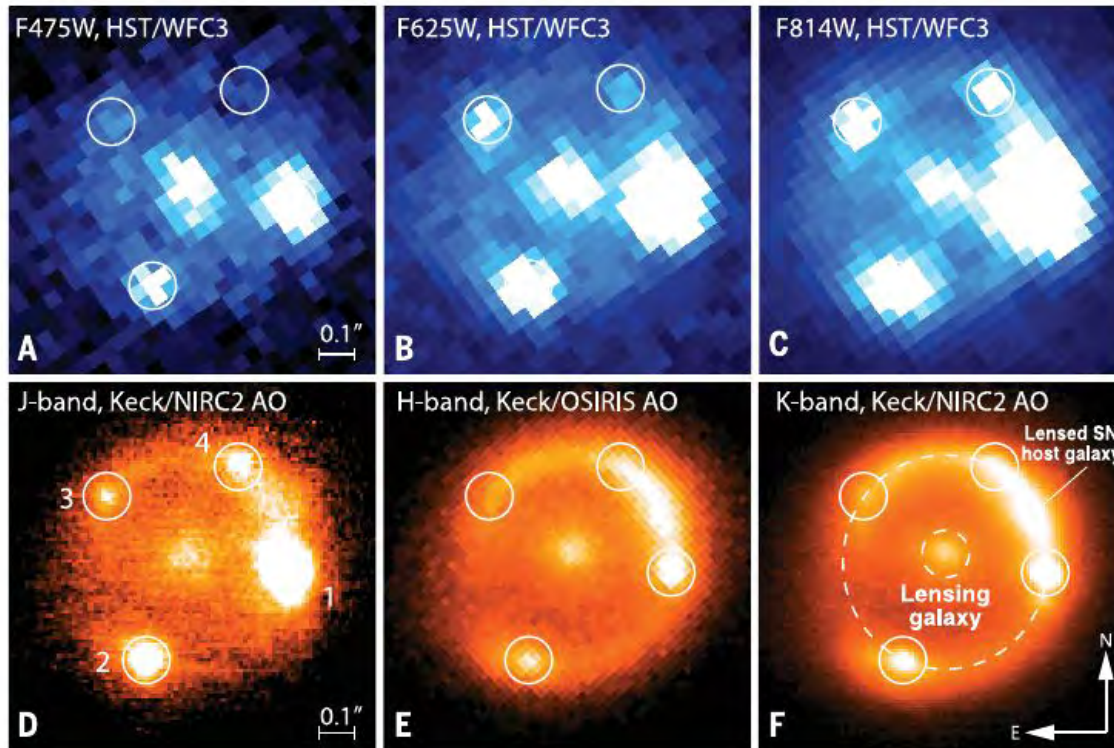
Modifying GR

From an observational point of view, dark energy can be seen either as a form of energy or a modification of GR. Suggested theories either ad-hoc phenomenological or inconsistent.

Bi-metric theory for gravitation introduces a second metric. Recently, complete (non-contradicting, ghost-free) versions have been demonstrated. This allows for creation of two gravitons - one massless and one with mass. The latter can dynamically evolve with normal mass, and cause a late-time accelerated expansion (“dark energy”) - with testable predictions.

$$S = -\frac{M_g^2}{2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} R(g) - \frac{M_f^2}{2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-f} R(f) + m^2 M_g^2 \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \sum_{n=0}^4 \beta_n e_n(\mathbb{X}) + \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \mathcal{L}_m(g, \Phi_i).$$

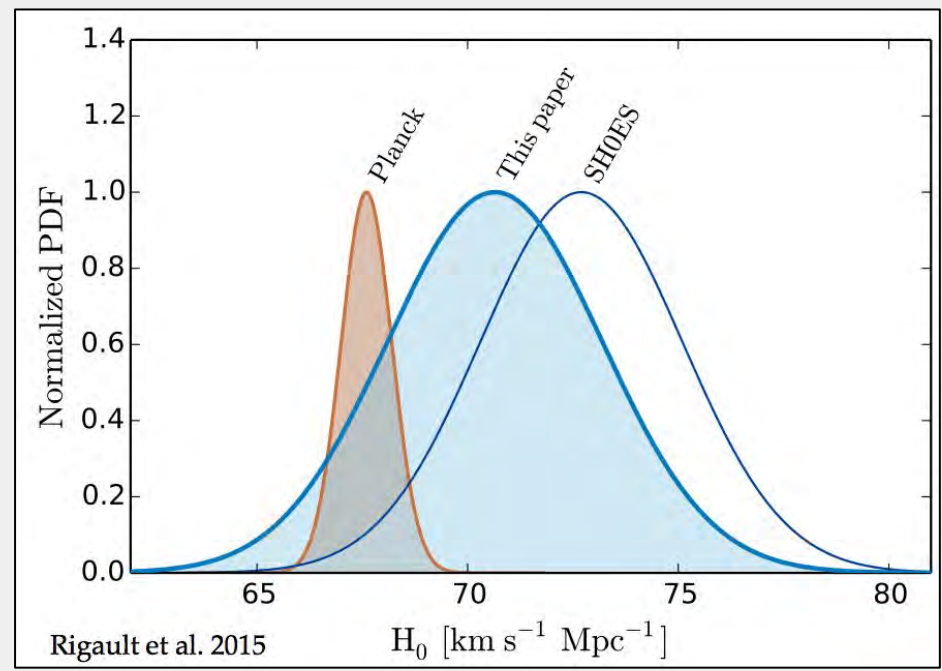
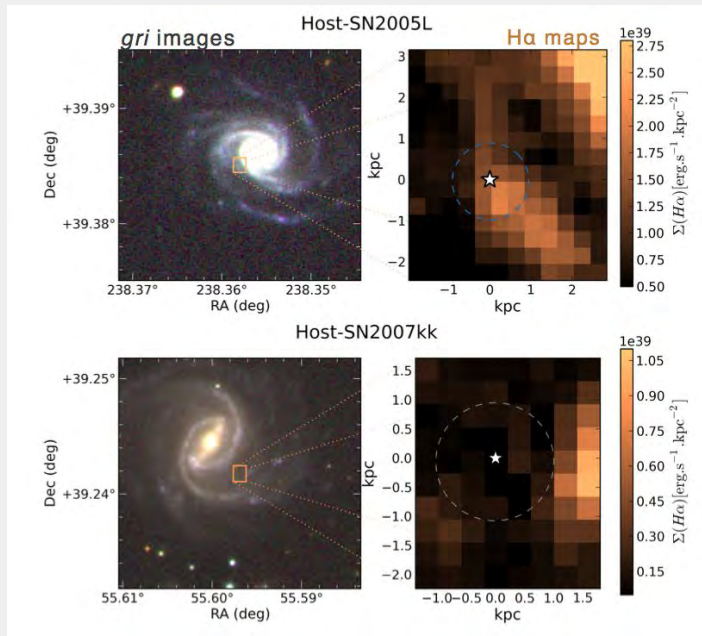
iPTF16geu - multiply lensed SNIa



Goobar, Amanullah, Kulkarni et al.

A $z=0.409$ SNIa multiply lensed by a $z=0.216$ foreground galaxy.
Time delay between images directly sensitive to Hubble constant at lens.

The SNIa progenitor and the local expansion rate



Rigault et al. 2015

H_0 [$\text{km s}^{-1} \text{Mpc}^{-1}$]

Overview of cosmology at HU

**Supernova
Factory**
Spectral time series

**Zwicky
Transient
Facility**

SeeChange
HST program
probing DE
evolution

SN physics

Calibration

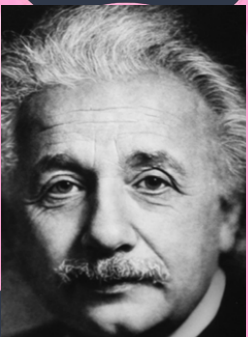
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Anisotropies



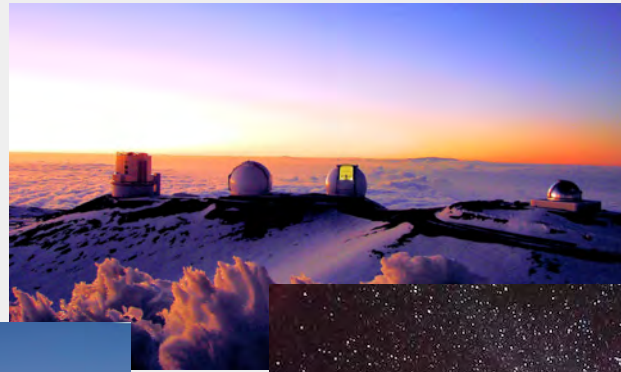
Conclusions:

- **With general relativity we can probe the Universe at it's largest scales.**
- **Left us with mind-boggling concepts as Big Bang, dark matter and dark energy**
- **Looking for ways to probe inflation and the evolution of dark energy**



Wie findet man Supernovae?

Wie auch vor 100 Jahre suchen wir neue Lichtquellen im Himmel, deren Typ wird durch Spektroskopie bestimmt.



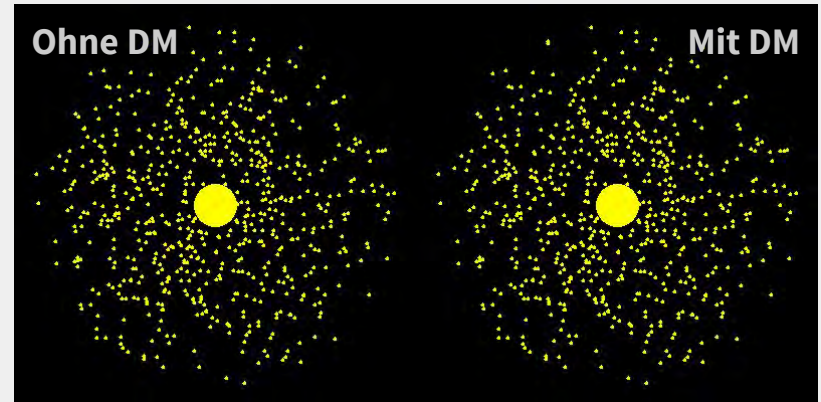
Heute brauchen wir aber die größten Teleskope und sehr dünne Atmosphäre. Der beste Ort ist auf Mauna Kea, Hawaii!

Was ist die Dunkle Materie?

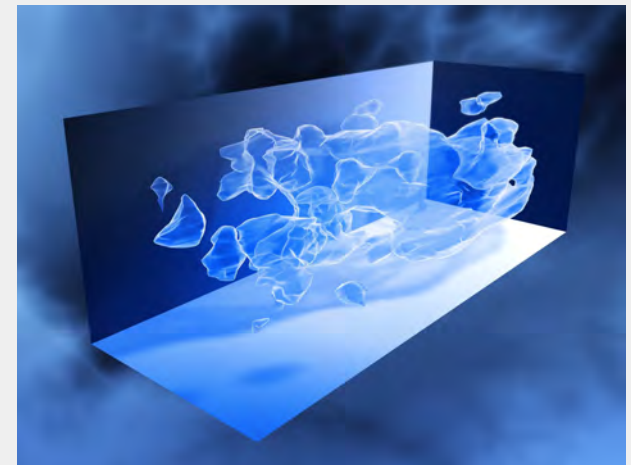


Das Zentrum des Clusters ist als blau zu sehen, die normale Materie ist als rot zu sehen.

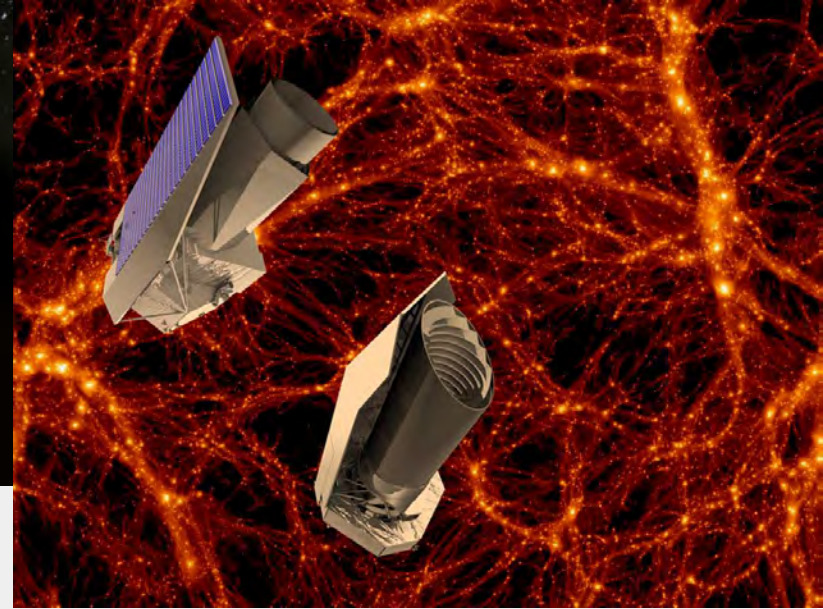
Dunkle Materie muss überall sein, aber wir können es nicht sehen! Trotzdem bestimmt DM wie Galaxien und Galaxiehaufen sich bewegen.



Ohne DM würde Galaxien sich langsamer drehen.



Was ist die Dunkle Energie?

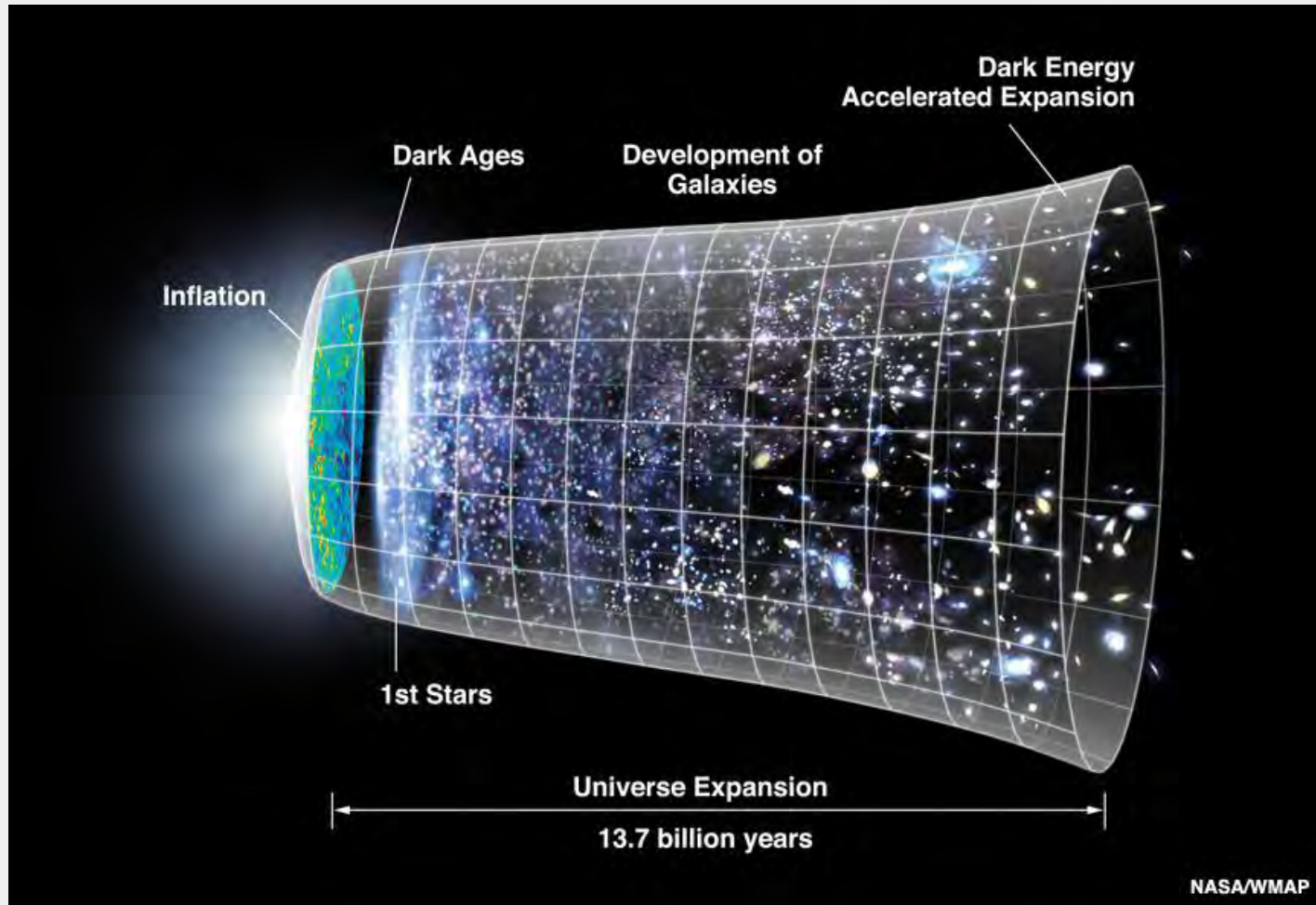


WFIRST & EUCLID, zwei künftige DE Satellitexperimente.

Wir nennen die Ursache für die Beschleunigung des Universums “Dunkle Energie”. Sie wirkt als anti-Gravitation, aber viel mehr wissen wir nicht!

Um das zu ändern bauen wir jetzt eine neue Generation von DE Experimente.

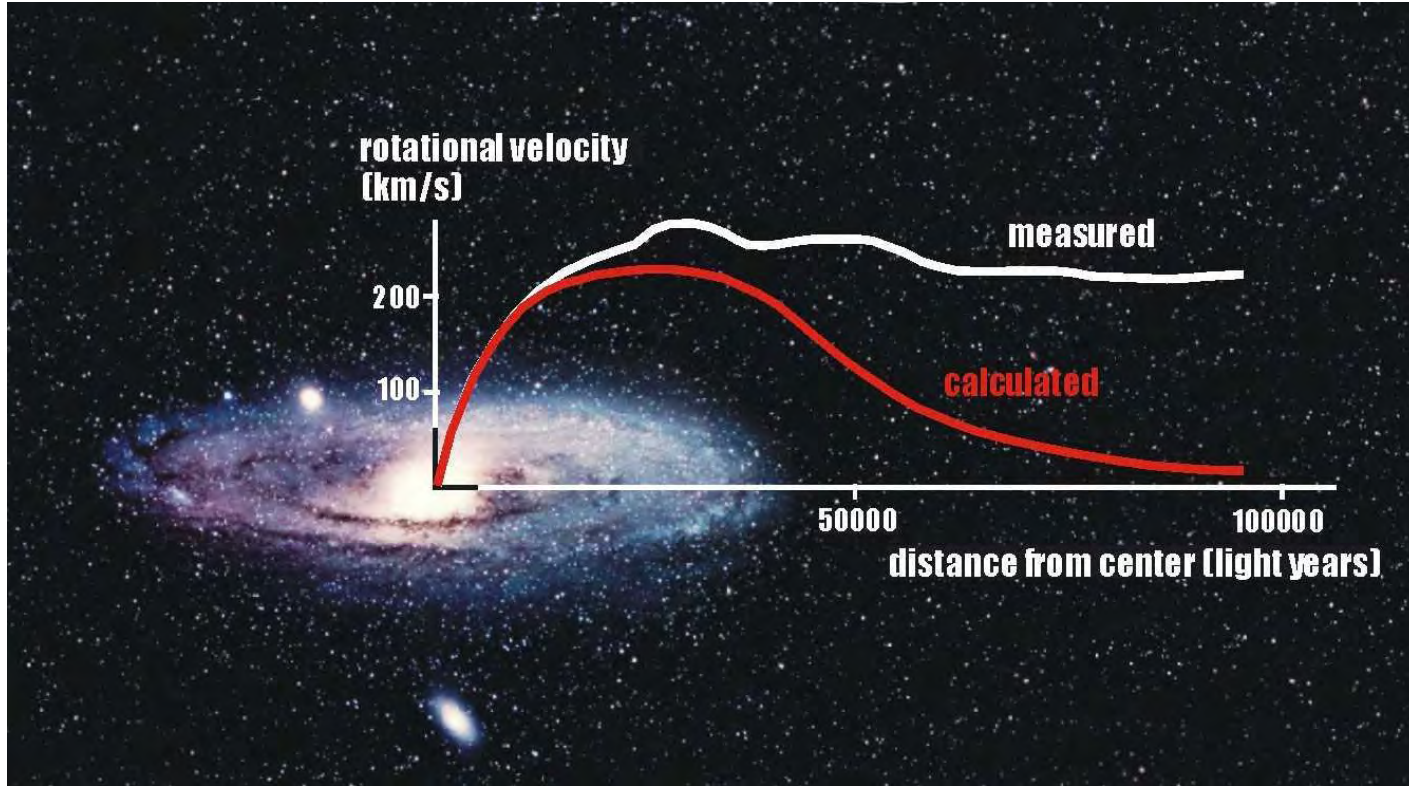
Können wir etwas über Big Bang entdecken?



Im nächsten Schritt wollen wir etwas über Inflation herausfinden!

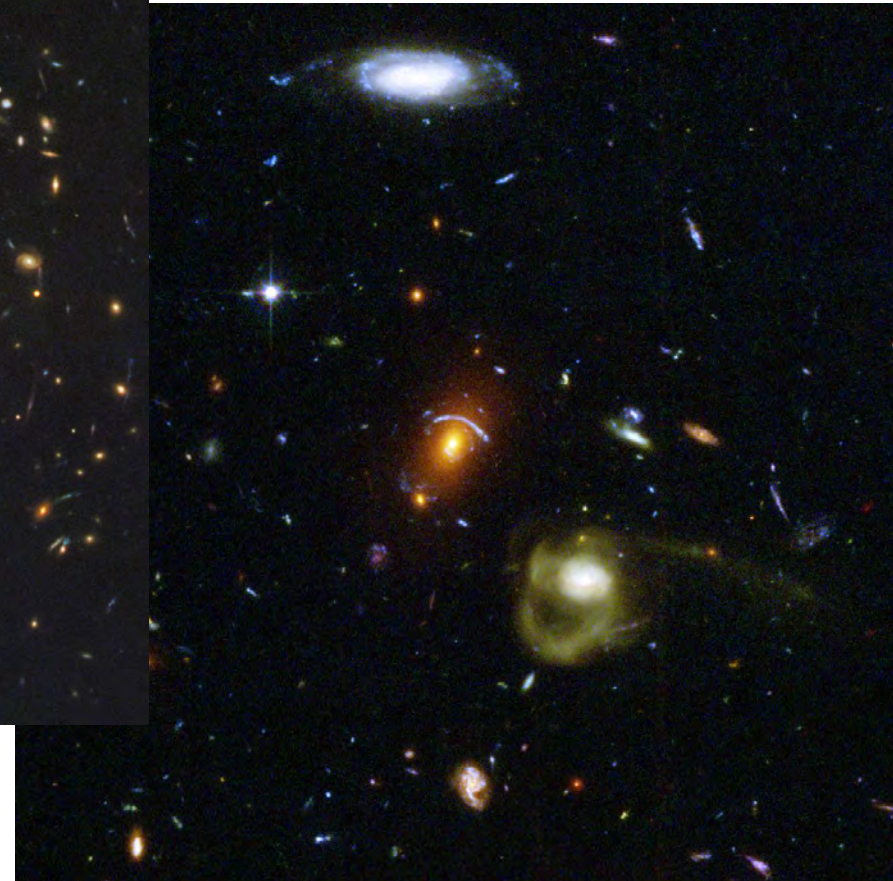
Type Ia supernovae

**A thermonuclear
disruption of a star,
always emitting the same
(enormous) amount of
light.**



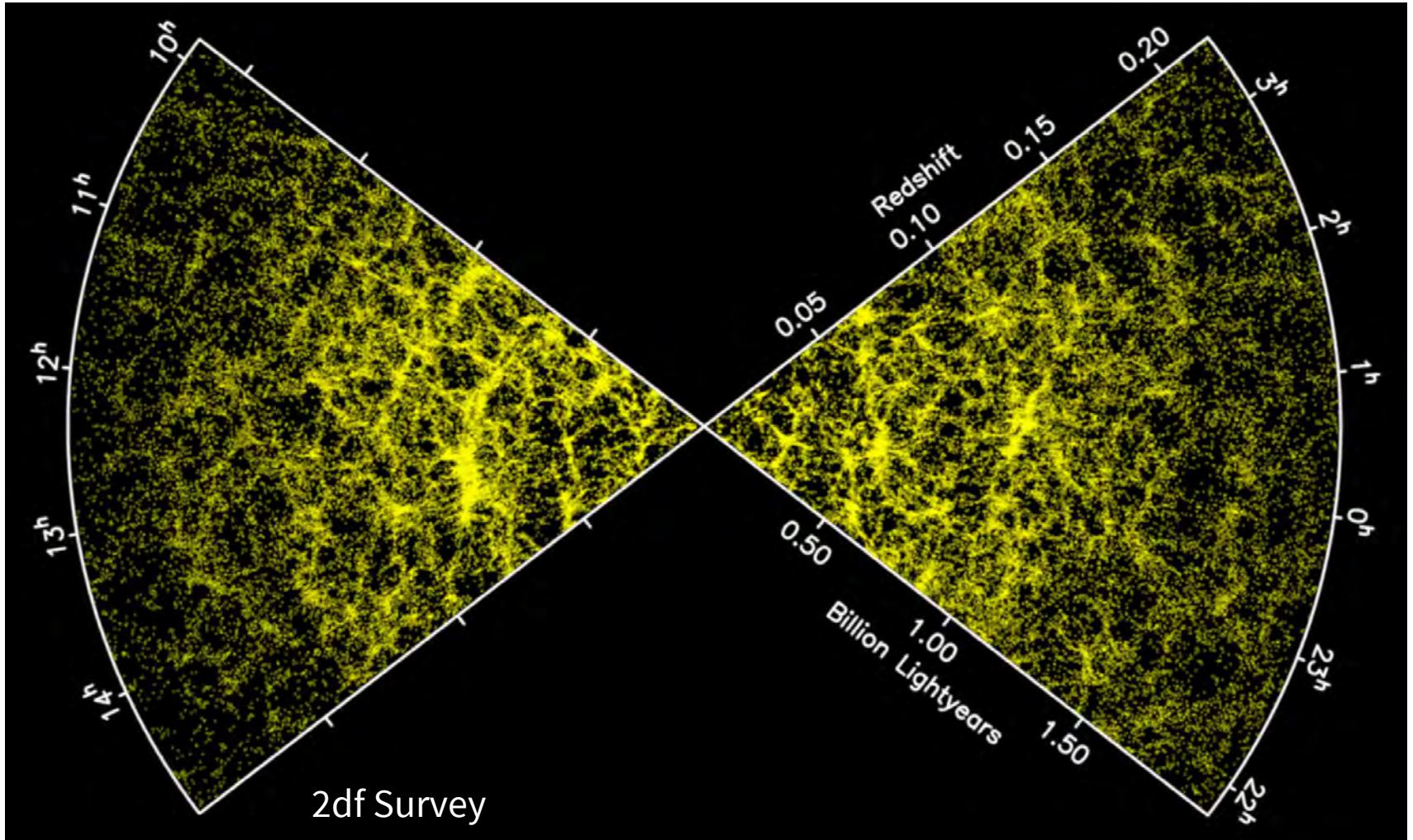
The Universe 100 years ago

Nearby stars and distant galaxies in a static universe

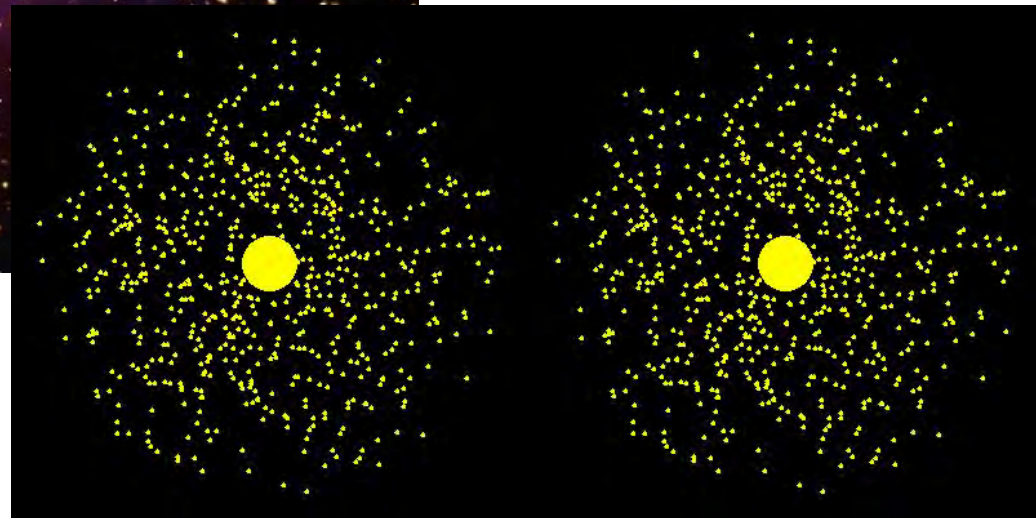


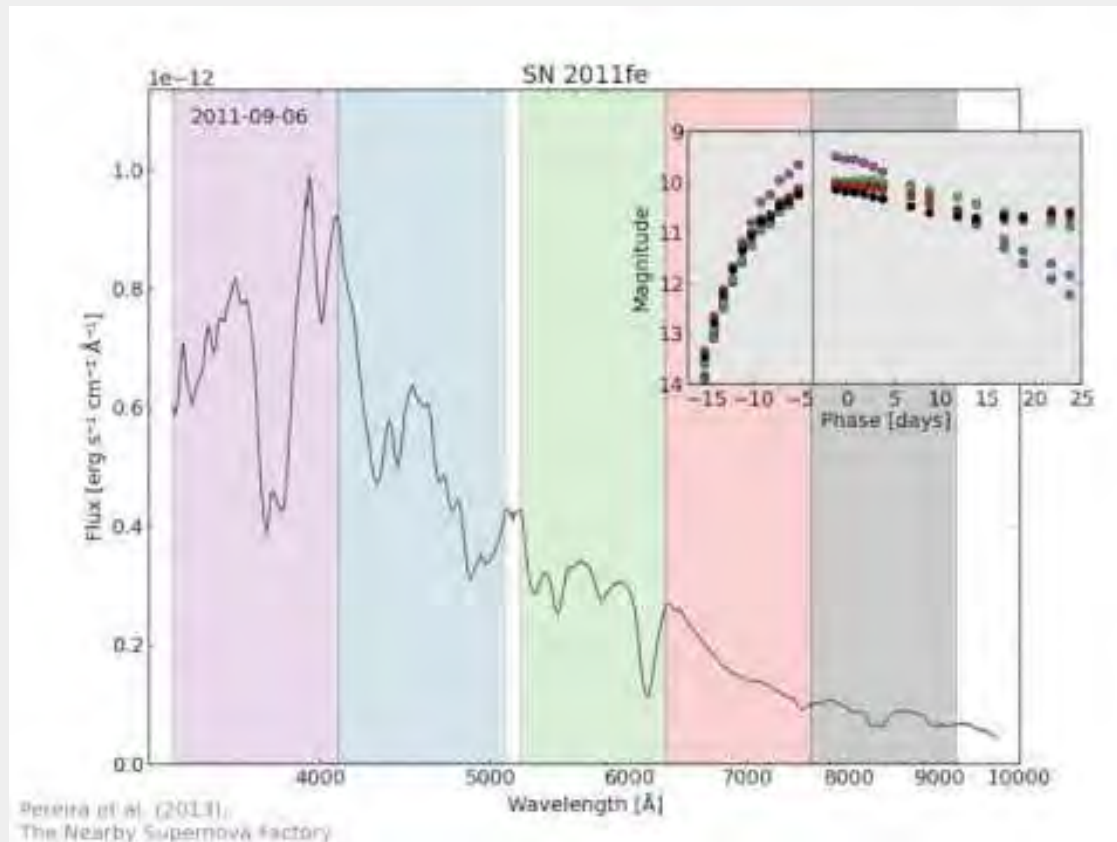
Distant light is old light

Cosmology as much history as a natural science!



- ▣ What is dark matter?
- ▣ What is dark energy?
- ▣ What happened at big bang?





- SN cosmology builds on the *standardized peak magnitude*.
 - Measure peak mag, lightcurve width and color (dust)
- Requires cadenced photometry in 3+ filters

Do we need a more complex model?

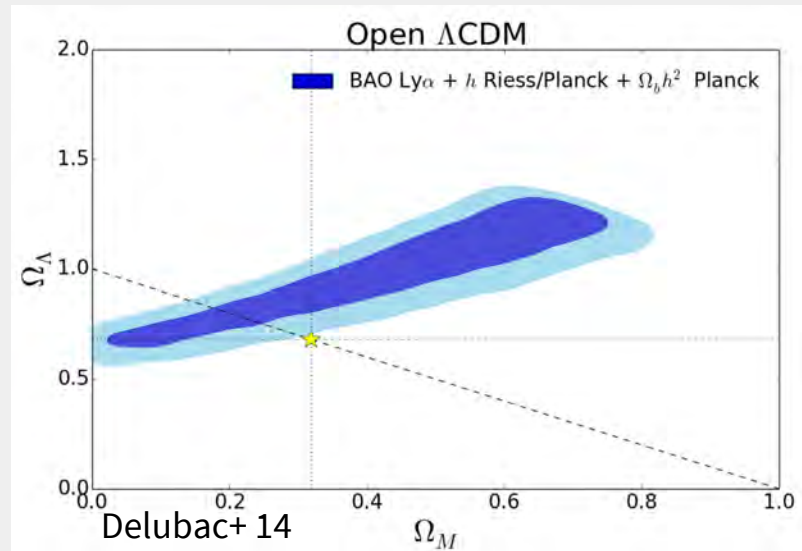
Fundamental theory

Similarly to particle physics, cosmologists are looking for a fundamental theory that explains *why* we currently experience a Λ CDM universe (coincidence problem).

Such theories typically include a dynamic dark energy-like component, implying variation with time/distance.

Data tension

The BOSS $L\alpha$ -forest BAO survey at $z\sim 2.5$ found correlation scales incompatible with Λ CDM at $\sim 2\sigma$.



When combined with other data, this result implies time-varying Dark Energy.

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**How to test DE evolution
with SNe Ia**

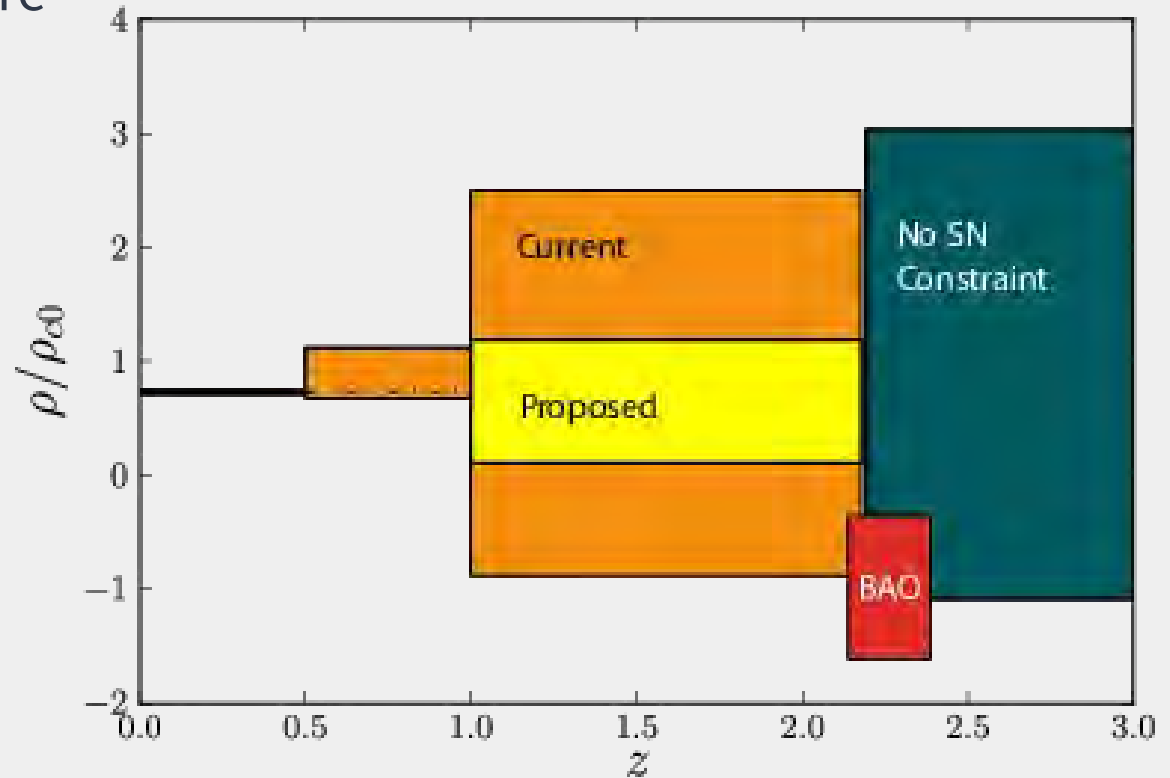
Current constraints on DE evolution

SN luminosity distances are integrated along the path and thus test the “mean” cosmology.

The dark energy density (ρ_{DE}) is well constrained only locally.

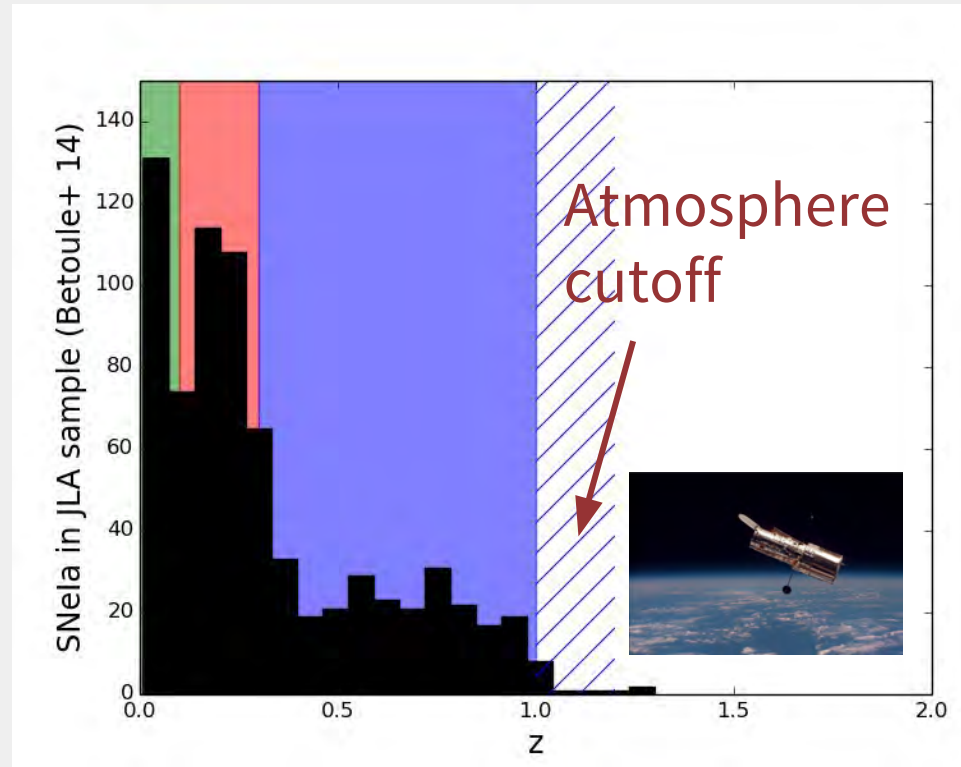
[No DE evidence $z > 1$]

- 25 SNe at $z > 1.3$ sufficient for constraining $\rho_{DE}(z > 1)$.



25 SNe? We have hundreds?

- Observability from ground sharply falls off at $z \sim 1$
 - True also for e.g. LSST
- Less than ten well-measured $z > 1$ HST SNe Ia, despite hundreds of orbits
 - Goods, Candels, Clash,...

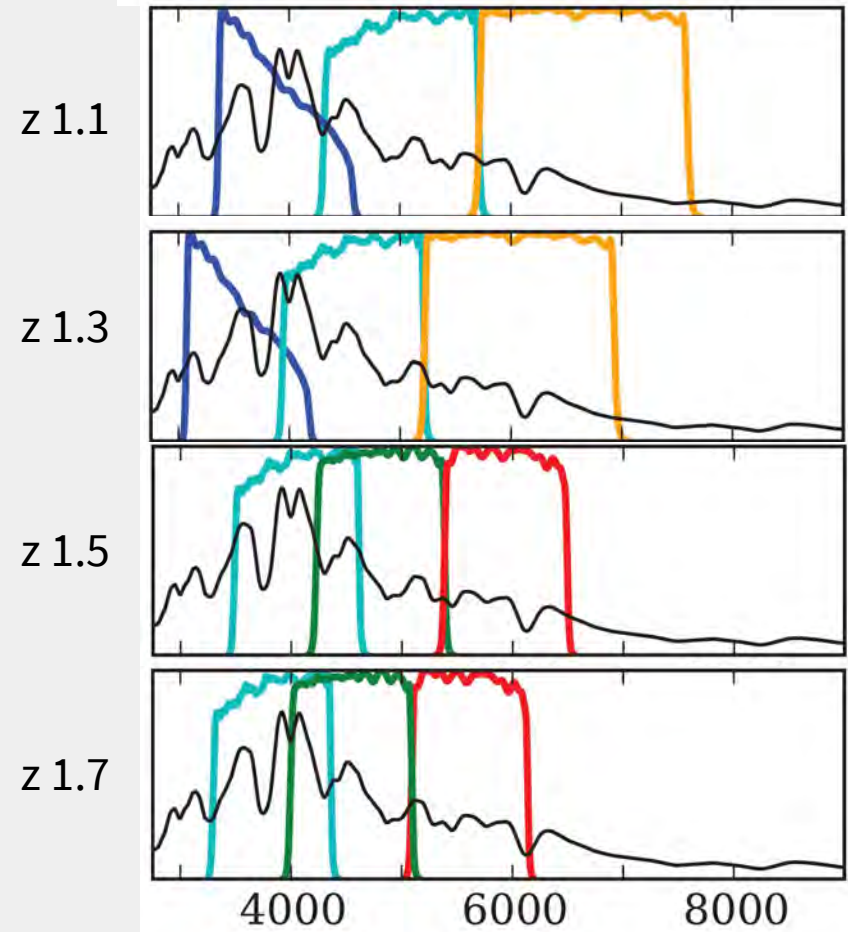


Is the 2m HST not good enough for $z \sim 2$ SNe?

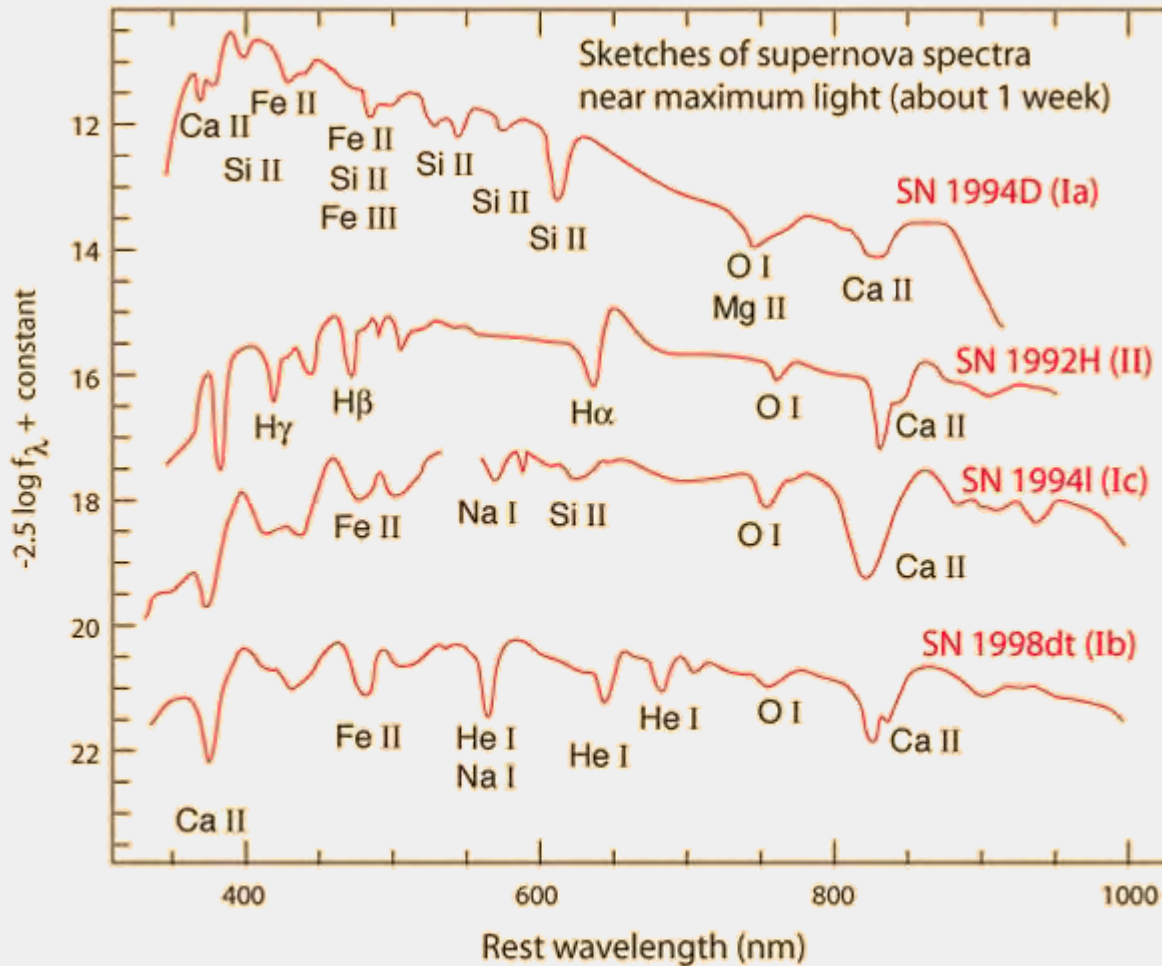
SN lightcurves can be well measured to $z \sim 2$ through the combination of:

- The new IR camera WFC3
- Flat $d\mu/dz$
- Peak (restframe) SN flux moves to wide IR bands at higher z
- No atmosphere...

[Still requires quick trigger of ToO observations of detected SNe due to slow HST visit processing. Observer frame critical.]



Filters: F814w, F105w, F125W, F140w, F160w



Sketches of spectra from Carroll & Ostlie, data attributed to Thomas Matheson of National Optical Astronomy Observatory.

Transient typing traditionally done through optical spectroscopy