

# **Introduction to Cosmology**

## **1: $\Lambda$ CDM**

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## Previous: How to measure celestial objects

Position in the sky

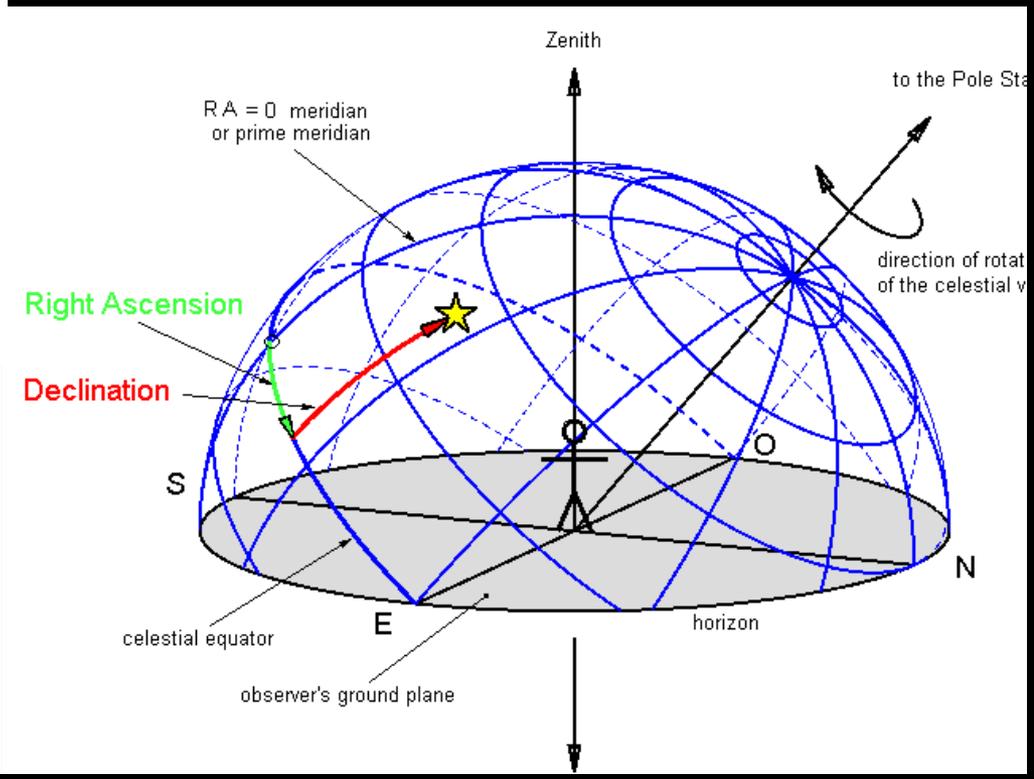
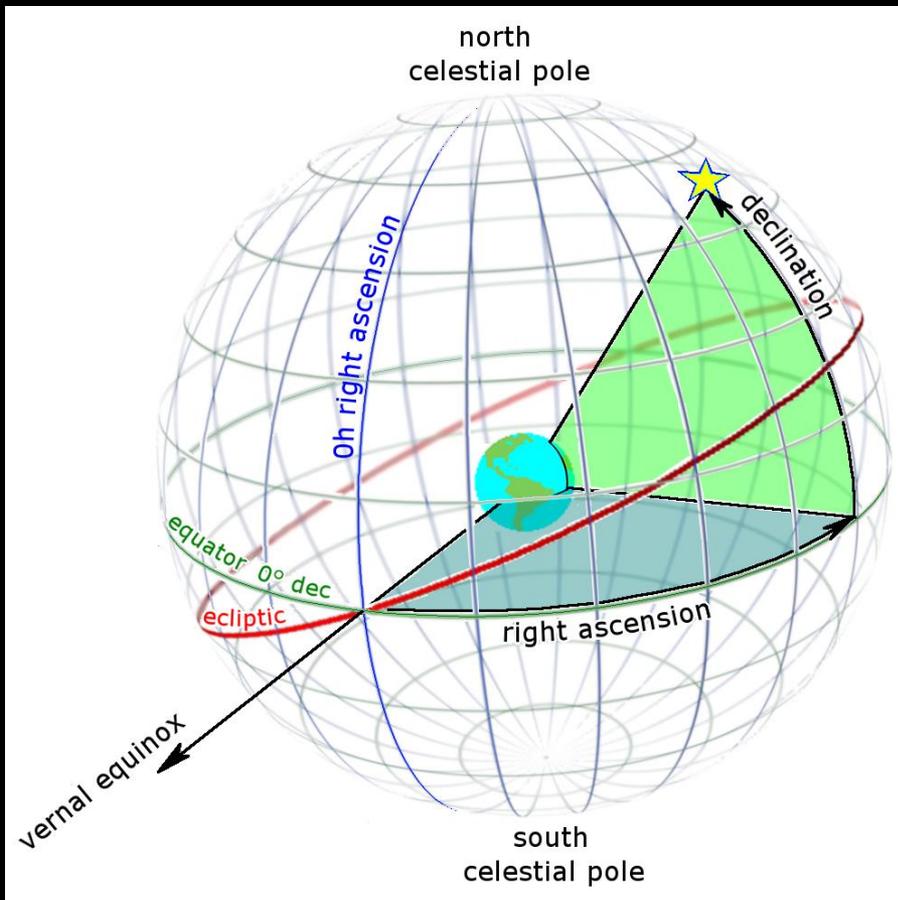
Distance

Recession velocity

Other properties: *Temperature, density,  
chemical composition...*

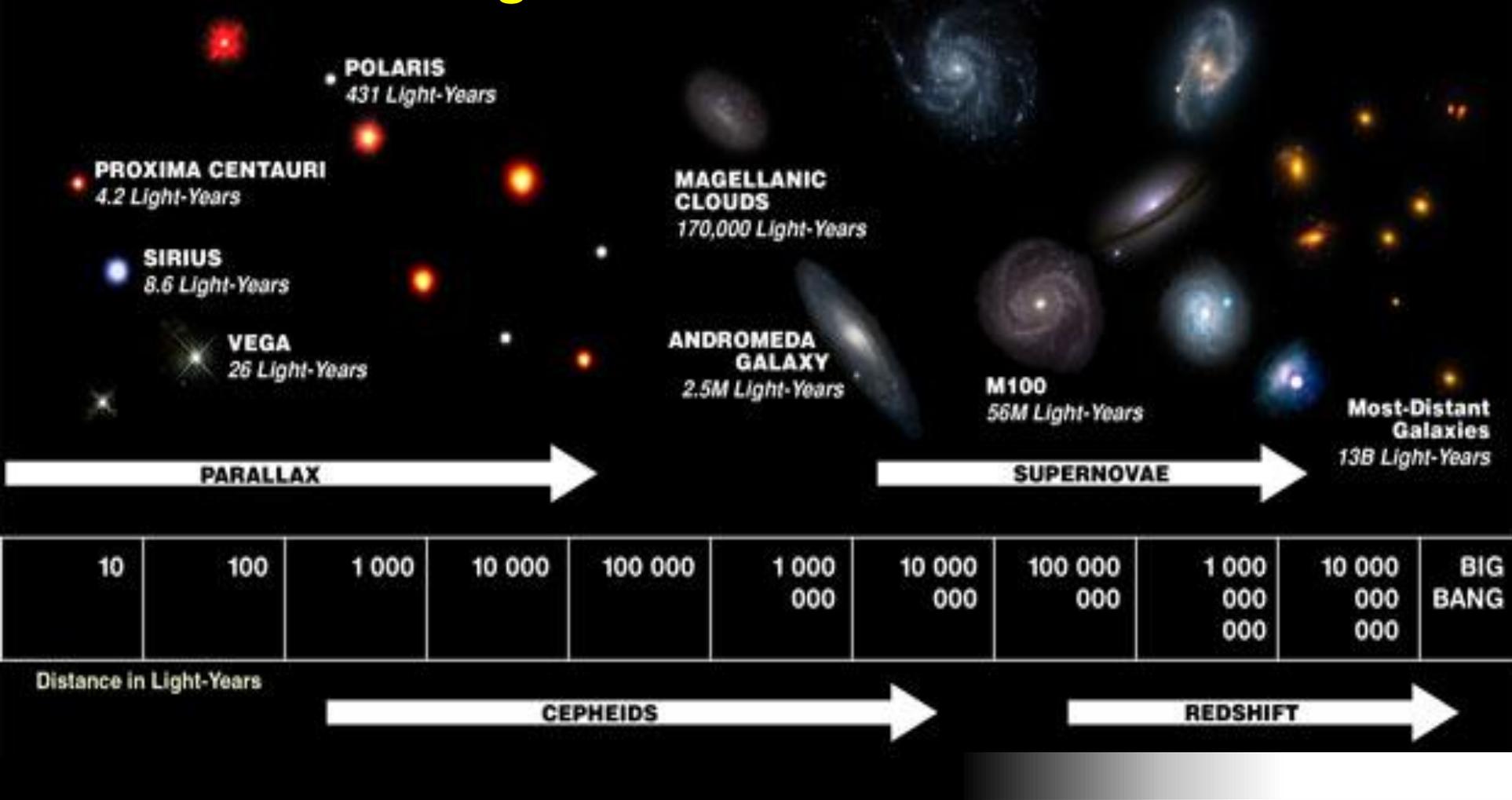
# Equatorial coordinates: right ascension, declination

The large cosmological projects do use equatorial coordinates to locate objects in the sky



The third dimension (distance) is much more difficult to measure

# Measuring Distances: The Cosmic ladder



The different methods  
are chained

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# Spectra tell us the recession velocity of celestial objects

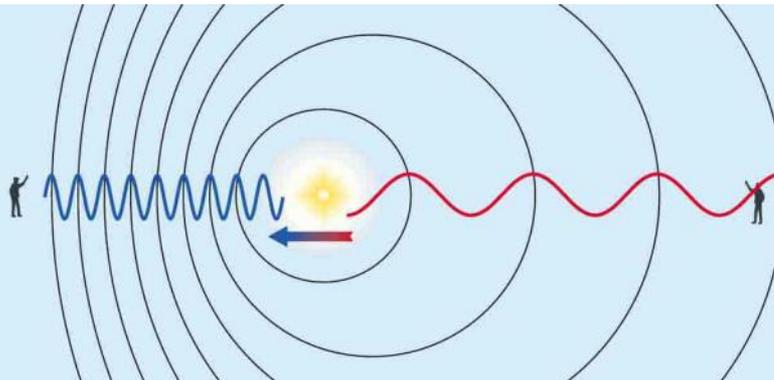
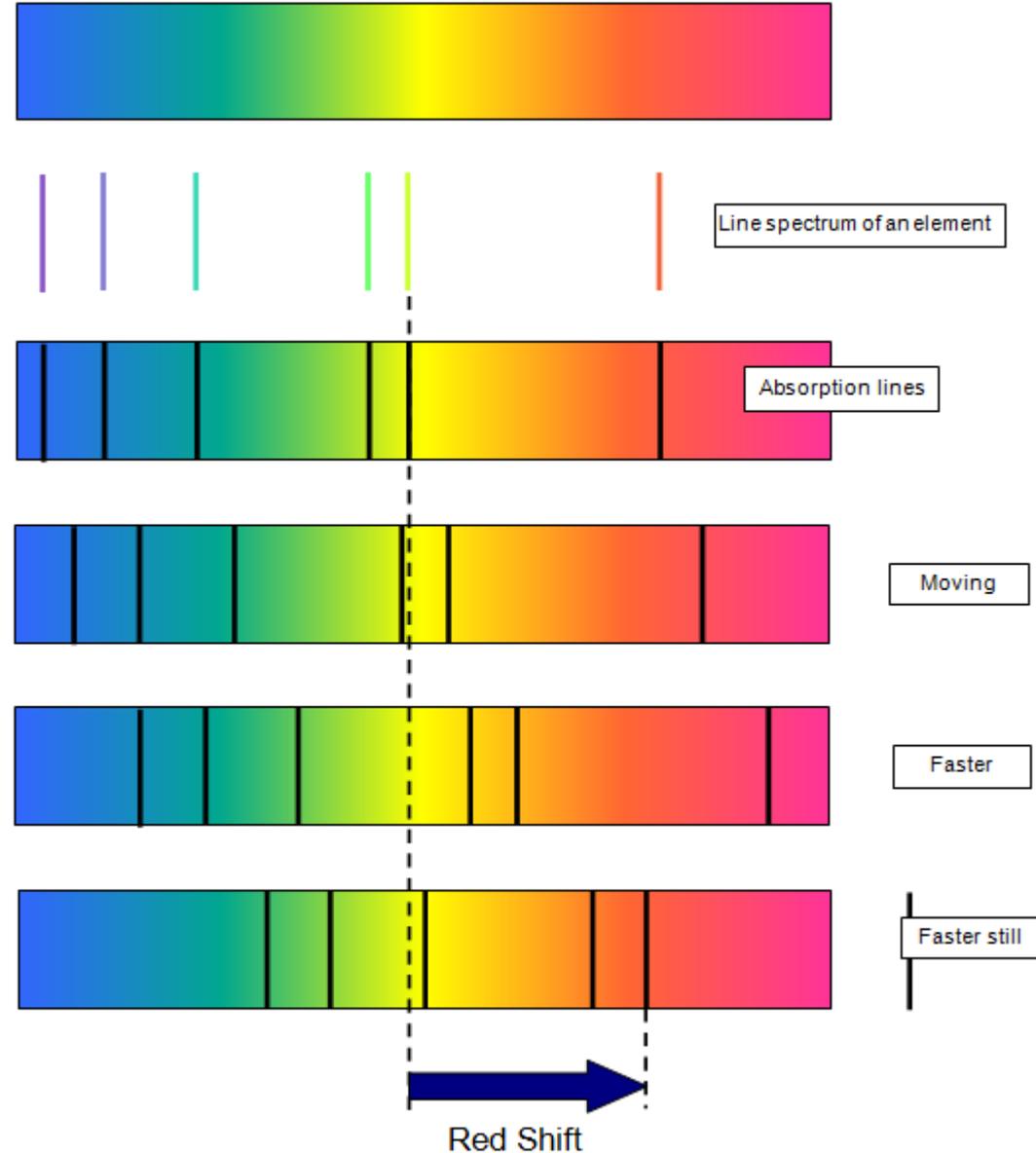
Spectral lines change their positions when the source is moving

The measurement of line's displacement allows to obtain the recession velocity of the source.

$$z = (\lambda - \lambda_0) / \lambda_0$$

For small  $z$ ,  $v \sim cz$

$\lambda$  = measured ;  $\lambda_0$  = at rest ;  $c$  = light



# **2 main measurements for Cosmology:**

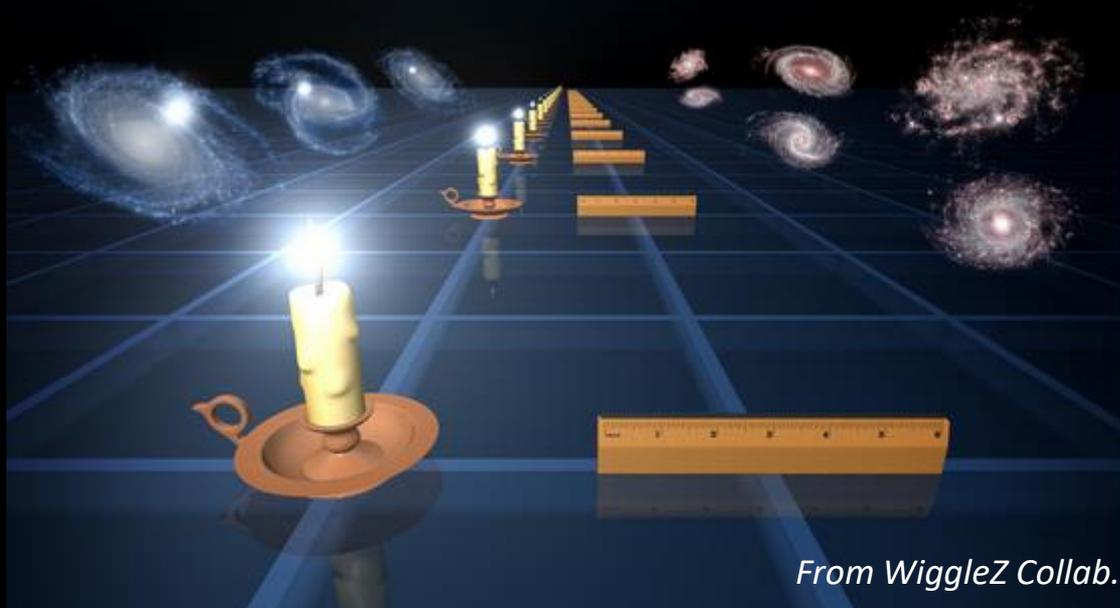
Distance as a function of  $z$

The formation and evolution of  
cosmic structures (superclusters,  
clusters, galaxies...)

# Cosmic Distances: Standard Candles and Standard Rulers

Luminosity  
Distance

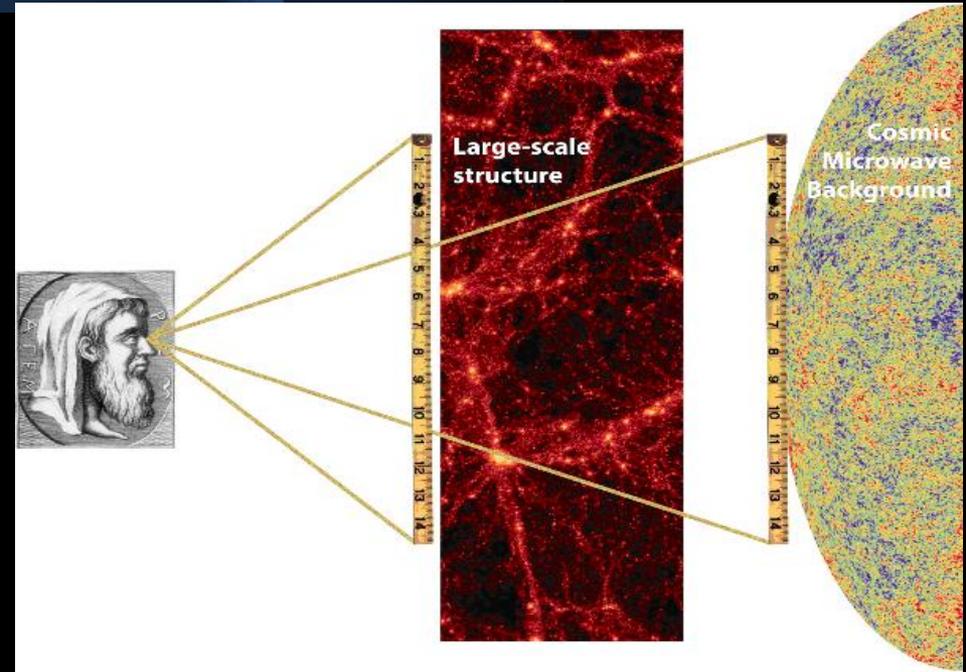
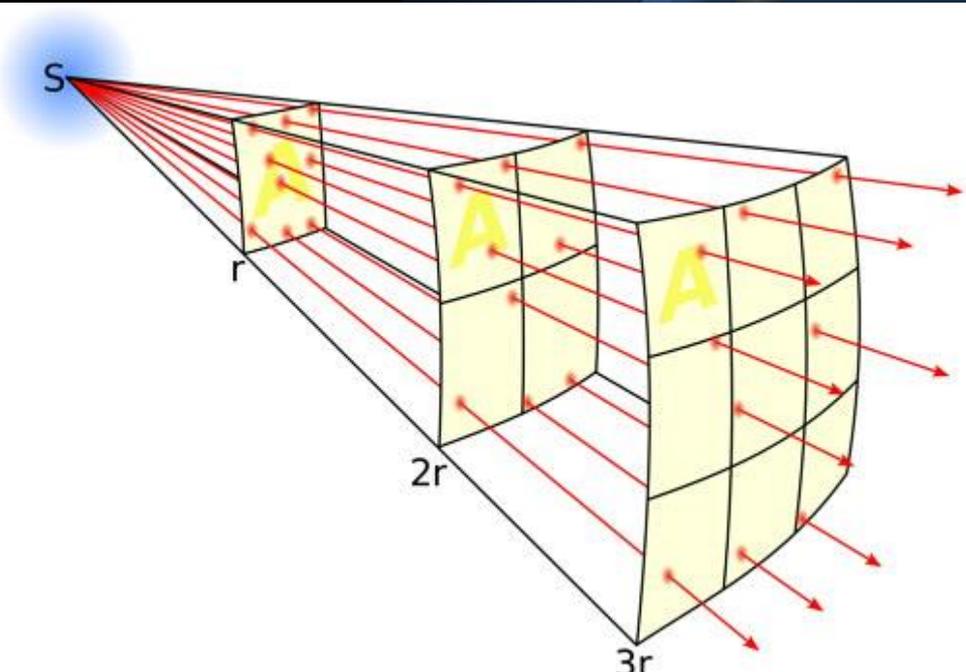
$$F = \frac{L}{4\pi D_L^2}$$



*From WiggleZ Collab.*

Angular  
Diameter  
Distance

$$D_A = \frac{R}{\theta}$$



Large-scale  
structure

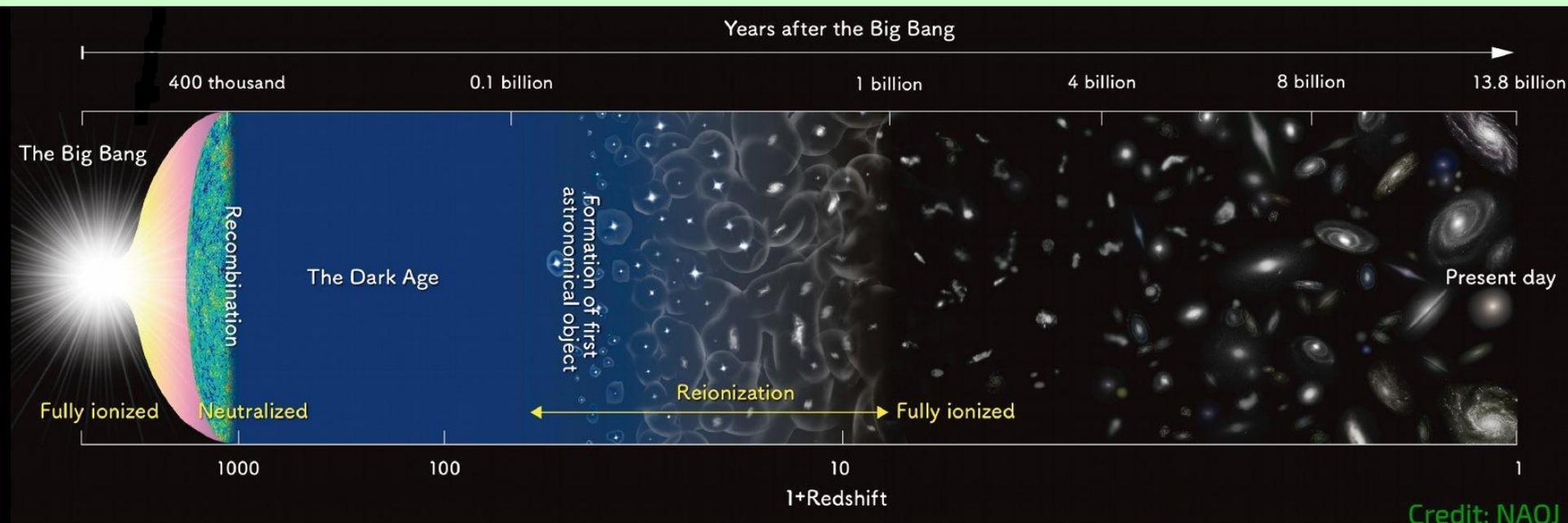
Cosmic  
Microwave  
Background

# LSS Formation and Evolution: General Idea

**Generation of fluctuations:** Quantum fluctuations of the inflaton become classic due to the wild inflationary expansion. At the end of inflation the inflaton field decays into particles  
Quantum fluctuations of the field → fluctuations in the number of particles → fluctuations in the energy density

Inflation generates initial conditions, (Gaussian) i. e. seeds for the LSS:

## Gravity does the rest



Credit: NAOJ

The properties of the initial fluctuations determine the properties of the LSS

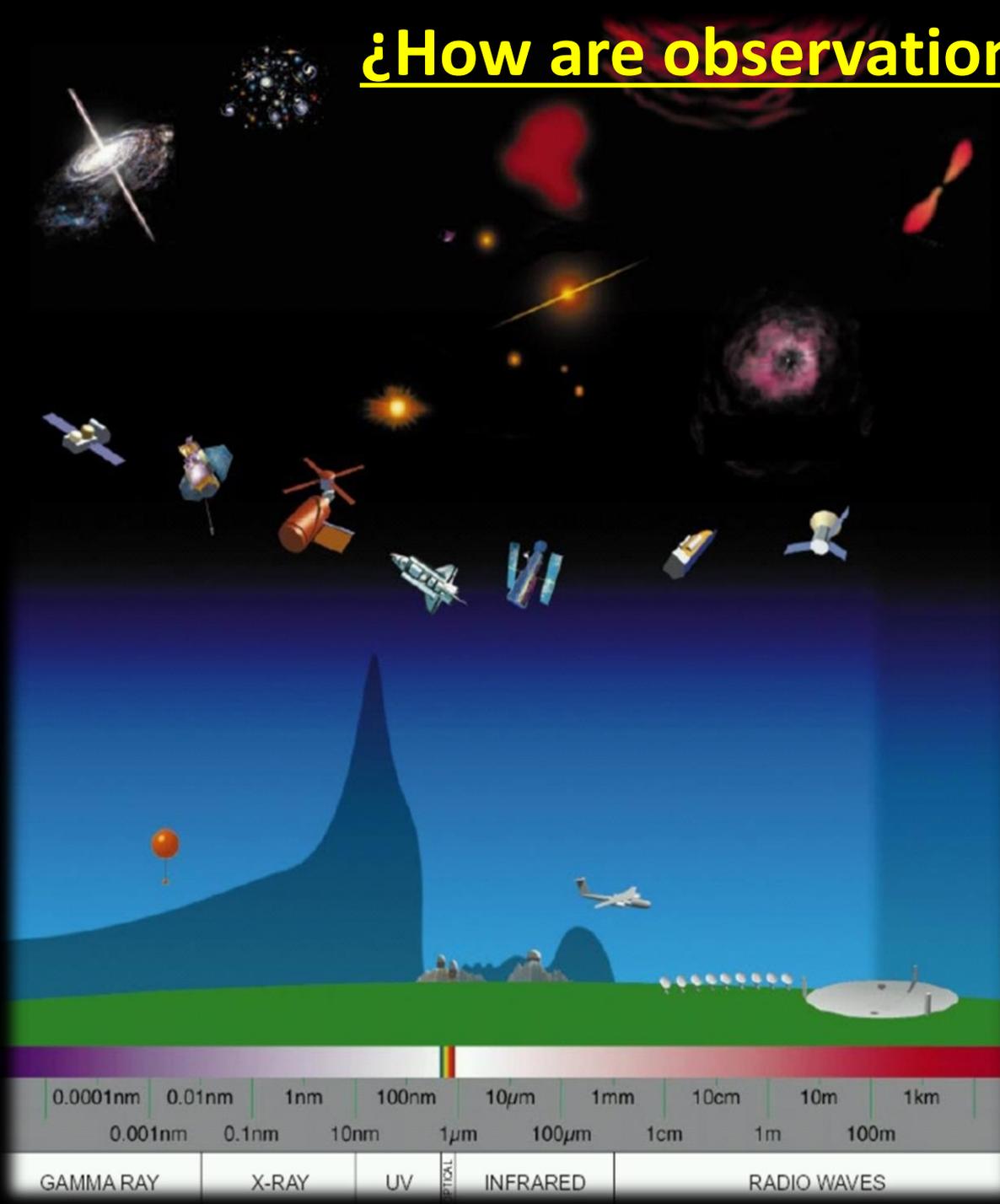
Important point: Inflaton is a quantum field → We cannot predict the specific value of the fluctuations, but only their statistical properties → Our predictions for the LSS are statistical

# ¿How are observations made?

Powerful telescopes  
on earth and in space

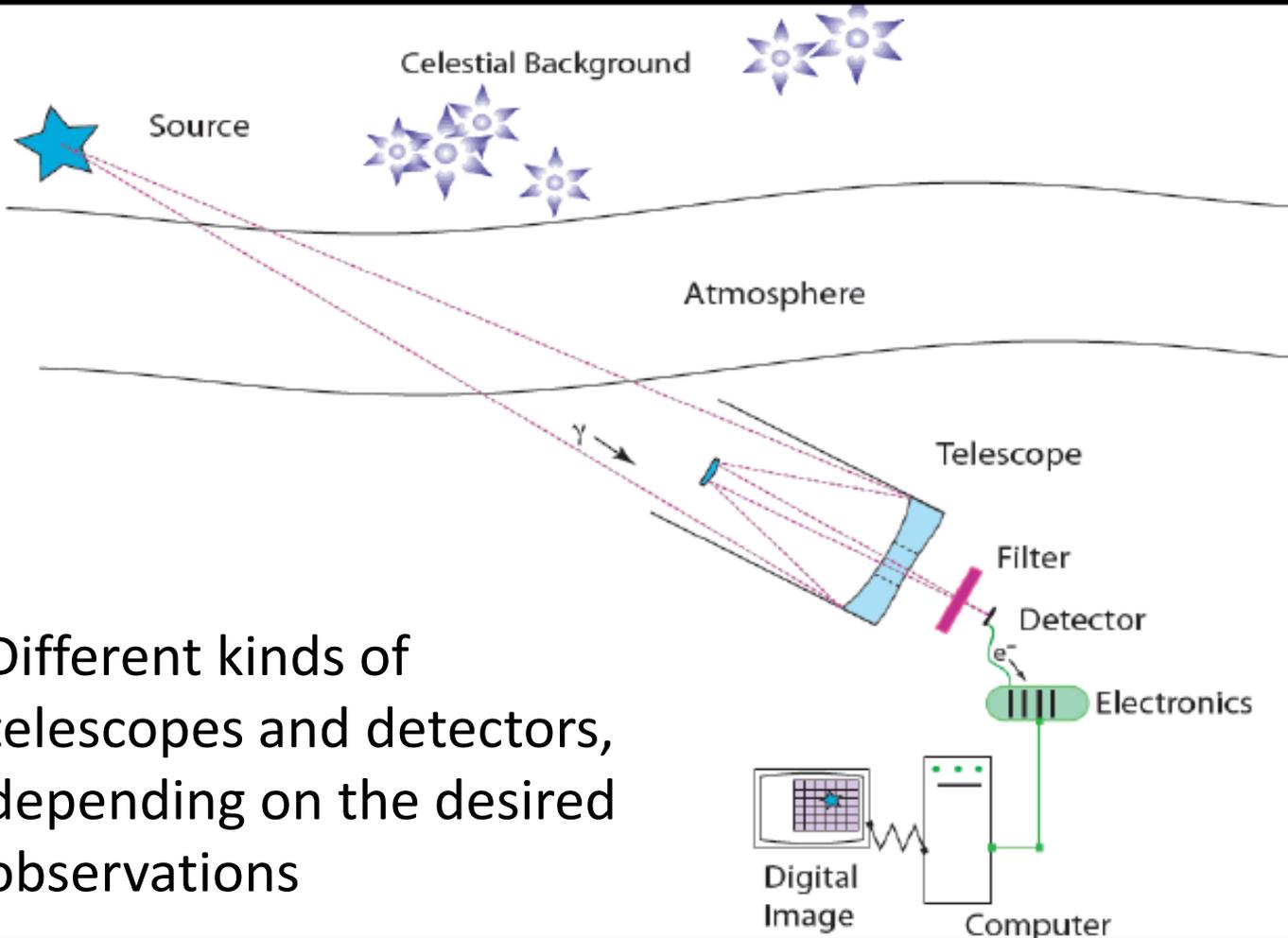
In many wavelengths

Also other signals  
(besides of light) are  
observed (cosmic  
rays, neutrinos,  
gravitational waves...)



# How observations are done

Many observational effects in the measurement



Light source

The atmosphere

Telescope and optical system

Camera

Electronics+DaQ

Data processing and calibration

Scientific analysis

Different kinds of telescopes and detectors, depending on the desired observations

# The Blanco Telescope in Chile

Its mirror  
has a  
diameter  
of 4m (the  
largest are  
~10m)

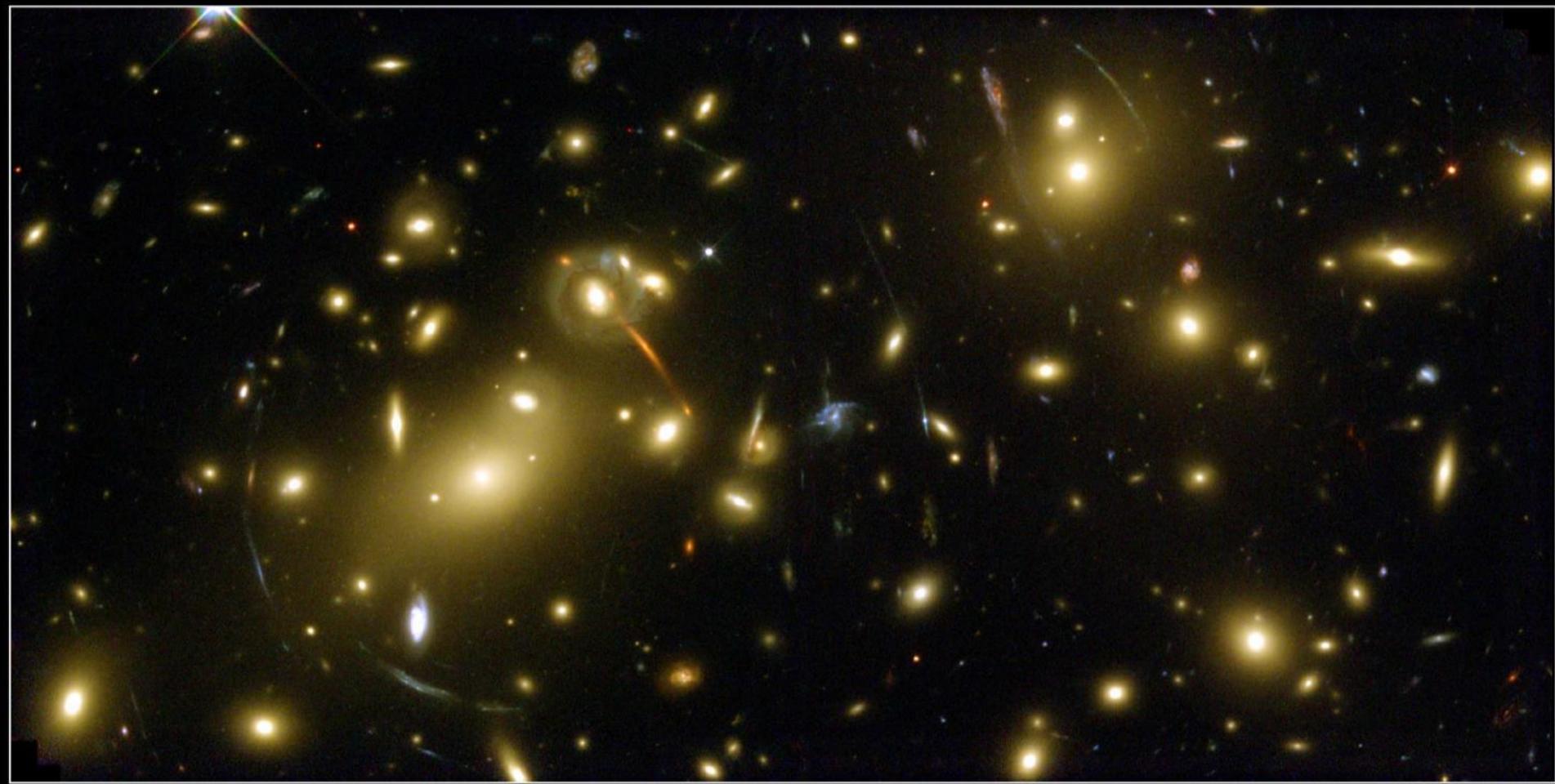


# The Blanco Telescope, in Chile



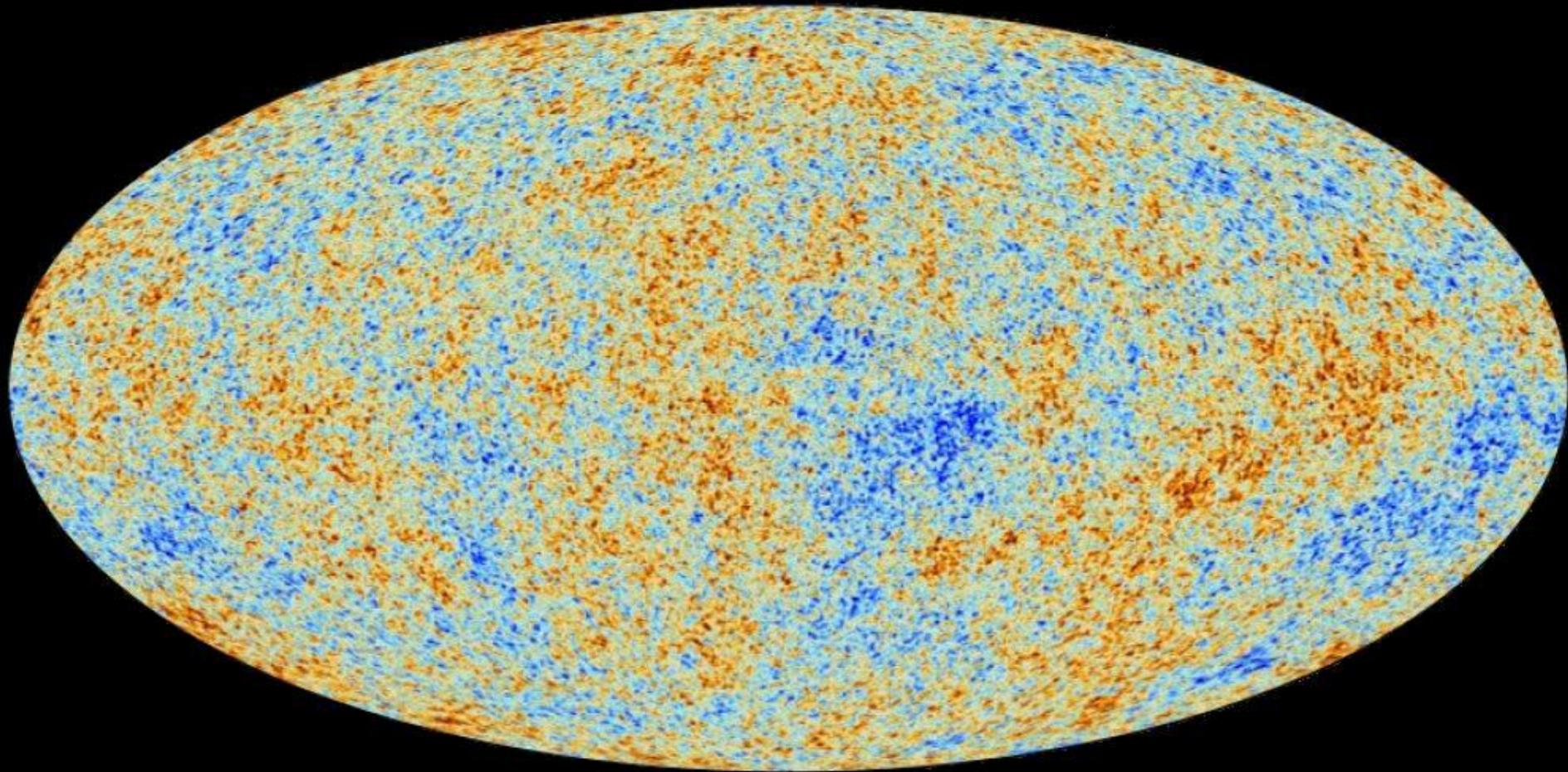
Image from [darkenergydetectives.org](http://darkenergydetectives.org)



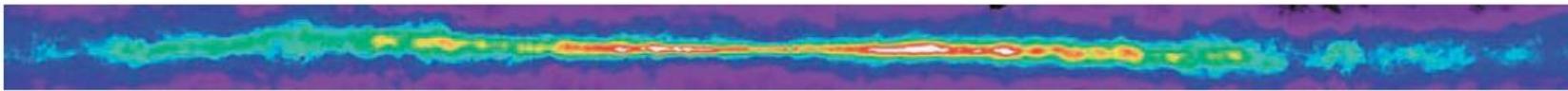


**Galaxy Cluster Abell 2218**  
Hubble Space Telescope • WFPC2

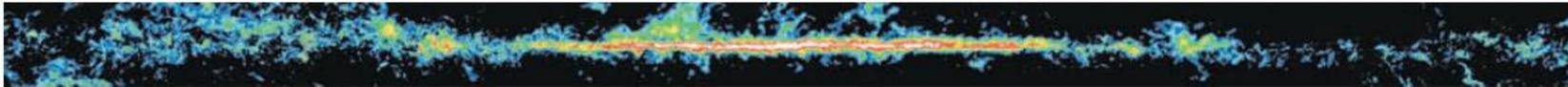
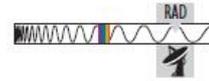
# Map of the CMB from the space telescope Planck



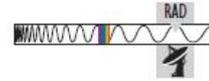
# The Milky Way in different wavelengths of the electromagnetic radiation



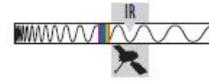
a 21-cm radio emission from atomic hydrogen gas.



b Radio emission from carbon monoxide reveals molecular clouds.



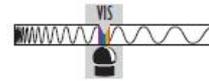
c Infrared emission from interstellar dust (wavelength 60 to 100  $\mu\text{m}$ ).



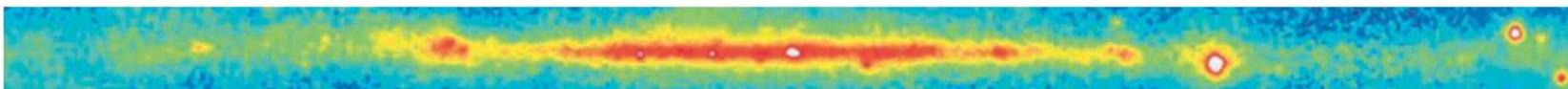
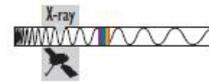
d Infrared emission from stars that penetrates most interstellar material (wavelength 1 to 4  $\mu\text{m}$ ).



e Visible light emitted by stars is scattered and absorbed by dust.



f X-ray emission from hot gas bubbles (diffuse blobs) and X-ray binaries (pointlike sources).

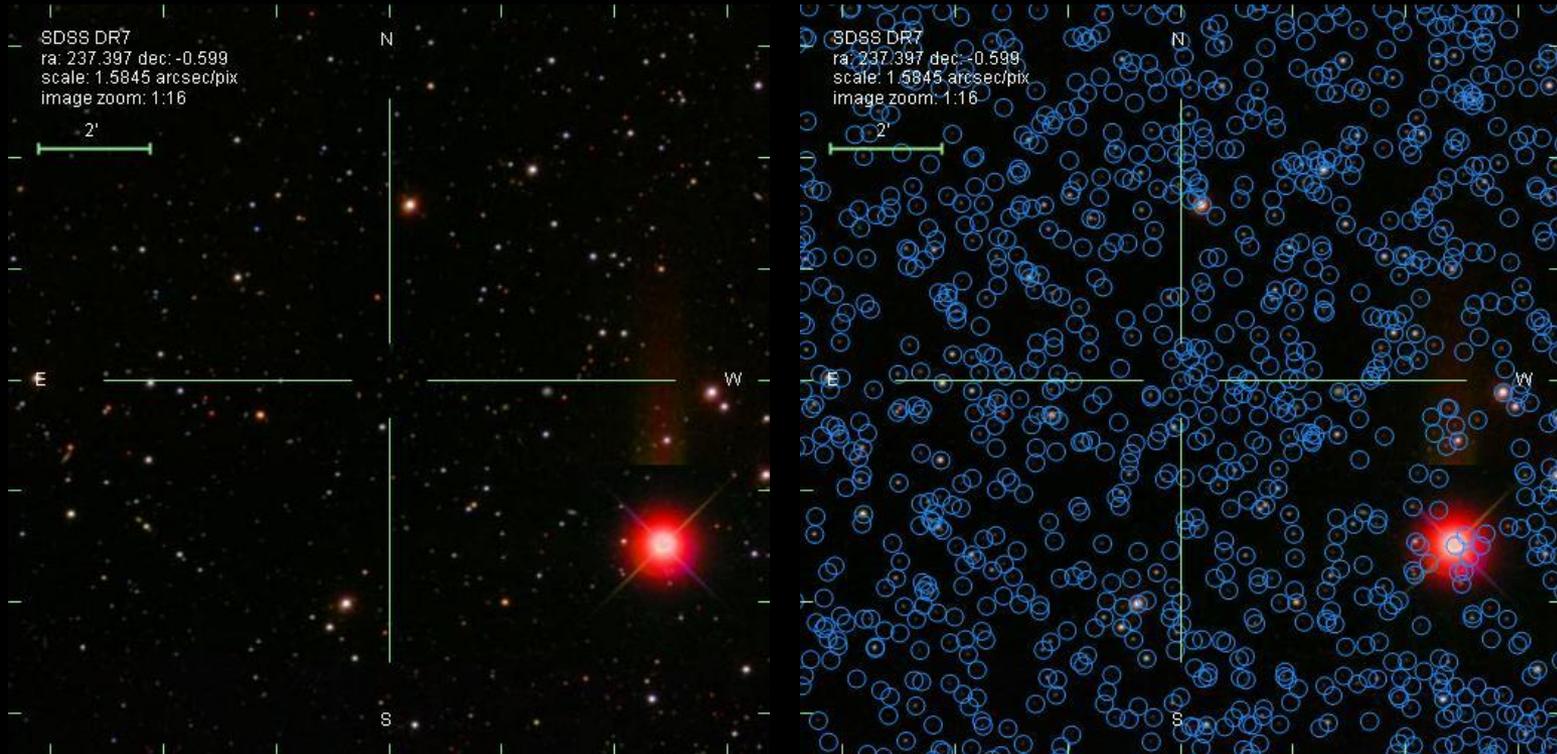


g Gamma-ray emission from collisions of cosmic rays with atomic nuclei in interstellar clouds.



# From images to results

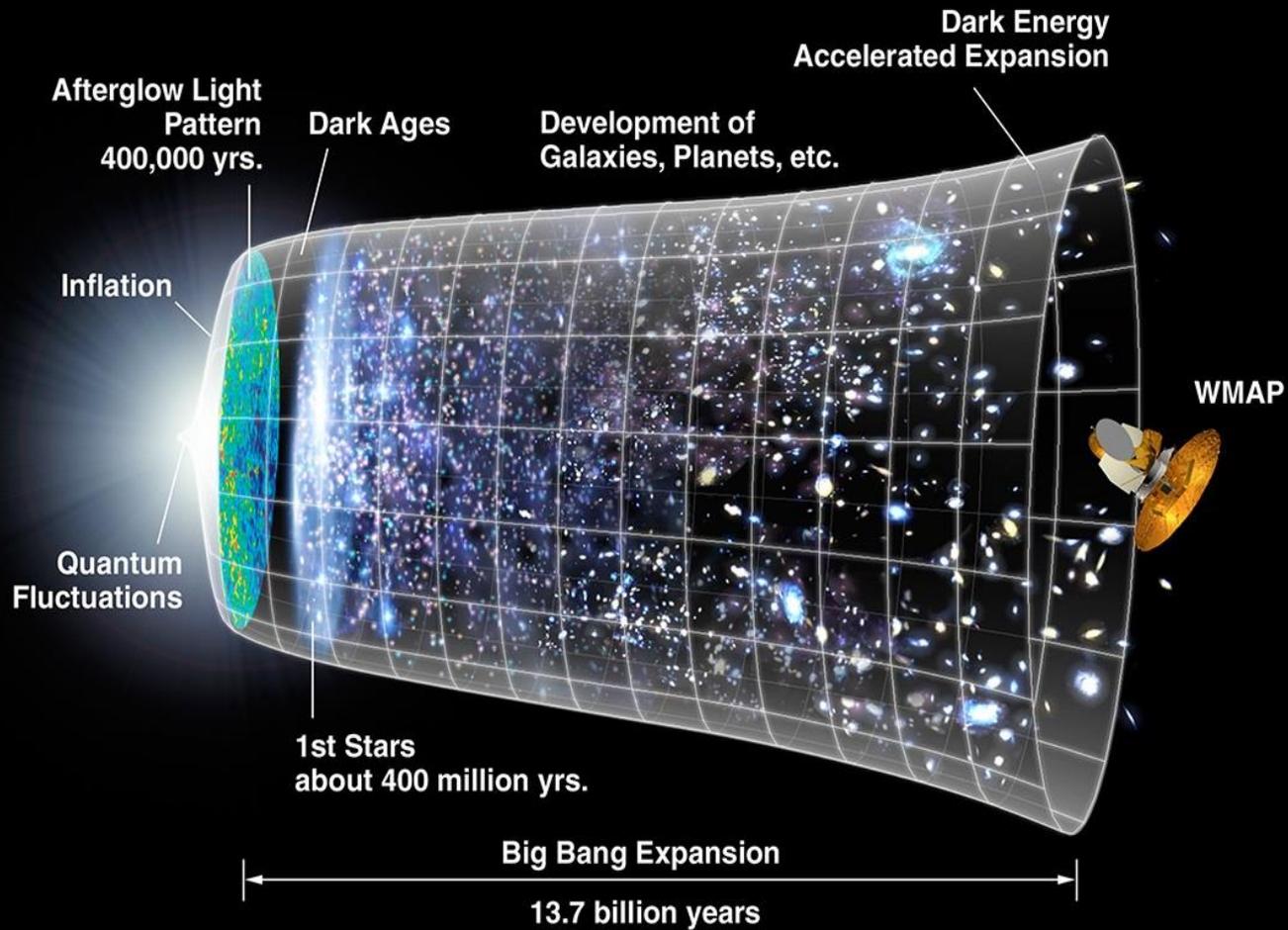
The objects (usually galaxies) are detected using dedicated computing programs



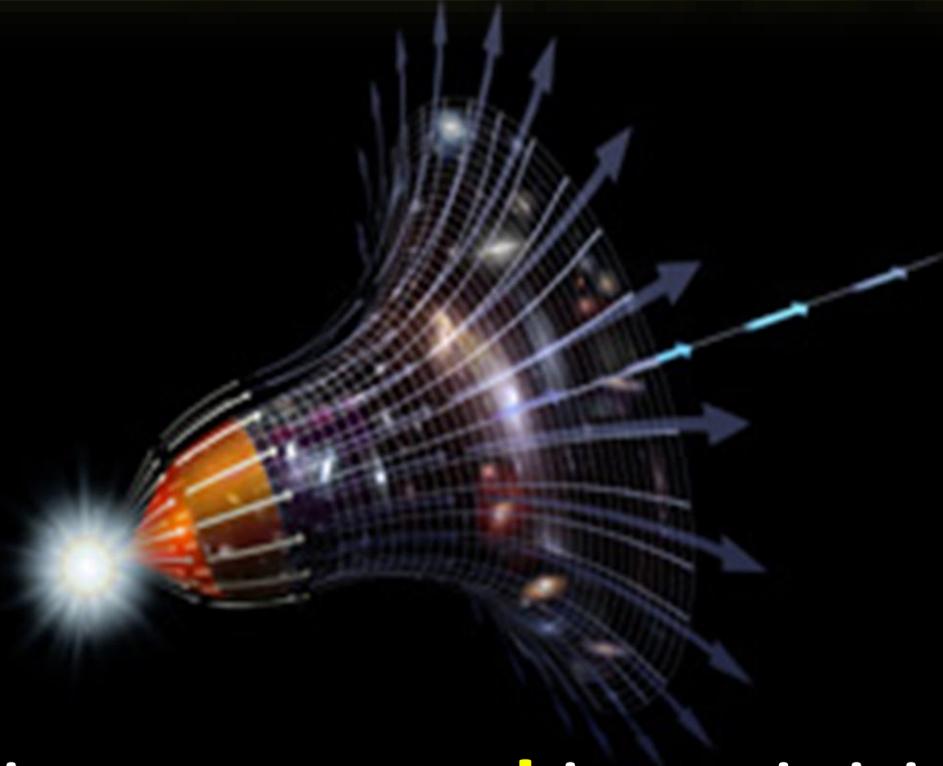
To obtain cosmological results:

- Measure object's position in the sky
- Clasify objets: Stars, galaxiajes, quasars...?
- Measure  $z$

# COSMOLOGY: THE SCIENCE OF THE UNIVERSE



# THE BIG BANG



The Universe **started** in an initial state extremely dense and hot, and since then it is **expanding and cooling**

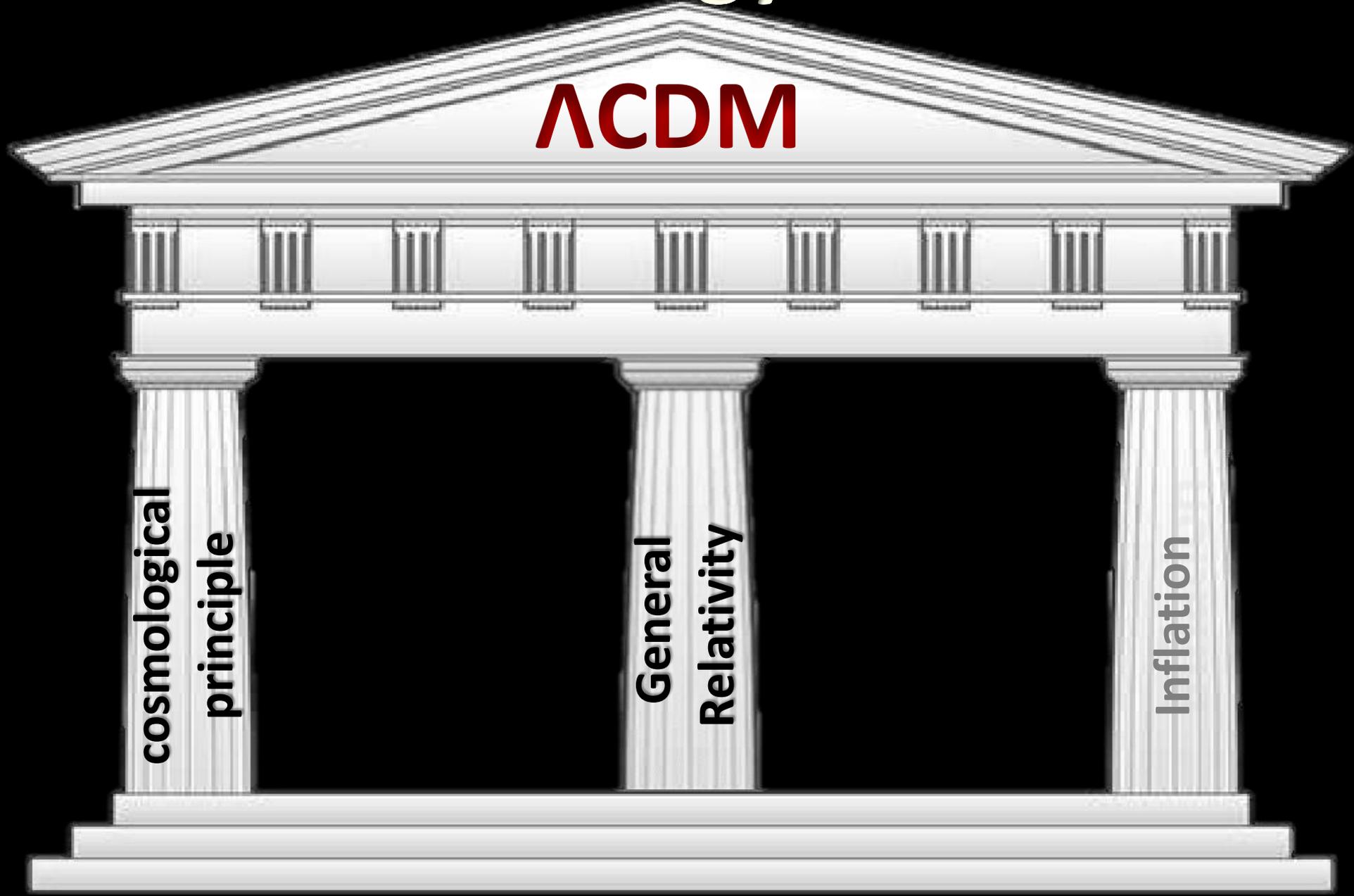
# Cosmology Basis

$\Lambda$ CDM

cosmological  
principle

General  
Relativity

Inflation

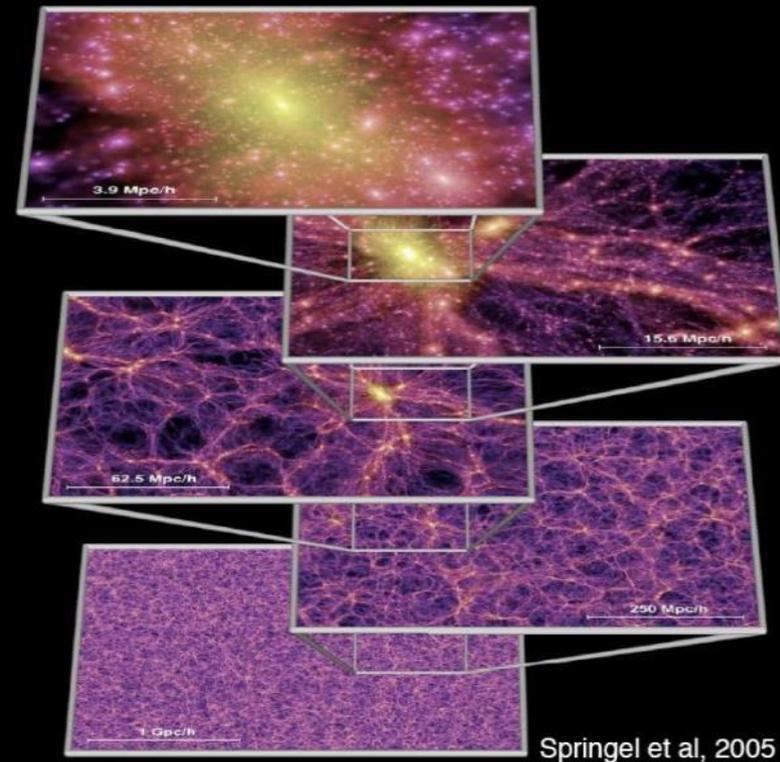


# The cosmological principle

## The Universe is homogeneous and isotropic

The universe properties are independent of the position and of the direction.

It is verified only for regions with a size around 100 Mpc or larger

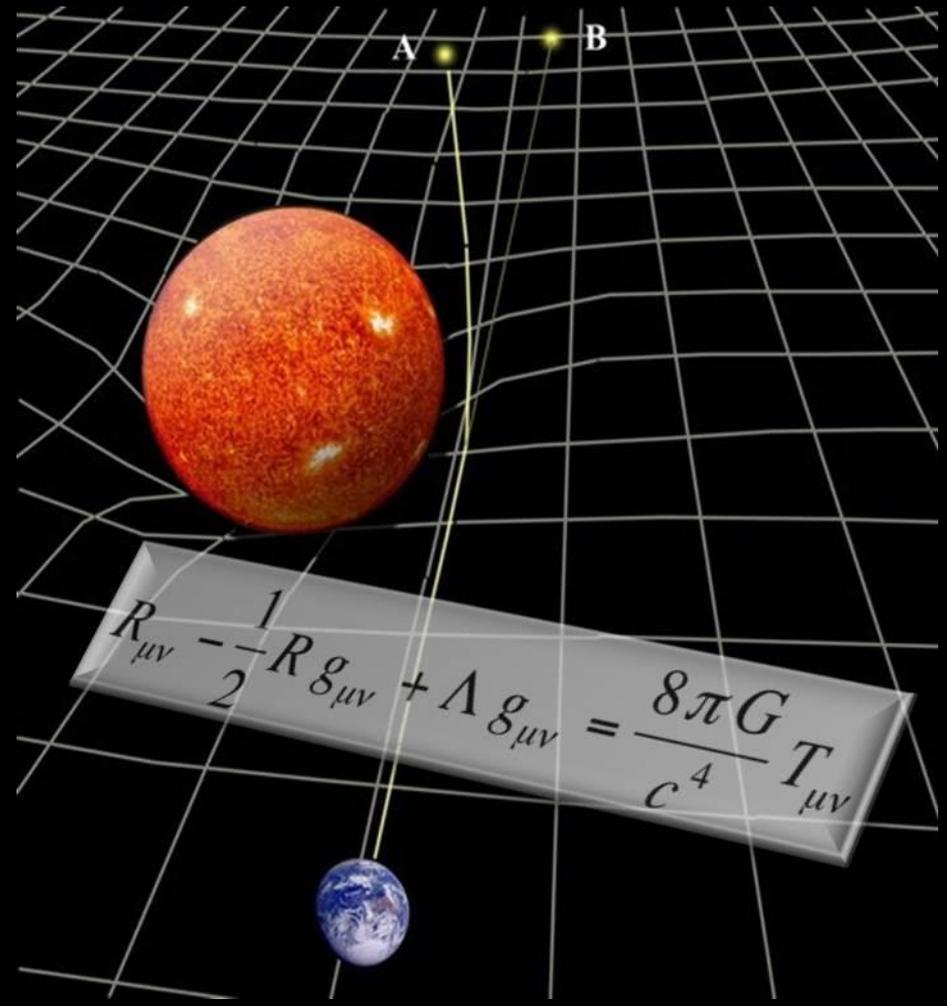
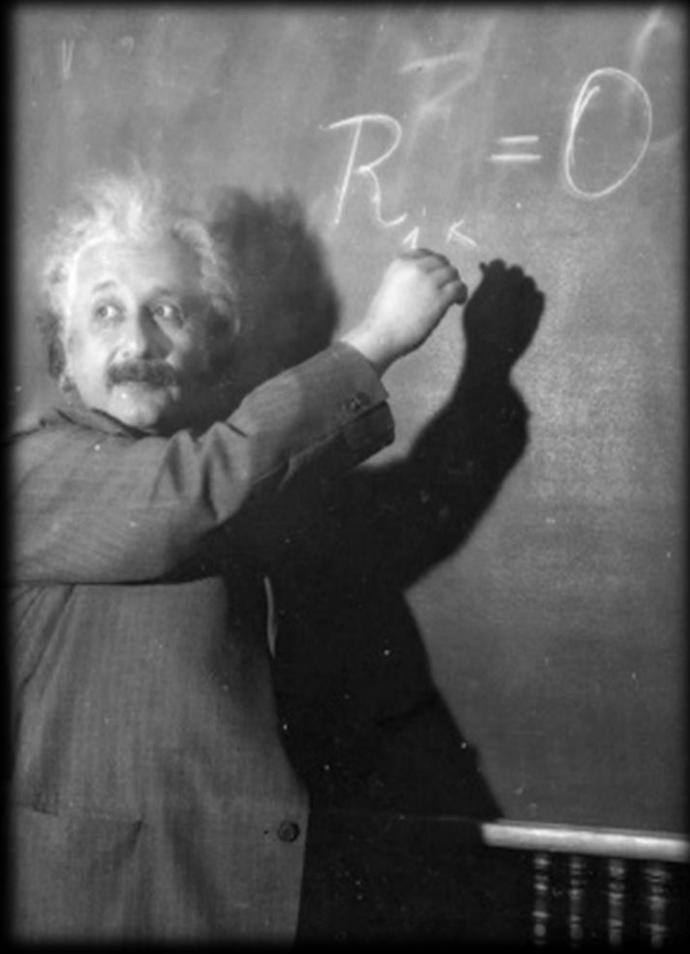


**The Big Bang theory is able to explain why this happens. It describes how structures that we observe in the Universe are formed.**

# General Relativity Theory

Gravity is spacetime curvature

**“Spacetime tells matter how to move; matter tells spacetime how to curve.”, *J. A. Wheeler***



The metric is a consequence of the cosmological principle

# FLRW Metric

## Friedmann-Lemaitre-Robertson-Walker

$$ds^2 = dt^2 - a^2(t) \left[ dr^2 + S_k^2(r) (d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2) \right]$$

$$S_{+1}(r) = R \sin(r/R)$$

$$S_0(r) = r$$

$$S_{-1}(r) = R \sinh(r/R)$$

*a*: scale factor of the universe

*R*: Radius of curvature (cte.)

*t*: proper time

*r*: comoving distance

### The General Relativity predicts an expanding (or contracting) Universe

3 possible geometries:

$\rho < \rho_c \rightarrow$  open (hyperbolic)

$\rho = \rho_c \rightarrow$  flat (euclidean)

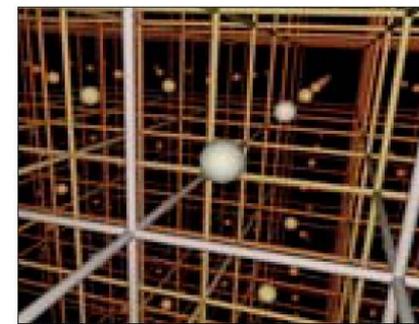
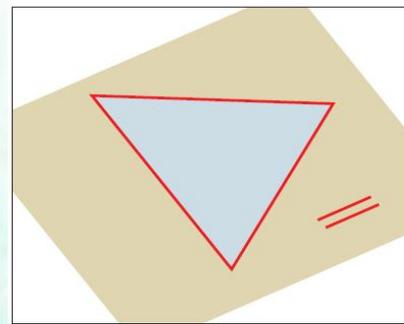
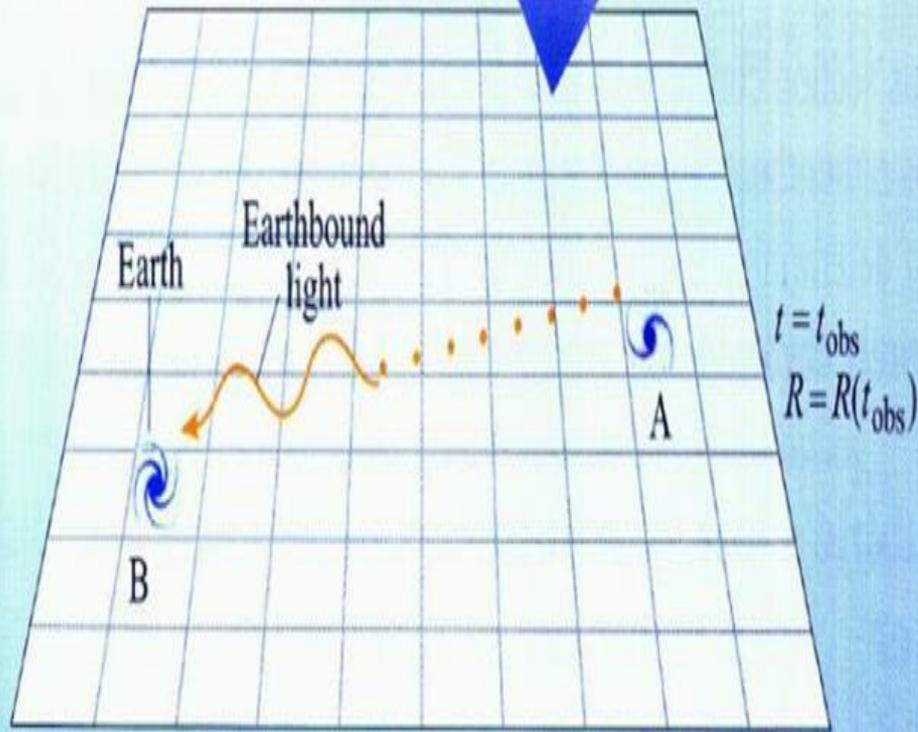
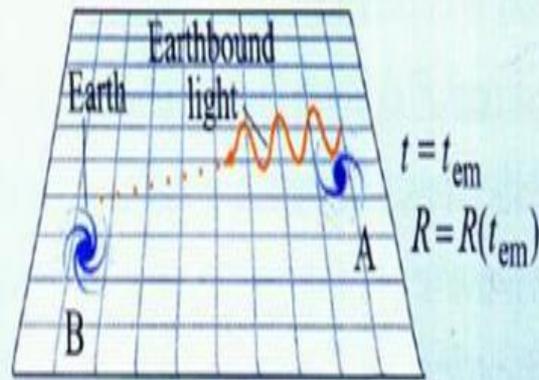
$\rho > \rho_c \rightarrow$  closed (elliptic)

Scale Factor: How distances grow with time

Cosmic time: The time measured by a comoving observer (follows the expansion)

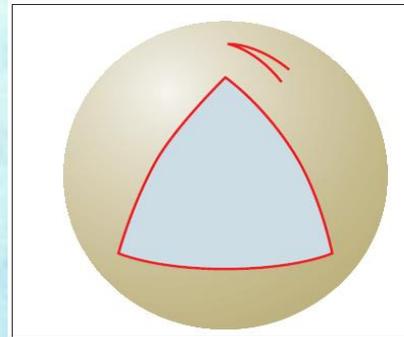
Comoving Coordinates: They expand with the Universe

# The comoving coordinates do expand with the Universe

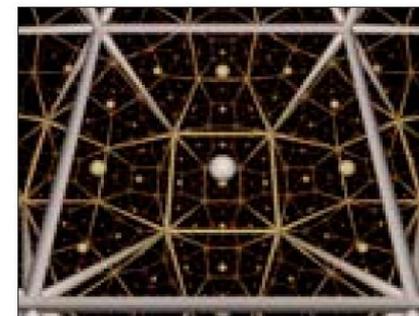
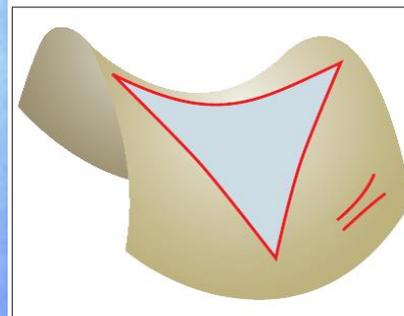


Flat space obeys the familiar rules of Euclidean geometry. The angular size of identical spheres is inversely proportional to distance—the usual vanishing-point perspective taught in art class.

## 3 possible geometries

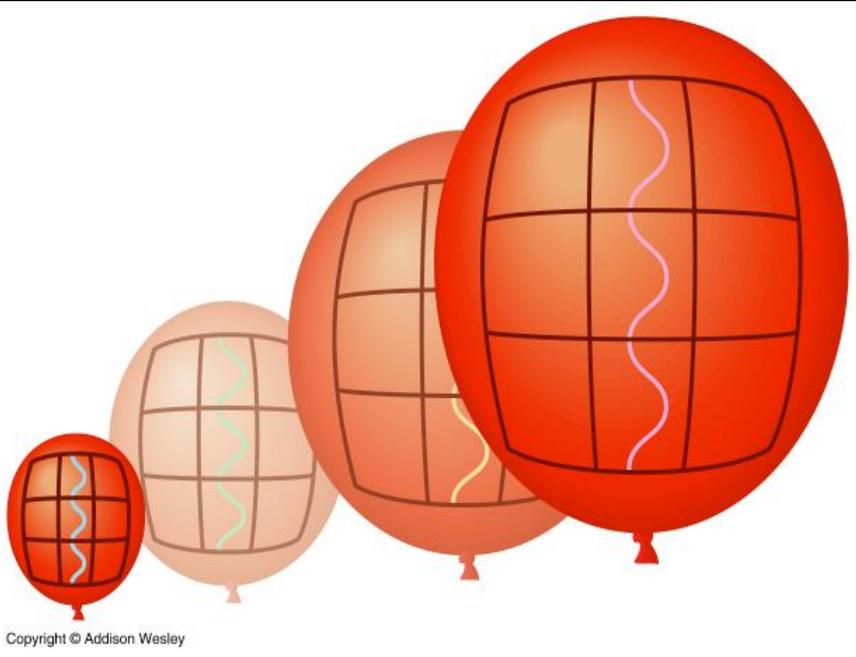


Spherical space has the geometric properties of a globe. With increasing distance, the spheres at first seem smaller. They reach a minimum apparent size and subsequently look larger. (Similarly, lines of longitude emanating from a pole separate, reach a maximum separation at the equator and then refocus onto the opposite pole.) This framework consists of dodecahedra.



Hyperbolic space has the geometry of a saddle. Angular size shrinks much more rapidly with distance than in Euclidean space. Because angles are more acute, five cubelike objects fit around each edge, rather than only four. *From Scientific American*

# The observed light of the galaxies is redshifted because the Universe is expanding



The expansion of the space pulls the light and increases its wavelength  
→ Redshift

**The redshift is a measurement of the Universe scale when the light was emitted**

$$\frac{\lambda_e}{a(t_e)} = \frac{\lambda_o}{a(t_0)}$$

$$a(t_e) = 1 / (1 + z)$$

Substituting the FLRW metric in the Einstein Eqs., we obtain the Friedmann eqs.:

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

$G$  = Newton's Constant

$\rho$  = Energy Density

$p$  = Pressure

$\Lambda$  = Cosmological Constant

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

**We need to specify the matter species that the Universe contains to solve the equations**

**Equation of State for perfect barotropic fluids:  $p=w\rho$**

$$T_{\mu\nu} = (\rho + p/c^2)u_{\mu}u_{\nu} + pg_{\mu\nu}$$

Energy-momentum tensor for a perfect fluid

In addition to Friedmann eqs., the continuity equation

$$\dot{\rho} + 3\left(\rho + \frac{P}{c^2}\right)\frac{\dot{a}}{a} = 0$$

Given the EoS, it relates the density with the scale factor

The Universe contains a mix of fluids, with  $p=w\rho$

- matter (both ordinary or dark):  $p=0$ ,  $w=0$

- radiation:  $P=\rho/3$ ,  $w=1/3$

- Cosmological Constant:  $p=-\rho$ ,  $w=-1$

- Dark Energy  $w=w(t)<-1/3$  (to have accelerated expansion)

For each matter type, the density changes in a different way with the scale factor:

$$\rho \propto a^{-3(1+w)}$$

Matter:  $a^{-3}$

Radiation:  $a^{-4}$

Cosmological Constant: Constant!!!

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(\rho a^3) &= -P da^3 = -w \rho da^3 \\
 a^3 d\rho + \rho 3a^2 da &= -3w \rho a^2 da \\
 a^3 d\rho &= -3(1+w)a^2 \rho da \\
 \frac{d\rho}{\rho} &= -3(1+w) \frac{da}{a} \\
 d(\ln \rho) &= -3(1+w) d(\ln a) \\
 \rho &\propto a^{-3(1+w)}
 \end{aligned}$$

The expansion rate of the Universe depends on the EoS of its components

**How densities and scale factor evolve for the different matter/energy species in the cosmos**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 &= \frac{8\pi G \rho_0}{3} a^{-3(1+w)} \\
 \frac{\dot{a}}{a} &= \frac{8\pi G \rho_0}{3} a^{-3(1+w)/2} \\
 \dot{a} &= \frac{8\pi G \rho_0}{3} a^{-3(1+w)/2-1} \\
 da a^{3(1+w)/2-1} &= \frac{8\pi G \rho_0}{3} dt \\
 a^{3(1+w)/2} &\propto t \\
 a &\propto t^{2/3(1+w)}
 \end{aligned}$$

# Distances

The comoving distance to a source of redshift  $z$  is:

$$r(z) = \frac{c}{H_0} \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{\sqrt{\Omega_\Lambda + \Omega_k(1+z')^2 + \Omega_M(1+z')^3 + \Omega_r(1+z')^4}}$$

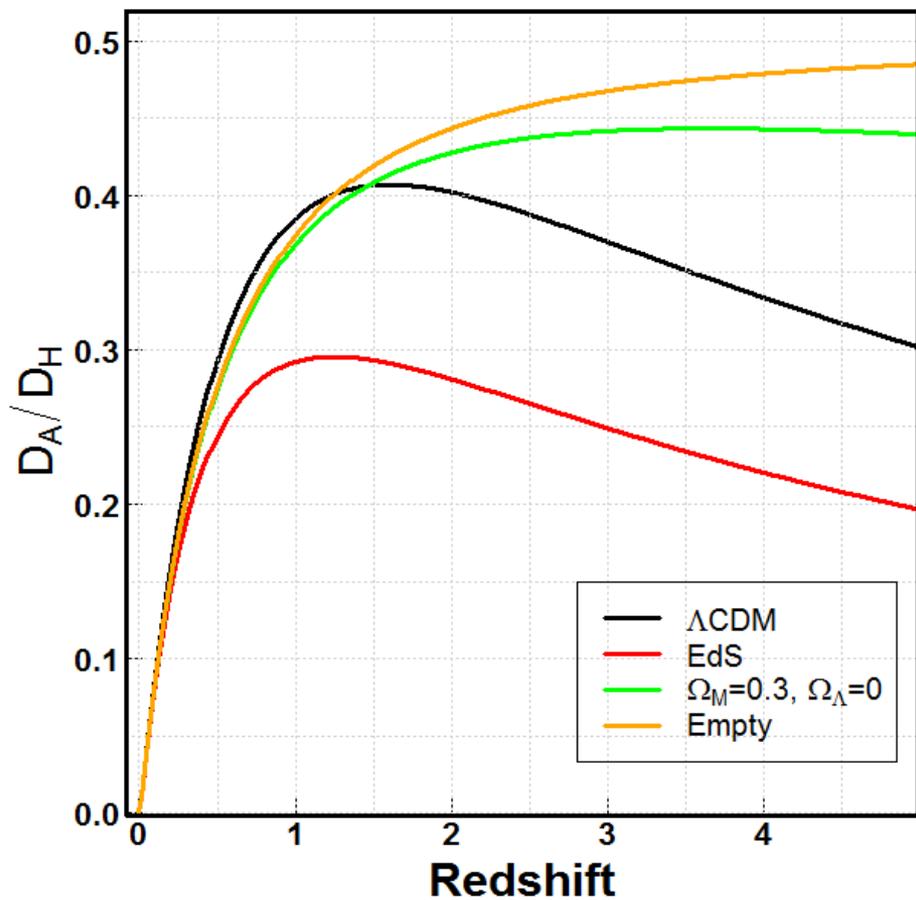
Several distances can be measured observationally

**Luminosity distance**: “Standard Candle” with luminosity  $L$   
 $\phi = L/4\pi d_L^2$ ;  $d_L = r(z)(1+z)$  (flat Universe)

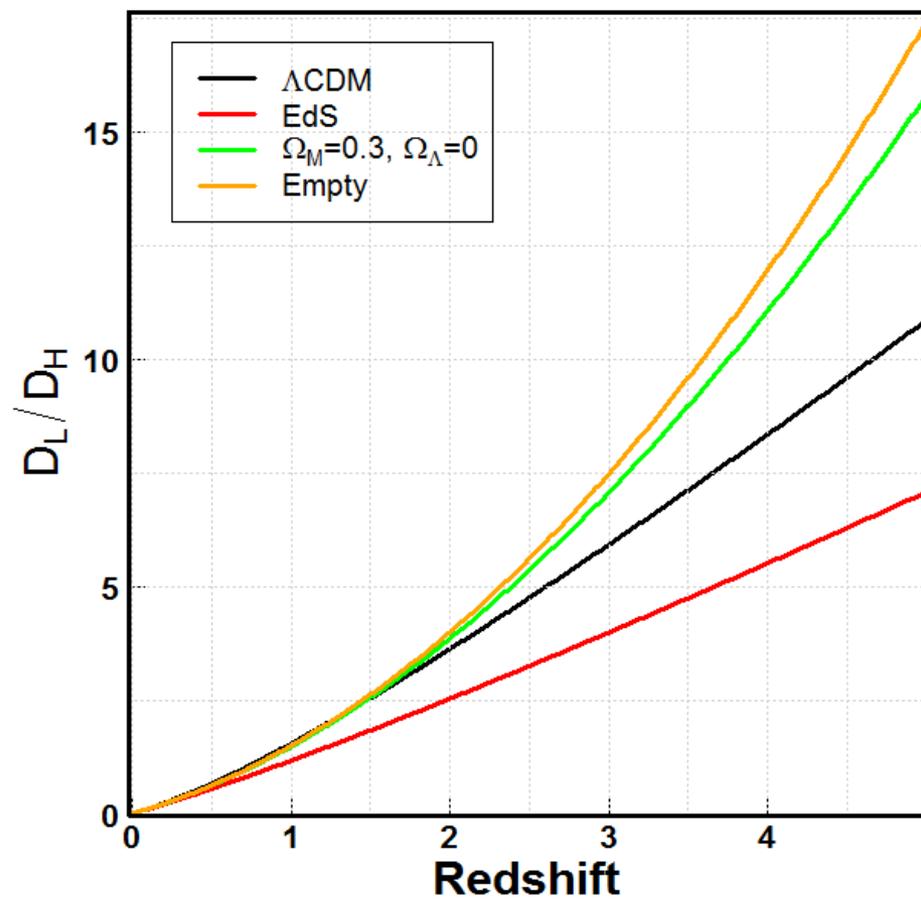
**Angular diameter distance**: “Standard Ruler” with length  $l$   
 $\Delta\theta = l/d_A$ ;  $d_A = r(z)/(1+z)$  (flat Universe)

**Therefore, from a set of standard rulers or standard candles with different redshifts, we will have many values of  $r(z)$ , from which we can obtain  $\Omega_m$ ,  $w$ , etc.**

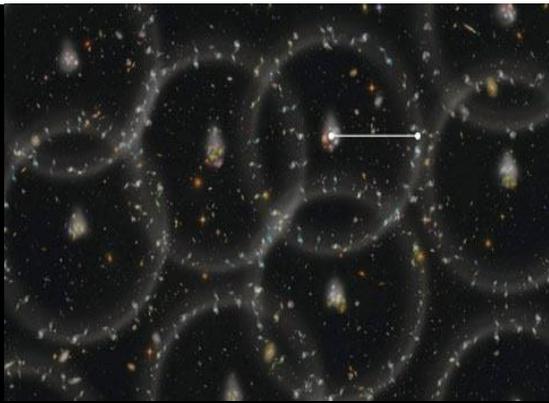
# Angular Diameter Distance



# Luminosity Distance



**STANDARD  
RULERS**



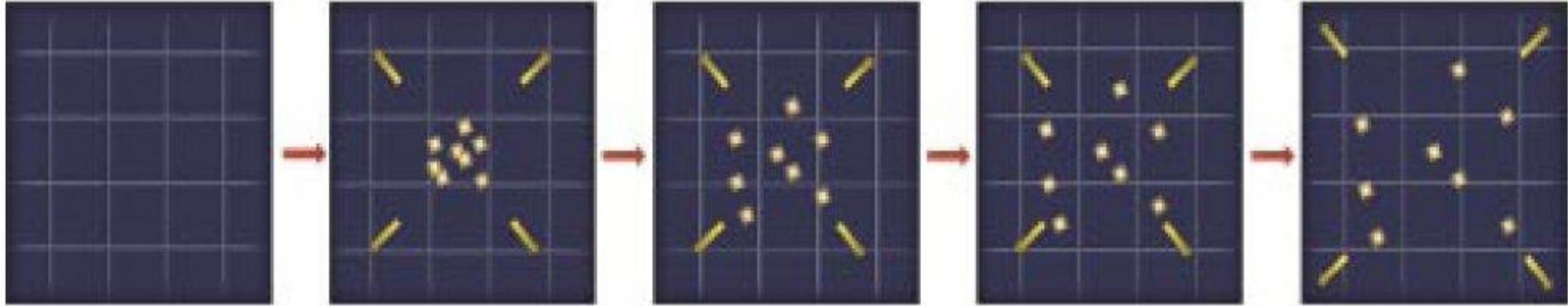
**STANDARD  
CANDLES**



# WHAT KIND OF EXPLOSION WAS THE BIG BANG?

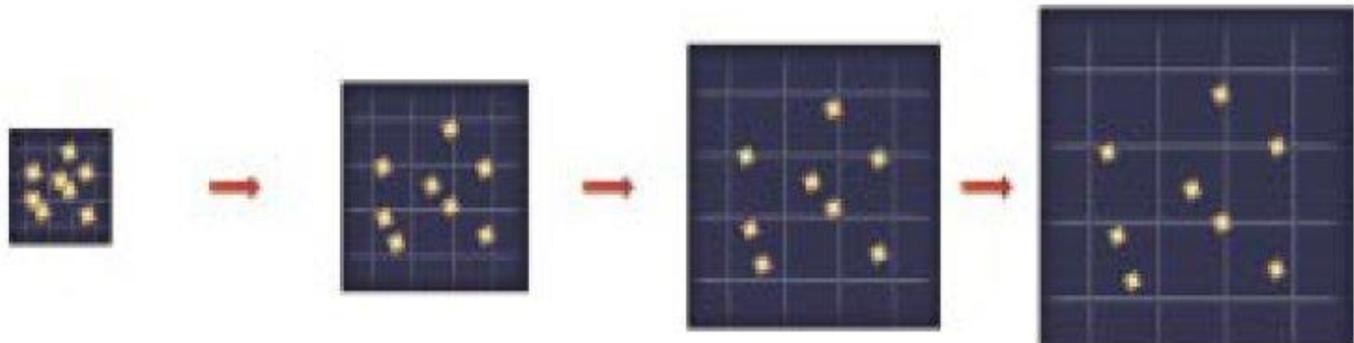
**WRONG:** The big bang was like a bomb going off at a certain location in previously empty space.

In this view, the universe came into existence when matter exploded out from some particular location. The pressure was highest at the center and lowest in the surrounding void; this pressure difference pushed material outward.



**RIGHT:** It was an explosion of space itself.

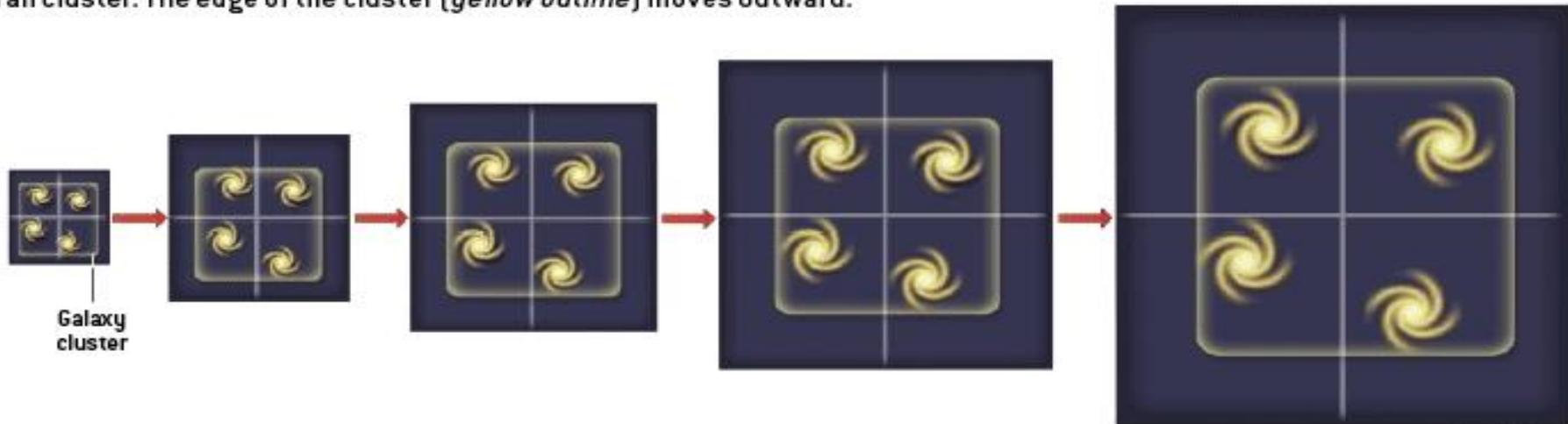
The space we inhabit is itself expanding. There was no center to this explosion; it happened everywhere. The density and pressure were the same everywhere, so there was no pressure difference to drive a conventional explosion.



# DO OBJECTS INSIDE THE UNIVERSE EXPAND, TOO?

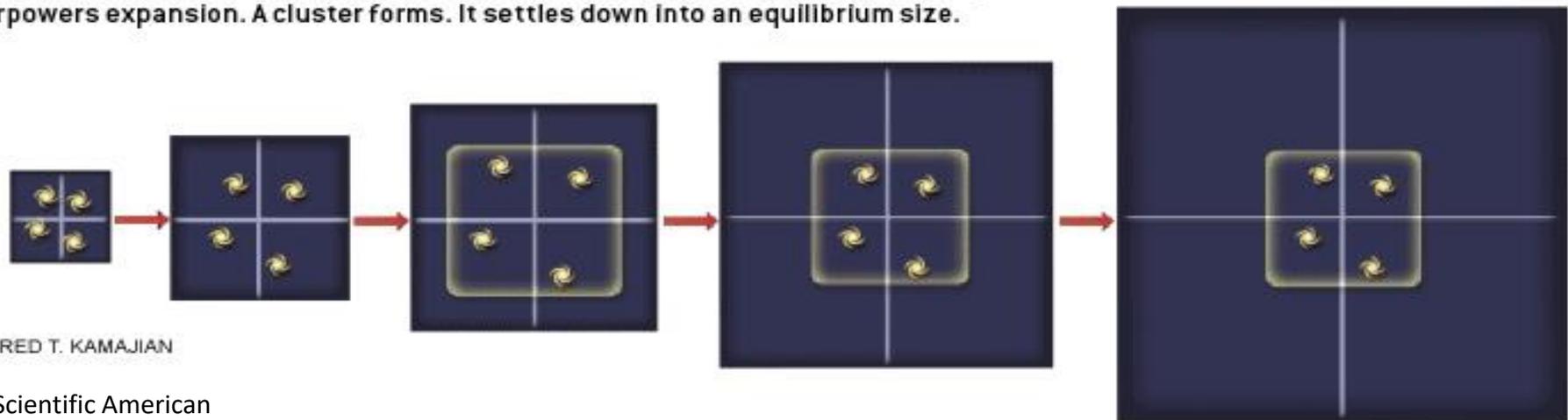
**WRONG:** Yes. Expansion causes the universe and everything in it to grow.

Consider galaxies in a cluster. As the universe gets bigger, so do the galaxies and the overall cluster. The edge of the cluster (yellow outline) moves outward.



**RIGHT:** No. The universe grows, but coherent objects inside it do not.

Neighboring galaxies initially get pulled apart, but eventually their mutual gravity overpowers expansion. A cluster forms. It settles down into an equilibrium size.

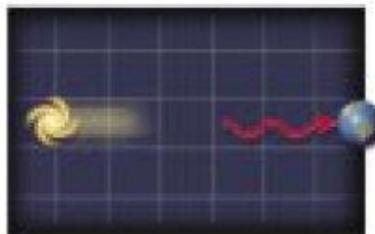
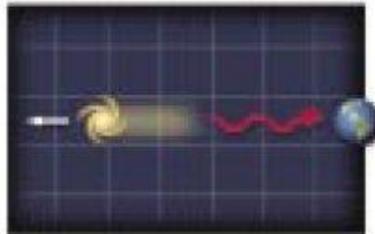
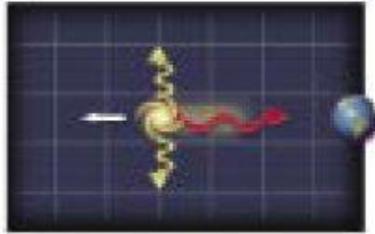


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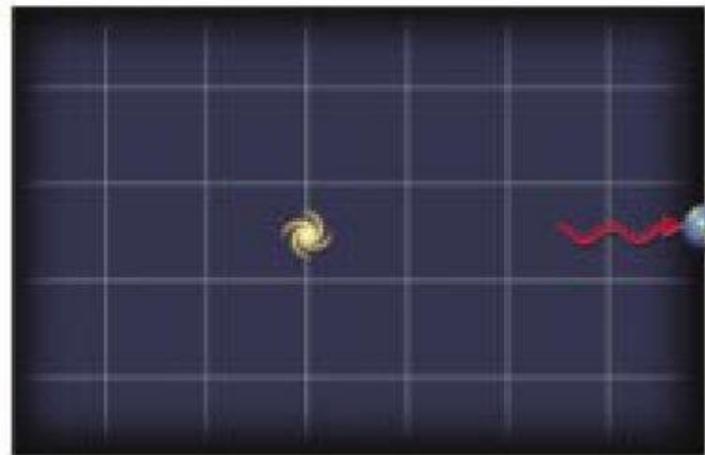
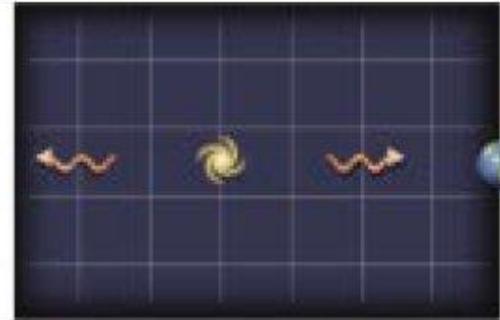
# WHY IS THERE A COSMIC REDSHIFT?

**WRONG:** Because receding galaxies are moving through space and exhibit a Doppler shift.

In the Doppler effect, a galaxy's movement away from the observer stretches the light waves, making them redder (*top*). The wavelength of light then stays the same during its journey through space (*middle*). The observer detects the light, measures its Doppler redshift and computes the galaxy velocity (*bottom*).



**RIGHT:** Because expanding space stretches all light waves as they propagate.

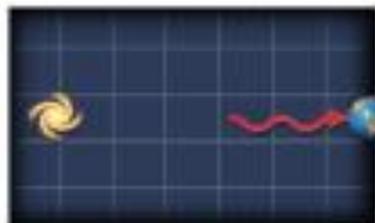
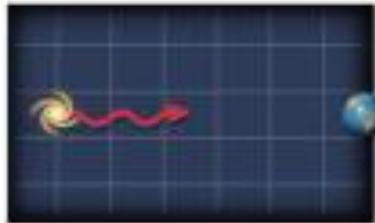


Galaxies hardly move through space, so they emit light with nearly the same wavelength in all directions (*top*). The wavelength gets longer during the journey, because space is expanding. Thus, the light gradually reddens (*middle and bottom*). The amount of redshift differs from what a Doppler shift would produce.

# HOW LARGE IS THE OBSERVABLE UNIVERSE?

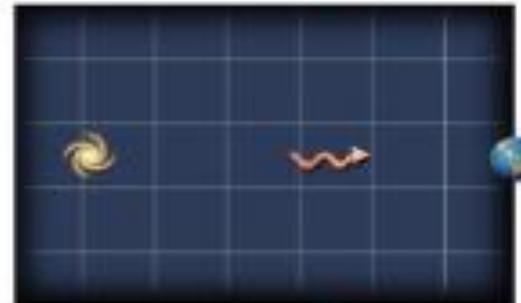
**WRONG:** The universe is 14 billion years old, so the radius of the observable part is 14 billion light-years.

Consider the most distant observable galaxy—one whose photons, emitted shortly after the big bang, are only now reaching us. A light-year is the distance photons travel in one year. So a photon from that galaxy has traveled 14 billion light-years.



**RIGHT:** Because space is expanding, the observable part of our universe has a radius of more than 14 billion light-years.

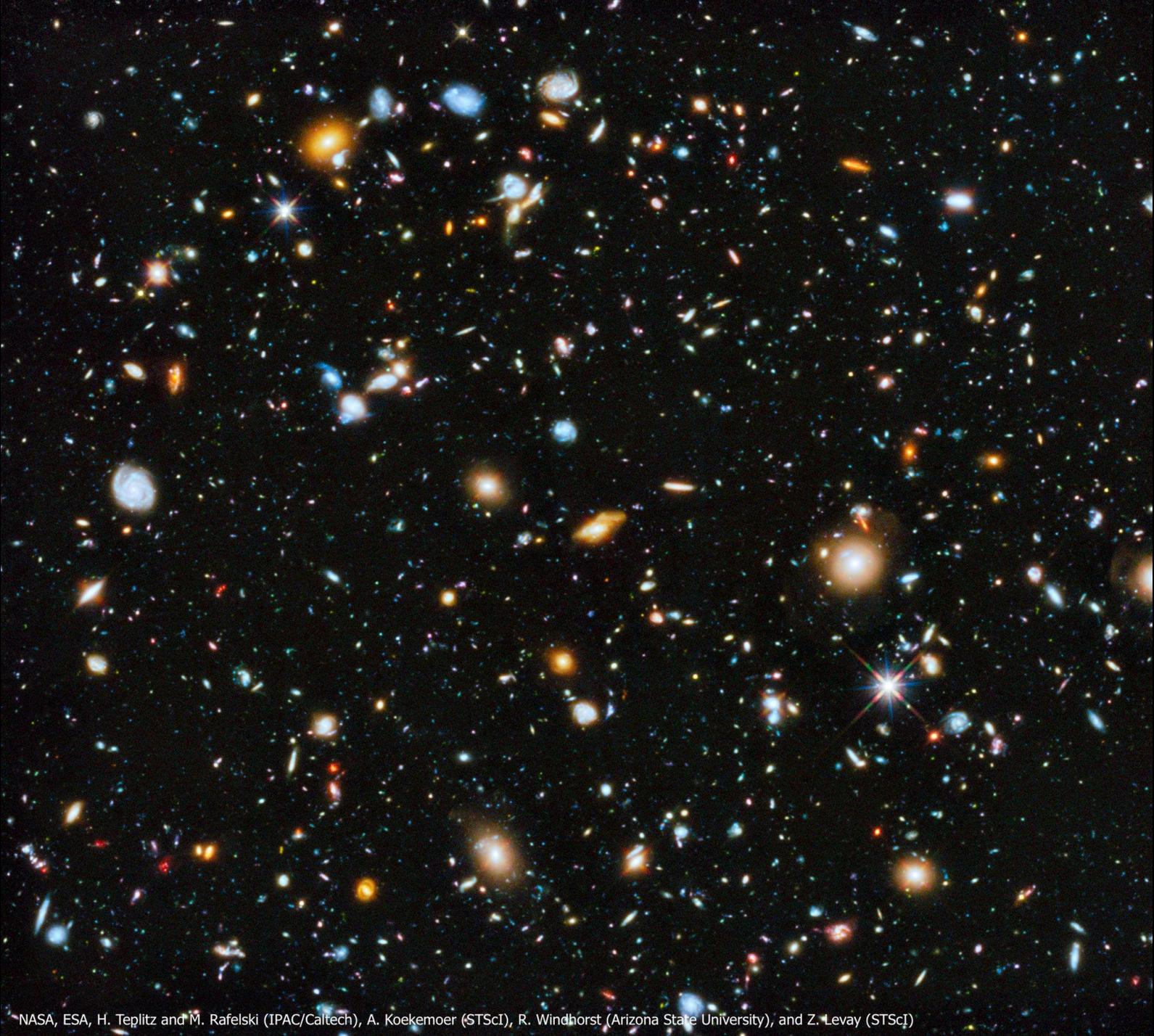
As a photon travels, the space it traverses expands. By the time it reaches us, the total distance to the originating galaxy is larger than a simple calculation based on the travel time might imply—about three times as large.



**The  
observable  
Universe is  
finite**

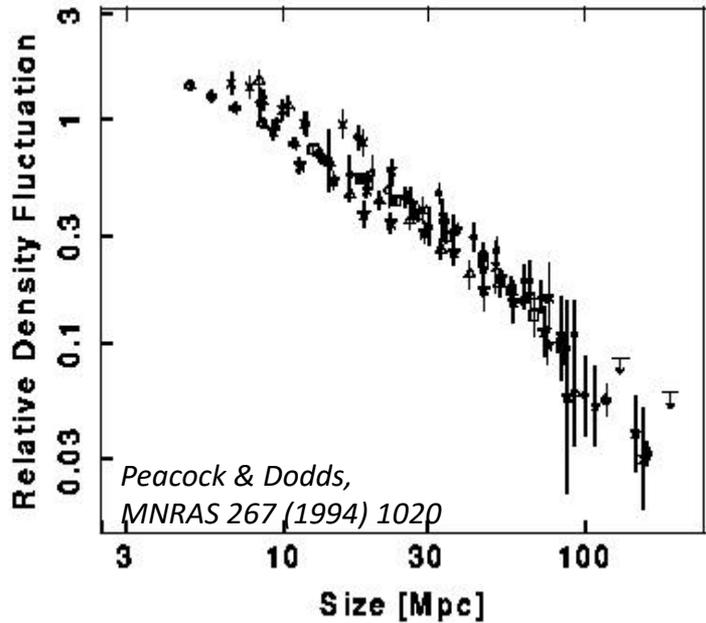
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The light  
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reach the  
Earth!!!



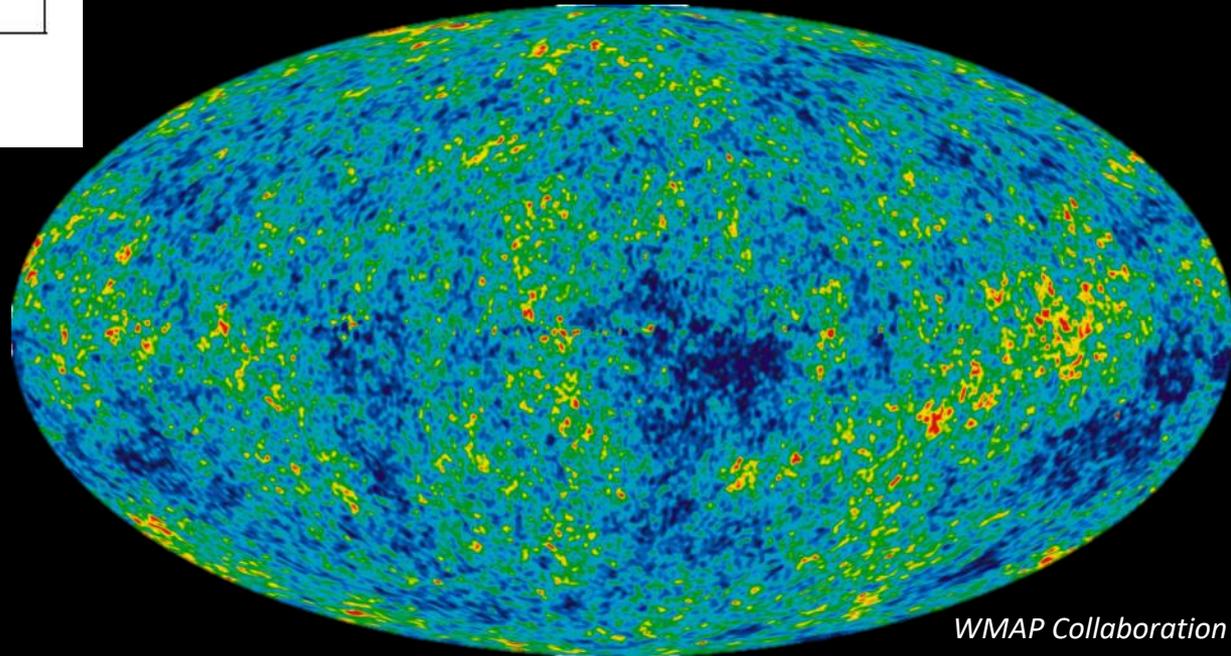
# **OBSERVATIONAL BASIS**

# Observational verification of the cosmological principle



**Homogeneity:** Very difficult to observe. Confirmed that Galaxy distribution tends to uniformity with a few percent precision for distances of the order of 100 Mpc

**Isotropy:** Verified with a precision of 1 part in  $10^5$  using the CMB

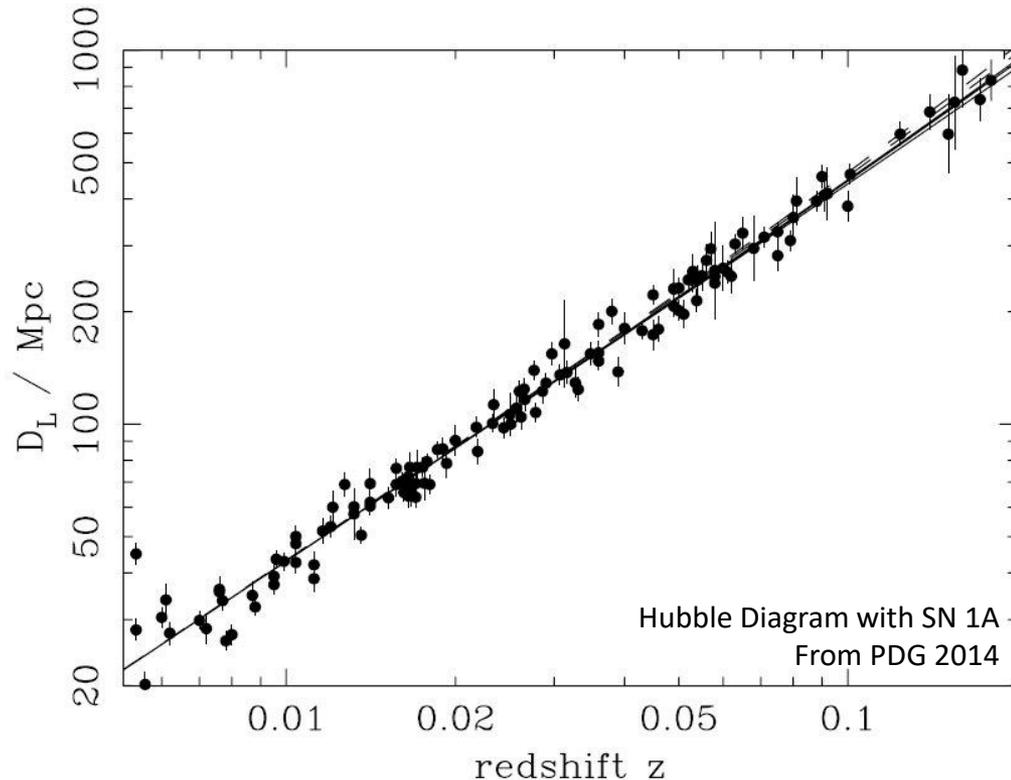
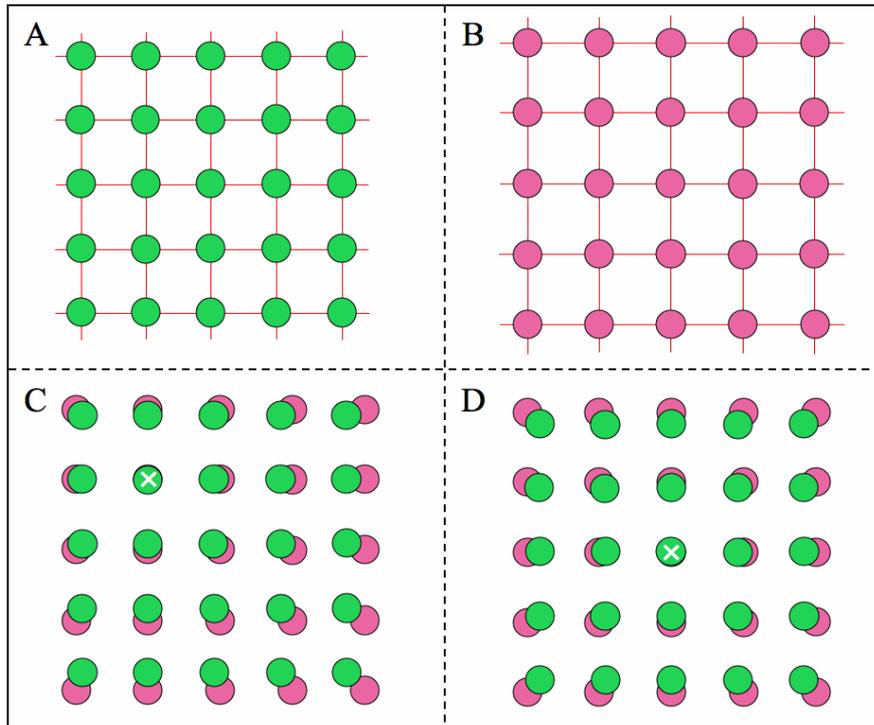


# Expansion: The Hubble Law

Galaxies recede from the Earth with a velocity that is proportional to the distance. The Universe expands as expected from the cosmological principle

$$cz \sim v = H d = \frac{\dot{a}}{a} d$$

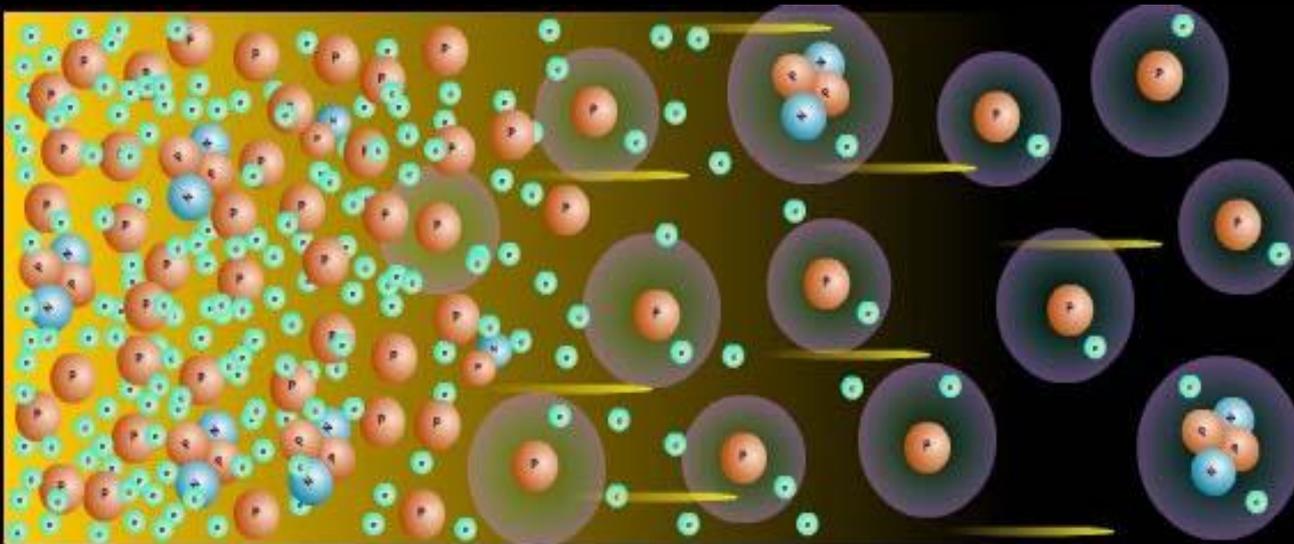
*H* = Hubble constant (km/s/Mpc), *v* = velocity, *d* = distance



# THE COSMIC MICROWAVE BACKGROUND

One of the decisive predictions of the Big Bang

Comes from the matter-radiation decoupling, when the Universe had **380000 years**. That means from...**13800 million years ago!!!** (If the Universe is a **80 years old person**, the CMB is a picture when was **13 months old!!!**)

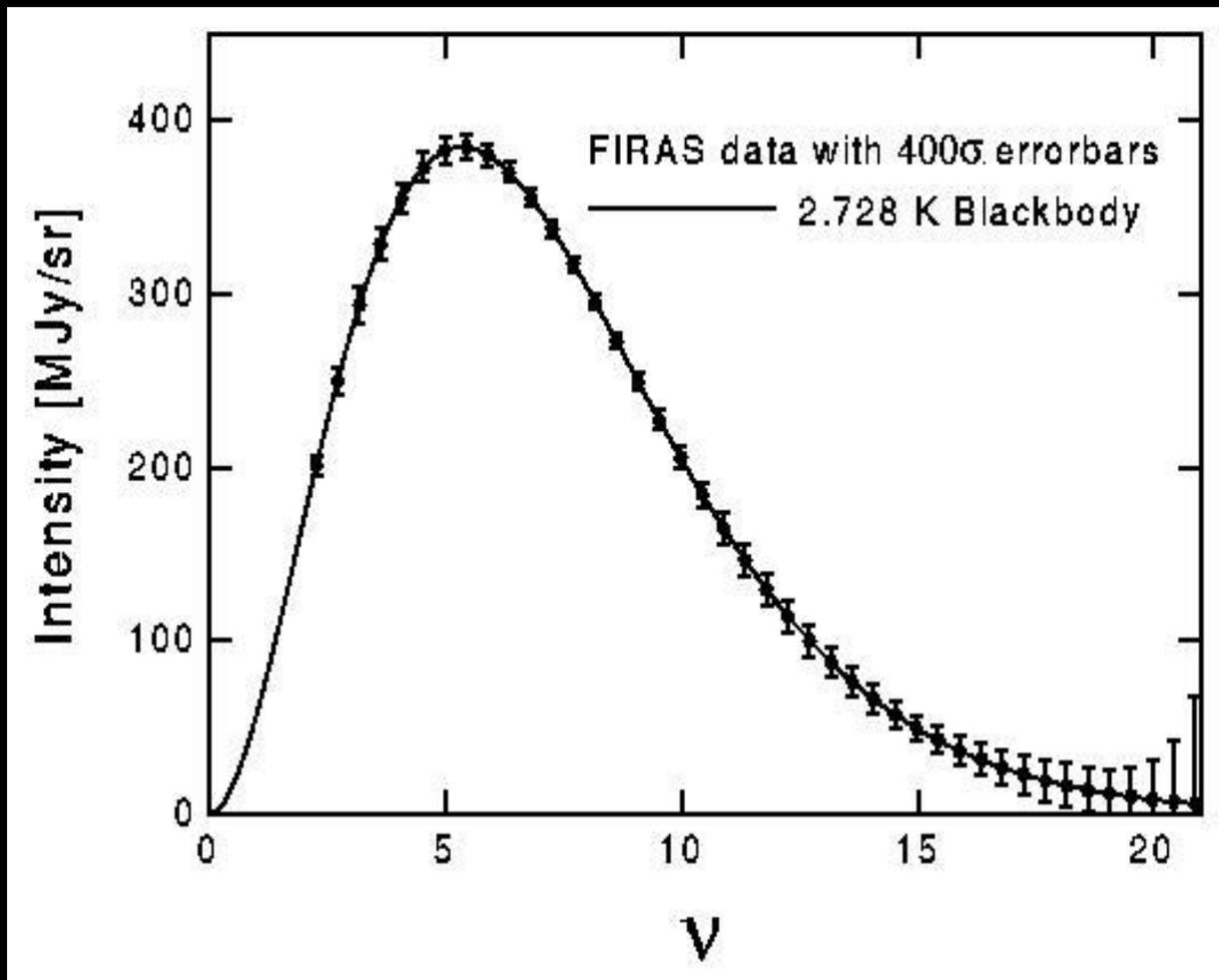


**The confirmation that the CMB is not completely uniform was done in 1992. Its small anisotropies are the imprint of the origin of all the structures we see today (clusters, galaxies, stars,...)**

# The Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB)

It was produced at a temperature of 3000 K, when the Universe was cold enough to form atoms, and it has been cooling since then because of the cosmic expansion

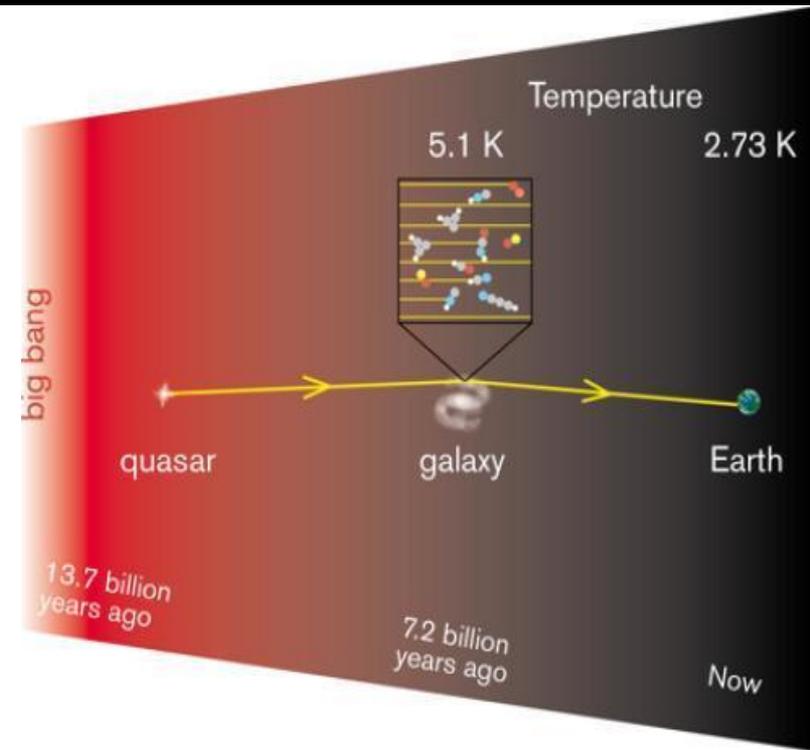
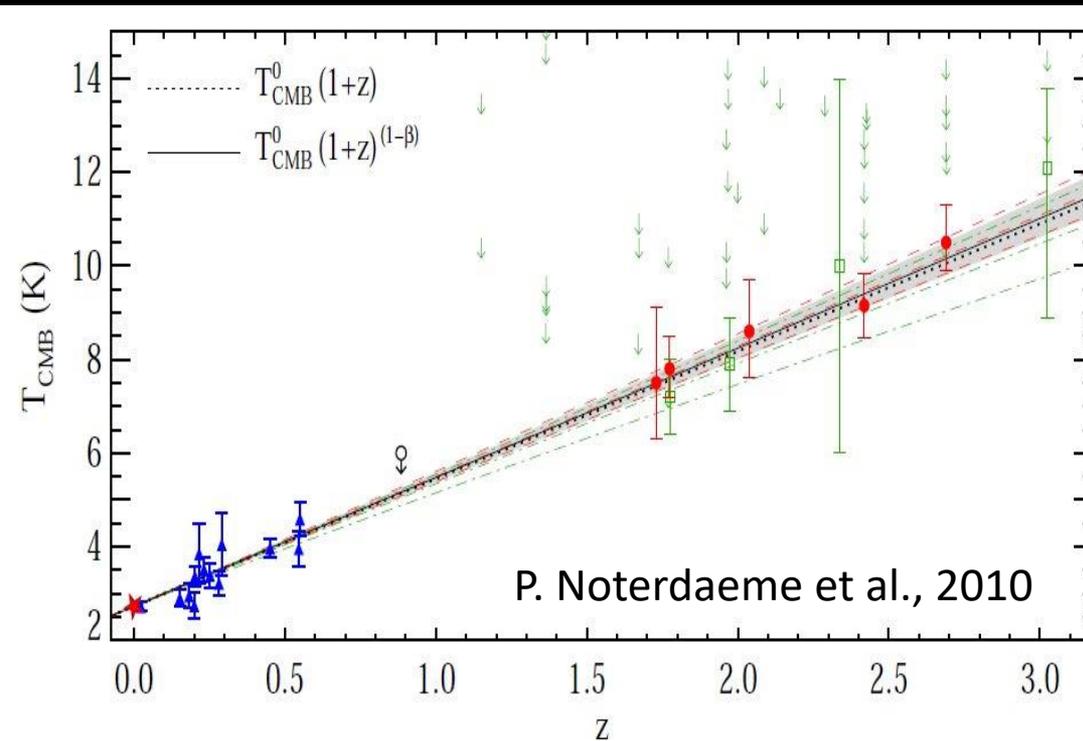
**Black Body Spectrum at  $2.72548 \pm 0.00057$  K**



# The Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB)

The Universe was hotter in the past

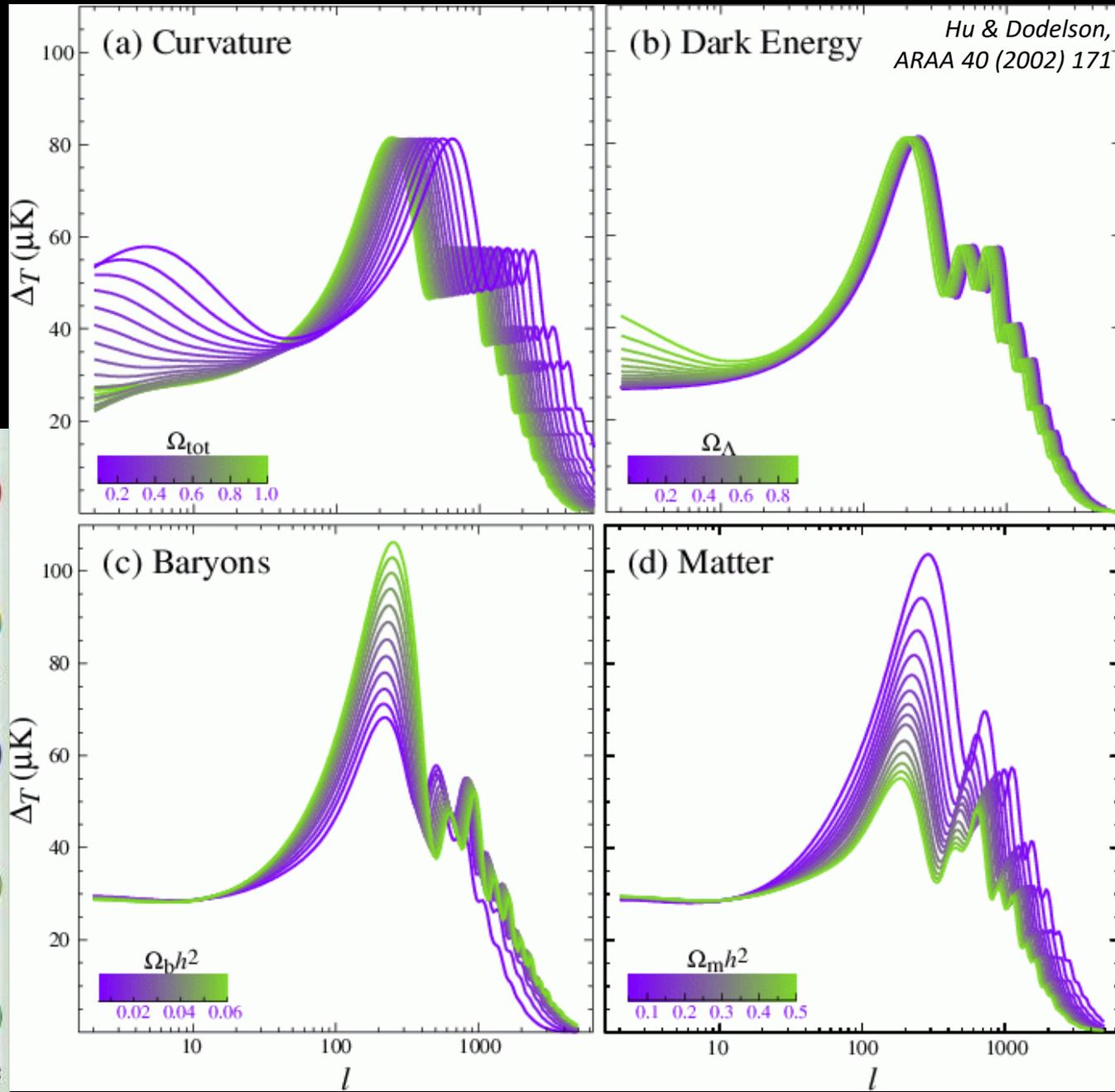
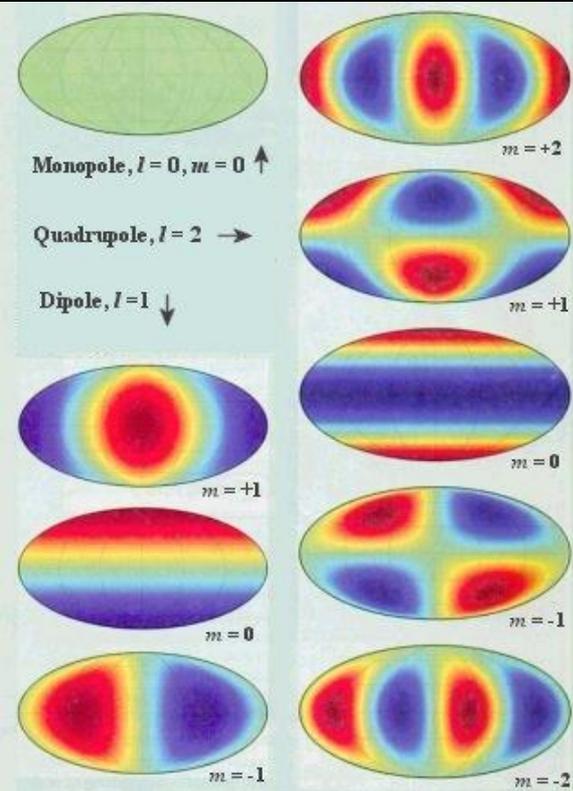
The cooling rate is exactly predicted by the Big Bang theory



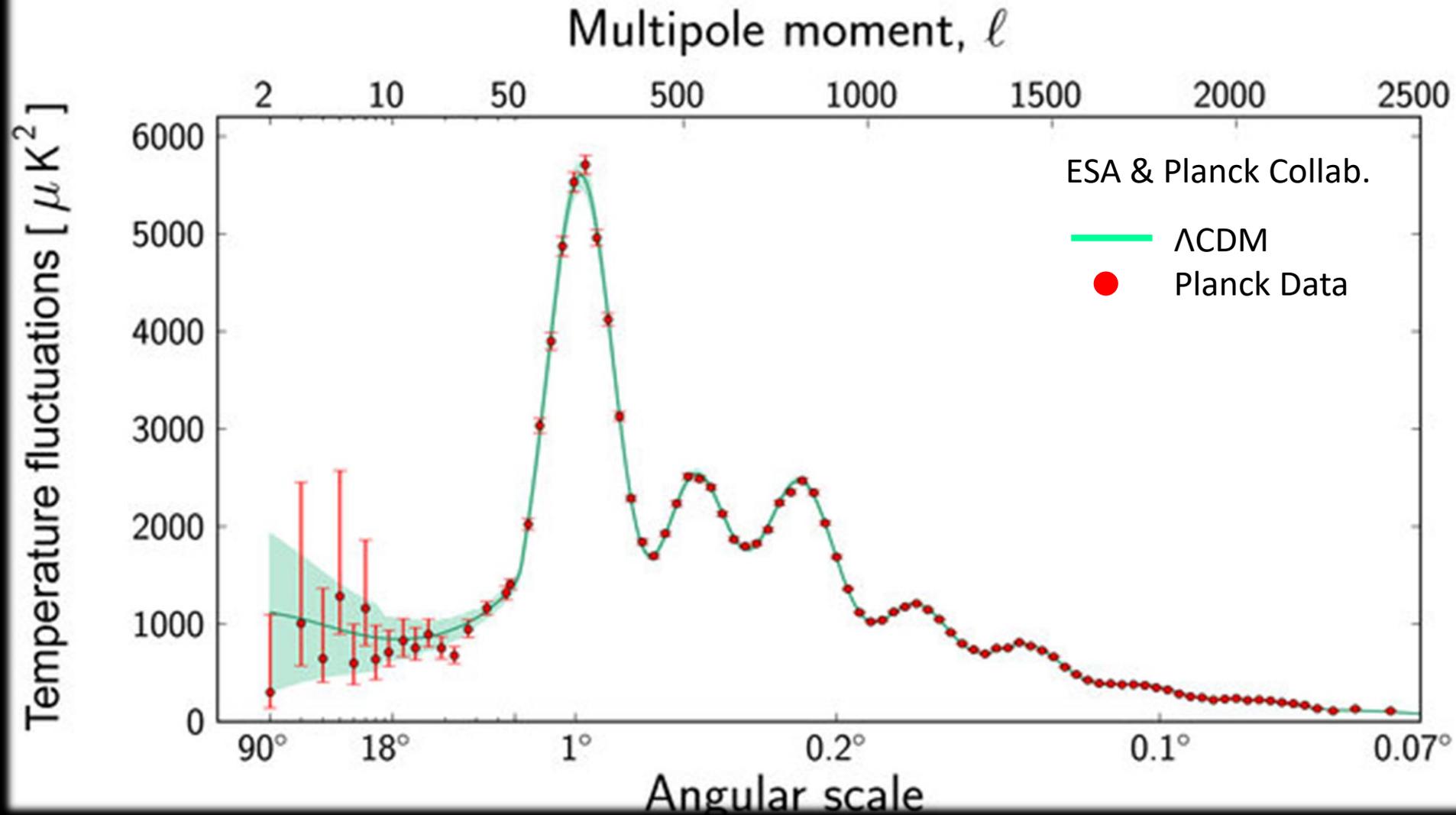
# The Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB)

The power spectrum of the CMB depends on the cosmological parameters

The power spectrum describes the size of fluctuations as a function of the size



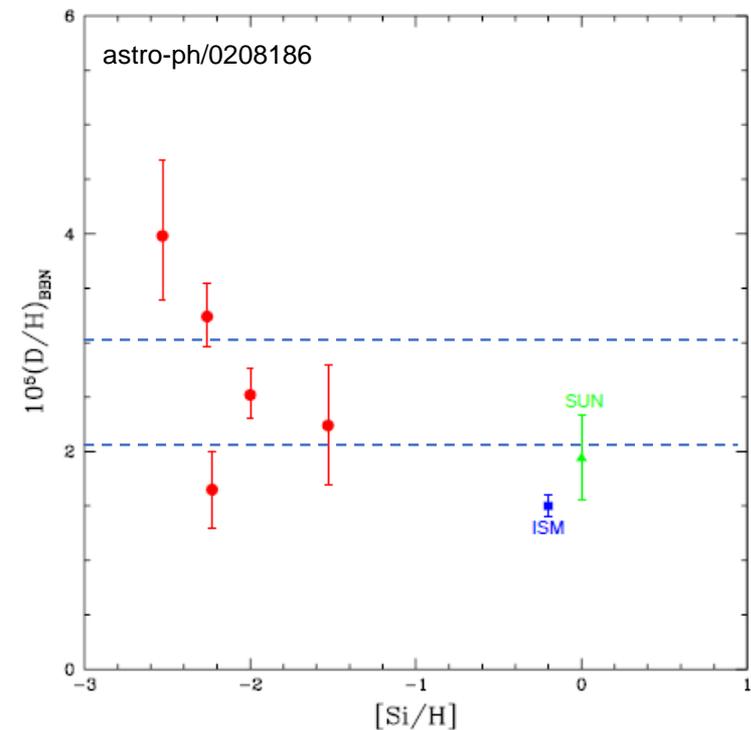
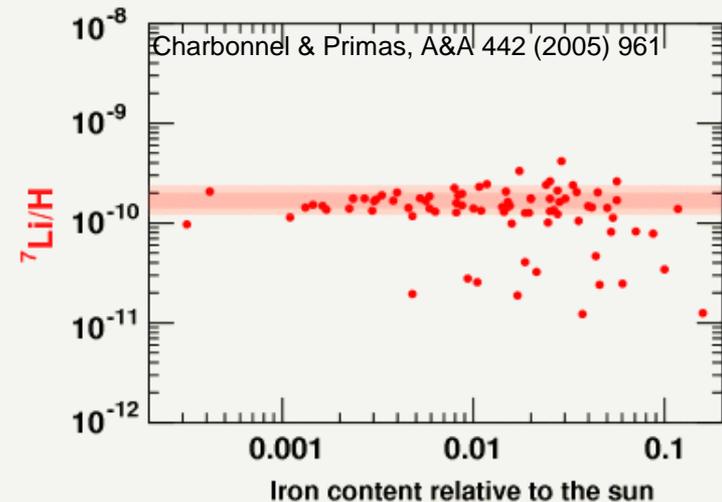
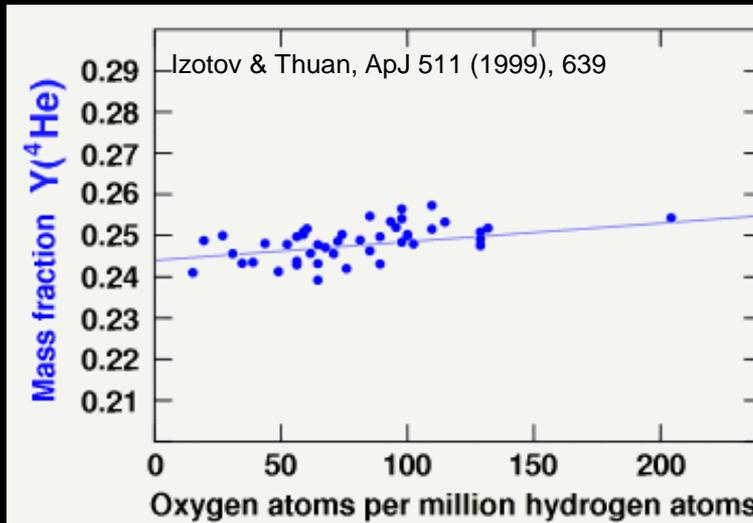
# The Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB)



**Extraordinary agreement between  $\Lambda\text{CDM}$  and data**  
**The spatial geometry of the Universe is Euclidean**

# The primordial nucleosynthesis

The lightest atomic nuclei formed in the first quarter of hour of the Universe (from  $\sim 3$  minutes to  $\sim 20$  minutes after the BB)



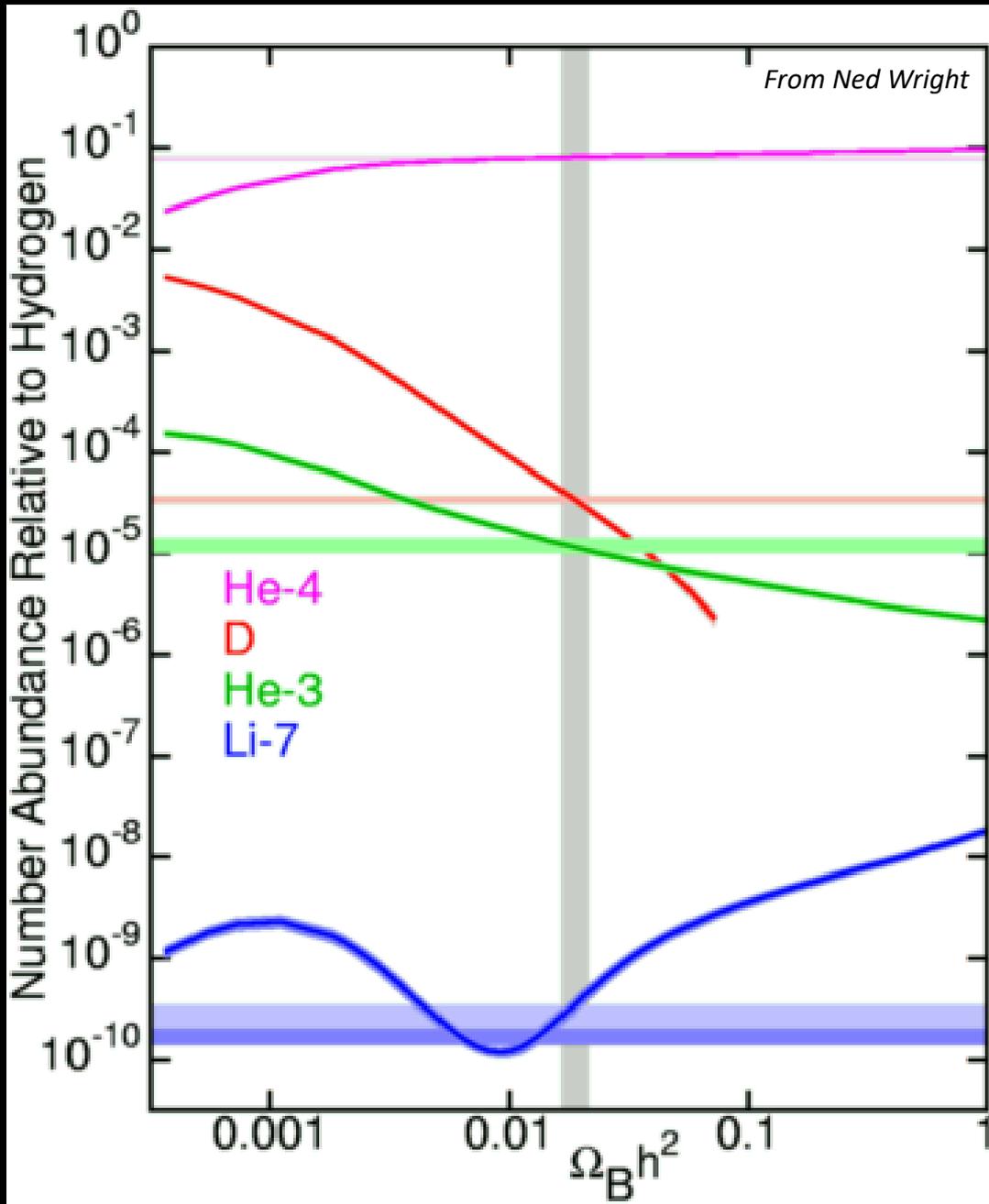
Measure their abundancies:

D  $\rightarrow$  absorption lines in QSOs

$^4\text{He}$   $\rightarrow$  Extragalactic HII regions of low metallicity (O/H).

$^7\text{Li}$   $\rightarrow$  Dwarf stars in the galactic halo.  
Large systematic errors.

# Nucleosynthesis: non-baryonic dark matter



Abundances of primordial elements measure the number of baryons

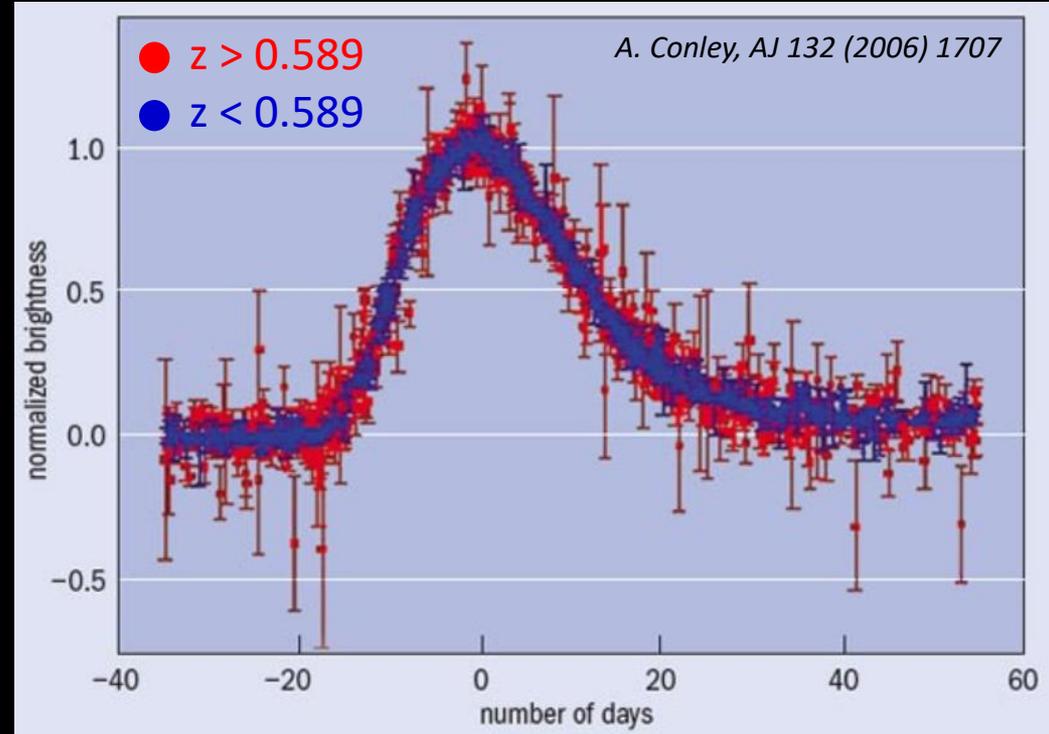
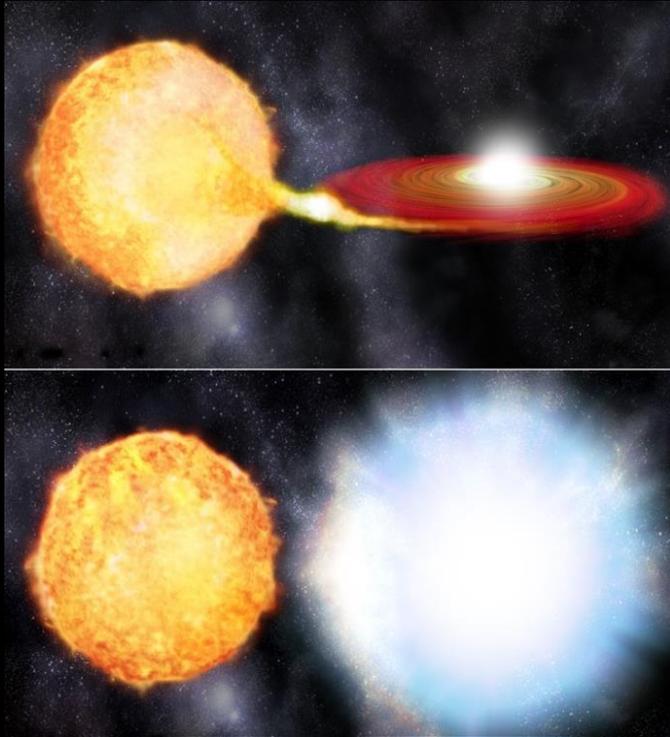
Is a well-known physics (atoms)

The number of photons per baryon is measured in the CMB. In perfect agreement with the abundances!

**THERE IS NON-BARYONIC DARK MATTER!**

# Supernovae Ia: dark energy

Supernovae are the result of the violent death of massive stars. They are extremely bright, therefore, can be seen up to huge distances



SN1a: Binary systems red giant-White dwarf

The white dwarf gets mass from the red giant

When it reaches the Chandrasekar limit, it explodes. All are identical, since they explode when the limit is reached (stellar amnesia)

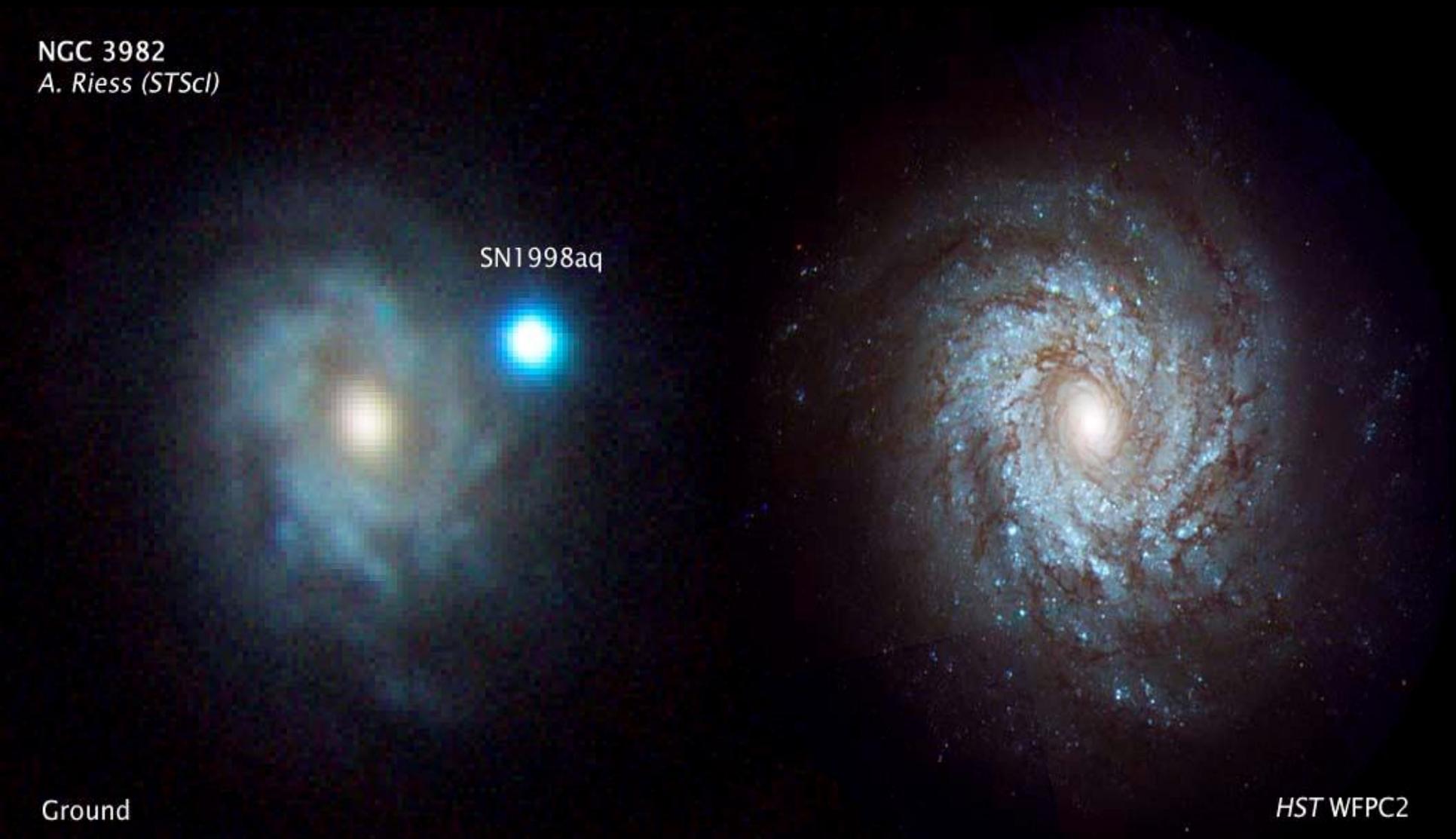
# SN 1998aq

NGC 3982  
*A. Riess (STScI)*

SN1998aq

Ground

*HST* WFPC2

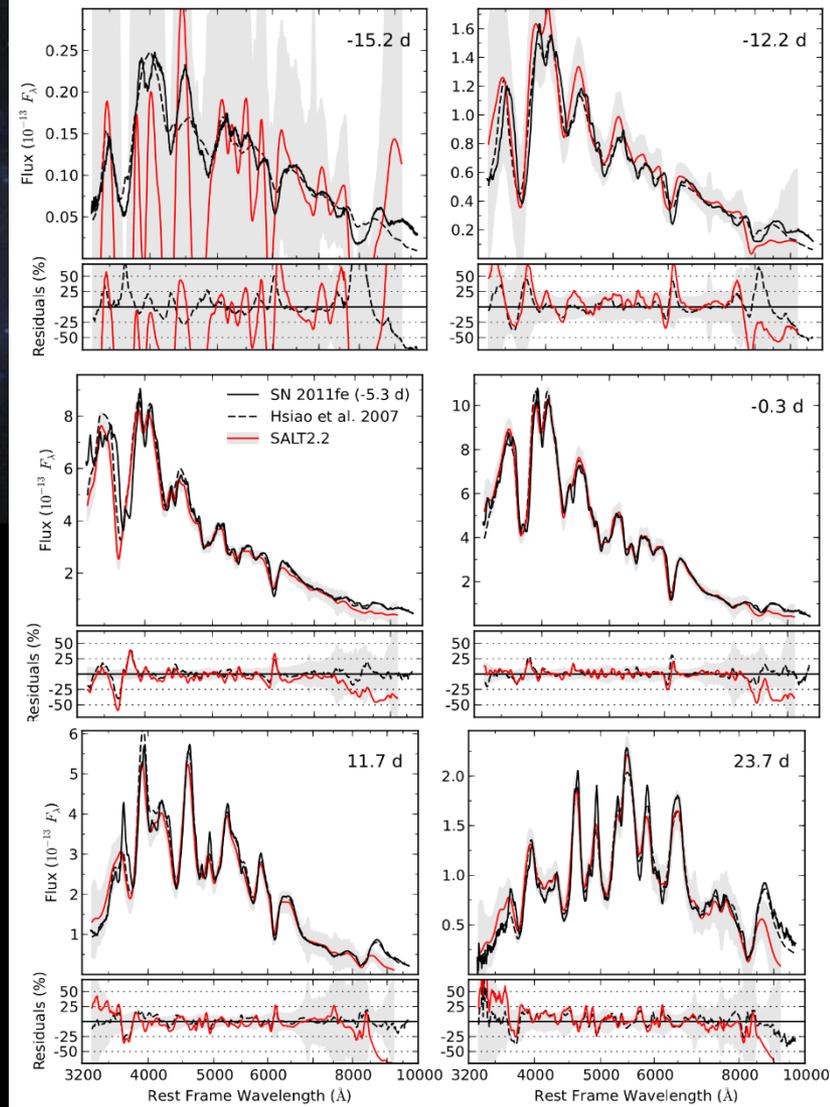


# SN2011ef

The closest and brightest known 1a. In the M101 galaxy, at  $z=0.000804$ , or 6.4 Mpc.



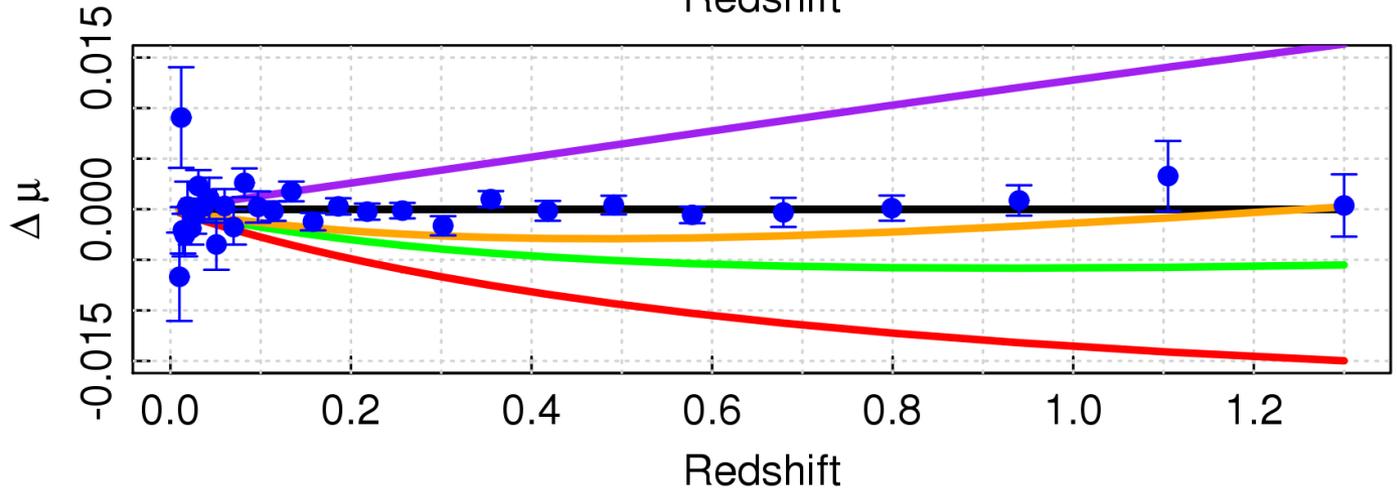
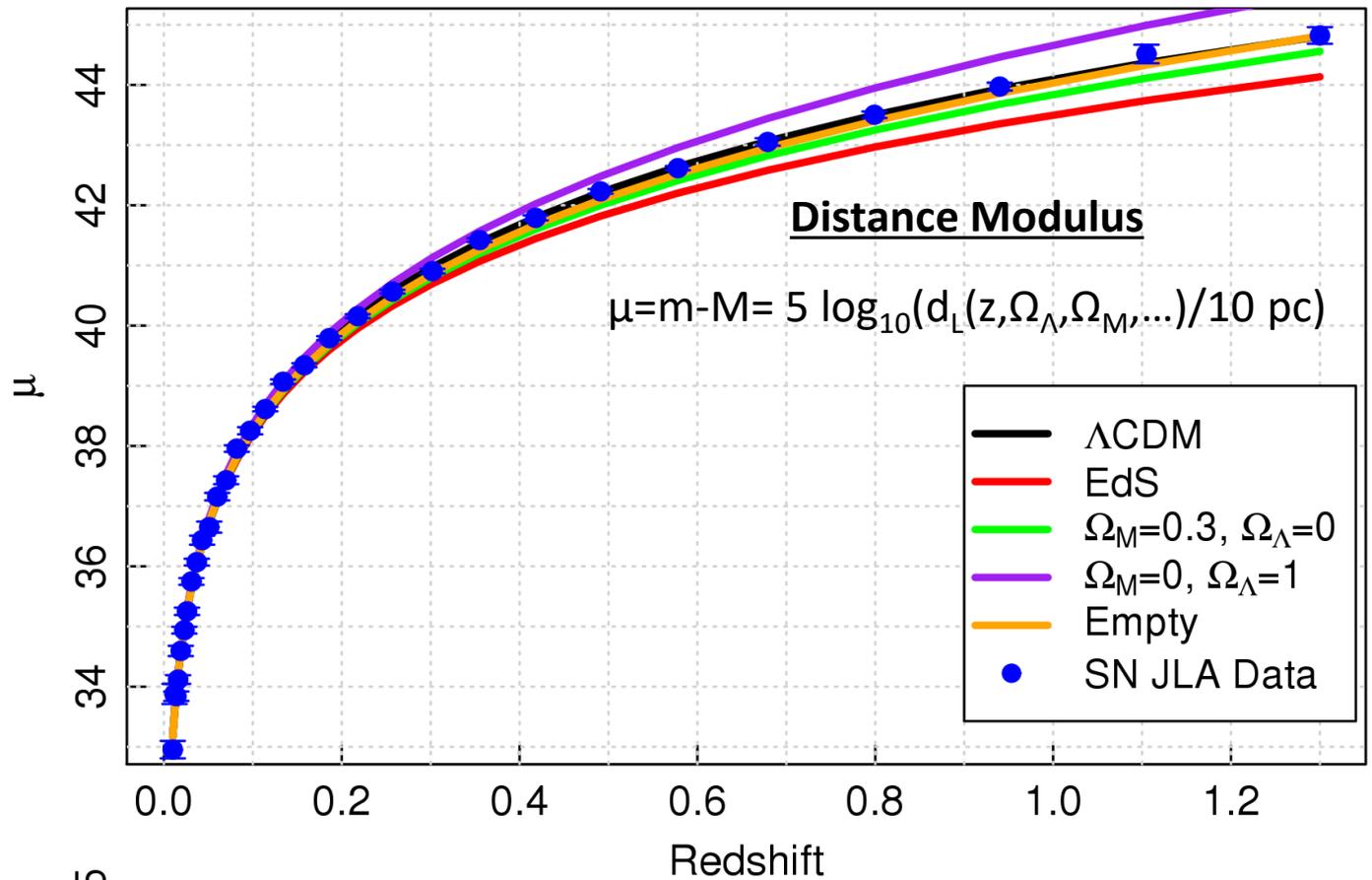
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Once we have the luminosities, we can build the Hubble diagram and fit the cosmological parameters

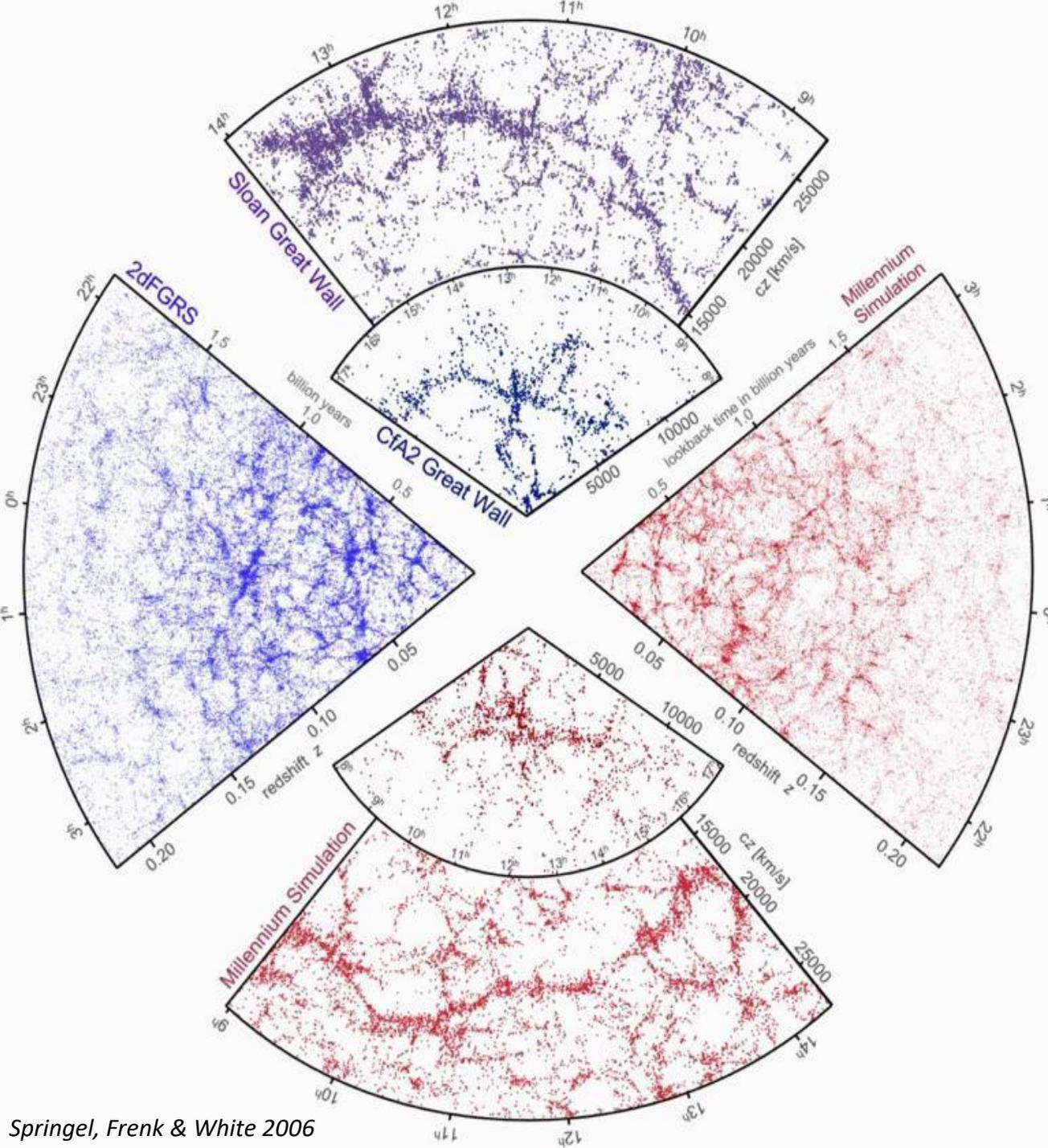
**THE EXPANSION OF THE UNIVERSE IS ACCELERATING:**

**!!!DARK ENERGY!!!!**



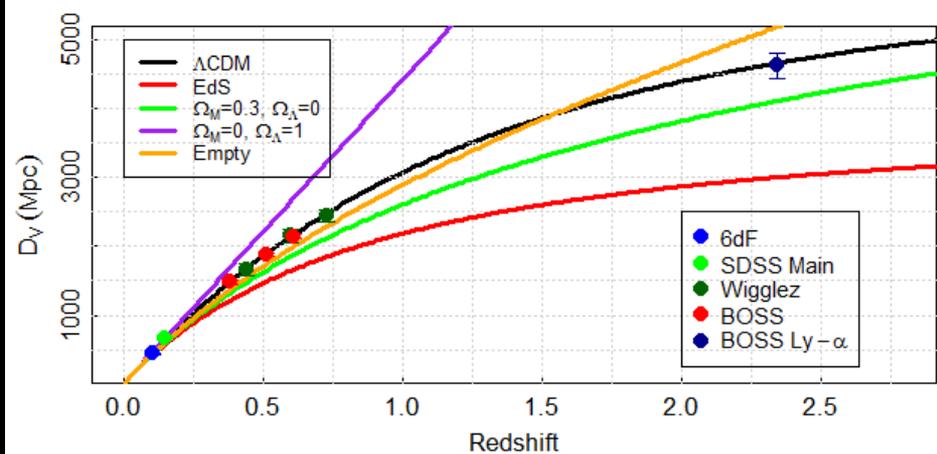
# The Large Scale Structure (LSS) of the Universe

The Big Bang with a  $\sim 70\%$  of dark energy and a  $\sim 30\%$  of matter (normal plus dark), is able to describe the structure formation in the Universe

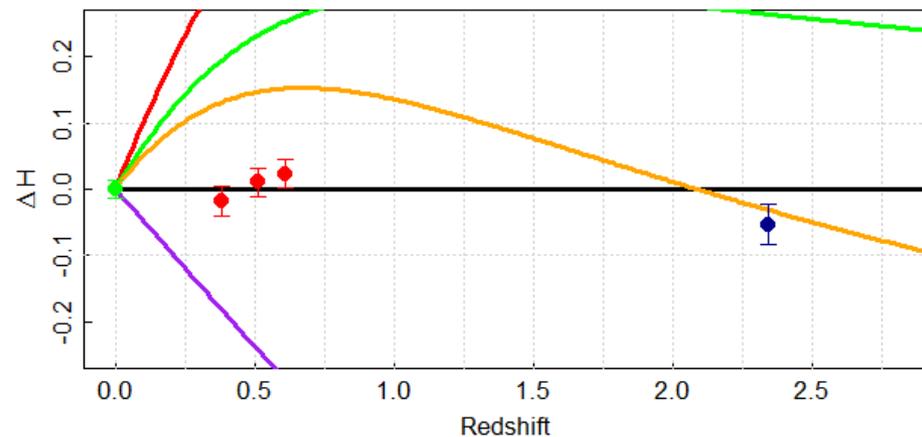
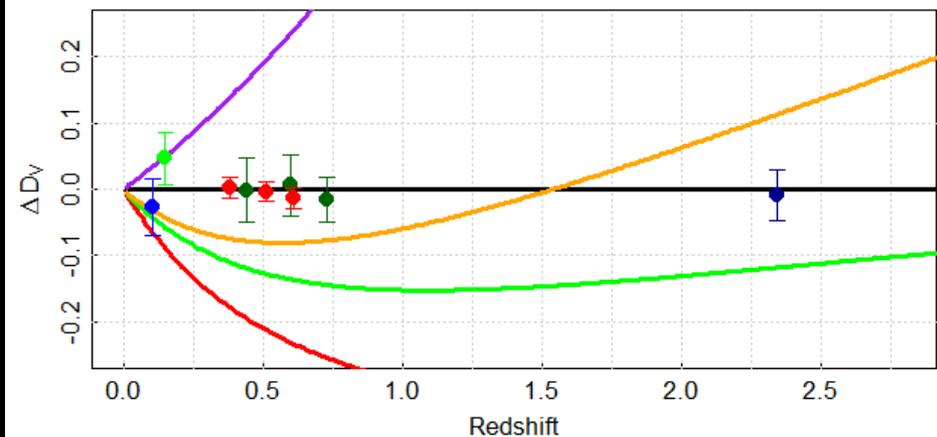
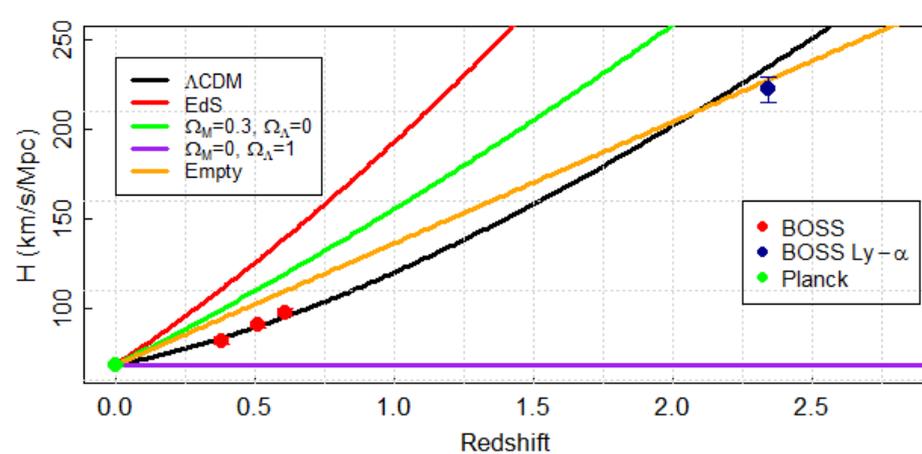


# BAO as a standard ruler

## Angular



## Radial



Again, we need  $\sim 70\%$  of dark energy and  $\sim 30\%$  of matter (25% dark and 5% baryonic)

# The Big Bang today: $\Lambda$ CDM

**It is not speculation anymore. Based on a huge quantity of precise observations**

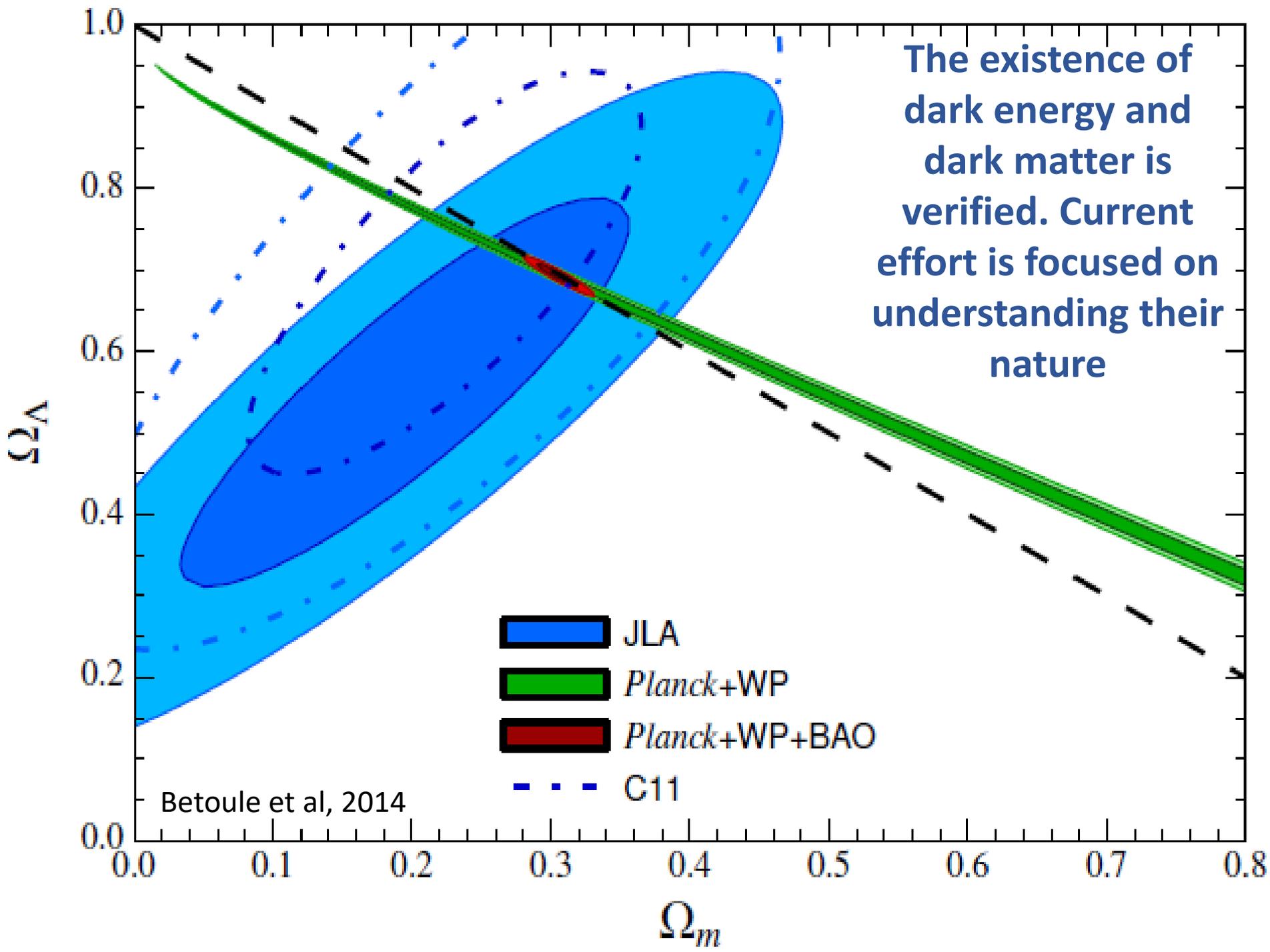
CMB  $\rightarrow \Omega_{\text{TOT}} \sim 1$  (the Universe is FLAT)

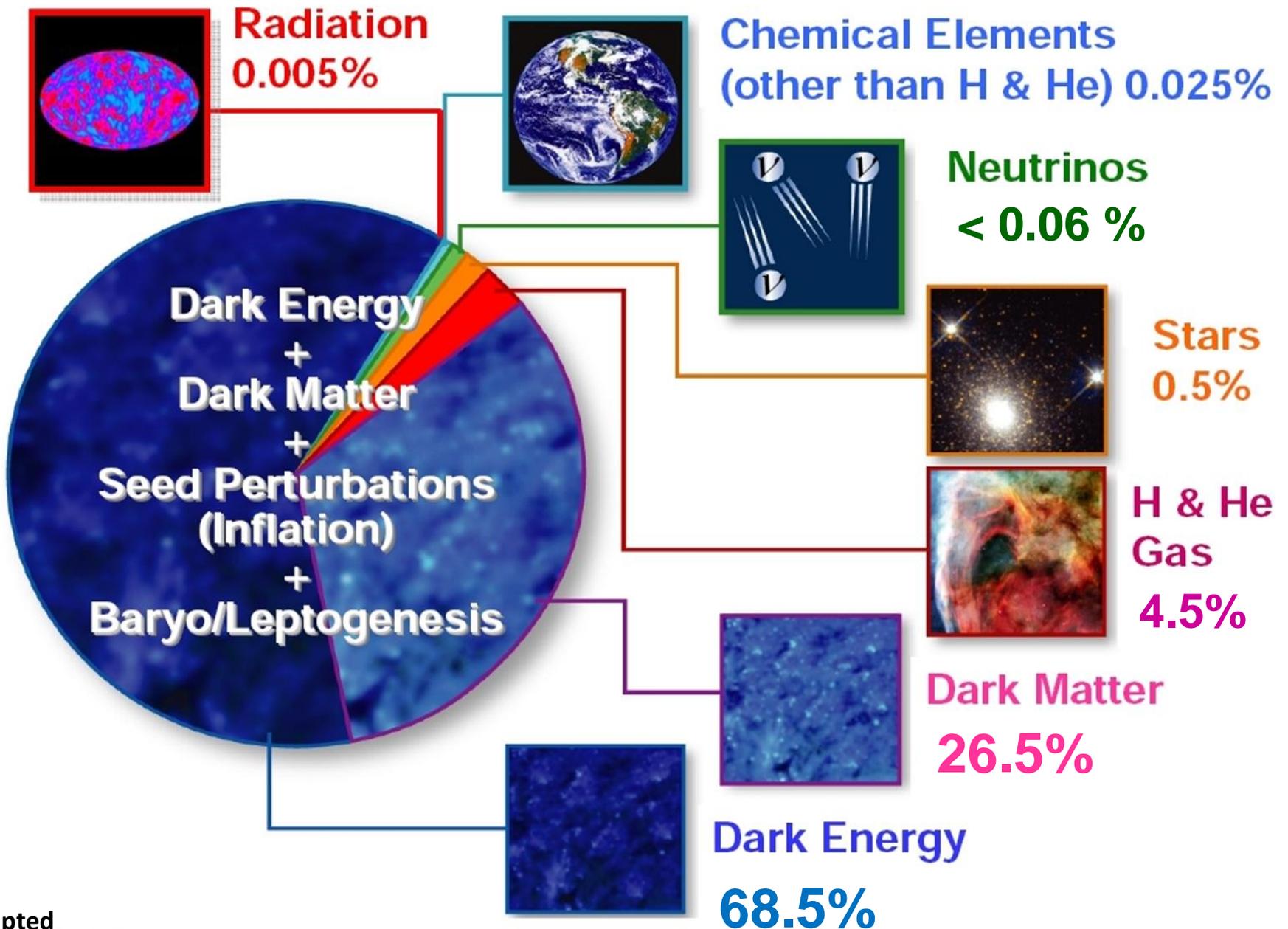
BBN+CMB  $\rightarrow \Omega_{\text{B}} \sim 0.05 \rightarrow$   
most of the universe is NON-BARYONIC

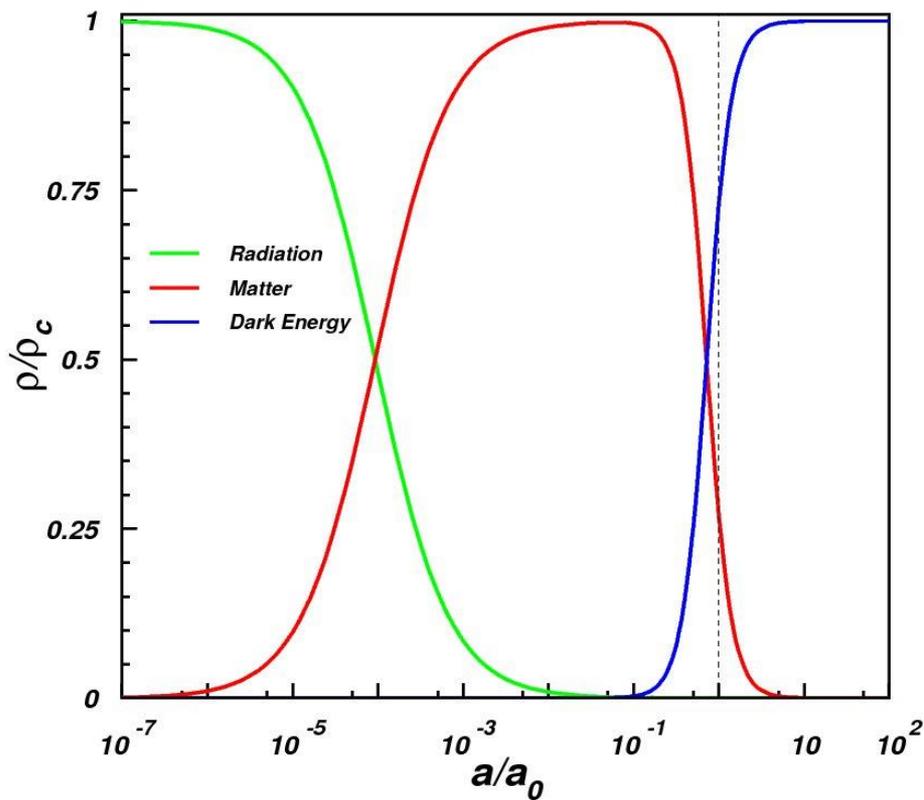
LSS+GALAXY DYNAMICS  $\rightarrow$   
DARK MATTER! ;  $\Omega_{\text{DM}} \sim 0.27$

Supernovae Ia+LSS+CMB  $\rightarrow$   
DARK ENERGY! ;  $\Omega_{\text{DE}} \sim 0.68$

- Large scale homogeneity
- Hubble Law
- Light elements abundances
- Existence of the CMB
- Fluctuations of the CMB
- LSS
- Stars ages
- Galaxy evolution
- Time dilation of the SN brightness
- Temperature vs redshift (Tolman test)
- Sunyaev-Zel'dovich Effect
- Integrated Sachs-Wolf effect
- Galaxies (rotation/dispersion)
- Dark Energy (accelerated expansion)
- Gravitational lenses (weak/strong)
- Consistency of all observations



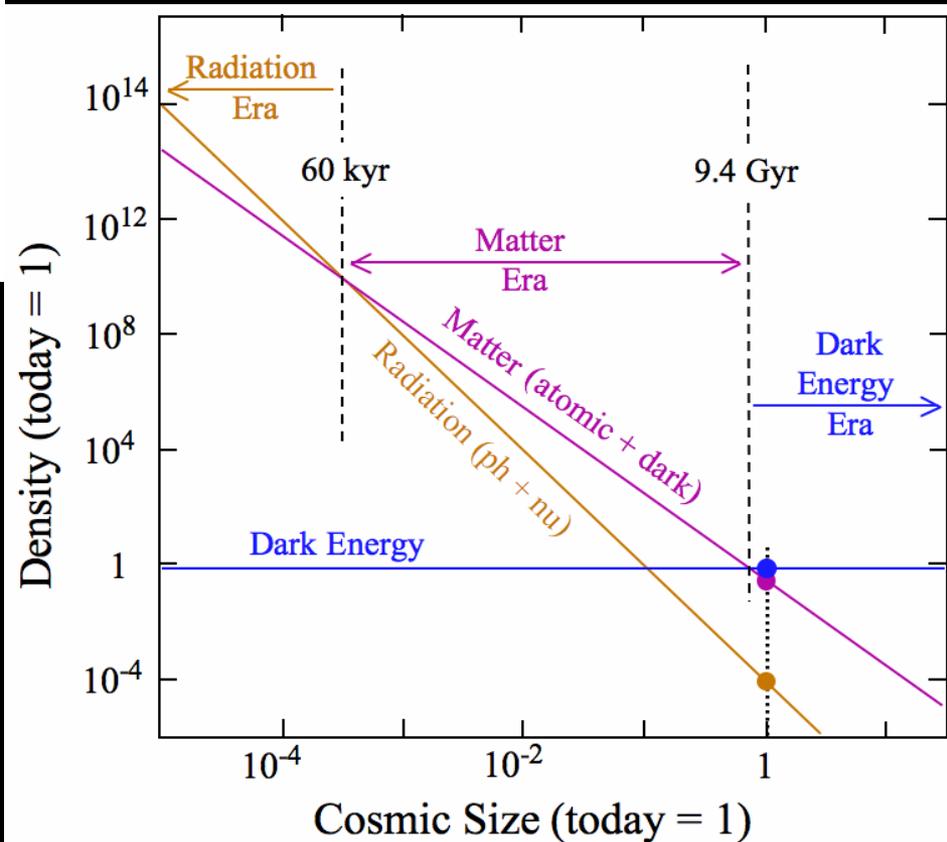




relative densities

3 epochs in the Universe history:

Radiation Dominated  
Matter Dominated  
Lambda Dominated



absolute densities

## The Big Bang today: $\Lambda$ CDM

**The Big Bang theory is an excellent description of the observed Universe**

**A 25% of the Universe content (the dark matter) is of unknown nature**

**$\Lambda$ CDM requires physics beyond the Standard Model**