

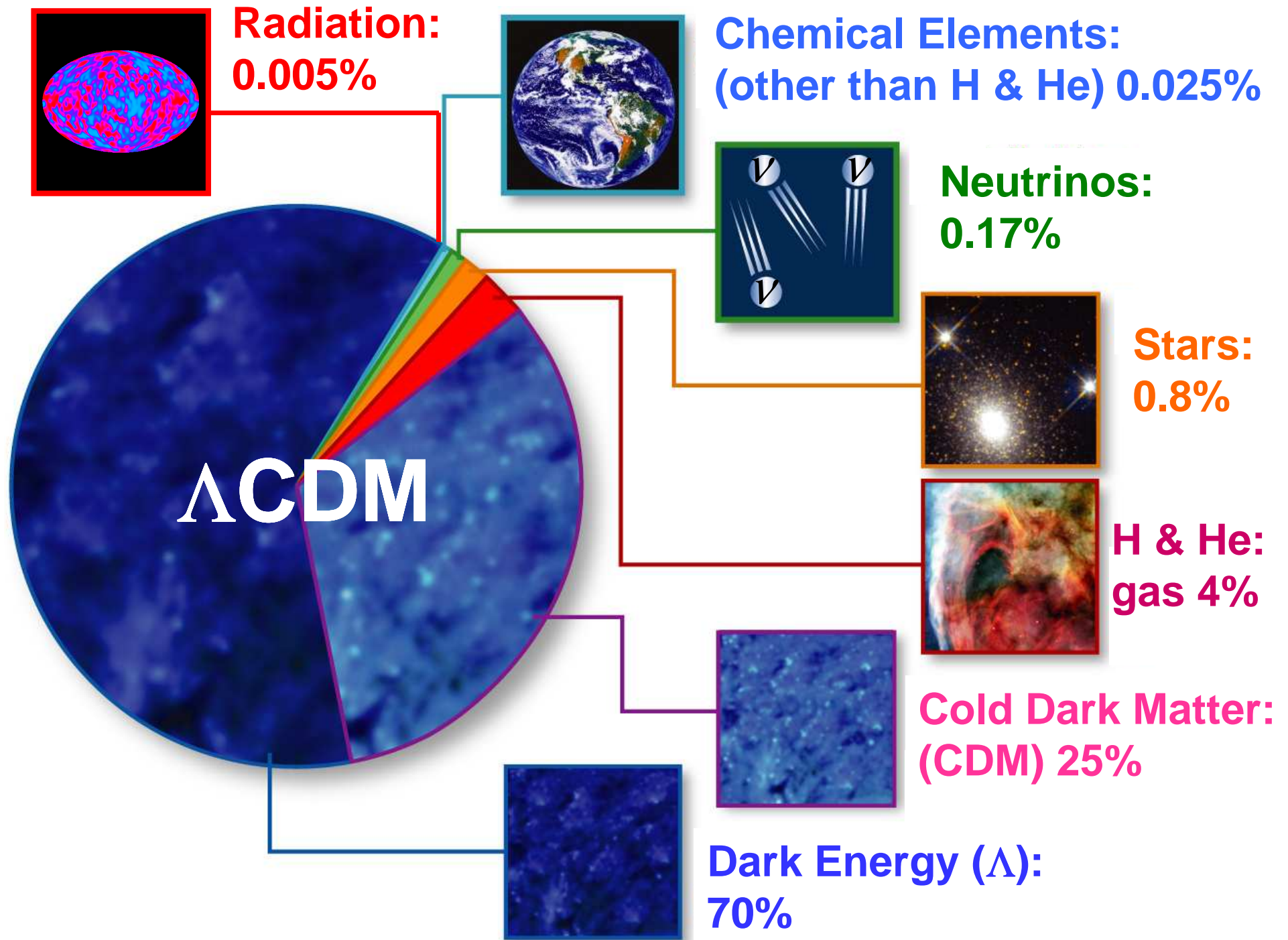
Taking Sides on Dark Energy

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Cosmology 1000 years ago
(and Kansas Today)





Precision Cosmology

Dark Energy
+
Dark Matter
+
Seed Perturbations
(Inflation)
+
Baryo/Leptogenesis

The Standard Model of
cosmology suggests
physics beyond the
Standard Model of
particle physics!

Precision astronomy is helpful to physics!

Precision Cosmology

"How helpful to us is astronomy's pedantic accuracy, which I used to secretly ridicule!"

Einstein's statement to Arnold Sommerfeld on December 9, 1915 (regarding measurements of the advance of the perihelion of Mercury)



Cosmological Constant (Dark Energy)



1917 Einstein proposed cosmological constant, Λ .

1929 Hubble discovered expansion of the Universe.

1934 Einstein called it “my biggest blunder.”

1998 Astronomers found evidence for it, and renamed it “Dark Energy.”

Cosmological Constant (Dark Energy)

Do not directly *observe*

- acceleration of the universe
- dark energy

We *infer* acceleration/dark energy by comparing
observations
with the predictions of a
model

All evidence for dark energy/acceleration comes
from measuring the expansion history of the Universe

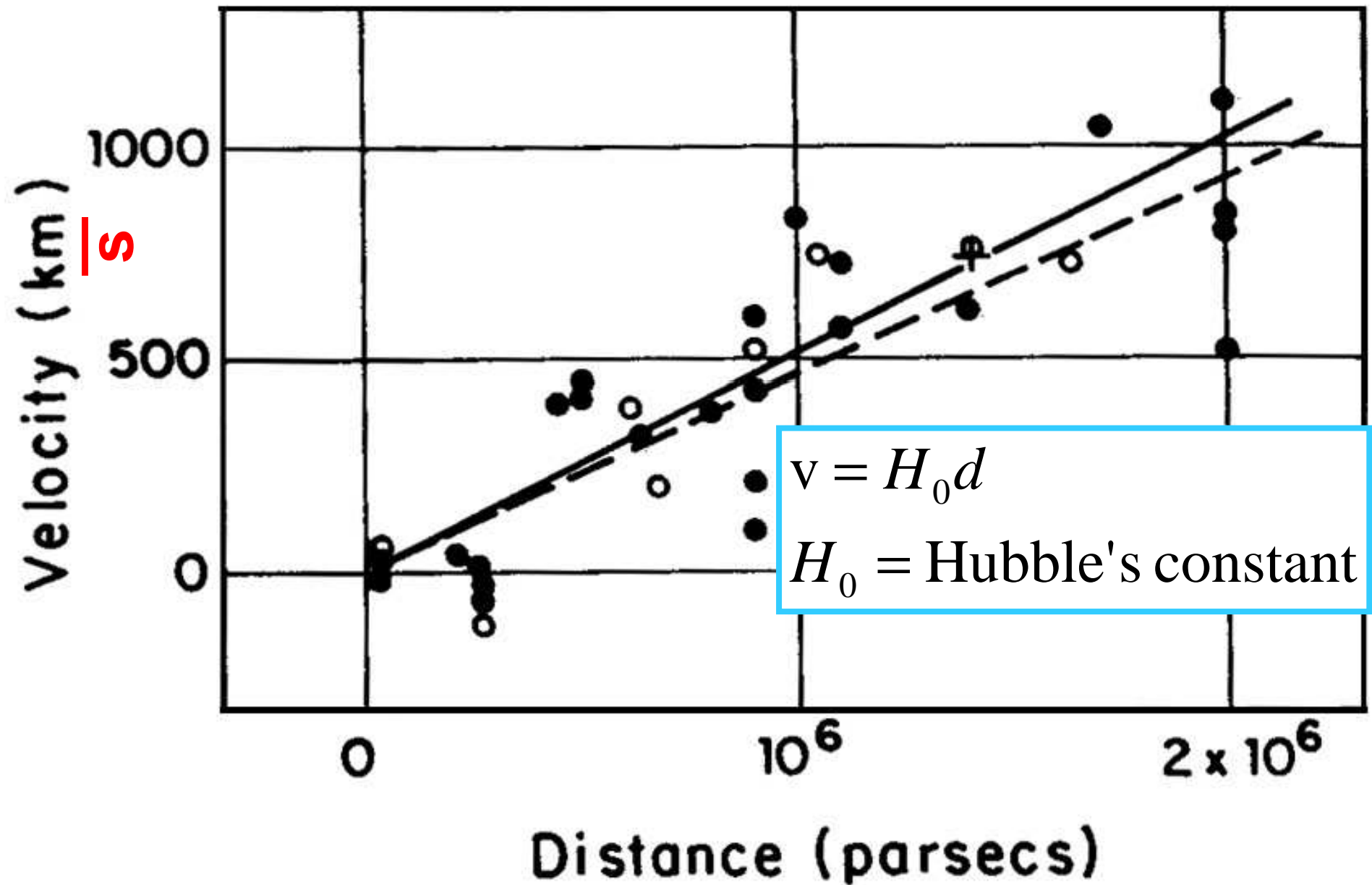
Edwin
Hubble

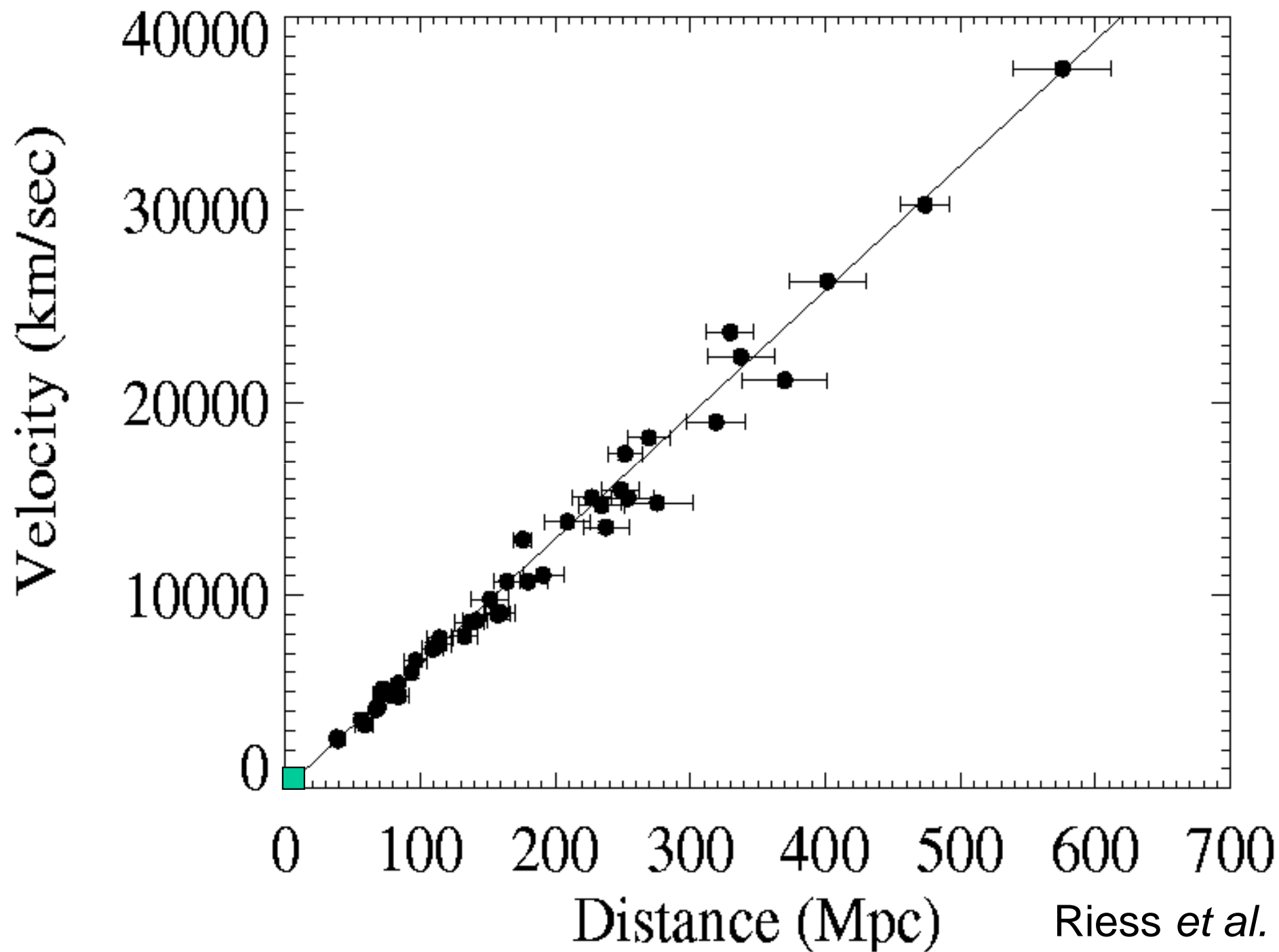


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1909 National Champions

Hubble's Discovery Paper - 1929





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FACT OR FICTION
SCIENCE

The universe is shrinking
and will soon be the size
of a golf ball.

See other side for answer.

CONVENTIONAL DIRECTIONS

Empty packet into bowl.
Add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup boiling water; stir.

MICROWAVE DIRECTIONS

Empty packet into micro-
waveable bowl.
Add $\frac{2}{3}$ cup water
or milk.
Microwave at **HIGH** about
1-2 minutes; stir.
Use care when removing
cereal from microwave;
bowl may be hot.

For **thicker** oatmeal decrease
liquid; for **thinner** oatmeal
increase liquid.

THE ANSWER

Fiction! Most stars and galaxies
are moving away from the earth
which means the universe is
actually getting bigger.

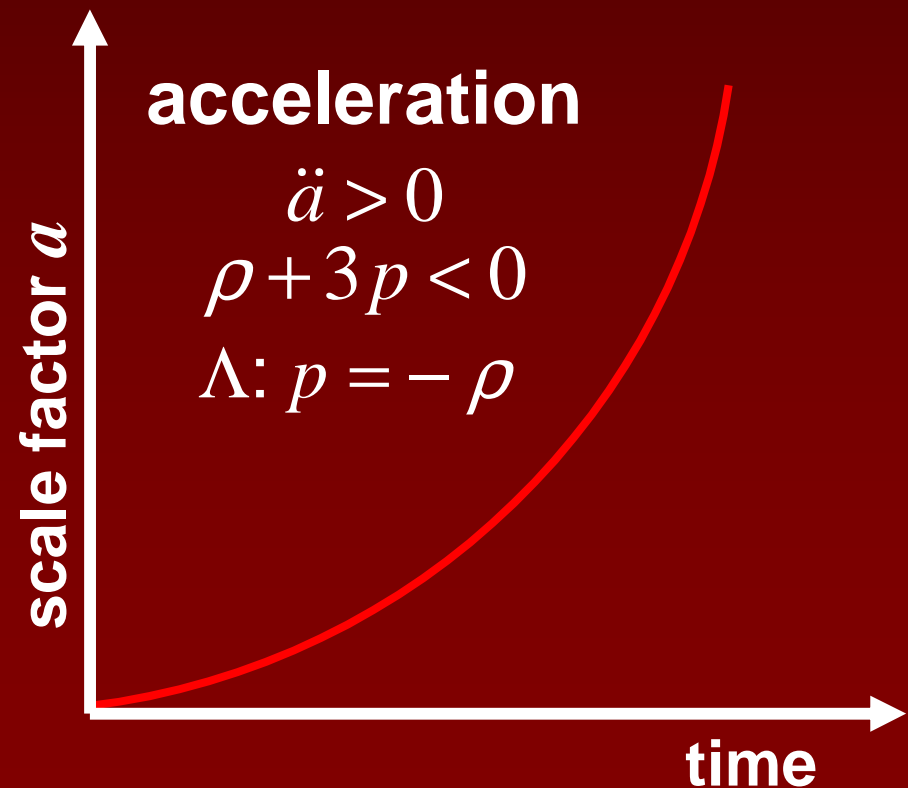
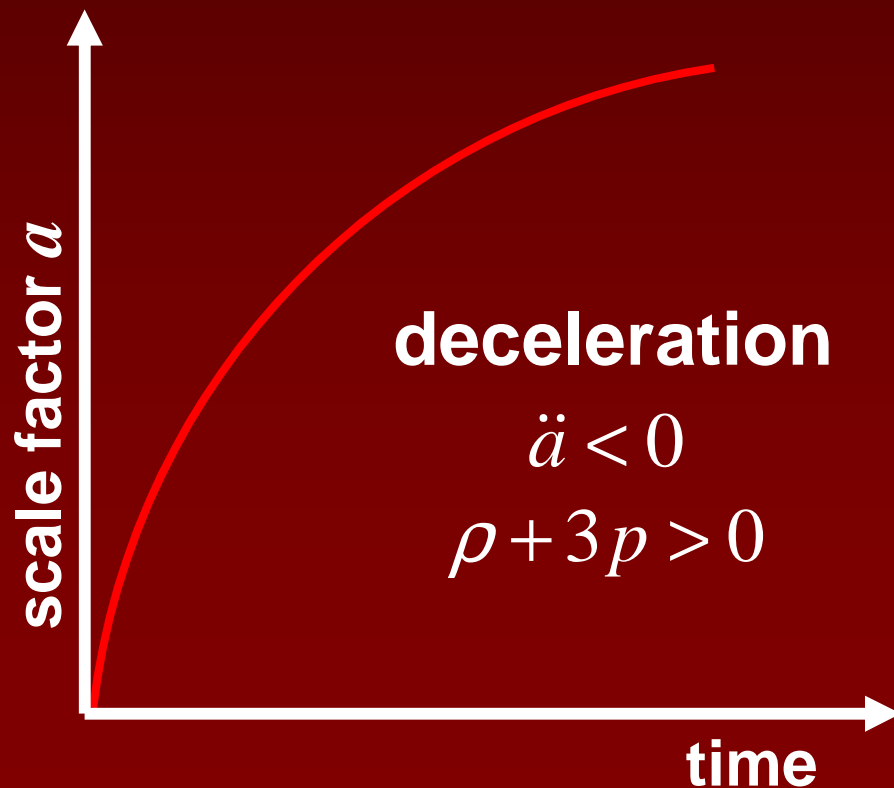
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Expansion History of the Universe

distance: $D \propto a$ (cosmic scale factor)

velocity: $\dot{a} \propto H$ (Hubble's constant)

acceleration: $\ddot{a} \propto -G(\rho + 3p)$



Expansion History of the Universe

Many observables based on $H(z)$

- Luminosity distance $\text{Flux} = (\text{Luminosity} / 4\pi d_L^2)$
- Angular diameter distance $\alpha = \text{Physical size} / d_A$
- Volume (number counts) $N / V^{-1}(z)$
- Age of the universe
- Distances

Expansion History of the Universe

Friedmann equation ($G_{00} = 8\pi GT_{00}$)

Hubble
constant

curvature

matter

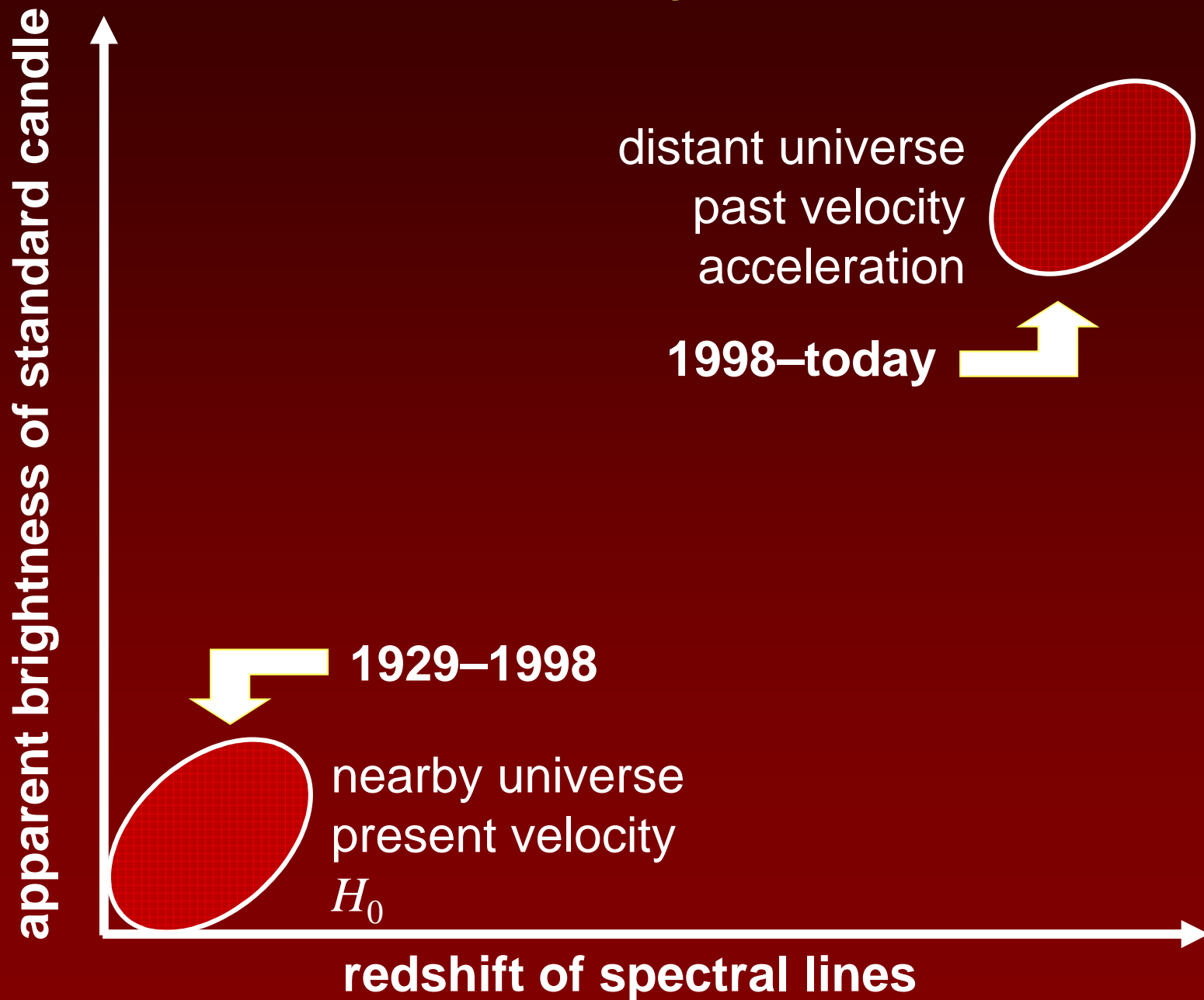
radiation



$$H^2(z) = H_0^2 \times \left[\Omega_k (1+z)^2 + \Omega_M (1+z)^3 + \Omega_R (1+z)^4 \right]$$

- Ω_R : radiation contribution small for $z \gg 10^4$
- $\Omega_k + \Omega_M + \Omega_R = 1 \Rightarrow \Omega_k \approx 1 - \Omega_M$
- “All of observational cosmology is a search for two numbers.”
(H_0 and Ω_M) — Sandage, *Physics Today*, 1970
- Ω_k well determined (close to zero) from CMB, post 2000

Hubble Diagram



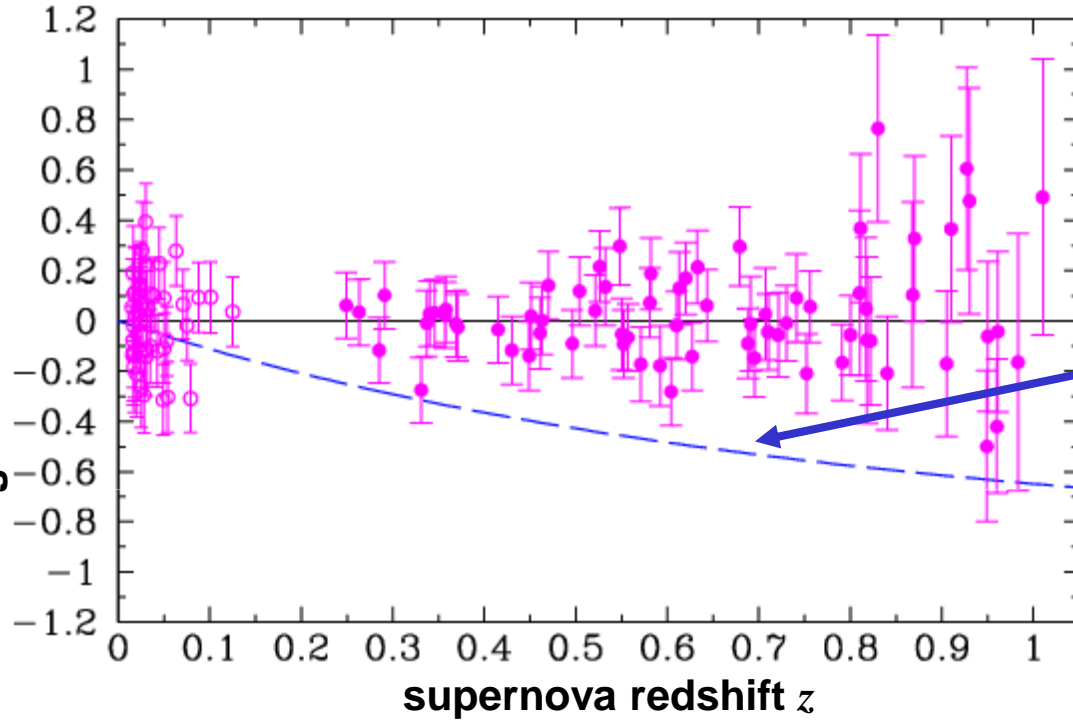
Hubble Diagram

Astier et al. (2006)

SNLS

confusing astronomical notation
related to supernova brightness

← brighter
fainter →



Einstein-de Sitter:
spatially flat, $\Omega_k = 0$,
matter-dominated model
(maximum theoretical bliss)

Expansion History of the Universe

Friedmann equation ($G_{00} = 8\pi GT_{00}$)

Hubble constant cosmological constant curvature matter radiation



$$H^2(z) = H_0^2 \times \left[\Omega_\Lambda (1+z)^0 + \Omega_k (1+z)^2 + \Omega_M (1+z)^3 + \Omega_R (1+z)^4 \right]$$

- [Could add $\Omega_{\text{walls}} (1+z)^1$]
- Ω_R : radiation contribution small for $z \gg 10^4$
- $1 = \Omega_\Lambda + \Omega_k + \Omega_M + \Omega_R$
- Ω_k well determined (close to zero) from CMB
- Ω_M reasonably well determined

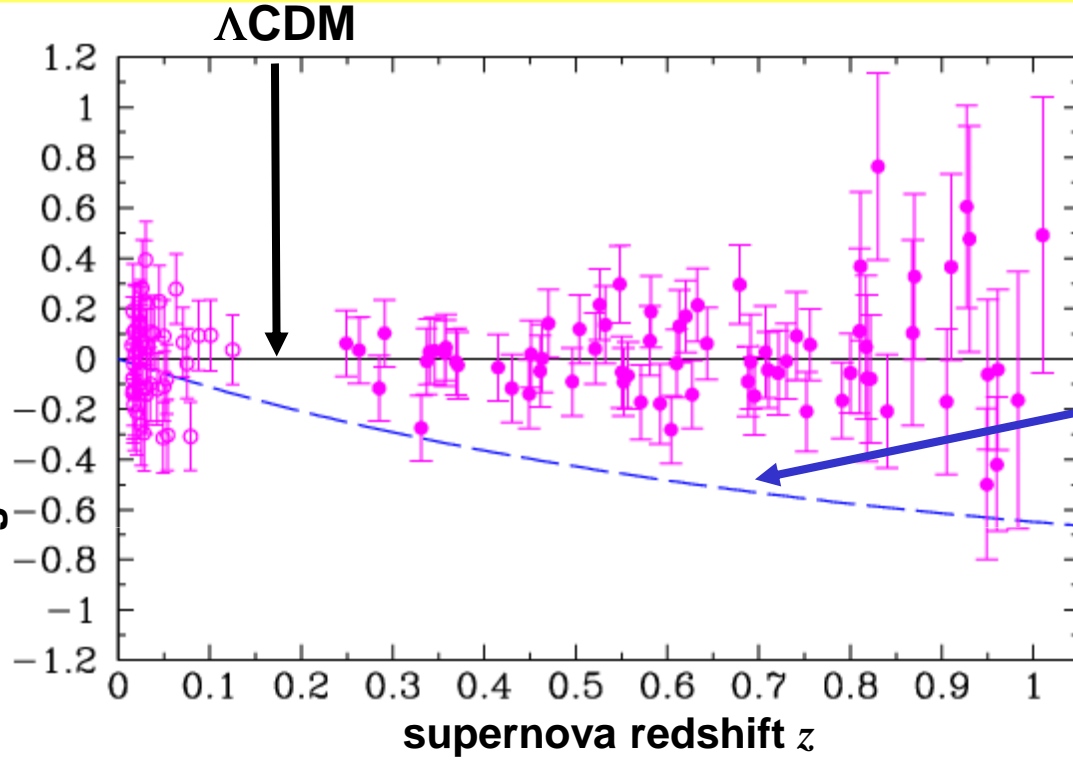
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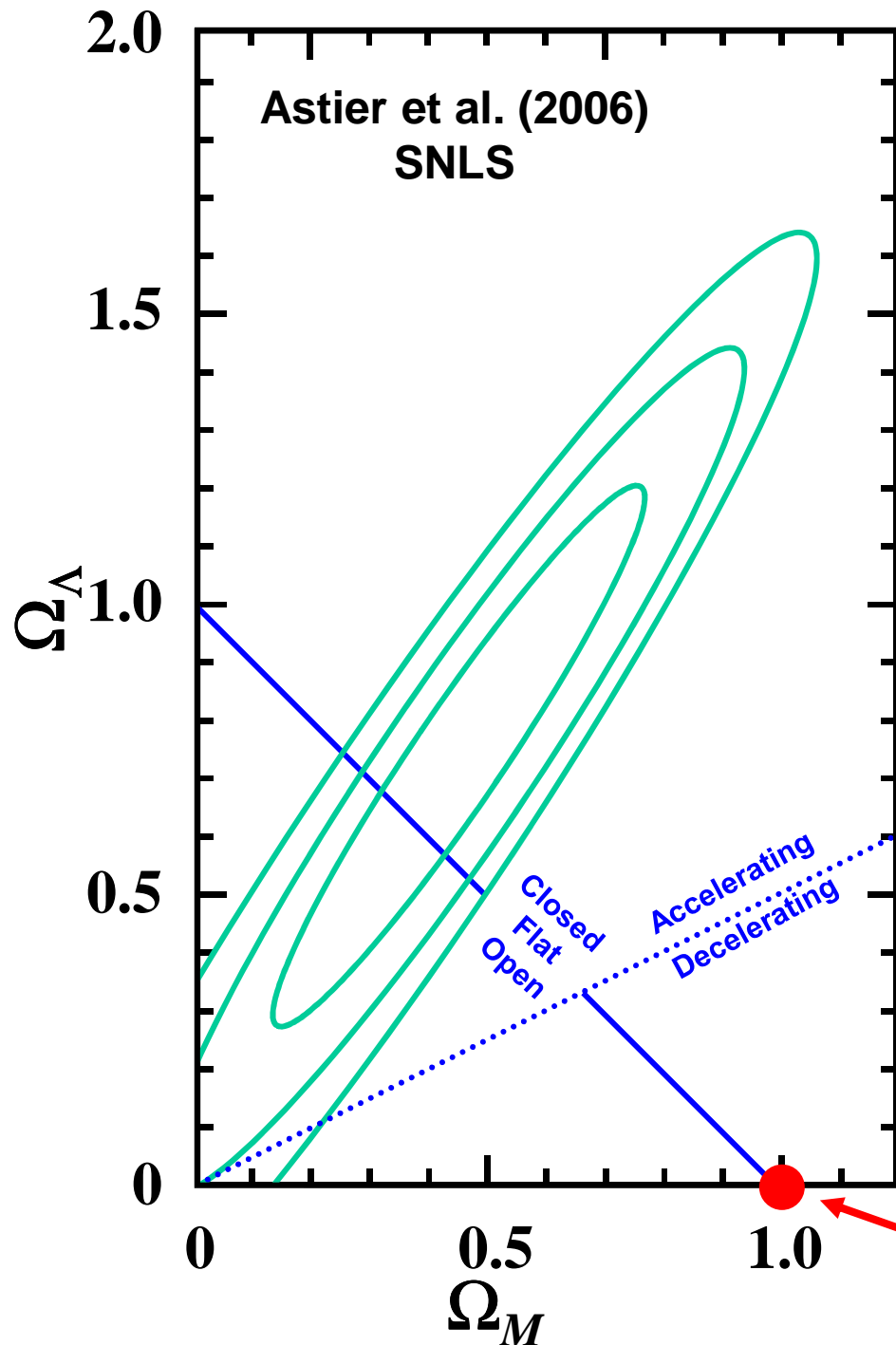
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Evidence For Dark Energy



1. Find standard candle (SNe Ia)
2. Observe magnitude & redshift
3. Assume a cosmological model
4. Compare observations & model
5. Fit needs cosmological constant

← { Assumes $w = -1$ (i.e., Λ)
Assumes priors on H_0 , etc.

$$\rho_V \sim 10^{-30} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$$

Expansion History of the Universe

Friedmann equation ($G_{00} = 8\pi GT_{00}$)

$$H^2(z) = H_0^2 \times \left[\begin{array}{cccc} \text{dark} & & & \\ \text{energy} & \text{curvature} & \text{matter} & \text{radiation} \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ \Omega_w (1+z)^{3(1+w)} & + \Omega_k (1+z)^2 & + \Omega_M (1+z)^3 & + \Omega_R (1+z)^4 \end{array} \right]$$

Equation of state parameter: $w = p / \rho$ ($w = -1$ for Λ)

$$\text{if } w = w(z): \quad (1+z)^{3(1+w)} \rightarrow \exp\left(-3 \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{z'} [1 + w(z')]\right)$$

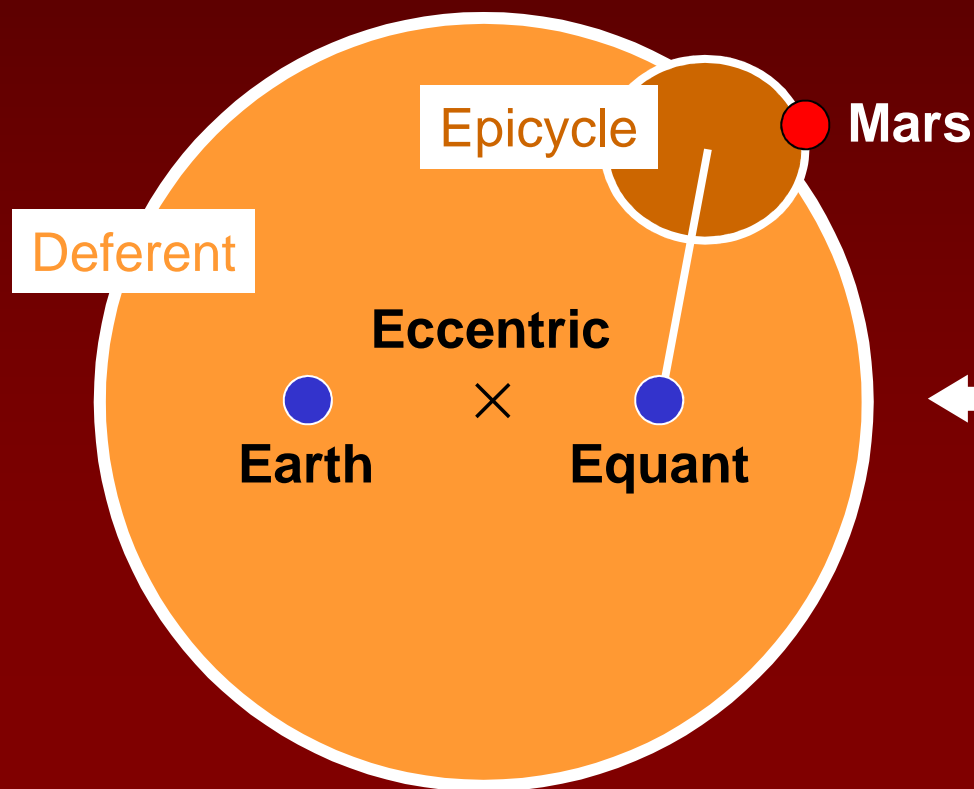
parameterize: $w(z) = w_0 + w_a z / (1+z)$

Cosmology is a search for two numbers (w_0 and w_a).

Λ CDM: *The Standard Model*

The construction of a model ... consists of snatching from the enormous and complex mass of facts called reality a few simple, easily managed key points which, when put together in some cunning way, becomes for certain purposes a substitute for reality itself.

Evsey Domar
20th-century economist



This cosmological model
agreed with observations
for 1300 years!

The Cosmological Constant

$$10^{-30} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$$

So small, and yet not zero!

The Unbearable Lightness of Nothing

The Cosmoillogical Constant

Dark (and Useless) Energy

1 MeV liter⁻¹

The Cosmoillogical Constant

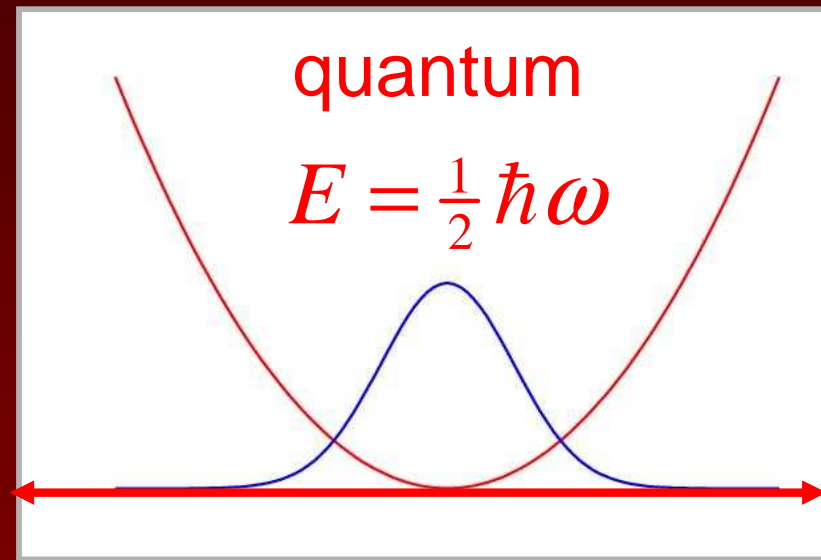
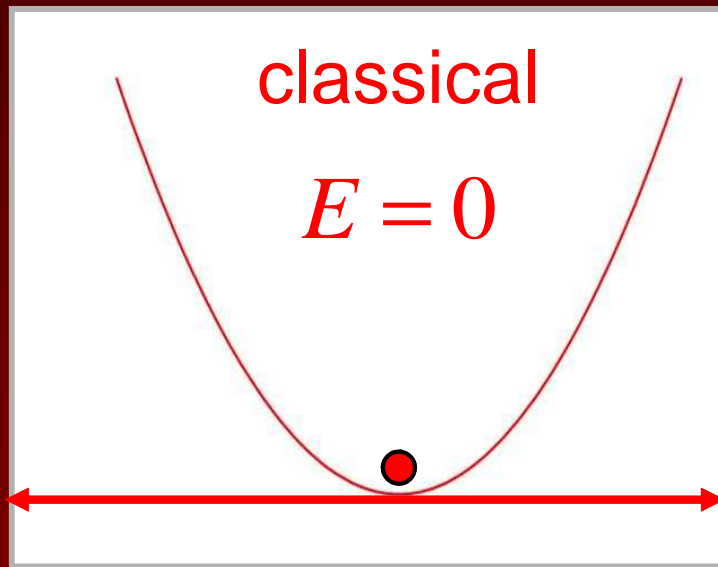
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The Cosmoillogical Constant

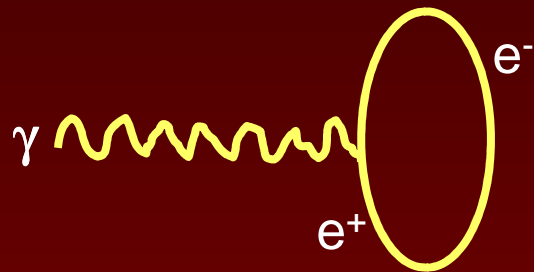
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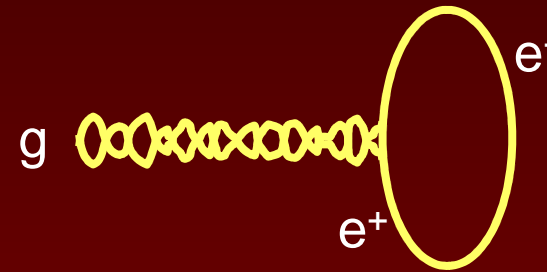
The Cosmoillogical Constant

All fields: harmonic oscillators with zero-point energy

Photons: Lamb shift



Gravitons: Vacuum energy



$$\rho = \sum_{\text{all particles}} \pm \int d^3k \sqrt{k^2 + m^2} \quad \square \quad \sum_{\text{all particles}} \pm \int^{\Lambda_C} dk \, k^3$$

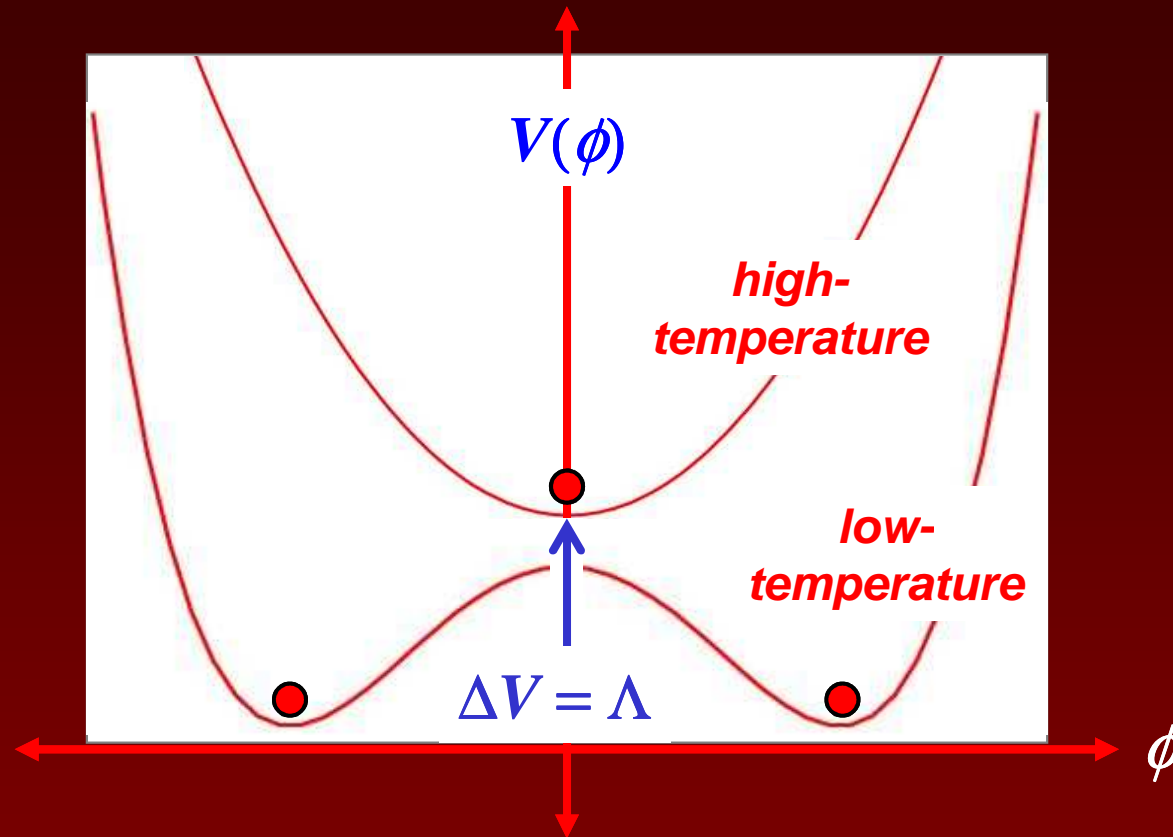
$$\Lambda_C = \infty : \quad \rho_\Lambda = \infty^4 \quad = \text{bad prediction}$$

$$\Lambda_C = M_{Pl} : \quad \rho_\Lambda = M_{Pl}^4 \quad = 10^{+90} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$$

$$\Lambda_C = M_{SUSY} : \quad \rho_\Lambda = M_{SUSY}^4 \quad = 10^{+30} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$$

$$\Lambda_C = 10^{-4} \text{ eV} : \quad \rho_\Lambda = \text{Observed} = 10^{-30} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$$

The Cosmoillogical Constant



GUT: $10^{74} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$

EWK: $10^{24} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$

SUSY: $10^{30} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$

CHIRAL: $10^{13} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$

OBSERVED: $10^{-30} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$

The Cosmoillogical Constant



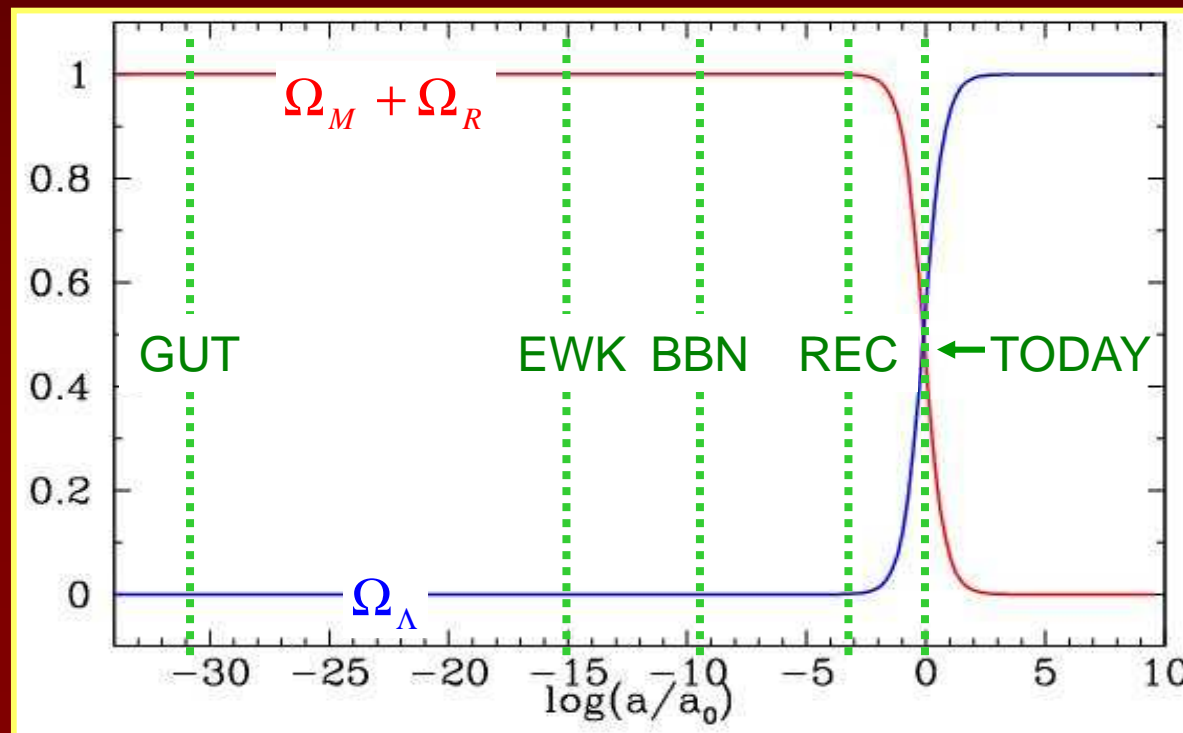
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Illogical timing (cosmic coincidence?):



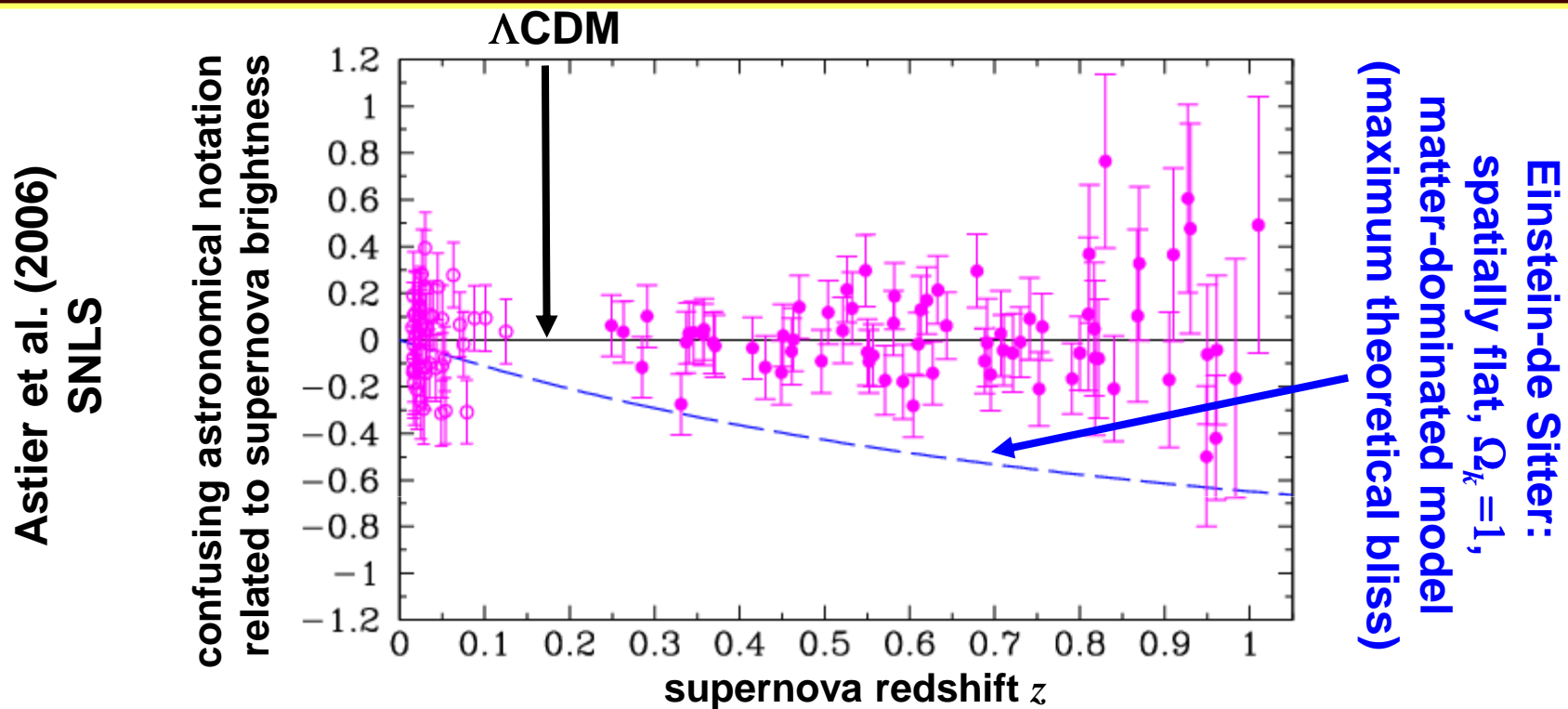
The Cosmoillogical Constant

Global warming, but universal cooling:

The Universe is cold and dark....and getting colder and darker!

(Dark Energy is now 700,000 ppm and will only increase!)

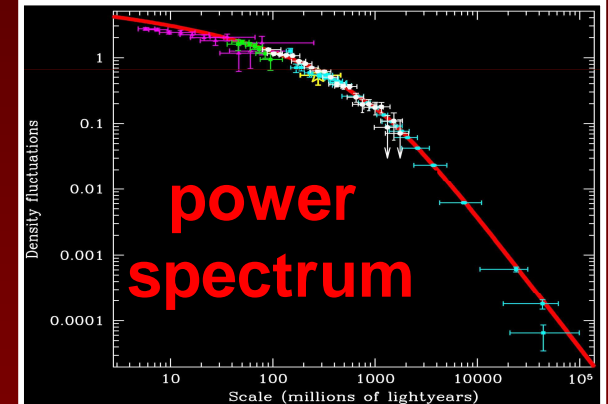
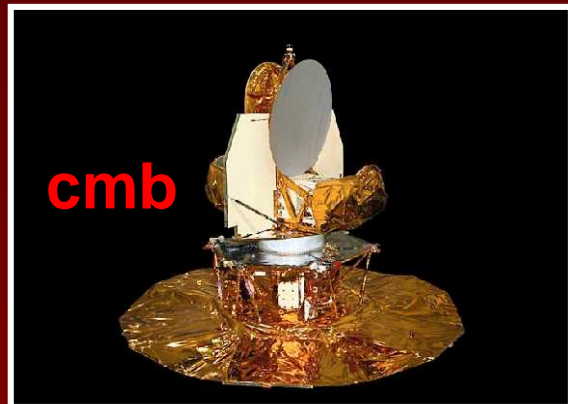
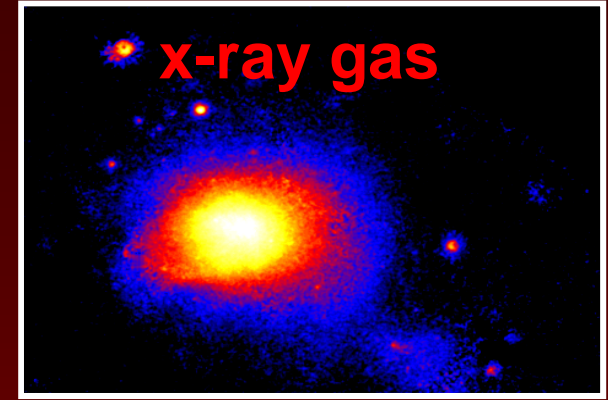
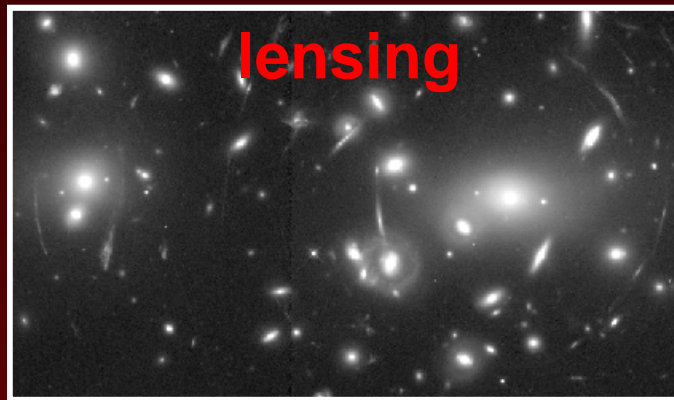
The Cosmoillogical Constant



The case for Λ :

- 1) Hubble diagram (SNe)
- 2) Cosmic Subtraction
- 3) Baryon acoustic oscillations
- 4) Weak lensing
- 5) Galaxy clusters
- 6) Age of the universe
- 7) Structure formation

The Cosmoillogical Constant



$$\Omega_{\text{TOTAL}} = 1$$

CMB

$$\Omega_M \sim 0.3$$

many methods

$$1.0 - 0.3 = 0.7 \neq 0$$

How We “Know” Dark Energy Exists

- Assume model cosmology:
 - Friedmann-Lemaître-Robertson-Walker (FLRW) model
Friedmann equation: $H^2 = 8\pi G\rho / 3 - k/a^2$
 - Energy (and pressure) content: $\rho = \rho_M + \rho_R + \rho_\Lambda + \dots$
 - Input or integrate over cosmological parameters: H_0 , Ω_B , *etc.*
- Calculate observables $d_L(z)$, $d_A(z)$, $H(z)$, ...
- Compare to observations
- Model cosmology fits with ρ_Λ , but not without ρ_Λ
- All evidence for dark energy is indirect : observed $H(z)$ is not described by $H(z)$ calculated from the Einstein-de Sitter model [spatially flat (from CMB) ; matter dominated ($\rho = \rho_M$)]

Taking Sides!

- Can't hide from the data – Λ CDM too good to ignore

- SNe
- Subtraction: $1.0 - 0.3 = 0.7$
- Baryon acoustic oscillations
- Galaxy clusters
- Weak lensing
- ...

$H(z)$ not given by
Einstein–de Sitter

$$G_{00}(\text{FLRW}) \neq 8\pi G T_{00}(\text{matter})$$

- Modify right-hand side of Einstein equations (ΔT_{00})
 1. Constant (“just” a cosmological constant)
 2. Not constant (dynamics described by a scalar field)
- Modify left-hand side of Einstein equations (ΔG_{00})
 3. Beyond Einstein (non-GR)
 4. (Just) Einstein (back reaction of inhomogeneities)

Tools to Modify the Right-Hand Side



1964 Austin-Healey Sprite

1974 Fiat 128



Tools to Modify the Right-Hand Side

**scalar fields
(quintessence)**



Duct Tape

**anthropic principle
(the landscape)**

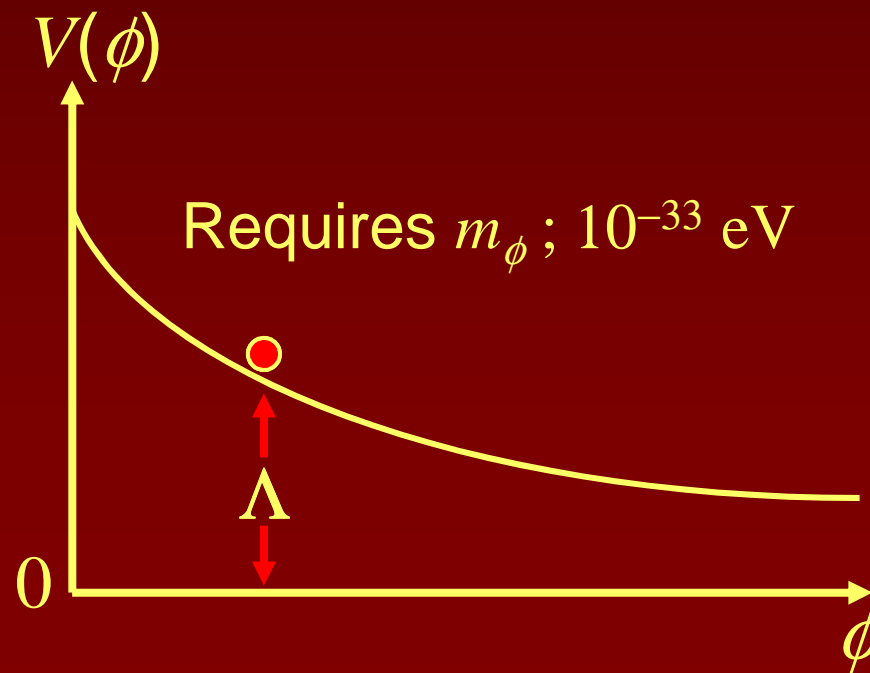


Anthropic/Landscape/DUCTtape

- Many sources of vacuum energy
- String theory has many ($>10^{500}$?) vacua
- Some of them correspond to cancellations that yield a small Λ
- Although exponentially uncommon, they are preferred because ...
- More common values of Λ results in an inhospitable universe

Quintessence/WD-40

- Many possible contributions.
- Why then is total so small?
- Perhaps unknown dynamics sets global vacuum energy equal to zero.....*but we're not there yet!*

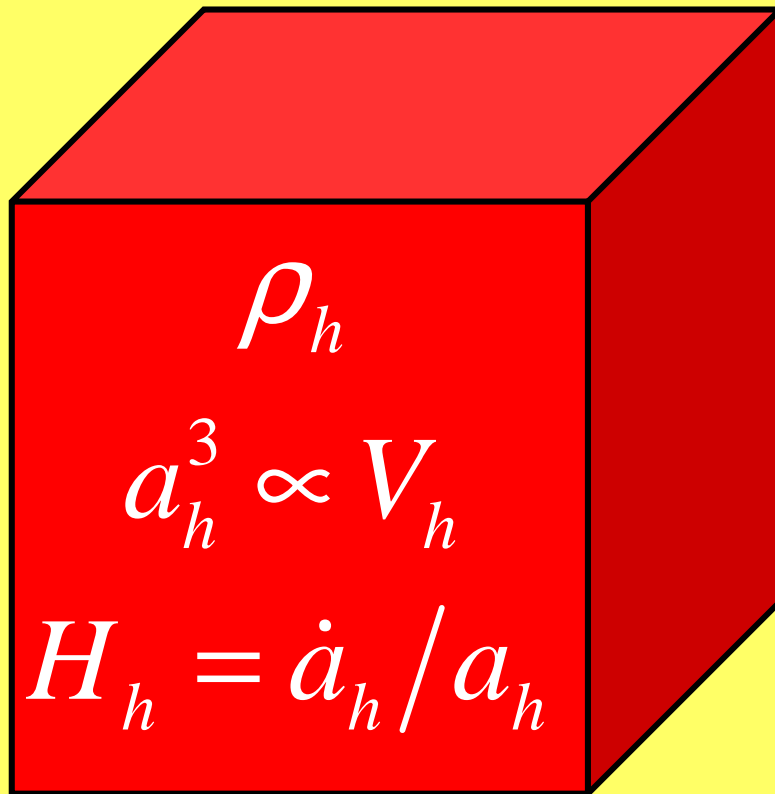


Tools to Modify the Left-Hand Side

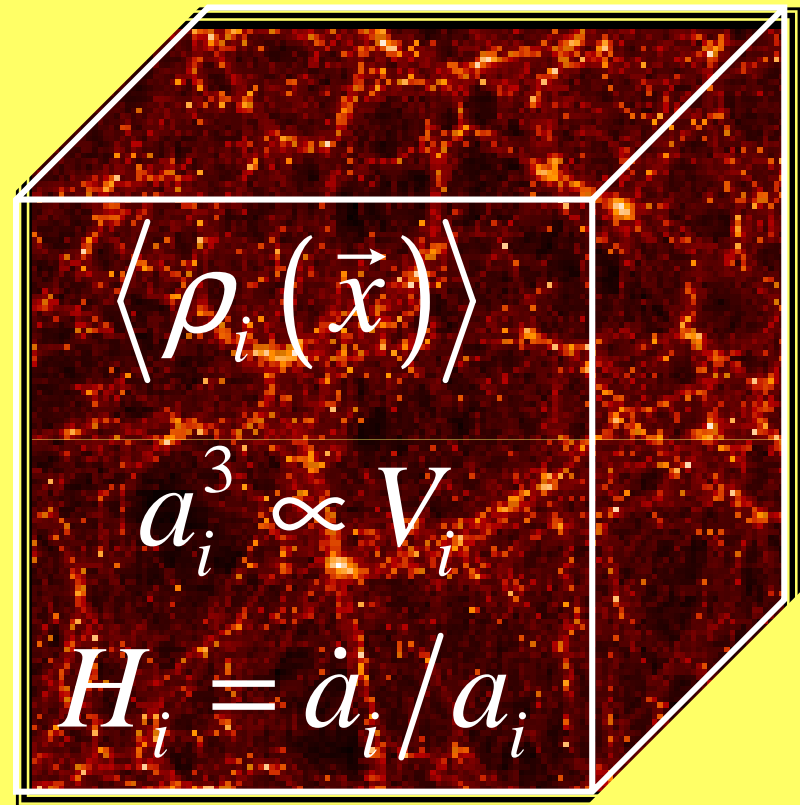
- Braneworld modifies Friedmann equation Binetruy, Deffayet, Langlois
- Gravitational force law modified at large distance Deffayet, Dvali & Gabadadze
Five-dimensional at cosmic distances
- Tired gravitons Gregory, Rubakov & Sibiryakov;
Dvali, Gabadadze & Porrati
Gravitons metastable - leak into bulk
- Gravity repulsive at distance $R \approx \text{Gpc}$ Csaki, Erlich, Hollowood & Terning
- $n = 1$ KK graviton mode very light, $m \approx (\text{Gpc})^{-1}$ Kogan, Mouslopoulos,
Papazoglou, Ross & Santiago
- Einstein & Hilbert got it wrong $f(R)$ Carroll, Duvvuri, Turner, Trodden
$$S = (16\pi G)^{-1} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left(R - \mu^4 / R \right)$$
- “Backreaction” of inhomogeneities Räsänen; Kolb, Matarrese, Notari & Riotto;
Notari; Kolb, Matarrese & Riotto

Backreaction of Inhomogeneities

Homogeneous model



Inhomogeneous model



$$\rho_h = \langle \rho_i(\vec{x}) \rangle \Rightarrow H_h = H_i ?$$

We think not!

(Buchert & Ellis)

Backreaction of Inhomogeneities

- The expansion rate of an *inhomogeneous* universe of average density $\langle \rho \rangle$ need NOT be! the same as the expansion rate of a *homogeneous* universe of average density $\langle \rho \rangle$!

Ellis, Barausse, Buchert

- Difference is a new term that enters an effective Friedmann equation — the new term need not satisfy energy conditions!
- We deduce dark energy because we are comparing to the wrong model universe.

Räsänen; Kolb, Matarrese, Notari & Riotto; Schwarz

Backreaction of Inhomogeneities

- Most conservative approach — nothing new
 - no new fields (like 10^{-33} eV mass scalars)
 - no extra long-range forces
 - no modification of general relativity
 - no modification of gravity at large distances
 - no Lorentz violation
 - no extra dimensions, bulks, branes, *etc.*
 - no anthropic/landscape/faith-based reasoning
- Magnitude?: calculable from observables related to $\delta\rho/\rho$
- Why now?: acceleration triggered by era of non-linear structure
- Possible attractor for effective Ω_Λ

Backreaction of Inhomogeneities

Λ CDM is the correct phenomenological model, but ...

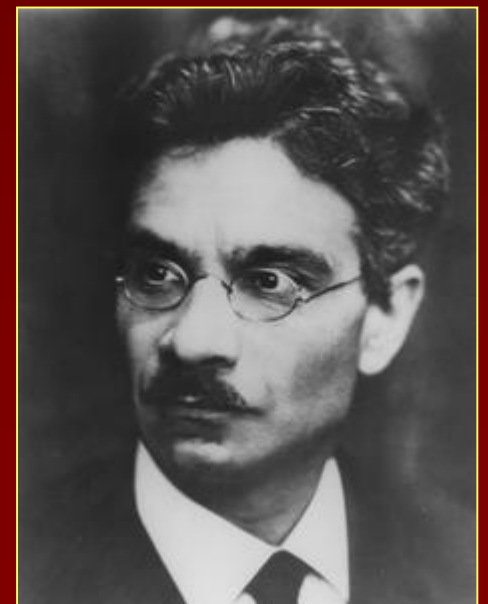
... there is no dark energy, gravity is not modified,
and the universe is not accelerating (in the usual sense).

Backreaction Causes Allergic Reaction

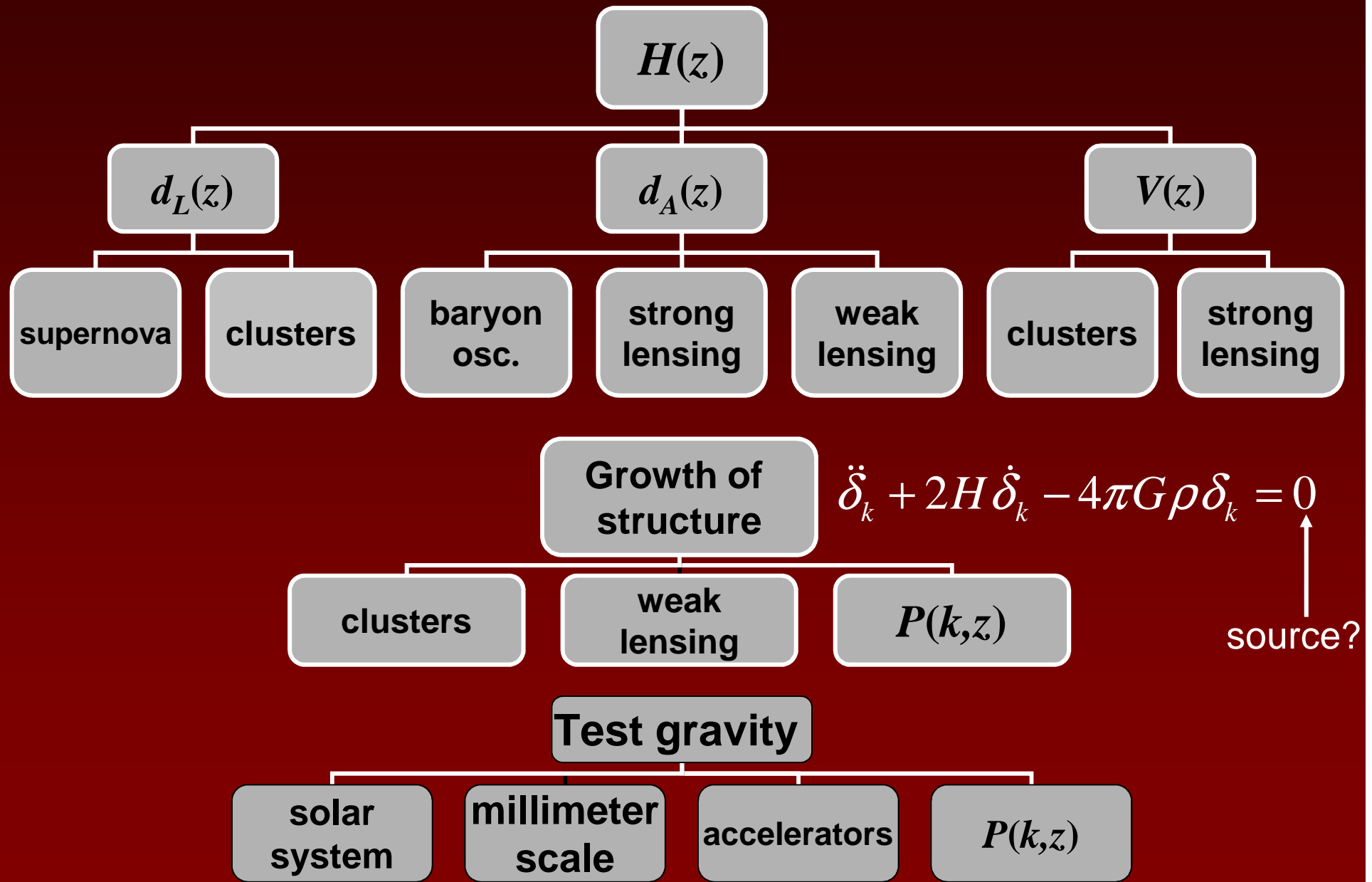
Dark Energy

"Nothing more can be done by the theorists. In this matter it is only you, the astronomers, who can perform a simply invaluable service to theoretical physics."

Einstein in August 1913 to Berlin astronomer Erwin Freundlich encouraging him to mount an expedition to measure the deflection of light by the sun.



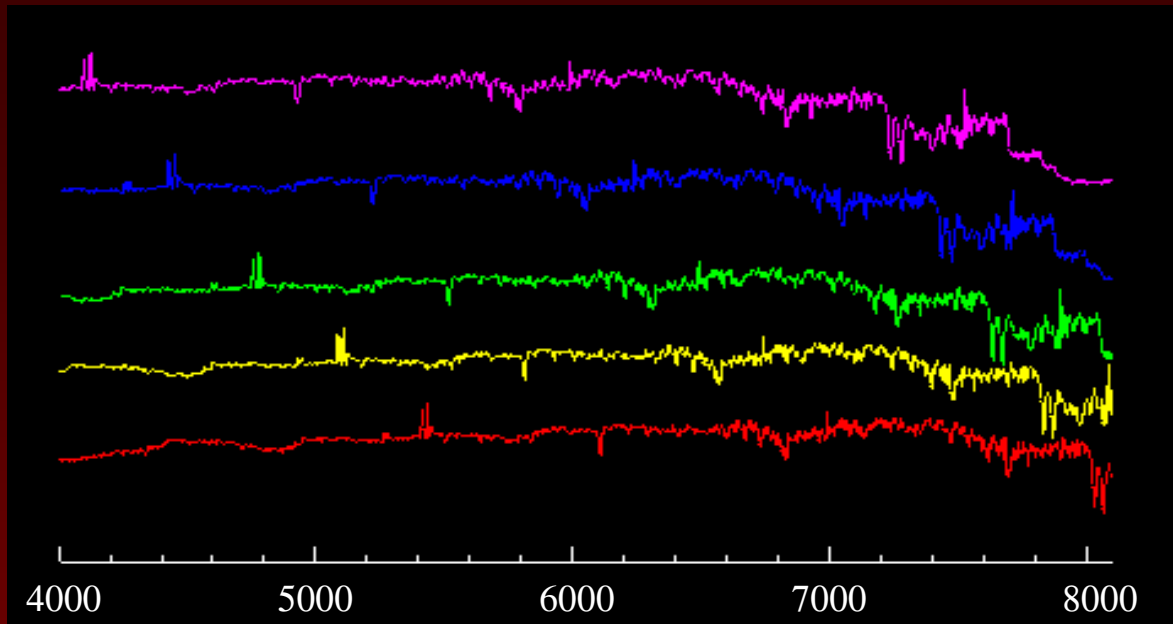
Observational Program



Supernova Type Ia

- Measure redshift and intensity as function of time (light curve)
- Systematics (dust, evolution, intrinsic luminosity dispersion, etc.)
- A lot of information per supernova
- Well developed and practiced
- Present procedure:
 - Discover SNe by wide-area survey (the “easy” part)
 - Follow up with spectroscopy (the “hard” part)
(requires a lot of time on 8m-class telescopes)
 - Photometric redshifts?

Photometric Redshifts



**Traditional redshift
from spectroscopy**

**Photometric redshift
from multicolor
photometry**



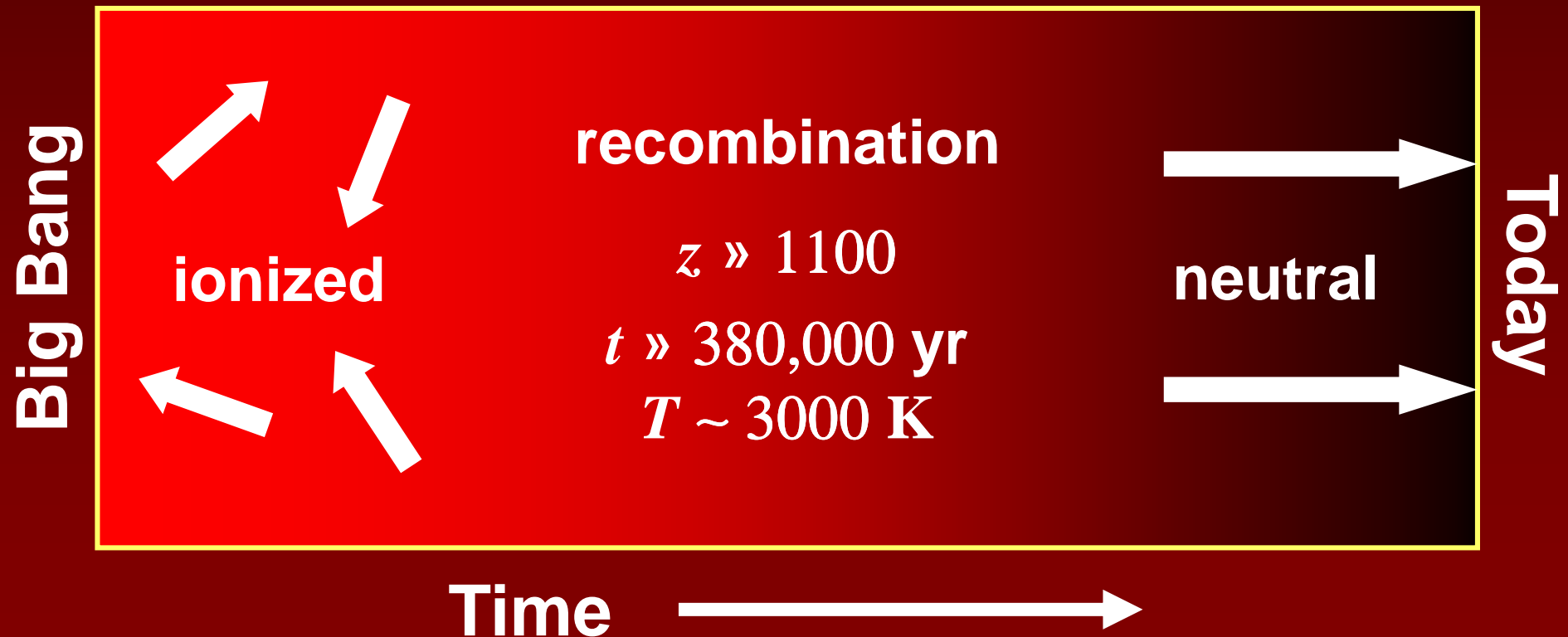
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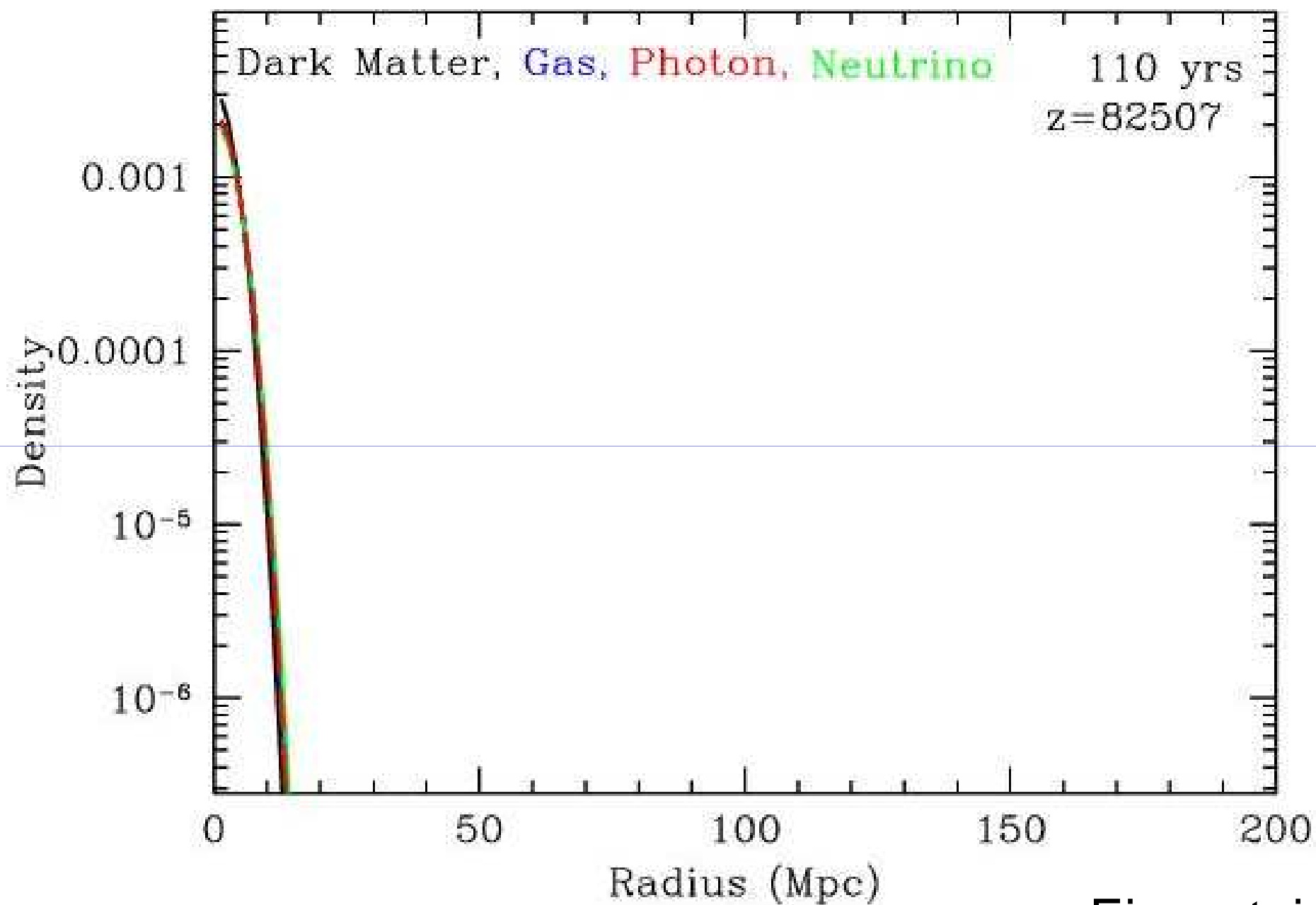
Pre-recombination

- universe ionized
- photons provide enormous pressure and restoring force
- perturbations oscillate (acoustic waves)

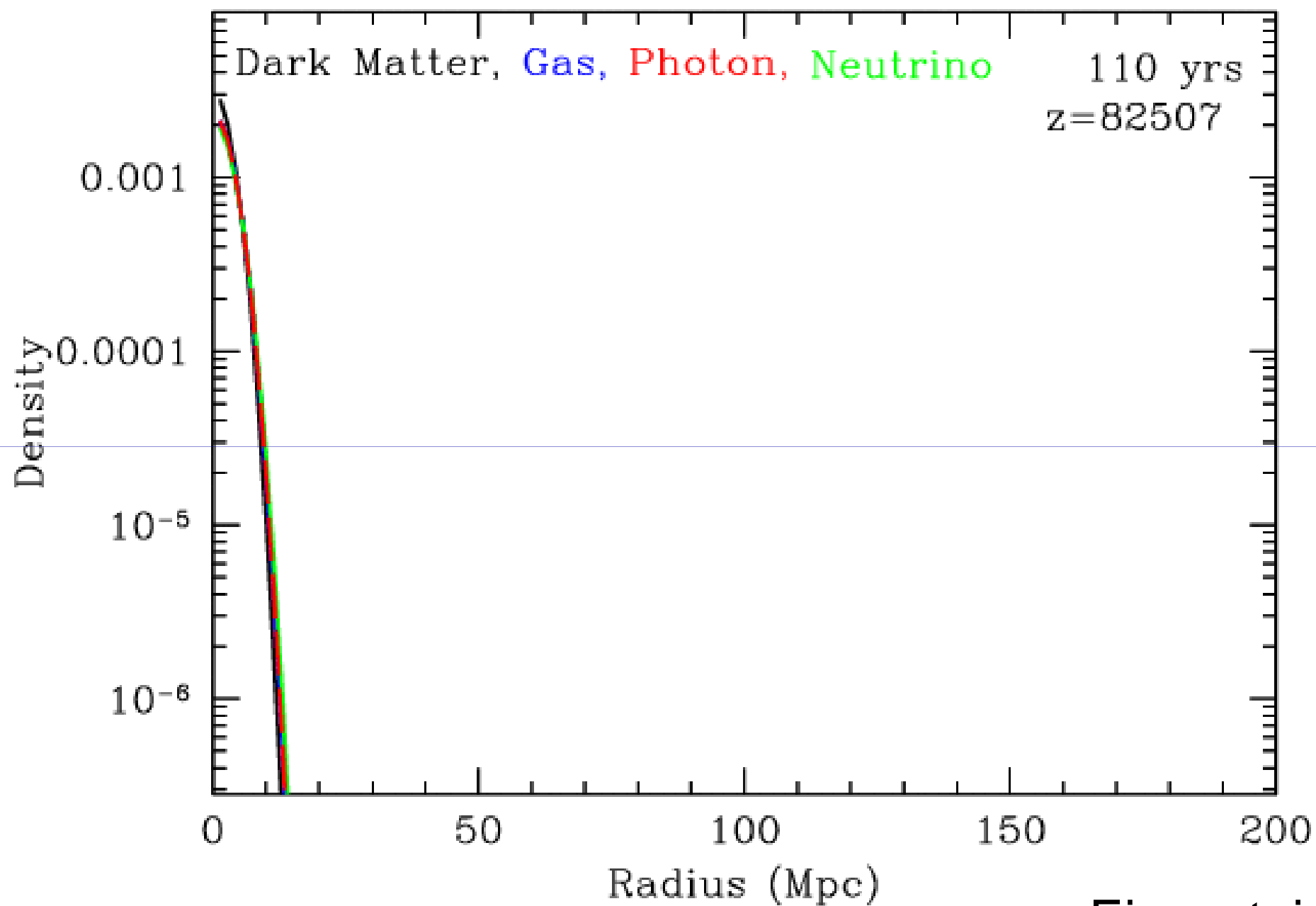
Post-recombination

- universe neutral
- photons travel freely (decoupled from baryons)
- perturbations grow (structure formation)





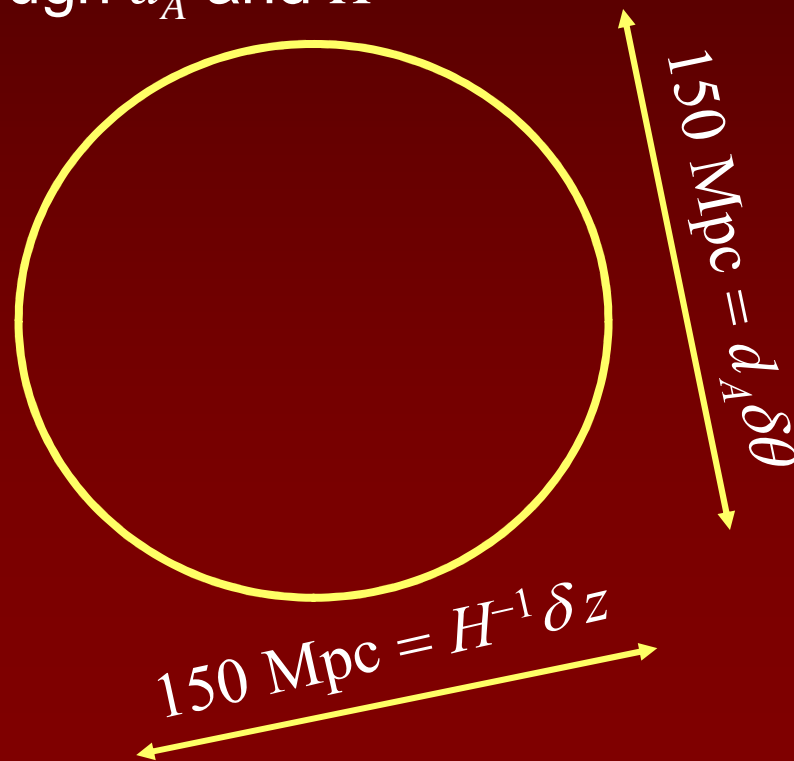
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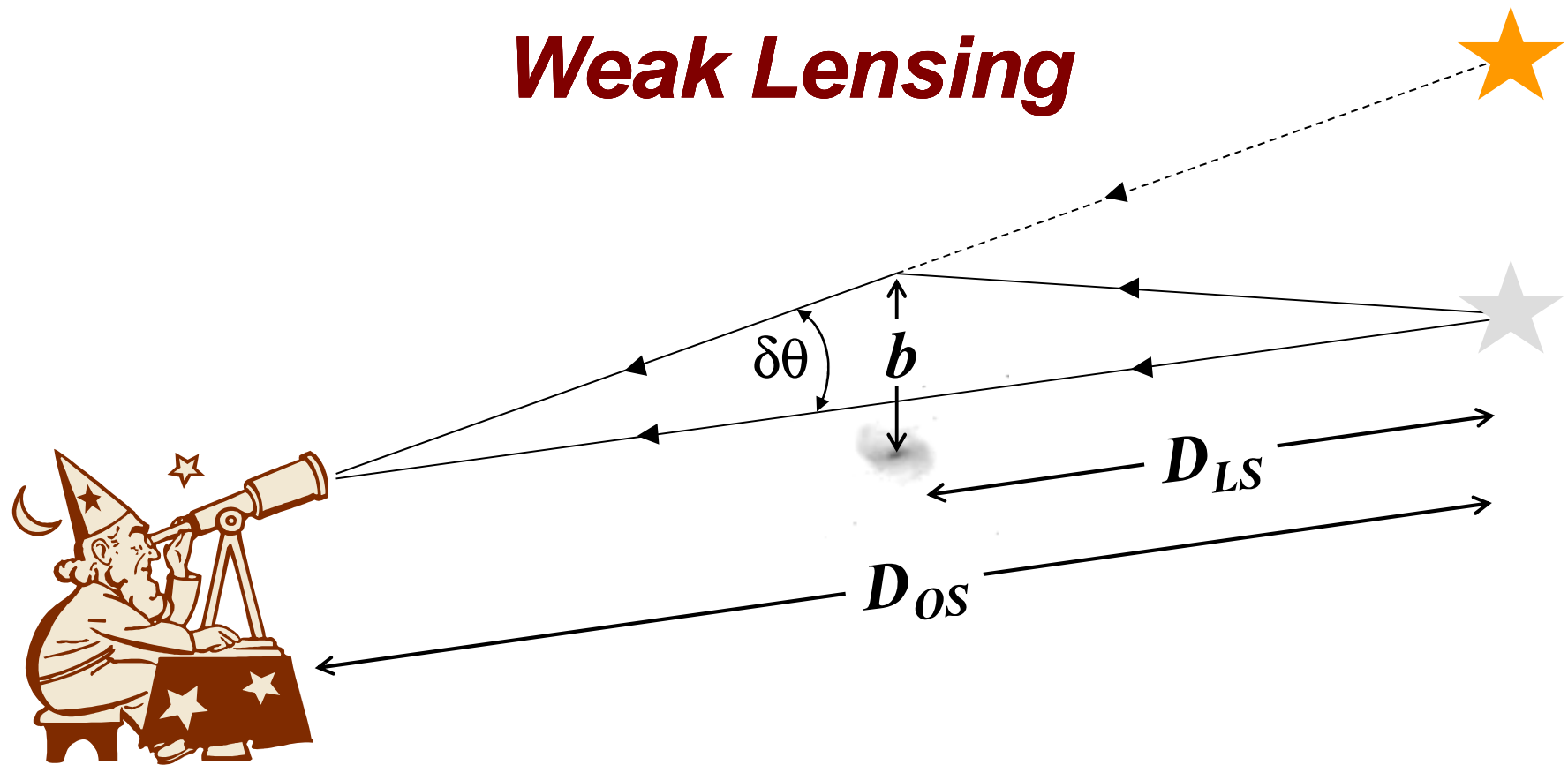
- Acoustic oscillation scale depends on $\Omega_M h^2$ and $\Omega_B h^2$ (set by CMB acoustic oscillations)
- It is a small effect ($\Omega_B h^2 \ll \Omega_M h^2$)
- Dark energy enters through d_A and H



Baryon Acoustic Oscillations

- Virtues
 - Pure geometry.
 - Systematic effects should be small.
- Problems:
 - Amplitude small, require large scales, huge volumes
 - Photometric redshifts?
 - Nonlinear effects at small z , cleaner at large $z \sim 2-3$, but ...
dark energy is not expected to be important at large z

Weak Lensing



observe
deflection
angle

$$\delta\theta = \frac{4GM}{b} \frac{D_{LS}}{D_{OS}}$$

dark energy
affects growth
rate of M

dark energy
affects geometric
distance factors

Weak Lensing

The signal from any single galaxy is very small, but there are a lot of galaxies! Require photo- z 's?

Space vs. Ground:

- Space: no atmosphere PSF
- Space: Near IR for photo- z 's
- Ground: larger aperture
- Ground: less expensive
- DES (2012)
 - 1000's of sq. degs.
deep multicolor data
- LSST (2015)
 - full hemisphere,
very deep 6 colors
- JDEM/Euclid (???)

Galaxy Clusters

Cluster redshift surveys measure

- cluster mass, redshift, and spatial clustering

Sensitivity to dark energy

- volume-redshift relation
- angular-diameter distance–redshift relation
- growth rate of structure
- amplitude of clustering

Problems:

- cluster selection must be well understood
- proxy for mass?
- need photo- z 's

What's Ahead

	2008				2010	2015		2020
Lensing	CFHTLS	SUBARU			DES, VISTA	DUNE	LSST	SKA
	DLSS	SDSS	ATLAS	KIDS	Hyper supprime Pan-STARRS		JDEM	
BAO		FMOS	LAMOST		DES, VISTA, VIRUS	WFMO	LSST	SKA
		SDSS	ATLAS		Hyper supprime Pan-STARRS		JDEM	
SNe		CSP	ESSENCE		DES		LSST	
		SDSS	CFHTLS		Pan-STARRS		JDEM	
Clusters		AMI	APEX	SPT	DES			
		XCS	SZA	AMIBA	ACT			
CMB	WMAP 2/3			WMAP 5 yr				
				Planck		Planck 4yr		

Roger Davies

Taking Sides

The expansion history of the universe is not described by the Einstein-de Sitter model:

1. Well established: Supernova Ia
2. Circumstantial: subtraction, age, structure formation, ...
3. Emergent techniques: baryon acoustic oscillations, clusters, weak lensing

Explanations:

1. Right-Hand Side: Dark energy
 - Constant vacuum energy, *i.e.*, a cosmological constant
 - Time varying vacuum energy, *i.e.*, quintessence
2. Left-Hand Side
 - Modification of GR
 - Standard cosmological model (FLRW) not applicable

Phenomenology:

1. Measure evolution of expansion rate: is $w = -1$?
2. Order of magnitude improvement feasible

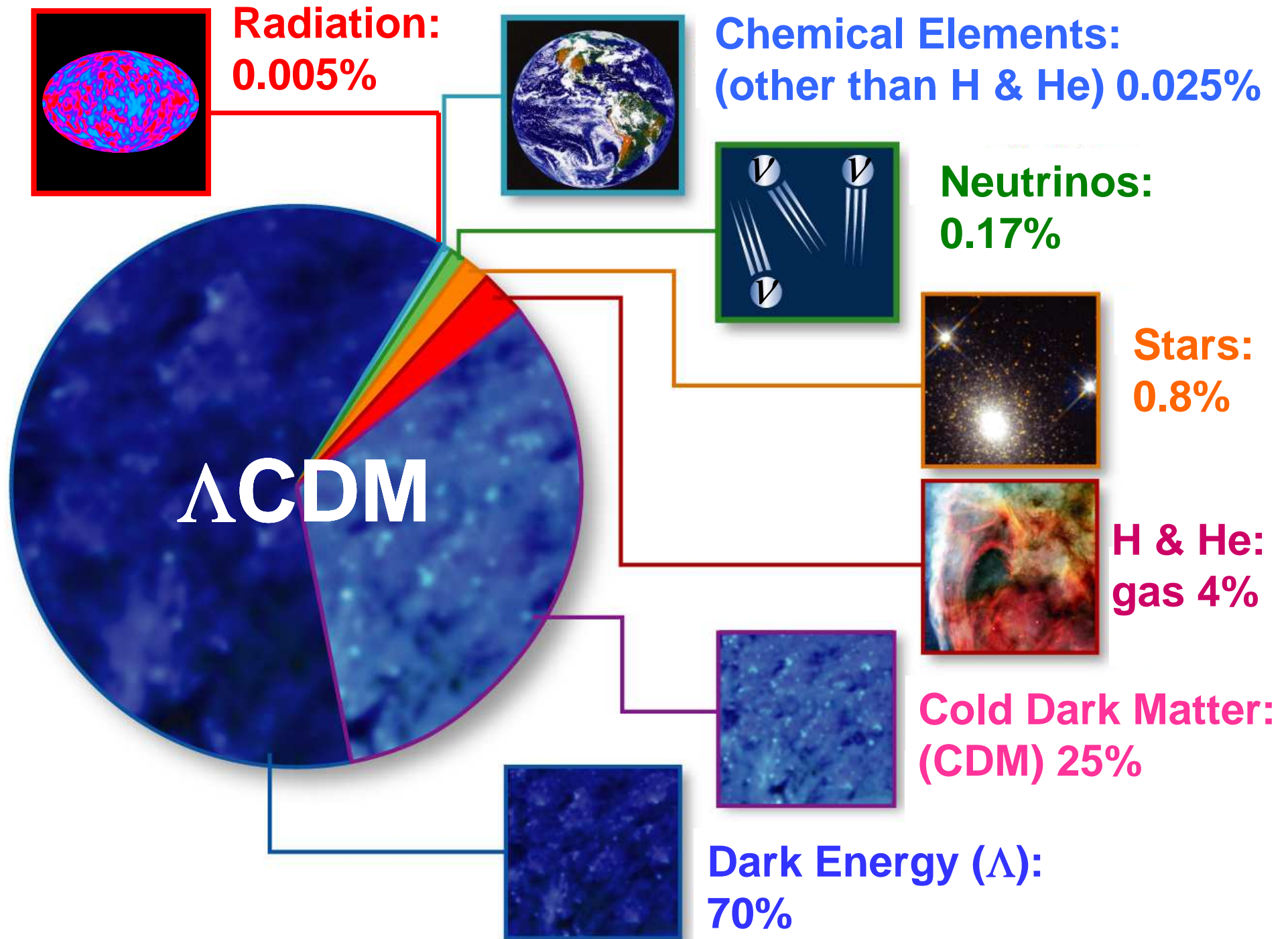


“To me every hour of the light and dark is a miracle. Every cubic inch of space is a miracle.”

– Walt Whitman

Every cubic inch of space is a miracle!

- **cosmic radiation**
- **virtual particles**
- **Higgs potential**
- **extra dimensions**
- **dark matter**
- **dark energy**





I must reject fluids and ethers of all kinds, magnetical, electrical, and universal, to whatever quintessential thinness they may be treble-distilled and (as it were) super-substantiated.

Samuel Taylor Coleridge
Theory of Life (1816)

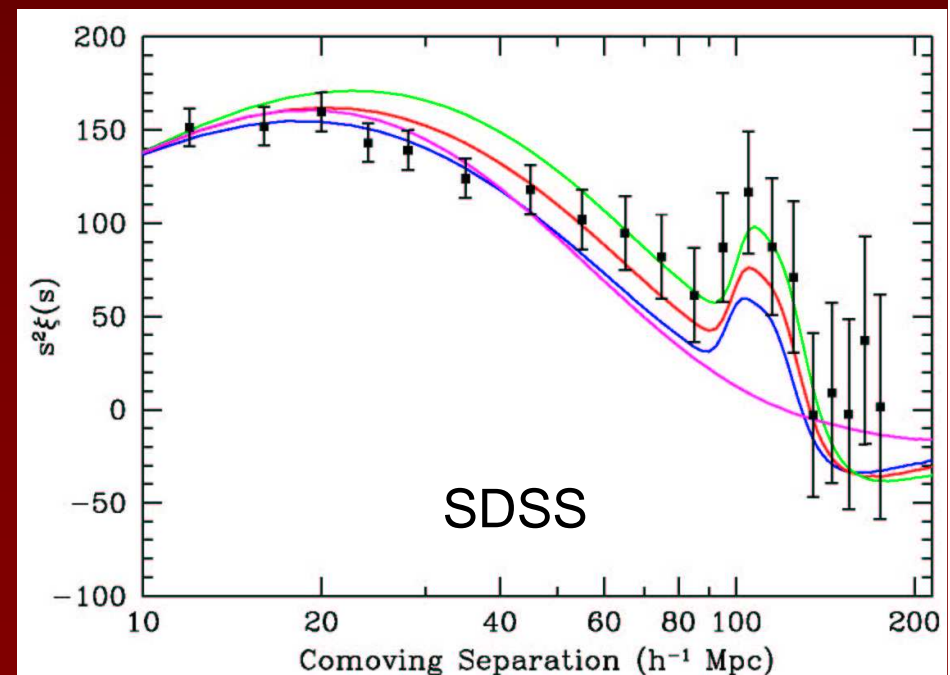
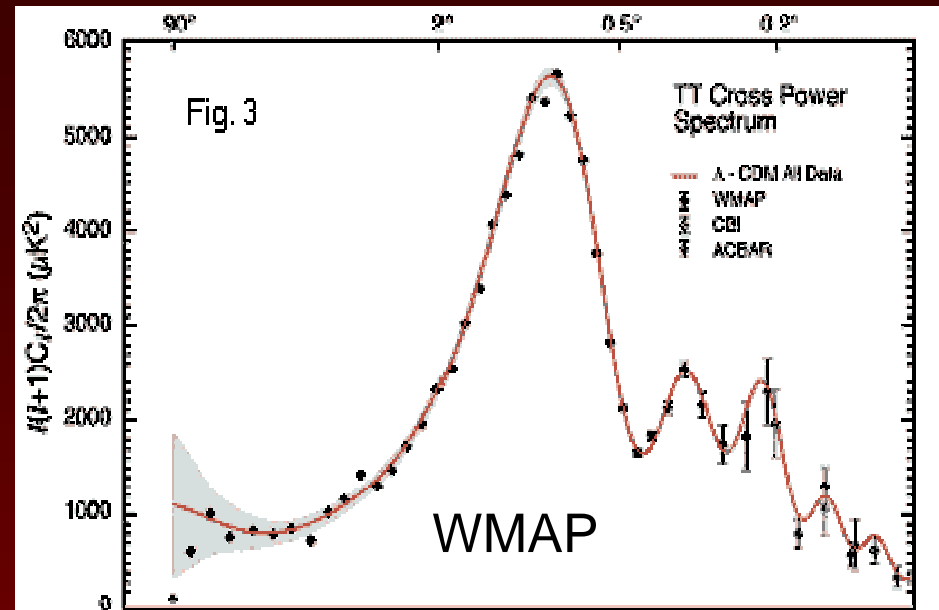
Taking Sides on Dark Energy

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Baryon Acoustic Oscillations

- Each overdense region is an overpressure that launches a spherical sound wave
- Wave travels outward at $c/\sqrt{3}$
- Photons decouple, travel to us and observable as CMB acoustic peaks
- Sound speed plummets, wave stalls
- Total distance traveled 150 Mpc imprinted on power spectrum



DETF* Experimental Strategy:

- Determine as well as possible whether the accelerating expansion is consistent with being due to a cosmological constant. (Is $w = -1$?)
- If the acceleration is not due to a cosmological constant, probe the underlying dynamics by measuring as well as possible the time evolution of the dark energy. (Determine $w(z)$.)
- Search for a possible failure of general relativity through comparison of the effect of dark energy on cosmic expansion with the effect of dark energy on the growth of cosmological structures like galaxies or galaxy clusters. (Hard to quantify.)

DETF Cosmological Model

Parameterize dark-energy equation of state parameter w as:

$$w(a) = w_0 + w_a(1 - a)$$

- Today ($a = 1$) $w(1) = w_0$
- In the far past ($a \rightarrow 0$) $w(0) = w_0 + w_a$

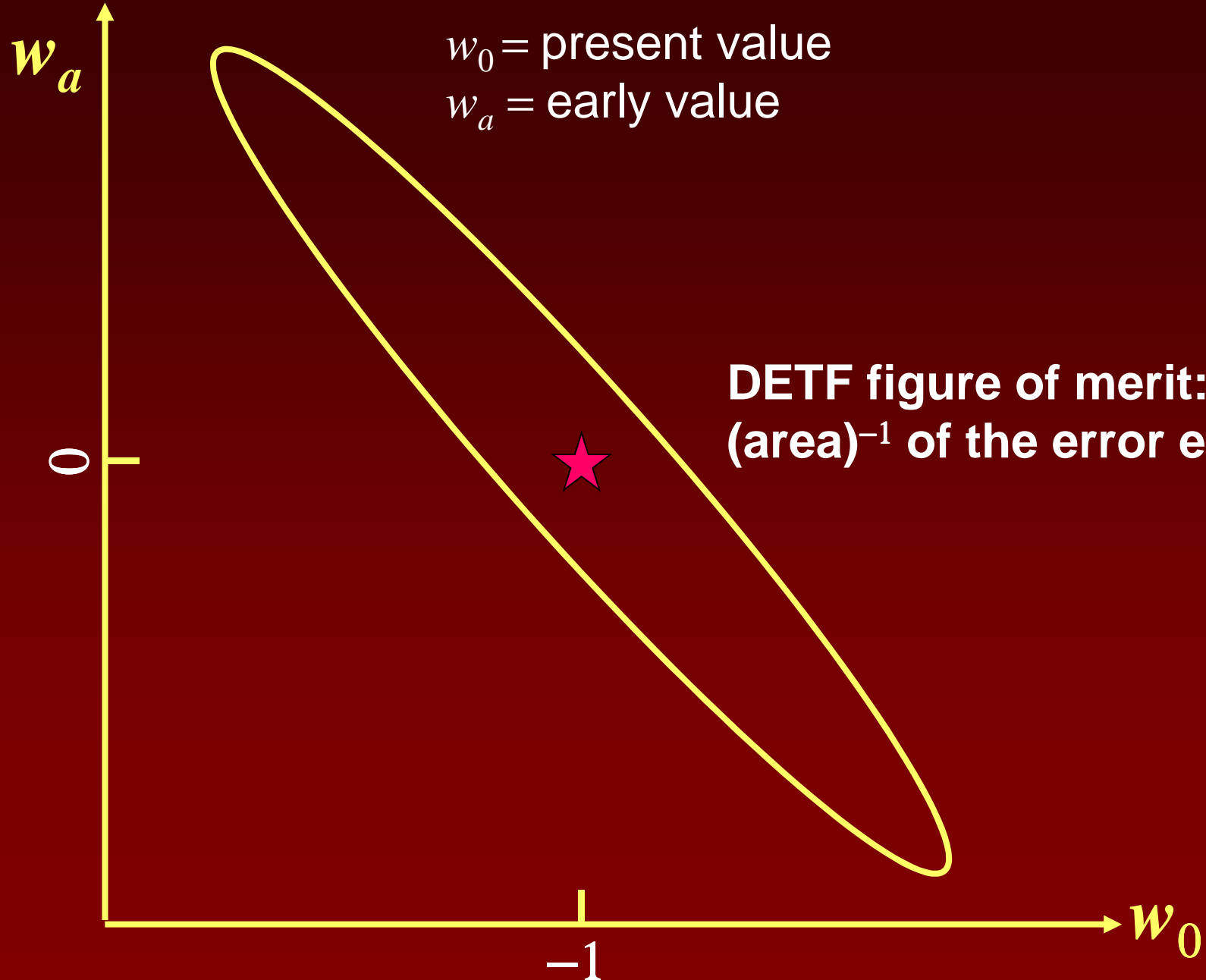
Standard eight-dimensional cosmological model:

- w_0 : the present value of the dark-energy eos parameter
- w_a : the rate of change of the dark-energy eos parameter
- Ω_{DE} : the present dark-energy density
- Ω_M : the present matter density
- Ω_B : the present baryon density
- H_0 : the Hubble constant
- δ_ζ : amplitude of *rms* primordial curvature fluctuations
- n_s : the spectral index of primordial perturbations.

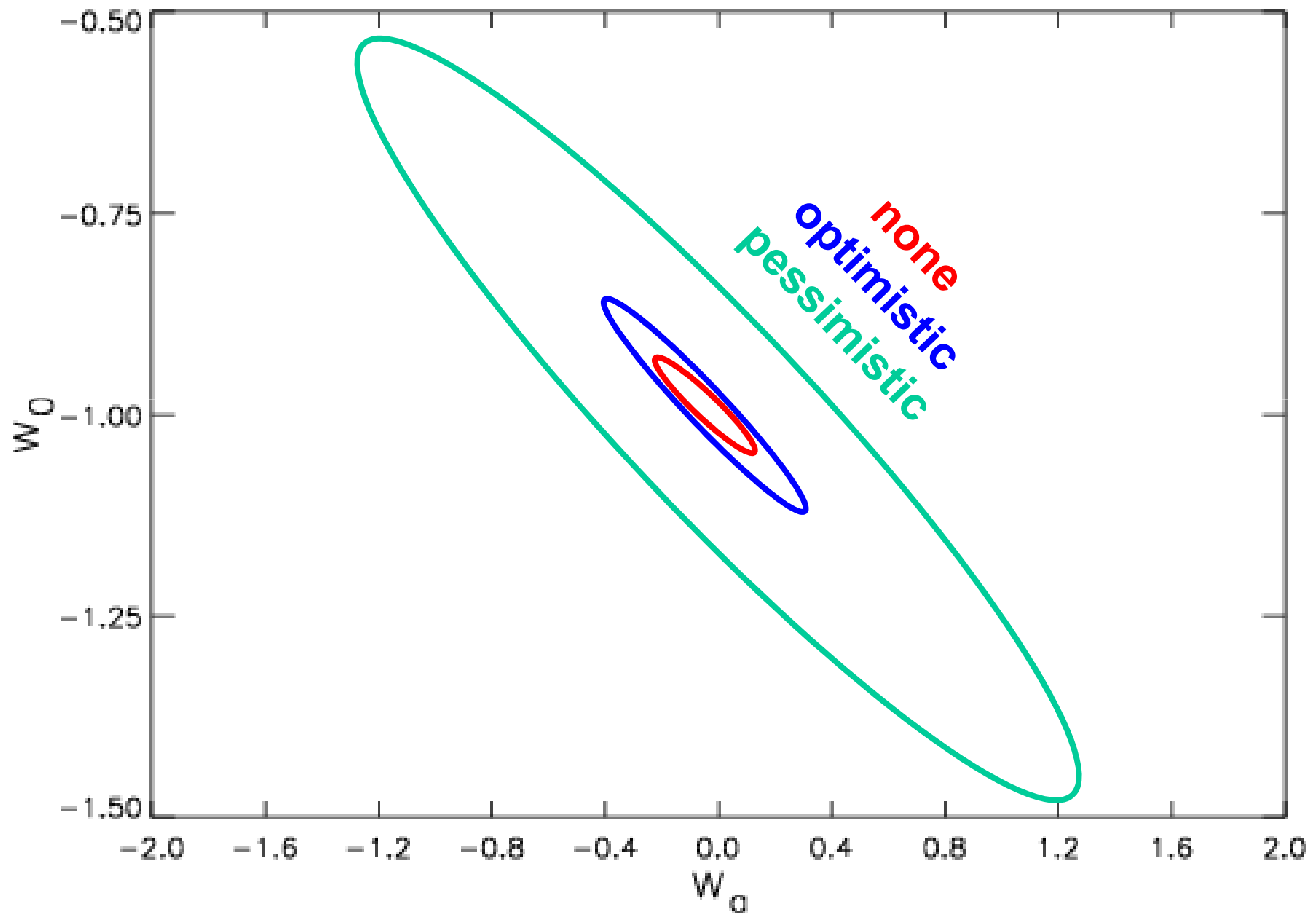
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w_0 = present value

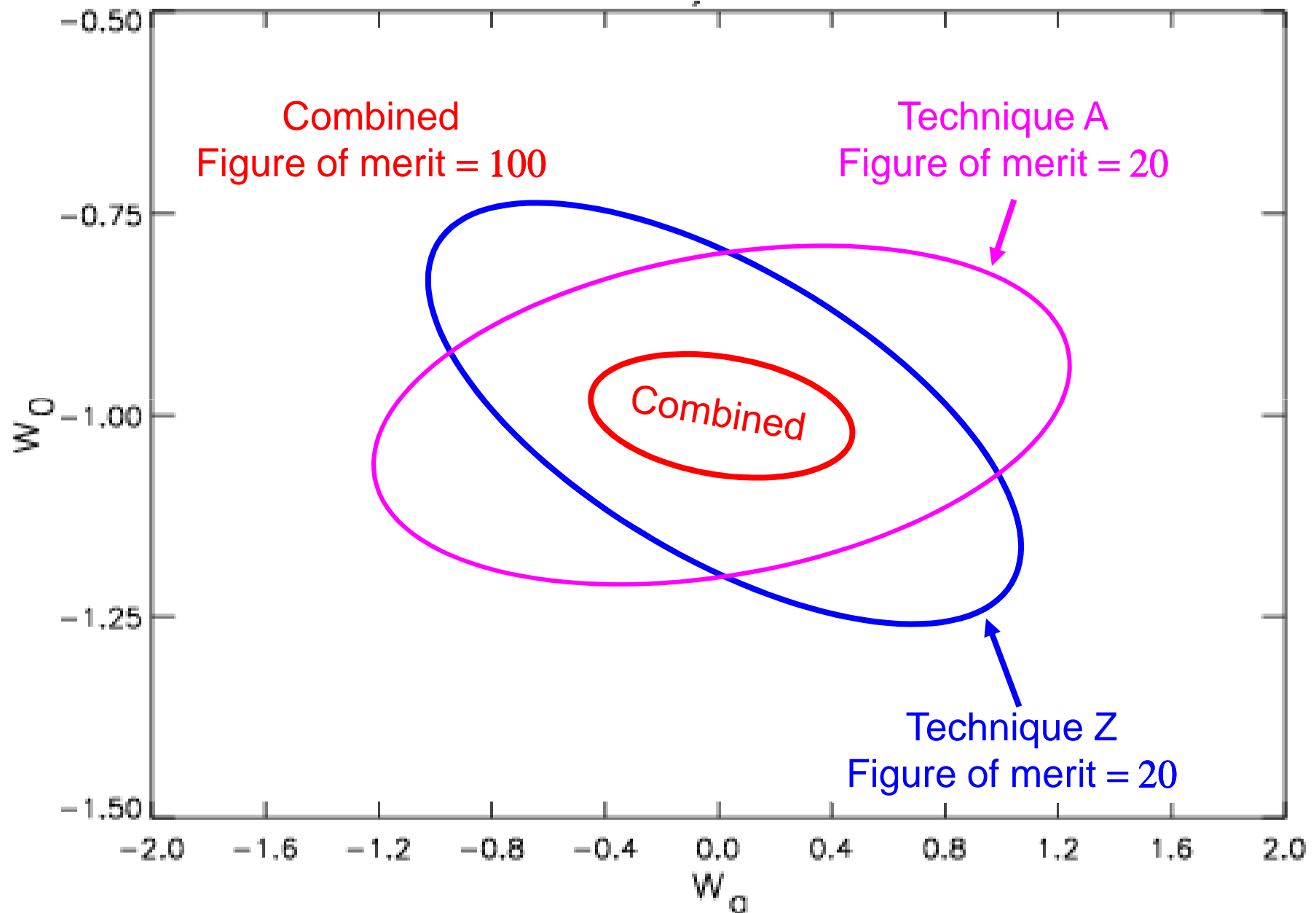
w_a = early value

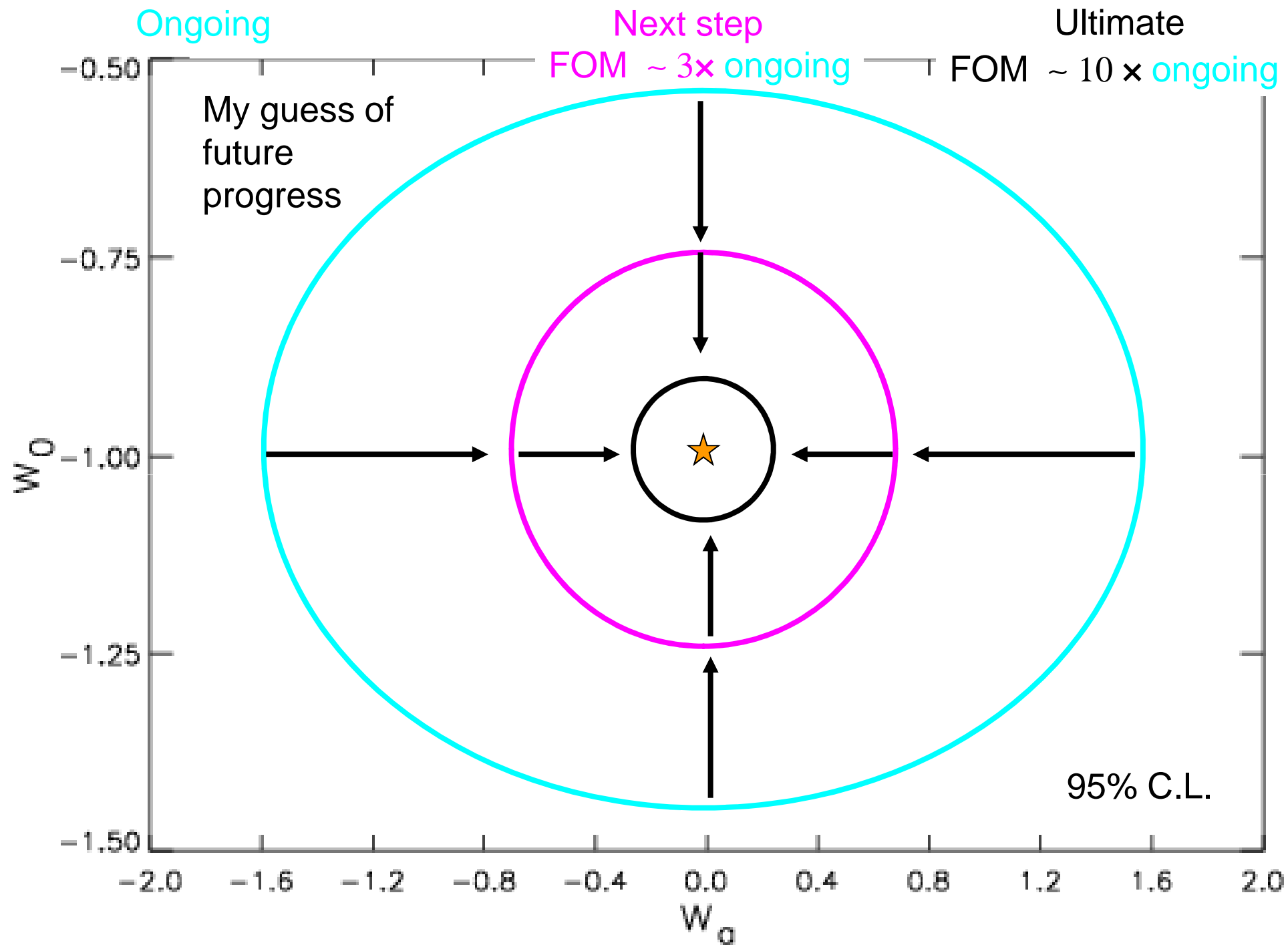


Systematics Are The Key



The Power of Two (or 3, or 4)





Acceleration From Inhomogeneities

- Most conservative approach — nothing new
 - no new fields (like 10^{-33} eV mass scalars)
 - no extra long-range forces
 - no modification of general relativity
 - no modification of gravity at large distances
 - no Lorentz violation
 - no extra dimensions, bulks, branes, etc.
 - no anthropic/landscape/faith-based reasoning
- Magnitude?: calculable from observables related to $\delta\rho/\rho$
- Why now?: acceleration triggered by era of non-linear structure

Acceleration From Inhomogeneities

- View scale factor as zero-momentum mode of gravitational field
- In homogeneous/isotropic model it is the only degree of freedom
- Inhomogeneities: non-zero modes of gravitational field
- Non-zero modes interact with and modify zero-momentum mode

Cosmology \leftrightarrow scalar field theory analogue

	cosmology	scalar-field theory
zero-mode	a	$\langle\phi\rangle$ (vev of a scalar field)
non-zero modes	inhomogeneities	thermal/finite-density bkgd.
physical effect	modify $a(t)$ e.g., acceleration	modify $\langle\phi(t)\rangle$ e.g., phase transitions

Acceleration From Inhomogeneities

Standard approach

- Model an inhomogeneous Universe as a homogeneous Universe model with $\rho = \bar{\rho}$
- $a(t) / V^{1/3}$ is the zeromode of a homogeneous model
with $\rho = \bar{\rho}$
- Inhomogeneities only have a local effect on observables
- Cannot account for observed acceleration

Our approach

- Expansion rate of inhomogeneous Universe \neq expansion rate of homogeneous Universe with $\rho = \bar{\rho}$
- Inhomogeneities modify zeromode [effective scale factor is $a_D \equiv V_D^{1/3}$]
- Effective scale factor has a (global) effect on observables
- Potentially can account for acceleration without dark energy or modified GR