

Evolution of our understanding about the Universe.

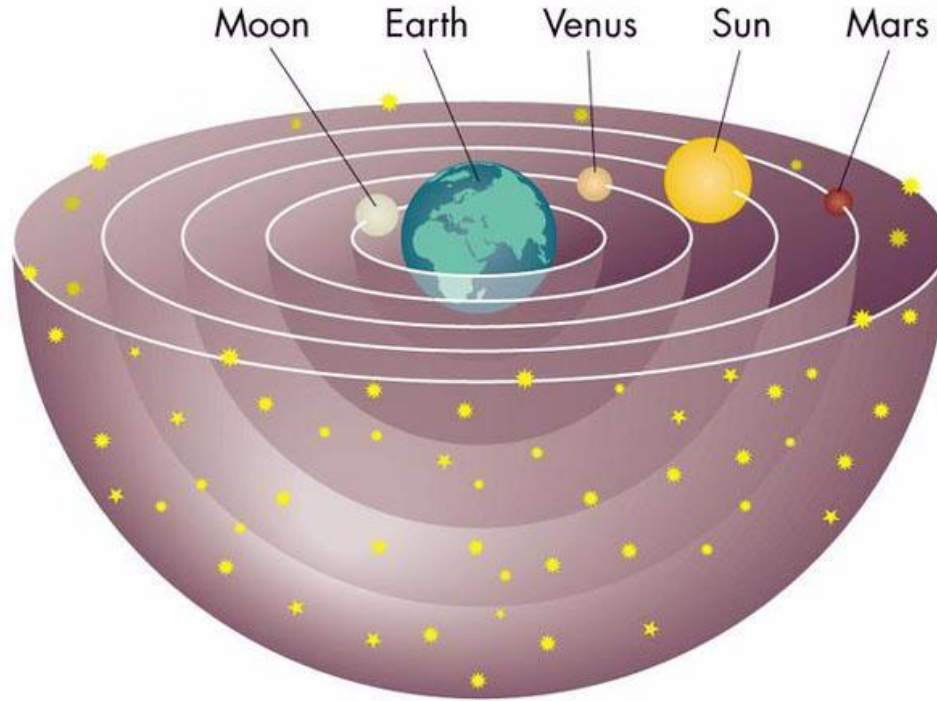
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Where do we come from?

What are we?

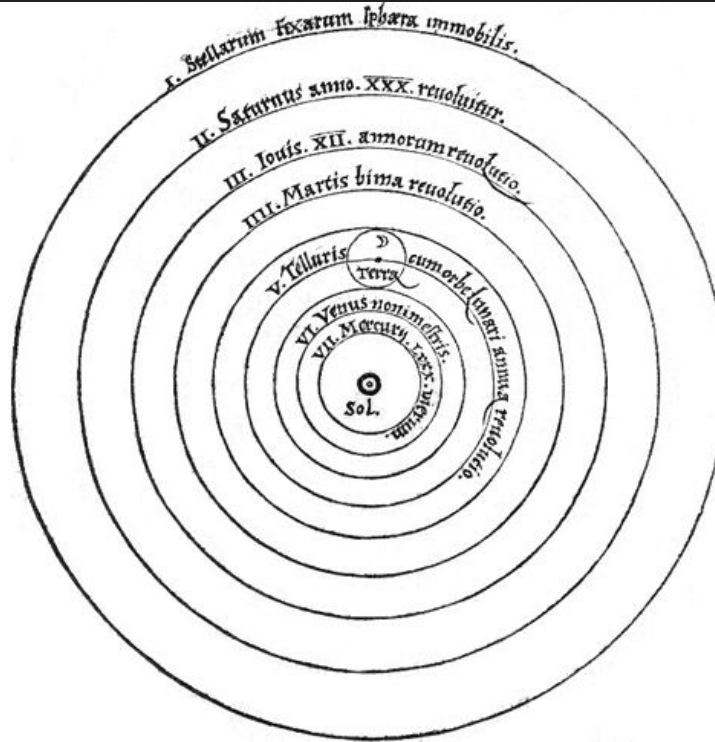
Where are we going?

Geocentric model



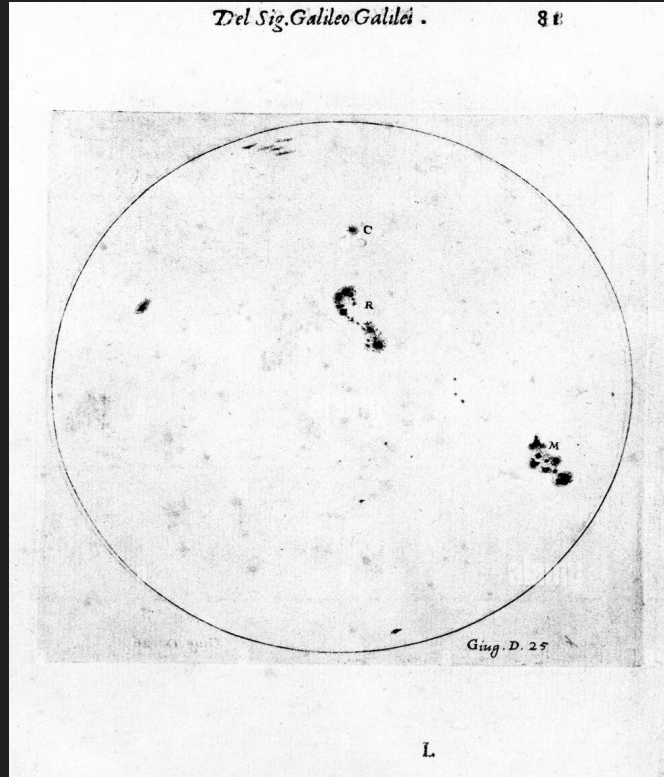
Heliocentric model

- Immobile sphere of the fixed stars.
- Saturn completes one revolution every 30 years.
- One revolution of Jupiter every 12 years.
- Biannual revolution of Mars.
- Annual revolution of Earth and sphere of Moon.
- Venus every 7½ months.
- Mercury in 88 days.
- Sun.

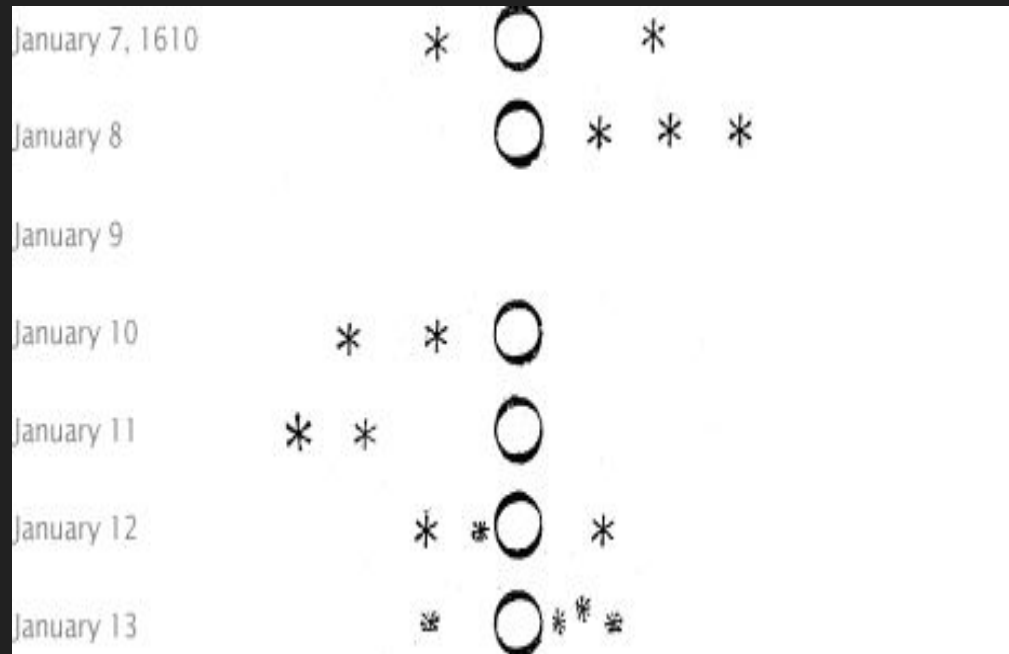


Nicolaus Copernicus, 1543,
“De revolutionibus orbium
coelestium”

Galileo Galilei



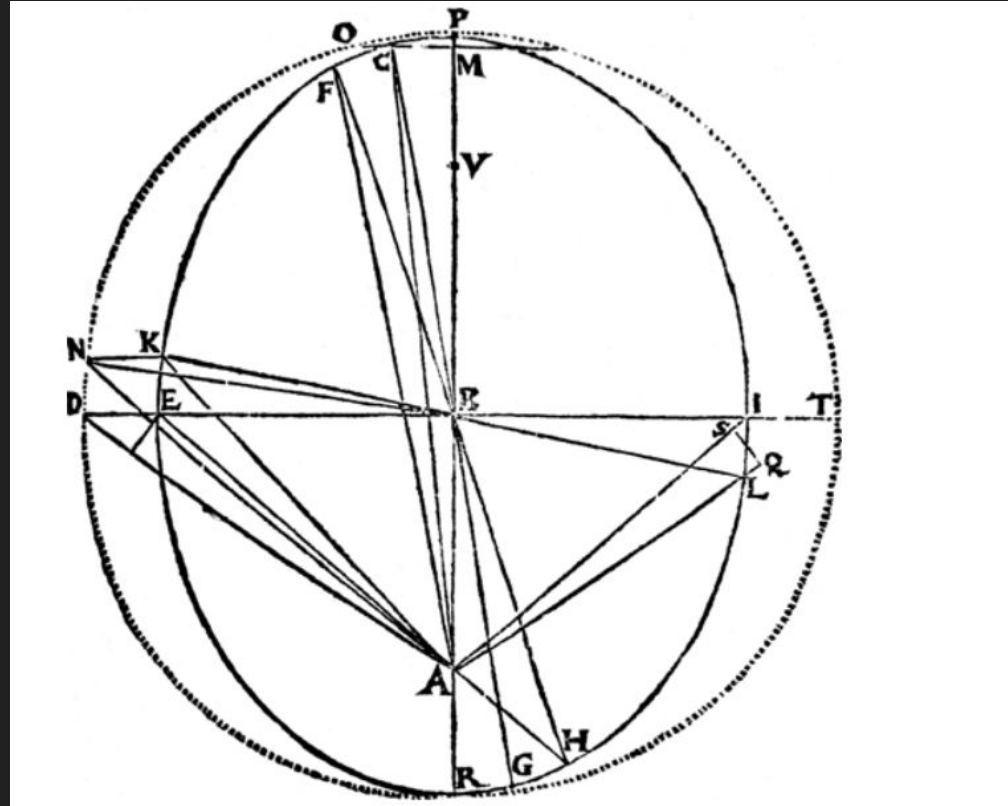
Galileo Galilei, 1610



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Sidereus Nuncius.

Orbit of Mars around the Sun

- Johannes Kepler,
"Epitome astronomia
Copernicanae"



Newton's laws

AXIOMS, OR LAWS OF MOTION.

LAW I.

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PROJECTILES persevere in their motions, so far as they are not retarded by the resistance of the air, or impelled downwards by the force of gravity. A top, whose parts by their cohesion are perpetually drawn aside from rectilinear motions, does not cease its rotation, otherwise than as it is retarded by the air. The greater bodies of the planets and comets, meeting with less resistance in more free spaces, preserve their motions both progressive and circular for a much longer time.

LAW II.

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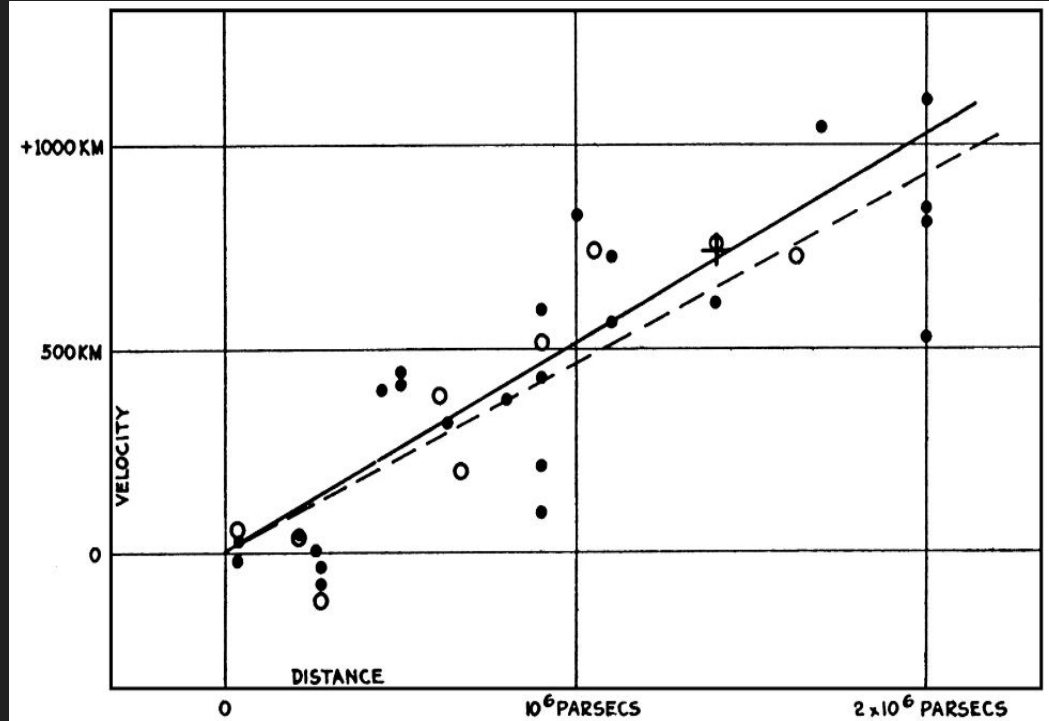
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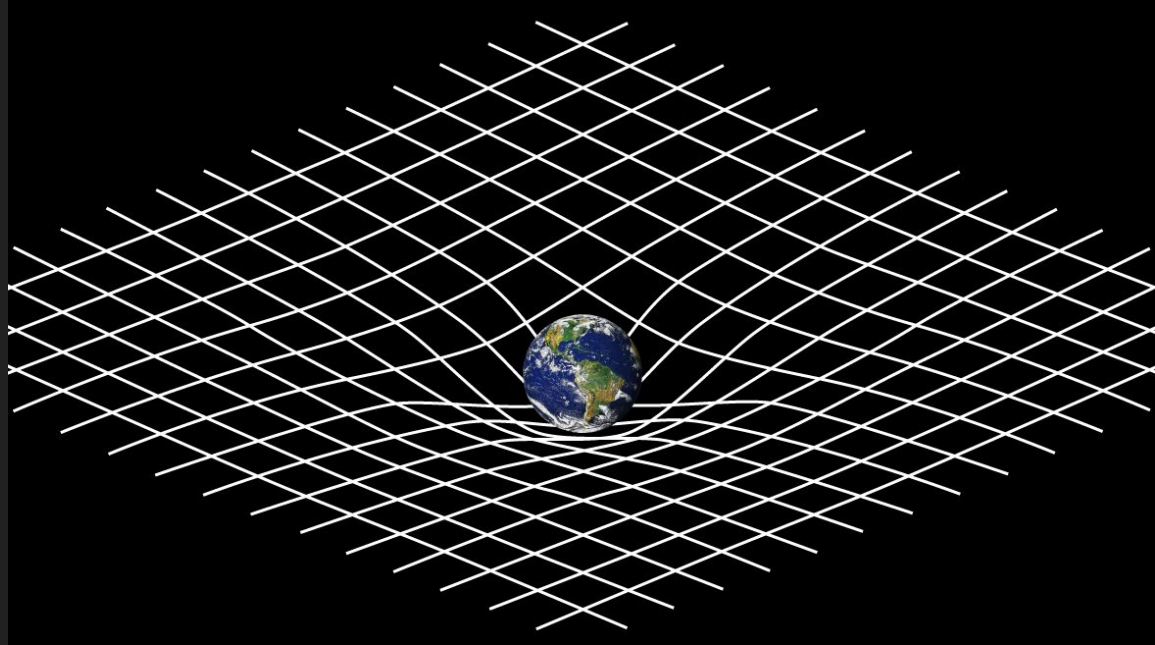
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Universe is expanding!



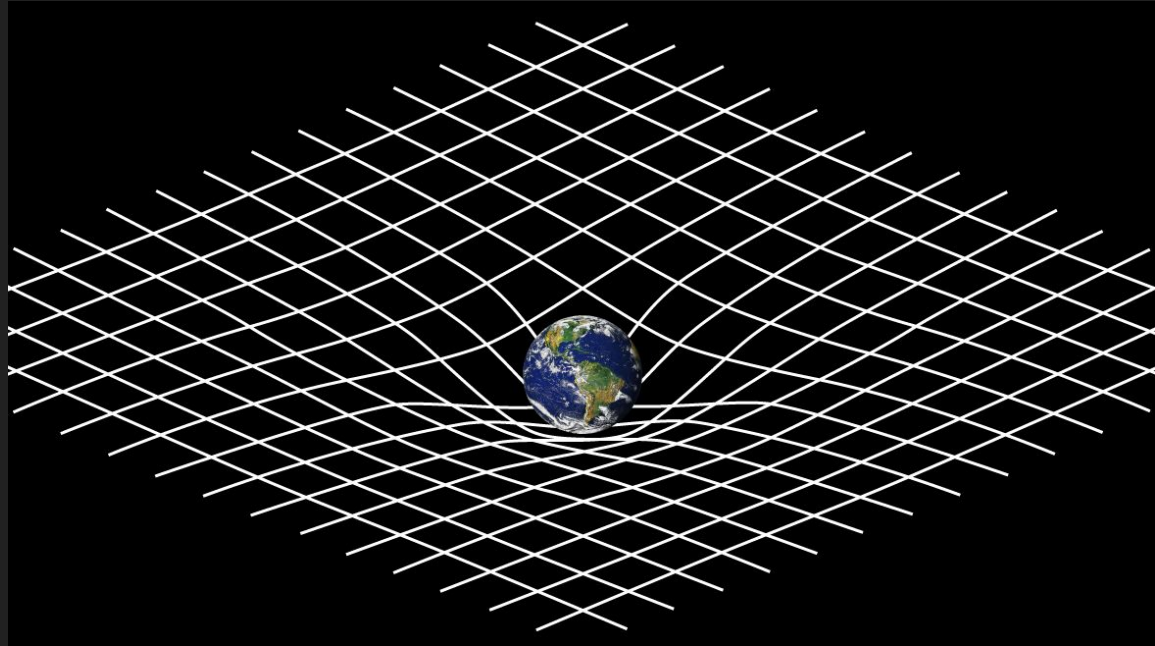
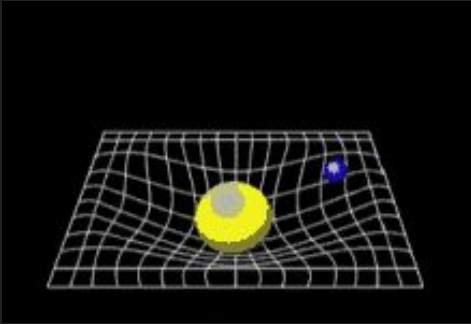
Velocity-Distance relationship among Extra-galactic Nebulae

General theory of relativity



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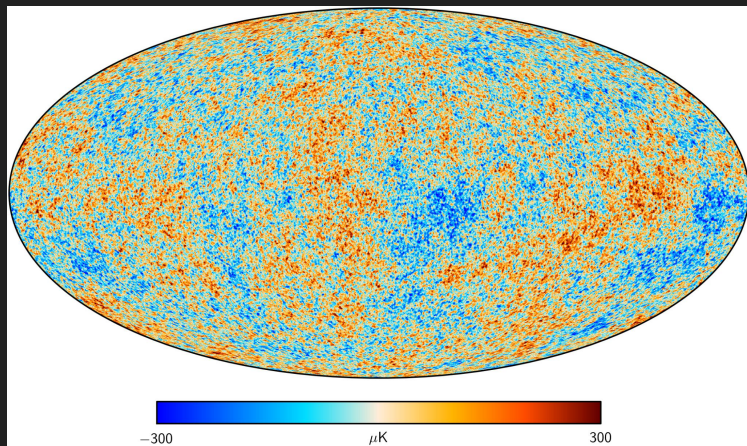
Solar eclipse, 29 May, 1919

Cosmic microwave background



Arno Penzias and Robert Wilson, 1965

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Planck telescope's map of CMB, ESA 2013.

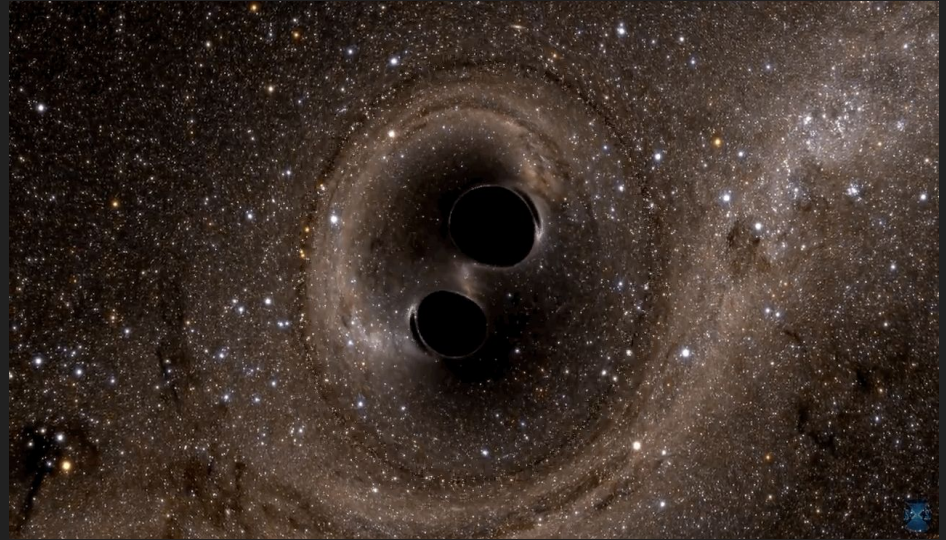


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Gravitational waves



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