3.1 Neutrino Cosmology

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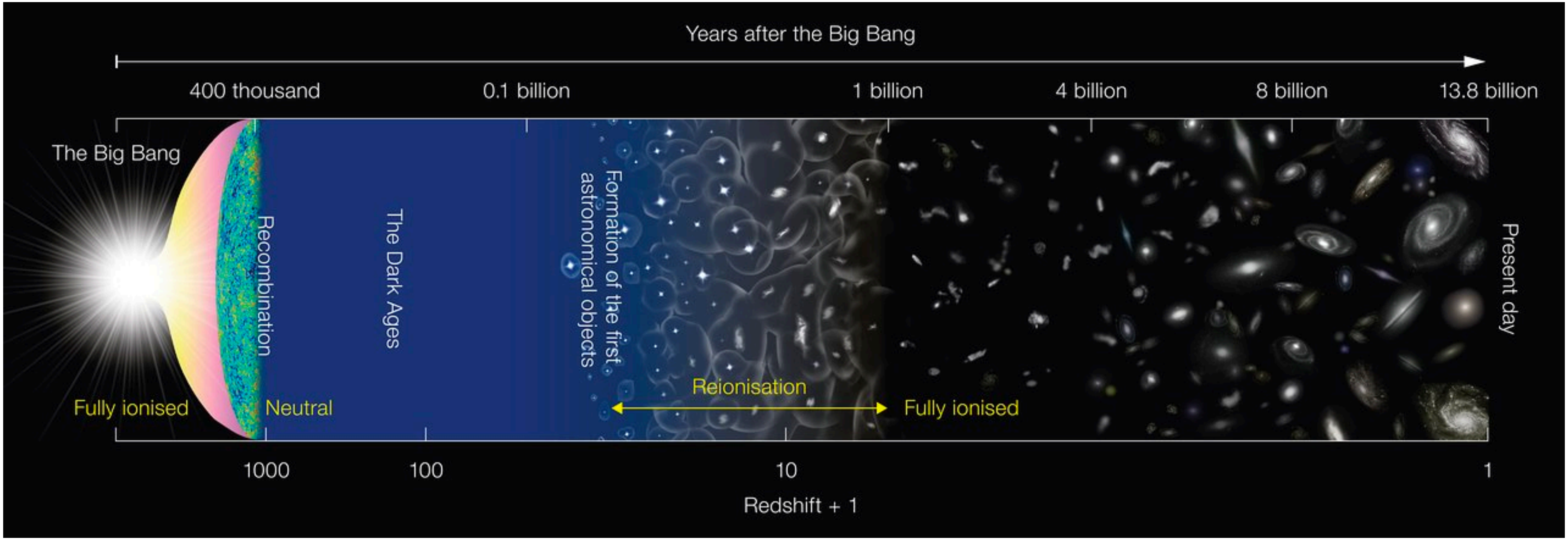
Quck overview of our Universe:
ΛCDM model



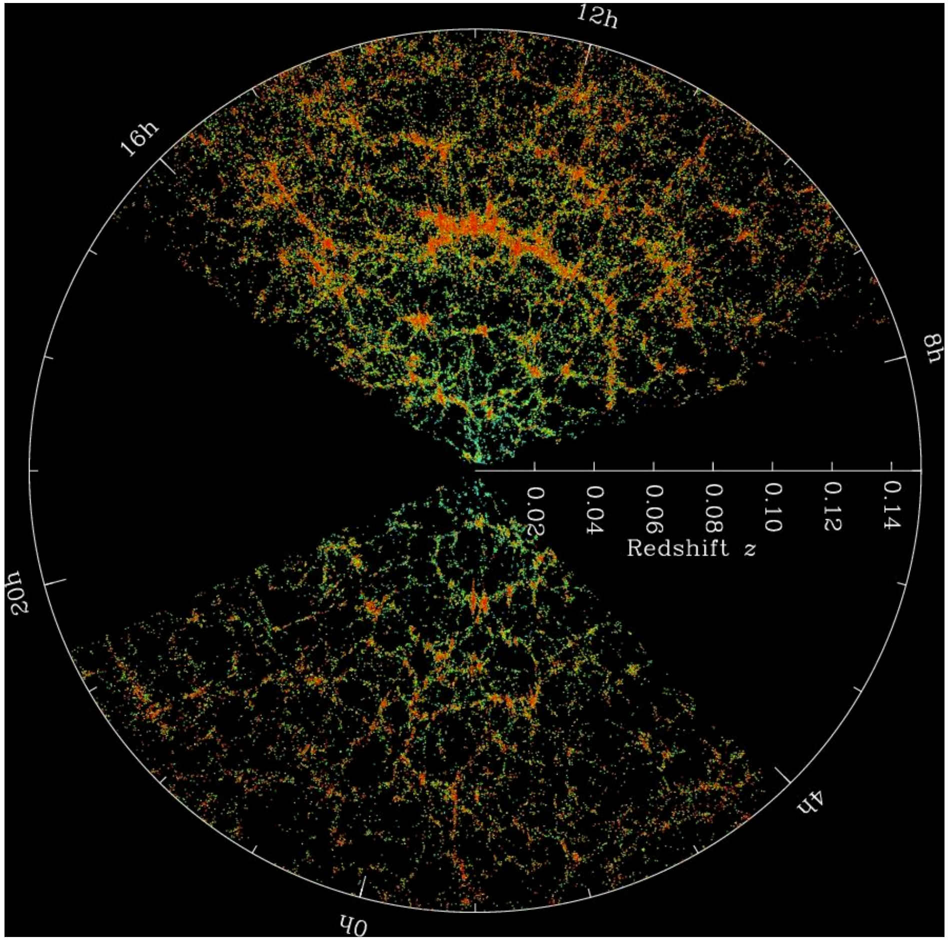
https://www.eso.org/public/images/eso1620a/

- Inflation -> Hot soup (big bang) -> Recombination (CMB) ->
- Reionization -> Structure formation -> Star formation
- Planets -> Life

The cosmological principles

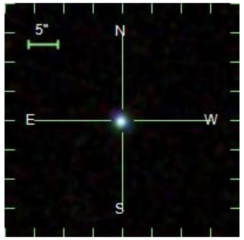
- On large scales, the universe is
    - Isotropic
    - Homogeneous

Hubble deep field

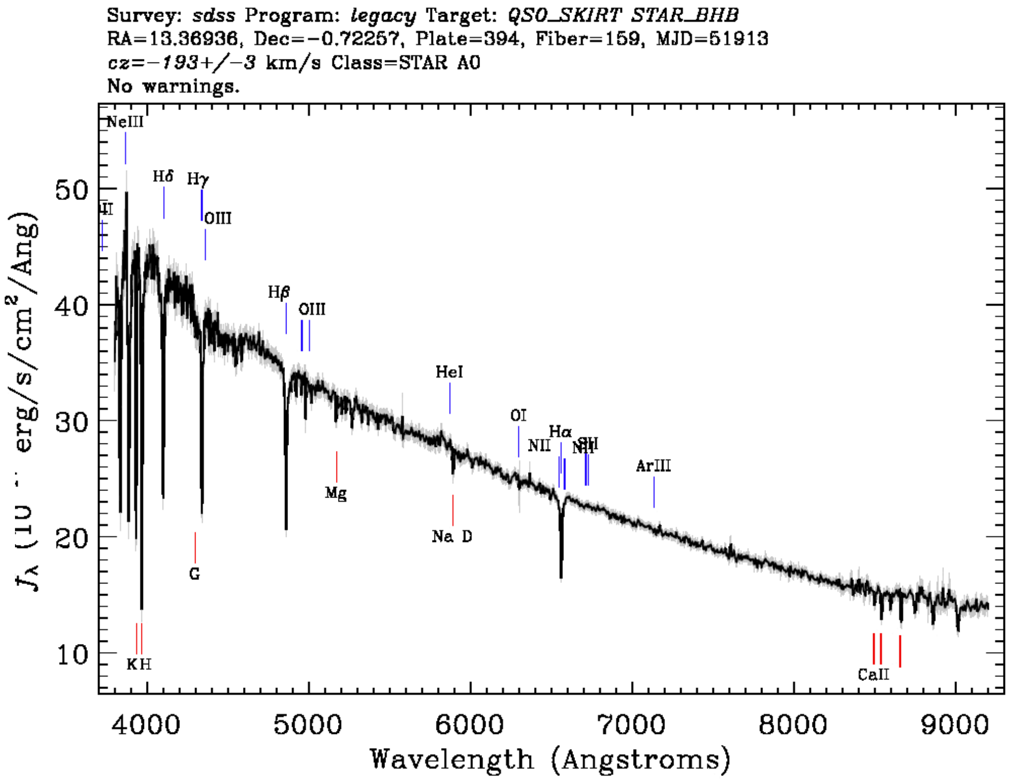


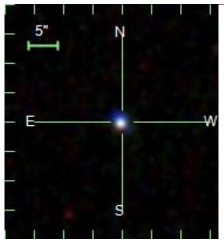
SDSS galaxies

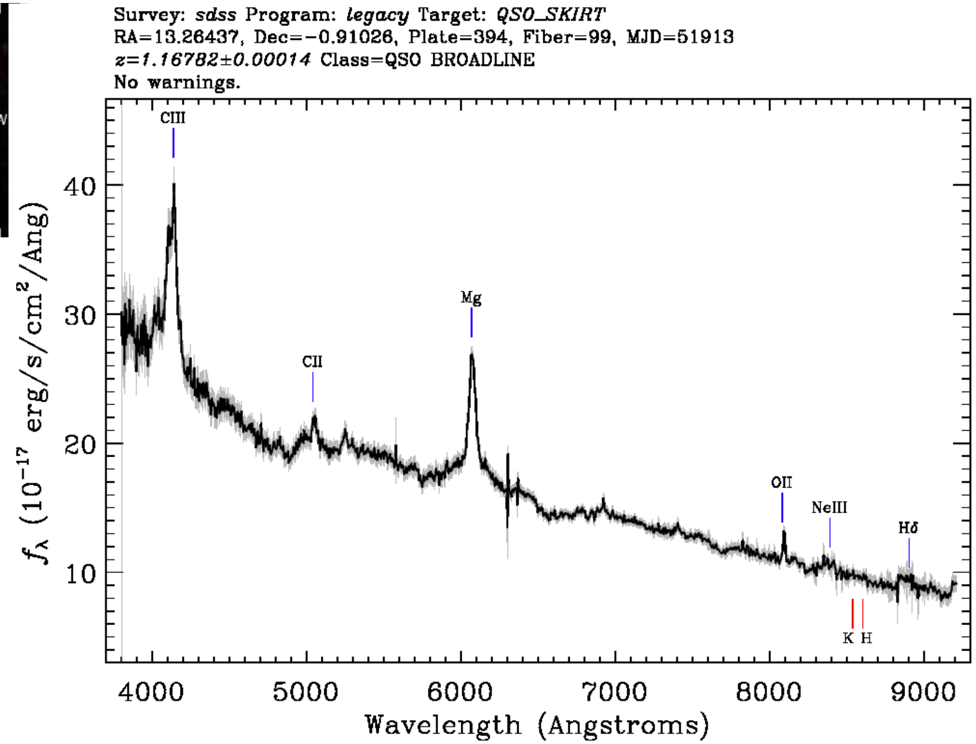
Hubble's discovery



- Measure velocity with line shifts
- Redshift -> moving away
- Blueshift -> moving towards observer





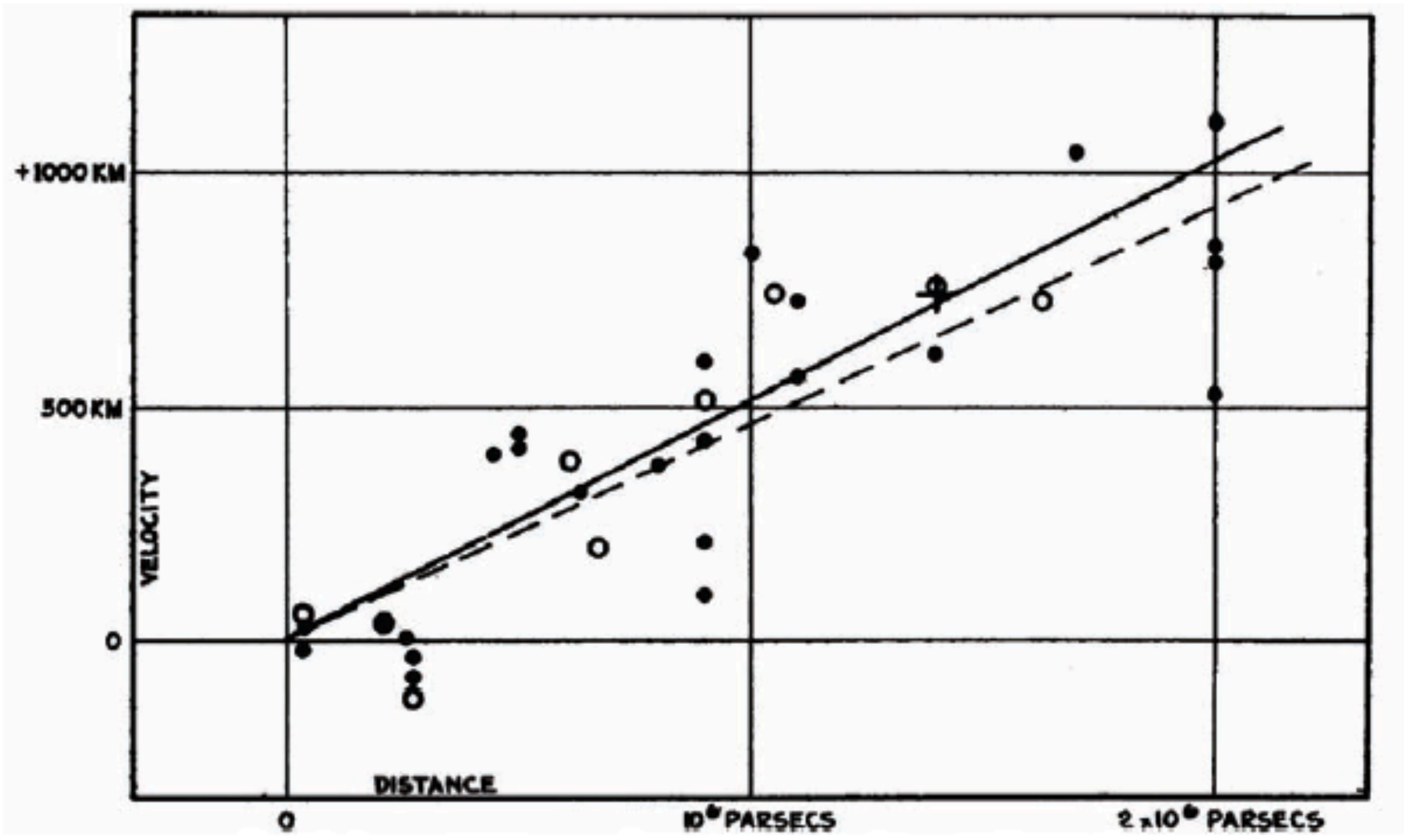


- $z = \dfrac{\lambda_o - \lambda_e}{\lambda_e} = \dfrac{v}{c}$

http://voyages.sdss.org/preflight/light/spectra/

Hubble's discovery

- Velocity $\propto$ distance
- $v = Hd$
- The Universe must be expanding!



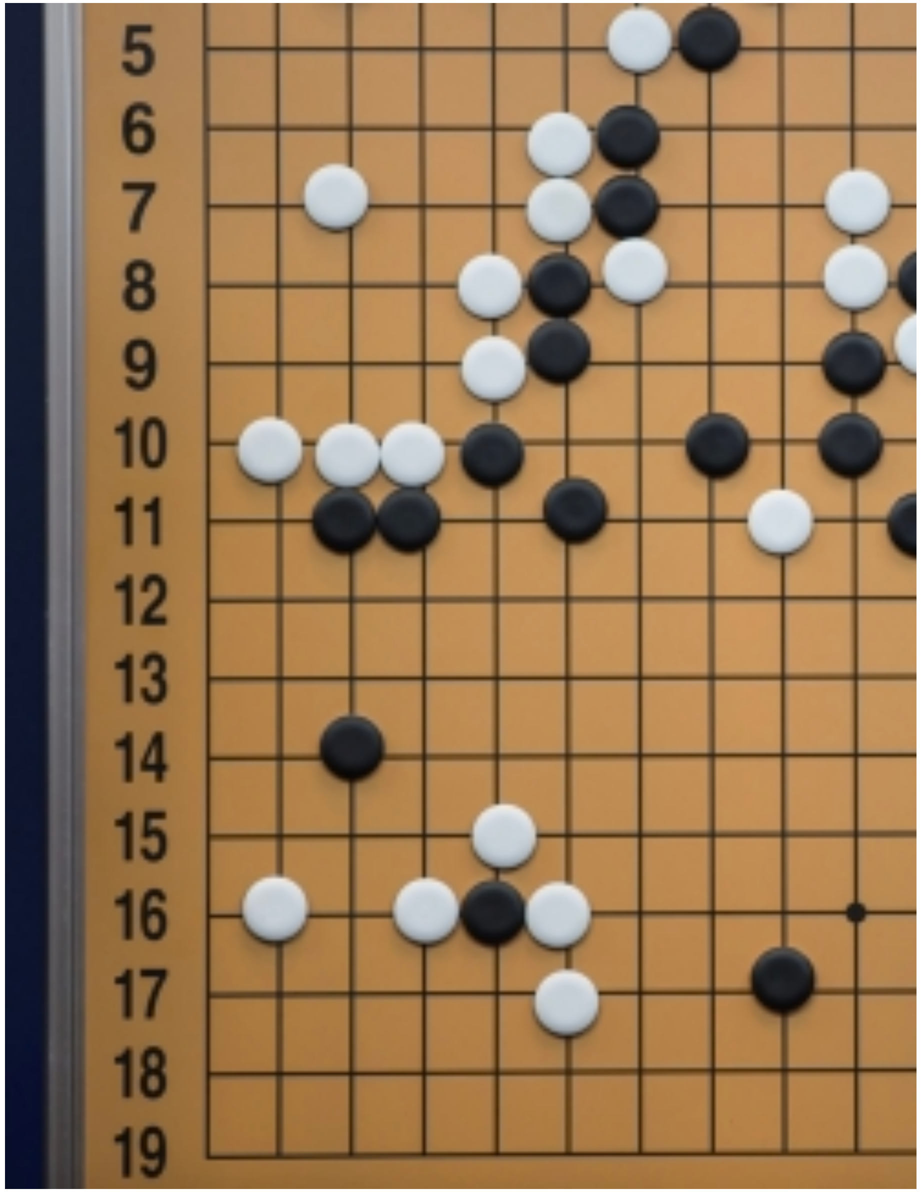
Hubble's graph of redshift versus distance. (Hubble, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, 1929, 15, 168)

Expanding Universe

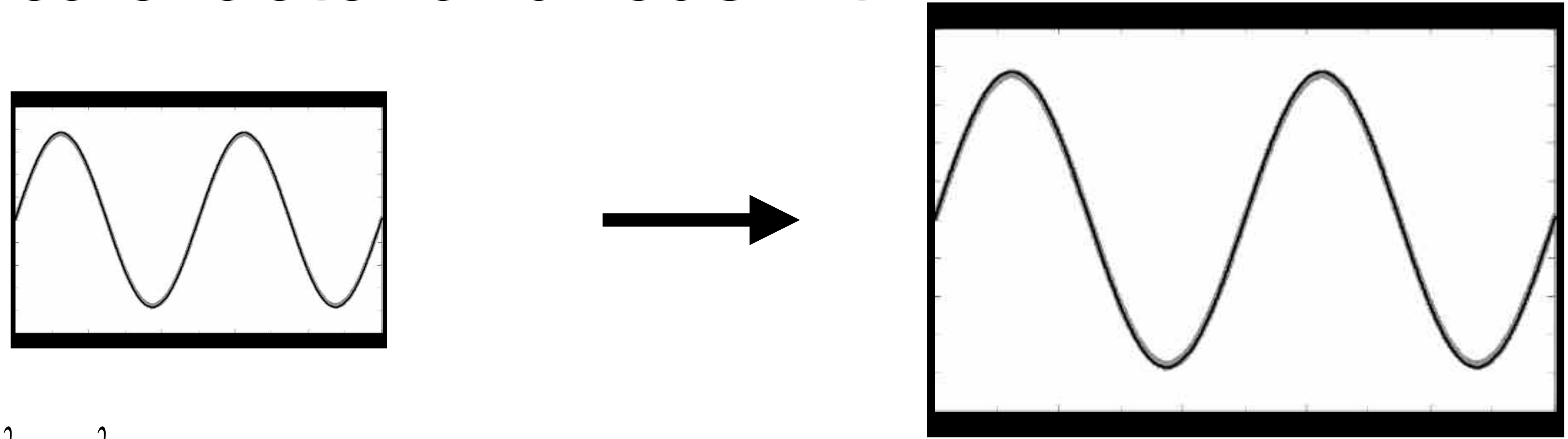
- d: distance between two points
- a: The spacing of of the grid points
  - **The scale factor**
- Δx: the coordinate 'distance'

- $d = a\Delta x$
- $\dot{d} = \dot{a}\Delta x + \cancel{a\dot{\Delta x}}$
- $\dot{d} = v = \dfrac{\dot{a}}{a}d$ <==> Hubble's law

- *Expanding (+time) => contracting (-time)*



The Scale factor and redshift

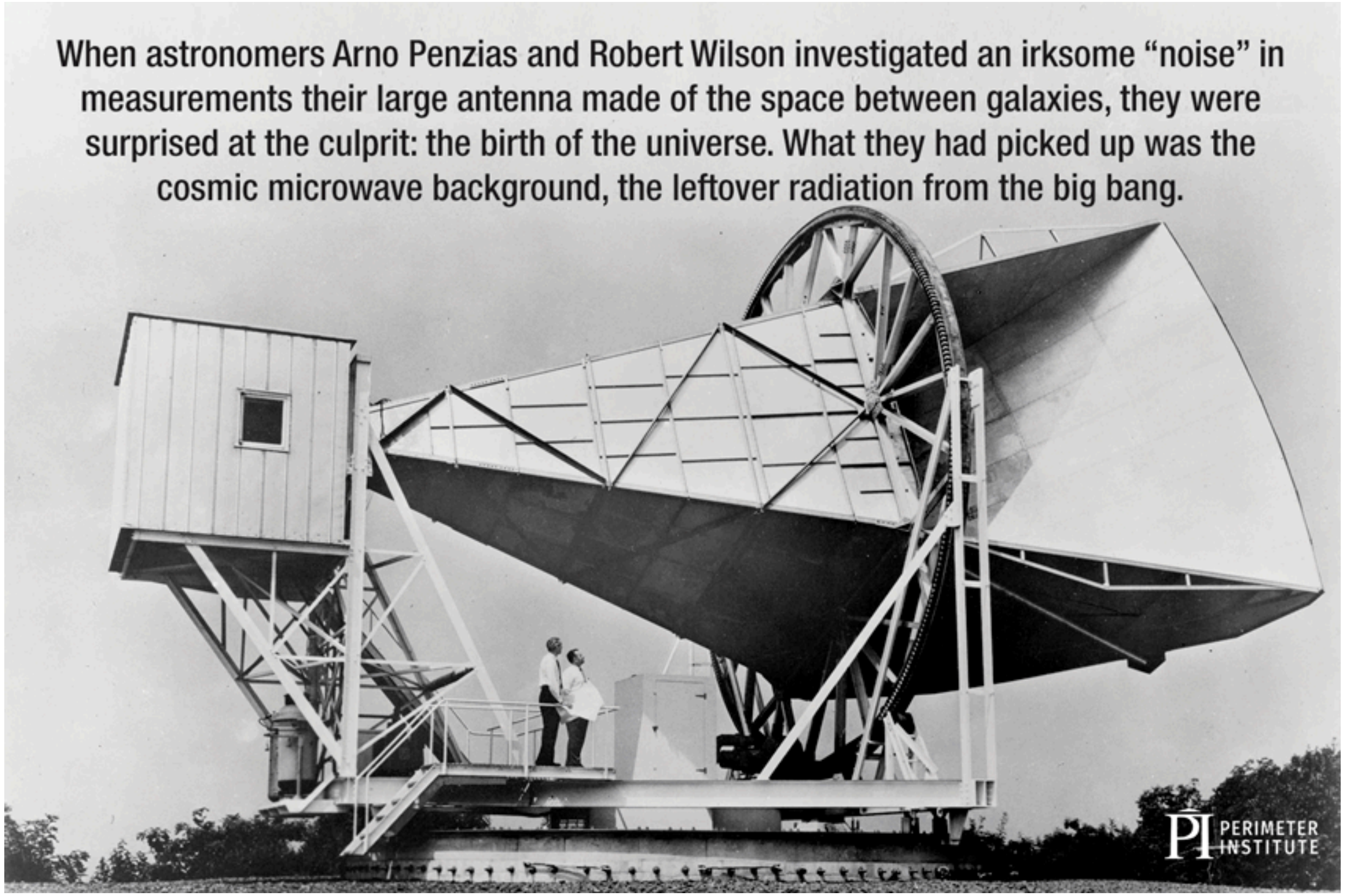


- $z = \dfrac{\lambda_o - \lambda_e}{\lambda_e}$
- $\dfrac{\lambda_e}{a(t_e)} = \dfrac{\lambda_o}{a(t_o)}$, $a(t_o) \equiv 1$
- $1 + z = \dfrac{1}{a}$, redshift z can be used to indicate distance, and past time

The Cosmic Microwave Background

- 1960

1978



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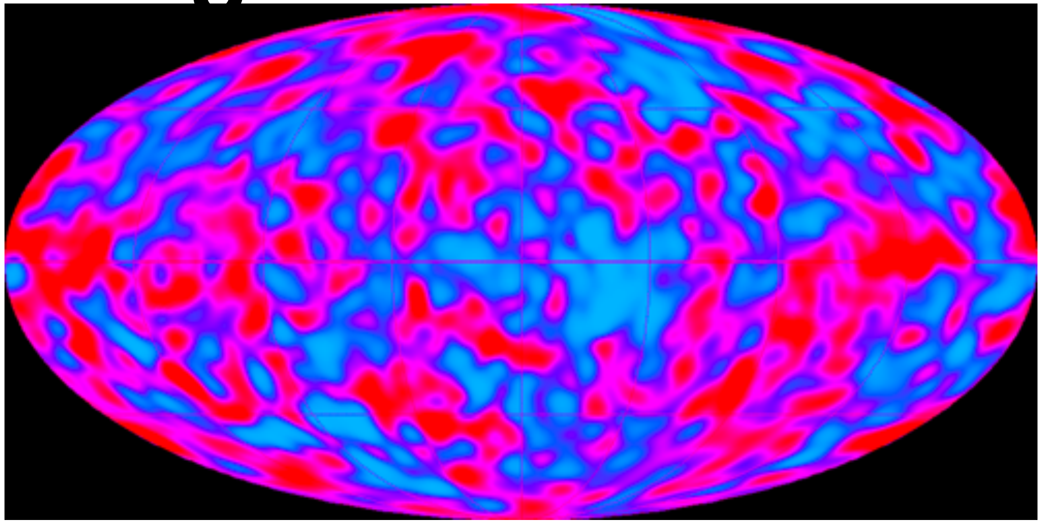
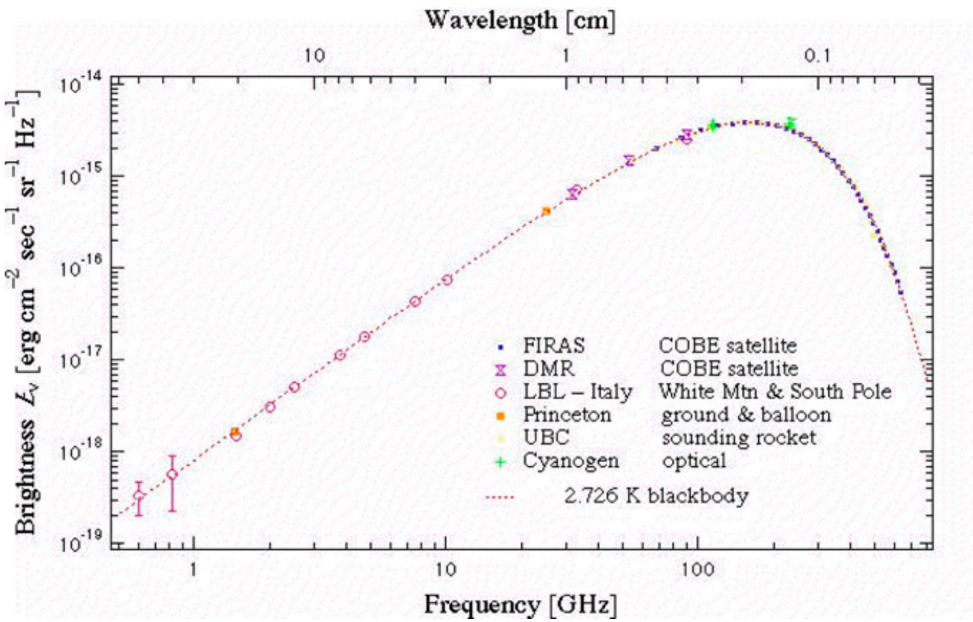


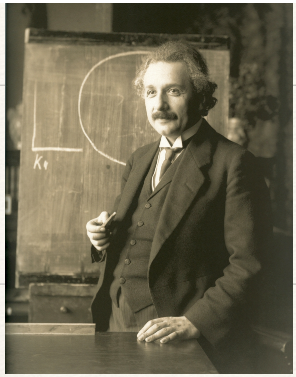
- 1990

2006 

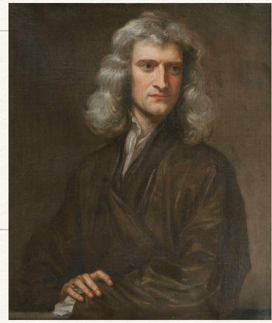
- COBE experiment
  - 2.7K
  - smooth at 10^{-5} level



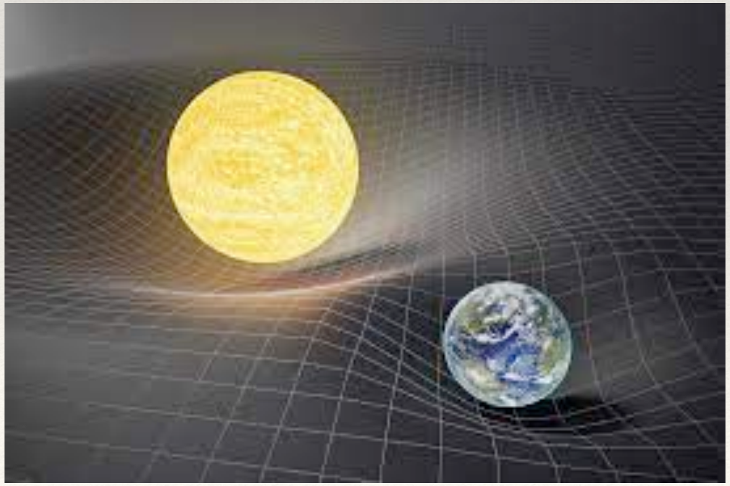
- The early Universe was hot, dense



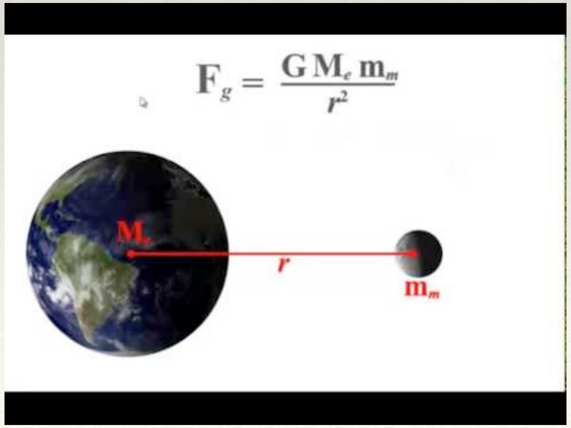
General Relativity



- GR, Einstein told us
- Mass/Energy bends space-time
- space-time determines motion of mass/energy



- Newton's gravity
- Mass generates forces
- Force determines motion
- (massless photons are not affected by Newton's gravity!)



Friedmann Equation

Einstein's equation

$$G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu}$$

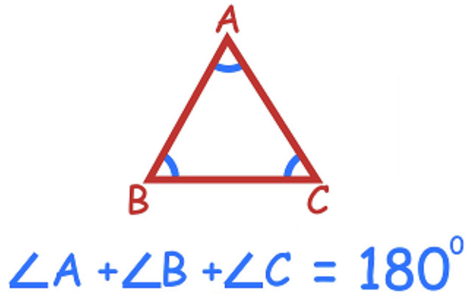
- Space-time geometry
  - solves for the coefficients
- Then stress-energy tensor
  - Mass-energy, pressure

$$ds^2 = -c^2dt^2 + a(t)^2\left(\frac{dr^2}{1 - k\frac{r^2}{R^2}} + r^2 d\Omega^2\right)$$

An expanding spacetime is possible in this theory!

Metric

- Flat space
- $ds^2 = dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2$ (3D flat space)
- $ds^2 = dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega^2$ (2D flat space in spherical coordinate)
  - $d\Omega^2 = \sin^2\theta d\phi^2 + d\theta^2$



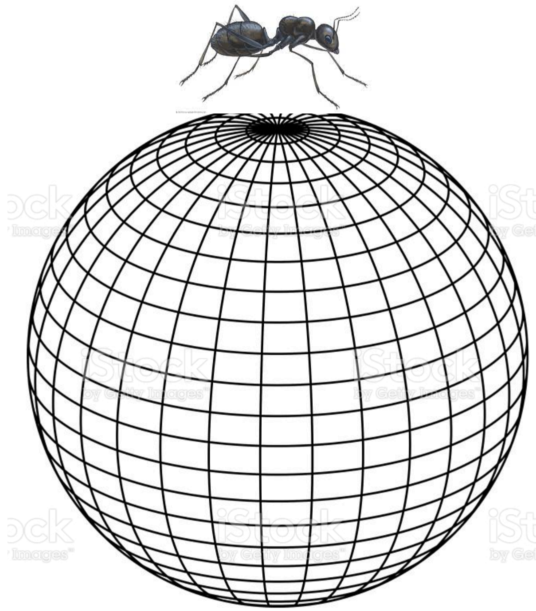
- Sphere, $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = R^2$ (2D sphere)
- $ds^2 = R^2 d\theta^2 + R^2 \sin^2\theta d\phi^2$
- $ds^2 = dr^2 + R^2 \sin^2 \frac{r}{R} d\phi^2$

$x = R\cos\phi\sin\theta$

$y = R\sin\phi\sin\theta$

$z = R\cos\theta$

$r = R\theta$



Metric

- $$ds^2 = \begin{cases} dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega^2 \\ dr^2 + R^2 \sin^2 \frac{r}{R} d\Omega^2 \\ dr^2 + R^2 \sinh^2 \frac{r}{R} d\Omega^2 \end{cases}$$

  - FLAT

  - Positively curved, $d\phi^2 \to d\Omega^2$ (2D -> 3D)

  - Negatively curved: $x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = -R^2$

- $ds^2 = dr^2 + S_\kappa(r)^2 d\Omega^2$
- $r' = S_\kappa(r)$

We will focus only on Flat space in this course

- $$ds^2 = \frac{dr^2}{1 - \frac{\kappa}{R^2} r^2} + r^2 d\Omega^2 \ , \quad r' \to r \quad , \quad \kappa = 0, +1, -1$$

The Friedmann-Lemaitre-Robertson-Walker (FLRW) Metric

- $$ds^2 = -c^2dt^2 + a(t)^2\left[\frac{dr^2}{1-\frac{\kappa}{R^2}r^2} + r^2d\Omega^2\right]$$
- $a(t)$ is the scale factor, $a(t = \mathrm{now}) = 1$ by definition.
- $\kappa =$ 0, +1, or -1, describing a flat, closed, or open universe, with R as the radius of the curvature
- Plug this metric into Einstein's equation -> Friedmann equation

Expanding Universe

- An expanding sphere (heuristic Newtonian derivation)
- $m\frac{d^2R}{dt^2} = -G\frac{Mm}{R^2}$
- $\frac{1}{2}\frac{d}{dt}(\frac{dR}{dt})^2 = \frac{dR}{dt}\frac{d^2R}{dt^2} = -G\frac{M}{R^2}\frac{dR}{dt} = \frac{GM}{1}\frac{d}{dt}\frac{1}{R}$
- $\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{dR}{dt}\right)^2 = \frac{GM}{R} + U$
- $R = a(t)r, M = \frac{4}{3}\rho R^3 \quad -----> \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3}\rho + \frac{2U}{a^2r^2}$

Friedmann Equation

- $H^2 \equiv \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3}\rho - \frac{\kappa c^2}{R^2 a^2}$
- ρ : mass density -> energy density
- $\frac{2U}{a^2 r^2} \rightarrow \frac{\kappa c^2}{R^2 a^2}$, Effect of curvature

Cosmic Inventories

Conservation of energy

- $dU = -W$
- $d(\rho V) = -PdV$
- $\dot{\rho}V + \rho\dot{V} = -P\dot{V}$
- $V \propto a^3$ => $\dfrac{\dot{V}}{V} = 3\dfrac{\dot{a}}{a} = 3H$
- $\dot{\rho} = -3H(\rho + P)$
- **the 'Conservation Equation'**

FLRW model

- Friedmann Equation
  - $H^2 \equiv \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3}\rho - \frac{\kappa}{R^2 a^2}$ ----- (1)
- Conservation equation
  - $\dot{\rho} = -3H(\rho + P)$ ----- (2)
- Differentiate (1) + (2) =>
- The 'acceleration equation'
  - $\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\frac{4\pi}{3}(\rho + 3P)$

expansion determined by matter/energy

The cosmic inventory

- Equation of state
- $P = w\rho$
- $\dot{\rho} = -3H(1+w)\rho$ from the conservation eq.
- $\dfrac{\dot{\rho}}{\rho} = -3(1+w)\dfrac{\dot{a}}{a}$
- $d\ln\rho = -3(1+w)(d\ln a)$
- $\rho \propto a^{-3(1+w)}$

- $\dfrac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\dfrac{4\pi}{3}\rho(1+3w)$ $\ddot{a} < 0$ for w > -1/3

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

- Matter ($P = 0$, $w = 0$)
  - $\rho_m \propto a^{-3} \propto (1+z)^3$
- Radiation ($P = \rho/3$, $w = 1/3$)
  - $\rho_{rad} \propto a^{-4} \propto (1+z)^4$
- Cosmological constant ($P = -\rho$, $w = -1$)
  - $\rho_\Lambda = \Lambda$
- The curvature ‘energy density’
  - $\rho_\kappa \propto a^{-2} \propto (1+z)^2$

$$H^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3}\rho - \frac{\kappa}{R^2 a^2}$$

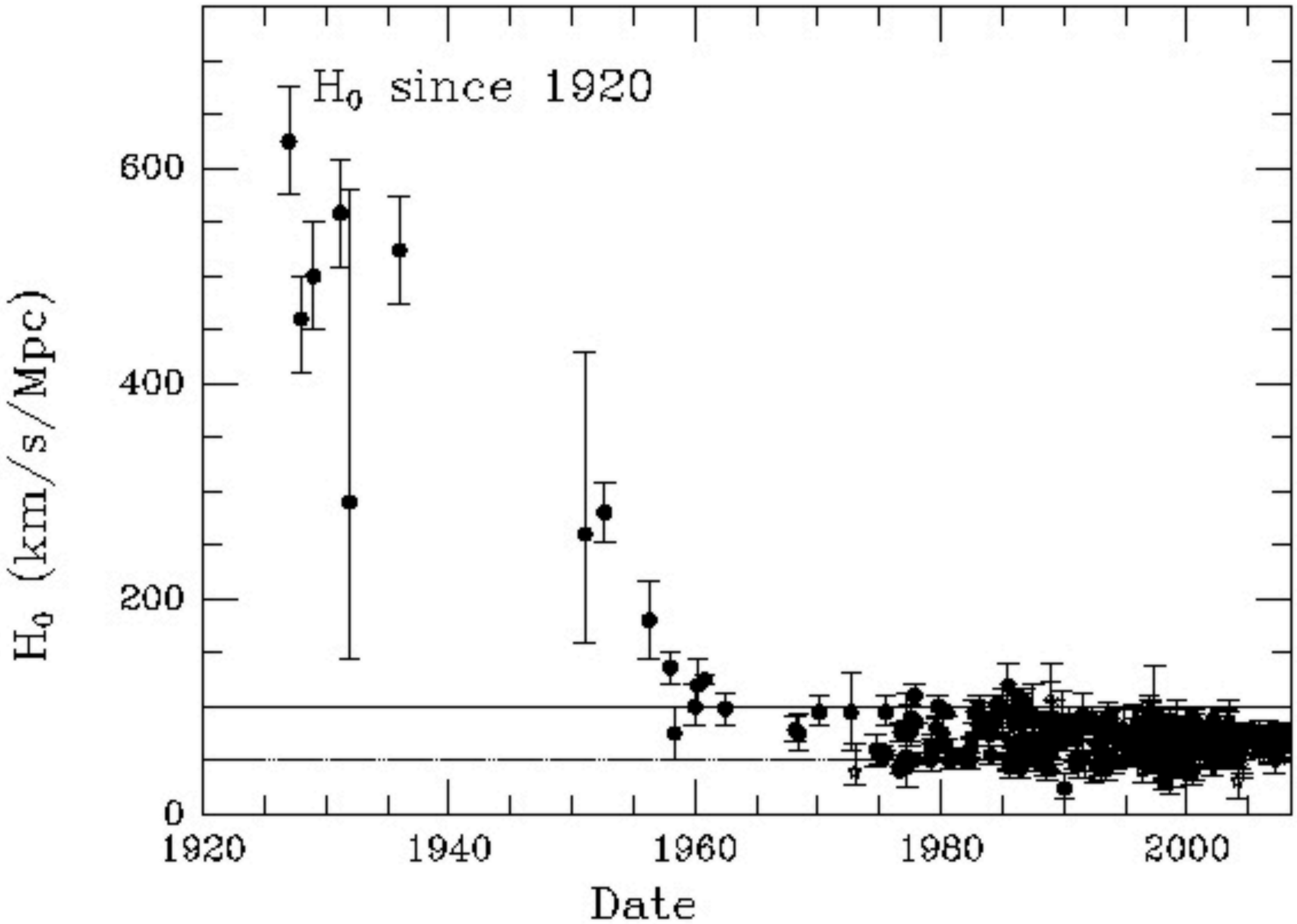
The Critical density

- Define
- $\rho_{cr} = \dfrac{3H_0^2}{8\pi G}$ (Critical density <=> the universe expand in a flat universe)

$$H^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3}\rho - \frac{\kappa}{R^2 a^2}$$

- $\Omega_i = \dfrac{\rho_i}{\rho_{cr}}$
- $H^2/H_0^2 = \sum_i \Omega_i - \dfrac{\kappa}{R^2 a^2 H_0^2} \implies \dfrac{\kappa}{R^2 H_0^2} = 1 - \Omega_{tot}^0$
- Rewrite the Friedmann equation
- $H^2 = H_0^2 \left[\Omega_\Lambda + \Omega_m^0(1+z)^3 + \Omega_{rad}^0(1+z)^4 + (1-\Omega_{tot}^0)(1+z)^2\right]$
- Just need to know 4 numbers!

The Hubble Constant



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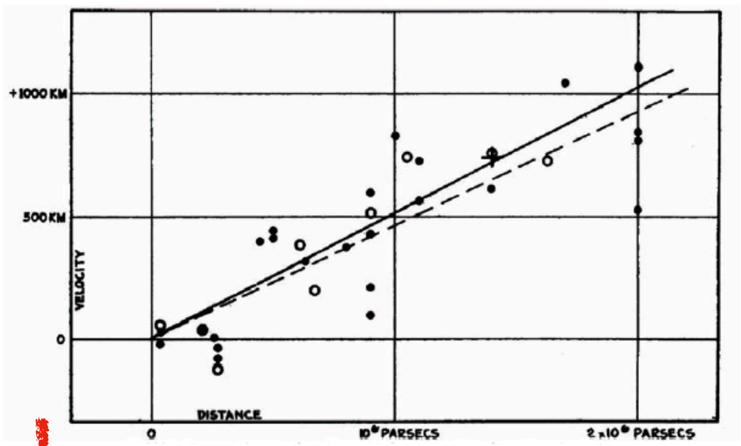

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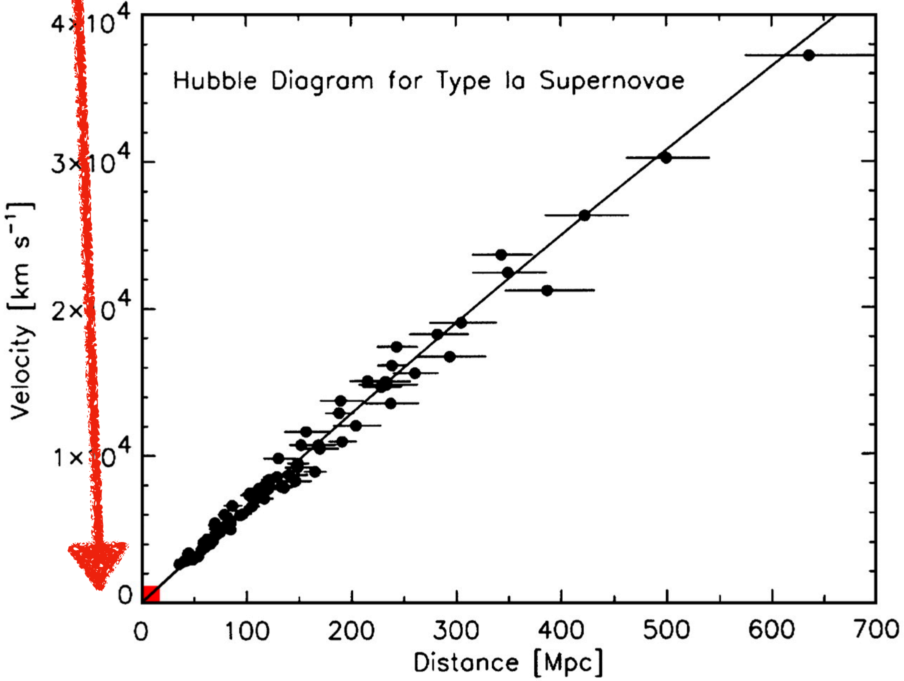
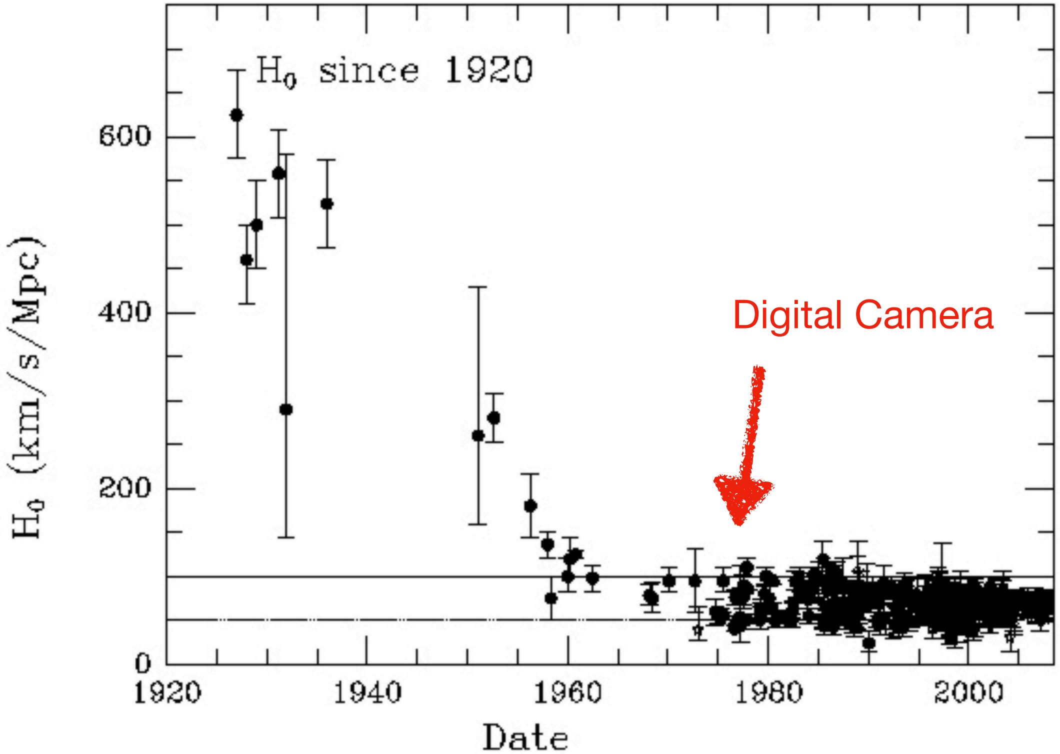




$$H_0 \sim 70 \mathrm{kms}^{-1}\mathrm{Mpc}^{-1}$$

parsec: $\mathrm{pc} \simeq 3 \times 10^{16}\mathrm{m}$

The age of the Universe t_0

- $\dfrac{\dot{a}}{a} = H(a)$
- $\displaystyle\int dt = \int da \frac{1}{aH}$, $a(t_0) = 1,\ a(0) = 0$

Distance as a cosmological probe

Cosmic distances

- $ds^2 = -c^2dt^2 + a(t)^2\left[dr^2 + S_\kappa(r)^2 d\Omega^2\right]$
- **Proper distance,** radial direction.
  - $d_p(t) = a(t)r$
- **Comoving distance** = proper distance (t_0)
  - $r = \int dr = \int \frac{dt}{a}$, using the metric with light have ds = 0
  - $r = \int \frac{1}{a}\frac{dt}{da}\frac{da}{dz}dz$ $\qquad \frac{da}{dz} = \frac{d}{dz}\frac{1}{1+z} = -a^2$
  - $r = \int \frac{1}{H(z)}dz$

Cosmic distances

- **Luminosity distance**

- $d_L^2 = \dfrac{L}{4\pi F}$

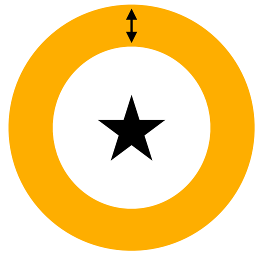
- L : Luminosity: energy output per unit time

  - **Standard Candle**, known L

- F : Flux: energy per area per time

- Observed energy flux (flat Universe)

- $F = \dfrac{E_o N_{ph}}{4\pi r^2 \Delta t_0} = \dfrac{E_o}{E_e}\dfrac{\Delta t_e}{\Delta t_o}\dfrac{L}{4\pi r^2}$



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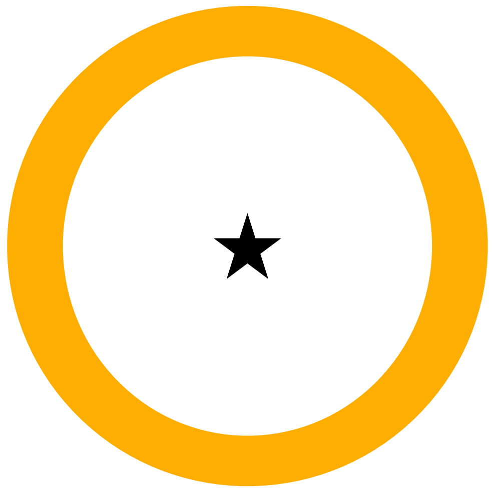
Shell width: Δt_e

$$N_{ph} = \frac{\Delta t_e}{E_e} L$$

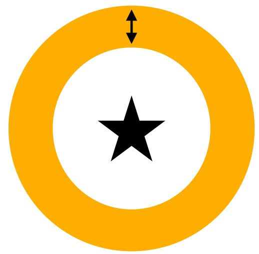


Observer (now):
Shell width: Δt_o

Shell area:
$4\pi \left[a(t_0) S_\kappa(r)\right]^2$

Cosmic distances

- $F = \dfrac{E_o N_{ph}}{4\pi r^2 \Delta t_0} = \dfrac{E_o}{E_e} \dfrac{\Delta t_e}{\Delta t_o} \dfrac{L}{4\pi r^2}$
- $E_e = E_o(1+z)$
- $\dfrac{\Delta t_e}{\Delta t_o} = \dfrac{a(t_e)}{a(t_o)} = \dfrac{1}{1+z}$
- $\dfrac{L}{4\pi F} = d_L^2 = \left[r(1+z)\right]^2$
- $d_L = r(1+z)$



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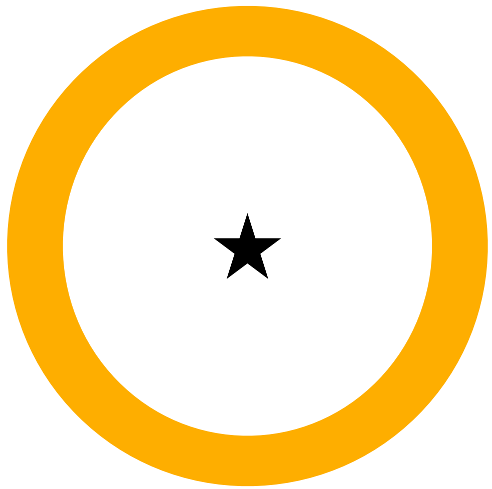

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Cosmic distances

- Angular diameter distance
- From a ***standard ruler*** of know physical size, L
- $ds^2 = -c^2dt^2 + a(t)^2\left[dr^2 + S_\kappa(r)^2 d\Omega^2\right]$
- $L = a(t_e)S_\kappa(r)\Delta\theta$
- $d_A = \dfrac{L}{\Delta\theta}$
- $d_A = \dfrac{r}{1+z}$ in a flat universe
- $d_A = \dfrac{d_L}{(1+z)^2}$ in general

Distance to the ship = L_{ship}/θ

Luminosity distance (Flat)

$$\begin{aligned}
d_L &= r(1+z) \\
&= (1+z)\int \frac{dz}{H(z)} \\
&= (1+z)\int dz \left(H_0^{-1} + \frac{d}{dz} H(z)^{-1}\Big|_{z=0} z + \dots \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{H_0}(1+z)(z + \frac{H_0}{2}\frac{d}{dz} H(z)^{-1}\Big|_{z=0} z^2) + \dots
\end{aligned}$$

- $$= \frac{1}{H_0}(1+z)(z + \frac{1}{2}\left[-(1+q_0)\right] z^2) + \dots$$

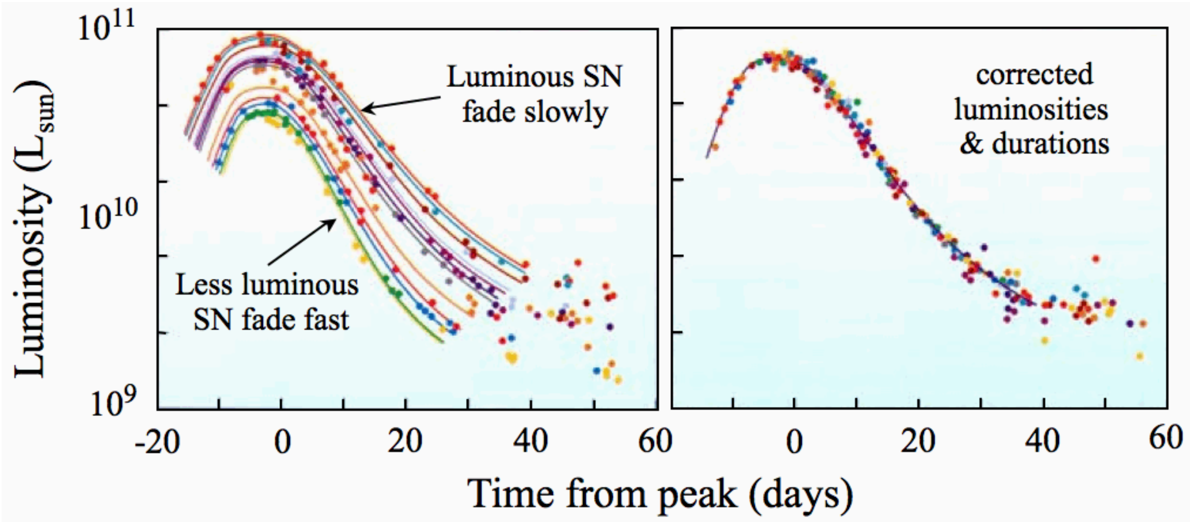
$$= \frac{z}{H_0}(1 + \frac{1-q_0}{2} z) + \dots$$

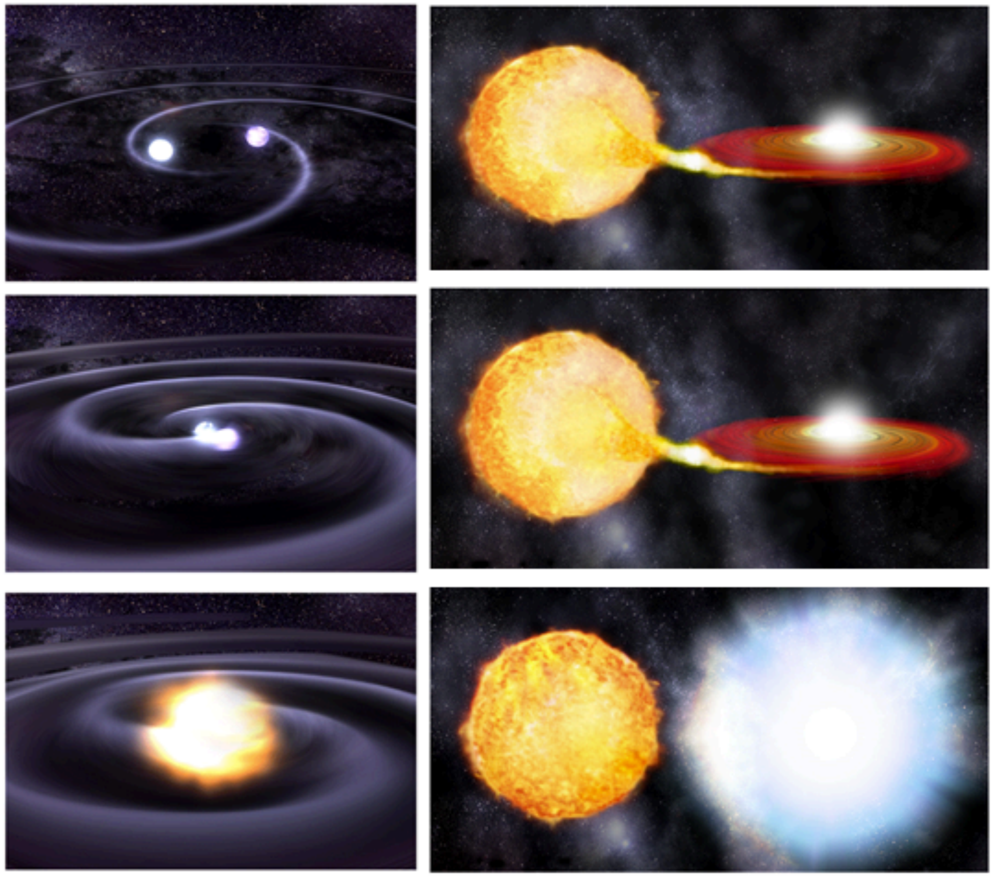
- Using the acceleration equation, you can show that 'Deceleration parameter'
- $$q_0 = -\frac{\ddot{a}}{aH^2}\Bigg|_{z=0} = \frac{1}{2}\Omega_M^0 + \Omega_r^0 - \Omega_\Lambda$$

Standard Candle

- Type-1a Supernova
- Ignition of white dwarfs
- WD: degenerate star supported by electron pressure (C, O, ….)

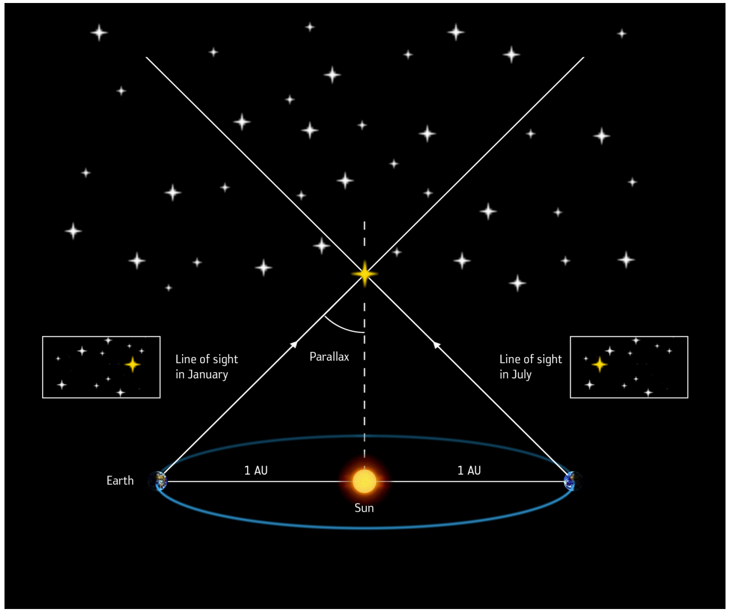
$$^{56}\mathrm{Ni}(\tau = 8.76\,\mathrm{d}) \rightarrow {}^{56}\mathrm{Co}(\tau = 111.27\,\mathrm{d}) \rightarrow {}^{56}\mathrm{Fe}$$

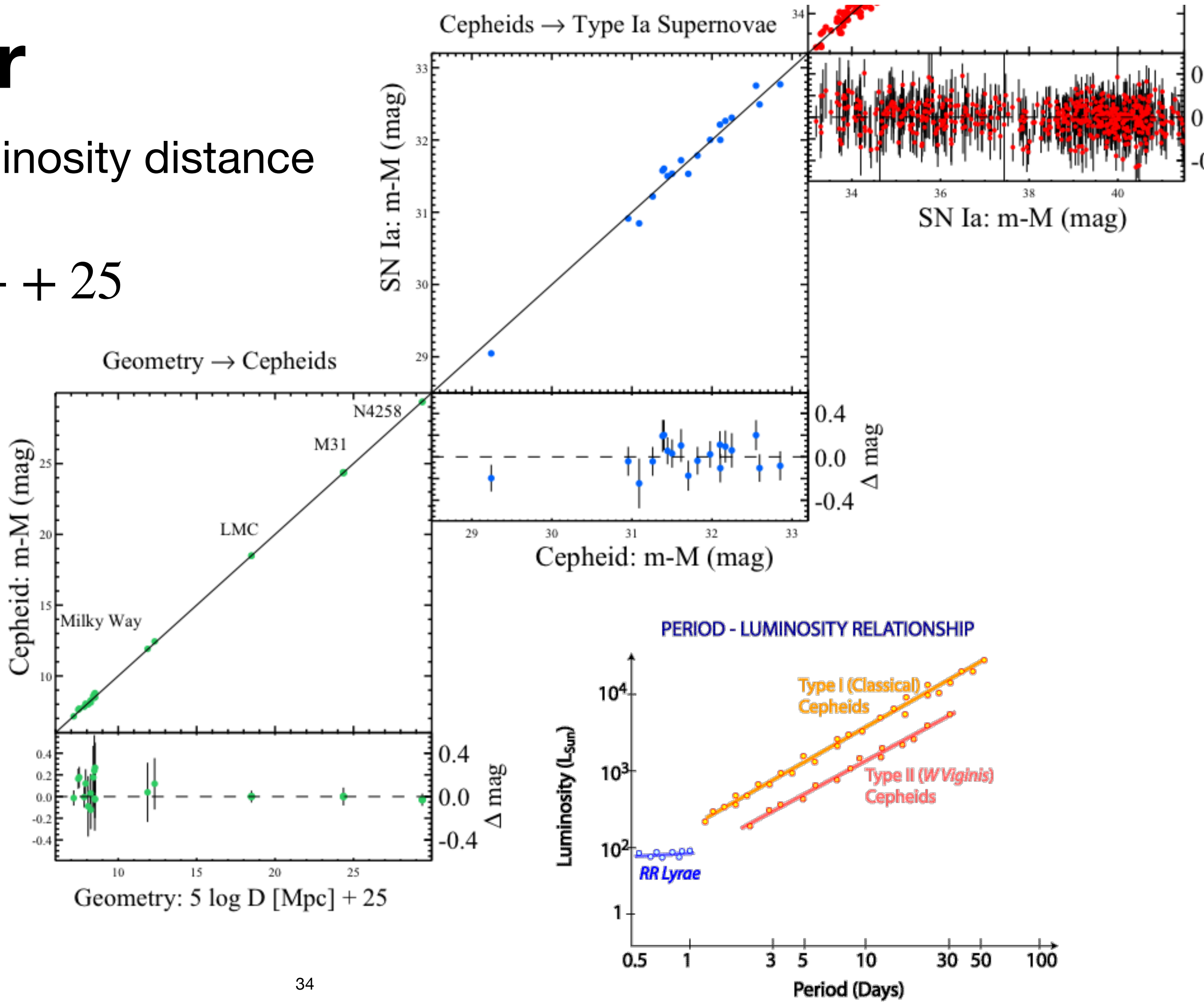




Distance Ladder

- Distance module <=> luminosity distance
- $$m - M = 5\log_{10}\frac{d_L}{Mpc} + 25$$





Distance Ladder

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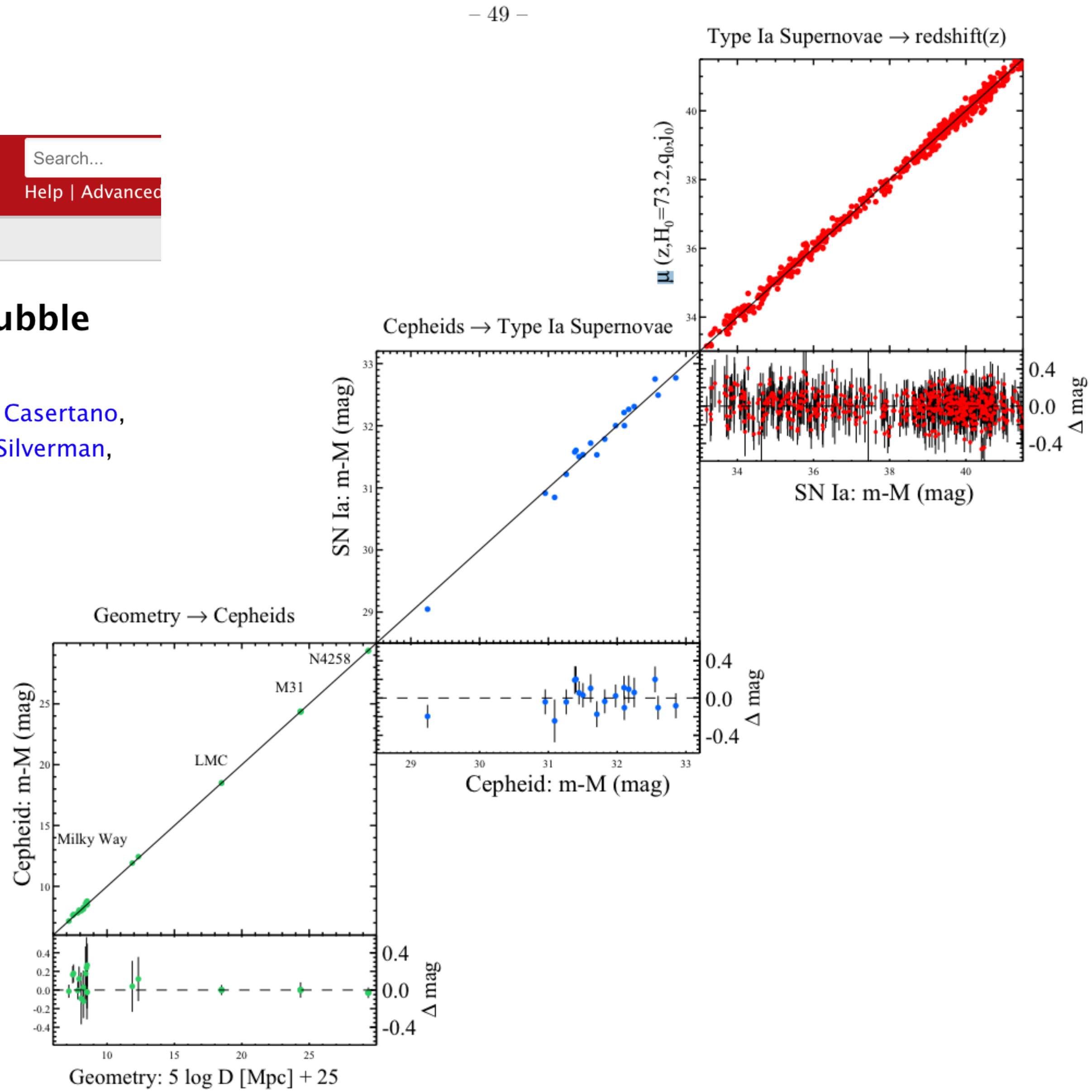
- Parallax -> Cepheids -> Supernova
- Fixed absolute distance



Negative deceleration parameter???

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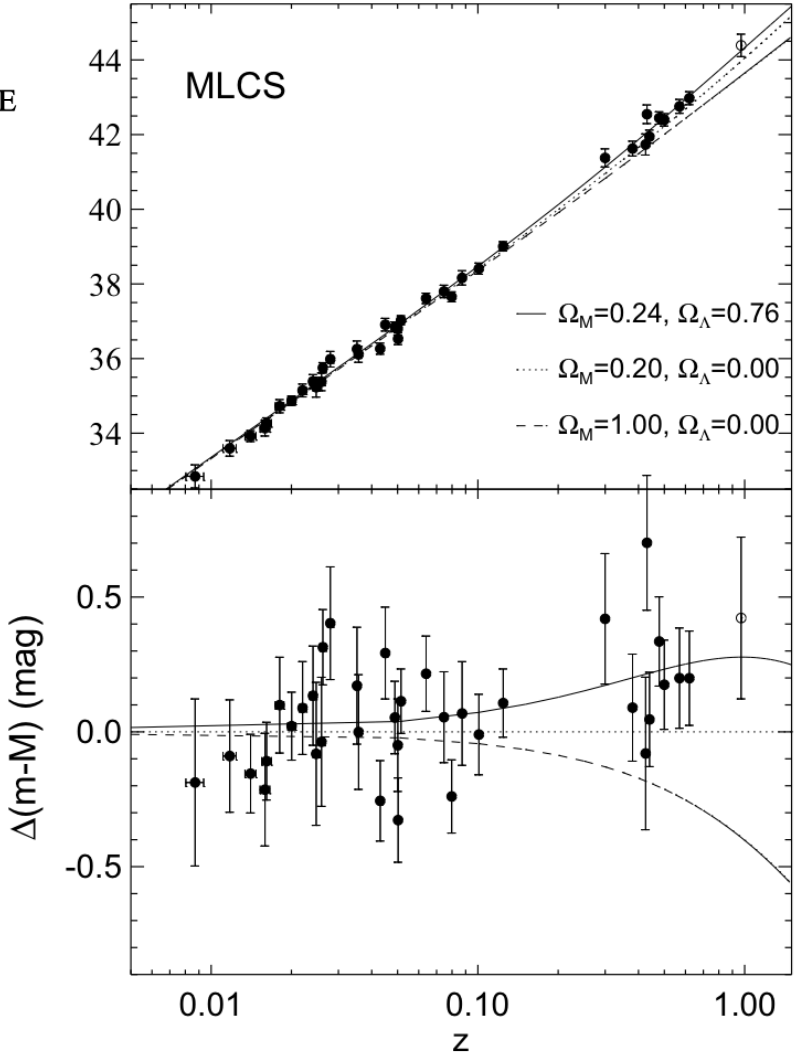

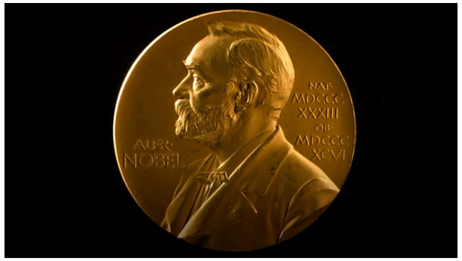

The Nobel Prize in Physics 2011

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Prize share: 1/2

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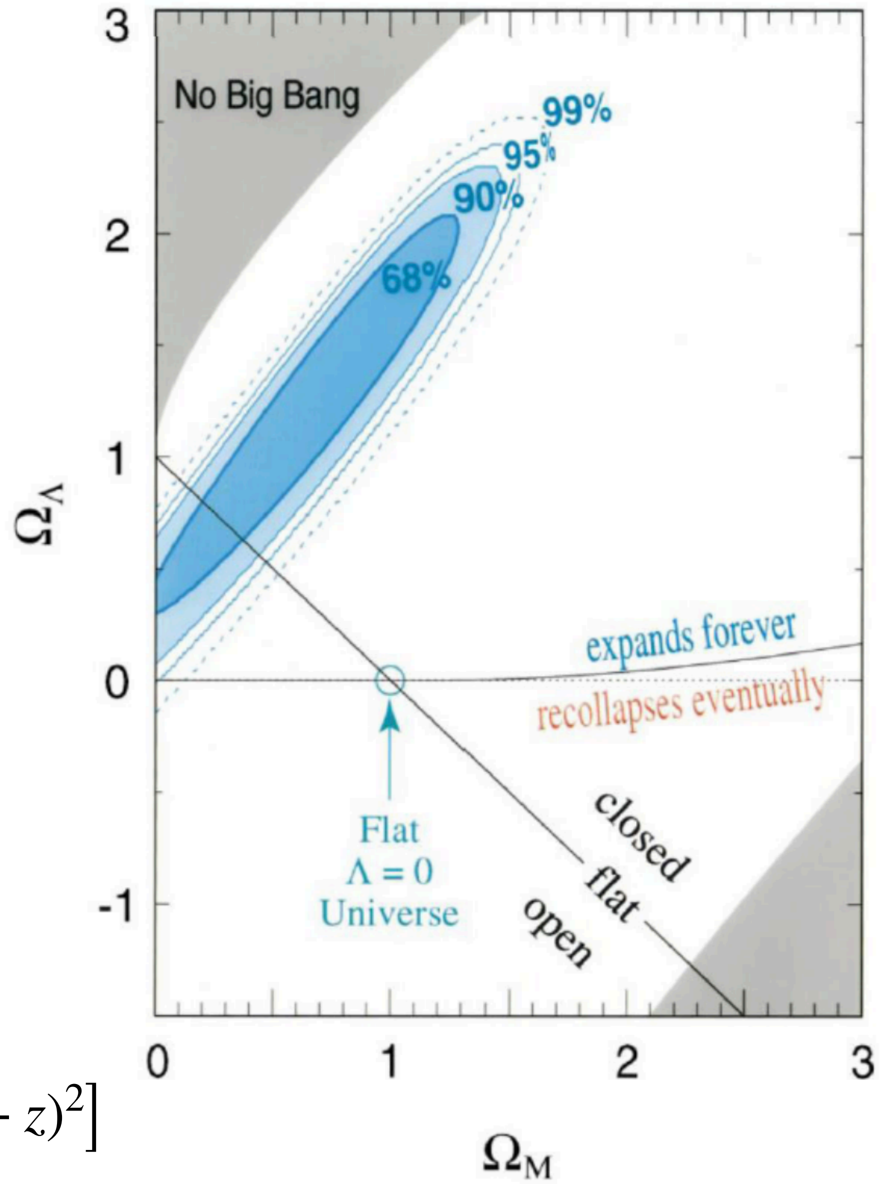
Supernova cosmology

- Measure Hubble constant
- deceleration parameter $q_0(\Omega_\Lambda, \Omega_m^0)$



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Hubble tension?

Local measurement vs Early Universe + Model

- very hot topic now

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The Neutrino Puzzle: Anomalies, Interactions, and Cosmological Tensions

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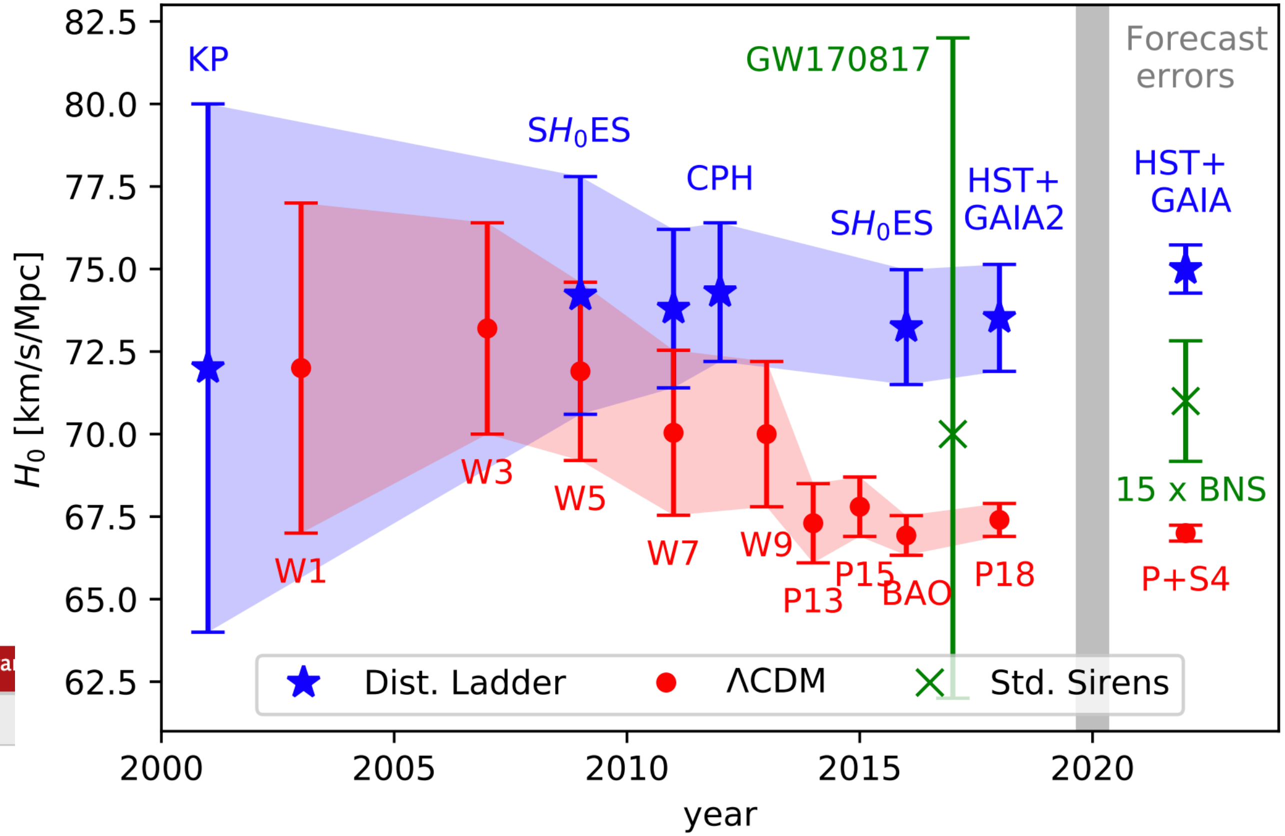
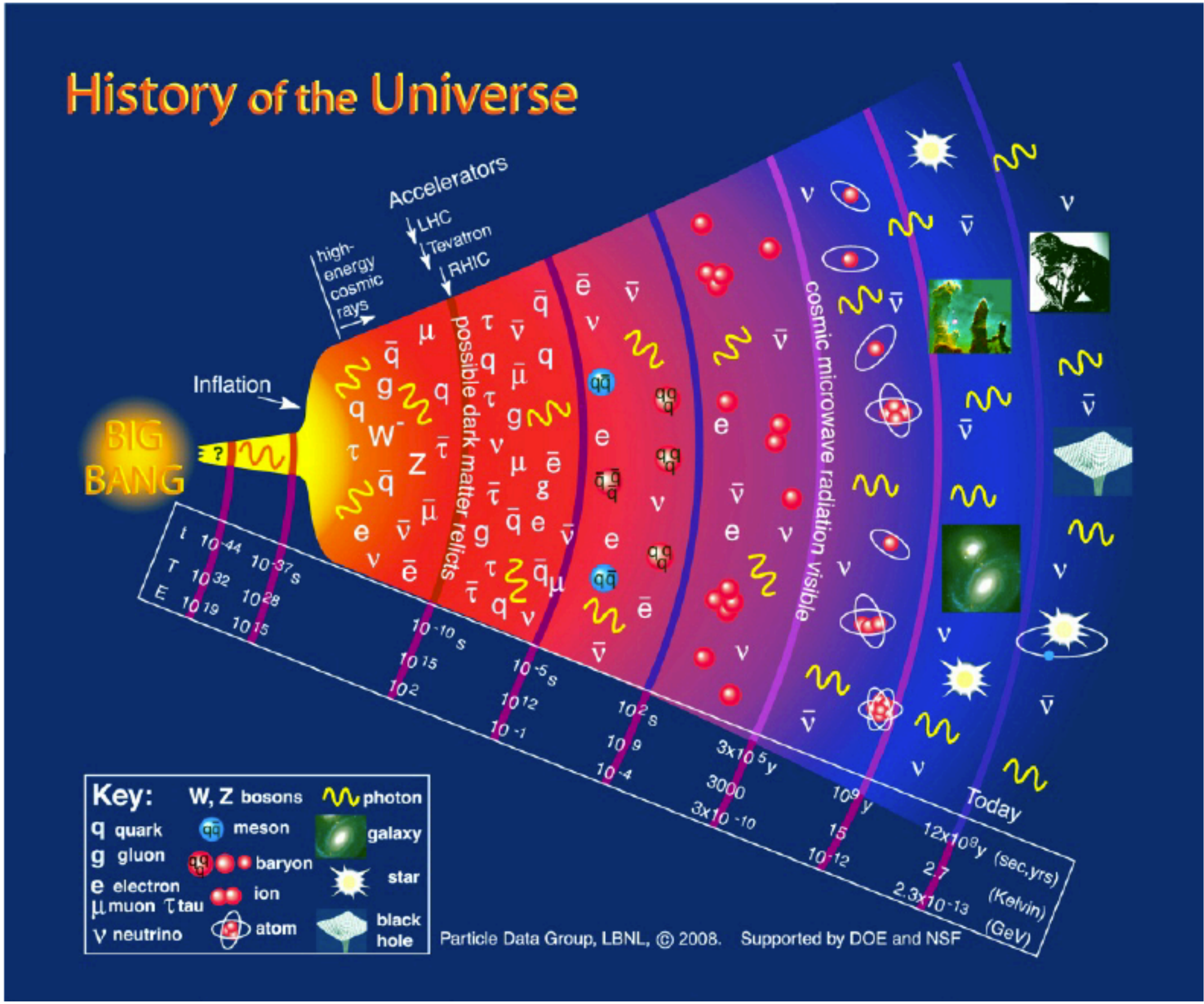


https://arxiv.org/pdf/1807.09241.pdf

Equilibrium Physics

Cosmic hot soup

- When $T > m$, such particles are in thermal equilibrium
- E.g., T > 1 MeV
- $\gamma\gamma \rightleftharpoons e^+e^-$
- So the universe is full of electrons and positron



Equilibrium Physics

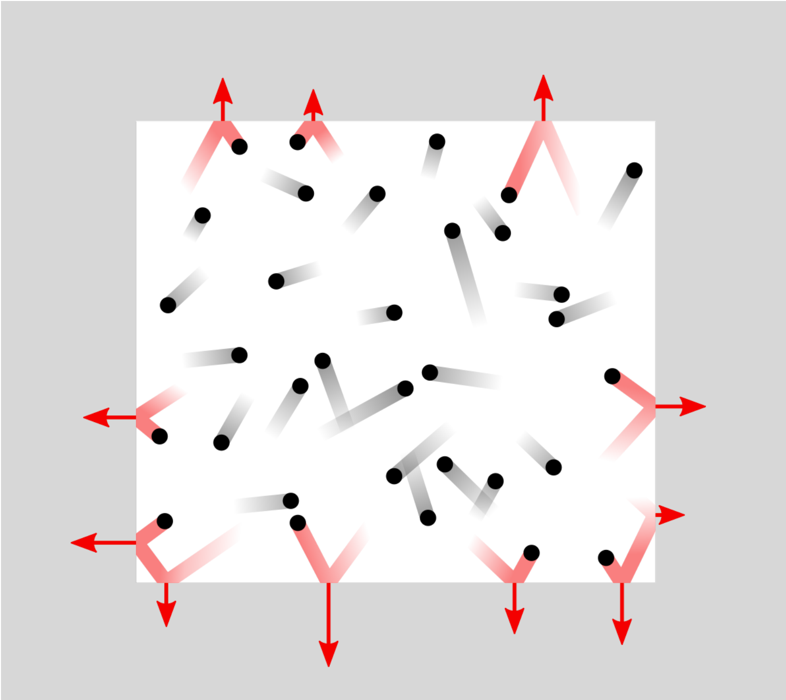
- The distribution function of a species, ($\mu = 0$)
- $f = g_i \dfrac{1}{e^{\frac{E}{kT}} \pm 1}$
    - +1: Fermi Dirac, -1: Bose Einstein. 0: Maxwell Boltzmann
    - g_i : degrees of freedom

- $n = \displaystyle\int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} f$ — number density
- $\rho = \displaystyle\int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} f \times E$ — energy density
- $P = \displaystyle\int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} f \times \frac{p^2}{3E}$ — Pressure

Pressure

- Force of the gas on a wall

$$P = N\frac{F}{A}$$
$$= N\frac{\Delta p_x}{A\Delta t}$$
$$= N\frac{(2p_x)}{A}\frac{v_x}{2L}$$
- $$= \frac{N}{V}\frac{p}{\sqrt{3}}\frac{v}{\sqrt{3}}$$
$$= \frac{N}{V}\frac{p^2}{3E}$$



Pressure

- $P = \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} f \times \frac{p^2}{3E}$
- For relativistic species $\frac{p^2}{3E} \to \frac{p}{3}$
- $P = \frac{\rho}{3}$ $--$ the equation of state

- For non-relativistic particles, $P \to 0$

How to do these integrals? E.g., Bose Einstein Integrals

- $$I_{BE}(k) = \int_0^\infty dx \frac{x^{k-1}}{e^x - 1}$$
  $$= \int dx e^{-x}(x^{k-1})(1 - e^{-x})^{-1}$$
  $$= \int dx e^{-x}(x^{k-1}) \sum_{j=0} (e^{-x})^j$$
  $$= \sum_{j=0} \int dx e^{-x(j+1)}(x^{k-1})$$
  $$= \sum_{j=0} \frac{1}{(j+1)^k} \int dy e^{-y}(y^{k-1}) \qquad y = x(j+1)$$
  $$= \zeta(k)\Gamma(k)$$
- Riemann Zeta function and Gamma function

- Gamma function
  - $\Gamma(k) = (k-1)!$
- Riemann Zeta function
  - $\xi(2) = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$
  - $\xi(3) = 1.202$
  - $\xi(4) = \frac{\pi^4}{90}$

Fermi-Dirac integrals

$$
\begin{aligned}
I_{FD}(k) &= \int dx \frac{x^{k-1}}{e^x + 1} \\
&= \int dx e^{-x}(x^{k-1})(1 + e^{-x})^{-1} \\
&= \int dx e^{-x}(x^{k-1}) \sum_{j=0} (-1)^j (e^{-x})^j \\
&= \sum_{j=0} (-1)^j \int dx e^{-x(j+1)}(x^{k-1})
\end{aligned}
$$

- $$
\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{j=0} \frac{(-1)^j}{(j+1)^k} \int dy e^{-y}(y^{k-1}) \qquad y = x(j+1) \\
&= \eta(k)\Gamma(k)
\end{aligned}
$$

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How to do these integrals? For Fermi-Dirac

- $\eta(k) = \sum_{j=0} \frac{(-1)^j}{(j+1)^k}$

- $\eta(k) = \frac{1}{1^k} - \frac{1}{2^k} + \frac{1}{3^k} - \frac{1}{4^k} + \dots$
- $\xi(k) = \frac{1}{1^k} + \frac{1}{2^k} + \frac{1}{3^k} + \frac{1}{4^k} + \dots$
- $\xi(k) - \eta(k) = \frac{2}{2^k} + \frac{2}{4^k} + \frac{2}{6^k} + \dots = \frac{2}{2^k}\xi(k)$
- $\eta(k) = (1 - \frac{1}{2^{k-1}})\xi(k)$

Bose-Einsten and Fermi-Dirac Integrals

- $I_{BE}(k) = \int dx \frac{x^{k-1}}{e^x - 1} = \zeta(k)\Gamma(k)$
- $I_{FD}(k) = \int dx \frac{x^{k-1}}{e^x + 1} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^{k-1}}\right)\xi(k)\Gamma(k)$

Number density

- $n = \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} f$
- Bosons:
  - $n_{BE} = g_i \frac{\zeta(3)}{\pi^2} T^3 \qquad \zeta(3) \simeq 1.202$
- Fermions:
  - $n_{FD} = \frac{3}{4} n_{BE}(g_i)$
- Non-relativistic matter:
  - $n_{MB} = g_i \left(\frac{mT}{2\pi} \right)^{3/2} e^{-\frac{m}{T}}$

$$1 = c \simeq 3 \times 10^8 \,\mathrm{ms}^{-1}$$

$$1 = \hbar c \simeq 200 \,\mathrm{MeVfm}$$

$$1 = k \simeq 10^{-4} \,\mathrm{eVK}^{-1}$$

Energy density

- $\rho = \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} f \times E$
- Relativistic Bosons:
  - $\rho_{BE} = g_i \frac{\pi^2}{30} T^4$
- Relativistic Fermions:
  - $\rho_{FD} = \frac{7}{8} \rho_{BE}(g_i)$
- Non-relativistic matter:
  - $\rho_{MB} = m n_{MB}$

$$\rho_{rad} \propto (1+z)^4 = a^{-4}$$

$$T \propto (1+z)$$

CMB photon density

- T = 2.7 K
- $g_\gamma = 2$ for two polarisation states
- $\rho_{BE} = g_i \frac{\pi^2}{30} T^4$
- Plug in the numbers
- $\rho_{CMB} \simeq 0.26\,\mathrm{eV cm^{-3}}$
- $n_{CMB} \simeq 411 \mathrm{cm^{-3}}$

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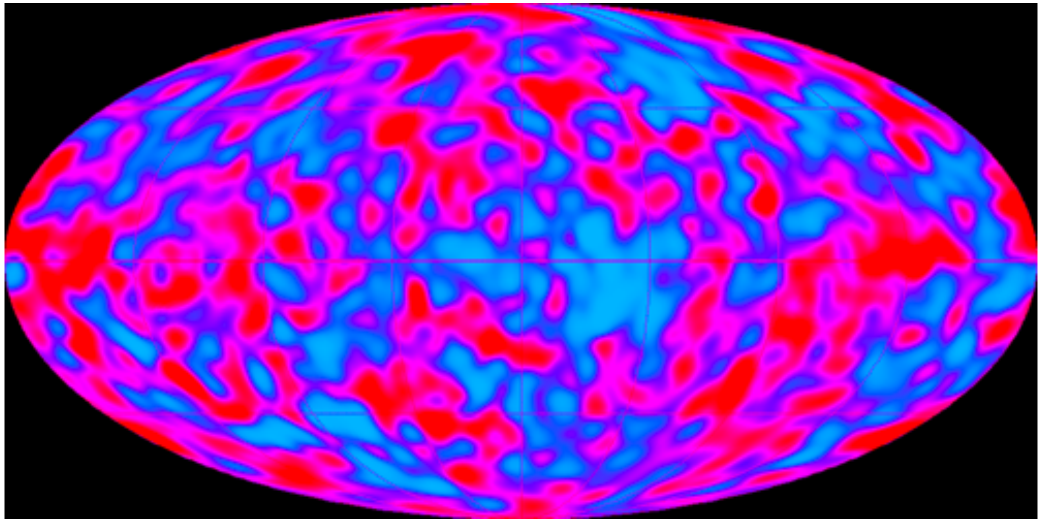

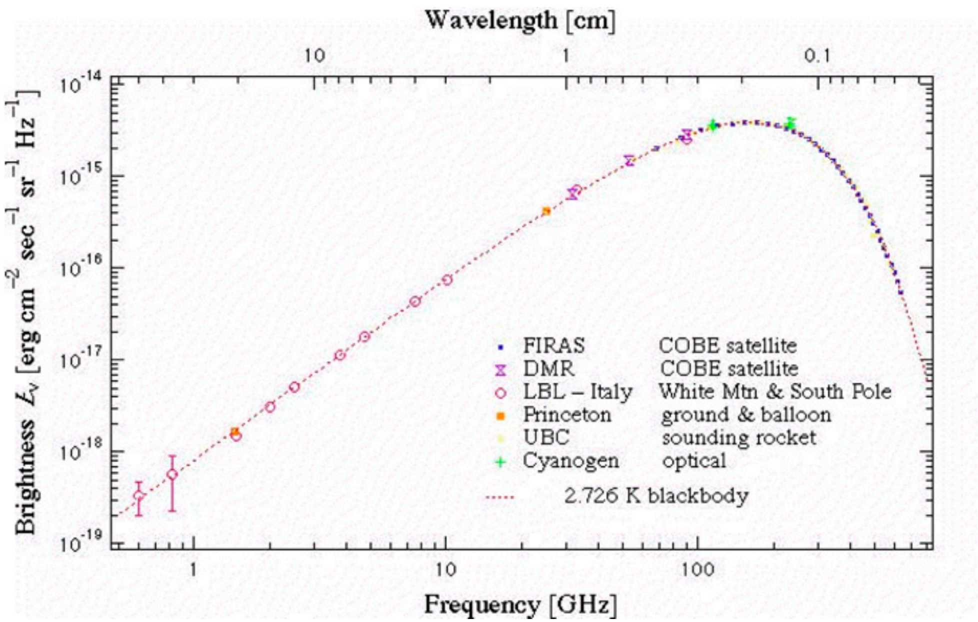

CMB photon density

- $\rho_{CMB} \simeq 0.26\,\mathrm{eV cm^{-3}}$

- $\rho_{cr} = \dfrac{3H_0^2}{8\pi G}$
- $H_0 = 100h\ \mathrm{km s^{-1} Mpc^{-1}}\,, \qquad h = 0.67$
- $\rho_{cr} \simeq 1.05 h^2 \times 10^{-5}\,\mathrm{GeV cm^{-3}}$

- $\Omega_\gamma \simeq 0.5 \times 10^{-5}$

https://pdg.lbl.gov/2021/reviews/rpp2020-rev-astrophysical-constants.pdf

Cosmological parameters

- h ~ 0.67
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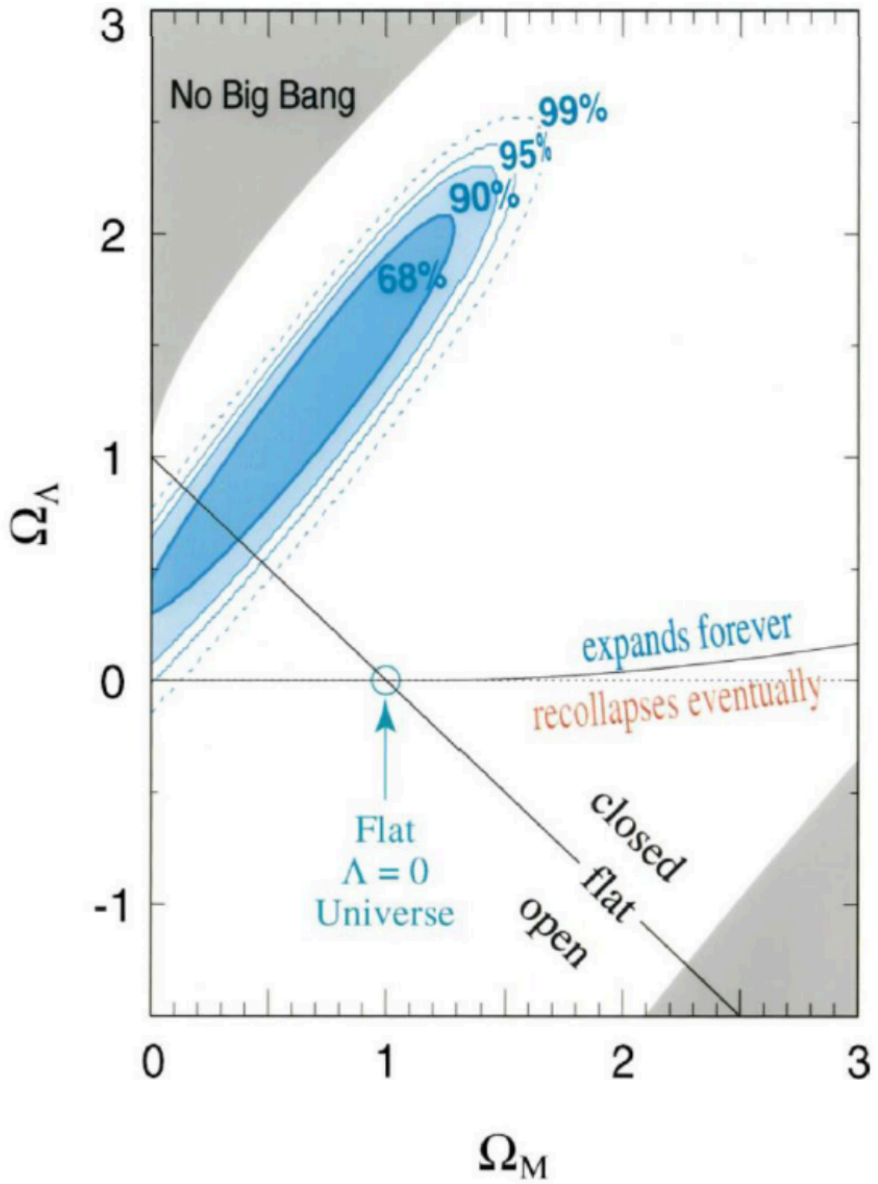
- *In the early Universe, it is radiation dominated*



Radiation dominated Universe

- The total energy density
- $\rho = \sum \rho_{BE} + \sum \rho_{FD}$
- $\rho = \sum_{\text{bosons}} g_i \frac{\pi^2}{30} T^4 + \frac{7}{8} \sum_{\text{fermions}} g_i \frac{\pi^2}{30} T^4$
- $\rho = g_* \frac{\pi^2}{30} T^4$
- Effective relativistic degrees of freedom
- $g_* = \sum_{\text{bosons}} g_i + \frac{7}{8} \sum_{\text{fermions}} g_i$

Radiation dominated Universe

- Effective relativistic degrees of freedom
- $g_* = \sum_{\text{bosons}} g_i + \frac{7}{8} \sum_{\text{fermions}} g_i$
- T ~ 1MeV, when photons (2 polarisations), electrons (2 spins), positrons (2 spins), neutrino (3 flavours, nu + nubar, no spins (chirality)!) were in equilibrium
- $g_* = (2) + \frac{7}{8}\left[2 + 2 + 3 \times (2)\right]$ = 10.75
- T ~ 150 MeV, $\gamma, e^{\pm}, \mu^{\pm}, \nu, \pi^{\pm,0}$, $g_* = 2 + 3 + \frac{7}{8}\left[4 + 4 + 6\right]$ = 17.25
- T > 200 GeV, all known Standard Model particles are relativistic
- $g_* = 107.75$

Entropy density

- $d(\rho V) = Td(sV) - PdV$
- $\rho dV + V\frac{d\rho}{dT}dT = TsdV + TV\frac{ds}{dT}dT - PdV$
- =>
- $\rho = Ts - P$ => $s = \frac{\rho + P}{T}$
- $\rho = g_* \frac{\pi^2}{30} T^4$, $w = 1/3$
- $T \propto 1/a$
- $s = g_* \pi^2 \left(\frac{1}{30} + \frac{1}{90} \right) T^3 = g_* \frac{2\pi^2}{45} T^3$

- $d(sV) = 0$
  - when considering energy conservation
  - And Zero Chemical potential

=> sa^3 is a constant wrt time.

Cosmic neutrino background

- At high temperature, neutrinos were in thermal equilibrium

- $\nu + \bar{\nu} \rightleftharpoons e^+ + e^-$

Dont worry if you dont know this
We will see how we can expect this later

- Rate of interaction $\Gamma \simeq \sigma_w n_\nu \simeq G_F^2 E_{cm}^2 \times T^3 \simeq G_F^2 T^5$

- The expansion rate of the Universe $H \simeq \left(G g_* T^4\right)^{1/2}$

- $\dfrac{\Gamma}{H} \simeq \dfrac{G_F^2 T^3}{\sqrt{G g_*}}$

Cosmic neutrino background

- $G_F \simeq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{8}\frac{g^2}{M_W^2}$ <--- effective coupling when $q^2 \ll M_W^2$
- $G_F \simeq 10^{-5}\mathrm{GeV}^{-2}$

- $G \simeq 6.67 \times 10^{-11}\mathrm{m}^3\mathrm{kg}^{-1}\mathrm{s}^{-2}$
- $G \simeq \frac{1}{M_{PL}^2}$,

Cosmic neutrino background

- $\dfrac{\Gamma}{H} \simeq \dfrac{G_F^2 T^3}{\sqrt{G g_*}}, \quad g_* \simeq 10$

- $\dfrac{\Gamma}{H} \simeq \left(\dfrac{T}{\mathrm{MeV}}\right)^3$

- When temperature drops below 1MeV, rate of expansion >> interaction.
- Reaction stops $\nu + \bar{\nu} \rightleftharpoons e^+ + e^-$

Cosmic neutrino background

- After neutrino decoupled $T_\nu \propto 1/a$
- The rest of the Universe, however, were heated up when $e^\pm$ annihilates

- Before $e^\pm$ annihilation: $g_* = 5.5$ (tracking only the EM sector)
- after $e^\pm$ annihilation: $g_* = 2$

- Conservation of entropy before/after ($e^\pm$ ann.) =>
  - $g_* T_\nu^3 \Big|_{\text{before}} = g_* T_\gamma^3 \Big|_{\text{after}}$ $\left(T_\nu \Big|_{\text{before}} = T_\gamma \Big|_{\text{before}}, \quad T_\nu \Big|_{\text{after}} \neq T_\gamma \Big|_{\text{after}}\right)$

Cosmic neutrino background

- After neutrino decoupled $T_\nu \propto 1/a$, temperature evolved "boringly"
- The rest of the Universe, however, were heated up when $e^\pm$ annihilates
- But neutrinos are not heated, so their temperature still evolved "boringly"

- Before $e^\pm$ annihilation: total $s = (10.75)\frac{2\pi^2}{45}T_1^3$
- after $e^\pm$ annihilation: total $s = (2)\frac{2\pi^2}{45}T_\gamma^3 + (5.25)\frac{2\pi^2}{45}T_\nu^3$

$$\frac{7}{8} \times 6 = 5.25$$

- Consider conservation of entropy
- $a_a^3 T_1(a_1) = a_2^3 T_2(a_2) \quad --->\quad T_{1,\,\text{after}} = T_{\nu,\,\text{after}}$

Cosmic neutrino background

- $T_\nu = (\frac{4}{11})^{\frac{1}{3}} T_\gamma \simeq 1.9K$

- Current neutrino number density, per flavor

- $n_\nu = \frac{3}{4}\frac{4}{11} n_\gamma \simeq 112\,\mathrm{cm}^{-3}$

- Energy density

- $\Omega_\nu = \frac{m_\nu n_\nu}{\rho_{cr}}$ => $\Omega_\nu h^2 = \frac{m_\nu}{94\mathrm{eV}}$

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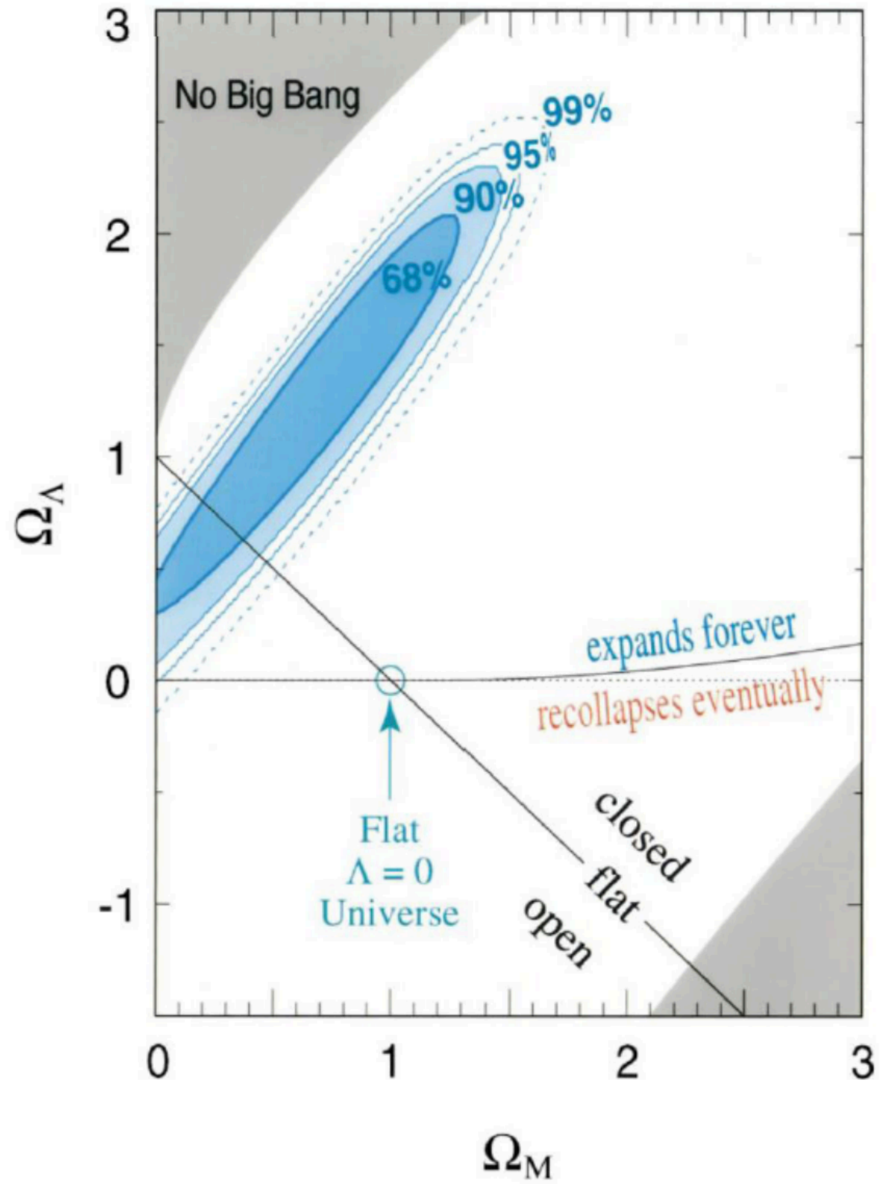

- $n \sim 100\mathrm{cm}^{-3}$
- $\dfrac{dF}{dE} \simeq \dfrac{c}{4\pi}\dfrac{dn}{dE}$
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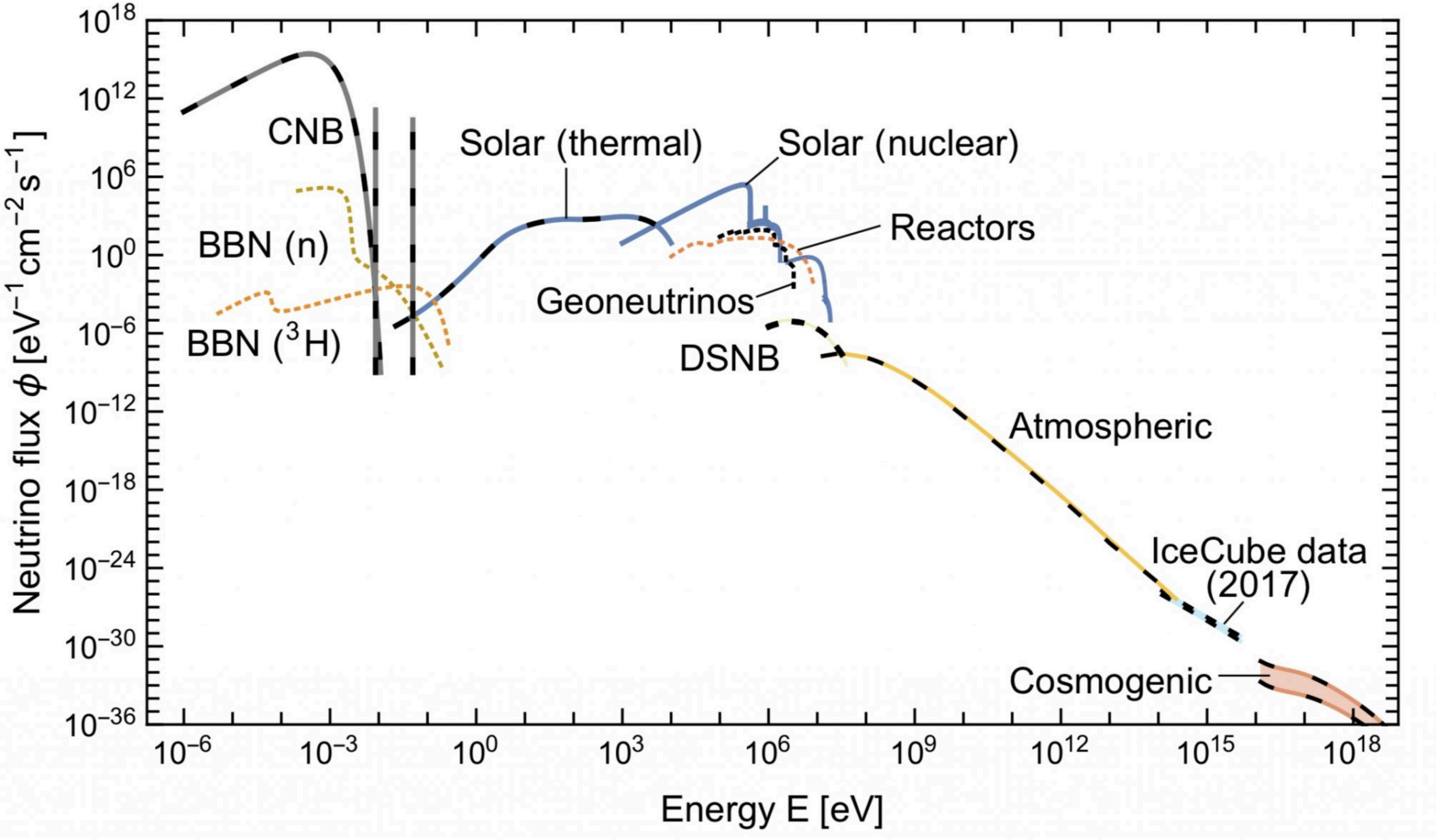
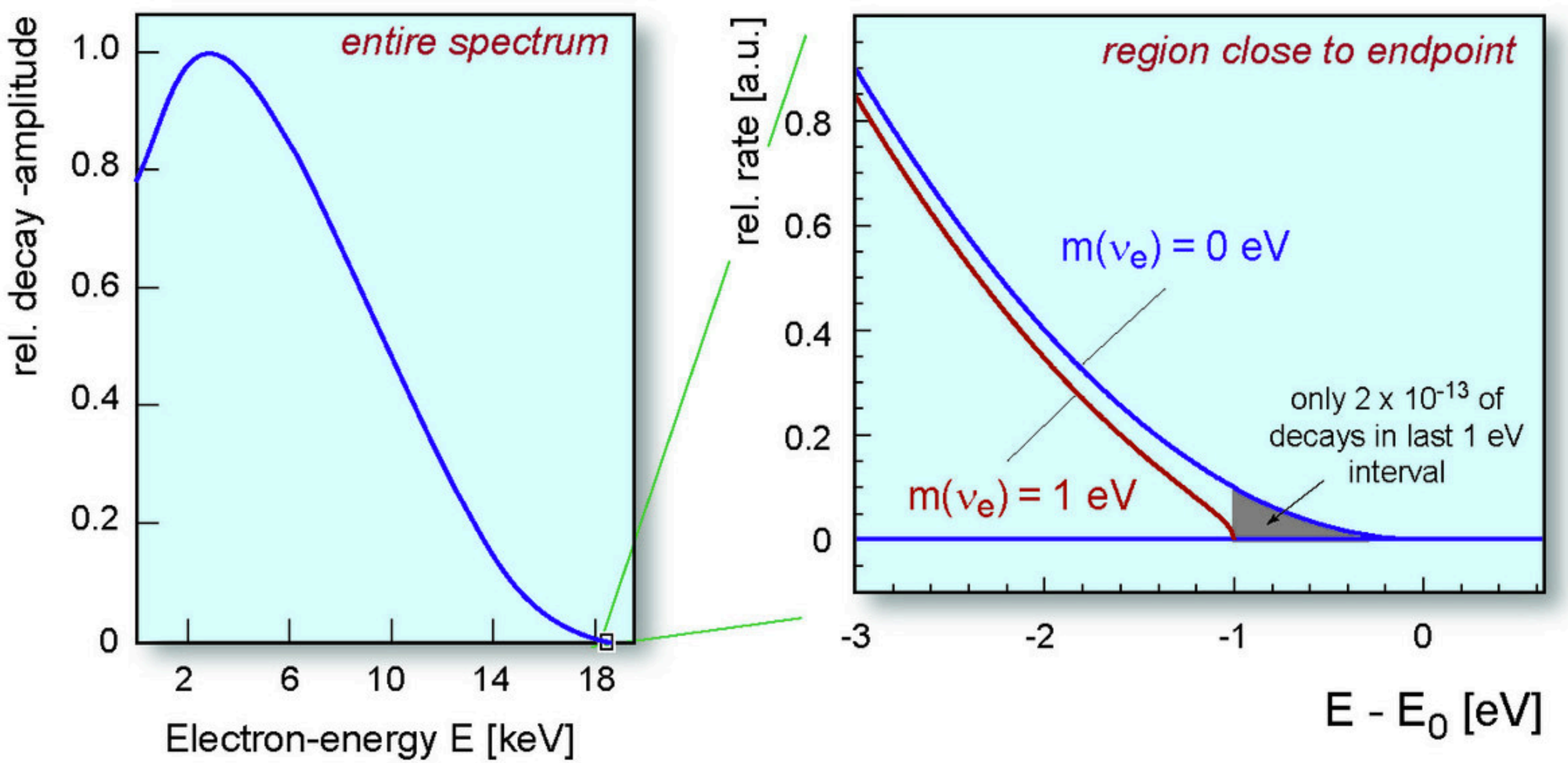


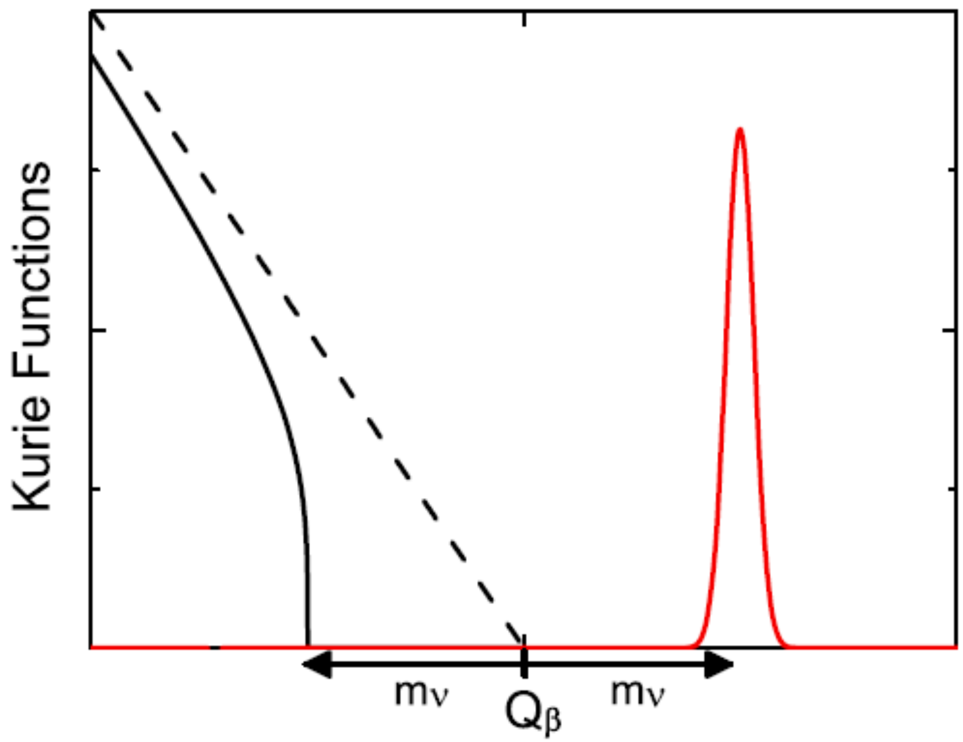
Cosmic neutrino background, direct detection?

- Beta decay end point $n \rightarrow p^+ + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$



Cosmic neutrino background, direct detection?

- neutrino capture, beta decay: $\nu_e + n \rightarrow p^+ + e^-$



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