General Relativity

and Universe

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1 – term in the General Relativity

1. Mach's principle: source of inertia - masses of the Universe

No inertia relative to spacetime, but inertia of masses relative to one another.



Ernst Mach (1938-1916)

2. Imbalanced Gravitation:

"...the newly introduced universal constant Λ defines both the mean density of distribution ρ which can remain in equilibrium and also the radius ... of the spherical space."



Einstein (1917)

$$\Delta \varphi - \Lambda \varphi = 4\pi \rho G$$

This seemed to solve a problem that troubled even Newton – why did the entire Universe not collapse under its own gravitational attraction? In Einstein's view, the Λ introduces a screening length which cuts off the influence of the gravitational potential beyond a certain radius, thereby allowing the motion of stars and nebulae to approach equilibrium.

Einstein-de Sitter space



First mathematical model of the Universe

Copernican Principle gives way to Cosmological Principle



Model of the Universe as spatially homogeneous, isotropic.

Nicolas Copernicus (1473-1543)

Einstein vacuum equations with Λ – term

$$R_{ik} - \frac{1}{2} g_{ik} R = -\Lambda g_{ik}, \ \Lambda = const > 0$$

Static, closed Universe (1917)

De Sitter solution

$$ds^{2} = \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda r^{2}}{3}\right)c^{2}dt^{2} - \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda r^{2}}{3}\right)^{-1}dr^{2} - r^{2}\left(d\theta^{2} + \sin^{2}\theta d\varphi^{2}\right)$$

$$\rho > 0, \ P = 0, \ \Lambda > 0, \ k > 0$$

Radius of the Universe

$$R_U = \sqrt{\frac{3}{\Lambda}}$$

 $\Rightarrow \ddot{a}(t) = \dot{a}(t) = 0$ for all t

Einstein closed, static Universe



Willem de Sitter (1872-1934)

Friedman's Universe

$$R_{ik} - \frac{1}{2} g_{ik} R + \Lambda g_{ik} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{ik}$$

Where Tik is the Energy momentum tensor of an ideal fluid



Aleksandr Friedman (1888-1925)

$$T_{ik} = \rho + \frac{P}{c^2} u_i u_k - Pg_{ik}$$
density
$$4-\text{velocity}$$
pressure

$$u_i = \frac{dx_i}{d\tau} = \left(\frac{dt}{d\tau}, \frac{dx}{d\tau}, \frac{dy}{d\tau}, \frac{dz}{d\tau}\right)$$

time component space components proper time (time at the rest system)

Friedman's Equations 1

"Equation of motion" for the whole Universe

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

$$1. R = -\frac{4\pi G\rho}{3} R \left(+\frac{\Lambda R}{3} \right)$$

Metric of the Universe

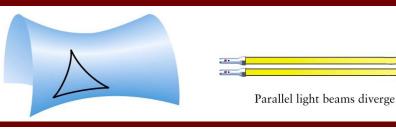


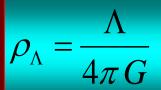
 $2. R^{2} = \frac{8\pi G\rho}{3} R^{2} - kc^{2} \left(+ \frac{\Lambda R^{2}}{3} \right)$

k = -1: Hyperbolic Space

The Friedmann Equations describe the evolution of the Universe

(1922)





k = 0: Flat Space





Parallel light beams remain parallel

k = +1: Spherical Space





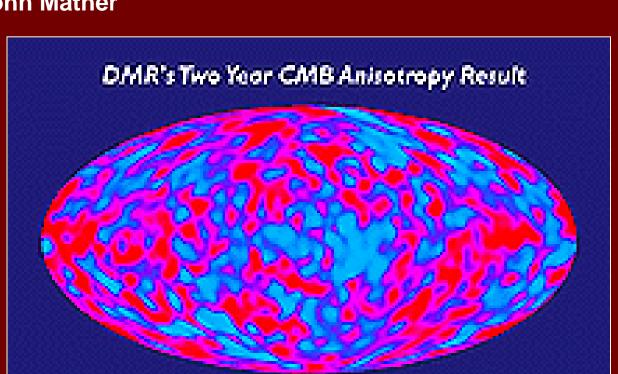
Parallel light beams converge

COBE data/DMR



These fluctuations have been called the "wrinkles on the face of God"

John Mather



Cosmic Background Explorer Satellite (COBE).



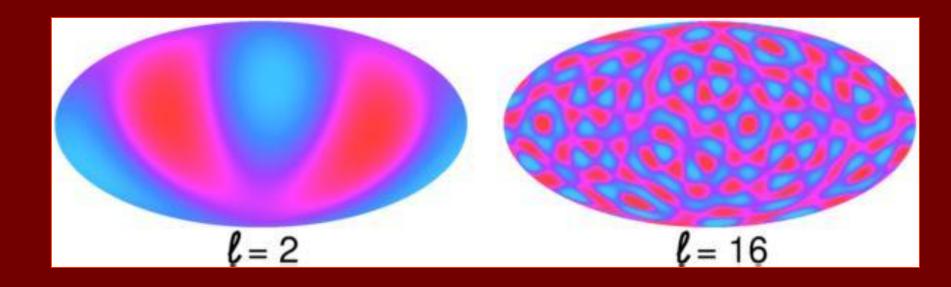
George Smoot

2006 Nobel prize in Physics awarded to George Smoot!

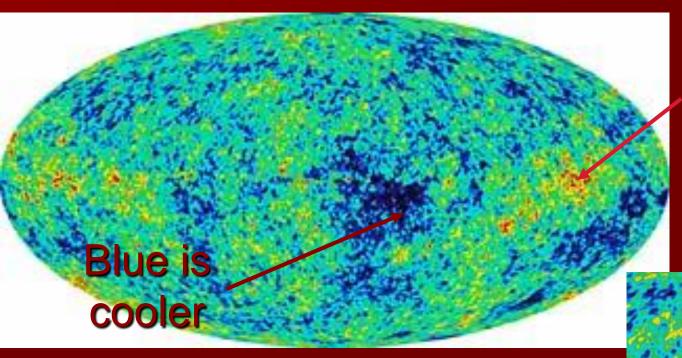
(Also John Mather for measuring temperature of CMBR precisely at 2.7 K with FIRAS on COBE.)

CMB Fluctuations

COBE measures the angular fluctuations on large scales, down to about 1=16



Universe's Baby Pictures

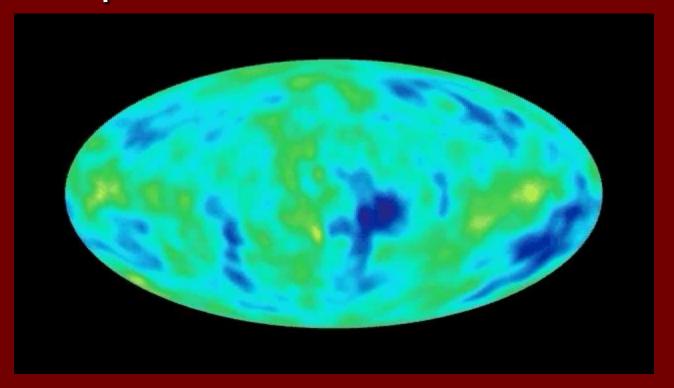


Red is warmer

Credit: NASA/WMAP

Compare to COBE

The WMAP image brings the COBE picture into sharp focus.

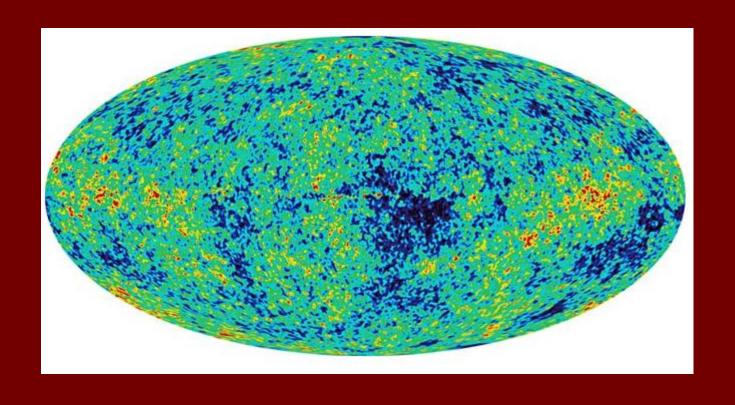


movie

Evidence from Cosmic Microwave Background Radiation (CMB)

- 1. CMB is an almost isotropic relic radiation of $T=2.725\pm0.002 \text{ K}$
- 2. CMB is a strong pillar of the Big Bang cosmology
- 3. It is a powerful tool to use in order to constrain several Cosmological parameters
- 4. The CMB power spectrum is sensitive to several Cosmological parameters

This is how the Wilkinson Microwave Anisotropy Probe (WMAP) sees the CMB



Friedman's Equations 2

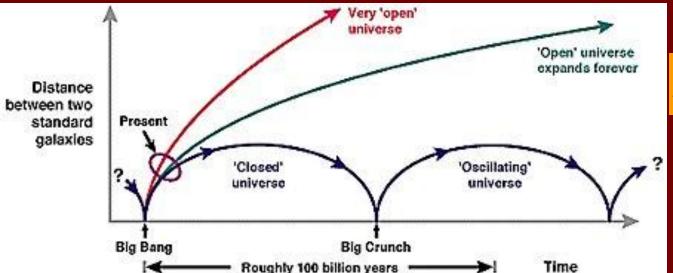
2.
$$\left(\frac{dR_s}{dt} \right)^2 = \frac{8\pi}{3} \frac{G\rho_0 R_0^3}{R_s} - \frac{8\pi}{3} GR_0^2 (\rho_0 - \rho_c)$$

If current density is greater than critical density then the second term is negative and there will exist a time in which dR

 $\frac{3}{dt} = 0$

The expansion will then stop and the Universe will collapse back to the initial state

If current density is smaller than critical density then the second term is positive and the derivative will never get down to zero. Expansion will go on forever.



Critical density

$$\rho_c = \frac{3H_0^2}{8\pi G} = 9.47 \cdot 10^{-27} kg/m^3$$

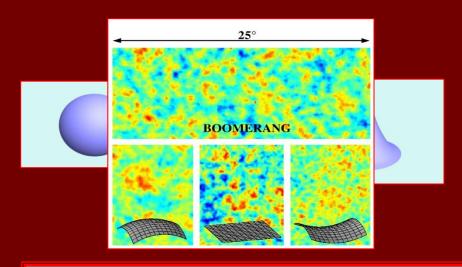
Hubble constant (WMAP data)

$$H_0 = 71 \ km/c/Mpc$$

The geometry of the Universe

- Crucial information from each of these is the amplitude of fluctuation as a function of scale (the 'Power Spectrum')
- E.g. the CMB power spectrum has encoded the geometry of the Universe:
- The picture shows the typical sky appearance for different types of Universe geometry closed, flat and open with actual CMB results at the top

Results from a balloon-borne experiment: Boomerang



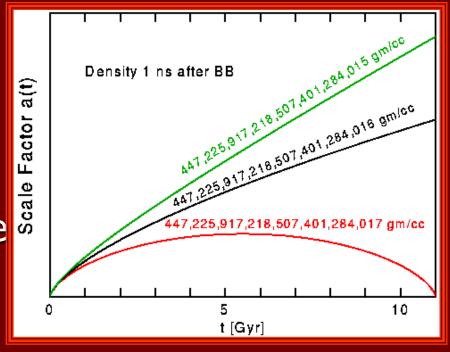
Left: Universe closed – spatial geometry is like a sphere

Middle: Universe flat – geometry is just that of Euclidean 3 space

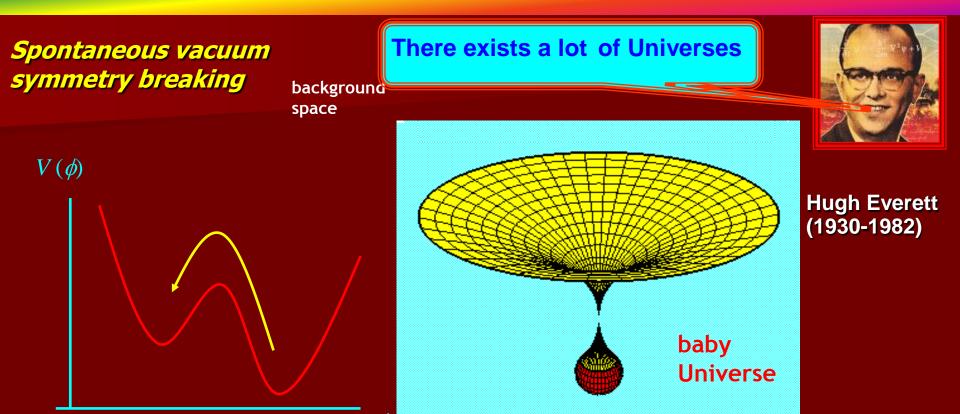
Right: Universe open – geometry is hyperbolic

Flatness Problem

- 1. Why does the Universe today appear to be near the critical dividing line between an open and a closed Universe?
- 2. Density of early
 Universe must be
 correct to 1 part
 in 10⁶⁰ in order to
 achieve the balance
 that we see.



Quantum fluctuations can produce new Universes



A baby Universe will pinch off from the background spacetime, expanding and creating more entropy.

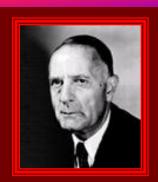


Vesto Slipher (1875-1969)

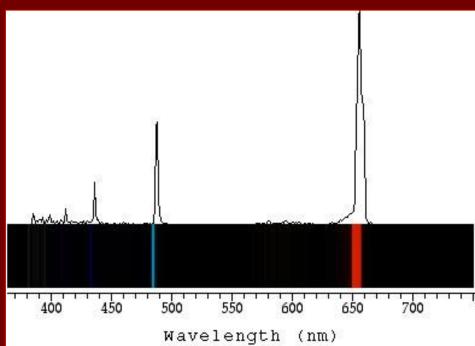


Hydrogen lamp

The spectrum of hydrogen gas is the unique fingerprint of that element.



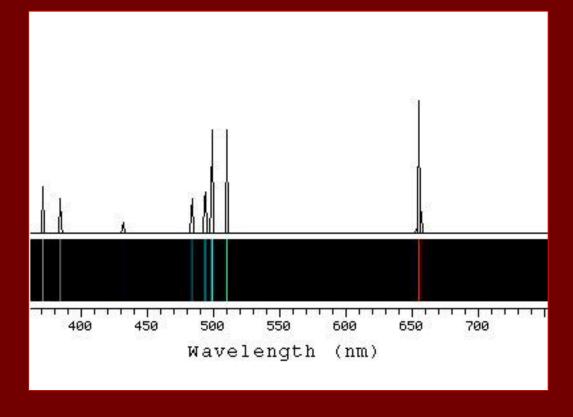
Edwin Hubble (1889-1953)





Orion Nebula

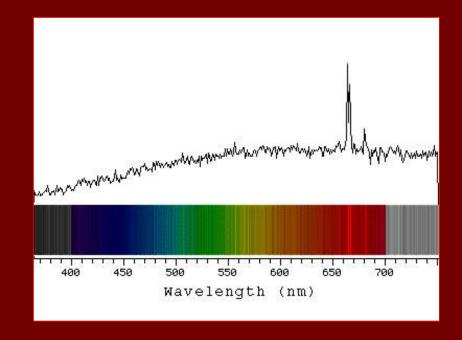
When we see a repeat of the pattern that we saw in the Lab, we know that hydrogen is present.





Galaxy UGC 12915

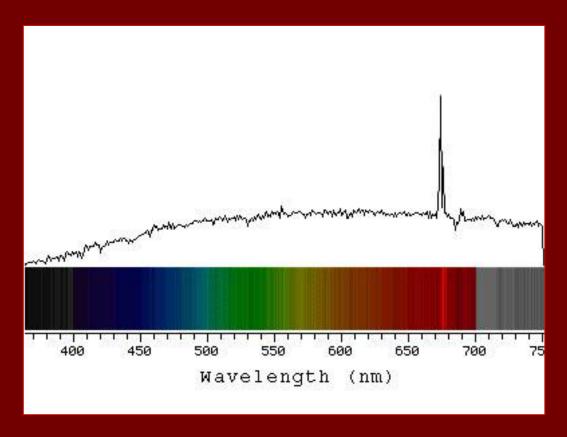
We see the same repeating pattern of lines in a galaxy, but displaced to the red.

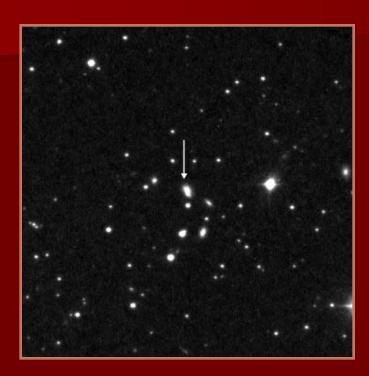




Galaxy UGC 12508

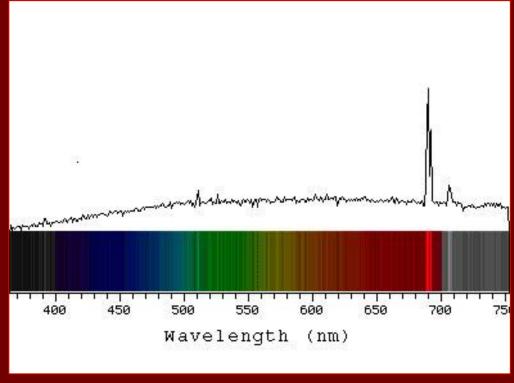
The further the galaxy is, the more it shifts to the red.





Galaxy KUG 1750

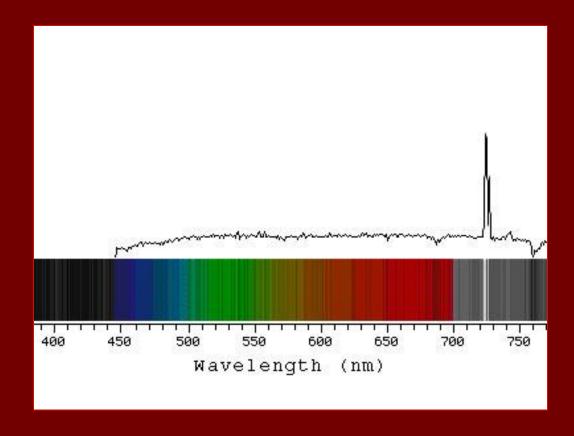
The greater the red shift is, the faster the galaxy is receding.





Galaxy KUG 1217

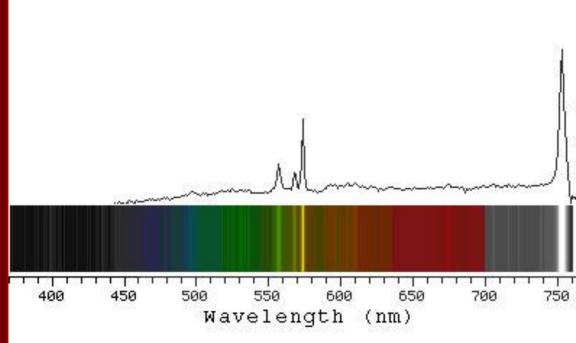
The red shift is caused by the expansion of space.



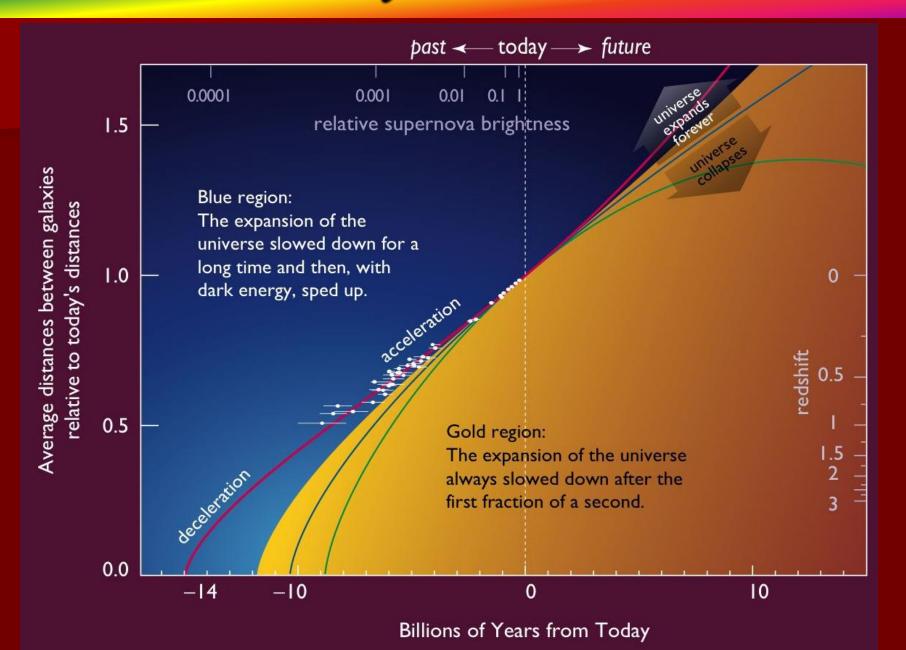


The red shift is evidence of an expanding Universe.

Galaxy IRAS F09159



Discovery! Acceleration

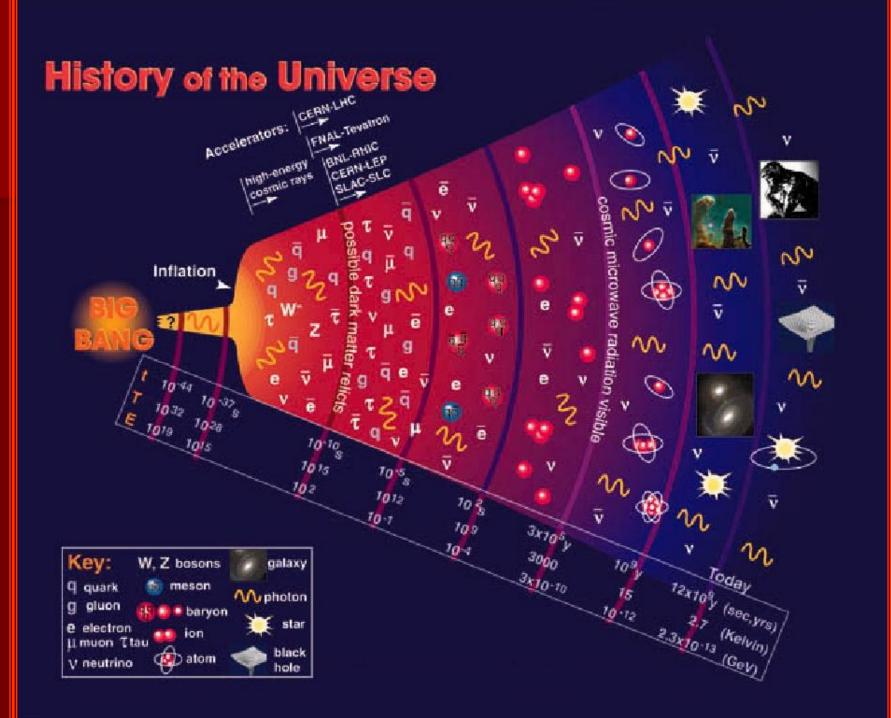


Big Bang?





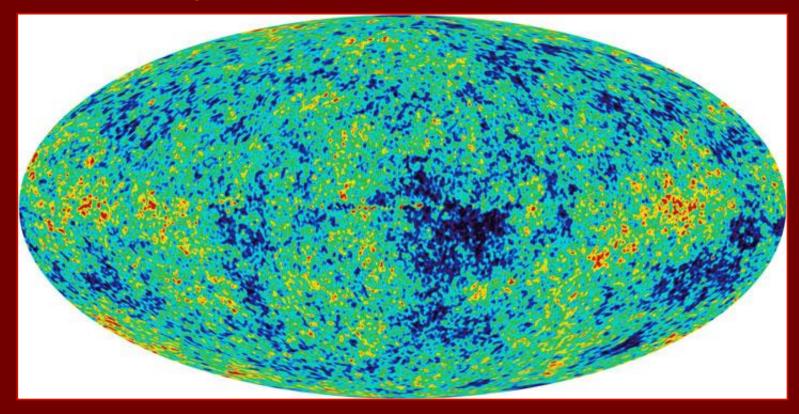




Prediction: If the Universe was denser and hotter in the past, we should see the evidence of left-over heat from an early Universe.

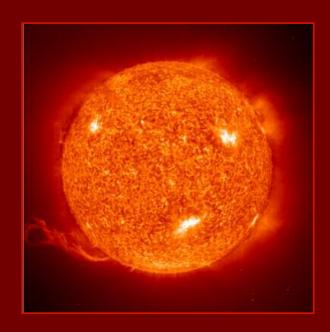
Observation: Left-over heat from an early Universe.

(Penzias and Wilson, 1965)



Prediction: A hot and dense expanding Universe should be predominantly hydrogen and helium.

Observation: Universe is ~75% hydrogen, ~25% helium by mass



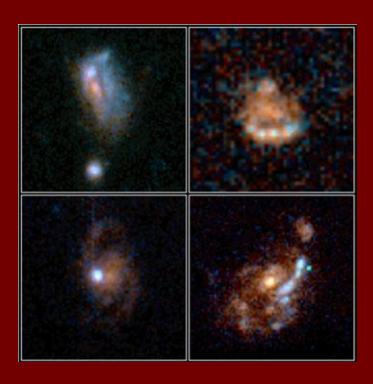
The Sun: 74.5% H, 24% He by mass



Cecilia Payne

Prediction: An expanding Universe is evolving over the time. If we look at an early Universe, it should appear to be different.

Observation: Distant galaxies less evolved, physically and chemically.



Observation: 90% of matter is an unknown form: Dark Matter.

Refine: A new and unknown form of matter exists. But its gravity works in the same way and its presence is needed to explain how the Universe looks.





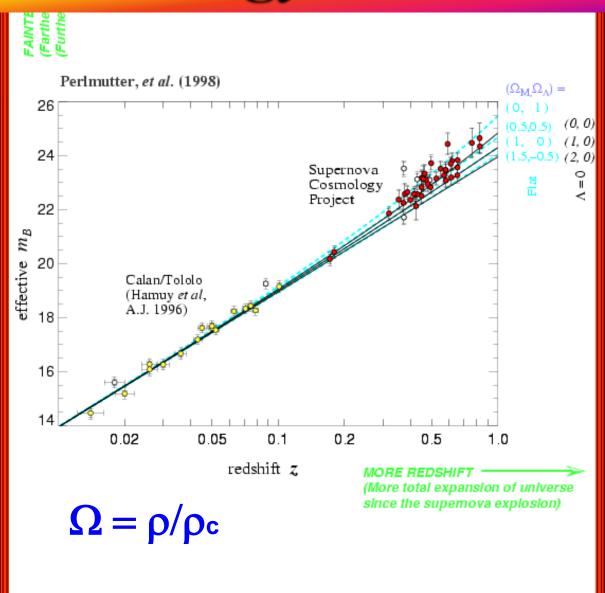
Vera Rubin

Dark Energy

Dark Energy is the Energy
of Physical
Vacuum
in the Space

Perlmutter et al., 1998 Riess et al., 1998

The Universe was expanding slower in the distant past!

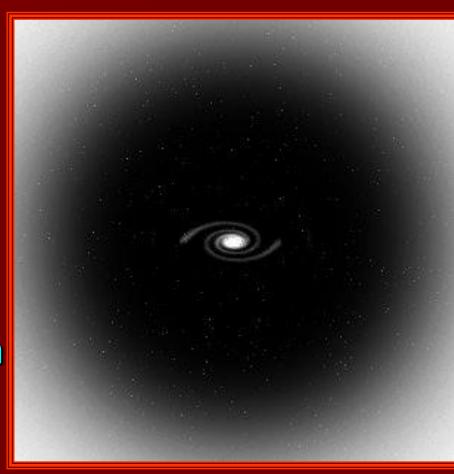


In flat universe: $\Omega_{\rm M} = 0.28 \ [\pm 0.085 \ \text{statistical}] \ [\pm 0.05 \ \text{systematic}]$

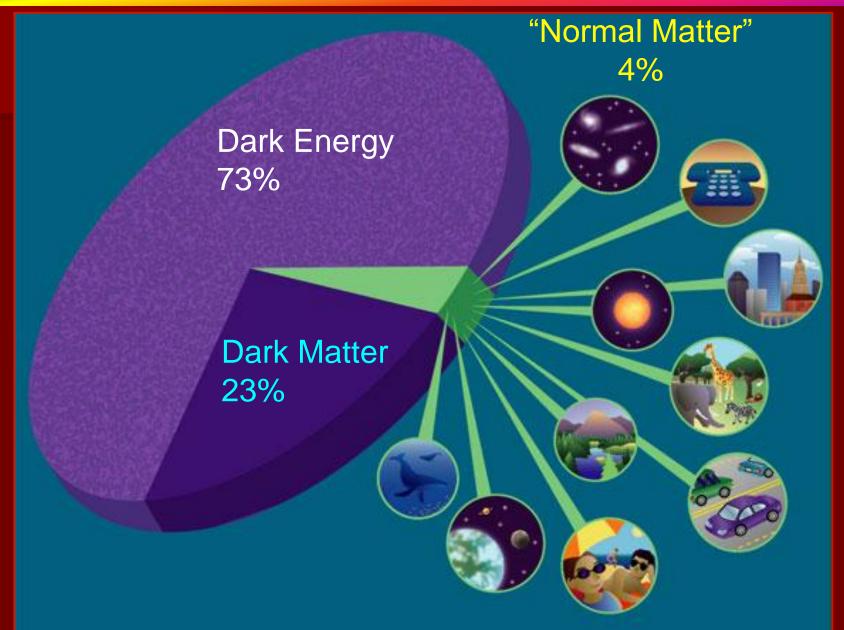
Prob. of fit to $\Lambda = 0$ universe: 1%

Dark Matter Halo

- The rotating disks of the spiral galaxies that we see are not stable
- Dark matter halos provide enough gravitational force to hold the galaxies together
- 3. The halos also maintain the rapid velocities of the outermost stars in the galaxies (violation of the Kepler's laws)



Energy budget of Universe



The summary on the General Relativity and Universe

- Big Bang model describes our current understanding of the Universe.
- 2. New discoveries, such as Dark Matter and accelerating expansion (Dark Energy), lead us to refine our model, but there is no crisis in our understanding (yet).



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