



Cosmo**l**ogy:

Where are the bodies buried?

Matt Visser



“It is important to keep an open mind; just not so open that your brains fall out”

--- Albert Einstein

Overview:

The general framework of modern cosmology is based on a large corpus of high-quality data. There is no doubt that the universe is expanding, that the linear Hubble law is a good approximation to that expansion, and that the cosmic microwave background represents the afterglow of the big bang.

But there are a number of troublesome issues where some caution is called for. In this talk I will focus on the bits that we don't understand so well, to show where the bodies are buried, and to give some idea of where current research is most active.

“There is something fascinating about science. One gets such wholesome returns of conjecture out of such a trifling investment of fact.”

--- Mark Twain

What parts of cosmology are rock solid?

Recession of galaxies

Approximate linear Hubble law

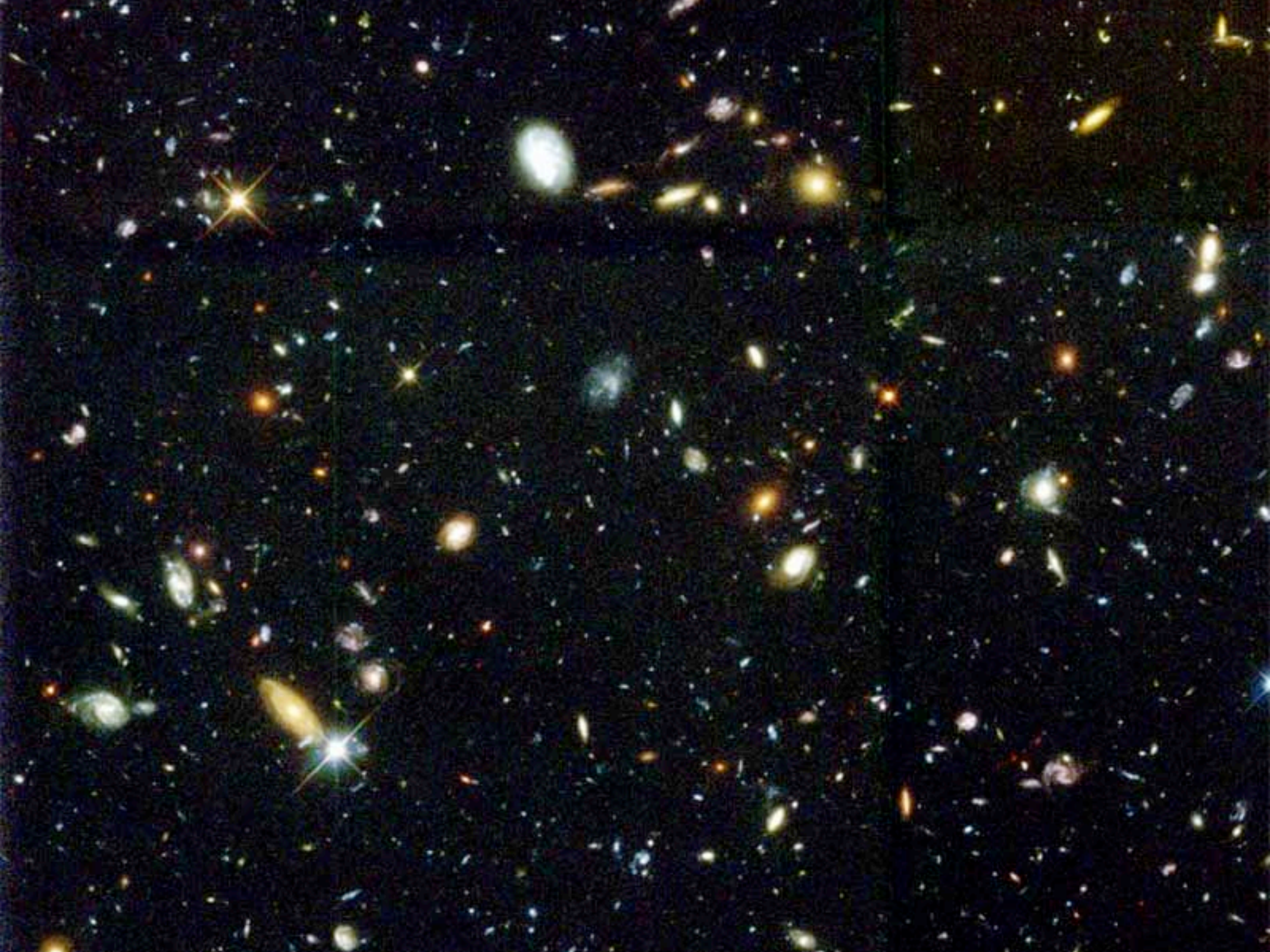
Galactic evolutionary effects

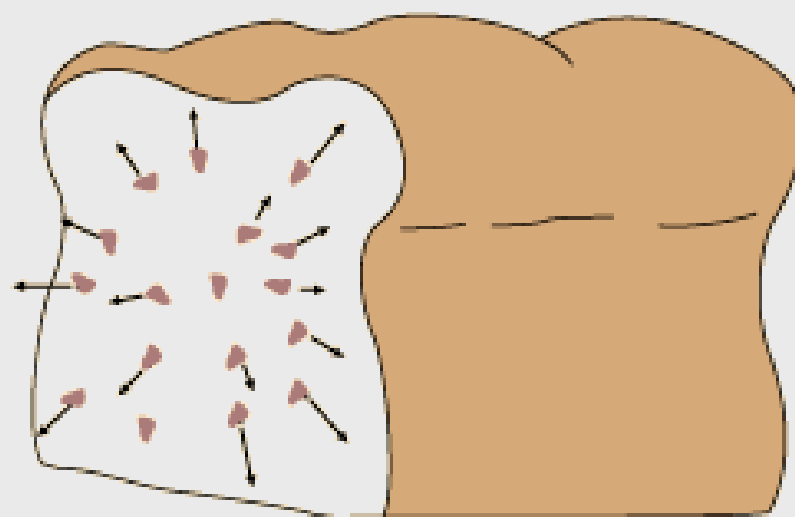
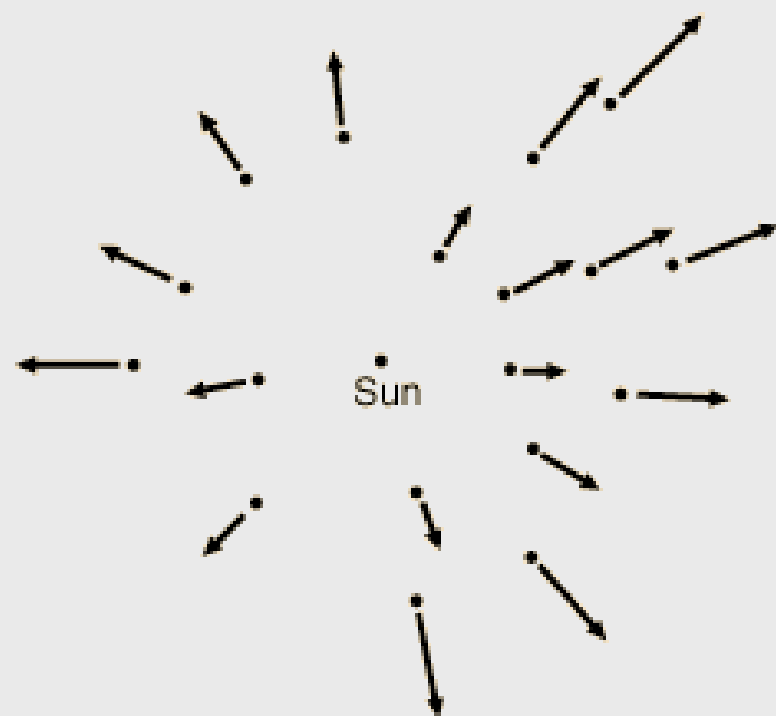
Cosmic Background Radiation

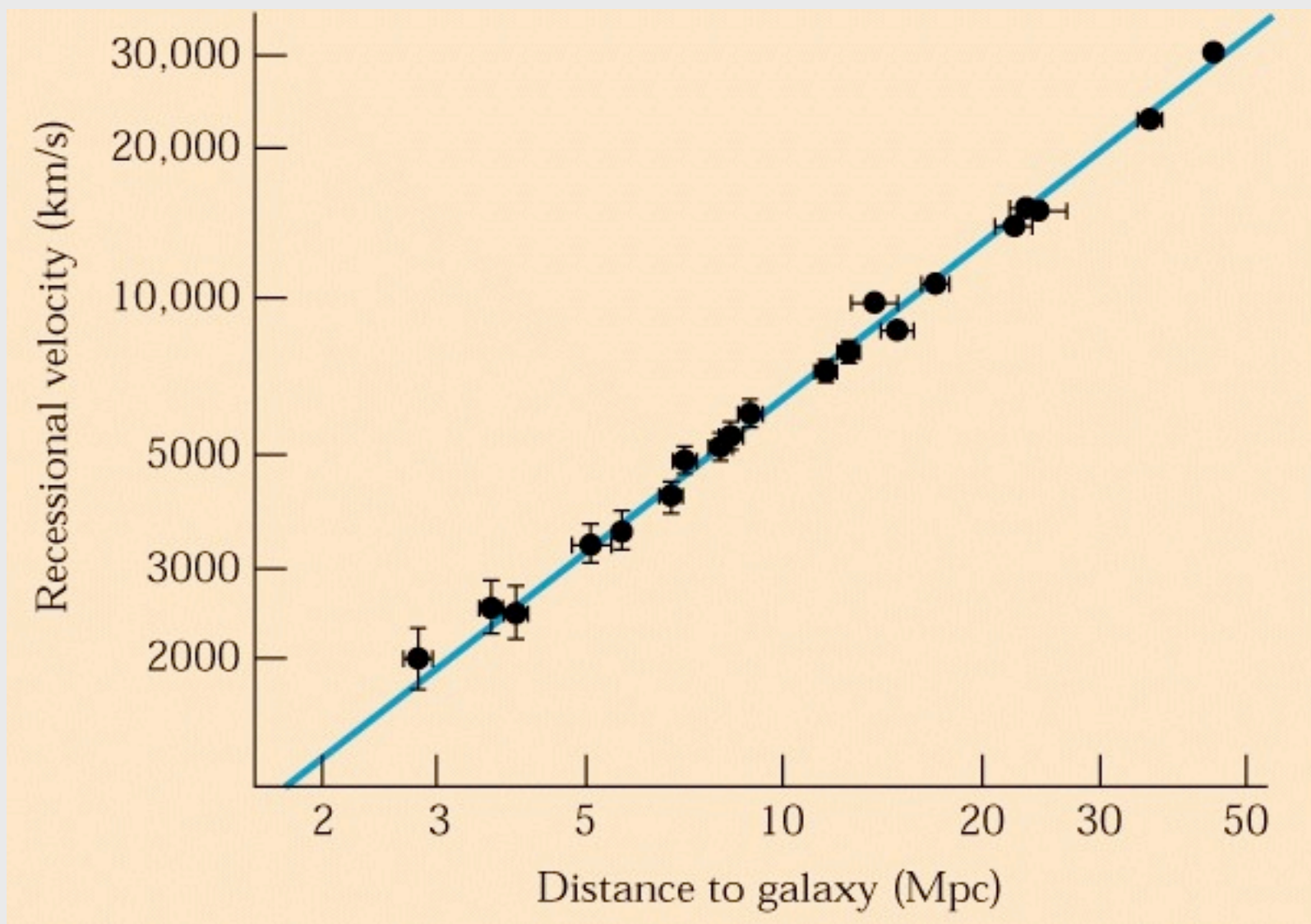
Stellar structure and evolution

Big bang physics

(at least back to cosmological nucleosynthesis)

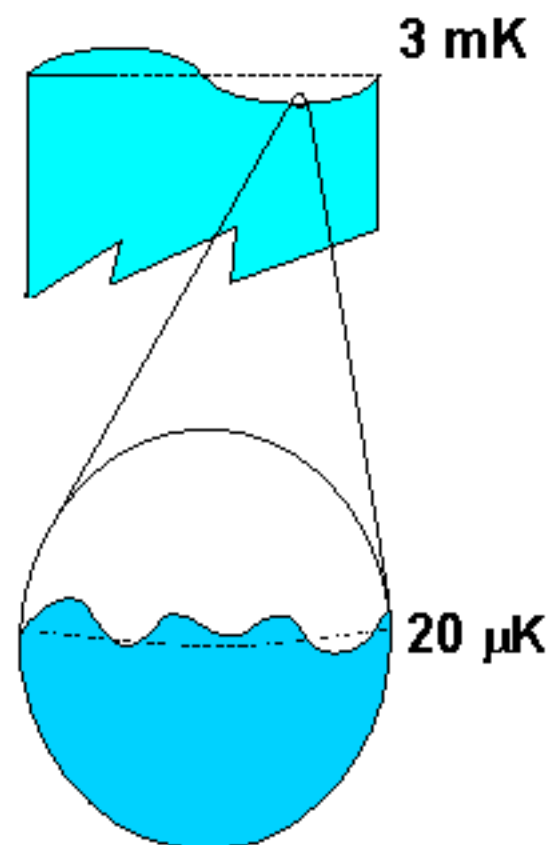
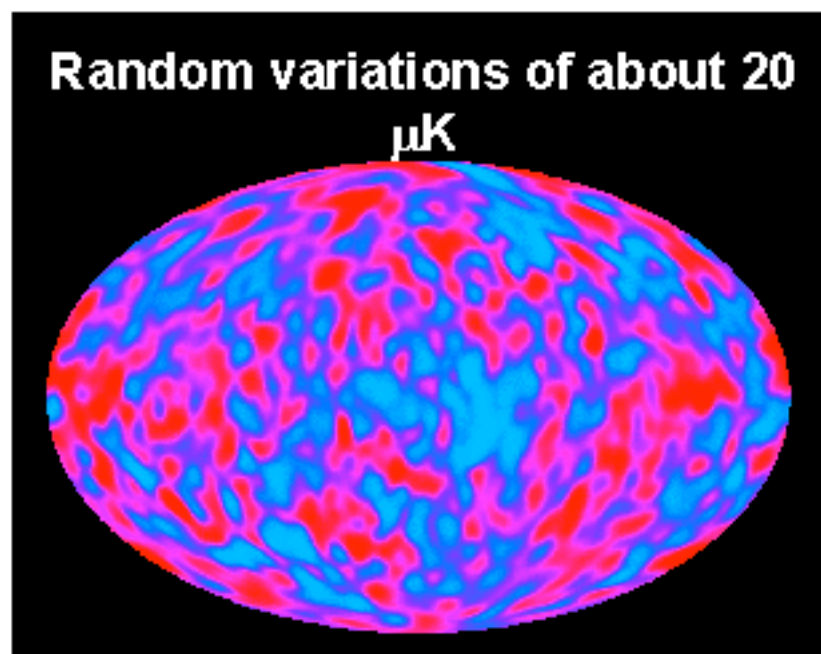








EVEN SMALLER VARIATIONS IN T_{CBR}

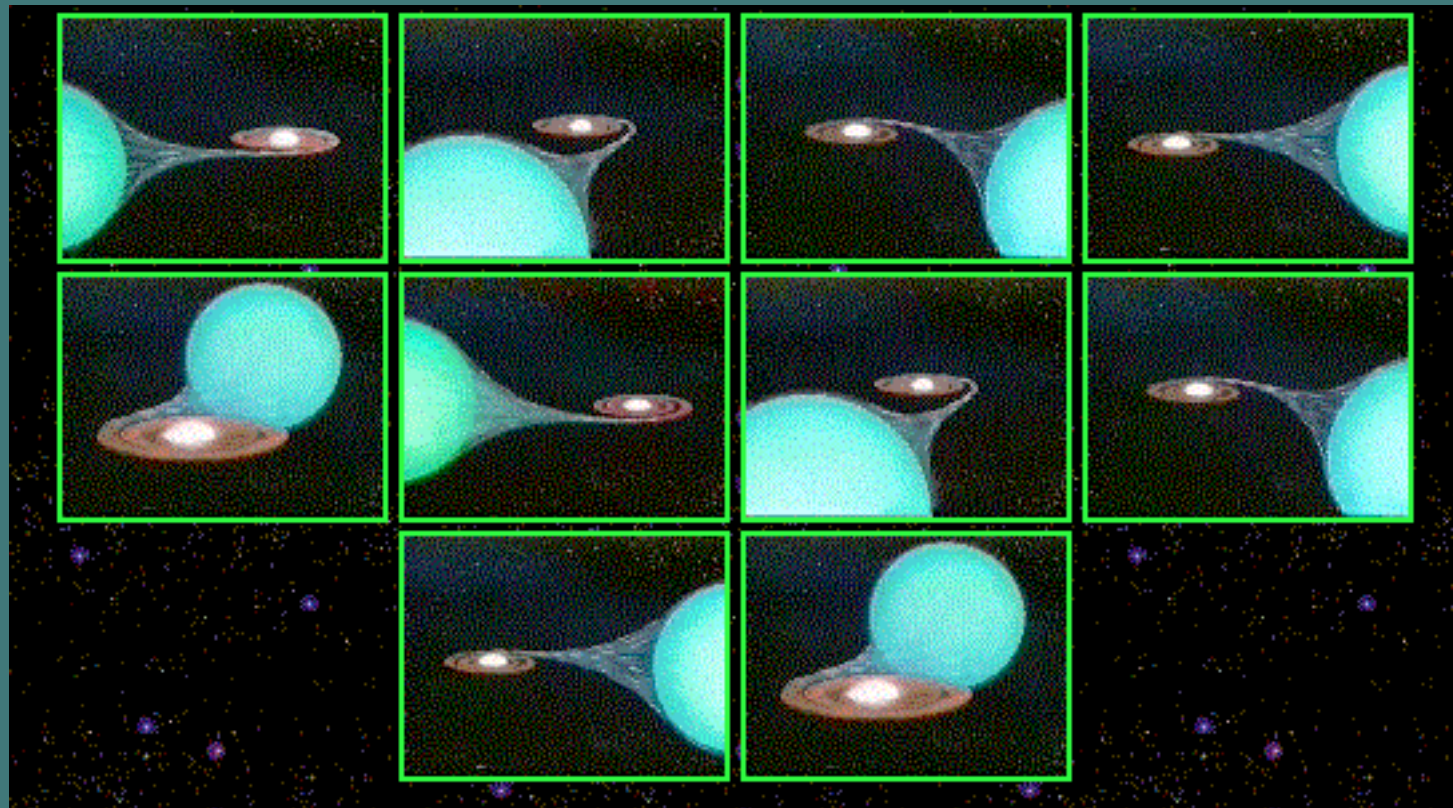


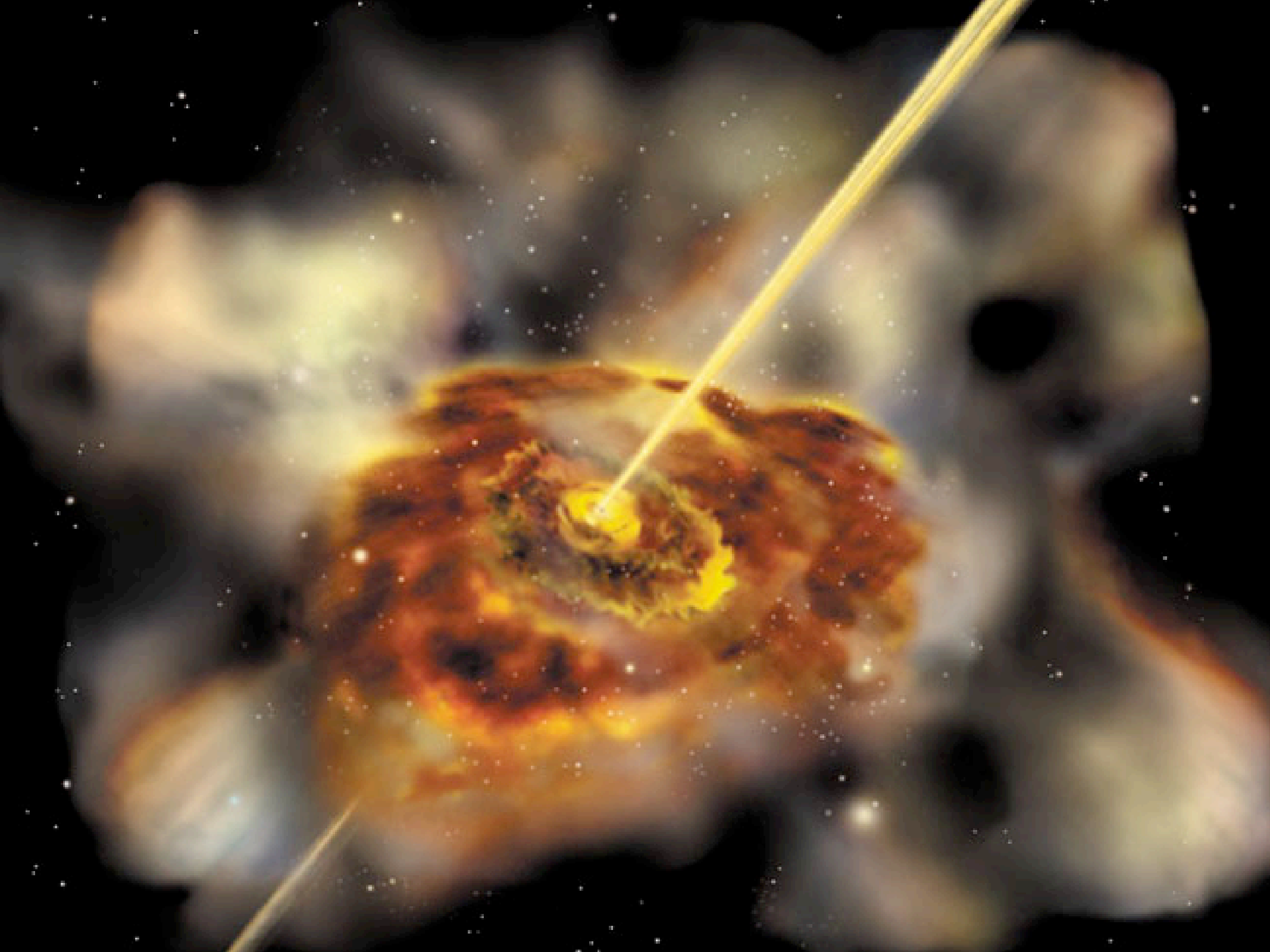




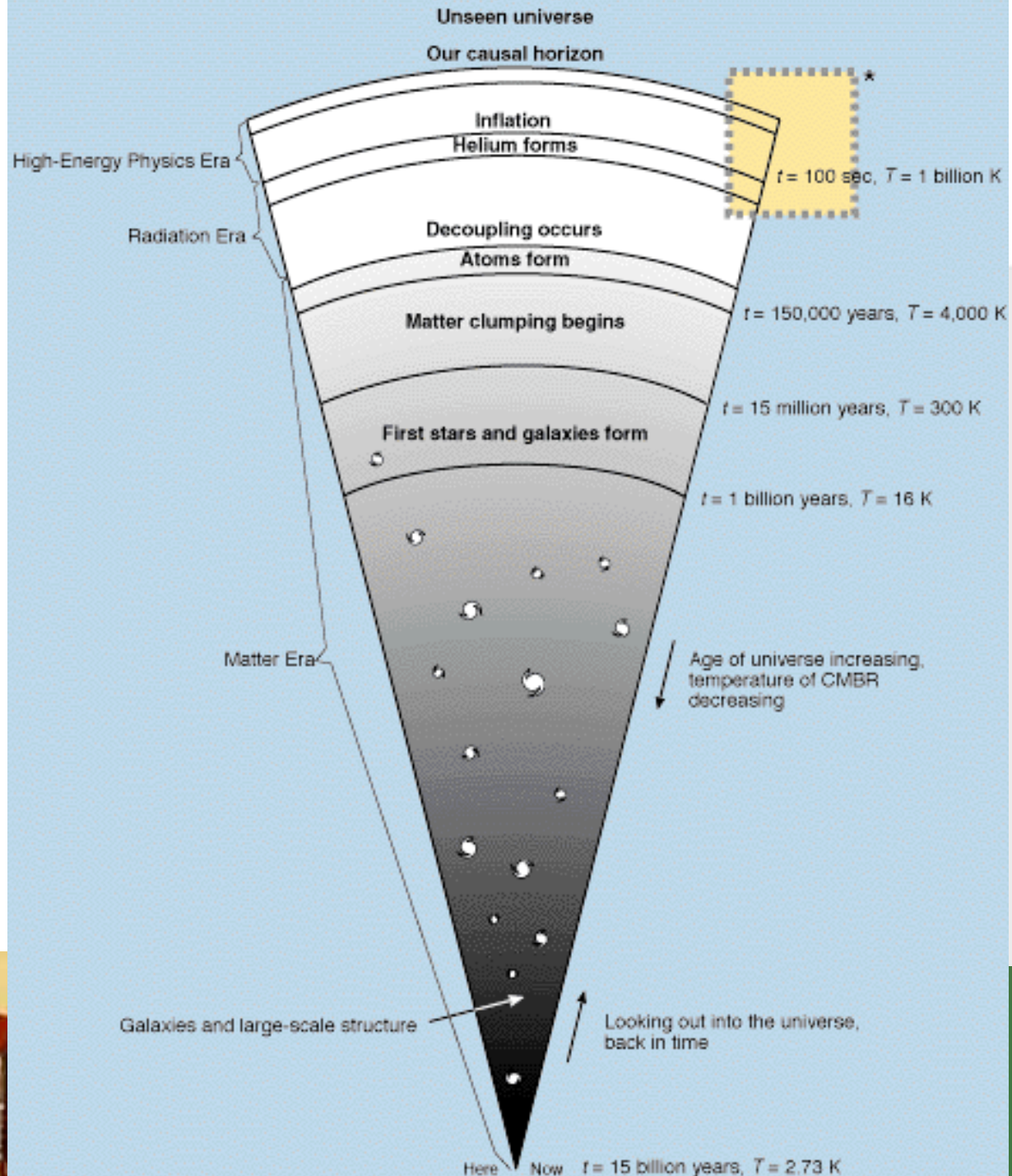








The Cosmic Picture

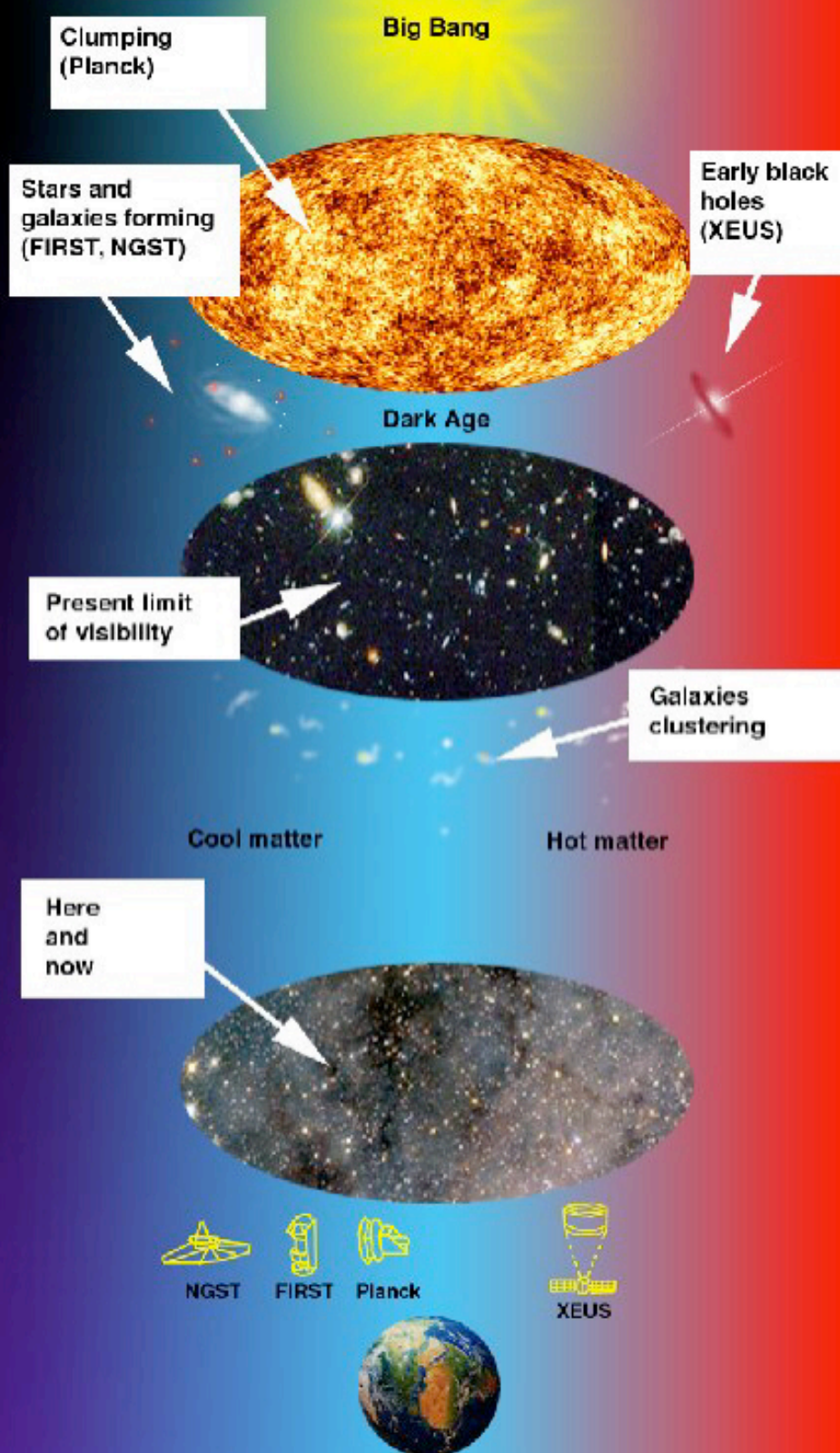


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o te Ūpoko o te Ika a Māui*





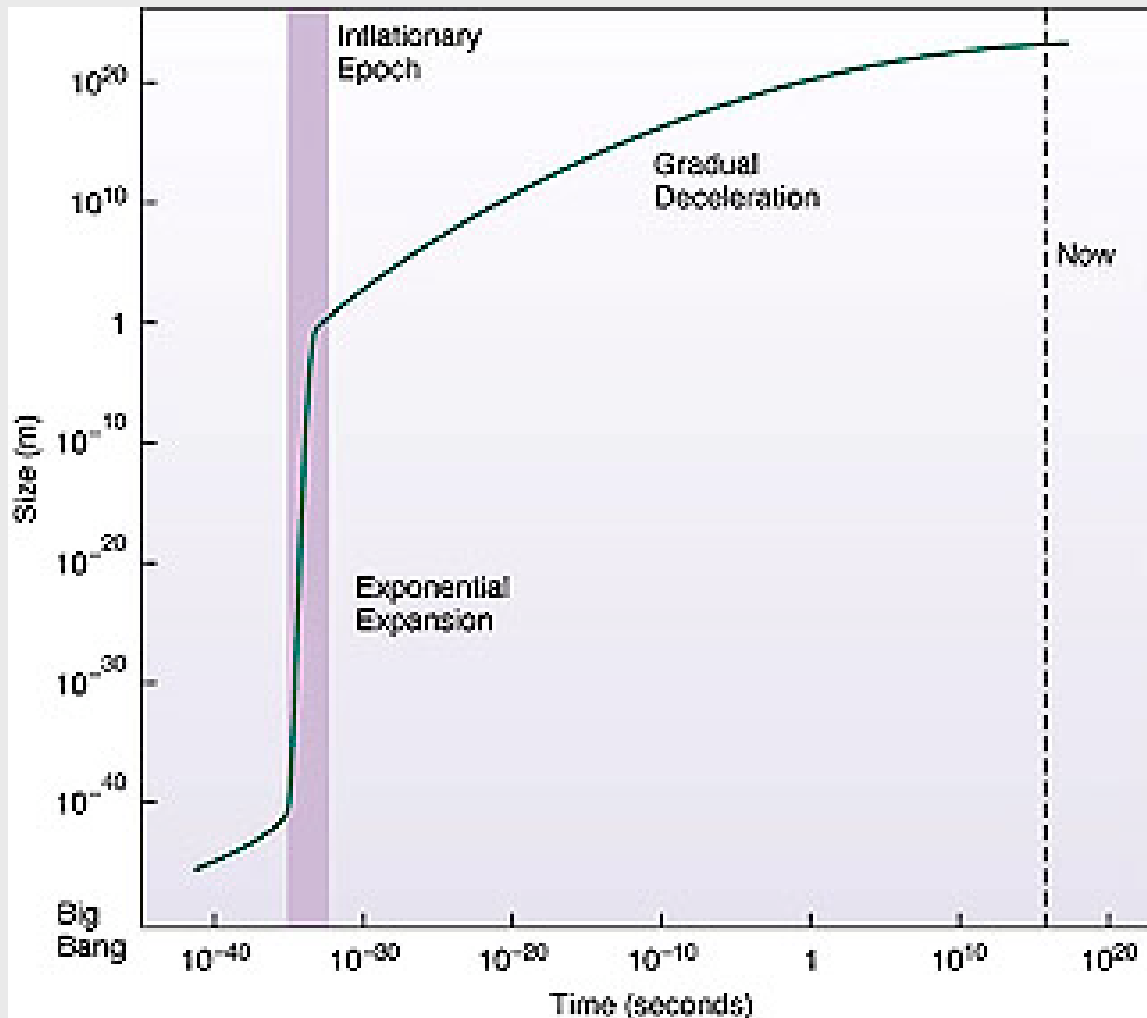
What parts of cosmology are firm?

Cosmological inflation

Galaxy-galaxy correlations

Large-scale structure

Fractal universe?



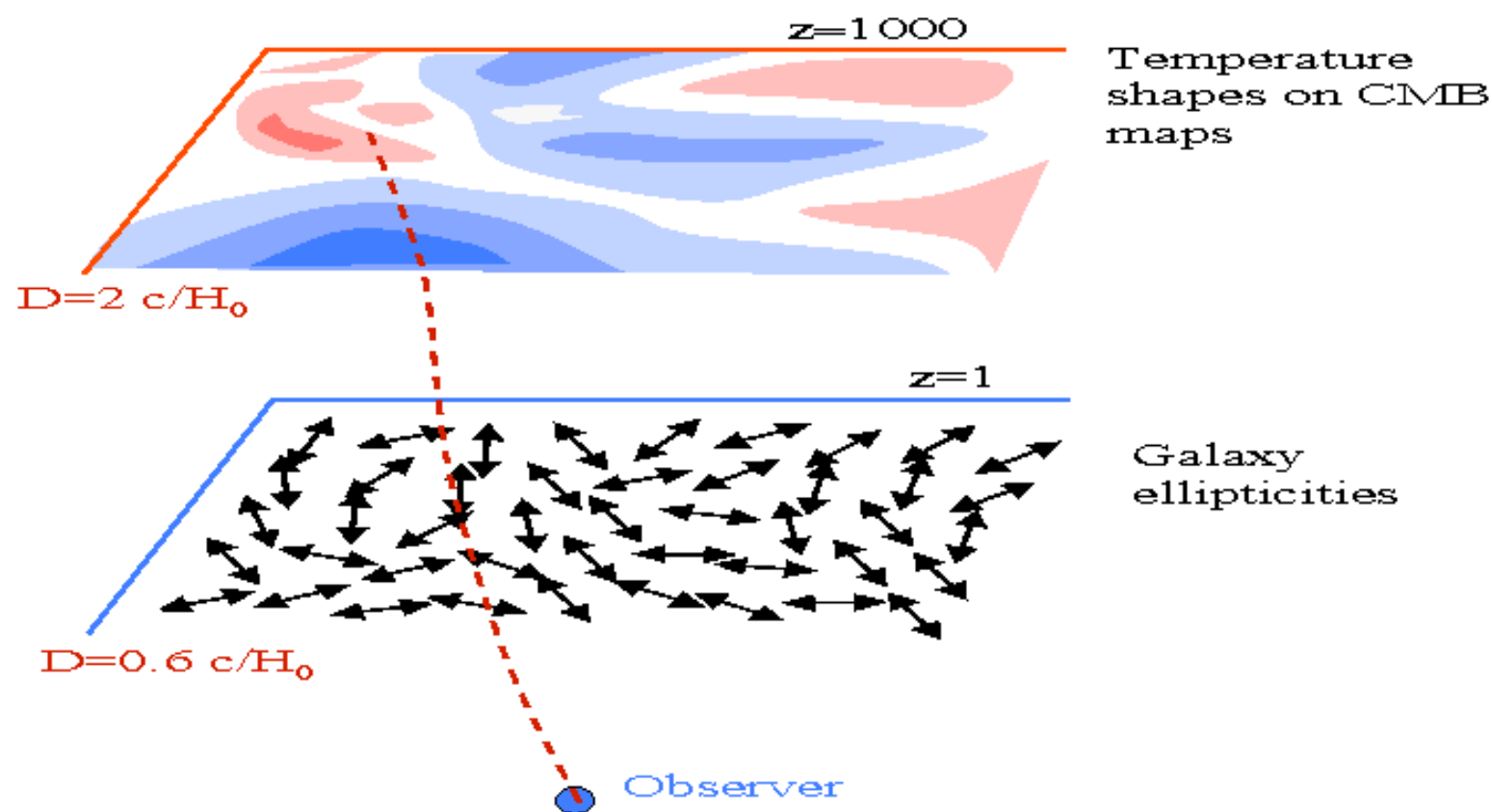
Cosmological
inflation.

The effect is almost
certainly real.

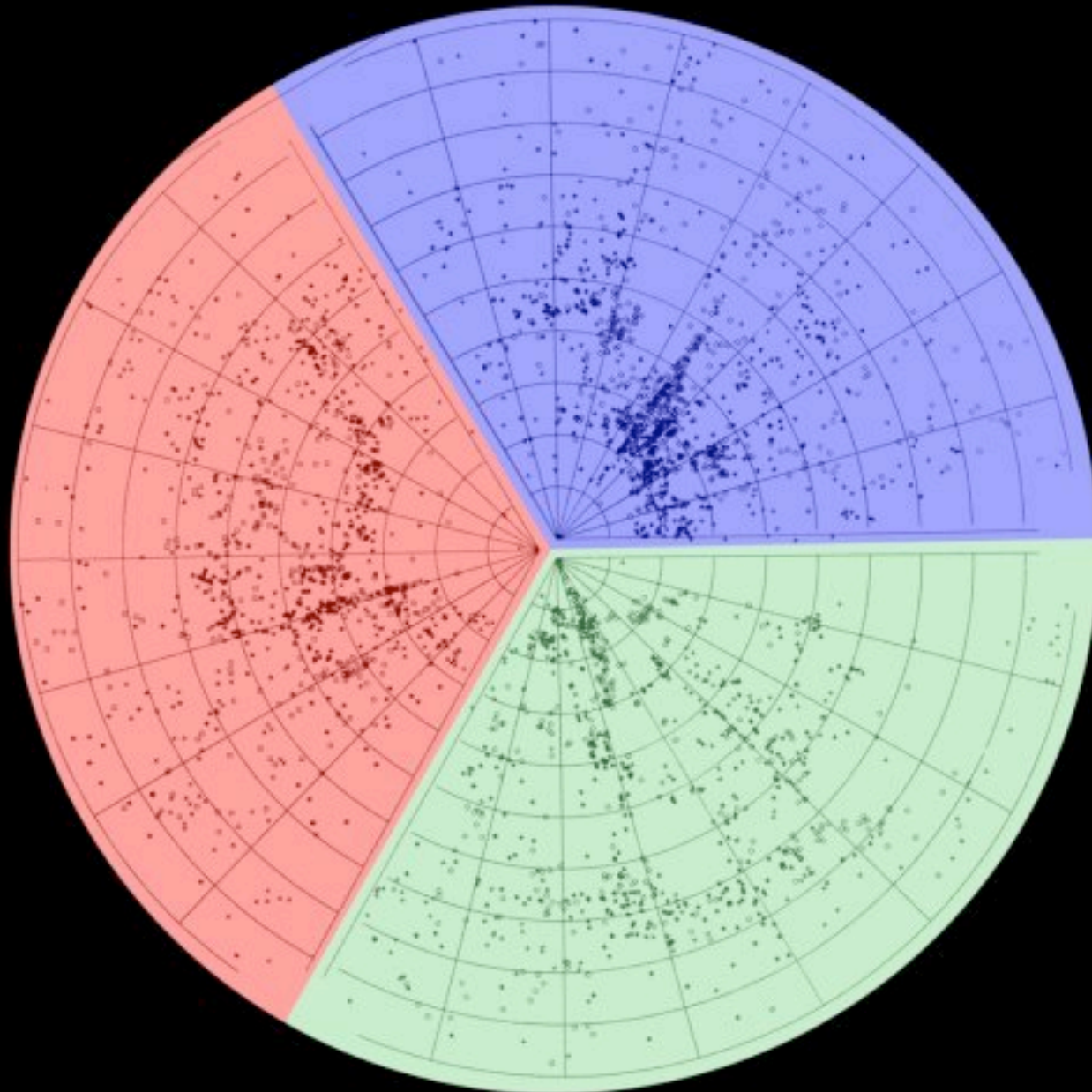
The cause?



Galaxy-CMB shape correlations



Is there a significant amount of correlation?



Two of these are
simulations of galaxy
distributions,
one is observational
data...



Chain of galaxies



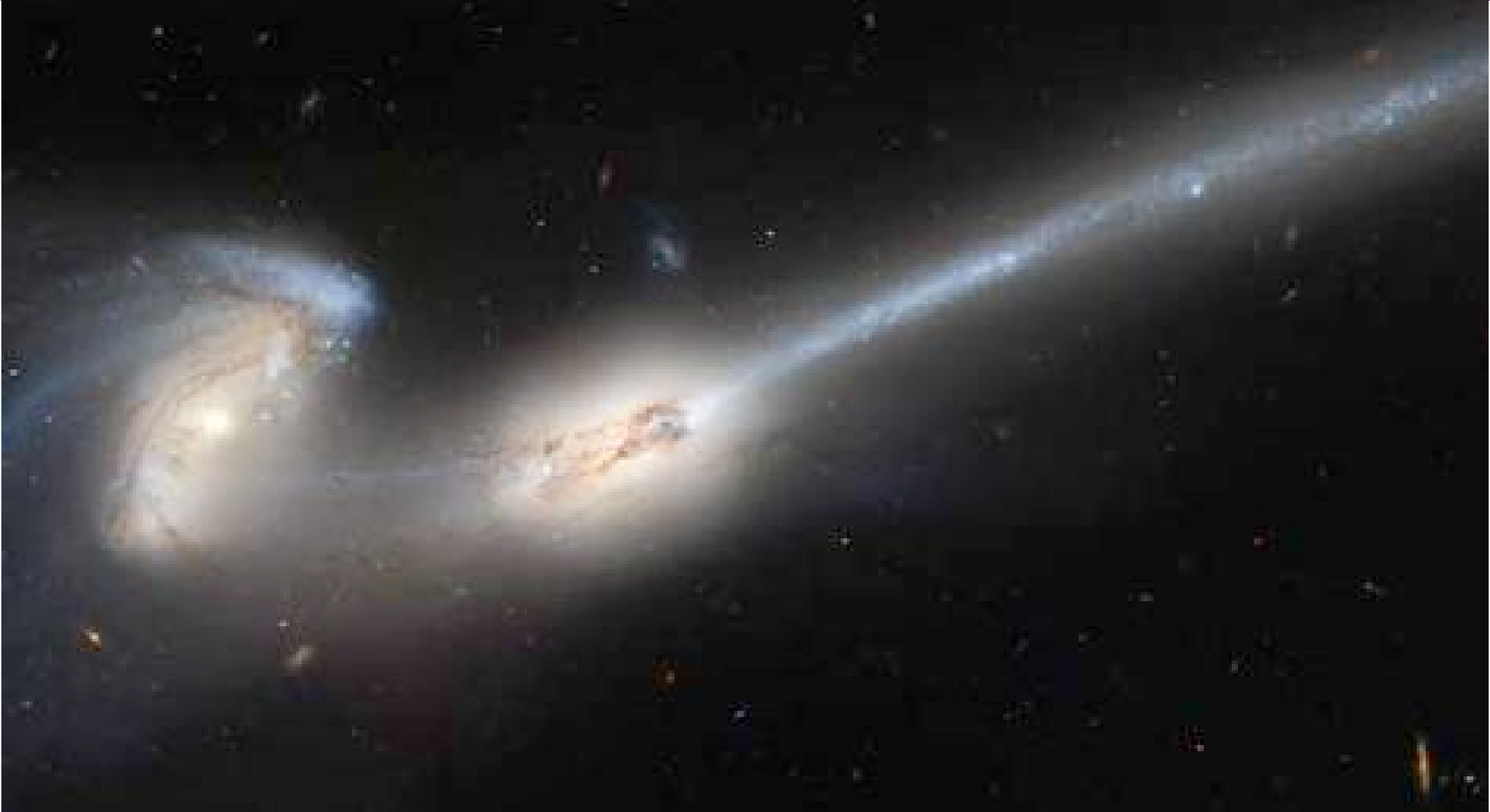


Tadpole galaxy





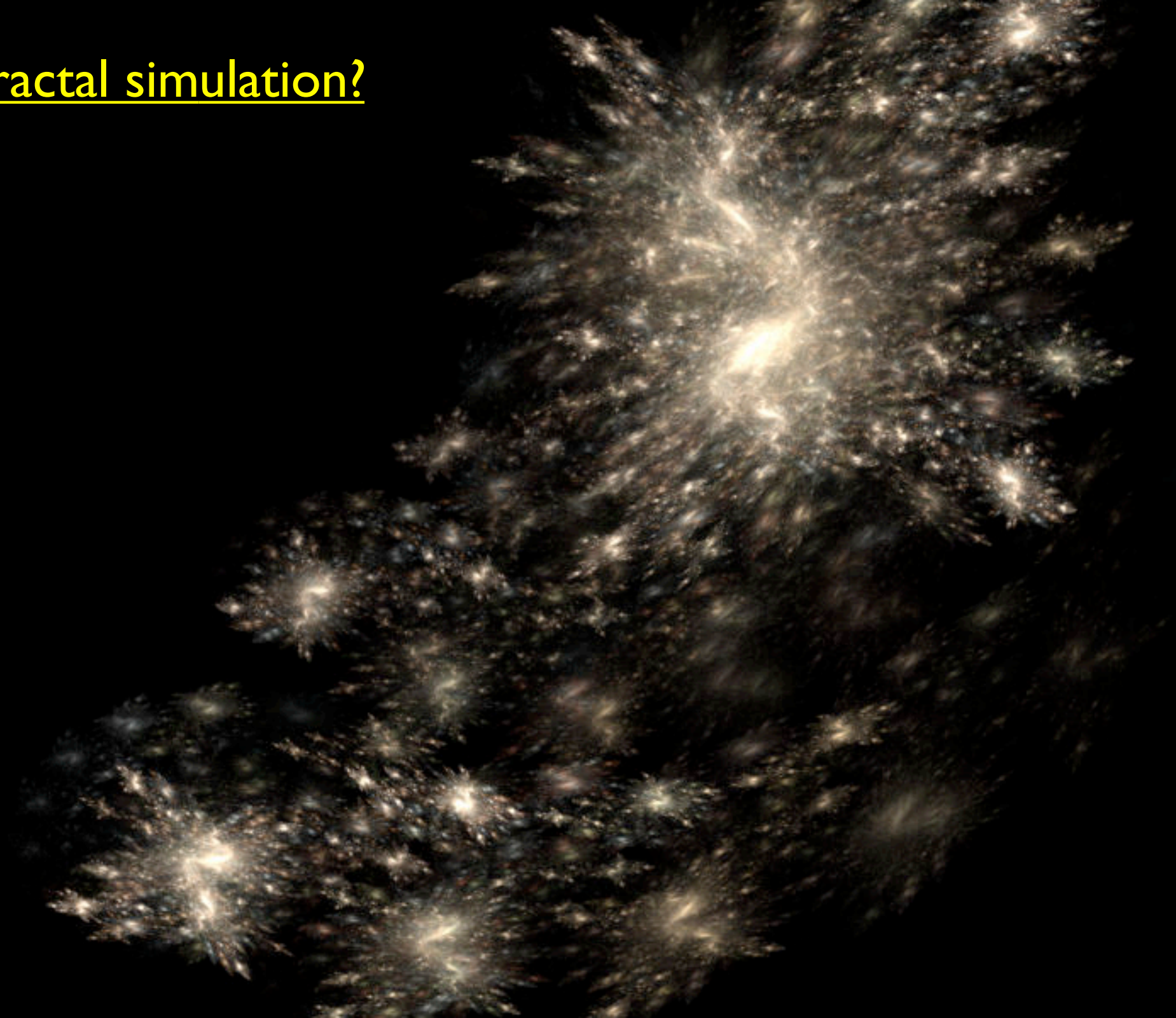
Mice



There's more to structure than just galaxies!



Fractal simulation?



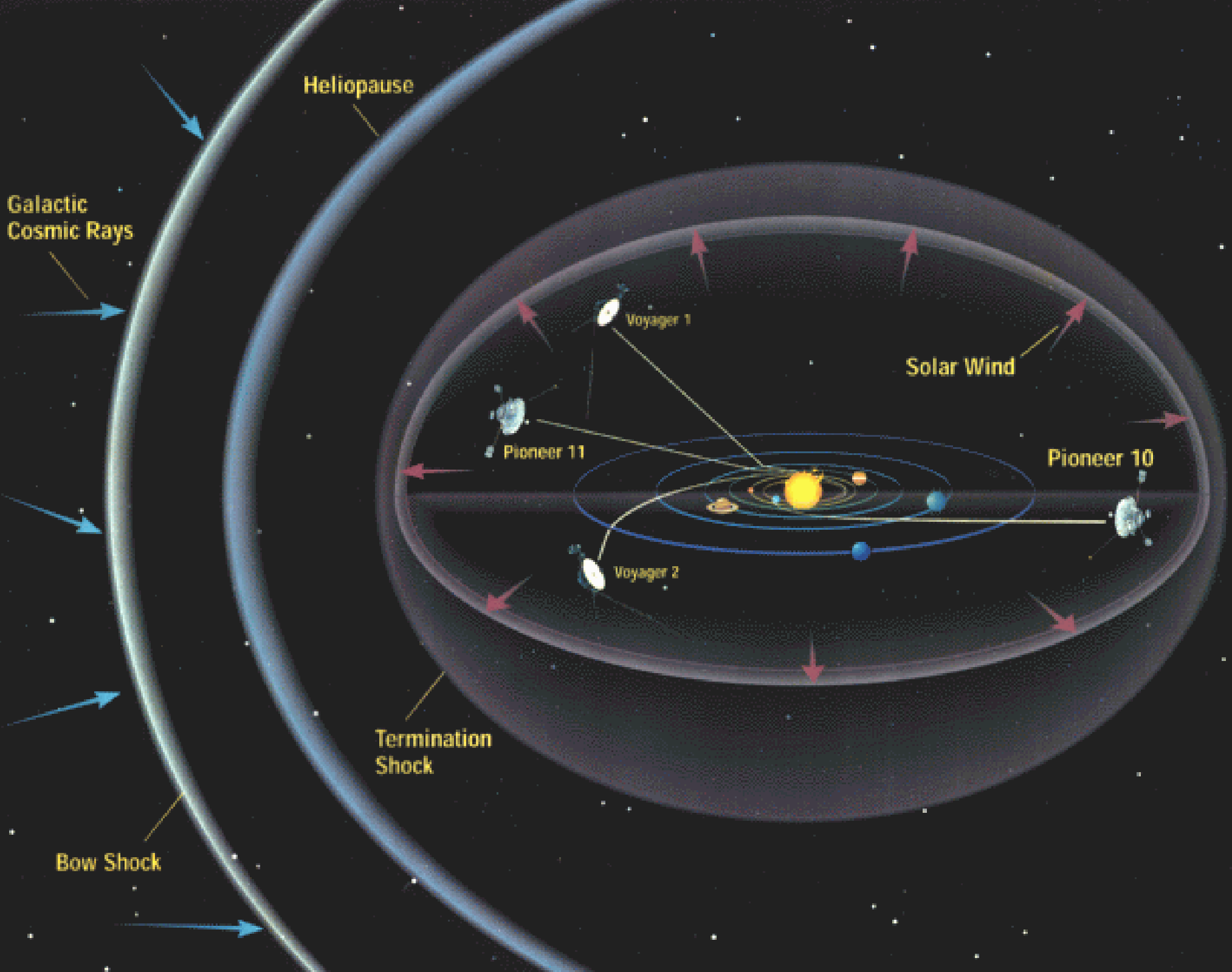
Where are the bodies buried?

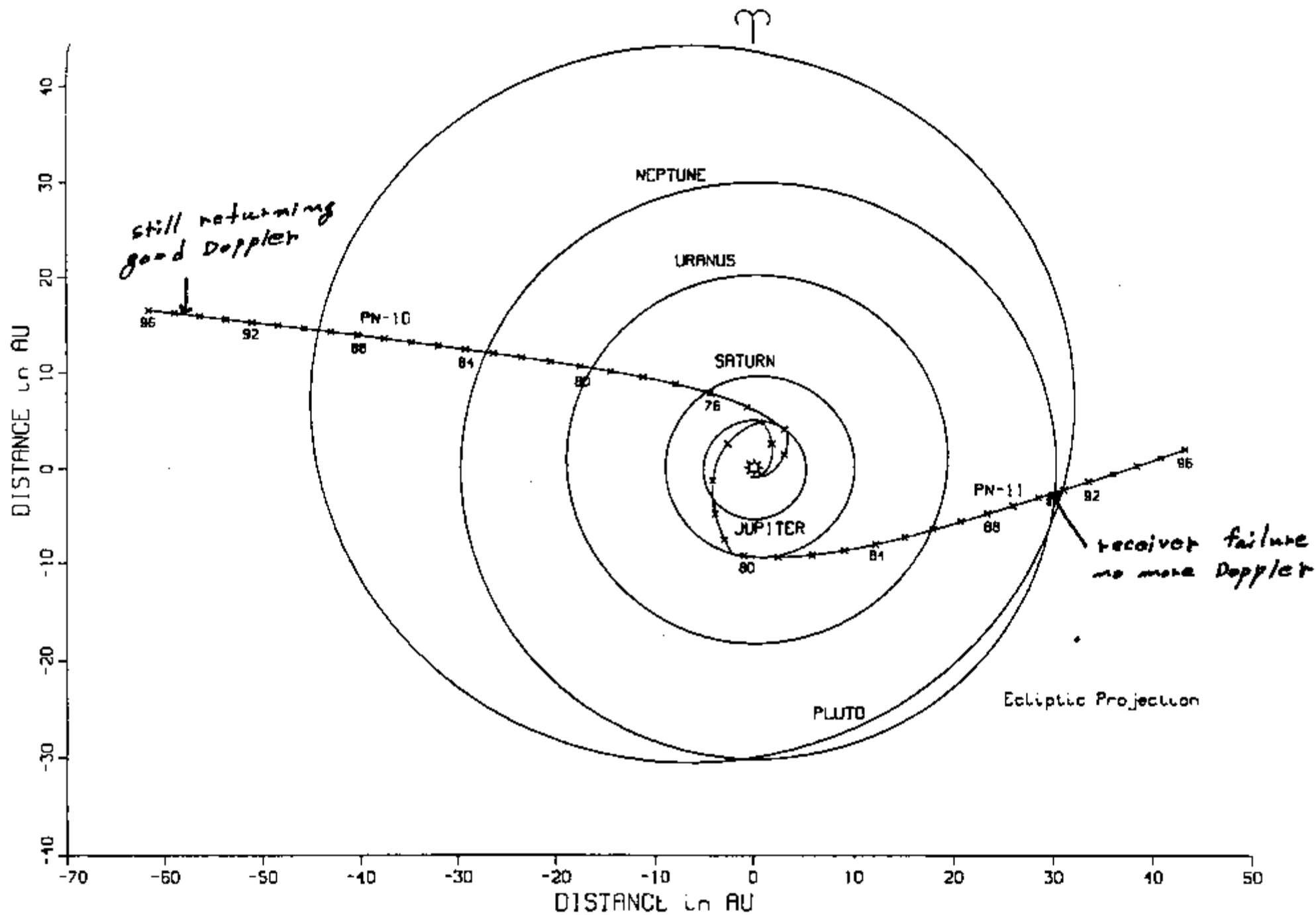
Pioneer anomaly

Dark matter

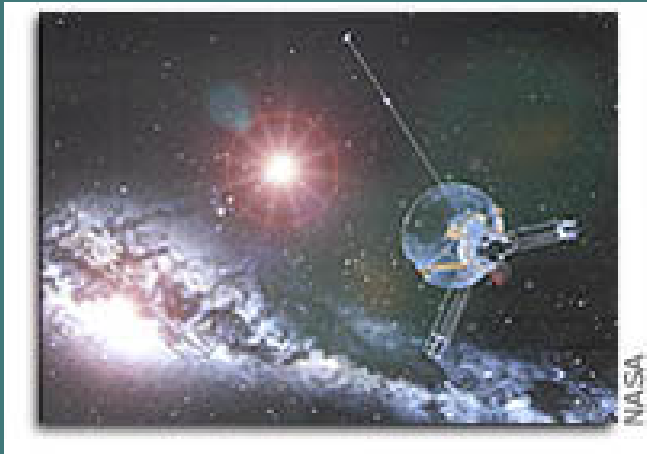
Dark energy

Overall mass-energy budget





Pioneer anomaly?



Pioneer 10 and 11 have been tracked for about 30 years.

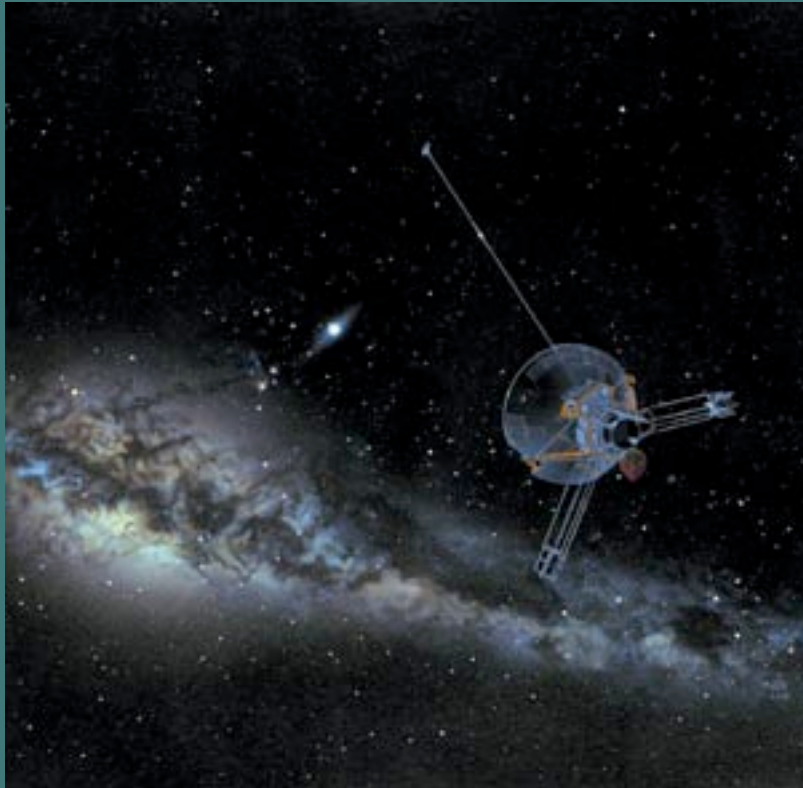
They are not quite doing what we expect.

Small “anomalous” acceleration.

Directed toward the Sun.

Magnitude: $a_{\text{anomalous}} \approx c H_0$

Pioneer anomaly?



Say what?

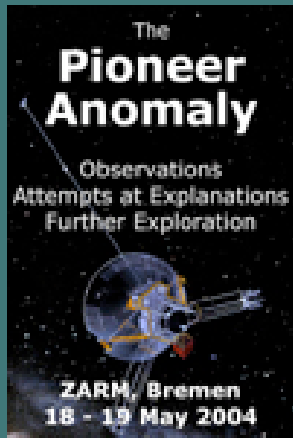
What's the Hubble parameter doing in solar system physics?

There's no really good model for what is going on.

It could just be noise: $a_{\text{anomalous}} \approx 10^{-9} \text{ m s}^{-2} \approx 10^{-10} g$

But if it's real, it's just plain weird...

Pioneer anomaly?



People are still very puzzled...

Breakdown of inverse square law at solar system scales?

$$F = G m m' / r^2 + m' a_P + \dots ?$$

$$a_P = (8.74 \pm 1.33) \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm/s}^2$$

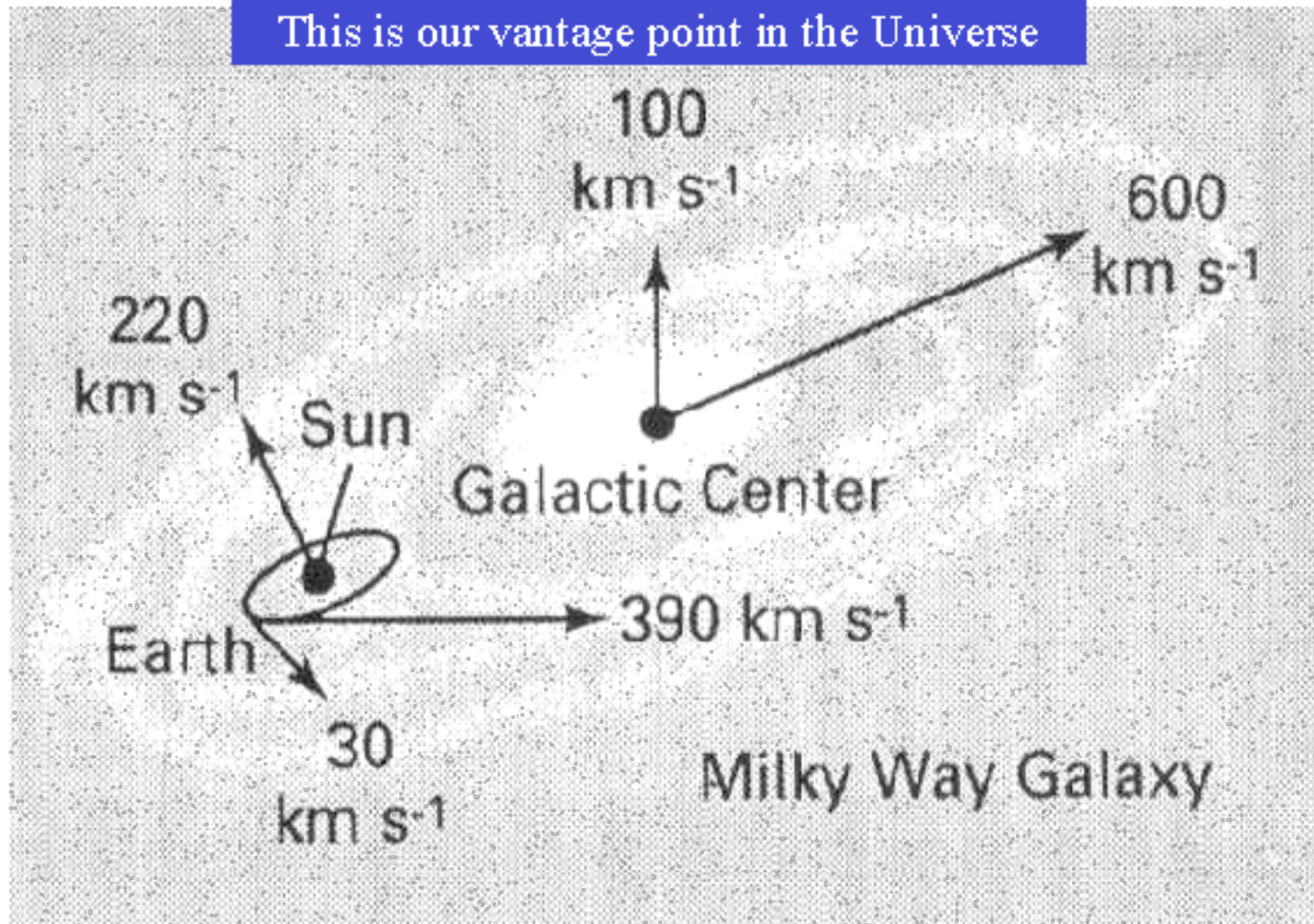
Dark matter?

AKA: Galactic “missing mass”

Buzz phrase: Galaxy rotation curves



This is our vantage point in the Universe

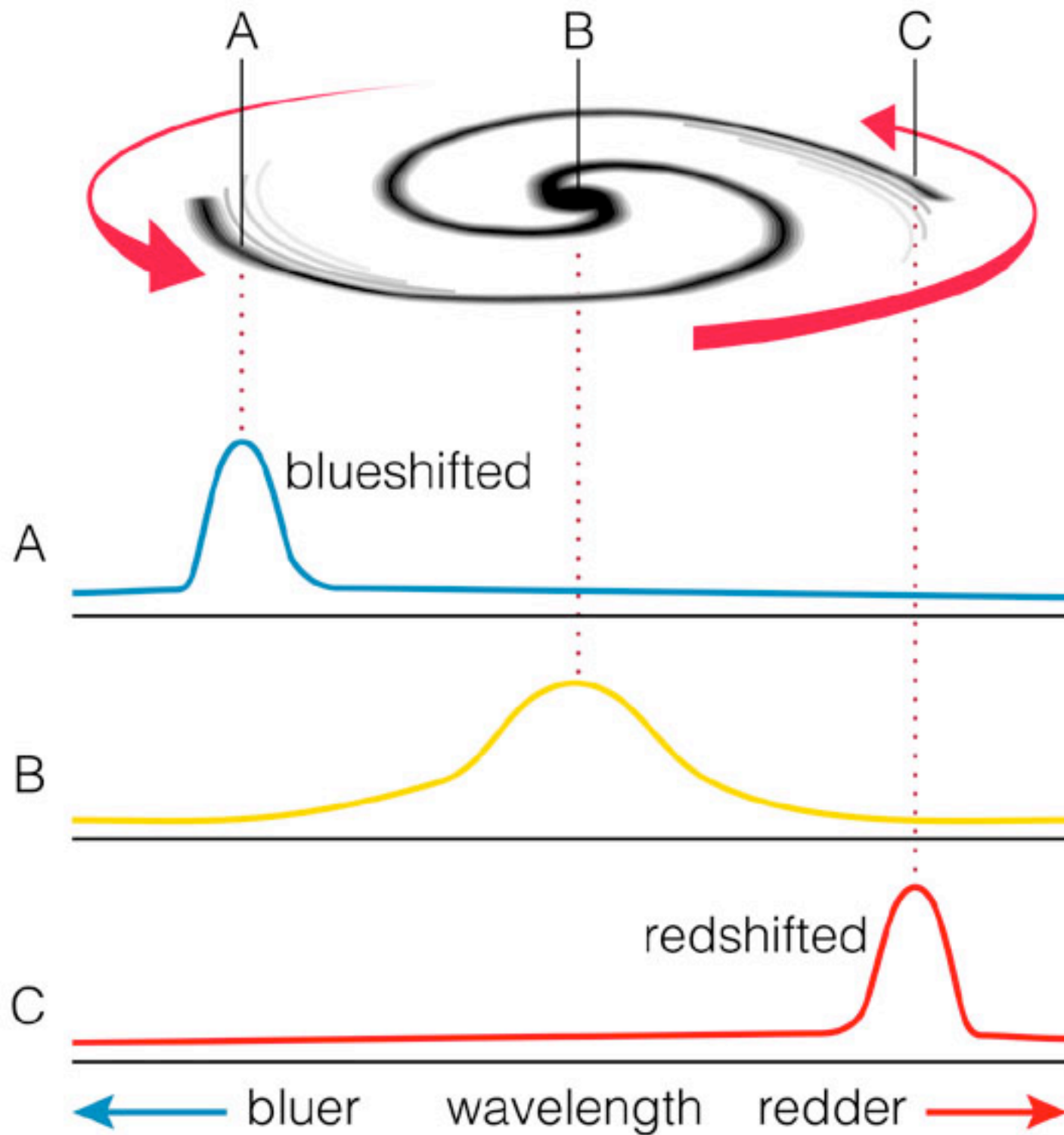


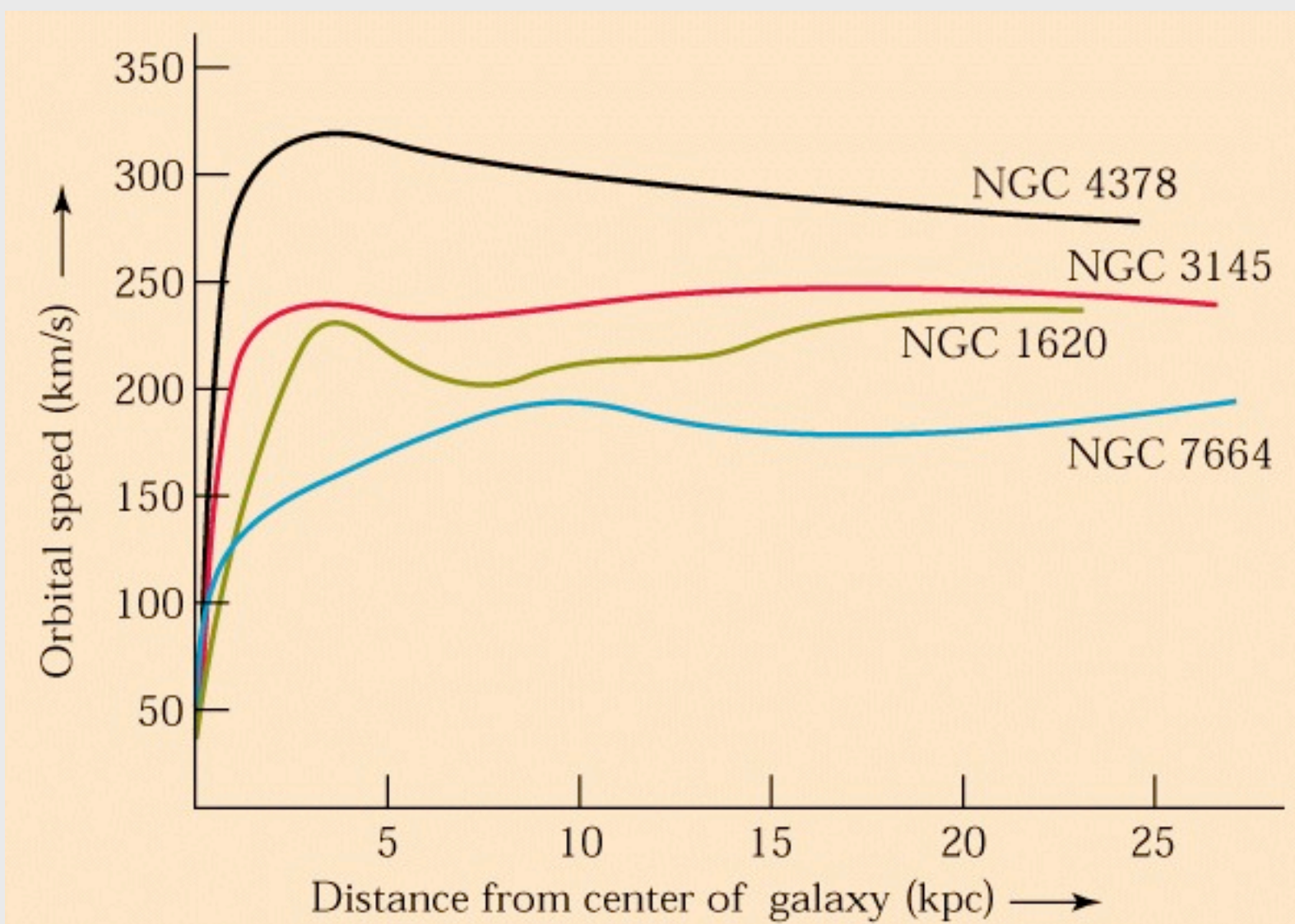


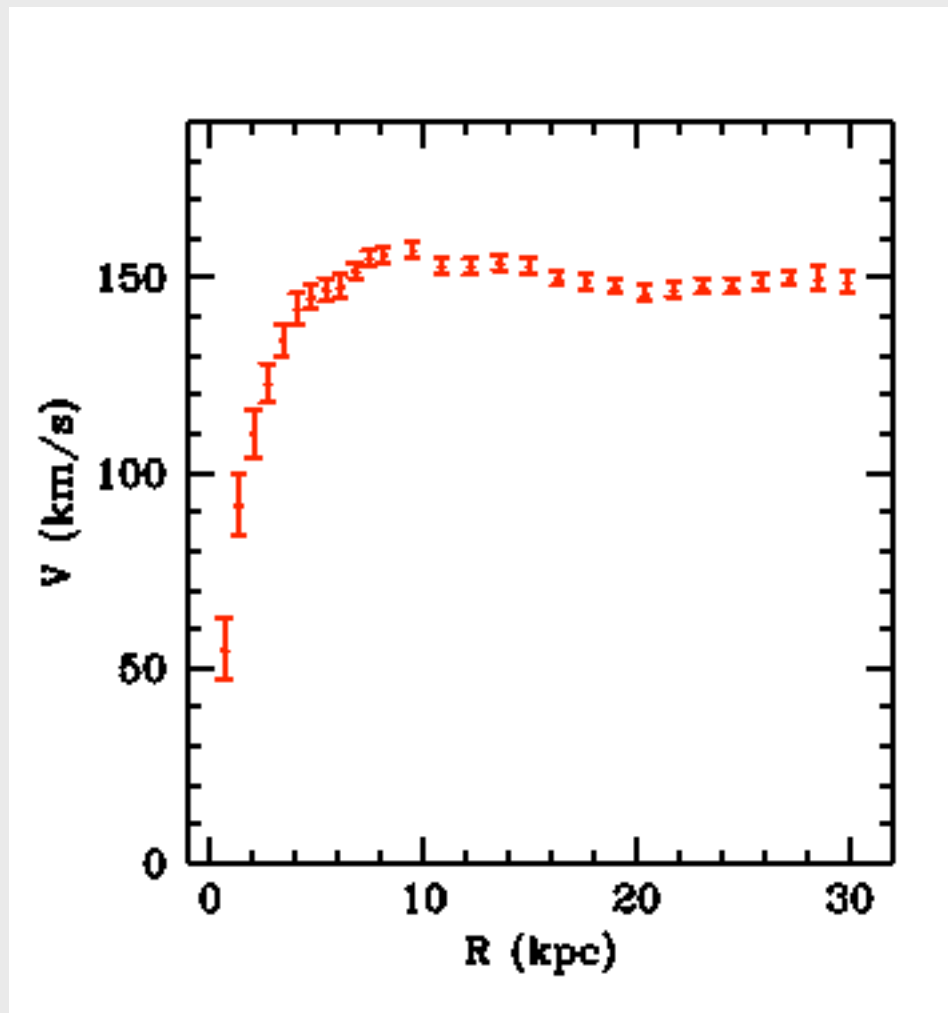
Andromeda galaxy



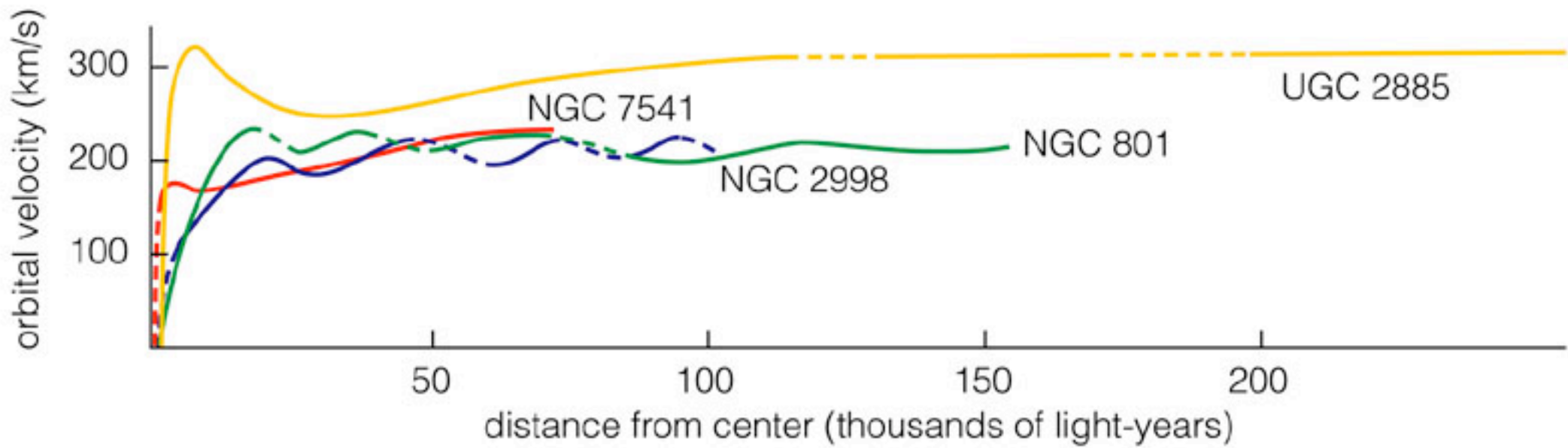
Magellanic clouds

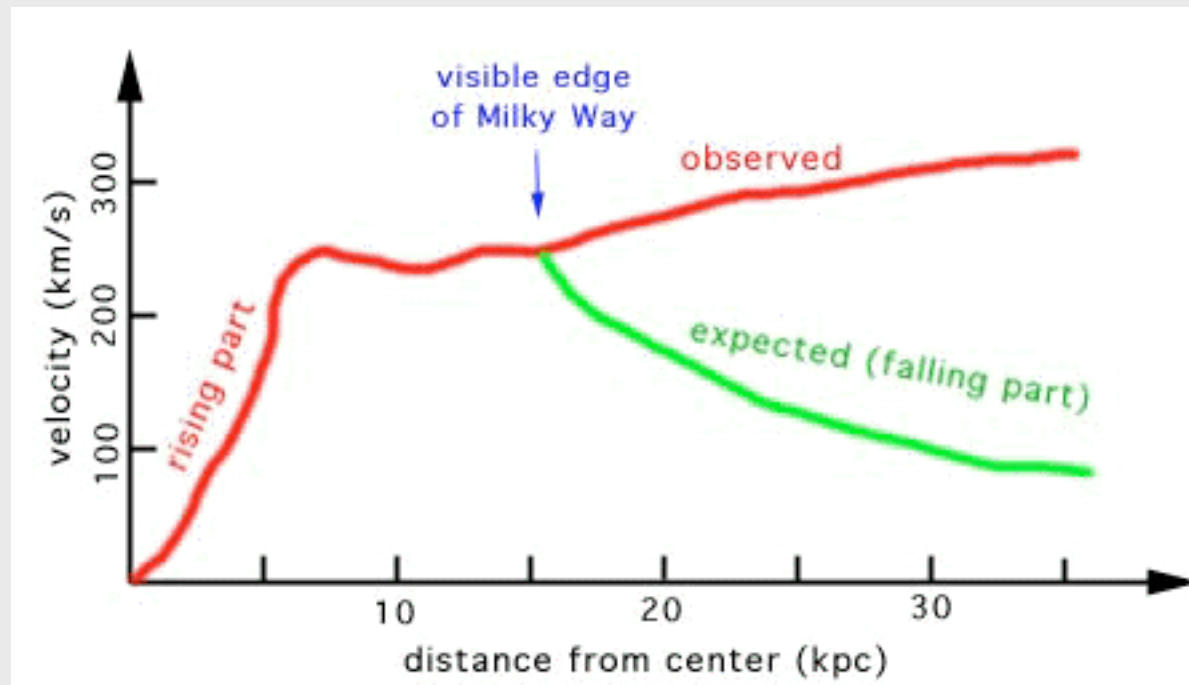




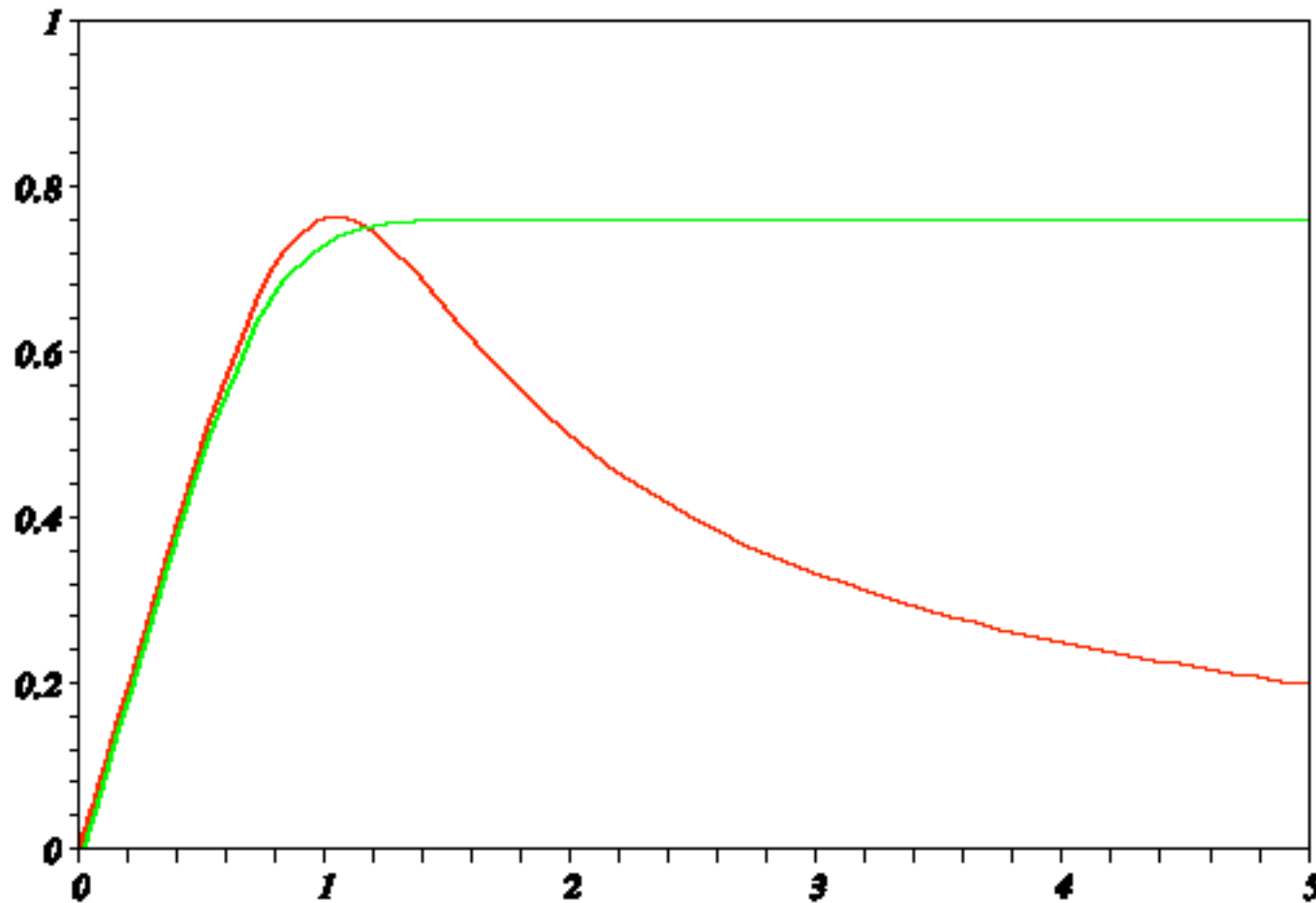


NGC3198





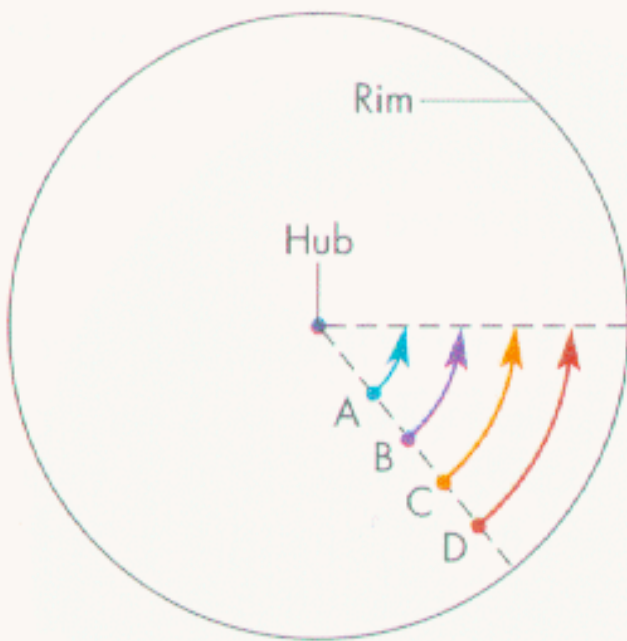
Our own galaxy --- the Milky way --- shows the same effect.



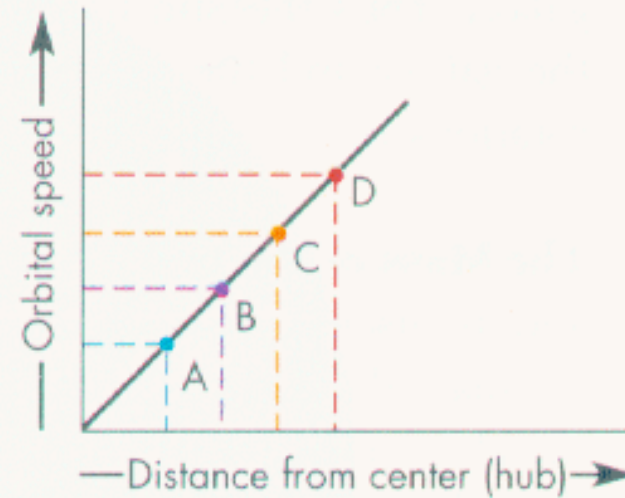
Observed:
Approximately
constant

Expected:
Kepler falloff

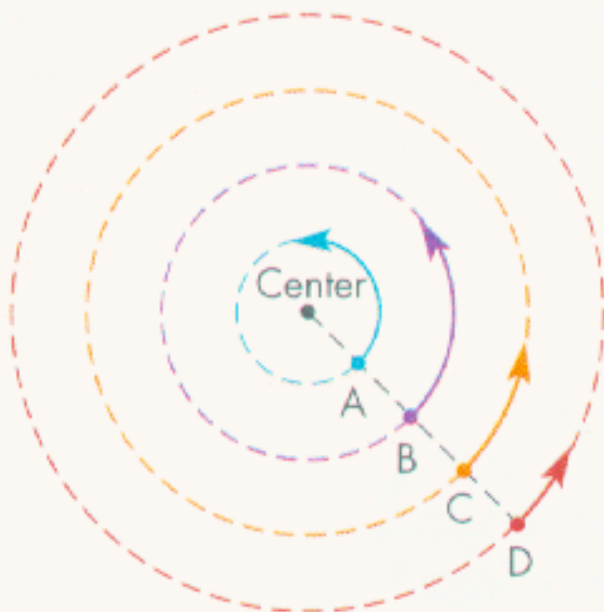
Schematic galaxy rotation curve



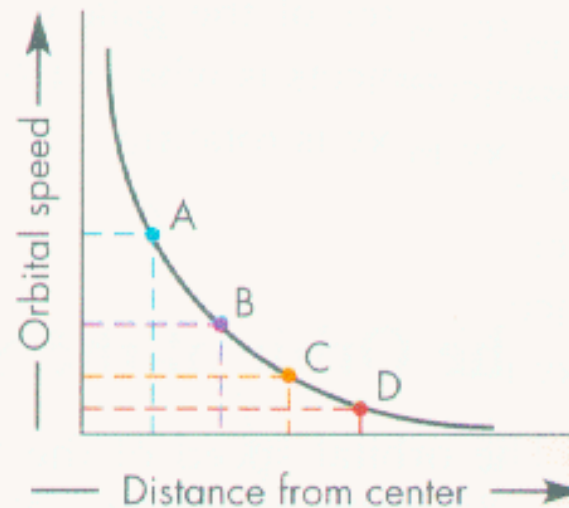
Wheel-like rotation



**Rotation curve for
wheel-like rotation**



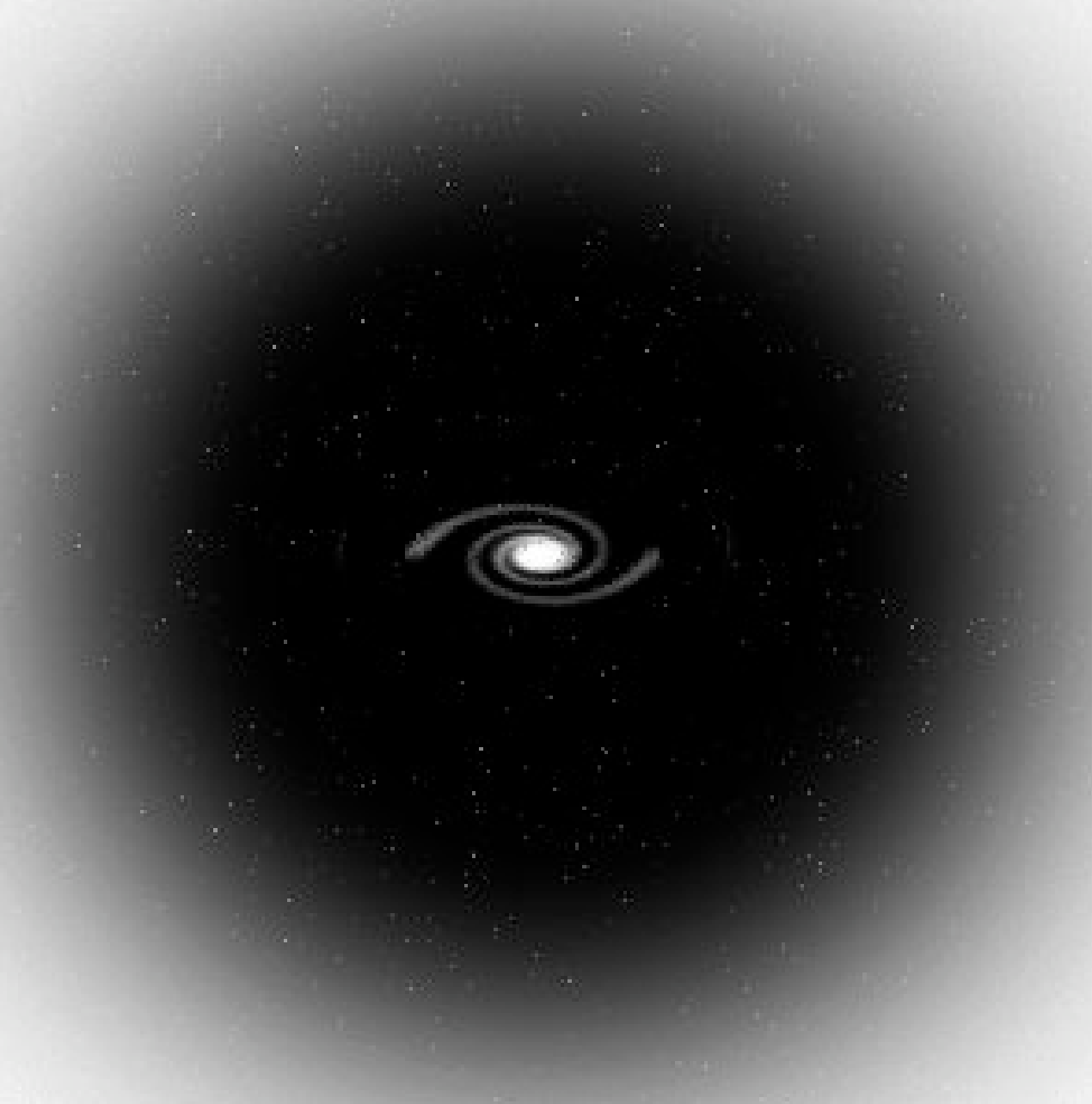
Planet-like rotation



**Rotation curve for
planet-like rotation**

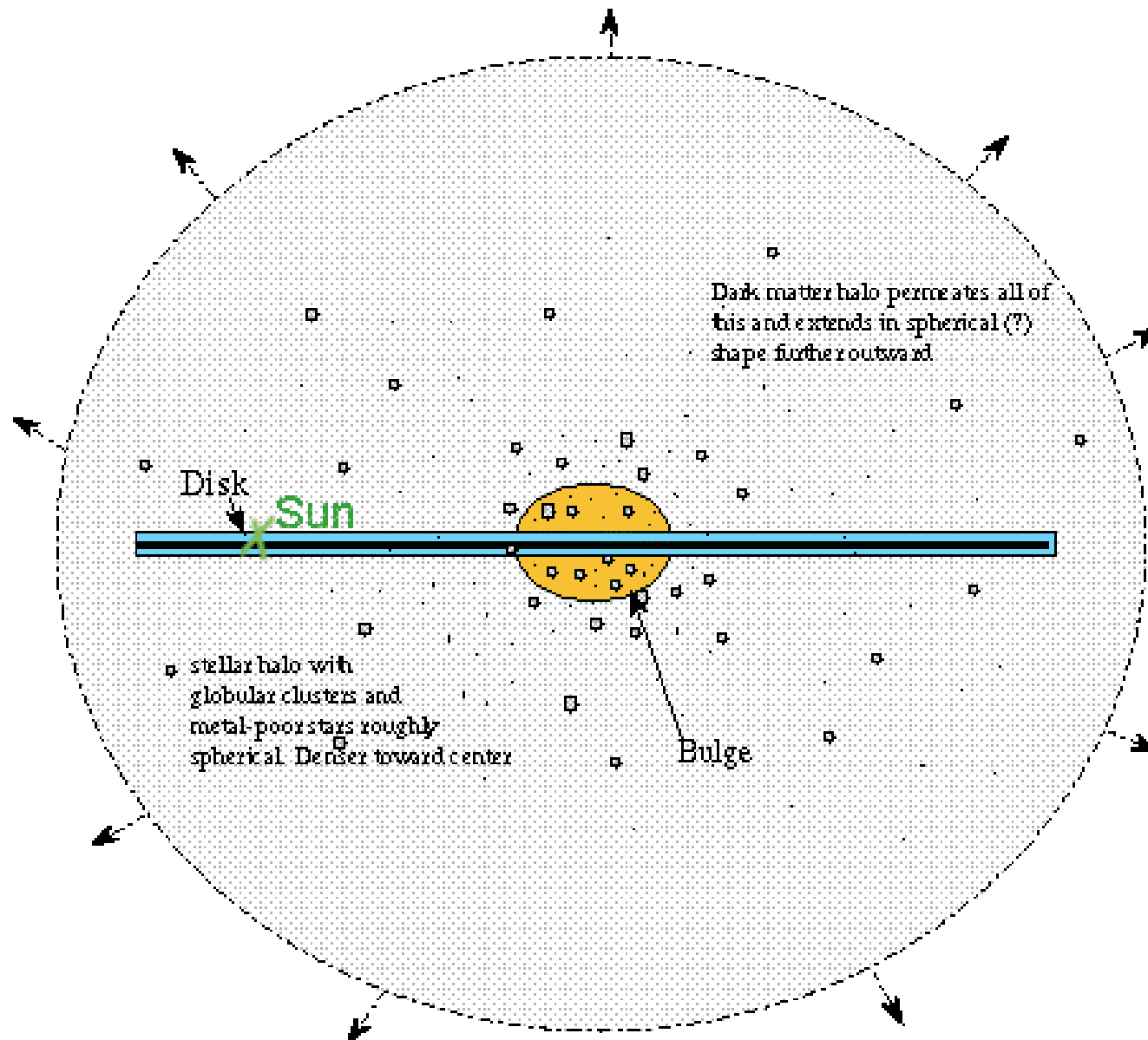
We do see this in
the galactic core

We expect this,
but don't see this,
in the galactic disk



What a spiral galaxy
really looks like....

Dark matter halo
out to beyond the
visible disk



Density falloff:

$$1/r^2$$

But what is the dark matter?

Nobody knows

Dark matter?

Dark matter makes up about 90% of the mass of typical spiral galaxies

We only detect it through its gravitational effects

As yet we have no direct verification of its existence

Possibilities:

Massive neutrinos

Axions

Wimps

Sparticles

Bose condensates



Axion (invisible axion):
mysterious particle beloved
by particle physicists





SUSY:

Particles and Sparticles

Matter particles and their proposed superpartners		Force particles and their proposed superpartners	
Particle Name	Superpartner Particle	Particle Name	Superpartner Particle
Quark	Squark	Graviton*	Gravitino
Neutrino	Sneutrino	$W^{+/-}$	$Wino^{+/-}$
Electron	Selectron	Z^0	Zino
Muon	Smuon	Photon	Photino
Tau	Stau	Gluon	Gluino
		Higgs* boson	Higgsino

Supersymmetry doubles the particle spectrum

The lightest susy-partner is likely to be stable



Wimps



Weakly interacting massive particles



Wimps

Suspect Relic	Mass	Origin t, T	Abundance cm^{-3}
Invisible Axion	10^{-5}eV	$10^{-30}\text{sec}, 10^{12}\text{GeV}$	10^9
Light Neutrino	30 eV	1 sec, 1 MeV	100
Photino—Gravitino	keV	$10^{-4}\text{sec}, 100\text{ MeV}$	10
Photino—Sneutrino— Neutralino—Axino— Heavy Neutrino	GeV	$10^{-3}\text{sec}, 10\text{ MeV}$	10^{-5}
Magnetic Monopoles	10^{16}GeV	$10^{-34}\text{sec}, 10^{14}\text{GeV}$	10^{-21}
Pyrgons—Maximons— Newtorites	10^{19}GeV	$10^{-43}\text{sec}, 10^{19}\text{GeV}$	10^{-24}
Quark Nuggets	$\simeq 10^{15}\text{g}$	$10^{-5}\text{sec}, 300\text{ MeV}$	10^{-44}
Primordial Black Holes	$\gtrsim 10^{15}\text{g}$	$\gtrsim 10^{-12}\text{sec}, \lesssim 10^3\text{GeV}$	$\lesssim 10^{-44}$

Table 9.1: WIMP candidates for the dark matter. The cosmic abundance required for closure density is $n_{\text{WIMP}} \simeq 1.05h^2 \times 10^{-5}\text{cm}^{-3}/m_{\text{WIMP}}(\text{GeV})$.

There are many
wimp candidates

Dark matter?

Really weird possibilities:

MOND: (MOdified Newtonian Dynamics?)

$$F = m a f(a/a_0); \quad a_0 \approx 10^{-11} g.$$

Breakdown of inverse square law at galactic scales?

$$F = G m m' / r^2 + G m m' / (r R) + \dots$$

$$R \approx 10 \text{ kilo-parsec}$$

Does not mesh well with the Pioneer anomaly

Dark energy:

AKA: Cosmological constant

AKA: Quintessence

AKA: Accelerating universe



Dark Energy



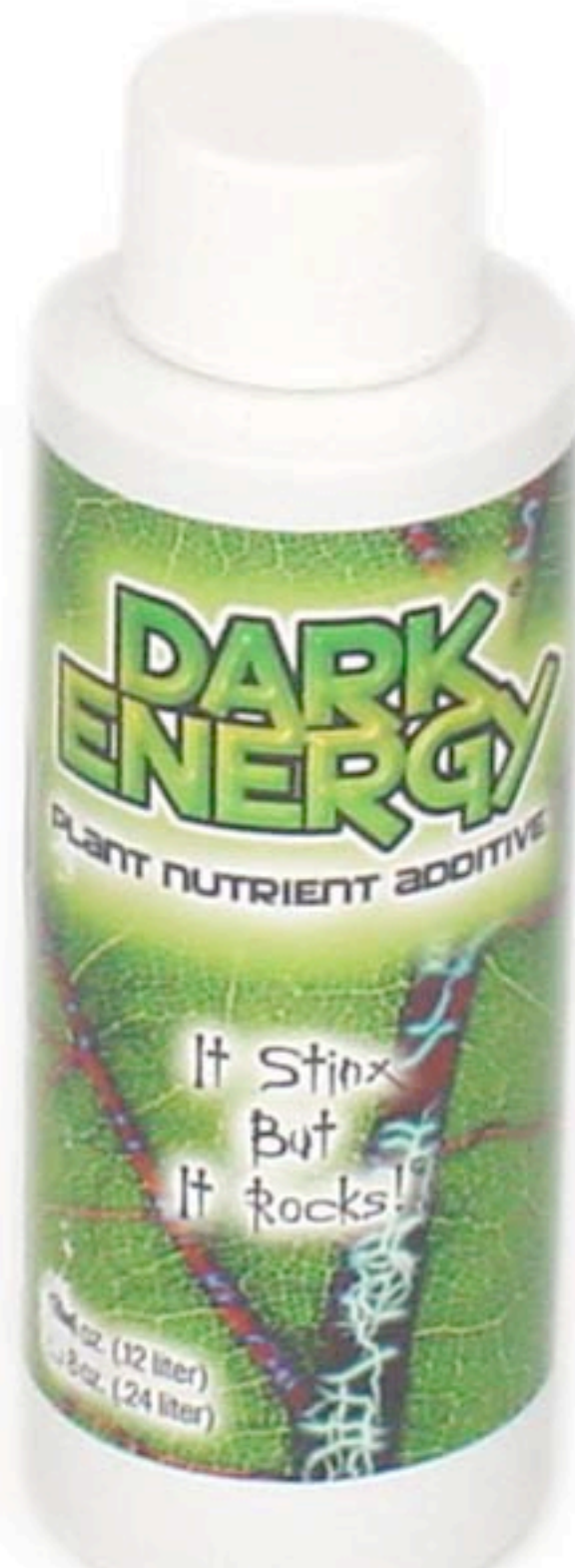
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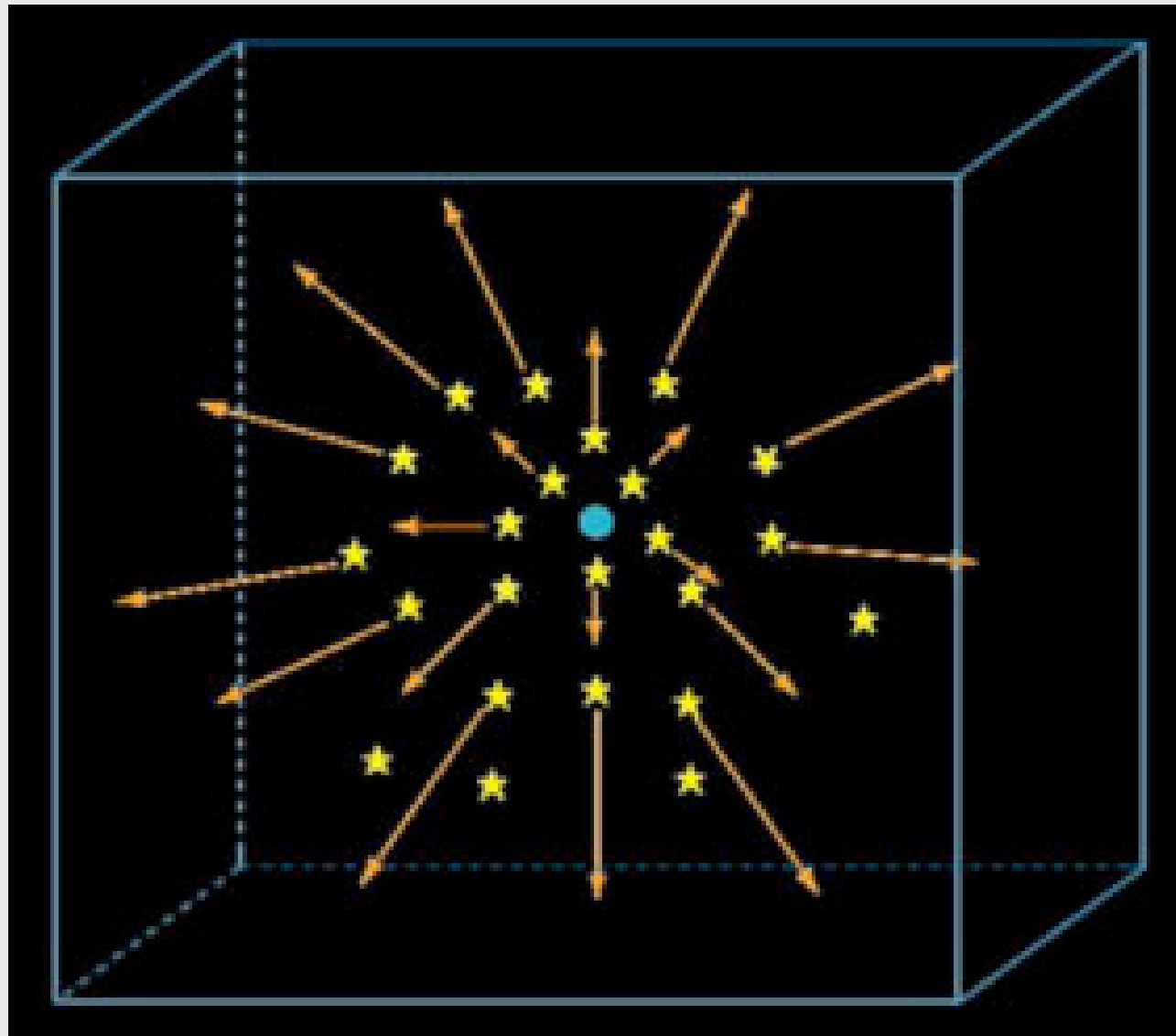


Dark Energy



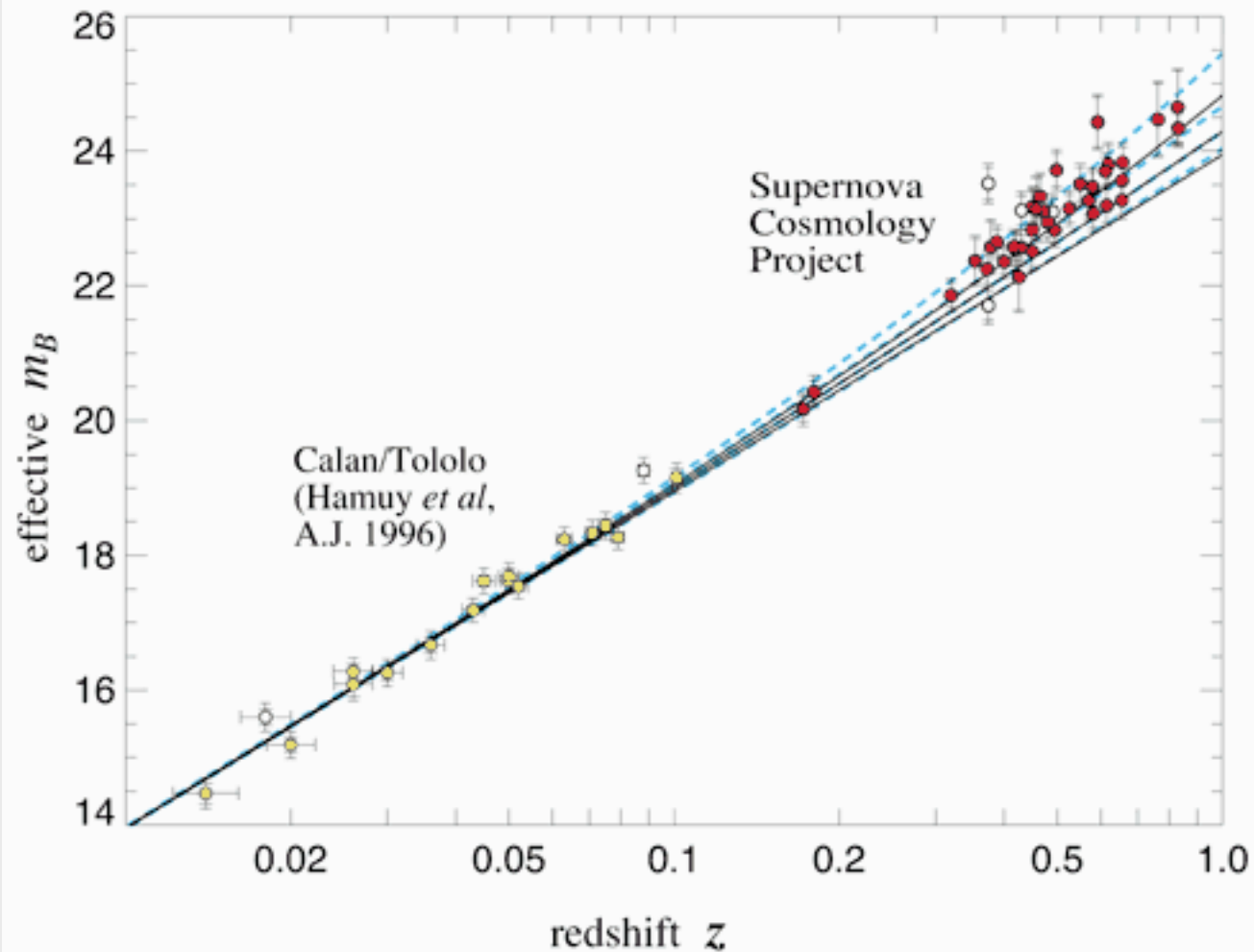
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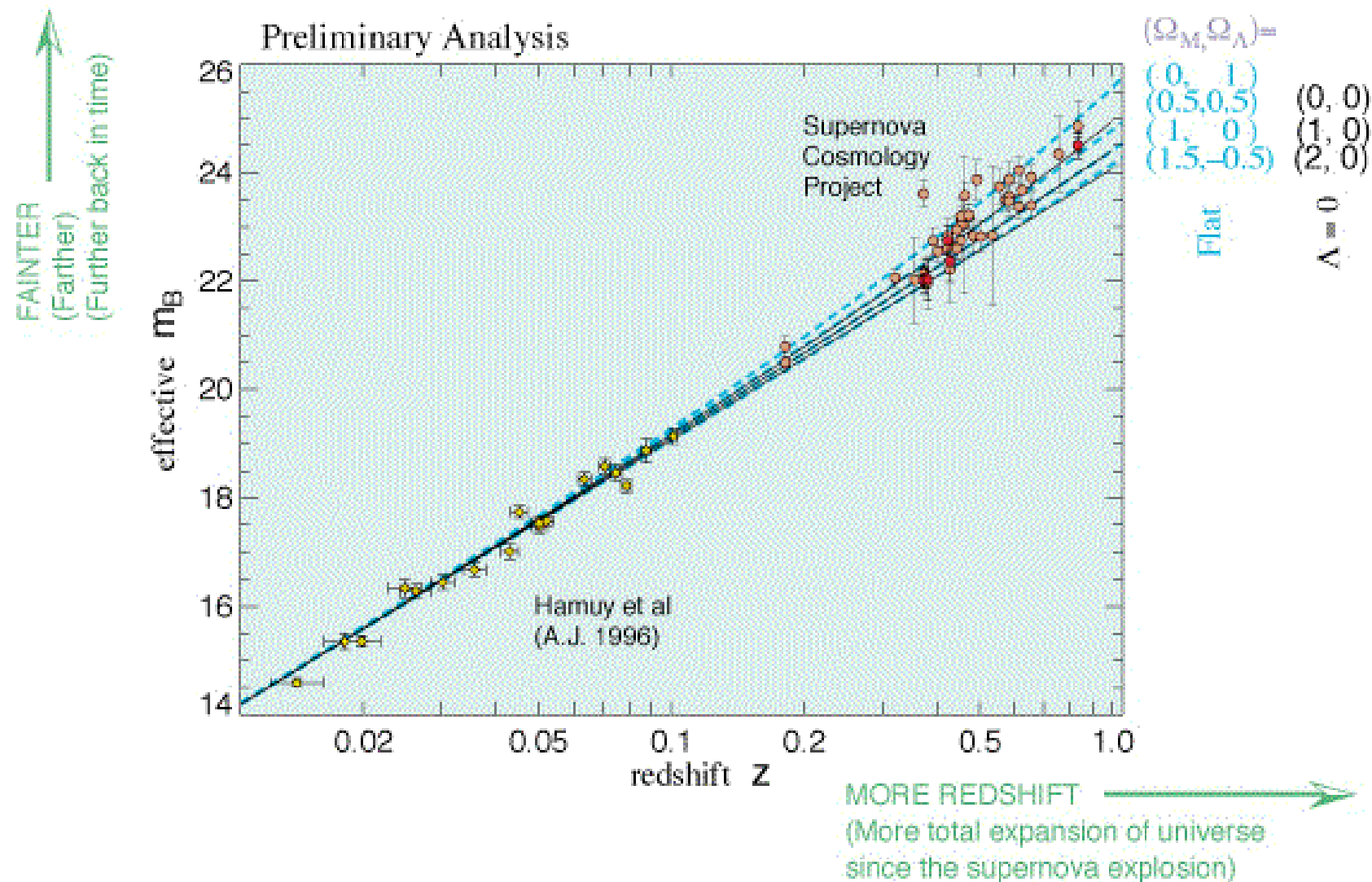


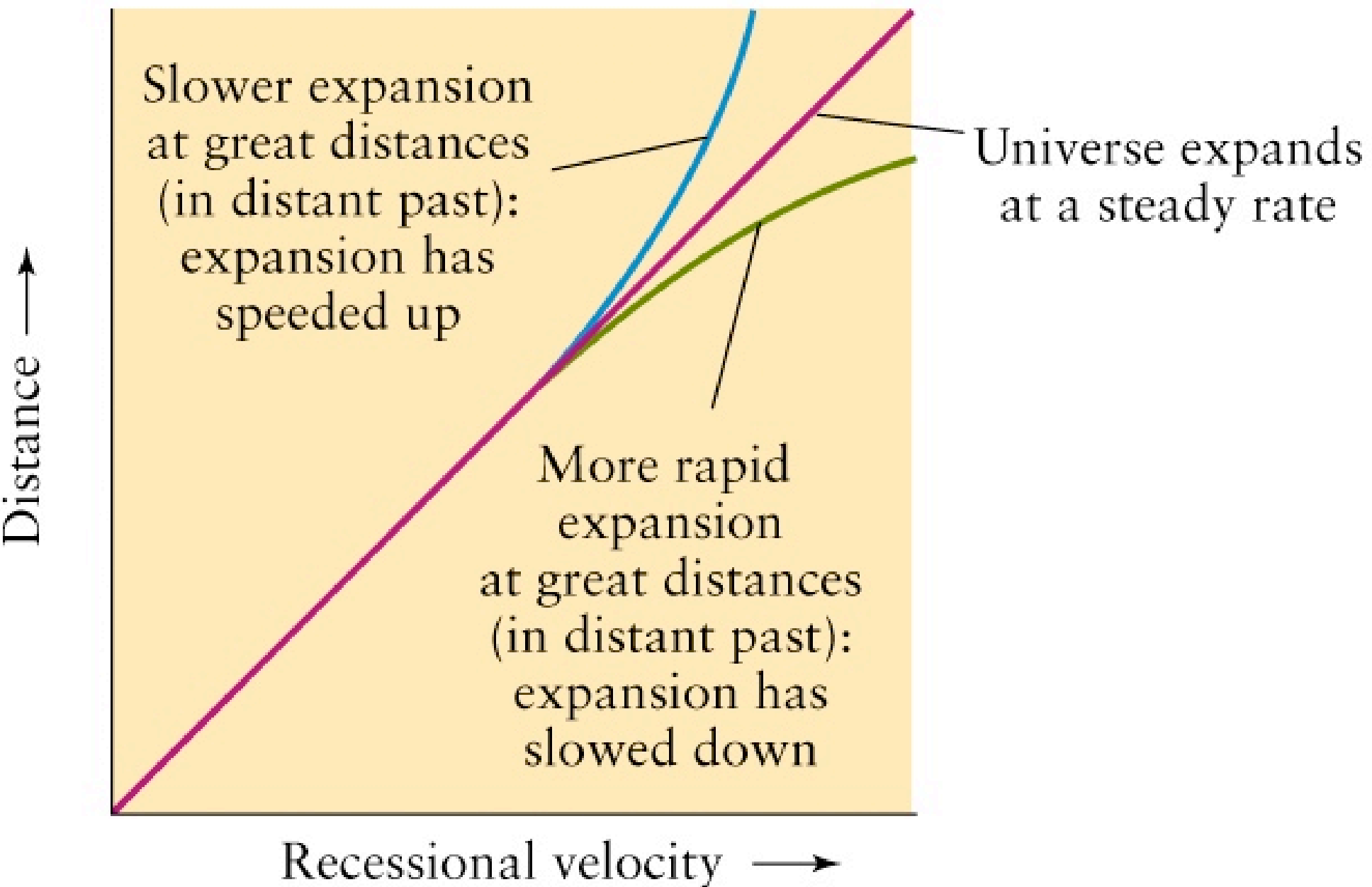


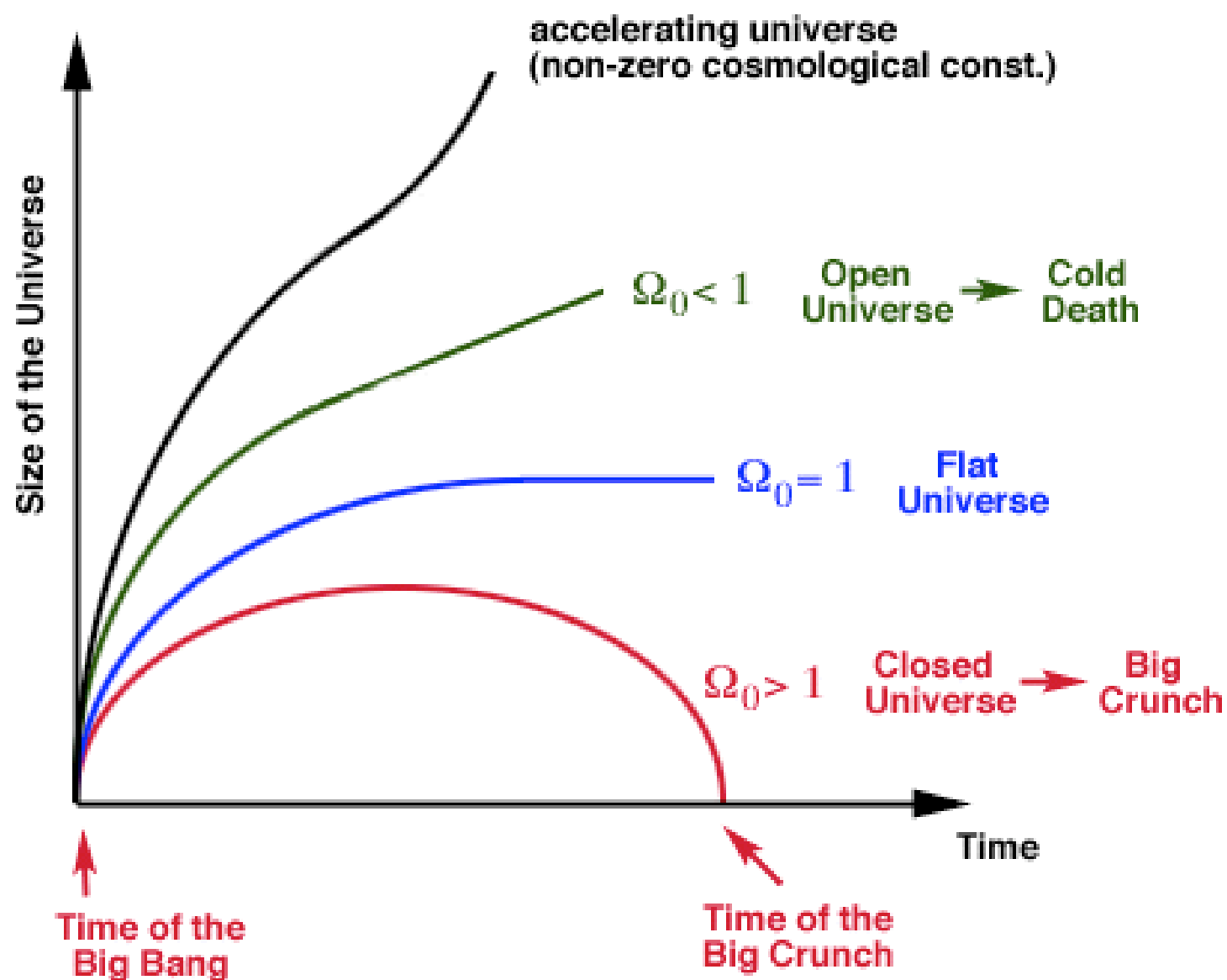


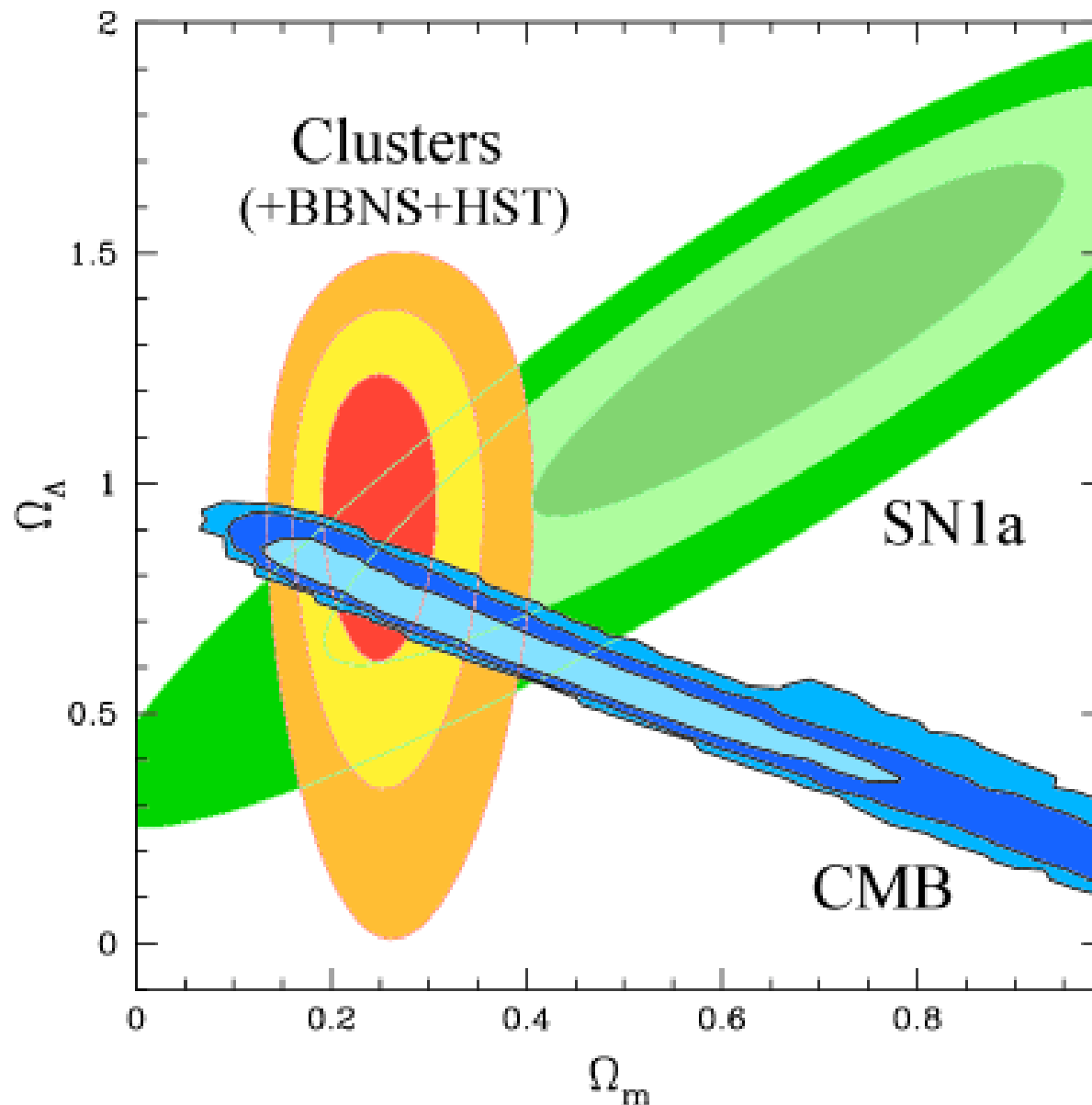
Supernova Cosmology Project
Perlmutter *et al.* (1998)









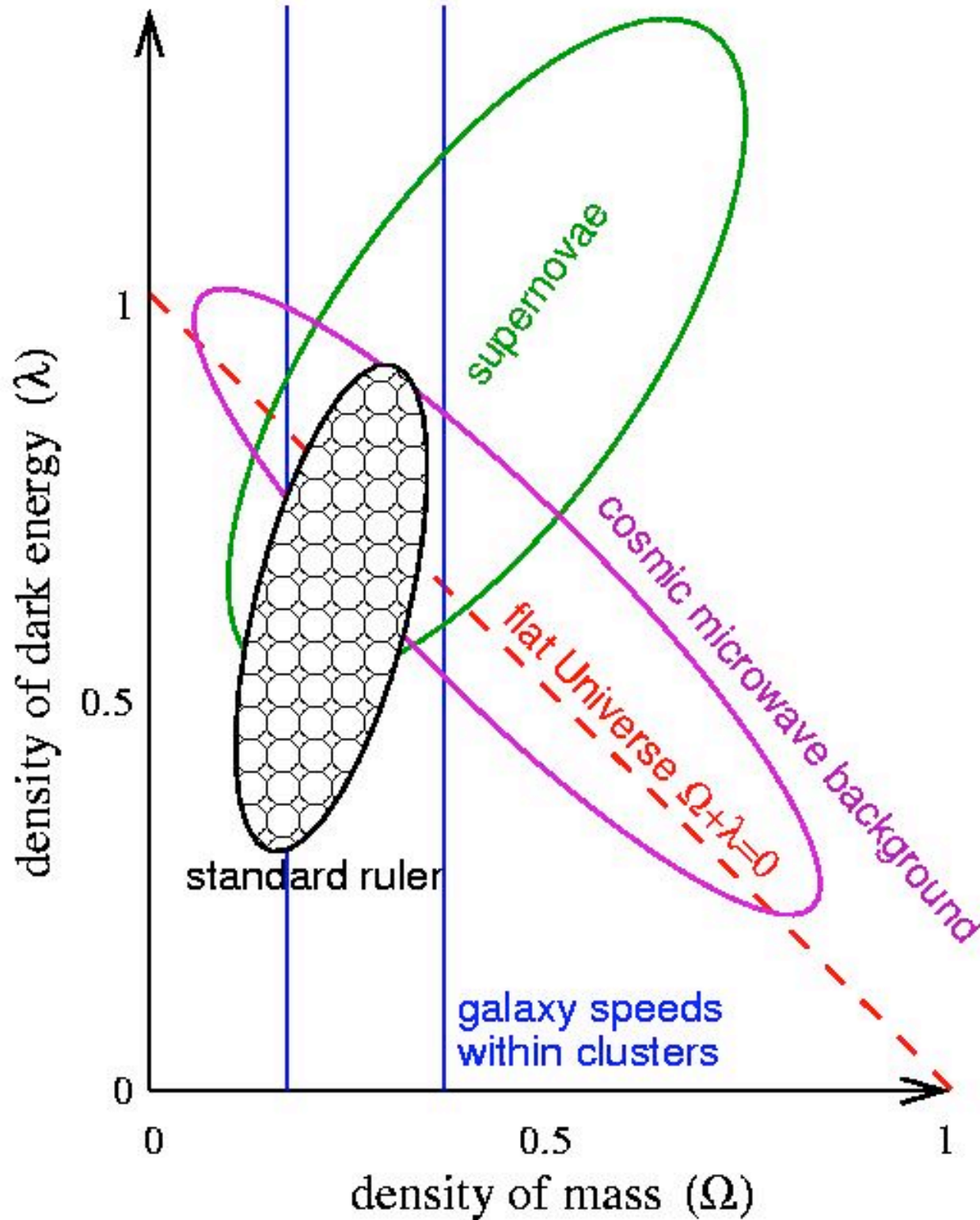


Consensus opinion:

The cosmological constant is “big”.

The quantity of clumped matter is relatively “small”.

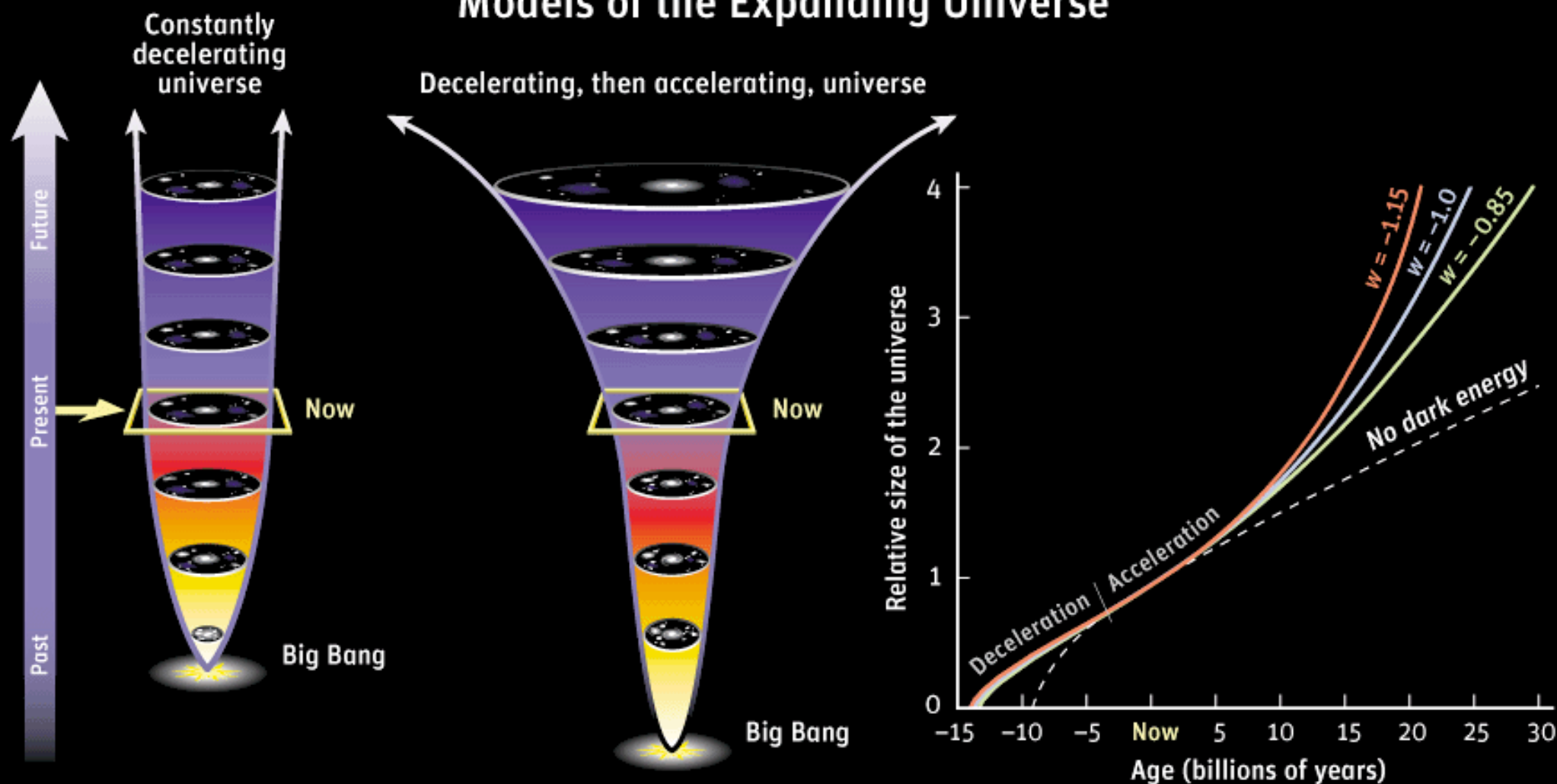
Cosmological constant dominates over clumped matter.

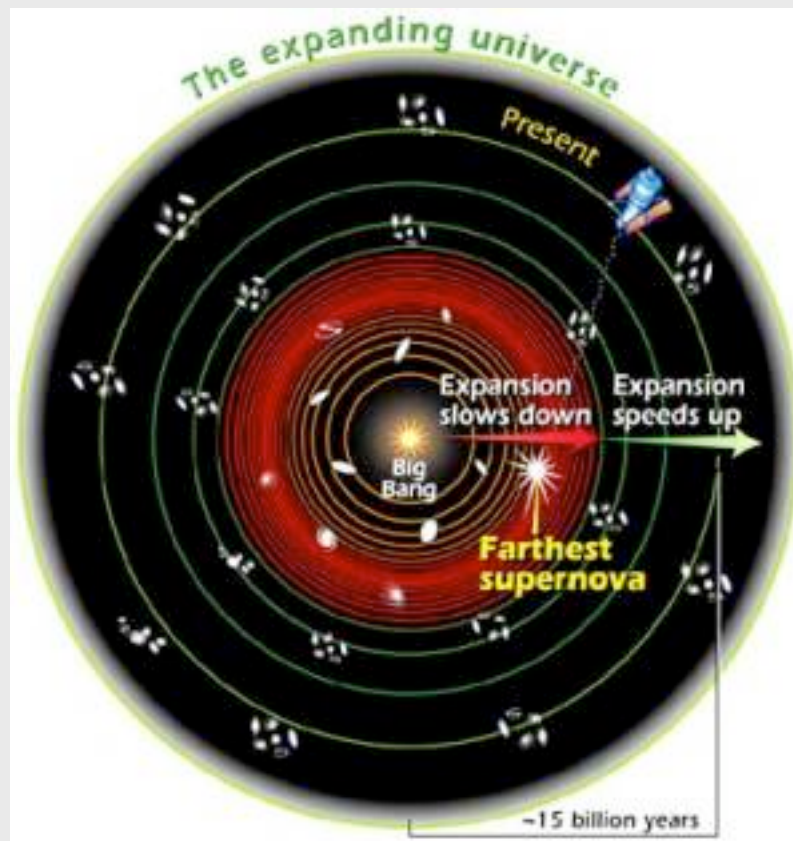


Different data set,
one extra technique,
broad agreement on
results.



Models of the Expanding Universe

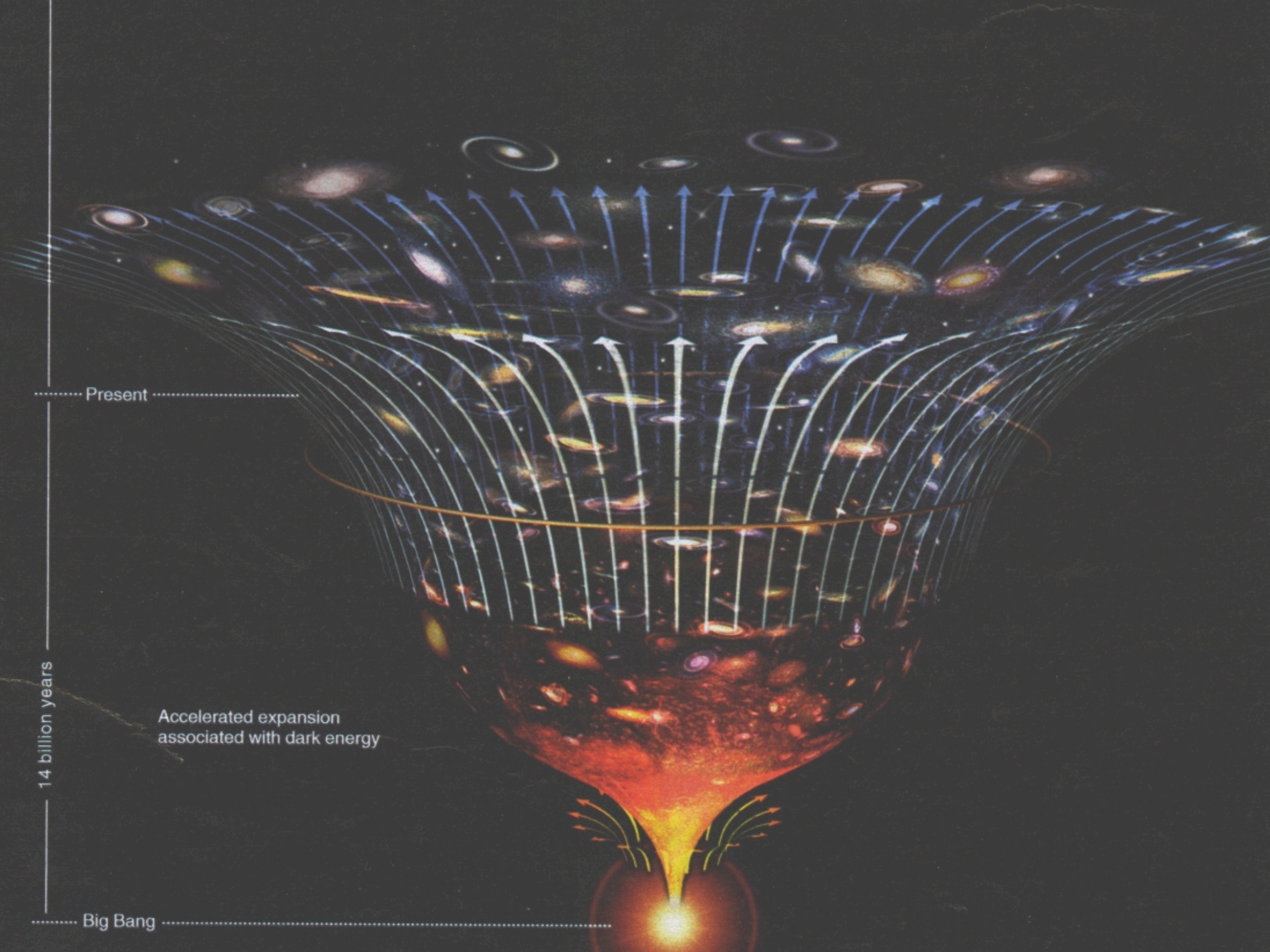




Dark matter clumps

Dark energy does not
clump

(by definition,
not deduction)



Present

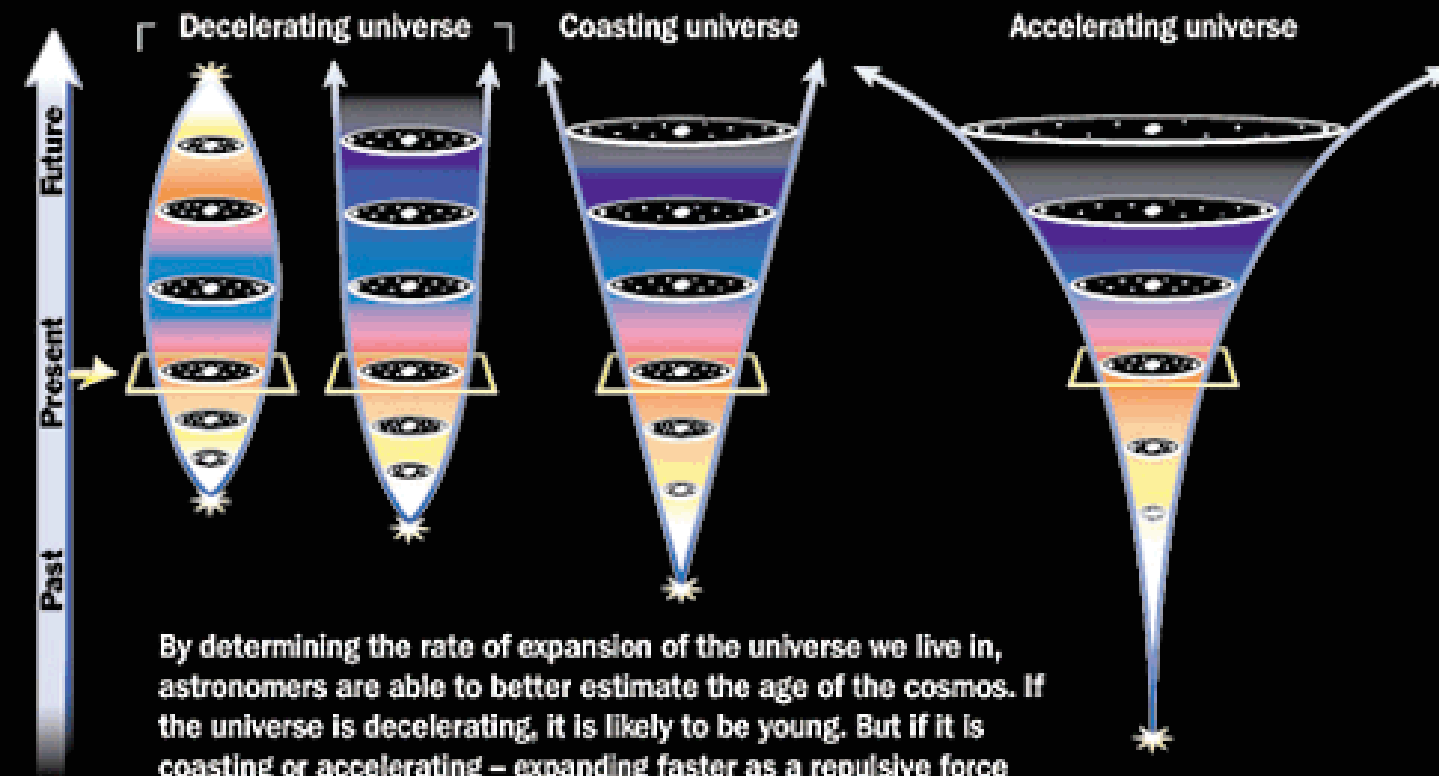
Accelerated expansion
associated with dark energy

Big Bang

14 billion years



Possible models of the expanding universe



By determining the rate of expansion of the universe we live in, astronomers are able to better estimate the age of the cosmos. If the universe is decelerating, it is likely to be young. But if it is coasting or accelerating – expanding faster as a repulsive force pushes galaxies apart – it is probably older.

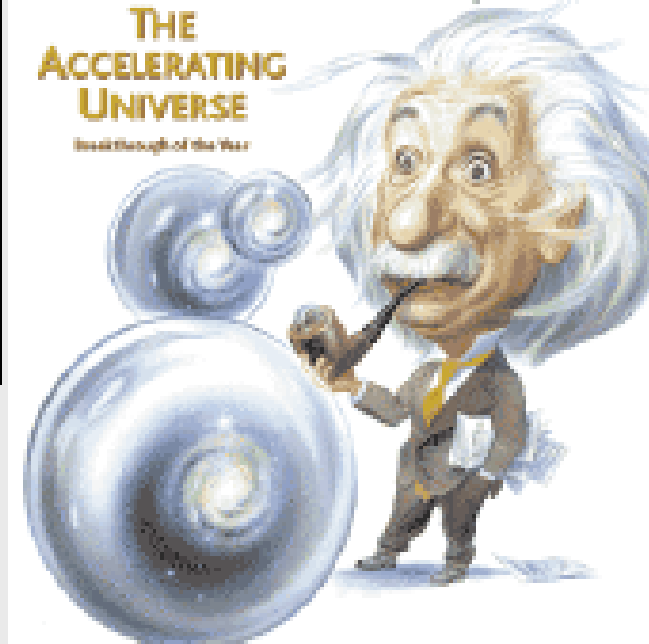
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THE ACCELERATING UNIVERSE

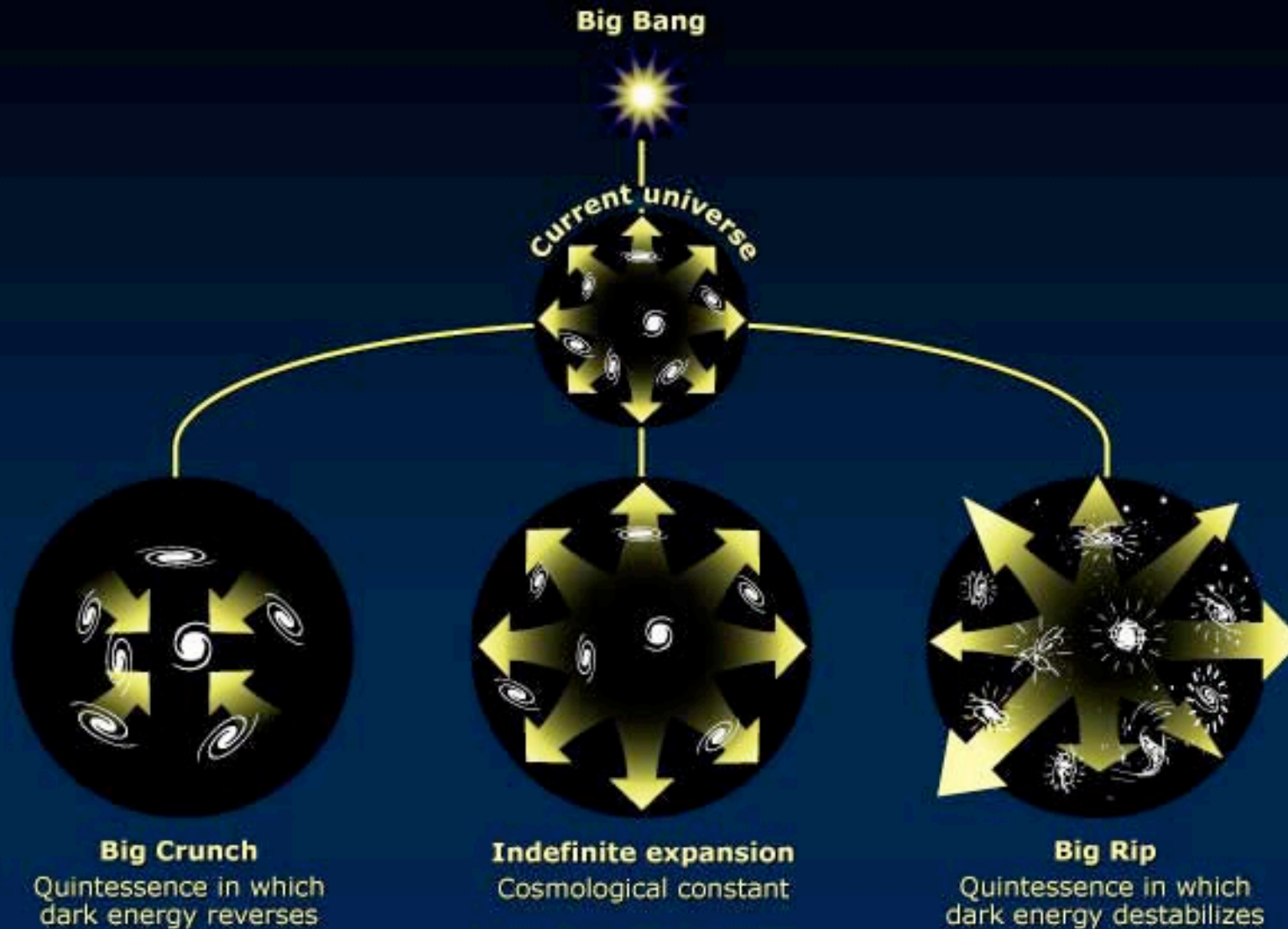
Breakthrough of the Year





Big rip?

Future fates of the dark-energy universe



Simulation:

Dark
matter
clumping
in a
dark
energy
universe.





But wait --- Breaking news:

Viable exact model universe without dark energy from primordial inflation

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Late time failure of Friedmann equation

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(Dated: March 31, 2005)

Primordial inflation explains why the universe is accelerating today

Kolb, Mataresse, Notari, Riotto

Dark energy?

Latest suggestion: We are living in a large under-dense bubble in an otherwise simple universe.

Size of bubble: Much bigger than Hubble radius

$$R = c/H_0$$

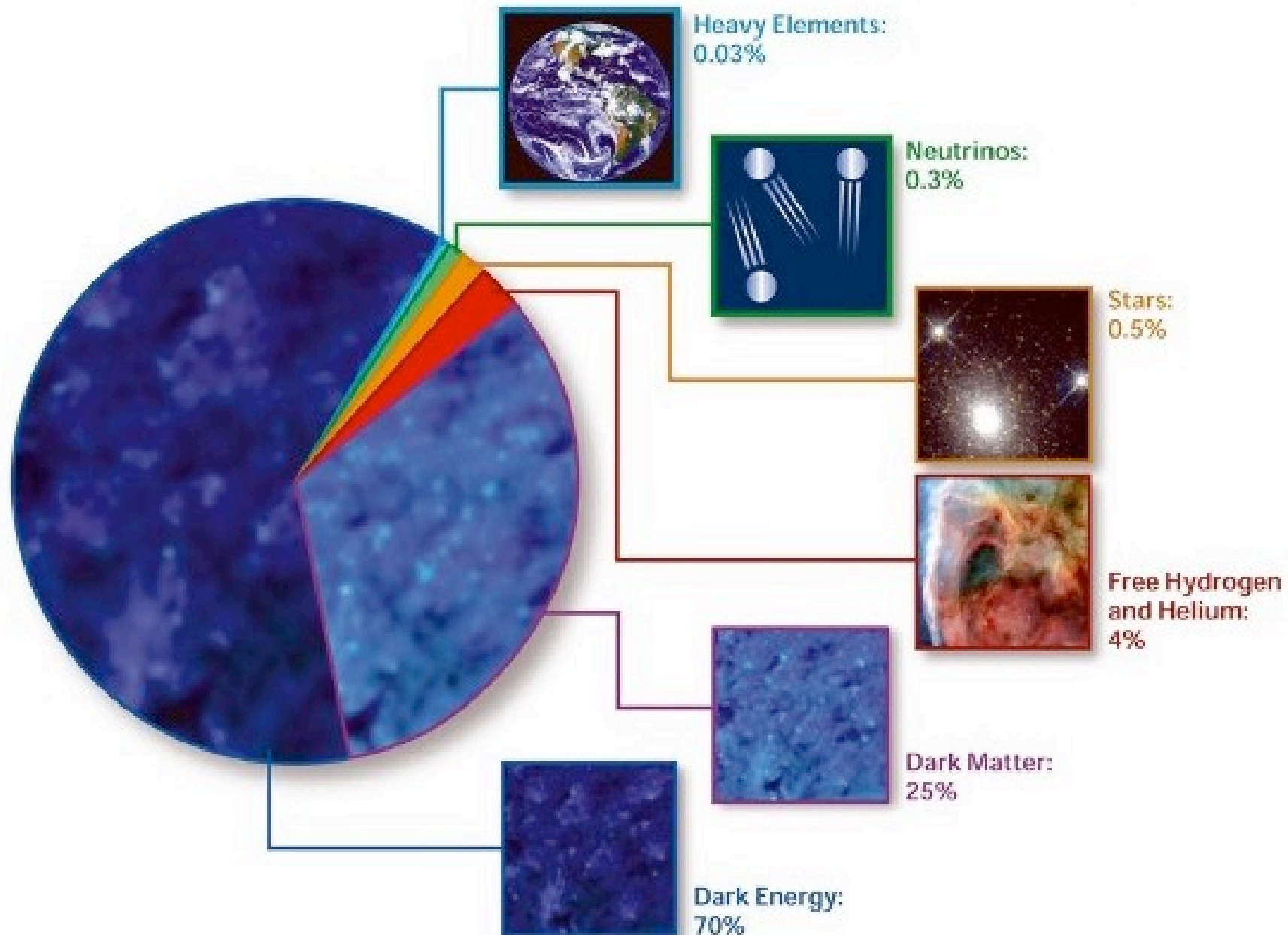
If this idea works it would improve some of our picture, at the cost of giving up large-scale homogeneity.

The universe we see would not be “typical”.

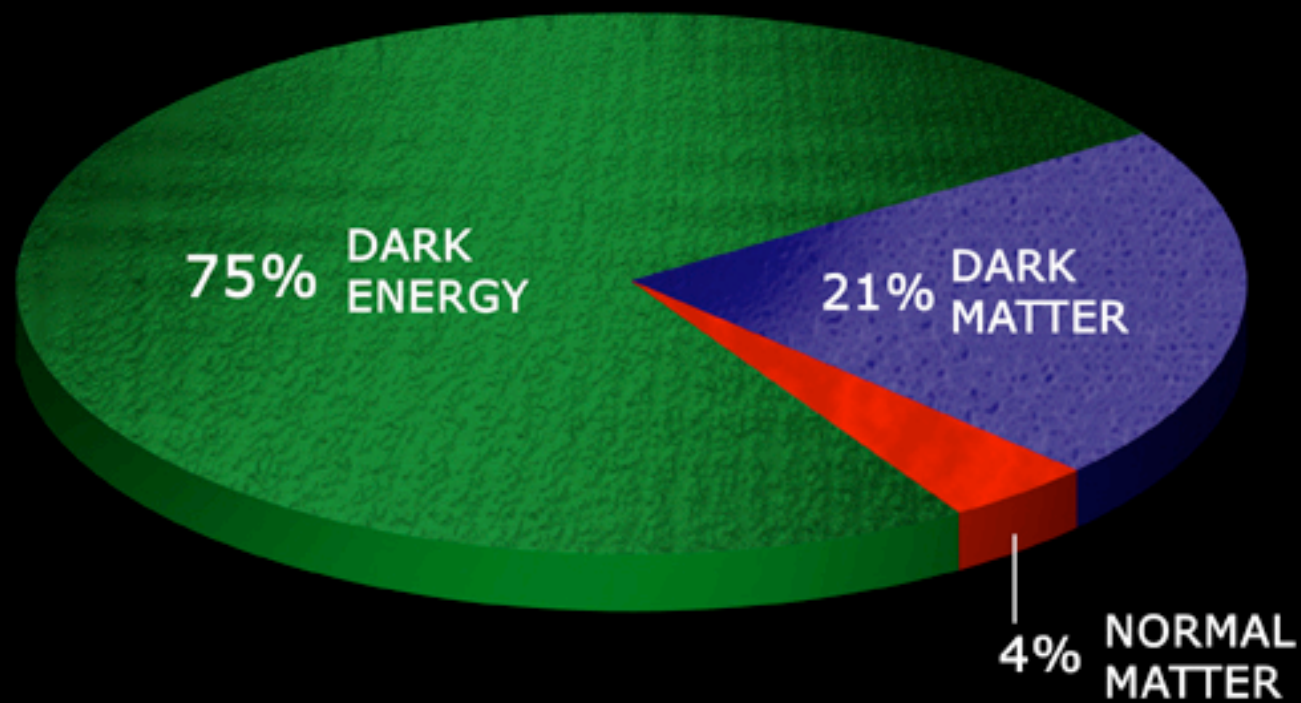
Could get rid of the “dark energy”.



Mass-energy budget?

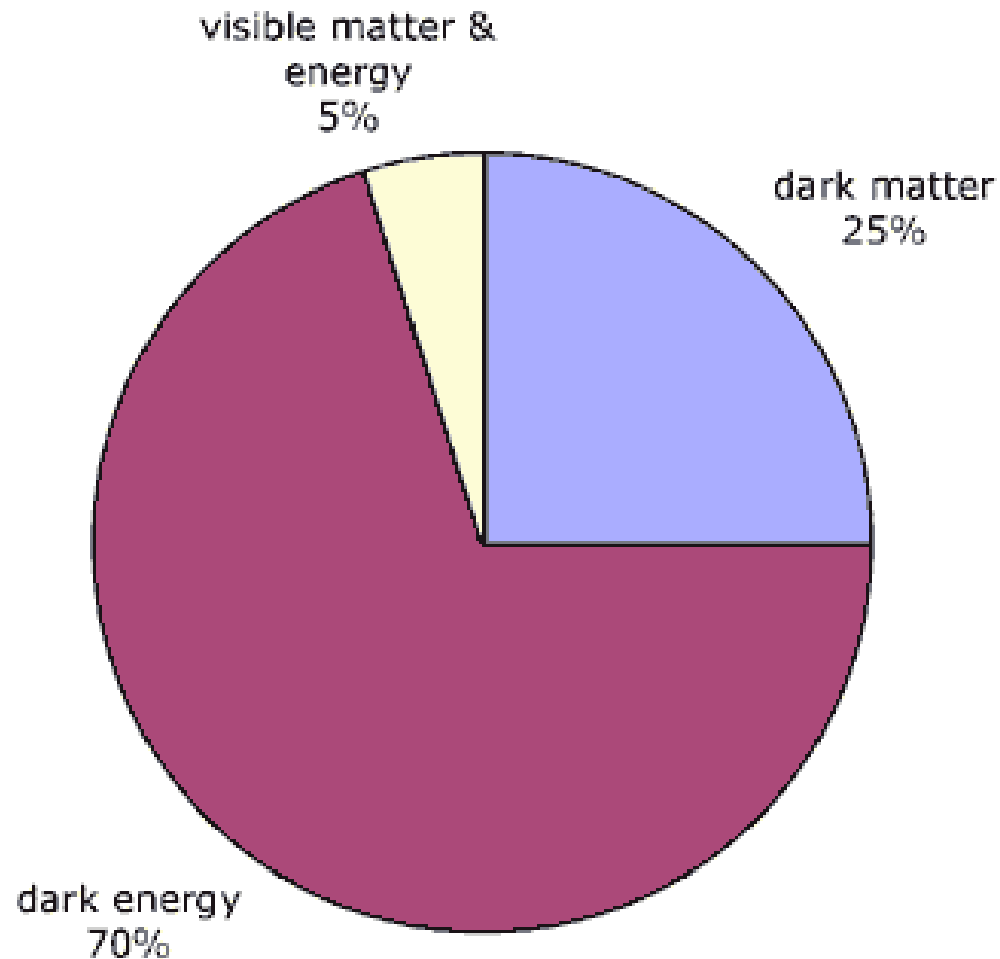


Overall mass-energy budget?





Composition of the Universe, by percent



If you succeed in getting rid of dark energy, we are looking at big changes...

Conclusions:

- 1) The “big bang” is alive and well...
- 2) There is a lot of good high-quality data coming in, this helps keep the theorists on track...
- 3) There is a lot of room for debate at the margins, but the core of the “big bang” is rock solid.

“Sometimes I wonder whether the world is being run by smart people who are putting us on, or by imbeciles who really mean it.”

--- Mark Twain