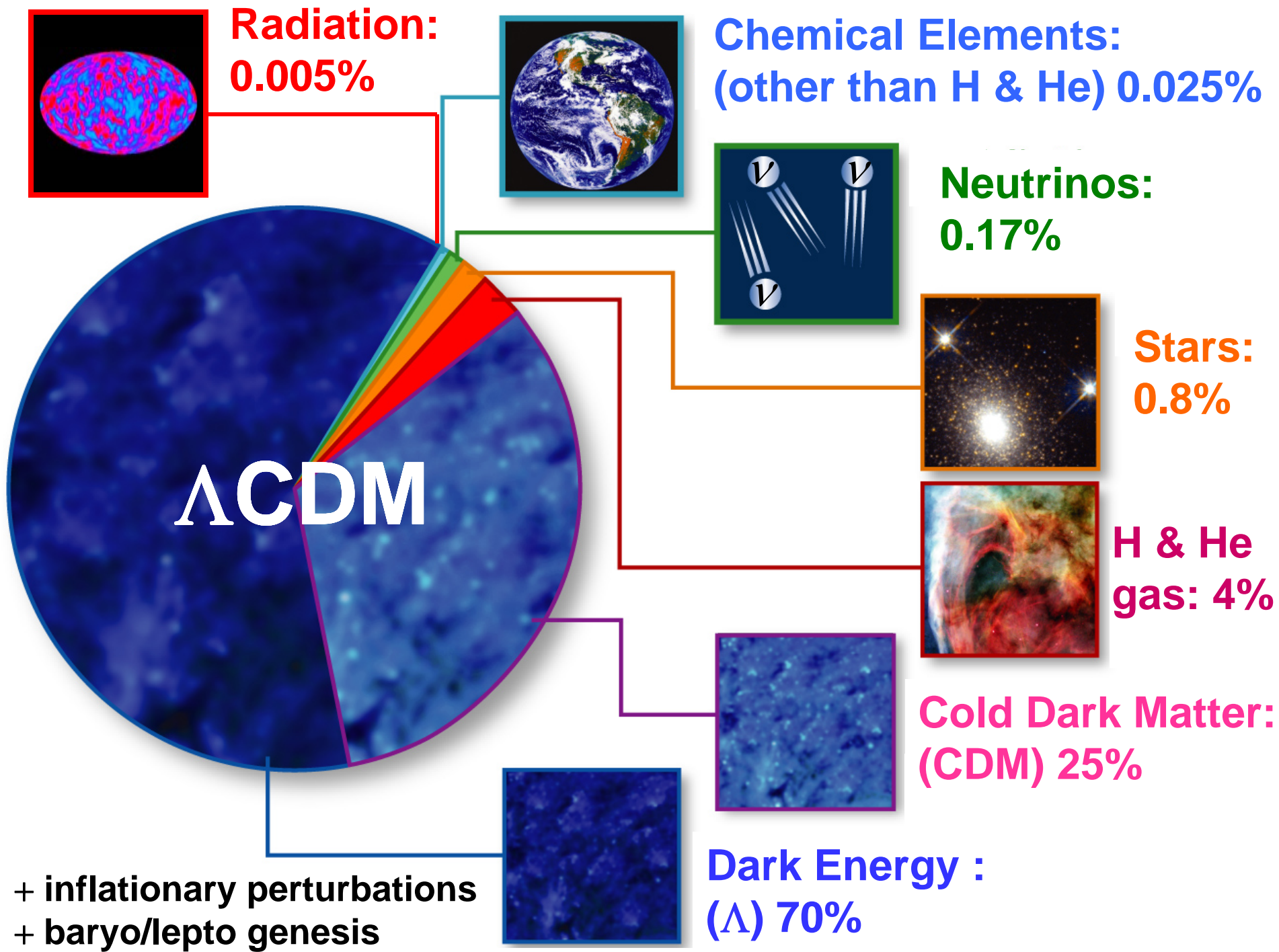


Particle Physics Foundations of Dark Matter, Dark Energy, and Inflation

ROCKY I: DARK MATTER (WEDNESDAY, 11:00)

ROCKY II: DARK MATTER II (THURSDAY, 11:00)

ROCKY III: ENERGY (FRIDAY, 11:00)



Evolution of $H(z)$ Is a Key Quantity

- Robertson–Walker metric
 $k = +1$ (3S); -1 (3H); 0 (3R)

$$ds^2 = dt^2 - a^2(t) \left[\frac{dr^2}{1 - kr^2} + r^2 d\Omega^2 \right]$$

- Photons travel on geodesics:
 $ds^2 = 0$

$$\frac{dr}{\sqrt{1 - kr^2}} = \frac{dt}{a(t)} = \frac{da}{\dot{a}(t) a(t)}$$

- Define expansion rate $H \equiv \dot{a} / a$
 and redshift $1 + z \equiv a_0 / a$

$$\int \frac{dr}{\sqrt{1 - kr^2}} = \int \frac{da}{Ha^2} = \int \frac{dz}{H(z)}$$

- Photon emitted from $r(z)$ detected
 by observer today

$$r(z) = 1 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sin \\ \sinh \end{array} \right\} \left(\int_0^z \frac{dz'}{H(z')} \right)$$

Evolution of $H(z)$ Is a Key Quantity

Consider luminosity distance $d_L(z)$: Flux = (Luminosity / $4\pi d_L^2$)

Source at position $r(z)$ with luminosity \mathcal{L} . Flux detected is

$$\text{Flux} = \frac{\text{energy}}{\text{area} \times \text{time}} = \frac{\mathcal{L}}{\underbrace{(1+z)^2}_{\text{Redshift of energy of photons } 1+z} \underbrace{4\pi a_0^2 r^2}_{\text{area of a two-sphere observer at center, source at } r}} = \frac{\mathcal{L}}{4\pi d_L^2}$$

Redshift of energy of photons $1+z$
Stretch of time: $1+z$

area of a two-sphere
observer at center, source at r

$$d_L(z) \propto (1+z) r(z)$$

Evolution of $H(z)$ Is a Key Quantity

Robertson–Walker metric

$$ds^2 = dt^2 - a^2(t) \left[\frac{dr^2}{1 - kr^2} + r^2 d\Omega^2 \right]$$

Many observables based on $H(z)$ through coordinate distance $r(z)$

$$r(z) = \begin{cases} \sin \\ \sinh \end{cases} \left\{ \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{H(z')} \right\}$$

- Luminosity distance

$$\text{Flux} = (\text{Luminosity} / 4\pi d_L^2)$$

$$d_L(z) \propto r(z)(1+z)$$

- Angular diameter distance

$$\alpha = \text{Physical size} / d_A$$

$$d_A(z) \propto \frac{r(z)}{(1+z)}$$

- Volume (number counts)

$$N / V^{-1}(z)$$

$$dV = \frac{r^2(z)}{\sqrt{1 - kr^2(z)}} dr d\Omega$$

- Age of the universe

$$t(z) \propto \int_z^\infty \frac{dz'}{(1+z')H(z')}$$

Expansion History of the Universe $H(z)$

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

$$\left[\text{expansion rate } (z) \right]^2 = \left[\text{Hubble const.} \right]^2 \times \left[\text{curvature } (z) + \text{matter } (z) + \text{radiation } (z) \right]$$

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

$$\Omega_M = \frac{\rho_M}{3H_0^2/8\pi G} \quad \Omega_R = \frac{\rho_R}{3H_0^2/8\pi G} \quad \Omega_k = \frac{-3k/8\pi G a_0^2}{3H_0^2/8\pi G}$$

- At $z = 0$, $H = H_0 \rightarrow \Omega_k + \Omega_M + \Omega_R = 1$

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

- radiation contribution (Ω_R) small for $z \lesssim 10^3$

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

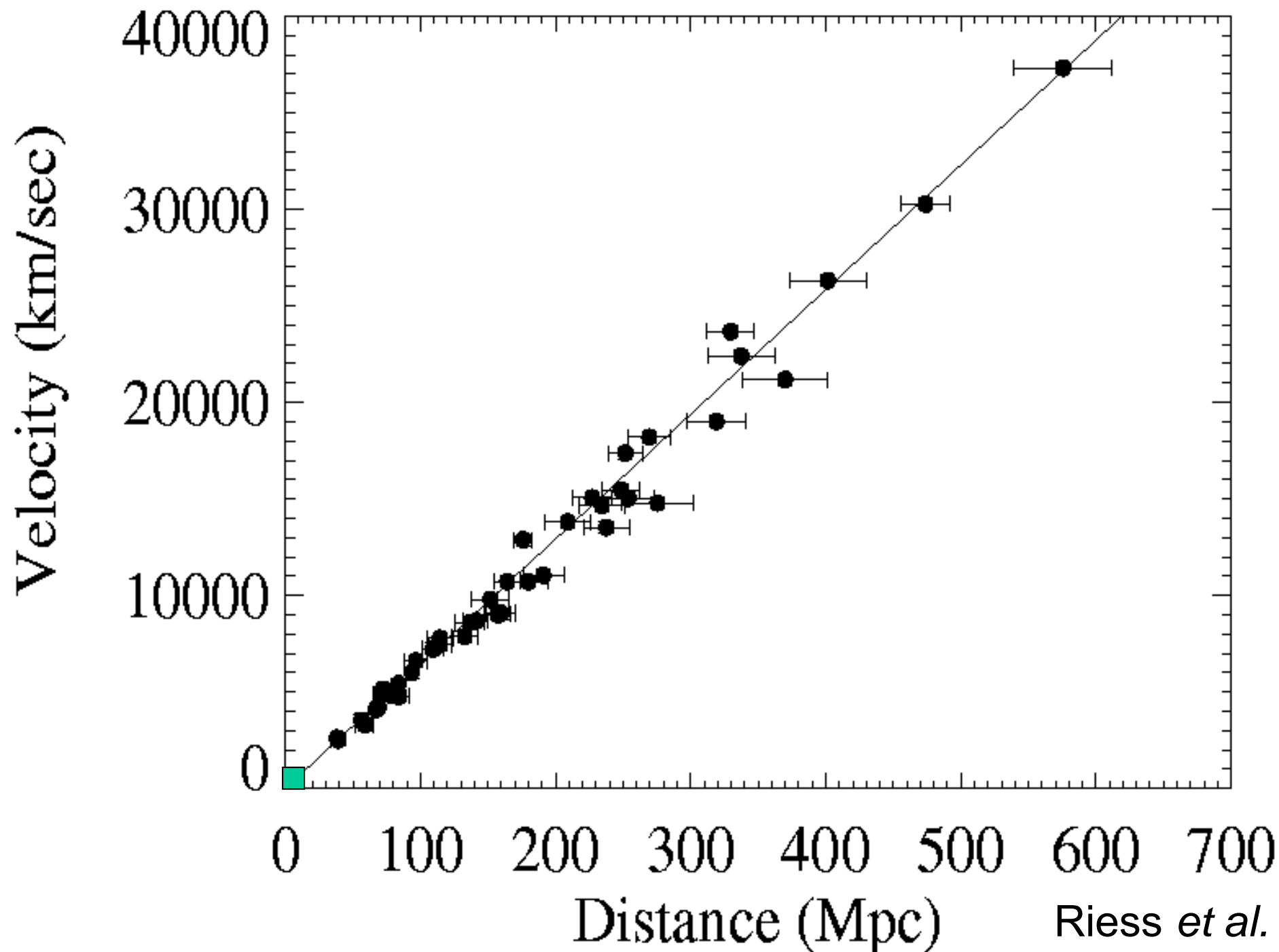
- “All of observational cosmology is a search for two numbers.”
(H_0 and $q_0 = \Omega_M/2$) — Sandage, *Physics Today*, 1970

Edwin
Hubble



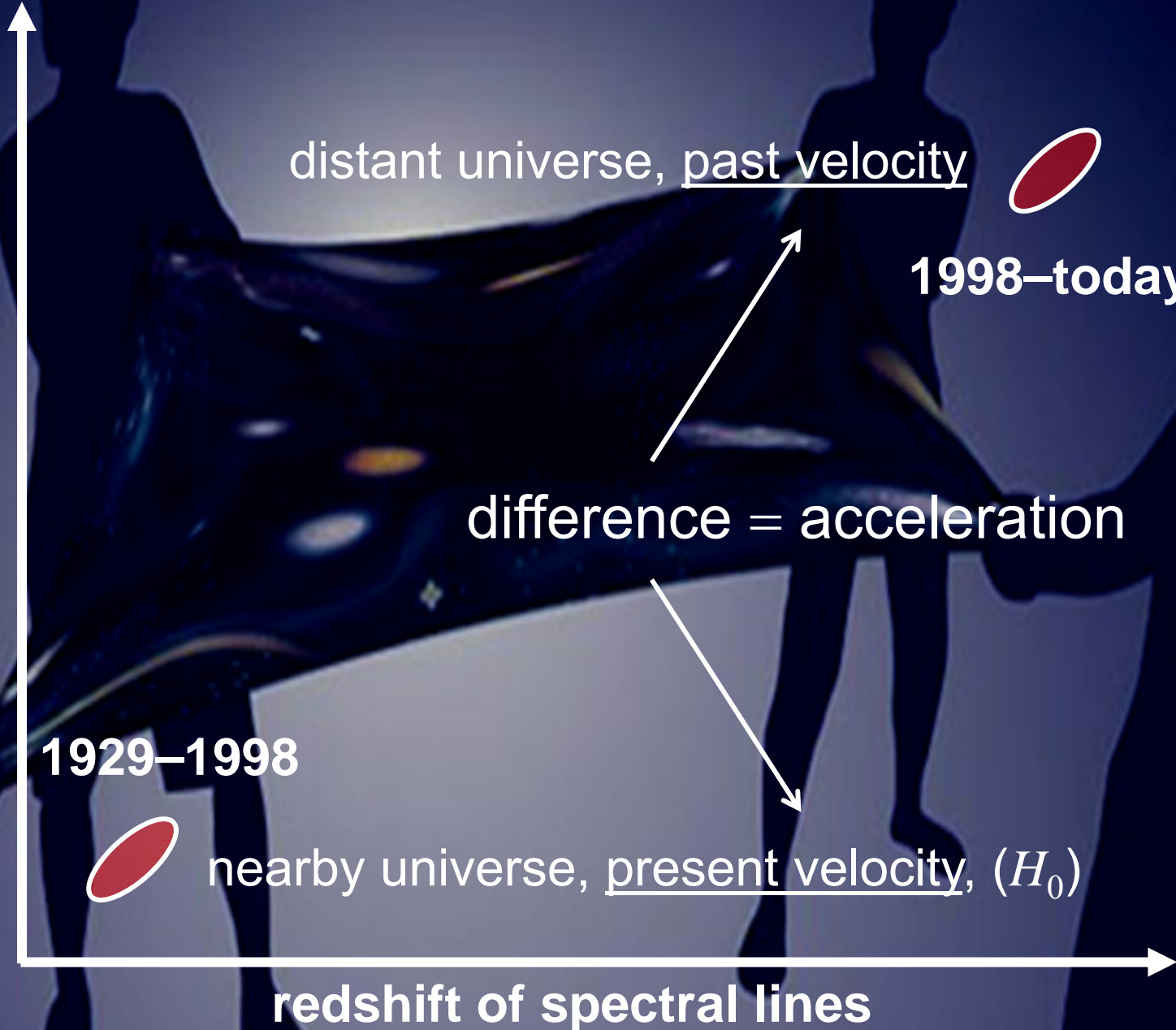
University of Chicago

1909 National Champions



Hubble Diagram

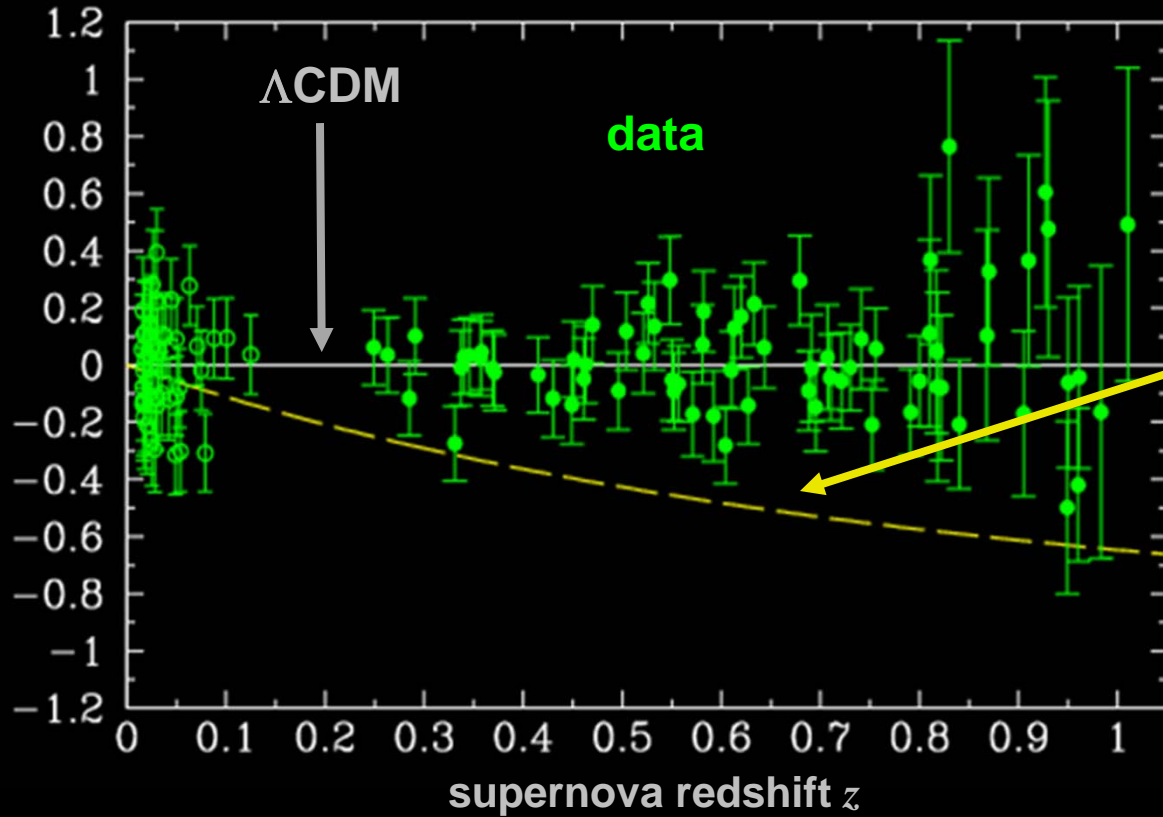
apparent brightness of standard candle



Hubble Diagram

Astier et al. (2006) SNLS

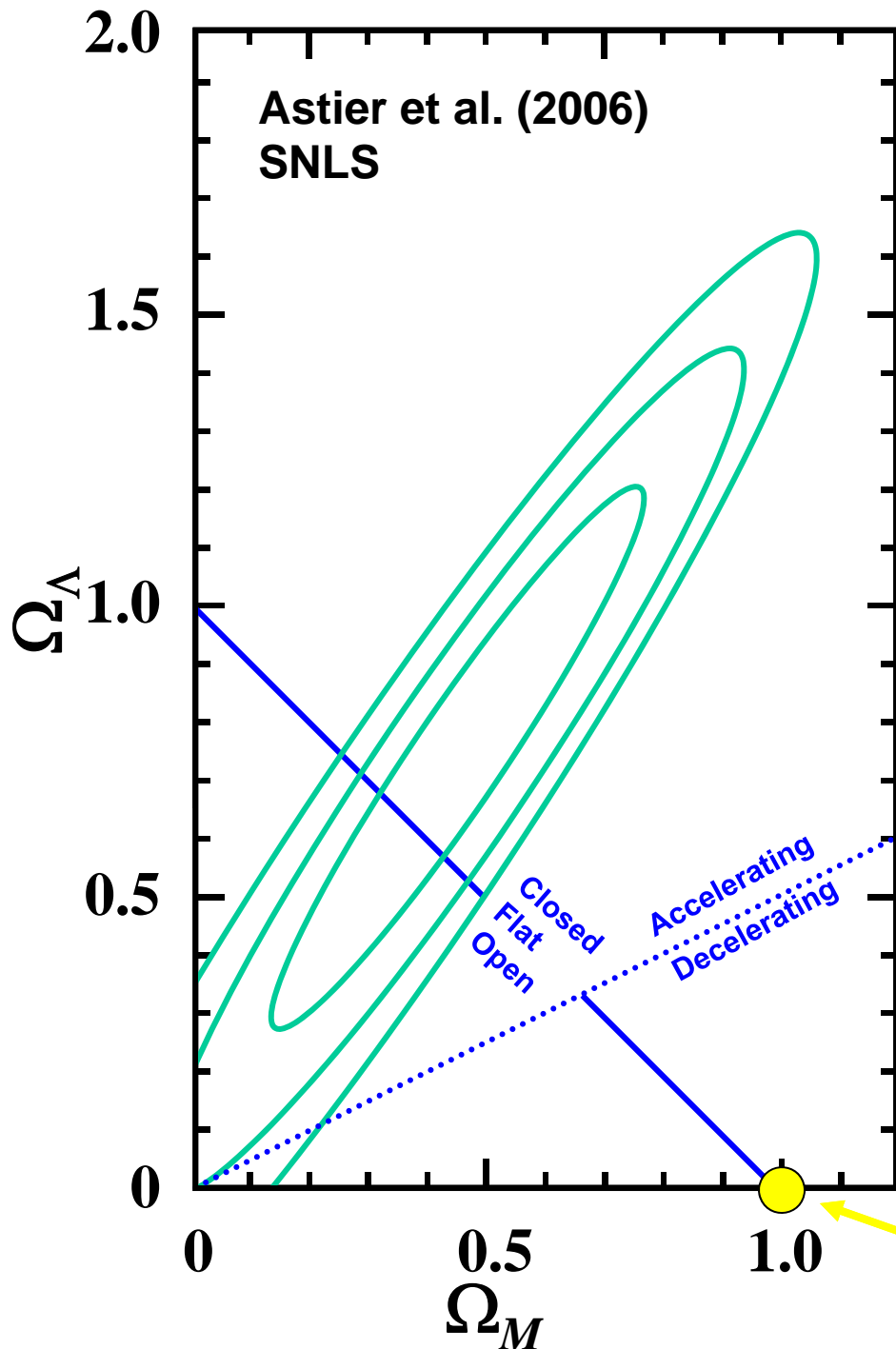
confusing astronomical notation
related to supernova brightness



Einstein-de Sitter:
spatially flat matter model
(maximum theoretical bliss)

Hubble Diagram

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



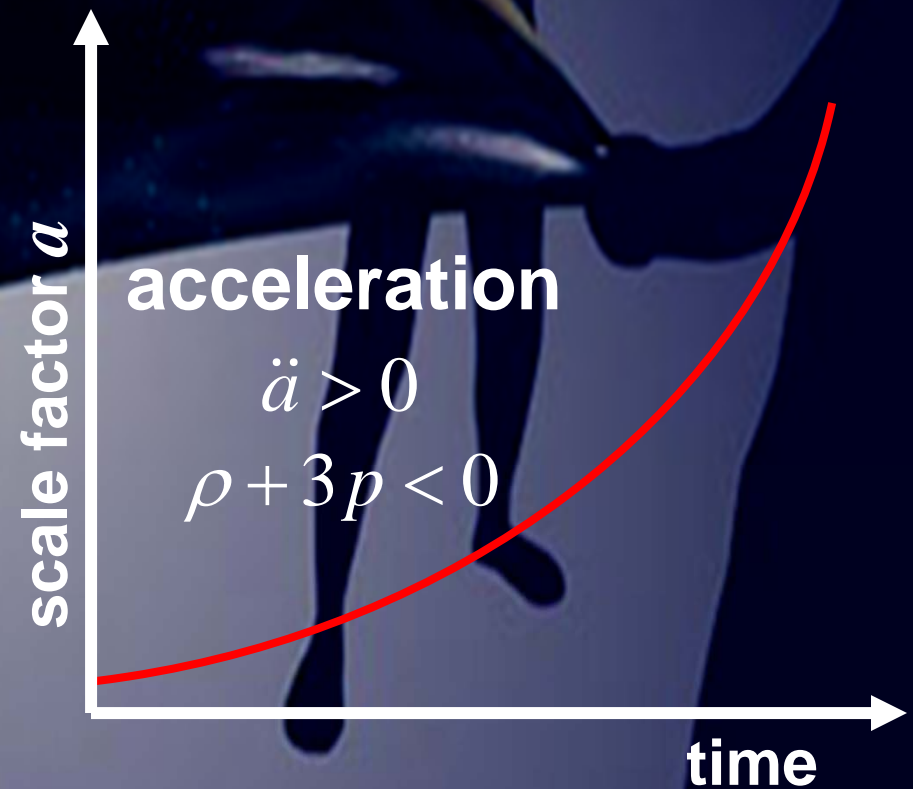
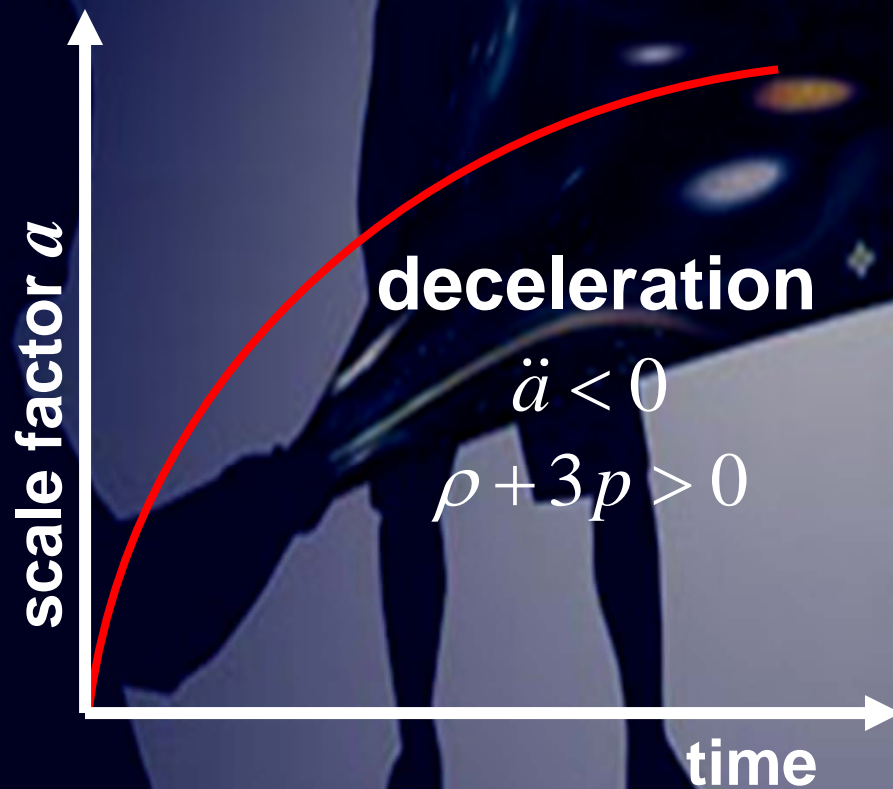
Einstein-de Sitter model

Expansion History of the Universe $H(z)$

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

velocity: $\dot{a} \propto H$ (Hubble parameter)

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



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)

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} R = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu} \quad \text{Einstein 1915}$$

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} R - \Lambda^{\text{CC}} g_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu} \quad \text{Einstein 1917}$$

Λ^{CC} = cosmological constant

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} R = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu} \quad \text{Einstein 1934}$$

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} R = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu} + 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{vacuum}} \quad \text{QFT+}$$

$$T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{vacuum}} : \rho^{\text{vacuum}} = -p^{\text{vacuum}} \quad \rho^{\text{vacuum}} + 3p^{\text{vacuum}} < 0$$

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} R - \Lambda^{\text{CC}} g_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda^{\text{vacuum}} g_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\Lambda^{\text{vacuum}} = 8\pi G \rho^{\text{vacuum}}$$

CC (à la Einstein) & ρ^{vacuum} indistinguishable

Expansion History of the Universe $H(z)$

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 $\Omega_{\text{walls}} (1+z)^1$]
- $1 = \Omega_\Lambda + \Omega_k + \Omega_M + \Omega_R$
- radiation contribution (Ω_R) small for $z \lesssim 10^3$
- Ω_k well determined (close to zero) from CMB
- Ω_M reasonably well determined

Expansion History of the Universe $H(z)$

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

dark
energy

curvature

matter

radiation

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

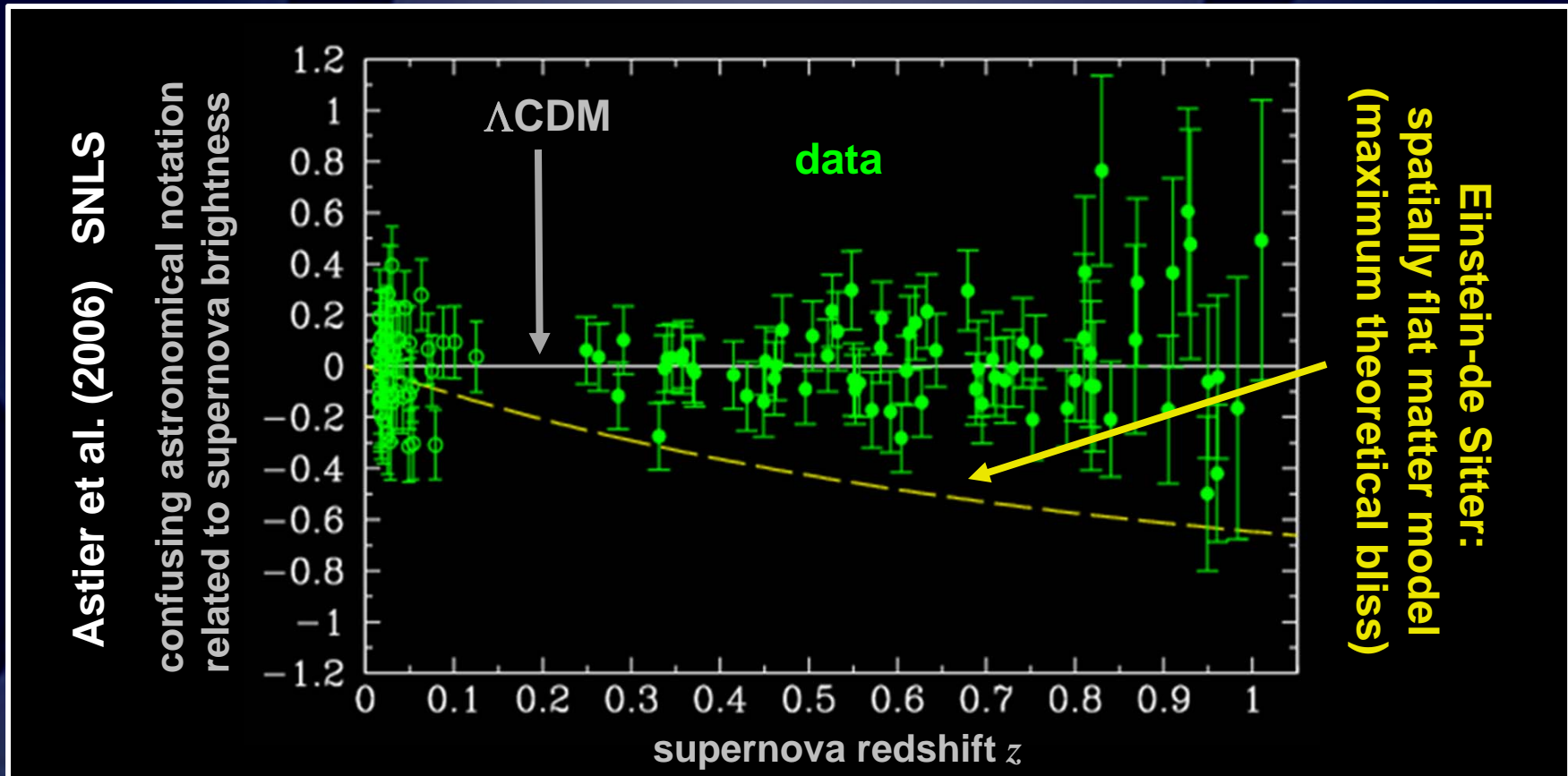
Equation of state parameter: $w = p / \rho$ ($w = -1$ for Λ)

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

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

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

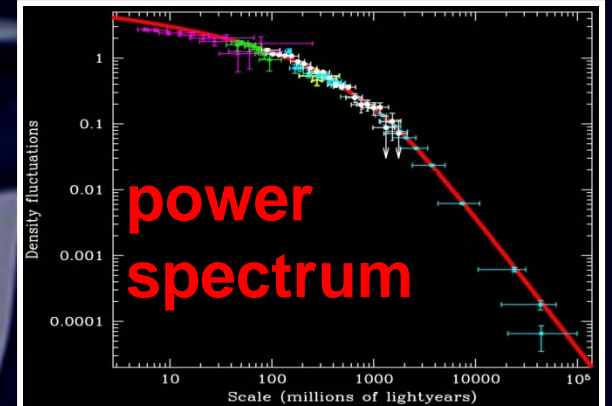
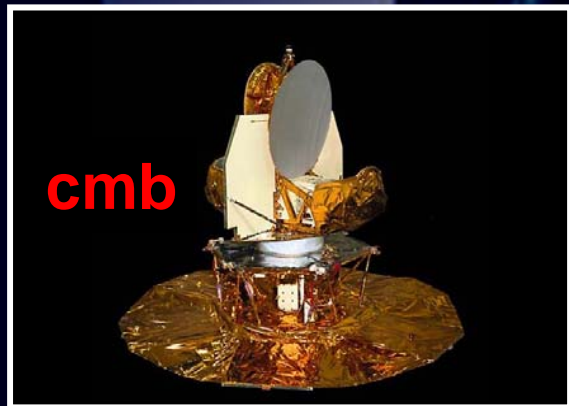
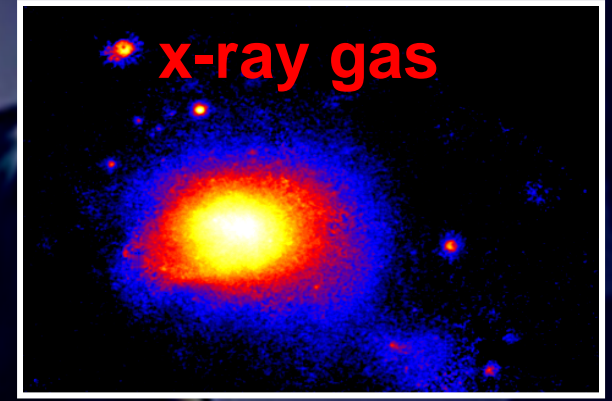
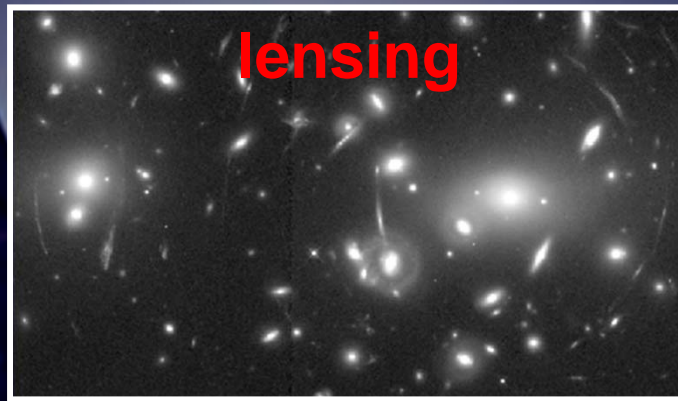
The Cosmological Constant



The case for Λ :

- 1) Hubble diagram (SNe)
- 2) Cosmic Subtraction ($1 - 0.3 = 0.7$)
- 3) Baryon acoustic oscillations
- 4) Weak lensing
- 5) Galaxy clusters
- 6) Age of the universe
- 7) Structure formation

The Cosmological Constant



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

CMB

$$\Omega_M \sim 0.3$$

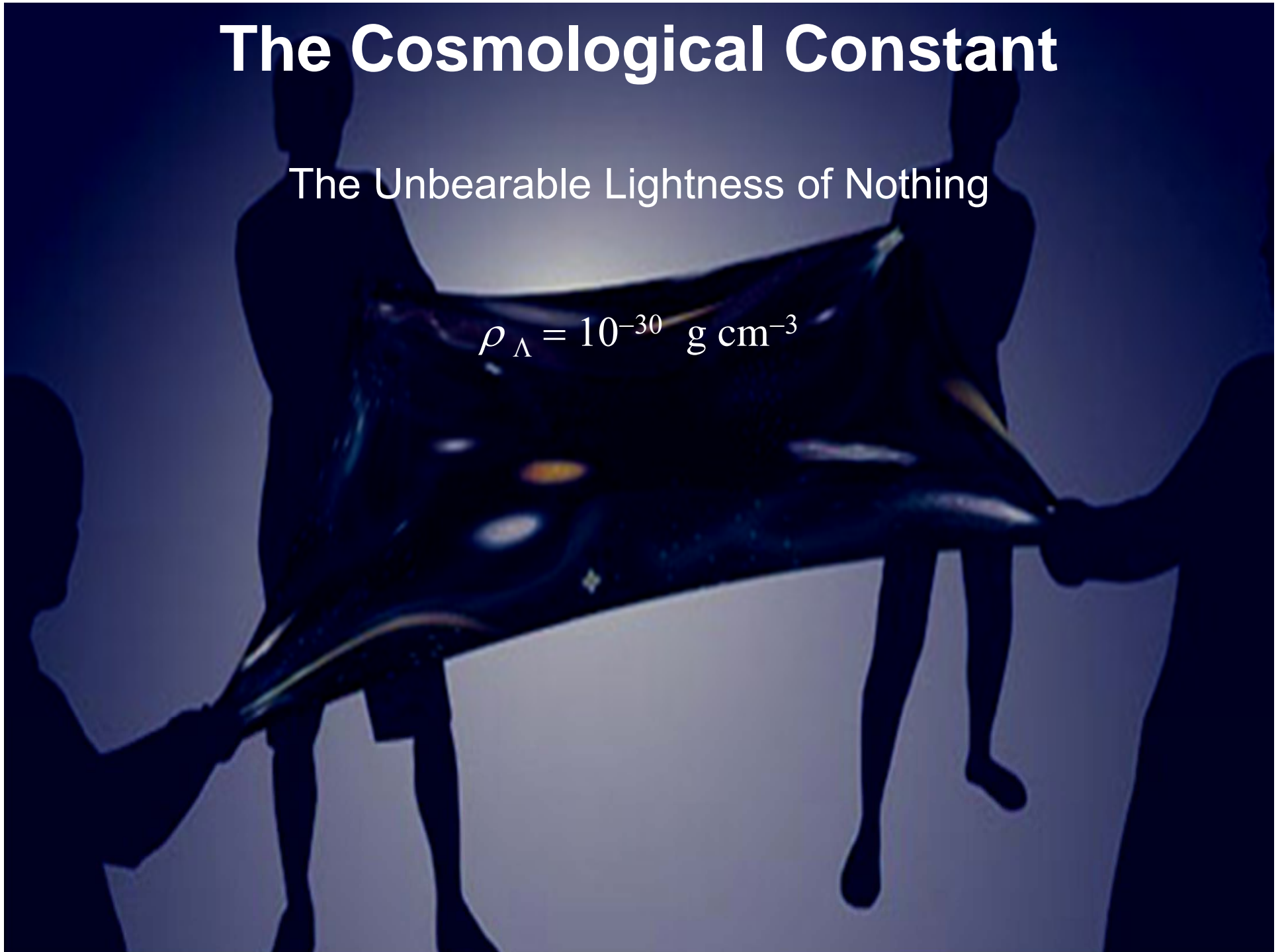
many methods

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

The Cosmological Constant

The Unbearable Lightness of Nothing

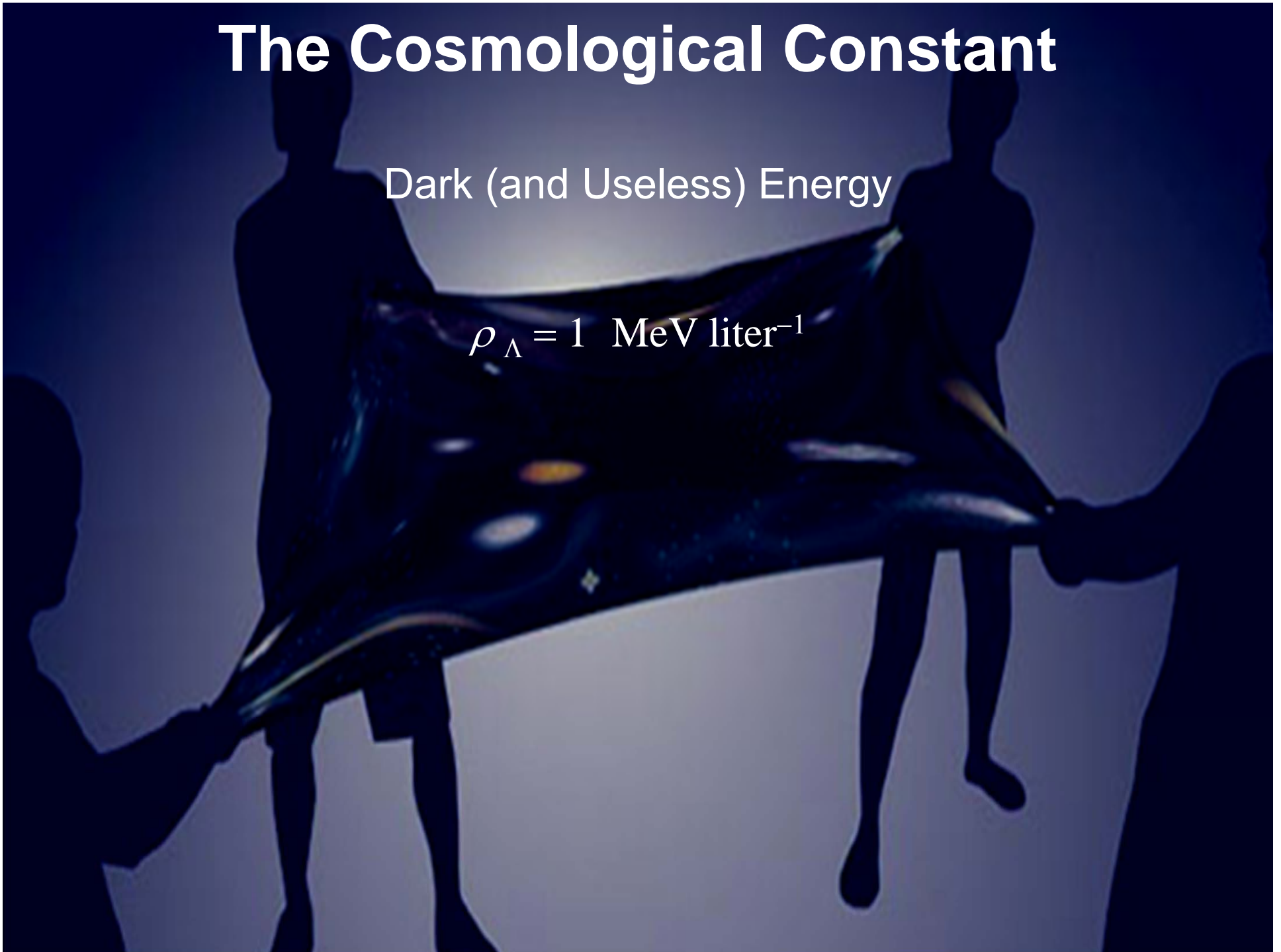
$$\rho_{\Lambda} = 10^{-30} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$$



The Cosmological Constant

Dark (and Useless) Energy

$$\rho_{\Lambda} = 1 \text{ MeV liter}^{-1}$$





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(54) **SPACE VEHICLE PROPELLED BY THE PRESSURE OF INFLATIONARY VACUUM STATE**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A space vehicle propelled by the pressure of inflationary vacuum state is provided comprising a hollow superconductive shield, an inner shield, a power source, a support structure, upper and lower means for generating an electromagnetic field, and a flux modulation controller.

A cooled hollow superconductive shield is energized by an electromagnetic field resulting in the quantized vortices of lattice ions projecting a gravitomagnetic field that forms a spacetime curvature anomaly outside the space vehicle. The spacetime curvature imbalance, the spacetime curvature being the same as gravity, provides for the space vehicle's propulsion. The space vehicle, surrounded by the spacetime anomaly, may move at a speed approaching the light-speed characteristic for the modified locale.

13 Claims, 6 Drawing Sheets

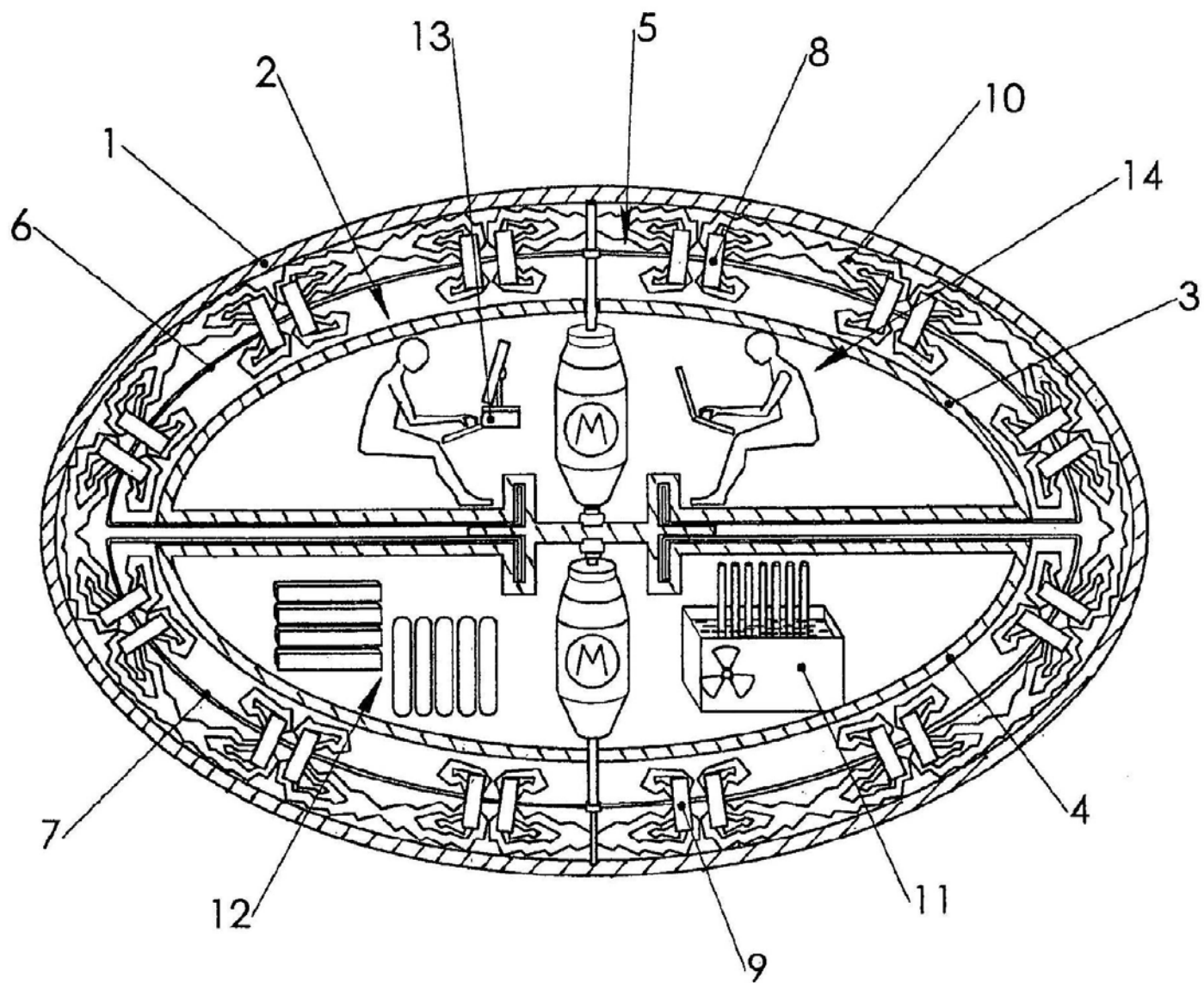


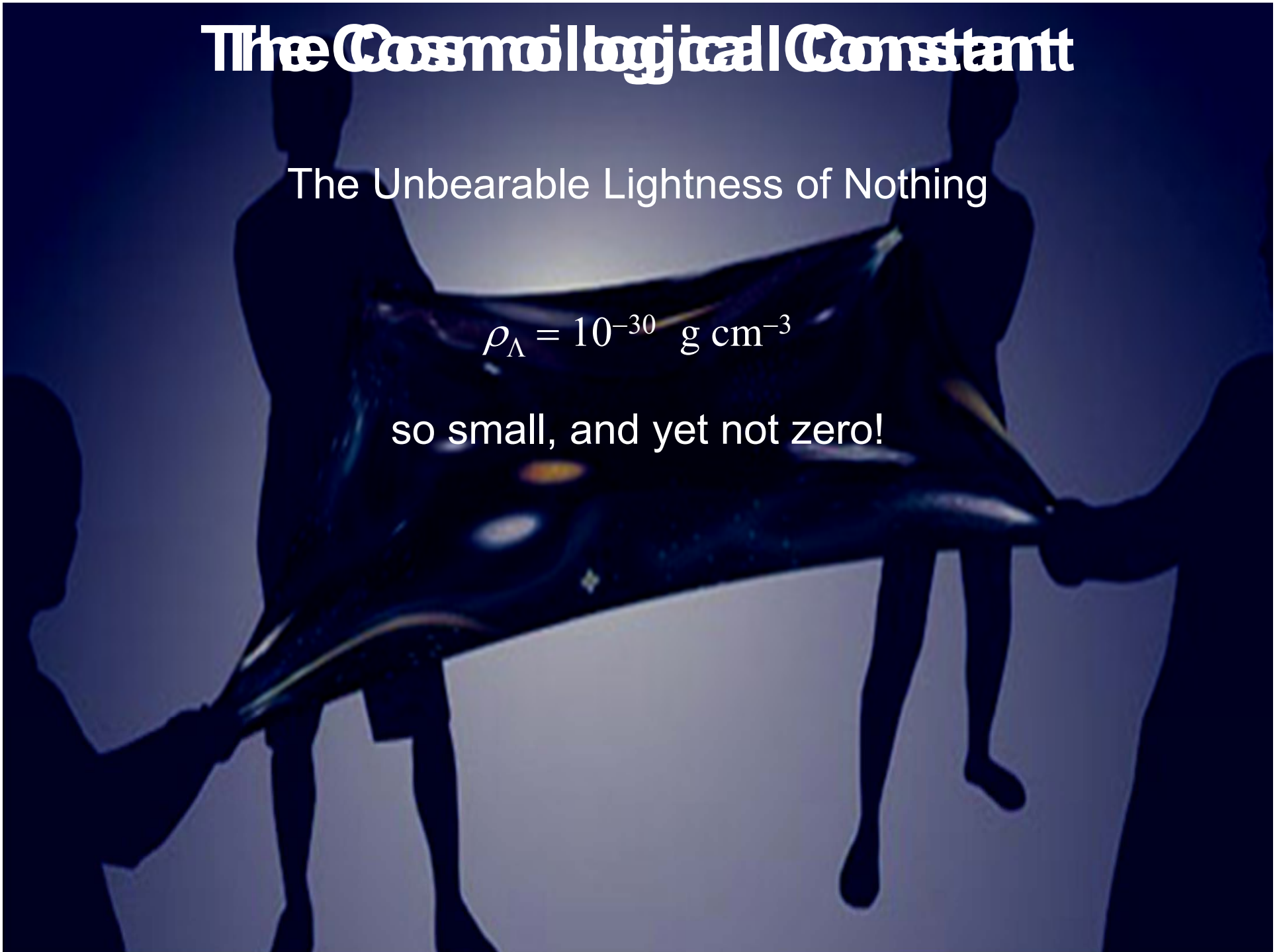
FIG. 1

The Cosmological Constant

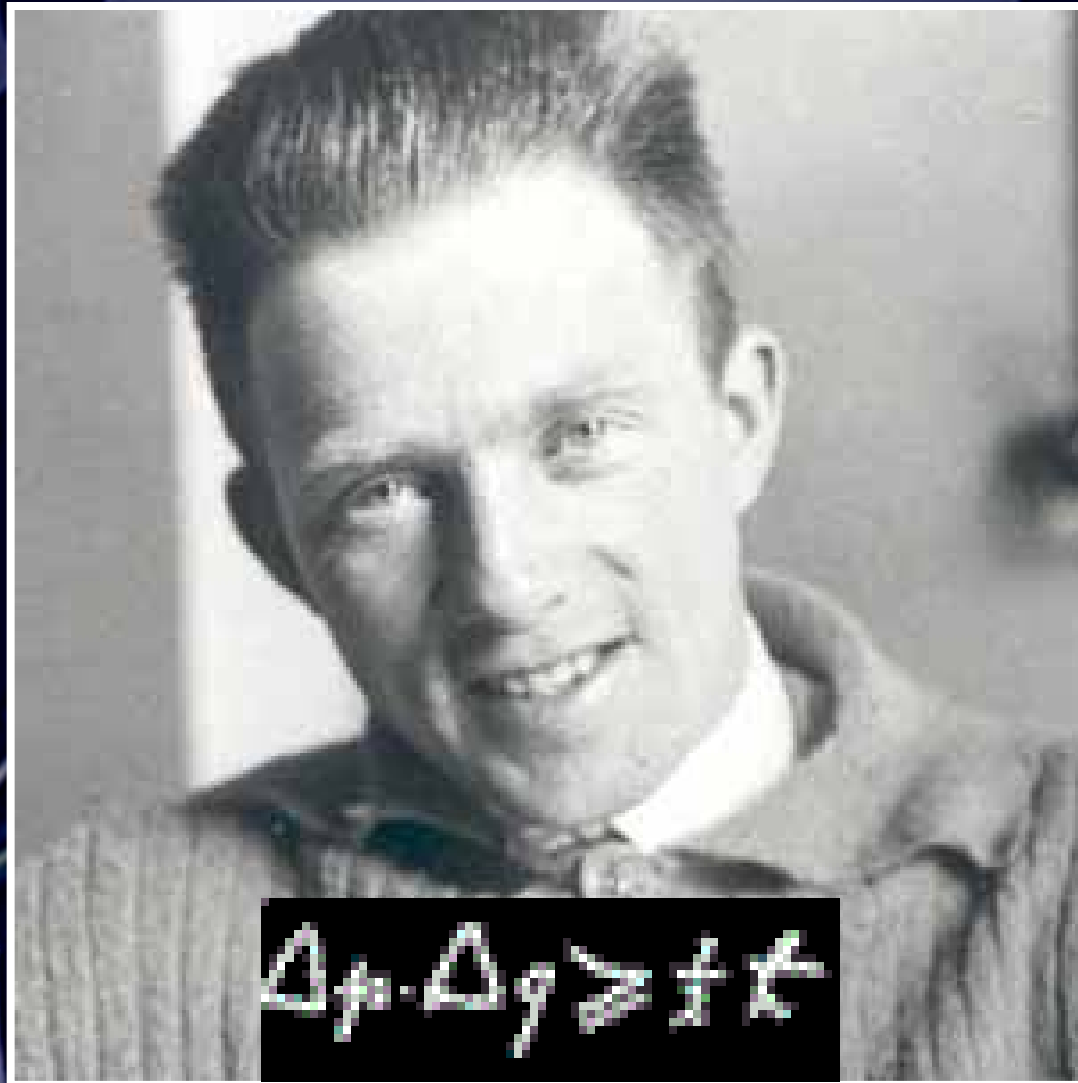
The Unbearable Lightness of Nothing

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

so small, and yet not zero!

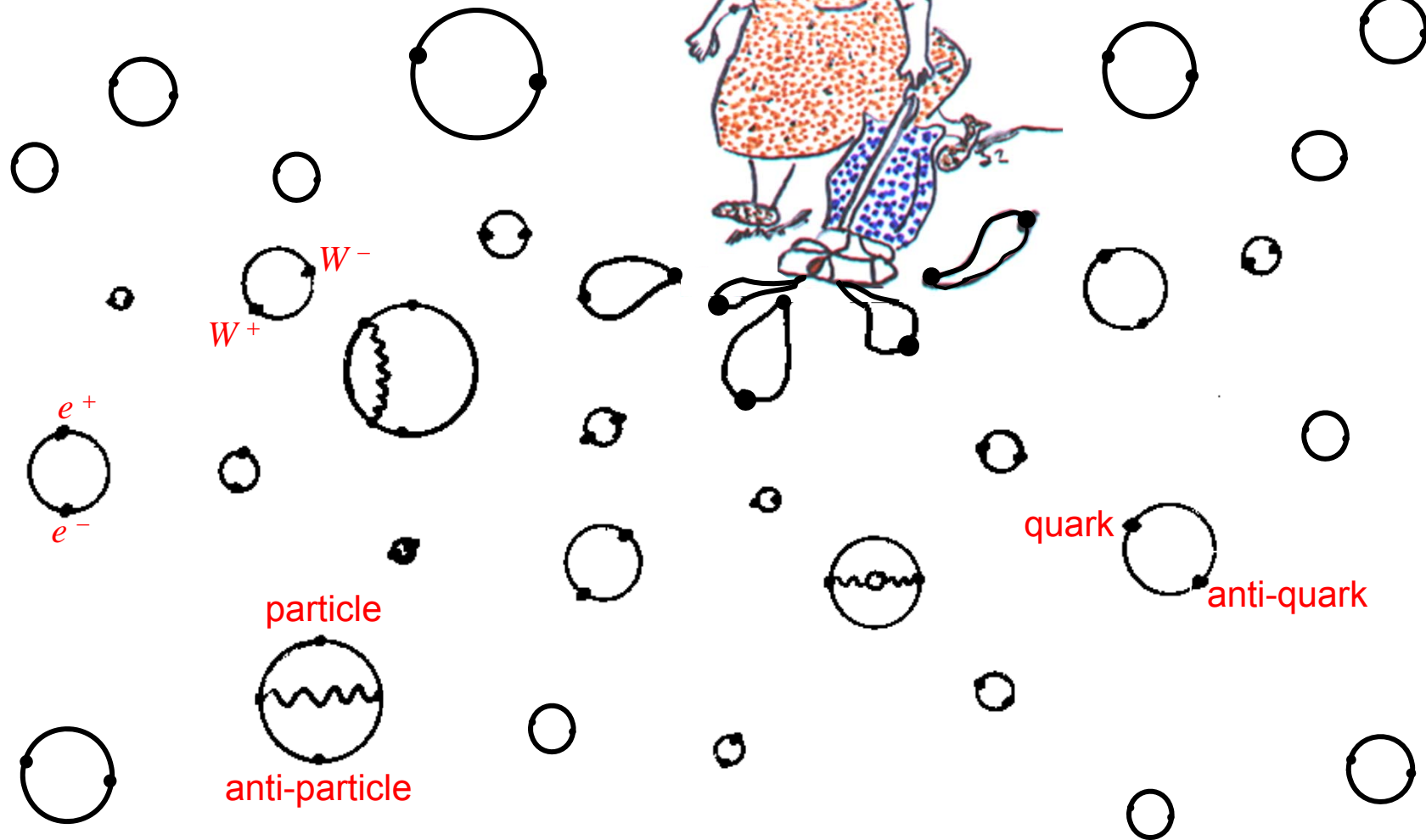


1) Nothing Is Uncertain



Werner Heisenberg 1901—1976

2) Nothing Is Something



There is Something in the Quantum Vacuum

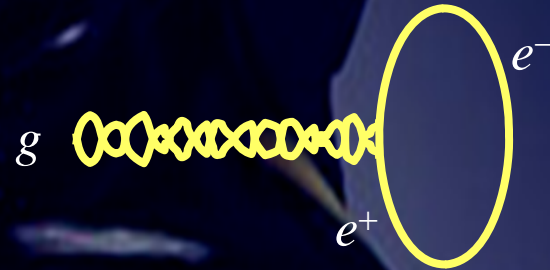
3) Nothing Has Energy

All fields: harmonic oscillators with zero-point energy

Photons: Lamb shift



Gravitons: Vacuum energy



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

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

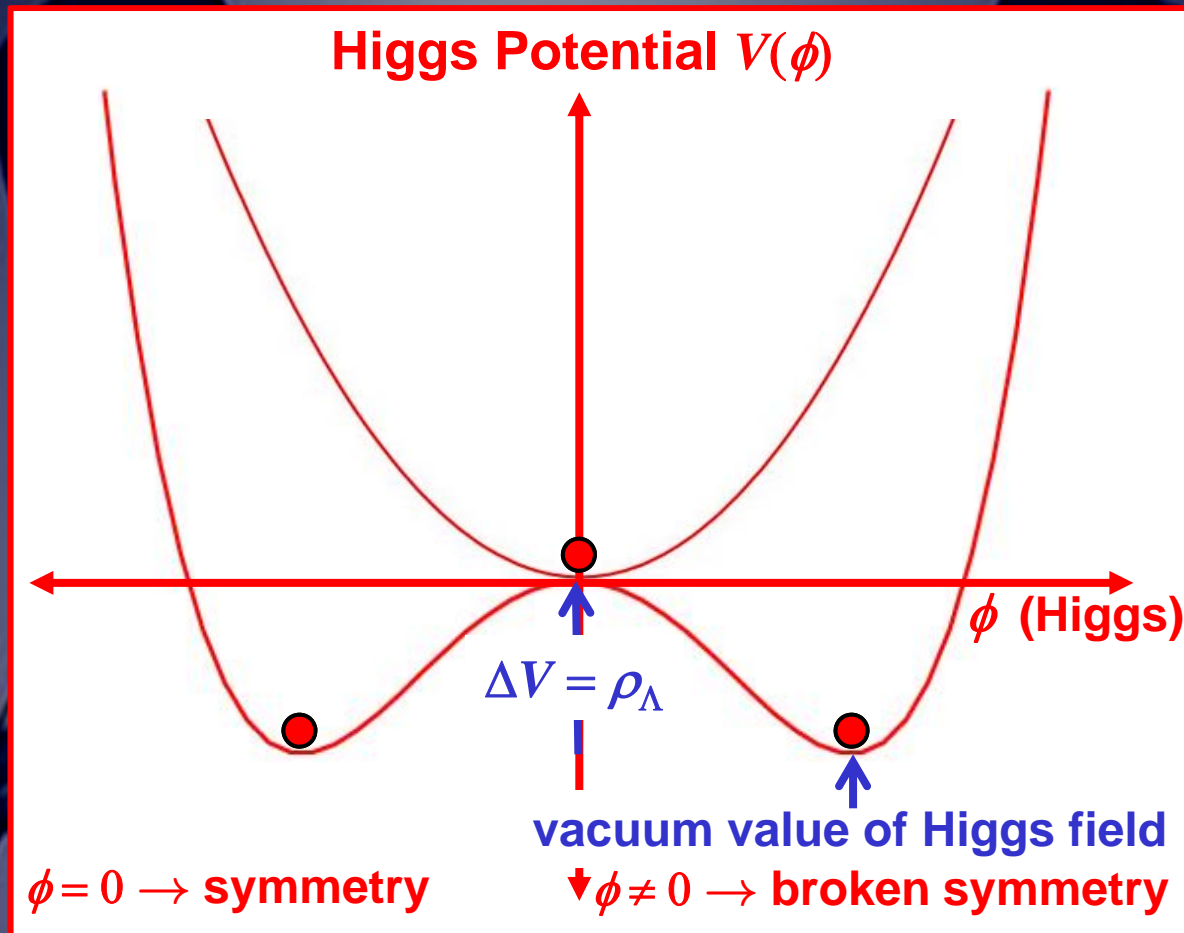
$$\Lambda_C = M_{Pl} : \quad \rho_\Lambda = M_{Pl}^4 \quad = 10^{+90} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$$

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

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

3) Nothing Has Energy

- “Nature weaves her tapestry from the longest threads.” — Richard Feynman
- Nature seems to like symmetry, then hide it



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

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

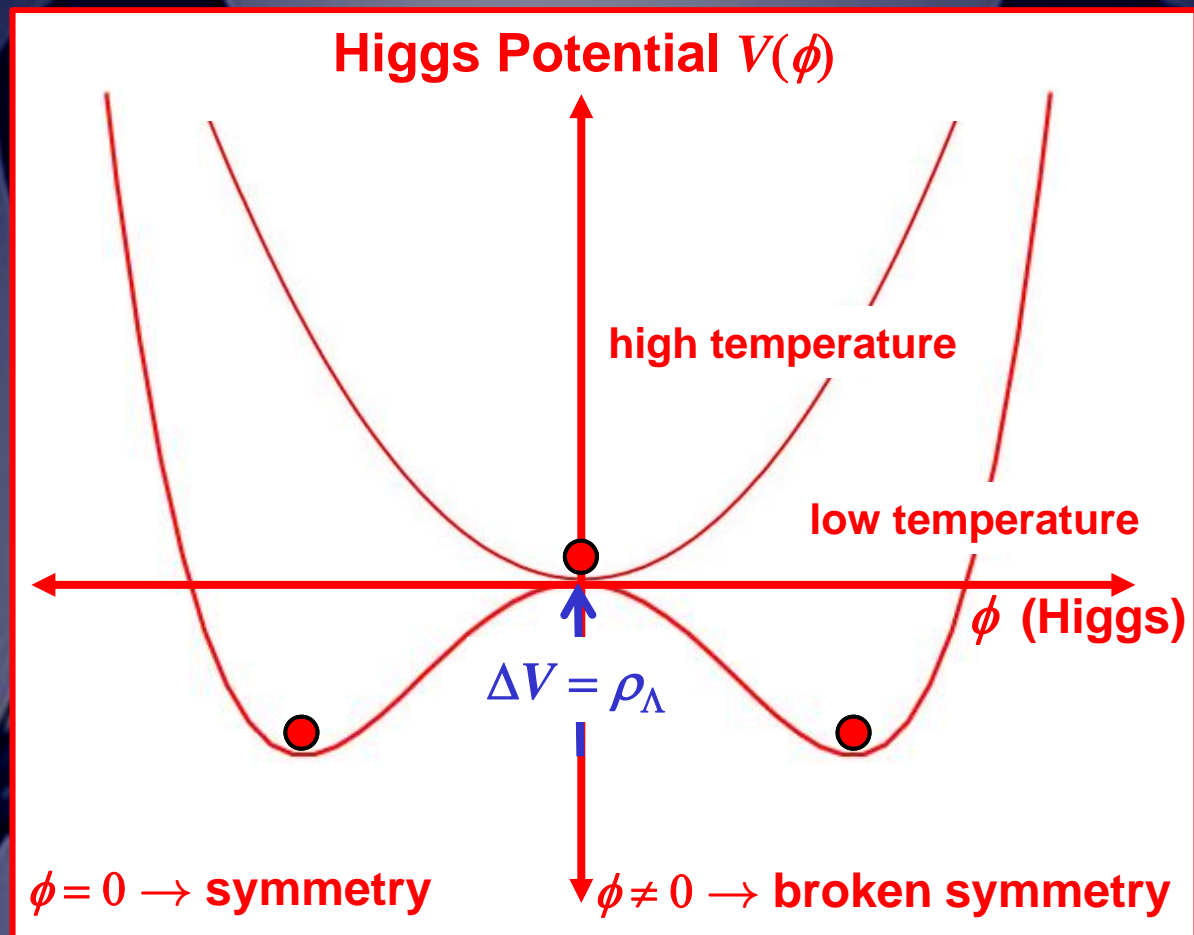
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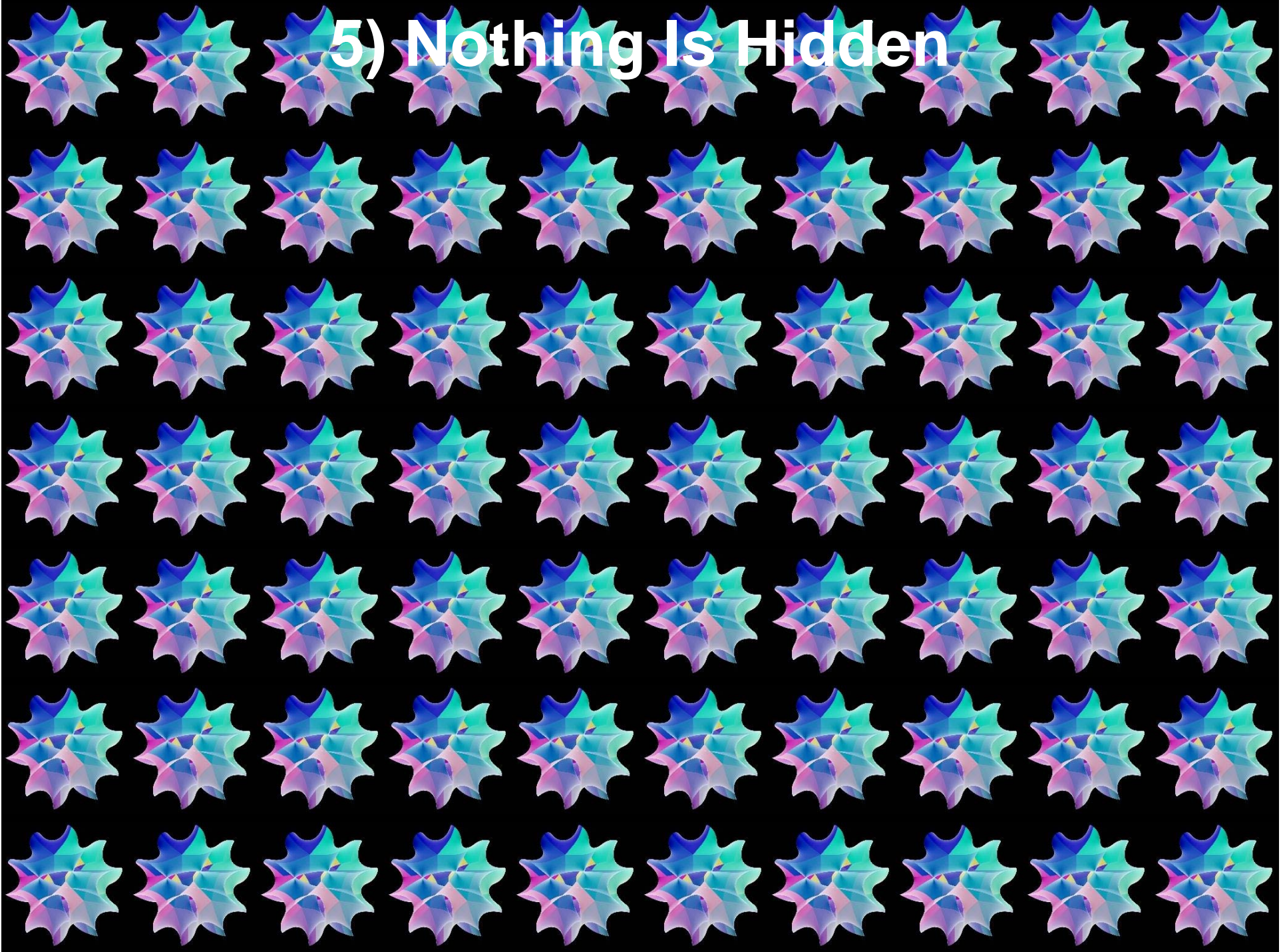
OBSERVED: $10^{-30} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$

4) Nothing Changes

- The Higgs potential changes with temperature



5) Nothing Is Hidden



6) Nothing Is Mysterious

Illogical magnitude (what's it related to?):

Observed Dark Energy Density: $10^{-30} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$

Uncertainty
Energy

$$\infty^4 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$$

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

$$10^{90} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$$

Symmetry
Breaking

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

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

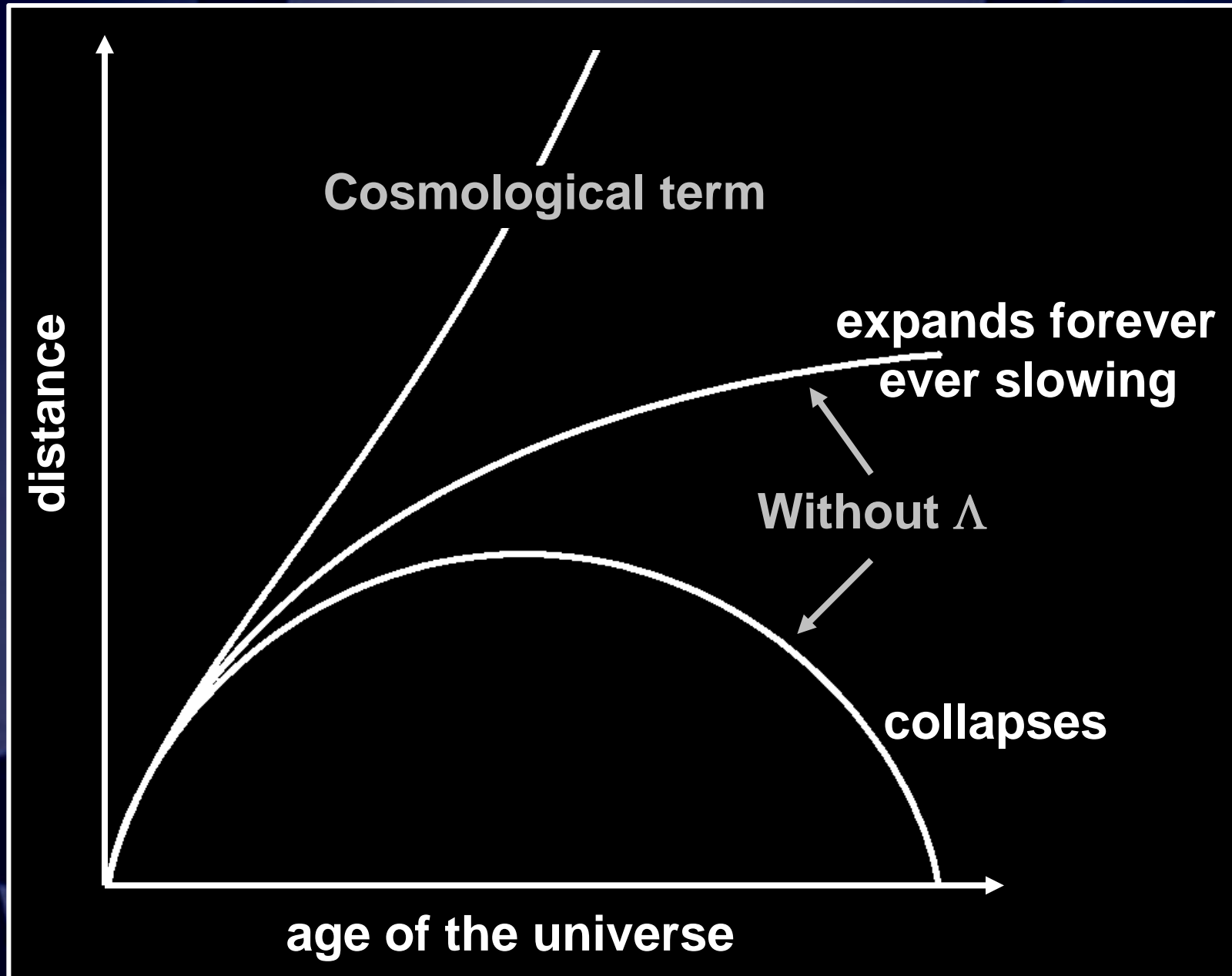
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Extra
Dimensions

$$10^{90} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$$

7) Nothing Matters



The Cosmoillogical Constant

Illogical magnitude (what's it related to?):

$$\rho_{\Lambda} \simeq 10^{-30} \text{ g cm}^{-3} \simeq (10^{-4} \text{ eV})^4 \simeq (10^{-3} \text{ cm})^{-4}$$

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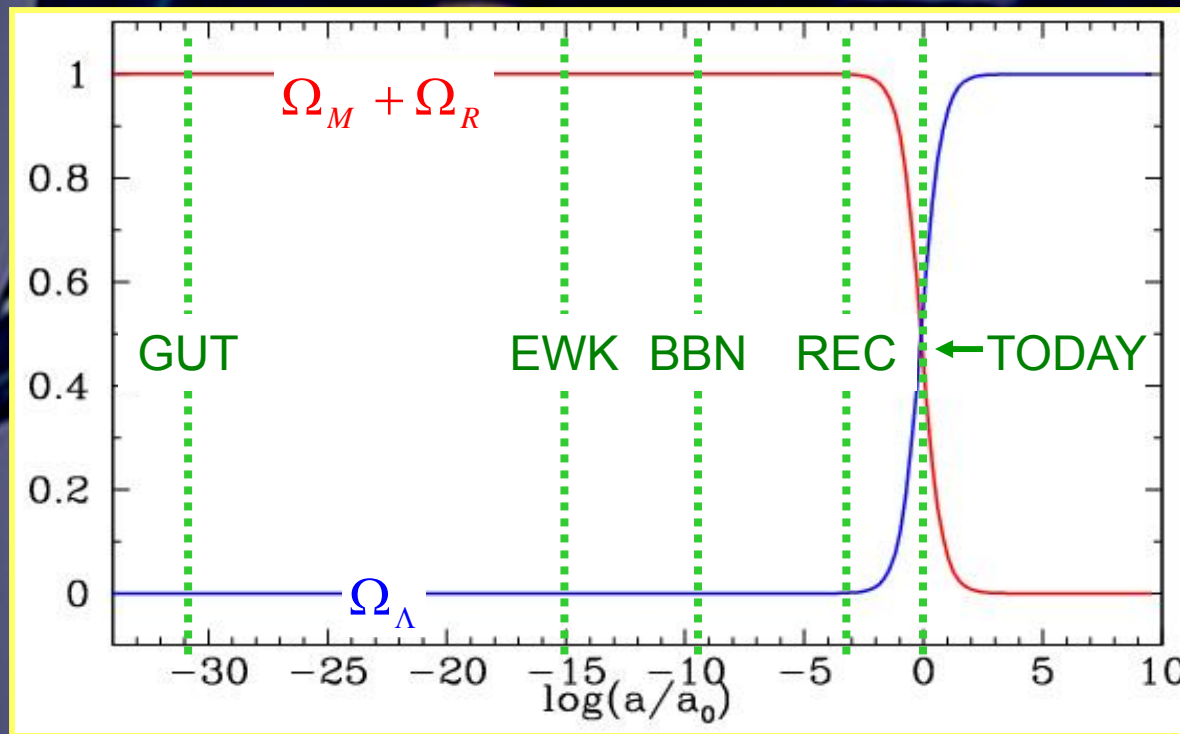
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Illogical timing (cosmic coincidence?):



Cosmoillogical Constant



Do not directly *observe*

- acceleration of the universe
- cosmoillogical constant
- 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

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

anthropic principle (the landscape)



Duct Tape



scalar fields (quintessence)

Anthropic/Landscape/DUCTtape

- Many sources of vacuum energy.
- String theory has many ($>10^{500}$?) vacua ... the landscape.
- The multiverse could populate many (all?) vacua.
- Very, very rarely vacua have cancellations that yield a small Λ .
- While exponentially uncommon, they are preferred because ...
... more common values of Λ results in an inhospitable universe.

Anthropic principle requires $\Lambda \leq \Lambda_{\text{OBS}}$.

Explains a $(10^{120} - 1)\sigma$ result.

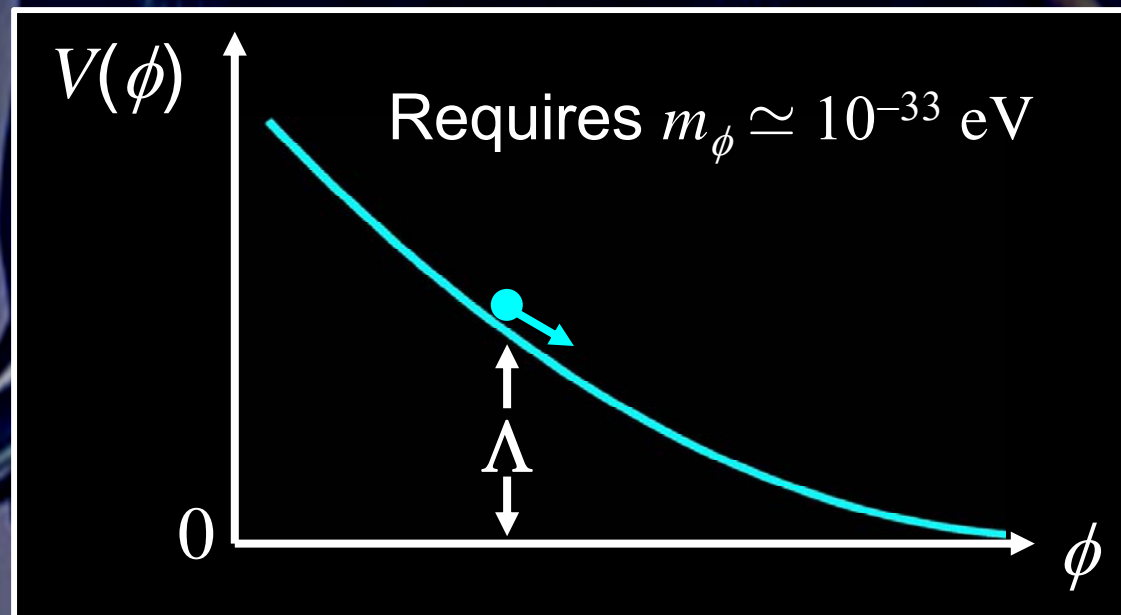
A change in the 47th decimal place in the up-quark mass makes a 100% change in Λ .

Anthropic/Landscape/DUCTtape

- The anthropic “principle” can explain the cosmological constant.
- Perhaps there is no better idea than the anthropic principle ...
... (people without ideas can still have principles).
- But principles must not be applied selectively.
- What does this mean for particle physics?
 - Does it explain the weak scale/Planck scale hierarchy?
 - Who needs low-energy SUSY?
 - Give up searching for many answers (masses, etc.).
 - No dreams of a final theory.
- Is particle physics an environmental science?

Quintessence/WD-40

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



- Can nature admit ultralight scalar fields?
- Long-range forces?

Tools to Modify the Left-Hand Side

- Braneworld modifies Friedmann equation

Friedmann equation not from $G_{00} = 8\pi G T_{00}$

Binetruy, Deffayet, Languis

- Gravitational force law modified at large distance

Five-dimensional at cosmic distances

Deffayet, Dvali, Gabadadze

- Tired gravitons

Gravitons unstable-leak into bulk

Gregory, Rubakov & Sibiryakov

- Gravity changes at distance $R \approx \text{Gpc}$

Becomes repulsive

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

$f(R) S = (16\pi G)^{-1} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} (R - \mu^4/R)$

Carroll, Duvvuri, Turner & Trodden

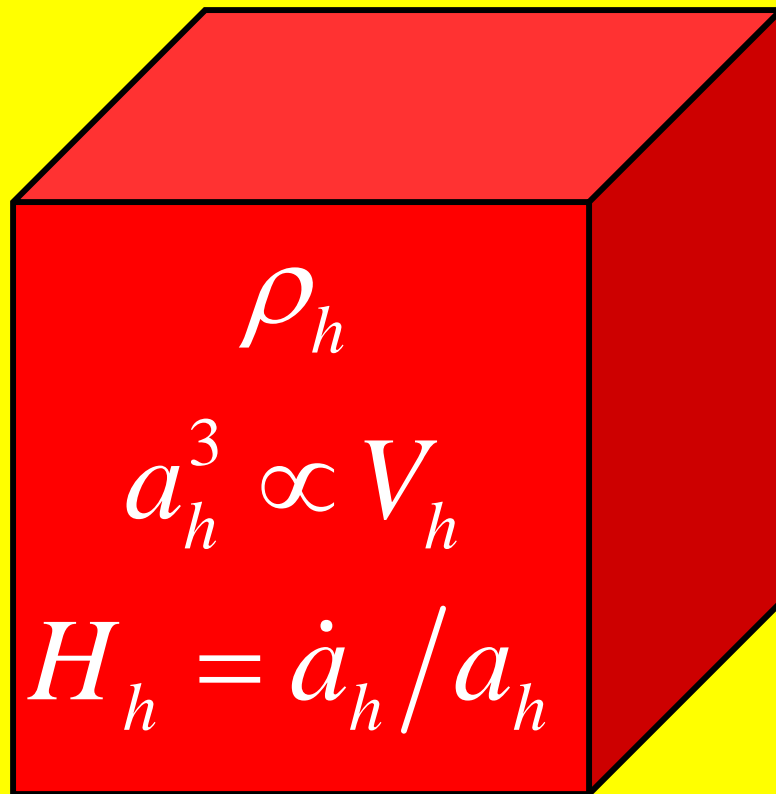
- “Backreaction” of inhomogeneities

No dark energy

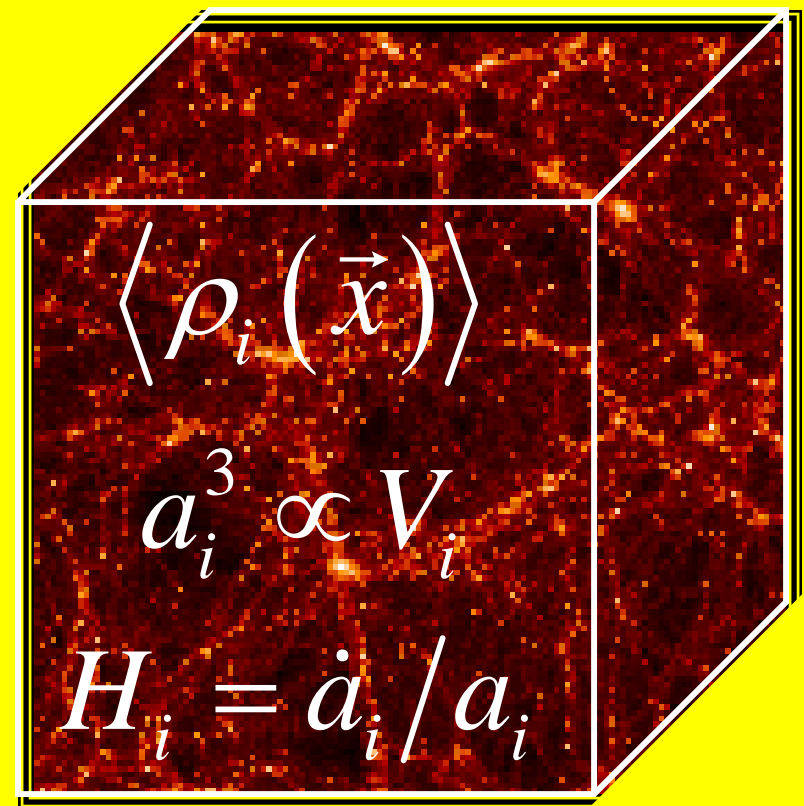
Räsänen, Kolb, Matarrese, Notari, Riotto, Buchert; Ellis; Celerier

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

$$G_{\mu\nu}(g_{\mu\nu}) = T_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\langle G_{\mu\nu}(g_{\mu\nu}) \rangle = \langle T_{\mu\nu} \rangle$$

$$G_{\mu\nu}(\langle g_{\mu\nu} \rangle) \neq \langle T_{\mu\nu} \rangle$$

$$\langle G_{\mu\nu}(g_{\mu\nu}) \rangle \neq G_{\mu\nu}(\langle g_{\mu\nu} \rangle)$$

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.

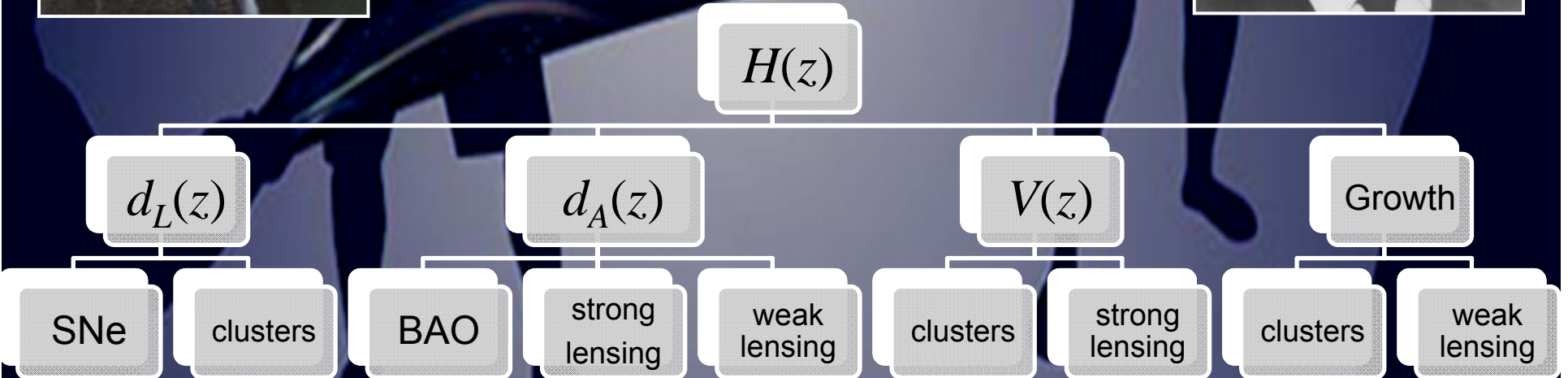
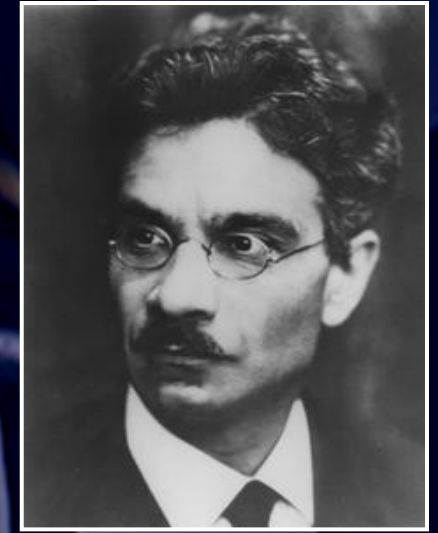
Célérier; Räsänen; Kolb, Matarrese, Notari & Riotto; Schwarz, ...

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."



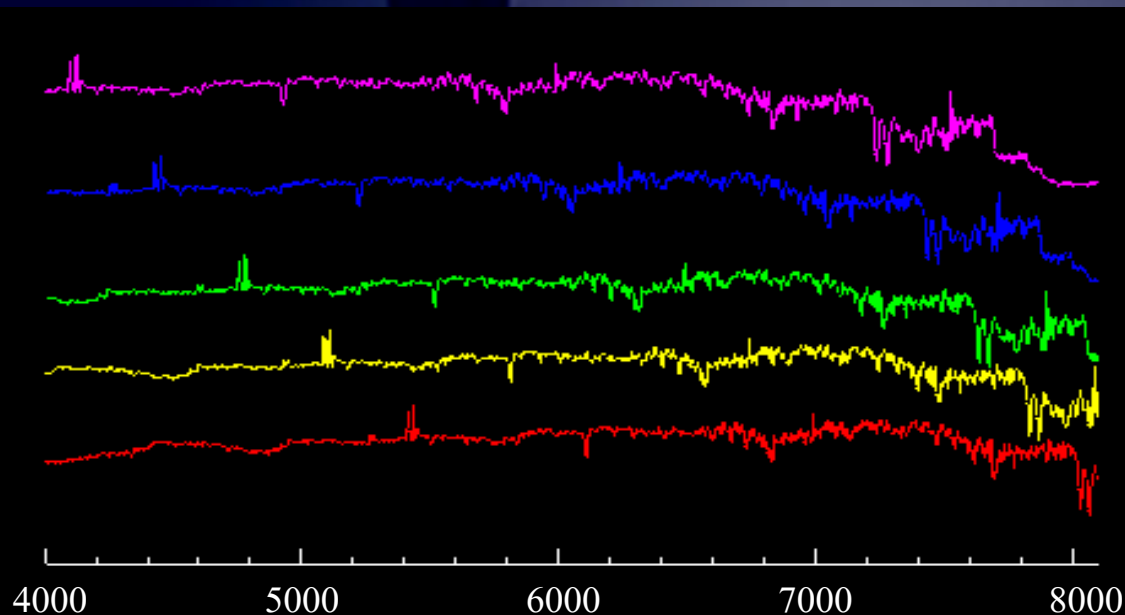
Einstein in August 1913 to astronomer Erwin Freundlich encouraging him to measure the deflection of light by the sun.



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



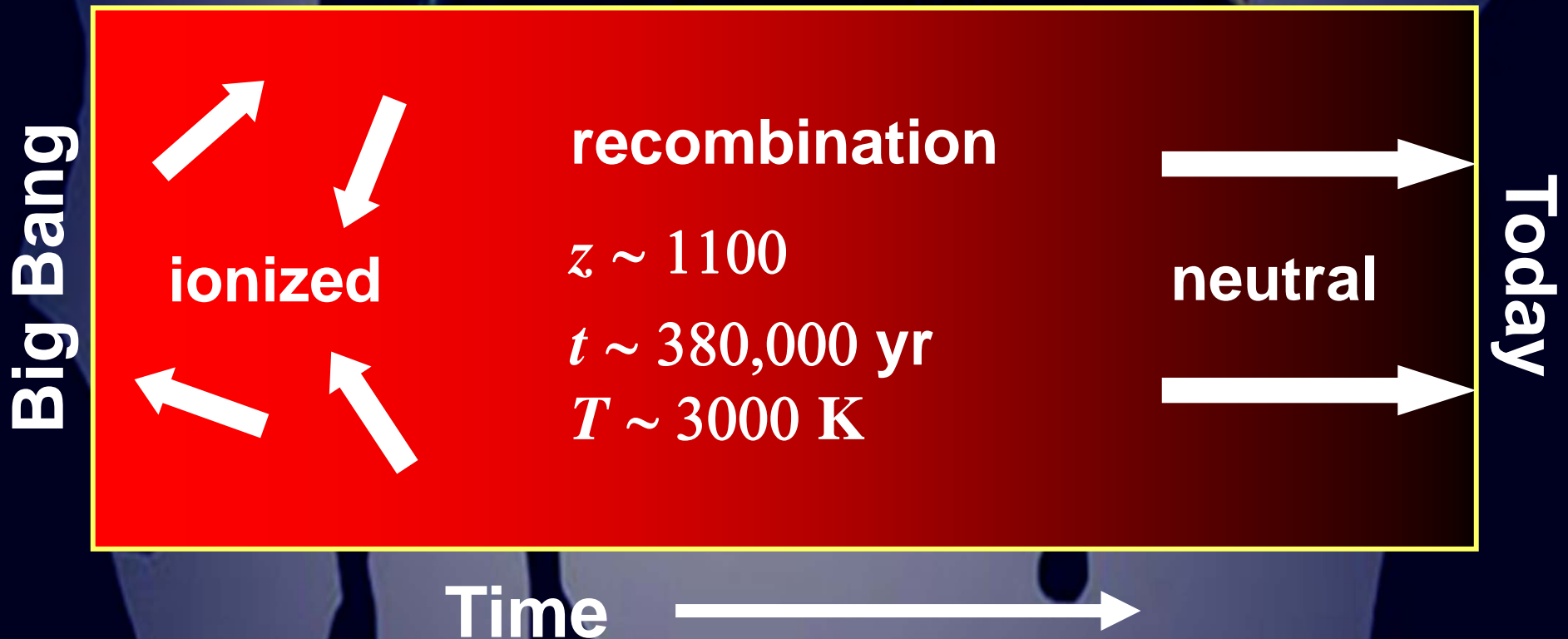
Baryon Acoustic Oscillations

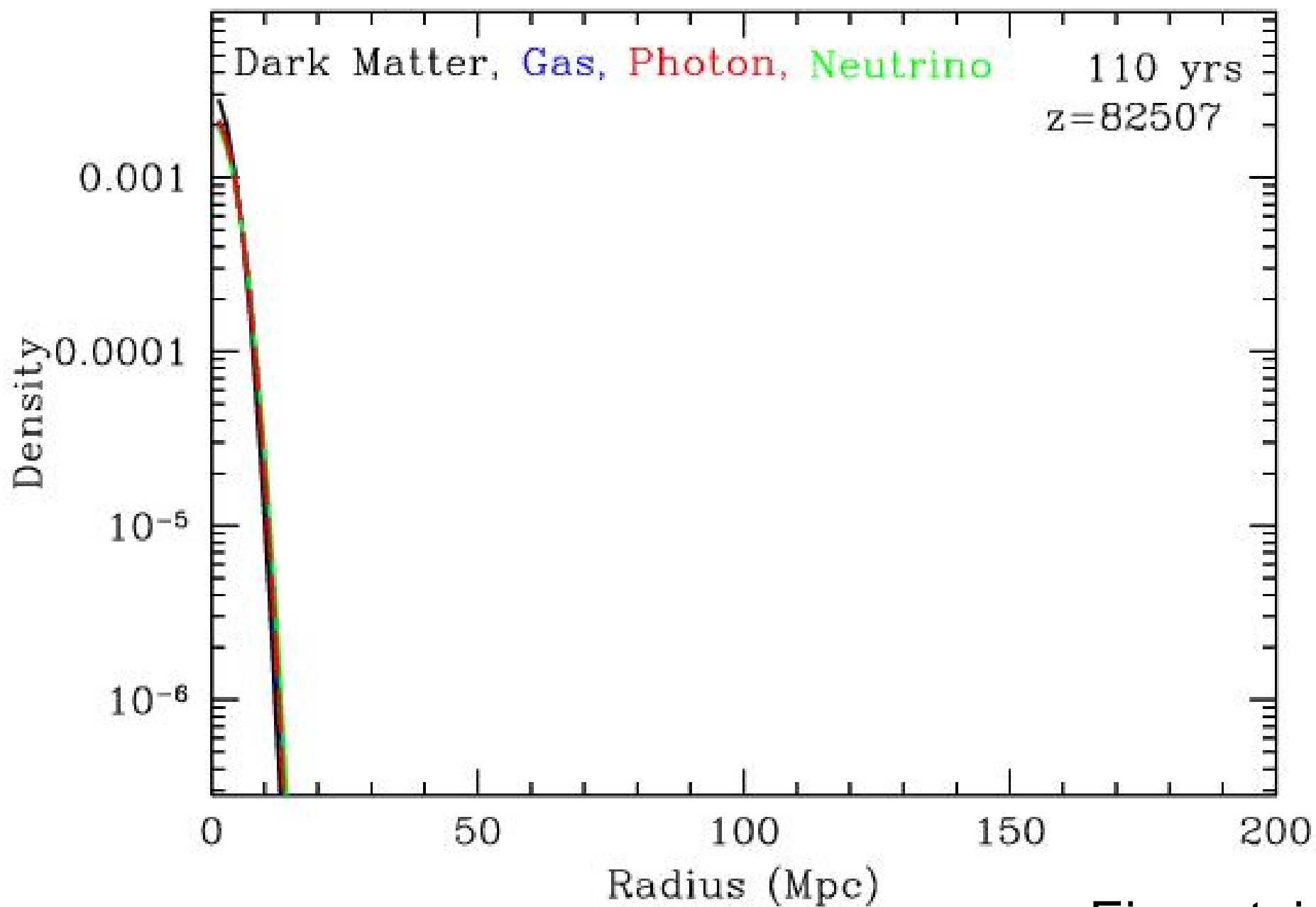
Pre-recombination

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

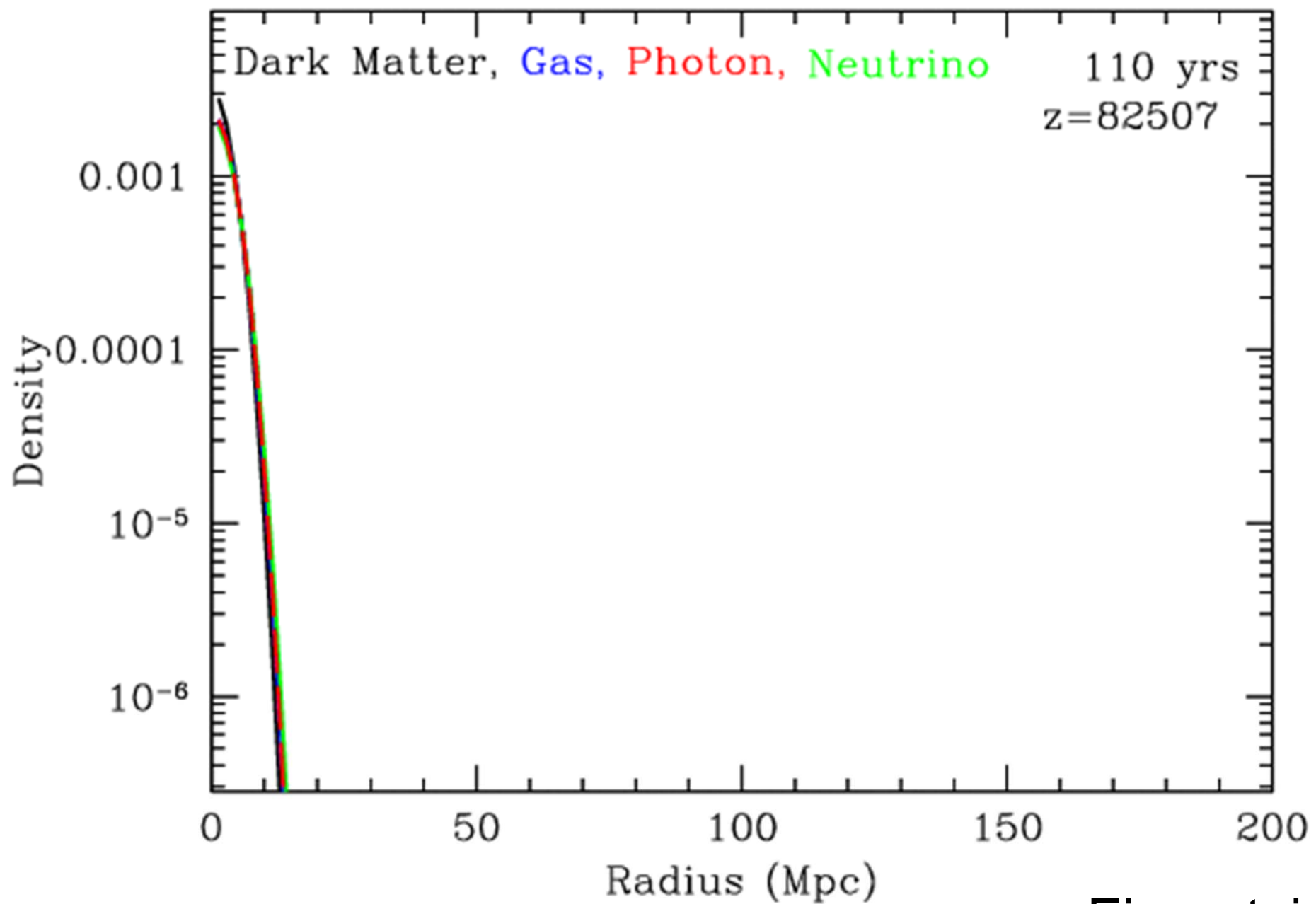
Post-recombination

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





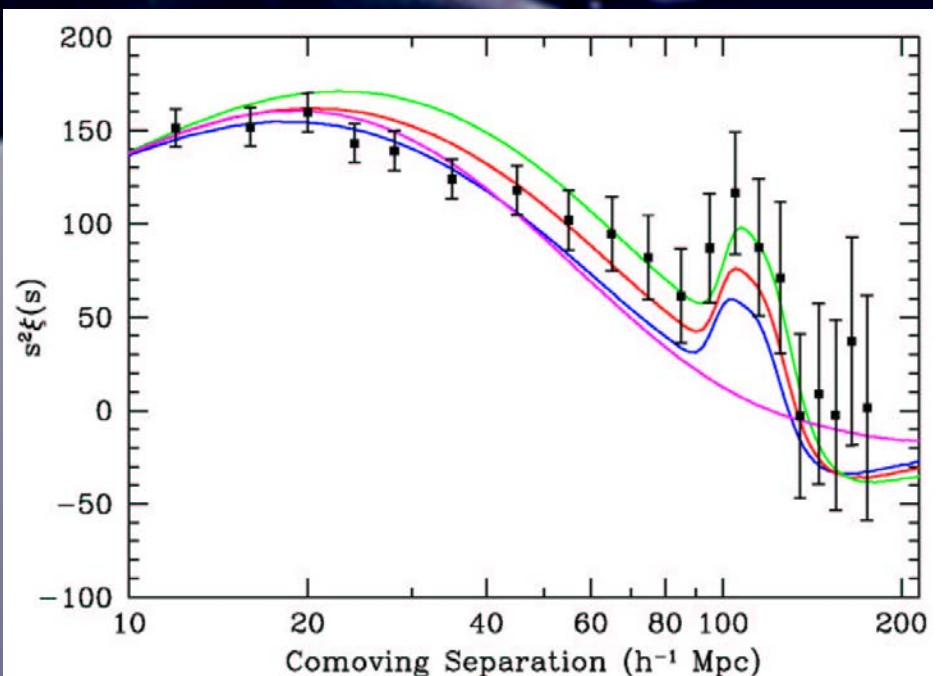
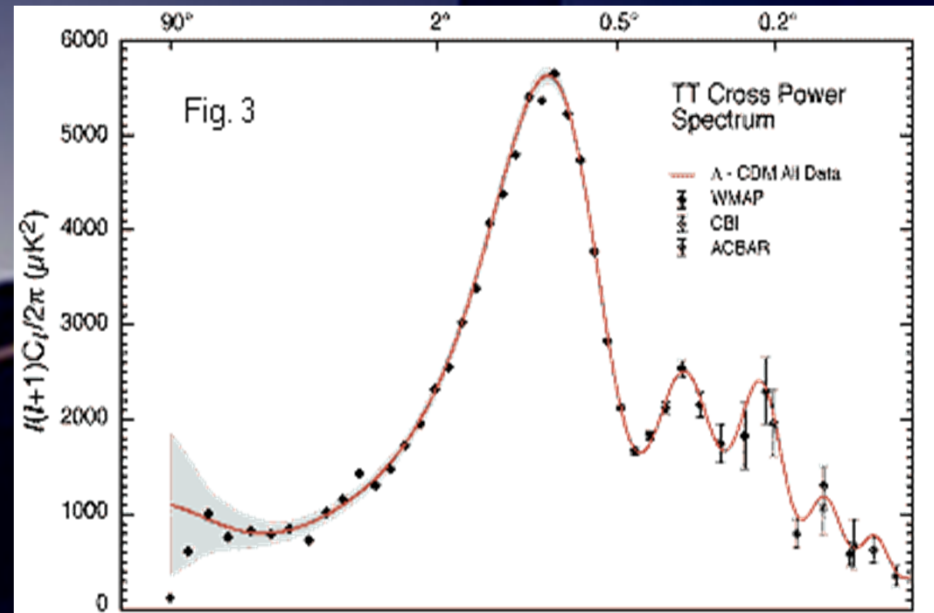
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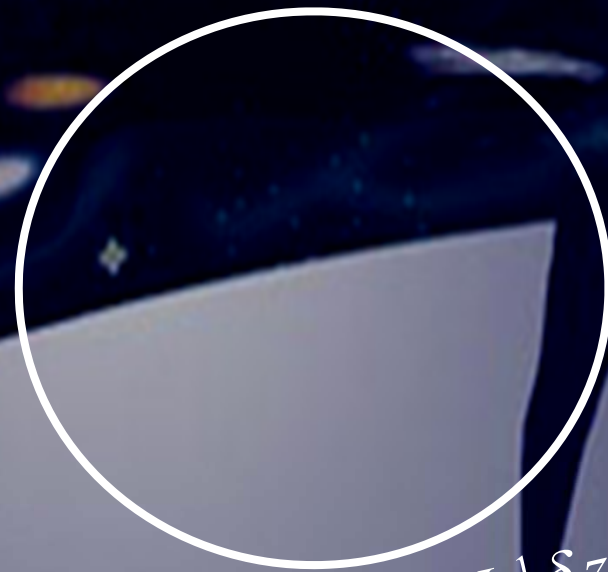
Baryon Acoustic Oscillations

- 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



Baryon Acoustic Oscillations

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



$150 \text{ Mpc} = d_A \delta \theta$

$150 \text{ Mpc} = H^{-1} \delta z$



Baryon Acoustic Oscillations

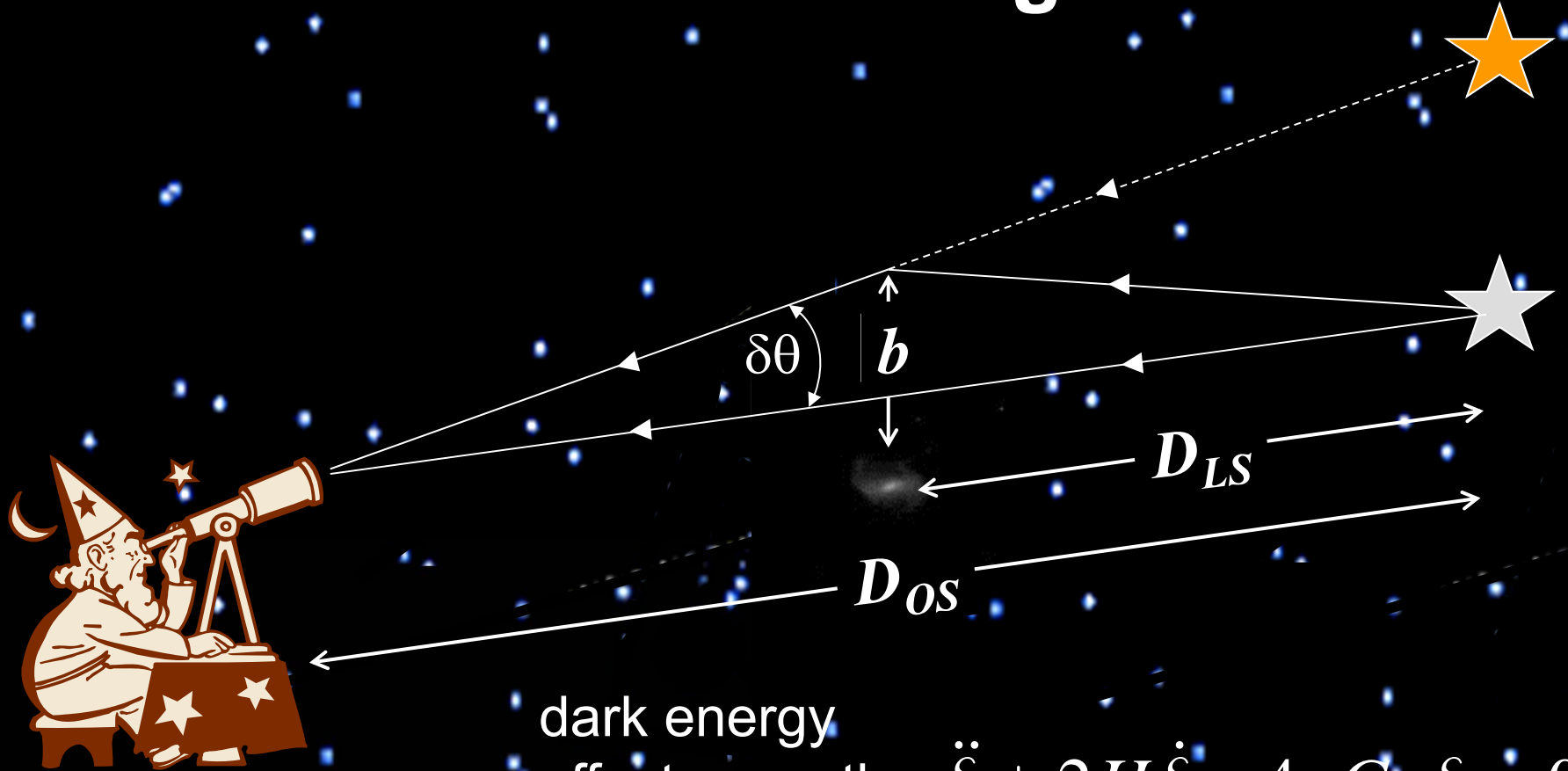
- Virtues

- 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



dark energy
affects growth
rate of M

$$\ddot{\delta} + 2H\dot{\delta} - 4\pi G\rho\delta = 0$$

observe
deflection
angle

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

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 (2021)
 - 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

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 ($a \rightarrow 0$) $w(0) = w_0 + w_a$

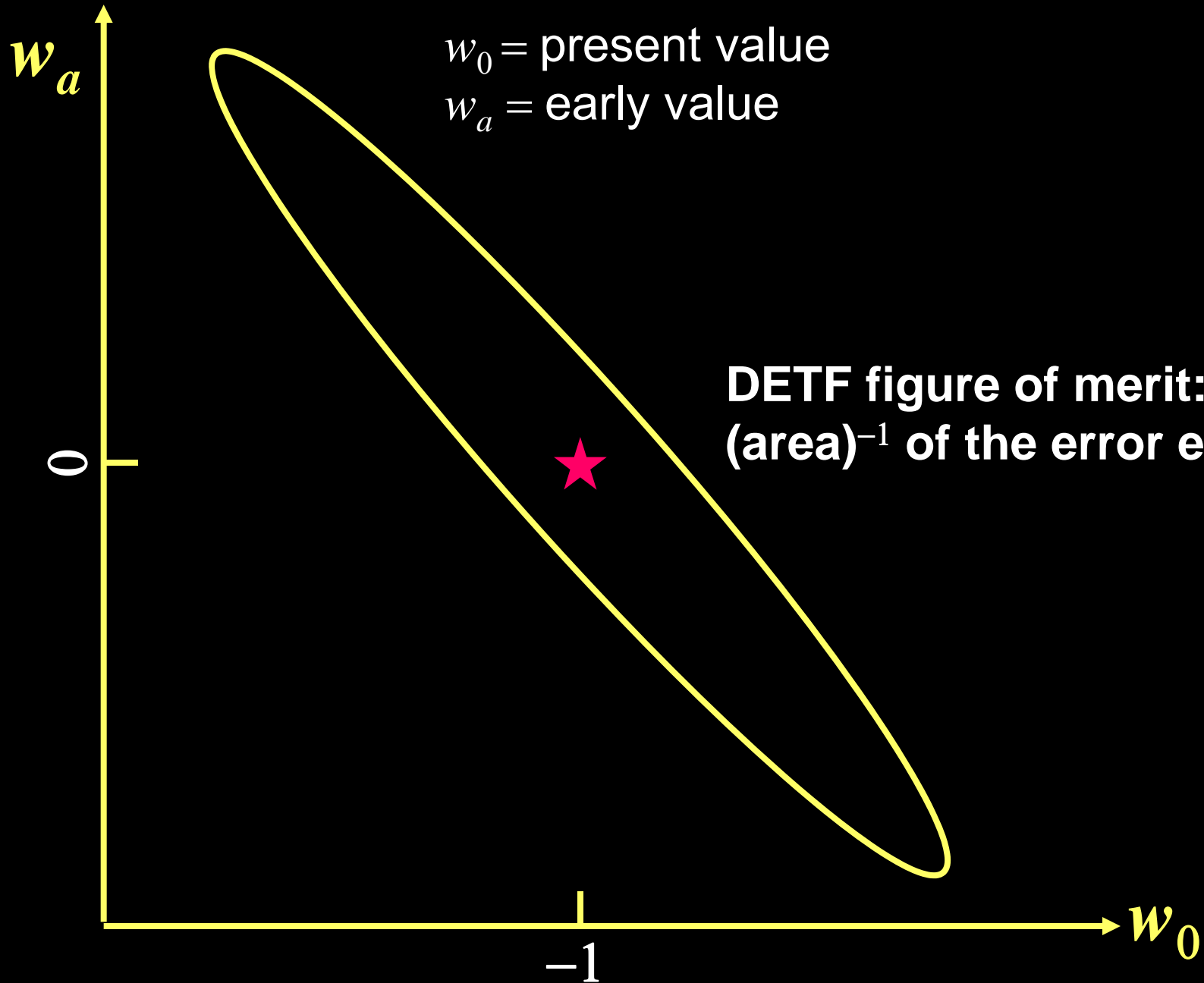
Standard eight-dimensional cosmological model:

- 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.

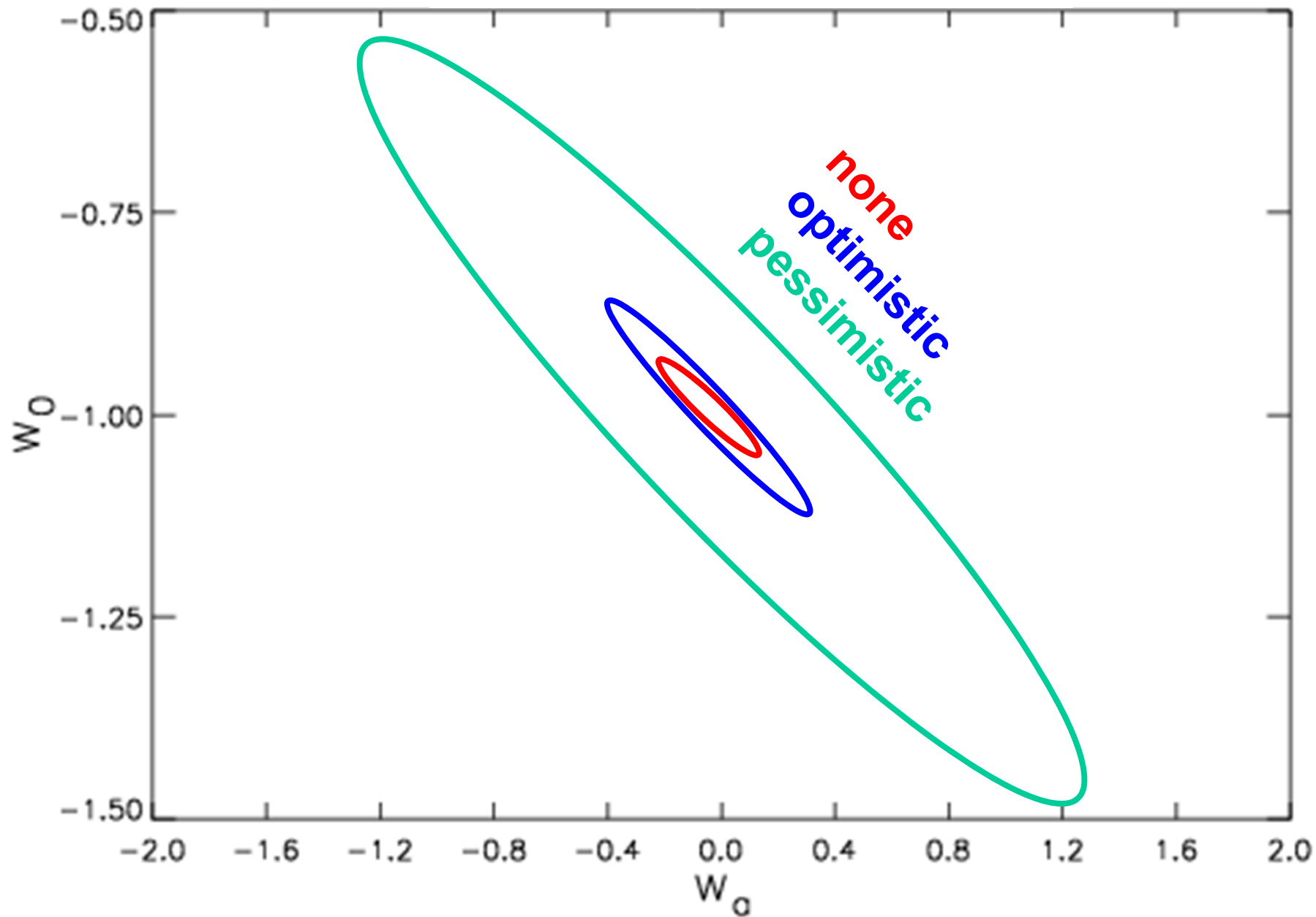
$$w(a) = w_0 + w_a(1-a)$$

w_0 = present value

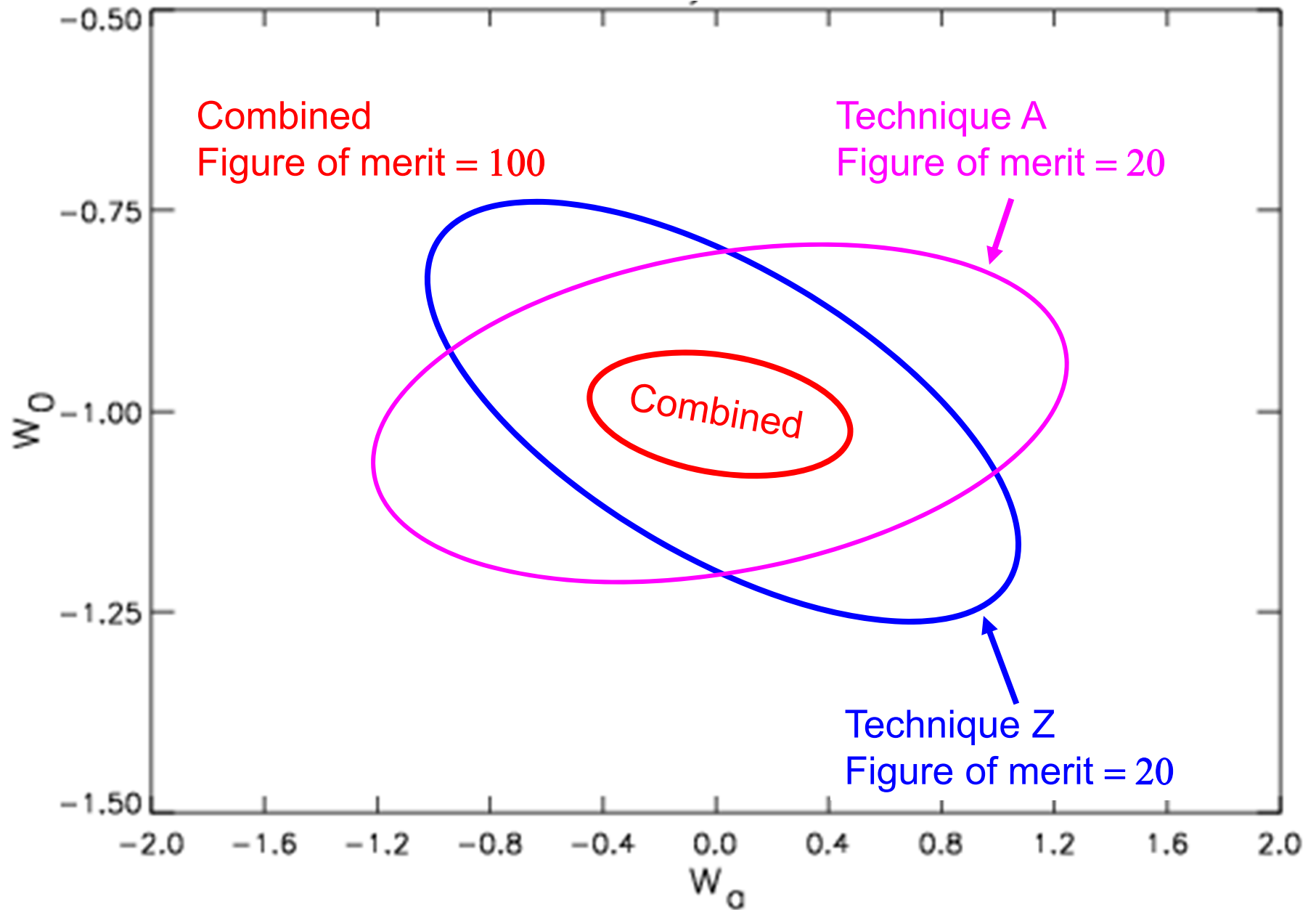
w_a = early value

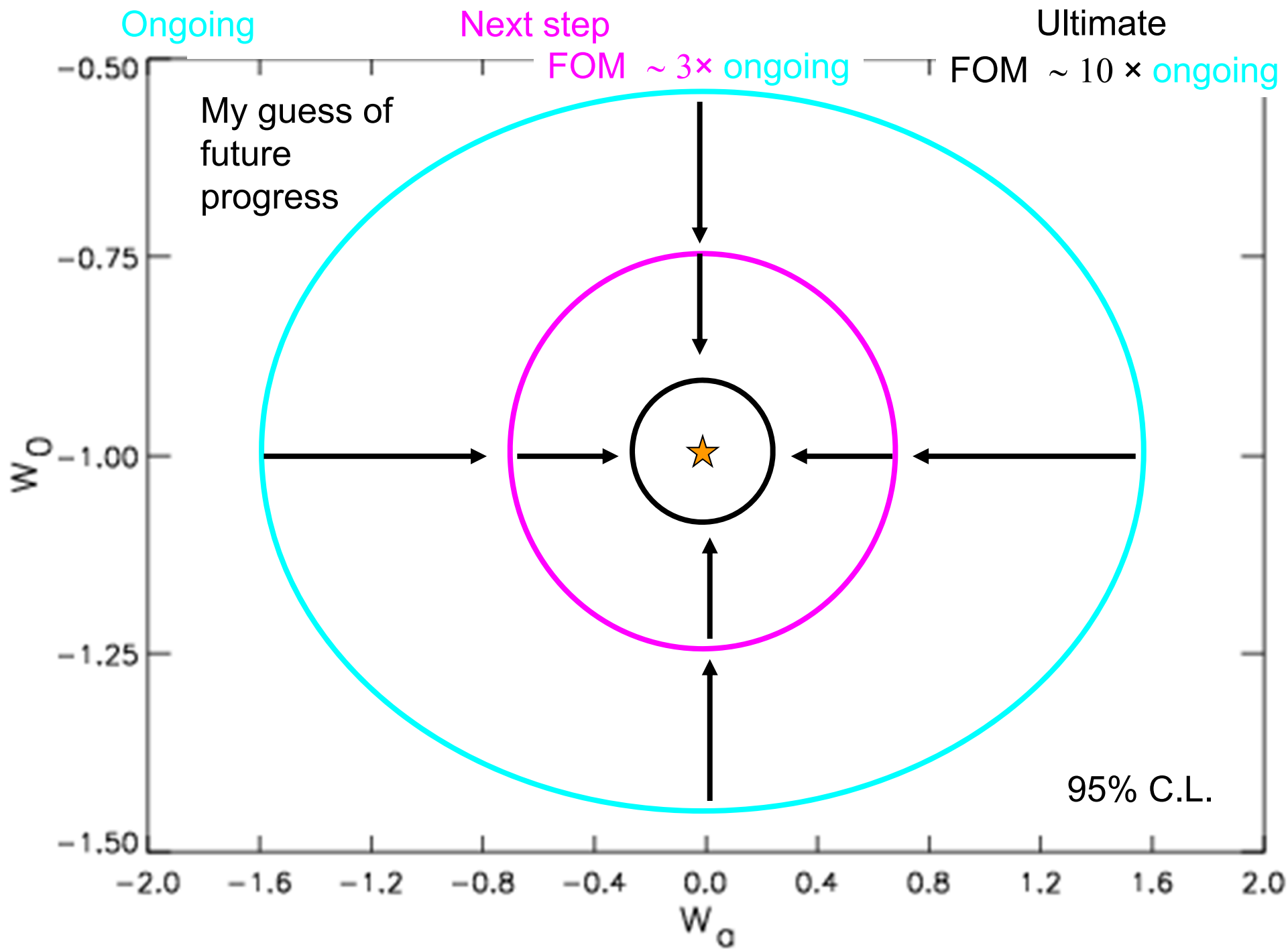


Systematics Are The Key

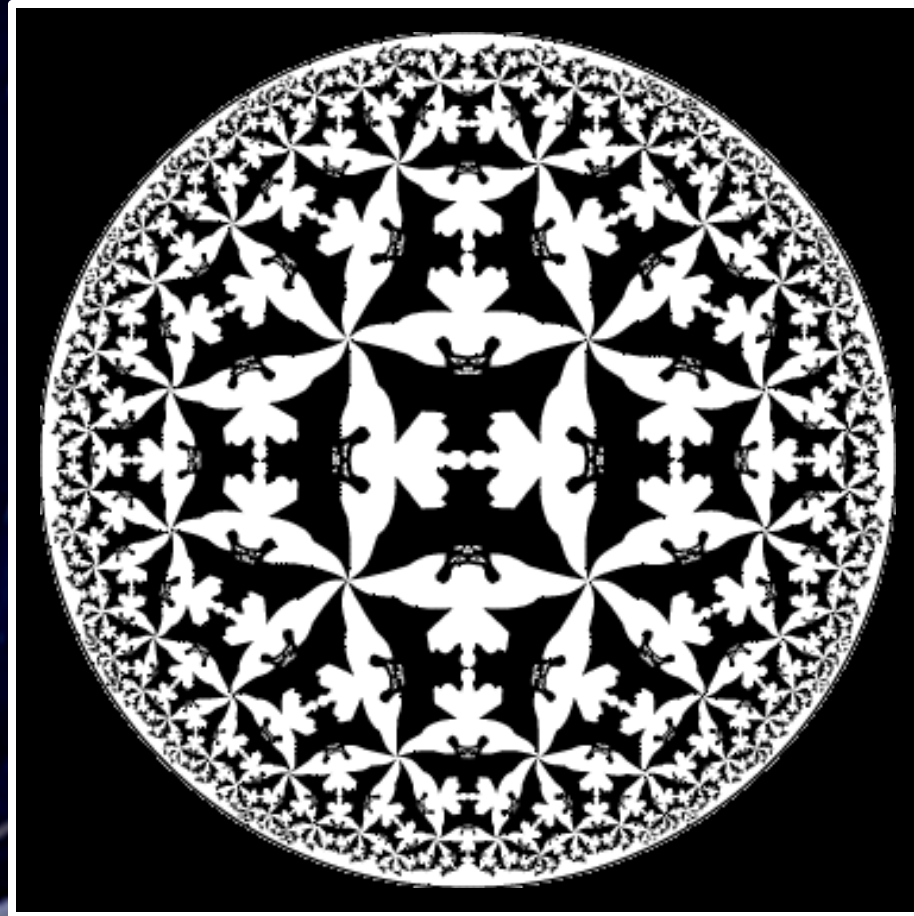


The Power of Two (or 3, or 4)





Asymptotic de Sitter Space?



- Our cosmic horizon is limited — finite visible Universe
- Finite-dimensional Hilbert space
- Have to do astronomy now!

Dark Energy



Dark energy is a complex physical phenomenon.

Λ is a simple, ~~elegant, compelling~~ explanation for a complex physical phenomenon.

Particle Physics Foundations of Dark Matter, Dark Energy, and Inflation

ROCKY I: DARK MATTER (WEDNESDAY, 11:00)

ROCKY II: DARK MATTER II (THURSDAY, 11:00)

ROCKY III: ENERGY (FRIDAY, 11:00)