

# Introduction to Cosmology

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- 1) The Big Bang model
- 2) Content of the Universe
- 3) Cosmological probes
- 4) Large Scale Structure: from SDSS to DESI
- 5) The Hubble constant tension

# *The rise of the Big Bang model*

*Orders of magnitude. The three pillars of the Big Bang model*

- Distances, cosmological scales
- Redshift
- Expansion of the Universe, the metric
- The rise of the Big Bang model

# 1. Distances



- **solar system:** Earth-Sun  $\sim 150 \cdot 10^6$  km  $\sim 1$  AU

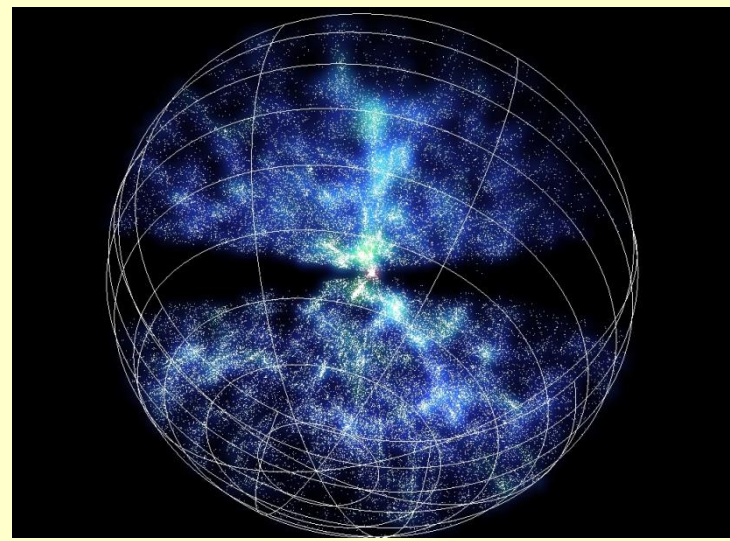
- **galaxies, eg the Milky Way:**

$\varnothing \sim 100,000$  lyr  $\sim 30$  kpc Sun-Gal. center  $\sim 10$  kpc

1 lyr = 63,240 AU    1 pc = 3.26 lyr    1 Mpc =  $3.3 \cdot 10^6$  lyr



- **galaxy clusters:** largest and most massive gravitationally bound structures, 50 to 1,000's of galaxies,  $\varnothing \sim 2$  to 10 Mpc



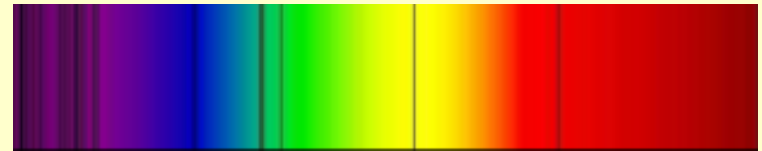
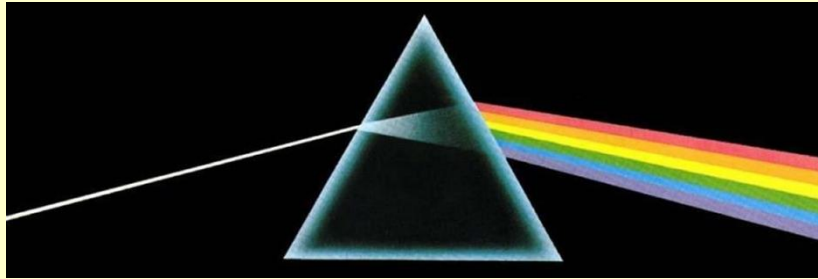
- **large scale structures:** galaxies  $\rightarrow$  clusters  $\rightarrow$  superclusters (15 - 100 Mpc) making a network of voids (25 - 125 Mpc) and filaments (90 - 300 Mpc)  
 $\Rightarrow$  beyond 100 Mpc, homogeneous and isotropic Universe



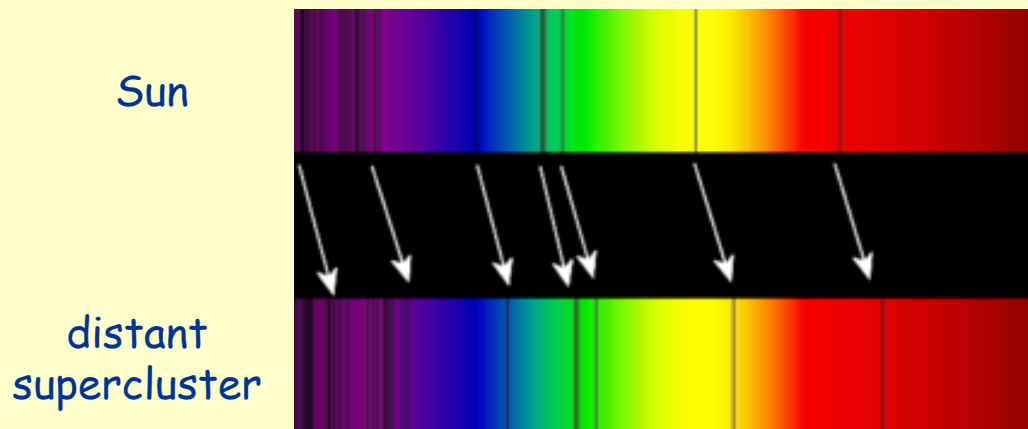
6dF Galaxy Redshift Survey, (2009)

## 2. Redshift

- Emitted light spectrum  $\Rightarrow$  **spectral lines**  $\Rightarrow$  astro. object composition, environment ... and motion relative to Earth.



- Redshift : the object moves **away** from us  $\Rightarrow \lambda_{\gamma}$  **increases**



$$z \equiv \frac{\lambda_{\text{observed}} - \lambda_{\text{emitted}}}{\lambda_{\text{emitted}}}$$

or

$$1 + z = \frac{\lambda_{\text{observed}}}{\lambda_{\text{emitted}}}$$

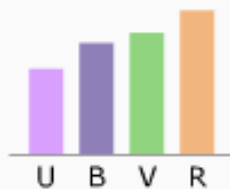
See <http://astro.unl.edu/classaction/animations/cosmology/galacticredshift.html>

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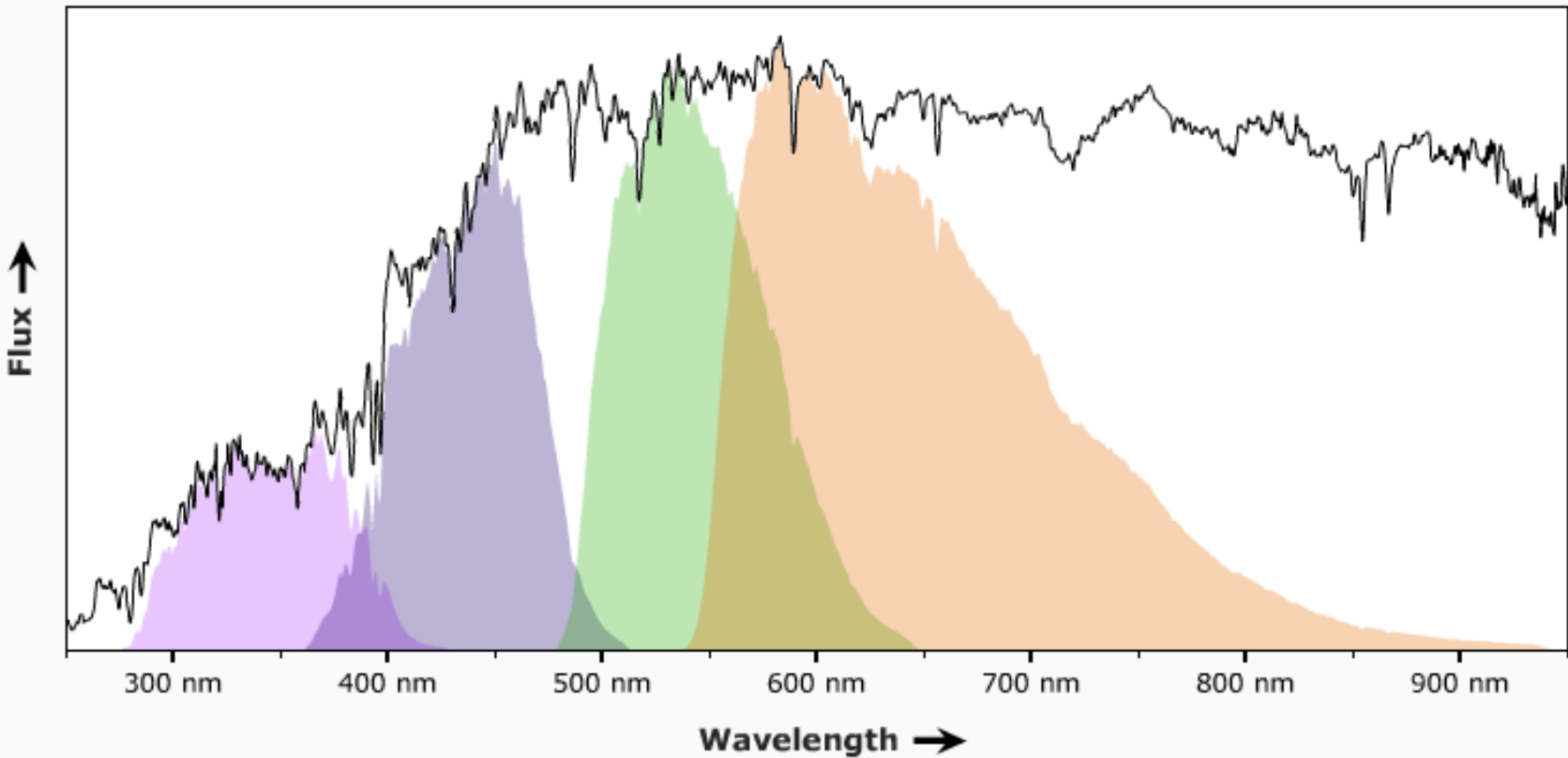
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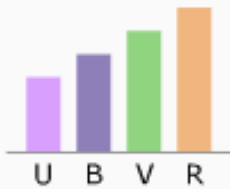


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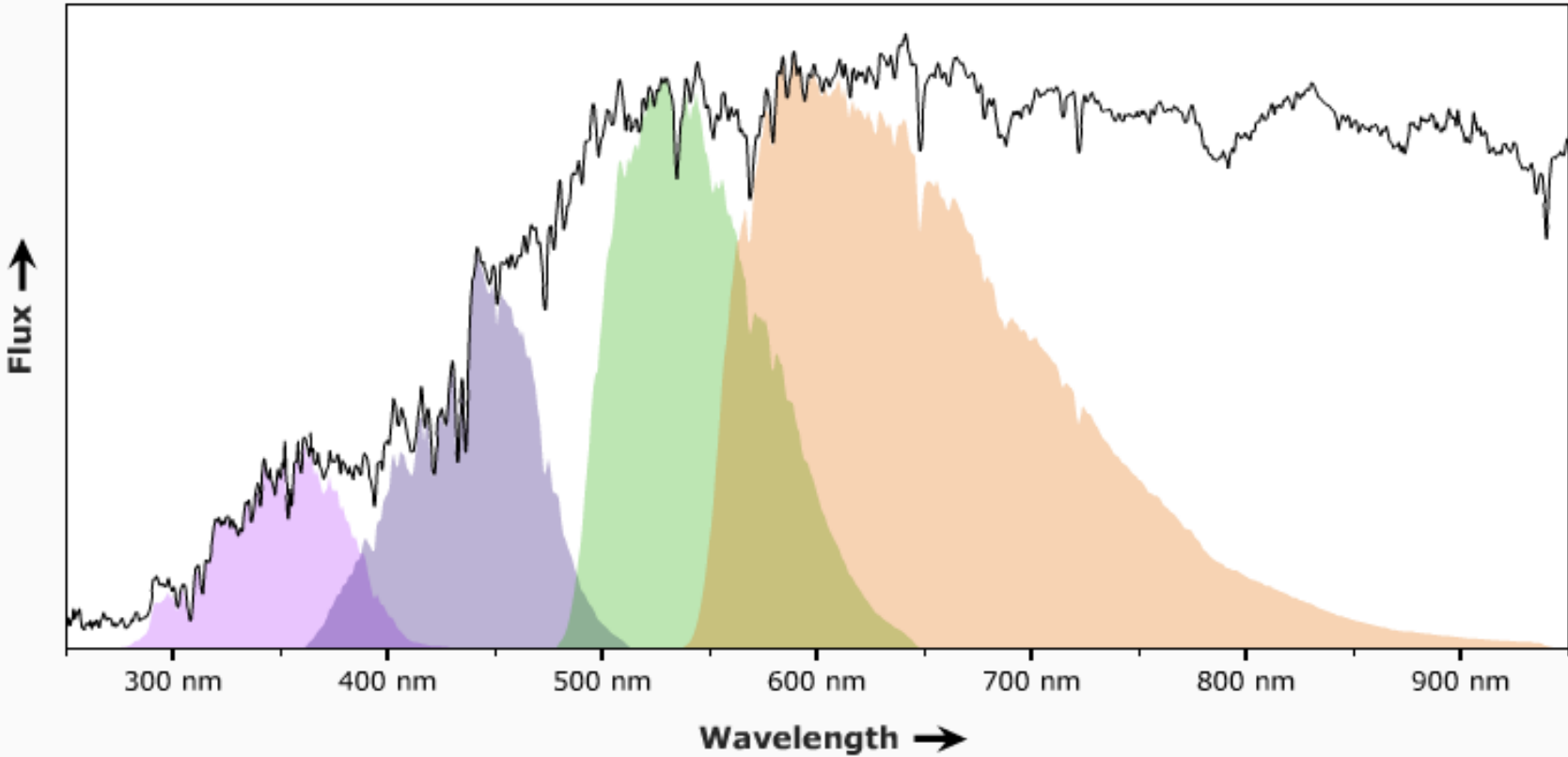
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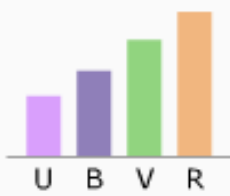


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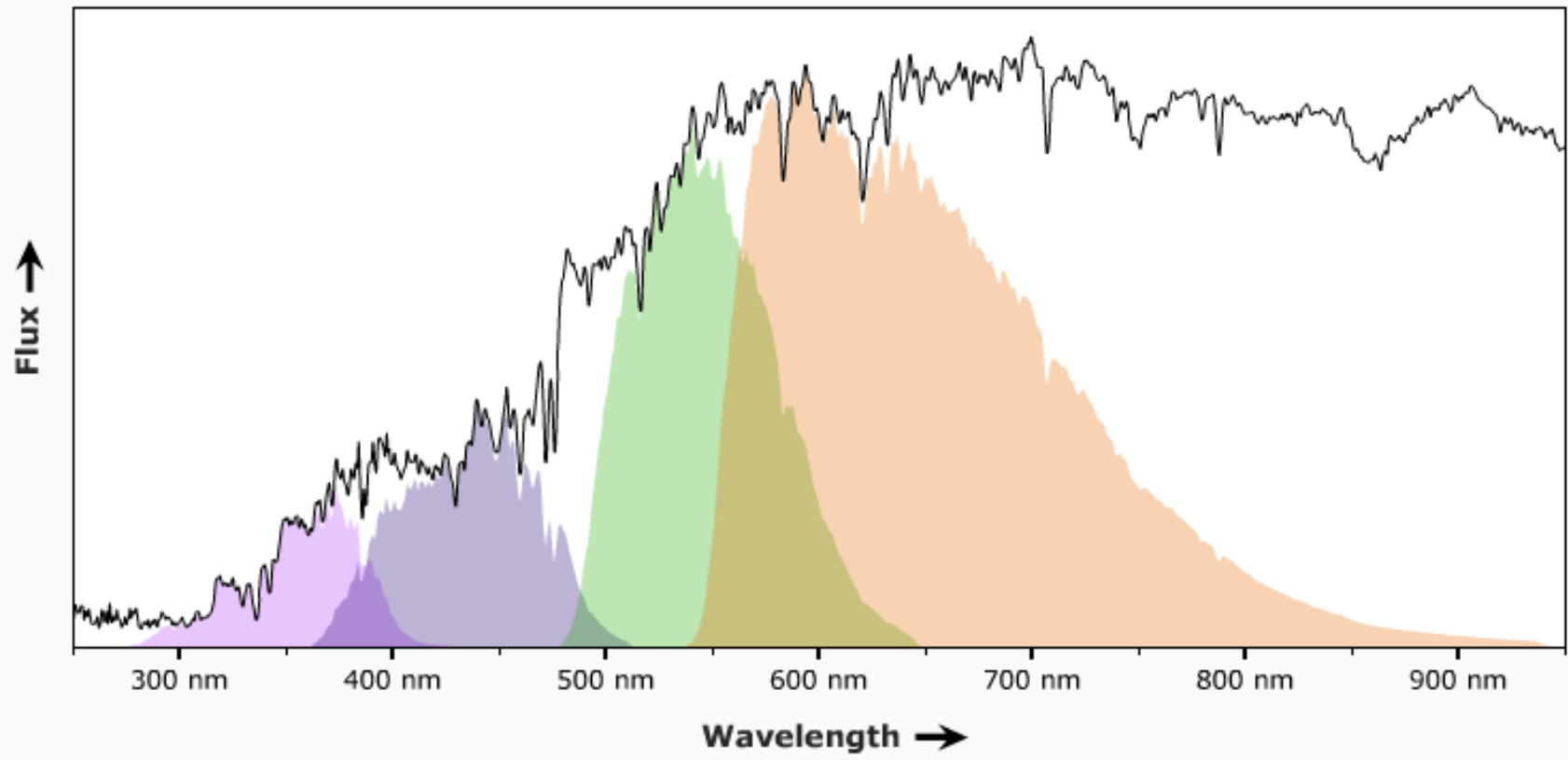
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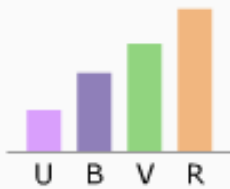


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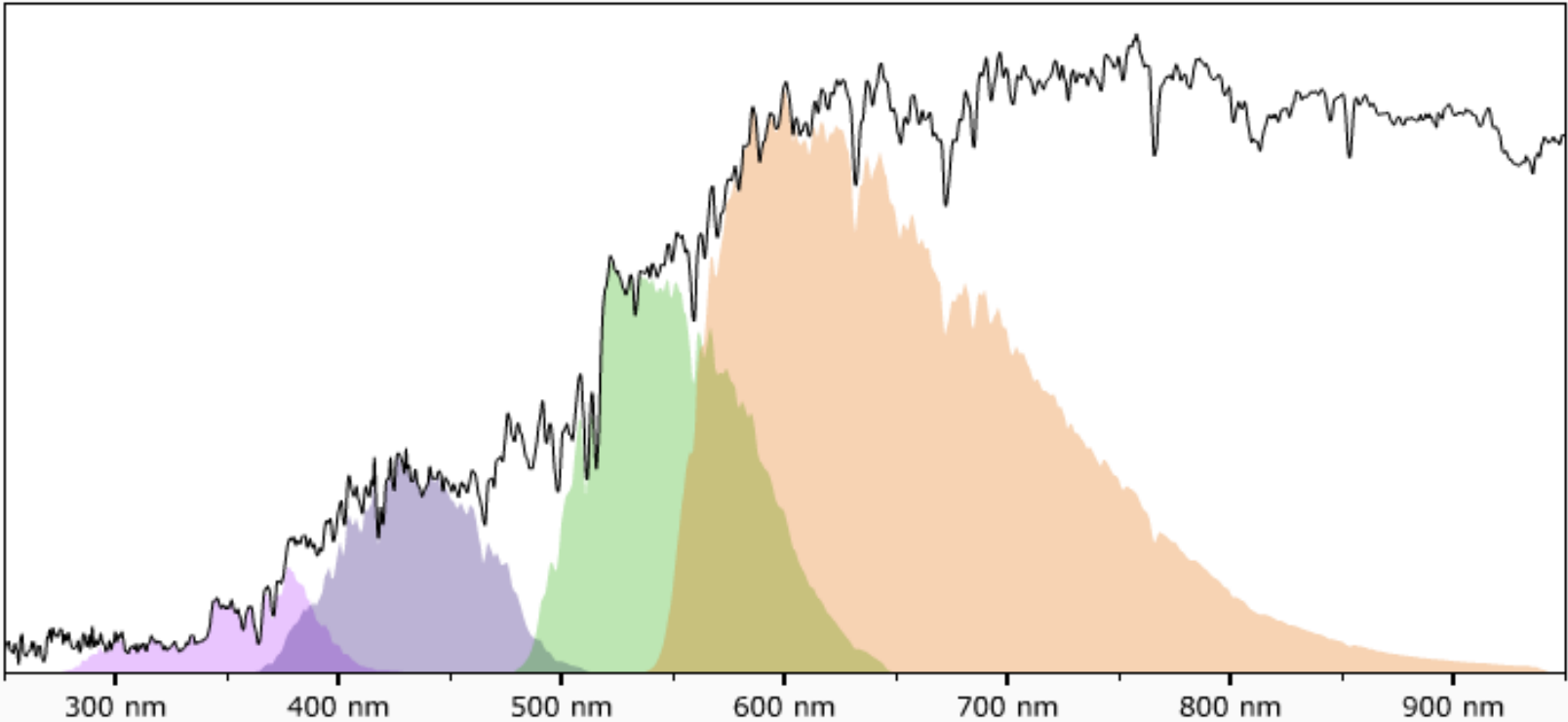


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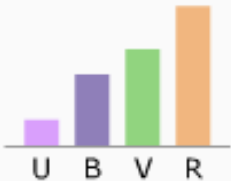


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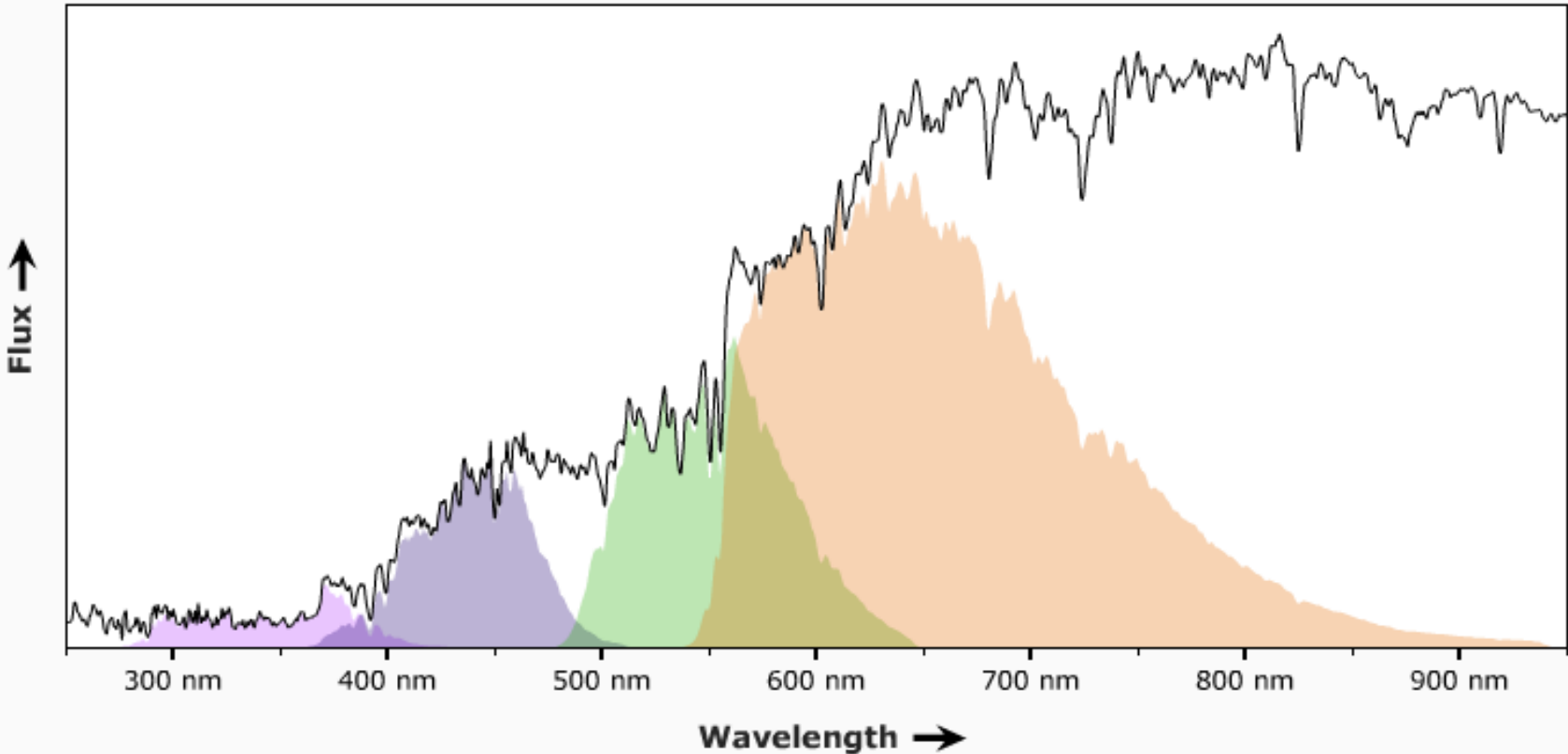
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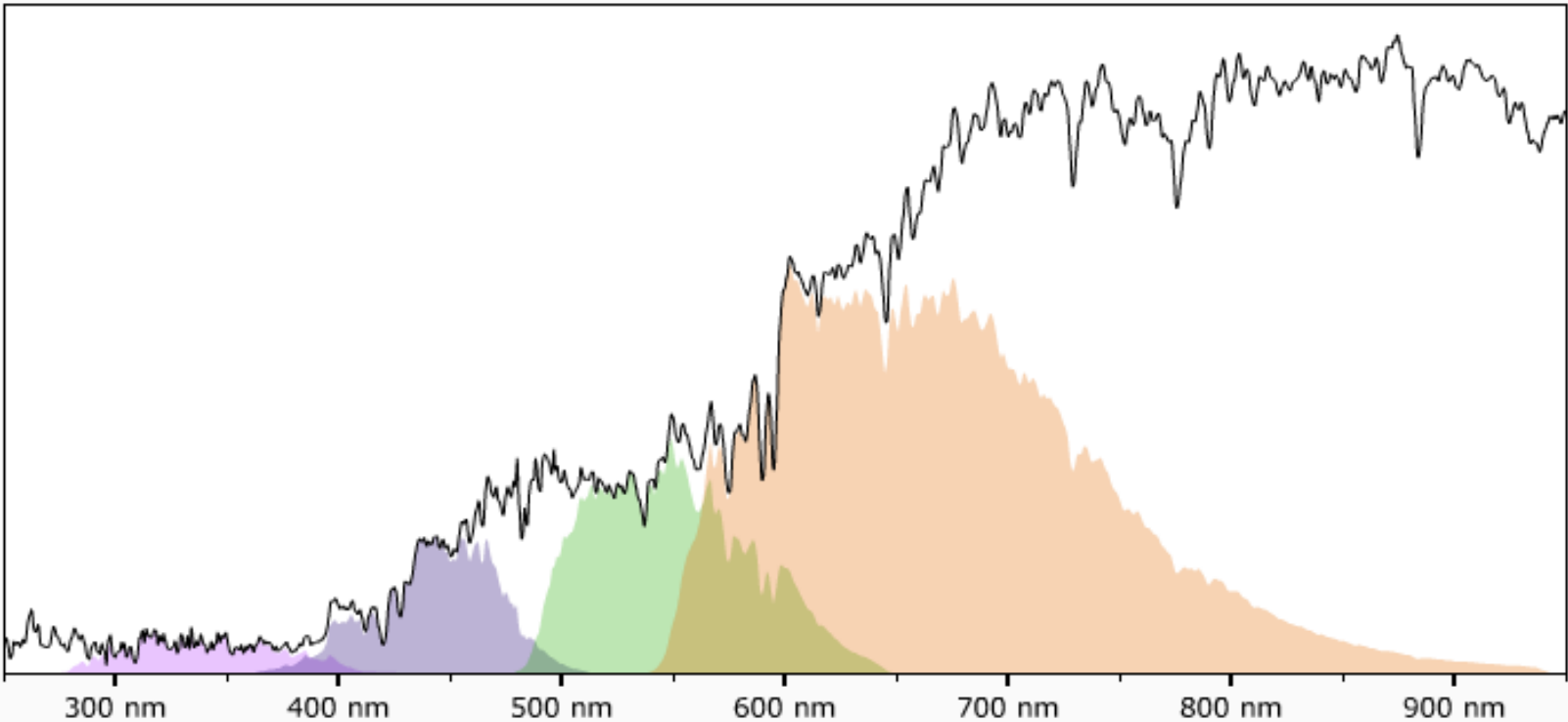
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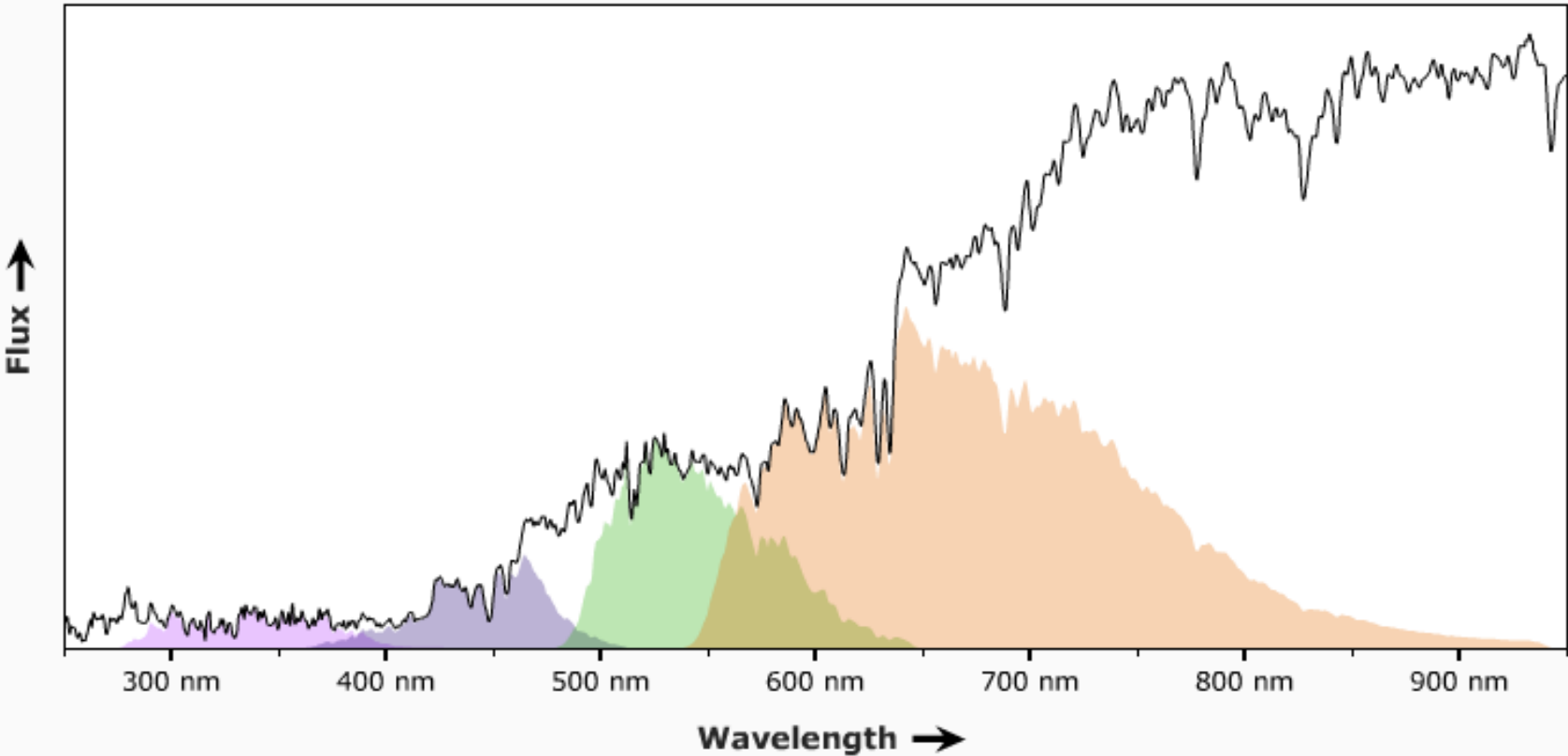
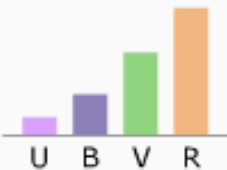
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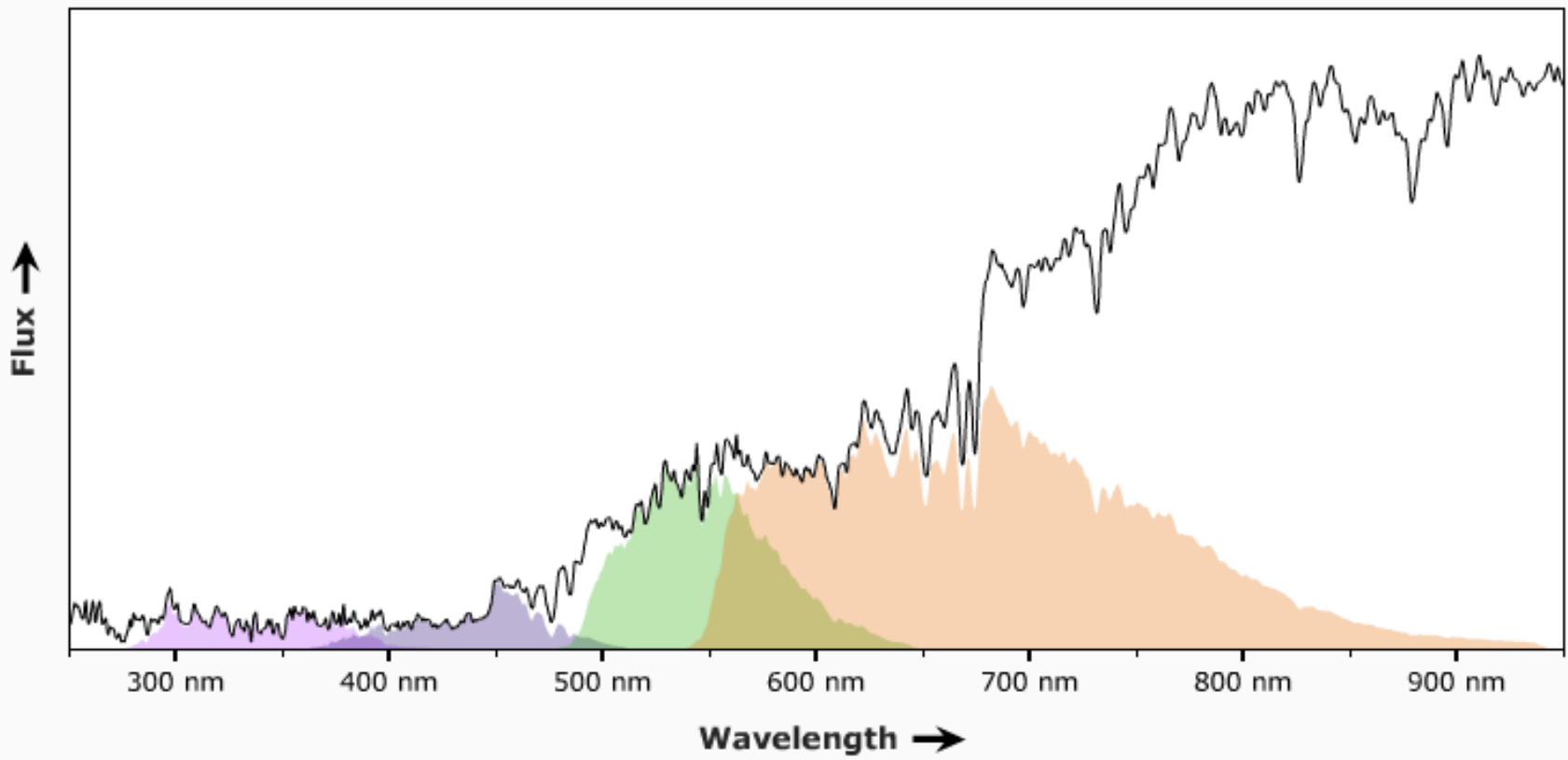
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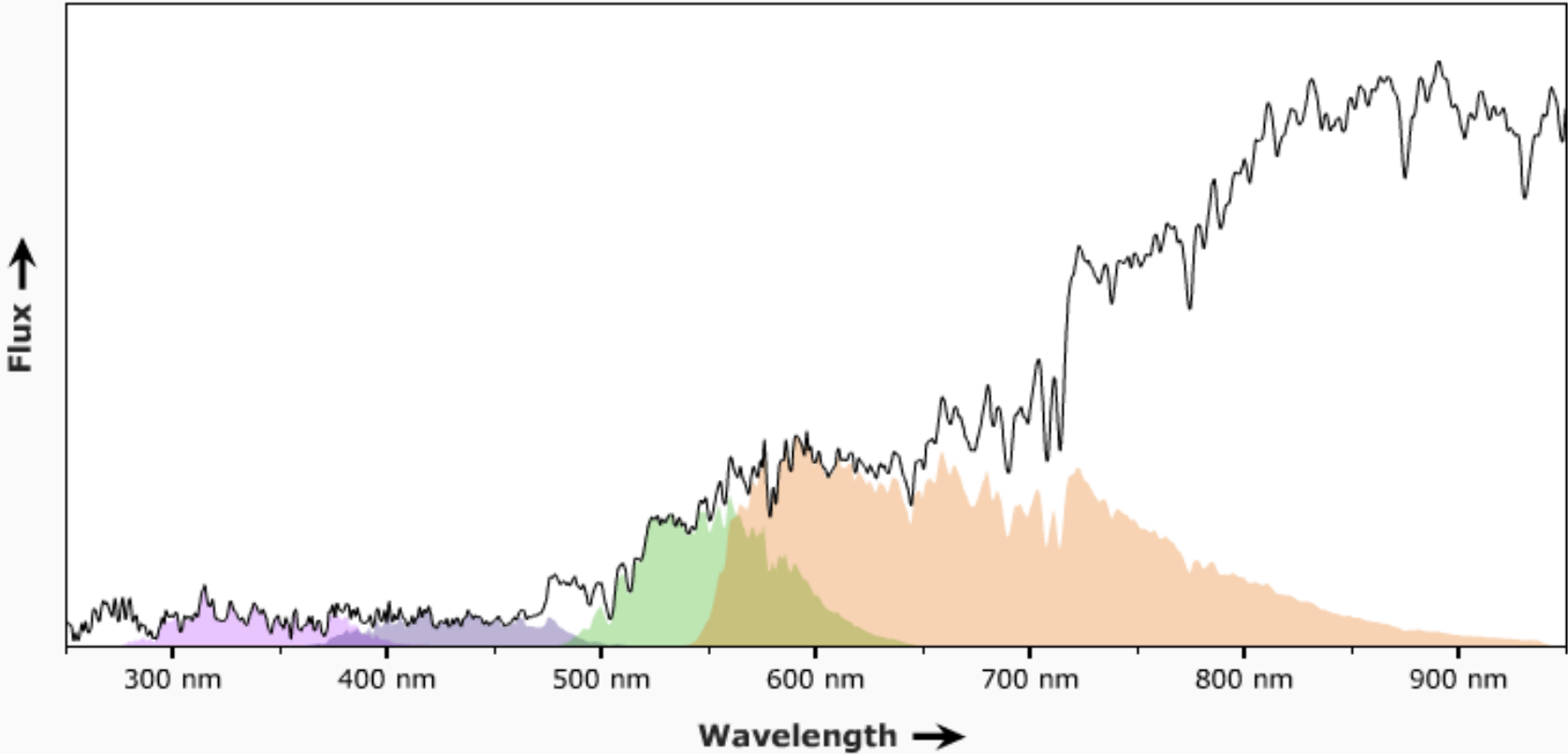
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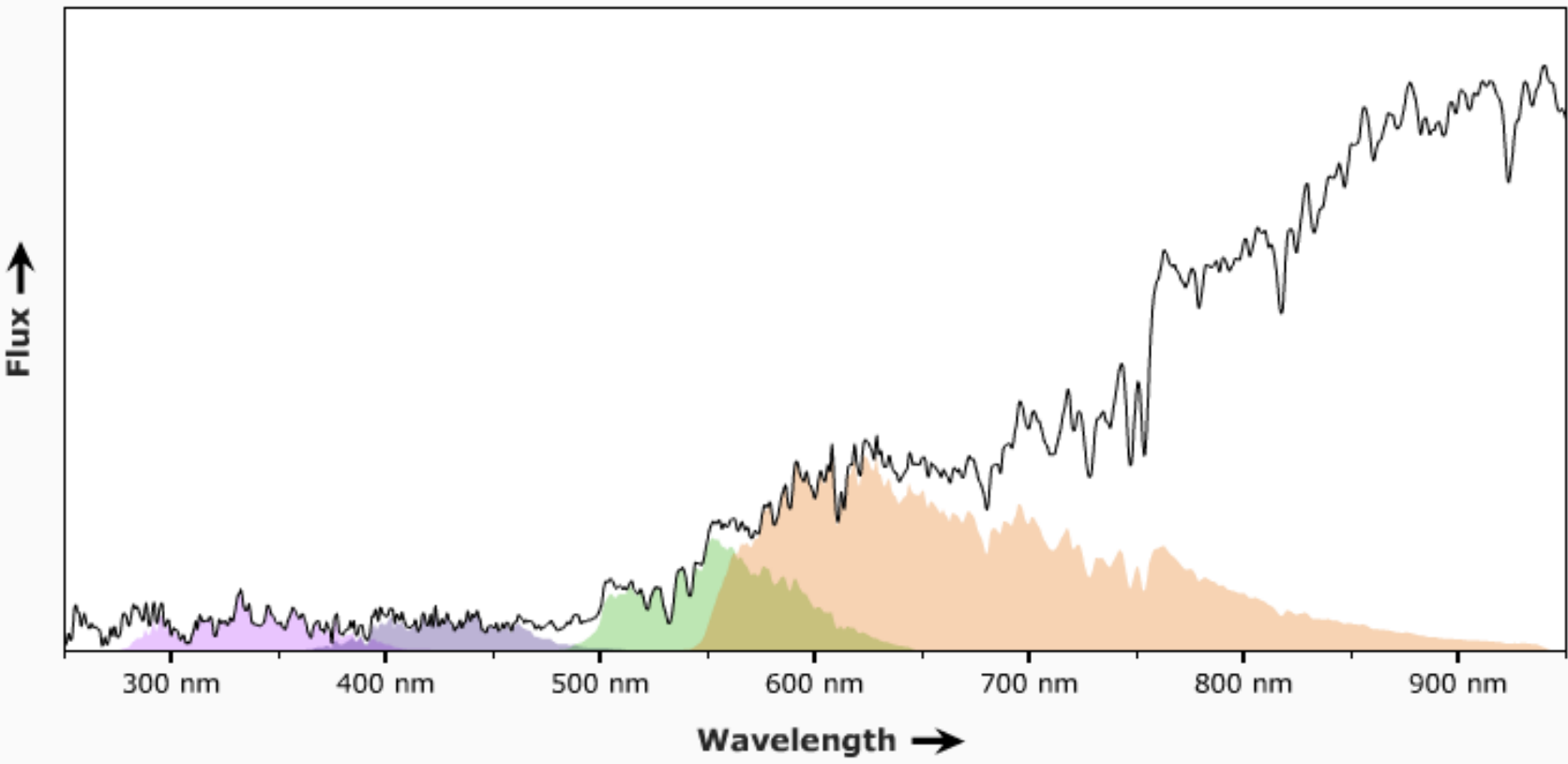
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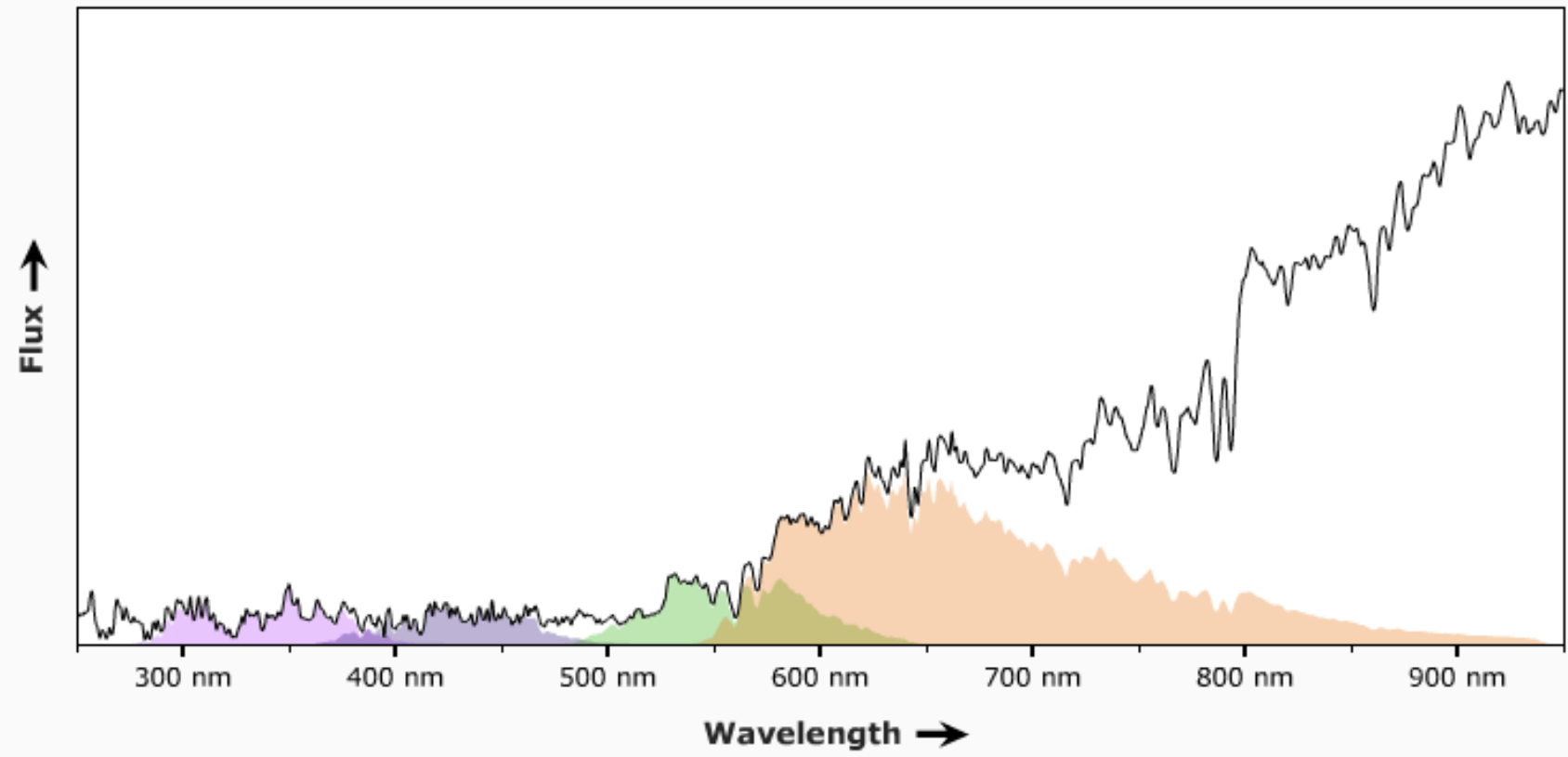
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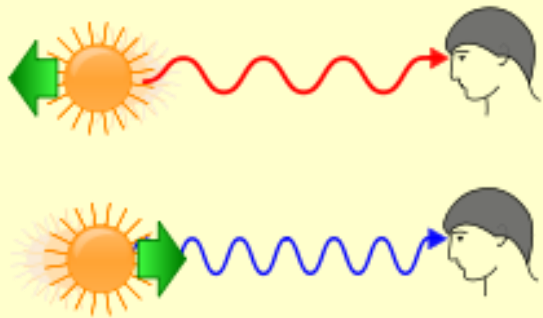


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# Different origins of redshifts/blueshifts

- Doppler effect : redshift/blueshift due to **relative motion**



$$1+z = \gamma \left( 1 + \frac{v_{//}}{c} \right) \quad z \approx \frac{v_{//}}{c} \quad \text{for small } v_{//}$$

*(in Minkowski space i.e. flat spacetime)*

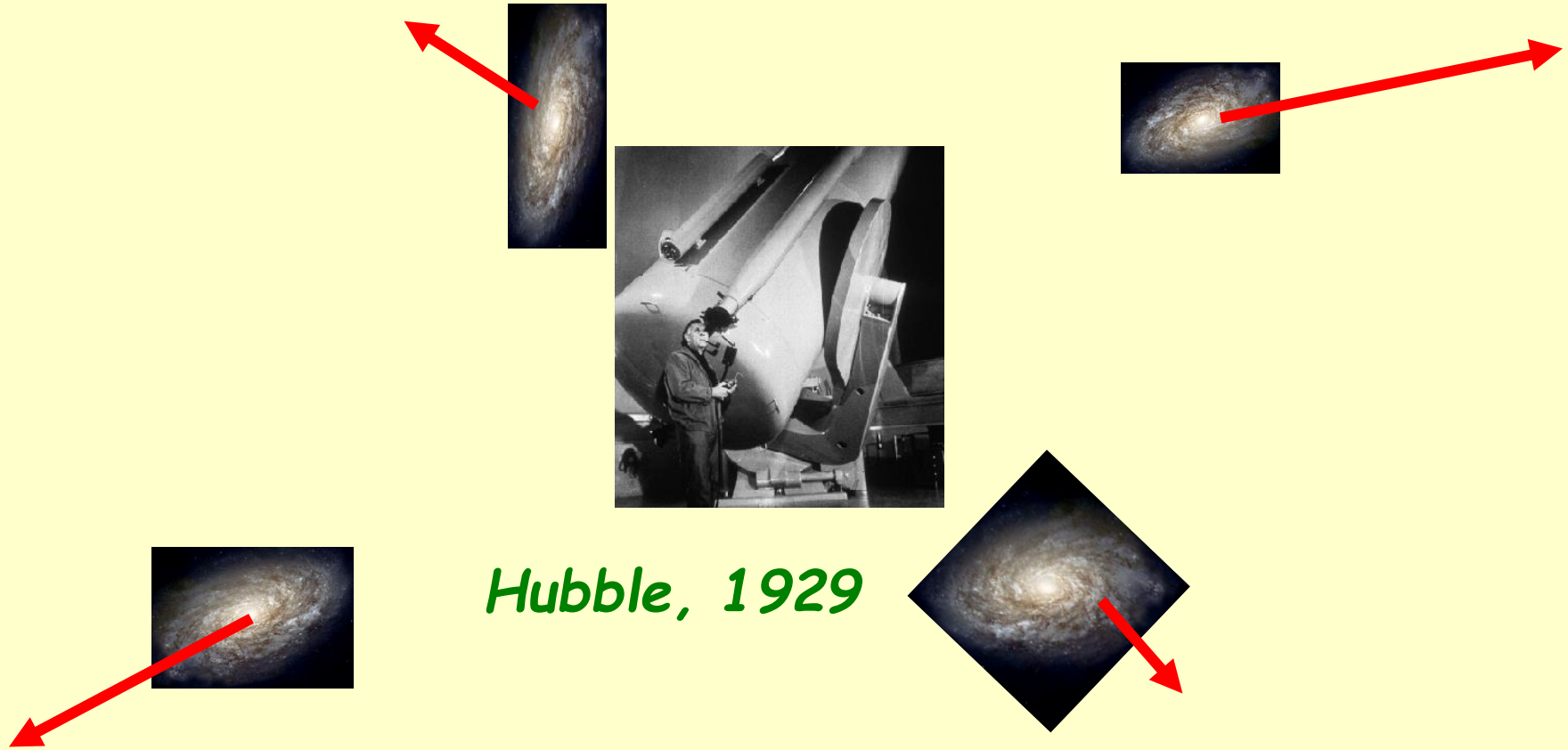
- Cosmological redshift : dominant for **distant sources** (above tens of Mpc or  $z > 0.01$ ). Due to Universe expansion.
- Gravitational red/blue shift : radiation moving out of/into a **gravitational field**.

e.g. grav. redshift

$$1+z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-2GM/rc^2}}$$



## *The rise of modern cosmology*



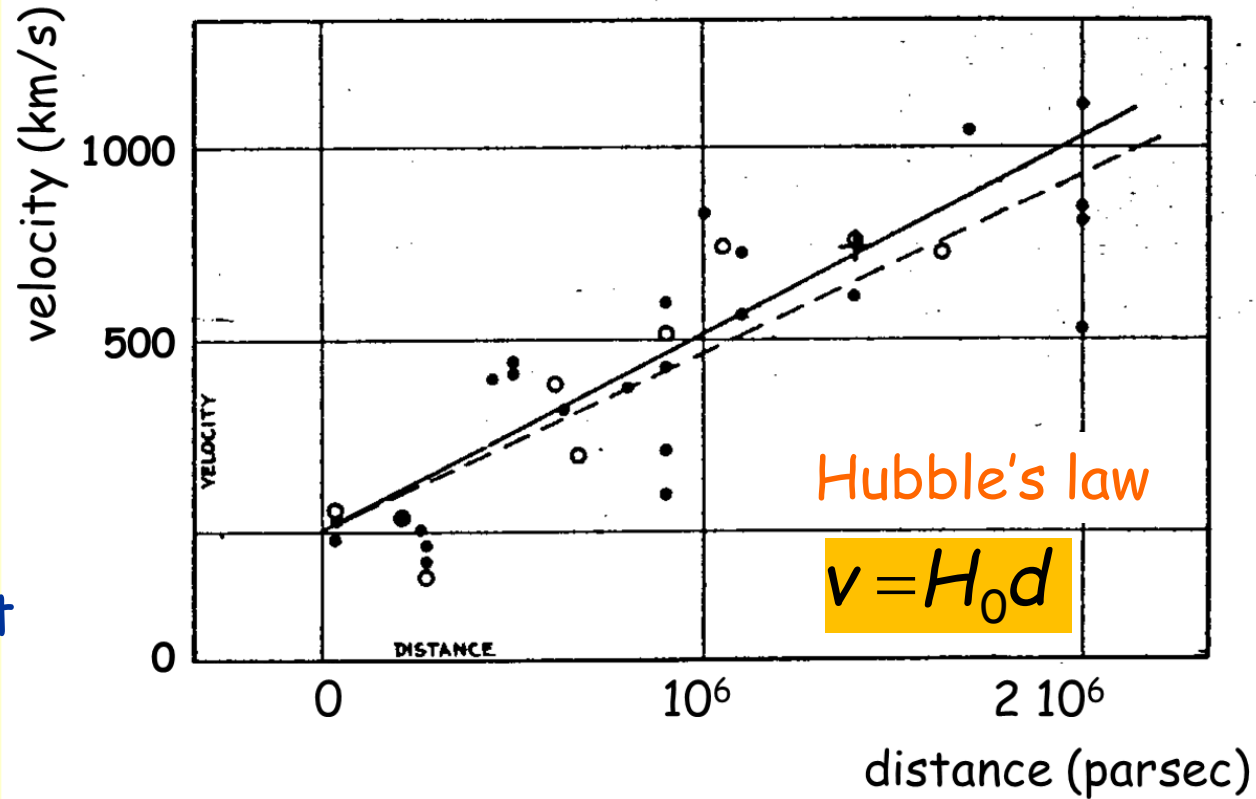
*Hubble, 1929*

➡ distant galaxies are receding : the Universe is in **expansion**  
(as predicted in General Relativity by A.Friedmann 1922 and G.Lemaître 1927)

# Hubble data

Redshift  
converted  
into  
velocity  
 $z \sim v/c$

- $H_0$ : Hubble constant



- recent, precise measurements (2011):  $H_0 = 73.8 \pm 2.4 \text{ km/s/Mpc}$   
(2016):  $H_0 = 73.24 \pm 1.74 \text{ km/s/Mpc}$   
(2022):  $H_0 = 73.04 \pm 1.04 \text{ km/s/Mpc}$

- critical density today

$$\rho_c^0 = 3H_0^2 / 8\pi G = 1.04 h^2 10^{10} \text{ eV} \times \text{m}^{-3} \quad h = H_0 / 100 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

same energy density as  $1 \text{ gal/Mpc}^3 \sim 5 \text{ p/m}^3$

# Describing an *expanding* universe

- **General Relativity** : the simplest **relativistic** theory of **gravitaty** consistent with data. Gravity described as a **geometric** property of spacetime.
- **Metric**: allows to compute distances between two points

$$ds^2 \equiv g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu$$

$g_{\mu\nu}$  : metric tensor

$ds^2$  : line element, invariant

- Reminder: in special relativity (**no** gravity):

$$ds^2 \equiv \eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = c^2 dt^2 - dx^2 - dy^2 - dz^2$$

$$= c^2 dt^2 - (dr^2 + r^2 (d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\phi^2))$$

$\eta_{\mu\nu}$  : Minkowski metric

- in a particle's rest frame:

$$ds = c d\tau \quad d\tau : \text{particle proper time}$$

- Friedmann-Lemaître-Robertson-Walker (FLRW) metric :  
metric for a spatially homogeneous and isotropic expanding universe, with **scale/expansion factor**  $a(t)$  and **curvature**  $k$

$$ds^2 = c^2 dt^2 - \underbrace{a(t)^2}_{\text{expansion factored out}} \left( \underbrace{\frac{dr^2}{1 - kr^2}}_{\text{curvature}} + r^2 (d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2) \right)$$

**expansion** factored out

$H(t) \equiv \frac{\dot{a}(t)}{a(t)}$  expansion rate or Hubble parameter

$H_0 \equiv H(t_0)$   $t_0 = \text{today}$

$r, \theta, \phi$  spherical **comoving** coordinates:

$r$  : dimensionless & **stationary** wrt expansion

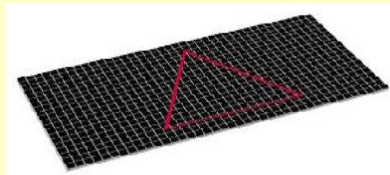
$k$ , gaussian curvature:

closed universe



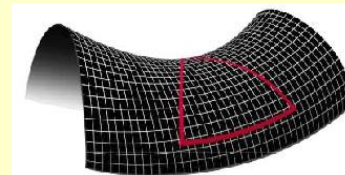
$k=+1$

flat universe



$k=0$

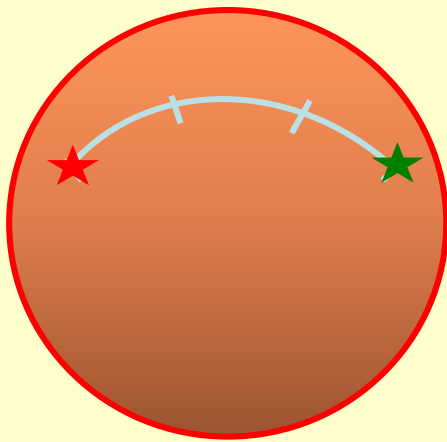
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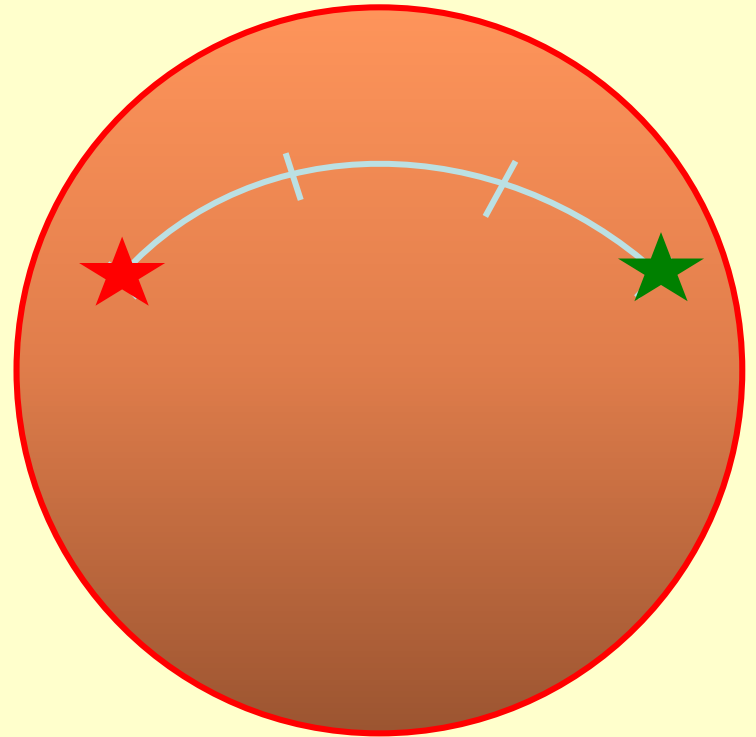
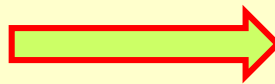
$k=-1$

## More on FLRW metric

- Introducing  $d\chi \equiv \frac{dr}{\sqrt{1-kr^2}}$  to account for curvature :



time



$$\Delta\chi=3 \quad D(t_1)=a(t_1)\Delta\chi$$

$$\Delta\chi=3 \quad D(t_2)=a(t_2)\Delta\chi \geq D(t_1)$$

$a(t)$ : scale factor

$\chi$ : comoving coordinate, stationary wrt expansion

$D(t)$ : proper/physical distance     $\Delta\chi$ : comoving distance

- FLRW metric:

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

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$$r = f(\chi) = \begin{cases} \sin \chi & k=1 \\ \chi & k=0 \\ sh \chi & k=-1 \end{cases}$$

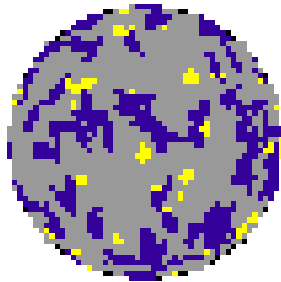
- Hubble's law:

$$D(t) = a(t) \Delta\chi \Rightarrow \frac{dD}{dt} = \dot{a}(t) \Delta\chi = \frac{\dot{a}(t)}{a(t)} D(t) \Rightarrow \frac{dD}{dt} = H(t) D(t)$$

- Particle trajectories :

$$ds^2 = 0 \quad \text{geodesic equation (shortest path in three-space and maximum proper time)}$$

# The cosmological redshift



Universe in  
expansion

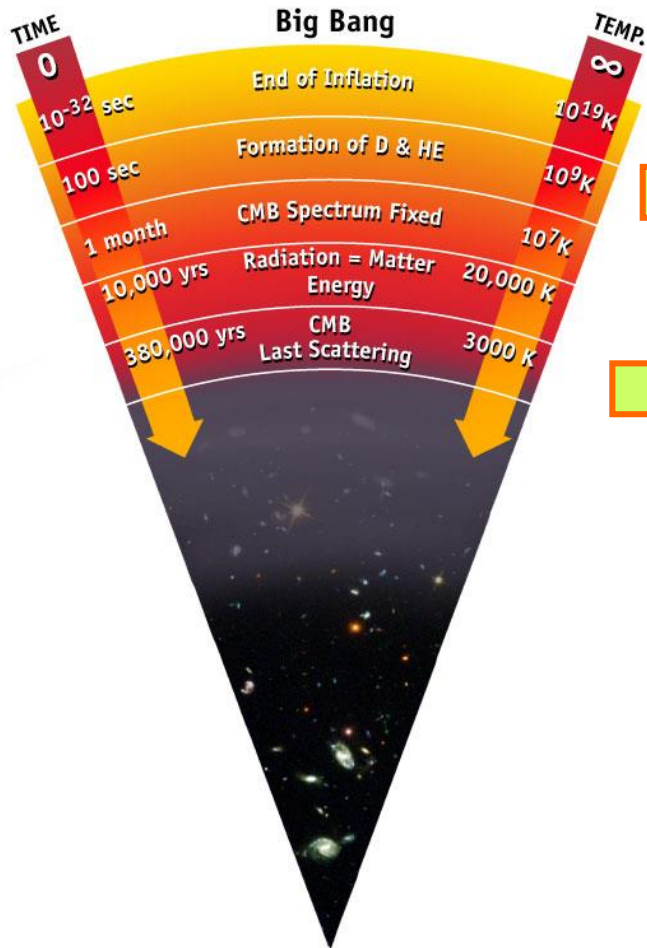


light from distant  
sources is redshifted

$$\frac{\lambda_{\text{observed}}}{\lambda_{\text{emitted}}} \equiv 1 + z = \frac{a(t_{\text{observation}})}{a(t_{\text{emission}})}$$

### 3. The Big Bang model

Initial dense and hot phase followed by expansion and cooling



13,7 billions of years  
after Big Bang

## More confirmations of the Big Bang model

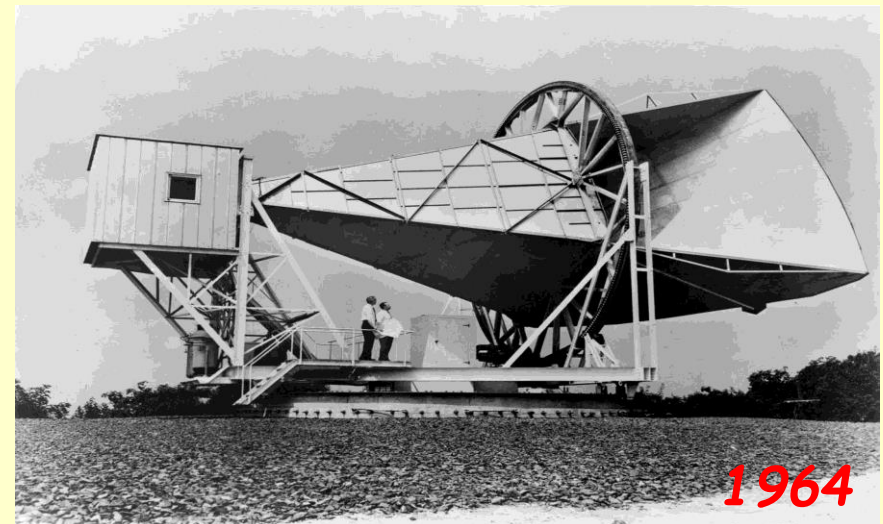
Primordial nucleosynthesis (He, D):  $T \sim 1 \text{ MeV}$   
predicted light element abundances = data

$$\frac{n_B - n_{\bar{B}}}{n_\gamma} \approx 10^{-10} \quad \text{1948: G. Gamow, R. Alpher}$$

Matter-radiation decoupling:  $z \sim 1100$   $T \sim 3000 \text{ K}$   
**C**osmic **M**icrowave **B**ackground, relic radiation  
predicted and observed ( $T \sim 2.725 \text{ K}$  1992)

1948: G. Gamow, R. Alpher, R. Herman

1964: A. Penzias, R. Wilson



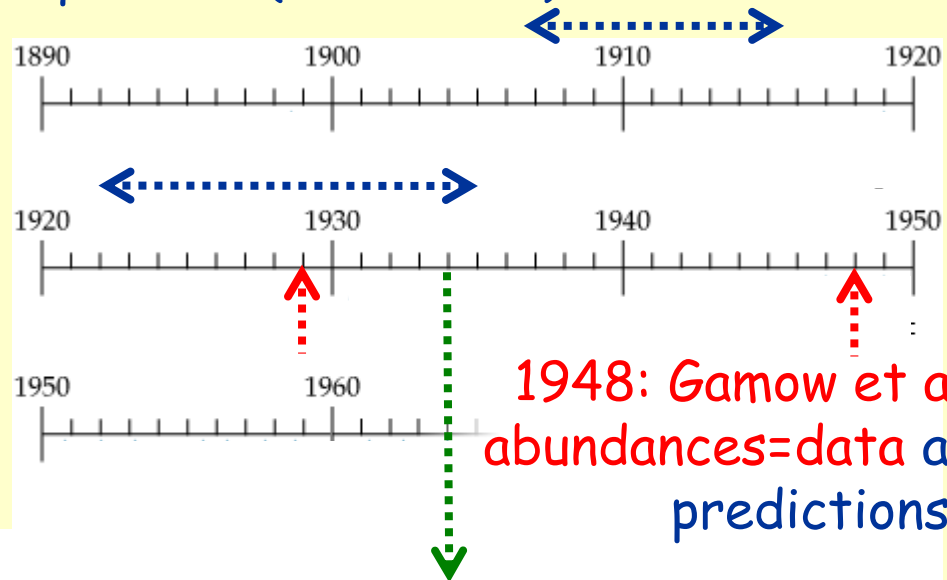


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General Relativity, Einstein's equations (1907-1915)

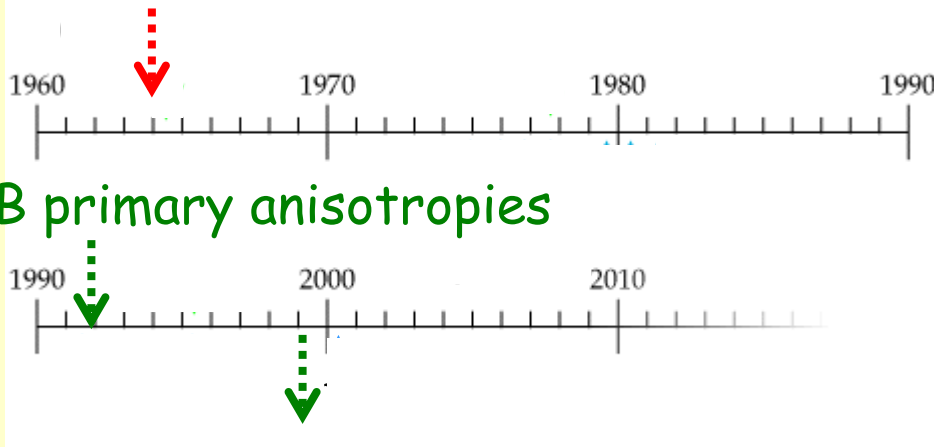
1922-1935 FLRW solutions  
(expanding, homogeneous and  
isotropic Universe)

1929 Hubble's law



1948: Gamow et al: BBN  
abundances=data and CMB  
predictions

CMB detection



CMB primary anisotropies

1934: 'missing mass' in orbital  
velocities of galaxies in  
clusters → dark matter  
postulated (F.Zwicky)

Accelerated expansion: dark energy (or modified Einstein's gravity)

# CONCLUSIONS (1)

- The Universe is spatially **homogeneous** and **isotropic** on cosmological scales (above 100Mpc)
- The Universe, initially in a hot, dense phase, is **expanding**

$$H_0 \circ H(t_{\text{today}}) \gg 70 \text{ km/s/Mpc}$$

- **cosmological redshift**: due to the Universe expansion

$$\frac{\lambda_{\text{observed}}}{\lambda_{\text{emitted}}} \equiv 1 + z = \frac{a(t_{\text{observation}})}{a(t_{\text{emission}})}$$

- **General relativity** and **FLRW metric** are the basics of the Big Bang model
- Observations: **expansion**, **primordial abundances**, **CMB**

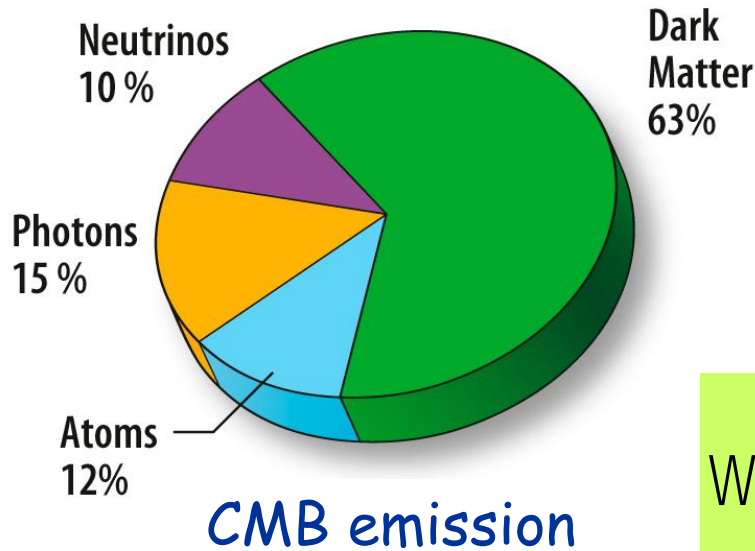
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*From General Relativity to the matter-energy content of the Universe*

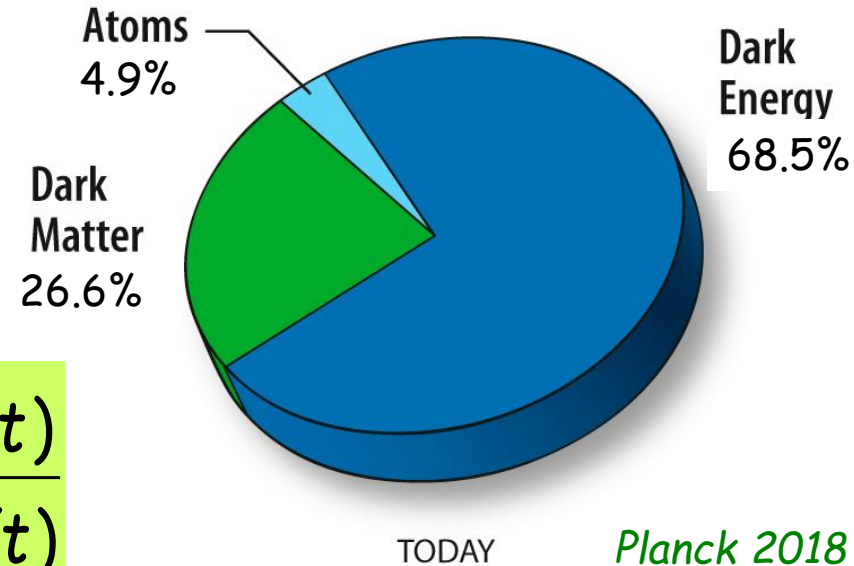
- The  $\Omega_i$  parameters and the expansion history
- Thermal history of the Universe

# 1. Densities $\rho_i$ and $\Omega_i$ parameters

Big Bang cosmology model+ many cosmological data  
energy balance of the Universe



$$W_i(t) \equiv \frac{r_i(t)}{r_c(t)}$$

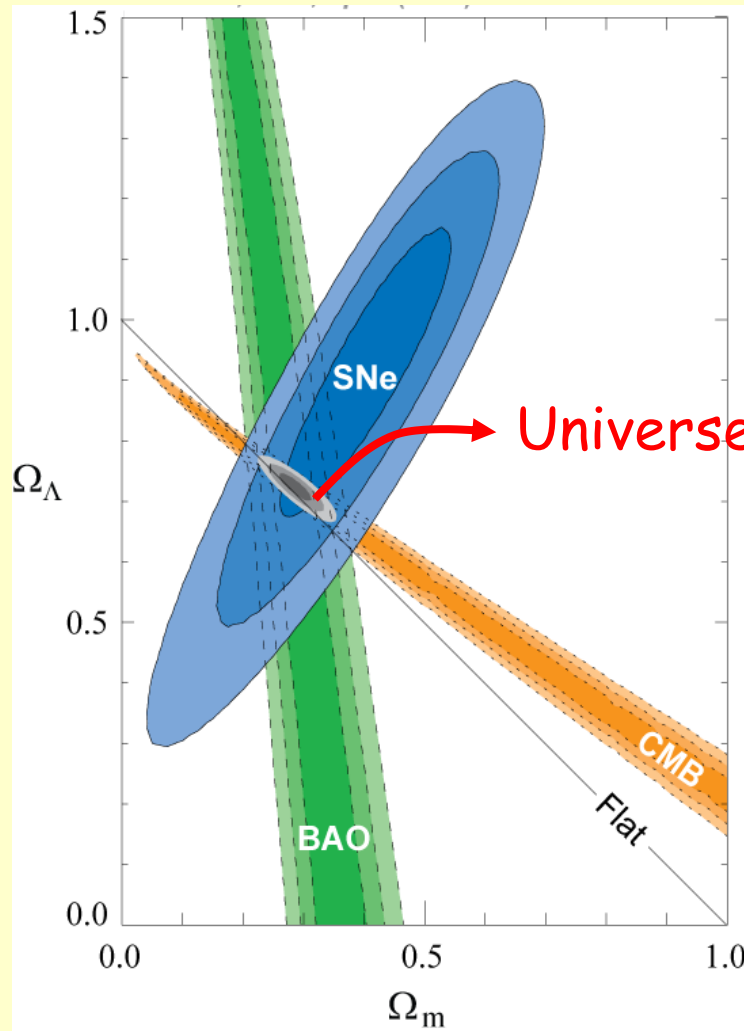


$$1 = \underbrace{\Omega_m(t) + \Omega_r(t) + \Omega_k(t)}_{\text{negligible today}} + \Omega_\Lambda(t)$$

NR matter      radiation      curvature      "dark energy" or cosmological constant  $\Lambda$

# Present values of the $\Omega_i$ 's : the $\Omega_i^0$ values

- CMB + BAO + SNe Ia data :

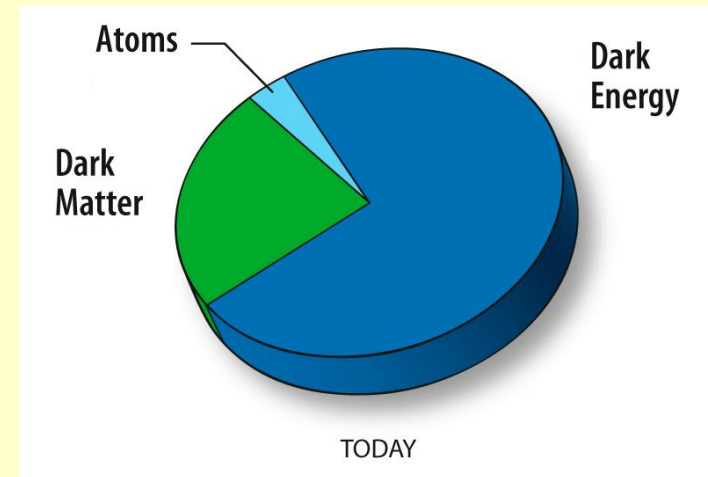


$$W_m^0 = 0.315 \pm 0.007$$

$$W_L^0 = 0.685 \pm 0.007$$

2.2% precision

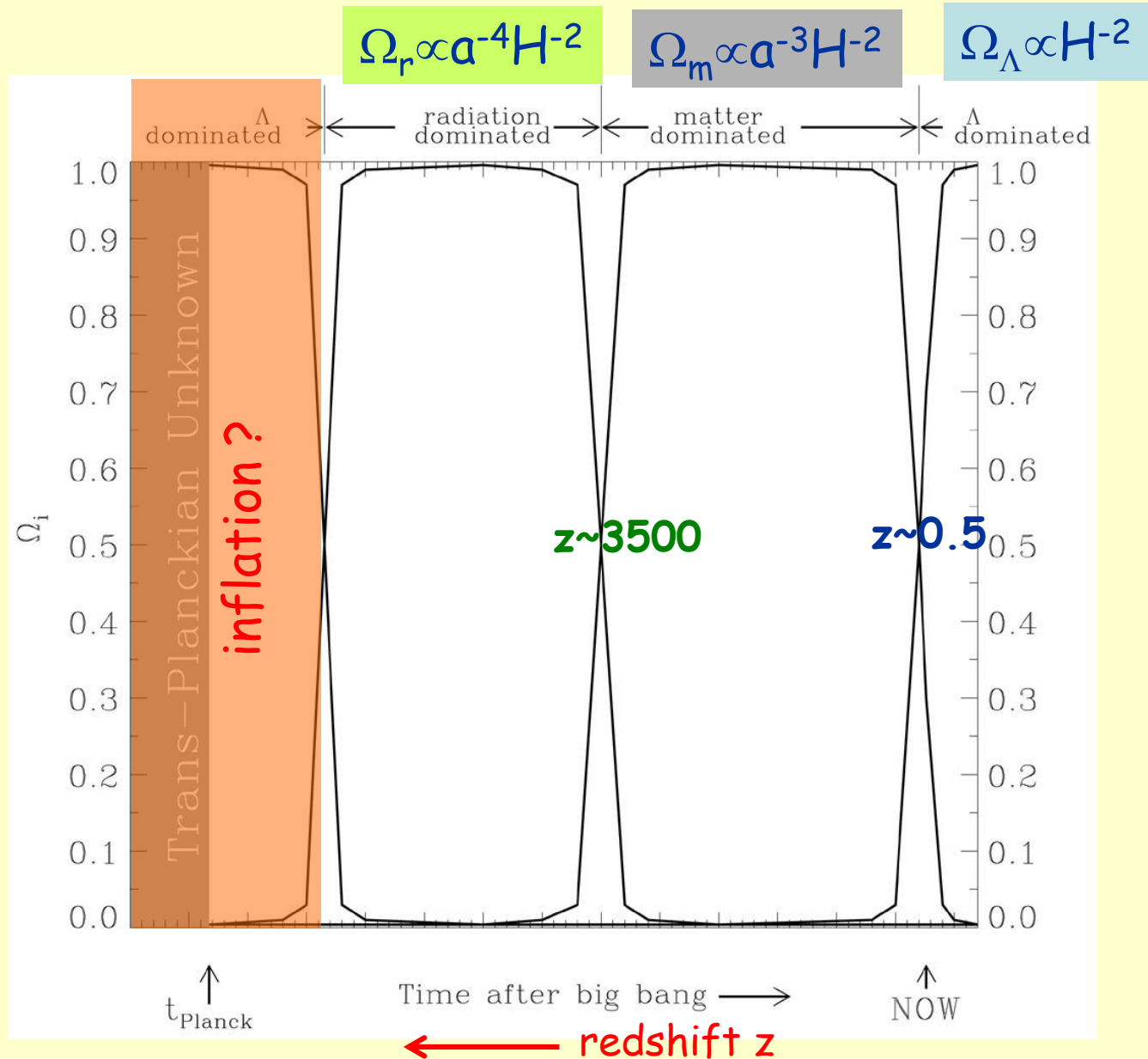
Planck collaboration. 2018, arXiv:1807.06209



atoms: gas (4%), stars (0.4%),  
 $\nu$  (0.3%), heavy elements (0.03%)

M. Kowalski et al., 2008, ApJ, 686, 749

# The rise and fall of the $\Omega_i$ 's



# Expansion and temperature

- Photons emitted at  $t$  (e.g. CMB), received today:

$$1+z \equiv \frac{\lambda_{\text{observed}}}{\lambda_{\text{emitted}}} = \frac{a_0}{a(t)} = \frac{E_\gamma(t)}{E_\gamma(t_0)} = \frac{T(t)}{T_0}$$

↗ at emission  
↘ today

- Temperature was **hotter in the past**, expansion implies cooling down

- CMB now:  
(COBE)  $T_{\text{CMB}}^{\text{now}} \approx 2.725\text{K} \Rightarrow T_0 \approx 2.35 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{eV} \Rightarrow W_g^0 \approx 5 \cdot 10^{-5}$   
 $(k = 8.617 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{eV} \cdot \text{K}^{-1})$  negligible (today)

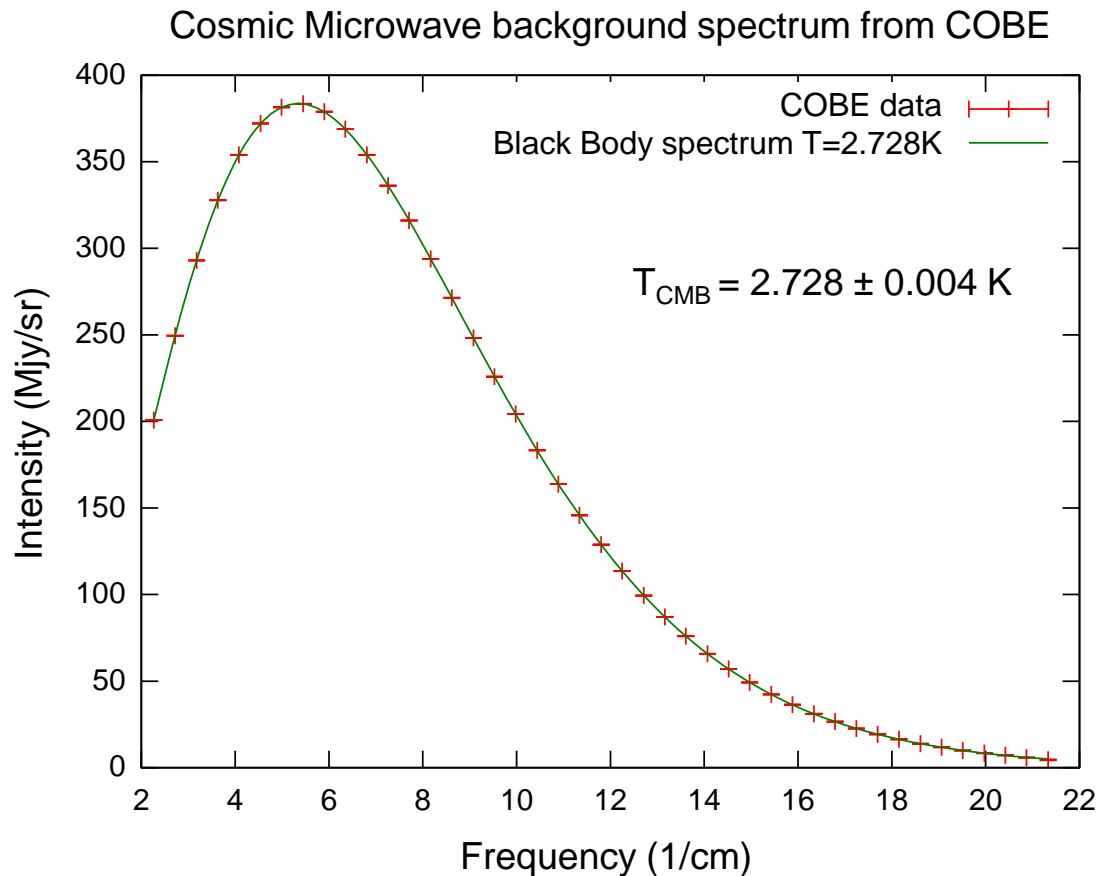
- CMB at emission (from anisotropy measurements):

$$z_{\text{CMB}}^{\text{emission}} \approx 1100 \Rightarrow T_{\text{CMB}}(t_{\text{emission}}) \approx 0.26 \text{eV} \approx 3,000\text{K}$$

- matter-radiation equality:

$$r_r(t_{\text{eq}}) = r_m(t_{\text{eq}}) \supset a_0/a(t_{\text{eq}}) \supset T_{\text{eq}} \gg 1 \text{eV} \quad z \gg 3500$$

# The CMB spectrum as seen by COBE (1989-1993)



*D.J. Fixsen et al. 1996, ApJ, 473, 576F*

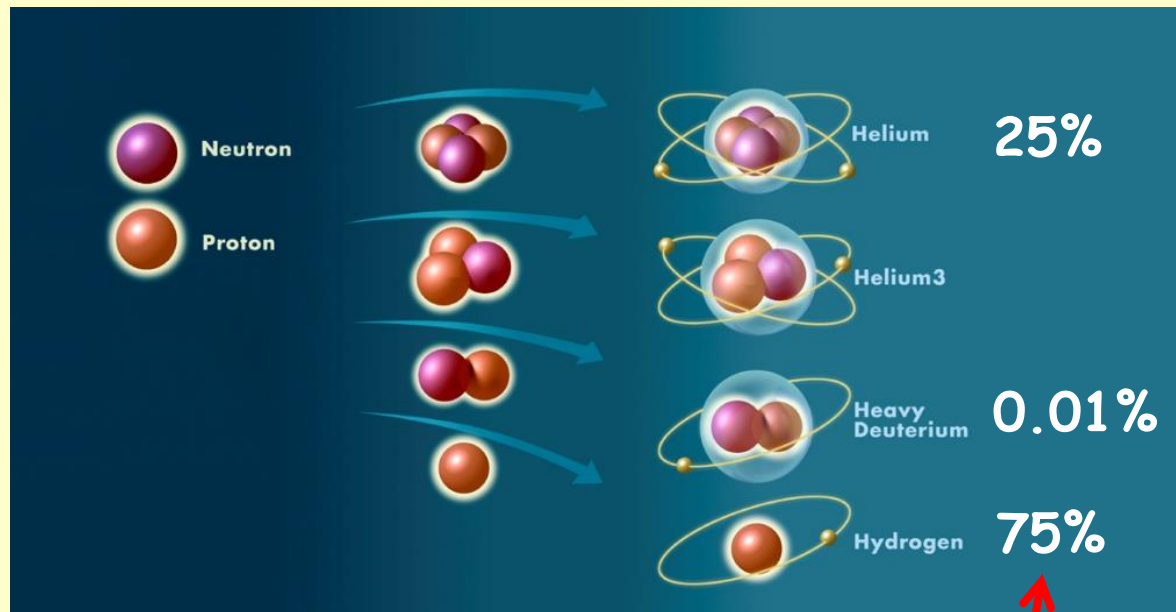
- Final :  $T_{\text{CMB}} = 2.7255 \pm 0.0006 \text{ K}$

*D.J. Fixsen, 2009, AJ, 707, 916*



# Primordial nucleosynthesis

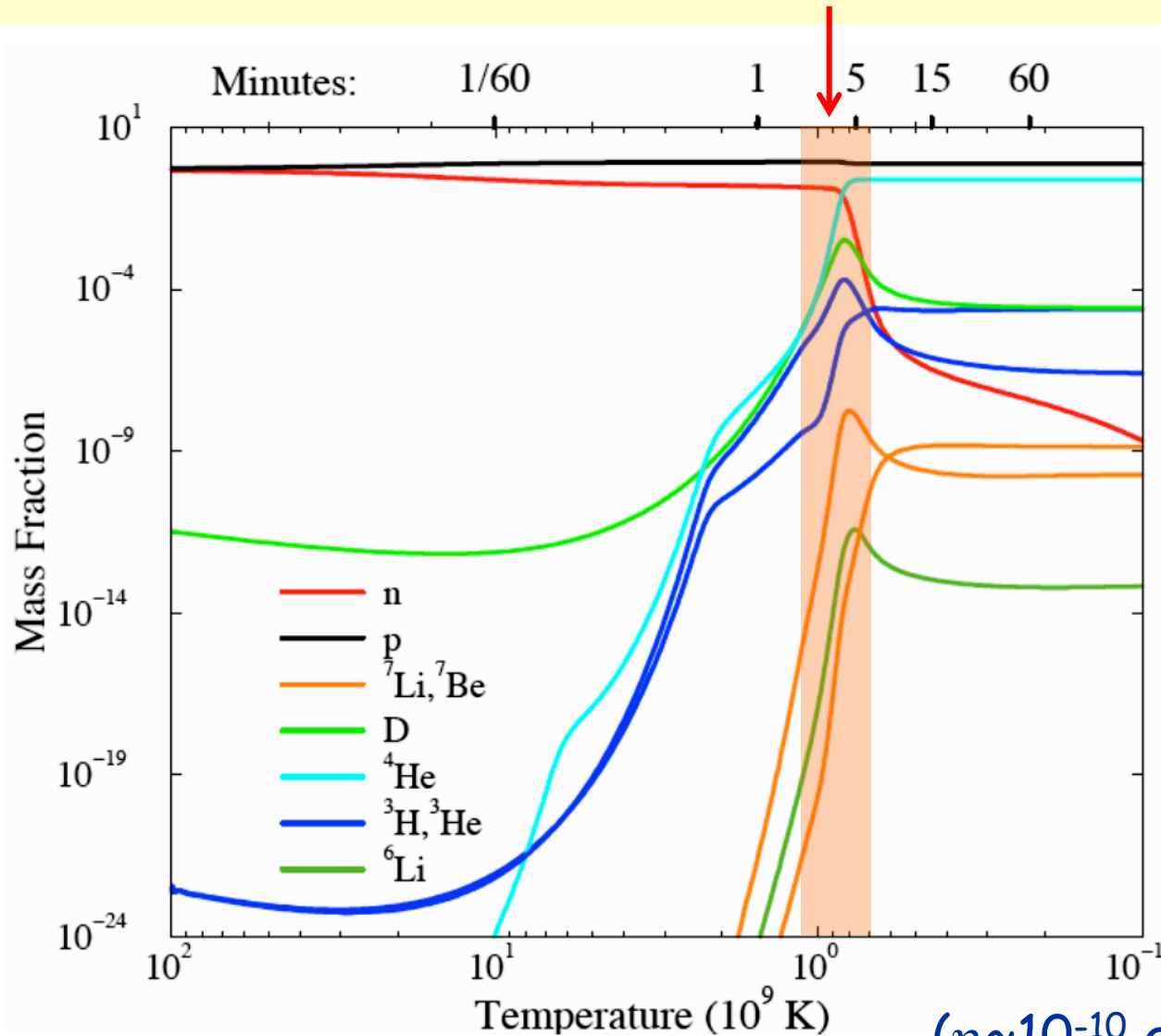
- 1948: G.Gamow, R.Alpher "The origin of Chemical Elements"
- Expanding universe: deuterium and helium nuclei are formed by nuclear reactions inside the primordial plasma of  $p, n, e, \gamma$  when temperature and densities are adequate, leading to light element abundances as measured.



measured primordial abundances

# The evolution of abundances

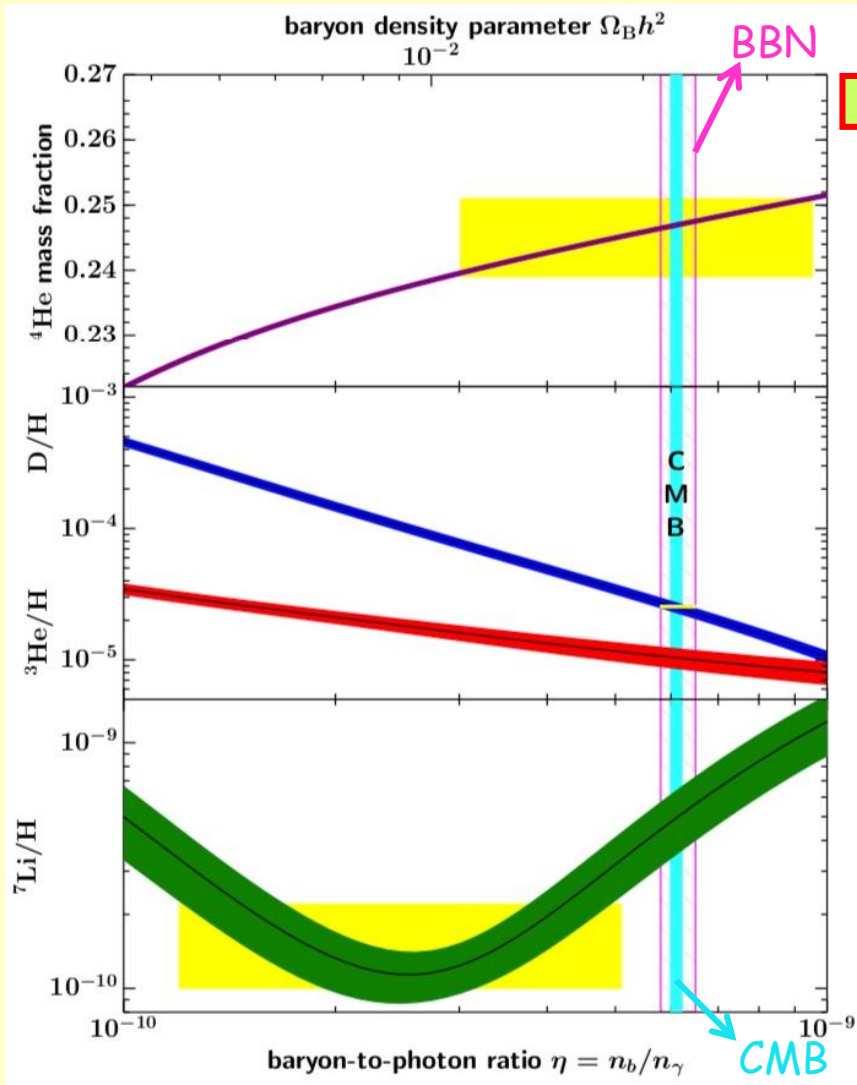
$t_{\text{BBN}} \sim 3\text{mn}$  : abundances frozen



( $\eta \sim 10^{-10}$  assumed)

# Present values of the $\Omega_i$ 's

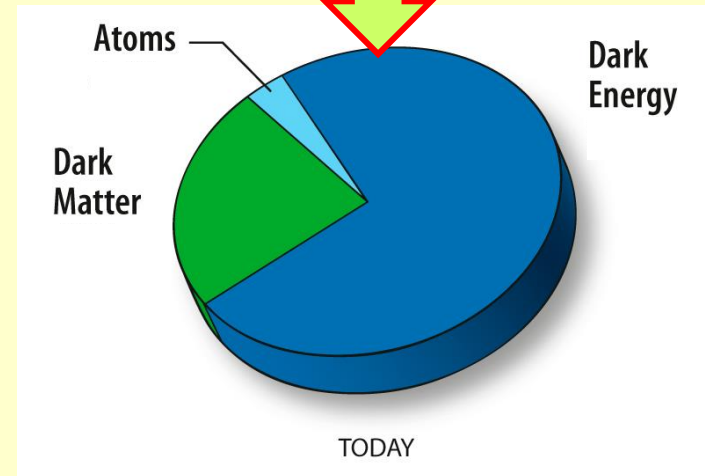
- Measurements of light element abundances vs predictions:



$$\Omega_b^0 h^2 = 0.02244 \pm 0.00069$$

$$\Omega_b^0 \sim 0.046 \quad (\text{with } h=0.7)$$

(confirmed independently by  
CMB - Planck 2018)



Most matter in the  
Universe is **not** ordinary  
atoms : dark matter !

## CONCLUSIONS (2)

- Einstein GR equations + FLRW metric:

$$1 = \Omega_m(t) + \Omega_r(t) + \Omega_k(t) + \Omega_\Lambda(t)$$

- COBE measurement: radiation today is negligible
- Cosmological measurements vs predictions:
  - CMB+SNeIa+BAO:

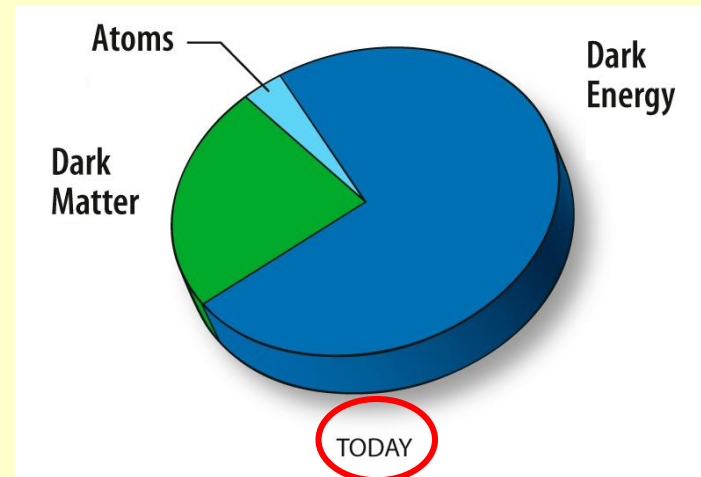
$$W_m^0 = 0.315 \pm 0.007$$

$$W_L^0 = 0.685 \pm 0.007$$

→ flat universe ( $\Omega_k^0 \sim 0$ )

- Primordial abundances:

$$\Omega_b^0 = 0.046 \pm 0.001 \quad (\text{with } h=0.7)$$



radiation  
domination

D,  $^4\text{He}$  nucleosynthesis  
 $T \sim 60\text{keV}$   $z \sim 10^8$

inflation ?



matter-radiation equality  
 $T \sim 0.83\text{eV}$   $z \sim 3500$

matter  
domination

CMB

$T \sim 0.26\text{eV}$   $z = 1100$

380,000yr

9Gyr

13.7Gyr

today

$T \sim 2.35 \cdot 10^{-4}\text{eV}$   $z = 0$

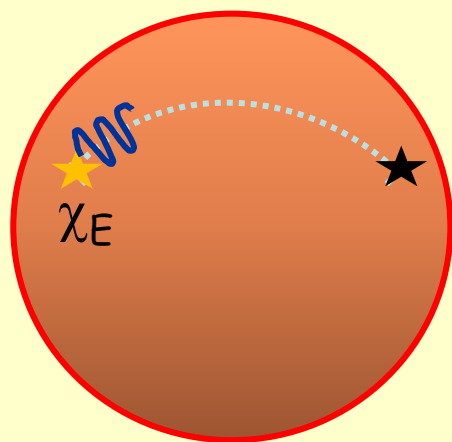
expansion acceleration  
 $T \sim 3.5 \cdot 10^{-4}\text{eV}$   $z \sim 0.5$

$\Lambda$  / DE  
domination

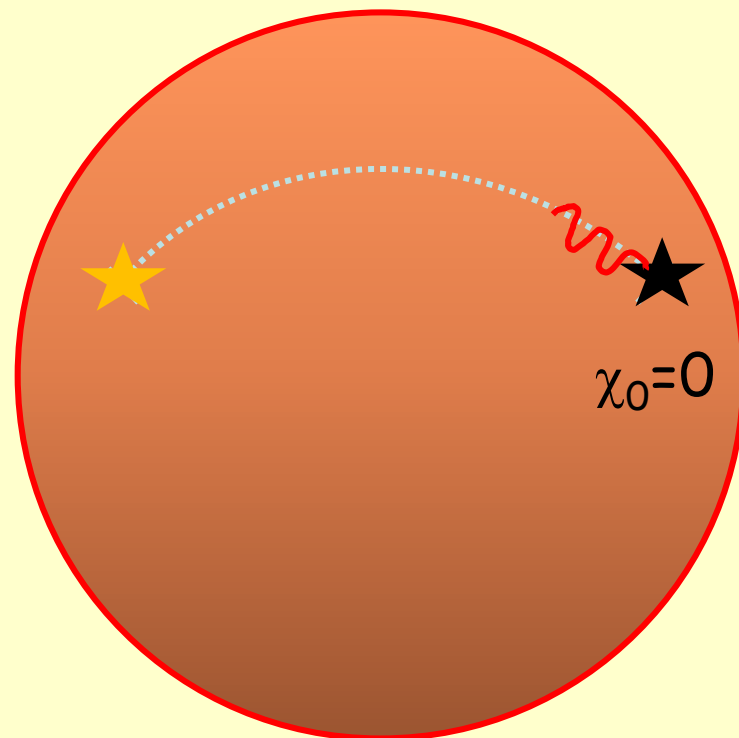
BACK UP SLIDES

- Particular case : photon propagation

$t_E$  emission

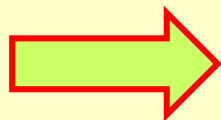


$t_0$  observation today



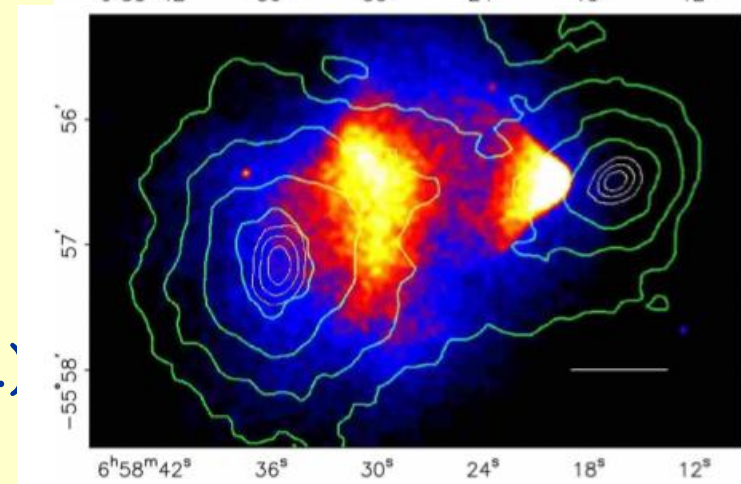
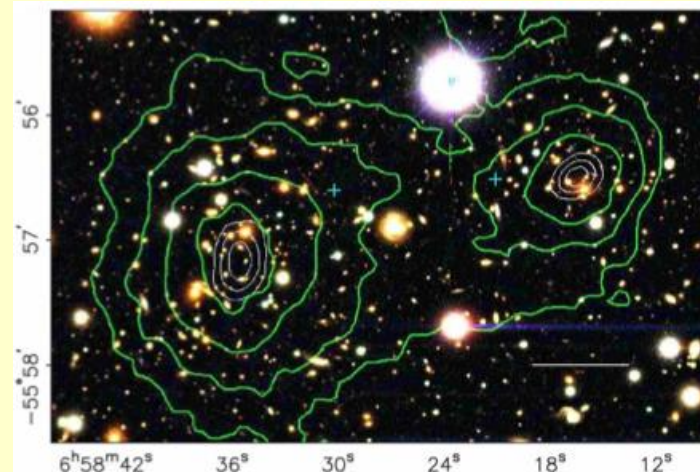
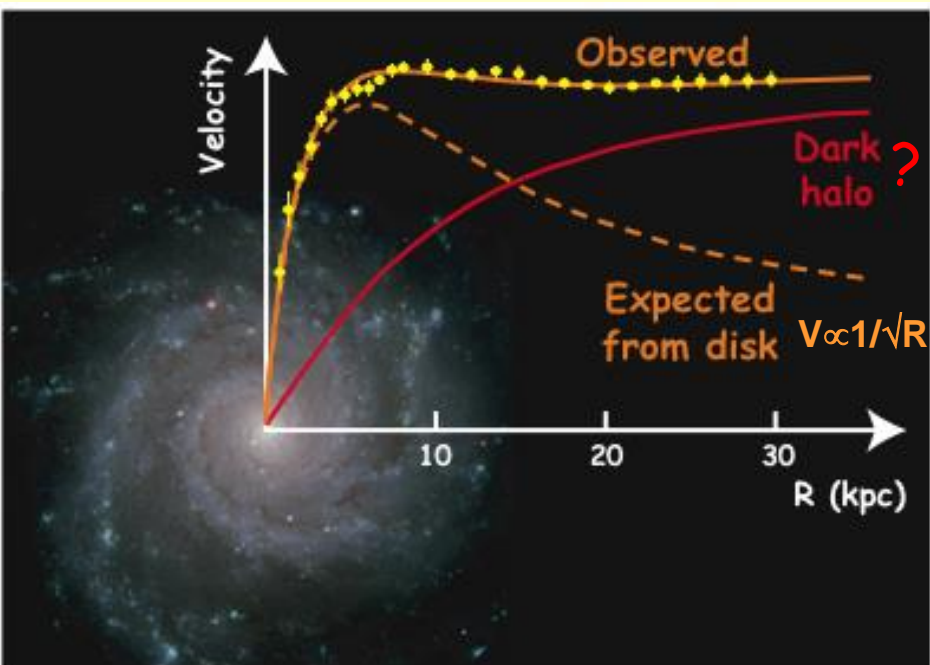
$$d\theta, d\varphi = 0: \quad ds^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{d\chi}{dt} = \frac{c}{a(t)}$$

$$\chi_E = \int_{t_E}^{t_0} \frac{cdt}{a(t)} = \int_{t_E + \lambda_E/c}^{t_0 + \lambda_0/c} \frac{cdt}{a(t)} = \int_{t_E + \lambda_E/c}^{t_E} \frac{cdt}{a(t)} + \int_{t_E}^{t_0} \frac{cdt}{a(t)} + \int_{t_0}^{t_0 + \lambda_0/c} \frac{cdt}{a(t)} = \int_{t_E}^{t_0} \frac{cdt}{a(t)} + \frac{\lambda_0}{a_0} - \frac{\lambda_E}{a_E}$$

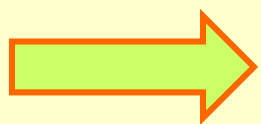


$$\frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda_{\text{emitted}}} \equiv 1 + z = \frac{a_0}{a(t_{\text{emission}})}$$

light from distant sources is redshifted



- Examples (beside cosmology):
  - Rotation curves of spiral galaxies (1959..)
  - Colliding clusters (2006)



dark matter (baryonic or new particles)  
or modified Newtonian dynamics ?

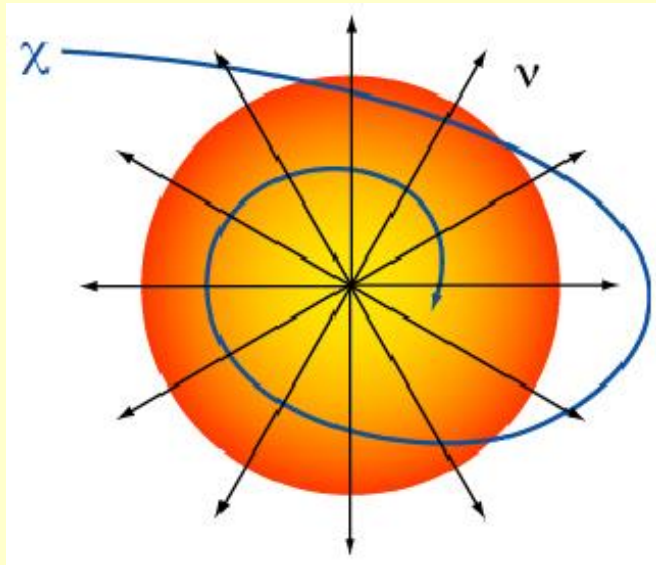
still an  
open  
question !



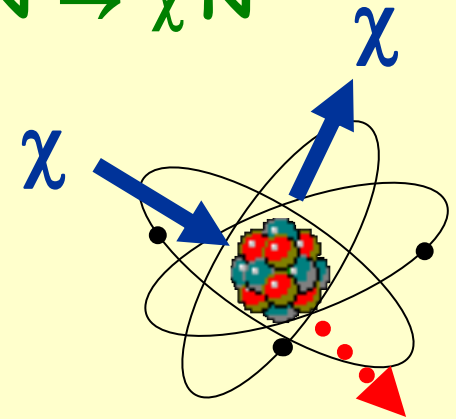
# Search for non-baryonic dark matter

- **Direct search:** detect nuclear recoil in cryogenic detectors

$$10\text{GeV} < m_\chi < 1\text{TeV}$$



$$\chi N \rightarrow \chi N$$



- **Indirect search:** gravitational capture and co-annihilation

$$\chi\chi \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$$

$\gamma$ -ray astronomy

$$100\text{GeV} < m_\chi < 10\text{TeV}$$

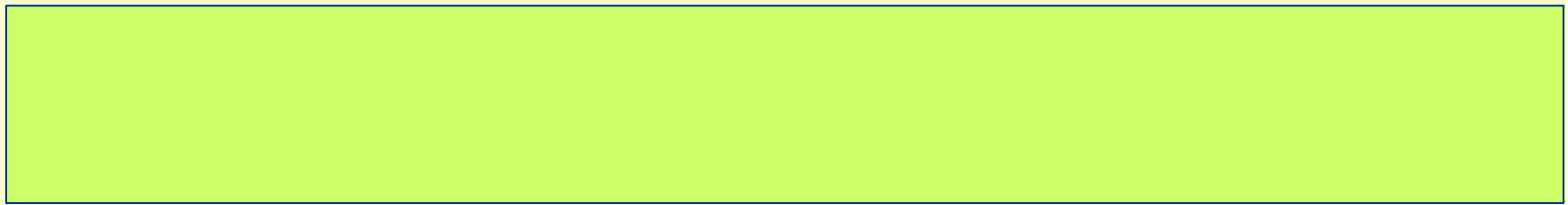
$$\chi\chi \rightarrow \nu + X$$

$\nu$  telescopes

$$100\text{GeV} < m_\chi < 3\text{TeV}$$

- Complementary to exotic particle searches **at the LHC**  
( $100\text{GeV} < m_\chi < 3\text{TeV}$ )

No undisputed signal so far, stay tuned !



- Les objets de  $z$  les plus grands ?
- Horizon, temps de Hubble, distance de Hubble
- Lien redshift/âge de l'Univers/distance

# Horizon

- Two separate events can be **causally connected** provided  $|dl/dt| < c$  :  
past/future light cones
- **particle horizon**: largest comoving spatial distance from which a signal could have reached us at  $t_0$
- **event horizon at  $t_{\max}$** : most distant event today that will come in causal contact with us at  $t_{\max}$

