

# Our current view of the Universe

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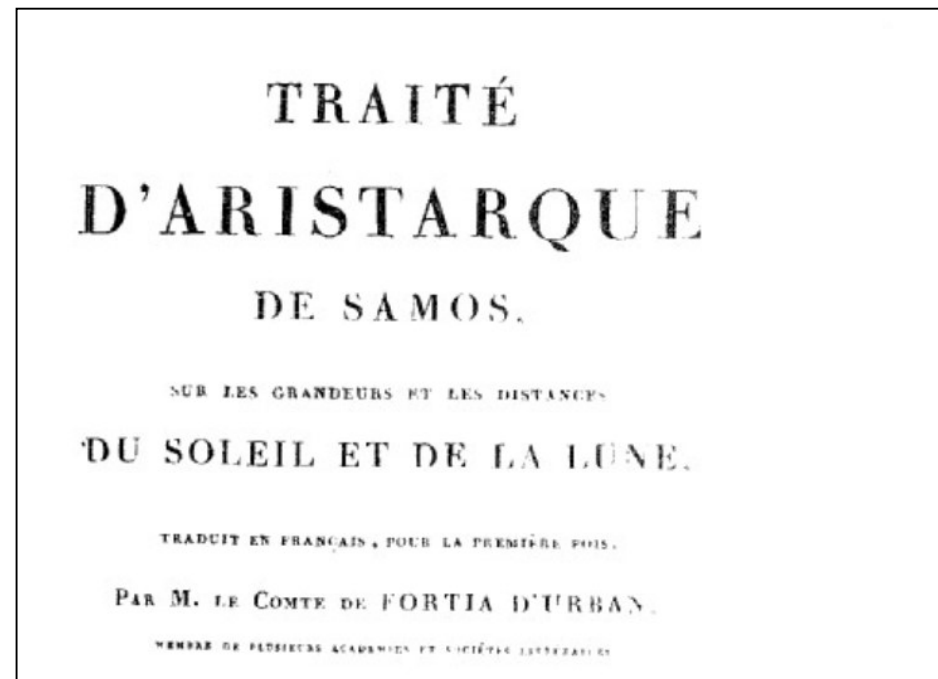
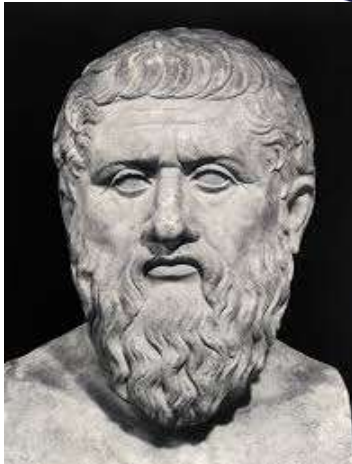
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1. Universe in early times (10')
2. Fundamental constants (20')
3. Universe according to fundamental constants (20')
4. Universe content as we know it today (15')
5. Dark matter search (15')

“When you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change” (Max Planck)

# Universe in early times

Measuring Earth-Sun distance → Change our view of the Universe

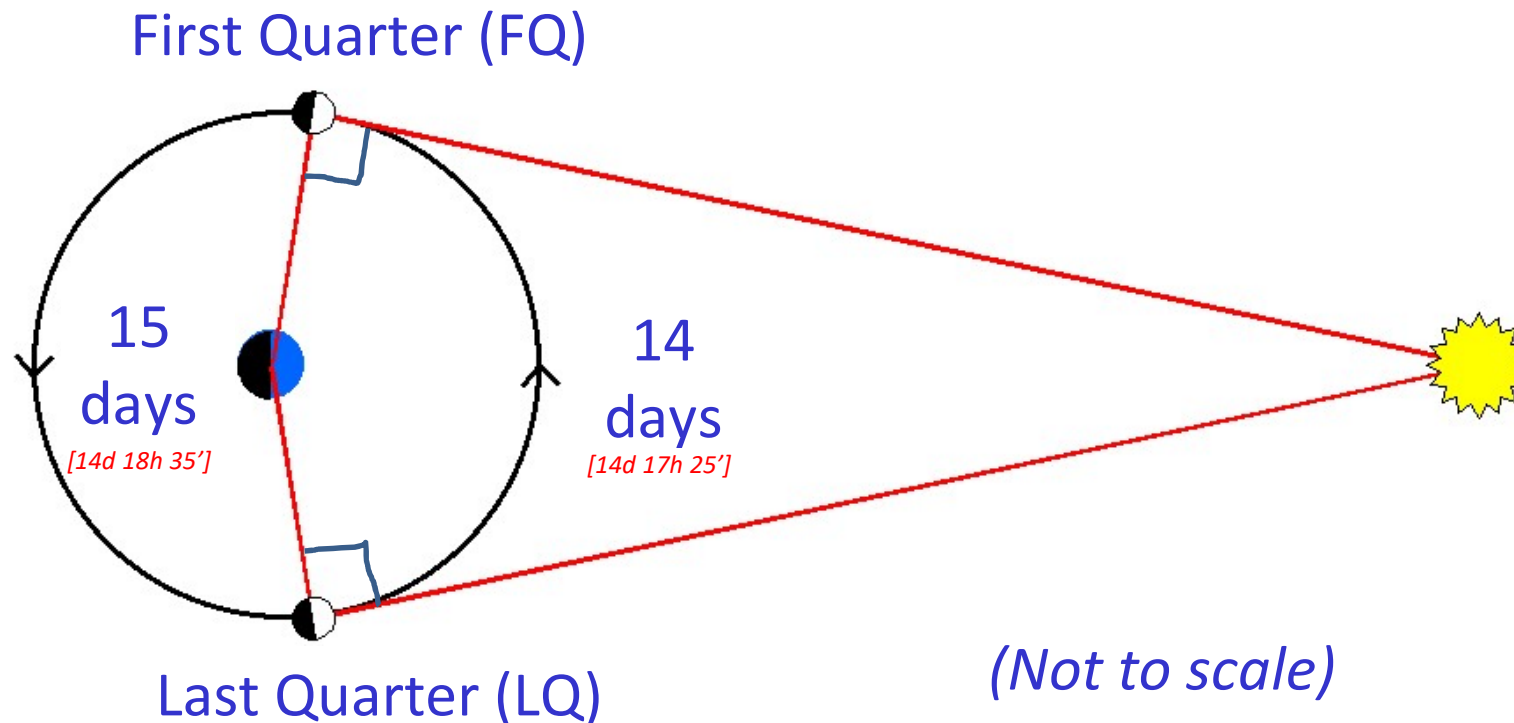


*Translated from ancient Greek to French (1823)*

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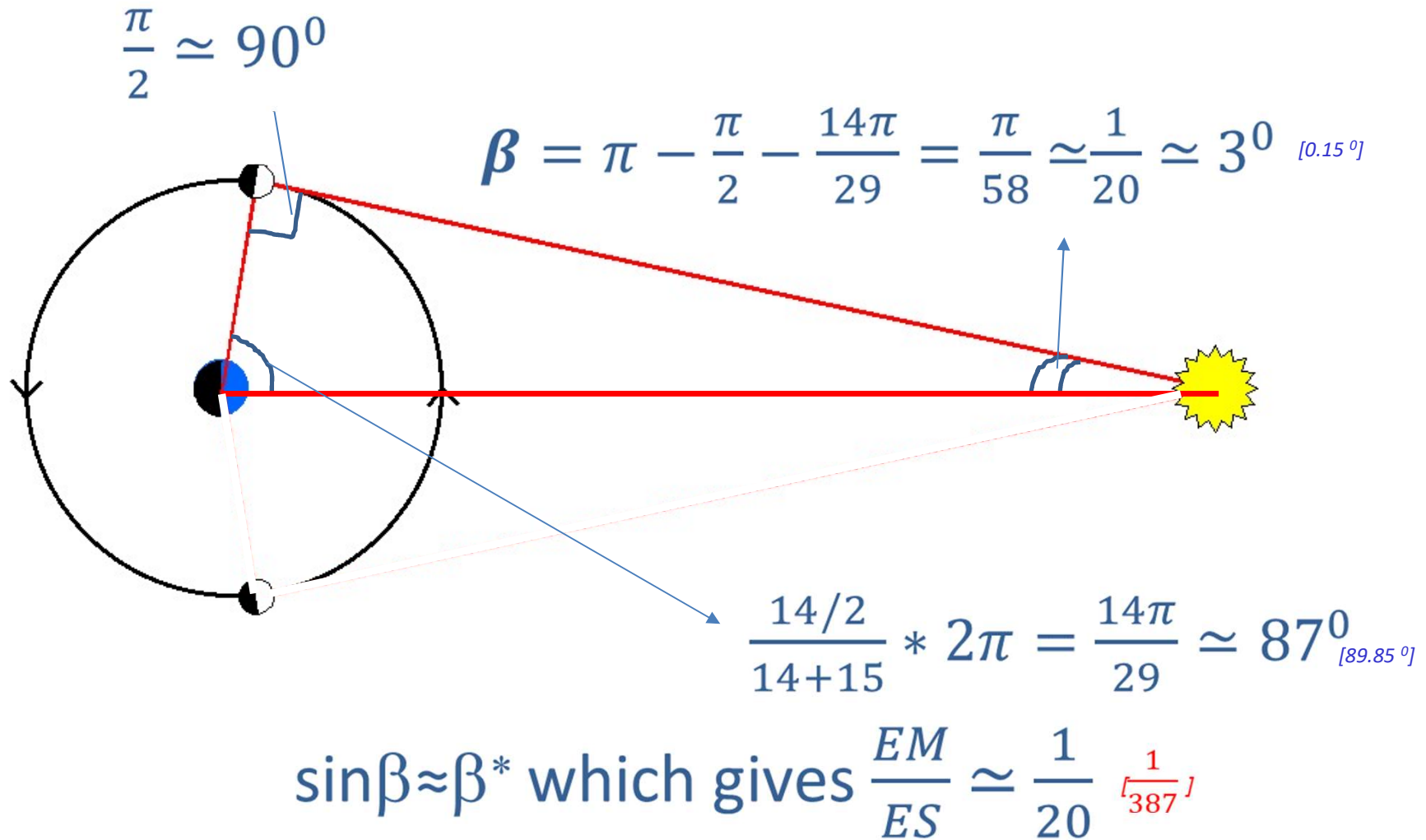
[Values as of today]

Aristarchus measures a difference between LQ-FQ and FQ-LQ  
→ Sun is not infinitely far from Earth



# Universe in early times

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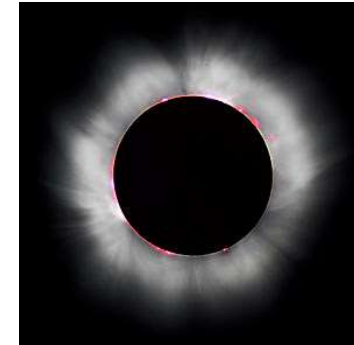


\*Note that trigonometry was not yet invented so Aristarchus uses purely geometrical arguments

# Universe in early times

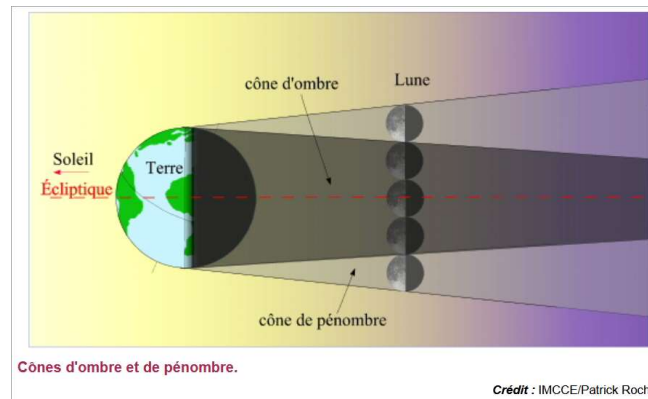
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As seen from the earth a sun  
eclipse tells us that  $D_S = D_M$   
 $[D_S = D_M]$



From Moon eclipse  
Aristarchus estimated

$$D_M = 0.33 D_E$$
$$[D_M = 0.273 D_E]$$



Pictures taken every 30'  
(28-Aug 2007)

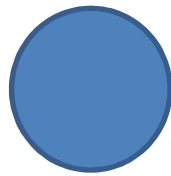
Sun diameter is therefore  $D_S = 20 \times 0.33 \times D_E = 7 D_E$   
 $[D_S = 110 D_E]$

# Universe in early times

According to  
Aristarchus

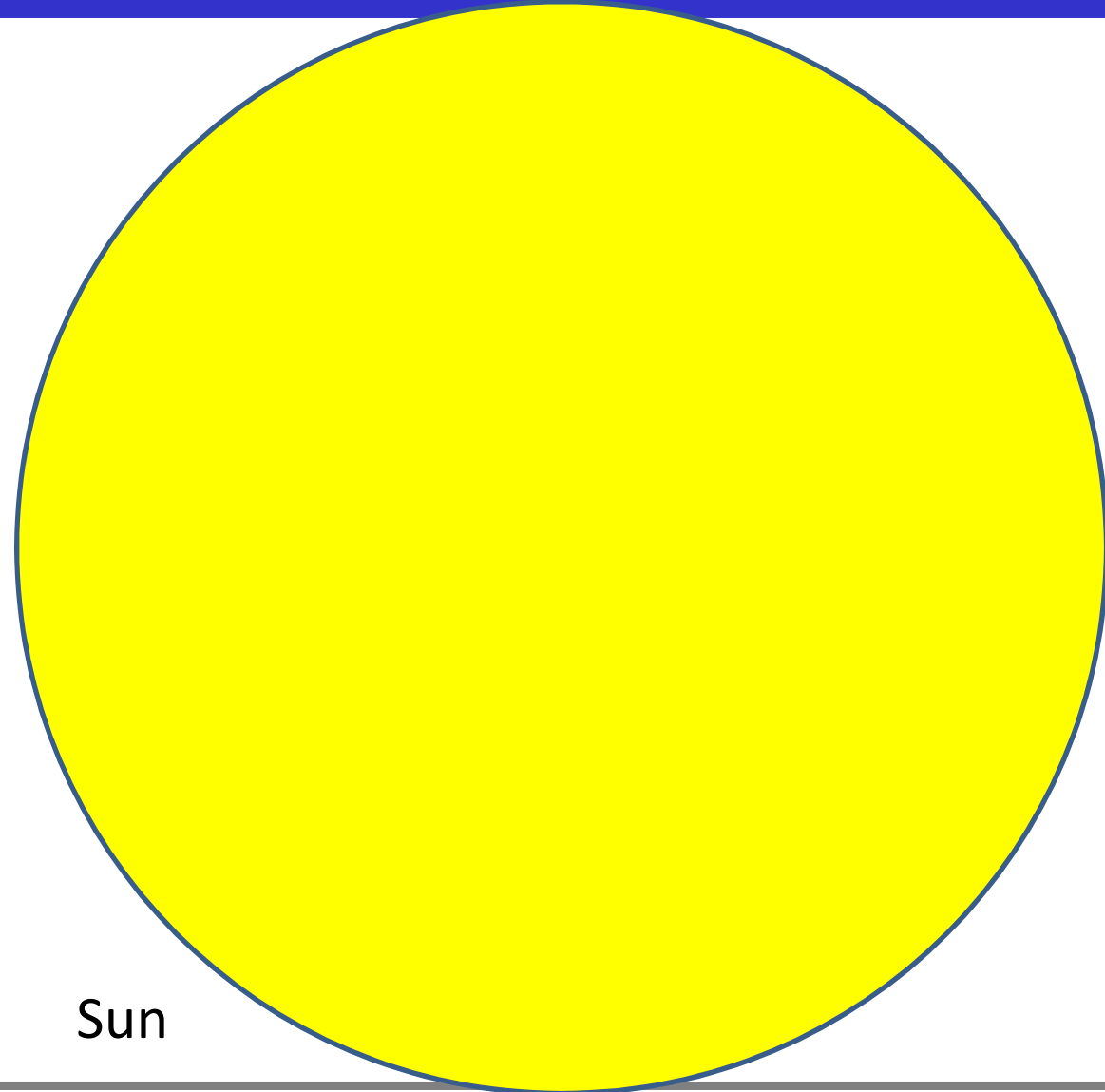


Moon



Earth

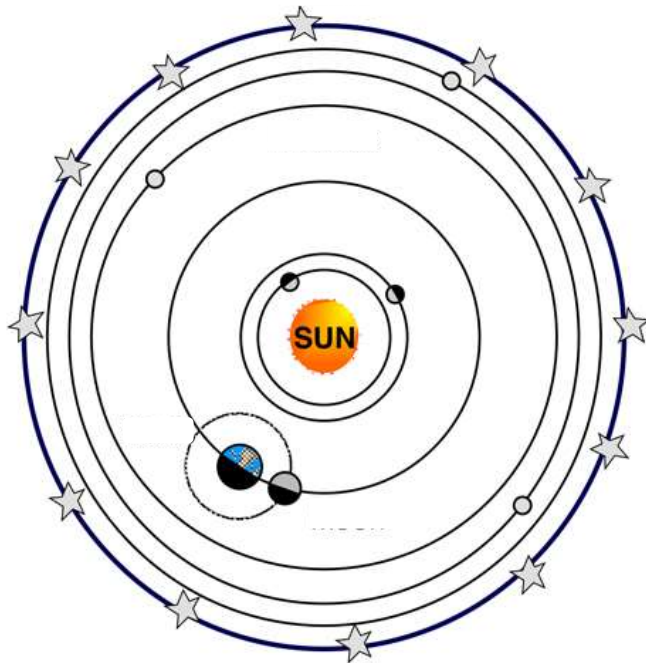
*(to scale !)*



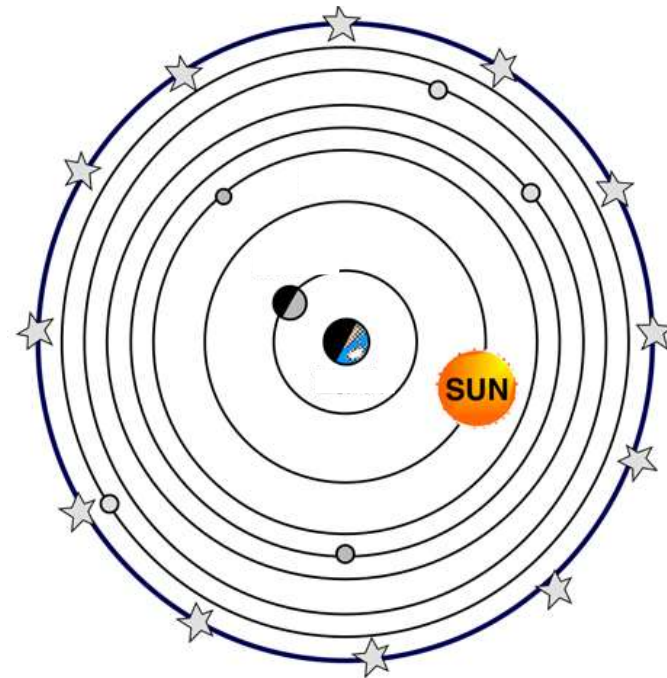
Sun

# Universe in early times

Aristarchus



Archimedes, Aristotle



Aristarchus was correct, but geocentric model was retained ... for ~2000 years (!)

# Fundamental constants

Why coal turn red when heated? → Change our view of the Universe



#### 4. Ueber irreversible Strahlungsvorgänge; von Max Planck.

(Nach den Sitzungsber. d. k. Akad. d. Wissensch. zu Berlin vom 4. Februar 1897, 8. Juli 1897, 16. December 1897, 7. Juli 1898, 18. Mai 1899 und nach einem auf der 71. Naturf.-Vers. in München gehaltenen Vortrage für die Annalen bearbeitet vom Verfasser.)

(Eingegangen 7. November 1899.)

#### Conclusion of the article (p.54)

Wählt man nun die „natürlichen Einheiten“ so, dass in dem neuen Maasssystem jede der vorstehenden vier Constanten den Wert 1 annimmt, so erhält man als Einheit der Länge die Grösse:

$$\sqrt{\frac{bf}{c^3}} = \text{■ cm,}$$

als Einheit der Masse:

$$\sqrt{\frac{bc}{f}} = \text{■ g,}$$

als Einheit der Zeit:

$$\sqrt{\frac{bf}{c^5}} = \text{■ sec,}$$

Unveiled p. 29 !



This paper allows to:

- summarize physics of the past (<1900)
  - lay the foundations of modern physics (>1900)
- All based on three fundamental constants

**Bonus:** It took all XX<sup>th</sup> century to interpret the results !



# Units of Space, Time and matter

## Space

## Time

## Matter

Length (L)	Time (T)	Mass (M)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Finger</li><li>• Hand</li><li>• Feet</li><li>• Forearm</li><li>• Farm units</li></ul> <p>→ inch, foot, yard</p> <p>→ mile</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Heart beat (<math>\approx 1s</math>)</li><li>• day / night</li><li>• Moon cycle</li><li>• Season cycle (360 days)</li><li>• Tropical year (365.25 days)</li></ul> <p>→ Water clock</p> <p>→ Day, year</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grain</li><li>• Food container</li></ul> <p>→ grain, ounce, pound...</p>

**+ : practical**

**- : not precise and not universal** (depends on the region)

**Human related measurement before XVIII<sup>th</sup> century**

# Units of Space, Time and matter

Space

Time

Matter

Length (L)	Time (T)	Mass (M)
→ Decimal 1/10 <sup>7</sup> of the North part of the meridian: 40 000 km / 4 / 10 <sup>7</sup> = 10 <sup>-3</sup> km → <b>Meter</b>	→ Sexagesimal 1/86400 part of the solar day  → <b>Second</b>	→ Decimal Mass of water in a cube of 1 cm. Water density= 1 g.cm <sup>-3</sup>  → <b>Gram</b>

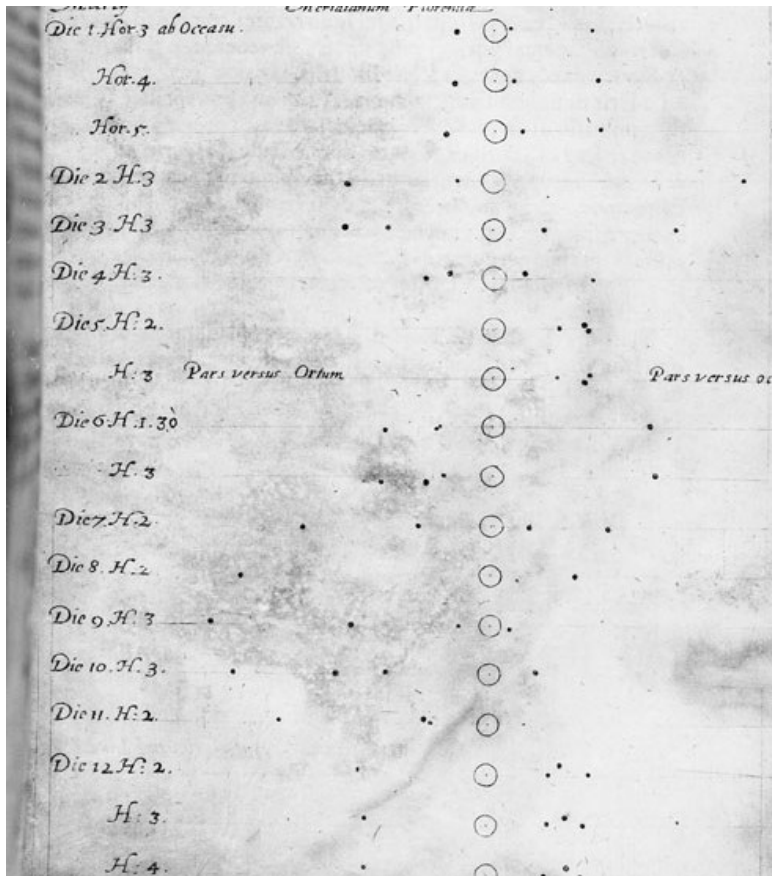
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**Earth related measurement from XIX<sup>th</sup> century on**

# Fundamental Constant (1)

## Speed of light (c)



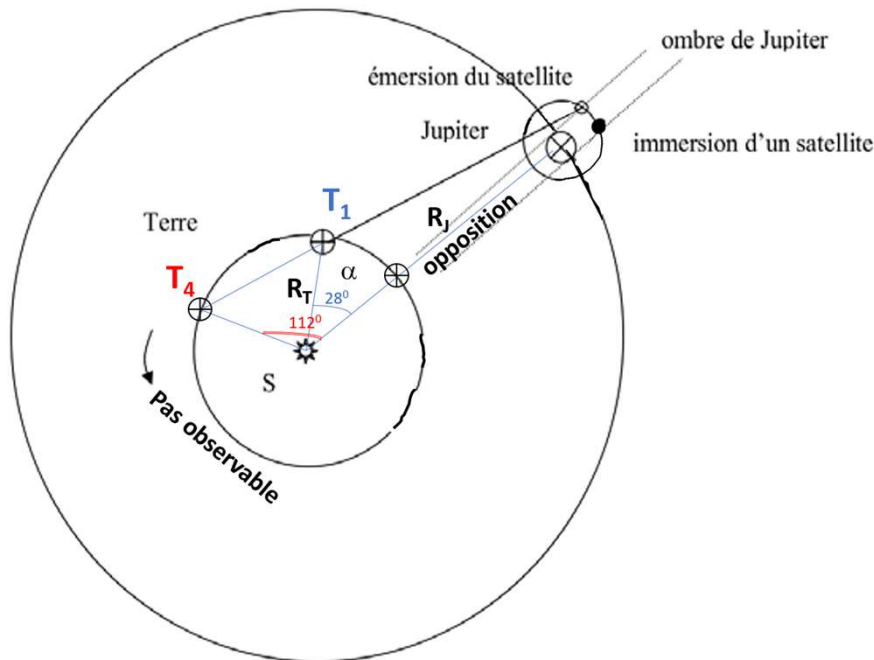
*Sidereus Nuncius* (Mar 1610)

Galileo uses **telescope** to discover Jupiter Moons (Jan-Mar 1610)



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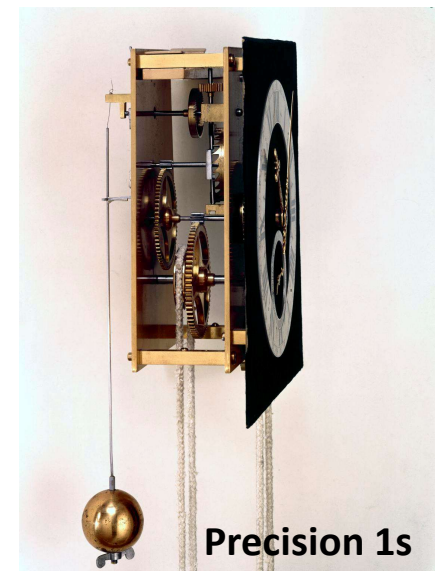
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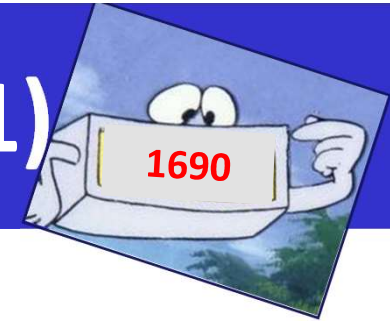
Romer predicts that Io emersion will arrive 10' (600 s) later when Earth is in T<sub>4</sub> than when he measured it in T<sub>1</sub>

*Published 7 Dec 1676 in «Journal des sçavans»*

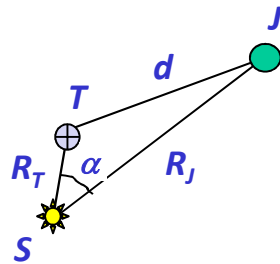
Ole Romer uses a **telescope** and a **pendulum clock** to measure time of Jupiter Moon Io emersion (1670-76)  
→ 42.5 hours for one rotation



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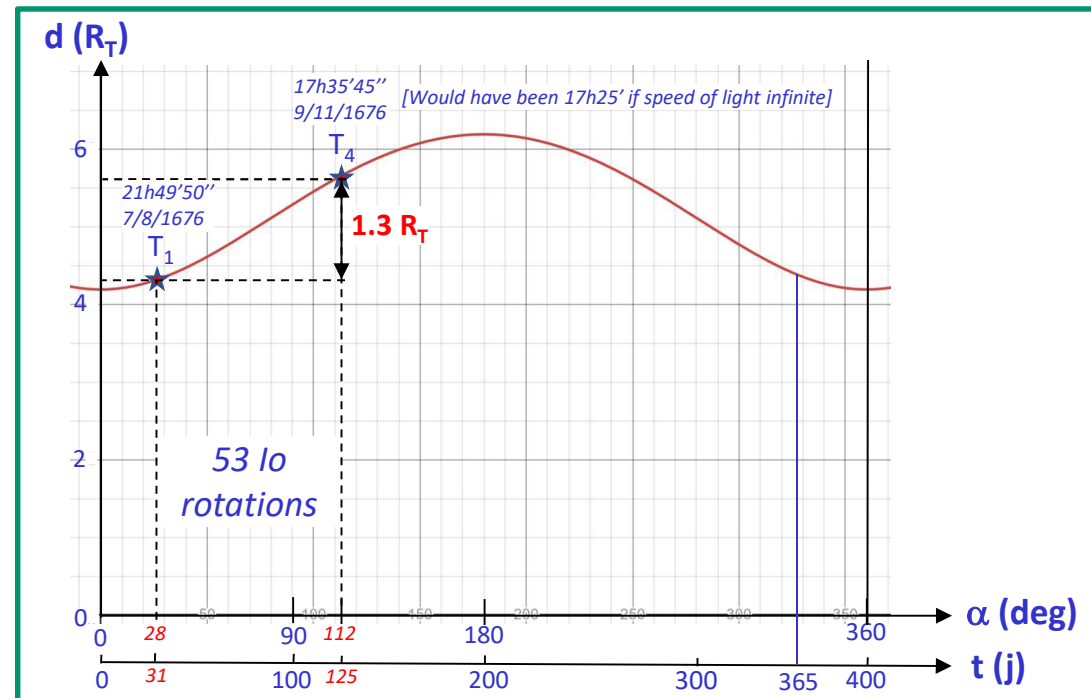


$$TJ^2 = d^2 = R_T^2 + R_J^2 - 2R_JR_T\cos(\alpha)$$

$$R_J = (P_J/P_T)^{2/3} R_T = 5.2 R_T \quad (P_J=11.8 \text{ yr})$$

$$\rightarrow d = R_T \sqrt{28-10.4 \cos(\alpha)}$$

Evolution of Earth – Jupiter distance between two oppositions



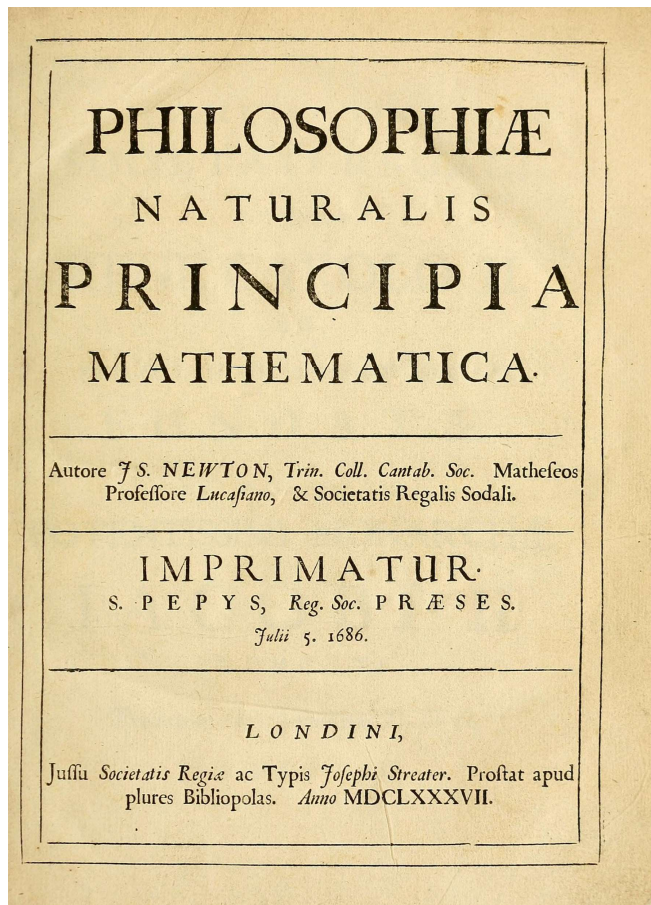
$$c = 1.3 R_T / 600 \approx 300\,000 \text{ km/s} = 3 \cdot 10^8 \text{ m.s}^{-1}$$

150 000 000 km

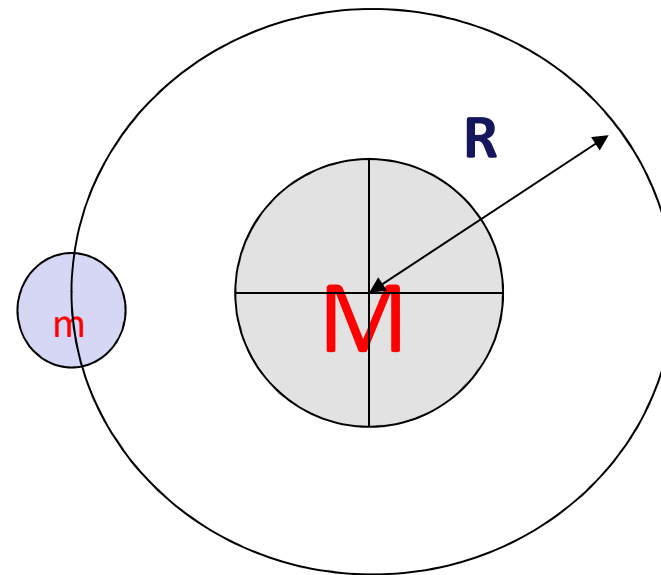
**1690**  
*Huyghens*

# Fundamental Constant (2)

## Gravitational constant (G)



Isaac Newton developed a mathematical theory of the attraction between two objects using infinitesimal calculus (1687)



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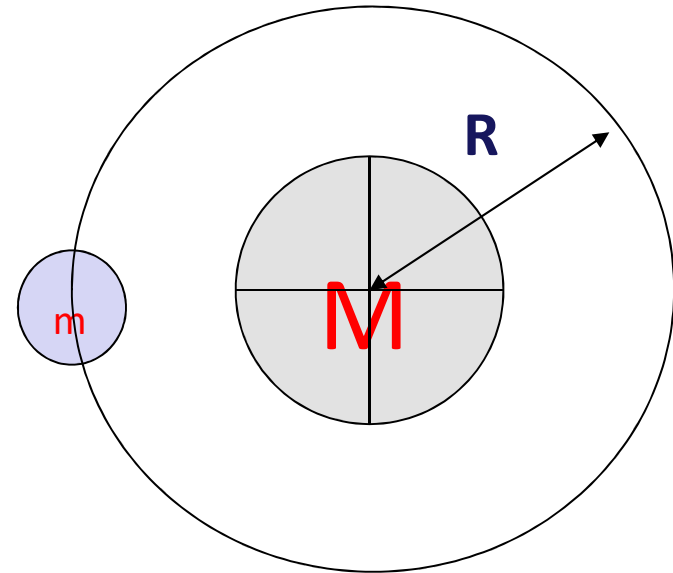
Newton 2<sup>nd</sup> law :  $F = m a \rightarrow \text{kg m s}^{-2}$

Newton universal gravitation :

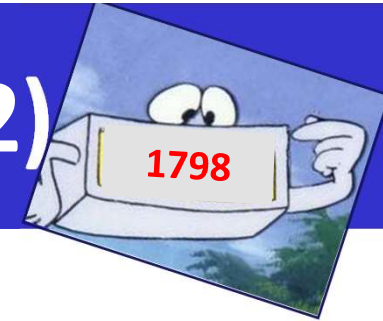
$$F \propto \frac{m M}{R^2} \rightarrow \text{kg}^2 \text{ m}^{-2}$$

Need a constant G to restore the units

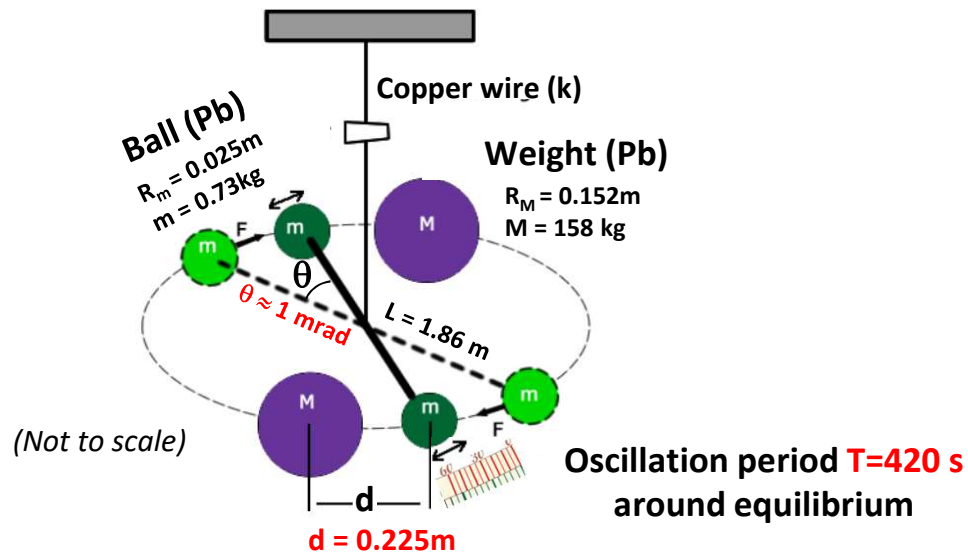
$$[G] = \text{kg m s}^{-2} / (\text{kg}^2 \text{ m}^{-2}) = \text{kg}^{-1} \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-2}$$



# Fundamental Constant (2)



## Gravitational constant (G)



Torque:  $F L = k \theta$  (like a spring with a constant  $k$ )

Moment of Inertia of the 2 balls:  $J = 2m(L/2)^2 = mL^2/2$

Angular speed:  $\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} = \sqrt{\frac{k}{J}}$  (like a pendulum  $\sqrt{\frac{g(m.s^{-2})}{l(m)}} = \sqrt{\frac{10}{l}}$ )

$\rightarrow k = 2\pi^2 mL^2 / T^2 \rightarrow F = 2\pi^2 mL \theta / T^2 \approx 10^{-7}$  N

Henry Cavendish makes the first measurement of  $G$  (1798), writing first modern experimental paper (60 pages), including systematics

At equilibrium of the 2 forces :

$$F_{grav} = G \frac{mM}{d^2} = \frac{2\pi^2 mL\theta}{T^2}$$

$$G = 2\pi^2 \frac{L}{M} \frac{\theta d^2}{T^2}$$

$$G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ kg}^{-1} \cdot \text{m}^3 \cdot \text{s}^{-2}$$

To be exact, Cavendish did not compute  $G$ , it was done a century later – but he could have !



# Fundamental Constant (3)

## Planck constant ( $h$ )

Long standing question: how can the steel or the coal change color when it is heated ?

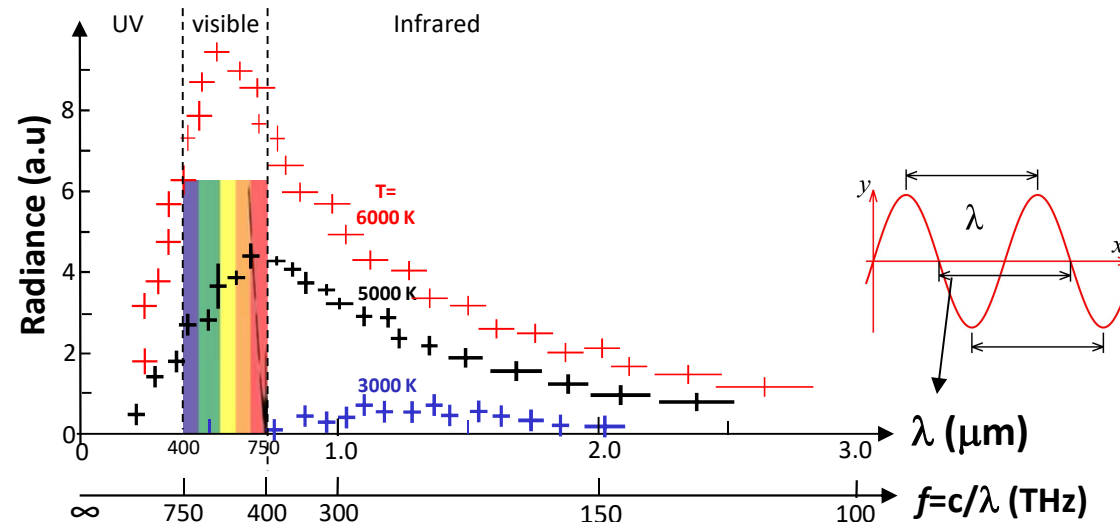
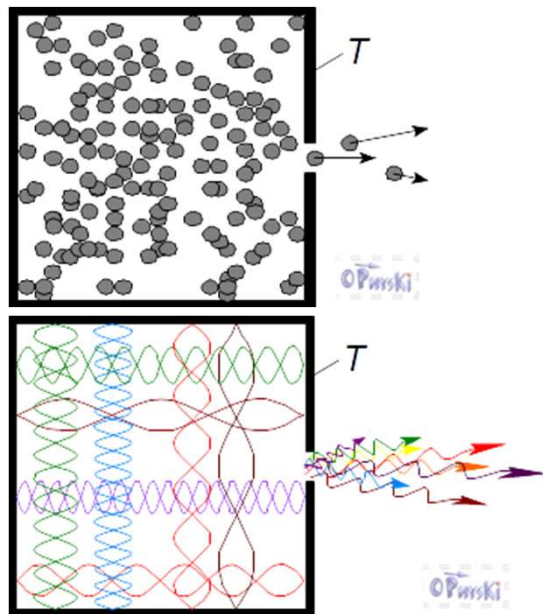


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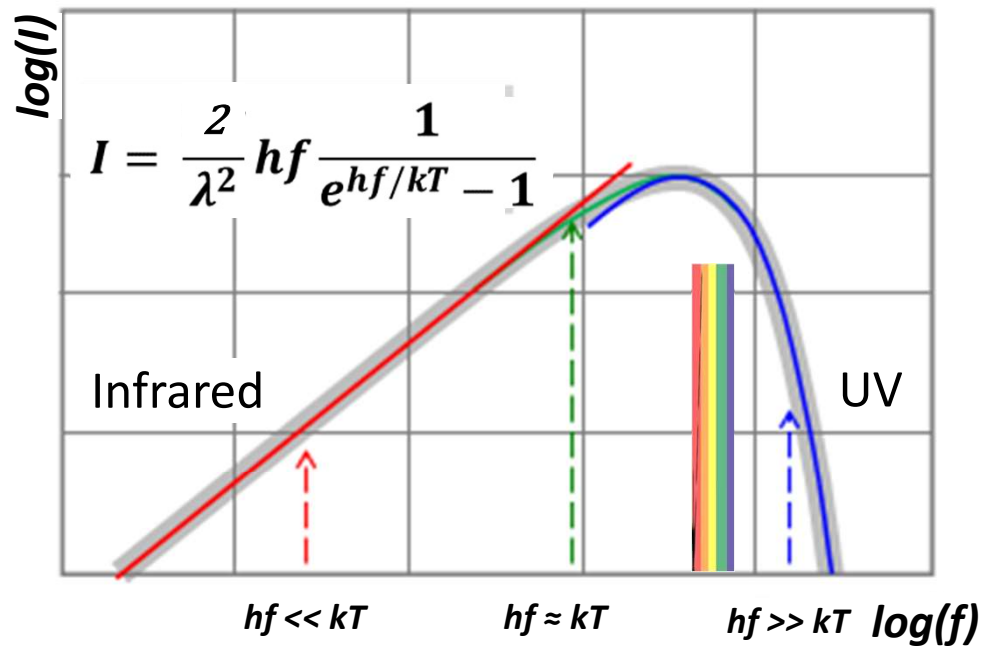
XIX<sup>th</sup> century: atomic theory of heat (statistical thermodynamic) +  
development of electromagnetism (mediated by light) +  
measurements of (ideal) black body radiations

→ Measurements described by an Universal law (Kirchhoff, 1867) → **function?**



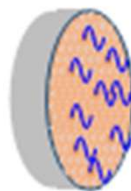
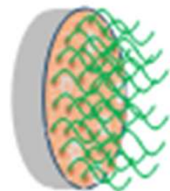
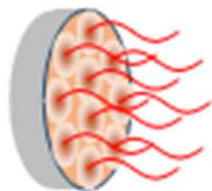
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## Planck constant (h)



Planck discovered the law in **1900** saying that **atoms** are **harmonic oscillators** with  **$E = hf$** . Probability of light emission at frequency  $f$  depends on temperature which corresponds to  **$E = kT$** :

- **$hf \ll kT$**  : growing probability to emit light of frequency  $f$
- **$hf \gg kT$**  : low probability to emit light of frequency  $f$

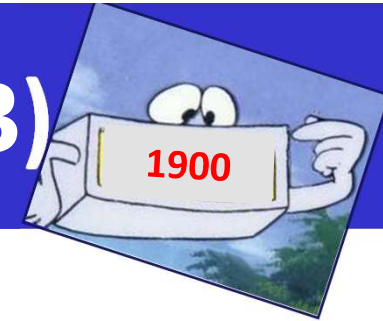


$$I \approx \frac{2}{\lambda^2} kT = \frac{2kT}{c^2} f^2$$

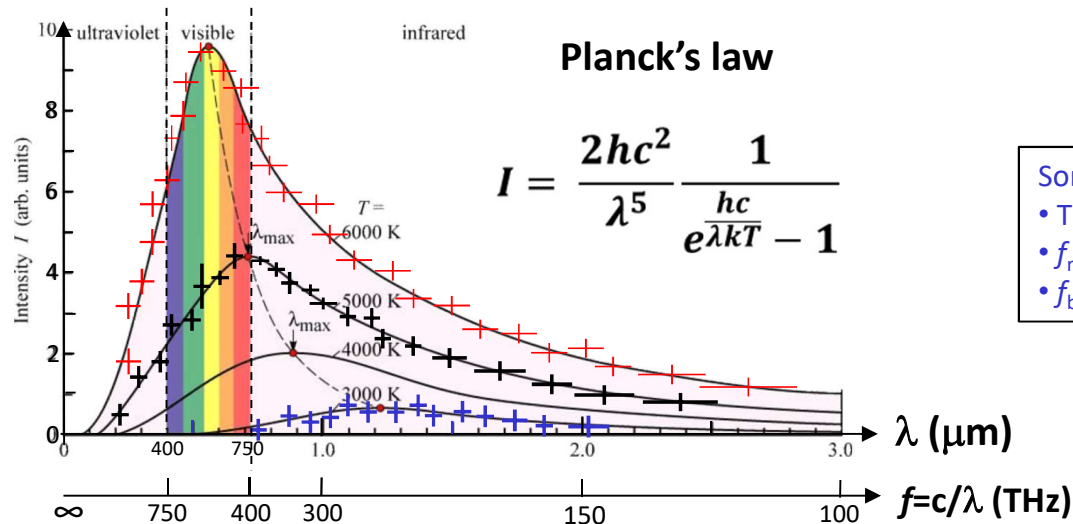
$$I \approx \frac{2h}{1.7c^2} f^3$$

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# Fundamental Constant (3)



## Planck constant (h)



Some numbers for the Sun (more in back-up):

- $T = 5800 \text{ K} \rightarrow E = kT \approx 1 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ kg.m}^2.\text{s}^{-2}$
- $f_{\text{red}} = 430 \times 10^{12} \text{ Hz} \rightarrow E = hf \approx 3 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ kg.m}^2.\text{s}^{-2}$
- $f_{\text{blue}} = 750 \times 10^{12} \text{ Hz} \rightarrow E = hf \approx 5 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ kg.m}^2.\text{s}^{-2}$

The measurements (1900) allow to determine the value of  $h$  (and  $k$ )

- $h = 6.6 \cdot 10^{-34} \text{ kg.m}^2.\text{s}^{-1}$

- $k = 1.4 \cdot 10^{-23} \text{ kg.m}^2.\text{s}^{-2}.\text{K}^{-1}$

# Fundamental constants → Universe ?

## 3 fundamental constants (« universal ») known

- Speed of light :  $c = [L]^1 \times [T]^{-1} = 3.0 \cdot 10^8 \text{ m.s}^{-1}$
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**+ : practical, precise, universal (!)**

Use these constants to deduce a characteristic length ( $L_p = [L]$ ), a time ( $T_p = [T]$ ) and a mass ( $M_p = [M]$ )

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$$\sqrt{\frac{bf}{e^3}} = 4,13 \cdot 10^{-33} \text{ cm,}$$

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$$\sqrt{\frac{bf}{e^5}} = 1,38 \cdot 10^{-43} \text{ sec,}$$

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$$\sqrt{\frac{bc}{f}} = 5,56 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ g,}$$

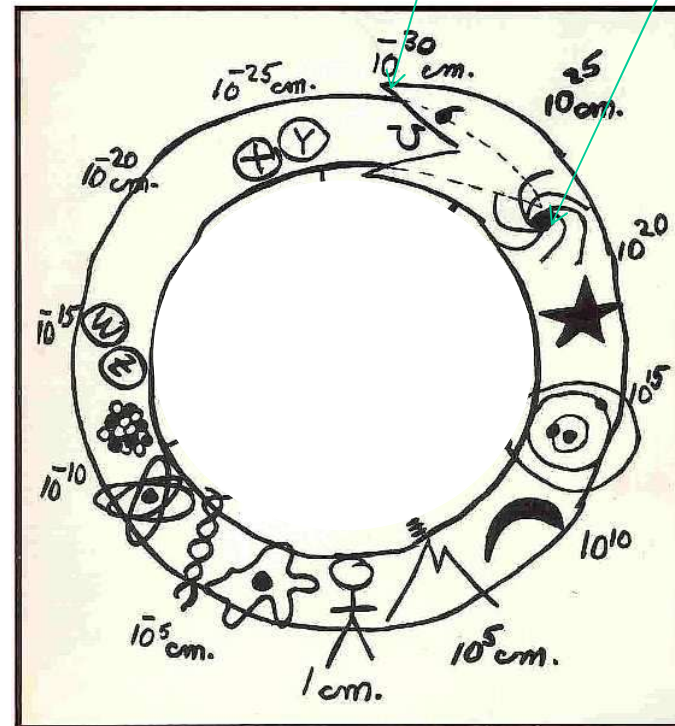
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$$c \times T_U = 3 \cdot 10^8 \times (1.5 \cdot 10^{10} \times 3 \cdot 10^7) = 10^{26} \text{ m}$$

Observable Universe:  $10^{28} \text{ cm}$

$\approx 10^{-33} \text{ cm}$



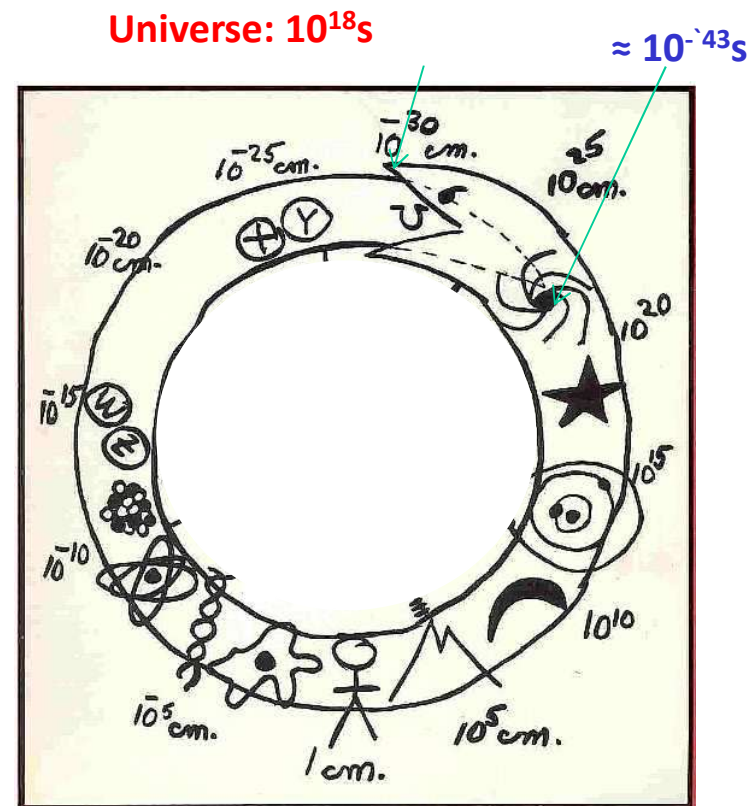
S. Glashow serpent swallowing its tail

*New York Times Magazine*, Sept. 26, 1982, p. 40

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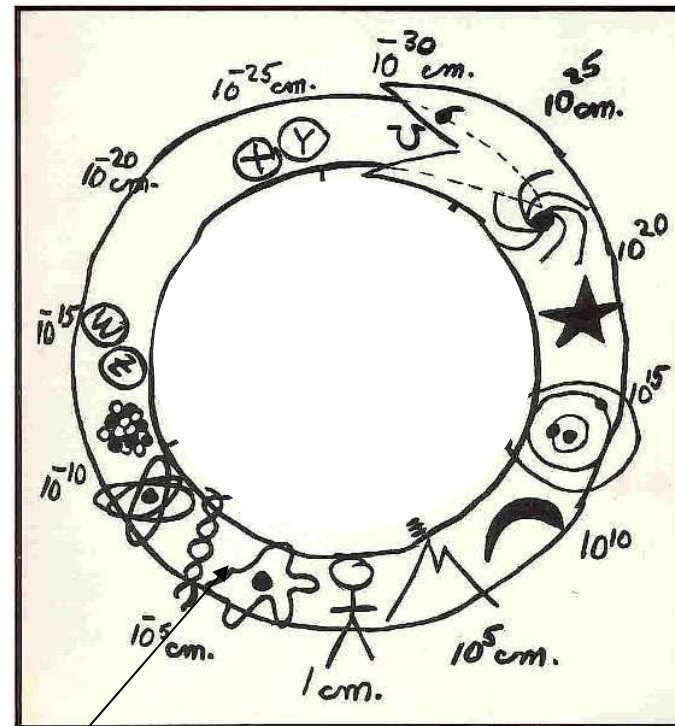




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$M_p = 0.05 \text{ mg} \approx \text{cell weight} ??$



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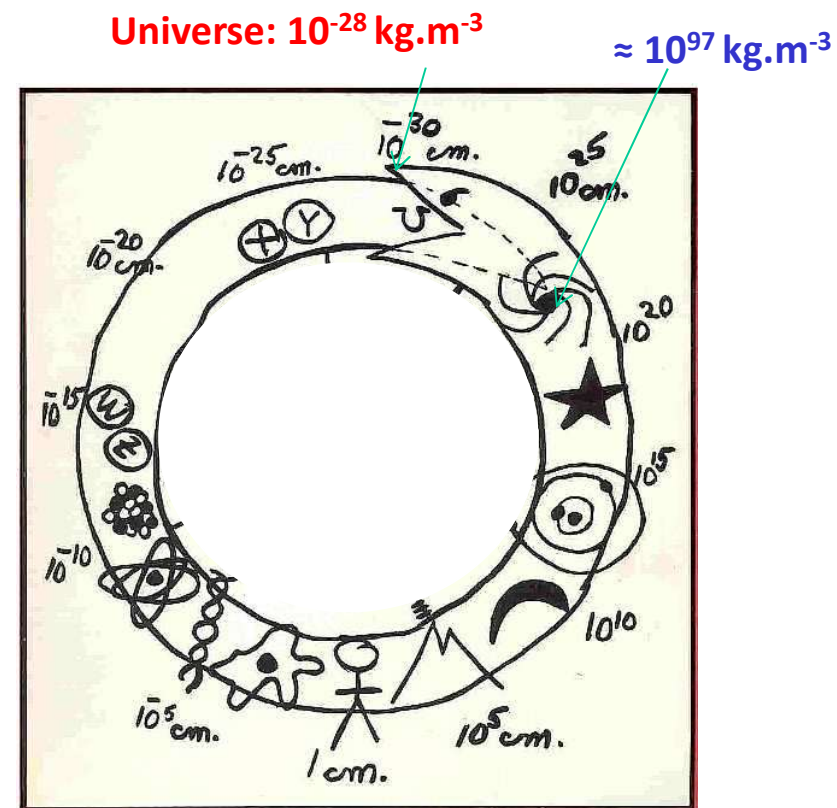
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$$\begin{aligned} d_p &= M_p / V_p \\ &\approx M_p / L_p^3 \\ &\approx 10^{97} \text{ kg.m}^{-3} \end{aligned}$$

$$d_U \approx 10^{-28} \text{ kg.m}^{-3}$$

Note  $d_{\text{water}} \approx 10^3 \text{ kg.m}^{-3}$

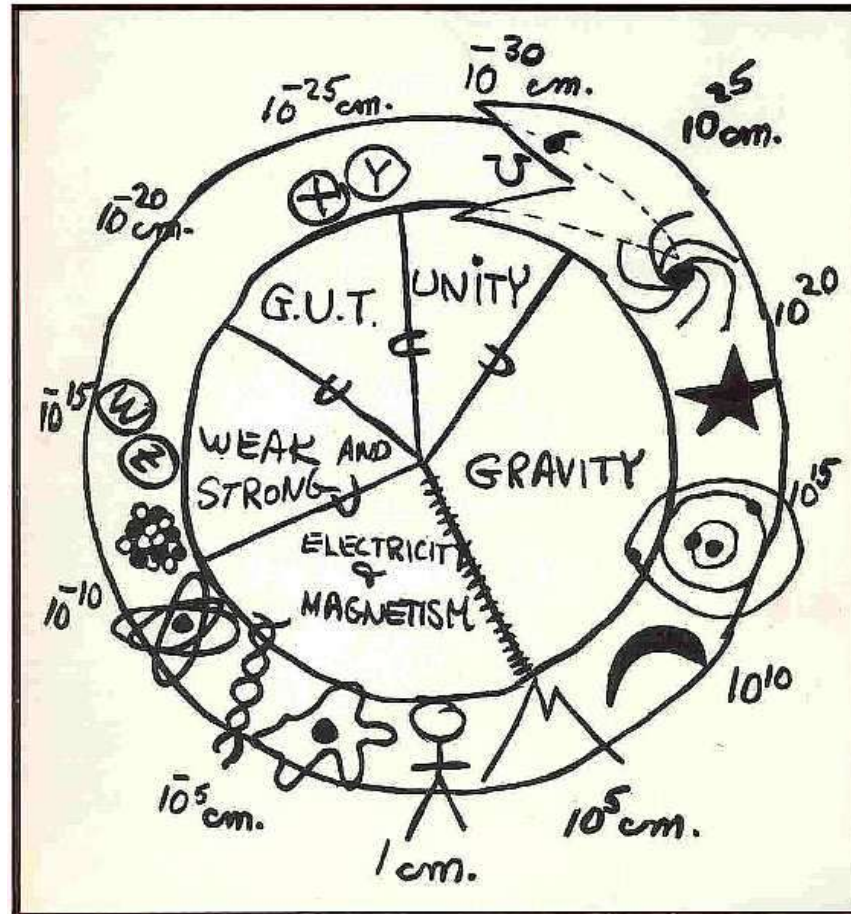


# Interpretation

- ✓ Originally, the Universe was contained in a 3D volume with a characteristic Planck length of  $L_p \approx 10^{-35}\text{m}$
- ✓ At time  $t=t_p$ , the density of the Universe was  $d_p = M_p/V_p \approx 10^{97} \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$ , that of a black hole?
- ✓ Since then, the time increments in steps of  $t = t_p \approx 10^{-43} \text{ s}$

# Content of the Universe

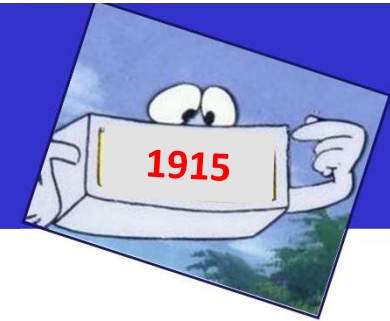
**2- Particle physics**  
status and open questions.  
New hypothetic particles ?



**1- Observations in cosmology**

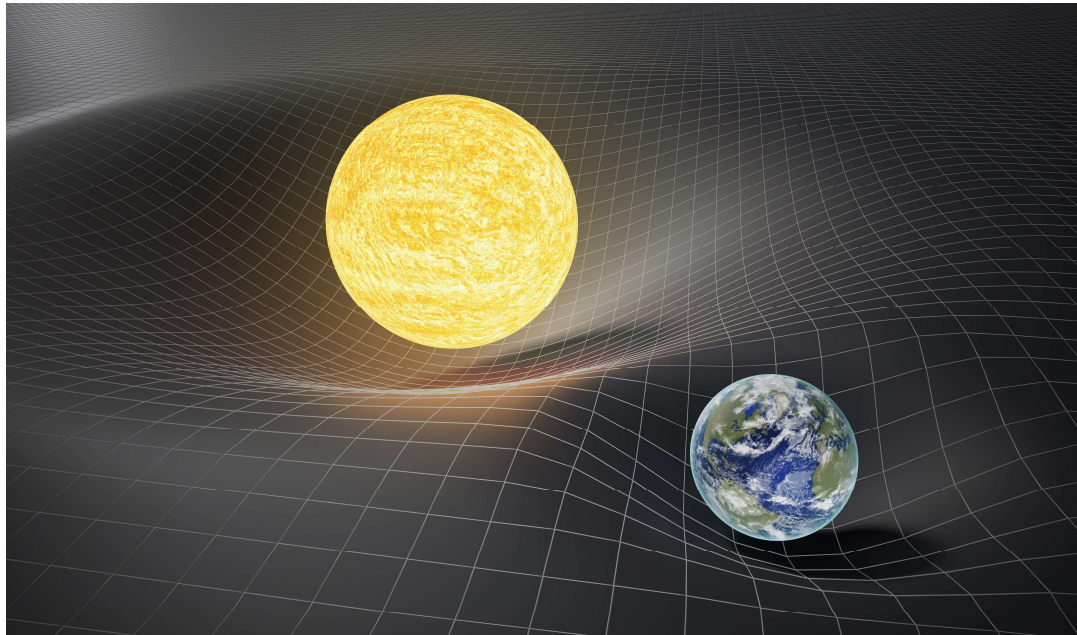
**3- What is Universe made of ?**

# Cosmology



## □ General relativity in one slide !

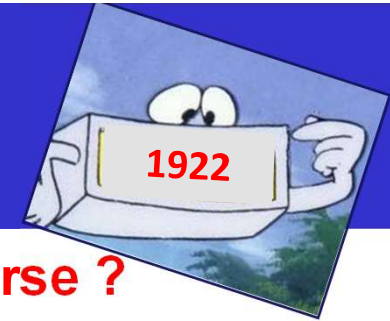
- Shape of space time is directly related to the energy of matter or radiation present



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

$R_{\mu\nu}$  = curvature,  $g_{\mu\nu}$  = space metric,  $G$  = Gravity constant,  
 $c$  = speed of light,  $T_{\mu\nu}$  = energy-momentum

# Cosmology



## □ Possible to solve Einstein equation for the whole Universe ?

- The Universe is homogeneous and isotropic
  - ✓ Space-time metric: scale factor\* ( $a$ ) and curvature ( $k$ )
- Energy and matter: perfect fluid ( $\rho = \text{energy density}$ )
- Friedman equation

$$H^2 = \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3}\rho - \frac{kc^2}{a^2}$$

H = Hubble parameter (expansion)  
 $\Omega = 8\pi G\rho/(3H^2) = \text{abundance}$

- Knowing Universe **total** (energy+matter) **abundance**  $\Omega \rightarrow$  Universe **curvature**

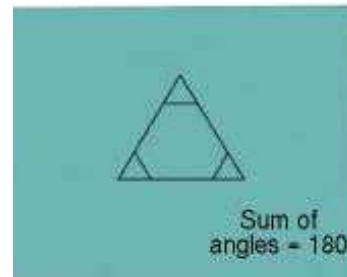
$$\Omega = 1 + \kappa / \dot{a}^2, \text{ so}$$

$\Omega < 1$	$\kappa < 0.$
$\Omega = 1$	implies $\kappa = 0.$
$\Omega > 1$	$\kappa > 0.$

K<0 e.g. Torus



Euclidean (flat)



K>0, e.g. Sphere



\* Relative size of the Universe

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  - ✓ Space-time metric: scale factor\* ( $a$ ) and curvature ( $k$ )
- Energy and matter: perfect fluid ( $\rho = \text{energy density}$ )
- ➔ Friedman equation

$$H^2 = \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3}\rho - \frac{kc^2}{a^2}$$

H = Hubble parameter (expansion)  
 $\Omega = 8\pi G\rho/(3H^2) = \text{abundance}$

## ▪ Knowing Universe composition → Universe evolution (in Euclidean/flat space)

- ✓ Matter particles (p, n, e-)
- ✓ Cold Dark Matter (CDM)
- ✓ Radiation ( $\gamma, \nu$ )
- ✓ Dark Energy ( $\Lambda$ )

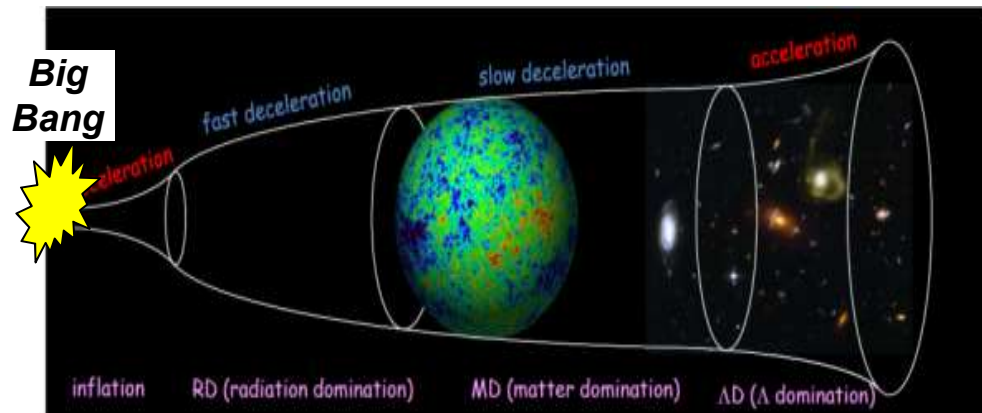
$\Lambda$ CDM Model

$$\text{if } \kappa=0 \quad \frac{8\pi G}{3}\rho = \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2$$

matter: p, n, e-  $\rho = \rho_M \propto a^{-3} \rightarrow a \propto t^{2/3}$

radiation:  $\gamma, \nu$   $\rho = \rho_R \propto a^{-4} \rightarrow a \propto t^{1/2}$

vacuum:  $\Lambda$   $\rho = \rho_{vac} \propto a^0 \rightarrow a \propto e^{H_0 t}$



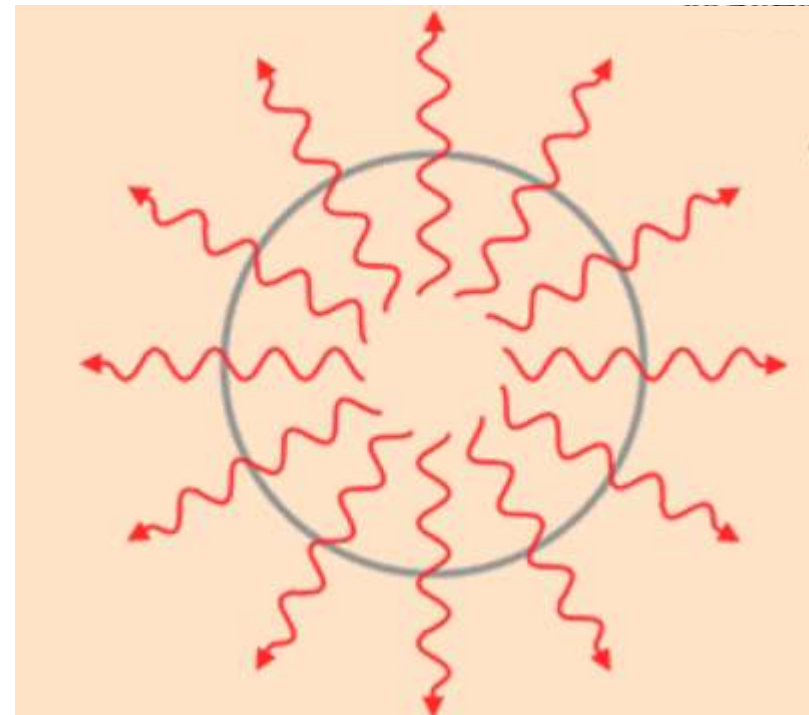
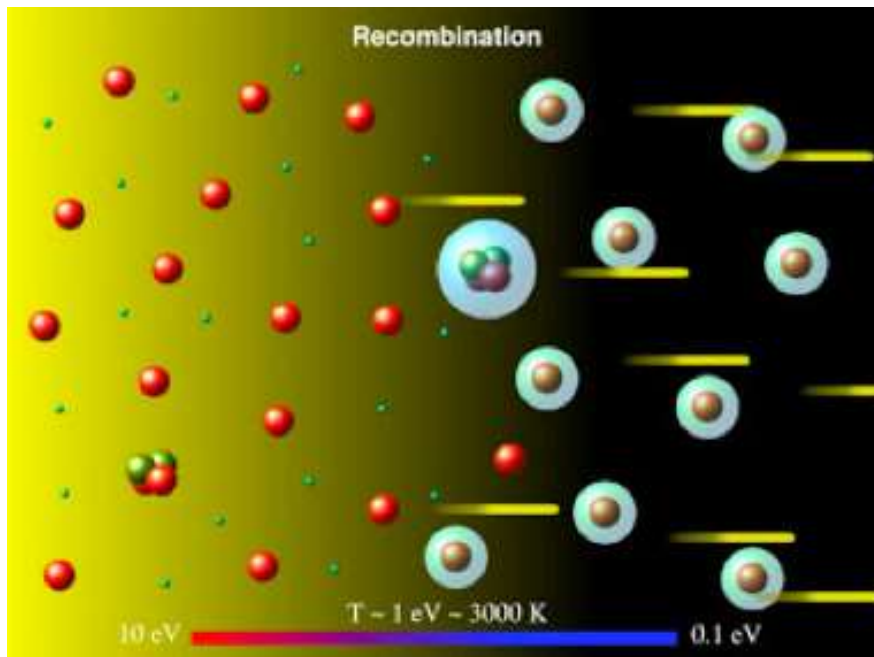
**Need to measure abundances !**

\* Relative size of the Universe

# Cosmic microwave background

## □ Early Universe: dense plasma of charged particles and photons

- Rapidly expanding and cooling during 380 000 years ...
- ... until neutral atoms formed ( $T=3000$  K)  $\rightarrow$  Universe transparent to photons ...
- ... which create an isotropic relic radiation (*cosmic microwave background*)

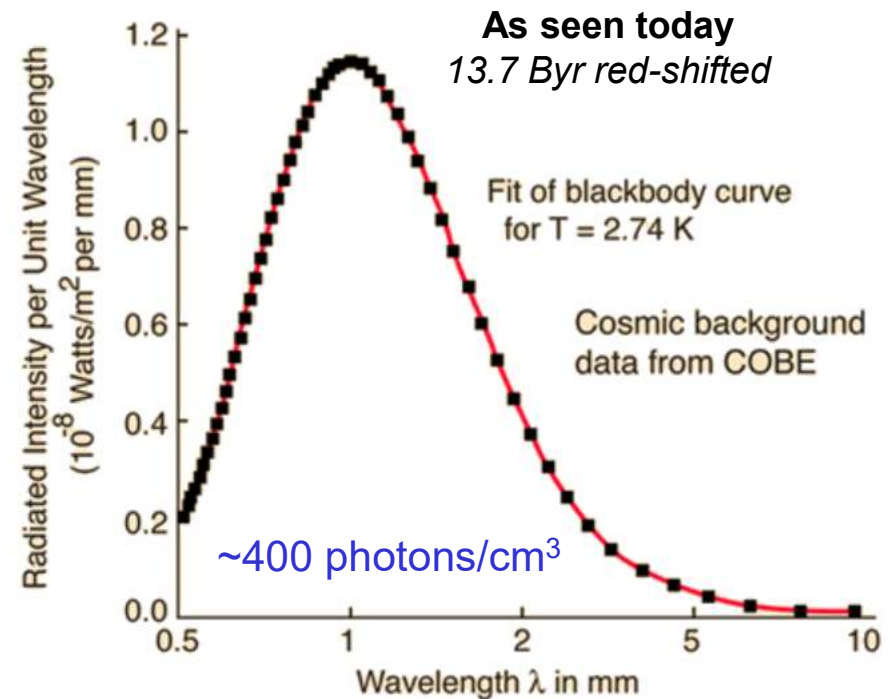
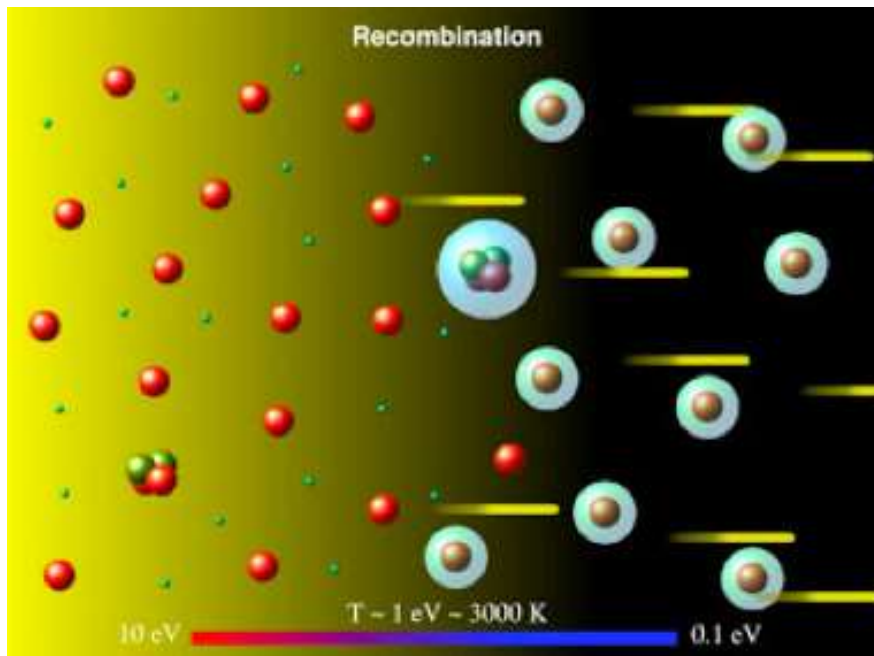




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# Intermezzo

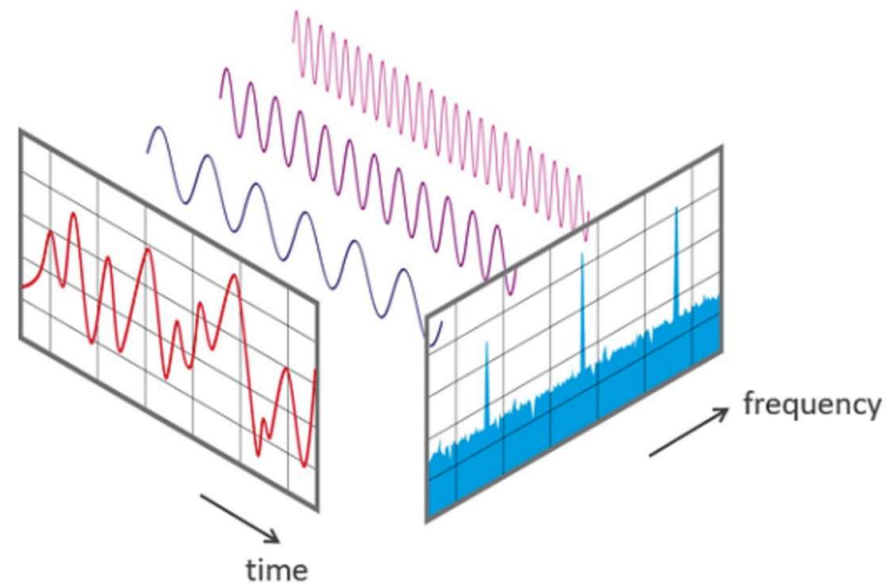
- **When you listen to a note played by a musical instrument ...**
  - ... you can directly infer what is the instrument. How it is possible ?

**Uniform blow**  
in a music instrument



**Ear**  
+ brain

→ **Spectral analysis**  
**(Fourier transform):**  
Which material  
produce this sound



# Cosmic microwave background

- Use this photon flux to know the composition of the Universe

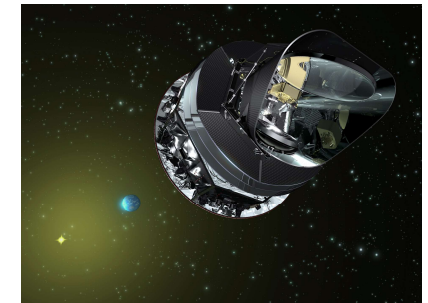
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**Uniform light**  
in the whole Universe

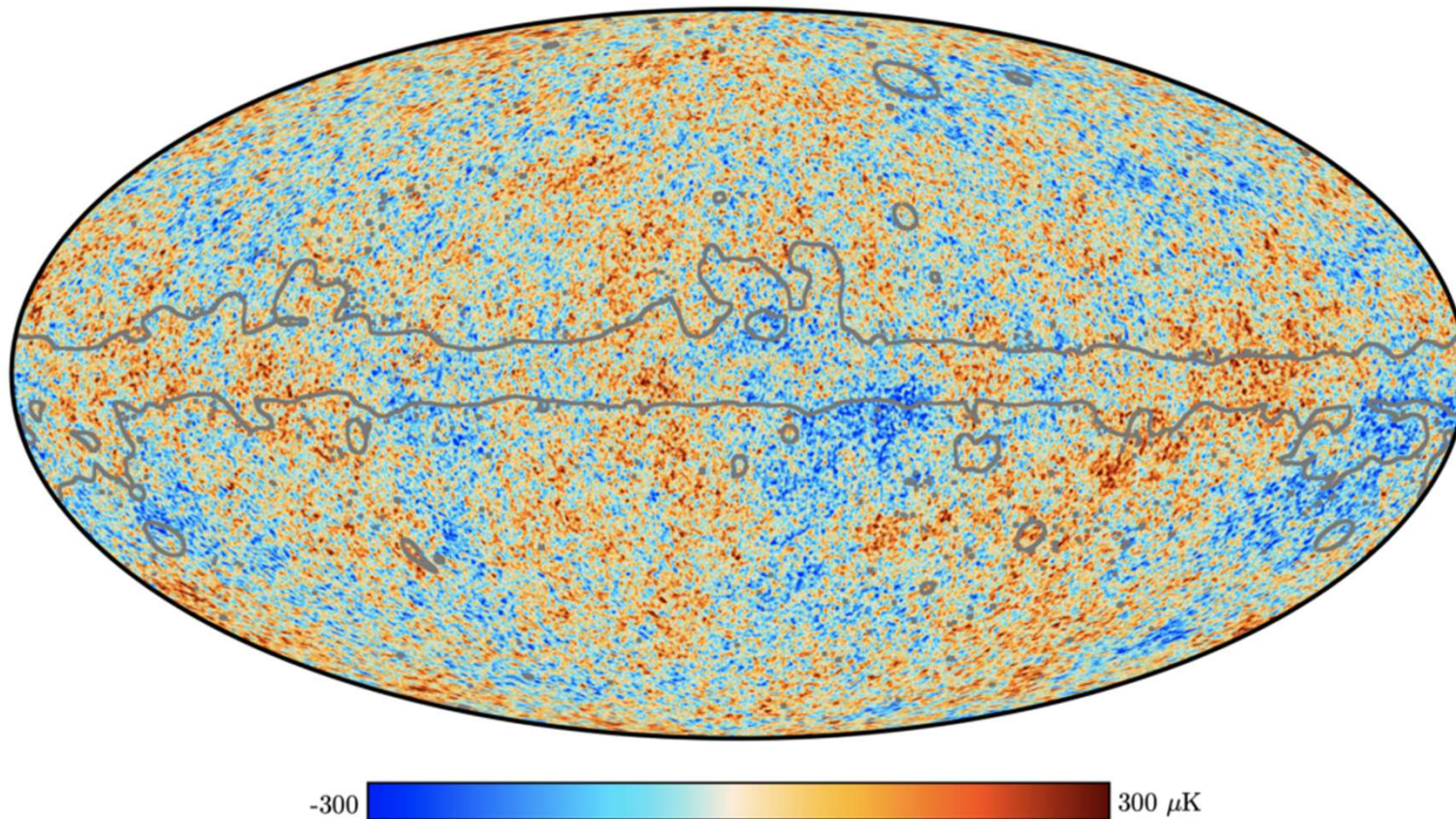


**Spatial telescope**  
+ computer

→ **Angular analysis of thermal**  
**fluctuation around 2.74 K:**  
What is the Universe  
composition ?

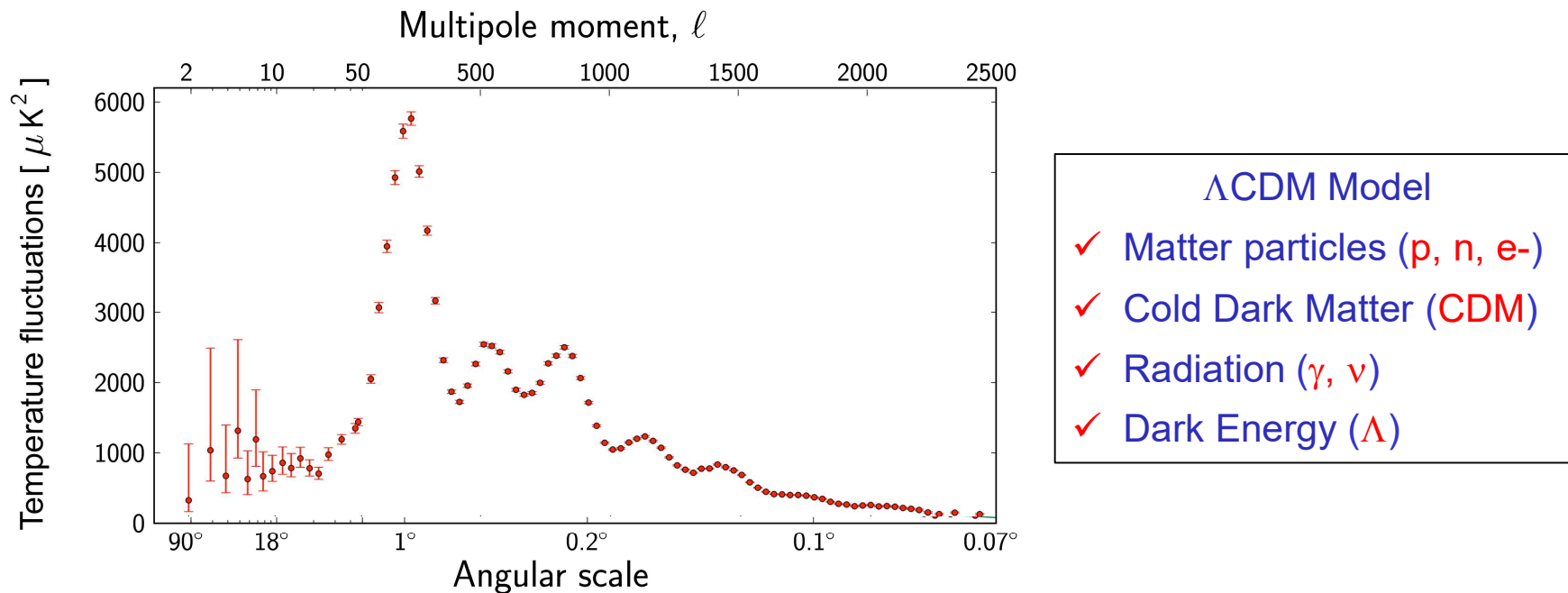
# Cosmic microwave background

- Use this photon flux to know the composition of the Universe
  - Very small anisotropy ( $\mu\text{K}$ ) observed – once background subtracted



# Cosmic microwave background

- Use this photon flux to know the composition of the Universe
  - Decompose data in spherical harmonics
  - Amplitude and position of “acoustic” peaks gives the composition of the Universe

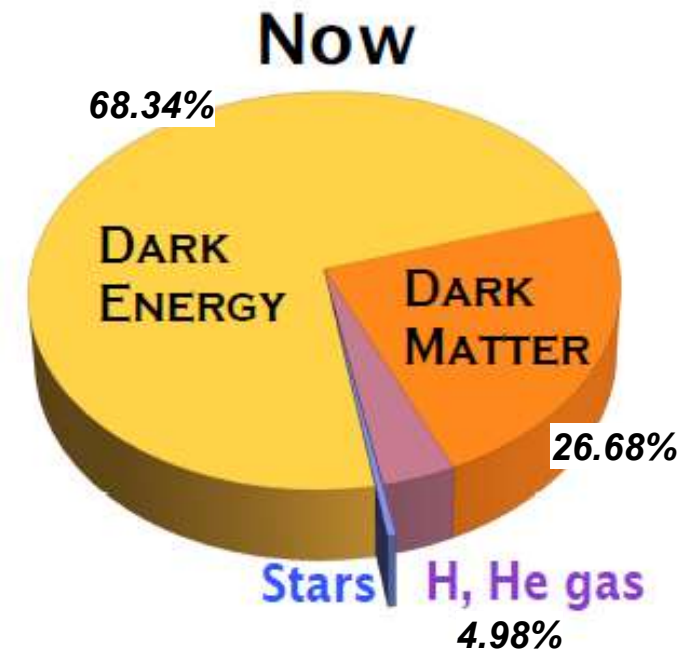
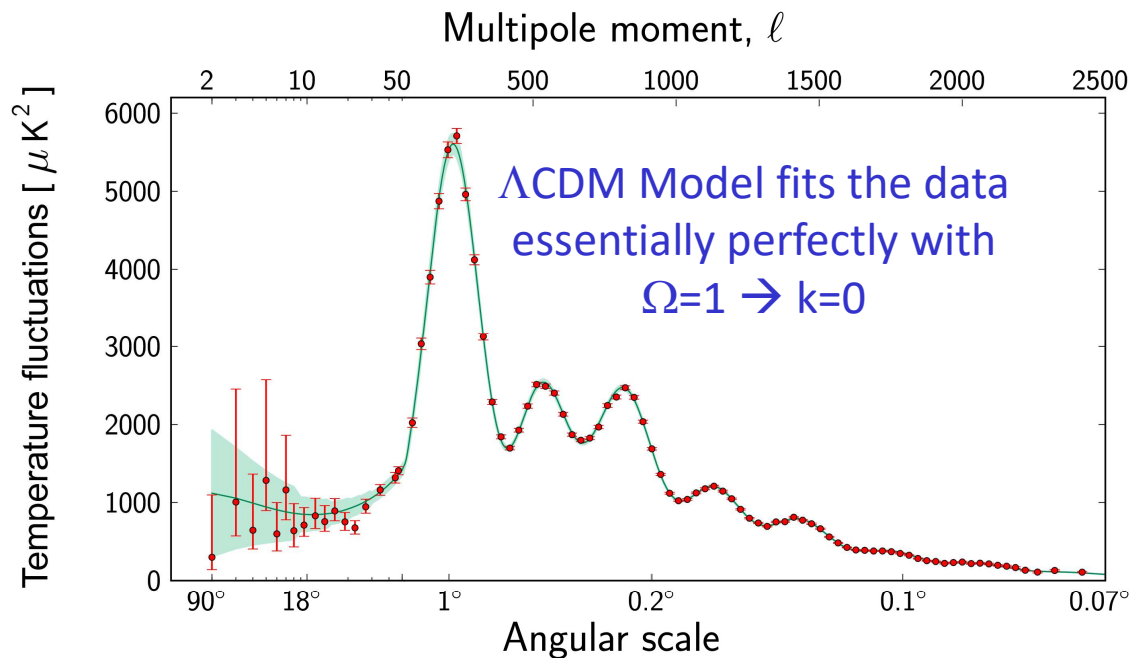


Ready to extract the abundances  $\Omega$  of the  $\Lambda\text{CDM Model}$  ?

# Cosmic microwave background



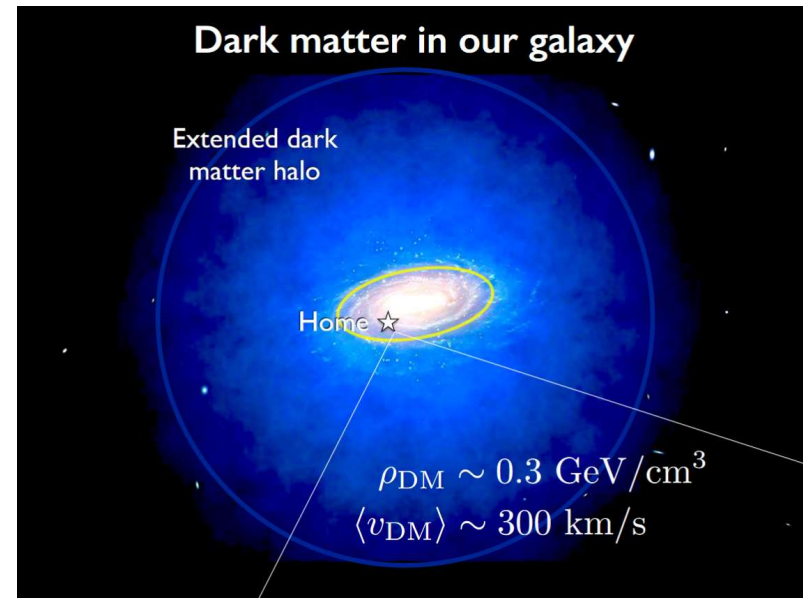
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**Cosmology is making precision measurements ... and we don't know 95% of the Universe and 85% of the matter !**

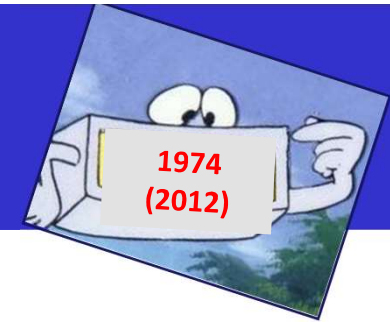
# Characteristics of Dark Matter

- **Many other proofs of dark matter**
- **Dark matter exists (!)**
  - ✓ **Massive:** Interact with gravitational forces
  - ✓ **Form a halo** in our galaxy → favorable for direct exploration → **part II**
- **If it is a new particle it should be**
  - ✓ **Neutral** (dark)
  - ✓ **Stable** or very long-lived (Big Bang)
  - ✓ **Very weakly interacting** with known particles
  - ✓ **Non relativistic** to form galaxies

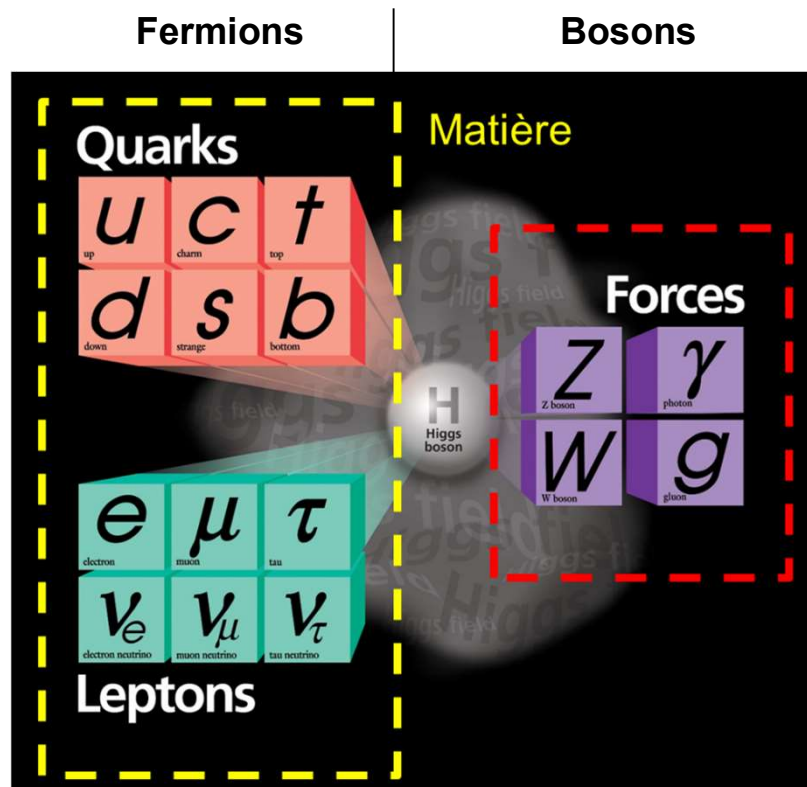


**What is the nature of Dark matter ?**

# Particle physics



## □ Elementary particles in a Standard Model



- ✓ Massive
- ✓ Neutral
- ✓ Stable
- ✓ Weakly interacting
- ✓ Non relativistic

None of them has the required characteristics to be a dark matter particle

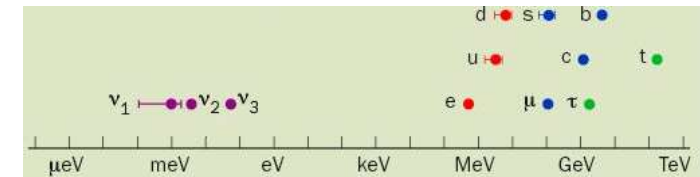
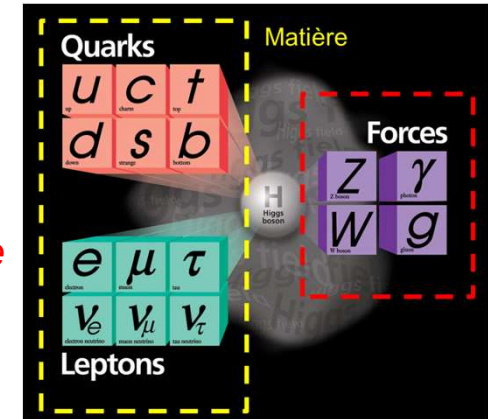
→ **Dark Matter calls for New physics**



# Particle physics

## □ Standard Model status

- **26** free parameters\* (21 measured) → 5 not measured
  - ✓ 12 fermion masses (9) →  $\nu$  masses
  - ✓ 8 weak angles (7): 6 mixing (6), 2 CP phases  $\delta$  (1) →  $\nu$  CP phase
  - ✓ 1 strong angle (0): 1 CP phase  $\theta$  →  $\Theta_{strong}$
  - ✓ 3 coupling constants (3):  $\alpha_{EM}$ ,  $G_F$ ,  $\alpha_S$
  - ✓ 2 Higgs parameters (2):  $m_H$ ,  $f_{EWSB}$
  
- Some parameters look strange
  - ✓  $m_\nu < eV$  while  $m(\text{charged fermion}) > 0.5 \text{ MeV}$ : why ? →  $\nu$  mass origin problem
  - ✓  $|\Theta_{strong}| < 10^{-10}$ : why ? → strong CP problem
  - ✓ Higgs Mass: very high radiative corrections → gauge hierarchy problem



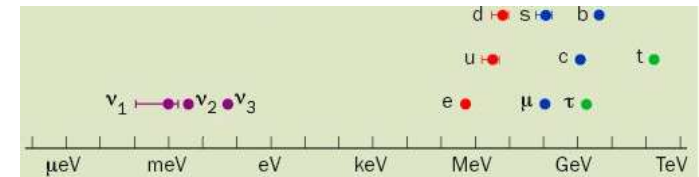
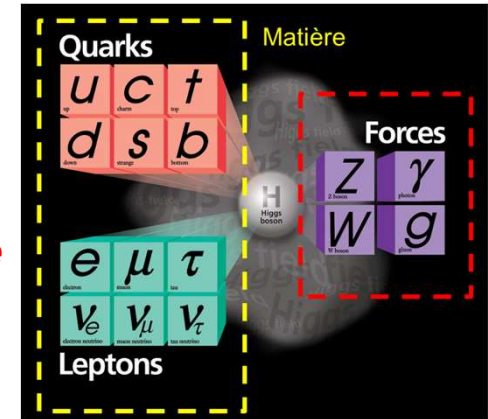
**We need new particles to solve these problems**

\* Assuming  $\nu$  Dirac particles (if Majorana, add 2 other phases)

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    - ✓  $|\Theta_{strong}| < 10^{-10}$ : why ? → **Axion**
    - ✓ **Higgs Mass**: very high radiative corrections → **Weakly Interacting Massive Particle (WIMP)**



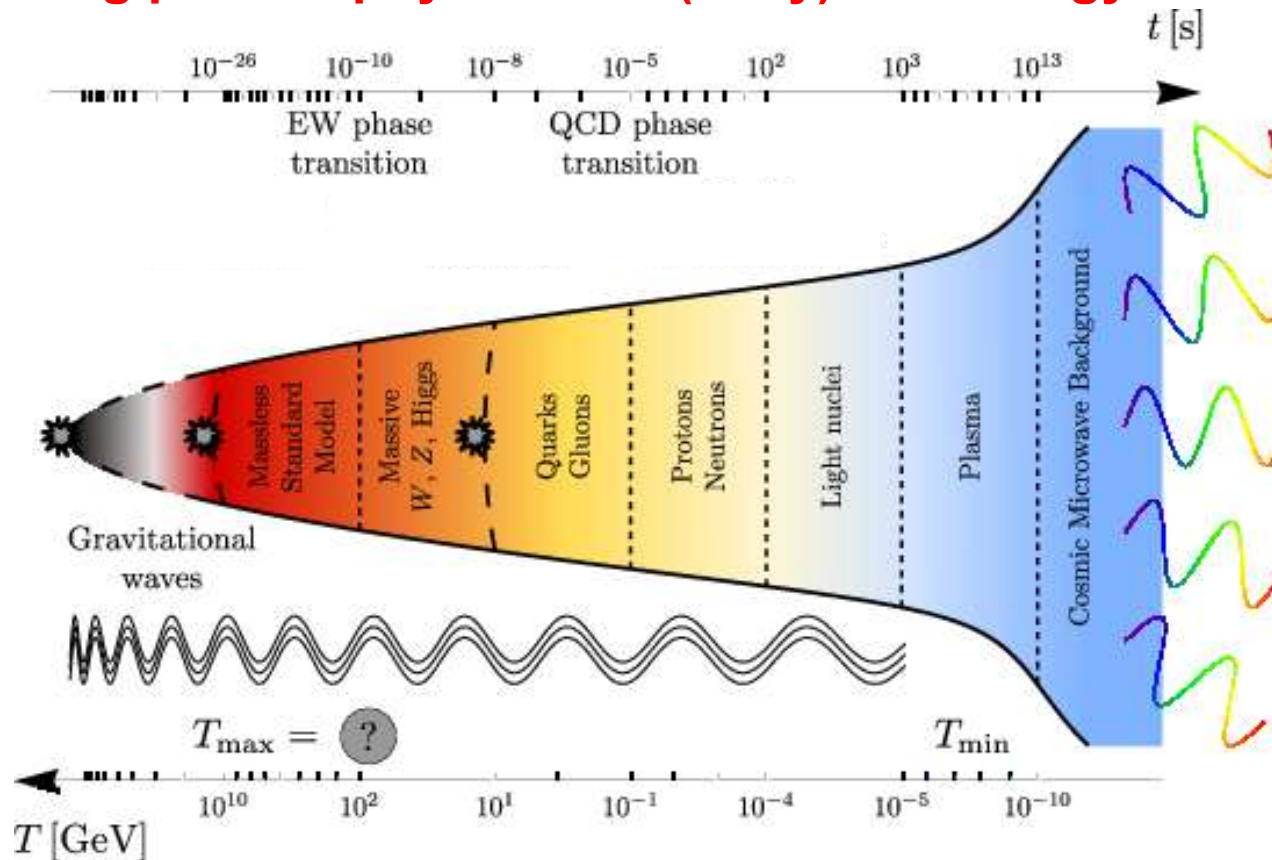
**3 candidates fulfilling the dark matter criteria !**

- ✓ Massive
- ✓ Neutral
- ✓ Stable
- ✓ Weakly interacting
- ✓ Non relativistic

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# History of the Universe

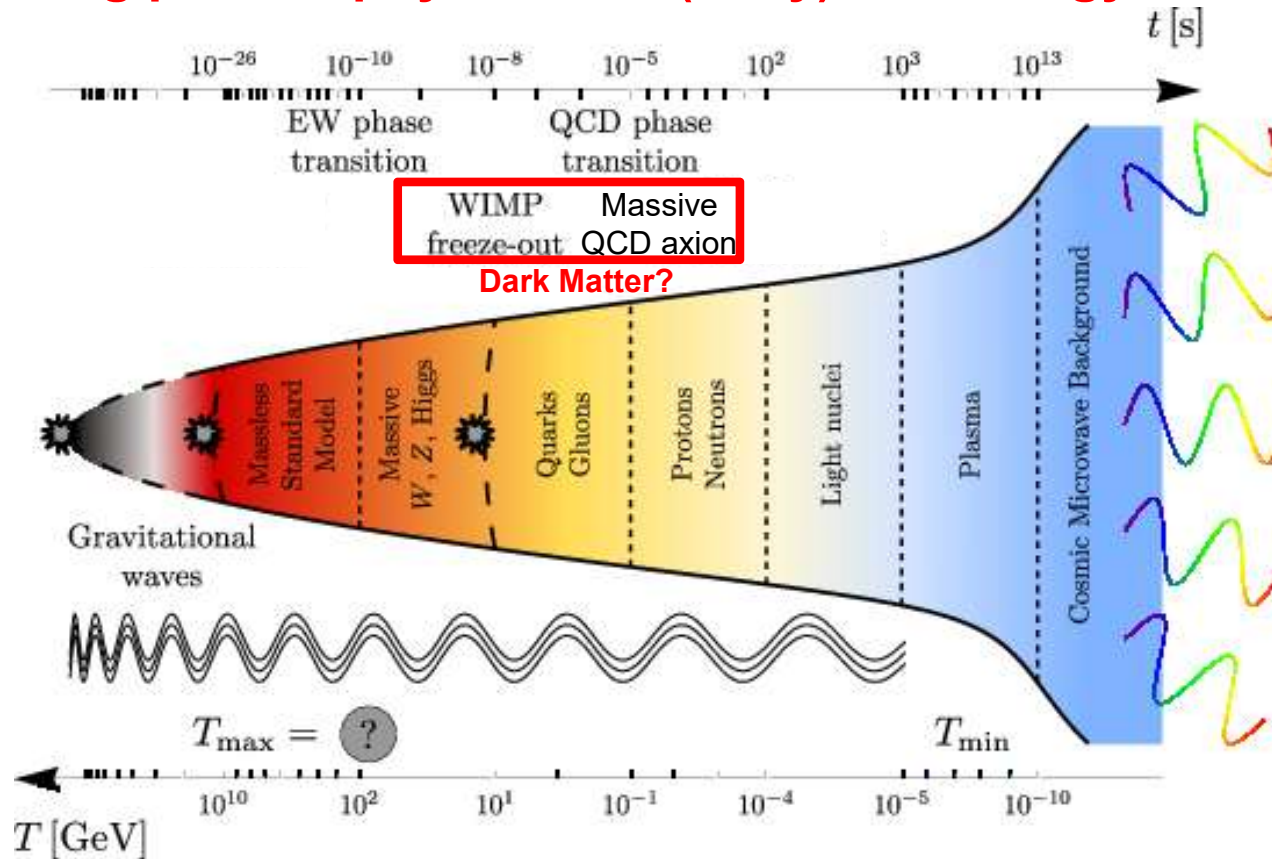
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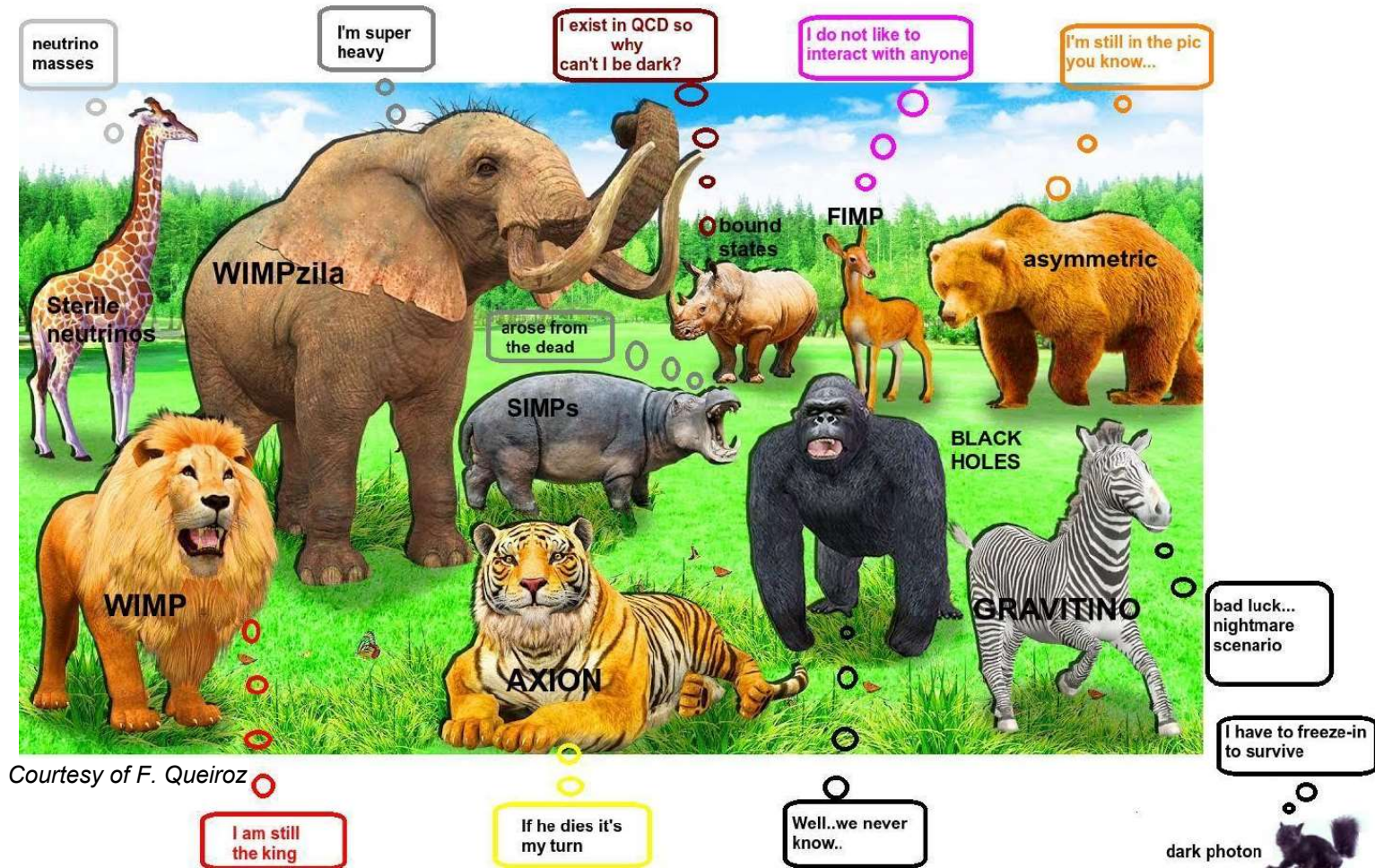


**Dark Matter appears at the very early instant of the Universe ?**

WIMP or axion

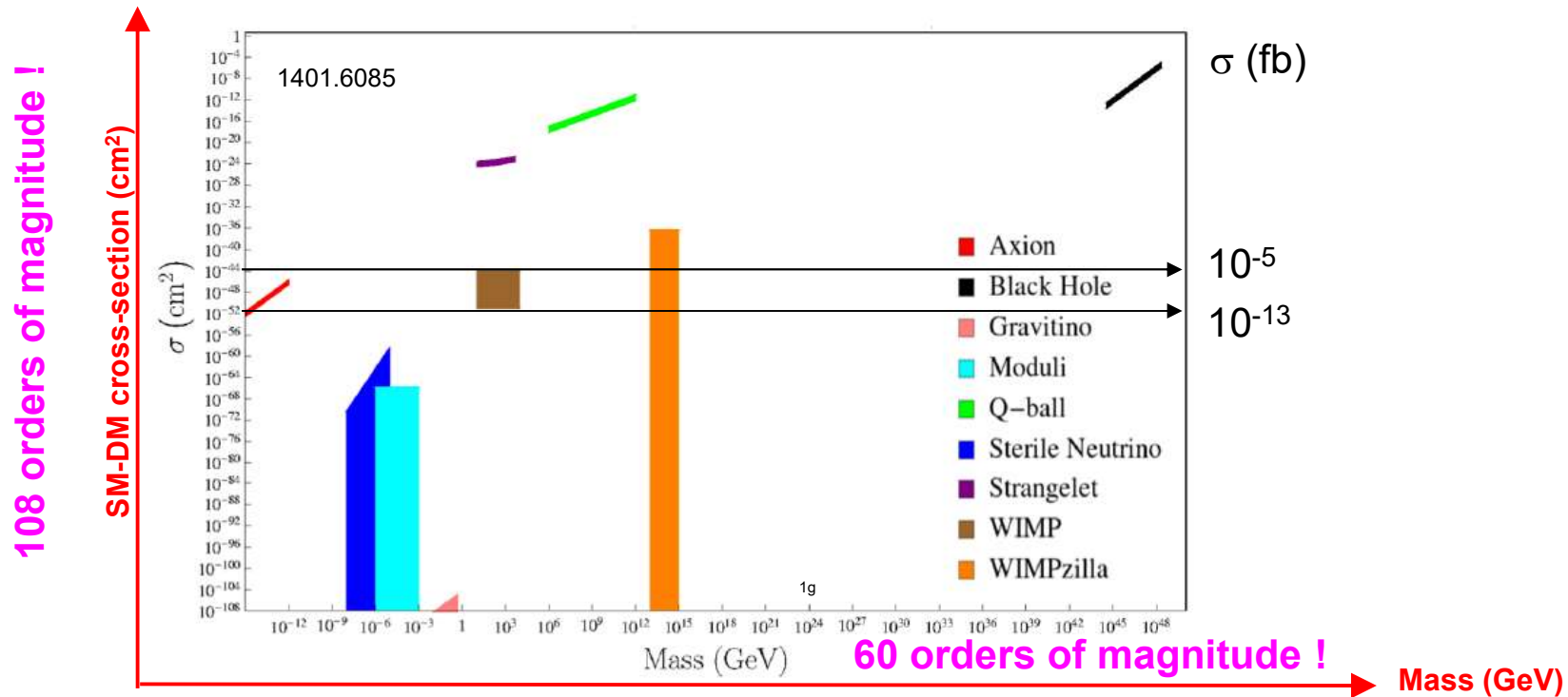
$t < 1$  s

# Nature of Dark Matter



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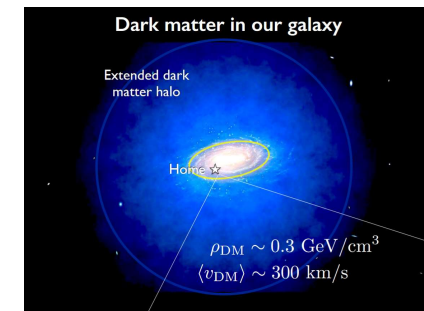
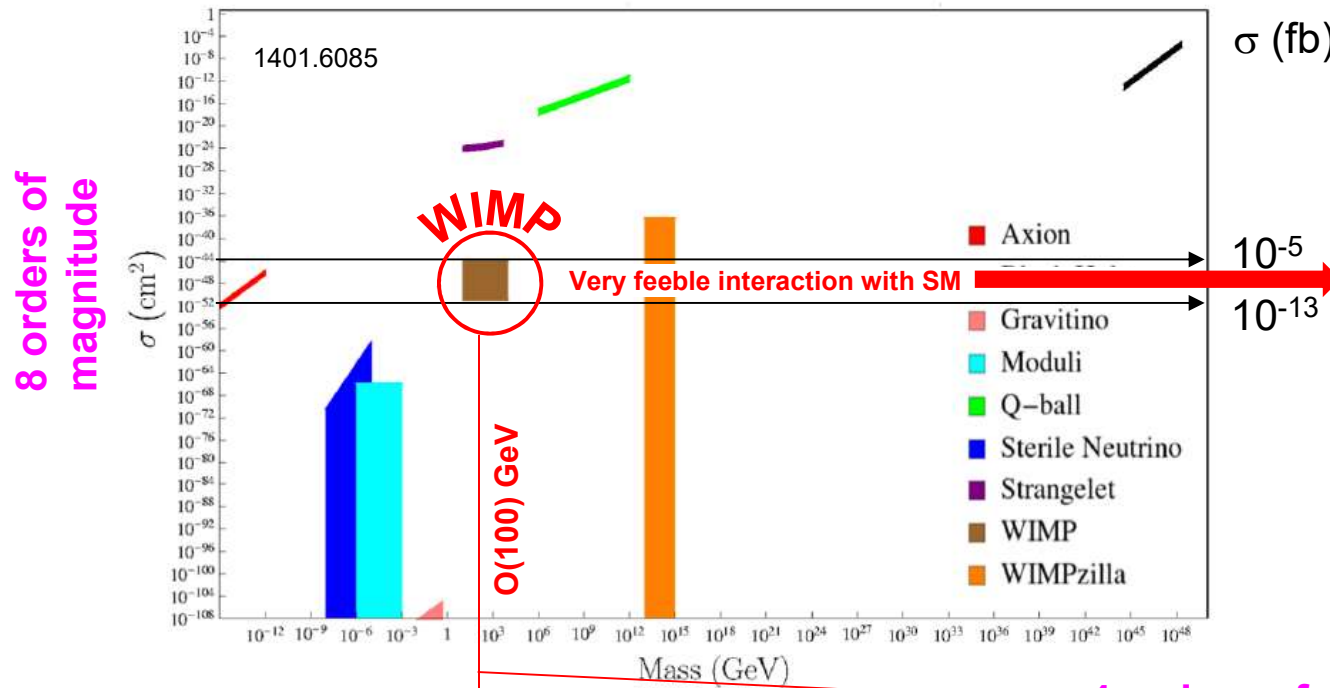
- Many dark matter candidates in a gigantic phase space



Direct searches are restricted to 2 well-motivated spots: WIMPs, axions

# Nature of Dark Matter

## Experimental challenges of direct searches



... balanced the abundance of DM particles\* in the galaxy halo  $\rightarrow 0.3 \text{ GeV/cm}^3$  moving at  $v=10^{-3}c$  wrt earth

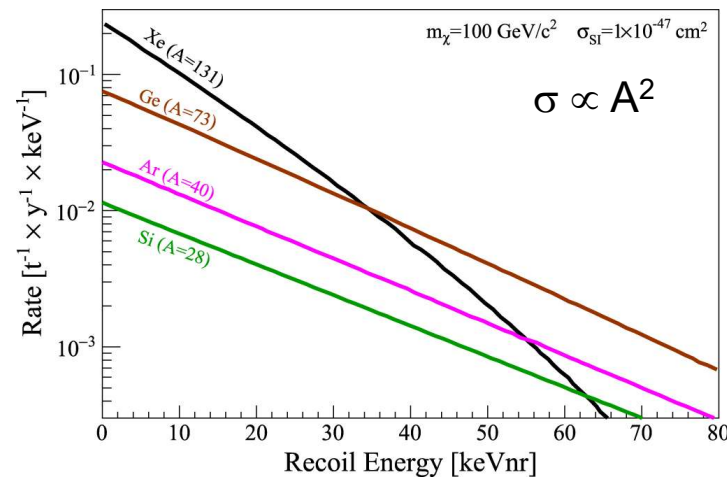
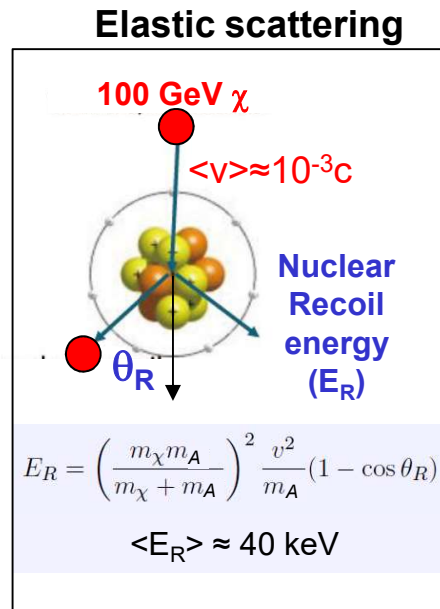
\*produced in very early Universe

- High mass  $\rightarrow$  visible signal
- $O(10^{-3})/\text{cm}^3 \rightarrow$  low occupancy (1 / coffee mug)
- Large detector  $\rightarrow$  background under control
- $\rightarrow$  Large volume, very low background

# WIMP Detection

## □ Event rate expected in the detector

- Galactic halo WIMP elastically scatters on a target nucleus (Xe, Ar, Ge, Na)



40 keV is very very low :  $6.4 \cdot 10^{-15} \text{ J}$  !

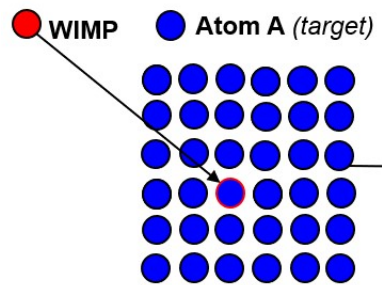
- For a detector filled with 1 ton of Ar, taking data during one year and  $\sigma_{\chi N} = 10^{-47} \text{ cm}^2$ , we get  $R \approx 1 \text{ evt} / (\text{ton} \cdot \text{year})$

**Very low number of event expected per year !**



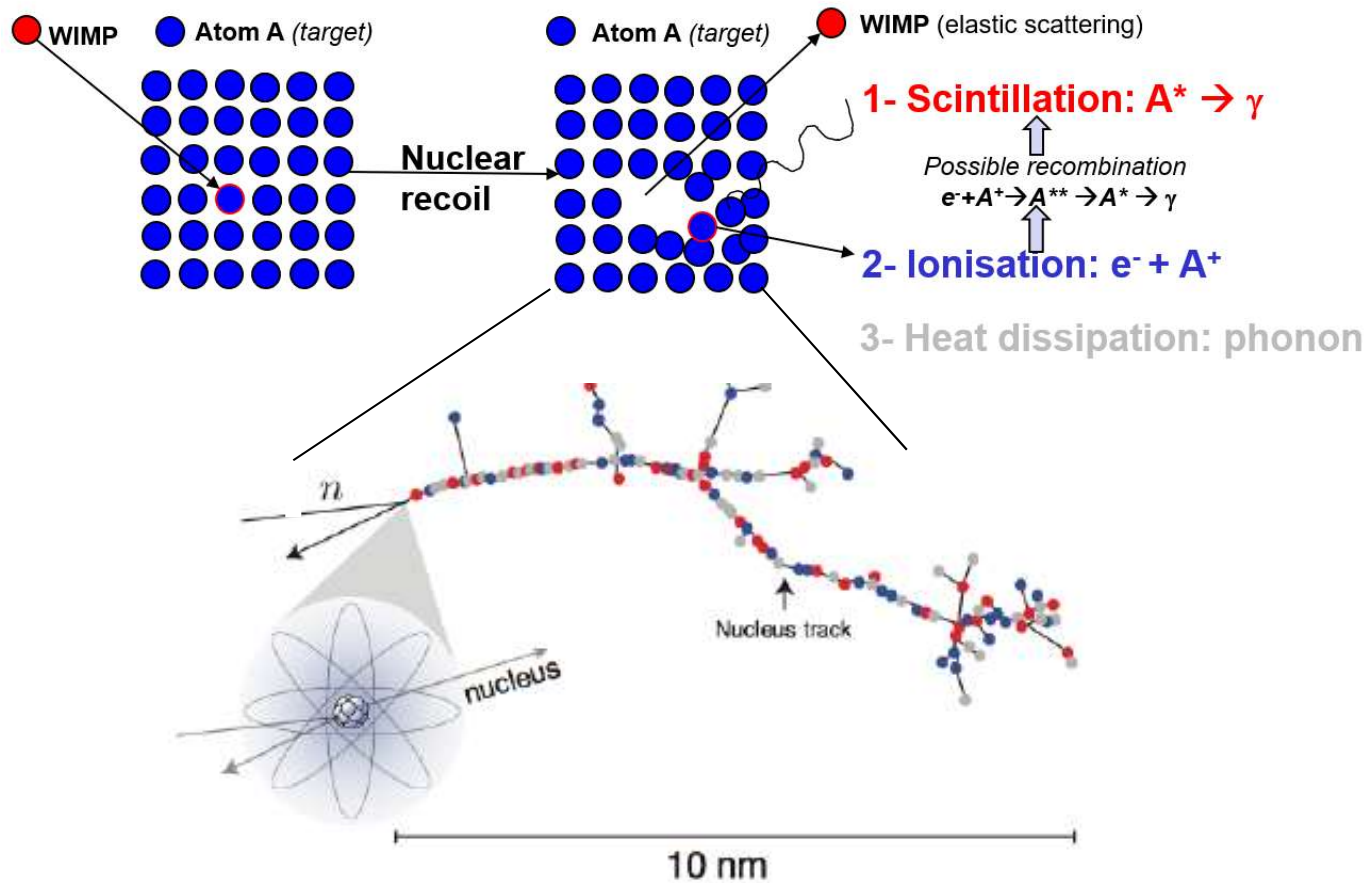
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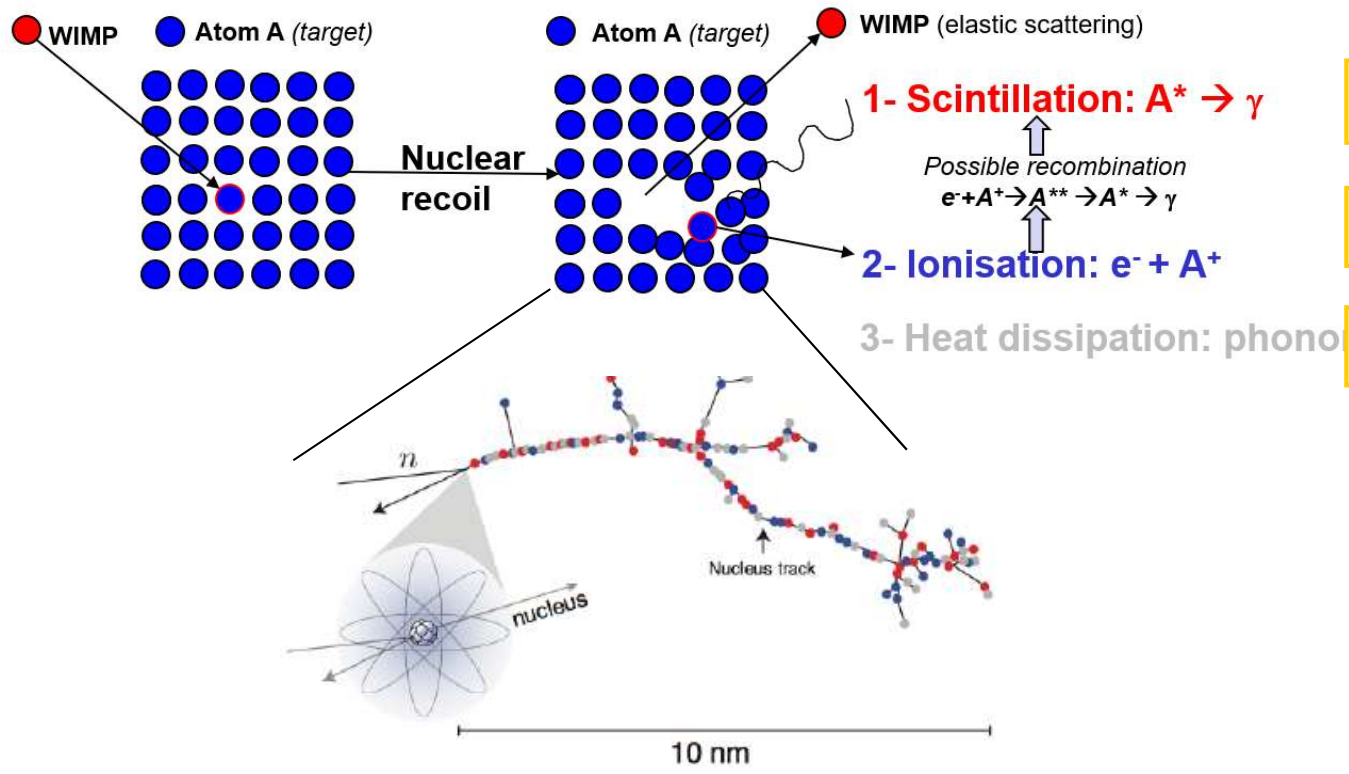
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Exp. constraints



PhotoMultipliers (*single  $\gamma$* )

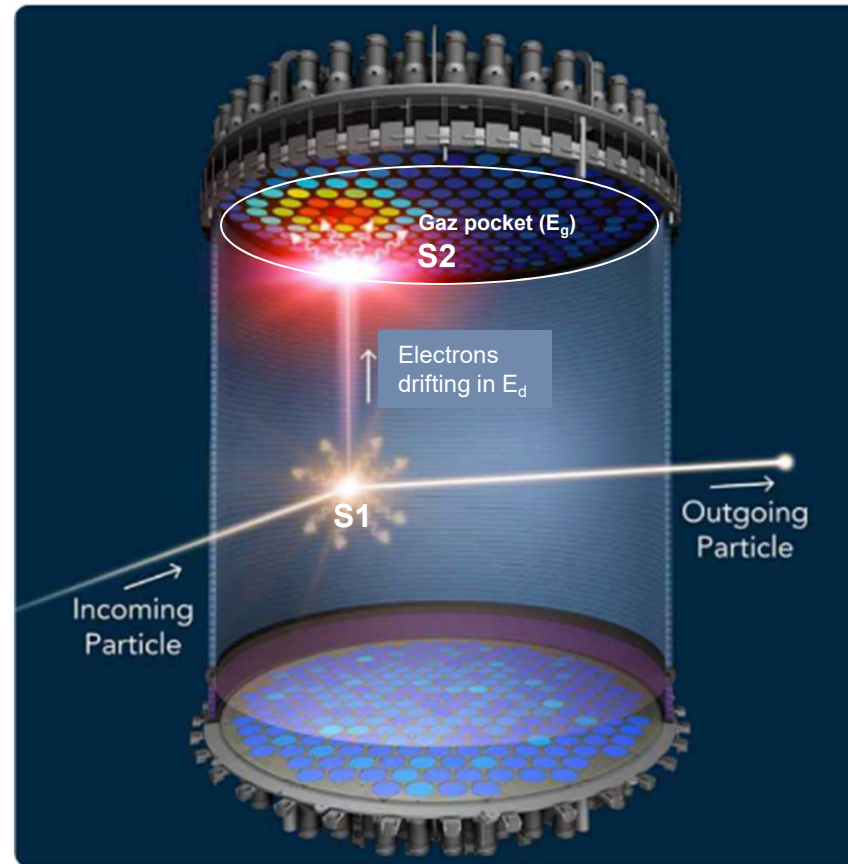
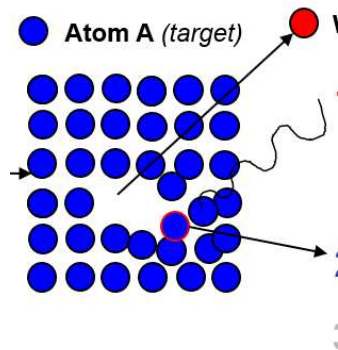
High Electric Field (*kV/cm*)

Very low temperature (*mK*)

**WIMP search rich in experimental challenges**

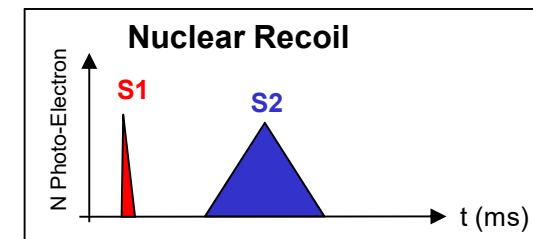
# WIMP Detection

- **Most sensitive detector is Time Projection chamber (TPC)**
  - Combining two signals: prompt **scintillation (S1)** and delayed **ionization (S2)**



$$E_g \sim 3 \text{ kV/cm}$$

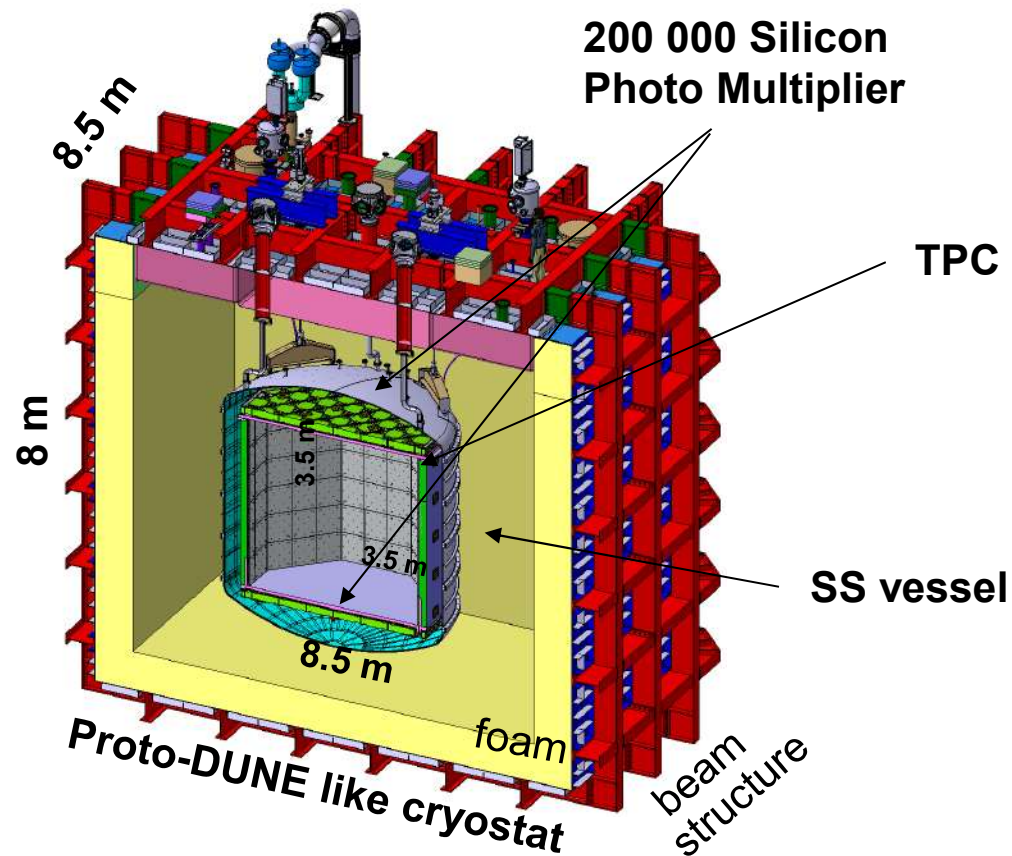
$$E_d = 200 \text{ V/cm}$$



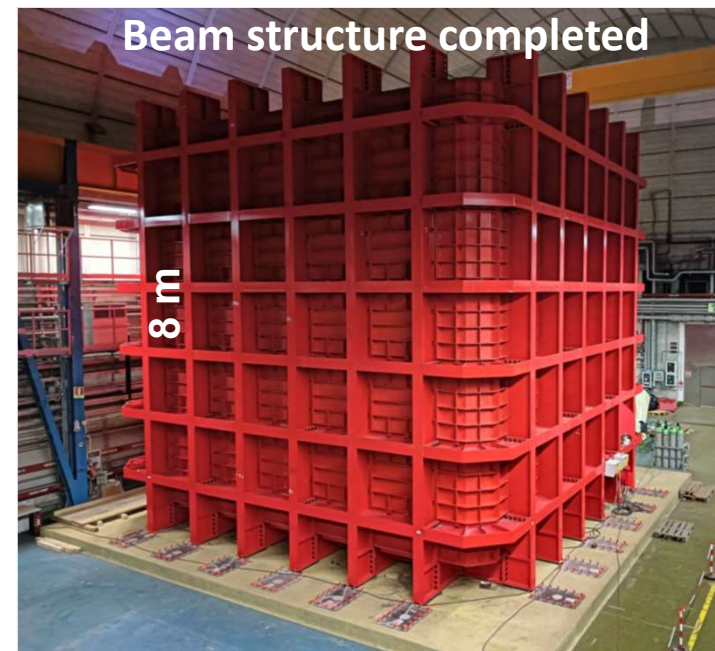
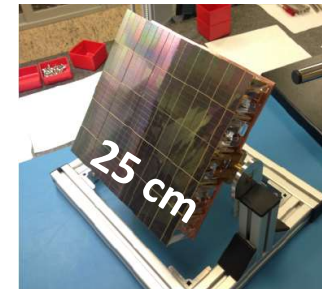


# Next generation of LAr detector

## Assembly in Gran Sasso laboratory (Italy)



400 SiPM grouped  
in one PDU



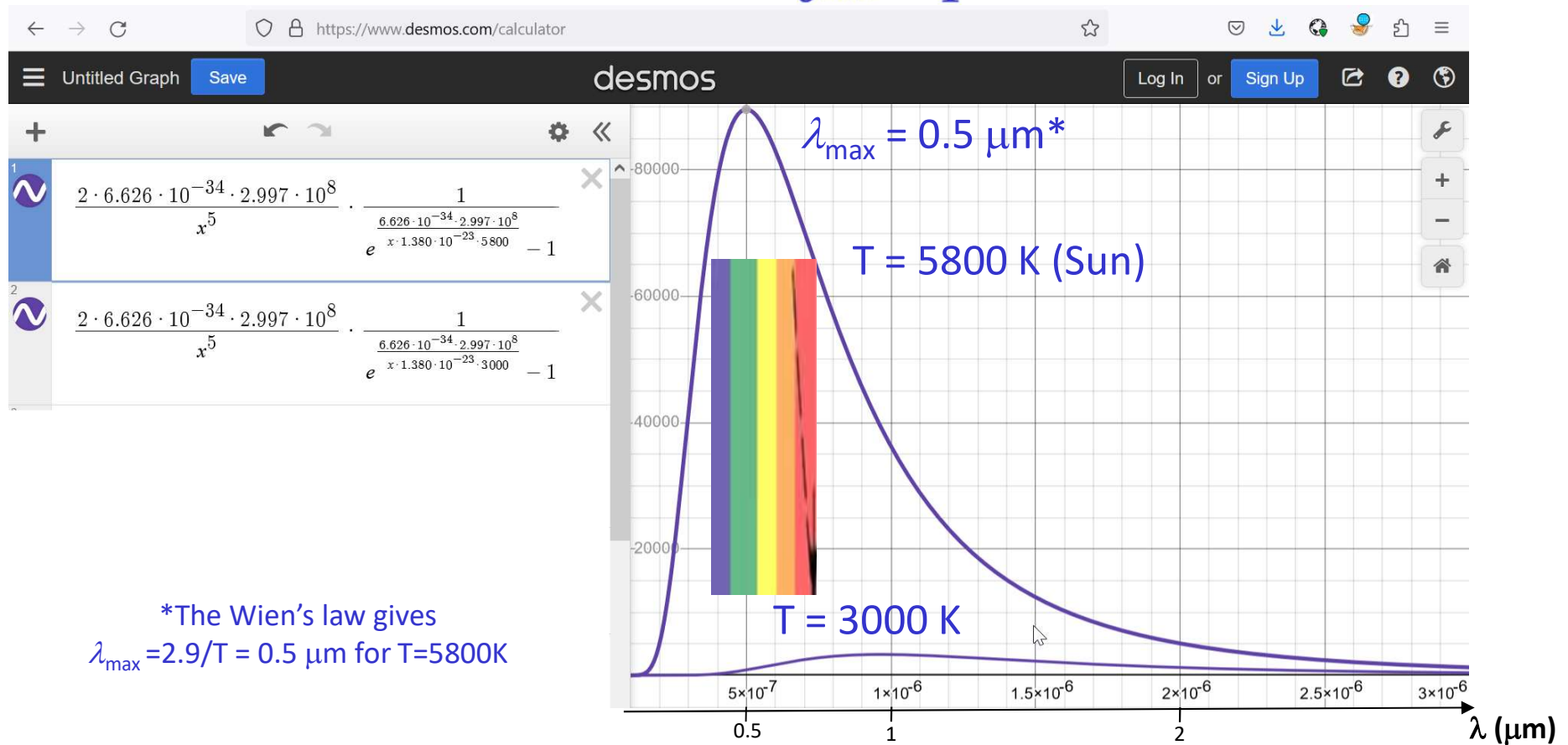
3 years of construction ahead before data taking (2027)

# Back-up

# Planck's Law vs wavelength

Spectral Radiance  $I$   
 $[10^{-3} \text{ kg. s}^{-2} \cdot \text{sr}^{-1}]$

$$I = \frac{2hc^2}{\lambda^5} \frac{1}{e^{\frac{hc}{\lambda kT}} - 1}$$



\*The Wien's law gives  
 $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 2.9/T = 0.5 \mu\text{m}$  for  $T=5800\text{K}$

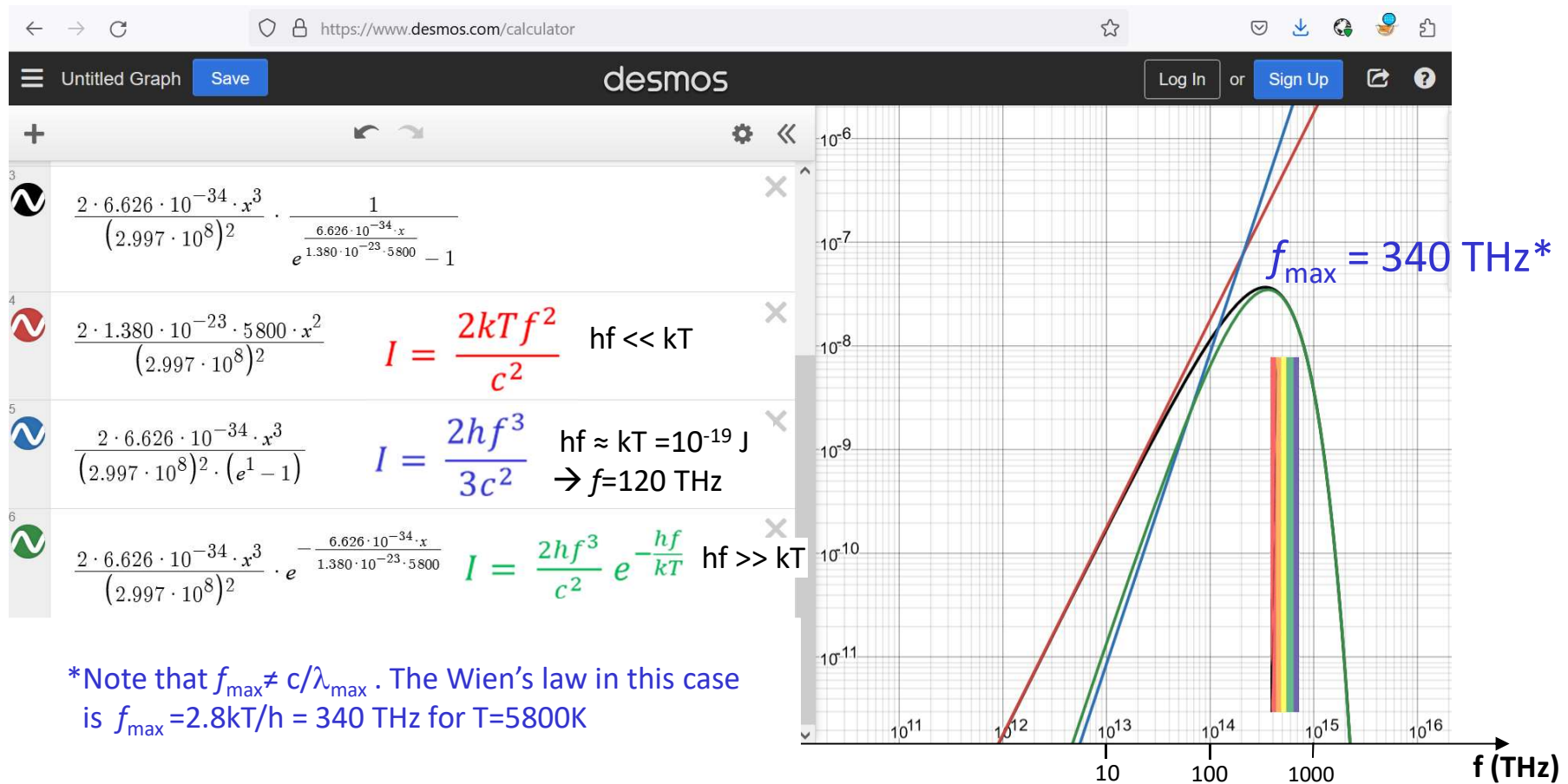


# Planck's Law vs frequency

Spectral Radiance /  
[kg.s<sup>-2</sup>.sr<sup>-1</sup>]

$$I = \frac{2hf^3}{c^2} \frac{1}{e^{\frac{hf}{kT}} - 1} = \frac{2hf}{\lambda^2} \frac{1}{e^{\frac{hf}{kT}} - 1}$$

T = 5800 K (Sun)



\*Note that  $f_{\max} \neq c/\lambda_{\max}$ . The Wien's law in this case is  $f_{\max} = 2.8kT/h = 340 \text{ THz}$  for  $T=5800\text{K}$

# Planck's Law vs data

One measurement at low  $f=cte$  showing I vs T

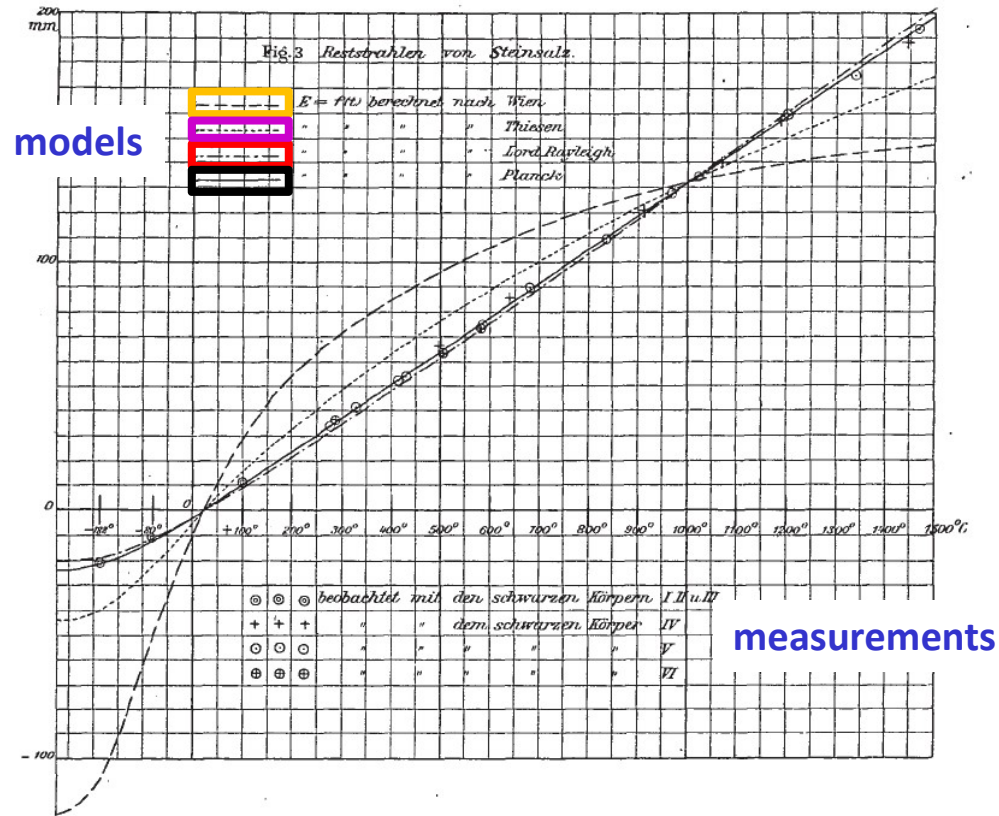


Fig. 3.

Rubens and Kurlbaum, *Annalen der Physik*, 4, 649, 1901

# Units of Space, Time and matter

Metric units introduced to harmonize the units among French regions

## Length and Mass from French revolution (1792-99)

- Under Lavoisier guidance, put in place a decimal system (dm, cm, mm, dg, hg, kg) 18 germinal an III (7 april 1795)



(36 Rue de Vaugirard Paris)

Defined as the ten millionth part of  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the earth's meridian, first precisely measured by Picard in 1669

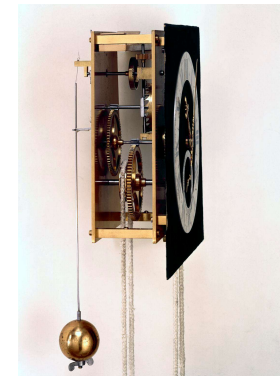


[1 kg platinum standard]

One gram is defined as the absolute weight of a volume of pure water equal to the cube of the hundredth part of a meter, and at the temperature of melting ice. **Water density=  $10^3 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$**

## Time

- benefits from the clock's development in XVII<sup>th</sup> century



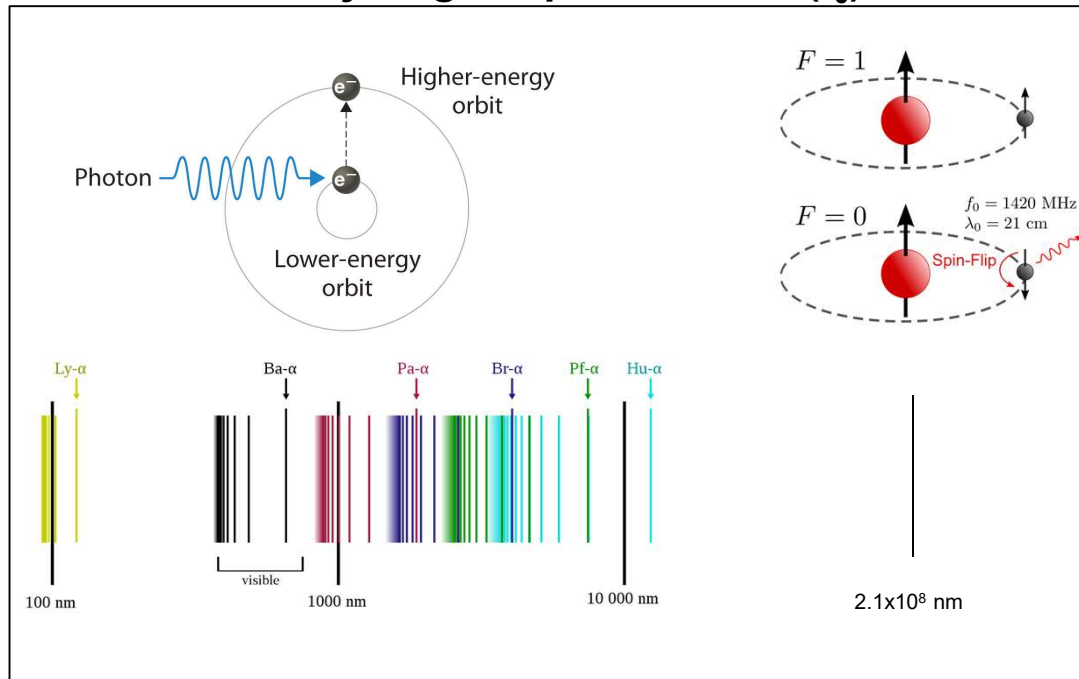
[pendulum clock]

... and the division of time on the basis of the solar year (360+5 days for the Egyptians) and the base 60 of the Sumerian system (24 hours, 60 minutes, 60 seconds).

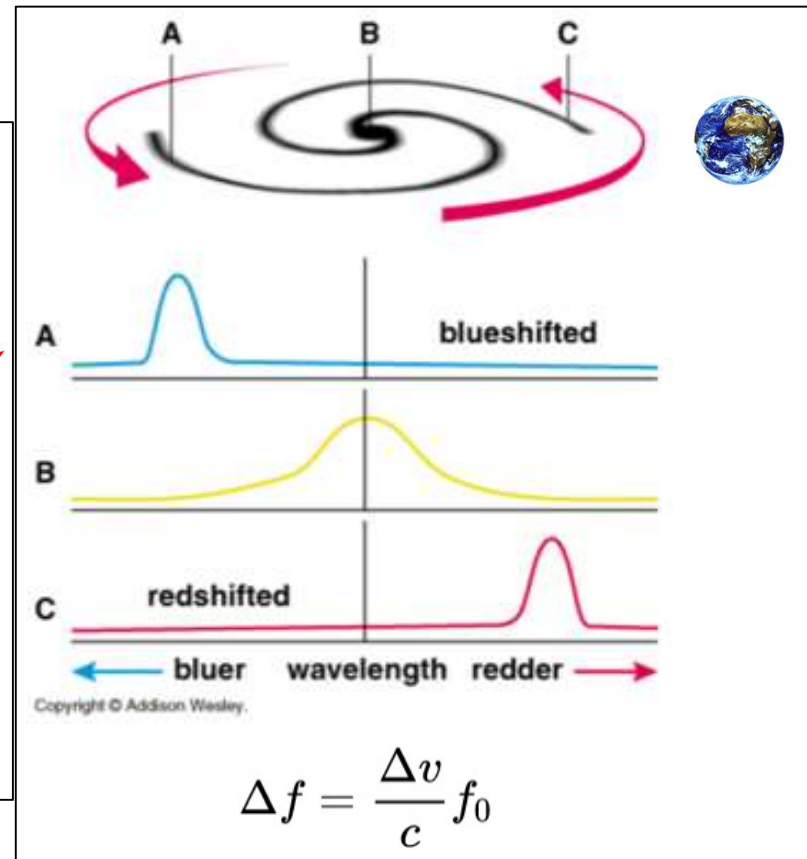
# Galaxy rotation curve

□ Well-known spectral lines → Doppler shift → velocity curve of stars

## Hydrogen spectral lines ( $f_0$ )

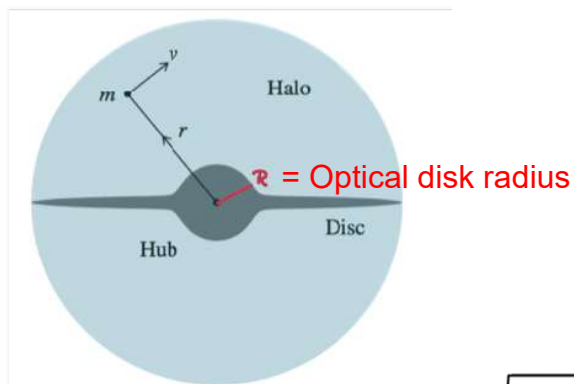


## Galaxy rich in Hydrogen gas



# Galaxy rotation curve

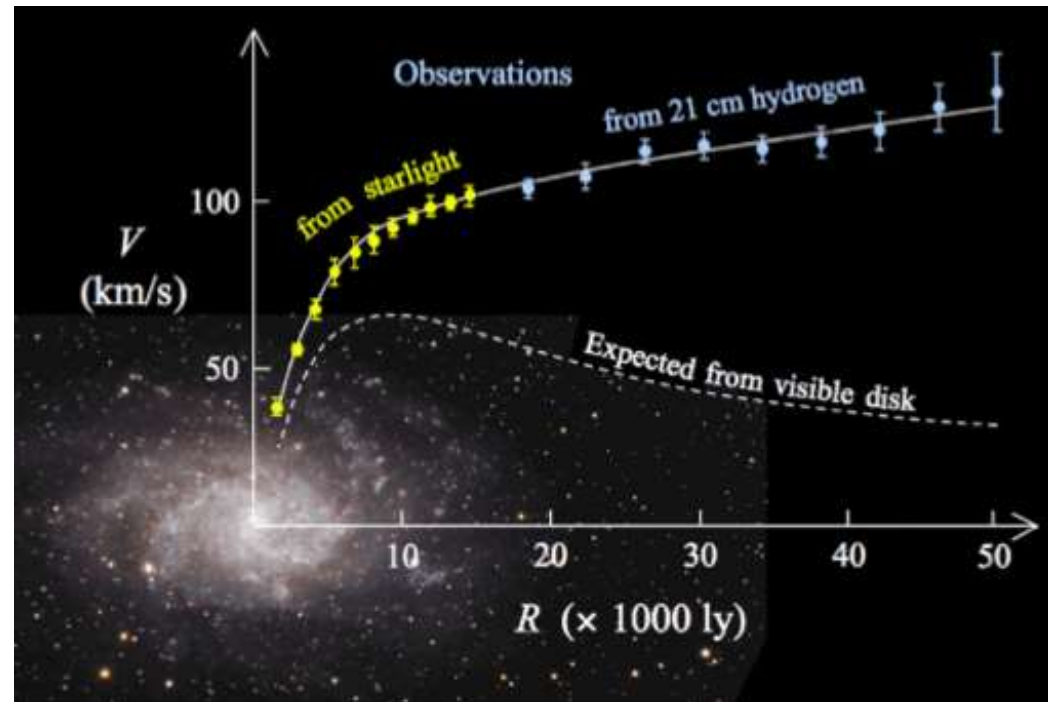
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**Prediction:**  $\frac{mv^2}{r} = \frac{mM(r)G}{r^2} \rightarrow v = \sqrt{\frac{GM(r)}{r}}$

Bulk:  $r < R: M(r) \propto r^3 \Rightarrow v \propto r$  ✓  
 Disk:  $r > R: M(r) = \text{const} \Rightarrow v \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}}$  ✗

**Observed:**  $r > R: v \sim \text{const} \Rightarrow M(r) \propto r$

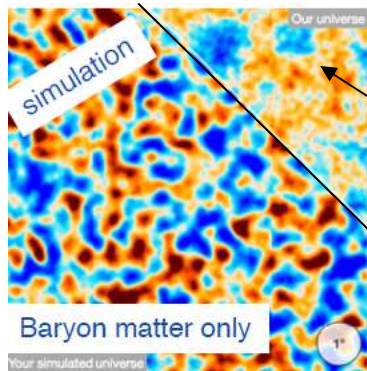


“Mass, unlike luminosity, is not concentrated near the center of spiral galaxies” (Vera Rubin)

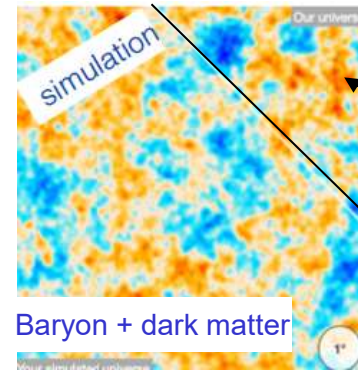
**Dark matter halo in the galaxy ?**

# Other proofs

- Galaxy formation, evolution, collision

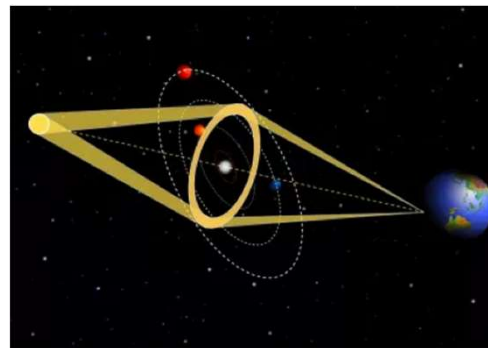


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- Gravitational lensing



- Absence of massive objects made of baryonic matter

**All proofs point towards dark matter**