

A visualization of the cosmic web, showing a complex network of filaments and nodes of galaxies and dark matter. A large, semi-transparent cylindrical volume is overlaid on the structure, containing a grid of white lines. The background is a dark blue space filled with stars and galaxy clusters.

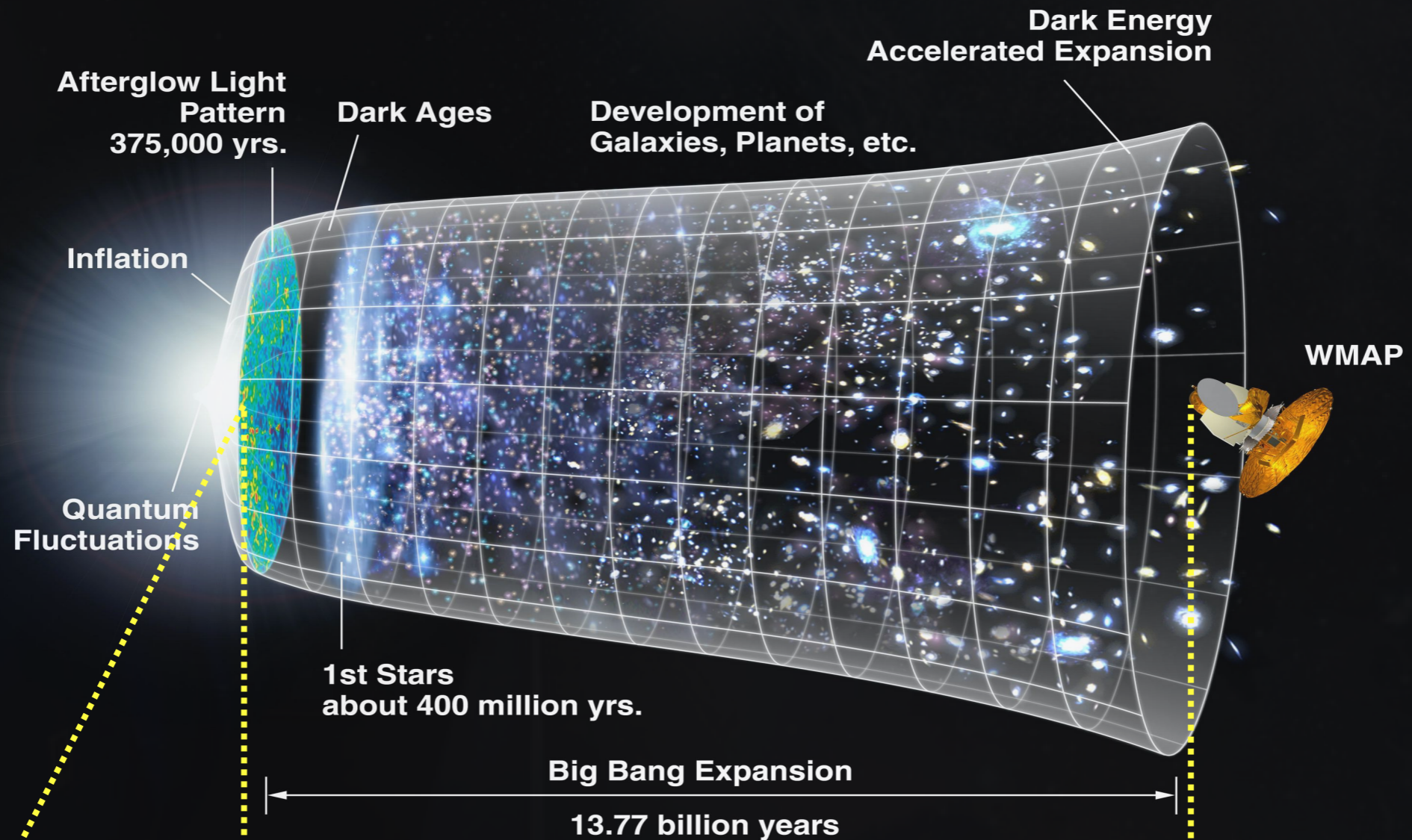
# **Evolution of the universe:**

**Latest ~ 13.8 billions of years...**

**P. Milenovic, November 2020**



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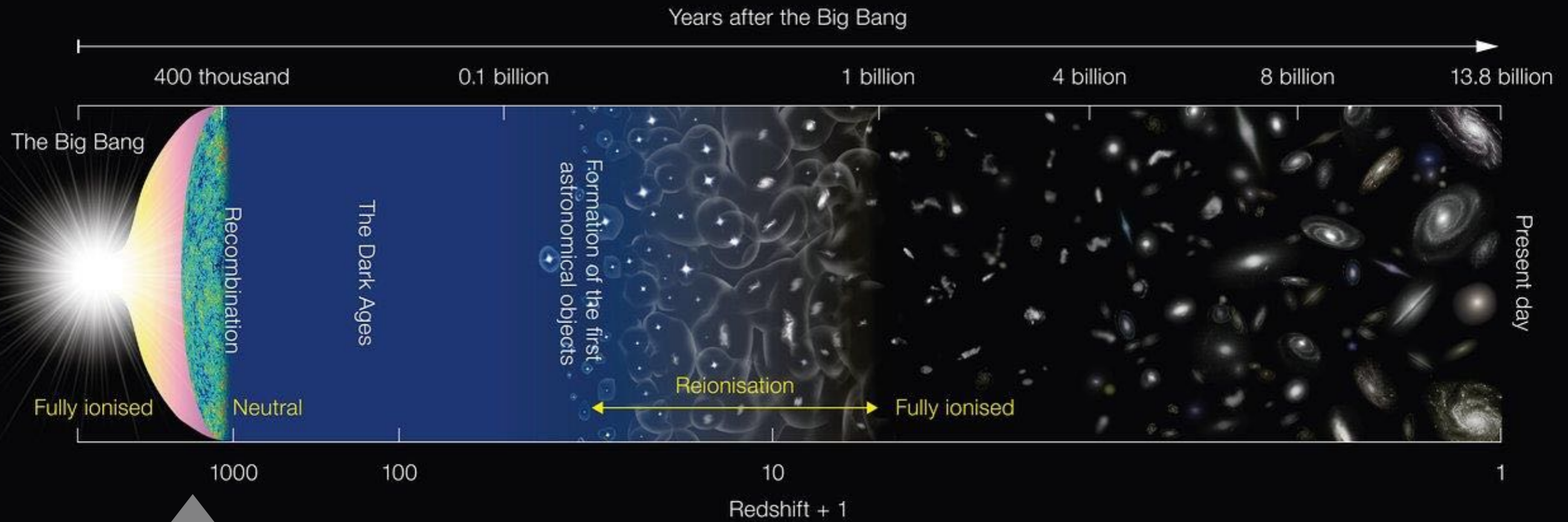
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**~13.8 billion years**

talk by A.Greljo

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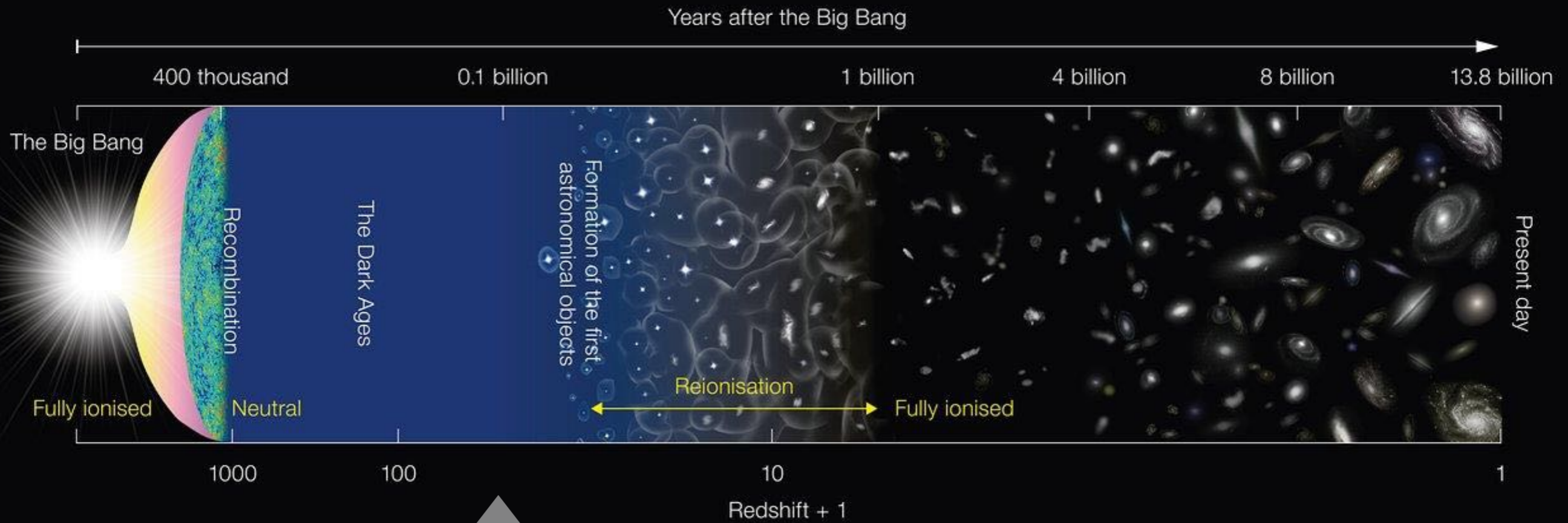
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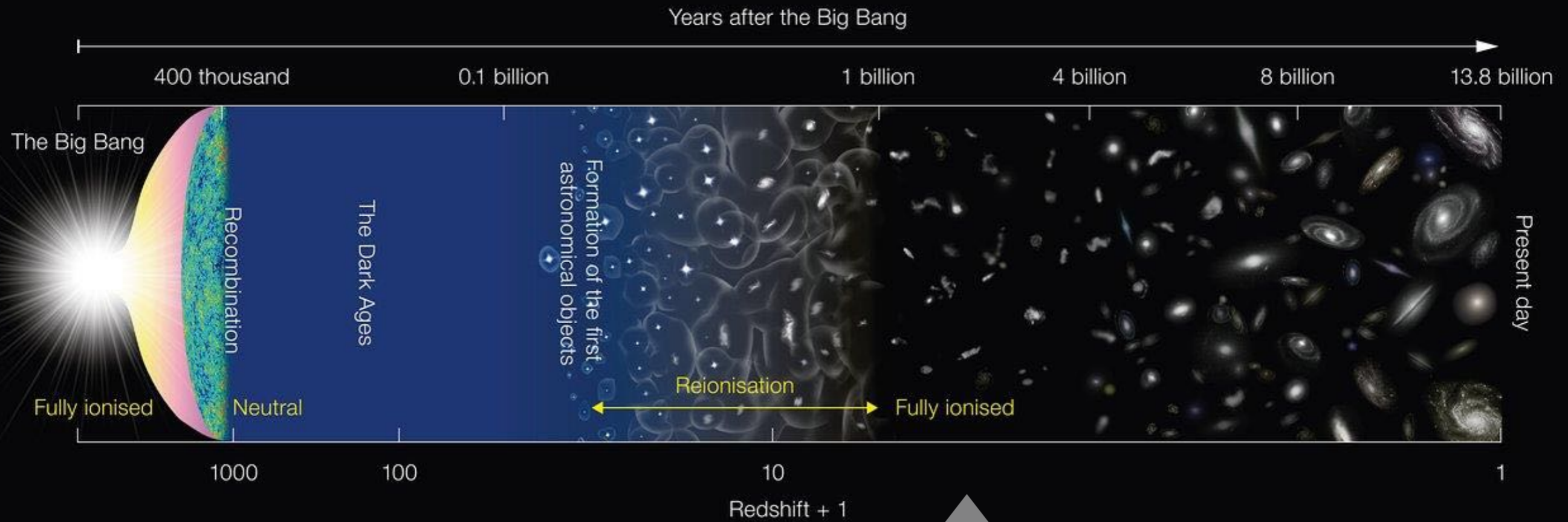
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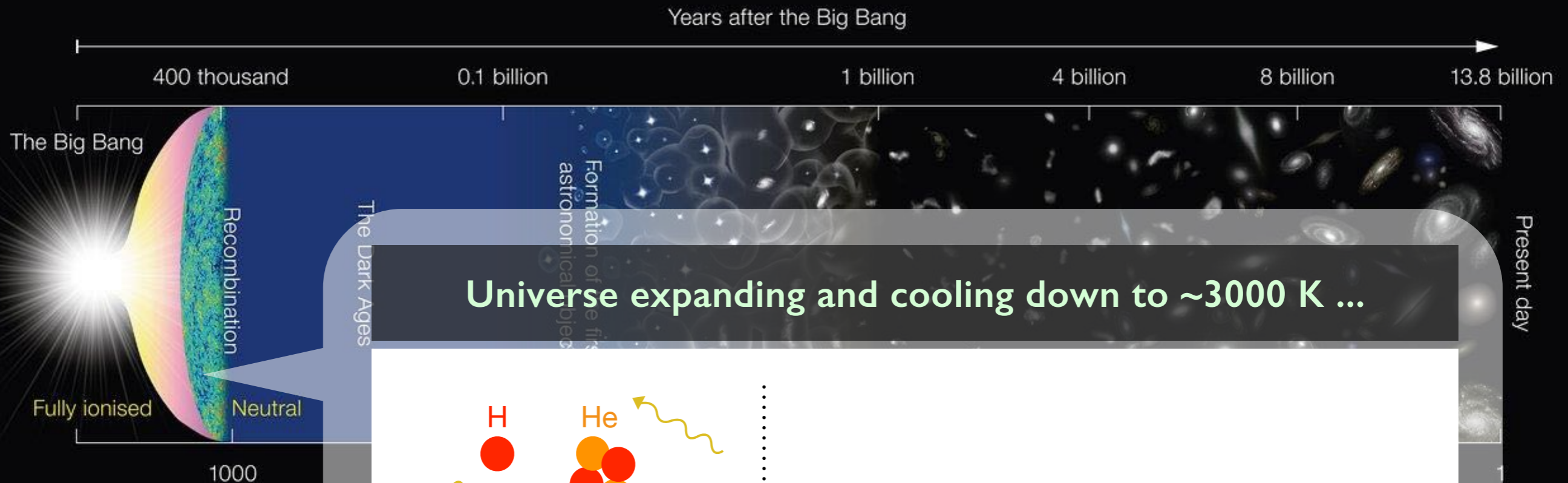


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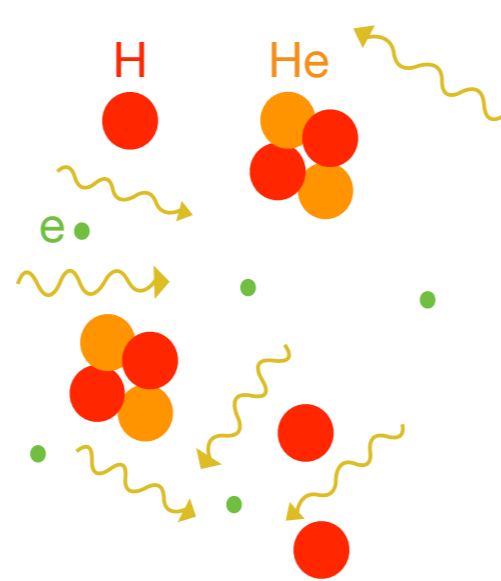


**Epoch featuring formation and evolution of astronomical objects, and transition from matter dominance to dark energy dominance era**

# From radiation-dominated era to recombination



Universe expanding and cooling down to  $\sim 3000$  K ...



earlier

later

time

380,000 yrs

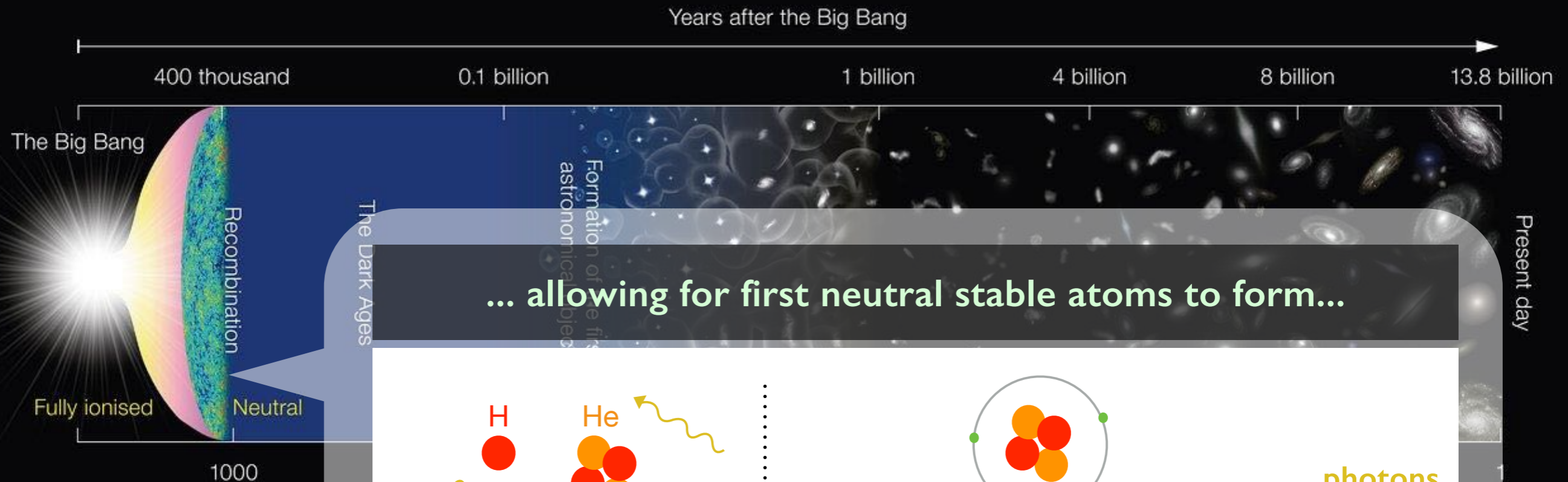
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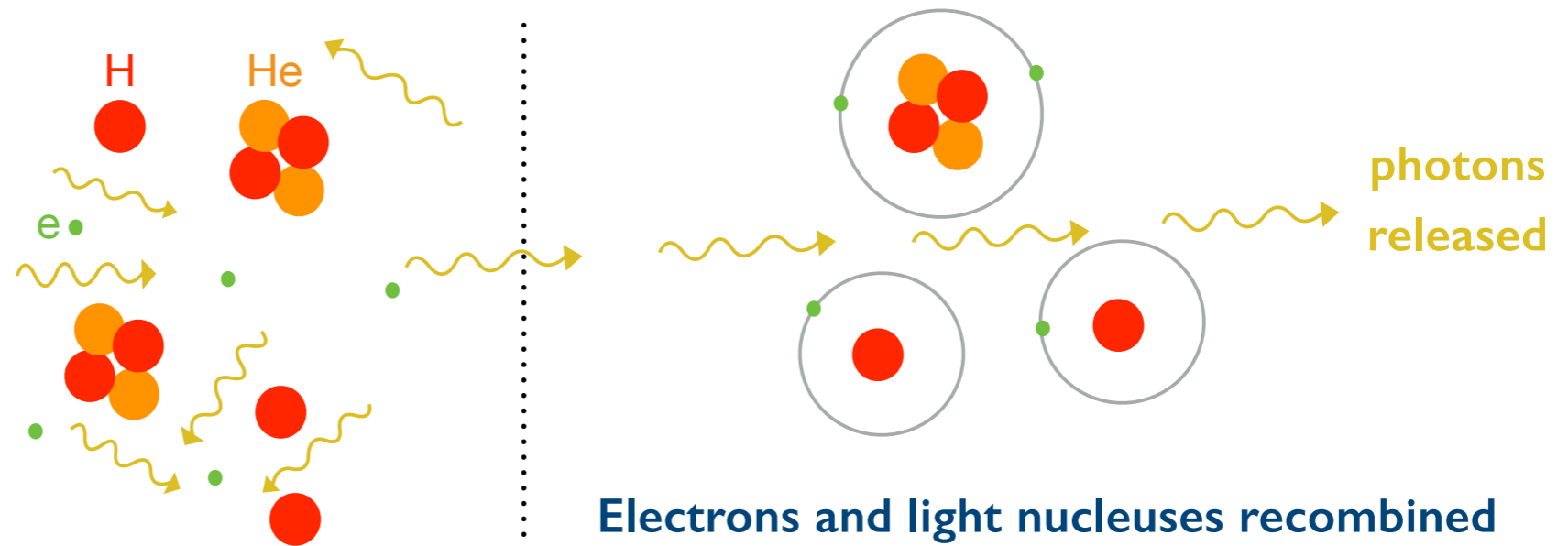
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# From radiation-dominated era to recombination



... allowing for first neutral stable atoms to form...



Electrons and light nucleuses recombined into stable neutral atoms (~100 ka)

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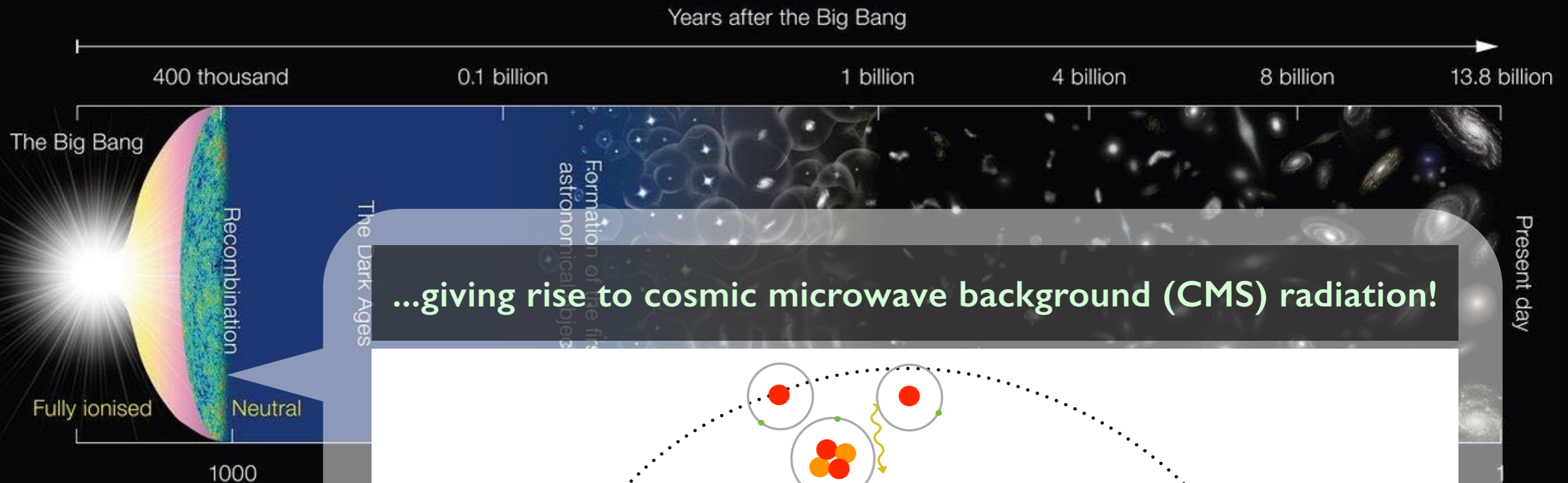
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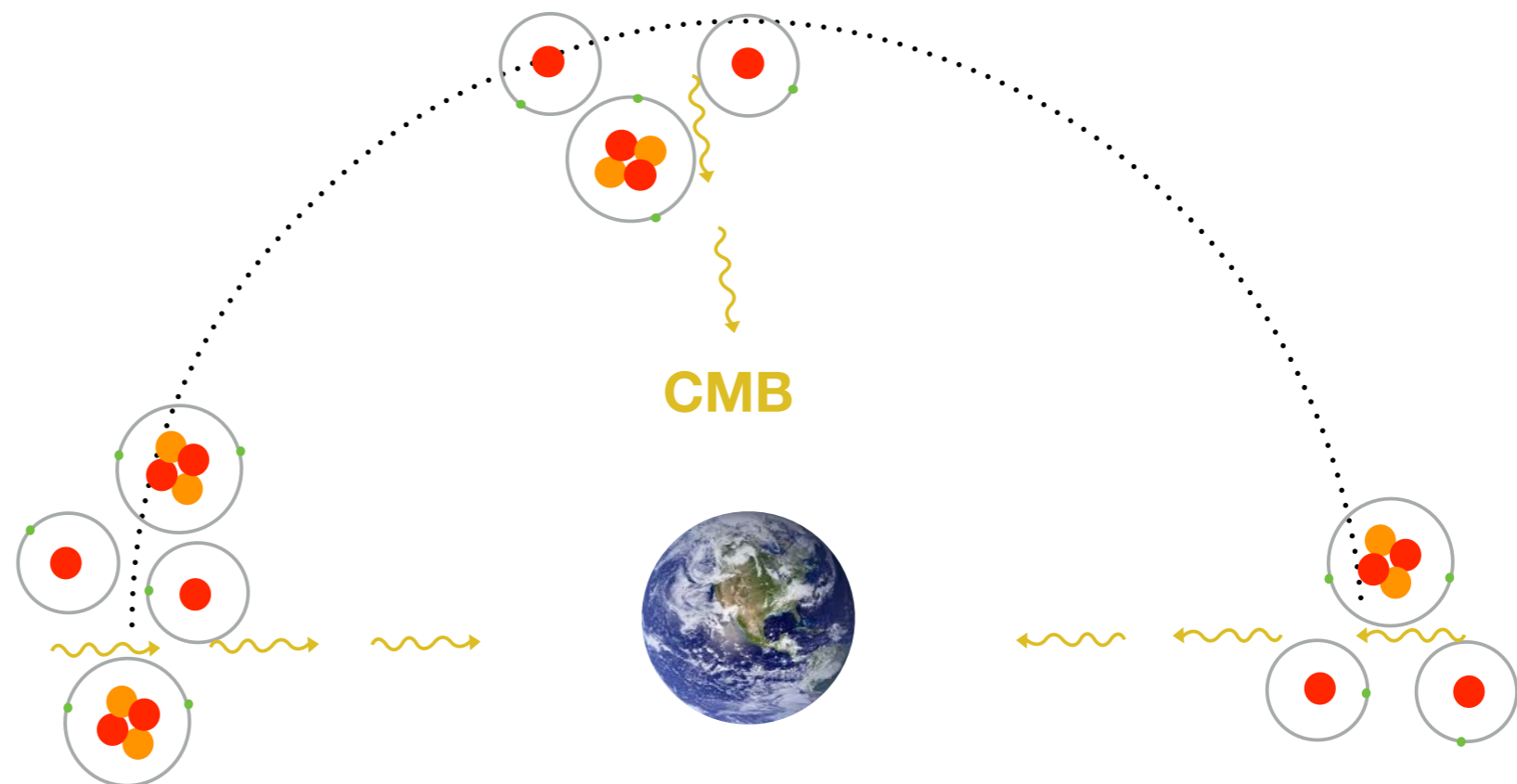
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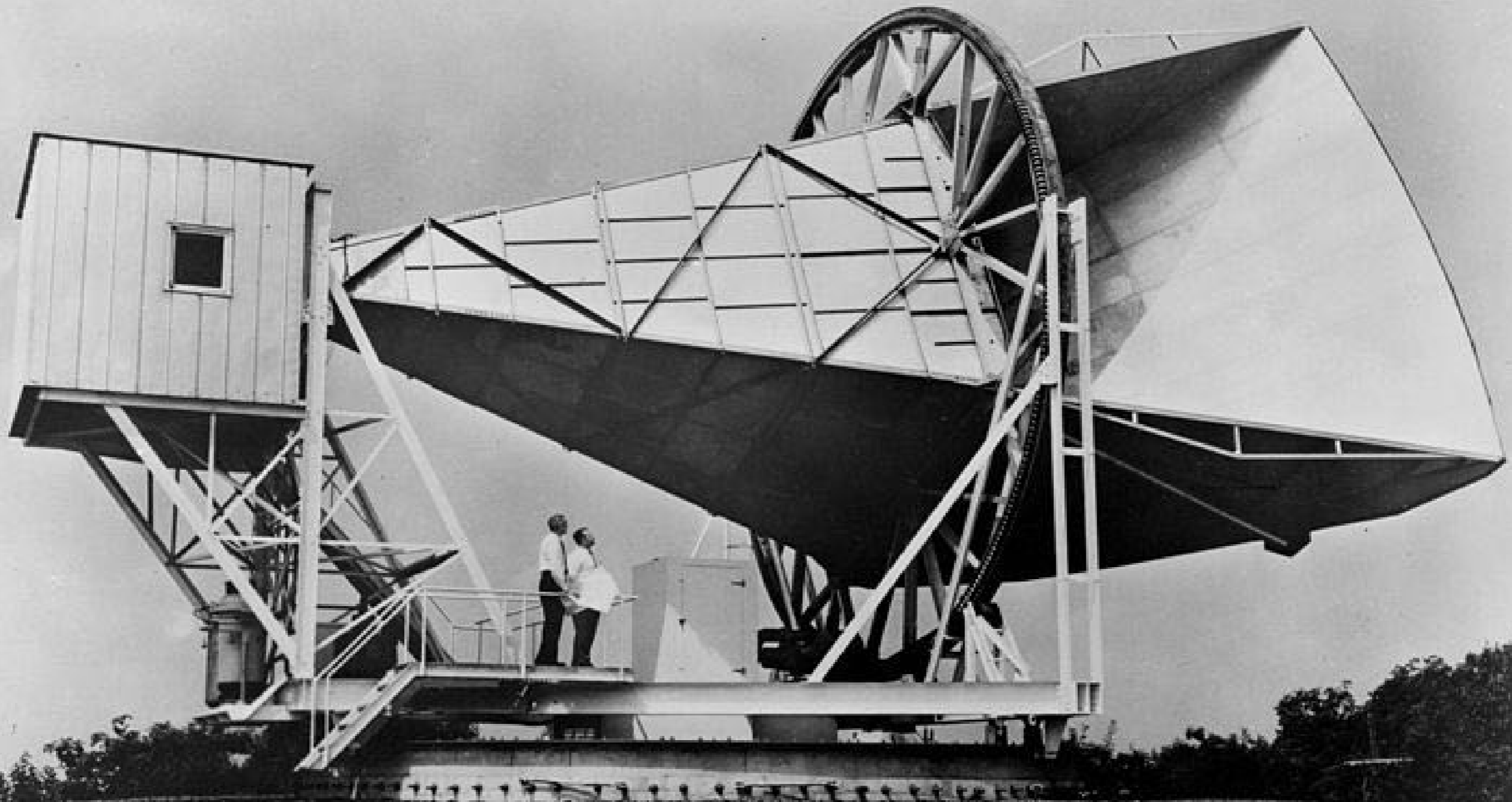
...giving rise to cosmic microwave background (CMB) radiation!



- 410 photons per cubic centimeter
- cooled by the expansion: 2.7 K



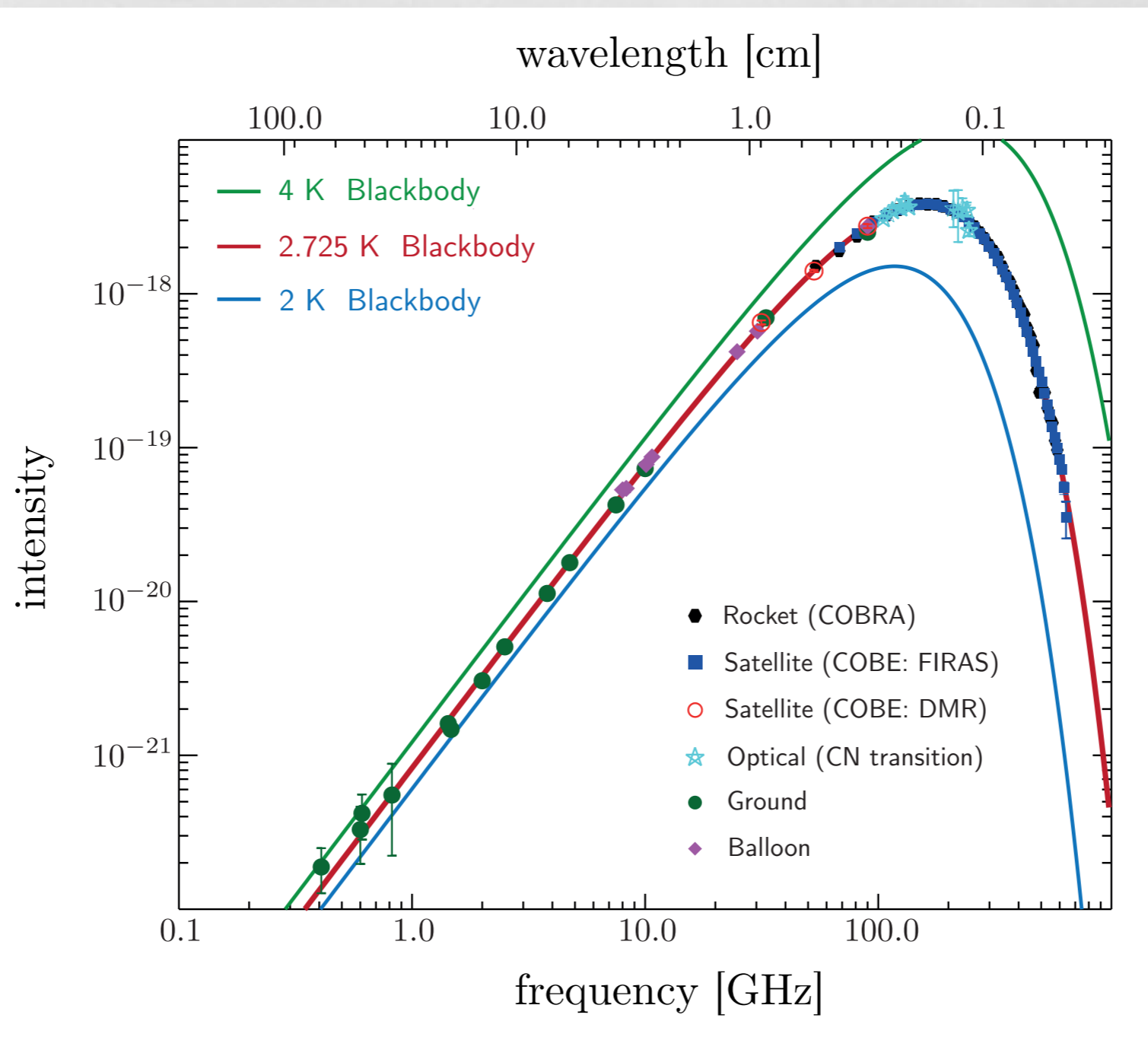
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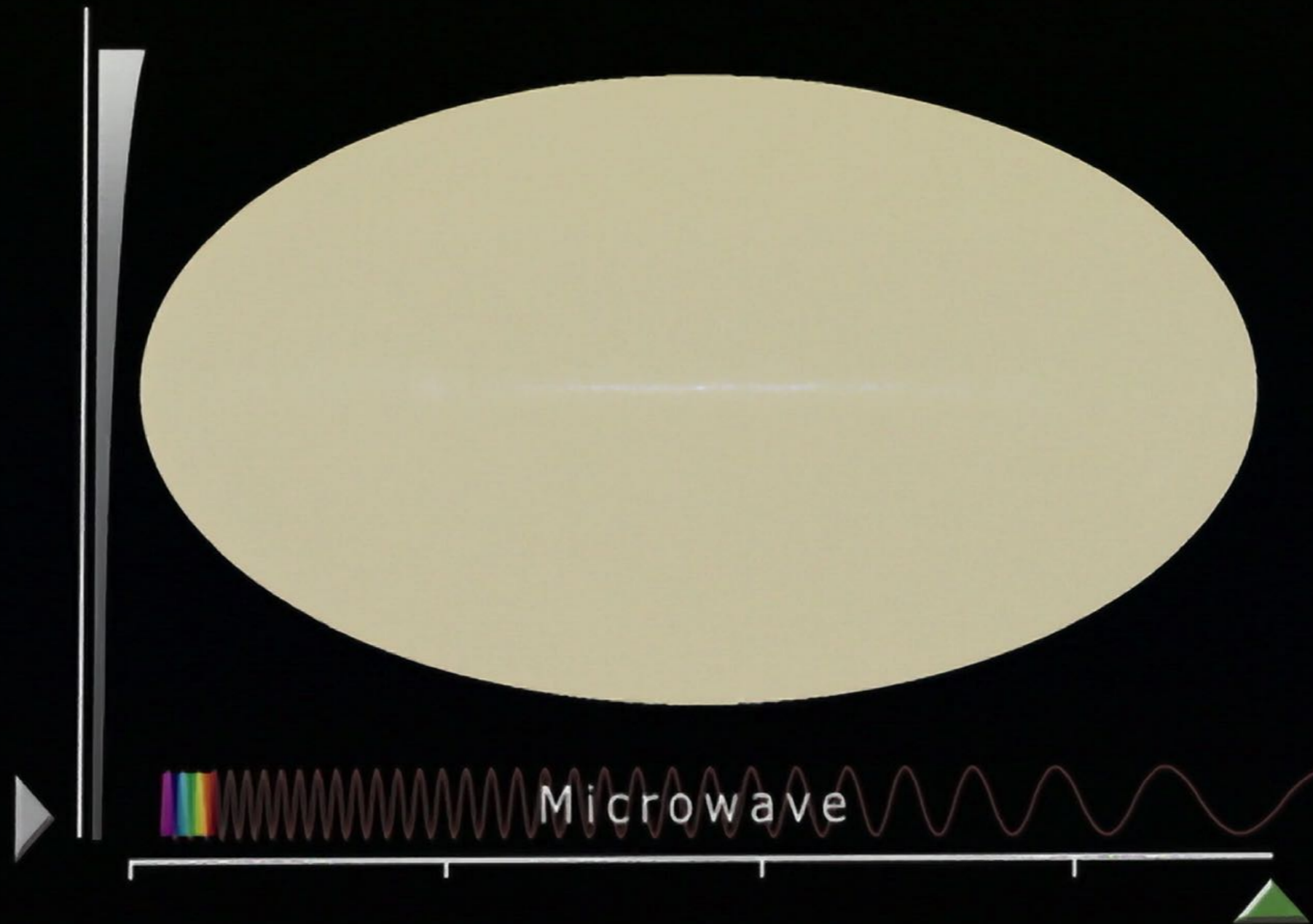
They found is the most perfect blackbody spectrum in Nature...



**Penzias & Wilson discovered the Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB) in 1965**  
**Observed in every direction and has no single origin point..**

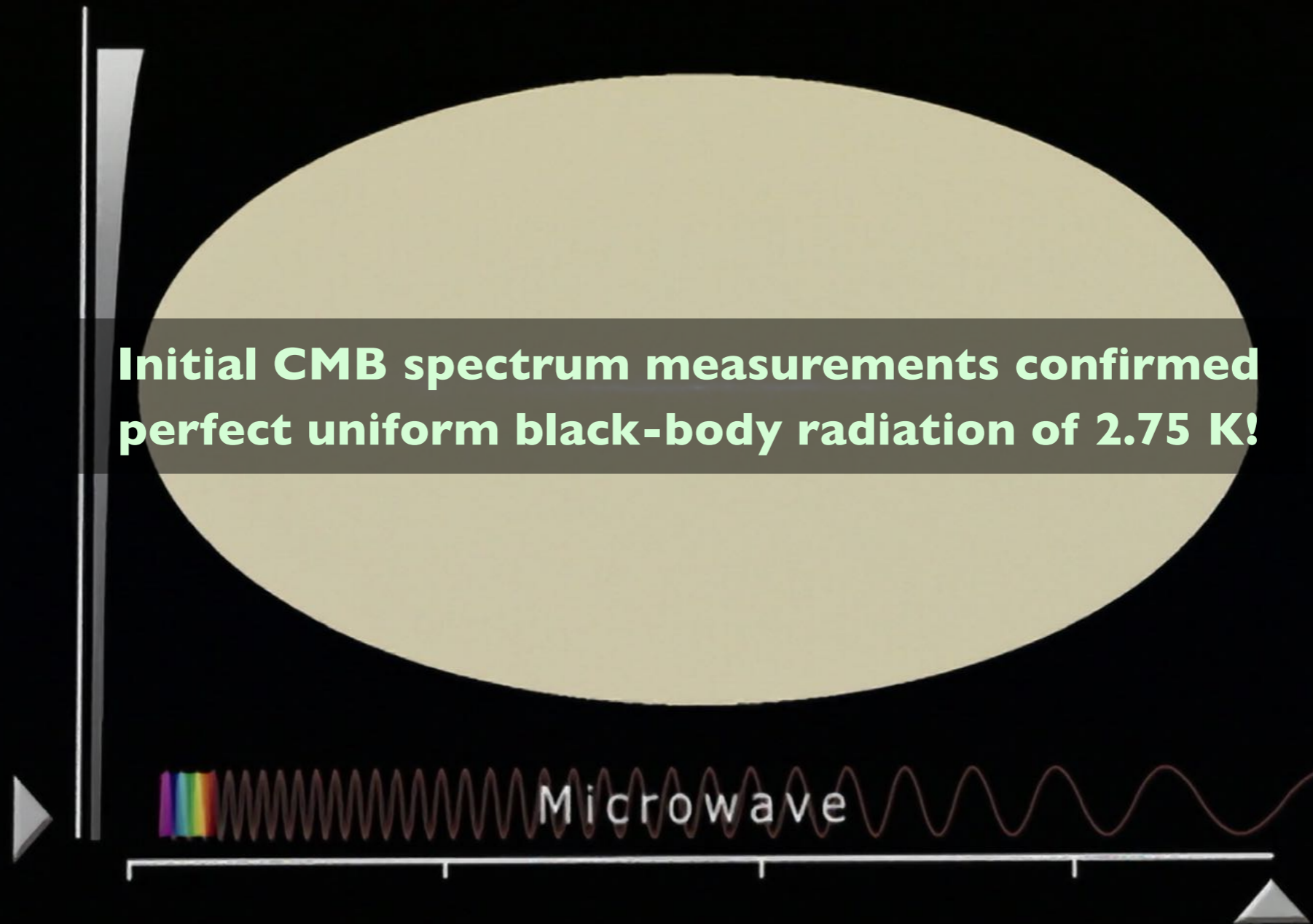


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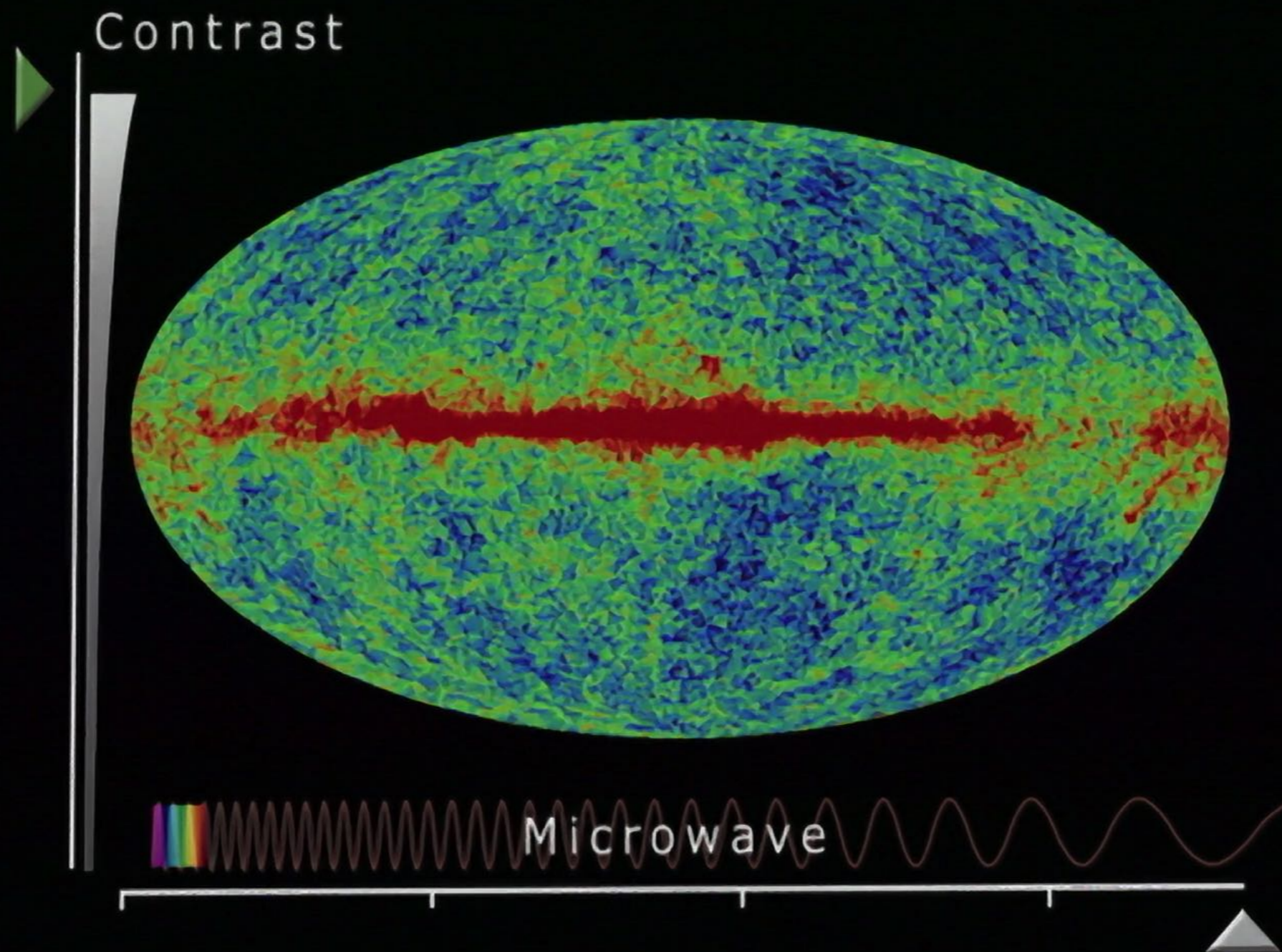
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**Initial CMB spectrum measurements confirmed perfect uniform black-body radiation of 2.75 K!**





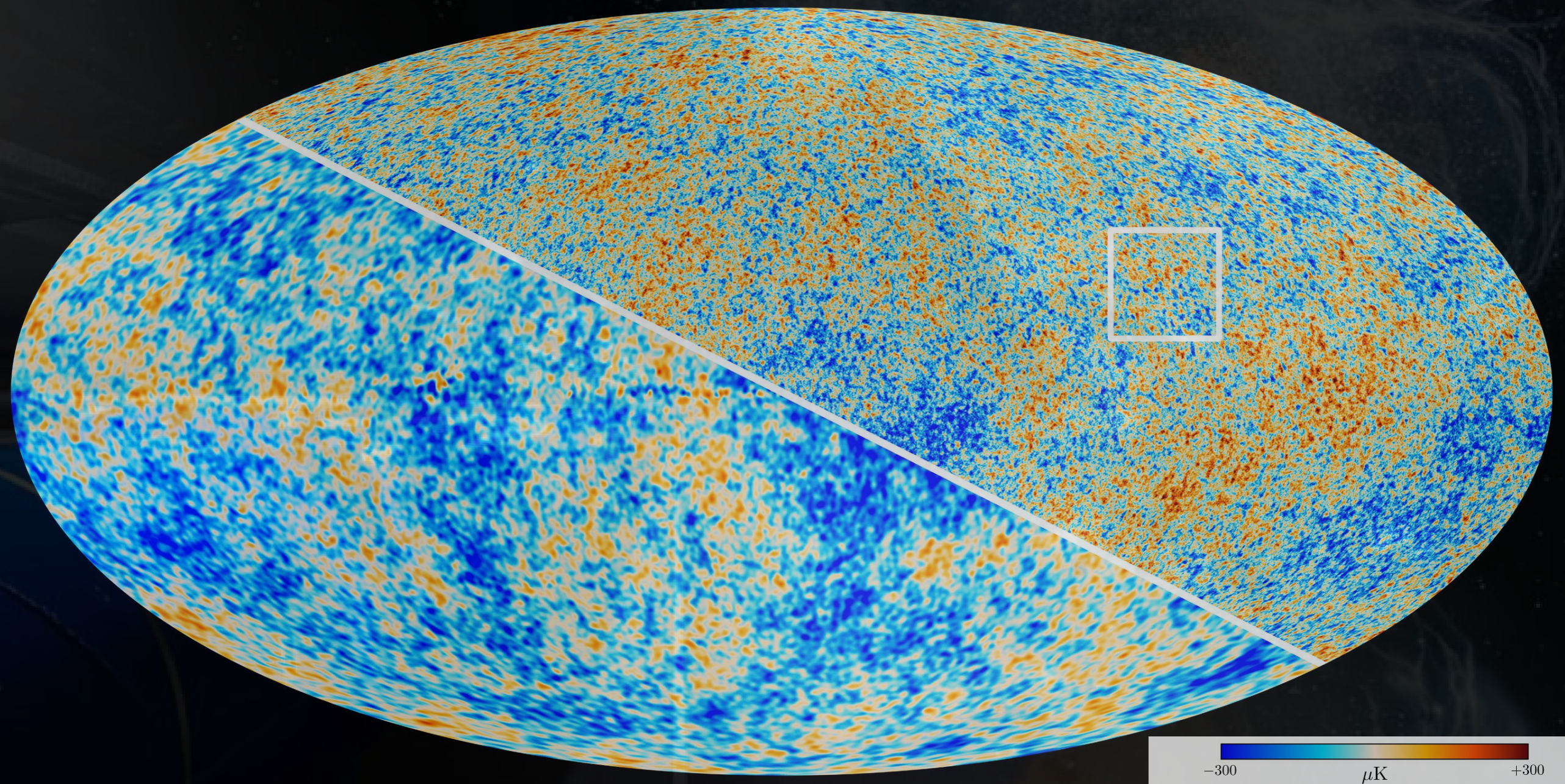
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**With ever-more precise space-based experiments (COBE, WMAP, Planck)  
CMB spectrum measured at extraordinary details!**



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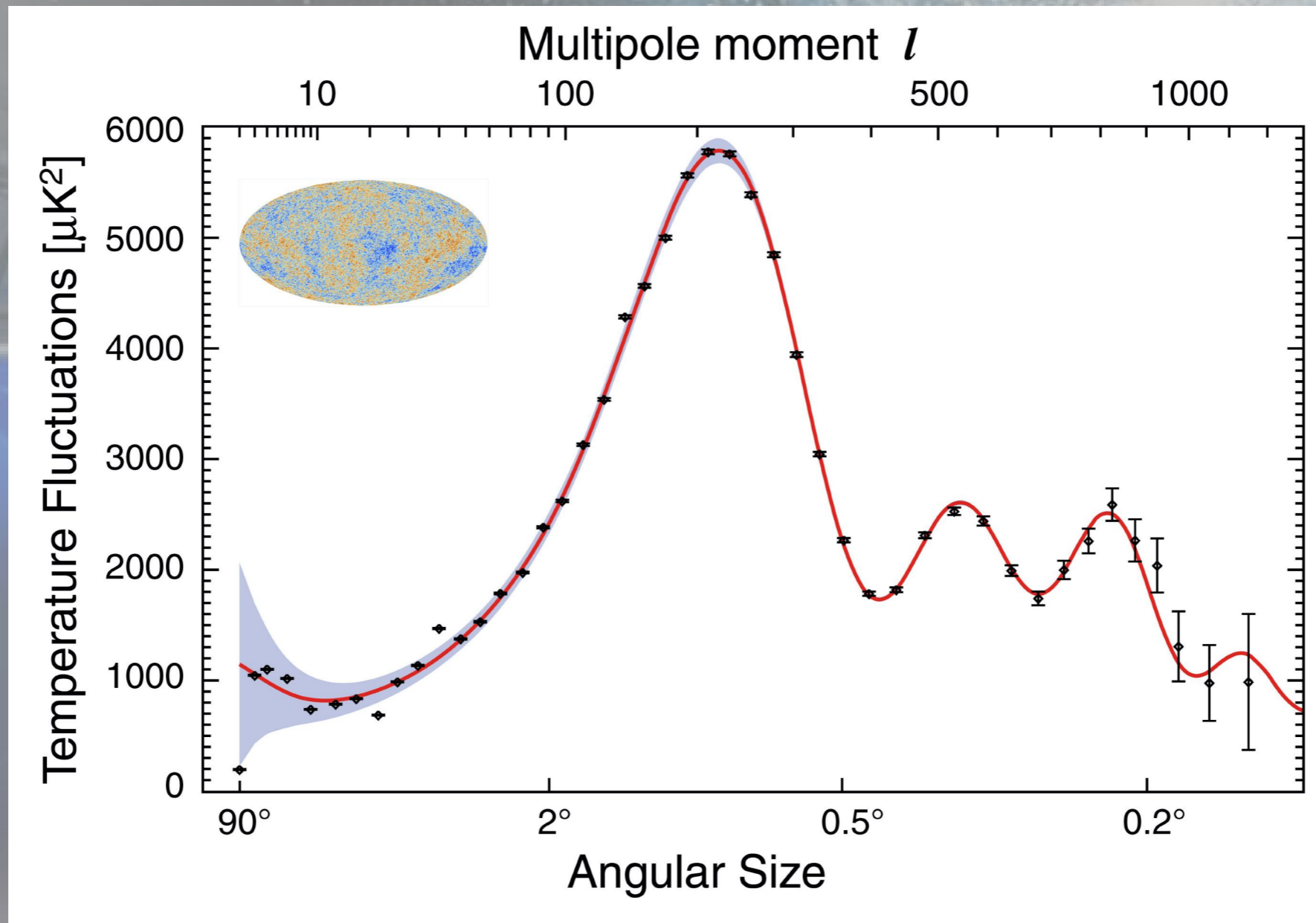


**Temperature of the CMB found to vary with direction...  
...with tiny variations, just 1 part in 10,000!**



# CMB : Fingerprinting the universe

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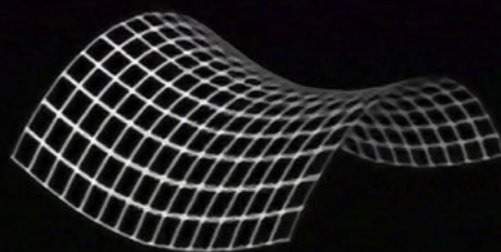
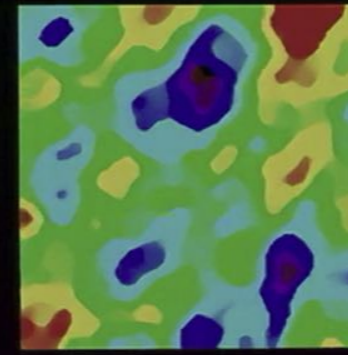
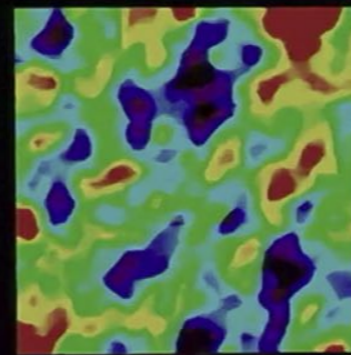
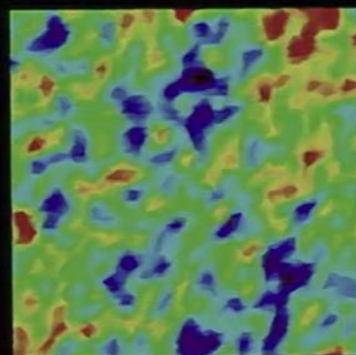


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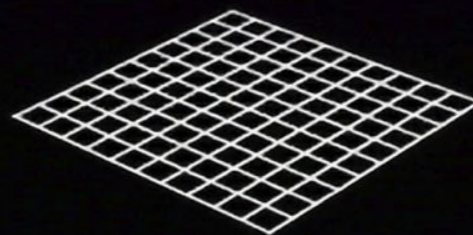
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**Shape:** Universe predominantly has flat geometry!

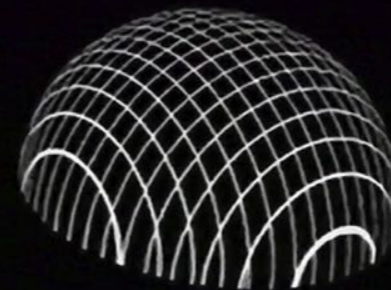
## GEOMETRY OF THE UNIVERSE



**OPEN**



**FLAT**

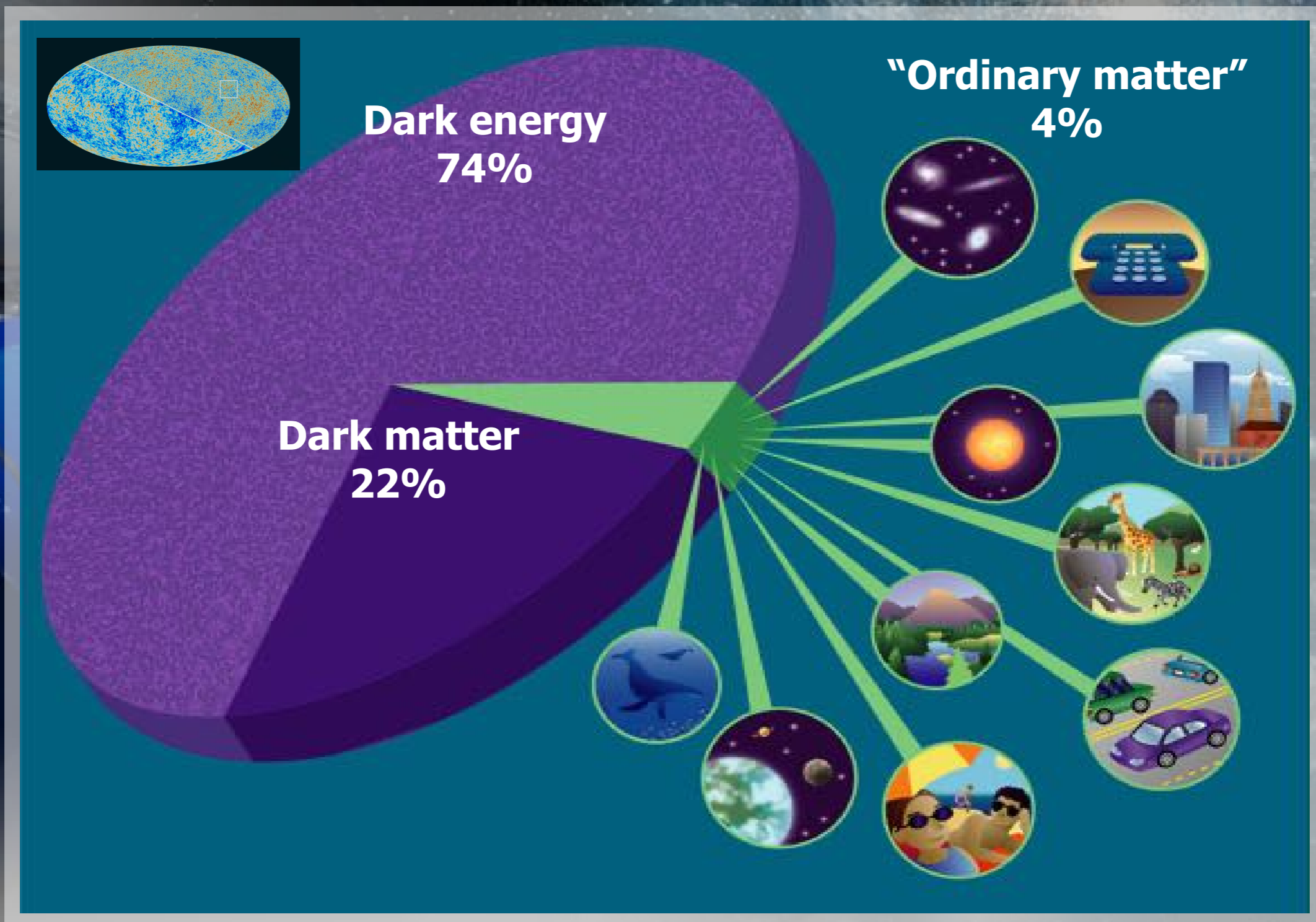


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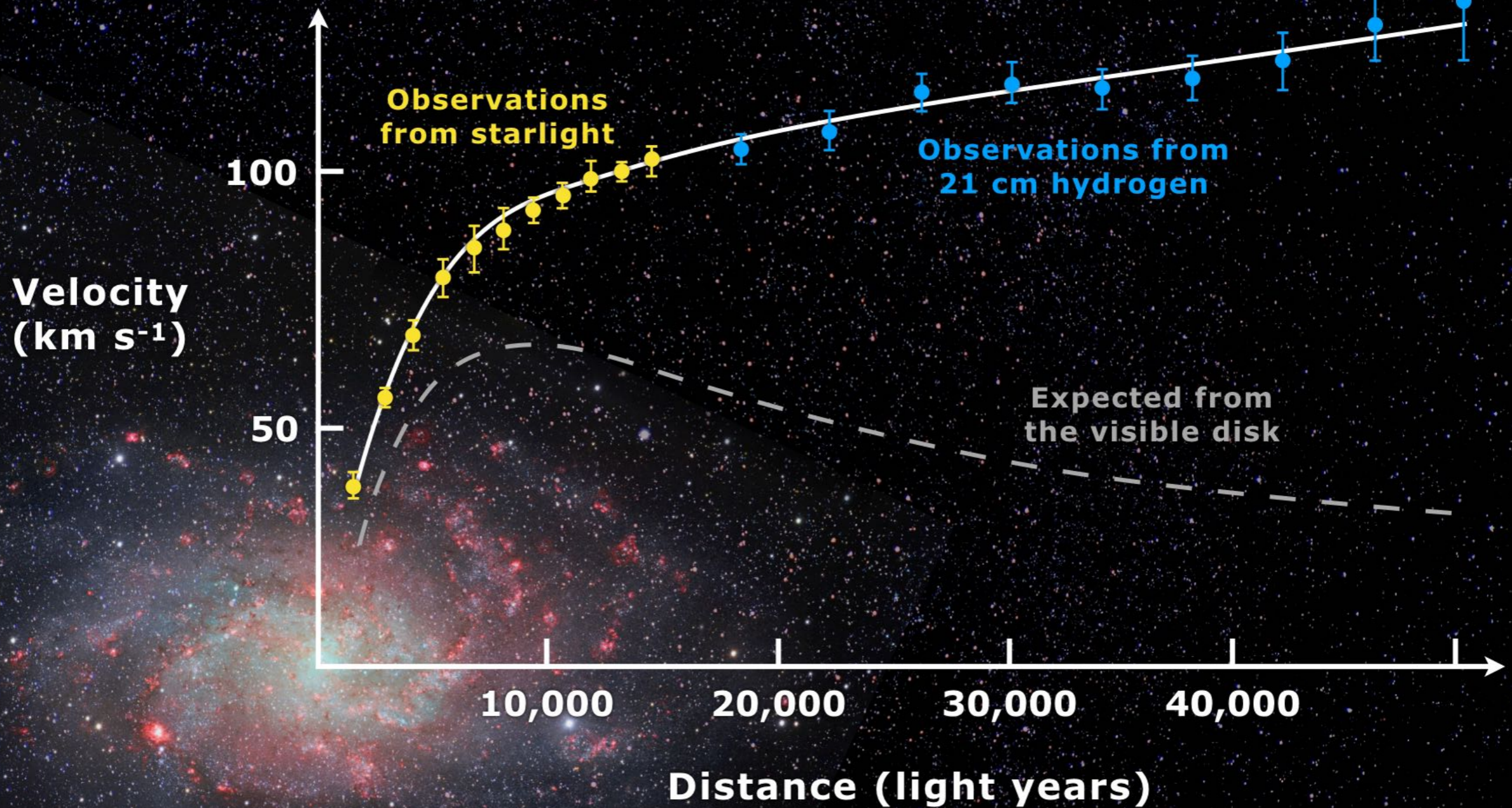
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**Composition:** Universe seems to be dominated by non-ordinary forms of matter!





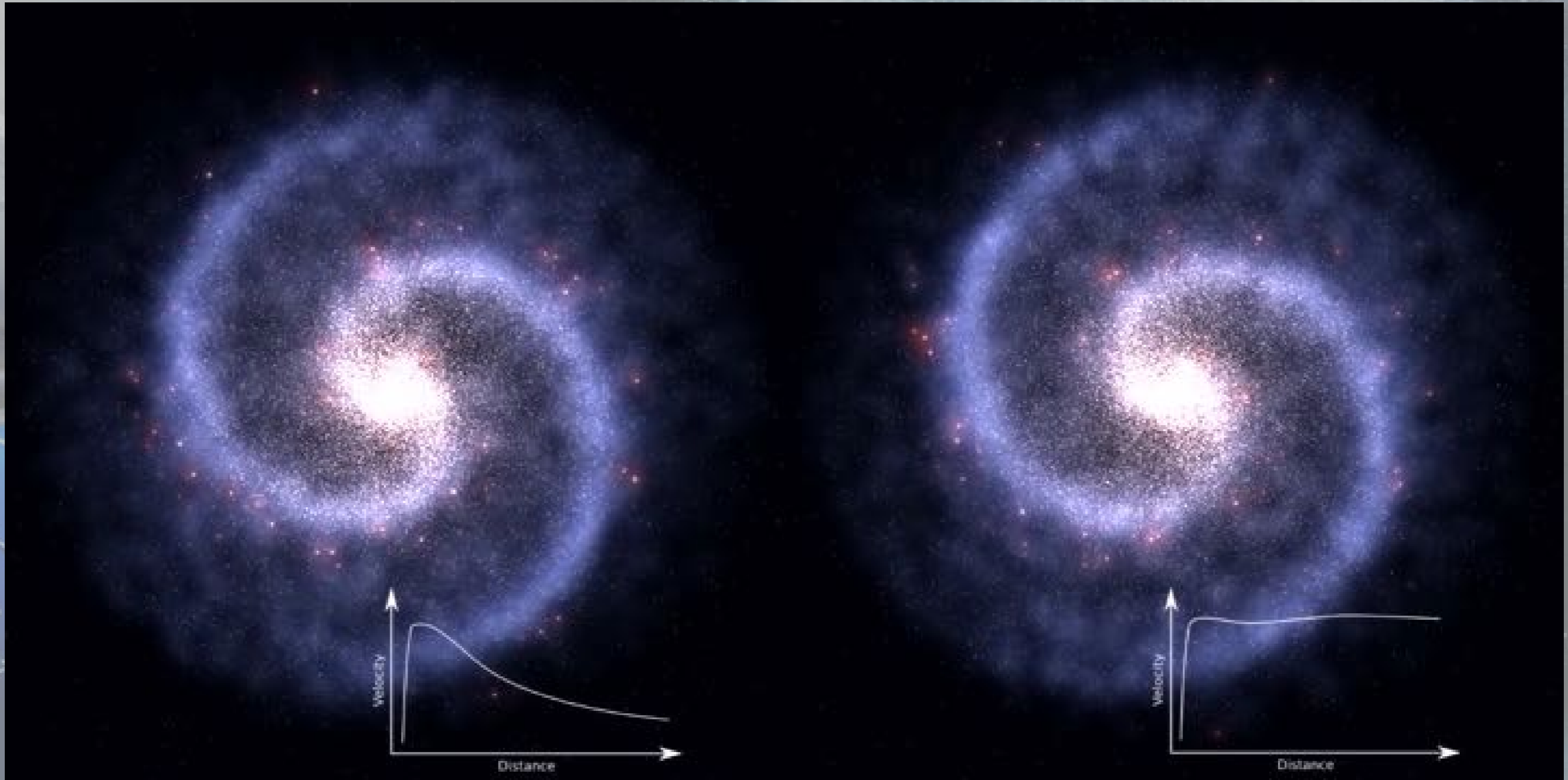
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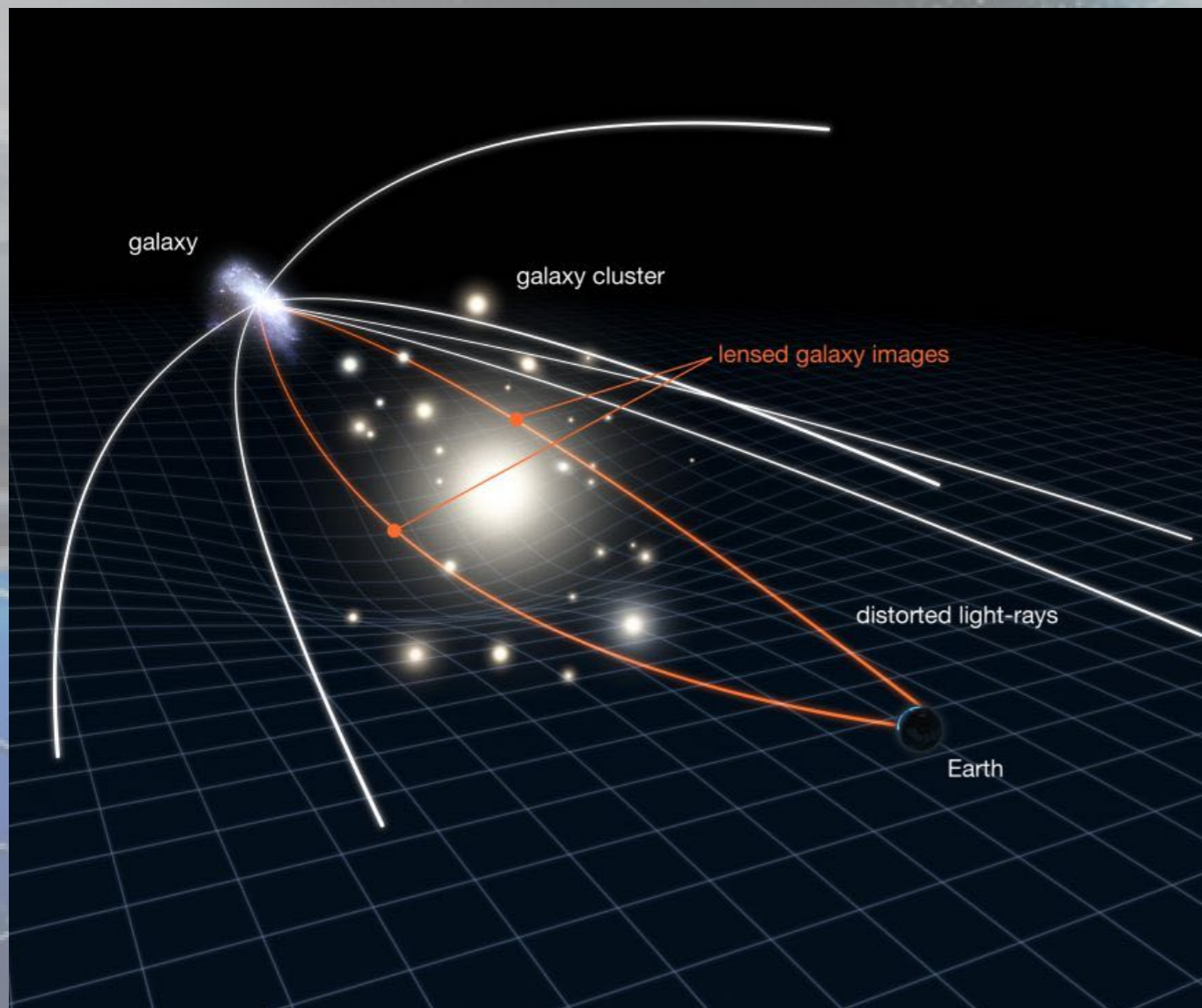
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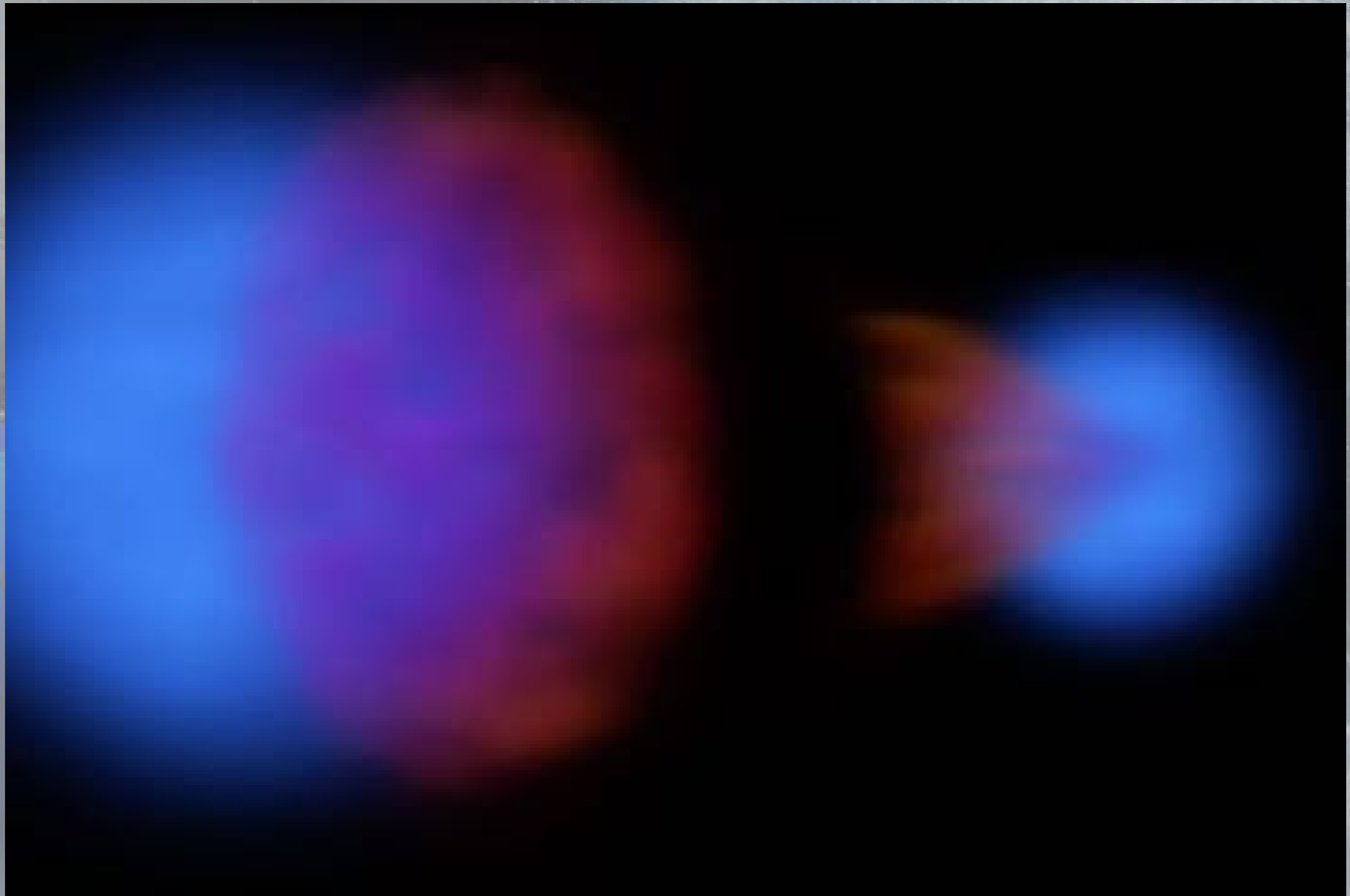


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**Dark matter bends space-time resulting in lensing effect:  
observations consistent with presence of dark matter!**

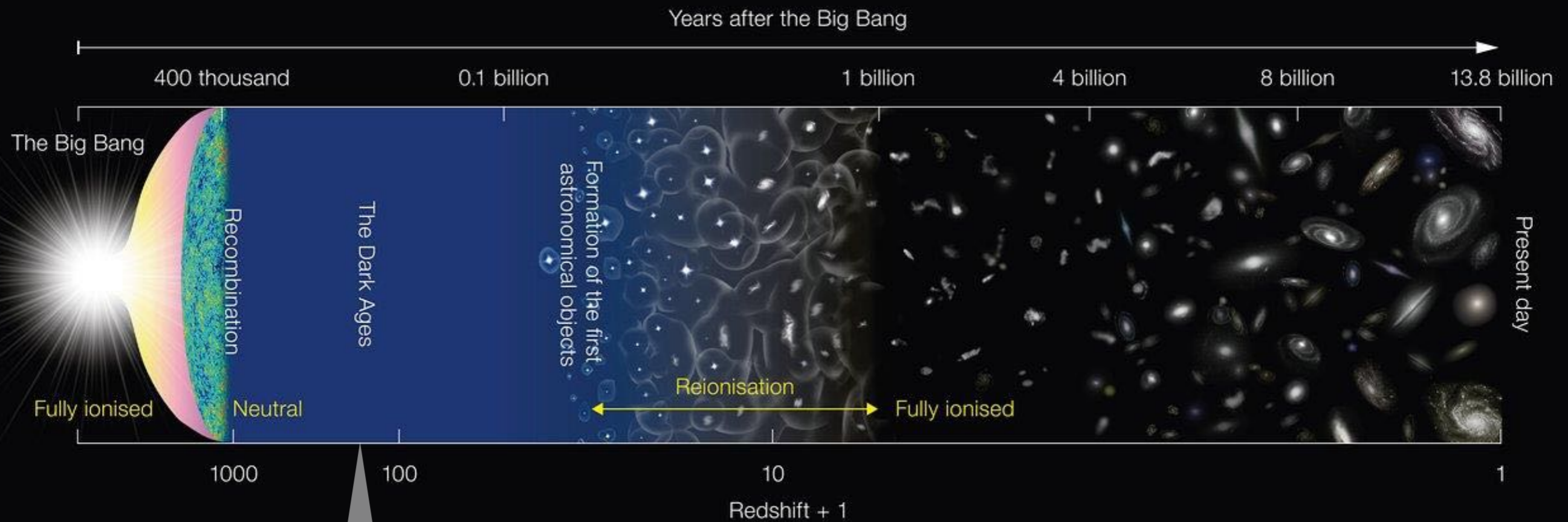
# Dark matter: (almost) direct evidences



**Distribution of matter during the collisions of two clusters of galaxies:  
most of the mass exhibits interaction consistent with dark matter!**



# Emerging from the Dark Ages

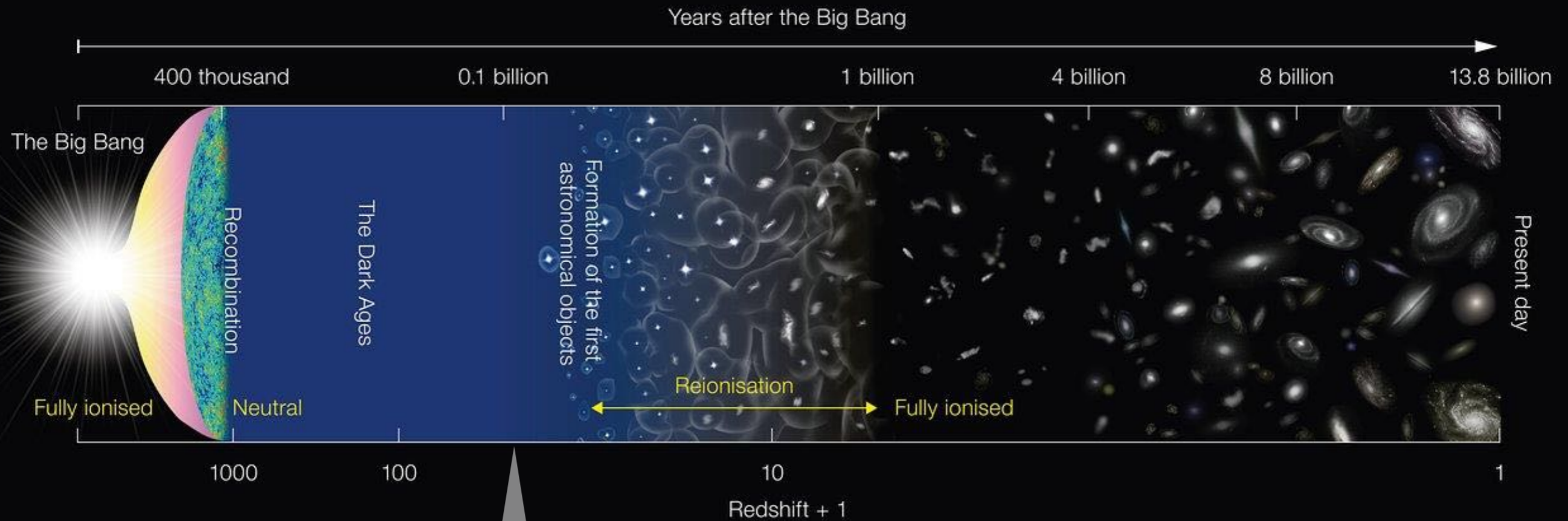


## Epoch of dark ages:

**CMB temperature cooled down from  $\sim 3000$  K to  $\sim 60$  K, no visible light photons, hydrogen/helium density stable.**

**$\sim 15$  ma: CMB had a temperature of a "warm summer day on Earth"**

# Emerging from the Dark Ages



## Gravitational collapse:

ordinary matter falls into the structures created by dark matter, first smaller and larger non-linear structures begin to take shape.

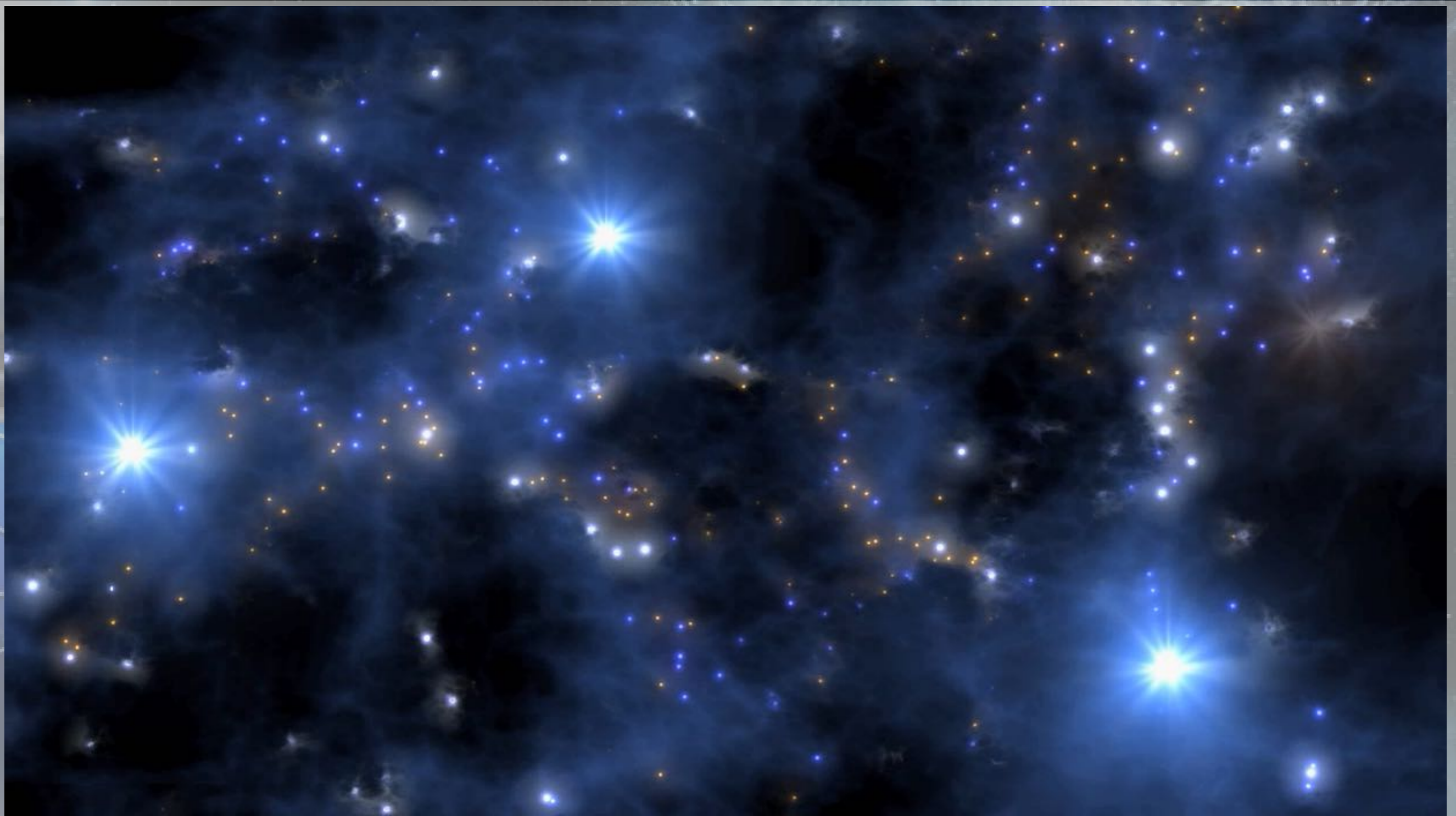
**UV light starts to ionize neutral gas**



# From quantum fluctuations to large-scale structures

**Quantum fluctuation in space-time induced variations in matter density  
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# From quantum fluctuations to large-scale structures



**First smaller and larger non-linear structures begin to take shape (100 ma)**  
**first proto-stars made of hydrogen and helium begin to shine (200-300 ma)!**



# From quantum fluctuations to large-scale structures



**Large-scale astronomical objects (protogalaxies, quasars) begun forming  
porto-stars producing heavy elements allowing for "metallic" stars (>300 ma) !**



# Origin of elements

## Element Origins

1 H																	2 He	
3 Li	4 Be											5 B	6 C	7 N	8 O	9 F	10 Ne	
11 Na	12 Mg											13 Al	14 Si	15 P	16 S	17 Cl	18 Ar	
19 K	20 Ca	21 Sc	22 Ti	23 V	24 Cr	25 Mn	26 Fe	27 Co	28 Ni	29 Cu	30 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr	
37 Rb	38 Sr	39 Y	40 Zr	41 Nb	42 Mo	43 Tc	44 Ru	45 Rh	46 Pd	47 Ag	48 Cd	49 In	50 Sn	51 Sb	52 Te	53 I	54 Xe	
55 Cs	56 Ba			72 Hf	73 Ta	74 W	75 Re	76 Os	77 Ir	78 Pt	79 Au	80 Hg	81 Tl	82 Pb	83 Bi	84 Po	85 At	86 Rn
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		57 La	58 Ce	59 Pr	60 Nd	61 Pm	62 Sm	63 Eu	64 Gd	65 Tb	66 Dy	67 Ho	68 Er	69 Tm	70 Yb	71 Lu		
		89 Ac	90 Th	91 Pa	92 U													

**Merging Neutron Stars**  
**Dying Low Mass Stars**

**Exploding Massive Stars**  
**Exploding White Dwarfs**

**Big Bang**  
**Cosmic Ray Fission**

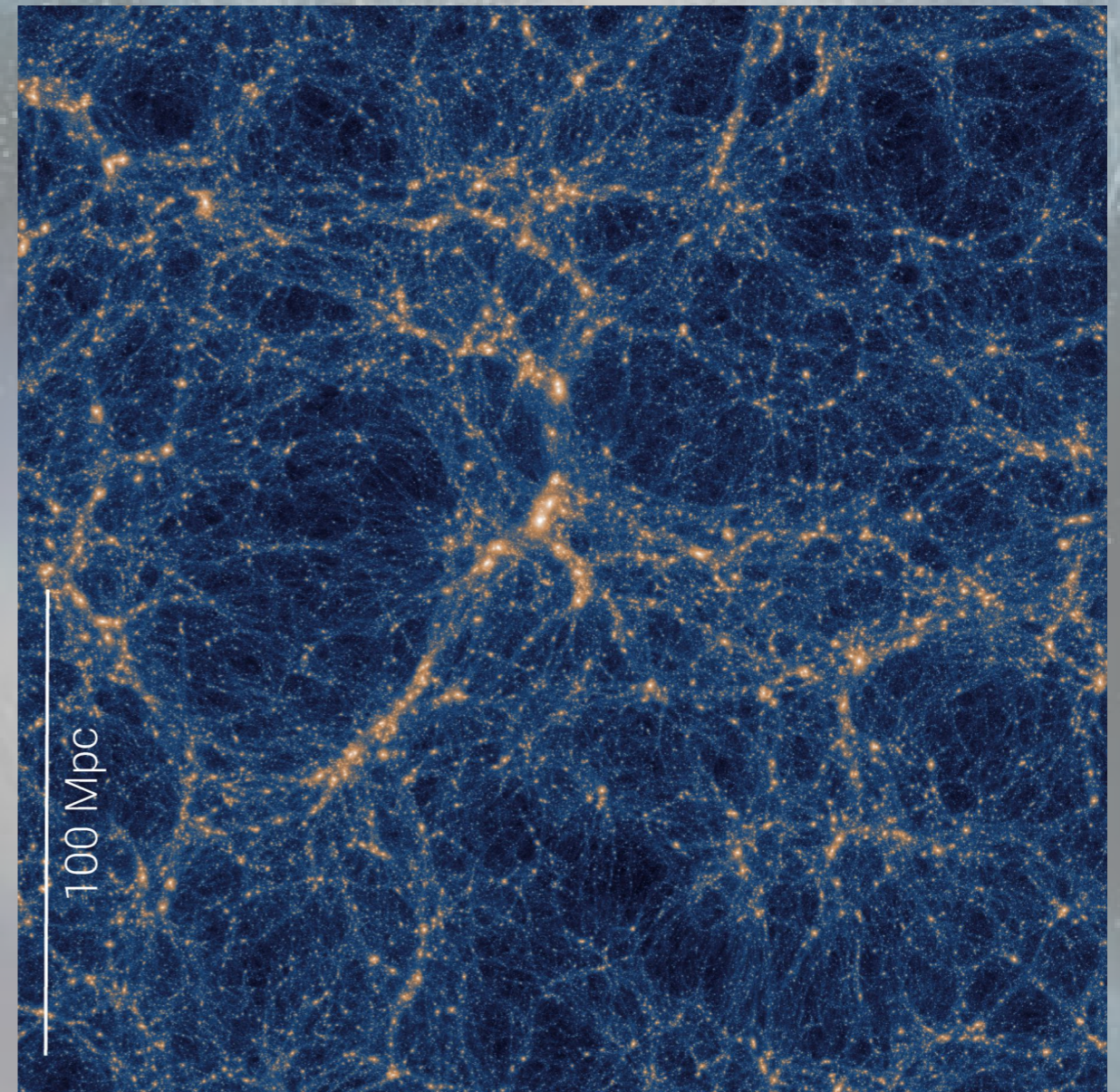
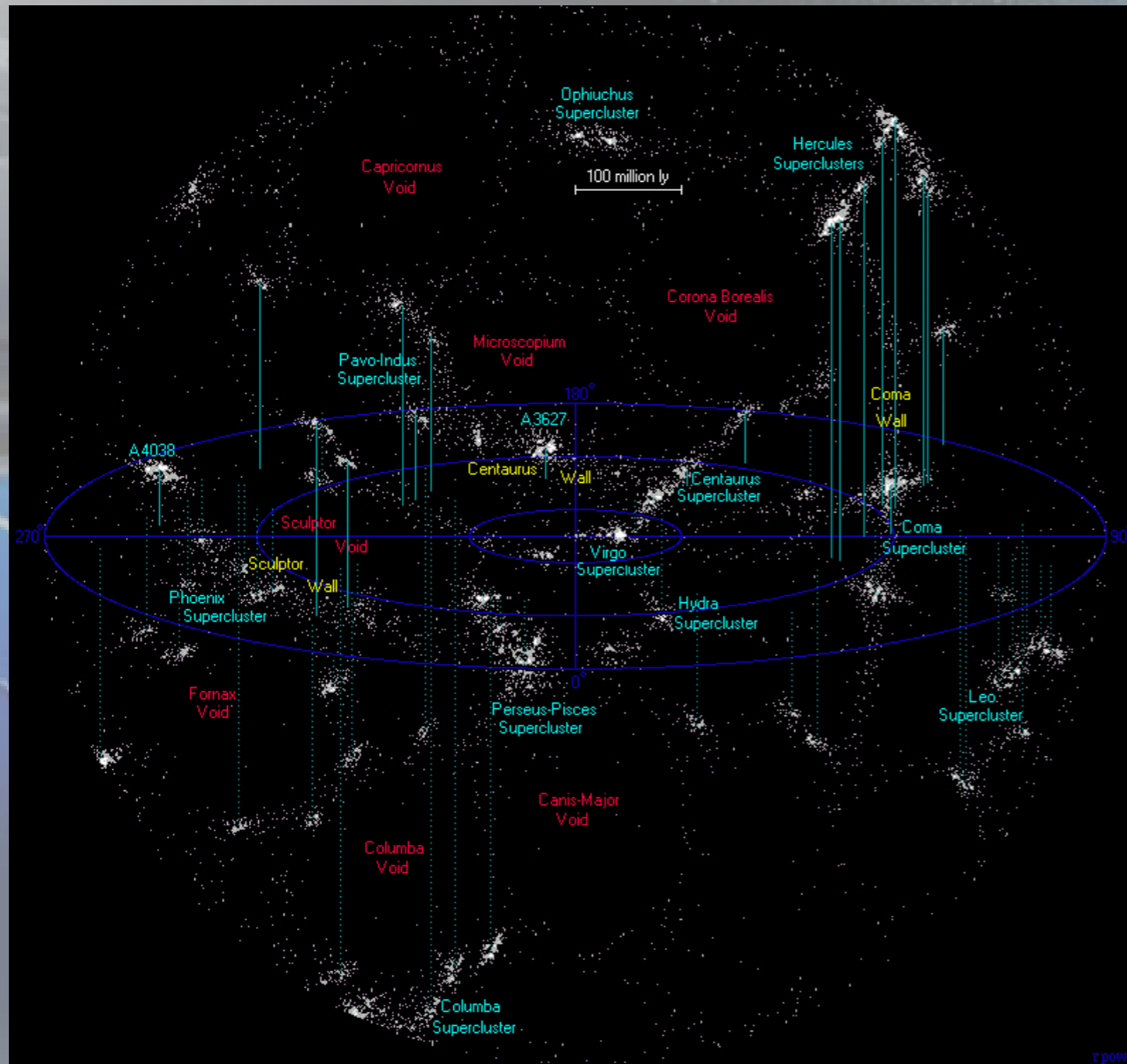
Based on graphic created by Jennifer Johnson

**All heavy chemical elements have stellar origin:  
from stellar merging/dying/exploding events !**



# Large-scale structures of the universe

**From Sky surveys and mappings: Cosmic structures follow a hierarchical model with organization up to the scale of superclusters and filaments (not beyond).**

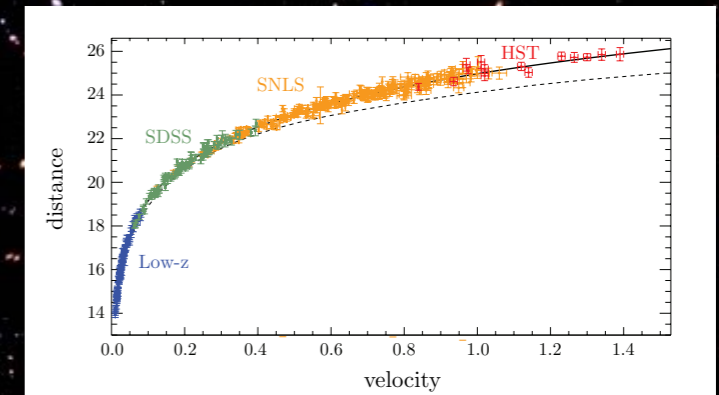
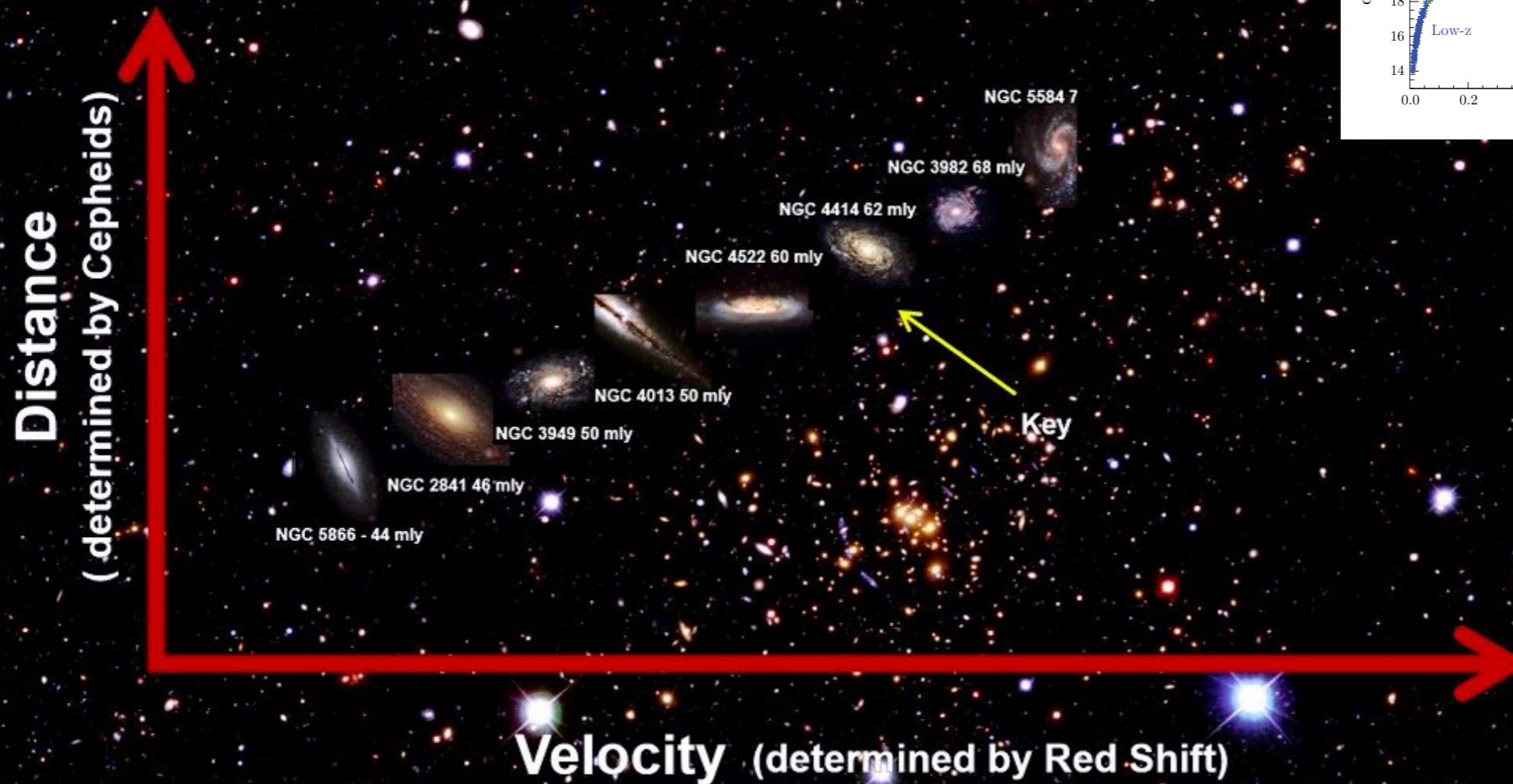


**Simulations of the Universe reproduce its key structural features still the largest structures observed are larger than expected (~10 billion ly) !**



# Expansion of the universe: Hubble's law

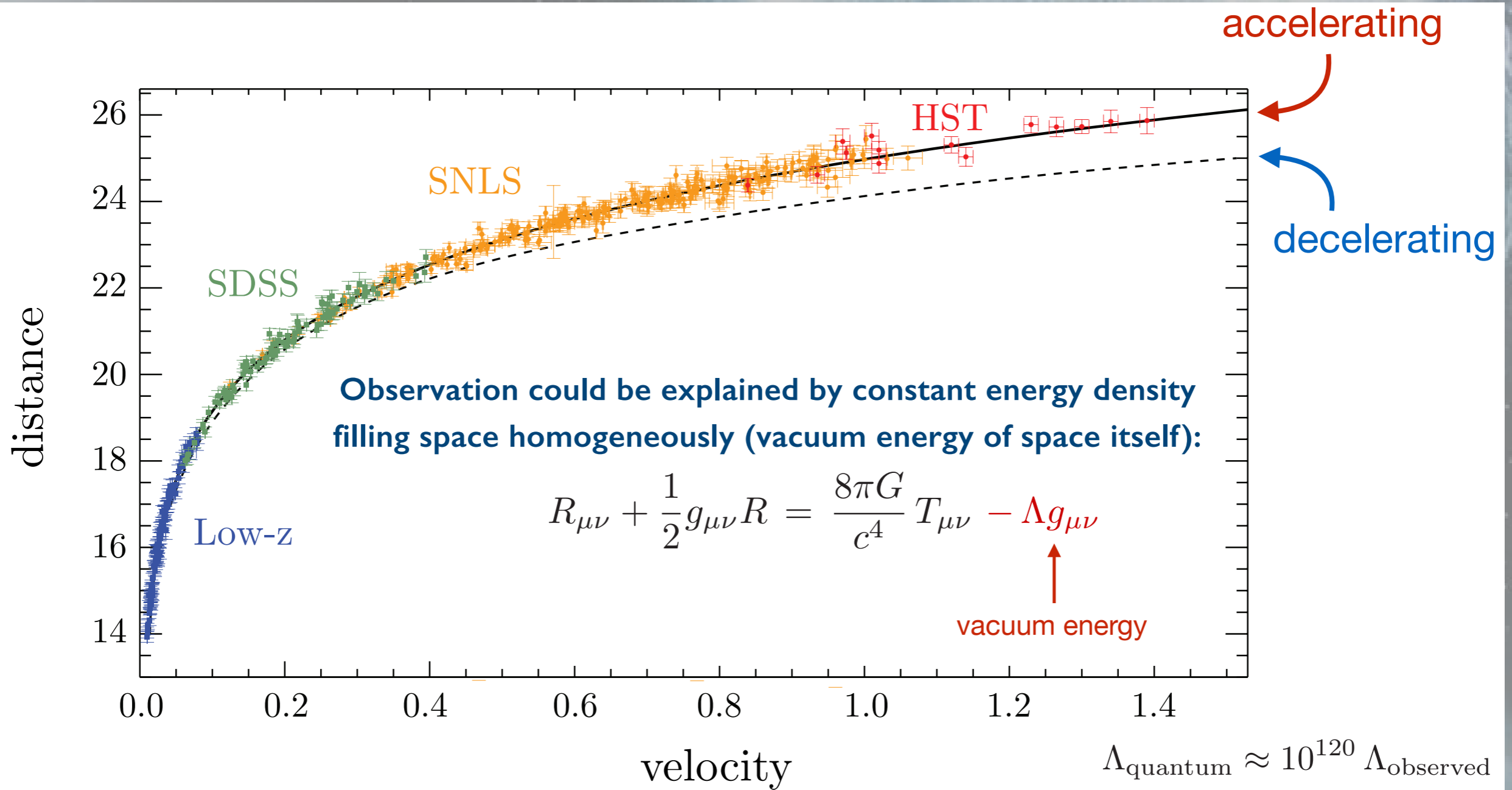
## Receding Velocity vs. Distance



**Galaxies are moving away from Earth at speeds proportional to their distance giving observational basis for the expansion of the universe !**



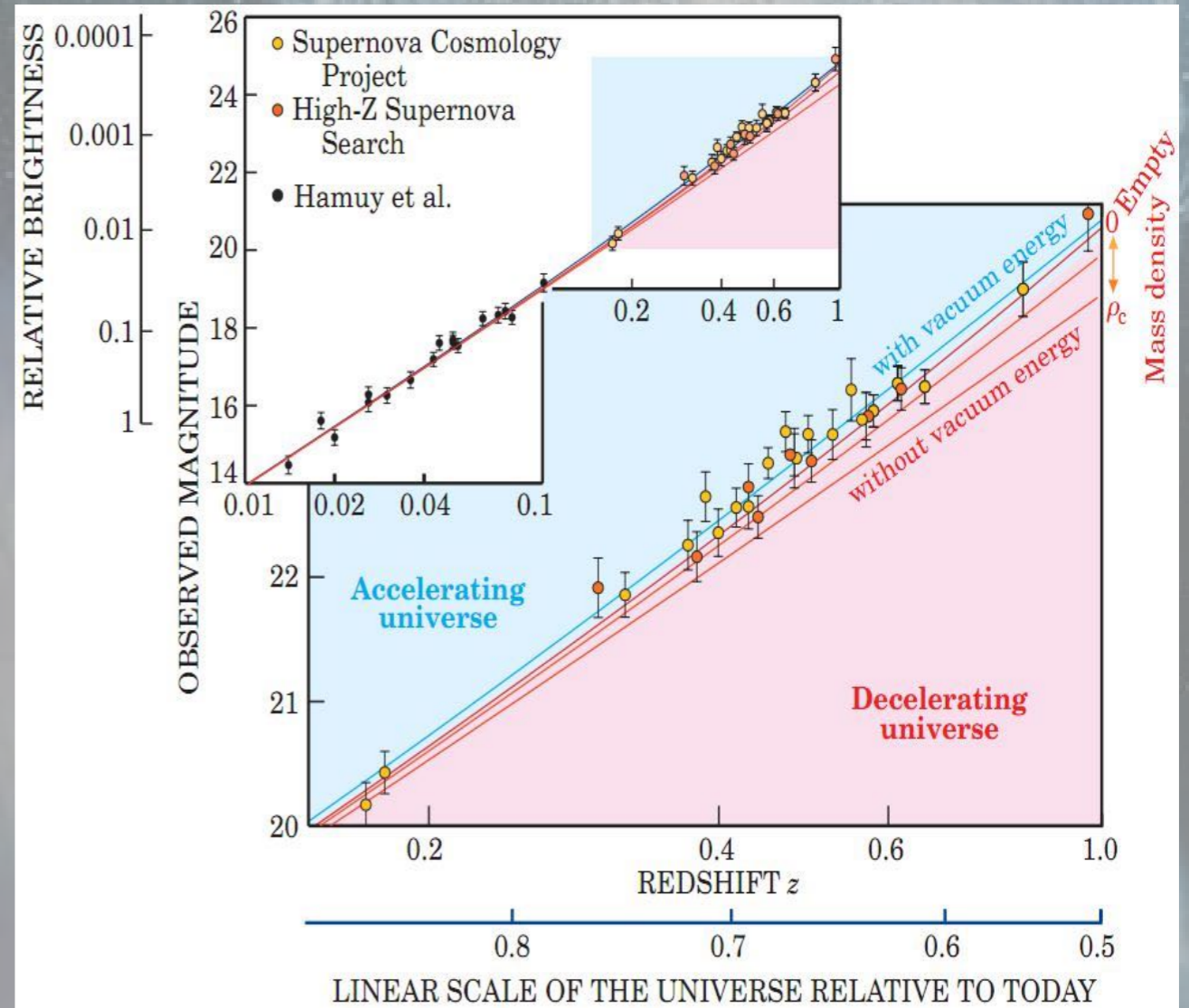
# Accelerated expansion of the universe



Observed **accelerated** expansion of the universe can be explained by the dark energy (e.g. vacuum energy or scalar field) !

# Dark energy & accelerated expansion

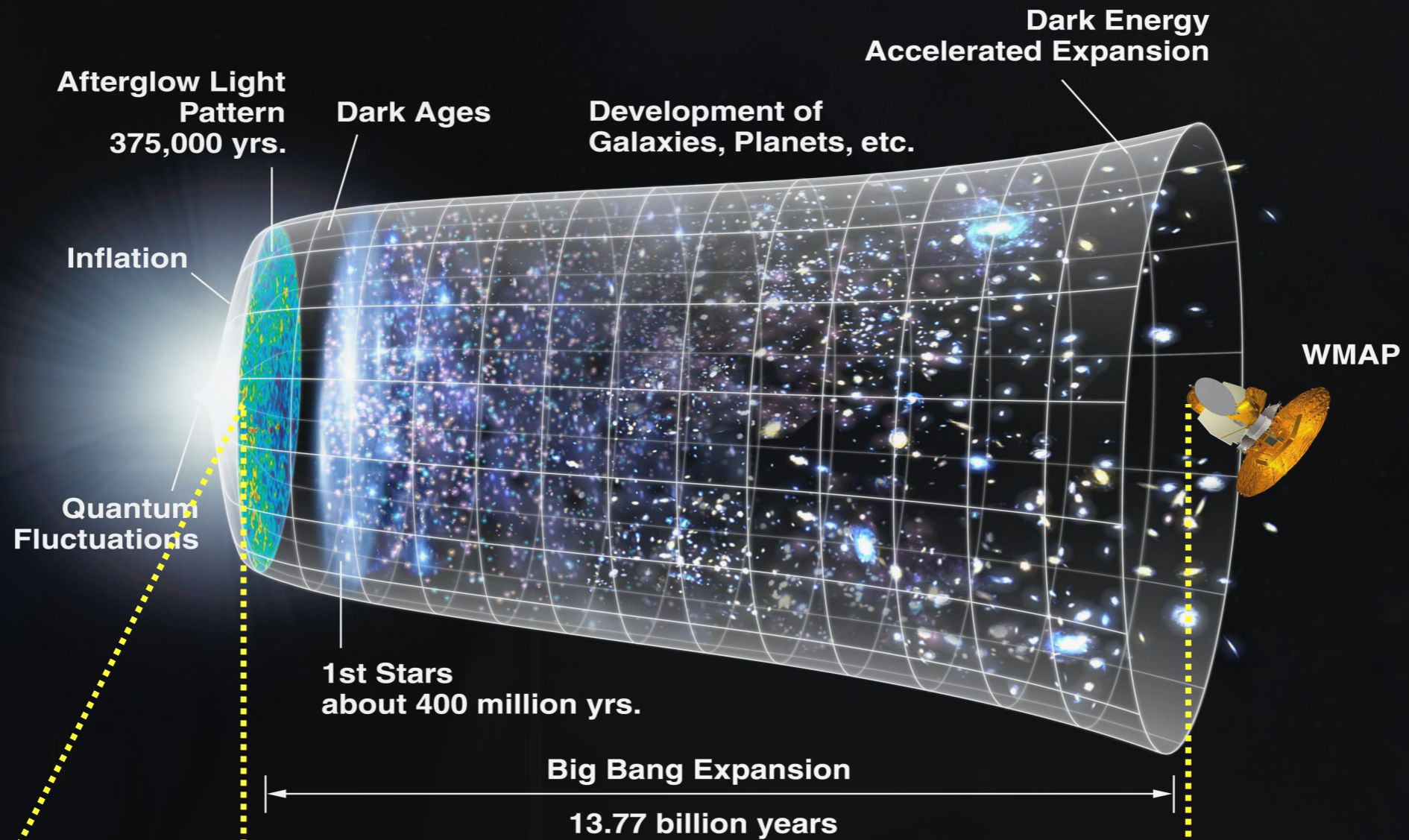
Confirmed by studying distribution/distance/velocity of Supernovae Type Ia  
(Nobel Prize in Physics 2011).



Dark energy also consistent with need for the **observationally flat universe**,  
and observed **large-scale wave-patterns** of mass density in the universe!



# Evolution of the universe



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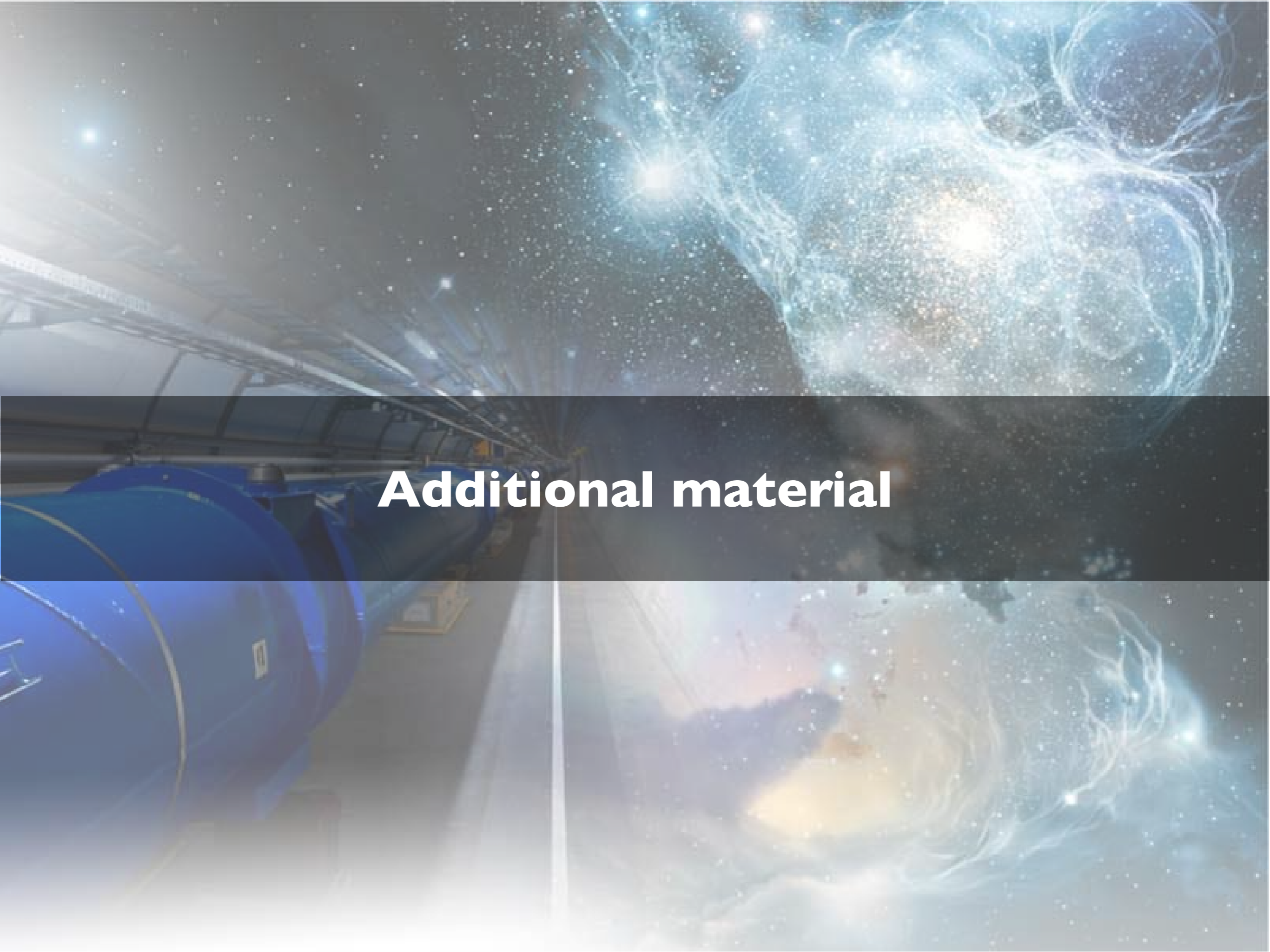
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this talk...

**...until the end.**

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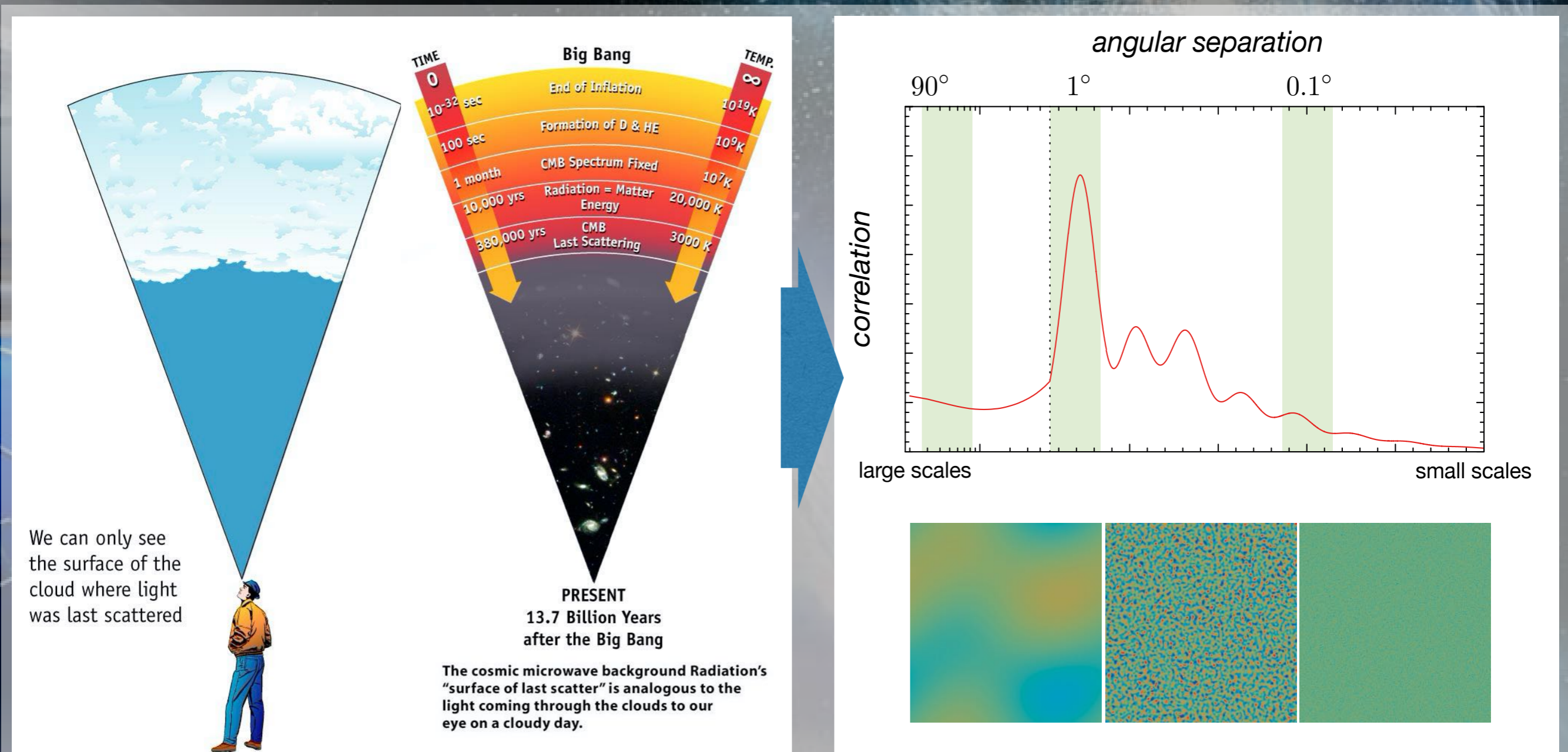


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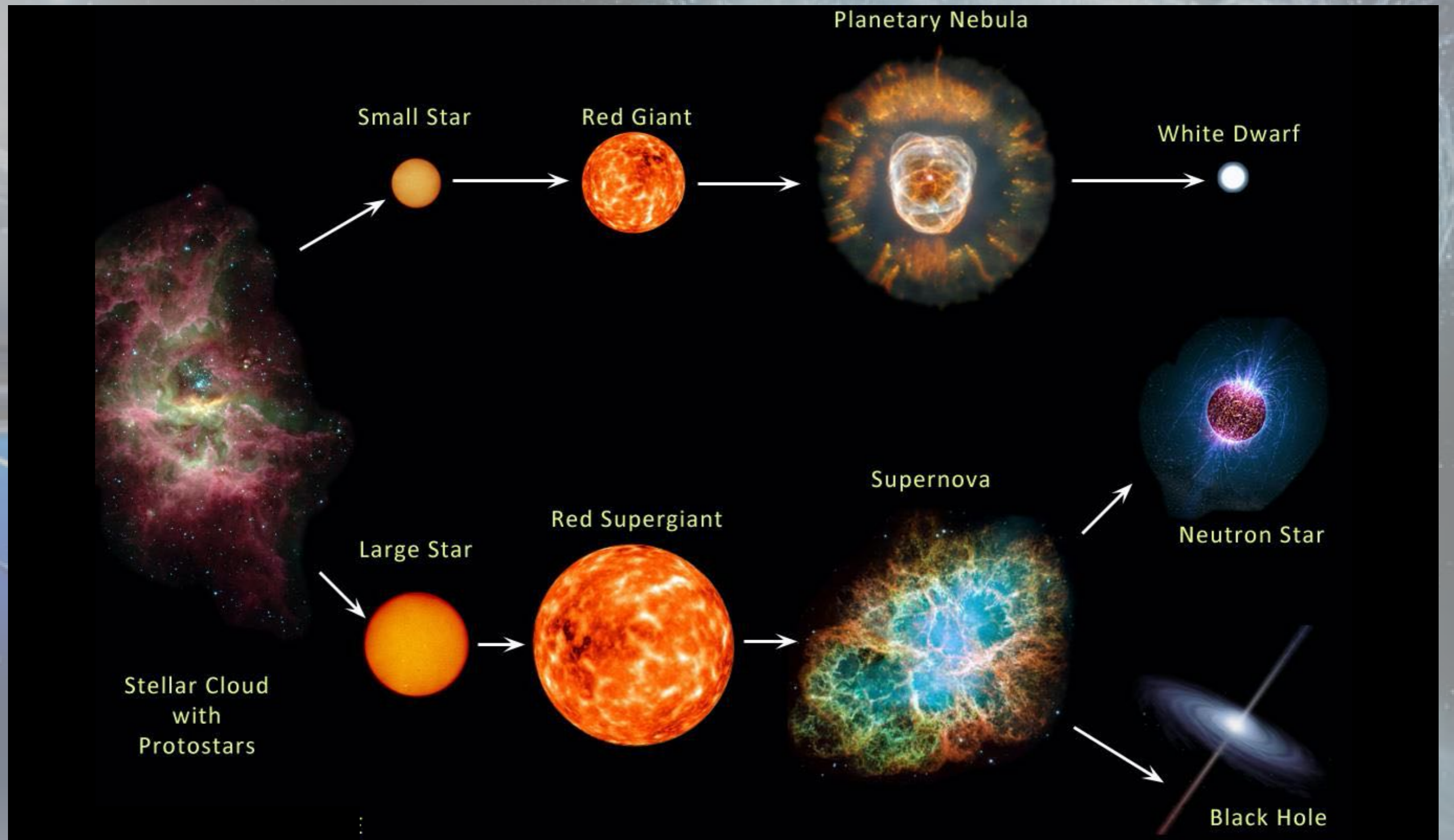
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# Evolution of stars



**Stellar evolution is complex/cyclic process, often with compact final objects: white/brown dwarfs, neutron stars, and black holes !**



# Our location at the Universe



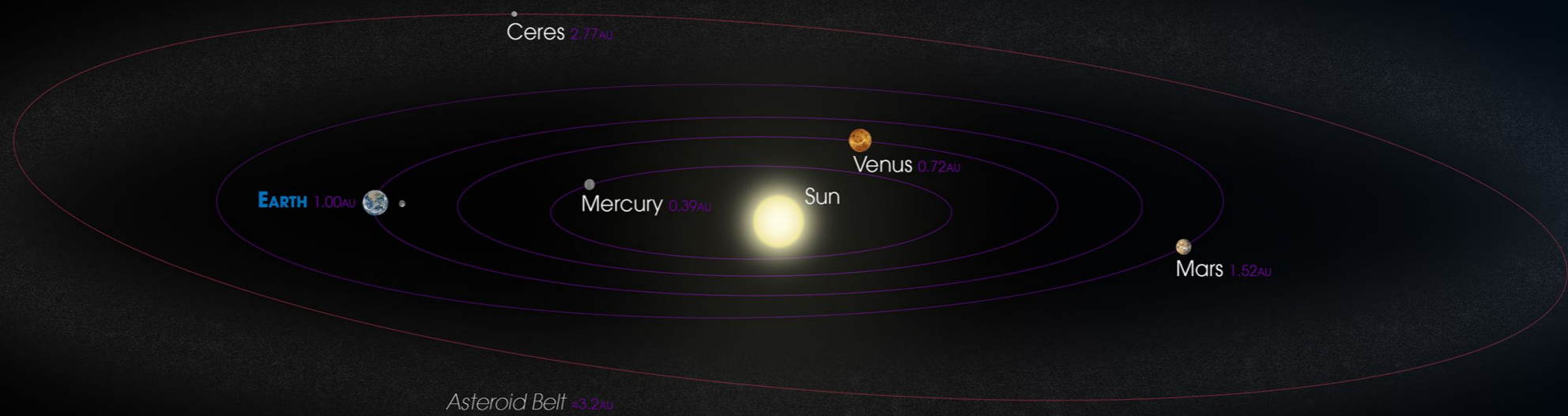
Moon 384402km



EARTH

# INNER SOLAR SYSTEM

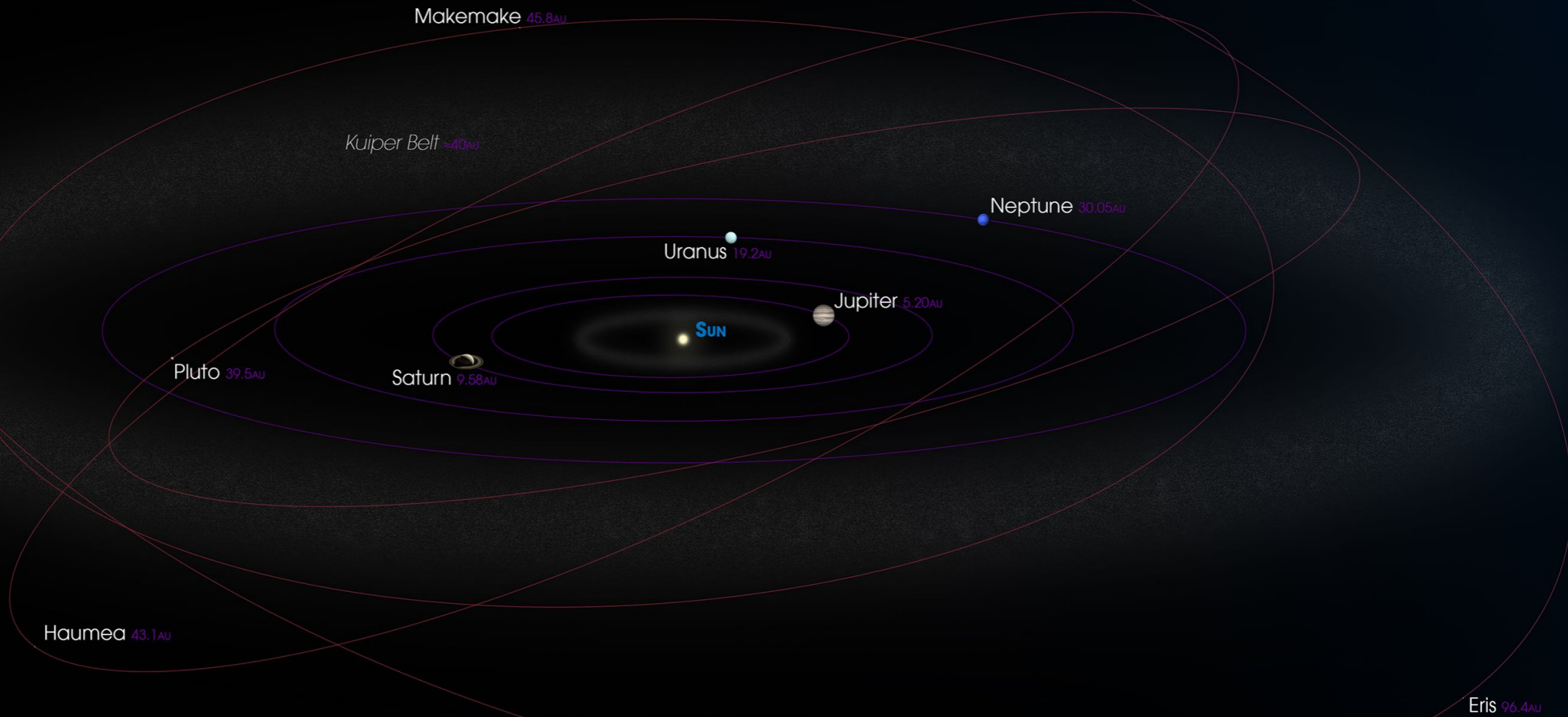
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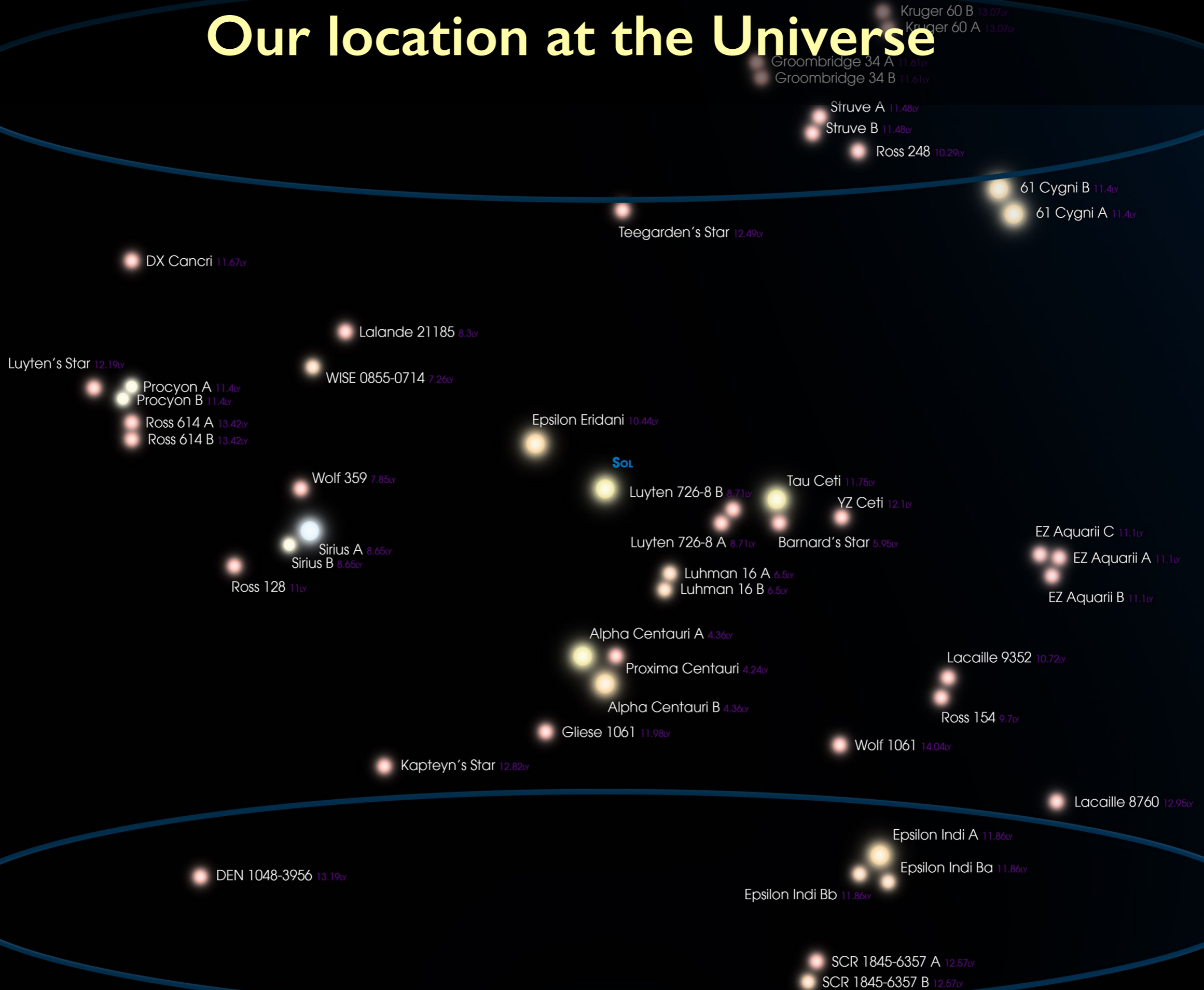
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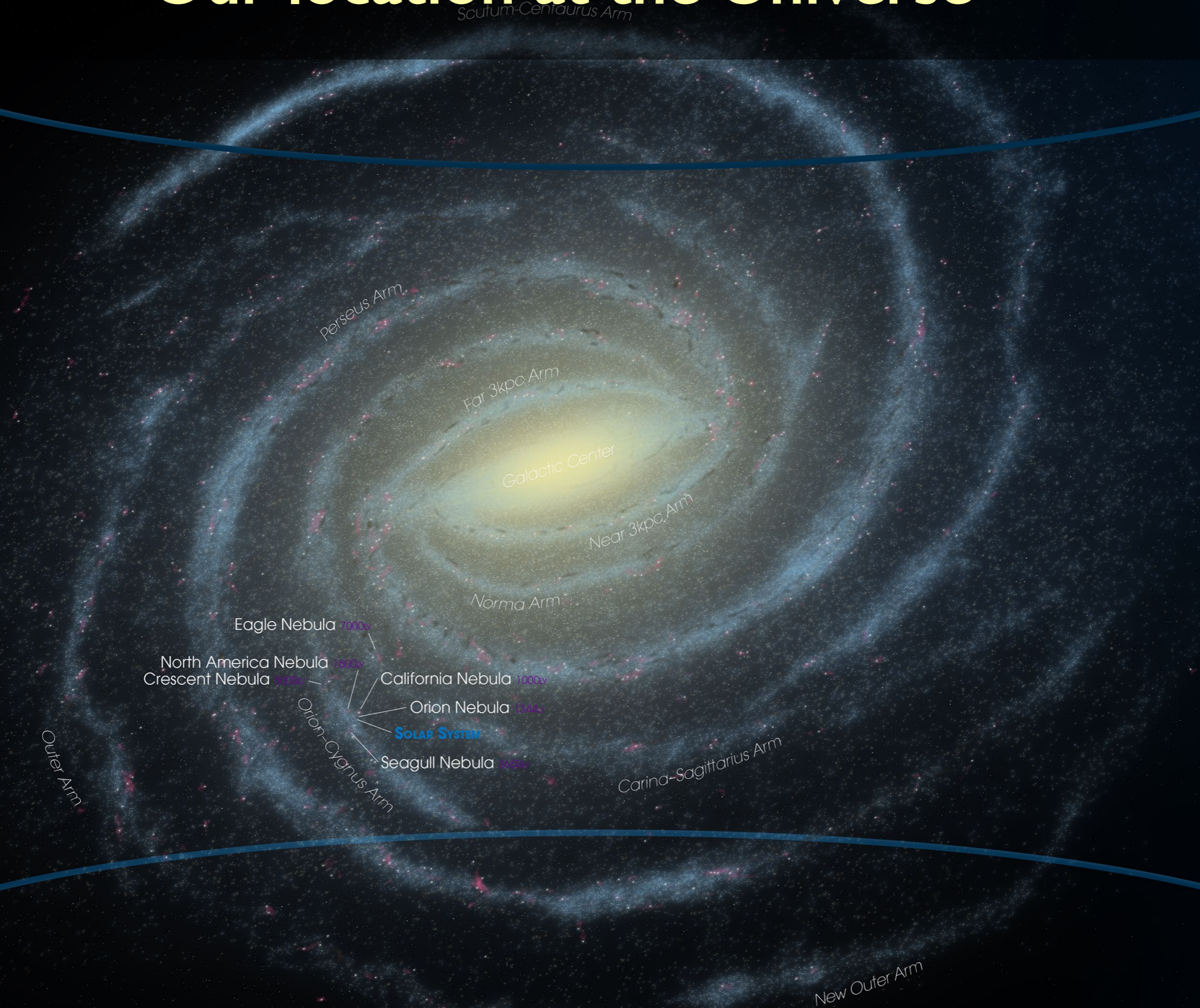
# CLOSEST STARS





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# MILKY WAY GALAXY



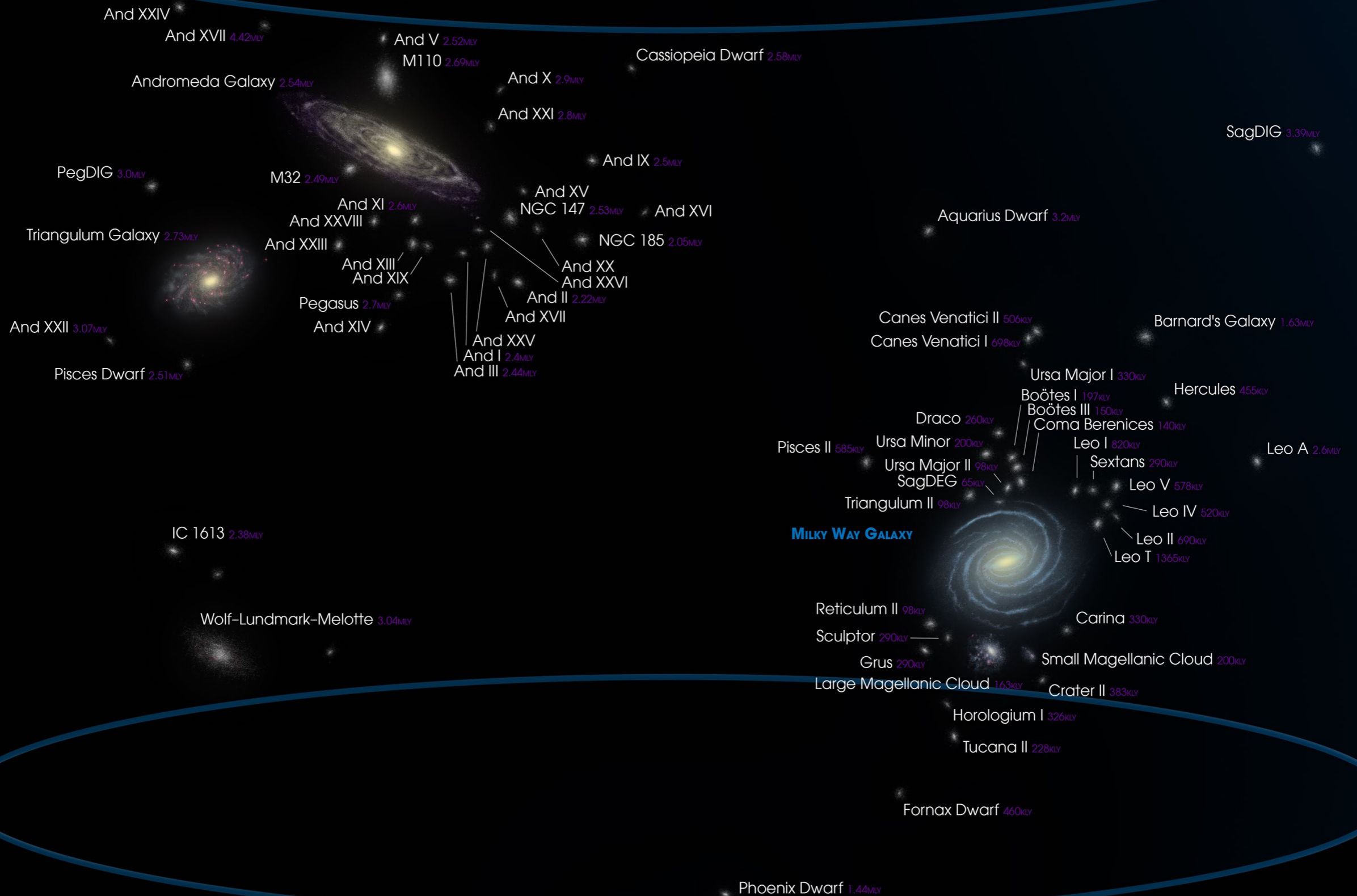
- Eagle Nebula 7000 ly
- North America Nebula 1800 ly
- Crescent Nebula 5000 ly
- California Nebula 1000 ly
- Orion Nebula 1340 ly
- Seagull Nebula 2500 ly

**SOLAR SYSTEM**



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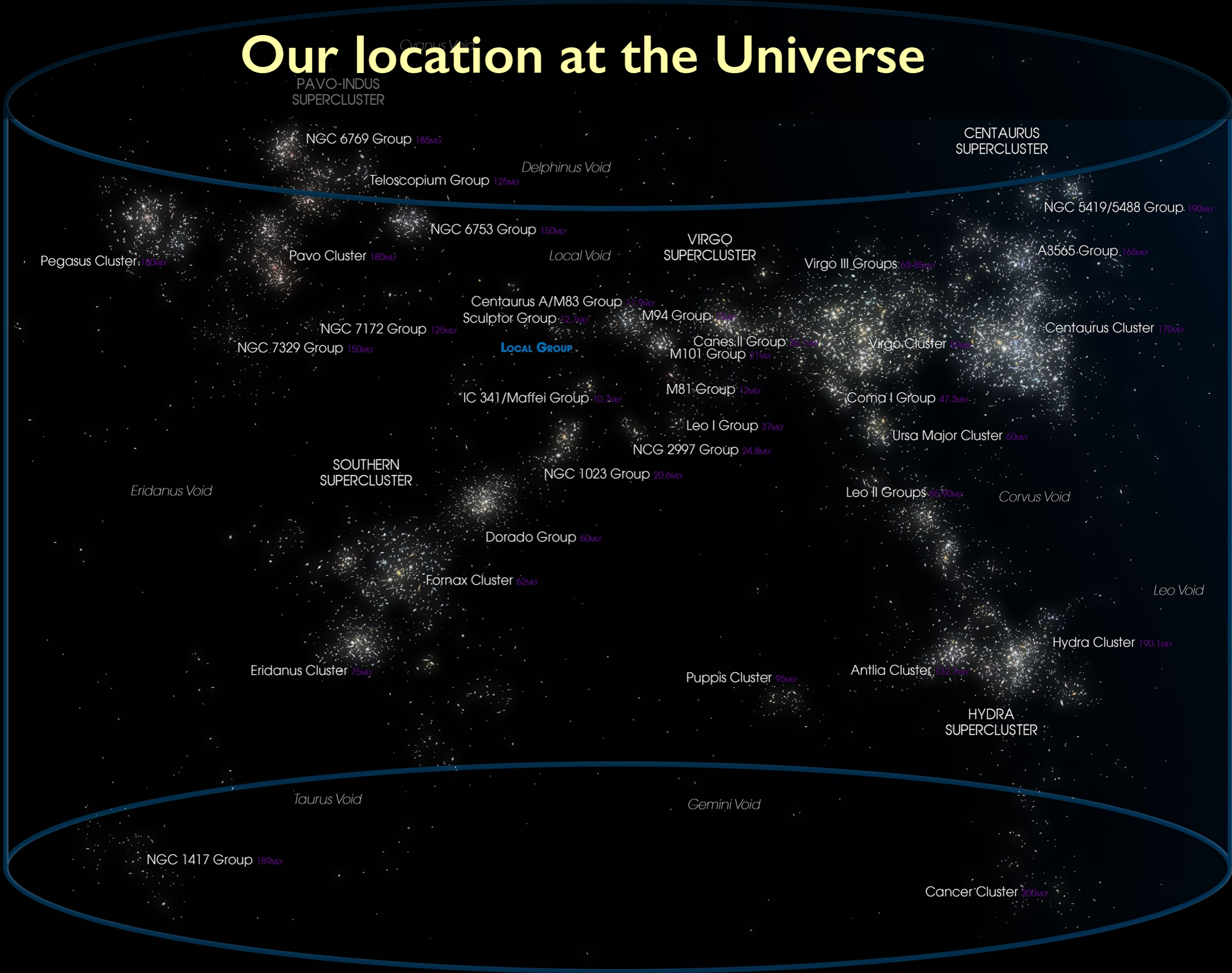
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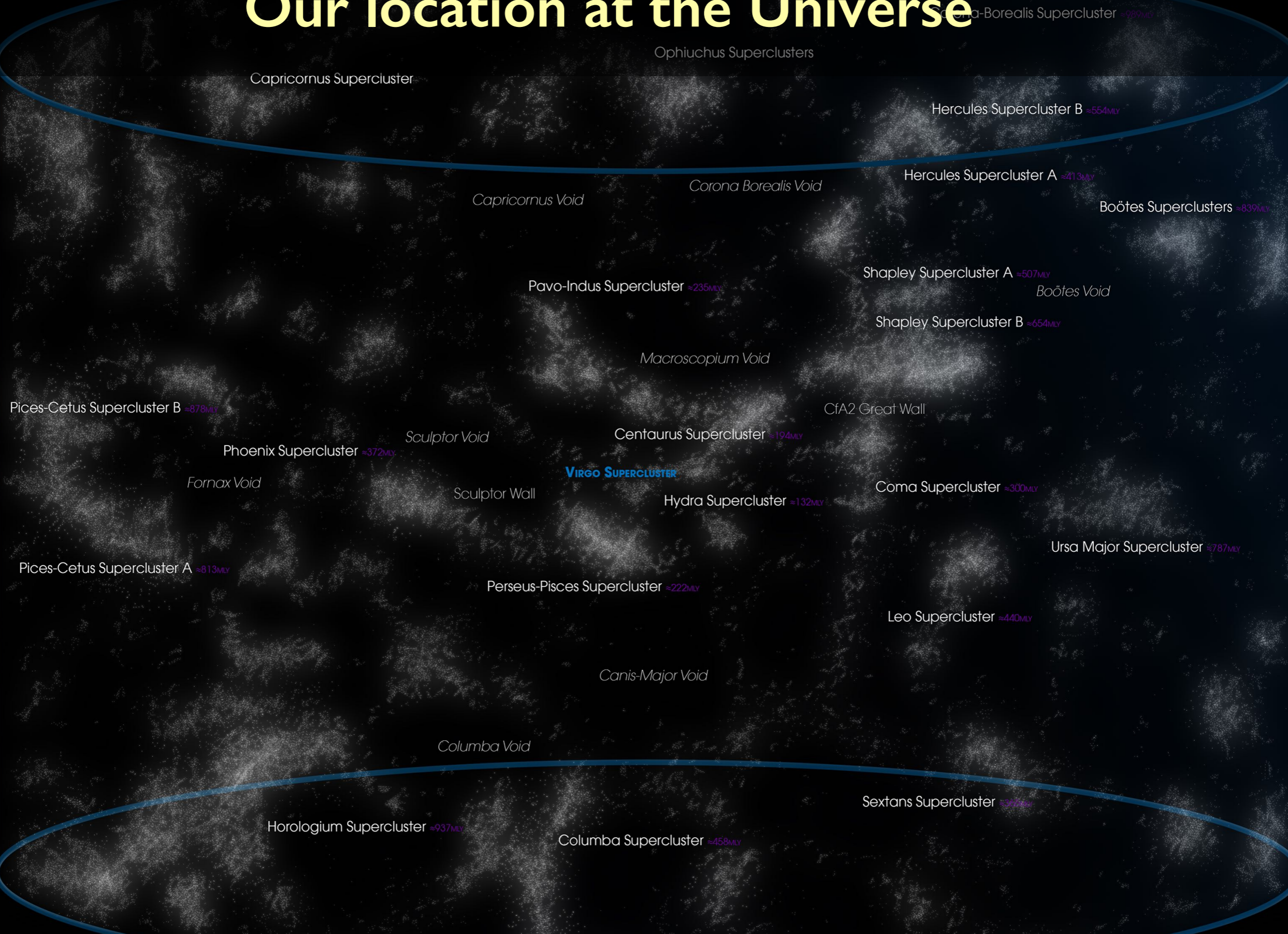
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OBSERVABLE UNIVERSE

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