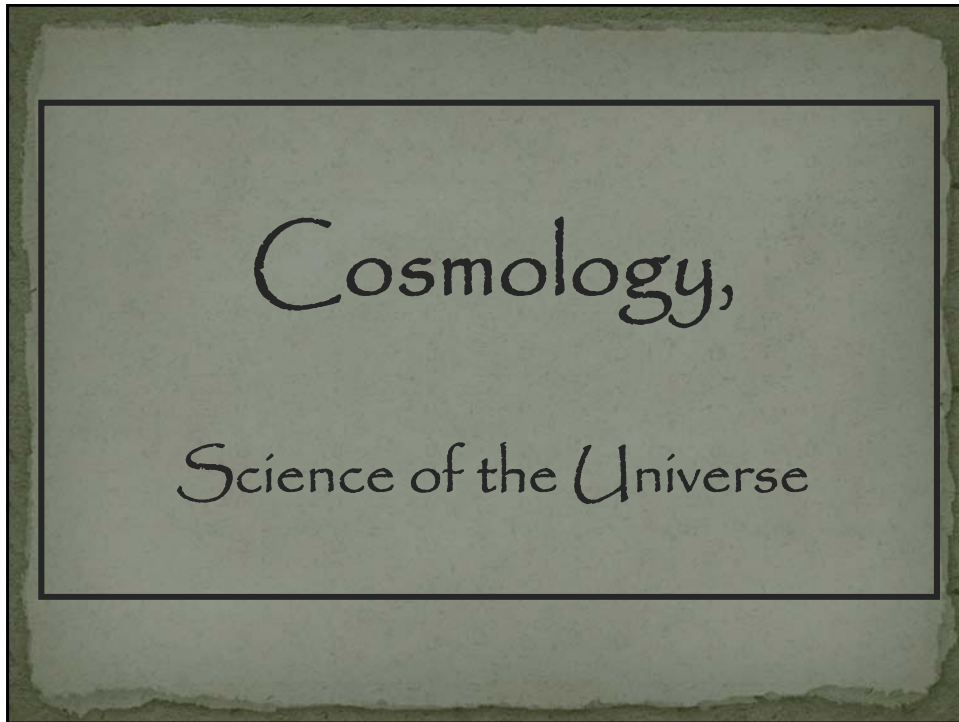


Age of Precision Cosmology

Over the past century - in particular the last 2 decades - we have established an amazingly accurate view of the Universe in which we live:

• It was formed in the Hot Big Bang:	$T_0 = 13.798 \pm 0.037$ Gigayears ago
• Space (!!!) is expanding ever since:	$H_0 = 67.74 \pm 0.46$ km/s/Mpc
expansion accelerating since:	6.7 ± 0.4 Gigayears ago
• It has an average energy density of:	$\rho_0 = 0.862 \times 10^{-29}$ g/cm ³
• The outer edge/Horizon of the visible Universe: within Horizon:	$d_H \sim 41$ Giga lightyears # galaxies $\sim 100 \times 10^9$ # stars $\sim 200 \times 10^{18}$
• On every atom (proton/neutron):	$\eta \sim 1.9 \times 10^9$ photons
• Space is almost perfectly flat:	$\Omega_k \sim 0.000 \pm 0.005$
• Cosmic composition:	Baryons (protons/neutrons) $\sim 4.9\%$ Dark Matter $\sim 26.8\%$ Dark Energy $\sim 68.3\%$

A slide with a background image of a man in a blue and red robe using a compass. The title "Cosmology: Science of the Universe" is written in white over the image. A white box in the lower-left contains three bullet points.

Cosmology:
Science of the Universe

- **Van Dale**
(astronomical) science or theory of the universe as an ordered unity;
study of the structure and evolution of the universe.
- **Broadest Sense:**
human enterprise joining science, philosophy, theology and the arts to seek to gain understanding of what unifies and is fundamental to our world.
- **Scientific:**
Study of large and small structures of the Universe



Essential & Existential Questions Occupying Humanity since Dawn of Civilization

- Where does the World come from ?
 - What is the World made of ?
 - How did the World begin ?
 - When did the World begin ?
 - Did it begin at all ?
- How “big” is the World ? (finite, infinite ...)
- What is the role of humans in the cosmos ?
- What is the fate of the Universe ?

Cosmic Time: Origin and Fate ?

- Does the Universe have an origin ?
If so, how old is it ?
Or, ... did it always exist, infinitely old ...
- What is the fate of the Universe ?
... will it always be there, or is there an end ?

Energy: Content of the Universe

- What are the components of the Universe ?
- How does each influence the evolution of the Universe ?
... and ...
- How is each influenced by the evolution of the Universe ?

Cosmological Riddles

- Is our Universe unique, or are there many other Universes (multiverse) ... ?
- What made the Universe originate ?

Cosmological Riddles

- Why are the physical laws as they are ?
Do they need to be ?
- How many dimensions does the Universe have?
More than 1 timelike + 3 spacelike ?

Cosmological Riddles

- ... and ...
- Are our brains sufficiently equipped to
understand and answer
the ultimate questions ... ?

A unique time ...

- The past century, since 1915, marks a special epoch
- For the first time in human history, we are able to address the great questions of Cosmology ...
- scientifically ...

the Universe
has a
Beginning

Night Sky is Dark



In an infinitely large, old and unchanging Universe each line of sight would hit a star:



Sky would be as bright as surface of star:

Night sky as bright as Solar Surface, yet the night sky is dark



finite age of Universe (13.8 Gyr)

Cosmology:

observing
the history of the Universe

Cosmology: exploring Space & Time

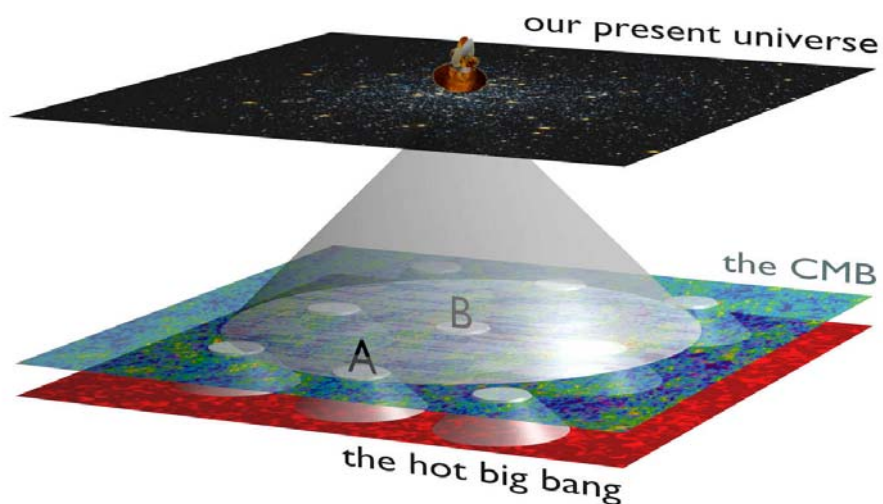
Cosmology is a unique science:

not only it looks out to the deepest realms and largest scales of our Universe

on cosmological scales,
the finite velocity of light becomes a critical factor ...

thus, it also looks back in time, to the earliest moments,
and thus is the ultimate archaeological science

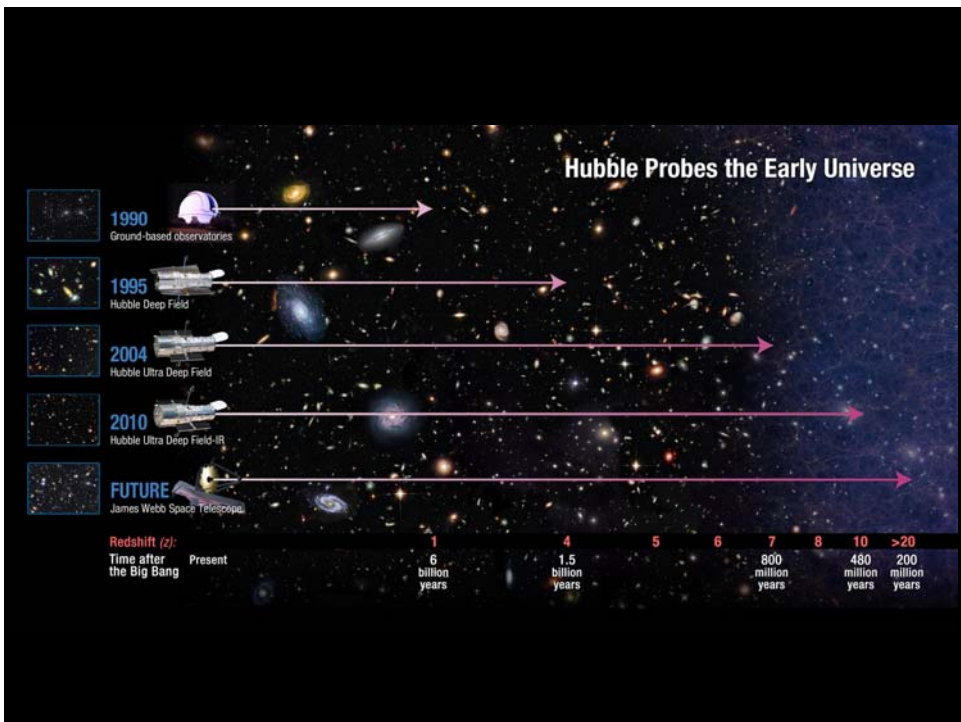
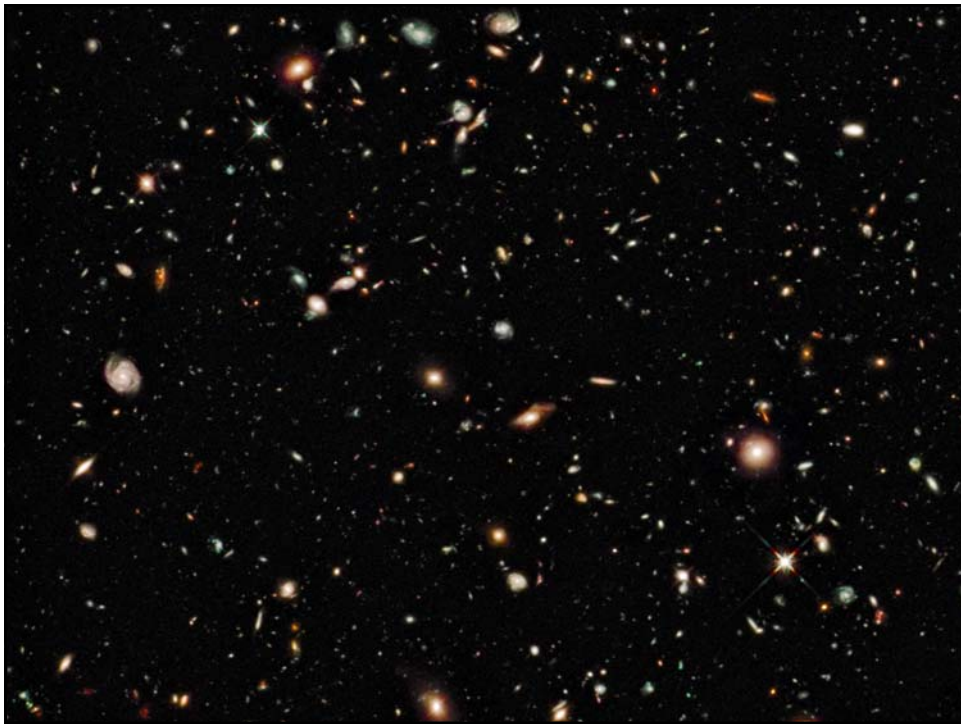
Cosmic Depth = Cosmic Time

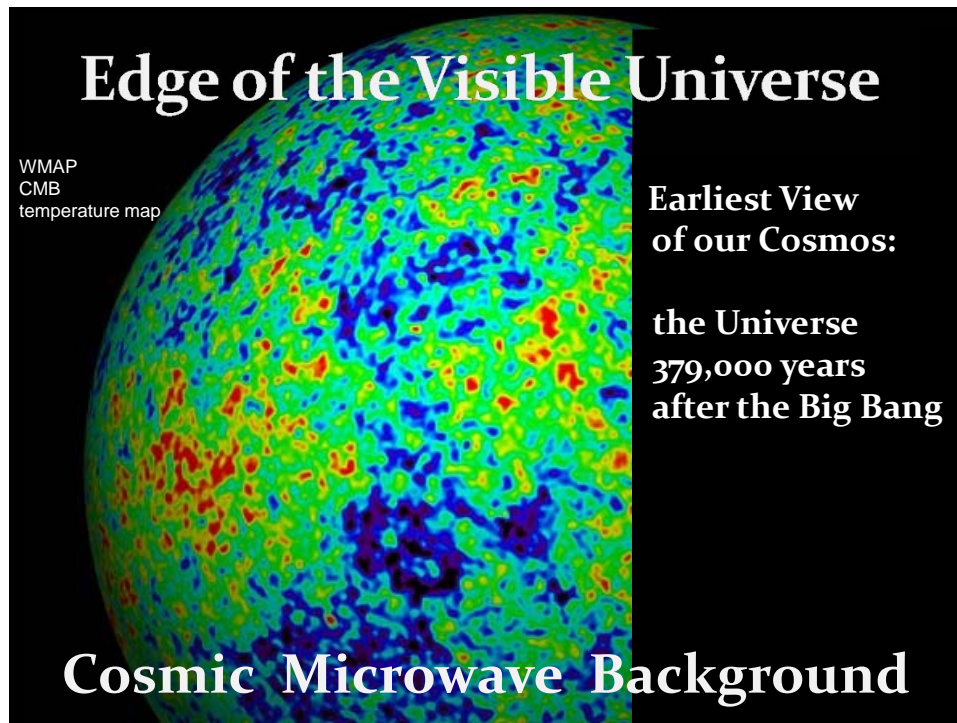


Light propagation through the Universe:

light has a finite velocity ($c=300,000$ km/s)

the further you look, the further you look in time !



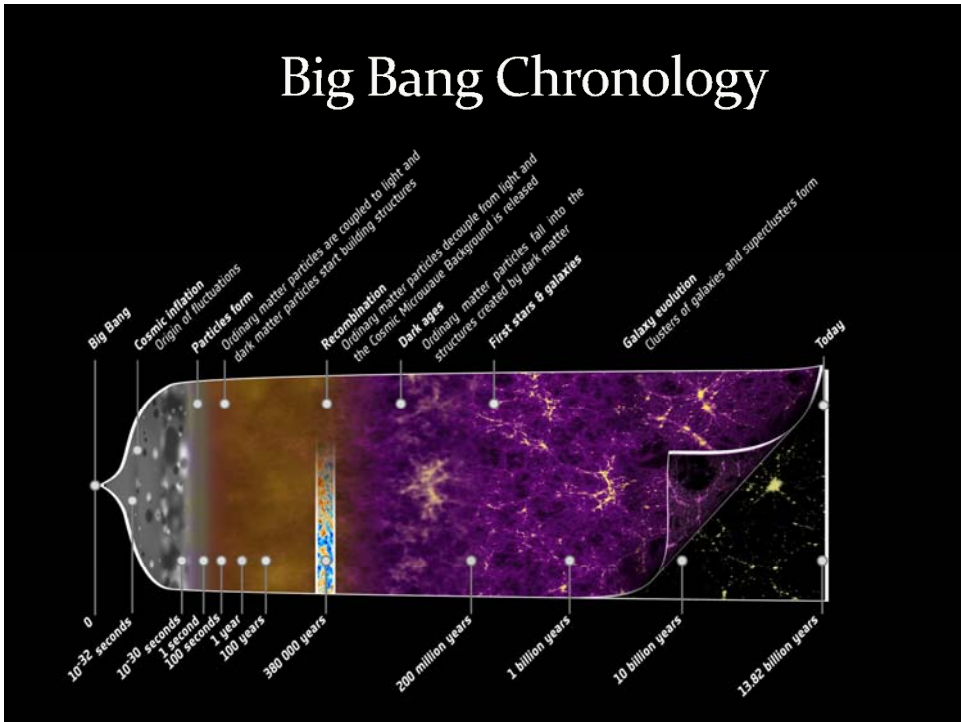
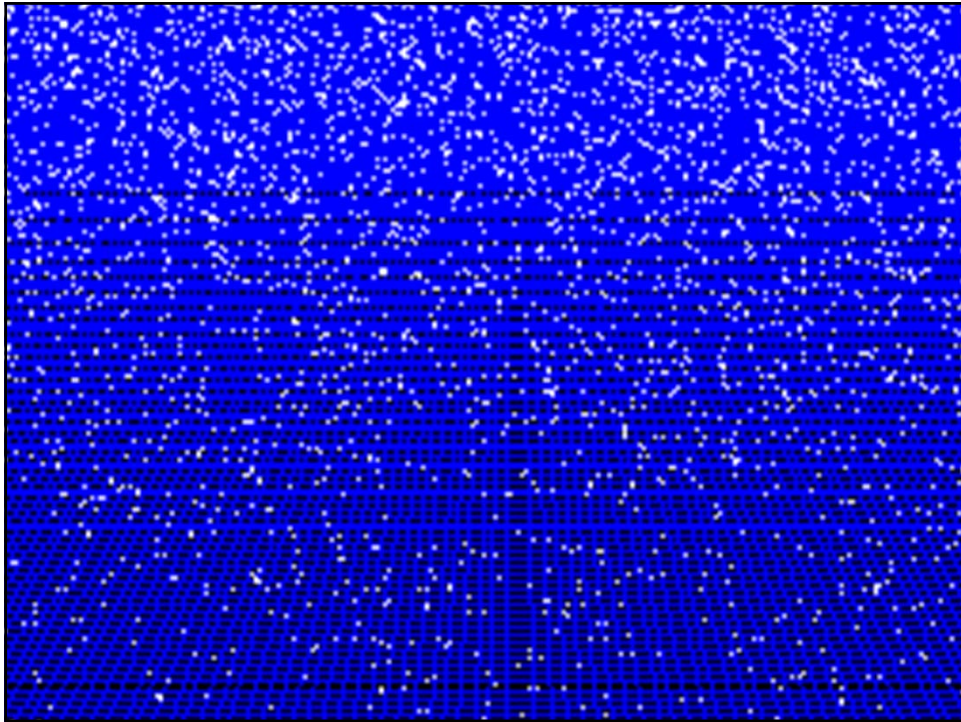


the Universe: a Unique Astrophysical Object

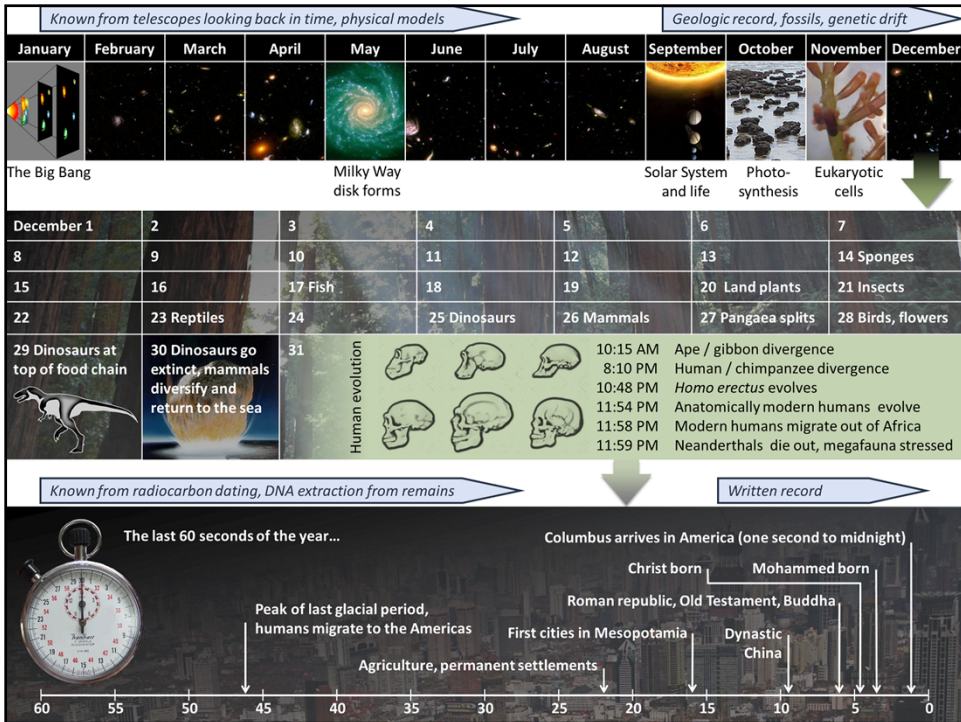
- There is only one (visible) Universe ...
- Finite velocity of light, c :
... a look in depth = a look back in time ...
- c & implications for space-time:
observational cosmology limited to only
a minor thin “shell” of all of spacetime ...

13.8 Gigayears
of
Cosmic History





Cosmic Calendar



Cosmic Composition

Cosmic Light: most abundant species

By far,
the most abundant particle species
in the Universe

to every proton/neutron

$$n_{\gamma}/n_B \sim 1.9 \text{ billion}$$

the Cosmic TV Show



Note:

The cosmic microwave background is not an exotic phenomenon:

1% of the radiation (noise) on your (camping) tv is this CMB radiation:

!!!! Live broadcast Big Bang !!!!

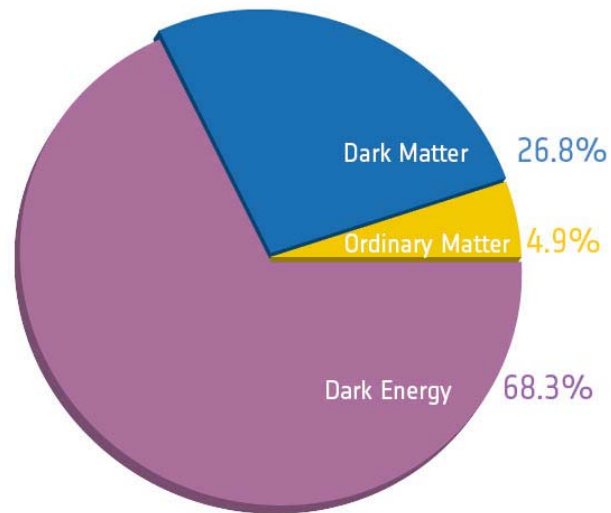
Courtesy: W. Hu

Cosmic Energy Inventory

1	dark sector		0.954 ± 0.003
1.1	dark energy	0.72 ± 0.03	
1.2	dark matter	0.23 ± 0.03	
1.3	primeval gravitational waves	$\lesssim 10^{-10}$	
2	primeval thermal remnants		0.0010 ± 0.0005
2.1	electromagnetic radiation	$10^{-4.3 \pm 0.0}$	
2.2	neutrinos	$10^{-2.9 \pm 0.1}$	
2.3	prestellar nuclear binding energy	$-10^{-4.1 \pm 0.0}$	
3	baryon rest mass		0.045 ± 0.003
3.1	warm intergalactic plasma		0.040 ± 0.003
3.1a	virialized regions of galaxies	0.024 ± 0.005	
3.1b	intergalactic	0.016 ± 0.005	
3.2	intracluster plasma		0.0018 ± 0.0007
3.3	main sequence stars	spheroids and bulges	0.0015 ± 0.0004
3.4		disks and irregulars	0.00055 ± 0.00014
3.5	white dwarfs		0.00036 ± 0.00008
3.6	neutron stars		0.00005 ± 0.00002
3.7	black holes		0.00007 ± 0.00002
3.8	substellar objects		0.00014 ± 0.00007
3.9	HI + HeI		0.00062 ± 0.00010
3.10	molecular gas		0.00016 ± 0.00006
3.11	planets		10^{-6}
3.12	condensed matter		$10^{-5.6 \pm 0.3}$
3.13	sequestered in massive black holes		$10^{-5.4} (1 + \epsilon_n)$
4	primeval gravitational binding energy		$-10^{-6.1 \pm 0.1}$
4.1	virialized halos of galaxies		$-10^{-7.2}$
4.2	clusters		$-10^{-6.9}$
4.3	large-scale structure		$-10^{-6.2}$

Fukugita & Peebles 2004

Cosmic Constituents



Fate

of the Universe

Nobel Prize Physics 2011



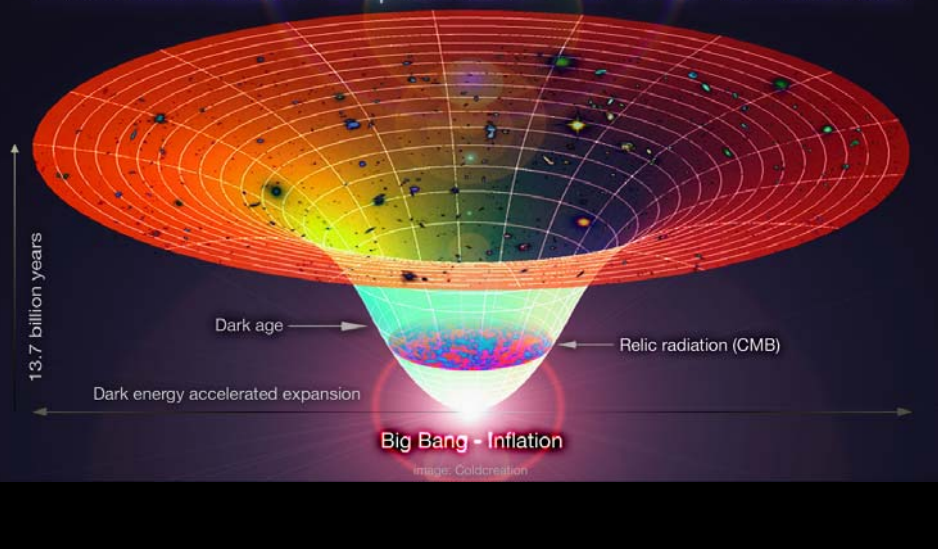
“the most startling discovery in physics since I have been in the field.”

E. Witten

“I was shocked by my discovery, I just assumed we made a mistake”

Brian Schmidt

Accelerated Expansion of the Universe



Cosmic Fate

100 Gigayears:
the end of Cosmology

The night sky on Earth (assuming it survives) will change dramatically as our Milky Way galaxy merges with its neighbors and distant galaxies recede beyond view.

NOW
DIFFUSE BAND stretching across the sky is the disk of the Milky Way. A few nearby galaxies, such as Andromeda and the Magellanic Clouds, are visible to the naked eye. Telescopes reveal billions more.

5 BILLION YEARS FROM NOW
ANDROMEDA has been moving toward us and now nearly fills the sky. The sun swells to red giant size and subsequently burns out, consigning Earth to a bleak existence.

100 BILLION YEARS FROM NOW
SUCCESSOR to the Milky Way is a ball-like supergalaxy, and Earth may float forlornly through its distant outskirts. Other galaxies have disappeared from view.

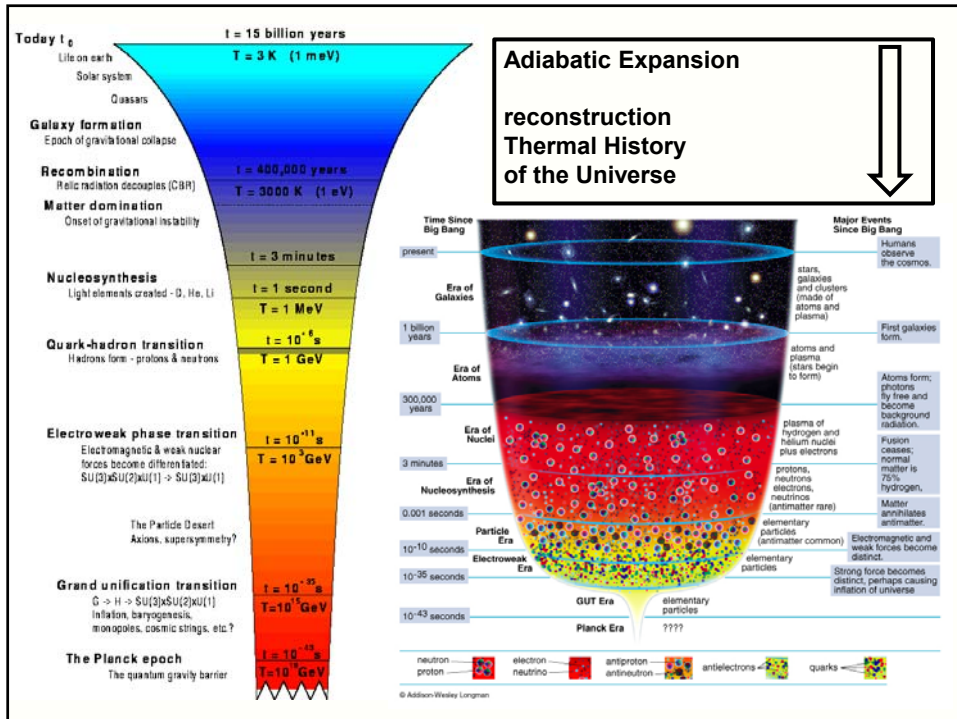
100 TRILLION YEARS FROM NOW
LIGHTS OUT: The last stars burn out. Apart from dimly glowing black holes and any artificial lighting that civilizations have rigged up, the universe goes black. The galaxy later collapses into a black hole.

Precision Cosmology

Age of Precision Cosmology

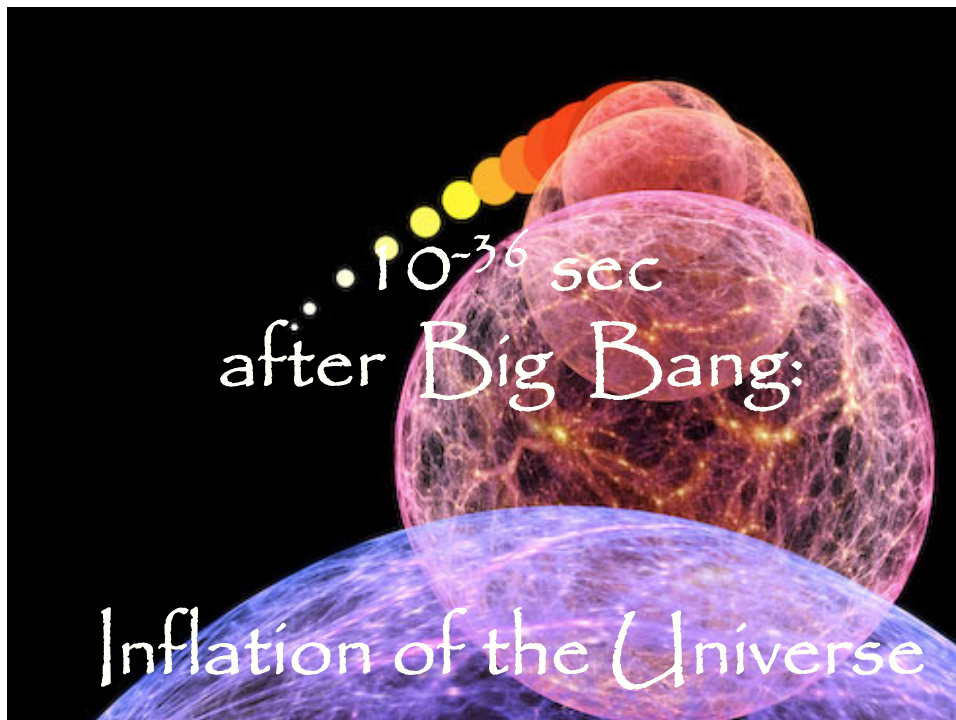
Parameter	Value	Description
<i>Basic parameters</i>		
H_0	$70.9^{+2.4}_{-3.2} \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$	Hubble parameter
Ω_b	$0.0444^{+0.0042}_{-0.0035}$	Baryon density
Ω_m	$0.266^{+0.025}_{-0.040}$	Total matter density (baryons + dark matter)
τ	$0.079^{+0.029}_{-0.032}$	Optical depth to reionization
A_s	$0.813^{+0.042}_{-0.052}$	Scalar fluctuation amplitude
n_s	$0.948^{+0.015}_{-0.018}$	Scalar spectral index
<i>Derived parameters</i>		
ρ_0	$0.94^{+0.06}_{-0.09} \times 10^{-26} \text{ kg/m}^3$	Critical density
Ω_Λ	$0.732^{+0.040}_{-0.025}$	Dark energy density
z_{ion}	$10.5^{+2.6}_{-2.9}$	Reionization red-shift
σ_8	$0.772^{+0.036}_{-0.048}$	Galaxy fluctuation amplitude
t_0	$13.73^{+0.13}_{-0.17} \times 10^9 \text{ years}$	Age of the universe

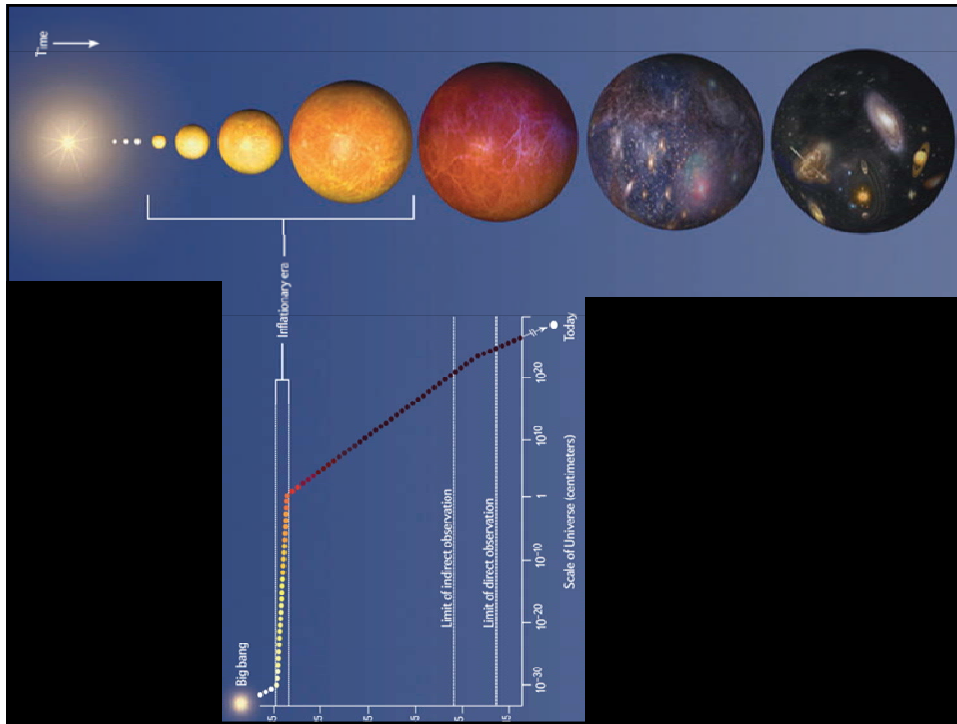
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$\Omega_b h^2$	0.02222 ± 0.00023	0.02226 ± 0.00023	0.02227 ± 0.00020	0.02225 ± 0.00016	0.02226 ± 0.00016	0.02230 ± 0.00014
$\Omega_c h^2$	0.1197 ± 0.0022	0.1186 ± 0.0020	0.1184 ± 0.0012	0.1198 ± 0.0015	0.1193 ± 0.0014	0.1188 ± 0.0010
$100\theta_{MC}$	1.04085 ± 0.00047	1.04103 ± 0.00046	1.04106 ± 0.00041	1.04077 ± 0.00032	1.04087 ± 0.00032	1.04093 ± 0.00030
τ	0.078 ± 0.019	0.066 ± 0.016	0.067 ± 0.013	0.079 ± 0.017	0.063 ± 0.014	0.066 ± 0.012
$\ln(10^{10} A_s)$	3.089 ± 0.036	3.062 ± 0.029	3.064 ± 0.024	3.094 ± 0.034	3.059 ± 0.025	3.064 ± 0.023
n_s	0.9655 ± 0.0062	0.9677 ± 0.0060	0.9681 ± 0.0044	0.9645 ± 0.0049	0.9653 ± 0.0048	0.9667 ± 0.0040
H_0	67.31 ± 0.96	67.81 ± 0.92	67.90 ± 0.55	67.27 ± 0.66	67.51 ± 0.64	67.74 ± 0.46
Ω_Λ	0.685 ± 0.013	0.692 ± 0.012	0.6935 ± 0.0072	0.6844 ± 0.0091	0.6879 ± 0.0087	0.6911 ± 0.0062
Ω_m	0.315 ± 0.013	0.308 ± 0.012	0.3065 ± 0.0072	0.3156 ± 0.0091	0.3121 ± 0.0087	0.3089 ± 0.0062
$\Omega_b h^2$	0.1426 ± 0.0020	0.1415 ± 0.0019	0.1413 ± 0.0011	0.1427 ± 0.0014	0.1422 ± 0.0013	0.14170 ± 0.00097
$\Omega_c h^2$	0.09597 ± 0.00045	0.09591 ± 0.00045	0.09593 ± 0.00045	0.09601 ± 0.00029	0.09596 ± 0.00030	0.09598 ± 0.00029
σ_8	0.829 ± 0.014	0.8149 ± 0.0093	0.8154 ± 0.0090	0.831 ± 0.013	0.8150 ± 0.0087	0.8159 ± 0.0086
$\sigma_8 \Omega_m^0.5$	0.466 ± 0.013	0.4521 ± 0.0088	0.4514 ± 0.0066	0.4668 ± 0.0098	0.4553 ± 0.0068	0.4535 ± 0.0059
$\sigma_8 \Omega_m^{0.25}$	0.621 ± 0.013	0.6069 ± 0.0076	0.6066 ± 0.0070	0.623 ± 0.011	0.6091 ± 0.0067	0.6083 ± 0.0066
z_{ion}	$9.9^{+1.8}_{-1.6}$	$8.8^{+1.7}_{-1.4}$	$8.9^{+1.3}_{-1.2}$	$10.0^{+1.7}_{-1.5}$	$8.5^{+1.4}_{-1.2}$	$8.8^{+1.7}_{-1.1}$
$10^{10} A_s$	$2.198^{+0.076}_{-0.065}$	2.139 ± 0.063	2.143 ± 0.051	2.207 ± 0.074	2.130 ± 0.053	2.142 ± 0.049
$10^9 A_s e^{-2\tau}$	1.880 ± 0.014	1.874 ± 0.013	1.873 ± 0.011	1.882 ± 0.012	1.878 ± 0.011	1.876 ± 0.011
Age /Gyr	13.813 ± 0.038	13.799 ± 0.038	13.796 ± 0.029	13.813 ± 0.026	13.807 ± 0.026	13.799 ± 0.021
z_*	1090.09 ± 0.42	1089.94 ± 0.42	1089.90 ± 0.30	1090.06 ± 0.30	1090.00 ± 0.29	1089.90 ± 0.23
r_*	144.61 ± 0.49	144.89 ± 0.44	144.93 ± 0.30	144.57 ± 0.32	144.71 ± 0.31	144.81 ± 0.24
$100\theta_*$	1.04105 ± 0.00046	1.04122 ± 0.00045	1.04126 ± 0.00041	1.04096 ± 0.00032	1.04106 ± 0.00031	1.04112 ± 0.00029
z_{drag}	1059.57 ± 0.46	1059.57 ± 0.47	1059.60 ± 0.44	1059.65 ± 0.31	1059.62 ± 0.31	1059.68 ± 0.29
r_{drag}	147.33 ± 0.49	147.60 ± 0.43	147.63 ± 0.32	147.27 ± 0.31	147.41 ± 0.30	147.50 ± 0.24
k_{D}	0.14050 ± 0.00052	0.14024 ± 0.00047	0.14022 ± 0.00042	0.14059 ± 0.00032	0.14044 ± 0.00032	0.14038 ± 0.00029
k_{eq}	3393 ± 49	3365 ± 44	3361 ± 27	3395 ± 33	3382 ± 32	3371 ± 23
k_{eq}	0.01035 ± 0.00015	0.01027 ± 0.00014	0.010258 ± 0.000083	0.01036 ± 0.00010	0.010322 ± 0.000096	0.010288 ± 0.000071
$100\theta_{\text{eq}}$	0.4502 ± 0.0047	0.4529 ± 0.0044	0.4533 ± 0.0026	0.4499 ± 0.0032	0.4512 ± 0.0031	0.4523 ± 0.0023
J_{2000}^{215}	29.9 ± 2.9	30.4 ± 2.9	30.3 ± 2.8	29.5 ± 2.7	30.2 ± 2.7	30.0 ± 2.7
$J_{2000}^{143+217}$	32.4 ± 2.1	32.8 ± 2.1	32.7 ± 2.0	32.2 ± 1.9	32.8 ± 1.9	32.6 ± 1.9
J_{2000}^{217}	106.0 ± 2.0	106.3 ± 2.0	106.2 ± 2.0	105.8 ± 1.9	106.2 ± 1.9	106.1 ± 1.8



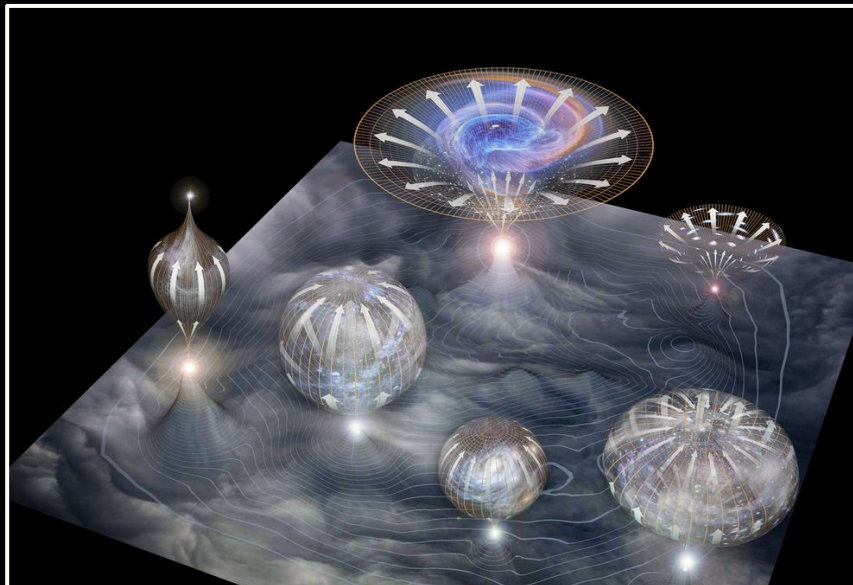
Episodes Thermal History

<u>Planck Epoch</u>		$t < 10^{-43}$ sec
<u>Phase Transition Era</u>	GUT transition electroweak transition quark-hadron transition	10^{-43} sec $< t < 10^5$ sec
<u>Hadron Era</u>		$t \sim 10^{-5}$ sec
<u>Lepton Era</u>	muon annihilation neutrino decoupling electron-positron annihilation primordial nucleosynthesis	10^{-5} sec $< t < 1$ min
<u>Radiation Era</u>	radiation-matter equivalence recombination & decoupling	1 min $< t < 379,000$ yrs
<u>Post-Recombination Era</u>	Structure & Galaxy formation Dark Ages Reionization Matter-Dark Energy transition	$t > 379,000$ yrs





Inflation & Multiverse



Milky Way:
our Galaxy



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"Over the Top" by Luc Perrot (www.lucperrot.fr). The central bulge of the Milky Way rises over a volcano in Réunion Island of France (southern Indian Ocean). The first winner in Beauty of the Night Sky category, The 2014 International Earth & Sky Photo Contest. twanight.org/contest



Kyklos Galaktikos

- Als de oude Grieken op een heldere zomeravond naar de hemel keken, zagen ze daar een zwakke band van licht die zich uitstrekte van horizon tot horizon. Het deed hen denken aan een stroom melk ...
- ze voorzagen dit ontzagwekkende fenomeen van de naam ``Kyklos Galaktikos'' ofwel melkachtige cirkel.

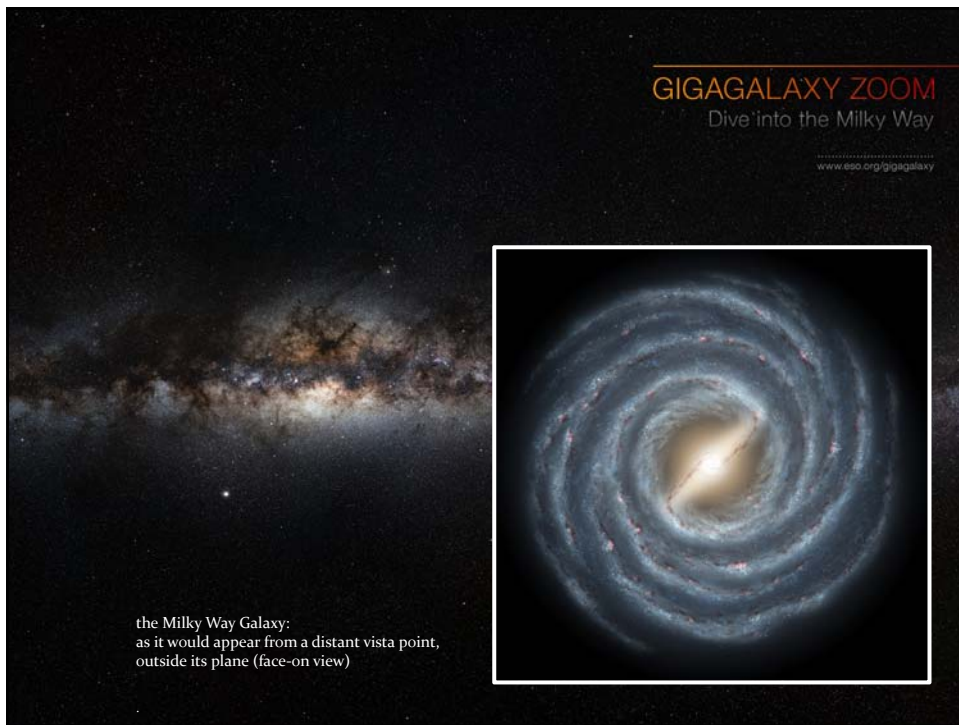
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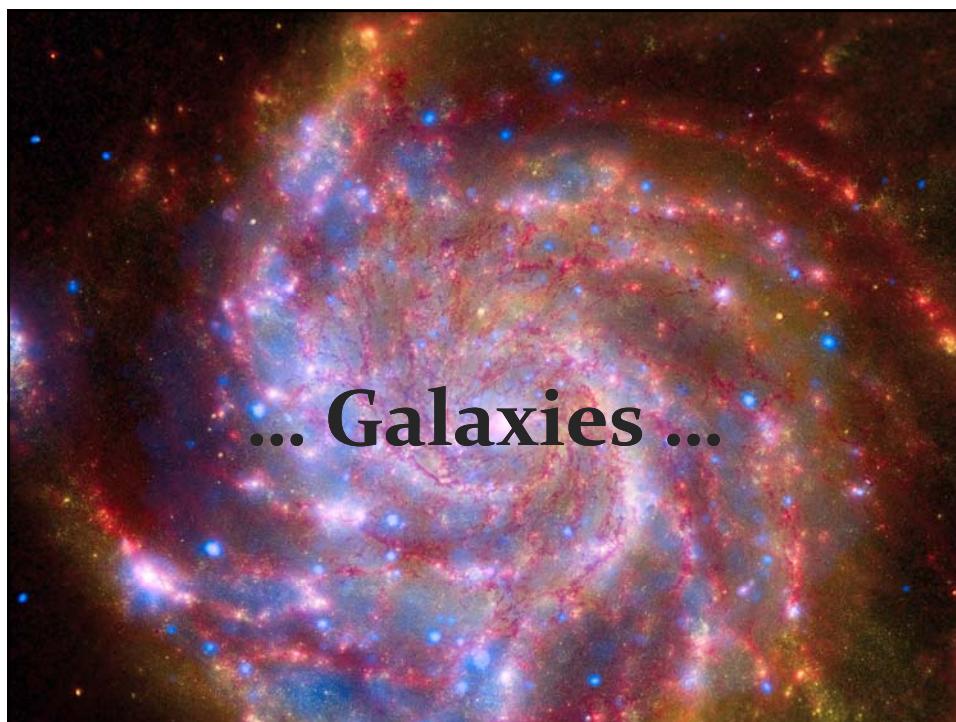
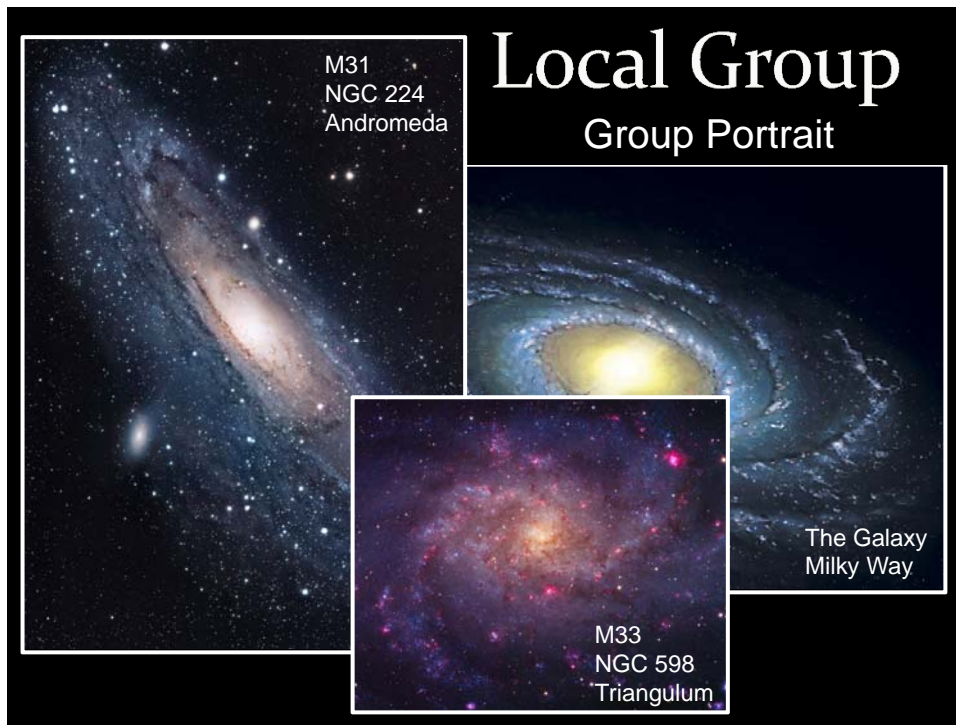
Melkweg gecreeerd door Heracles toen hij een baby was. Zijn vader was Zeus, zijn menselijke moeder Alcmene. Zeus besloot om het kindje Heracles te laten zogen bij zijn goddelijke vrouw Hera terwijl ze sliep, zodat de baby goddelijke eigenschappen zou krijgen. Toen Hera wakker werd en realiseerde dat ze een onbekend kind zoogde, duwde ze hem weg, en de gemorste melk werd de Melkweg.

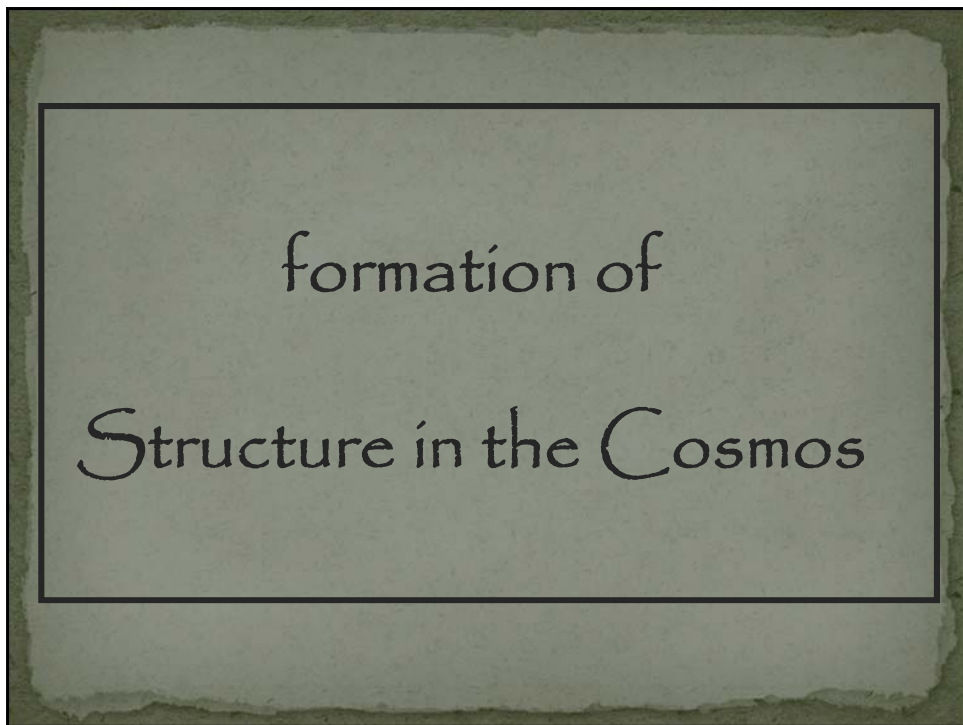
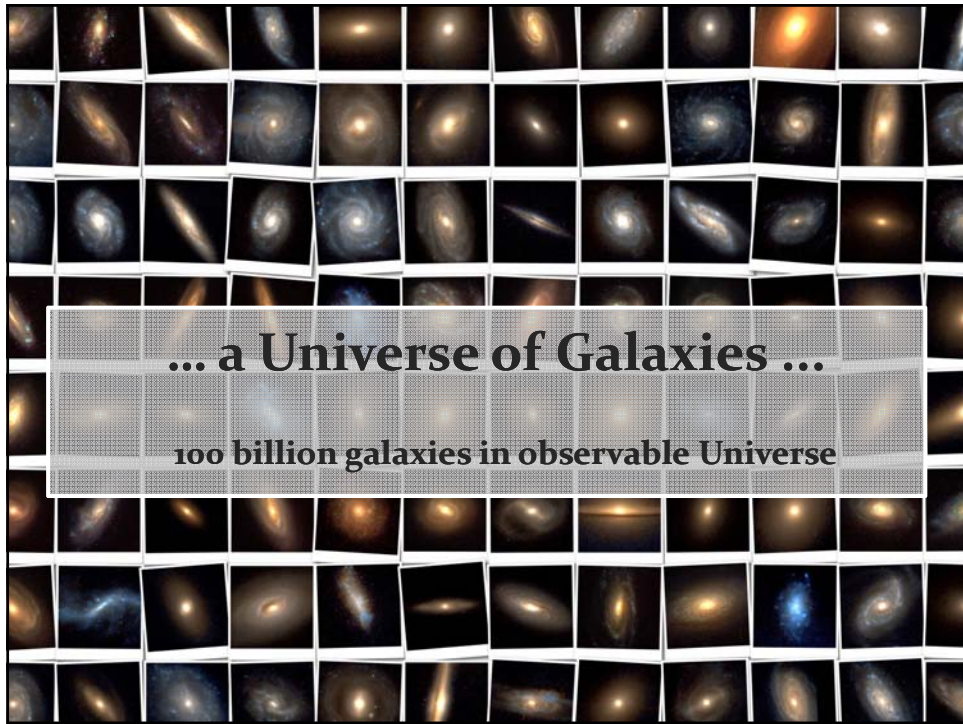
- Mythe 2:

De melk is afkomstig van de godin Rhea, de vrouw van Cronus. Cronus at zijn eigen kinderen om zijn positie als oppergod van het Pantheon en als hemelgod te verzekeren. Rhea vatte het plan om haar nieuw geboren zoon Zeus te redden. Ze wikkelde een steen in babykleden en gaf het aan Cronus om het te verslinden. Cronus vroeg haar het kind nog eenmaal te zogen voor het te verzwelgen, en de melk die ze gaf toen ze de rots pretendeerde te zogen werd de Melkweg.

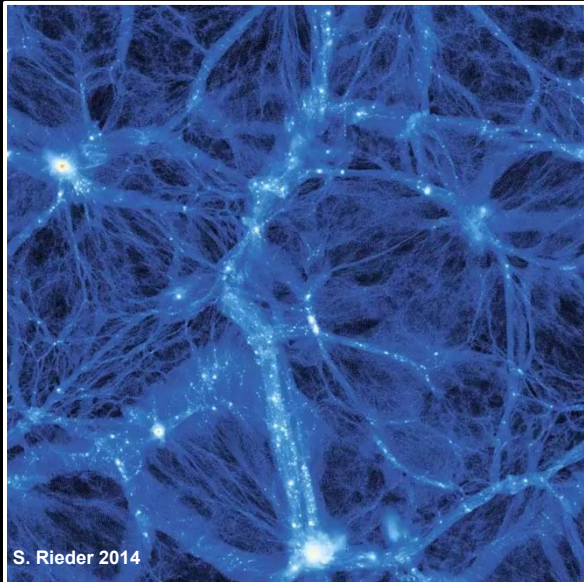
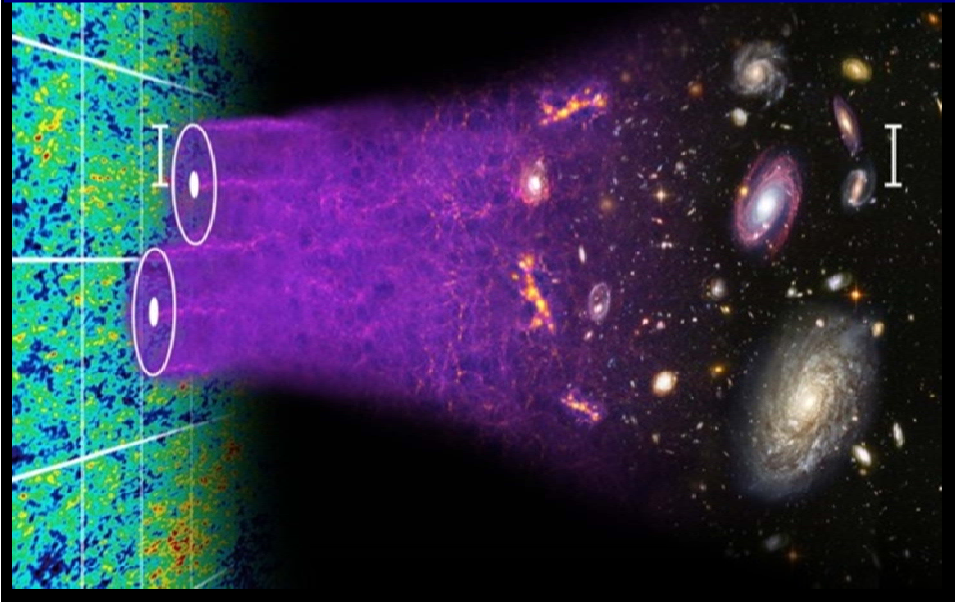








Formation Cosmic Structures



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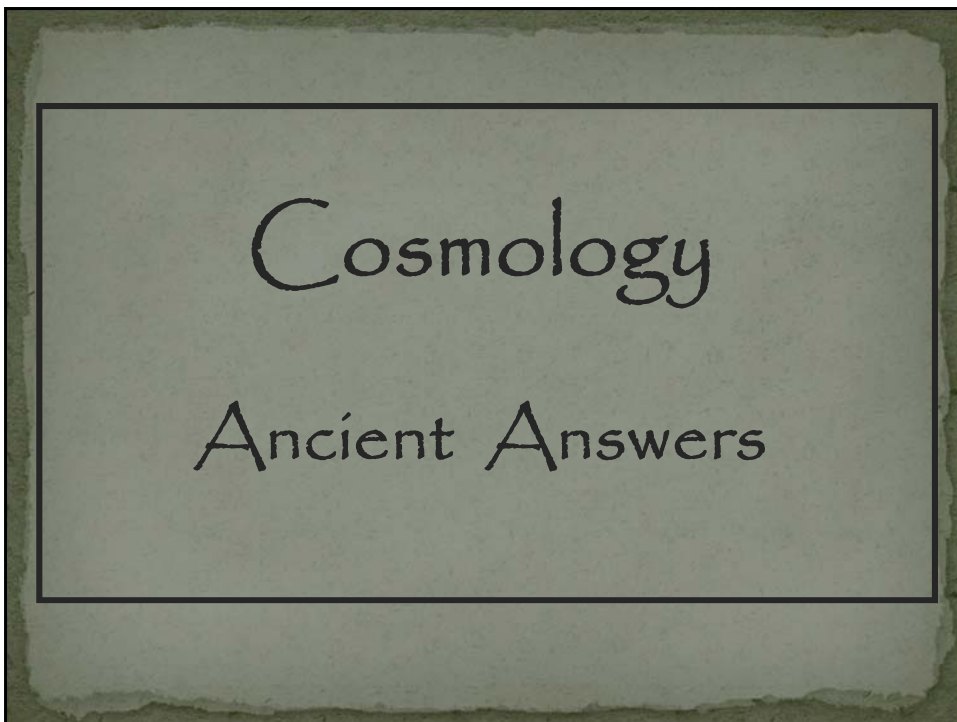
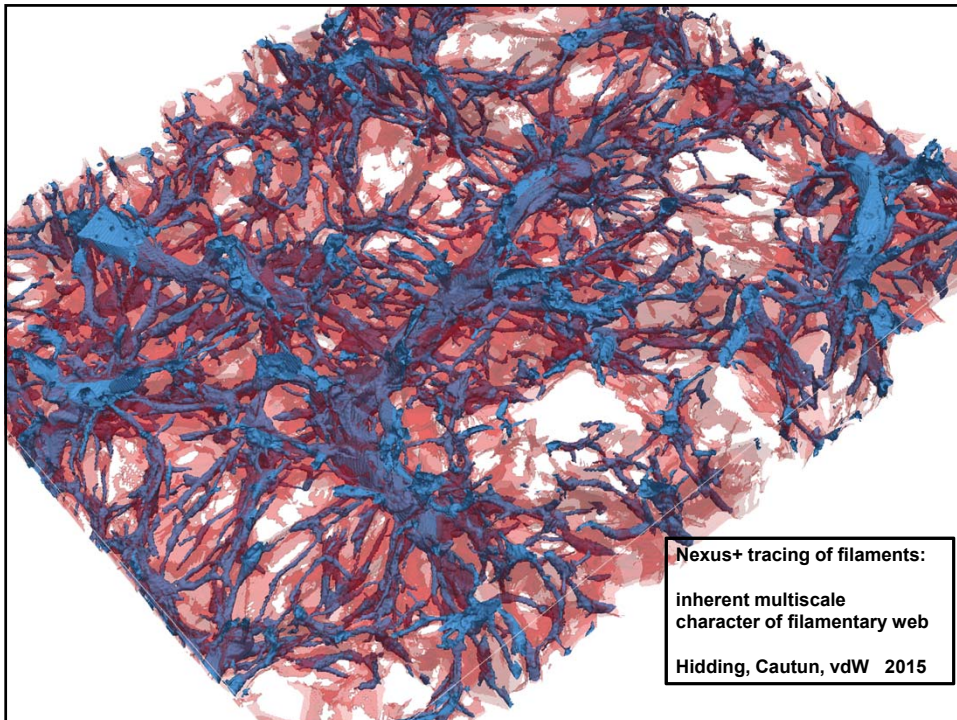
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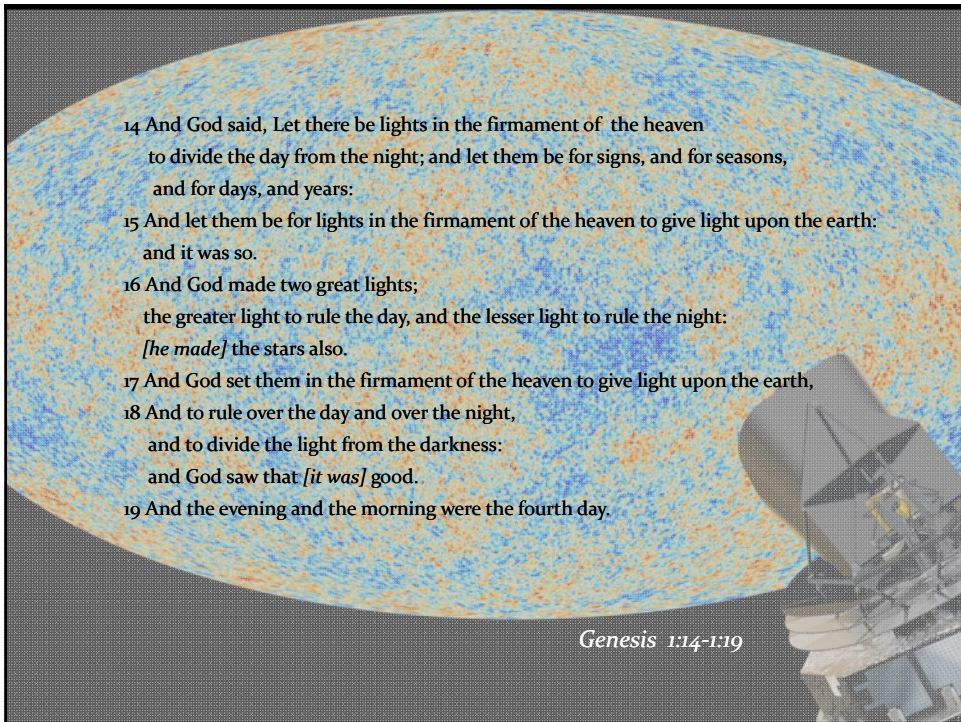
complex weblike pattern

in which
matter, gas & galaxies
aggregate in

- compact clusters,
 - elongated filaments
 - flattened sheets
- around
- cosmic voids

Cosmic Web





Enuma Elis

Enuma Elis is
the Babylonian creation mythos.

Striking similarity to Genesis

Important source for understanding
Babylonian worldview, centered on the
supremacy of Marduk
and the creation of humankind for the
service of the gods.



When the sky above was not named
And the earth beneath did not yet bear a name
And the primeval Apsu, who begat them,
And chaos, Tiamat, the mother of them both,
Their waters were mingled together,
And no field was formed, no marsh was to be seen;
When the gods none had been called into being.

Marduk and the Dragon

Marduk, chief god of Babylon, destroys – with his thunderbolt –
Tiamat the dragon of primeval chaos

Hindu Cosmology

- **The Nasadiya Sukta**
(after the incipit *ná ásat* "not the non-existent"), also known as the
- **Hymn of Creation,**
is the 129th hymn of the 10th Mandala of the
- **Rigveda (10:129).**
It is concerned with cosmology and the origin of the universe

Nasadiya Sukta – Hymn of Creation

There was neither non-existence nor existence then;
 Neither the realm of space, nor the sky which is beyond;
 What stirred? Where? In whose protection?
 There was neither death nor immortality then;
 No distinguishing sign of night nor of day;
 That One breathed, windless, by its own impulse;
 Other than that there was nothing beyond.
 Darkness there was at first, by darkness hidden;
 Without distinctive marks, this all was water;
 That which, becoming, by the void was covered;
 That One by force of heat came into being;
 Who really knows? Who will here proclaim it?
 Whence was it produced? Whence is this creation?
 Gods came afterwards, with the creation of this universe.
 Who then knows whence it has arisen?
 Whether God's will created it, or whether He was mute;
 Perhaps it formed itself, or perhaps it did not;
 Only He who is its overseer in highest heaven knows,
 Only He knows, or perhaps He does not know.

The Rig Veda, 10.129.1-7

Jain Cosmology

According to Jain doctrine,
 - the universe and its constituents always existed
 - the universe was not created, and there is no creator

