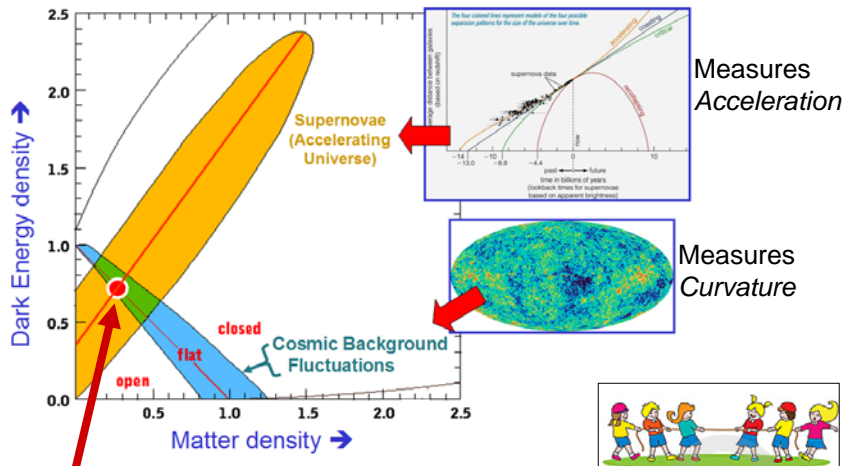


What is the Universe Made Of ?

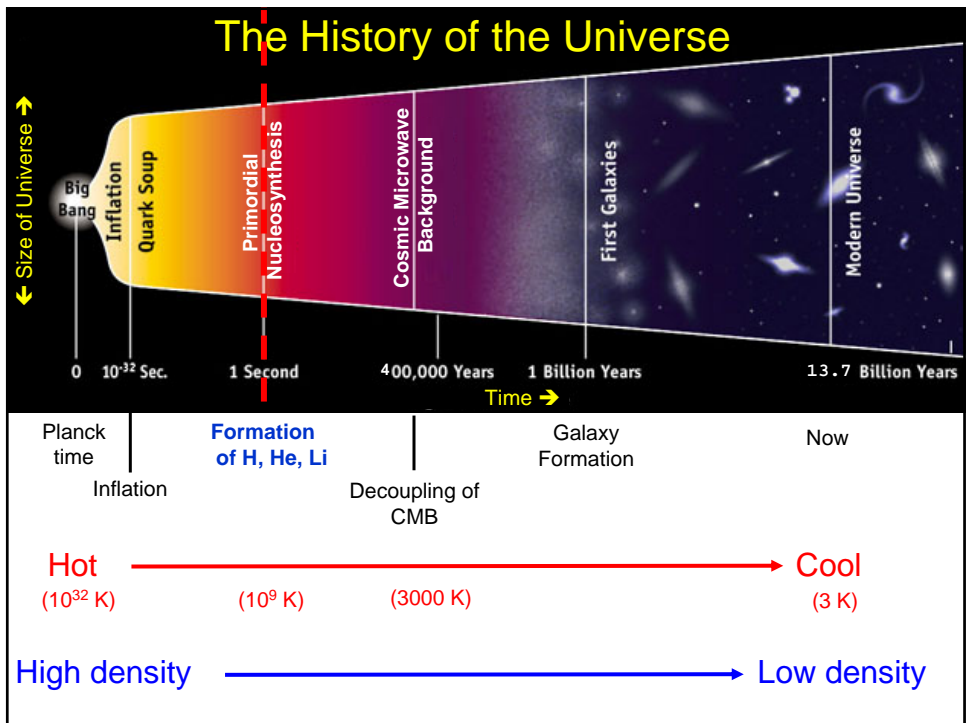


4% Normal Matter
23% Dark Matter
73% Dark Energy

$$\text{Acceleration} = (\text{Dark Energy}) - (\text{Matter})$$

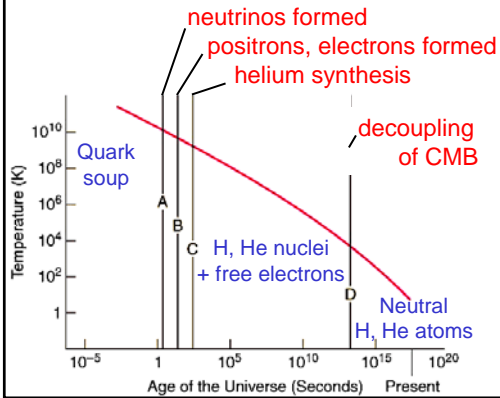
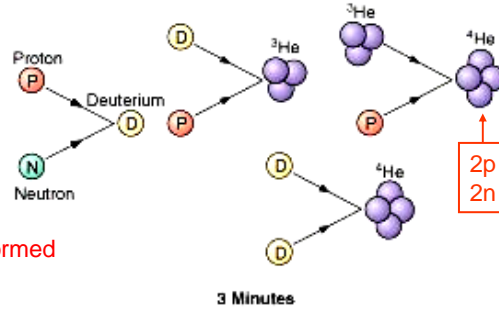
$$\text{Curvature} = (\text{Dark Energy}) + (\text{Matter})$$

The History of the Universe



Where did Hydrogen and Helium come from?

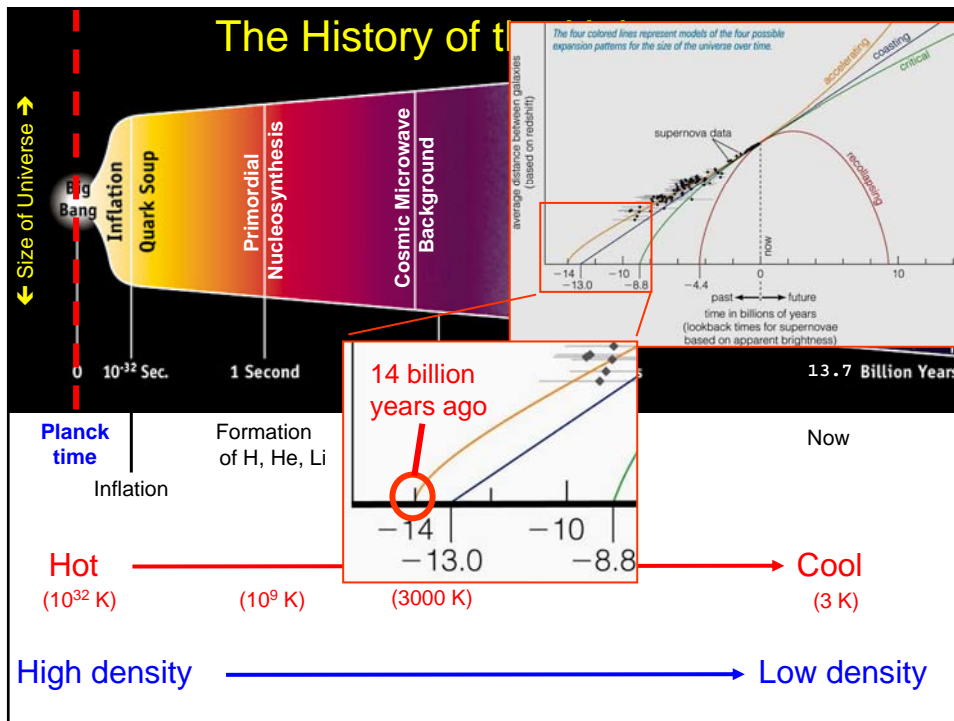
- Nucleosynthesis in the Big Bang.
- First 3 minutes.

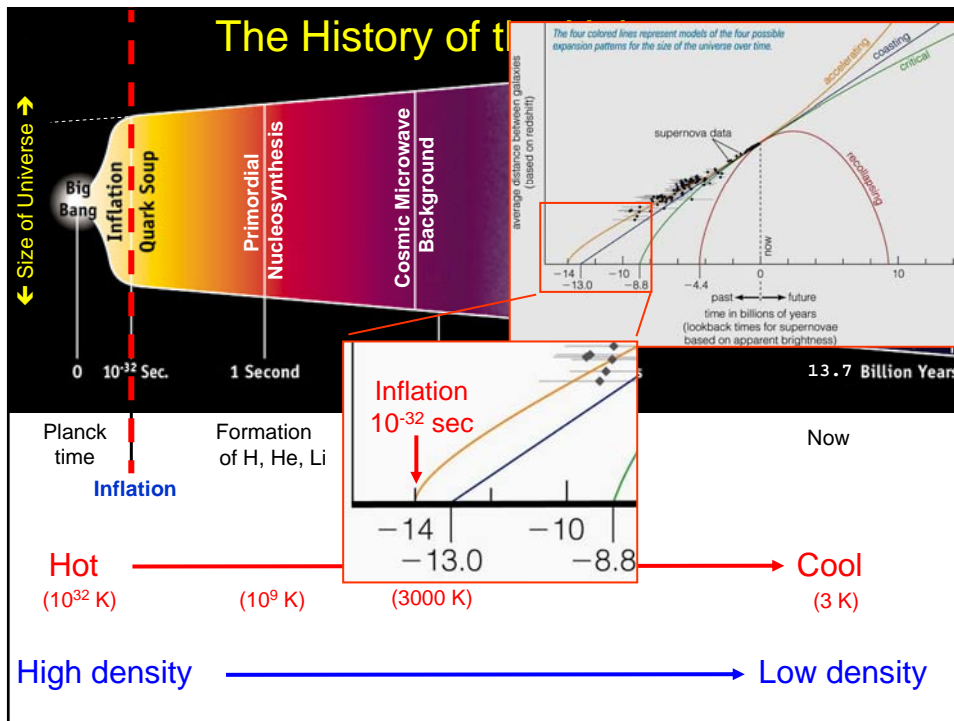
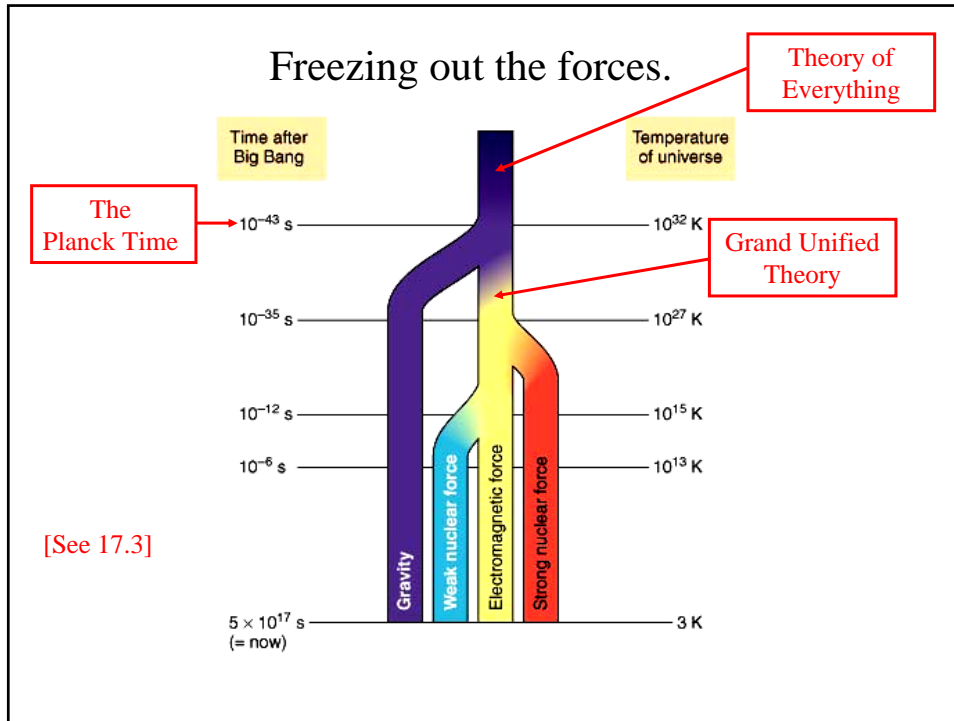


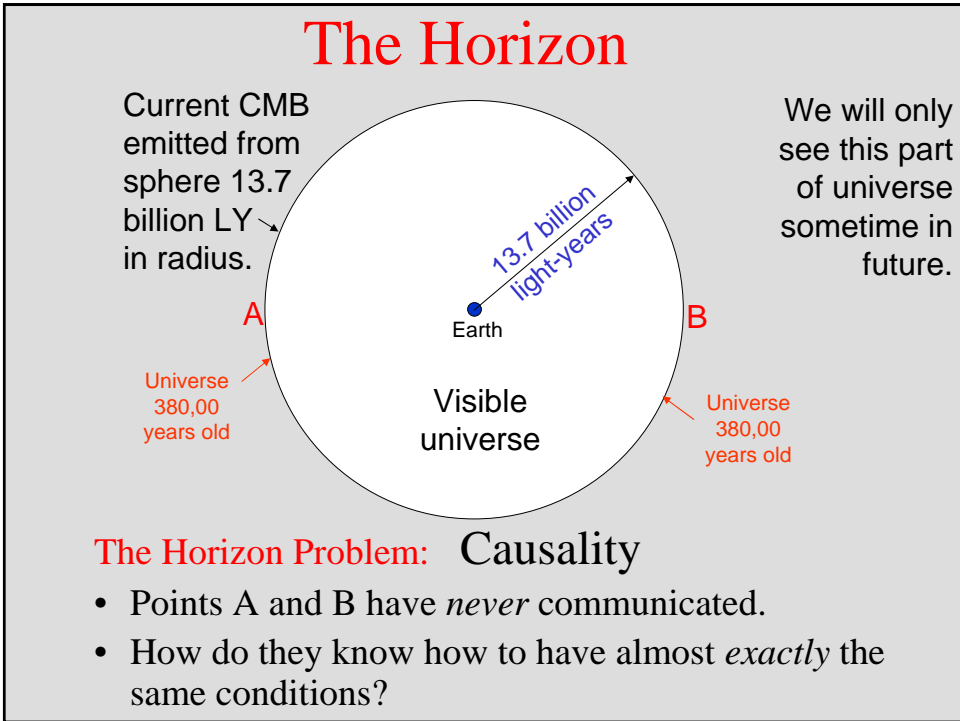
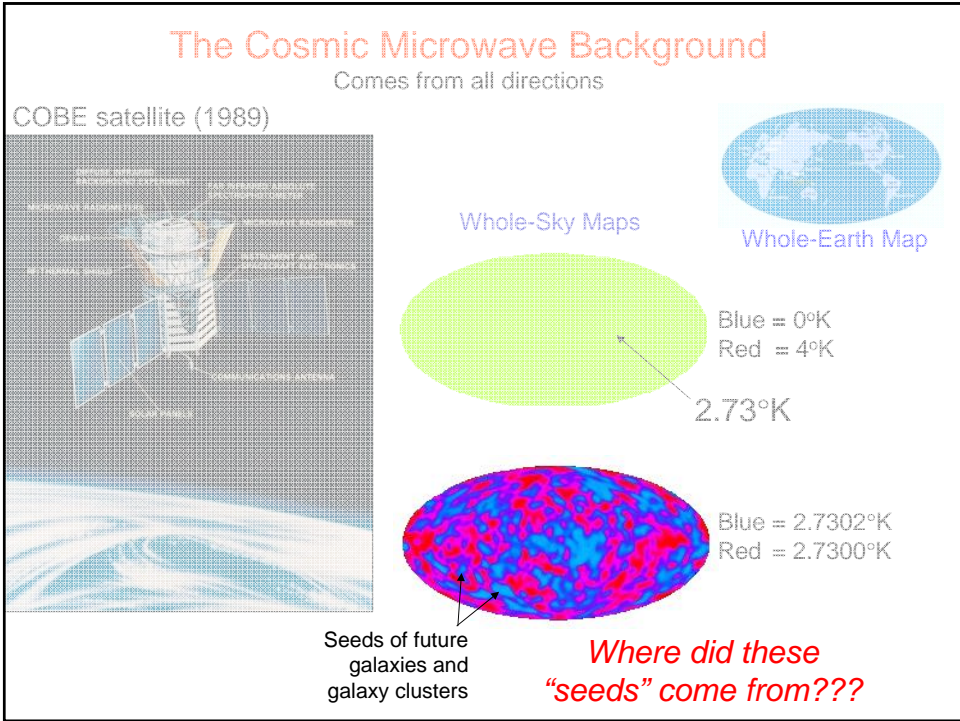
Produced 75% H
25% He

Some Lithium also formed

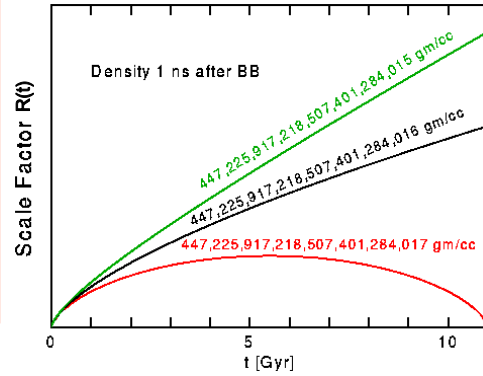
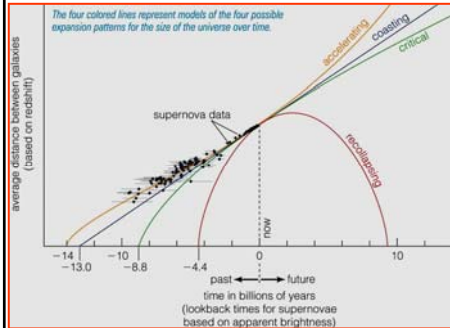
Then all heavier elements formed by stars.







What happened back at the Big Bang?



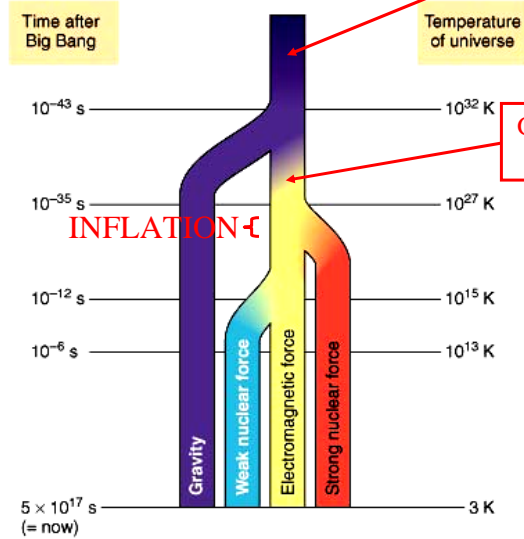
The Flatness Problem:

- Early universe: Dark Energy not important.
- Flatness required gravitational, kinetic energy in exact balance.

Critical Density

- But this requires incredible precision at start ($t = 0$).

Freezing out the forces.



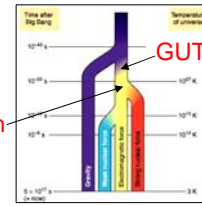
Theory of Everything

Grand Unified Theory

[See Fig 17.3]

The solution: Inflation

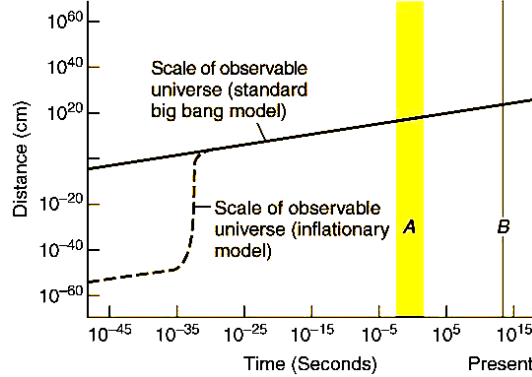
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Extremely rapid expansion of universe

- due to release of energy in “phase change”.
- like ice to water.

Universe became 10^{30} times larger within 10^{-36} seconds.



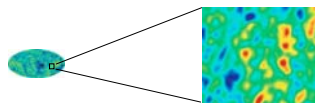
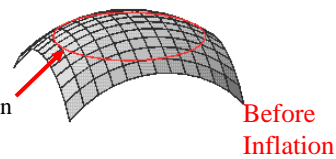
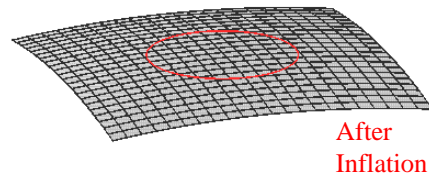
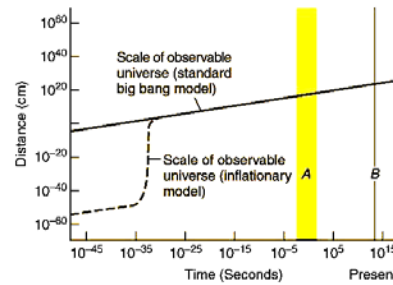
[See Section 17.3]

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What does inflation predict for geometry of present universe?

Universe became 10^{30} times larger within 10^{-36} seconds.

- Predicts a flat universe
- Solves horizon problem.
- Expands quantum fluctuations to create seeds of galaxies.



Red circle = horizon