

# Seating Chart for Final Exam

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# Study Guide for ISP205 Final

The final will be 2/3 over the material since midterm 3, to the same level of detail as the midterms. The other 1/3 will be over the material covered on the midterms, mostly aimed at major concepts (but you should know some obvious key factoids about planets such as their order out from the Sun, their relative sizes, the surface and atmospheric conditions on Mars and Venus)... see the following page.

This study guide includes several of the most important slides from the lectures since Midterm 3. Some questions are asked on each slide, in blue italics. You should know the answers. If you don't, I have given some short and cryptic answers on the final page of this Study Guide, to help you get started towards figuring out more complete answers.

*IMPORTANT!* Just knowing what is in this study guide is *NOT* enough to get you a high grade in this course. You are responsible for knowing about *all* of the topics I have talked about in class.

You should review your own lecture notes, and also the following material that is available on the course web site [www.pa.msu.edu/courses/isp205/sec-3](http://www.pa.msu.edu/courses/isp205/sec-3).

- the PowerPoint slides from the lectures.
- the study guides for the three midterms.
- the review questions and answers.

Use the textbook to help explain the things that you don't understand as you review all of the above. Remember that specific references to the textbook are given in [square brackets] on the PowerPoint slides. Also, remember that there is a reading schedule that is part of the Course Syllabus, which can be viewed from the Angel Lessons tab.

REVIEW SESSION: 12:30 PM, May 3 (Thursday of finals week) in BPS 1410 (the regular classroom).

**FINAL EXAM: 10 AM FRIDAY** May 4, in BPS 1410 (the regular classroom). Sit in your assigned row!

COURSE GRADES available on Angel by late on Tue. May 8. I'll send everybody an e-mail when they are ready. *BUT...* Angel will be shut down for upgrades from 6 PM May 9 through 1 AM May 11.

# Review over first 3 parts of course

## Specific numbers to know:

I try to stay away from having you memorize lots of numbers. But I hope that you will have learned the following specific numbers:

- The age of the universe (i.e. how many years ago it started to expand).
- The age of the Solar System.
- The percentages of hydrogen, helium, and everything else that make up the normal matter content of the solar system and of the universe.
- The percentages of normal matter, dark matter, and dark energy that make up the total content of the universe.
- The fraction of the mass of the solar system that is in: the Sun and in Jupiter.
- The number of planets in the Solar System.
- There are some other quantities for which you should have some general idea of the size (to an order of magnitude), but do NOT need to know an exact number. For example, the number of stars in our galaxy, the number of galaxies in a typical galaxy cluster, or to have a sense of the relative sizes of and distances between the Sun, Earth, Jupiter, and the nearest star (as in, for example, a model Solar system I presented in class using a basketball to represent the Sun).

Except for the above, I will avoid asking you about details discussed during the first three parts of the course. But I *will* ask you about some of the bigger-picture ideas listed in the right-hand column.

## Major ideas – You should know/understand :

### Background Physics

- Kepler's laws
- Newton's laws (including gravity)
- Types of energy
- Conservation of Energy
- Angular momentum
- Nature of light: wave vs. particle
- Wavelength vs frequency vs photon energy
- Emission and Absorption lines, and under what circumstances they are formed.
- Basic ideas about thermal emission.
- The Doppler effect.

### The Solar System

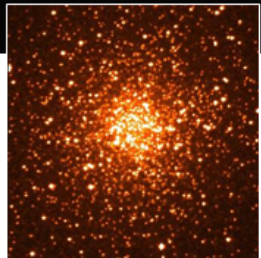
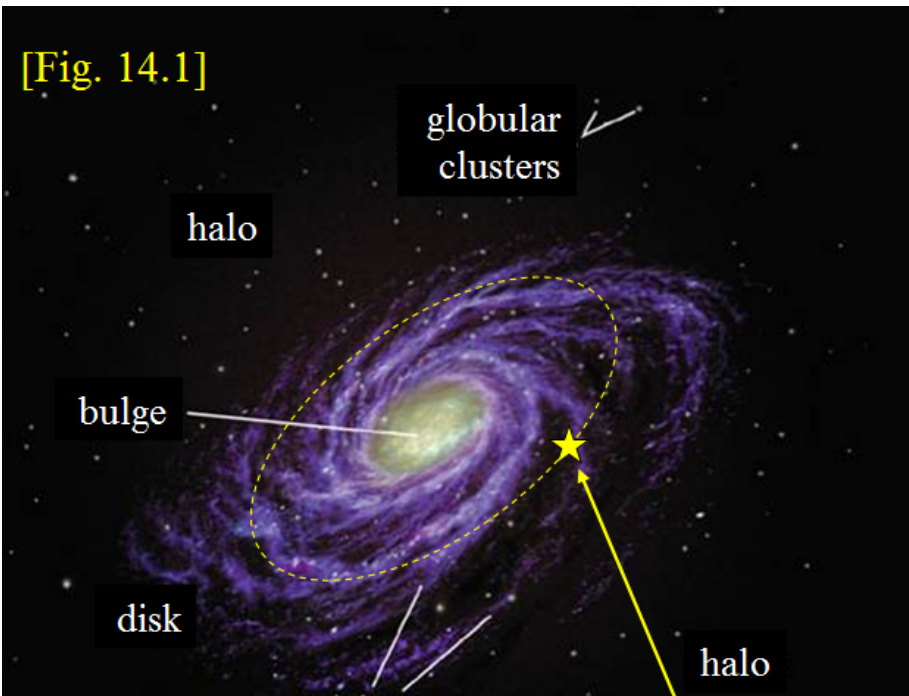
- General structure of, and motions within, the Solar System
- How were the planets formed?
- Why did terrestrial planets turn out differently than giant planets?
- How do general characteristics of atmospheres and surfaces of Venus and Mars differ from Earth? *Why* do they differ?
- Radioactive age dating – what is the general principle?
- Age dating by crater counting .
- What are asteroids? What are comets?

### Stars

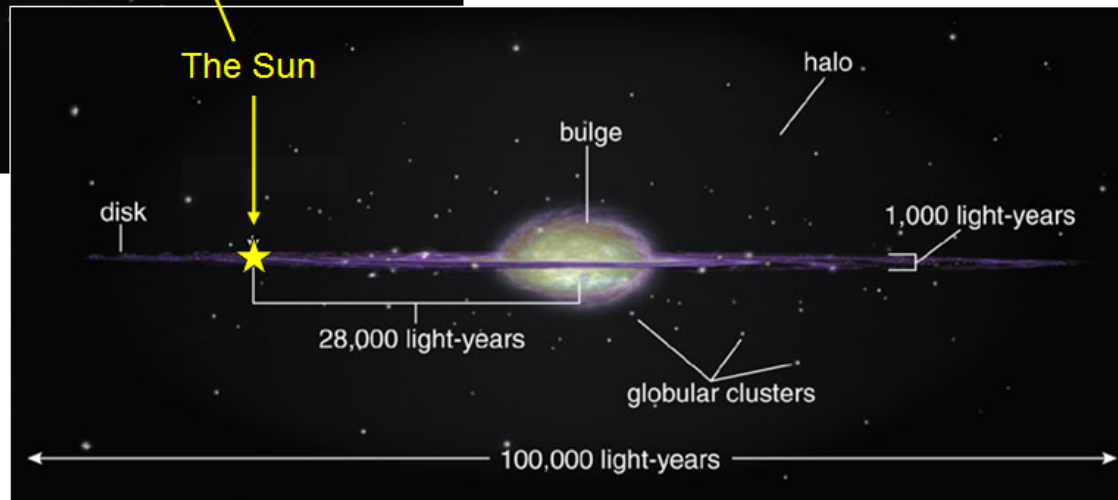
- What powers the Sun and other main sequence stars?
- Why do stars always try to collapse?
- What keeps stars from collapsing?
- What are the three possible end states of stars?
- What initial characteristic of a star determines its future life?
- Which stars have the shortest lives? The longest lives? *Why*?
- How is gravity described by General Relativity?
- What is a black hole?

# The Milky Way

- Gas, large fraction of stars in thin disk
  - ~1000 LY thick
  - Spiral structure
- Spherical halo
  - ~150 globular clusters
  - Spherical distribution of stars
- Nuclear bulge



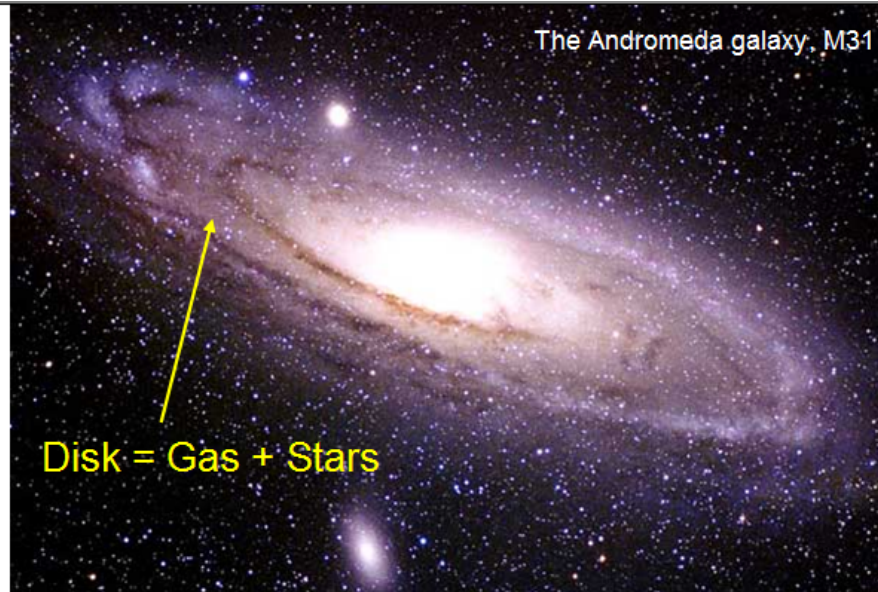
Globular cluster 47 Tucanae, in the galaxy's halo.



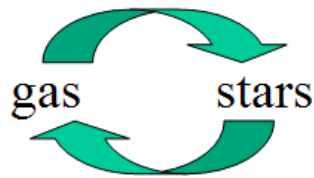
*What are the orbits like for stars (and gas) in the three different components? What is the Hubble type of our Galaxy? What are SB galaxies? What are E0 and E6 galaxies?*

# The Galaxy

- Originally all gas
- Now  $\sim 10^{11}$  stars similar to our sun.
- Stars are born, evolve, then die.
- Material processed through stars.



- Galactic ecology



- This is source of all chemical elements

except Hydrogen (H)	}	made in "big bang"
Helium (He)		
Lithium (Li)		

*How does this lead to the gradual build-up of the chemical elements heavier than Helium?*

*Where does star formation occur within our own Galaxy and other similar spirals?*

# The Cosmic Distance Ladder

- Parallax
  - 300 pc = 1000 LY
  - Calibrate main sequence fitting.
  - Calibrate luminosities of Pulsating Variables
- Map rest of Milky Way and out to M31

100,000 LY



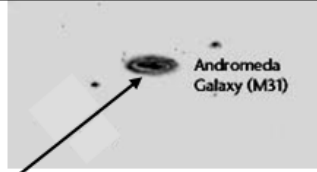
Milky Way

2,500,000 LY

Measure luminosities of

- Brightest stars 10,000 L<sub>⊙</sub>
- Brightest globular clusters 100,000 L<sub>⊙</sub>
- Brightest H II regions 100,000 L<sub>⊙</sub>
- Etc.
- → can now measure distances to more distant galaxies

$$L = (4\pi r^2) \times F$$



M31

Why is it called a "ladder"?

What constitutes the first rung?

What method was used to first calibrate the position of the center of our Galaxy, and then the distance to M31?

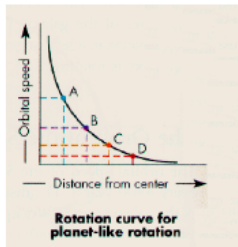
Also: Hubble's law,  $v = H_0 d$

- How do we measure  $v$  to plug it into Hubble's law?
- How is  $H_0$  related to the age of the universe?

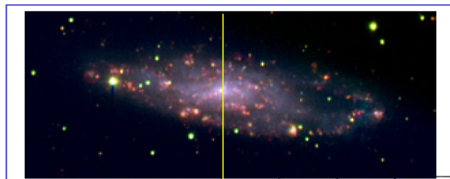
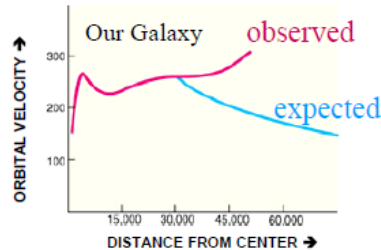
Which distance determination method works out to the largest distances?  
How is that method calibrated?

# DARK MATTER

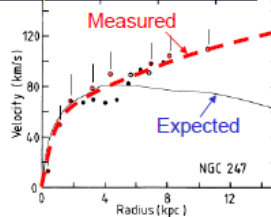
- We expected falling “Keplerian” curve out beyond outermost luminous matter.



- Faster orbital motions found in outer parts of galaxies  
 → large amounts of additional “dark matter” in outer parts of spiral galaxies.



What was actually seen

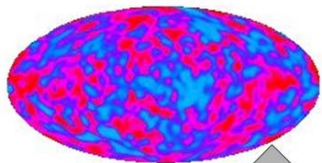


## Gravitational Lens in Galaxy Cluster Abell 2218



[Fig 16.9]

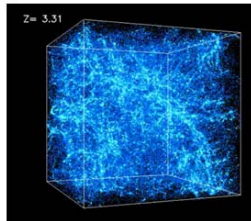
- Foreground cluster distorts images of numerous background galaxies.
- Use to determine total mass of foreground cluster.
- Shows that 85% of mass is Dark Matter.



Tiny fluctuations in Cosmic Microwave Background

## Learning the Properties of Dark Matter

Structures form due to gravitational attraction of dark matter.

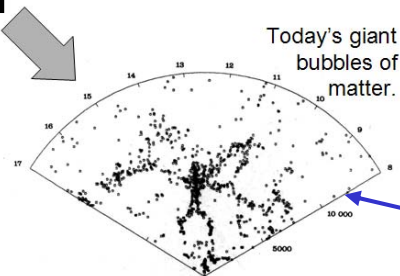


Supercomputer simulations of growth of Cosmic Web

Simulations → “cold” dark matter

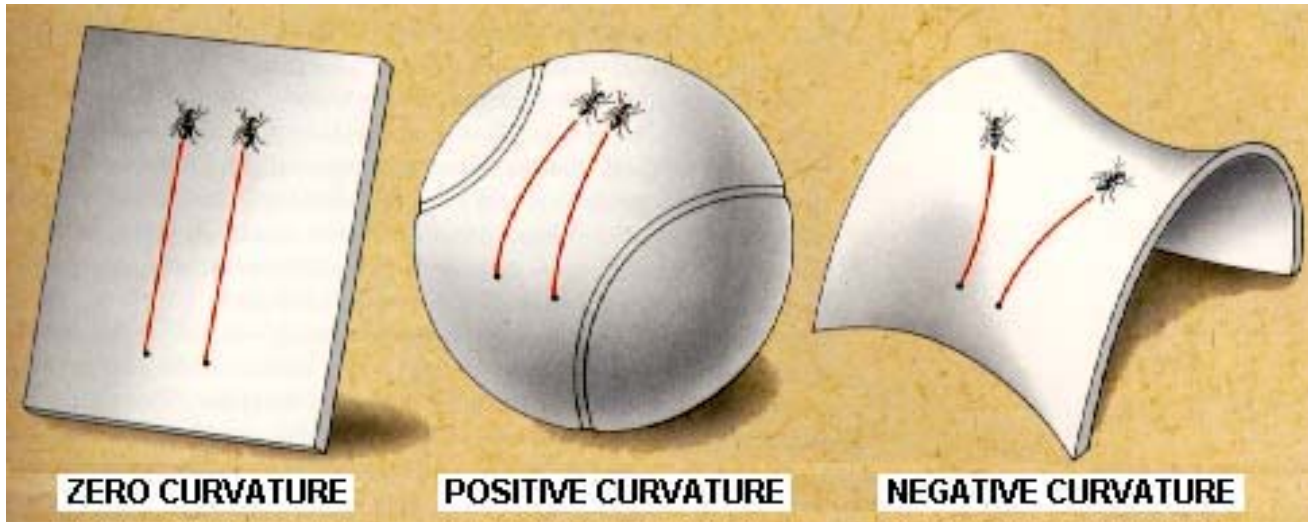
- massive particles
- moving slowly

→ Bottom-Up structure formation.



- Why was it so hard to discover Dark Matter?
- What does it mean when we call it “dark”? (What does it NOT do that other matter does do?)
- How do we know that the Dark Matter is there? (2 basic methods)
- What were the three general candidates for explaining Dark Matter? (one was ruled out by a gravitational lensing test)
- What is meant by “hot” and “cold” in terms of Dark Matter?
- How do we now know that it is predominantly Cold Dark Matter?

And what does this plot show???  
 What are the measured structures like, on different size scales?



What do these 2D surfaces have to do with the 3D universe?

If we were riding on different raisins in the loaf of bread, would we measure different things?

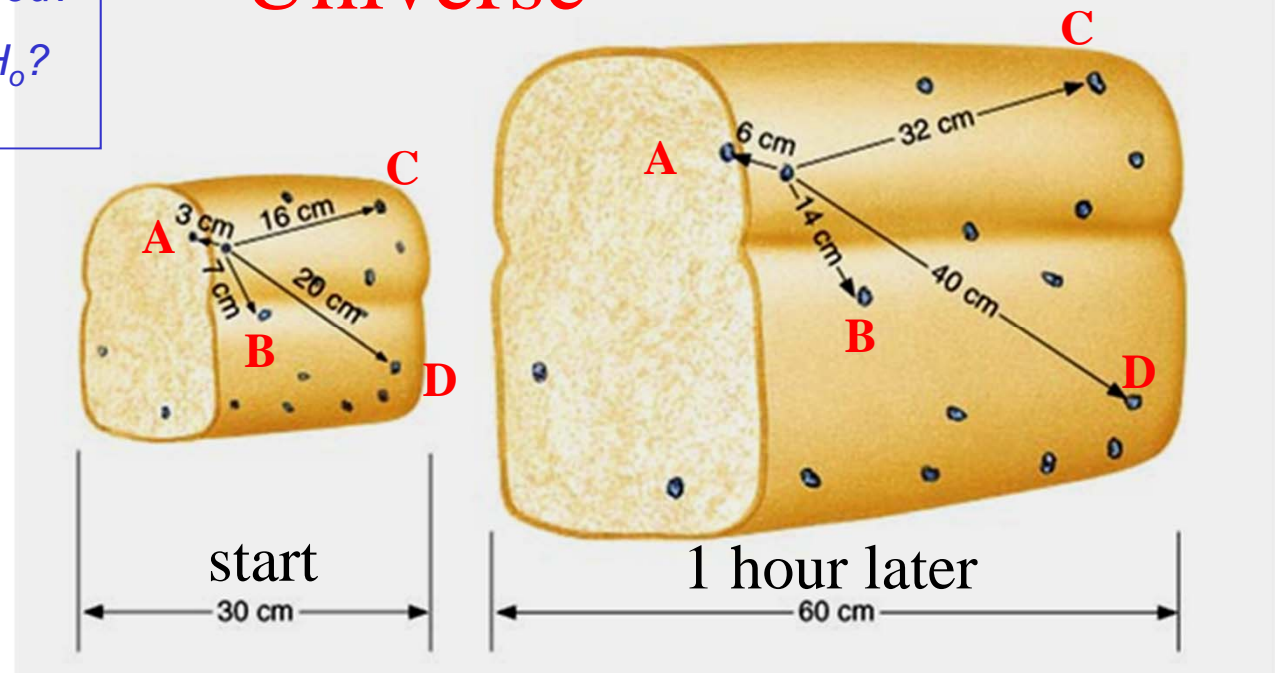
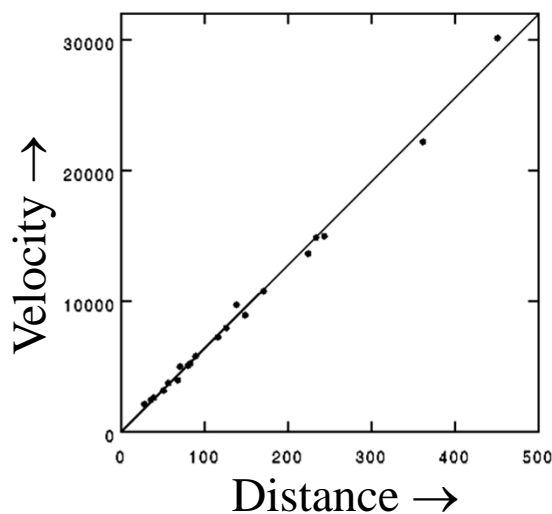
What is expanding in the expanding universe?

How did Hubble measure the distances used in his plot?

How are the velocities measured?

What is the Hubble constant  $H_0$ ?

## The Expanding Universe

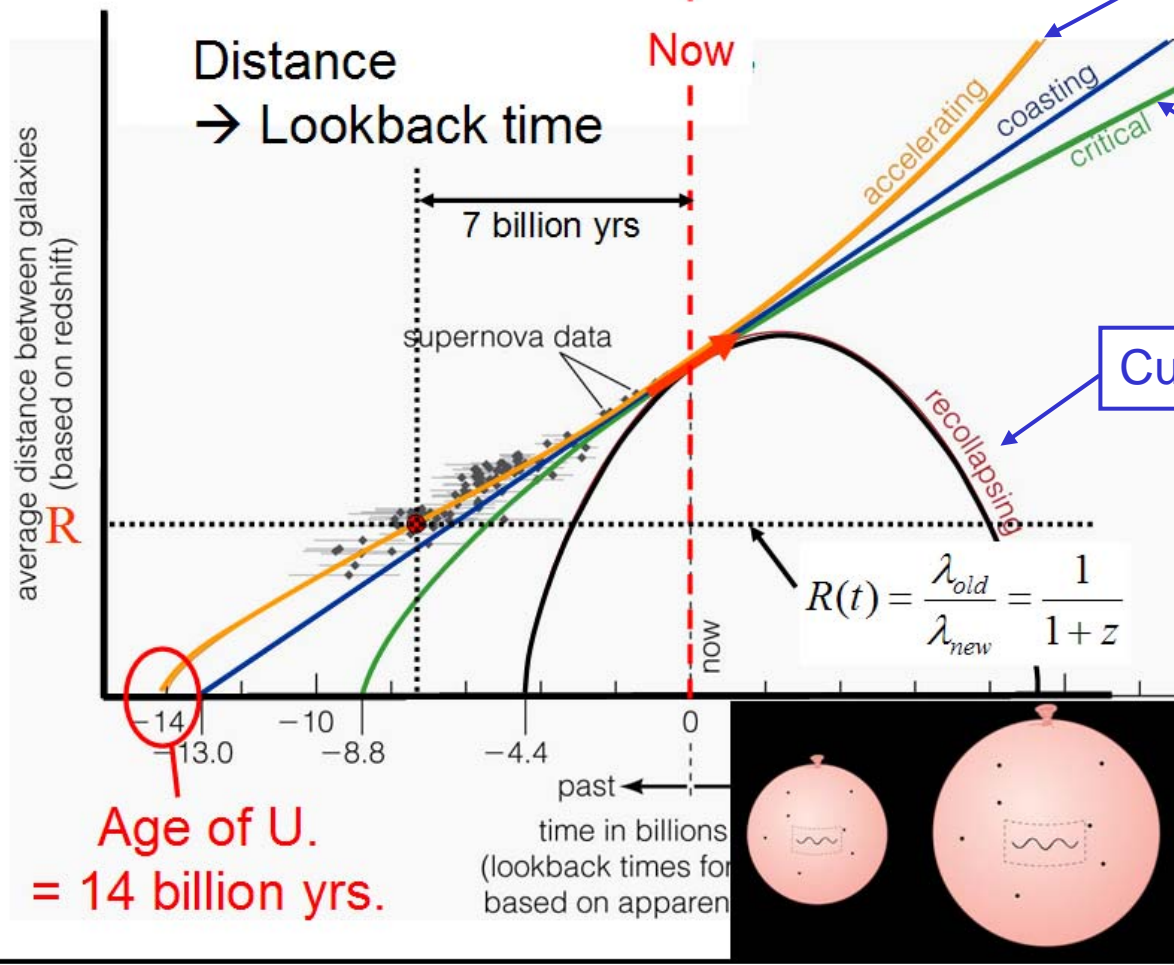




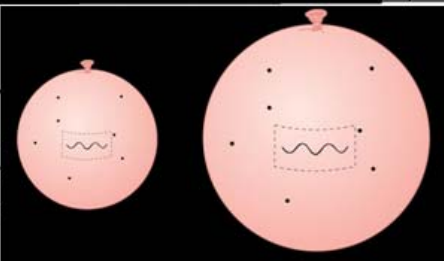


# The Universe

Scale Factor  $R(\text{time})$  →



Age of U.  
= 14 billion yrs.



[Fig. 16.16] Curve 4

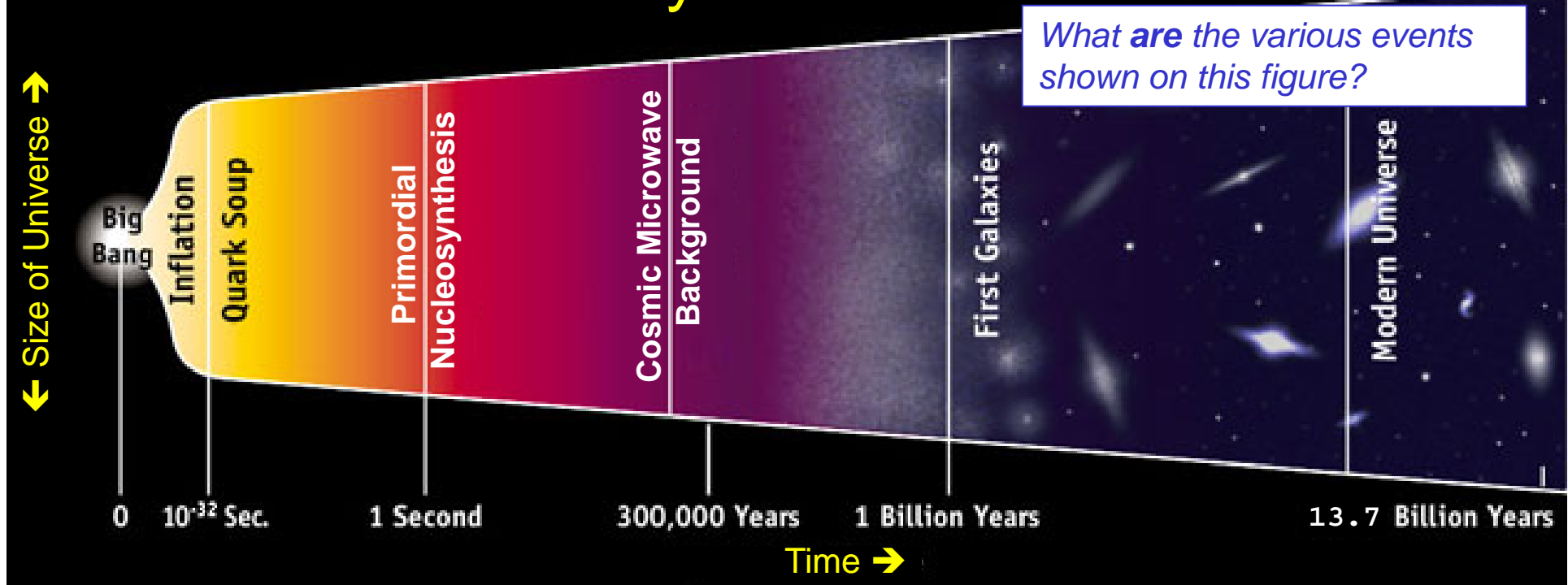
Curve 2

Curve 1

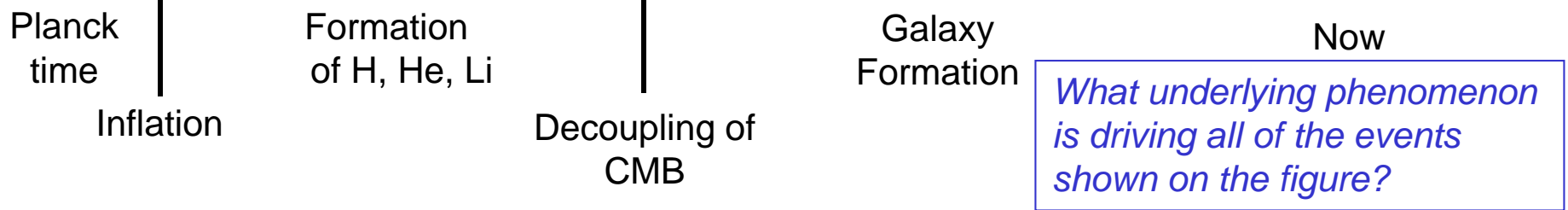
What is this sketch showing about the behavior of light as it travels through an expanding universe?

- What does the Scale Factor  $R(t)$  measure?
- What two quantities compete with each other in curves 1-2?
- The shape of curve 4 indicates the presence of what additional quantity?

# The History of the Universe



*What are the various events shown on this figure?*

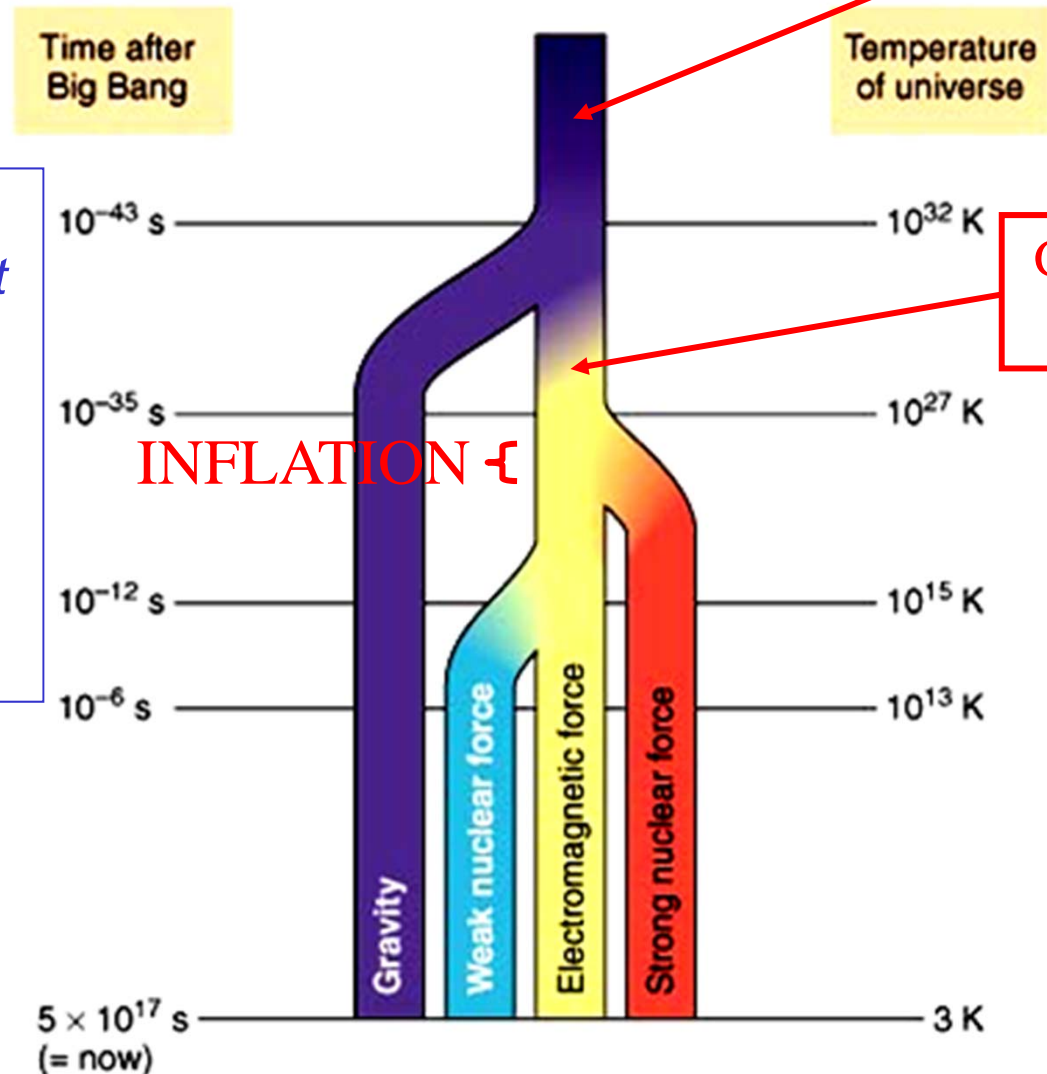


*What underlying phenomenon is driving all of the events shown on the figure?*

Hot (10<sup>32</sup> K) → Cool (3 K)

High density → Low density

# Freezing out the forces.



Note that Dark Energy does not appear on this plot. It is something different again. Do scientists know what it is?

Theory of Everything

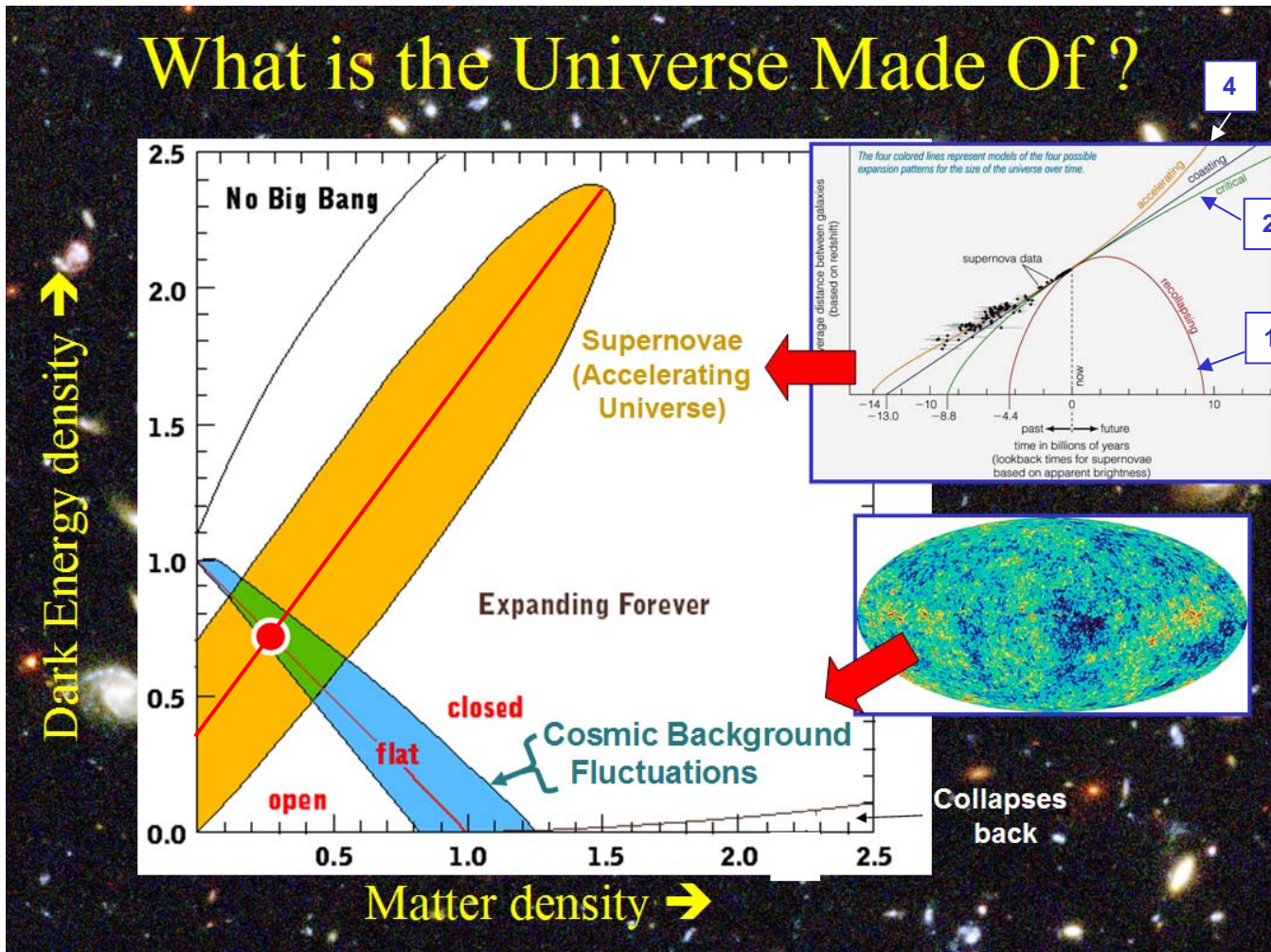
Grand Unified Theory

What does the term "inflation" refer to? What inflated? By a little or by a lot?

[See Fig 17.3]

What are the 4 fundamental forces of today? Did they always exist? If not, what caused the situation to change?

# What is the Universe Made Of ?



What causes curve 4 to swing upwards on the right half of the plot?

What is the Cosmic Microwave Background? Why is it so important?

*We infer these are there, but we don't know what they are.*

How do we know that Dark Energy exists?  
How do we know that Dark Matter exists?

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

(using  $E = mc^2$ )

*This is the only part we see.*

# Short and Cryptic Answers to Questions in Blue Italics

(the slides are numbered 1-9 at their top-right corner)

- Slide 1: Disk=circular orbits approximately in plane of disk; Bulge and Halo = elongated orbits going off in all directions. Milky Way = Sb (or maybe an SBb). See textbook [15.1] for Hubble classification scheme.
- Slide 2: Stars convert  $H \rightarrow He$ , then  $He \rightarrow C$  and on up through Iron in their cores, then recycle a fraction of this “enriched” gas back into interstellar gas supply. Supernovae make the elements heavier than iron, and also recycle them back into the interstellar gas. Then new stars form from the enriched gas. The process repeats over and over. Stars form mostly in spiral arms (interstellar gas is denser there).
- Slide 3: You must work your way out rung by rung, starting with the parallax method. *How does the parallax method work?* Pulsating variables used to get position of center of our galaxy + distance to M31, etc. *What are pulsating variables and how are they used?* Hubble’s law:  $v$  is measured from Doppler (red) shift.  $1/H_0$  is approx. age of U. Hubble law works best at large distance. It is calibrated by methods involving the most luminous standard candles calibrated via Cosmic Distance Ladder.
- Slide 4: Dark matter does *not* interact with light through the electromagnetic force, so we cannot see it emitting or absorbing radiation. That made it hard to notice. We know Dark Matter exists because it interacts gravitationally with normal matter and because of its gravitational effect on the path of light. Of the 3 candidates, Massive Compact Halo Objects made of dense blobs of normal matter were ruled out because there was no detection of gravitational lensing that would be expected when the blobs pass in front of background stars. Of the other 2 candidates, “hot” dark matter means very low-mass particles moving at nearly the speed of light, “cold” dark matter means much more massive particles (similar in mass to proton) moving at slower speeds. See the bottom-left part of the slide for why Cold Dark Matter is known to dominate.  
Bottom-right plot : shows matter is distributed on the surfaces of giant bubbles. But I also described smaller structures (galaxy clusters, etc).
- Slide 5: The figures are for an analogy of a bug living on a rubber-sheet universe which is a 2D surface curved into a 3rd spatial dimension. We live in 3D universe curved into a 4th spatial “dimension” (although we cannot sense that 4th “dimension” or leave our 3D universe). *But what is meant by “space-time”?* The figures show 3 possible solutions for the “Universe as a 2D surface” analogy, for the case when the mass and energy content of the universe are smeared out uniformly throughout all space. Observers on different raisins would each see the other raisins expanding away from them as in the Hubble diagram at lower-left on the slide. Space is expanding... at every point in space... the same way that my piece of elastic expands at every point along its length.  
Hubble used standard candles calibrated with Cosmic Distance Ladder to measure distances, and Doppler shifts to measure velocities.  $H_0$  is the slope of the straight line through the points, with significance described for Slide 3.
- Slide 6:  $R(t)$  is how “stretched out” space has become as a function of time  $t$ . Curve 1 is case where gravity overcomes kinetic energy of expansion, curve 2 is the case where the two exactly balance. The upward turn in Curve 4 shows that a repulsive force (a “Cosmological Constant” or “Dark Energy”) is also present. Light waves get stretched out along with expansion of Universe, causing redshift.
- Slide 7: Read lecture notes and [17.1-17.3] to find out what the “events” (e.g. inflation, primordial nucleosynthesis, decoupling) are. These are all the result of the expansion of the universe, which causes the universe to cool off, with huge consequences for nature of matter and energy and the ways in which they interact.
- Slide 8: We don’t have a clue what Dark Energy really is. Inflation is a sudden increase in  $R(t)$ , by factor  $10^{30}$  in only  $10^{-36}$  seconds... which is a *whole* lot of expansion of universe in a *very* small time. Unclear whether it actually happened.
- Slide 9: Curve 4 question answered above. CMB is leftover radiation from when universe was filled by a fog of electrons, when temperature was 1000 times higher than it is now. It’s existence shows that U really did evolve from a previous hotter, denser state, so there really must have been a Big Bang (Hubble’s law *ALSO* shows U is expanding, so both together absolutely nail down the case for a Big Bang).  
We know dark energy exists because of combination of supernova measurements showing we are following Curve 4, and angular size of structure in CMB showing we live in a flat universe (this is what the main plot on this slide shows). This is the other reason CMB is so important.

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