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## today, 25 April

input:

expanding universe

output:

nothing

# Feynman used to ask suppose civilization disappeared but you could prepare our successors with crucial knowledge what would it be?

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#### Three most important things of the latter 20th century:

- 1. matter is made of quarks governed by 4 forces implemented by the primacy of symmetry
- 2. the universe is expanding
- 3. the universe had a beginning

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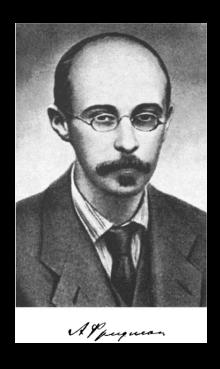
# in 1915 scientific cosmology didn't exist

Alexander Friedmann (1888– 1925)

1922, 23

finds a whole class of solutions!

with and without  $\Lambda$ 



$$G = T$$
$$G + \Lambda = T$$

Einstein didn't take it well.

Now, the modern basis of solutions.

#### GR plus the "Cosmological Principle"

a working assumption:

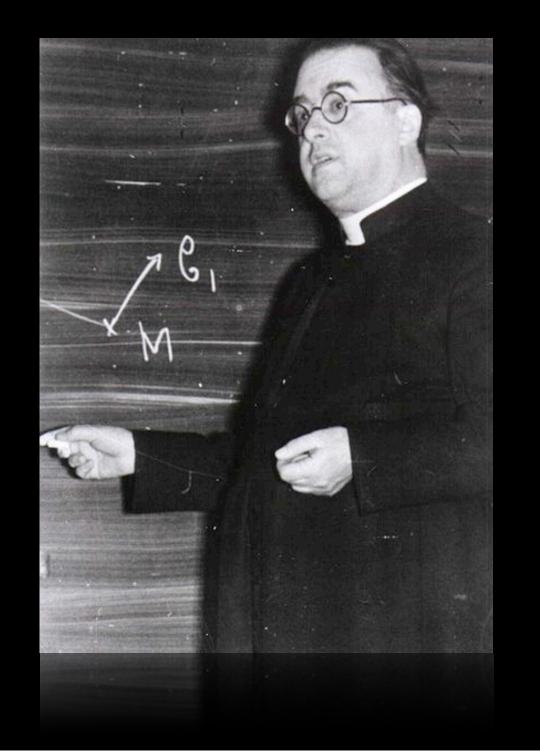
on a large scale, the properties of the Universe do not depend on an observer's location

so what we can observe can be extrapolated to a presumption that the whole Universe is like that

Georges Lemaître (1894-1966)

The father of the Big Bang

get it?



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"redshift," z an astronomical definition

For relativistic speeds, the full version is:

$$\frac{\lambda_O - \lambda_e}{\lambda_e} = \sqrt{\frac{1+\beta}{1-\beta}} - 1 \qquad \to \beta$$

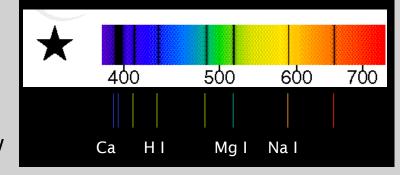
This is called the "redshift," z:

$$z \equiv \frac{\Delta \lambda}{\lambda_e}$$

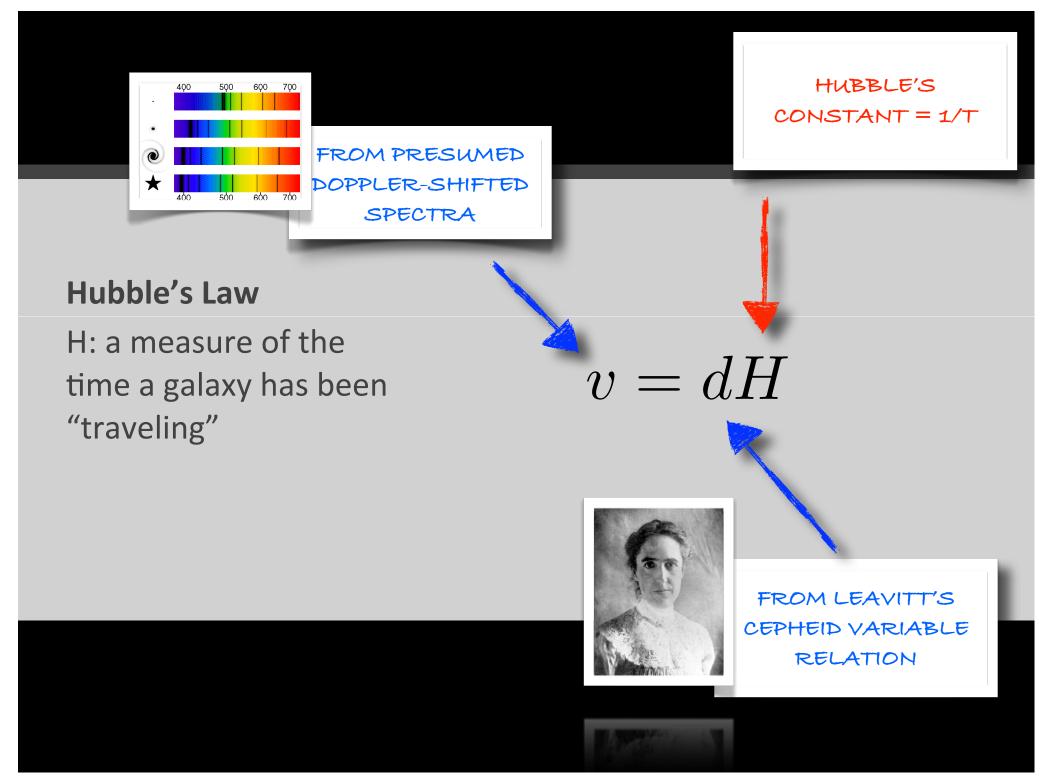
$$z = \sqrt{\frac{1+\beta}{1-\beta}} - 1$$

So, if you saw a spectrum of a star was shifted to the red by measuring  $\Delta\lambda$ 

You'd conclude that it's moving away from you and could determine how fast:  $\beta$ 

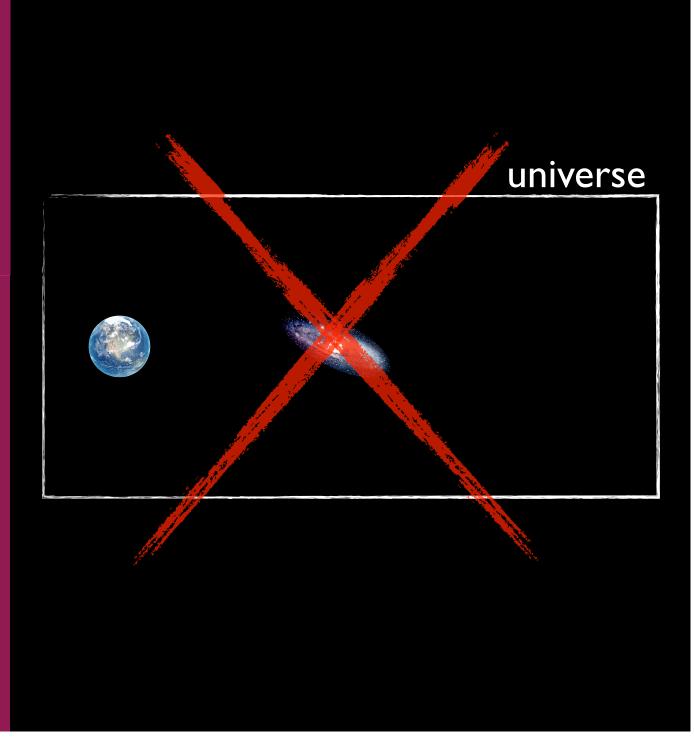


http://www.astro.ucla.edu/~wright/doppler.htm



galaxies are not "moving away"

inside of the universe

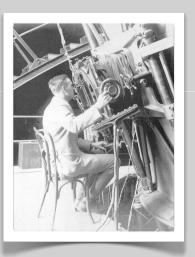


Lemaitre was the first to realize that Hubble had demonstrated:

1. spacetime is stretching

The entire kit and caboodle is expanding





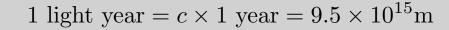
2. Therefore, it must have **come** from something smaller

what stretching means

is complicated!

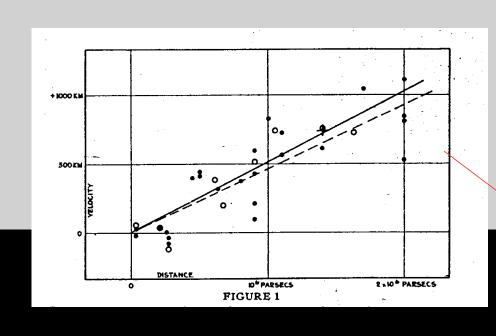
#### universe

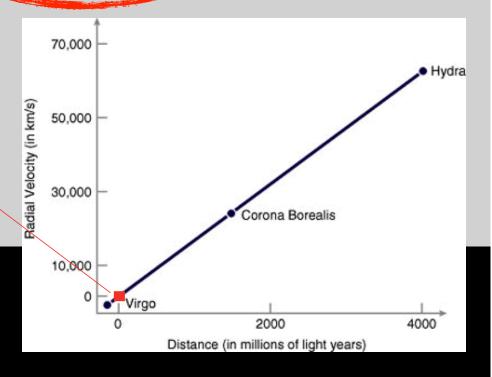


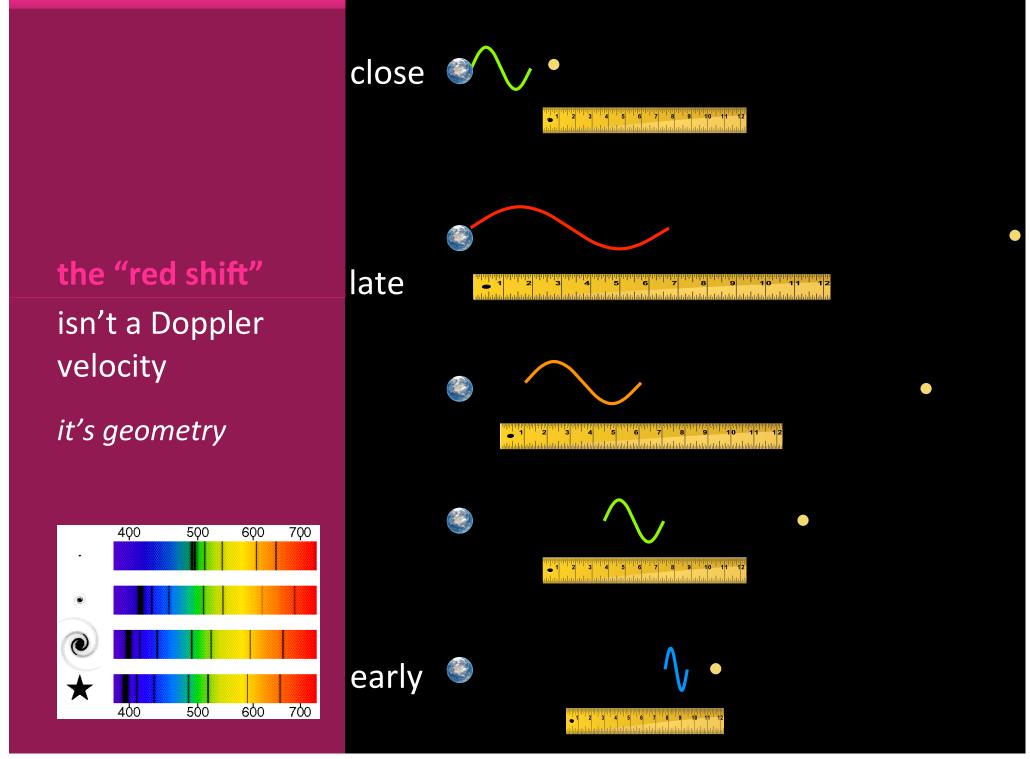


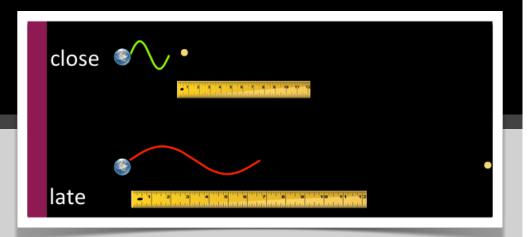
#### original results:

$$H = 160 \text{ km/Mly} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{H} = 2 \times 10^9 \text{years}$$









#### The further away a galaxy is:

the more red-shifted its spectrum will be

and the faster it will appear to be receding

the older it will be

and the younger it will appear to be!

## Measuring the Hubble Constant is an important cottage industry in astronomy

current best result:

 $H_0 = 70.4 \pm 1.4 \text{ km/sec/Mpc} \rightarrow \text{the age of universe is}$ 

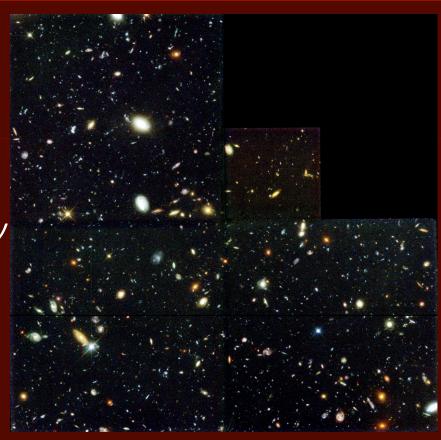
 $13.7 \pm 0.13$  B years

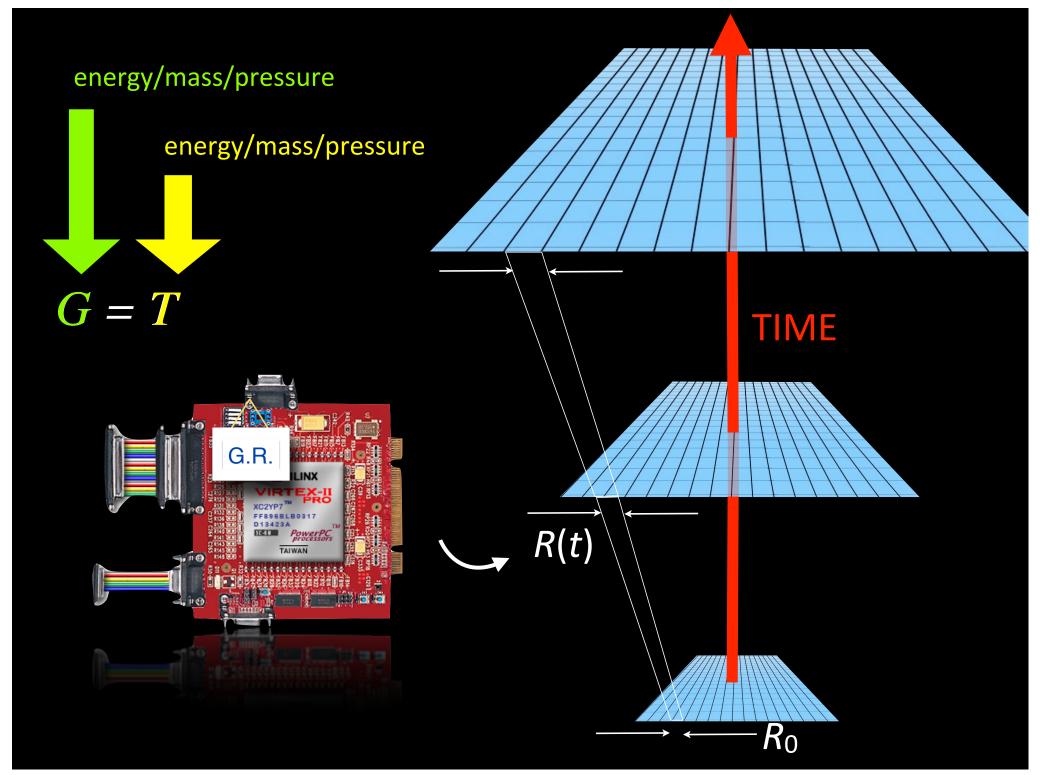
1 megaparsec (Mpc) =  $10^6$  parsec =  $3.26 \times 10^6$  light years =  $3.086 \times 10^{16}$  m

#### look up

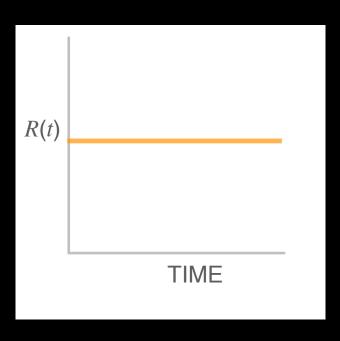
Why is the sky dark at night?

because there were no stars in the very early universe

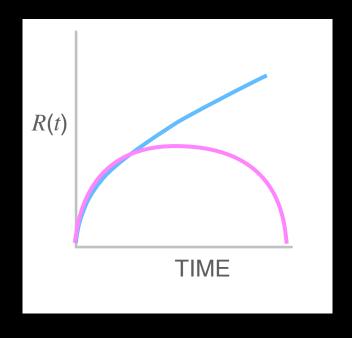




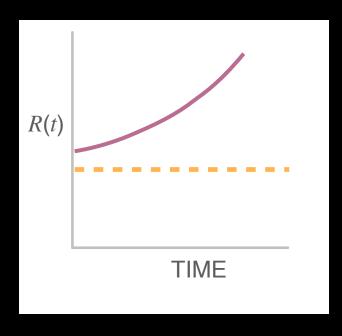
# characterize R Einstein



**characterize R**Friedmann



characterize R Lemaitre<sub>1</sub>

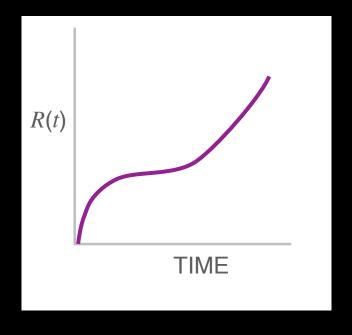


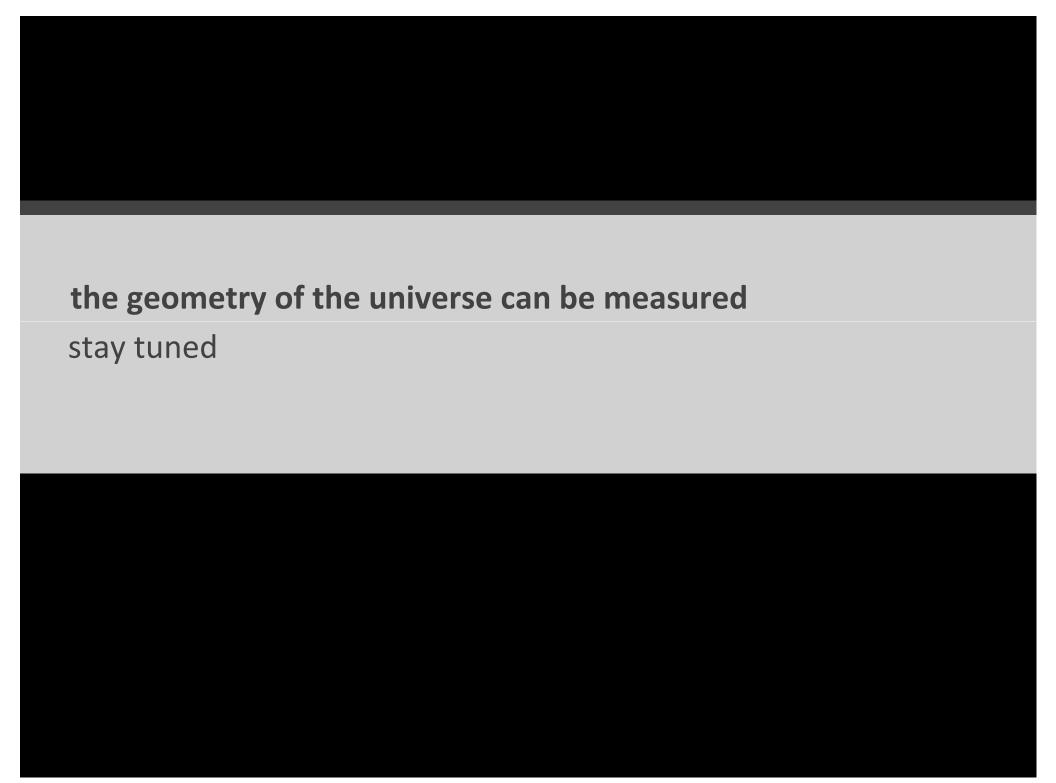
#### Lemaitre<sub>2</sub> model

used  $\Lambda$  as a "force" to tune the acceleration

"Primeval Atom"

cold, decayed





#### balloon boy

tough to draw a 4 dimensional world

3d world

but 2-d ants

no "up"

no "down"

#### interesting place:

parallel lines meet

infinite in extent

finite in volume

"closed" – they come back



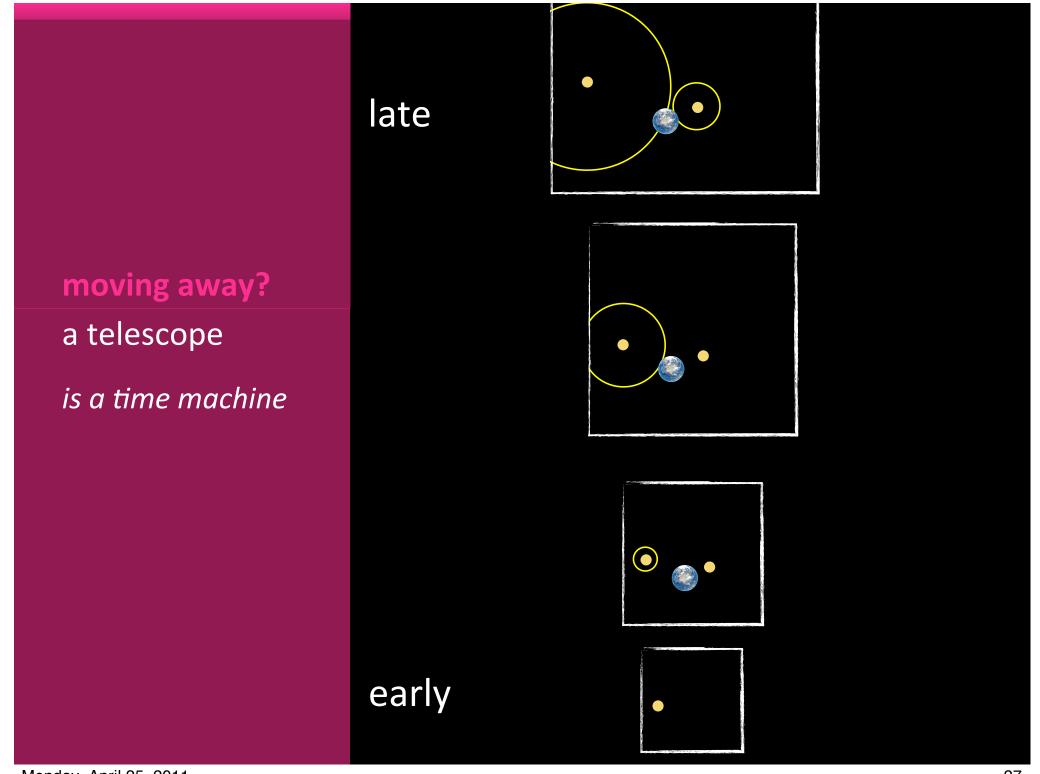
#### expands?

ants don't change

distances between them do

"positive curvature"





I see dead stars

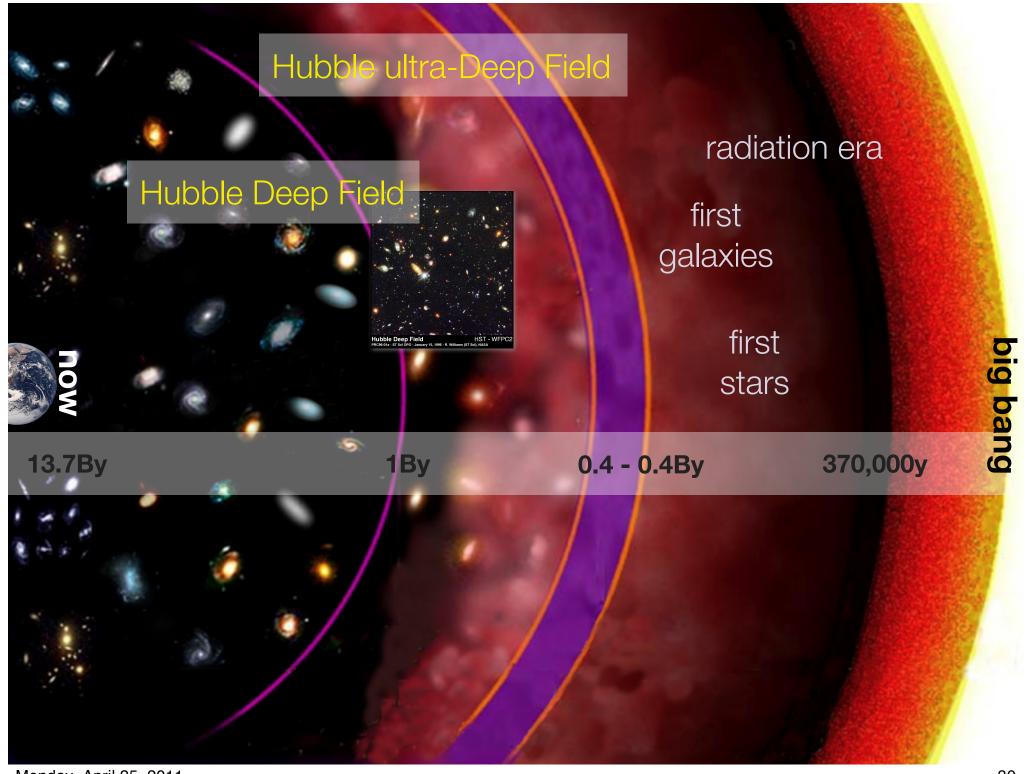


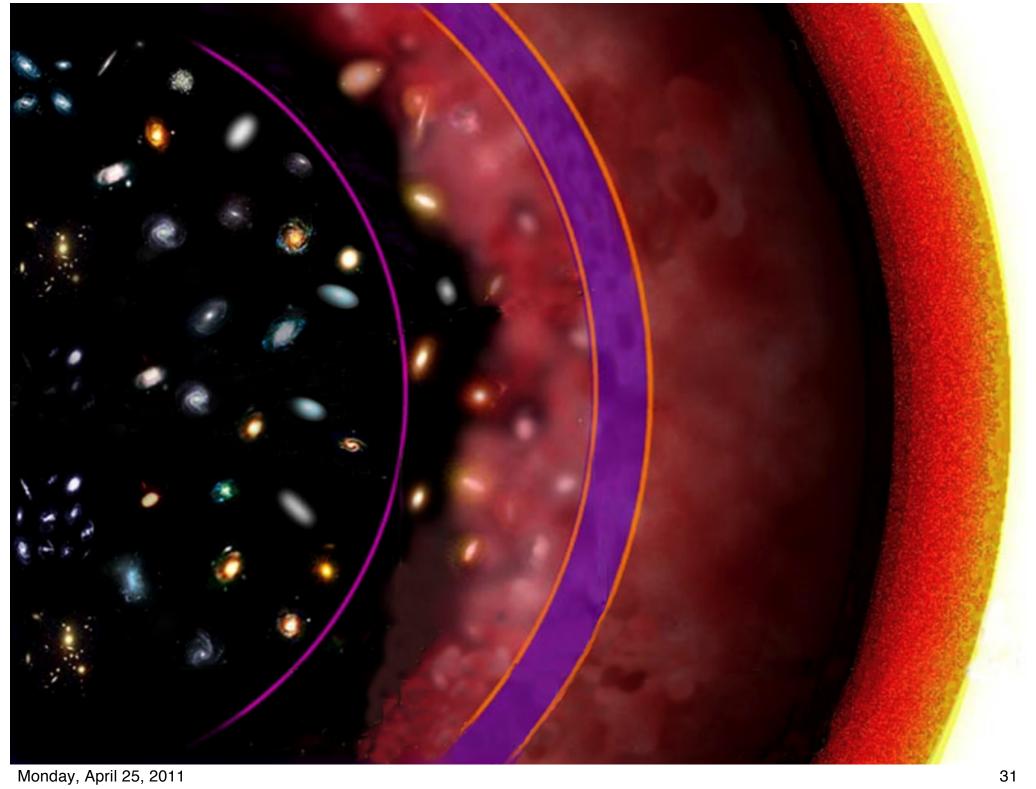
#### we see back in time

the further away,

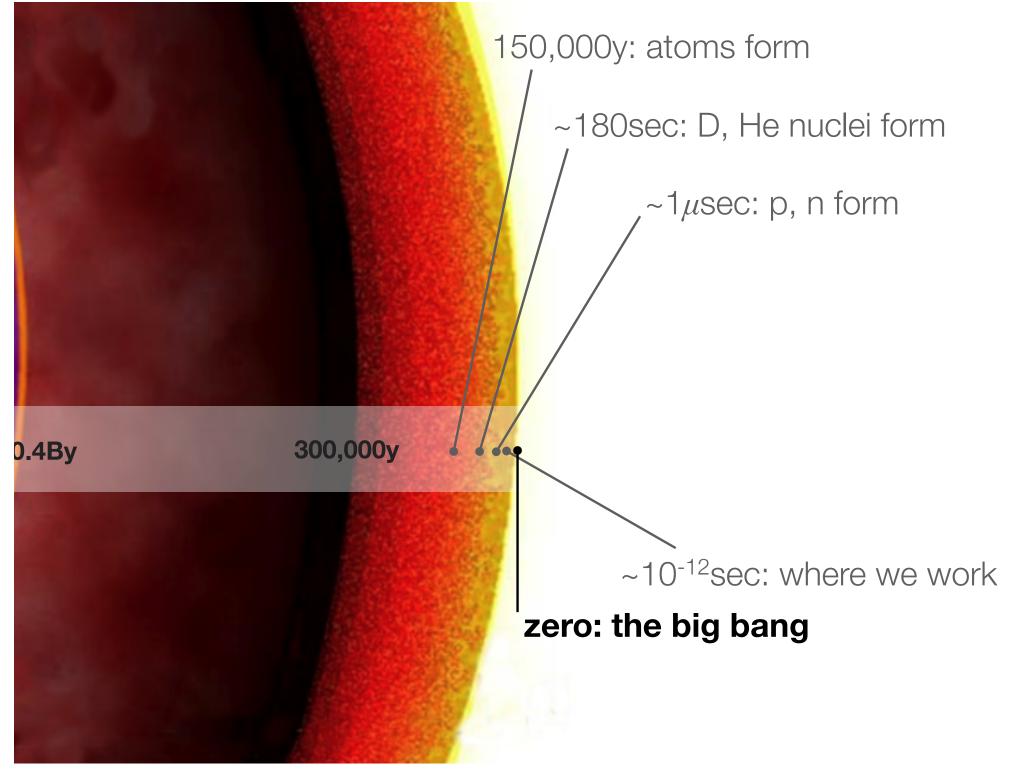
the younger they are depicted.

how can you tell what's further away?

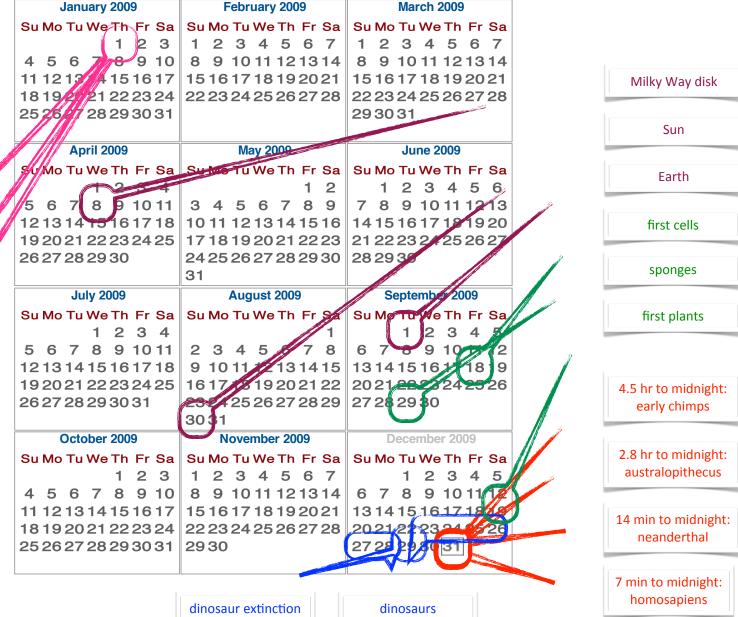




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#### our cosmic calendar: 12 months = 13.6 By



87 nanoseconds after midnight: H and He formed 15 min after midnight: radiation breaks free

0.8 nanoseconds after midnight:

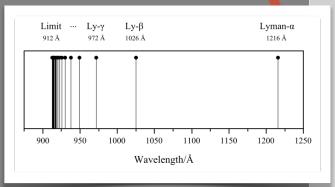
electrons/positrons no longer

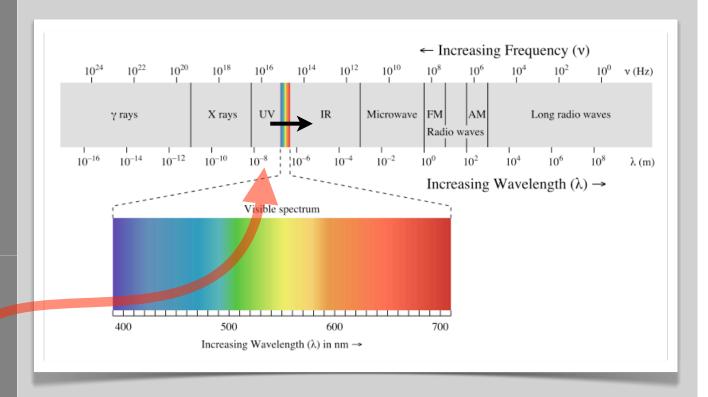
formed

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### how far back? redshift tells us

Hydrogen emission
Lyman alpha line is
key for the farthest
objects





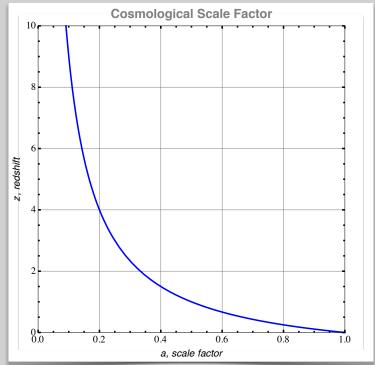
1216 Å = 121.6 nm

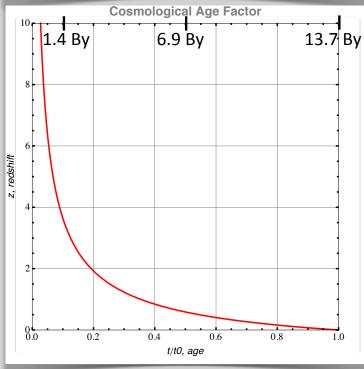
#### Why Hydrogen?

Thought to be among the newest galaxies in the universe – lots of hydrogen left from the first nucleosynthesis

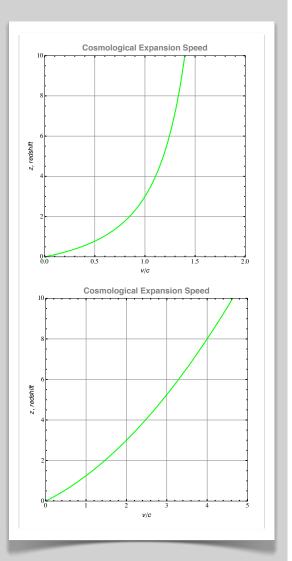
rules of thumb redshift to:

the scale factor
the age
"speed"

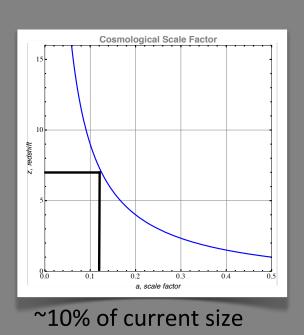




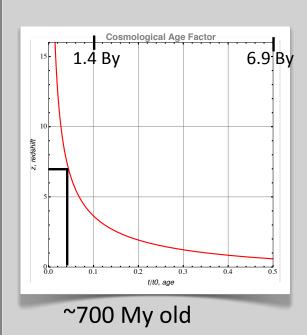
(Universe expansion speed is a tricky concept and open to different interpretations. These are examples.)



#### high redshift quasar hunting a team sport

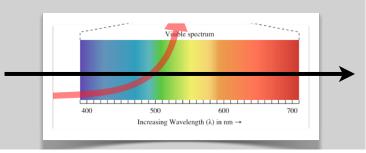


Xiaohui Fan, Arizona From Sloan Digital Sky Survey



$$z = \frac{9730 - 1216}{1216} = 7.002$$

#### from the UV to the near IR



Sloan Digital Sky Survey aka SDSS laboratory:

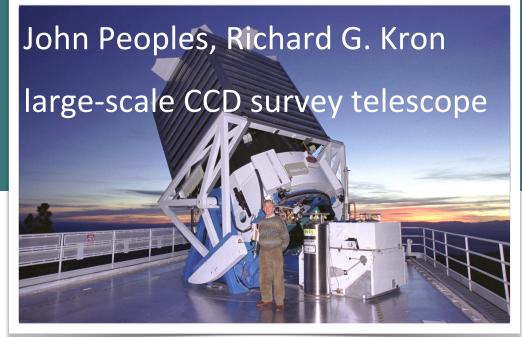
> Apache Point Observatory, NM location:

established:

notable directors:

type of lab:

2000



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universe born
hot primordial soup

### **Fred Hoyle**

steady state model, continuous creation of matter.

"big bang" was ironically Hoyle's quip





To Hoyle: the Big Bang implied a creator.

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"Big Bang" was coined by Fred Hoyle in a

BBC radio broadcast for the general public in 1948 The recession of the galaxies does not give the only observational test that a theory of the expanding universemust satisfy. During the past few years astronomers have developed a number of further requirements. Although I don't wish to go into these in detail, I might mention that it is now possible to determine the ages of our own Galaxy and of several neighbouring galaxies with a substantial degree of accuracy. The result is about five thousand million years. A satisfactory theory must provide for this age, neither mark nor less.

We not dome to the question of applying the observational state to earlier theories. These theories were based on the hypothesis that all the matter in the universe was created in one bigh bang at a particular time in the remote past. It now turns out that in some respect or other all such theories are in conflict with the observational requirements. And to a degree that can hardly be ignored. Investigators of this problem are like a party to enter a strengting an unit seed peak. Previously it had seemed as if the main difficulty was to decide between a number of routes, all of which seemed promising lines of ascent. But now we find that each of these routes peters out in seemingly hopeless precipices. A new way must be found. The new many way I am now going to discuss involves the hypothesis that matter is created continously.

How are the difficulties facing former theories overcome by introducing continuous creation of matter?

I cannot deal fully with this question, but perhaps you may like to hear one of many possible examples. According to the majority of the earlier theories the density of the matter which composes the background, the background which I've already described, must in the distant past, have been vastly greater than it is at present. This is an effect arising from the expansion, which in these theories produces a decrease of background density as we go forwards into the future but an

Big Bang cosmology is a form of religious fundamentalism ...and this is why these peculiar states of mind have flourished so strongly over the past quarter century. It is the nature of fundamentalism that it should contain a powerful streak of irrationality and that it should not relate, in a verifiable, practical way, to the everyday world. ...it would take an eternity of time to distill even one drop of sense...Big bang cosmology refers to an epoch that cannot be reached from any form of astronomy...

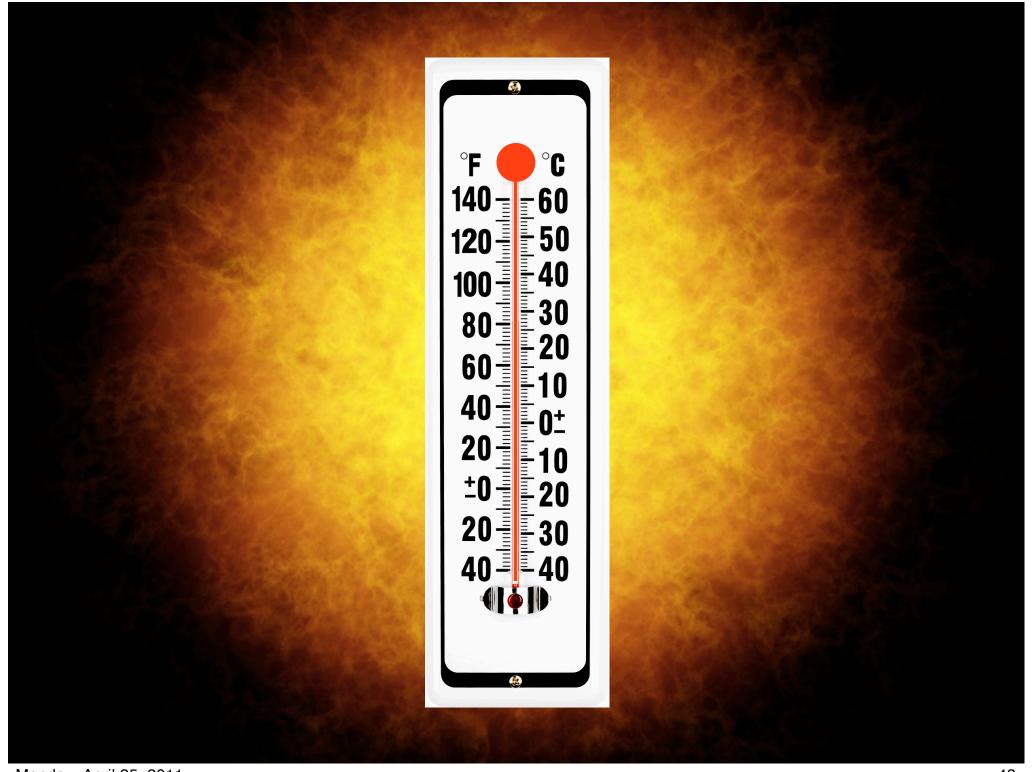
Fred Hoyle <u>Home is Where the Wind Blows</u> 1994.

### distinct from Lemaitre's idea about The Beginning

Gamow had it right:

the "hot big bang" is how we understand it today

# except nothing "banged."



# Mmmm, Mmmm Good....

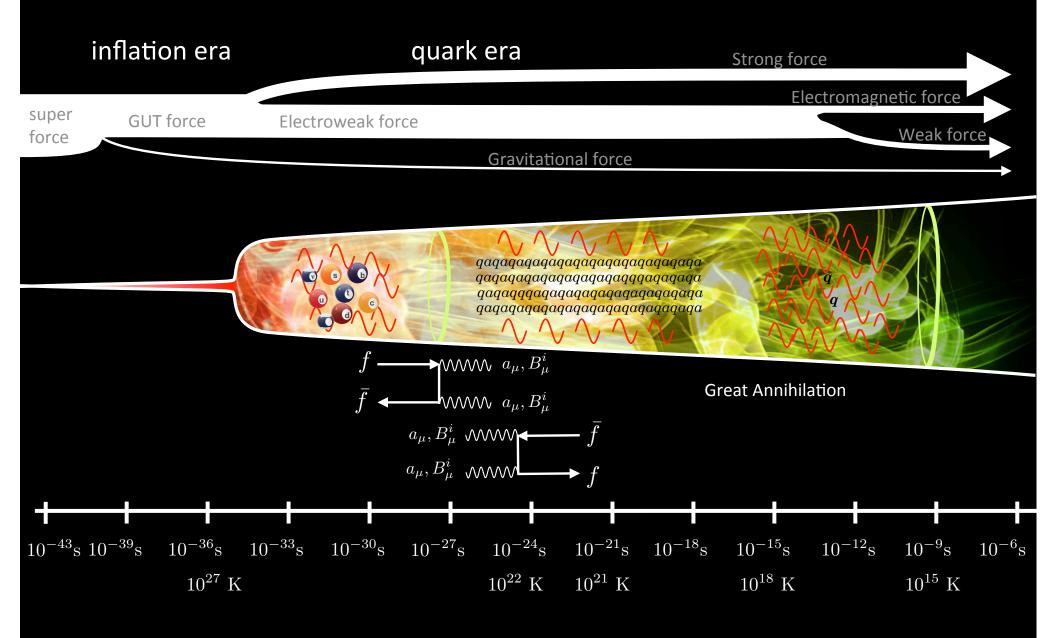




the universe is a big place and getting bigger.

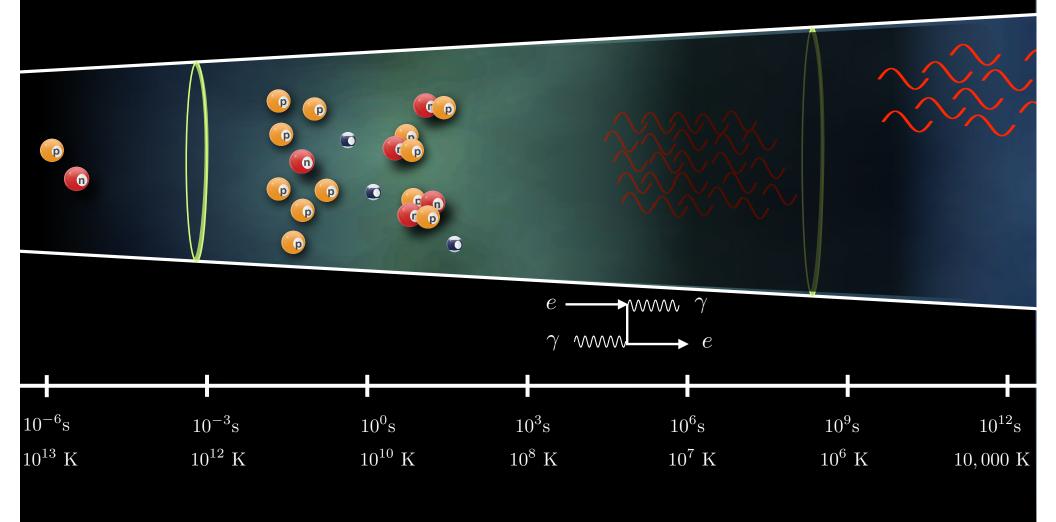
but was originally tiny.

### elementary particle epoch

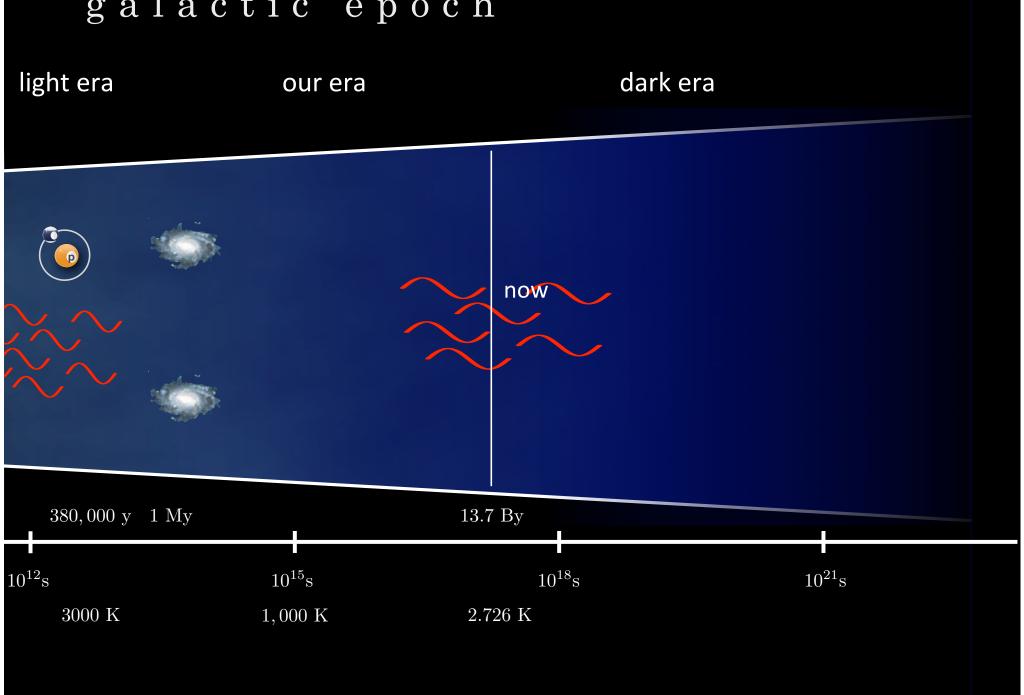


## n u c l e o n e p o c h

hadron era nucleosynthesis era opaque era







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# There are two critical times that lead to the Big Bang





# 380,000 years 3 minutes

(all within the first 15 fake-minutes on my calendar)

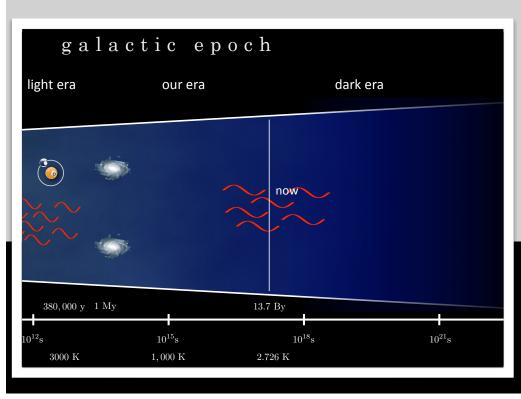
microwave background. about 380,000 y after BB

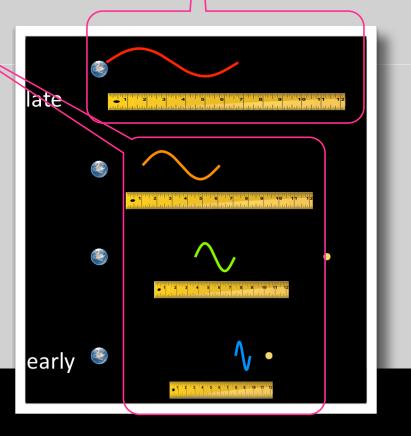


at some point, they are too low in energy to do anything...they just hang around. **about 70,000 years after BB** 

remember

many high energy photons: create new particles, ionize atoms, disintegrate nuclei





αβγ

**George Gamow**universe born

hot primordial soup



1948 with collaborators Alpher and Herman: predicted a left-over electromagnetic radiation: 5° K nobody paid attention or remembered.

so, all these cold photons
the phone company was the hero



the phone company

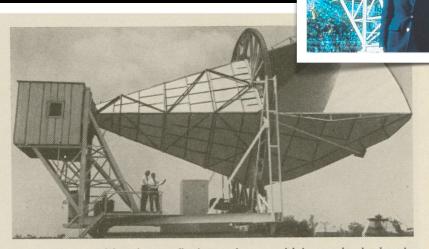
ATT Labs, Crawford Hill, New Jersey

1963

Arno Penzias Robert Wilson







Giant ultra-sensitive horn-reflector antenna which received signals bounced off the satellite. It is located at Bell Telephone Laboratories, Holmdel, New Jersey.



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