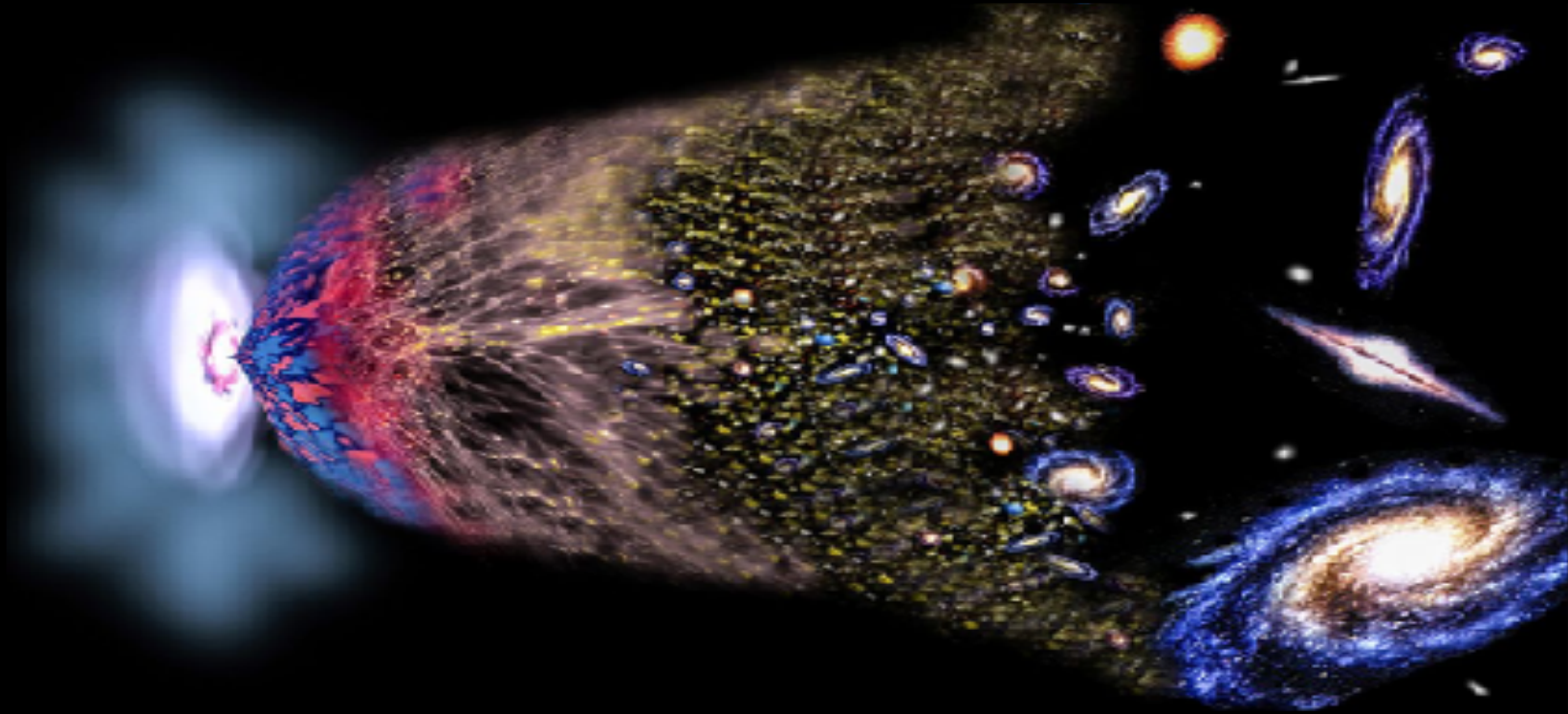


# Cosmology as a Probe of Physics Beyond the Standard Model

Scott Watson (Syracuse University)



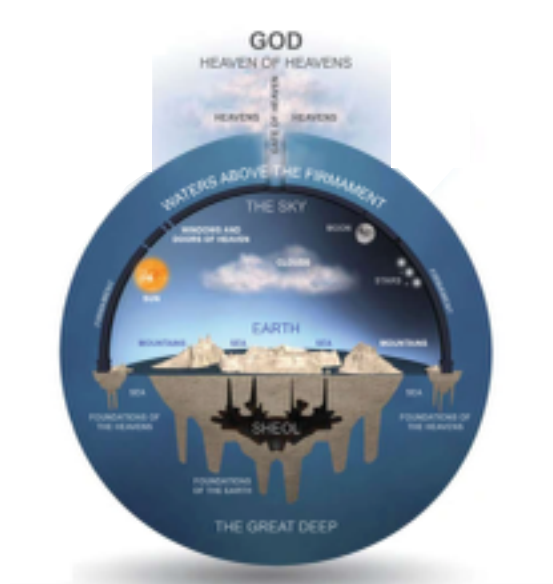
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# Early Days of Cosmology

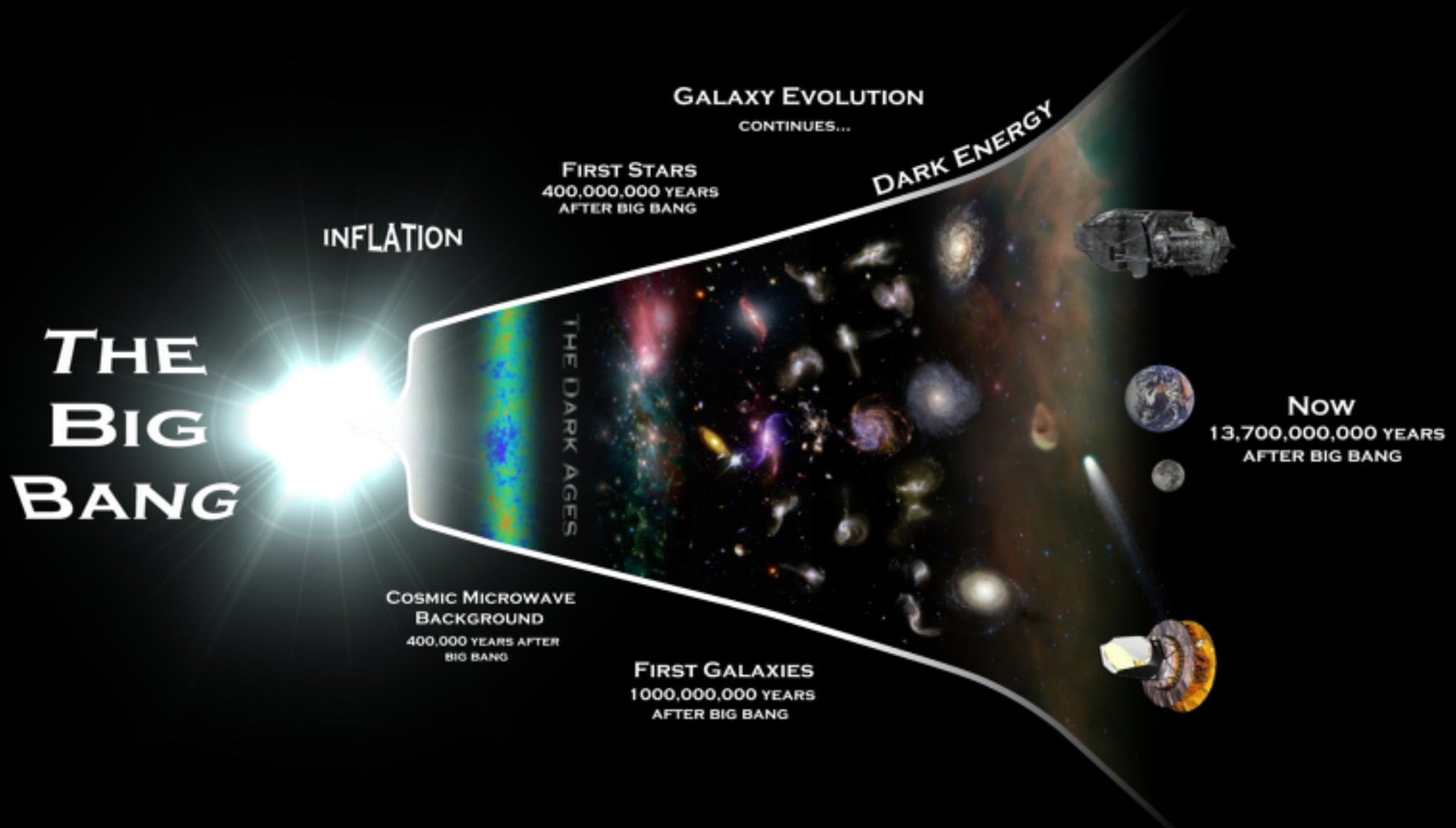




"SINCE YOU CONDUCT ONLY THOUGHT-EXPERIMENTS, WE WERE HOPING YOU WOULD, FROM TIME TO TIME, COME UP WITH SOME THOUGHT-RESULTS."



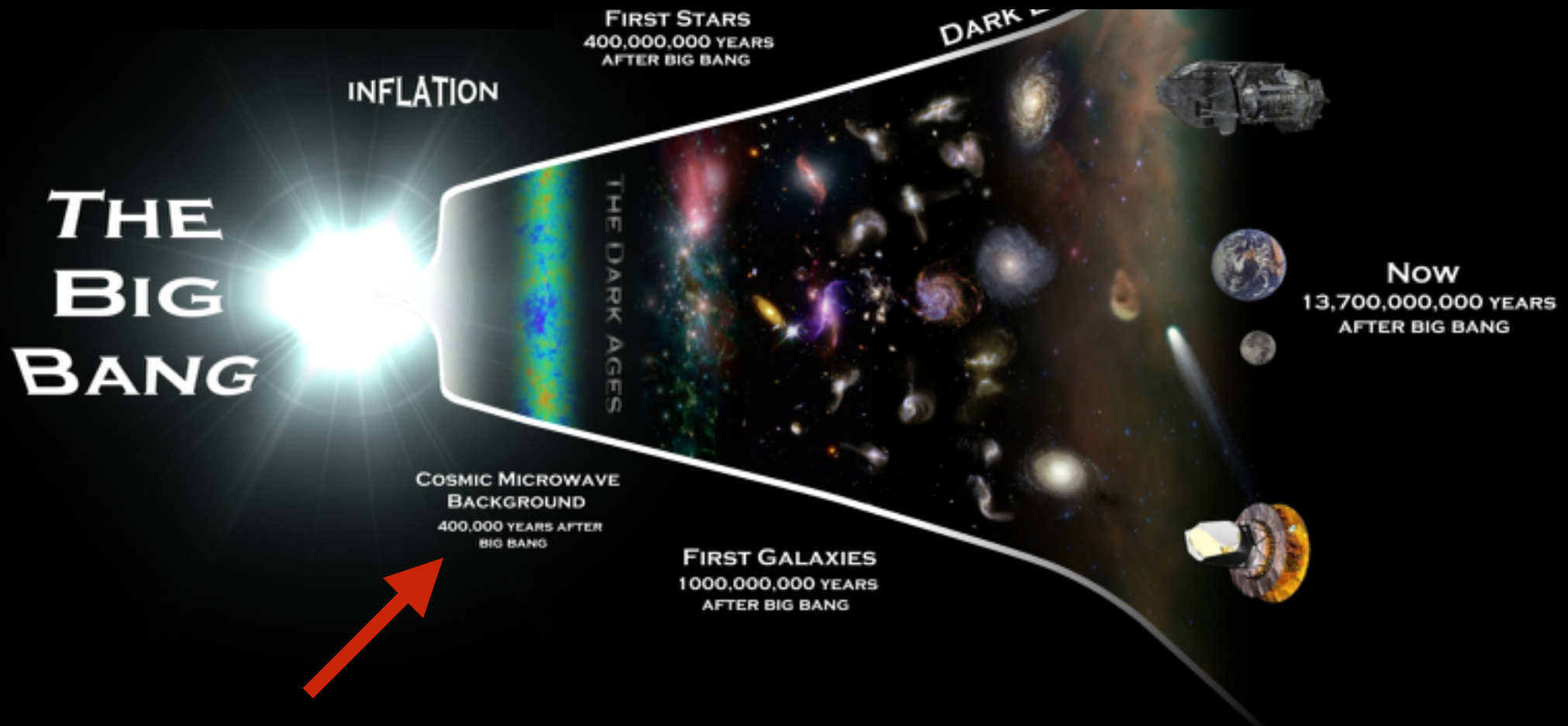
# Today's Cosmological Standard Model



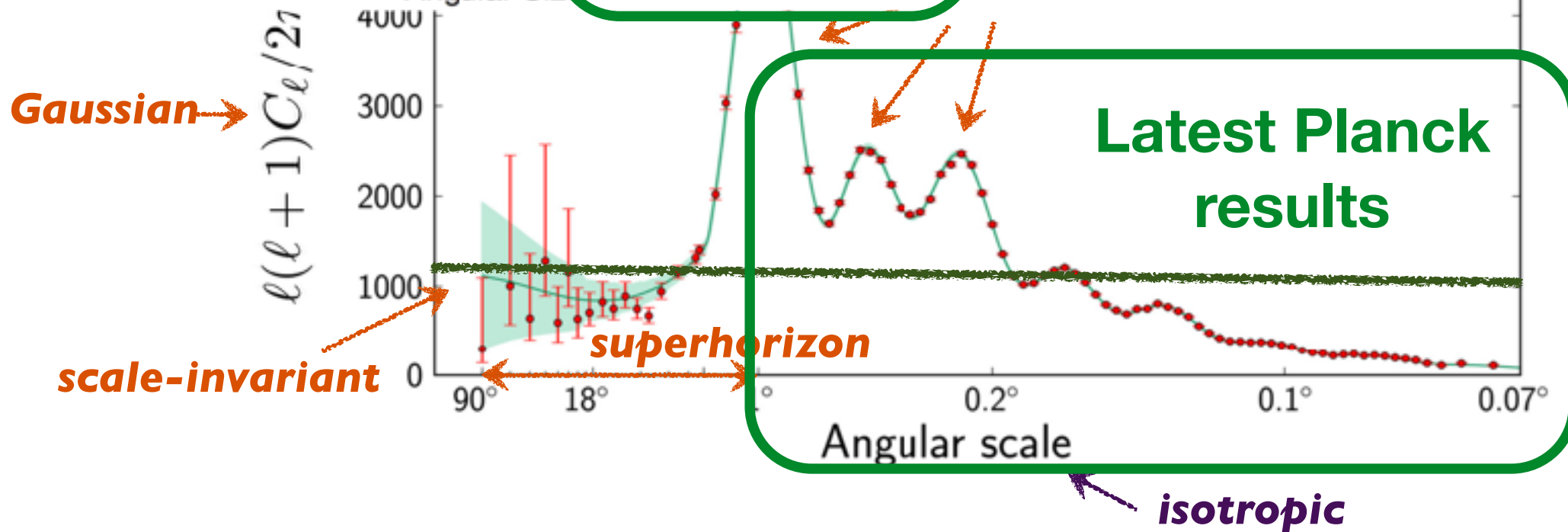
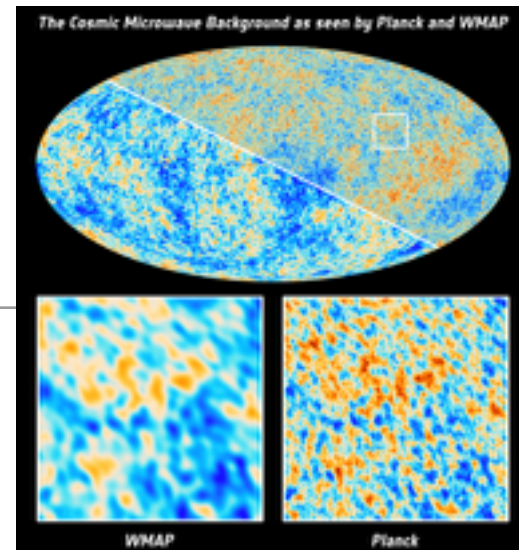
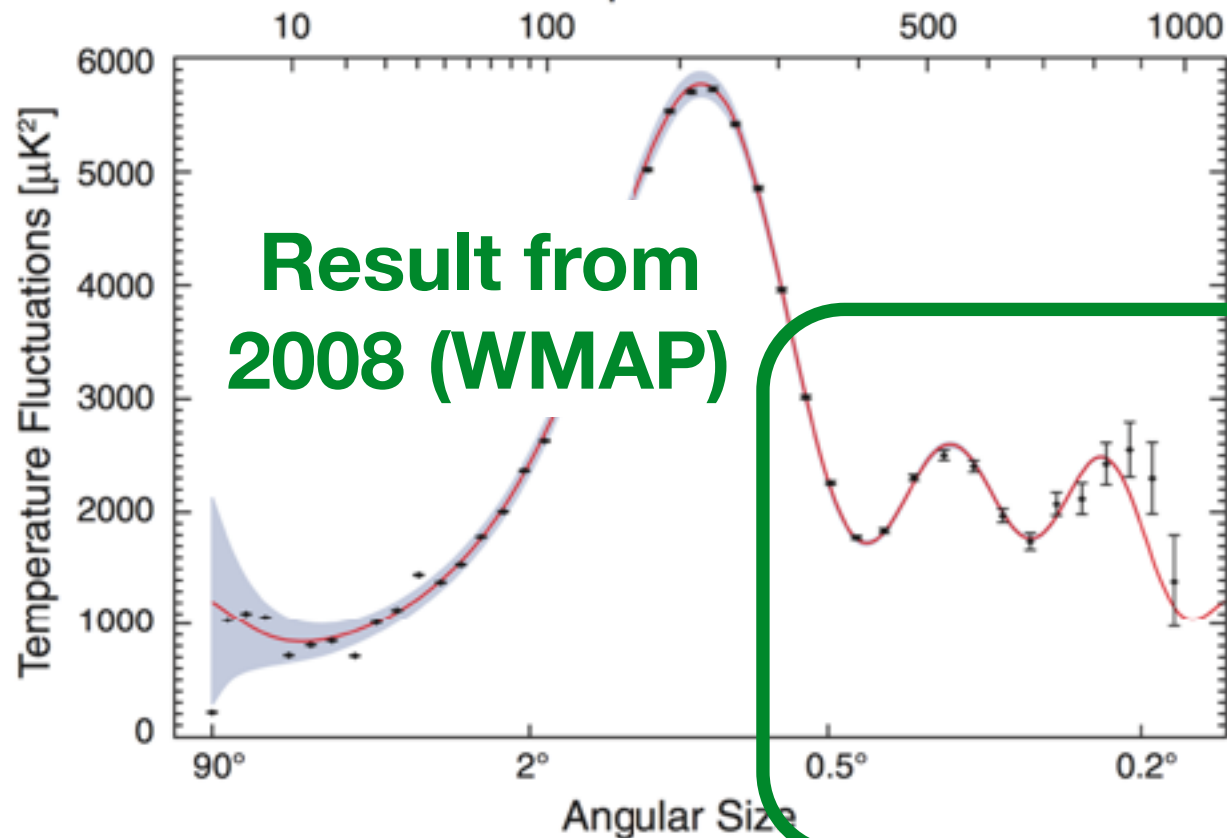




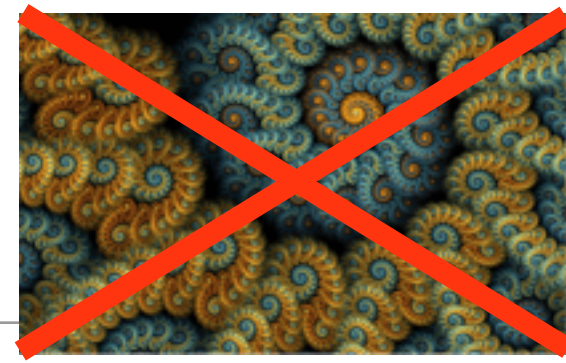
**The Universe is expanding.**  
**As it expanded it cooled.**  
**This results in observational**  
**implications that allow us to**  
**verify the Big Bang Theory**



**Relic light from the Big Bang**

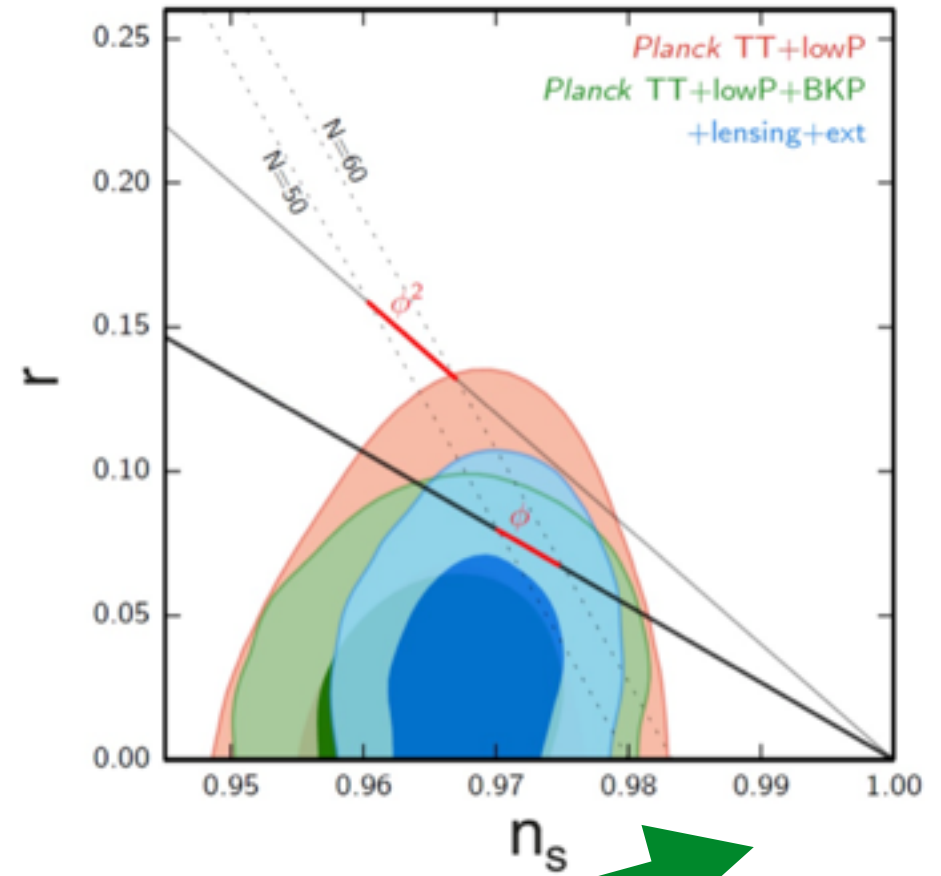
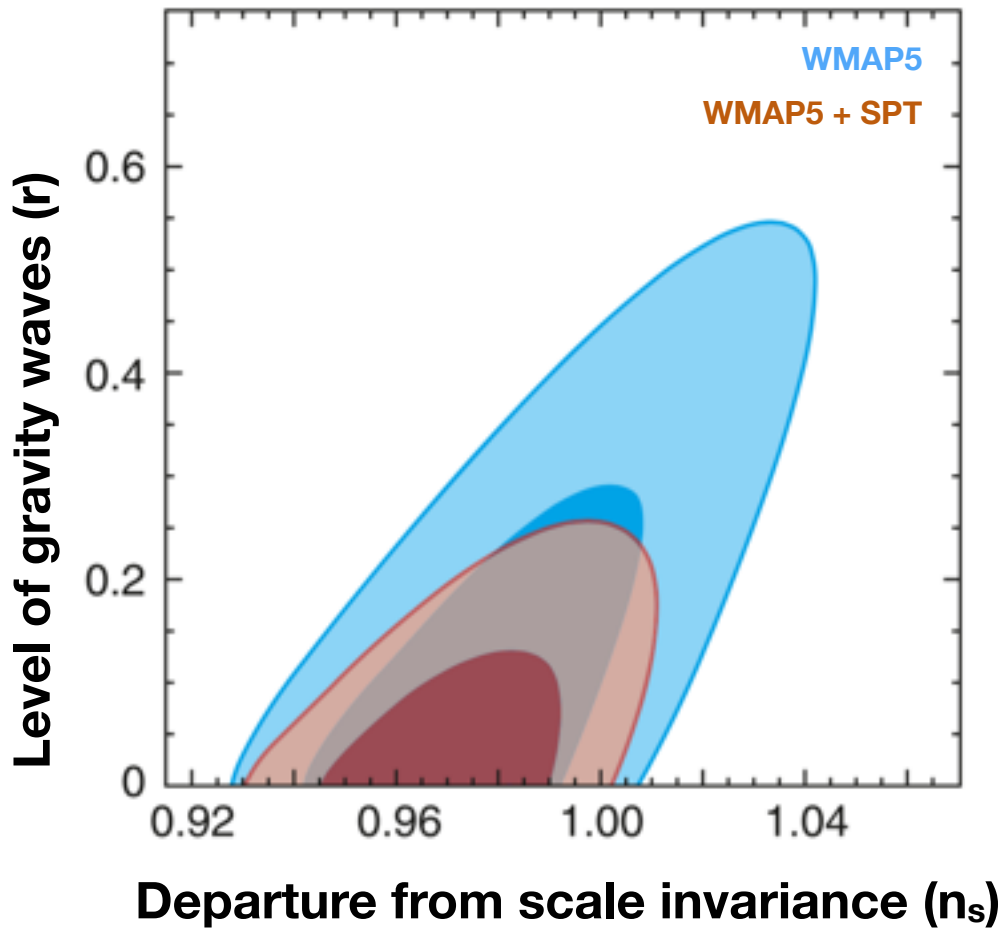


# Improved understanding of Inflation



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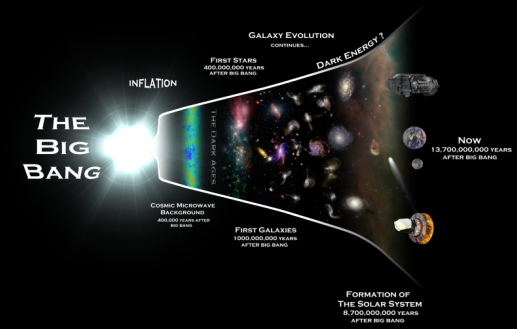
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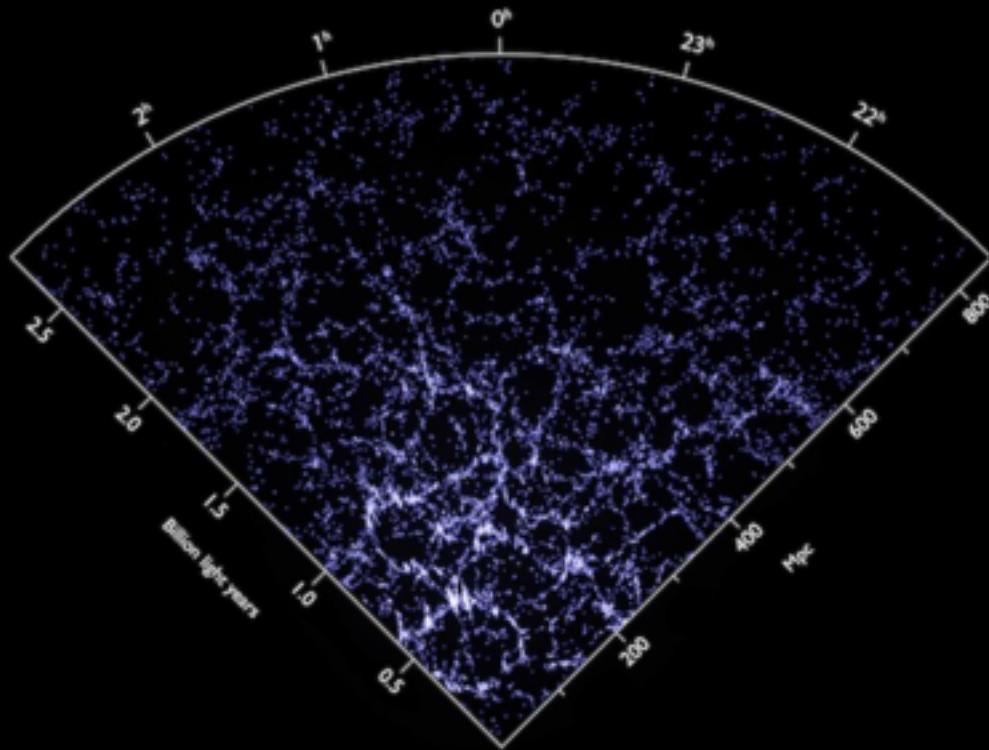
The new result  $n_s < 1$  is very important theoretically.



# Observations Agree with Theory

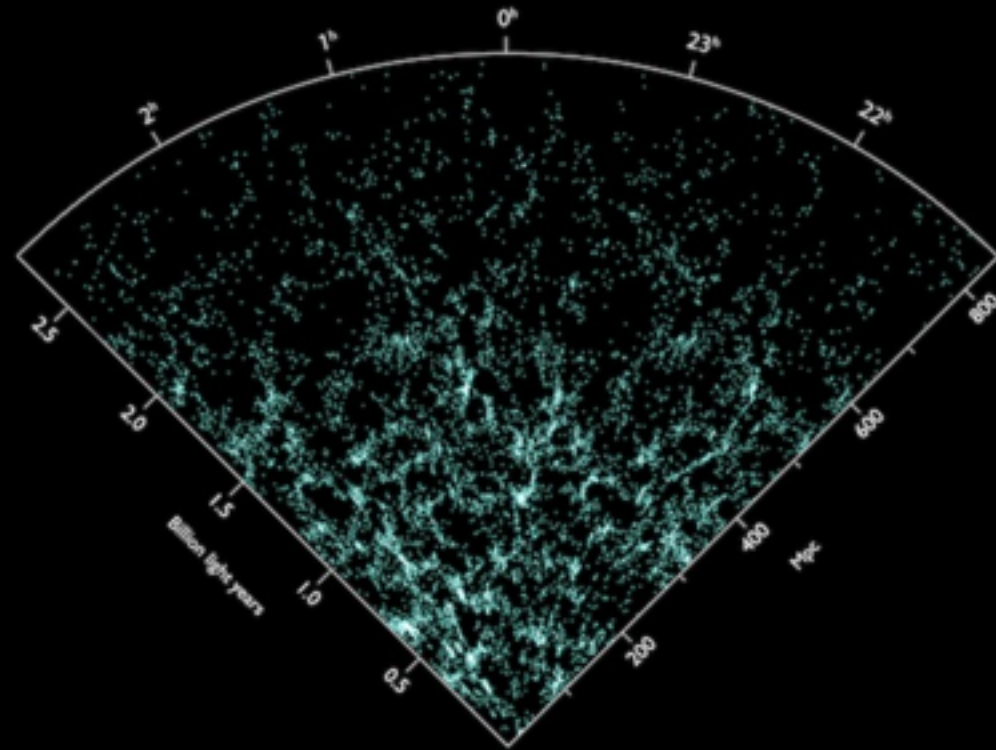


Observation



Data from SDSS Collaboration

Theory



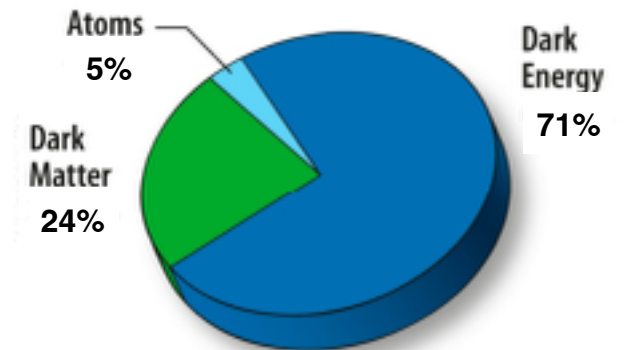
Bolshoi Simulation

High precision observations help us determine the composition and evolution of the universe.

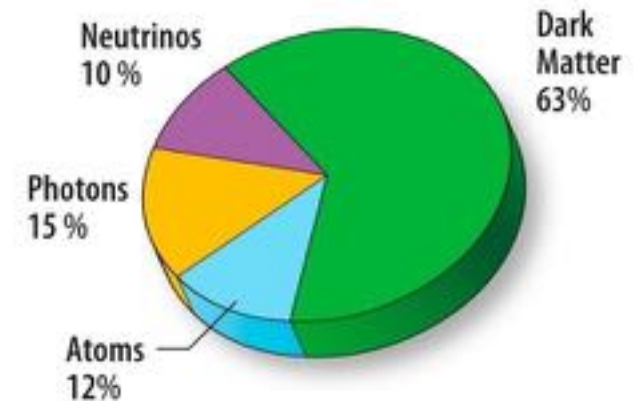
# Precision Cosmology

## Cosmic Energy Budget Today

- Dark Energy 71.35%
- Dark Matter 24.02%
- Baryons 4.63%
- Early universe remarkably homogeneous
- Very small density contrast ( $1 / 100,000$ ) at time of CMB decoupling



Contents of the Universe Today

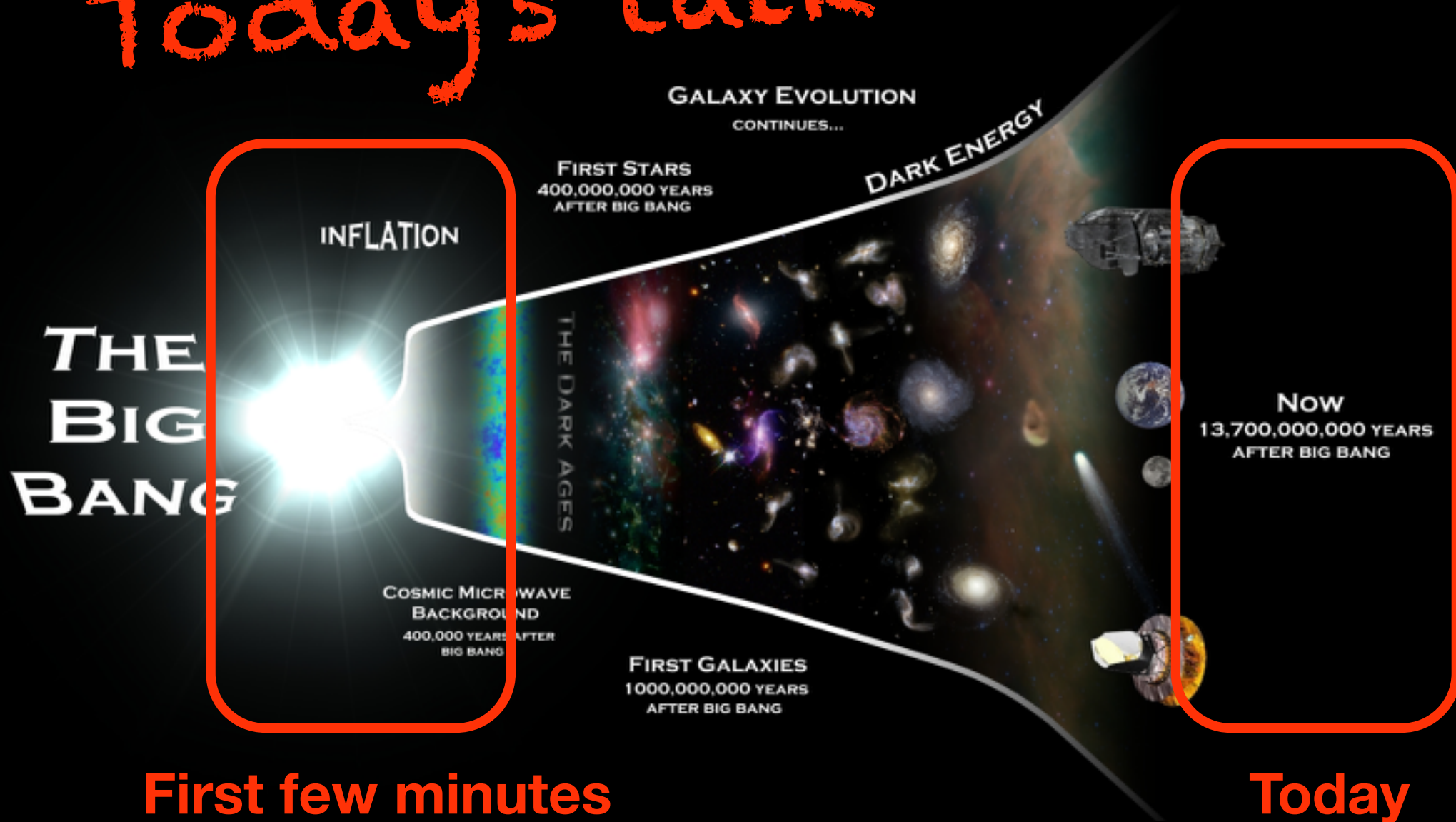


Universe at 380,000 years

All suggest physics beyond the standard model.

# The Cosmological Standard Model

## Today's talk





# THE BIG BANG

INFLATION

GALAXY EVOLUTION  
CONTINUES...

DARK ENERGY?

FIRST STARS  
400,000,000 YEARS  
AFTER BIG BANG

THE DARK AGES

COSMIC MICROWAVE  
BACKGROUND  
400,000 YEARS AFTER  
BIG BANG

FIRST GALAXIES  
1,000,000,000 YEARS  
AFTER BIG BANG

Now  
13,700,000,000 YEARS  
AFTER BIG BANG

FORMATION OF  
THE SOLAR SYSTEM  
8,700,000,000 YEARS  
AFTER BIG BANG



Is there smoking gun evidence for inflation?



**Inflation, its signatures, and possible alternatives have been a significant focus of my group's research program:**

“How Well Can We Really Determine the Scale of Inflation?”  
with O. Ozsoy and K. Sinha, Phys. Rev. D91 (2015)

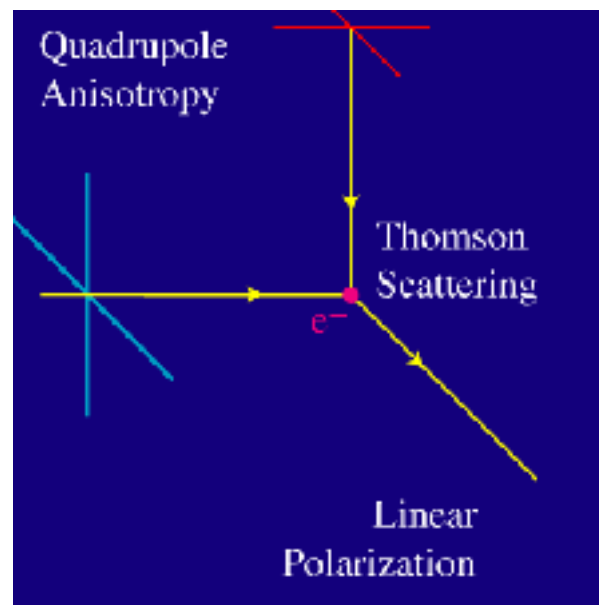
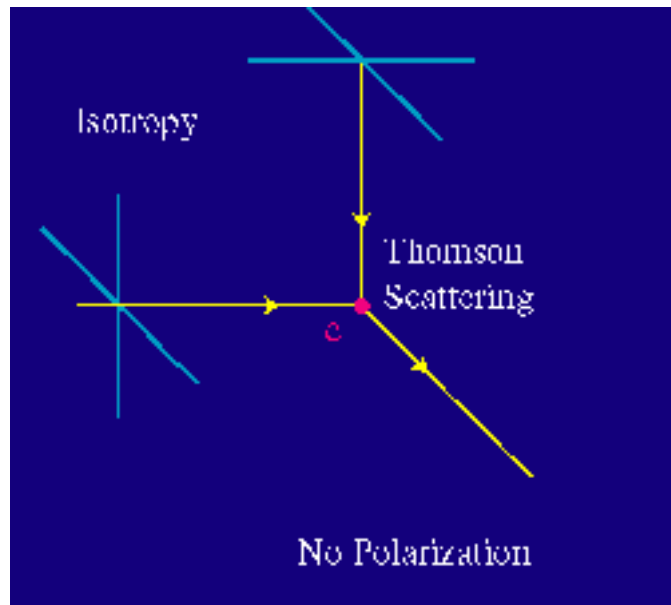
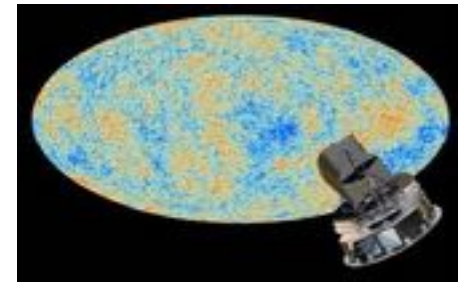
“Decoupling Survives Inflation”  
with A. Avgoustidis, et. al., JCAP 1206 (2012)

“The Importance of Slow-roll Corrections During Multi-field Inflation”  
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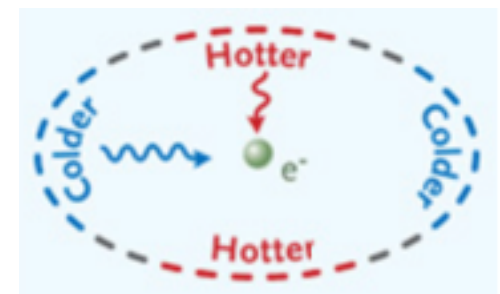
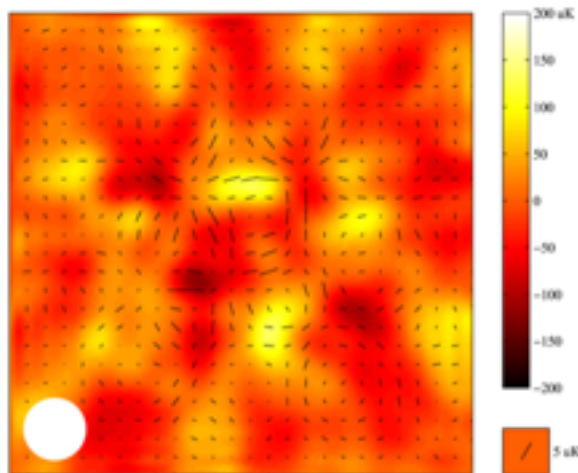


**CMB-S4 Collaboration, selected by NASA 2016 (DOE / NSF support as well)**

# CMB Polarization and Primordial Gravity Waves

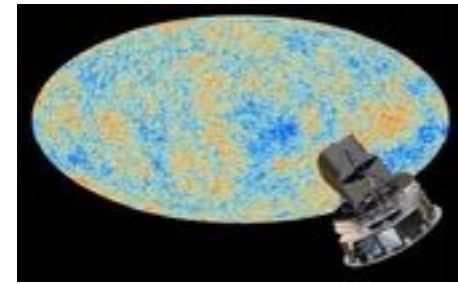


E-mode Polarization (DASI — 2002)

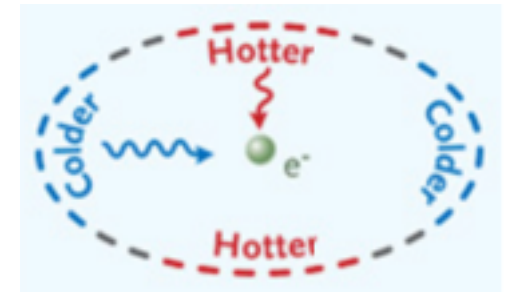
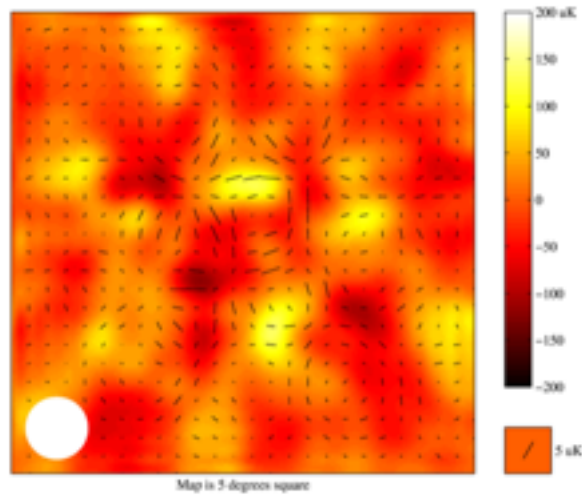




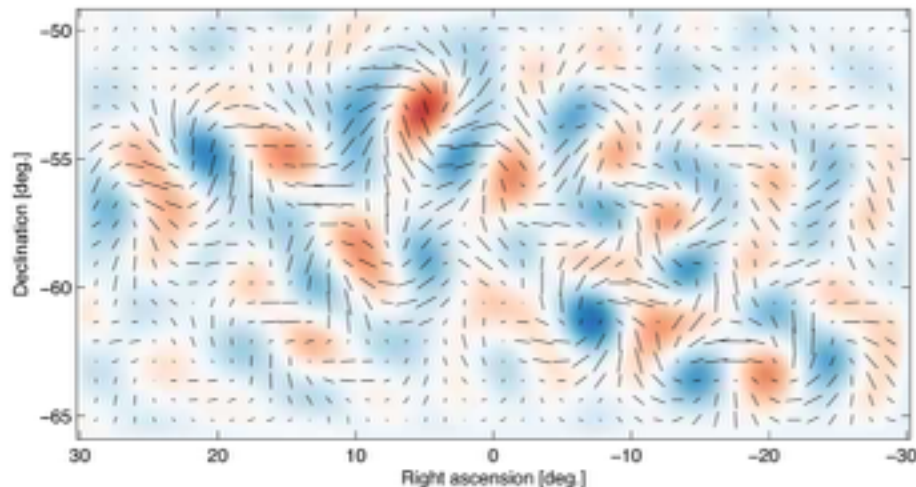
# CMB Polarization and Primordial Gravity Waves



## E-mode Polarization (DASI — 2002)



## Gravity Waves can also produce B-mode Polarization



# Measuring the Energy Scale of Inflation

with O. Ozsoy and K. Sinha, Phys. Rev. D91 (2015)

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Scale of inflation

Amount of gravity waves

$$\frac{H_I}{m_p} \simeq 10^{-5} \left( \frac{r}{0.1} \right)^{1/2}$$

Scale of gravity

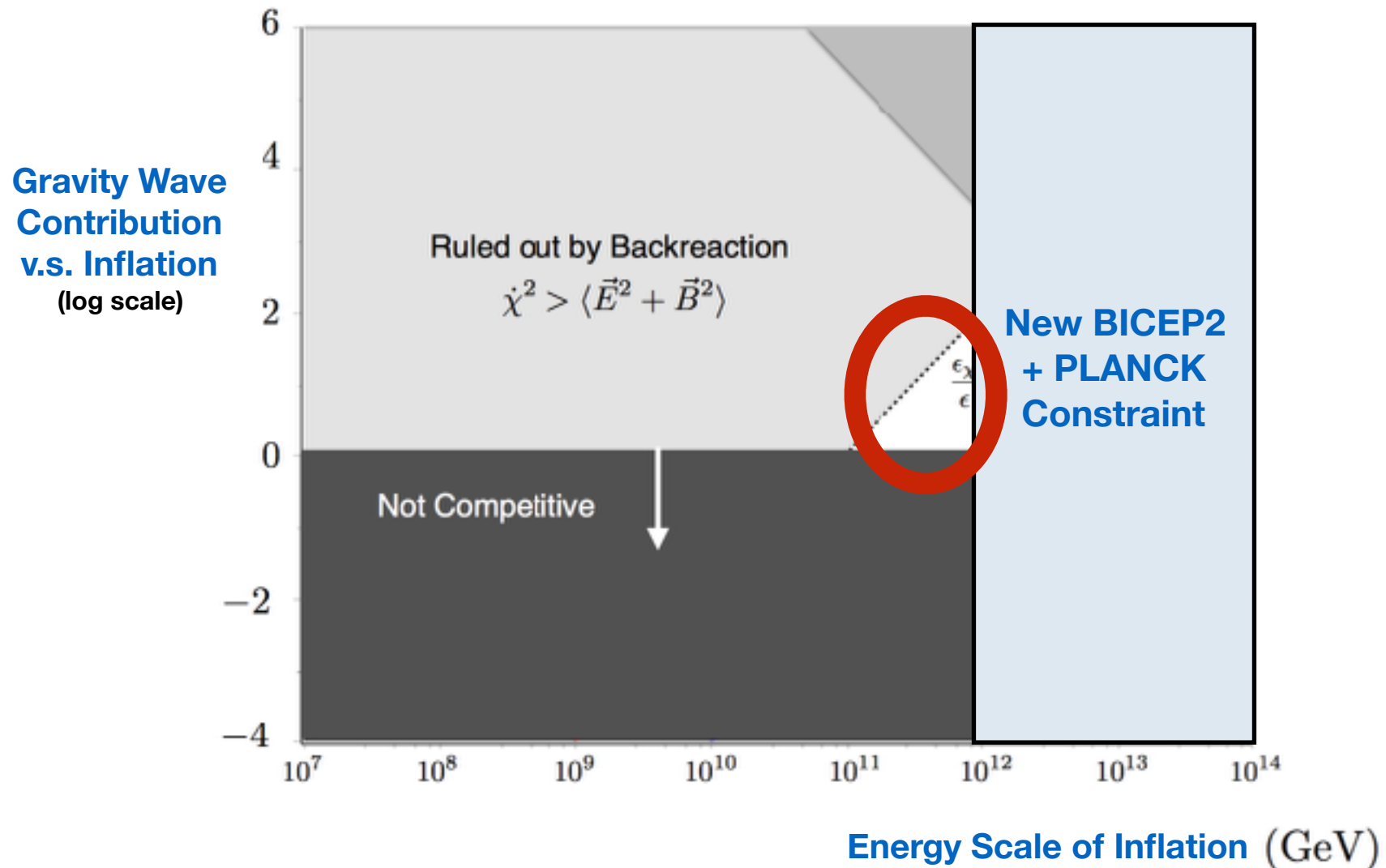
Proximity to scale of quantum gravity makes this problem challenging.

**There can be additional sources of primordial gravity waves.**

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}}^\theta = \theta_{\text{QCD}} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} G_a^{\mu\nu} G_a^{\alpha\beta} \quad \leftarrow \text{Other fields can produce gravity waves during inflation}$$

# Can we really determine the scale of inflation?

with K. Sinha and O. Ozsoy, PRD 91 (2015)

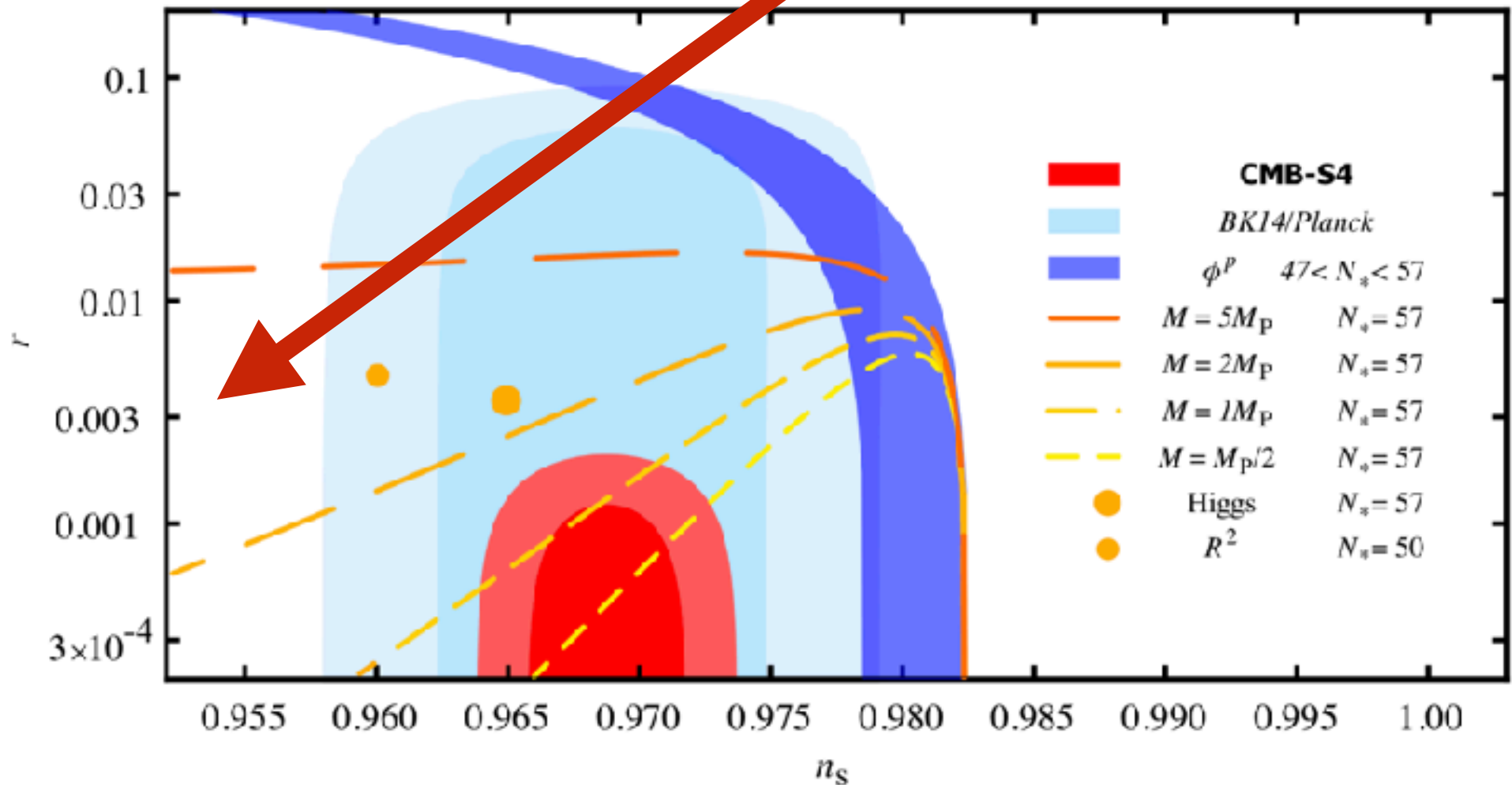


Yes, measurement of gravity waves will tell us the scale of inflation

# Measuring the Energy Scale of Inflation

with CMB S4 Collaboration, arXiv:1610.02743

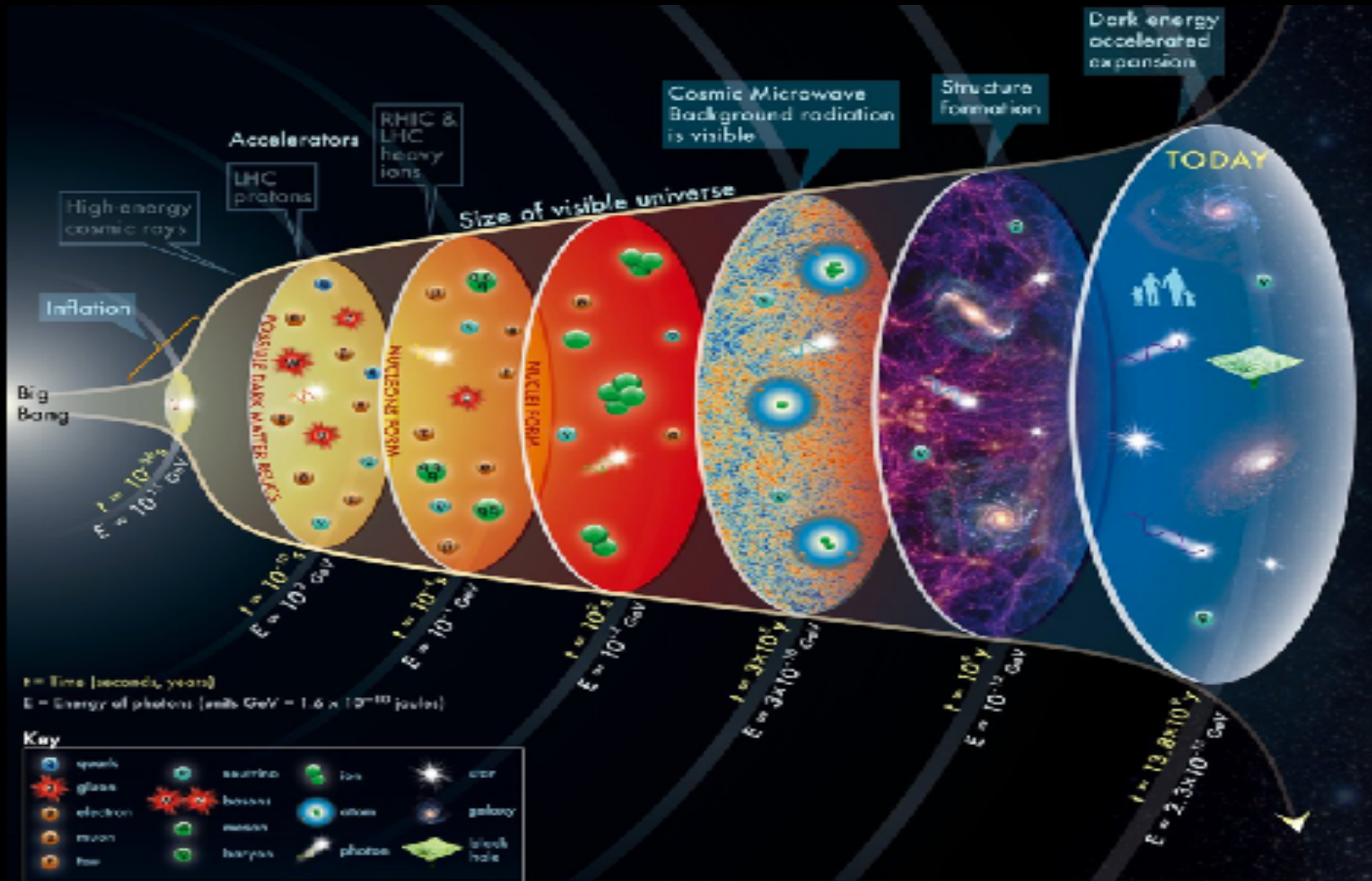
Important Target





# The First Three Minutes

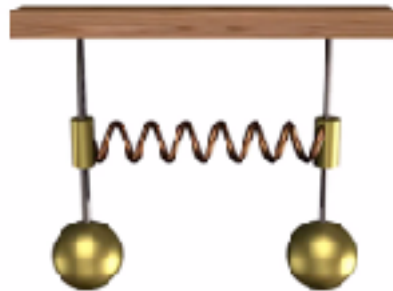
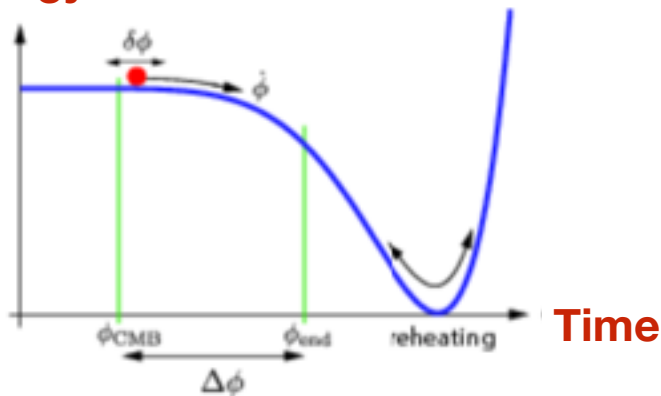
## How does Inflation End?



When did the universe thermalize?

# From Inflation to the Hot Big Bang

Energy



Robert Brandenberger  
(McGill University)

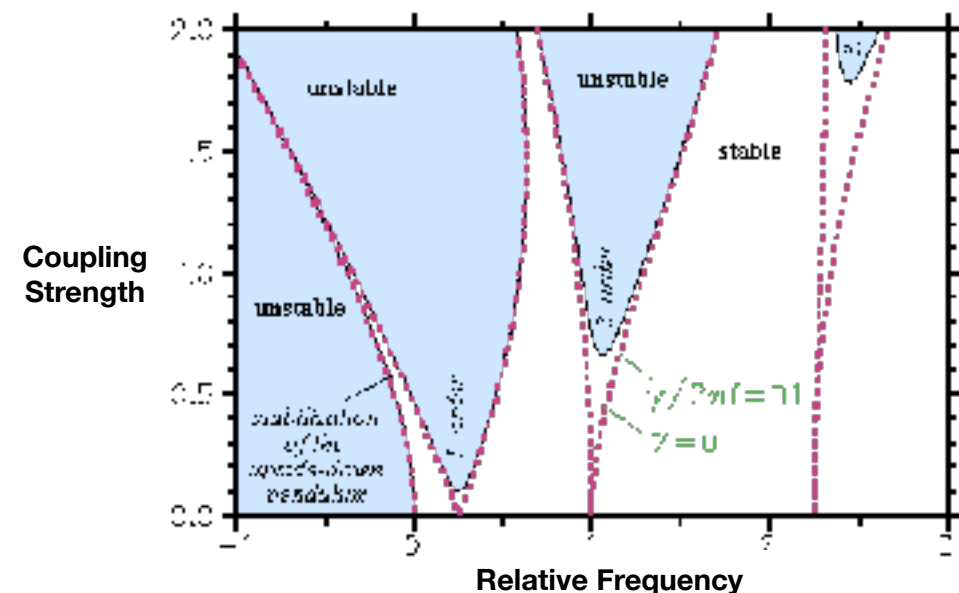


Lev Kofman  
1957 – 2009

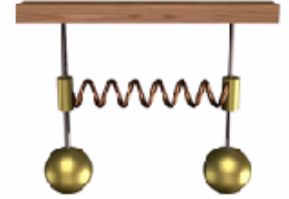
The transition from inflation to “reheating” can be complicated.

## Stages of Reheating:

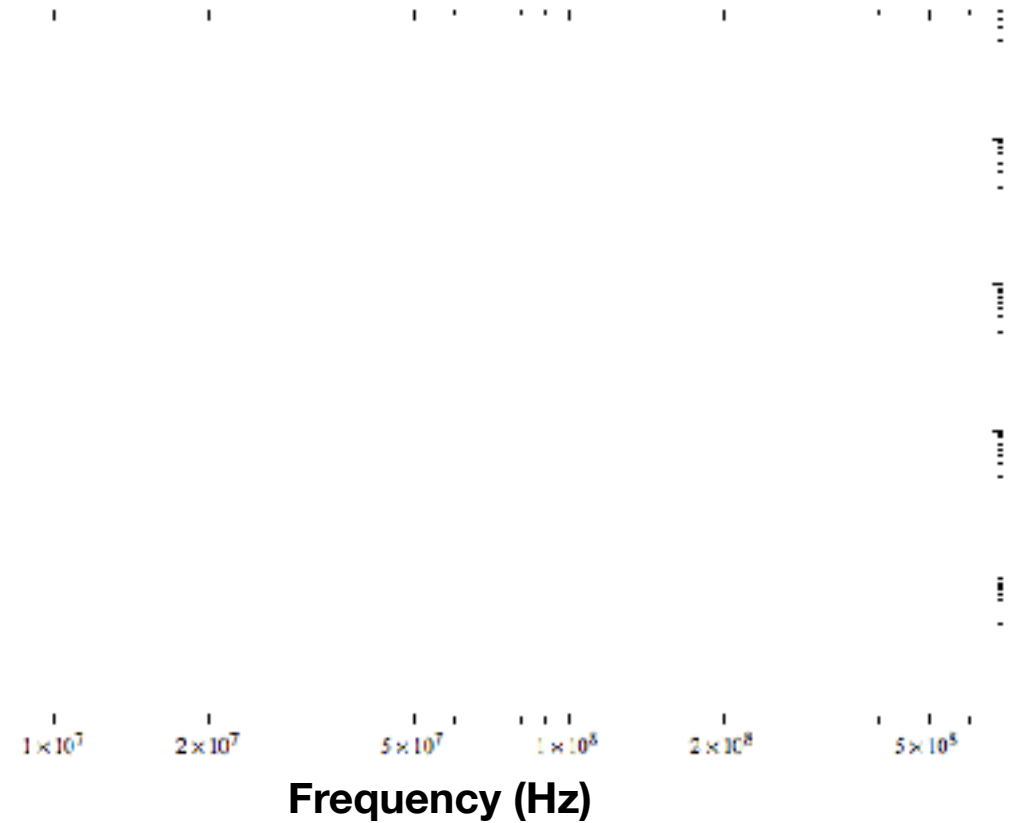
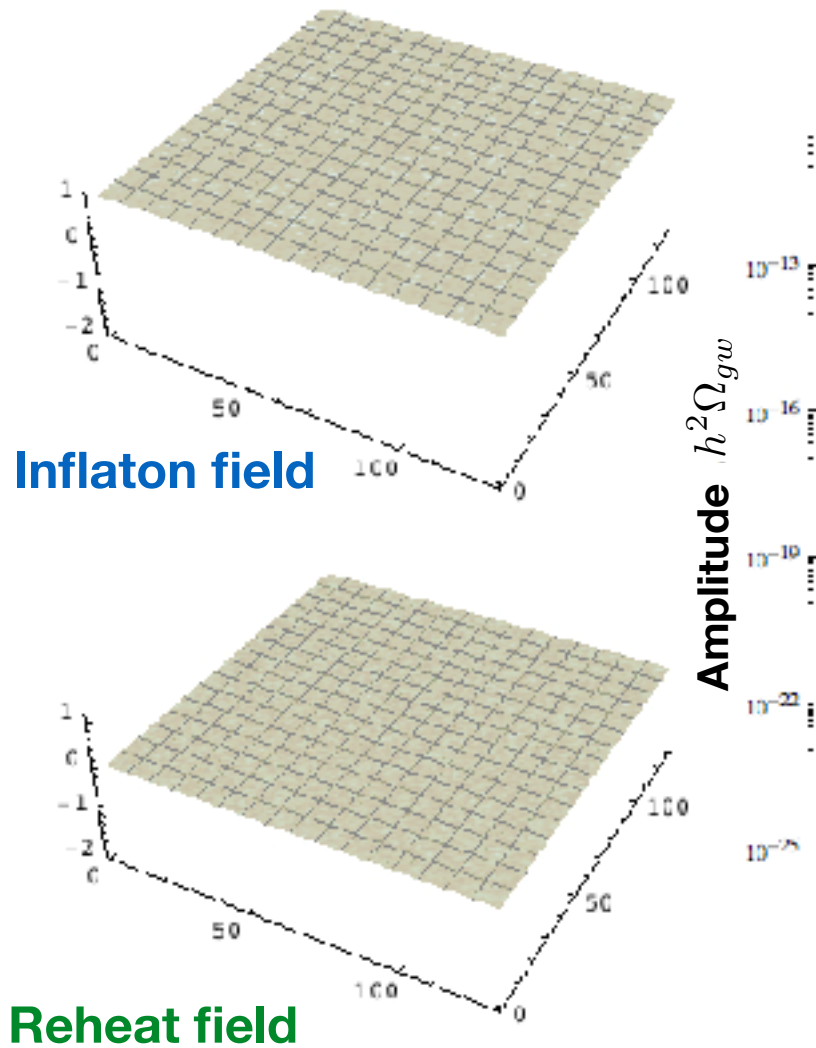
1. Non-perturbative (parametric resonance)
2. Non-linear Dynamics and Chaos
3. Turbulence
4. Thermalization



# Observables from Inflationary reheating

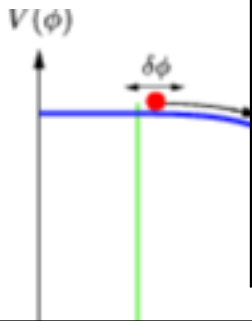


## Gravity wave spectrum



From Inf

ot Big B



Lev Kofman  
1957 – 2009



*"Maybe nature is fundamentally ugly, chaotic and complicated. But if it's like that, then I want out."*

*Steven Weinberg*

**Establishing a more systematic approach to the reheating processes is an important open challenge.**

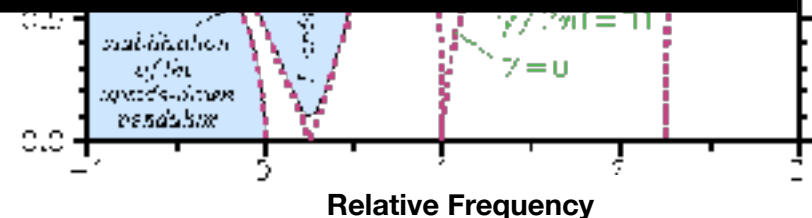
We would like a way to classify models and search for their universal properties.

Recent Summer workshop at Aspen Center for Physics.

Future (2019) workshop at KITP — Santa Barbara (with Adshead, Cui, and Flauger)

3. Turbulence

4. Thermalization







# Symmetry Breaking and Goldstone Bosons



Emmy Noether

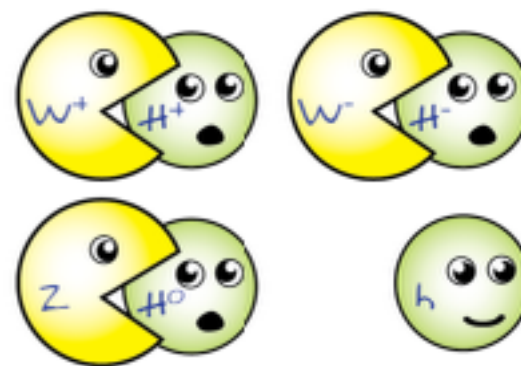
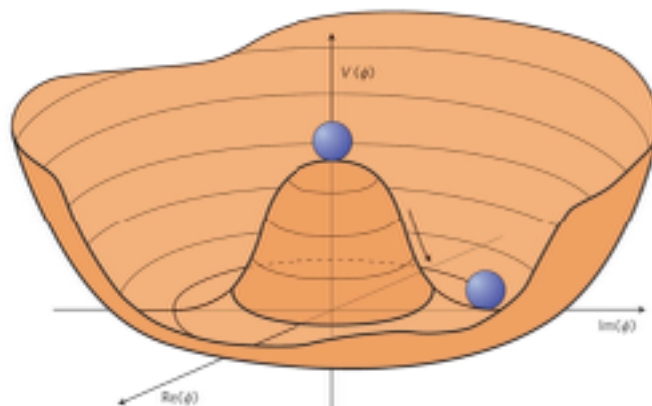


Jeffrey Goldstone



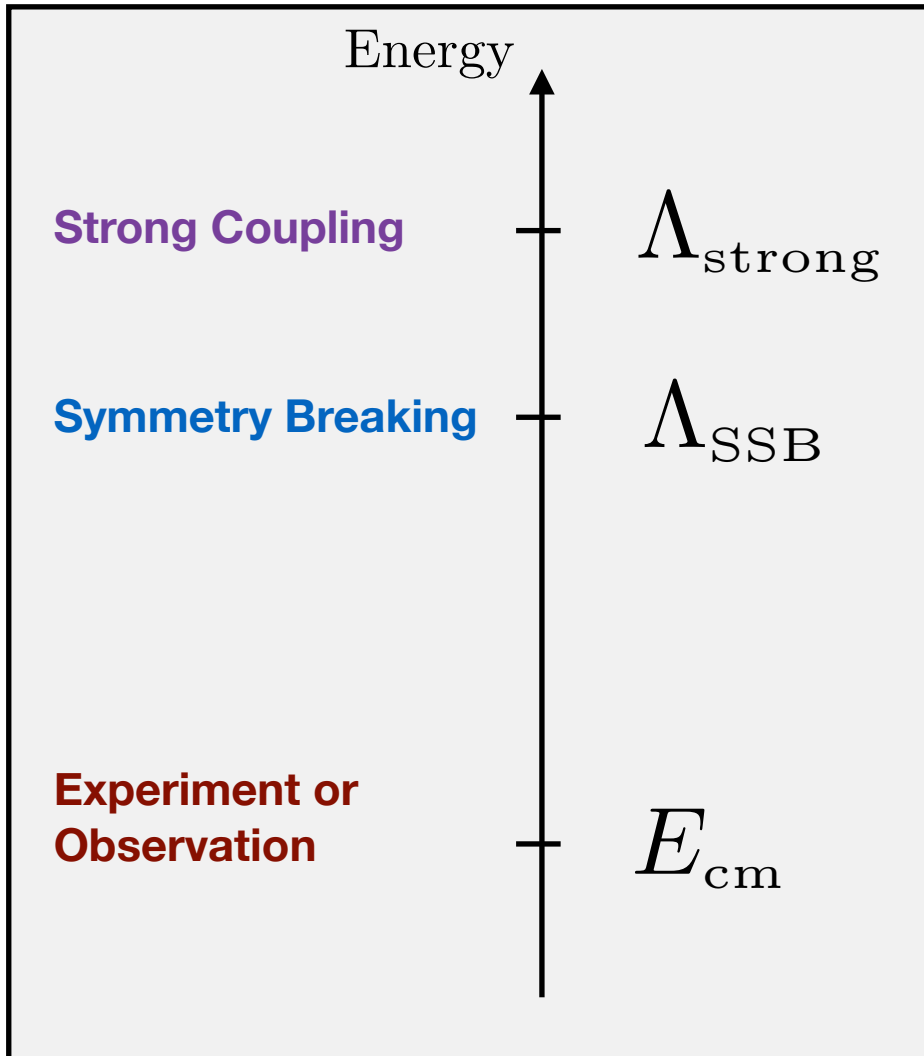
Stephen Weinberg

## Spontaneous Symmetry Breaking



**In the broken phase, Goldstone bosons are eaten by Gauge Fields**  
(assuming gauge fields are present).

# Goldstone Bosons and Spontaneous Symmetry Breaking



## Electroweak Symmetry Breaking

$$SU(2) \times U(1)_Y \rightarrow U(1)_{\text{EM}}$$

$$\Lambda_{\text{strong}} \simeq 800 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\Lambda_{\text{SSB}} = \langle h \rangle \simeq 247 \text{ GeV}$$

Longitudinal components of  
W and Z gauge bosons are the Goldstones

## QCD Symmetry Breaking

$$SU(2) \times SU(2) \rightarrow SU(2)_{\text{isospin}}$$

$$\Lambda_{\text{SSB}} \simeq f_\pi \simeq 300 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Lambda_{\text{strong}} \simeq 4\pi f_\pi$$

Pions are the Goldstones

# Goldstone Bosons and Spontaneous Symmetry Breaking

## Electroweak Physics

$$\begin{aligned}
 L[\pi, \vec{W}, B, h] = & -\frac{1}{2}\pi_a\Box\pi_a - \frac{1}{2}h(\Box + m_h^2)h - \lambda(\pi_a^2 + h^2)^2 \\
 & - 4\lambda v h(\pi_a^2 + h^2) - \frac{g}{2}\partial^\mu\pi_1(W_\mu^3\pi_2 - W_\mu^2\pi_3) \\
 & - \frac{g}{2}\partial^\mu\pi_2(W_\mu^1\pi_3 - W_\mu^3\pi_1) - \frac{g}{2}\partial^\mu\pi_3(W_\mu^2\pi_1 - W_\mu^1\pi_2) \\
 & + g\partial^\mu h(\vec{W}_\mu \cdot \vec{\pi}) - \frac{g'}{2}(\pi_1\partial_\mu\pi_2 - \pi_2\partial_\mu\pi_1)B^\mu - g\partial_\mu h\pi_3B^\mu \\
 & + \frac{1}{2}m_W^2\vec{W}_\mu \cdot \vec{W}^\mu + \frac{1}{2}m_B^2B_\mu B^\mu - m_W m_B W_\mu^3 B^\mu \\
 & + \frac{g^2}{8}(\vec{W}_\mu \cdot \vec{\pi})(\vec{W}^\mu \cdot \vec{\pi}) + \frac{g'^2}{4}hB_\mu B^\mu \\
 & + \frac{g'^2}{8}H^2 B_\mu B^\mu - \frac{gg'}{4}h^2 W_\mu^3 B^\mu - \frac{gg'v}{2}hW_\mu^3 B^\mu \\
 & + \frac{g^2}{8}h^2\vec{W}_\mu \cdot \vec{W}^\mu + \frac{g^2v}{4}h\vec{W}_\mu \cdot \vec{W}^\mu + \frac{g'^2}{8}B_\mu B^\mu \vec{\pi} \cdot \vec{\pi} \\
 & + \frac{gg'}{4}W_\mu^3 B^\mu \vec{\pi} \cdot \vec{\pi} - \frac{gg'}{2}\pi_3 B_\mu (W_1^\mu \pi_1 + W_2^\mu \pi_2) \\
 & + g'm_W B_\mu (W_1^\mu \pi_2 - W_2^\mu \pi_1) + \frac{gg'}{2}B_\mu (W_1^\mu \pi_2 - W_2^\mu \pi_1)h
 \end{aligned}
 \longrightarrow \mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{f_\pi}{2}\partial_\mu U \cdot \partial^\mu U^\dagger + c_1 (\partial_\mu U \cdot \partial^\mu U^\dagger)^2 + \dots$$

# Goldstones and Cosmology?

The cosmic expansion breaks time translation invariance.

No longer a symmetry

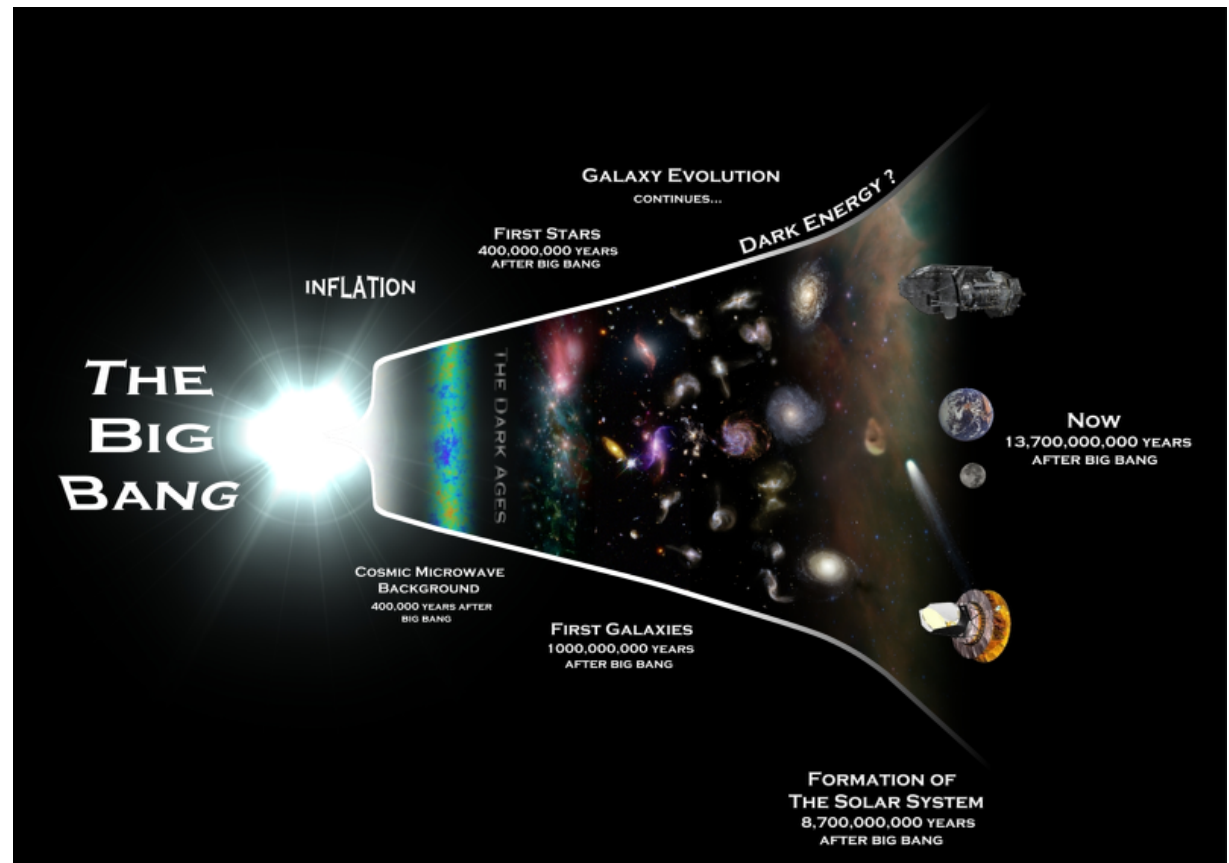
$$t \rightarrow t + \xi$$

Inflaton breaks the symmetry

$$\Lambda_{\text{SSB}} \sim \dot{\varphi}(t)^{1/2}$$

Radiation or matter evolving breaks the symmetry

$$\Lambda_{\text{SSB}} \sim \rho(t)^{1/4}$$



At high energy (small length scales) symmetry is realized.

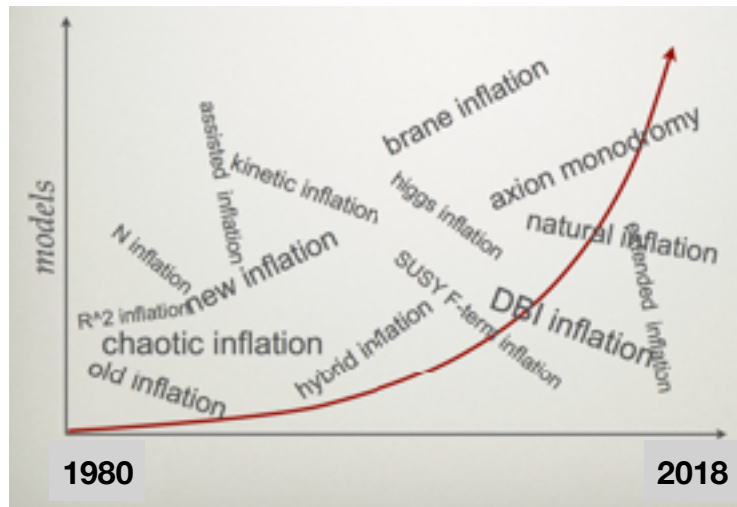
**This is spontaneous symmetry breaking!**



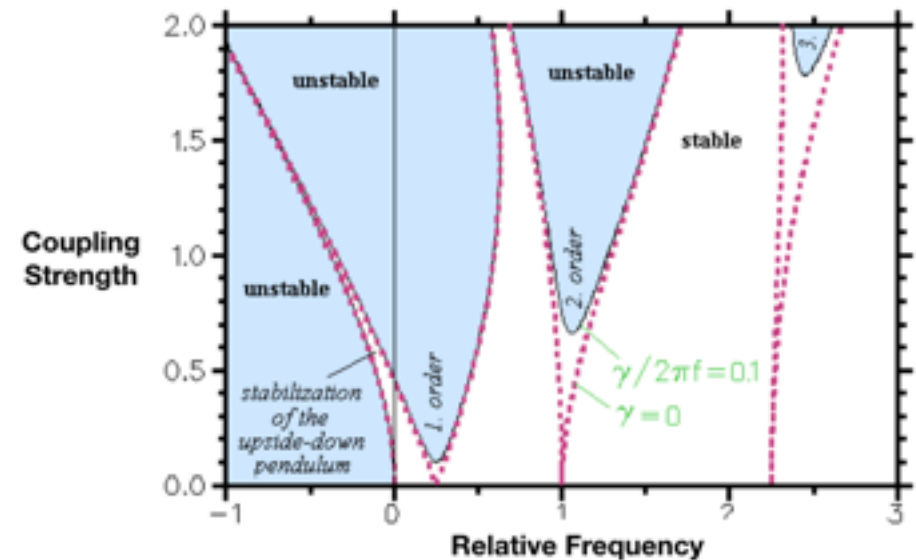
# Effective Field Theory and Reheating the Universe

with T. Giblin, E. Nesbit, O. Ozsoy, and G. Sengor [ [Phys.Rev. D96 \(2017\)](#) ]

**All models are captured by their symmetry breaking pattern.**



Inflationary Zoo of models



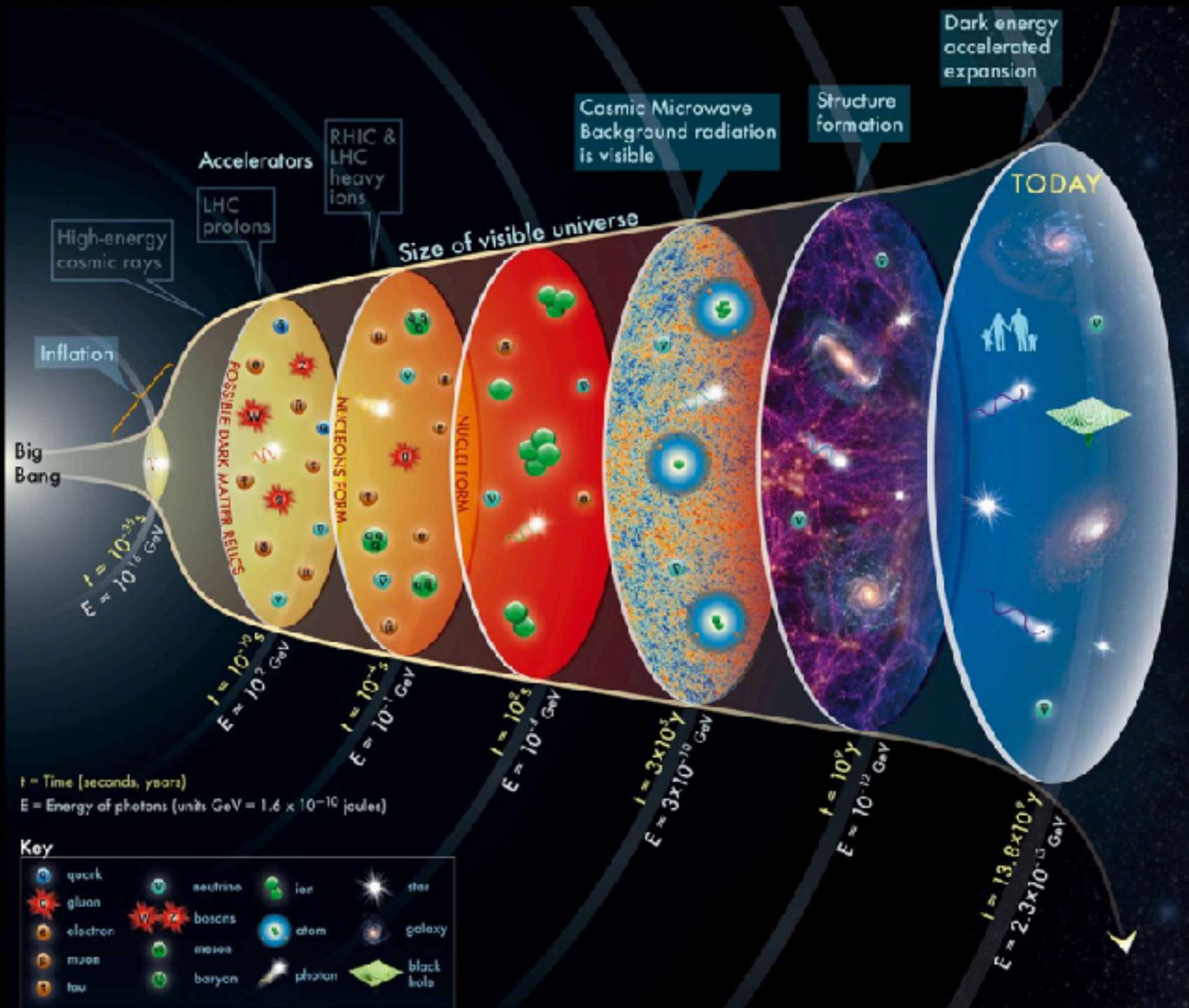
Correction to sound speed  
of fluctuations

$$S_{\pi} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ M_{\text{Pl}}^2 \dot{H} (\partial_{\mu} \pi)^2 + 2M_2^4 \left( \dot{\pi}^2 + \dot{\pi}^3 - \dot{\pi} \frac{1}{a^2} (\partial_i \pi)^2 \right) - \frac{4}{3} M_3^4 \dot{\pi}^3 - \frac{\bar{M}^2}{2} \frac{1}{a^4} (\partial_i^2 \pi)^2 + \dots \right]$$

Same coefficient for both  
because of symmetry  
breaking pattern

Cubic interaction  
(CMB non-gaussianity)

# How can we determine when the universe thermalized?



The growth of structure depends on the cosmic history.

# Early Matter Phase and Growth of Structure

with J. Georg JHEP 1709 (2017)

with J. Georg and G. Sengor and O. Ozsoy PRD D93 (2016)

with J. Fan and O. Ozsoy PRD D90 (2015)

## Evolution of Density Perturbations

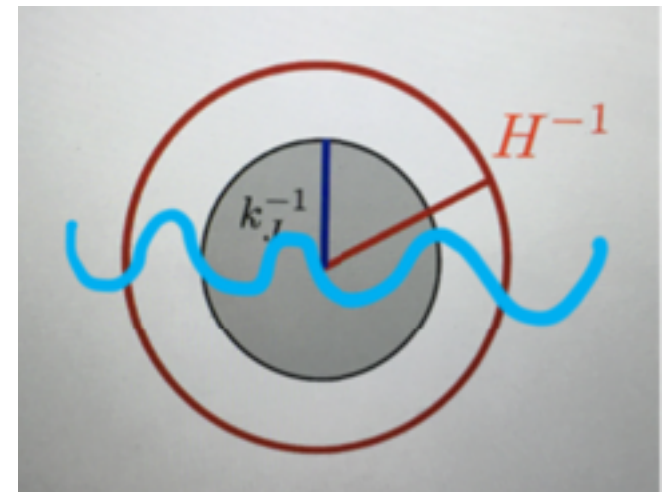
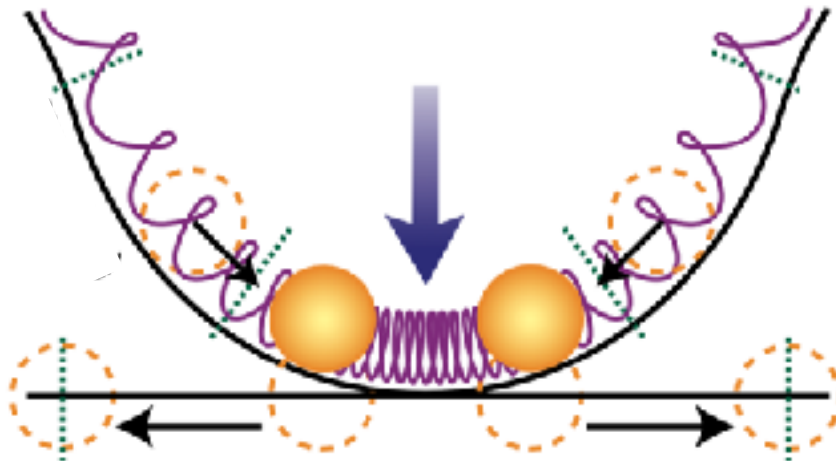
$$\delta_k \equiv \frac{\delta\rho(t, \vec{k})}{\bar{\rho}}$$

$$\ddot{\delta}_k + 2H\dot{\delta}_k + \left( c_s^2 k_p^2 - \frac{3}{2}H^2 \right) \delta_k = 0$$

Hubble  
“friction” slows  
the instability

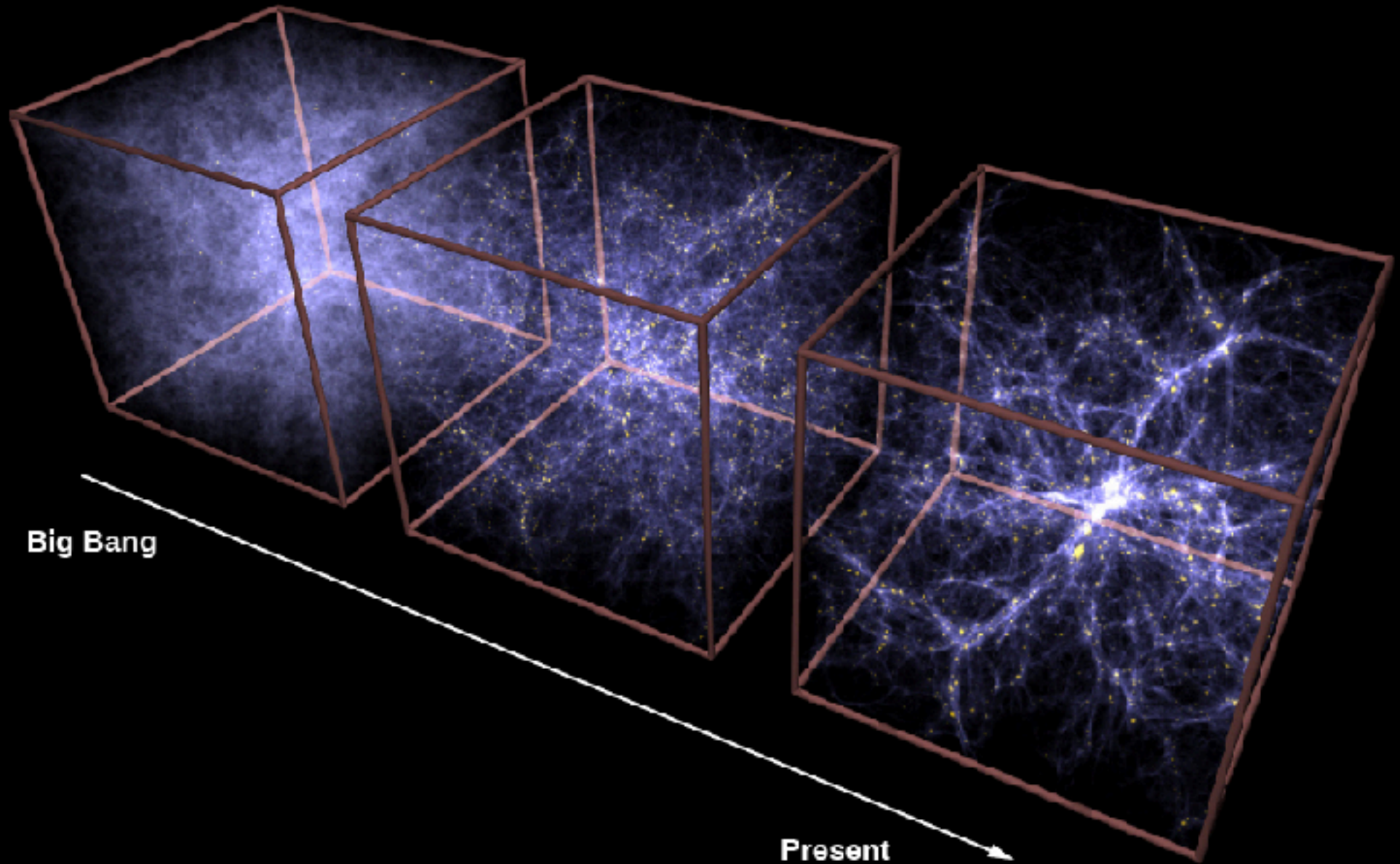
Pressure  
prevents  
collapse

Gravity drives  
collapse





# Growth of Structure During a Matter Phase



Over-dense regions grow in a matter dominated universe

# New ways to create (and detect) dark matter

with J. Georg JHEP 1709 (2017)

with J. Georg and G. Sengor and O. Ozsoy PRD D93 (2016)

## Evolution of Density Perturbations

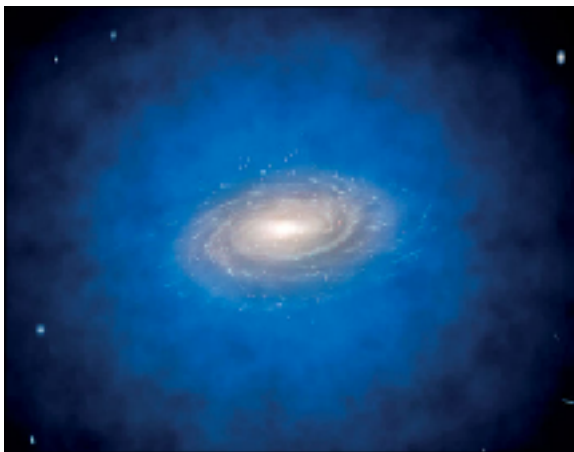
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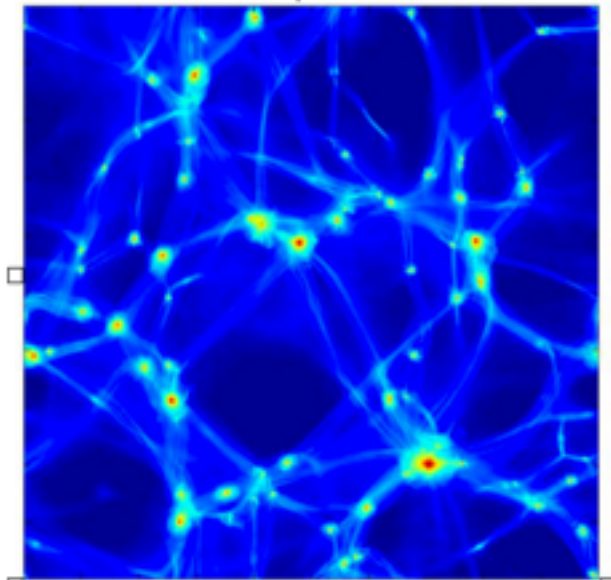
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Primordial substructure  
in dark matter

Enhanced signals for  
indirect detection

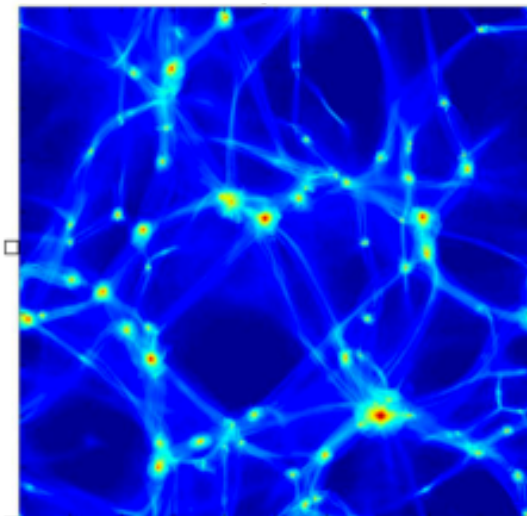


# Concentrated Dark Matter

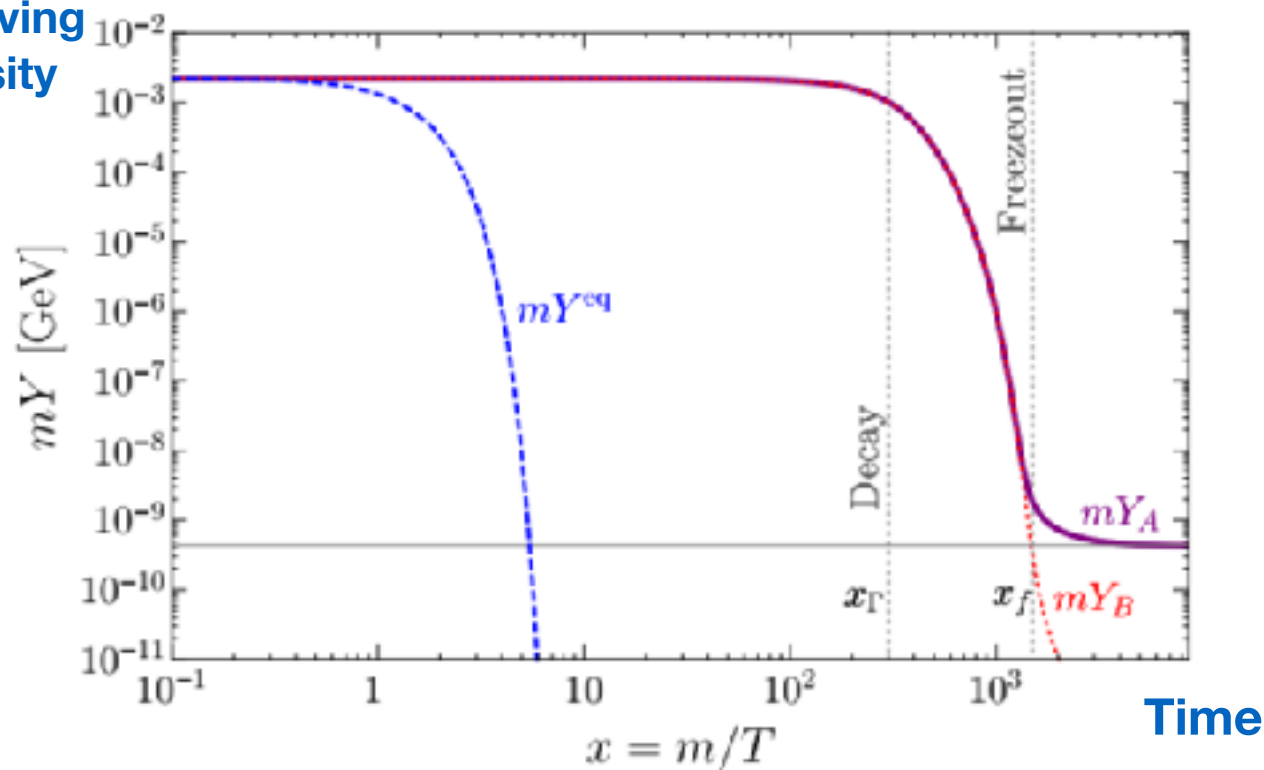
with J. Dror, E. Kuflik, and B. Melcher (submitted to PRL) arXiv:1711.04773

Dark matter decouples from Standard Model early in the universe.

Hidden sector particles lead to a matter phase.



Comoving  
Density



Cosmological Dark matter results from decay of hidden sector particles.

Growth of substructure can lead to enhanced signals for indirect detection.

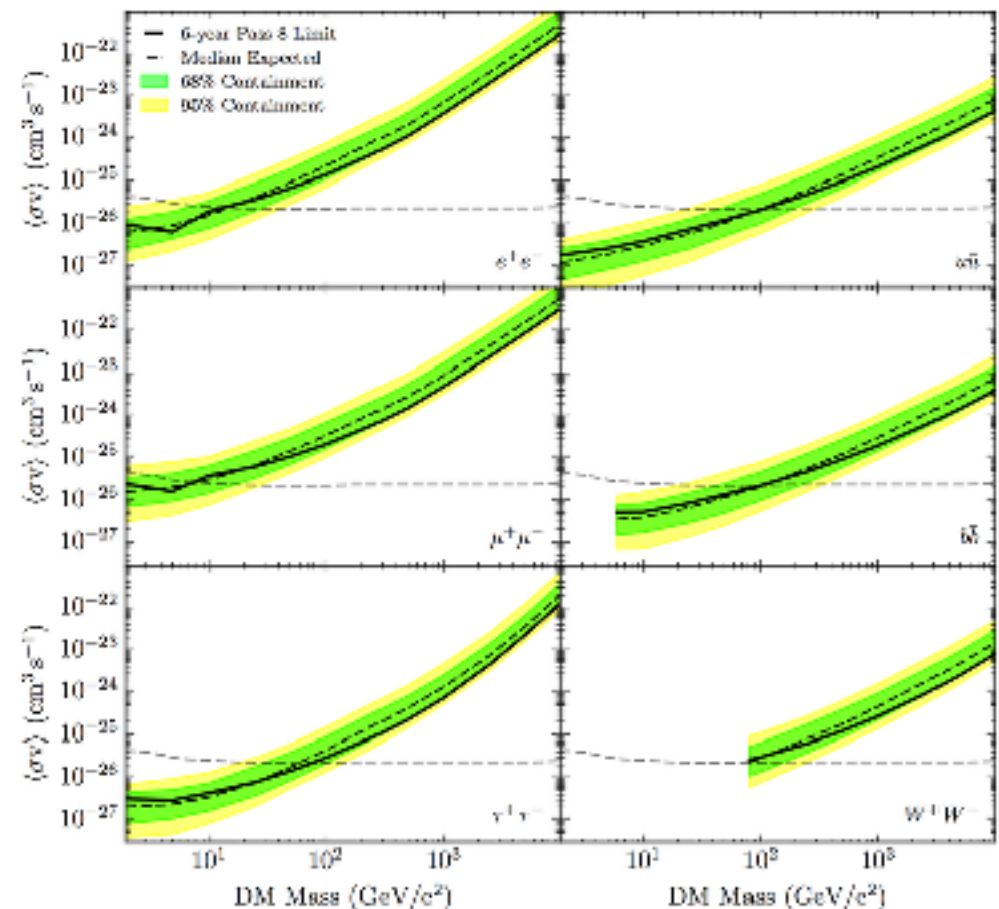
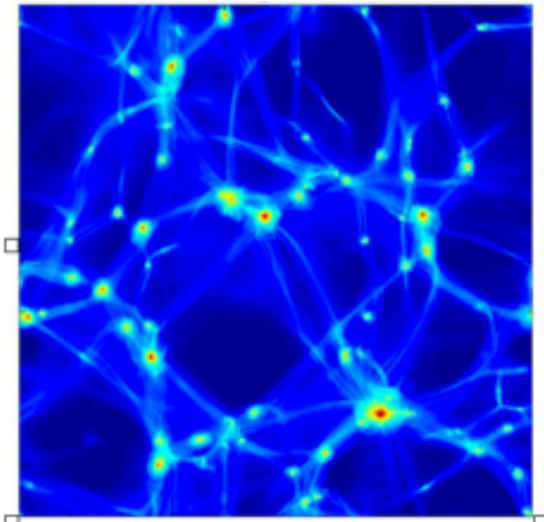
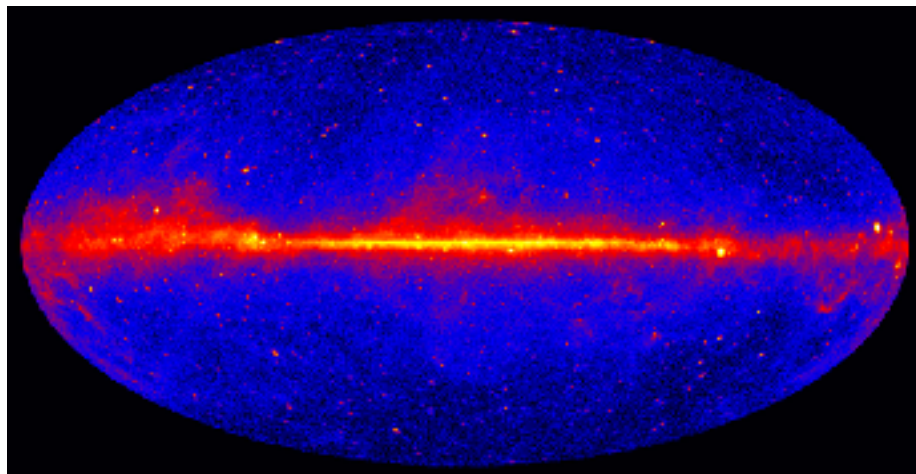


# Concentrated Dark Matter

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Expected Signal (flux)

$$\Phi \sim \underbrace{\frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle}{m_X^2}}_{\text{Microphysics}} \times \underbrace{\rho^2(r)}_{\text{Astrophysics}}$$



# Could primordial Black Holes be the dark matter?

with J. Georg JHEP 1709 (2017)

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If structures can form in a matter phase, why can't black holes?

Mass Fraction in PBHs (Thermal History)

Equation of State ( $w > 0$ )

$$\beta_0(M) \simeq \delta_M(t_H) \exp \left( -\frac{w^2}{2\delta_M^2(t_H)} \right) \quad \delta_M \equiv \frac{\delta M}{M}$$

Mass Fraction in PBHs (Non-thermal History)

$$\delta_k(t_H) \sim 10^{-4} \longrightarrow \delta_k(t > t_H) \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$$

(unlike PBH formation  
in a thermal universe)

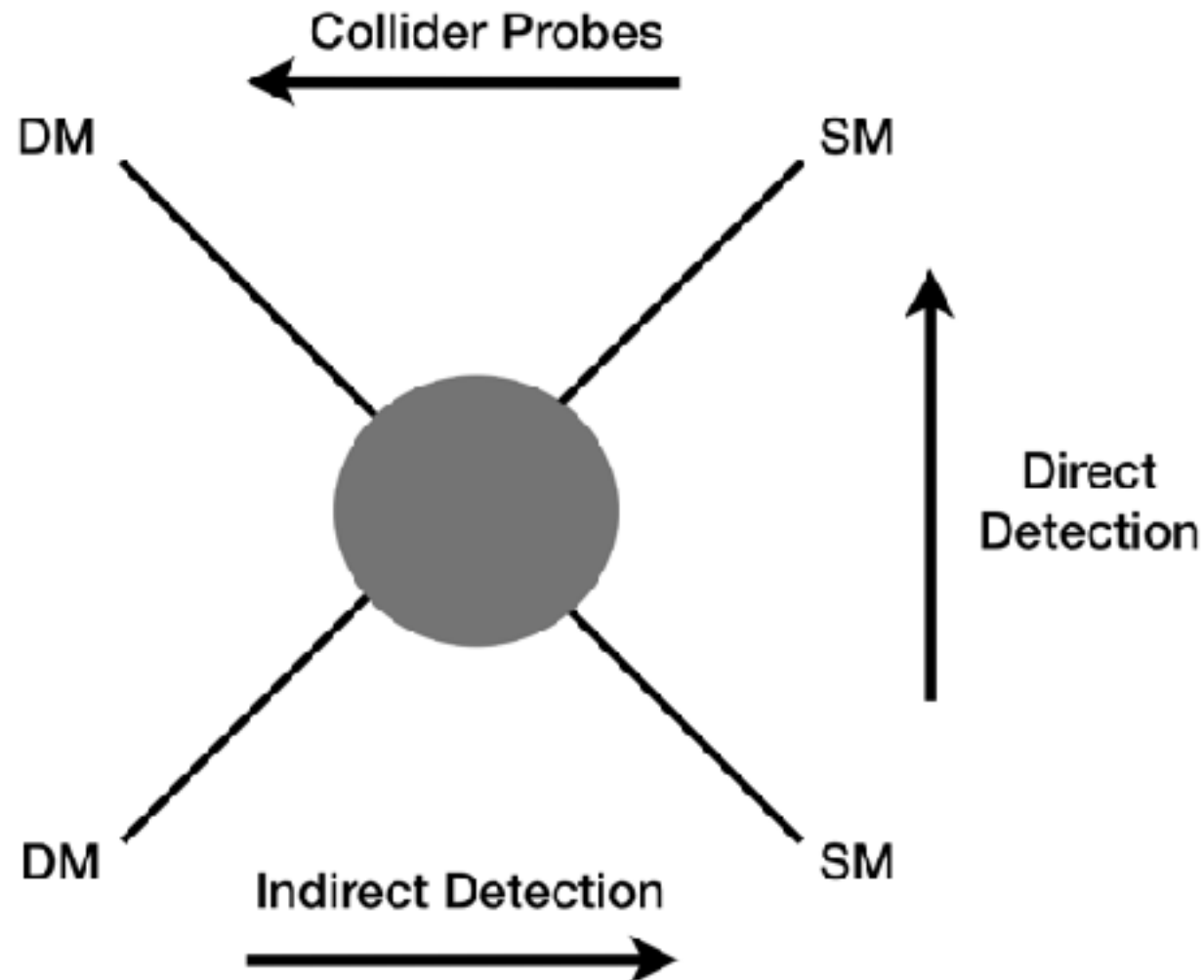
Non-linearity does not guarantee PBH formation!

$$\beta(M) \simeq 2 \times 10^{-2} \delta_M^{13/2}$$

( Fraction of density in black holes  
at Mass scale M )



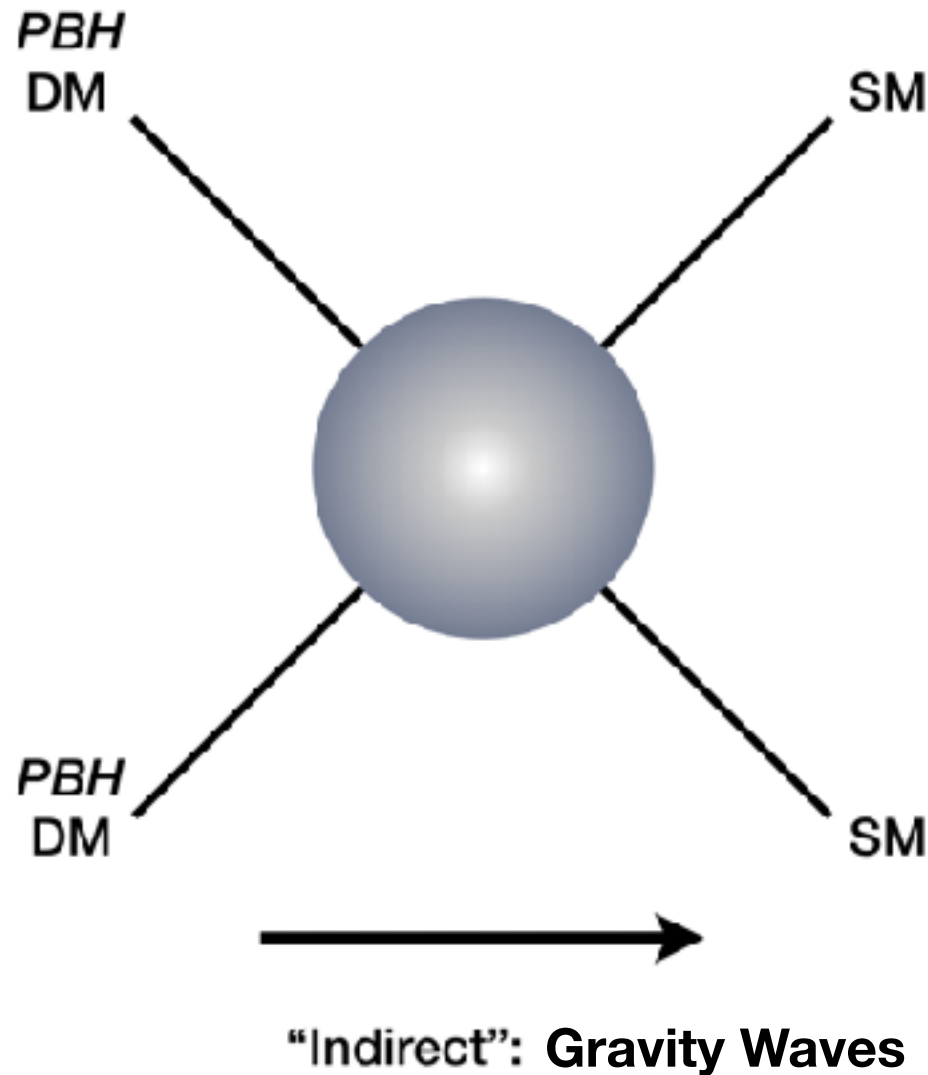
# No sign of WIMPs yet



**What if dark matter only interacts gravitationally?**  
(Ex: Lots of “hidden sectors” in beyond the Standard Model physics)

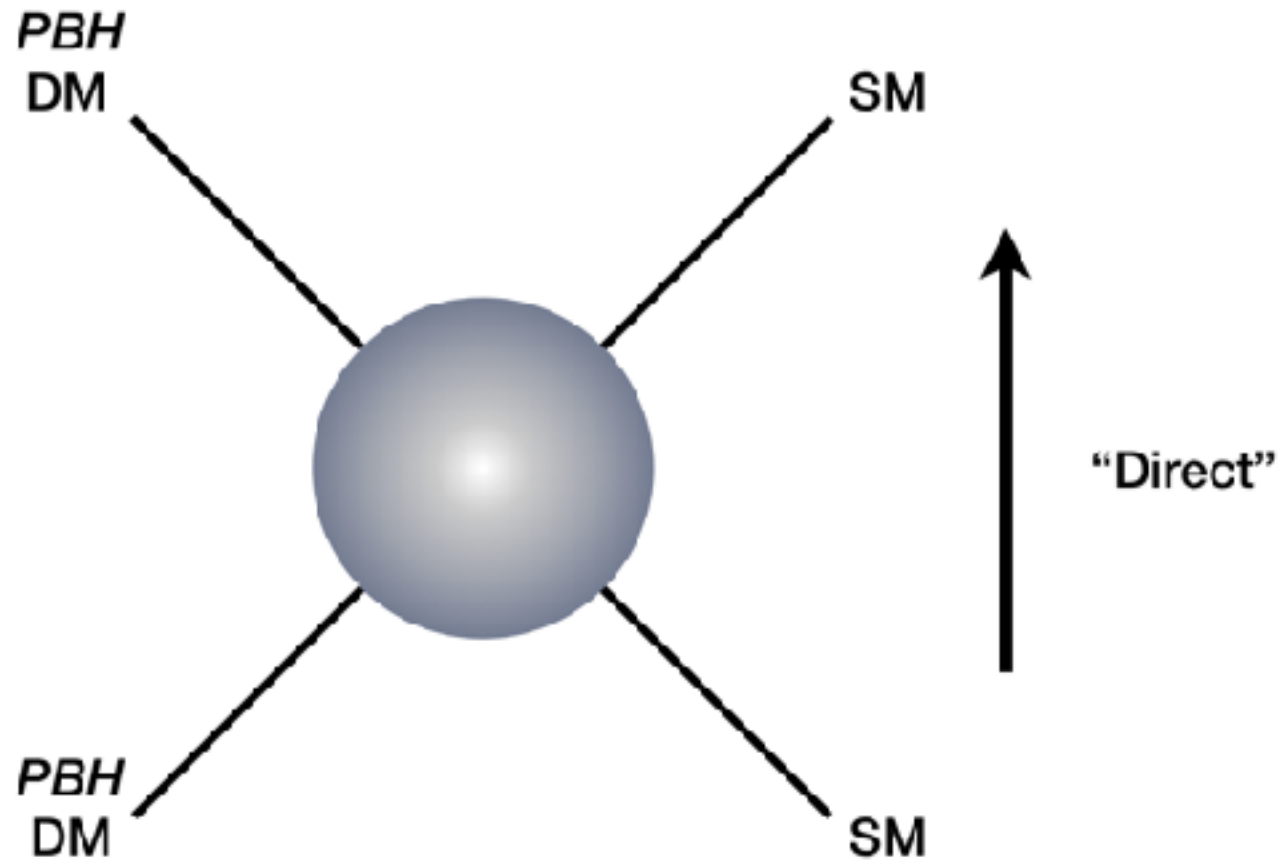
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### Collider probes?!



(credit: Will Kinney)



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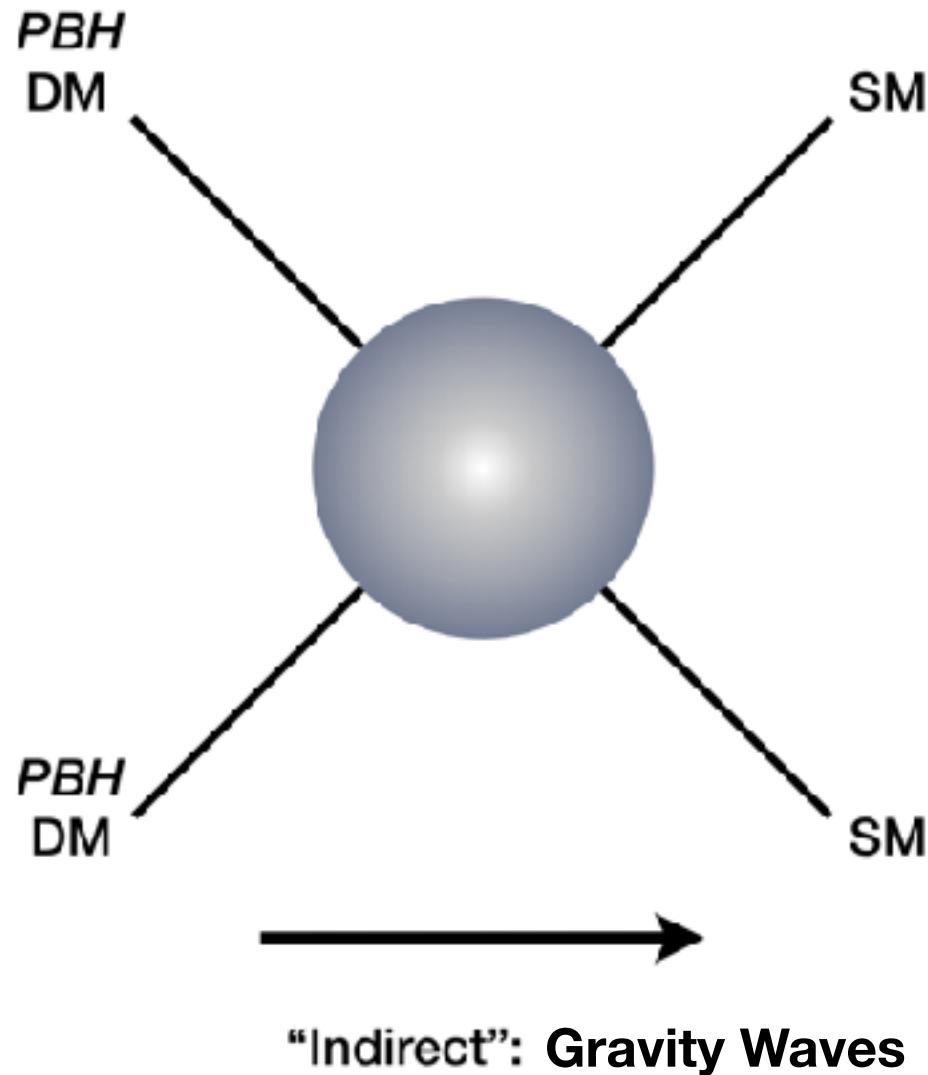
#### CERN Researchers Apologize For Destruction Of 5 Parallel Universes In Recent Experiment



GENEVA—Expressing deep regret over the catastrophic incident that occurred within the Large Hadron Collider, officials from the European Organisation for Nuclear Research, also known as CERN, held a

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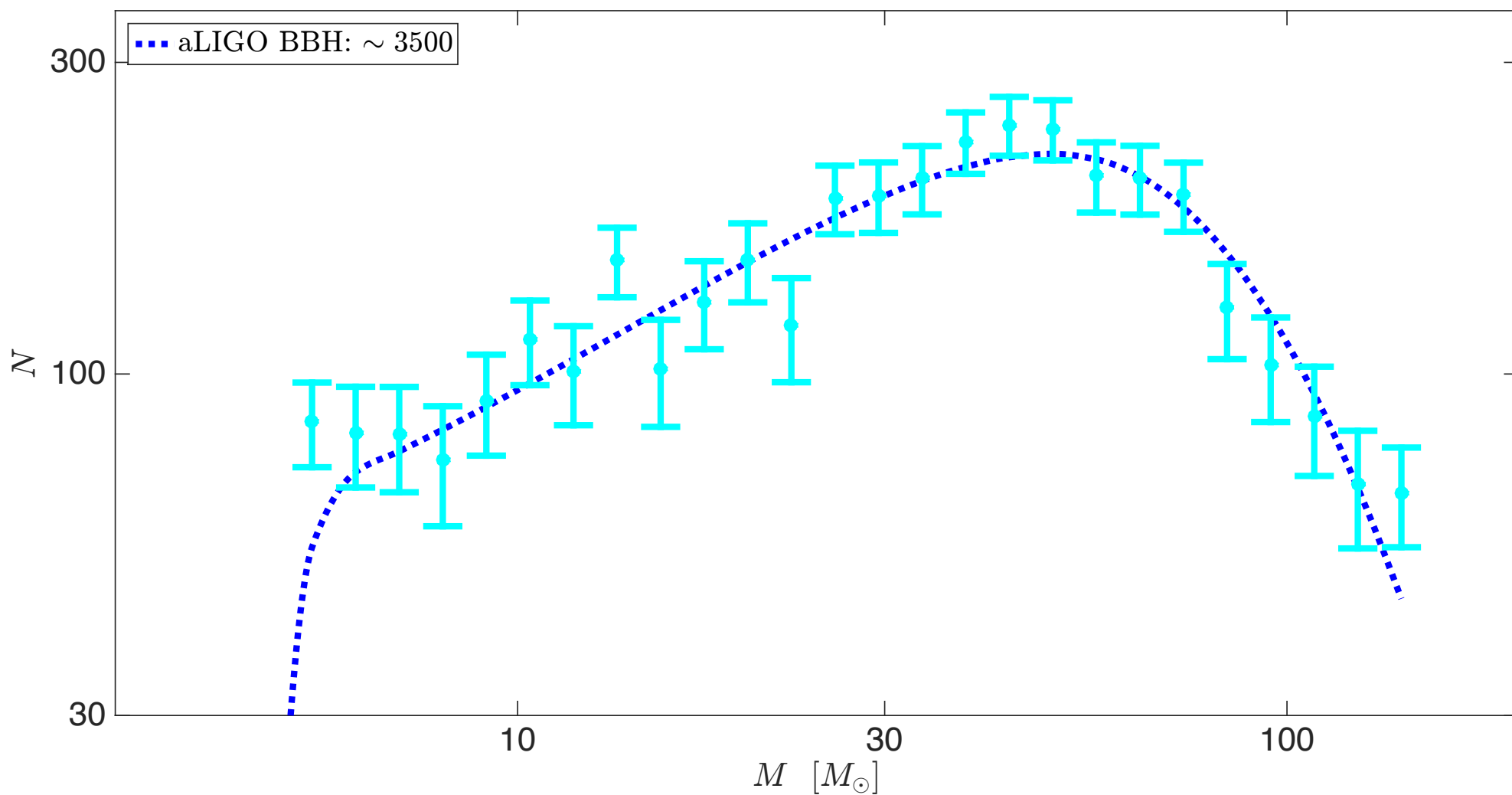
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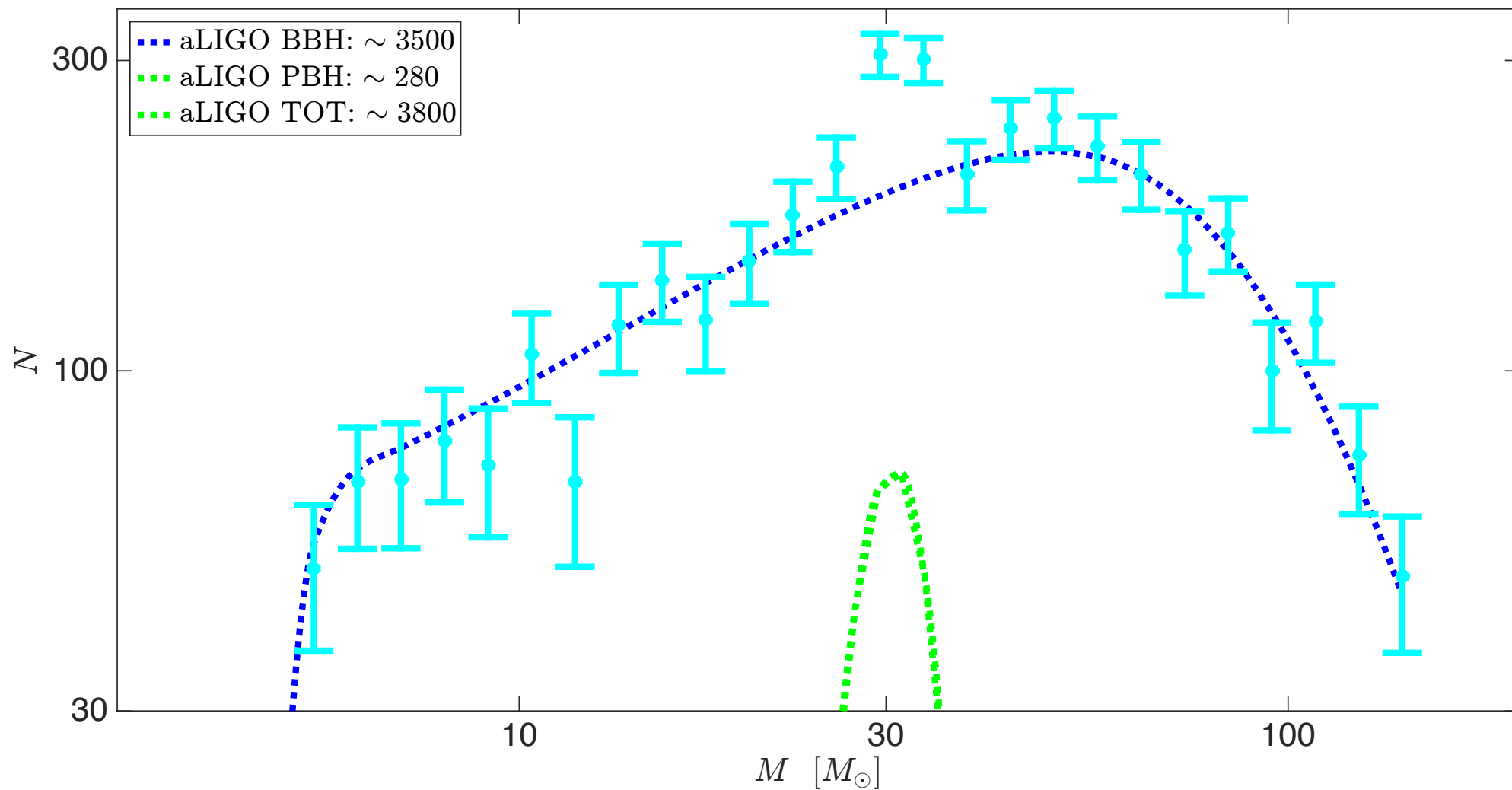
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(Kovetz et al., arXiv:1611.01157)



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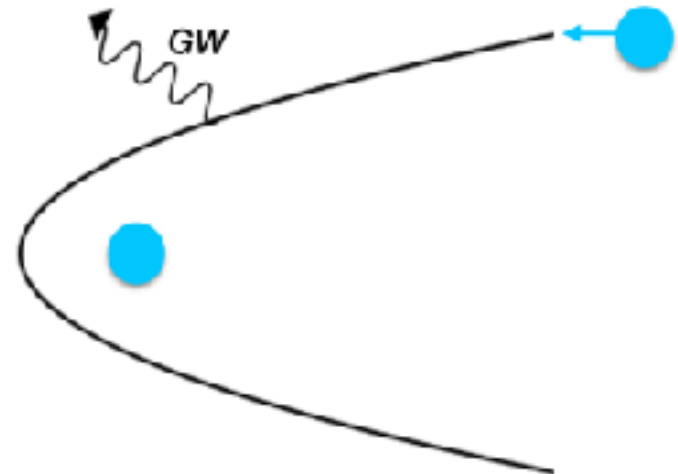
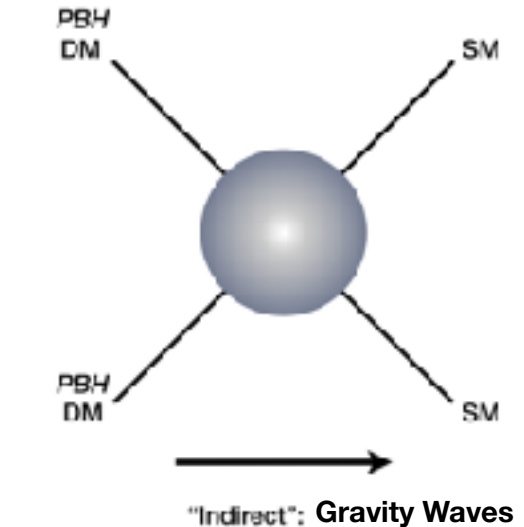
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# Indirect Detection of PBH dark matter

- **No EM or neutrino counterparts**  
Difficult for stars to form in low mass halos  
None have been found so far  
(~70 follow-ups to date)
- **A Stochastic GW background**  
Mundic, Bird & Cholis arXiv:1608.06699
- **Originate in low mass halos**  
Cross-correlate with galaxy surveys
- **Traces of High Eccentricities**  
Cholis et al., Phys. Rev. D94 (2016)

$$Rate = \frac{1}{2} n_{pbh}^2 \langle \sigma v_{pbh} \rangle$$



# Direct Detection of PBH dark matter

## Fast Radio Bursts (FRBs)

(Muñoz, Kovetz, Dai, Kamionkowski, PRL 117 (2016))

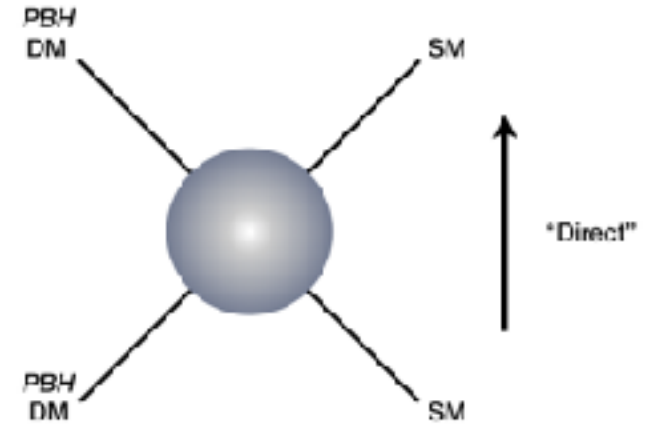
Extra-galactic origin

milli-second bursts

Ghz frequencies

CHIME expected to observe 10,000 events per year  
(10 - 100 lensed by PHBs)

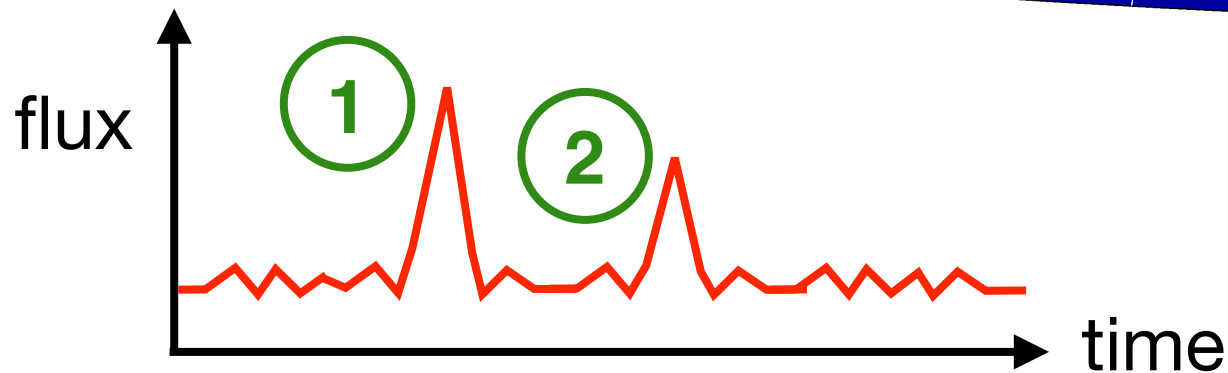
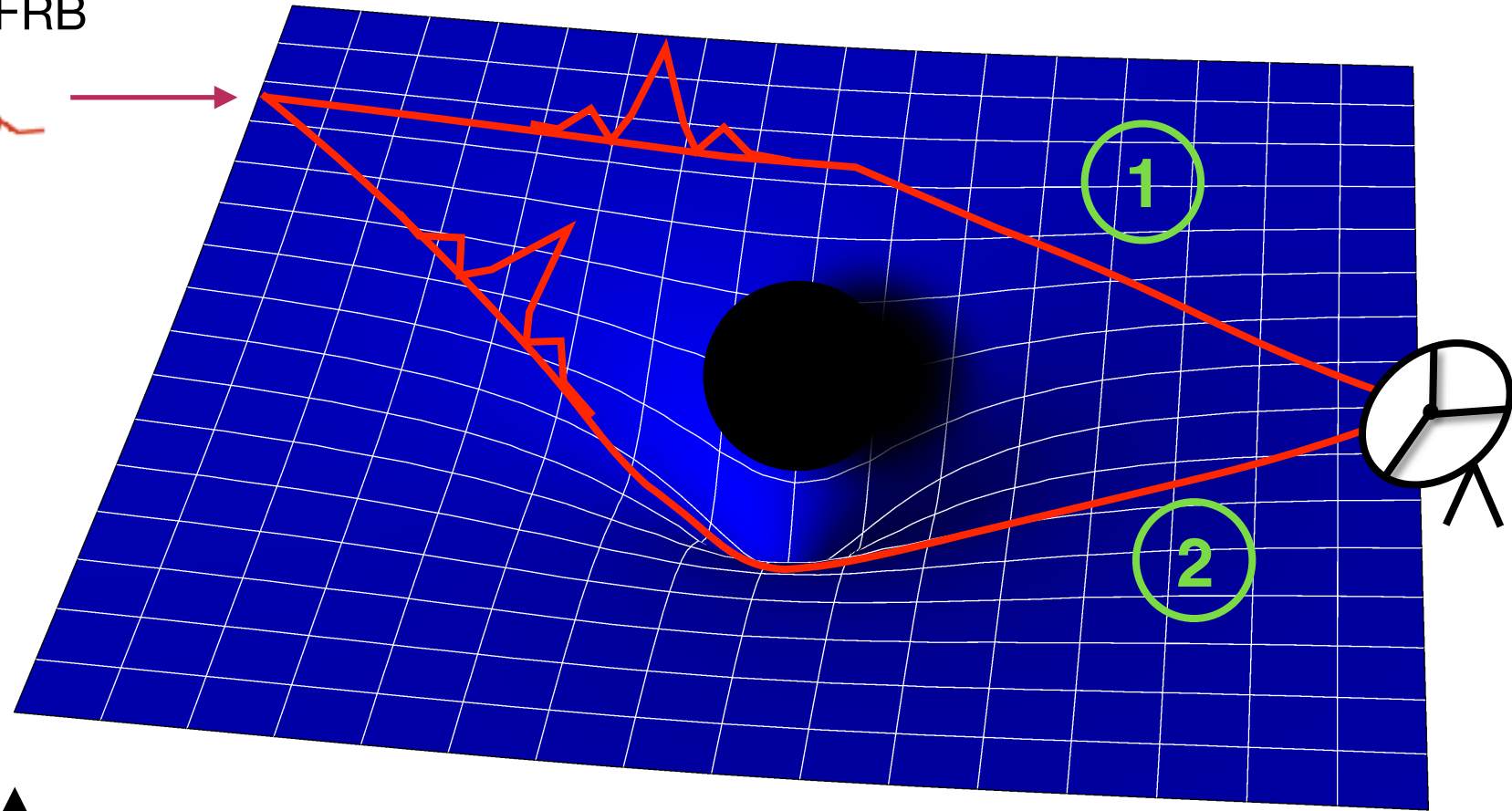
“First light” this past September



# Constraining PHB Dark Matter: FRB Lensing

(Muñoz, Kovetz, Dai, Kamionkowski, PRL 117 (2016))

Source FRB



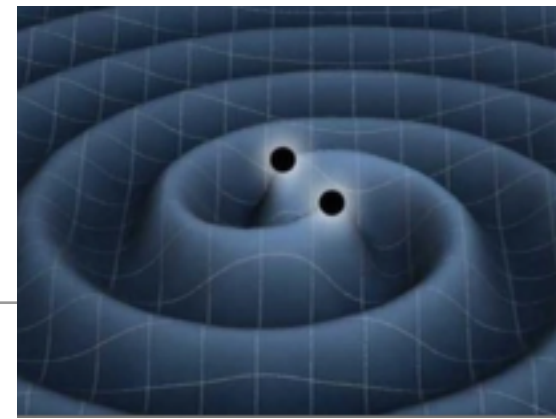
Credit: Ely Kovetz



**Dark matter interpretation will be tested  
in near-term experiments**

# Did LIGO see PBH Dark Matter?

1603.00464 Bird, et. al.



## “GW150914”

LIGO detected a gravity wave signal consistent with the merger of two  $\sim 30 M_{\odot}$  Black holes at around a 1.3 billion Lyr away

**How did this mass become favored?**

## Dark Matter Interpretation

$$20 M_{\odot} \lesssim M \lesssim 100 M_{\odot}$$

Lensing  
(improved)

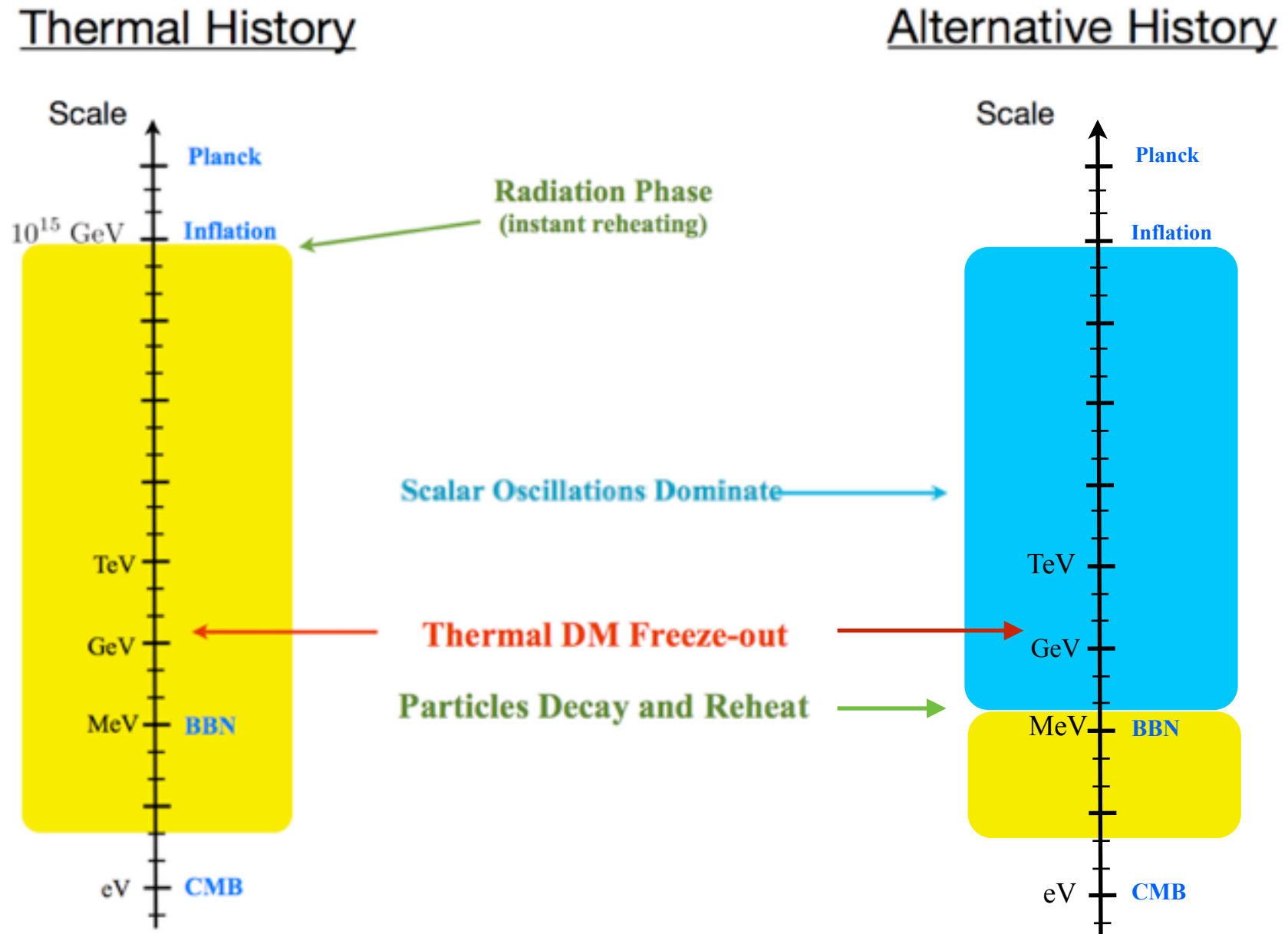
Disrupt Wide Binaries  
(perhaps CMB as well)

**LIGO observation lies in the window where  
MACHOs are still viable to be all of the dark matter.**

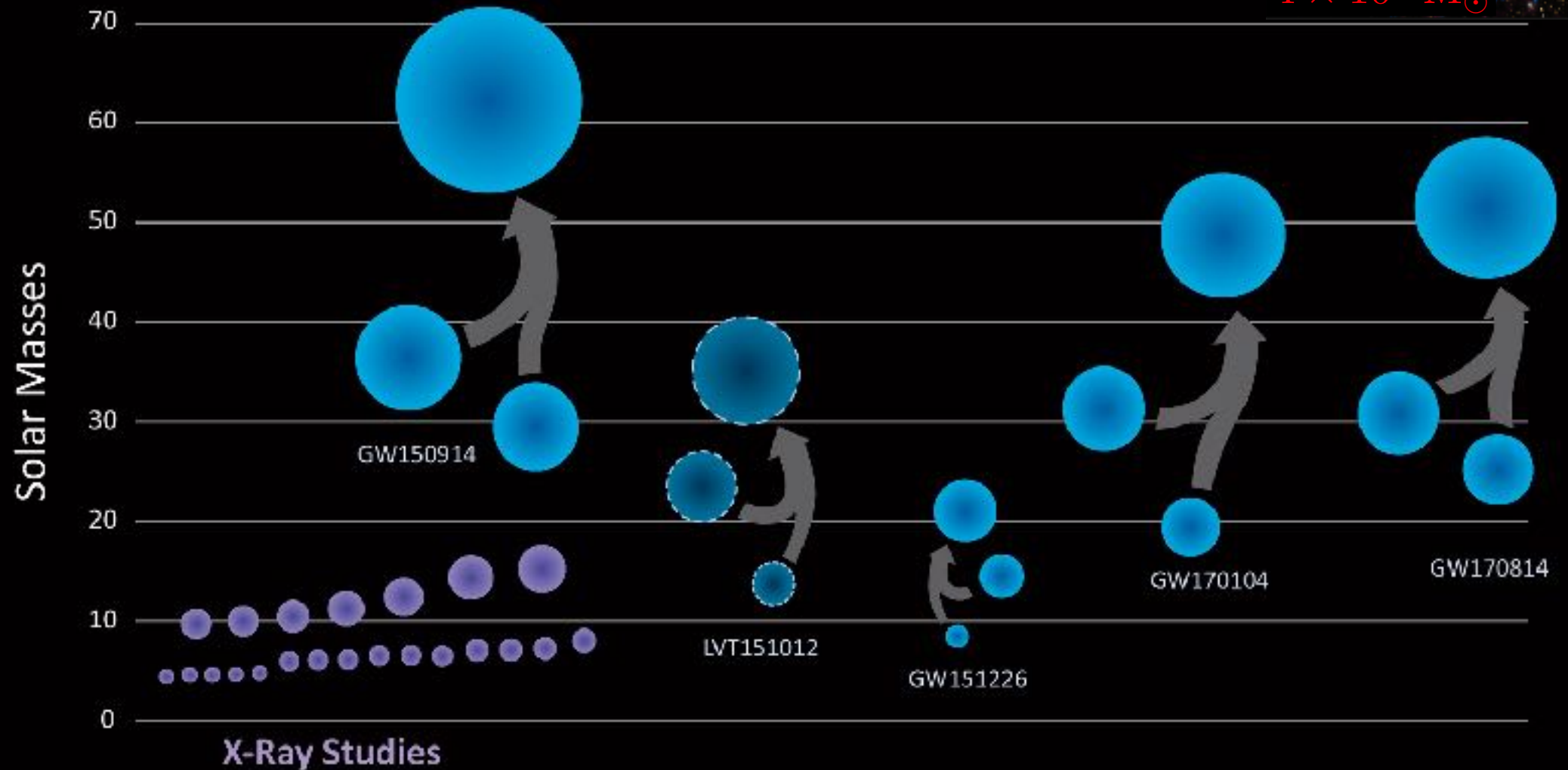
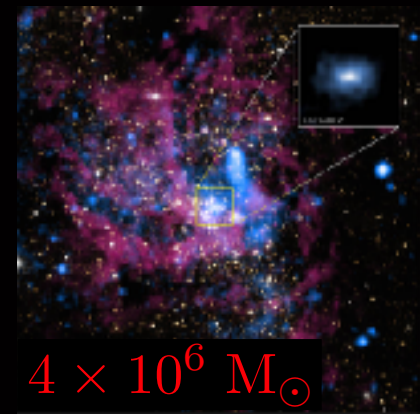
Constraints weaken if PBHs are not all of the dark matter.

1603.08338 Sasaki, et. al.;

# When / how did the universe thermalize?



# Black Holes of Known Mass

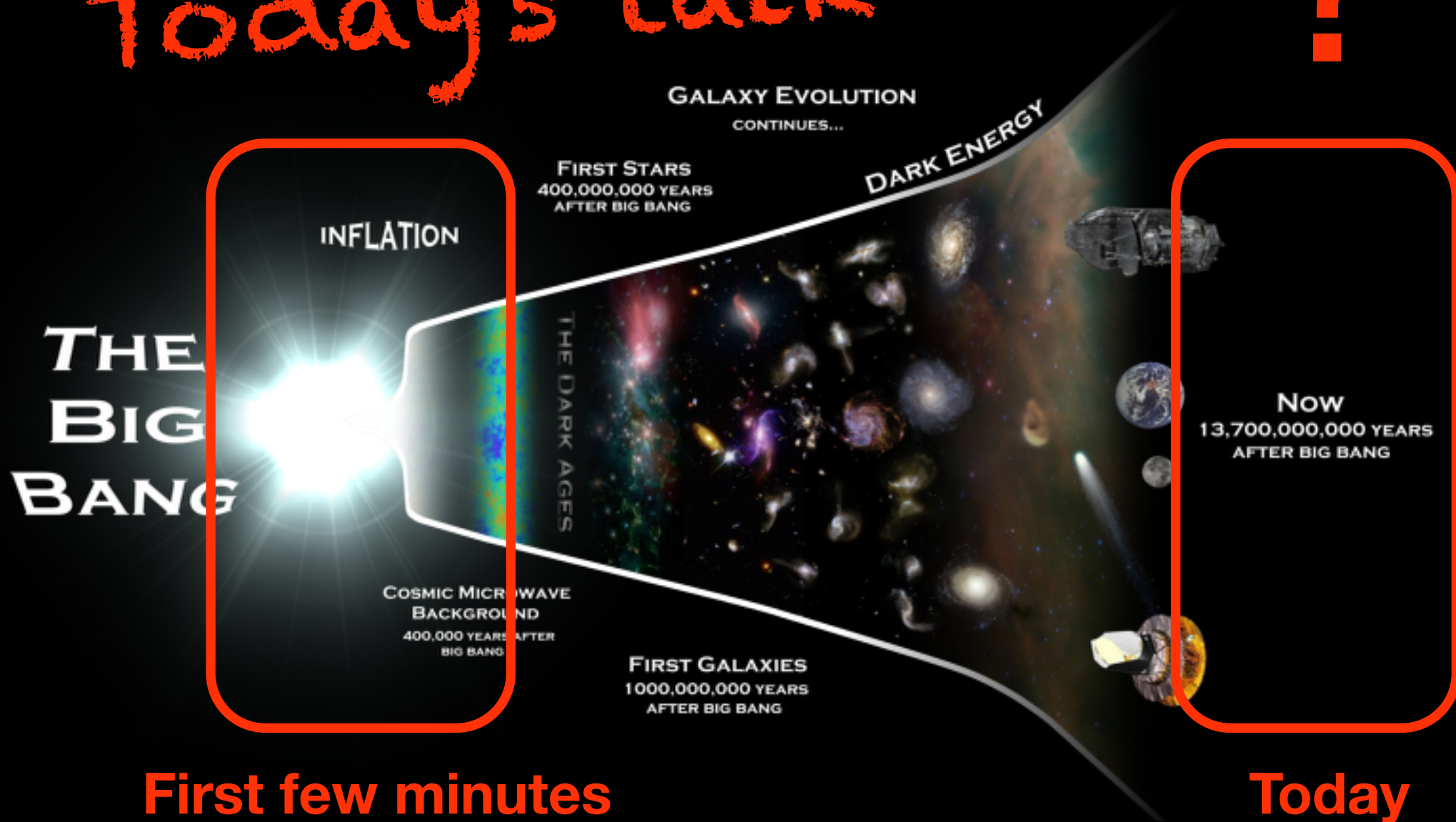


**Perhaps it is time to rethink about  
dark matter and its detection!**



# The Cosmological Standard Model

## Today's talk



First few minutes

Thank you for coming.

Thank you for coming.

( joke )

## 2011 Nobel Prize



Photo: Roy Kaltschmitt, Courtesy:  
Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

Saul Perlmutter



Photo: Solinda Halliwell, Australian  
National University

Brian P. Schmidt



Photo: Homewood Photography

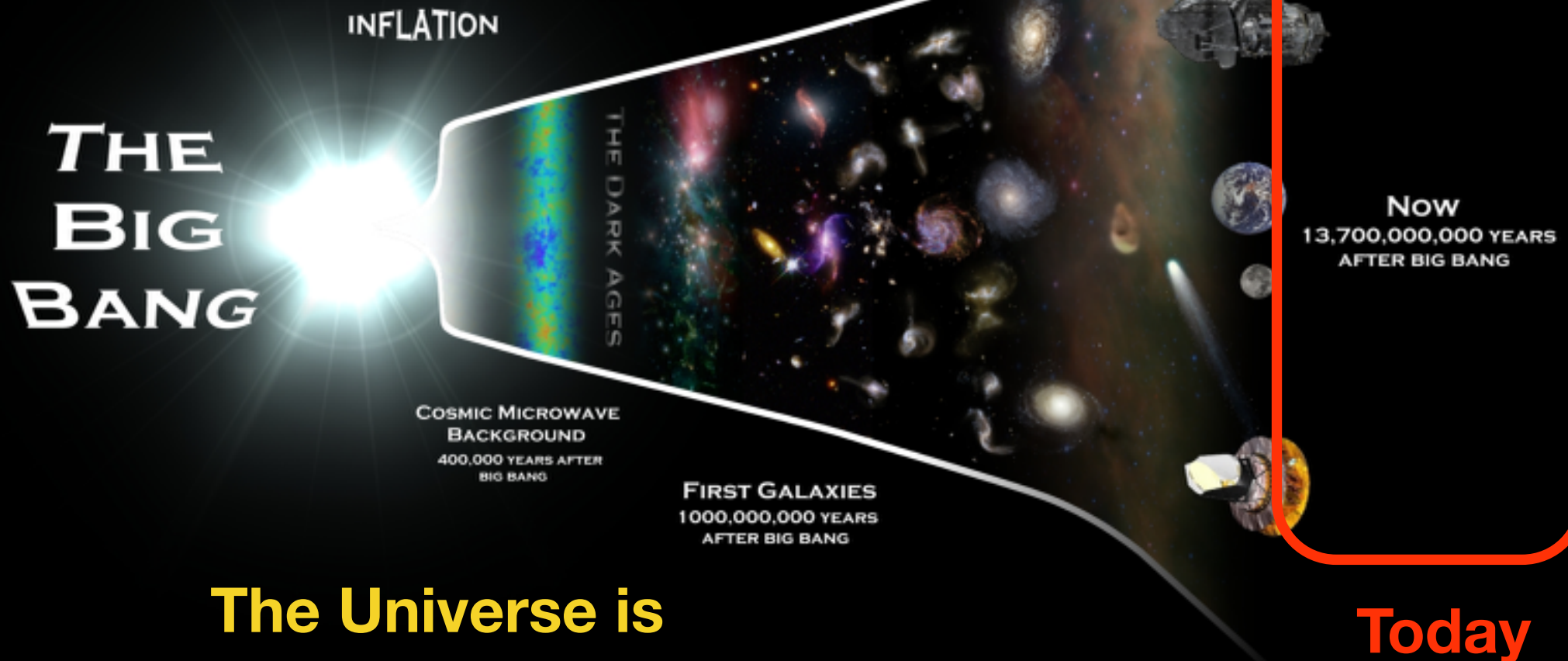
Adam G. Riess

# Standard

# Model

GALAXY EVOLUTION  
CONTINUES...

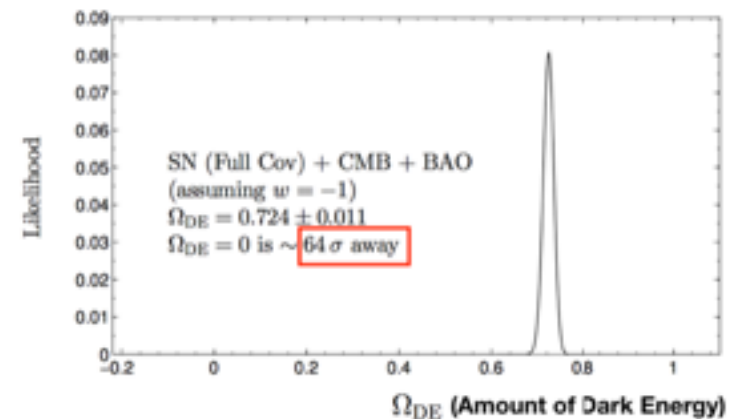
13.7  
Billion Years  
After Big Bang



**The Universe is  
accelerating today!**

**Today**

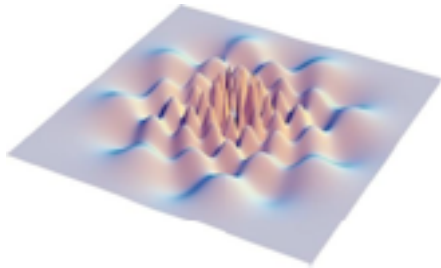
Current evidence for dark energy is  
impressively strong



Slide provided by Dragan Huterer and Dan Rubin

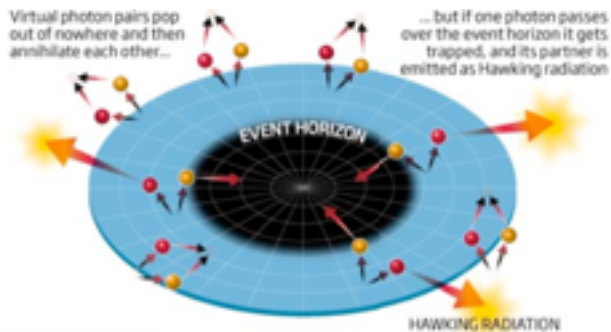
# Is the Dark Energy a Cosmological Constant?

We expect space-time to contain quantum fluctuations



Stephen is still at work!

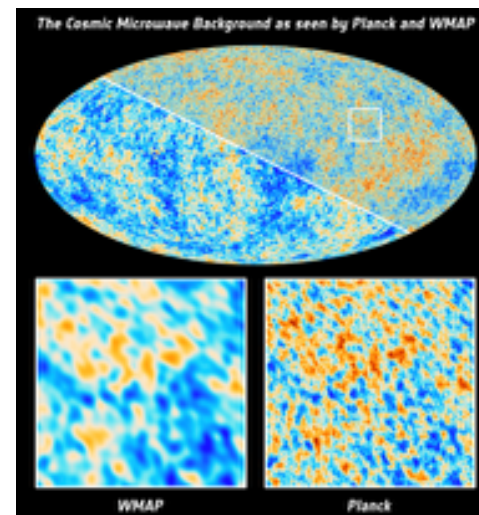
## Hawking radiation from Black Holes



Our “Lab”



## Inflationary Fluctuations



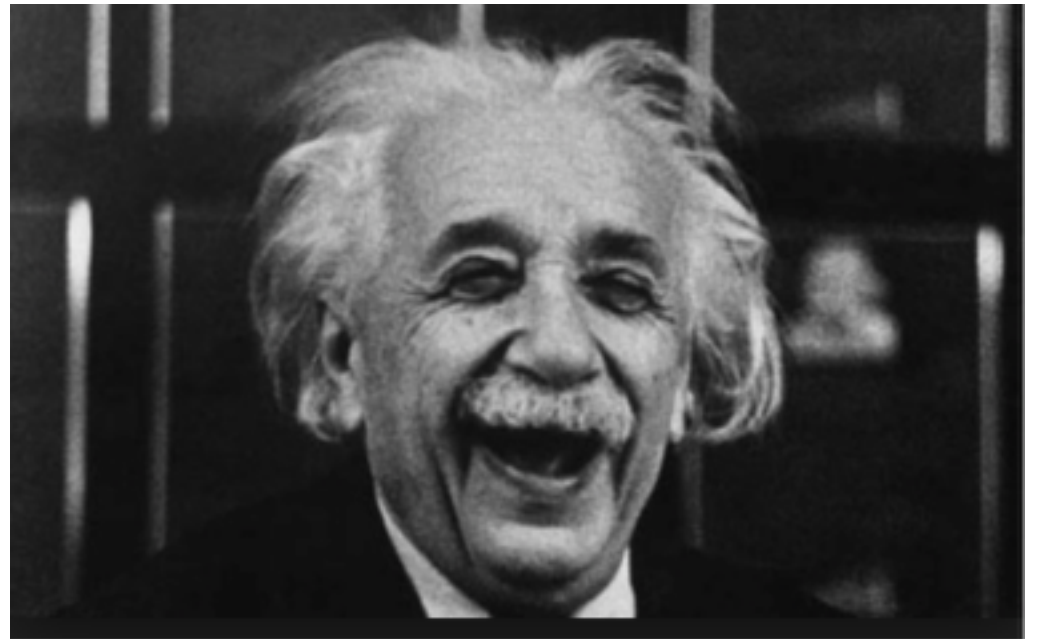


Could vacuum fluctuations be causing the acceleration?

## The Cosmological Constant Problem

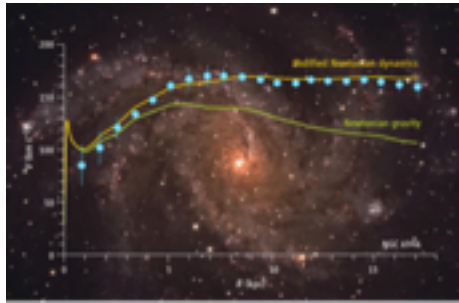
$$\left( \frac{\Lambda_{\text{observed}}}{m_p} \right)^4 \simeq 10^{-120}$$

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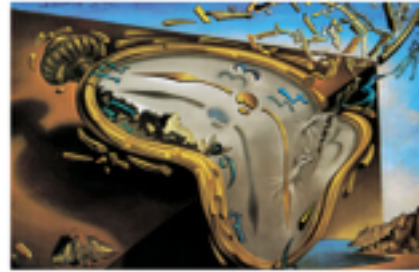


If Dark Energy is not a Cosmological Constant then  
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# If Dark Energy is not a Cosmological Constant then what is it?



Modified Gravity?



Time varying  
constants?

New forms of  
matter or energy?



$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}R = 8\pi G_N T_{\mu\nu}$$

Space-time evolution

Matter and Energy



$\Lambda$  ?

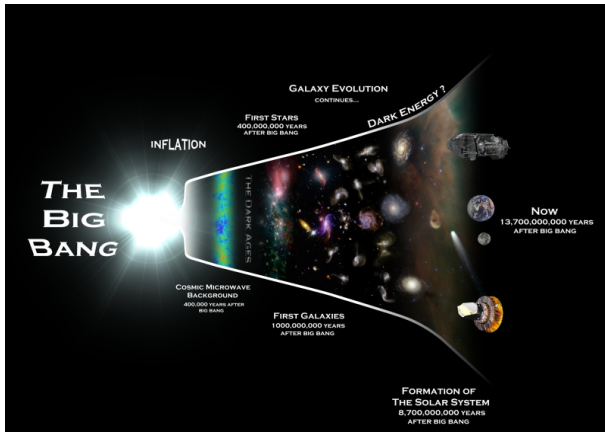
# The Effective Field Theory of Cosmic Acceleration

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The cosmic expansion implies that time translation invariance is spontaneously broken

An effective theory approach to cosmic acceleration  
(dark energy or modified gravity)

Low Energy Effective Action

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{f_\pi}{2} \partial_\mu U \cdot \partial^\mu U^\dagger + c_1 (\partial_\mu U \cdot \partial^\mu U^\dagger)^2 + \dots$$

Universal

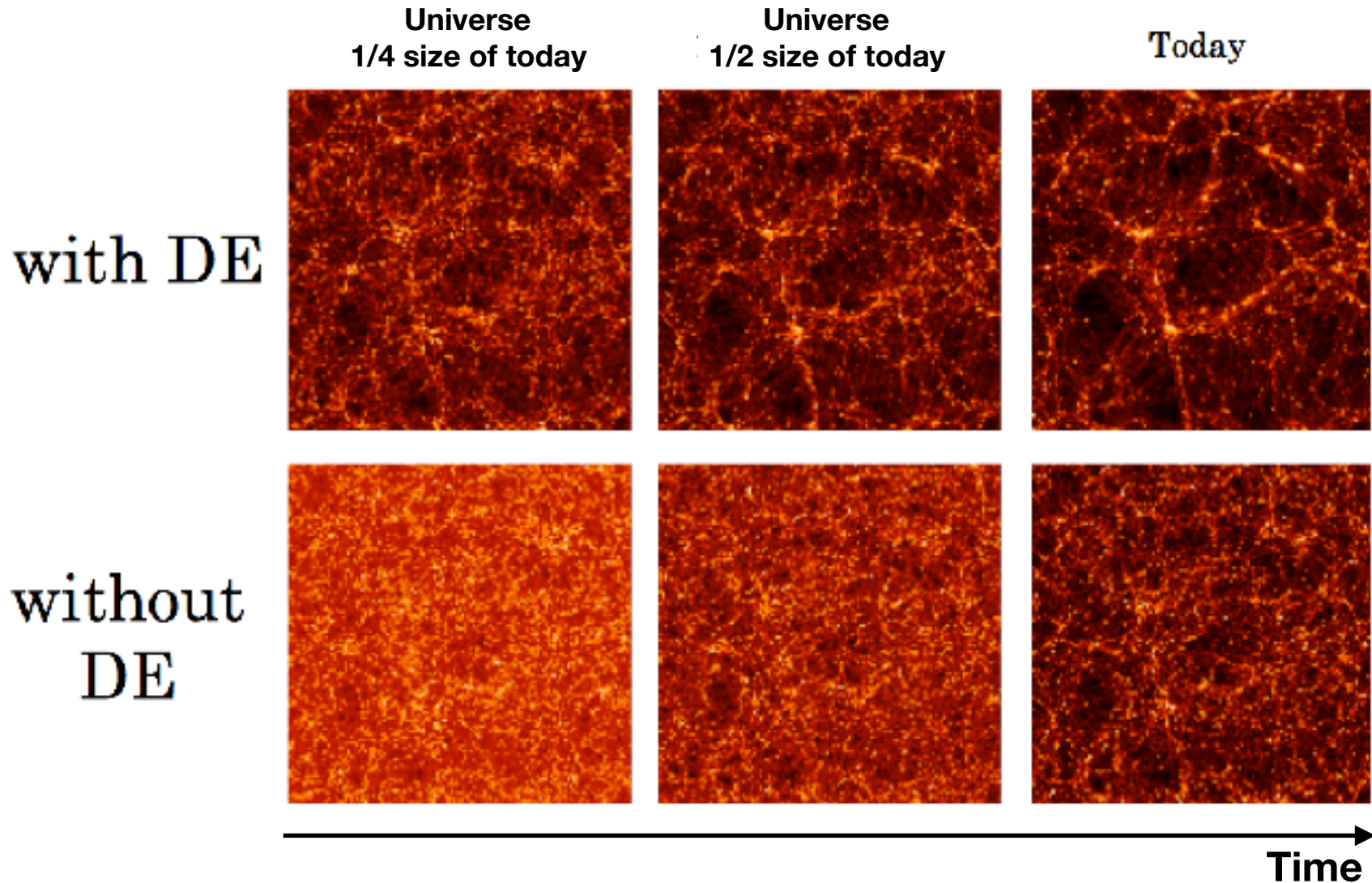
non-Universal

Symmetries and observations can be used together to restrict free parameters.  
(like in Electroweak Precision studies)



What observations?

# Dark Energy **suppresses** the growth of density fluctuations



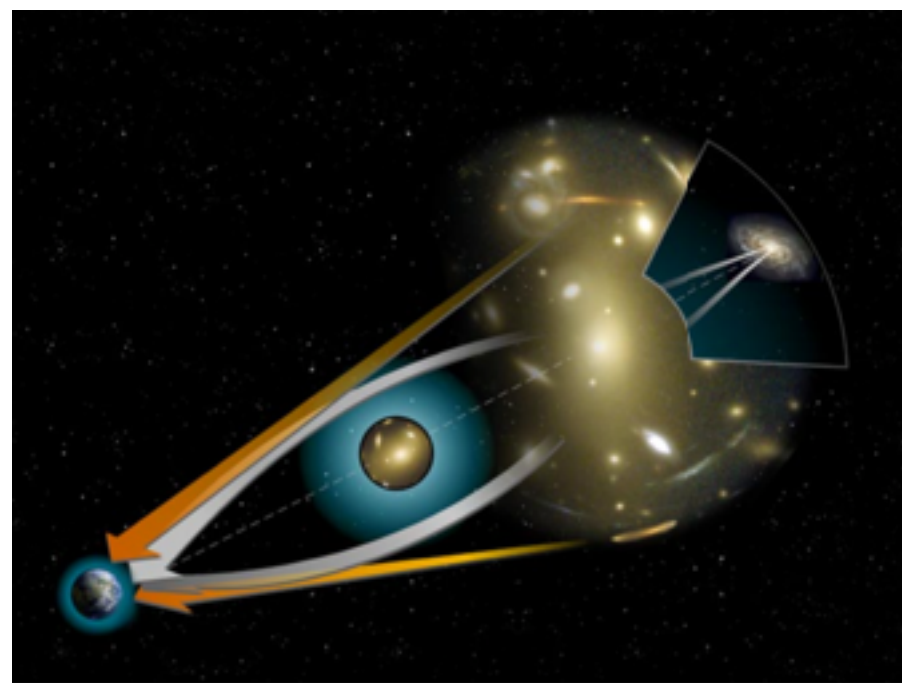
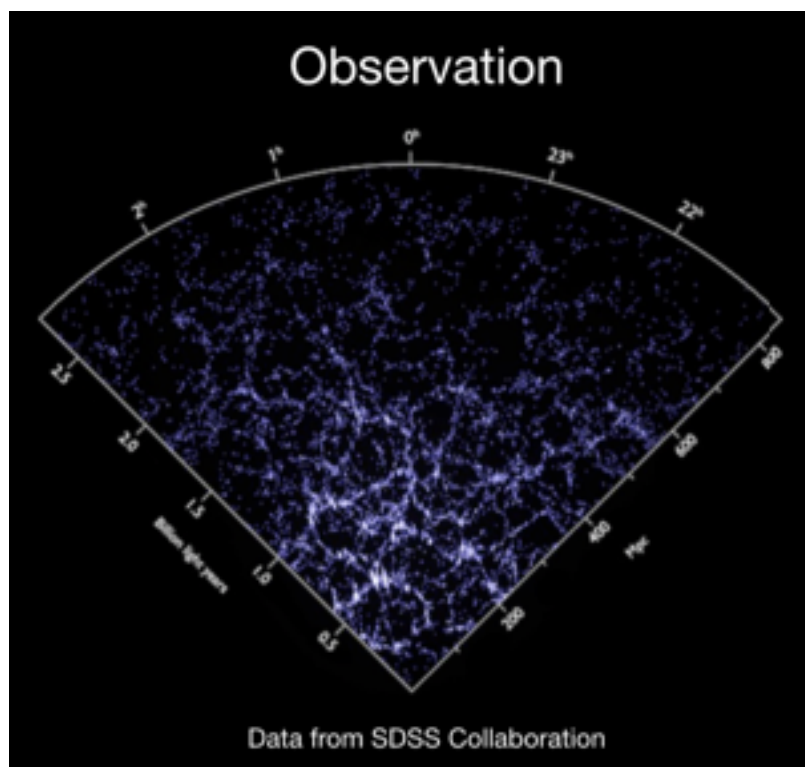
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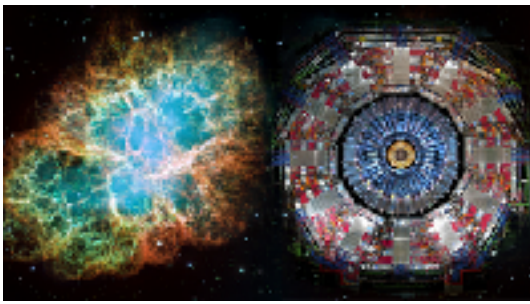
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$$ds^2 = - (1 + 2\Phi) dt^2 + a^2 (1 - 2\Psi) d\vec{x}^2$$

$\Phi$  Growth of Structure

$\Phi + \Psi$  Gravitational Lensing





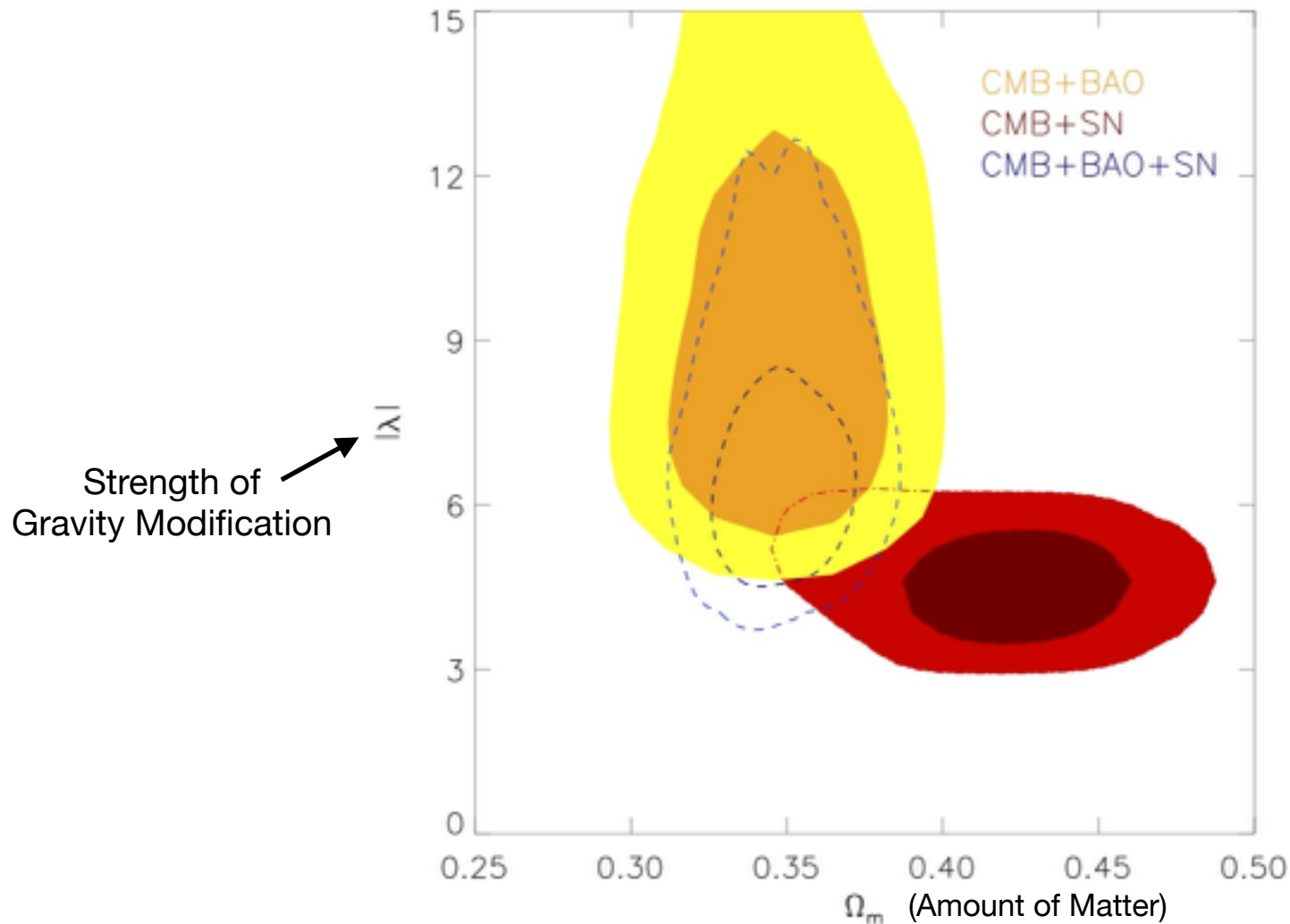
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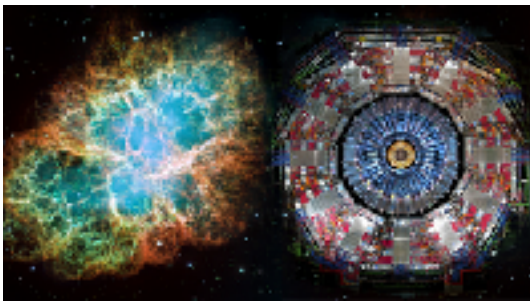
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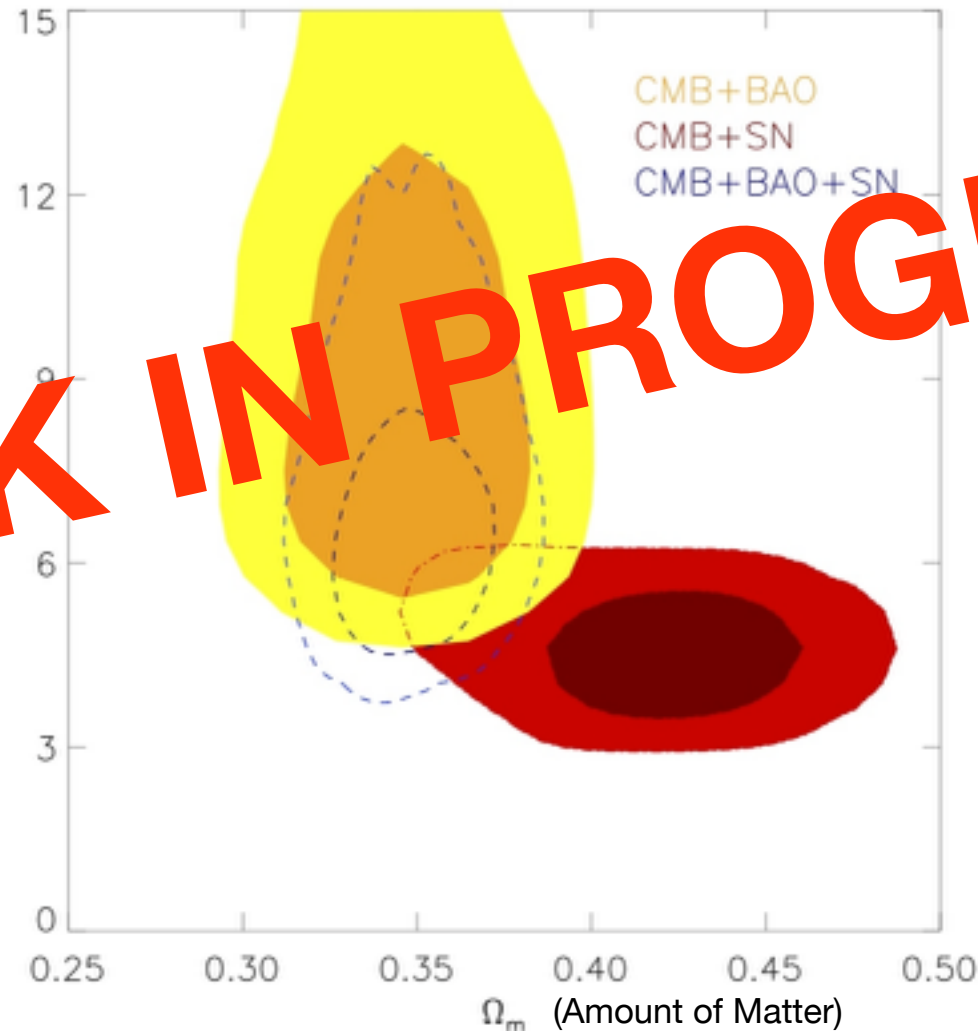
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WORK IN PROGRESS

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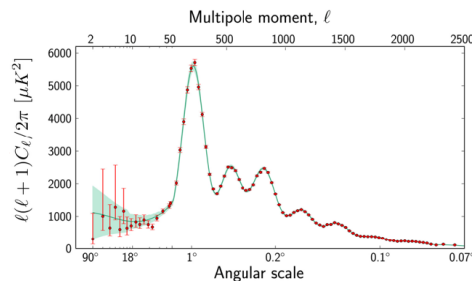




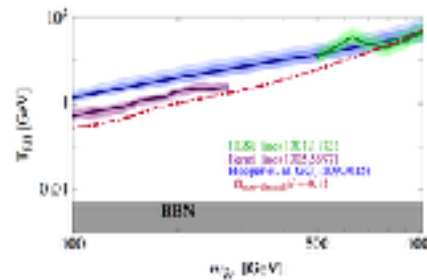
# Summary: State of the Universe

## What has changed since my last visit?

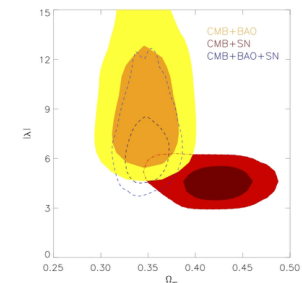
Data has dramatically improved helping to focus model building.



Inflation



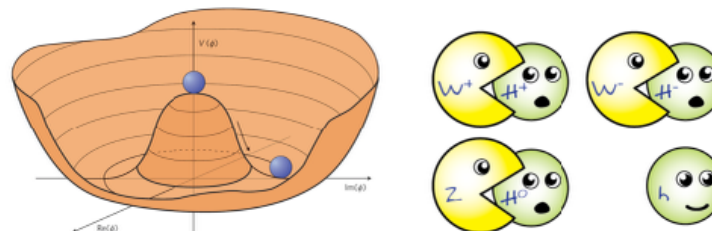
Dark Matter



Dark Energy

We have developed powerful techniques that utilize symmetries to establish universal properties of models.

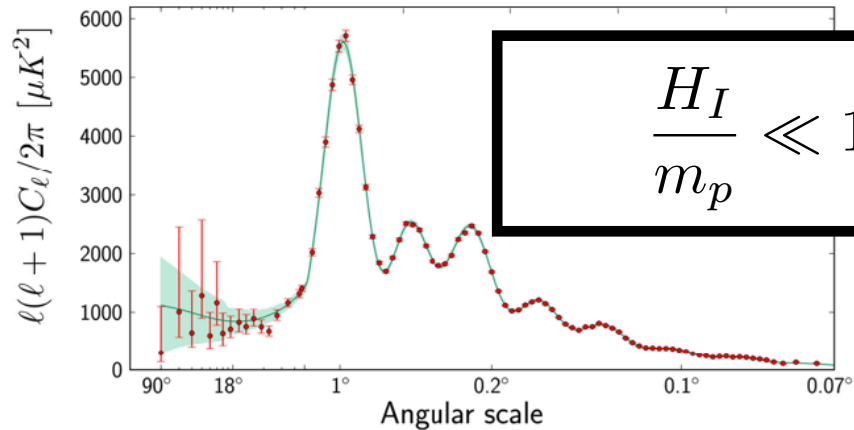
This approach isolates model dependent parameters, which can be determined through a combination of theoretical and observational efforts.



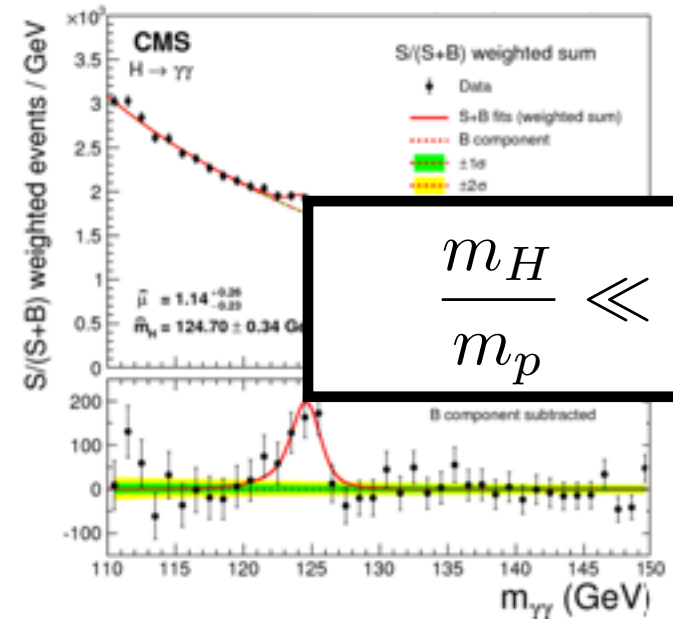
# Big questions remain... the hierarchy problem has many faces.

Why is the inflaton light?

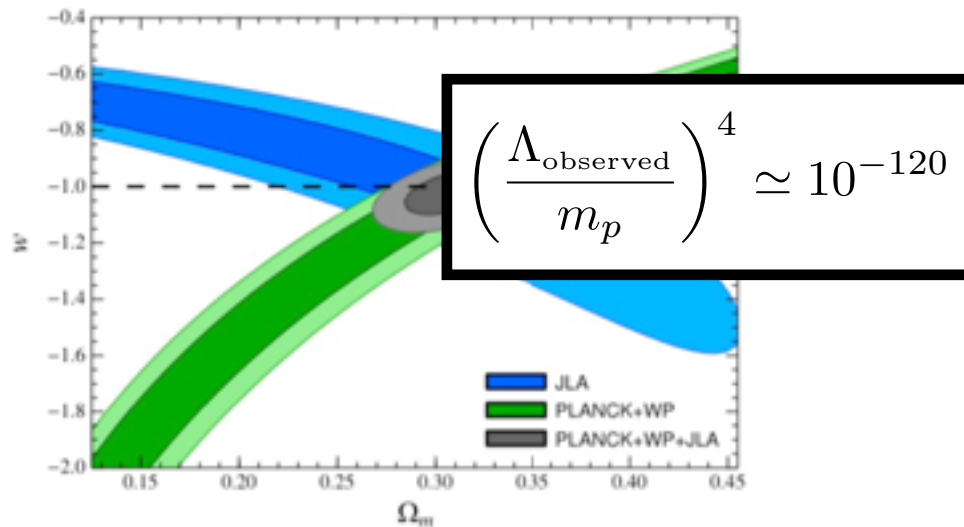
(Can we determine the scale of inflation?)



Why is the Higgs light?



Why is the Cosmological Constant small?



Exciting time for cosmology and physics beyond the standard model!

**Thank you for your time.**

And thanks to these people...



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