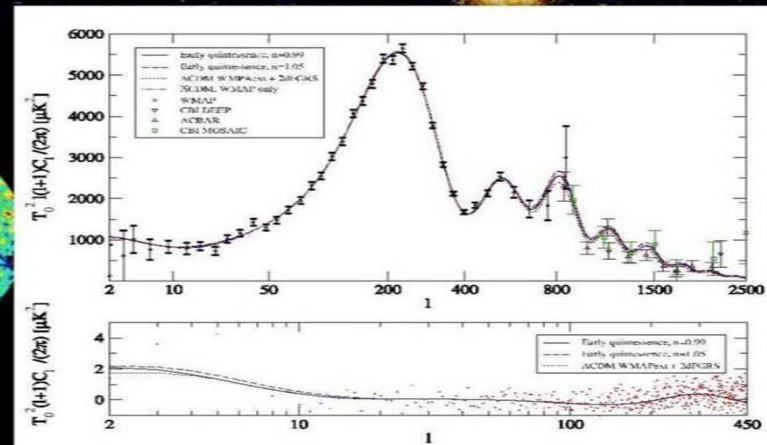
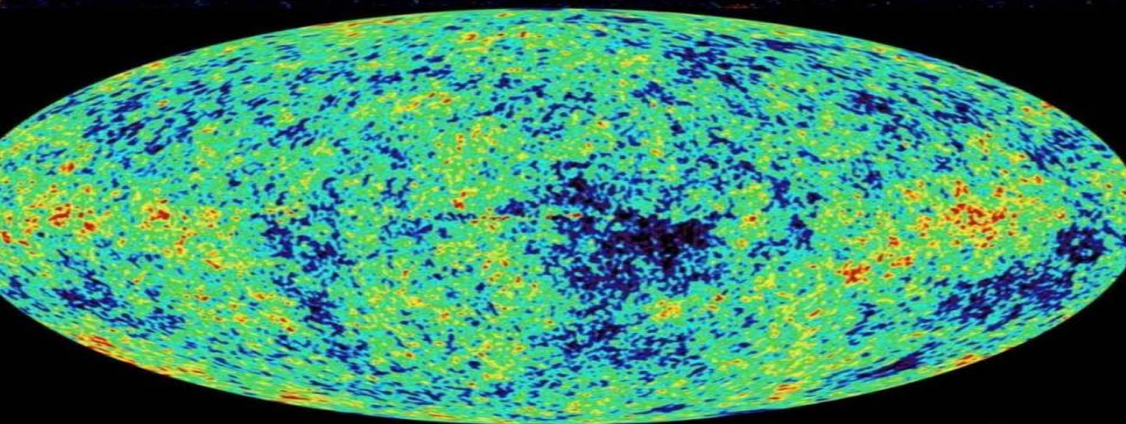


Dark Energy

a cosmic mystery



Quintessence

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What is our universe made of ?



Dark Energy dominates the Universe

Energy - density in the Universe

=

Matter + Dark Energy

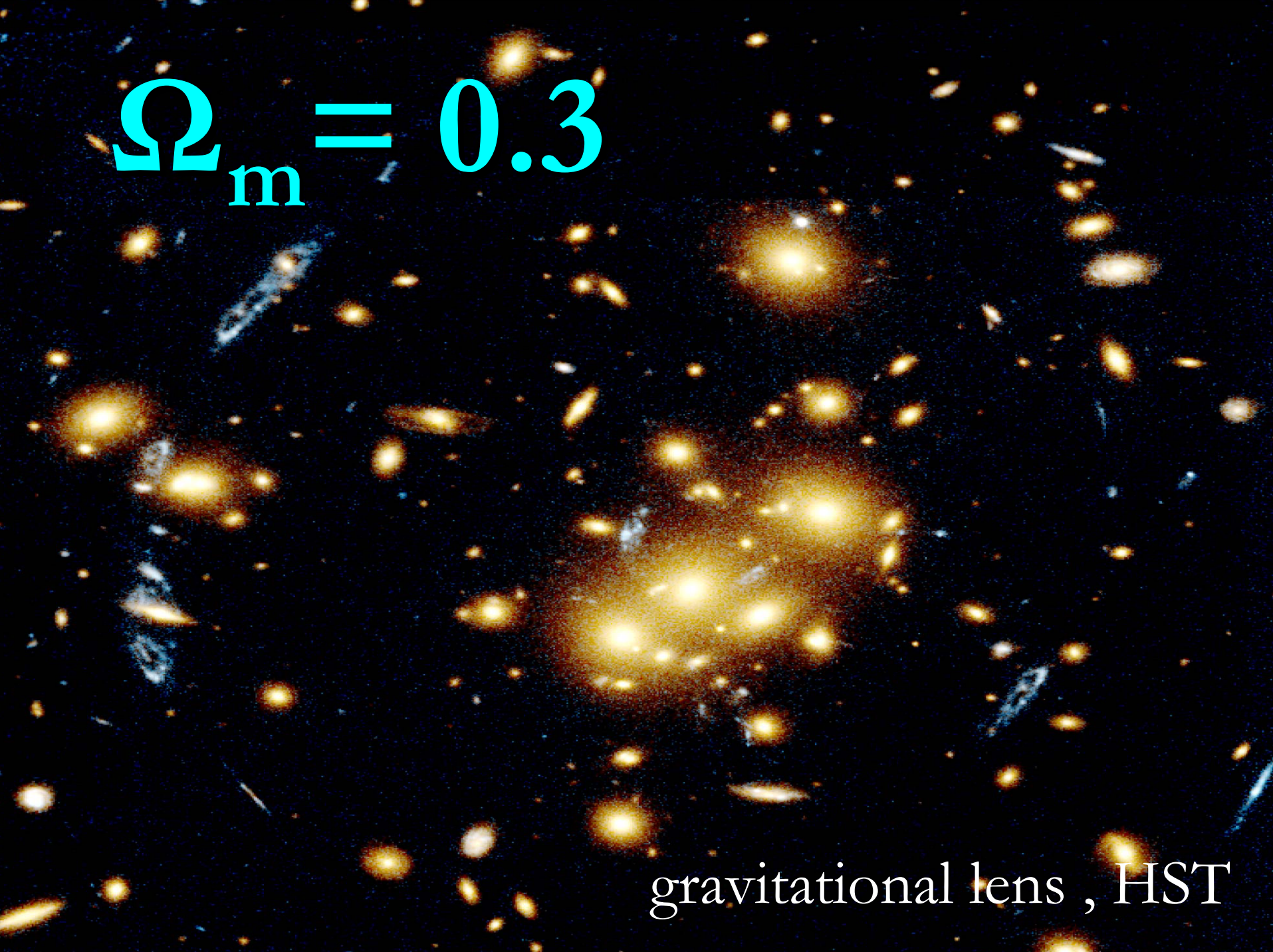
30 % + 70 %

What is Dark Energy ?

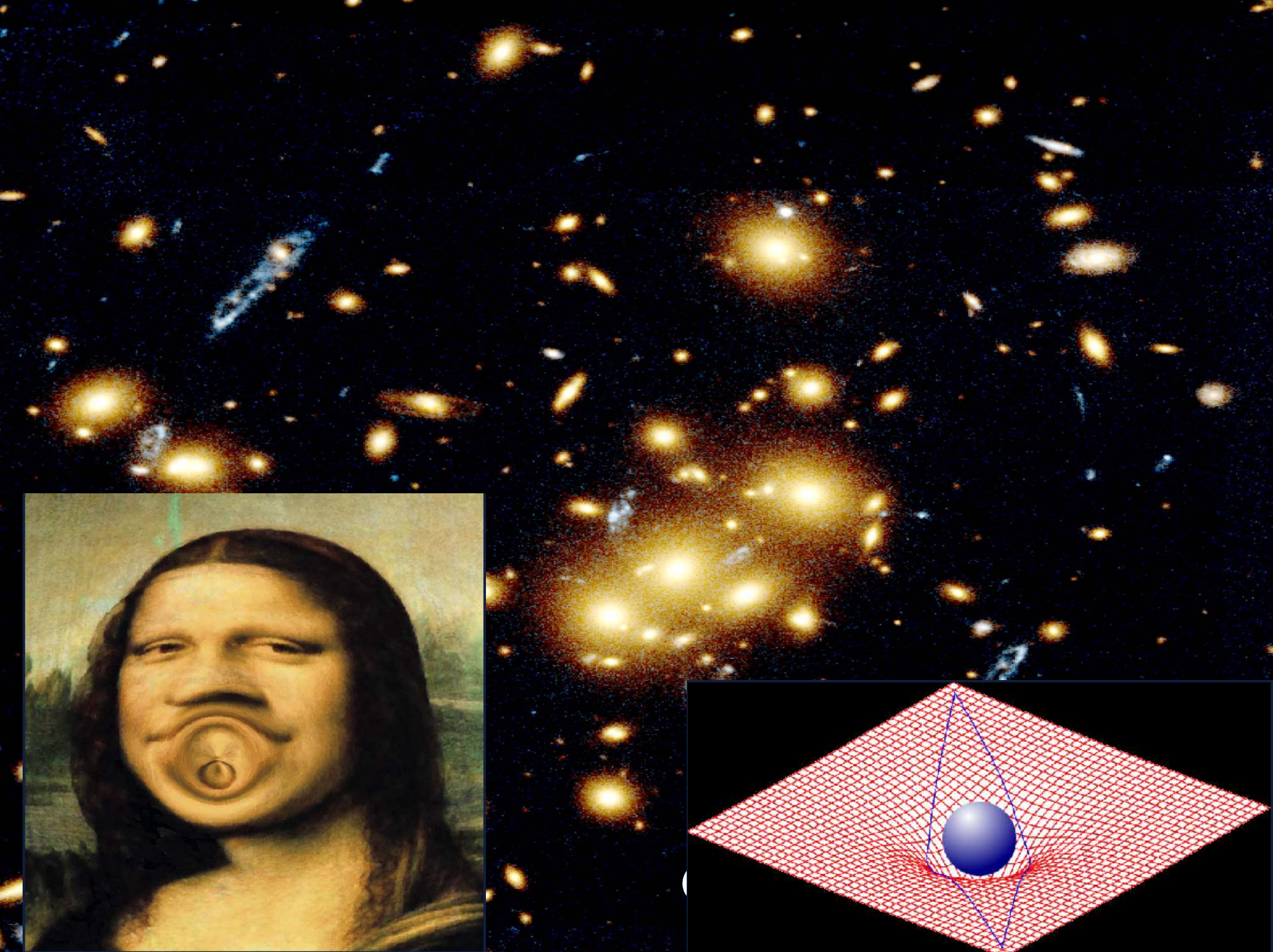
Matter : Everything that clumps

The image displays a vast field of galaxies, characteristic of a galaxy cluster. The galaxies are densely packed and exhibit a wide variety of colors, including bright yellows, oranges, reds, and blues. Some galaxies are large and elliptical, while others are smaller and more irregular. The background is a deep black, which makes the individual points of light stand out sharply. The overall appearance is that of a rich, multi-colored stellar population.

Abell 2255 Cluster
~300 Mpc

A deep-field astronomical image showing a large number of galaxies. In the center, there is a prominent, bright, yellowish-white galaxy cluster acting as a gravitational lens. This lens causes the light from background galaxies to be distorted, creating multiple images and arcs of light. The background galaxies are mostly yellowish-white, with some blue galaxies scattered throughout. The overall scene is set against a dark, starry background.
$$\Omega_m = 0.3$$

gravitational lens , HST



spatially flat universe

$$\Omega_{\text{tot}} = 1$$

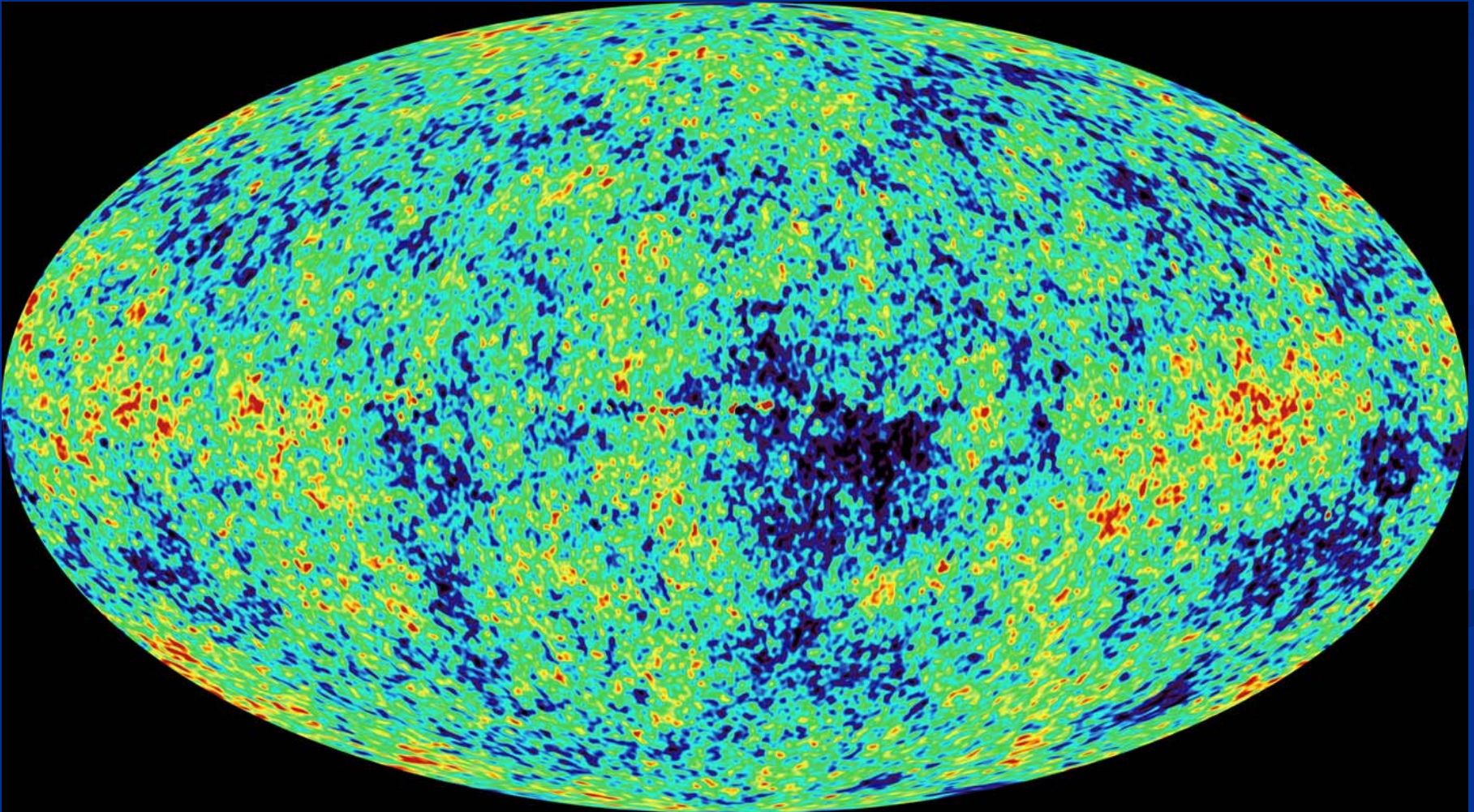
- theory (inflationary universe)

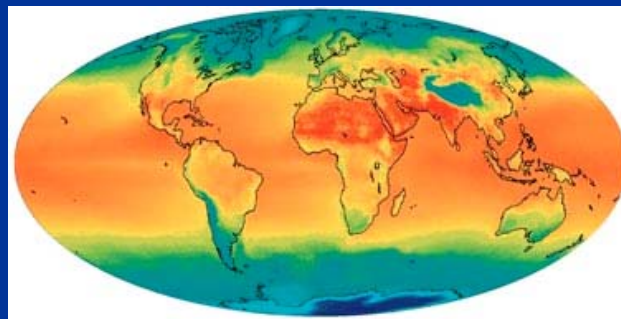
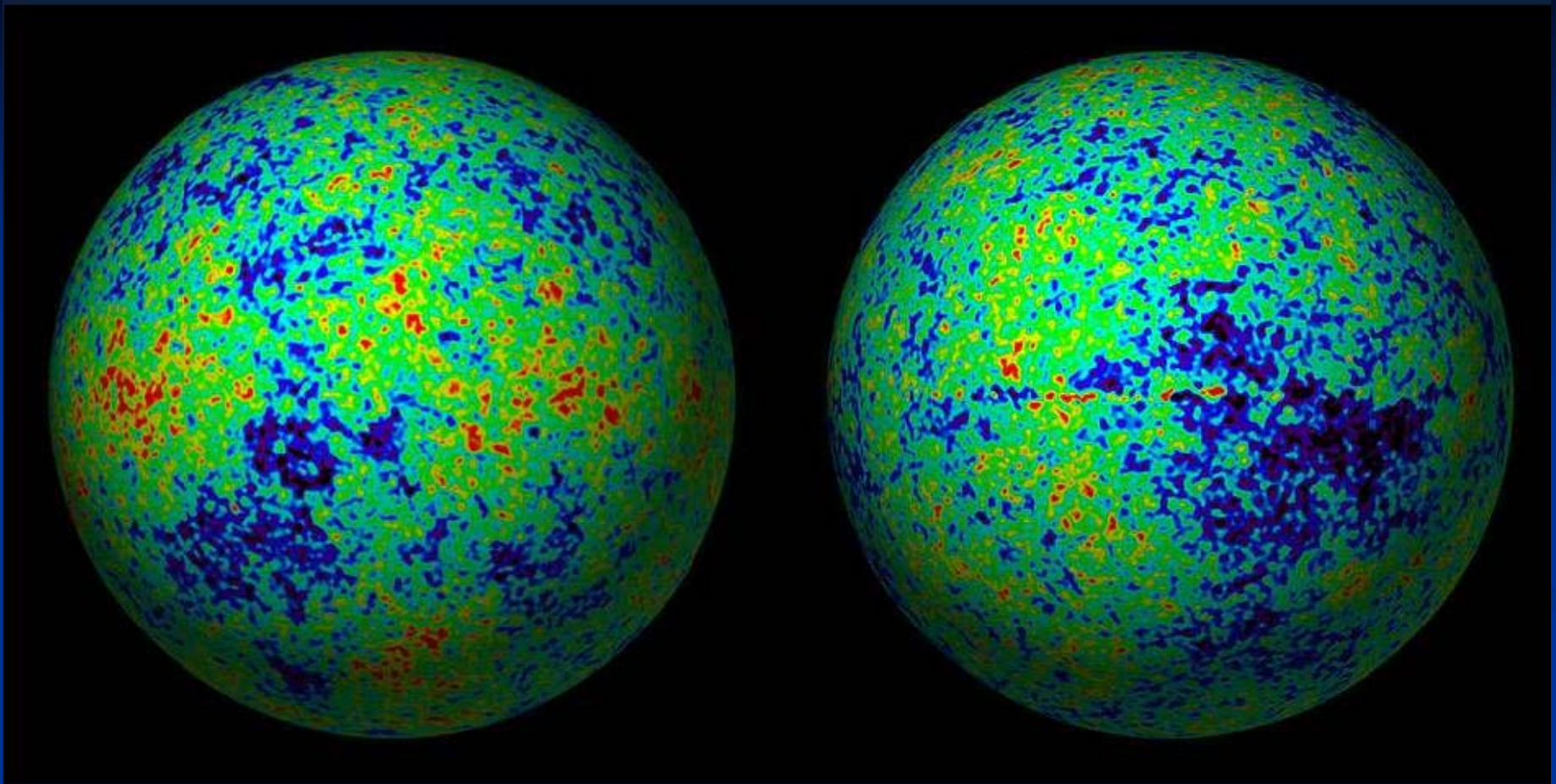
$$\Omega_{\text{tot}} = 1.0000\dots\dots\dots x$$

- observation (WMAP)

$$\Omega_{\text{tot}} = 1.02 (0.02)$$

picture of the big bang





Wilkinson Microwave Anisotropy Probe

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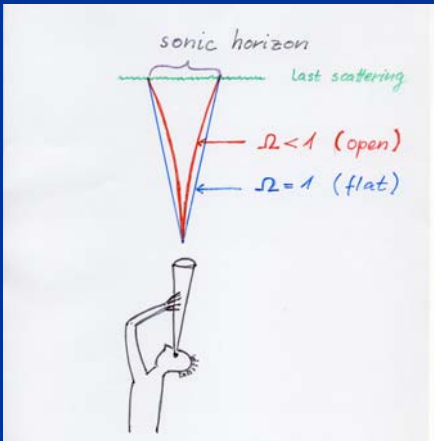
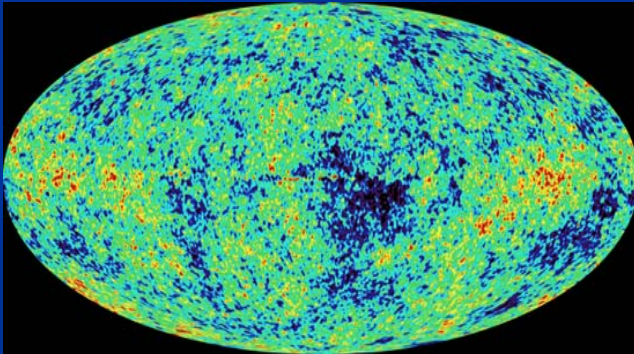
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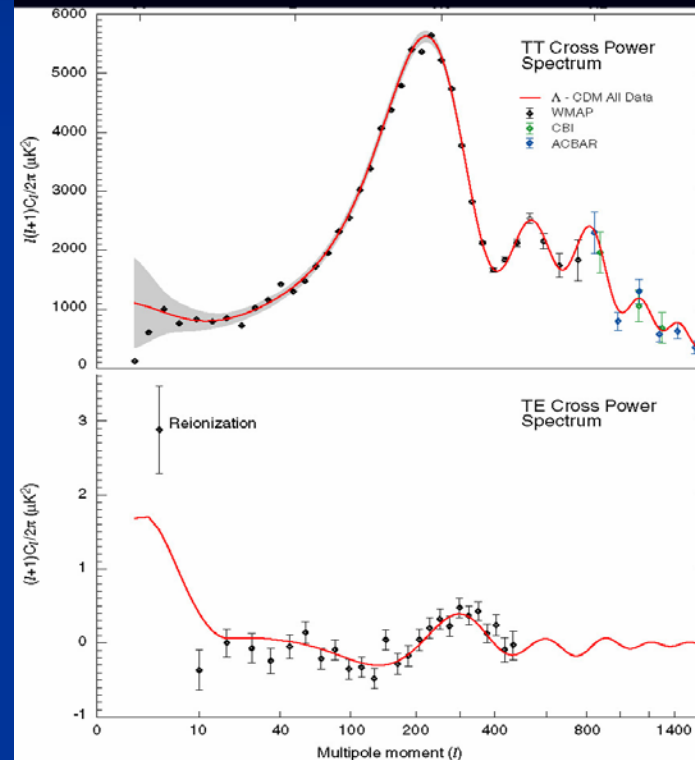
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$$\Omega_{\text{tot}} = 1$$



mean values

$$\Omega_{\text{tot}} = 1.02$$

$$\Omega_{\text{m}} = 0.27$$

$$\Omega_{\text{b}} = 0.045$$

$$\Omega_{\text{dm}} = 0.225$$

Dark Energy

$$\Omega_m + X = 1$$

$$\Omega_m : 30\%$$

$$\Omega_h : 70\% \quad \text{Dark Energy}$$

h : homogenous , often Ω_Λ instead of Ω_h

**Space between clumps
is not empty :**

Dark Energy !

**Dark Energy density is
the same at every point of space**

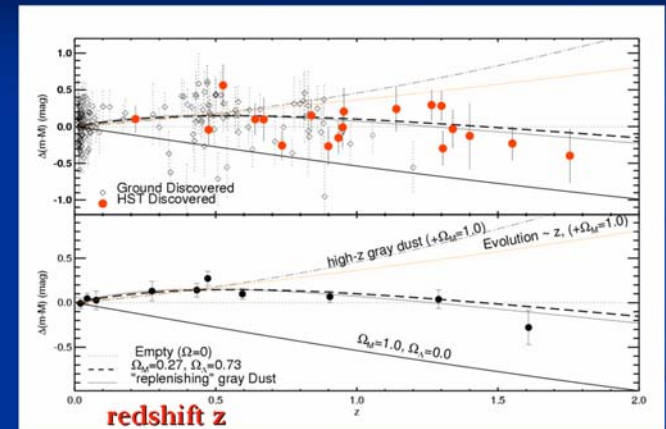
“ homogeneous “

**No force in absence of matter –
“ In what direction should it draw ? “**

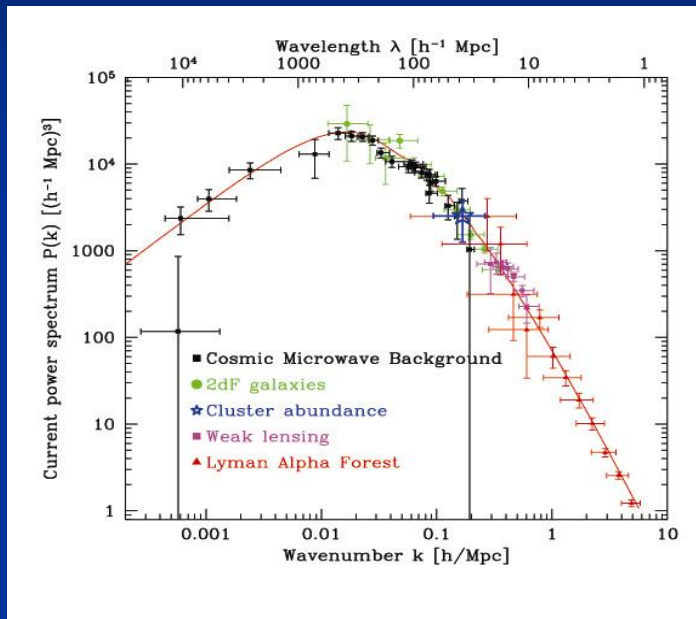
Predictions for dark energy cosmologies

*The expansion of the Universe
accelerates today !*

Supernovae 1a Hubble diagram

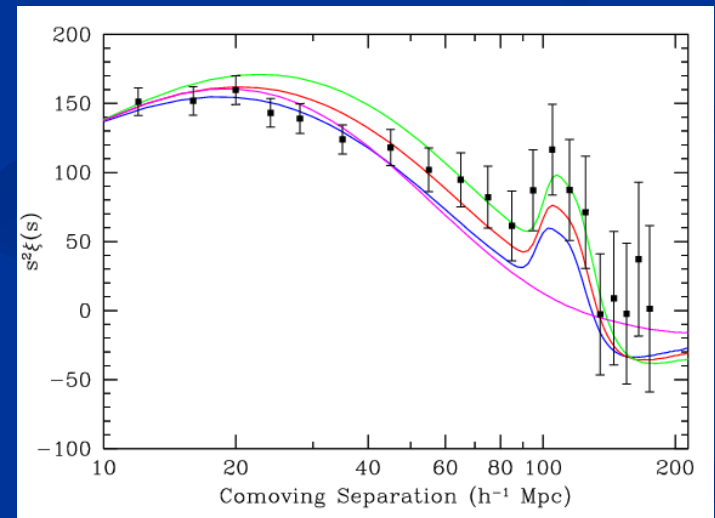


Power spectrum



Baryon - Peak

galaxy –
correlation –
function



Structure formation :
One primordial
fluctuation- spectrum

SDSS

Composition of the Universe

$$\Omega_b = 0.045$$

visible

clumping

$$\Omega_{dm} = 0.22$$

invisible

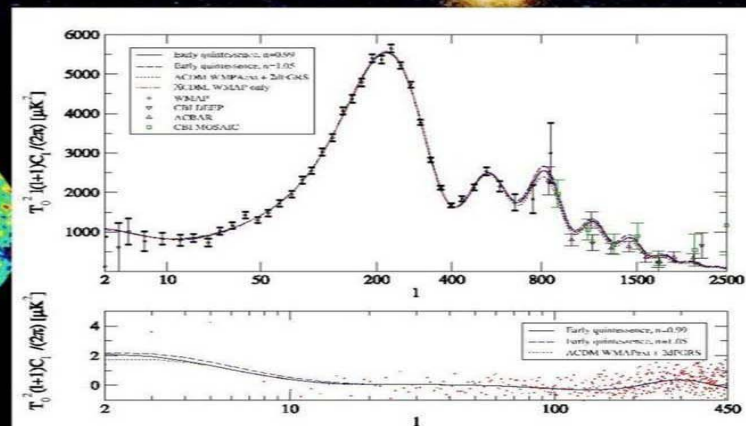
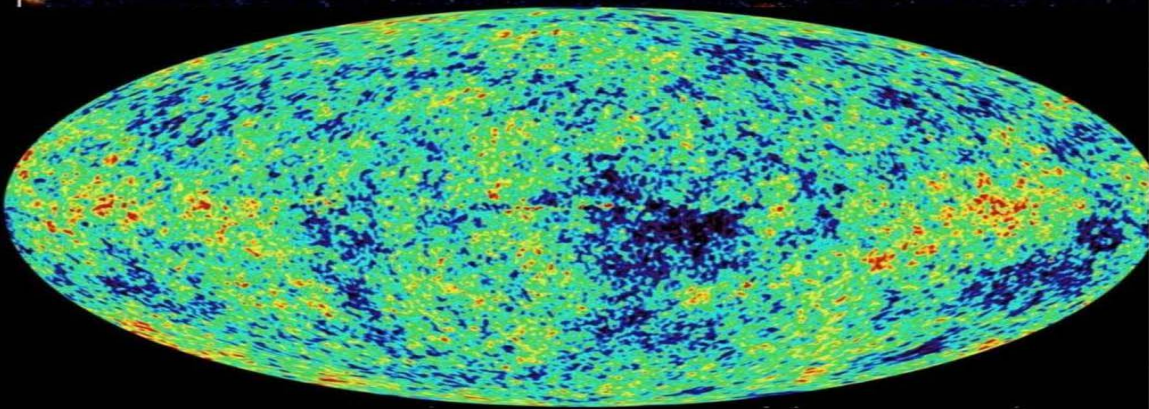
clumping

$$\Omega_h = 0.73$$

invisible

homogeneous

Dark Energy- a cosmic mystery



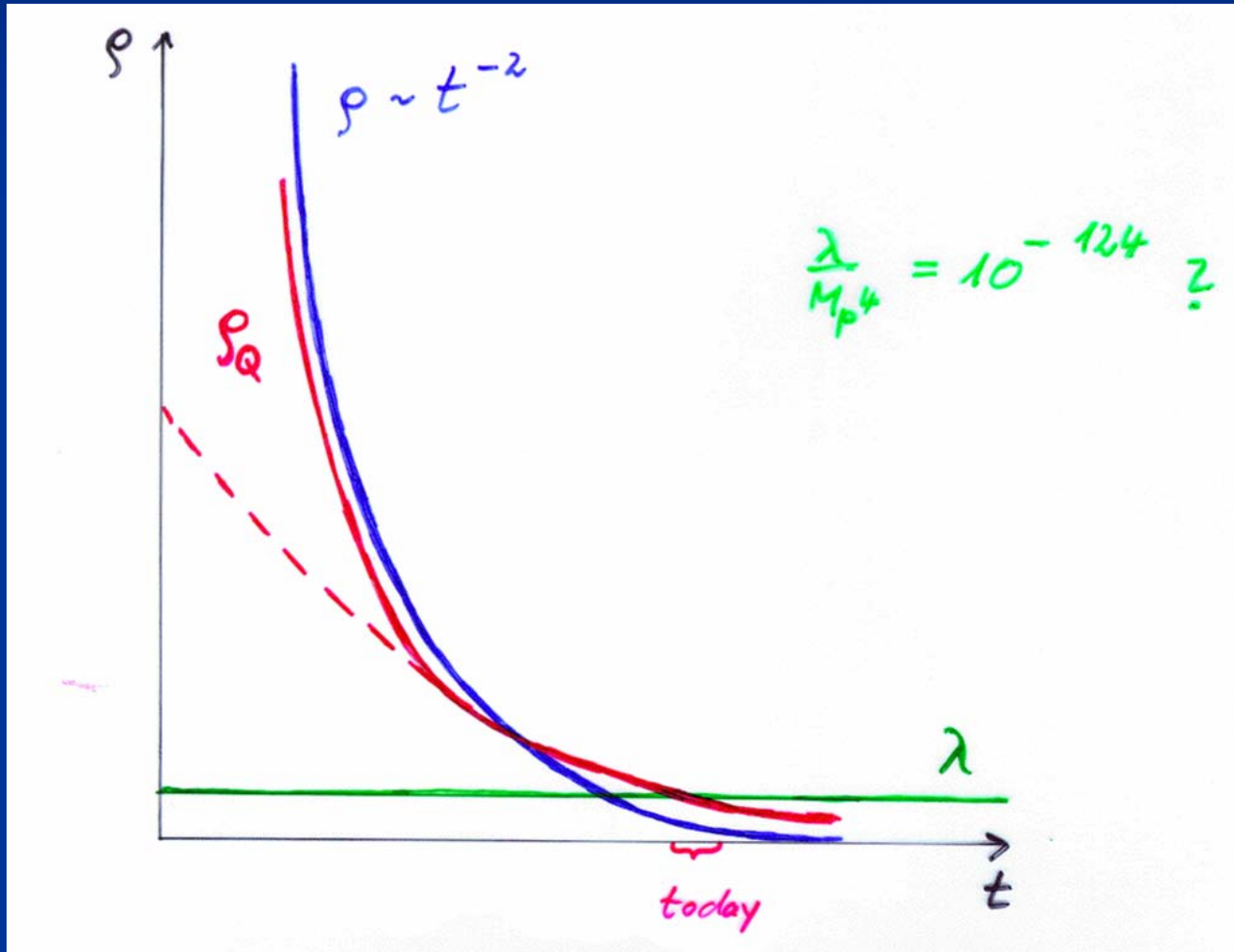
Cosmological Constant

- Einstein -

- Constant λ compatible with all symmetries
- No time variation in contribution to energy density
- Why so small ? $\lambda/M^4 = 10^{-120}$
- Why important just today ?

Cosm. Const.
static

Quintessence
dynamical



Cosmological mass scales

- Energy density

$$\rho \sim (2.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV})^{-4}$$

- Reduced Planck mass

$$M = 2.44 \times 10^{18} \text{ GeV}$$

- Newton's constant

$$G_N = (8\pi M^2)$$

Only ratios of mass scales are observable !

homogeneous dark energy: $\rho_h/M^4 = 6.5 \cdot 10^{-121}$

matter: $\rho_m/M^4 = 3.5 \cdot 10^{-121}$

Time evolution

- $\rho_m/M^4 \sim a^{-3} \sim t^{-2}$ matter dominated universe
- $\rho_r/M^4 \sim a^{-4} \sim t^{-3/2}$ radiation dominated universe
- $\rho_r/M^4 \sim a^{-4} \sim t^{-2}$ radiation dominated universe

Huge age \Rightarrow small ratio

Same explanation for small dark energy?

Quintessence

Dynamical dark energy ,
generated by scalar field

(cosmon)

C.Wetterich,Nucl.Phys.B302(1988)668, 24.9.87
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Prediction :

**homogeneous dark energy
influences recent cosmology**

- of same order as dark matter -

Original models do not fit the present observations
.... modifications

Quintessence

Cosmon – Field $\varphi(\mathbf{x},y,z,t)$

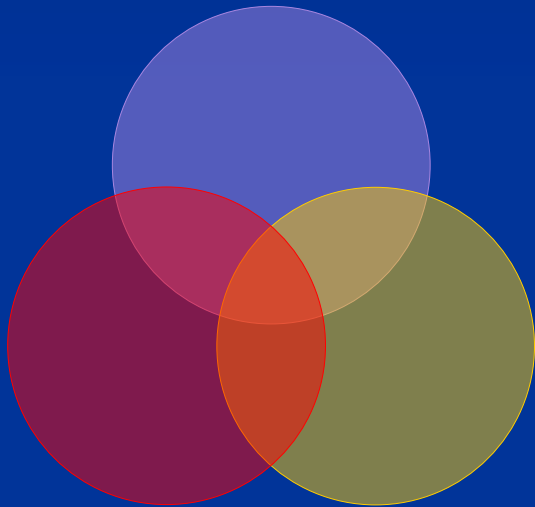
similar to electric field , but no direction (scalar field)

Homogeneous und isotropic Universe : $\varphi(\mathbf{x},y,z,t)=\varphi(t)$

Potential und kinetic energy of the cosmon -field
contribute to a dynamical energy density of the Universe !

“Fundamental” Interactions

Strong, electromagnetic, weak interactions



gravitation

cosmodynamics

On astronomical length scales:

graviton

+

cosmon

Evolution of cosmological field

Field equations

$$\ddot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} = -dV/d\phi$$

$$3M^2H^2 = V + \frac{1}{2}\dot{\phi}^2 + \rho$$

Potential $V(\varphi)$ determines details of the model

e.g. $V(\varphi) = M^4 \exp(-\varphi/M)$

for increasing φ the potential decreases towards zero !

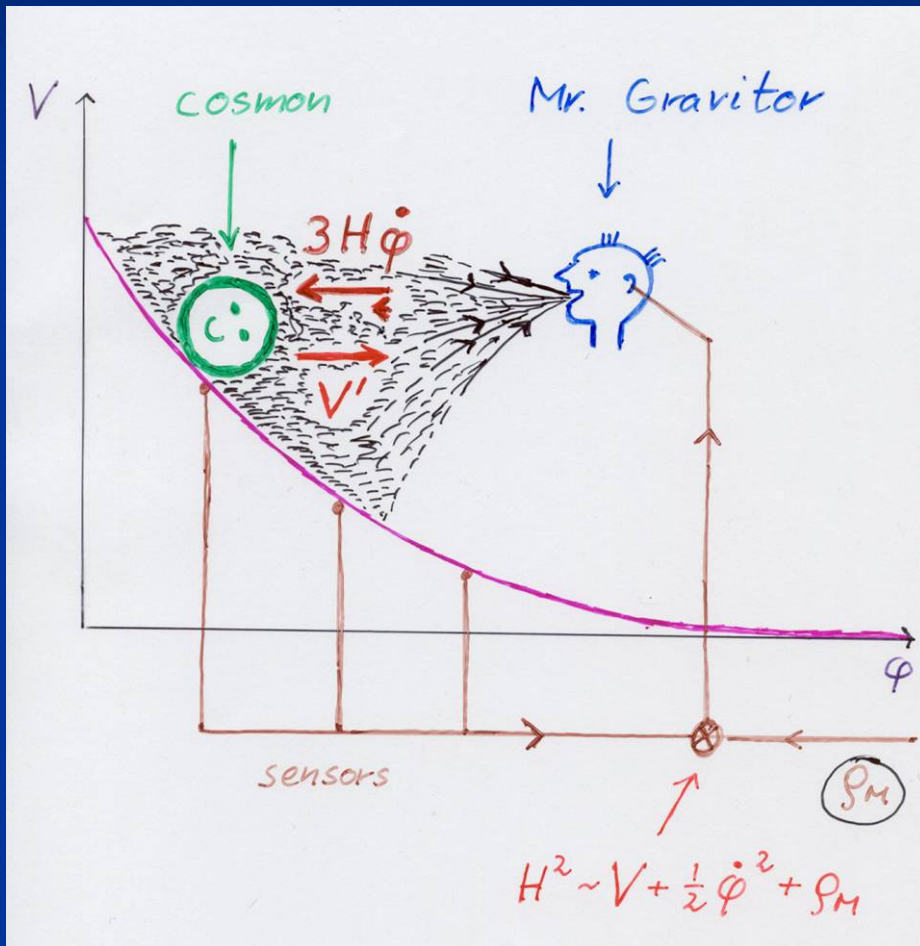
Cosmon

- *Scalar field changes its value even in the **present** cosmological epoch*
- *Potential und kinetic energy of cosmon contribute to the energy density of the Universe*
- *Time - variable dark energy :
 $\rho_b(t)$ decreases with time !*

Cosmon

- *Tiny mass*
- $m_c \sim H$
- *New long - range interaction*

Cosmological equations

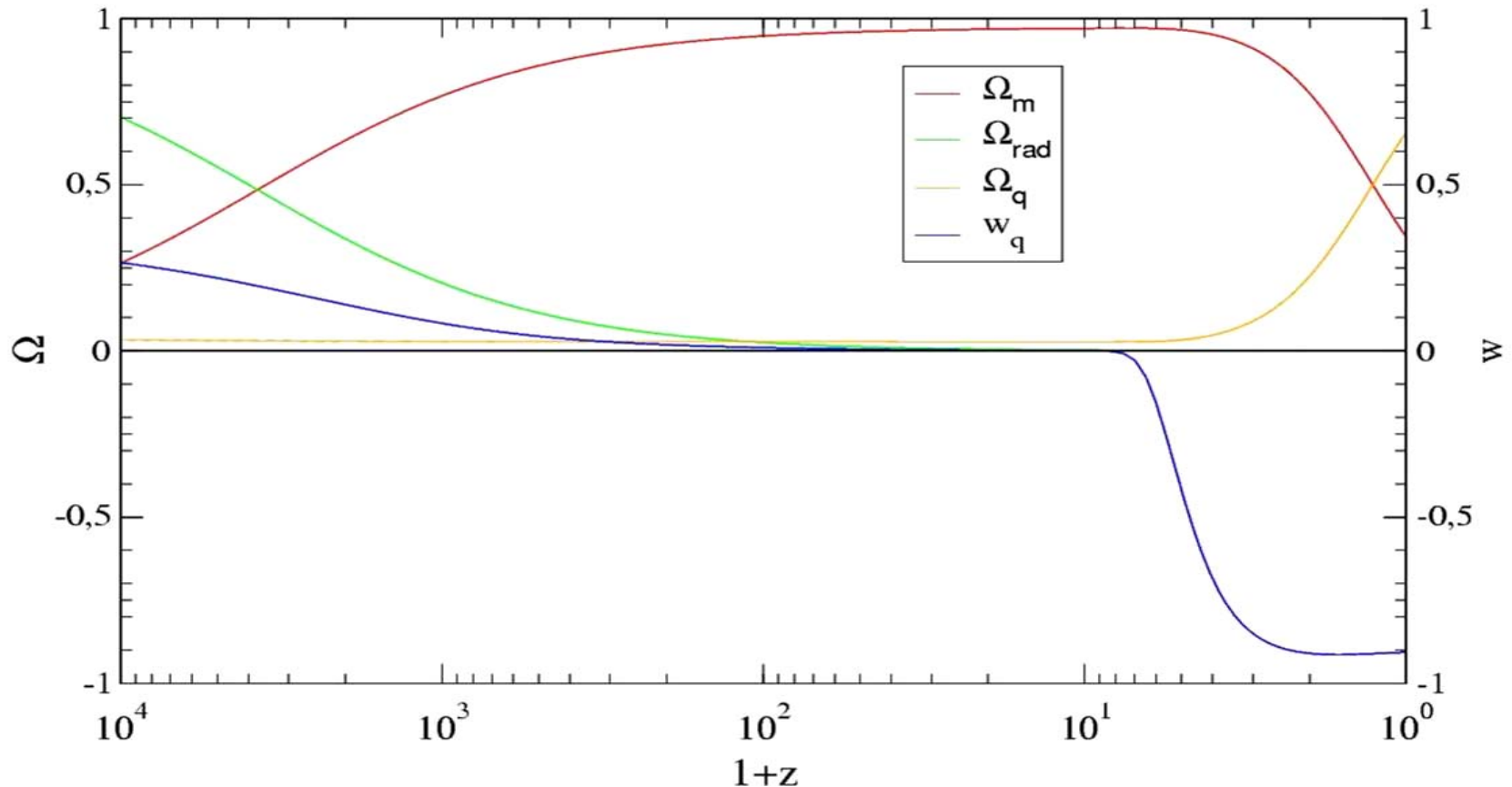


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$$3M^2H^2 = V + \frac{1}{2}\dot{\phi}^2 + \rho$$

Quintessence becomes important “today”

Crossover Quintessence Evolution



Equation of state

$$p = T - V$$

pressure

kinetic energy

$$\rho = T + V$$

energy density

$$T = \frac{1}{2} \dot{\phi}^2$$

Equation of state

$$w = \frac{p}{\rho} = \frac{T - V}{T + V}$$

Depends on specific evolution of the scalar field

Negative pressure

- $w < 0$ Ω_h increases (with decreasing z)

late universe with
small radiation component :

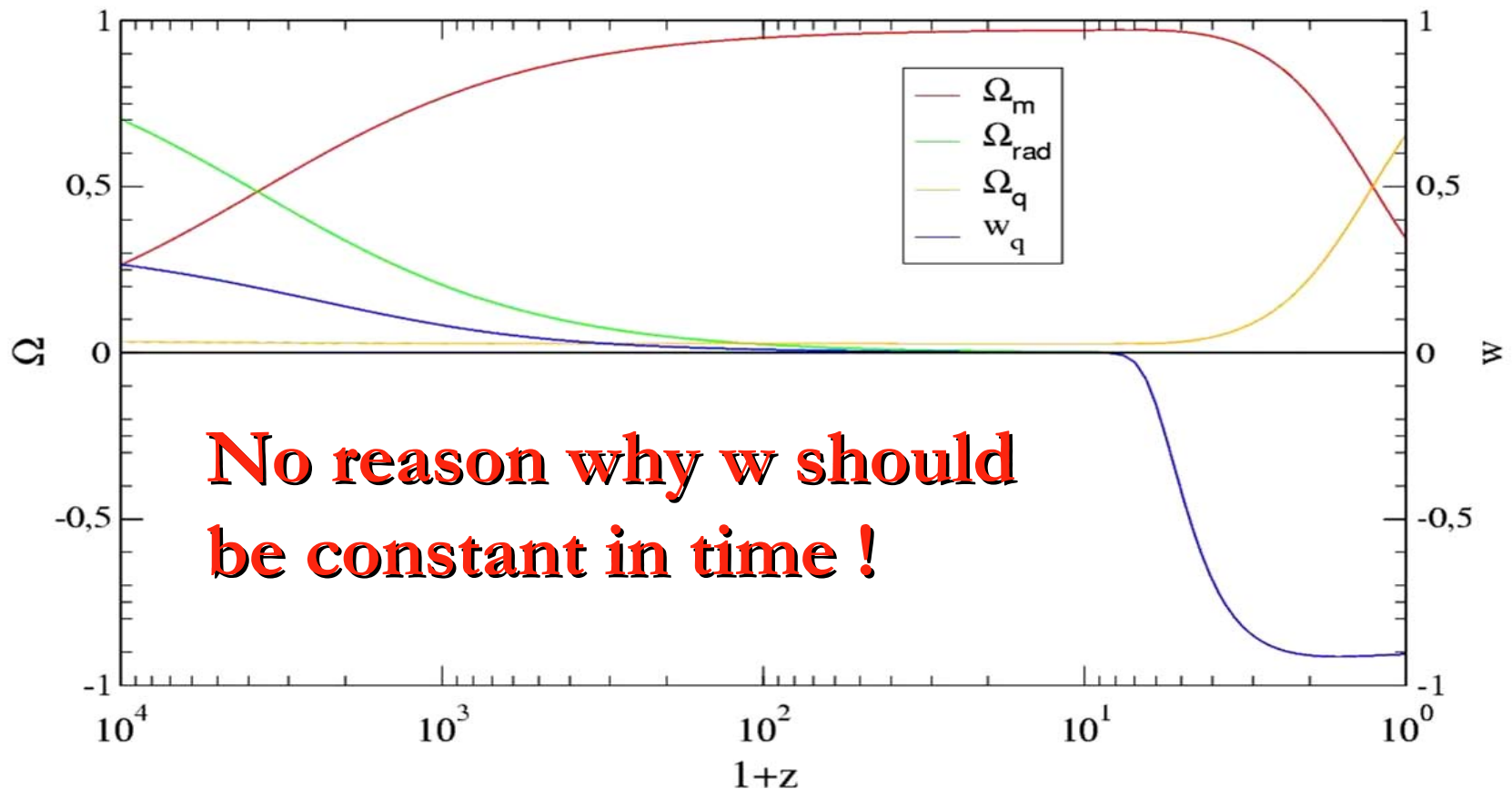
$$w_h = \frac{1}{3\Omega_h(1-\Omega_h)} \frac{\partial \Omega_h}{\partial \ln(1+z)}$$

- $w < -1/3$ expansion of the Universe is
accelerating

- $w = -1$ cosmological constant

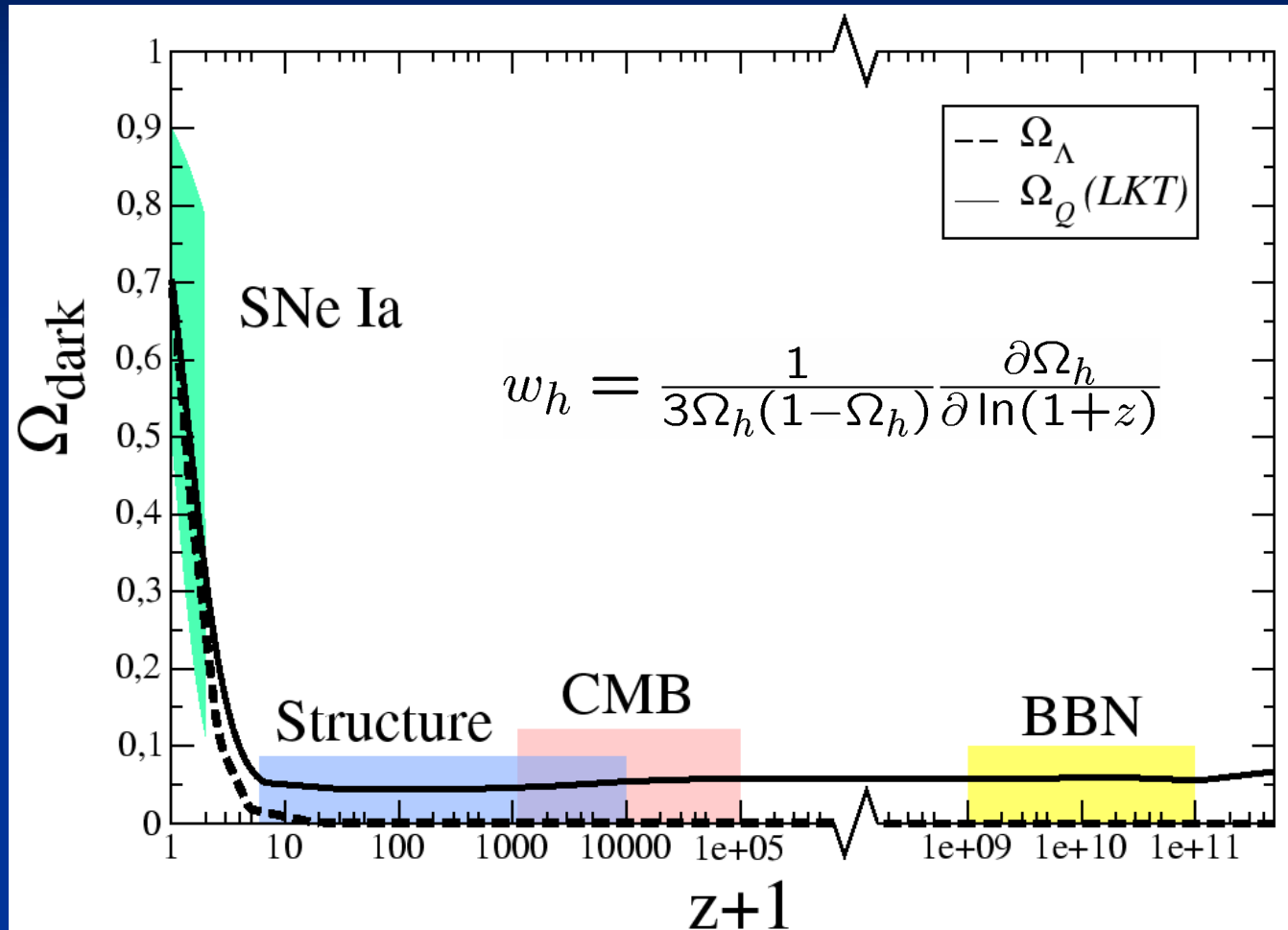
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Crossover Quintessence Evolution



How can quintessence be distinguished from a cosmological constant ?

Time dependence of dark energy

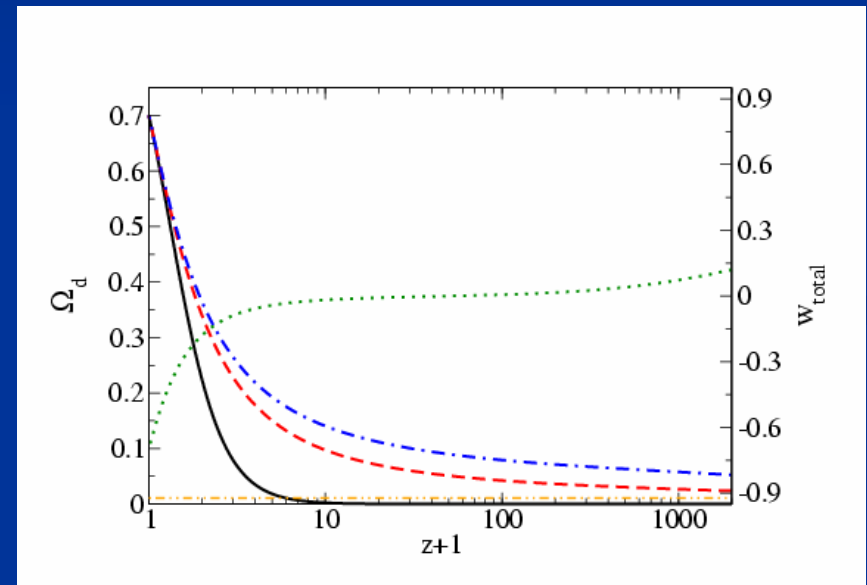


cosmological constant : $\Omega_h \sim t^2 \sim (1+z)^{-3}$

Early Dark Energy

A few percent in the
early Universe

Not possible for a
cosmological
constant

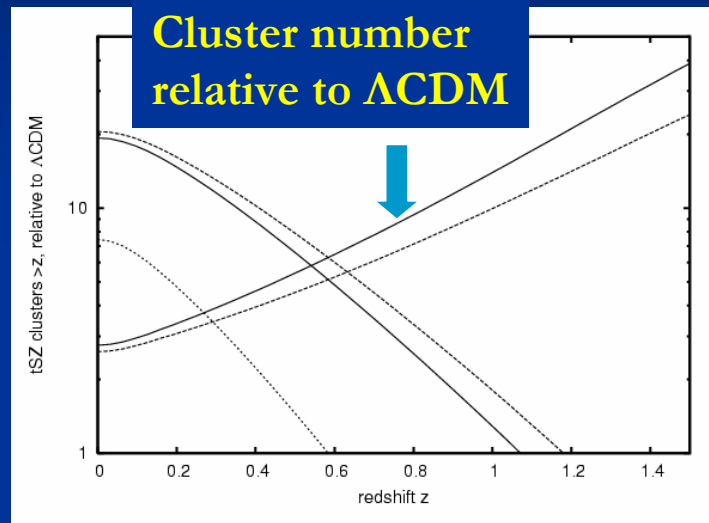


1 σ and 2 σ limits

Doran, Karwan, ..

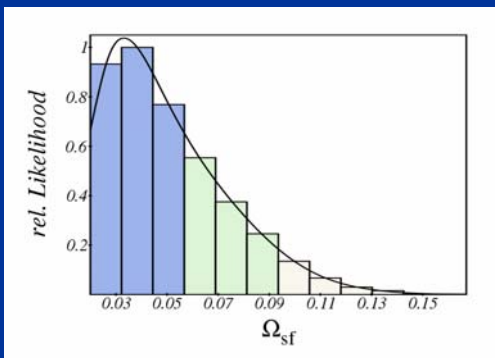
Little Early Dark Energy can make large effect !

More clusters at high redshift

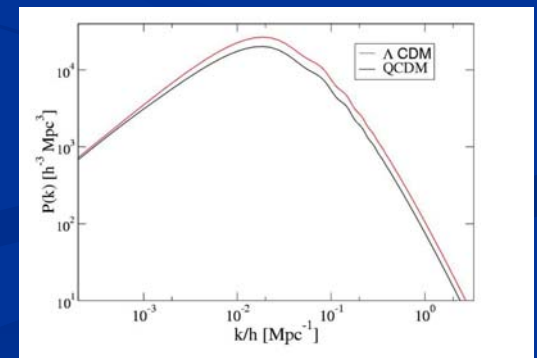


Two models with 4% Dark Energy during structure formation

Fixed σ_8 (normalization dependence !)



Early Quintessence slows down the growth of structure



How to distinguish Q from Λ ?

A) Measurement $\Omega_h(z) \iff H(z)$

i) $\Omega_h(z)$ at the time of structure formation , CMB - emission or nucleosynthesis

ii) equation of state $w_h(\text{today}) > -1$

B) Time variation of fundamental “constants”

C) Apparent violation of equivalence principle

Cosmodynamics

Cosmon mediates new long-range interaction

Range : size of the Universe – horizon

Strength : weaker than gravity

photon

electrodynamics

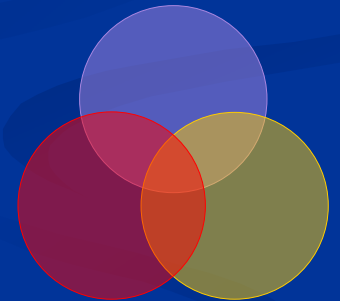
graviton

gravity

cosmon

cosmodynamics

Small correction to Newton's law



“Fifth Force”

- Mediated by scalar field

R.Peccei,J.Sola,C.Wetterich,Phys.Lett.B195,183(1987)

- Coupling strength: weaker than gravity
(nonrenormalizable interactions $\sim M^{-2}$)
- Composition dependence
 → violation of equivalence principle
- Quintessence: connected to time variation of fundamental couplings

C.Wetterich , Nucl.Phys.B302,645(1988)

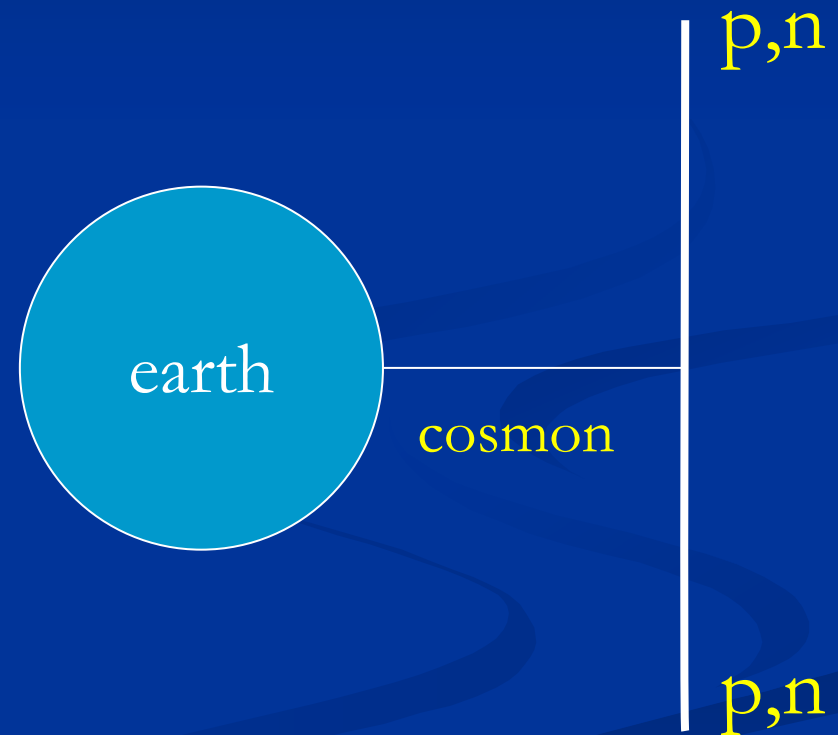
Violation of equivalence principle

Different couplings of
cosmon to proton and
neutron

Differential acceleration

“Violation of
equivalence principle”

only apparent : new “fifth force” !



$$(1) \quad \alpha_x(\varphi) \rightarrow \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}(\varphi) \rightarrow m_n(\varphi)$$

nucleon mass depends on value
of the cosmon field
(and therefore on time)

(2) expand around cosmological
value $\varphi_0(t)$:

$$\varphi(\vec{x}, t) = \varphi_0(t) + \delta\varphi(\vec{x}, t)$$

$$m_n = m_n(\varphi_0) + \frac{\partial m_n}{\partial \varphi} \Big|_{\varphi_0} \delta\varphi$$

\Rightarrow cosmon - nucleon vertex $\sim \bar{n} n \delta\varphi$



\Rightarrow earth is source for surrounding
local cosmon field $\delta\varphi(|\vec{r}|)$

(3) Test body carries effective
"cosmon charge"

$$Q_c = k^{-1} \frac{\partial m_t}{\partial \varphi}$$

to be compared with "gravitational charge"

$$Q_g = \frac{m_t}{\sqrt{2} M_p}$$

⇒ Correction to Newtonian potential

$$V_N = - \frac{G_N M m_t}{r} (1 + \alpha_t)$$

$$\alpha_t = \frac{2 M_p^2}{k^2} \frac{\partial \ln M}{\partial \varphi} \frac{\partial \ln m_t}{\partial \varphi}$$

(4) Protons and neutrons have different

cosmon charges, $\frac{\partial m_p}{\partial \varphi} \neq \frac{\partial m_n}{\partial \varphi}$

Differential acceleration

Two bodies with equal mass experience
a different acceleration !

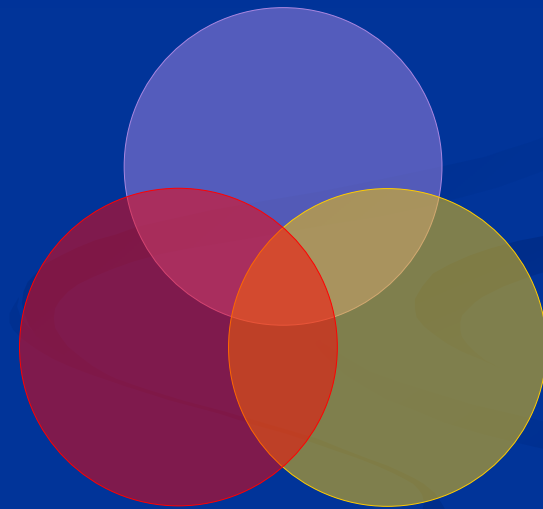
$$\eta = (a_1 - a_2) / (a_1 + a_2)$$

Quintessence and time variation of fundamental constants

Generic prediction

Strength unknown

Strong, electromagnetic, weak interactions



gravitation

cosmodynamics

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Nucl.Phys.B302,645(1988)

Time varying constants

- It is not difficult to obtain quintessence potentials from higher dimensional or string theories
- Exponential form rather generic
(after Weyl scaling)
- But most models show too strong time dependence of constants !

Are fundamental “constants” time dependent ?

Fine structure constant α (electric charge)

Ratio nucleon mass to Planck mass

Quintessence and Time dependence of “fundamental constants”

- Fine structure constant depends on value of
cosmon field : $\alpha(\varphi)$

*(similar in standard model: couplings depend on
value of Higgs scalar field)*

- Time evolution of φ 
Time evolution of α

Jordan,...

Standard – Model of electroweak interactions : Higgs - mechanism

- The masses of all fermions and gauge bosons are proportional to the (vacuum expectation) value of a scalar field φ_H (Higgs scalar)
- For electron, quarks , W- and Z- bosons :

$$m_{\text{electron}} = h_{\text{electron}} * \varphi_H \quad \text{etc.}$$

Restoration of symmetry at high temperature in the early Universe

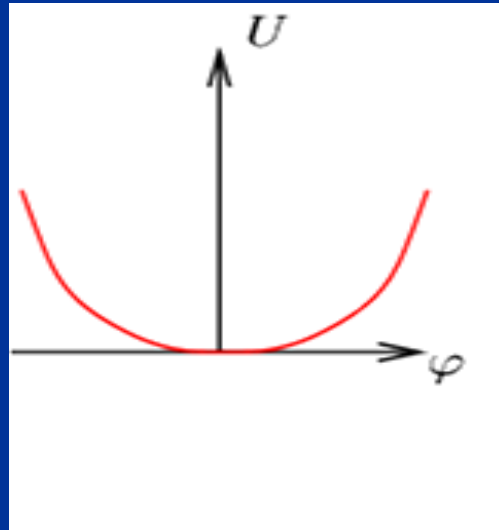
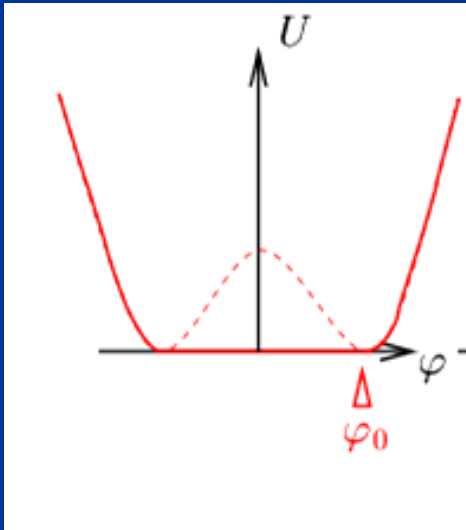
Low T
SSB

$$\langle \phi_H \rangle = \phi_0 \neq 0$$

High T
SYM

$$\langle \phi_H \rangle = 0$$

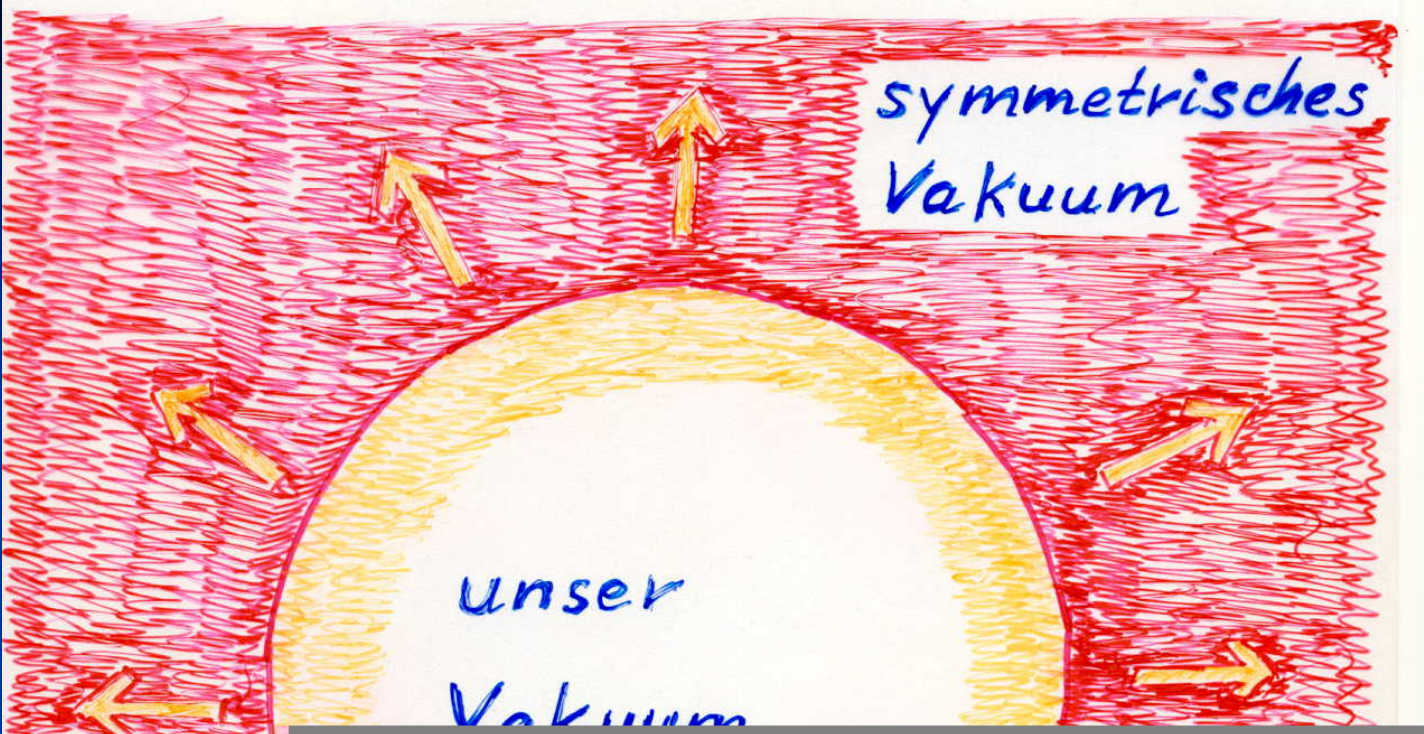
high T :
less order
more symmetry



example:
magnets

In the hot plasma
of the early Universe :

**No difference in mass for
electron and myon !**




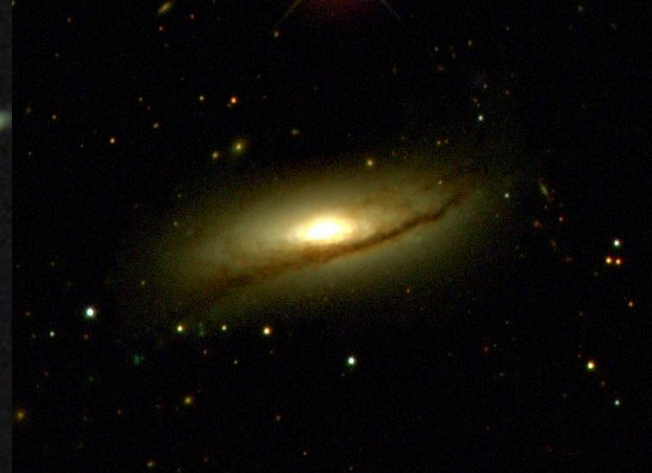

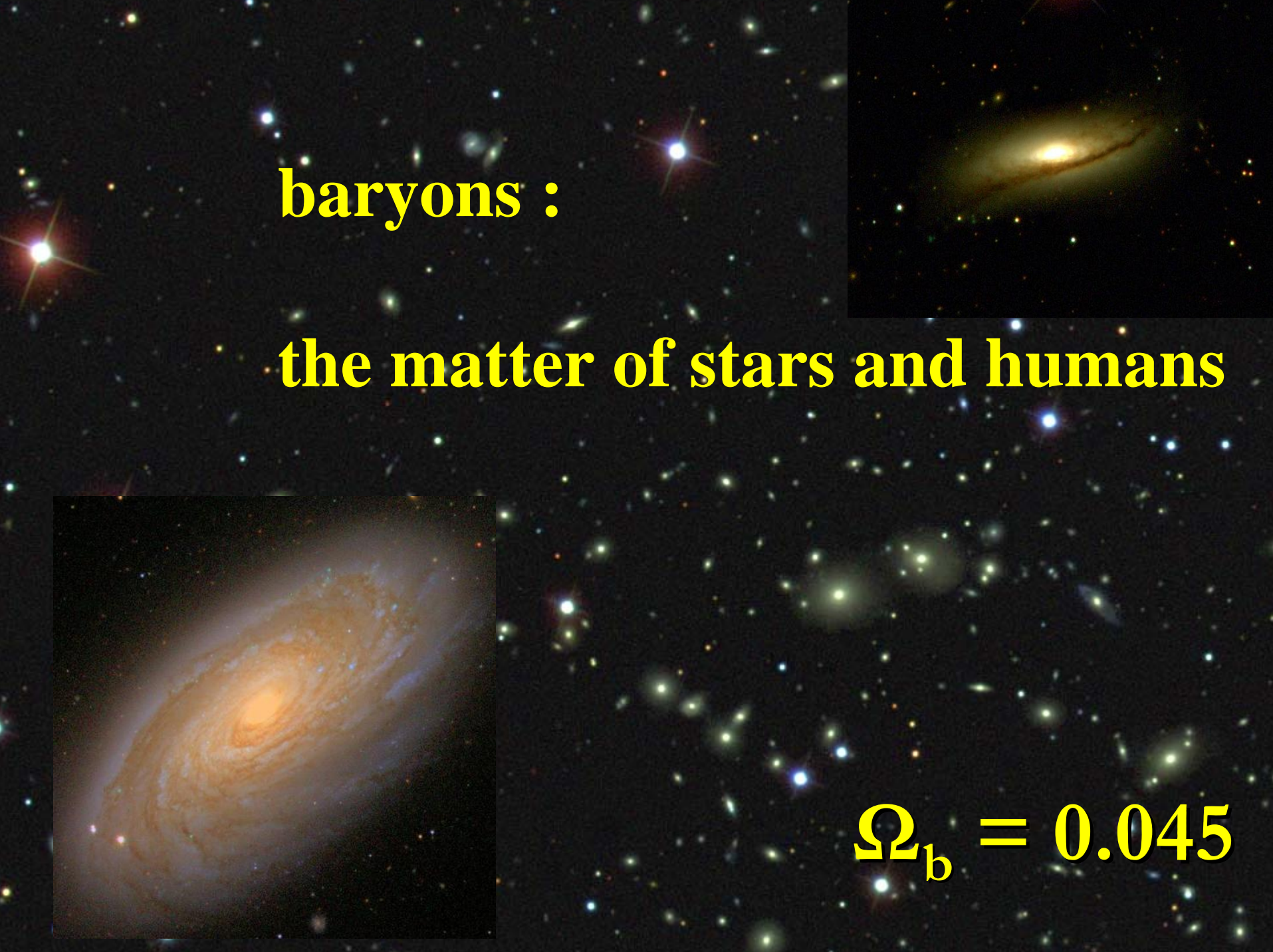


Quintessence :
Couplings are still varying now !

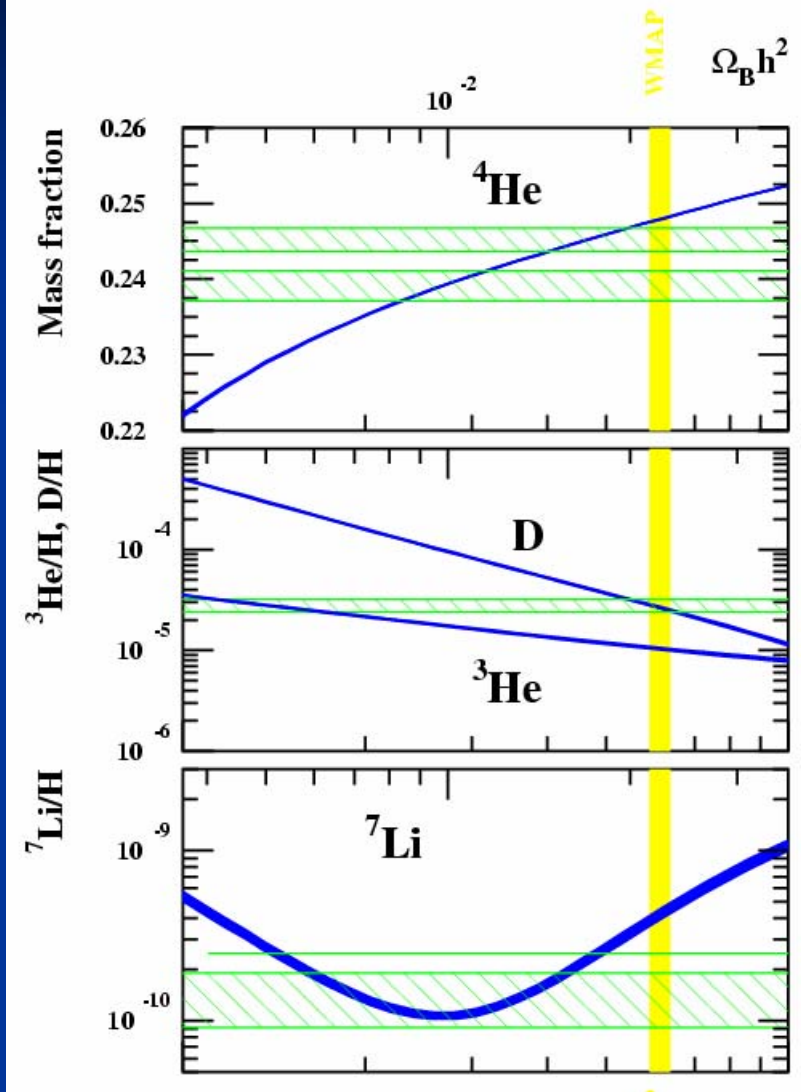
**Strong bounds on
the variation of couplings -
interesting perspectives for
observation !**

baryons :

the matter of stars and humans


$$\Omega_b = 0.045$$

Abundancies of
primordial
light elements
from
nucleosynthesis

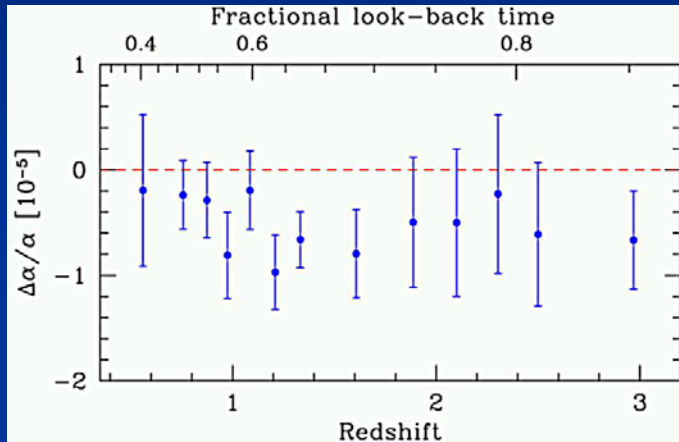


if present 2-sigma deviation of He –abundance from CMB/nucleosynthesis prediction would be confirmed :

$$\Delta\alpha/\alpha (z=10^{10}) = -1.0 \cdot 10^{-3} \quad \text{GUT 1}$$

$$\Delta\alpha/\alpha (z=10^{10}) = -2.7 \cdot 10^{-4} \quad \text{GUT 2}$$

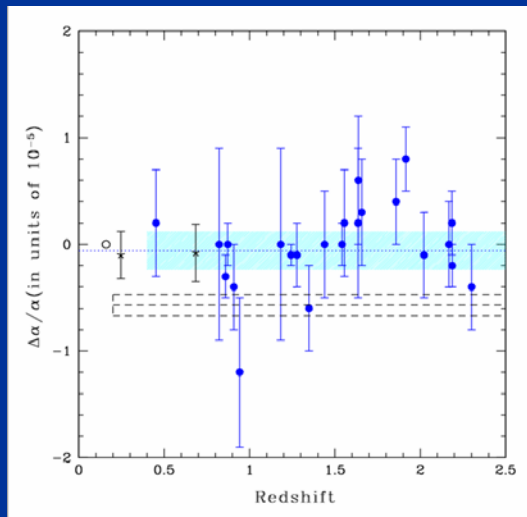
Variation of fine structure constant as function of redshift



Three independent data sets from
Keck/HIRES

$$\Delta\alpha/\alpha = -0.54 (12) 10^{-5}$$

Murphy, Webb, Flammbaum, June
2003



VLT

$$\Delta\alpha/\alpha = -0.06 (6) 10^{-5}$$

Srianand, Chand, Petitjean, Aracil,
Feb. 2004

$z \approx 2$

Time variation of coupling constants
must be tiny –

would be of very high significance !

Possible signal for Quintessence

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Everything is flowing

Apparent violation of equivalence principle

and

time variation of fundamental couplings

measure both the

cosmon – coupling to ordinary matter

Differential acceleration η

For unified theories (GUT) :

$$\eta = -1.75 \cdot 10^{-2} \Delta R_z \left(\frac{\partial \ln \alpha}{\partial z} \right)^2 \frac{1 + \tilde{Q}}{\Omega_h (1 + w_h)}$$

$$\Delta R_z = \frac{\Delta Z}{Z + N} \approx 0.1$$

$$\eta = \Delta a / 2a$$

Q : time dependence of other parameters

Link between time variation of α

and violation of equivalence principle

typically : $\eta = 10^{-14}$

if time variation of α near Oklo upper bound

to be tested (MICROSCOPE , ...)

small change of couplings in space

- Fine structure constant depends on location in space
- Experiments with satellites ?

for $r = 2 R_E$

$$\delta \alpha_{em} / \alpha_{em} = 3 \cdot 10^{-19} / \text{k}^2$$

**Quintessence and solution of
cosmological constant
problem should be related !**

Cosmon and fundamental mass scale

- Assume all mass parameters are proportional to scalar field χ (GUTs, superstrings,...)
- $M_p \sim \chi$, $m_{\text{proton}} \sim \chi$, $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \sim \chi$, $M_W \sim \chi$, ...
- χ may evolve with time : **cosmon**
- m_n/M : (almost) constant - observation!

Only ratios of mass scales are observable

Dilatation symmetry

- Lagrange density:

$$L = \sqrt{g} \left(-\frac{1}{2} \chi^2 R + \frac{1}{2} (\delta - 6) \partial^\mu \chi \partial_\mu \chi + V(\chi) + h \chi \bar{\psi} \psi \right)$$

- Dilatation symmetry for

$$V = \lambda \chi^4, \quad \lambda = \text{const.}, \quad \delta = \text{const.}, \quad h = \text{const.}$$

- Conformal symmetry for $\delta=0$

Dilatation anomaly

- Quantum fluctuations responsible for dilatation anomaly
- Running couplings: **hypothesis**

$$\partial\lambda/\partial\ln\chi = -A\lambda, \quad \partial\delta/\partial\ln\chi = E\delta^2$$

- Renormalization scale μ : (momentum scale)
- $\lambda \sim (\chi/\mu)^{-A}$
- $E > 0$: crossover Quintessence

Weyl scaling

$$\text{Weyl scaling : } g_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow (M/\chi)^2 g_{\mu\nu},$$
$$\varphi/M = \ln (\chi^4/V(\chi))$$

$$L = \sqrt{g} \left(-\frac{1}{2} M^2 R + \frac{1}{2} k^2(\phi) \partial^\mu \phi \partial_\mu \phi \right. \\ \left. + V(\phi) + m(\phi) \bar{\psi} \psi \right)$$

Exponential potential : $V = M^4 \exp(-\varphi/M)$

No additional constant !

Summary

- o $\Omega_h = 0.7$
- o Q/Λ : dynamical und static dark energy
will be distinguishable
- o Q : time varying fundamental coupling “constants”
violation of equivalence principle

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Why becomes Quintessence dominant in the present cosmological epoch ?

Are dark energy and dark matter related ?

Can Quintessence be explained in a fundamental unified theory ?



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Dynamics of quintessence

- **Cosmon** φ : scalar singlet field
- Lagrange density $L = V + \frac{1}{2} k(\varphi) \partial\varphi \partial\varphi$
(units: reduced Planck mass $M=1$)
- Potential : $V = \exp[-\varphi]$
- “Natural initial value” in Planck era $\varphi=0$
- today: $\varphi=276$

cosmon mass changes with time !

for standard kinetic term

- $m_c^2 = V''$

for standard exponential potential , $k = \text{const.}$

- $m_c^2 = V'' / k^2 = V / (k^2 M^2)$
 $= 3 \Omega_h (1 - w_h) H^2 / (2 k^2)$

Quintessence models

- Kinetic function $k(\varphi)$: parameterizes the details of the model - “kinetial”
 - $k(\varphi) = k = \text{const.}$ Exponential Q.
 - $k(\varphi) = \exp((\varphi - \varphi_1)/\alpha)$ Inverse power law Q.
 - $k^2(\varphi) = “1/(2E(\varphi_c - \varphi))”$ Crossover Q.
- possible naturalness criterion:

$k(\varphi=0) / k(\varphi_{\text{today}})$: not tiny or huge !

- else: explanation needed -

More models ...

- **Phantom energy** (Caldwell)
negative kinetic term ($w < -1$)
consistent quantum theory?
- **K – essence** (Amendariz-Picon, Mukhanov, Steinhardt)
higher derivative kinetic terms
why derivative expansion not valid?
- **Coupling cosmon / (dark) matter** (C.W., Amendola)
why substantial coupling to dark matter and not to ordinary matter?
- **Non-minimal coupling to curvature scalar** – $f(\varphi) R$ -
can be brought to standard form by Weyl scaling!

kinetial

$$\mathcal{L}(\varphi) = \frac{1}{2} (\partial\varphi)^2 k^2(\varphi) + \exp[-\varphi]$$

Small almost constant k :

- Small almost constant Ω_h

Large k :

- Cosmon dominated universe (like inflation)

Cosmic Attractors

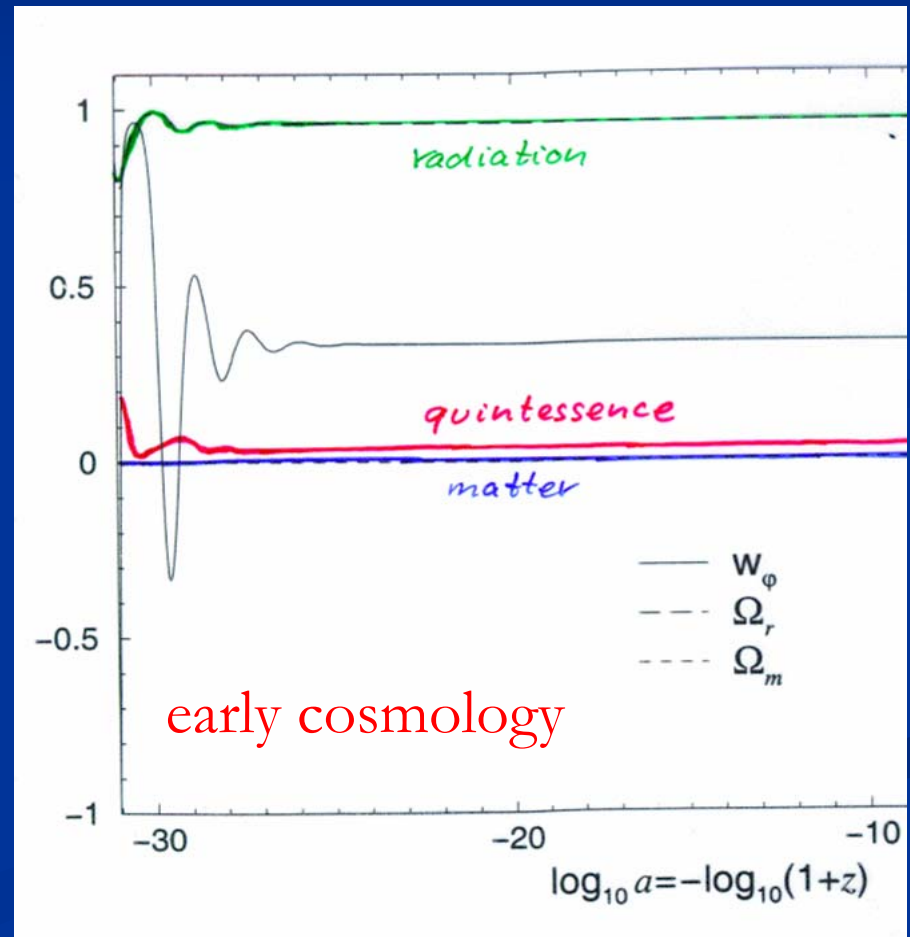
Solutions independent
of initial conditions

typically $V \sim t^{-2}$

$\varphi \sim \ln(t)$

$\Omega_h \sim \text{const.}$

details depend on $V(\varphi)$
or kinetic term



Atomic clocks and OKLO

* Atomic clocks:

$$\frac{\dot{\alpha}_{em}}{\alpha_{em}} = -5.4 \cdot 10^{-10} \frac{\Delta \alpha_{em}(z=0.13)}{\alpha_{em}} \text{ yr}^{-1}$$

$$\text{observation } \frac{\dot{\alpha}_{em}}{\alpha_{em}} = (4.2 \pm 6.9) \cdot 10^{-15} \text{ yr}^{-1}$$

Sortais et al.

assumes that both effects are dominated
by change of fine structure constant