

Acceleration of the Universe

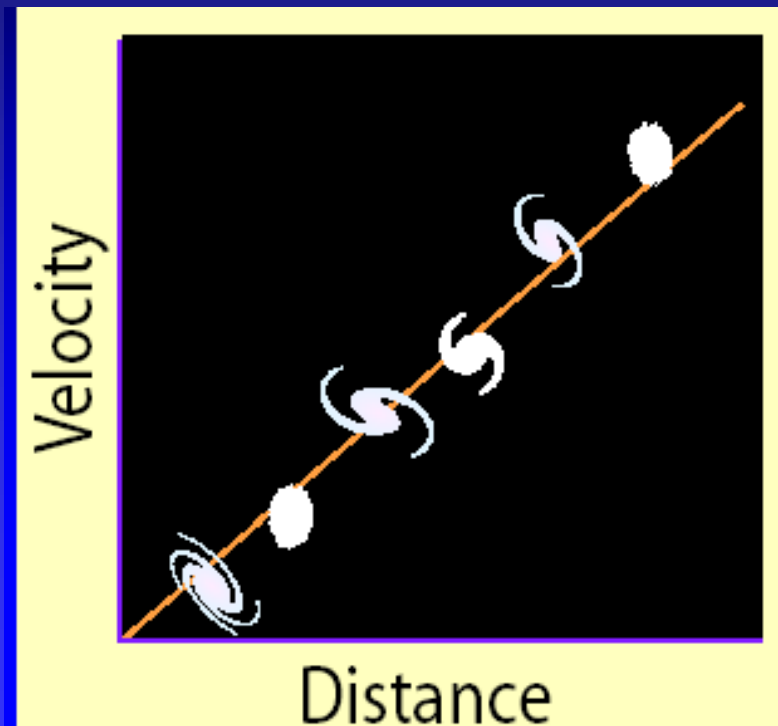
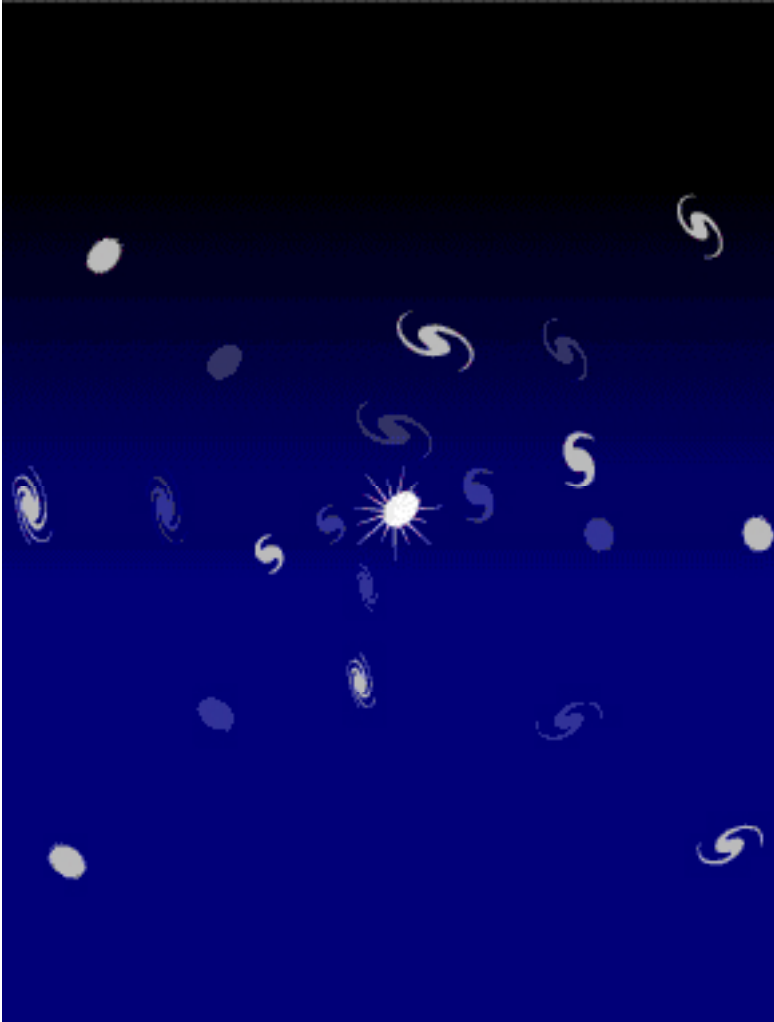
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- Beginning of the Universe (Big Bang)
- Expansion of the Universe
- Present state of the Universe
- Future of the Universe
- Distances to galaxies
- Motion of galaxies

Hubble's Law: In an expanding Universe,
velocity = $H_0 \times \text{distance}$



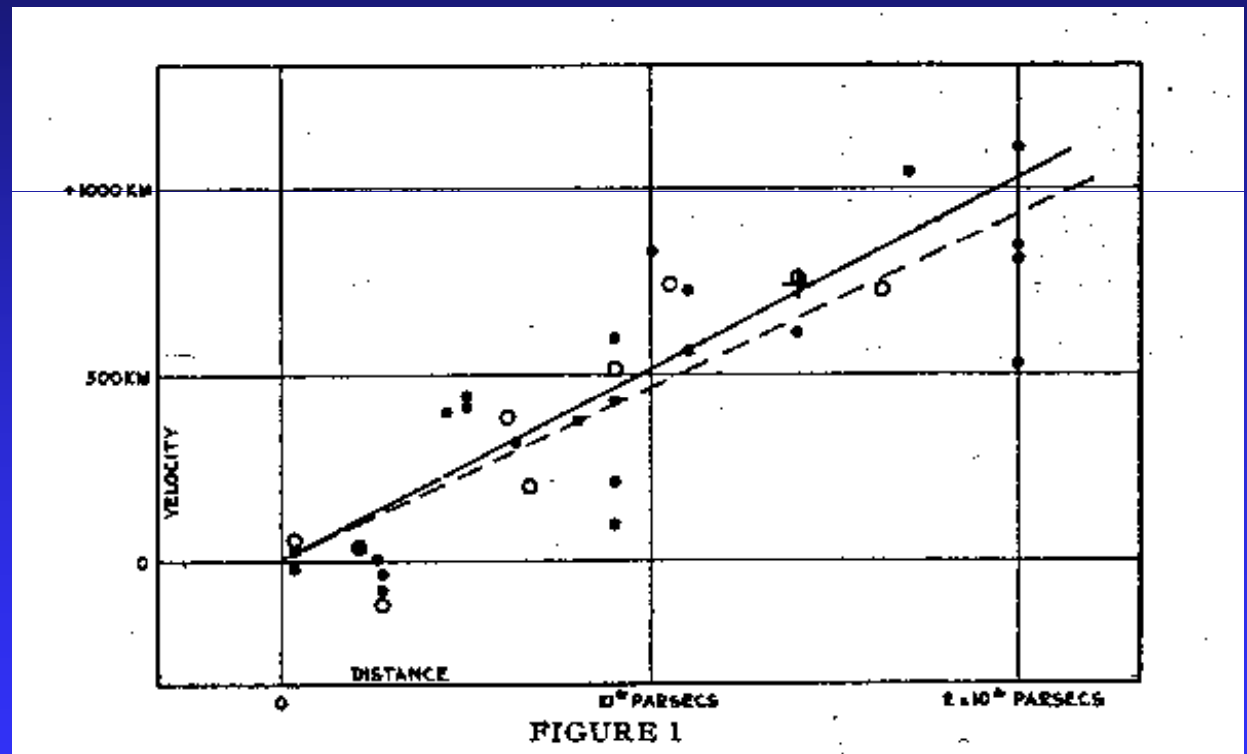
The Expanding Universe



Hubble (1929)

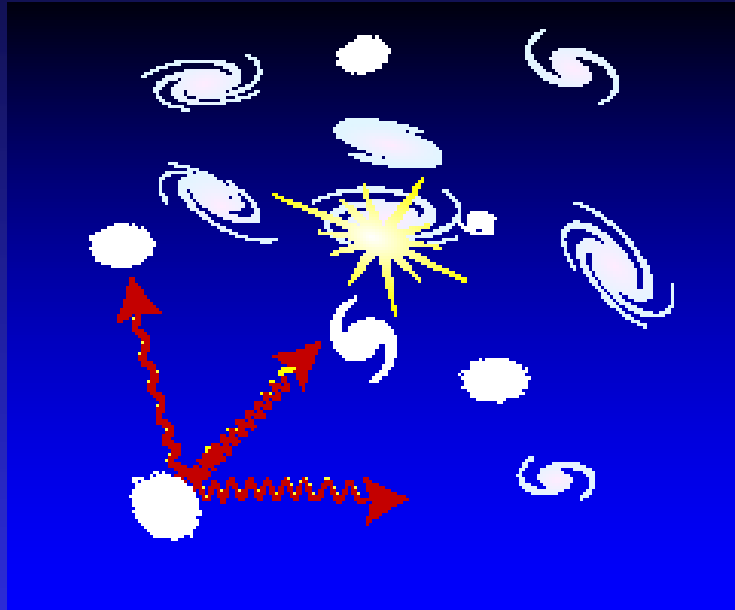
- Velocities = Doppler shift = z
- Distances: Brightest “stars”

$$v = H_0 d$$

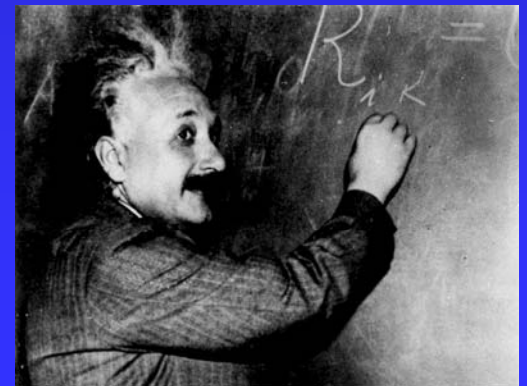


One of the original reasons for building HST was to measure H_0
 H_0 sets the scale of the Universe and its age

The Expansion Rate may be Slowing down or Speeding Up



- (Dark) Matter provides attractive gravity which should be decelerating Universe
- But Einstein thought Universe static, GR allowed for repulsive gravity, i.e., cosmological constant (Dark Energy), that could repel gravity and keep Universe static



“Standard” Candles

How far away?

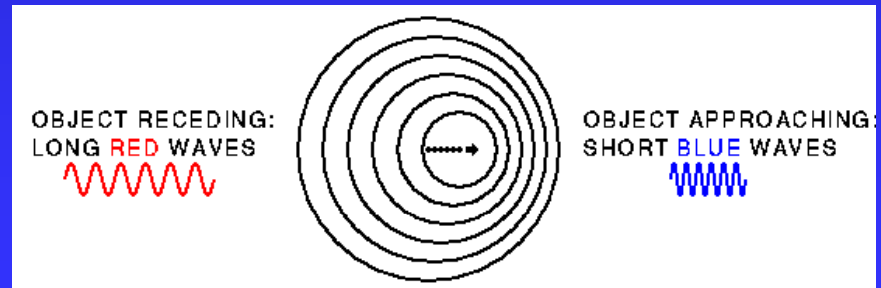


Bright=near

dim=far

We
Need a
Standard candle
We can see
Far away,
Back in time

Receding how fast?

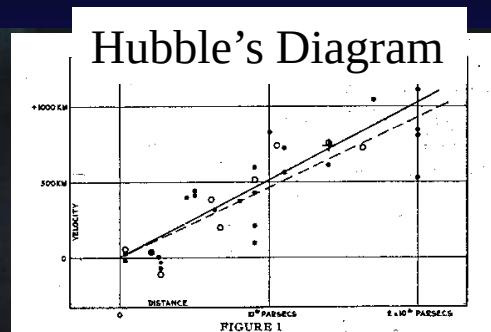


Doppler Effect

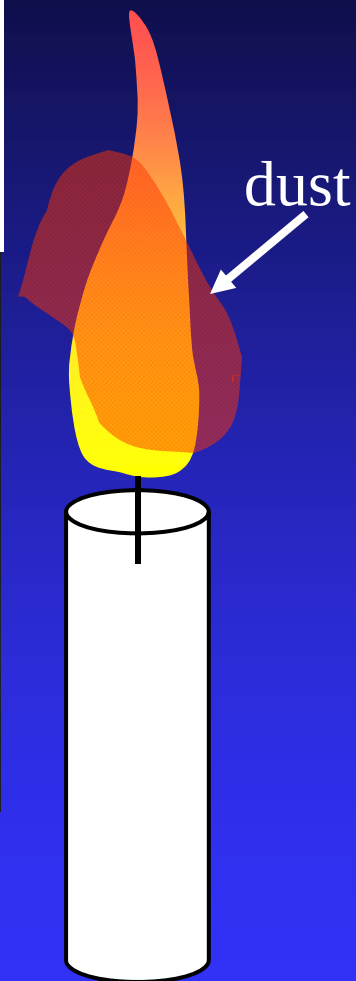
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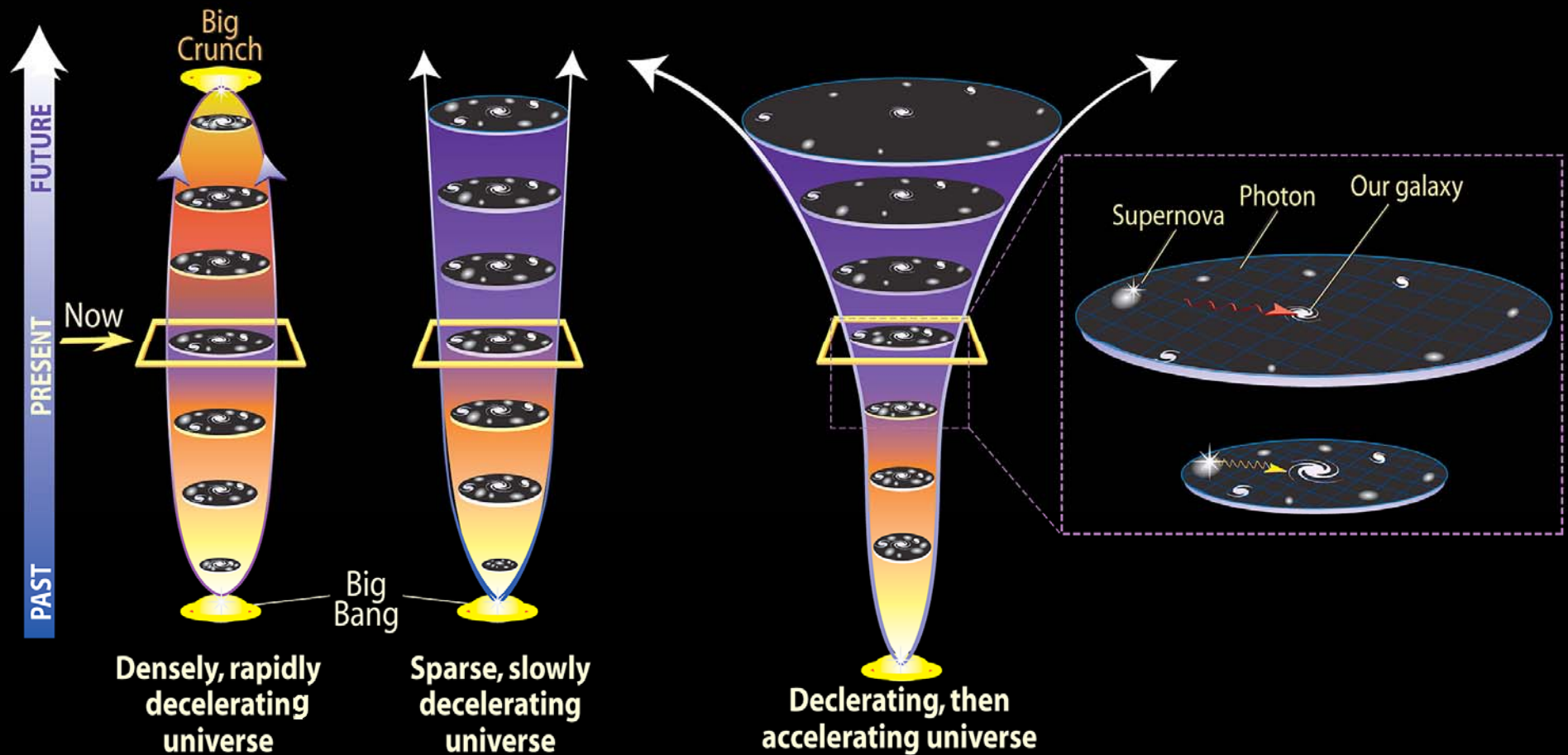


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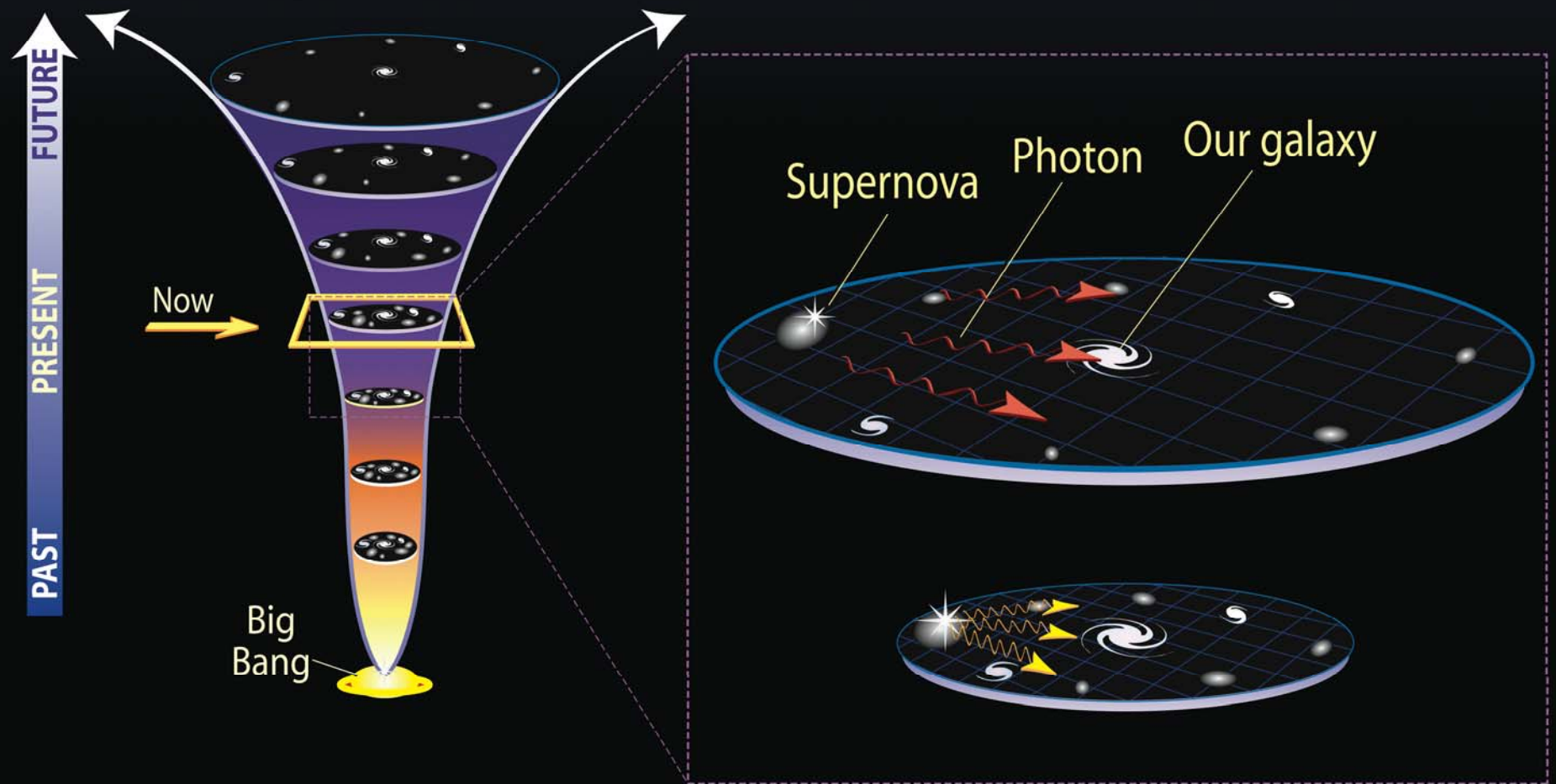


dim & red=closer!

Models of the Expanding Universe

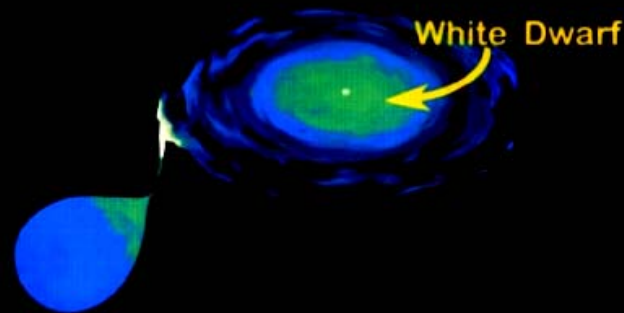


Measuring the Expansion History: Changes in scale/Changes in time



At the End of its Life, a Star is Reborn

Type Ia Supernovae



An explosion resulting from the thermonuclear detonation of a White Dwarf Star.

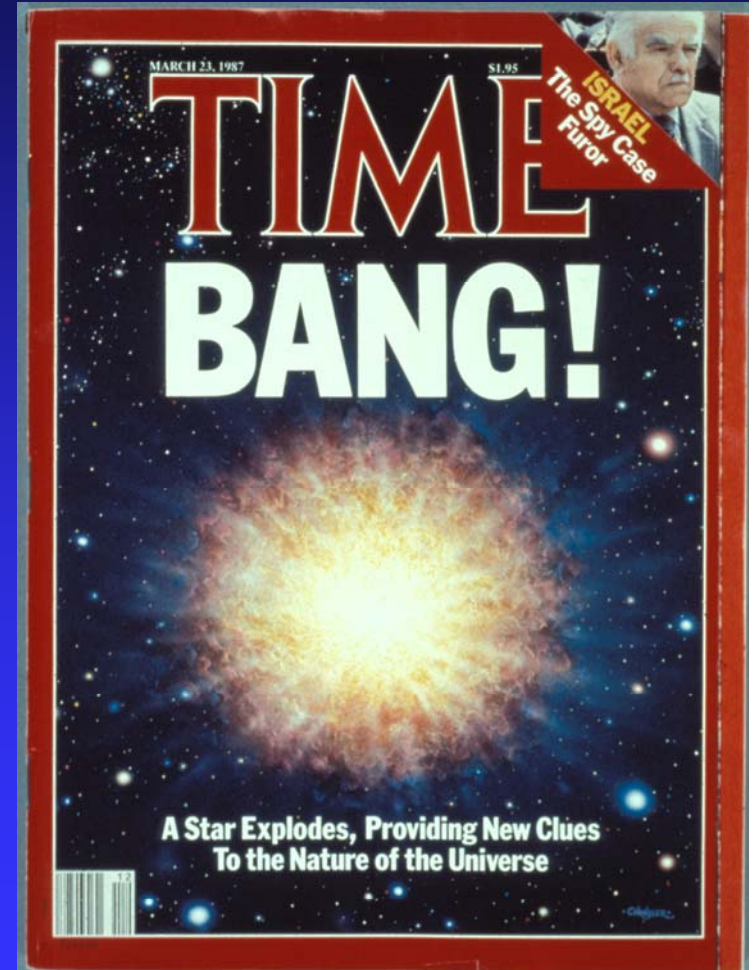


Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar
1910-1995

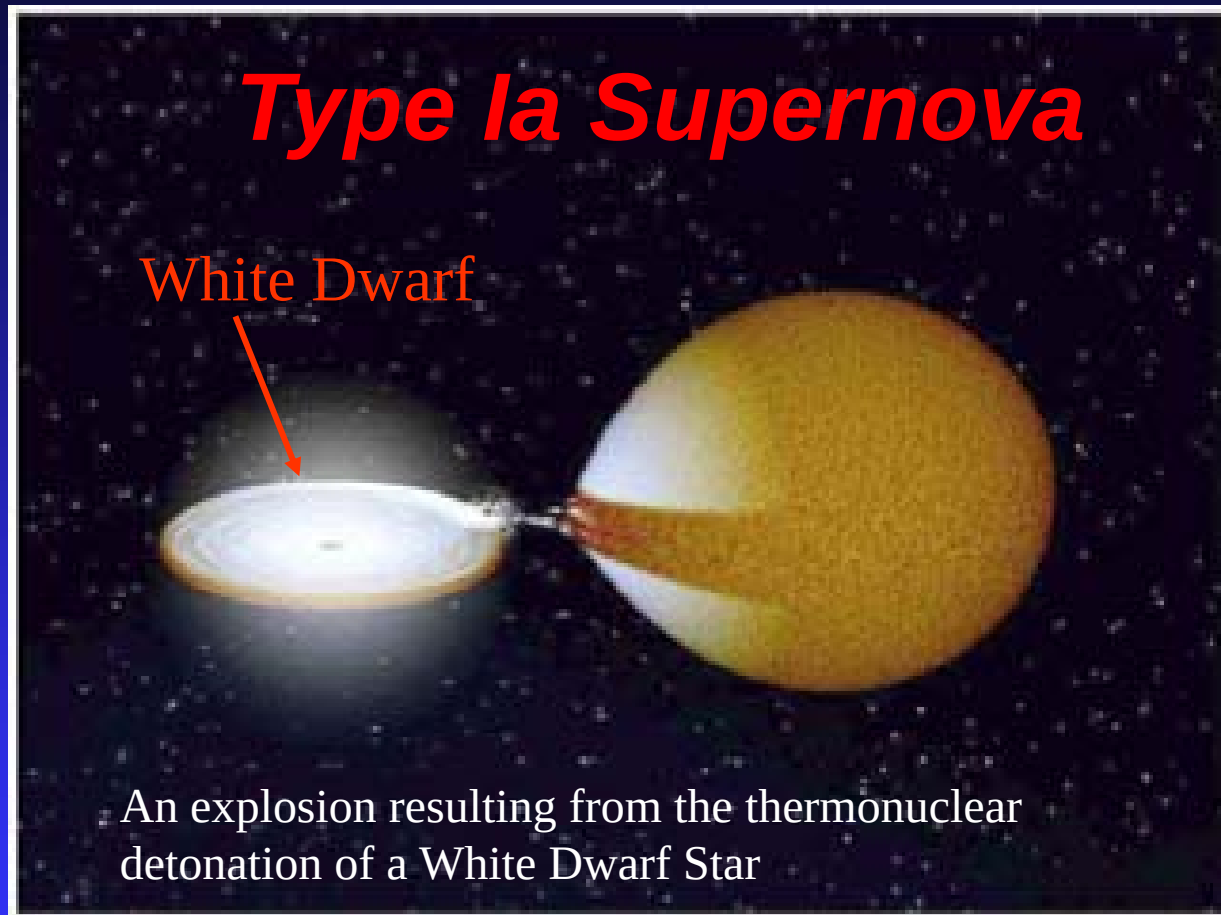
- as bright as 4 billion Suns
- can be seen halfway across the Universe

Bang! A star explodes...

1987: The galaxy next door



How (we think) Nature makes a SN Ia



- Homogeneity: $1.4 M_{\odot}$, 10^{51} ergs
- Negligible hydrogen, lots of IME
- Mature progenitors
- Models (delayed-detonation) good fit to observations

Four months in the life of a SN Ia

Age:

-6 days

Maximum

+26 days

+47 days

+102 days



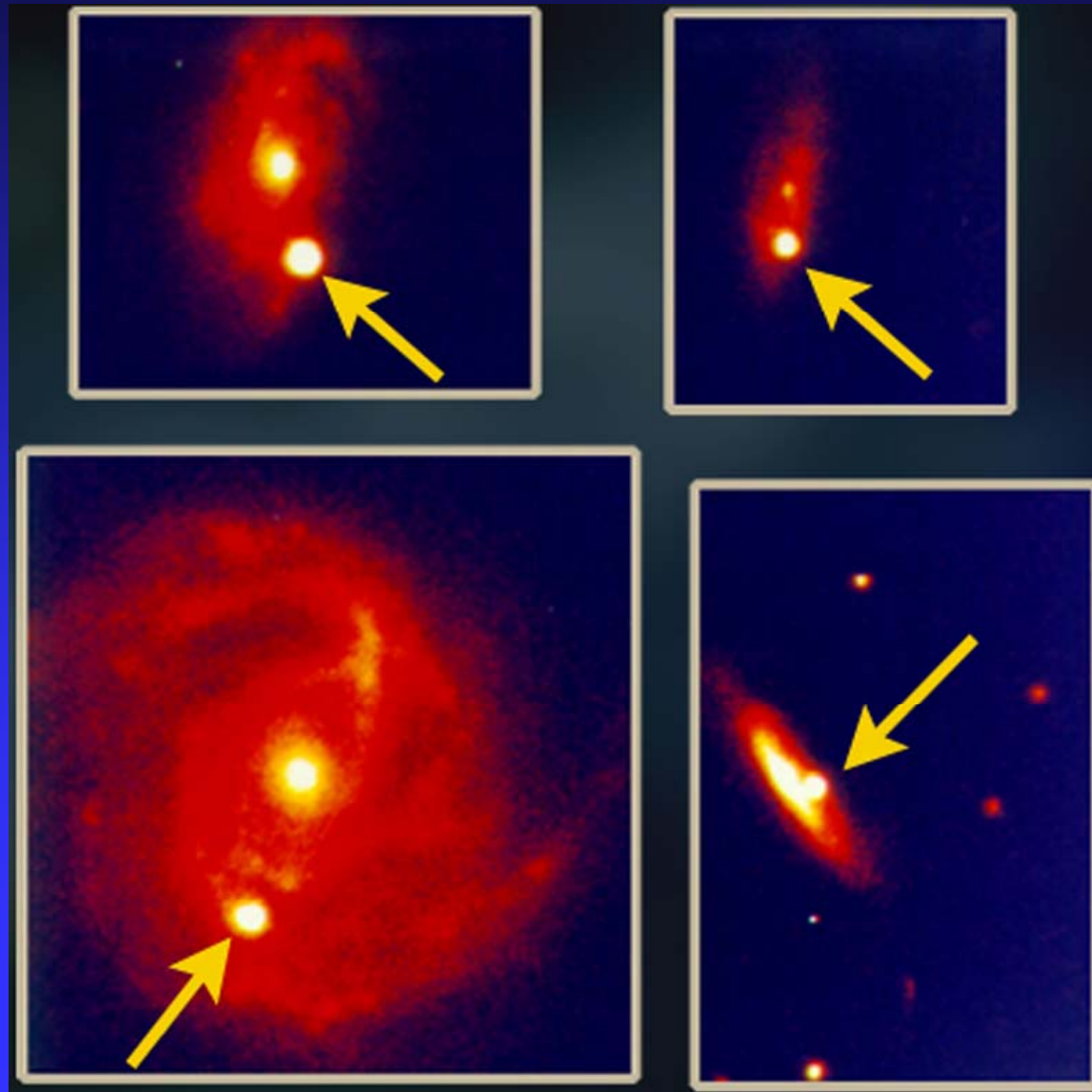
On the Rise:

Powered by radioactivity

$V_{\text{ejecta}} = 10\text{-}20,000 \text{ km/s}$

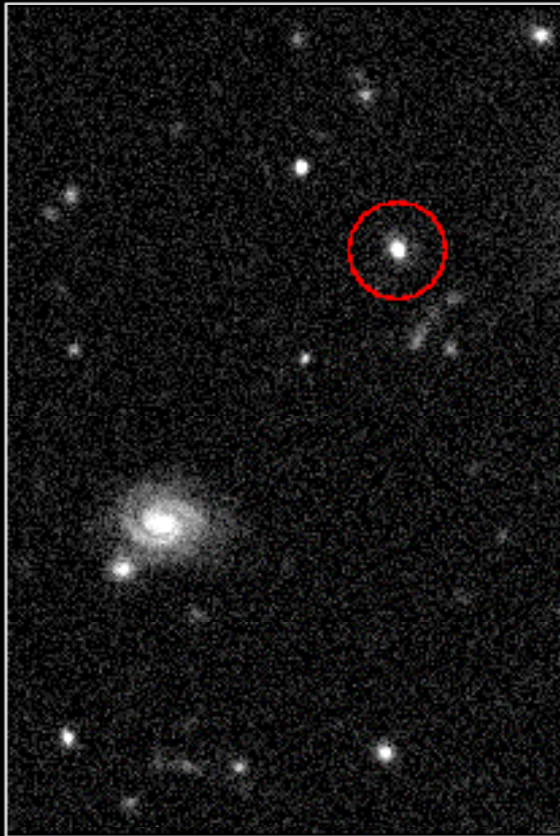
Elements produced=
Fe,Co,Ni,Si,Ca

How do we Find Supernovae?



Searching by Subtraction

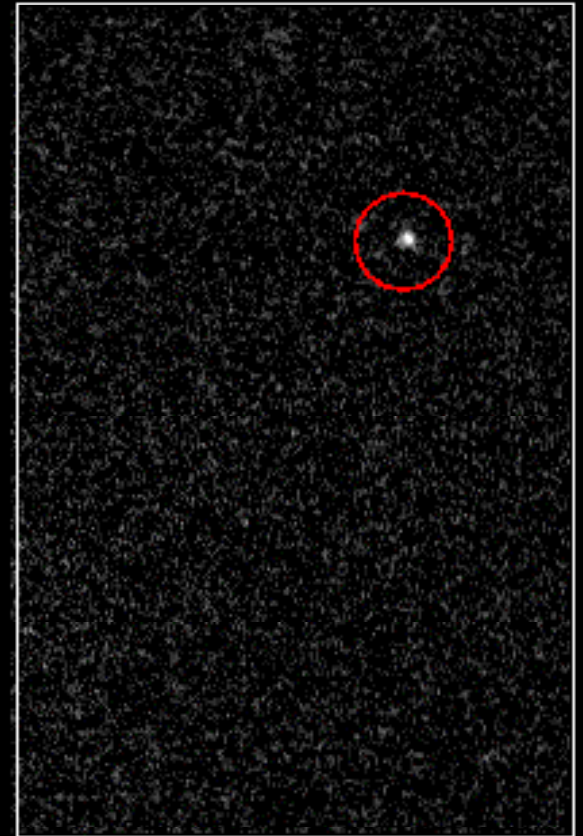
Epoch 1



Epoch 2



Epoch 2 - Epoch 1

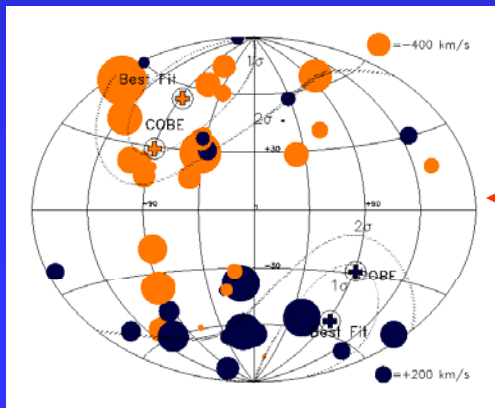


Improving the Discovery Odds

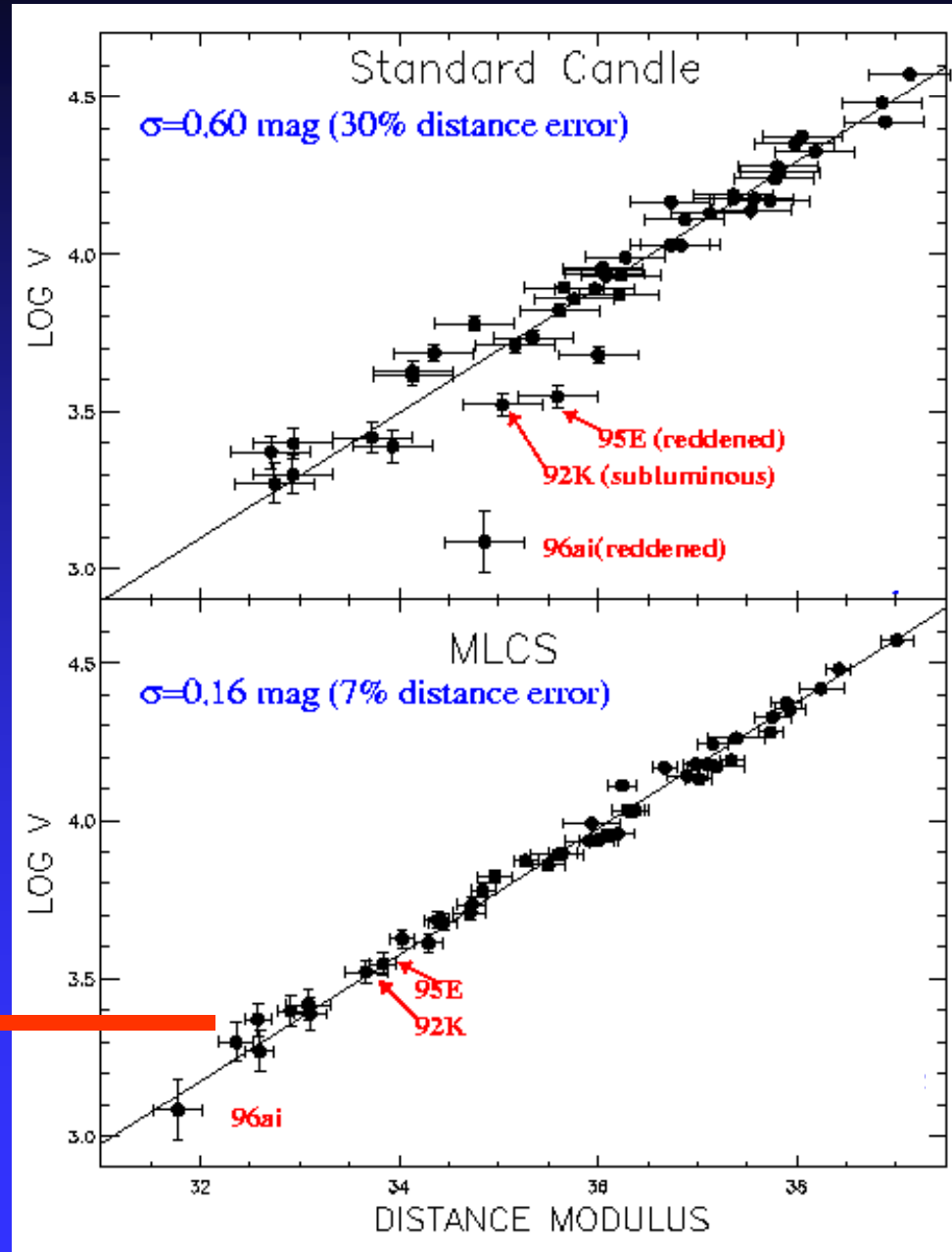
- 1 SN per galaxy per 100 years =
- 1 SN per 100 galaxies per year =
- 10 SN per 1000 galaxies per year, if monitor them frequently enough.

The Dim, the Distant and the Dusty

Improved SN Ia distances
reveals motion of Local Group,
and flows



Riess et al 1995,1997



What can Supernovae tell us about the *History* of Cosmic Expansion?

Disclaimer: The rest of this talk does not depend on H_0

Our Cosmological Framework Derives From...

Observations

- The Universe is Expanding
- CMB → Hot Big Bang

Theory

- General Relativity

Principles (corroborated by observations)

- Homogeneous, isotropic on large scales

Friedman Equation (Equation of Motion of the Universe)

(Dark) Matter

$$H \equiv \left(\frac{\dot{R}}{R} \right) = \frac{8G}{3} \rho_M + \frac{\Lambda}{3} - \frac{k}{R^2}$$

$$\Omega_M \equiv \frac{8G}{3H_0^2} \rho_{M0} \quad \Omega_\Lambda \equiv \frac{\Lambda}{3H_0^2} \quad \Omega_k \equiv \frac{-k}{R_0^2 H_0^2}$$

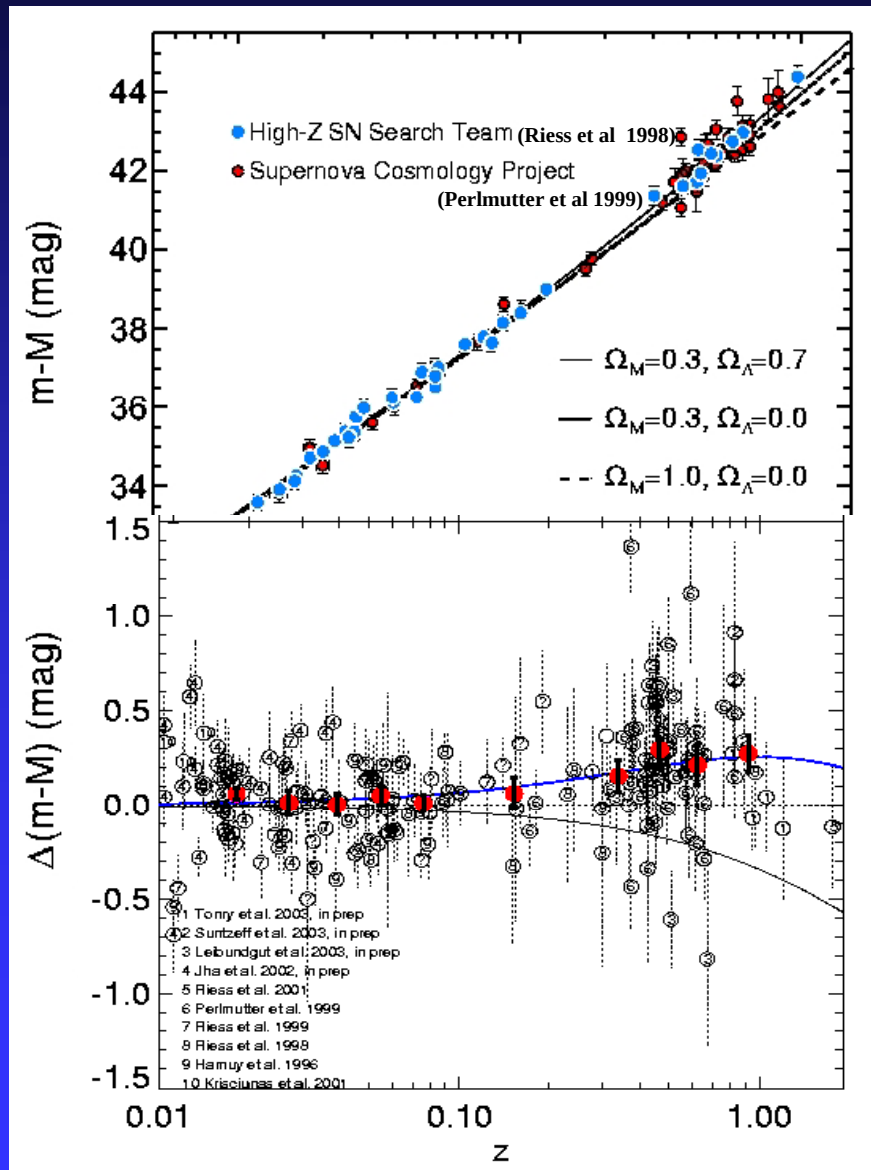
$$\Omega_M + \Omega_\Lambda + \Omega_k = 1 \quad k = -1, 0, +1$$

(Dark) Energy
“Einstein’s ‘Biggest Blunder’”



Geometry

SN Ia Hubble Diagram



After Exhaustive
tests for
systematics:
None significant

I ~25%
Fainter than
 $\Omega_M=0.3$
 $\Omega_\Lambda=0.0$

Why is The Universe Accelerating?

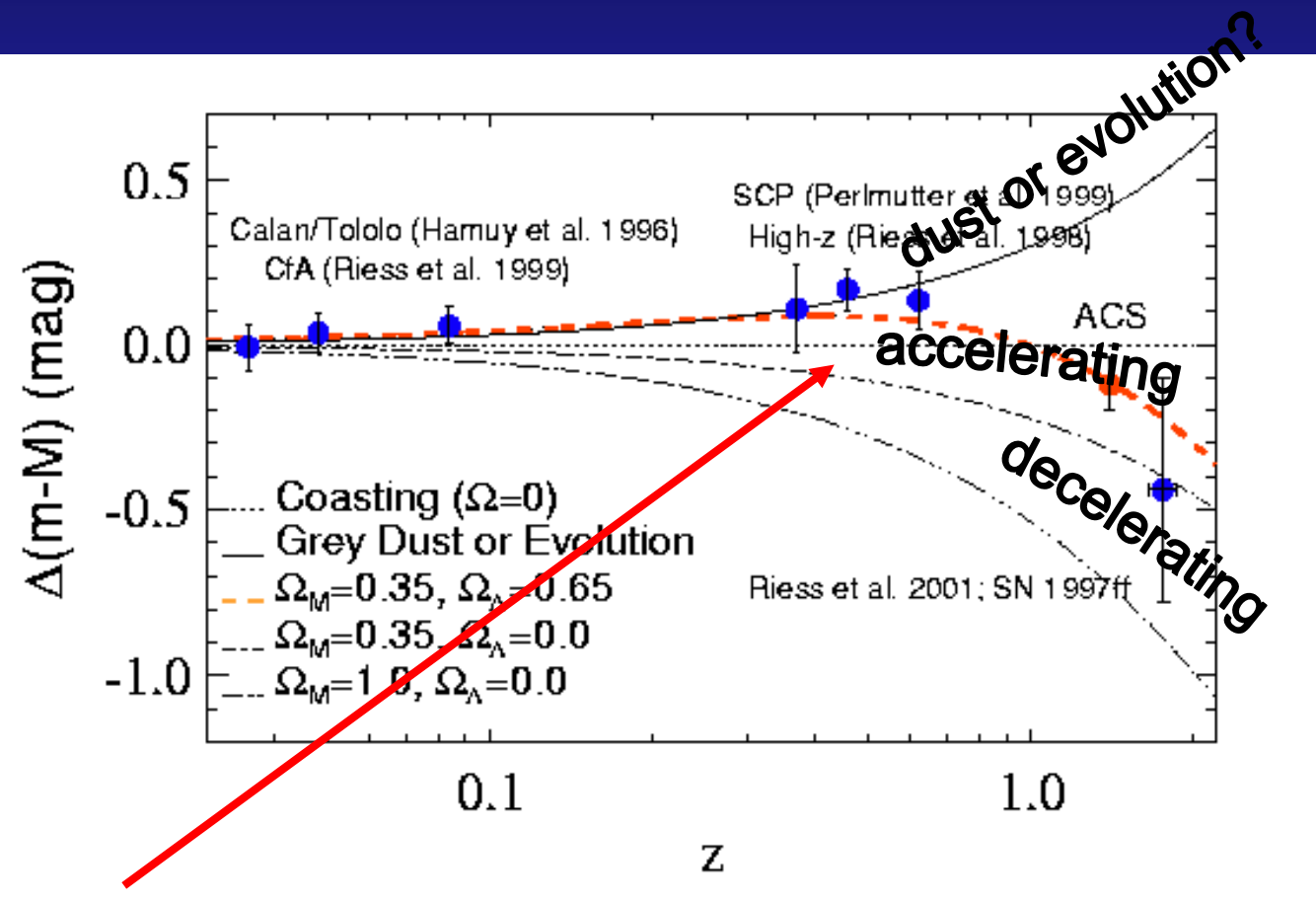
(Honestly, we don't really know)

- Vacuum energy in QM (dark energy) $\rightarrow$ right hand-side of Friedman eq
- We don't understand gravity on large scales $\rightarrow$ left “ “
- Mini-inflation episode $\rightarrow$ right hand-side of Friedman eq
- Superhorizon action, stringy effects, Chaplygin gas, etc
- Insert your idea here

Important Prerequisite (“Sanity Check”):
When was the Universe *decelerating*?

Search for cosmic deceleration

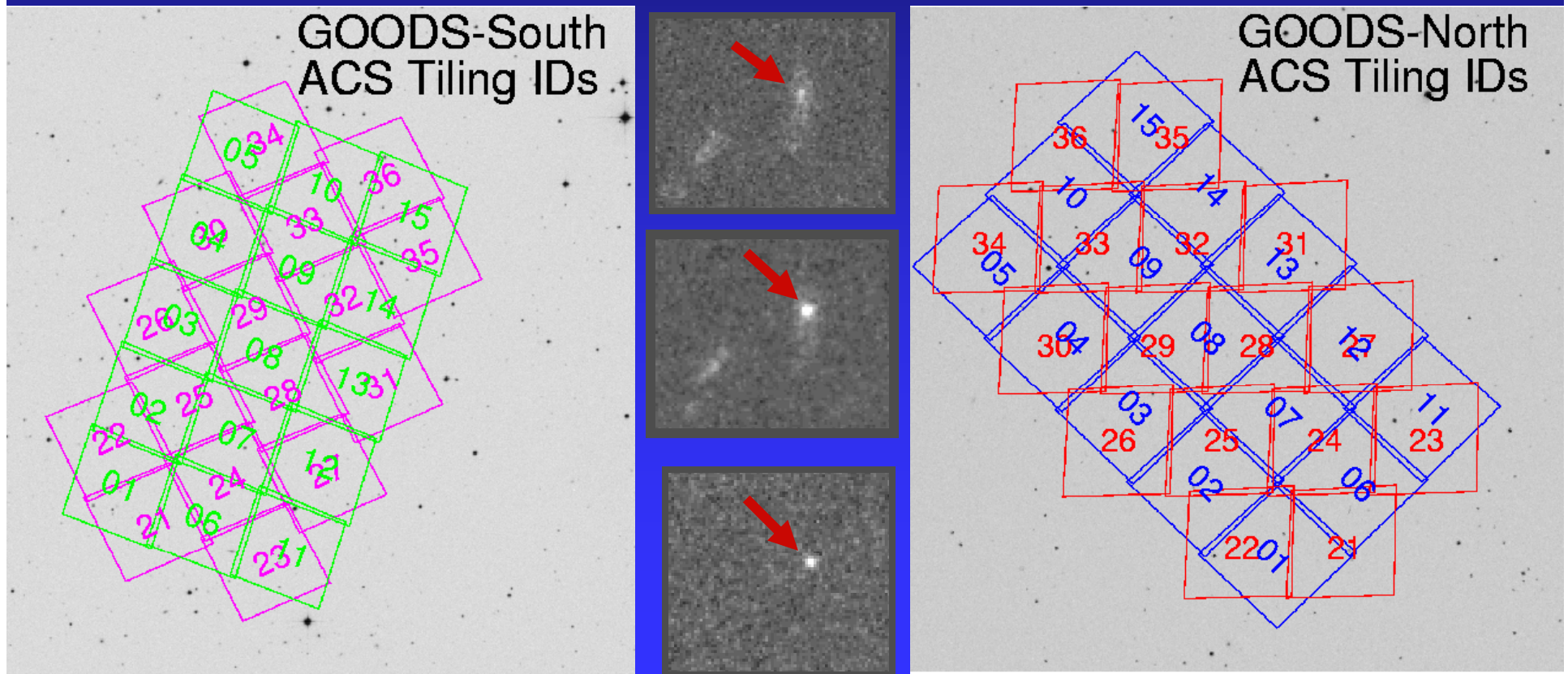
SNe Ia at $z > 1$
provide an
essential test of
the transition
between current
cosmic
acceleration and
past *deceleration*



Our current goal: 6–8 SNe Ia at $1.2 < z < 1.8$

Searching for SNe Ia with ACS

5 z-band epochs, spaced by 45 days, simultaneous v,i band, 120 tiles
CDFS HDFS



Finding High- z SNe

- We found 6 of the 7 highest redshift ($z > 1$) supernovae currently known

Search completed:

- 43 SNe identified
- ~25 Type Ia candidates at $z > 1$
 - 10 follow-ups by ToO program
 - 12 spectroscopic confirmations so far
 - 3 highest- z spectral confirmations ($z > 1.3$)

~1 FTE with HST “as is” will yield ~100 SNe at $z > 1$

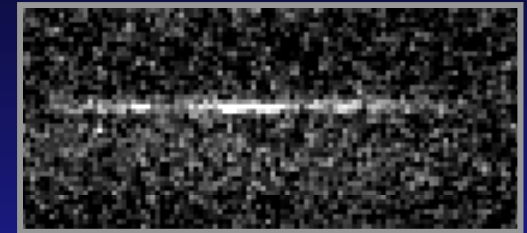
- Probe the nature of the dark energy
- HST+ground=SNAP-lite NOW!



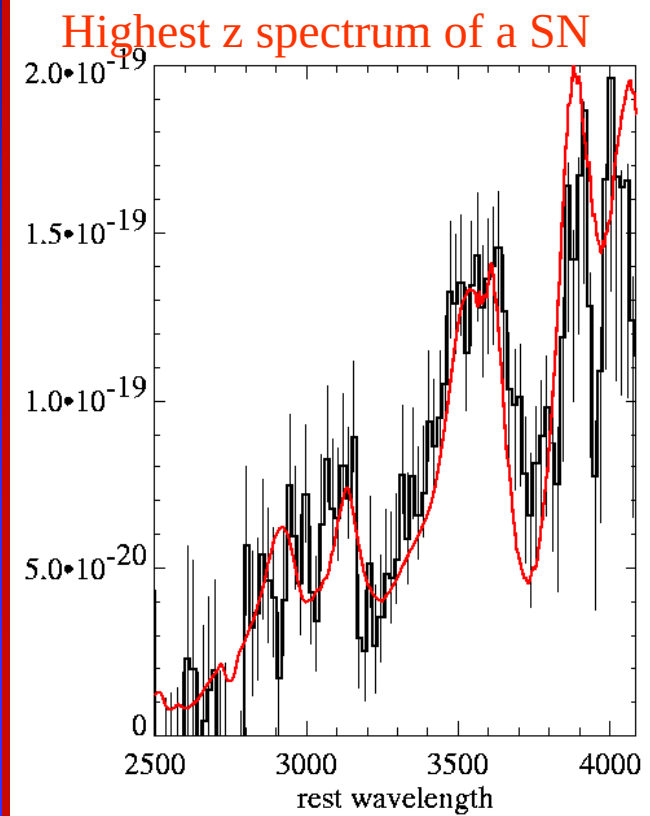
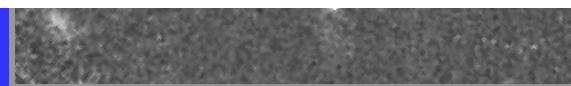
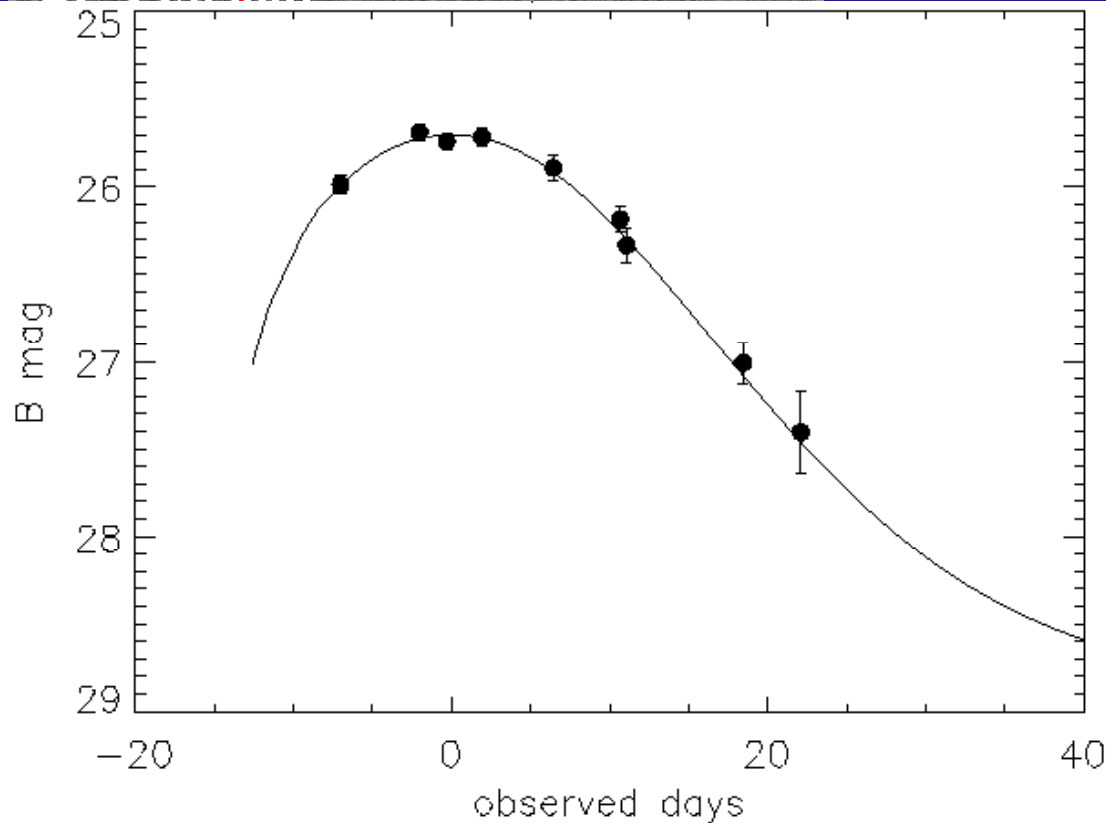
High- z SN “Artemis” from CDF-S ACS observations

Our first higher-z SN Ia, Aphrodite

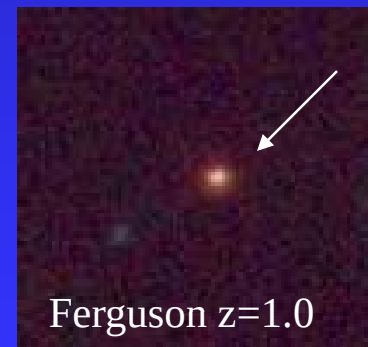
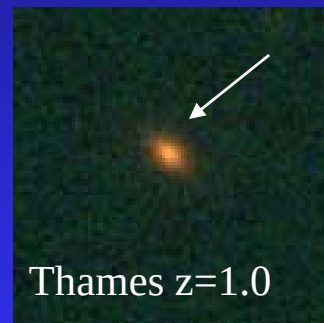
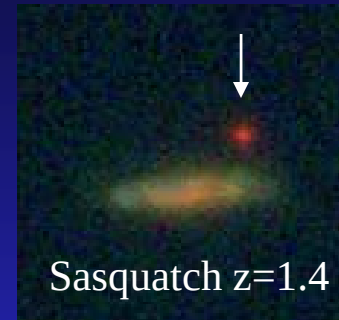
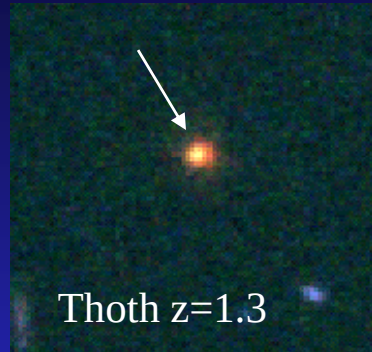
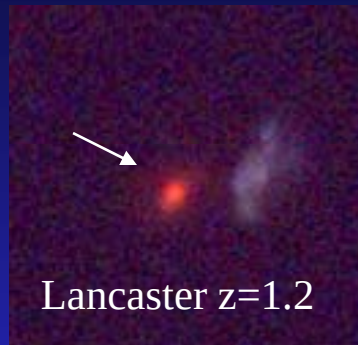
Aphrodite ($z=1.3$)



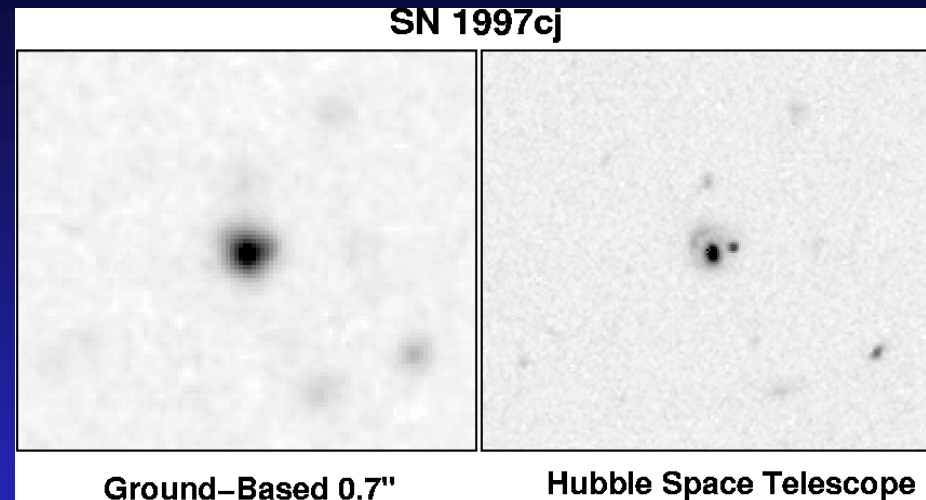
ACS grism spectrum



HST Found SN Ia in Early-type Hosts, $0.9 < z < 1.7$

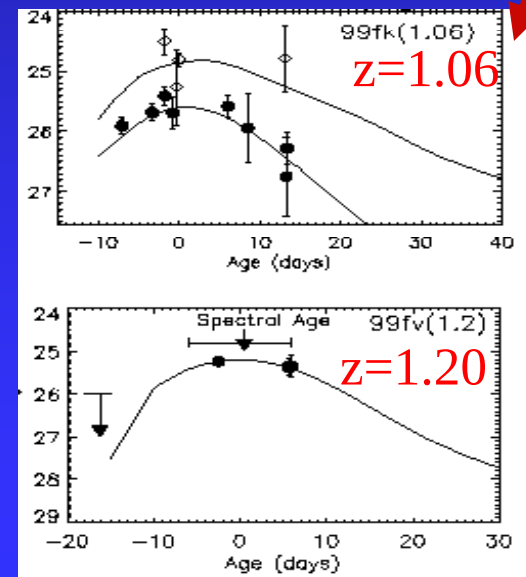
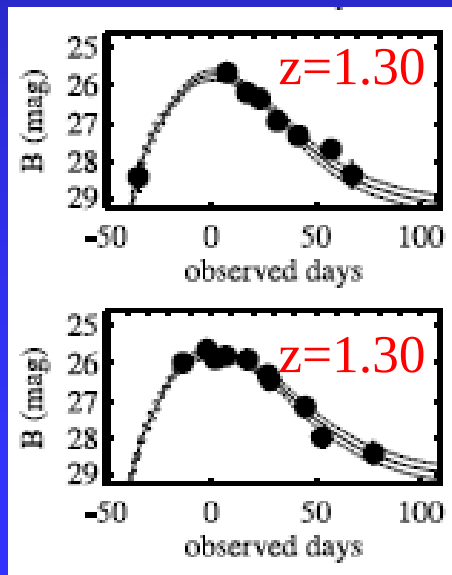


The HST Advantage



Highest 2
Ground-
based

HST-ACS



Measuring Distances

$$D_L^2 = (L/4\pi F)$$

$$\mu_0 = m - M = 5 \log D_L + 25$$

$$\mu(z; H_0; q_0; dq/dz)$$

Deceleration vs. Acceleration

We minimize the difference

$$\mu(z_i; H_0; q_0; dq/dz) - \mu_{0,i}$$

By optimizing q_0 and dq/dz
using χ^2 statistics.

$\mu_{0,i}$: distance from SNe

$\mu(z_i; H_0; q_0; dq/dz)$: predicted distance

$$q(z) = q_0 + z \, dq/dz$$

Calculate the probability density $e^{-\chi^2/2}$

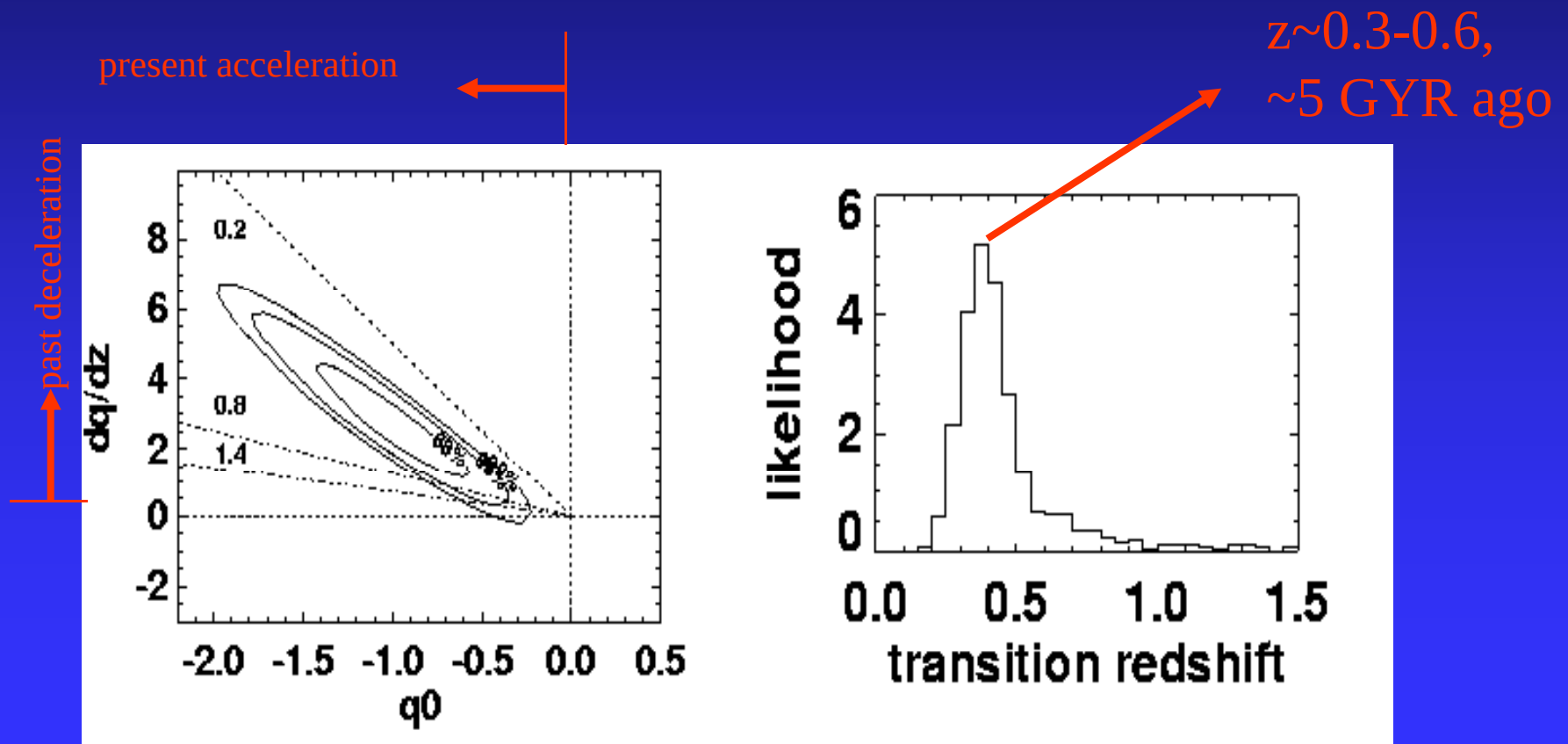
$q_0 < 0$ *Recent acceleration*

$dq/dz > 0$ *Past deceleration*

Expansion Kinematics

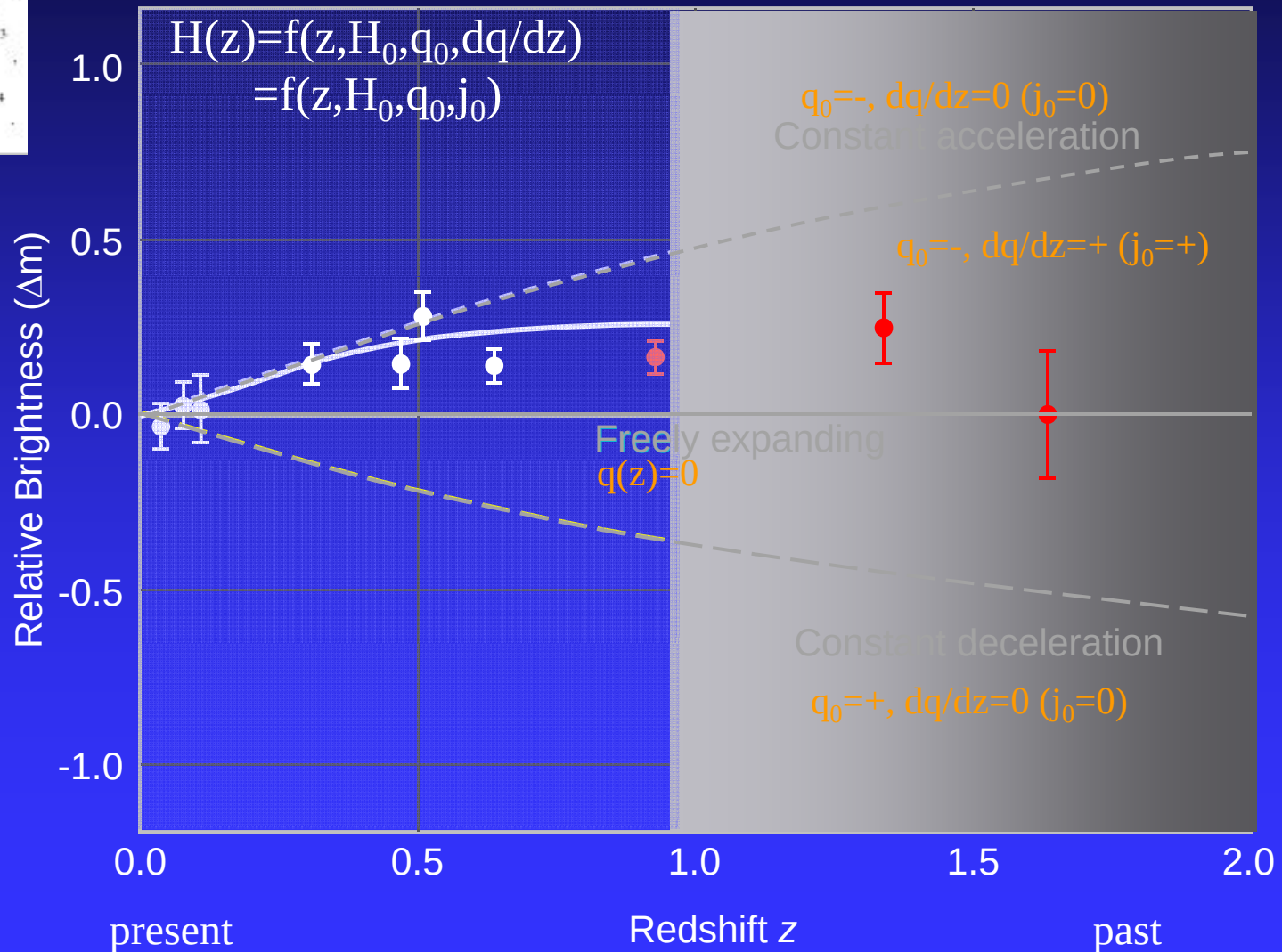
(How Long Has This Been Going On?)

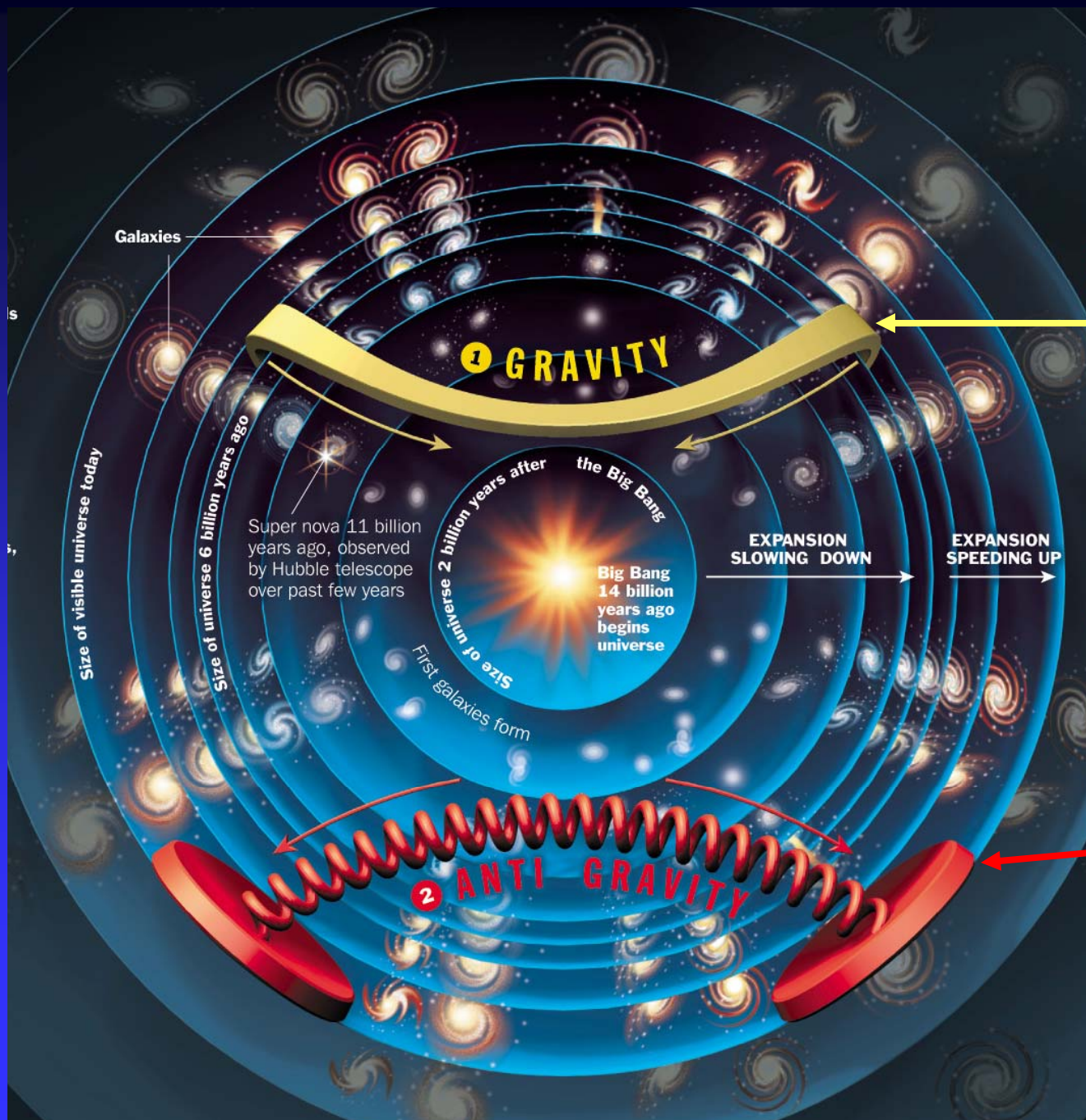
$$q(z) = q_0 + z \, dq/dz \quad z_t = -q_0/(dq/dz)$$



Taylor Expansion of the left handside of the Friedman Eq: $a(t)=f(t,H,q,j,\dots)$

Brighter

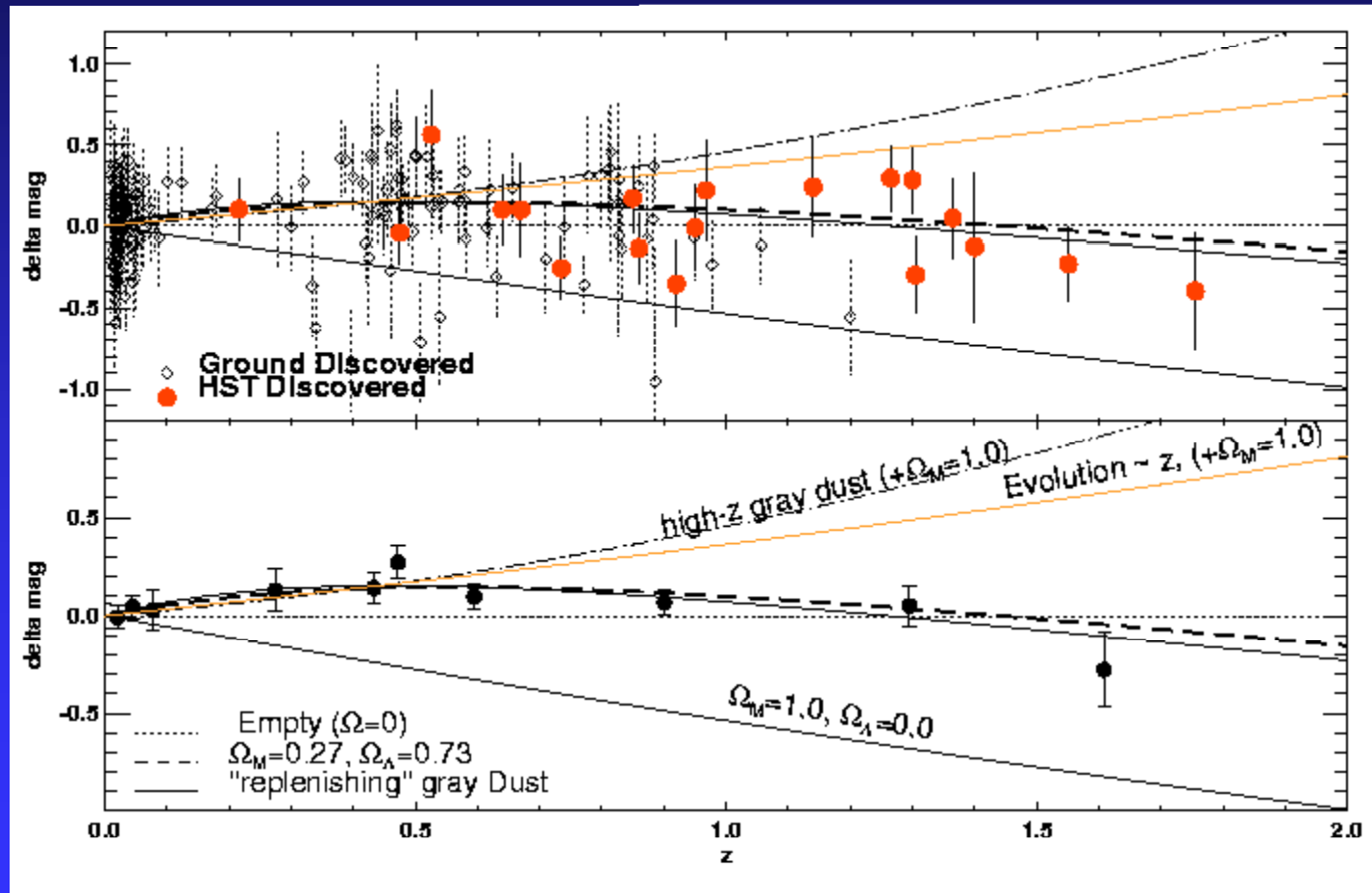




Dark Matter pulls

Dark Energy pushes

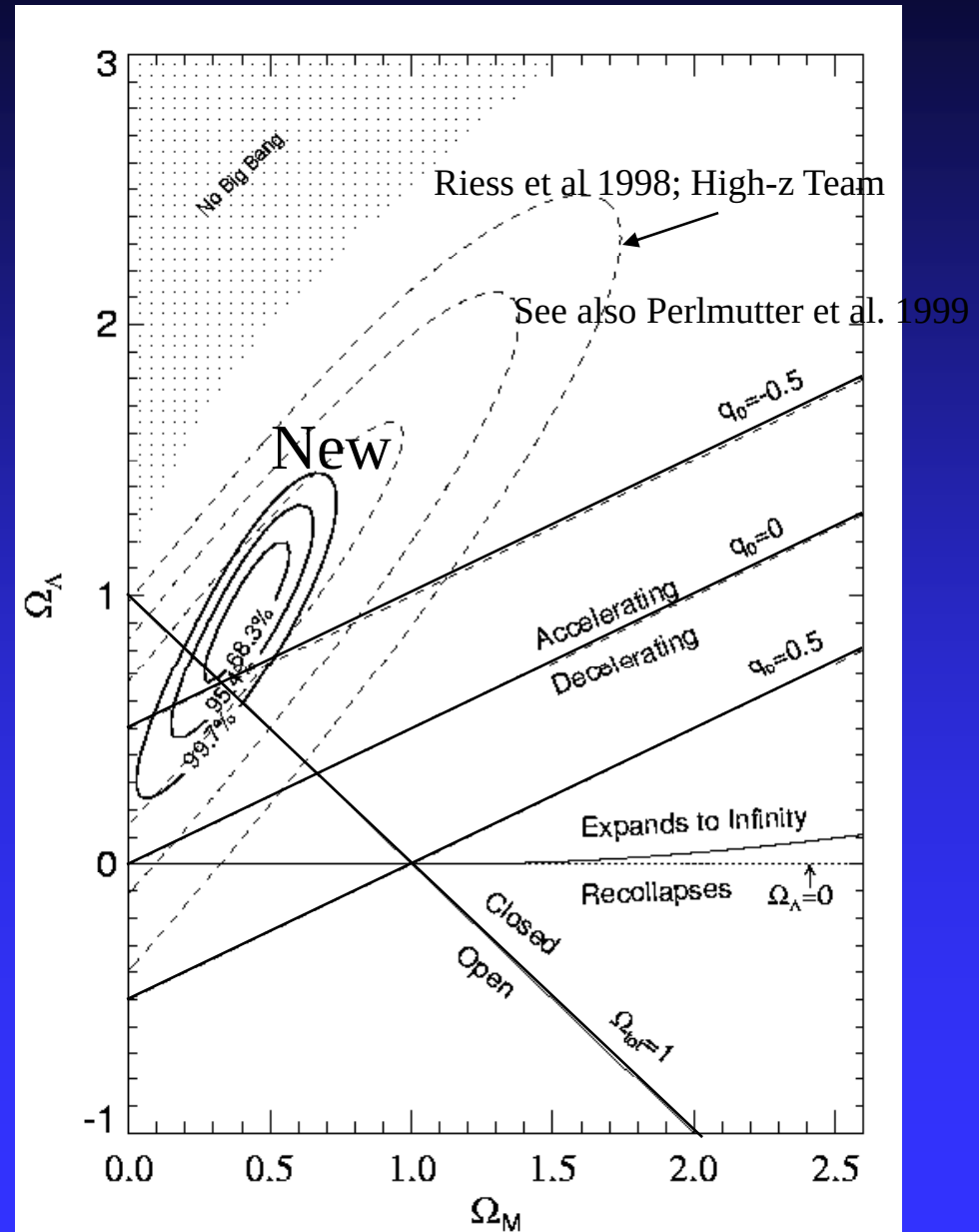
Is Cosmic Acceleration Real?



(If the Dark
Energy is
Lambda),
Updated
Constraints

factor of 7
improvement!

$$d_L(\Omega_M; \Omega_\Lambda) - d_{L,0}$$

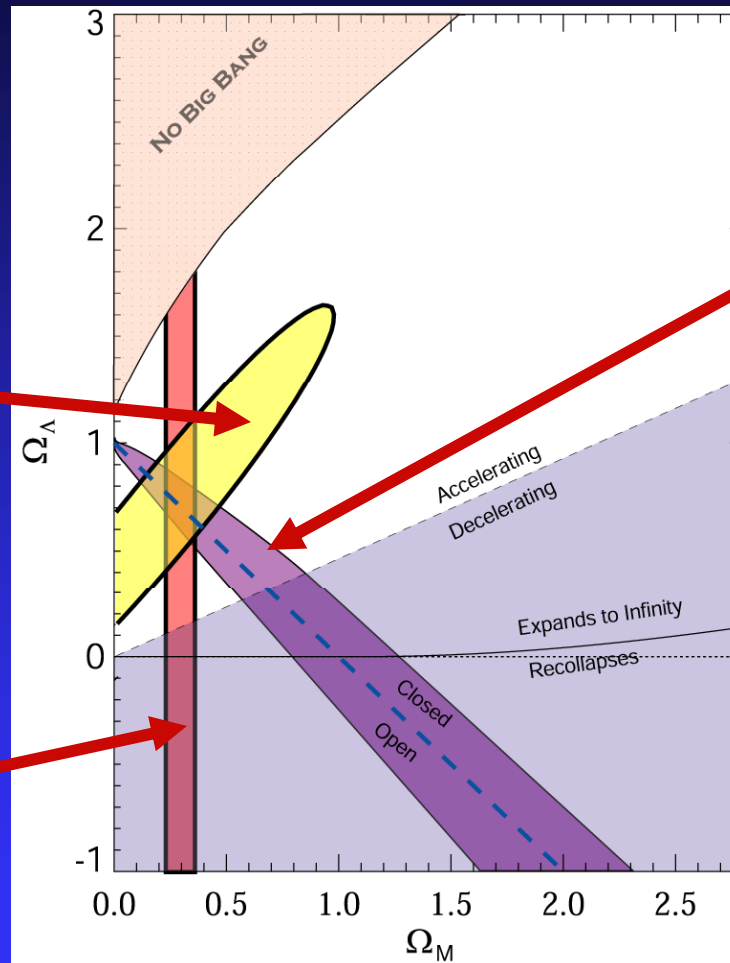
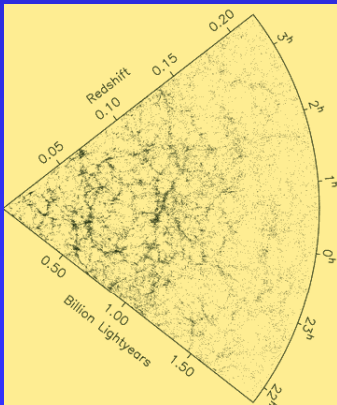


If Dark Energy is Real...

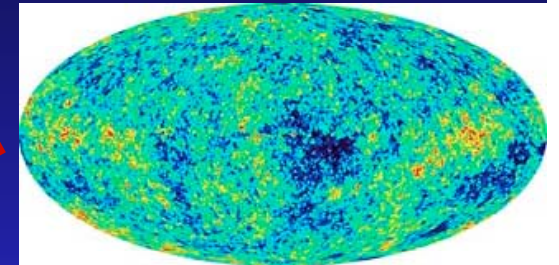
SNe Ia



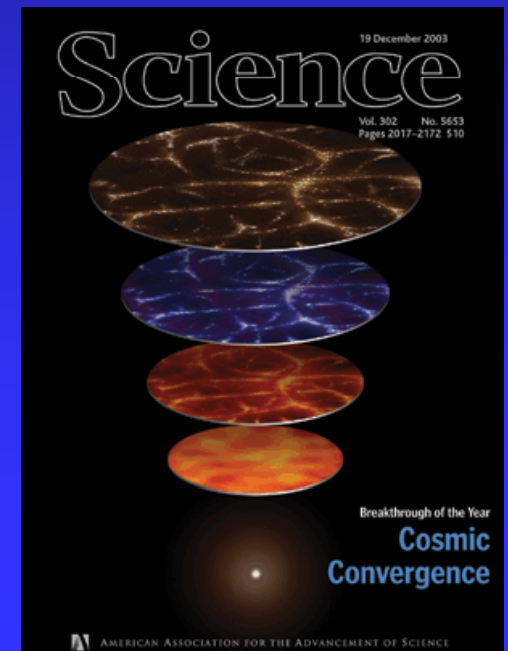
LSS



CMB(WMAP)



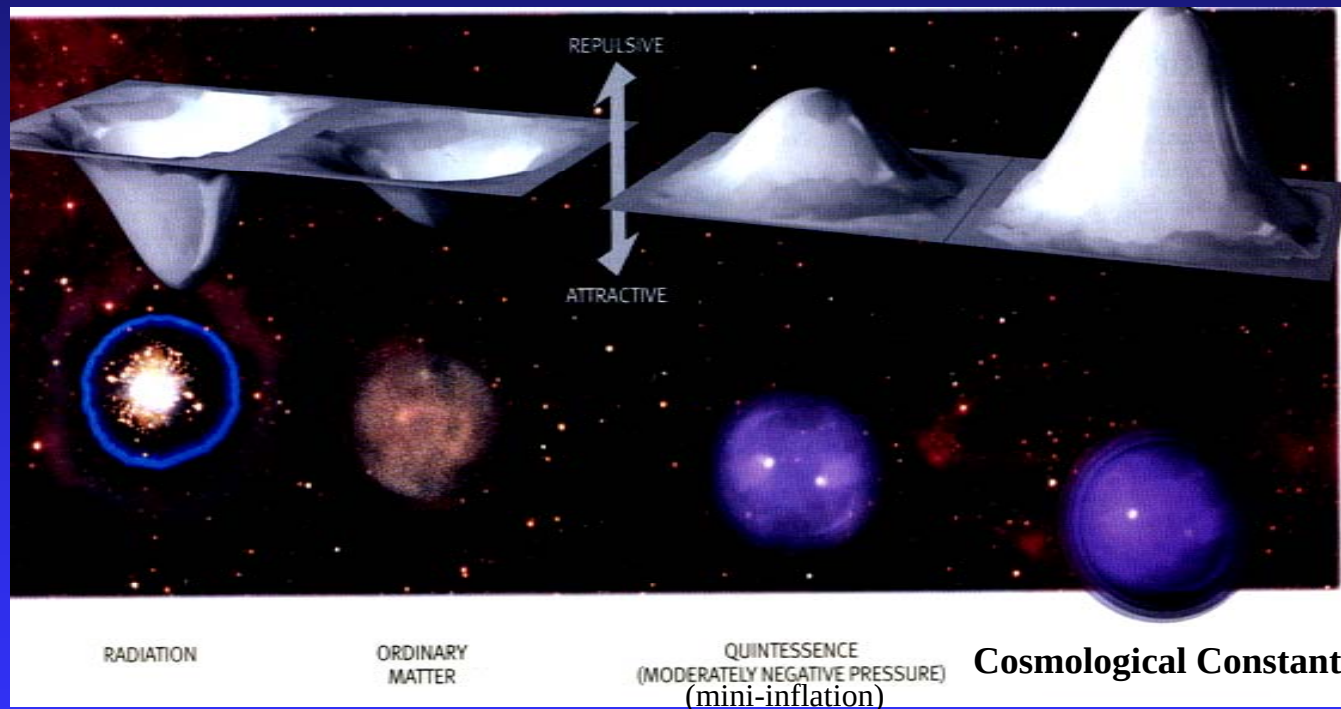
+ ISW, X-ray Clusters



What is it?

Dark Energy is repulsive Gravity (how strong is it?)

In GR, gravitational force $\propto (\rho + 3p)$



$$w = \frac{p}{\rho}$$

+1/3

0

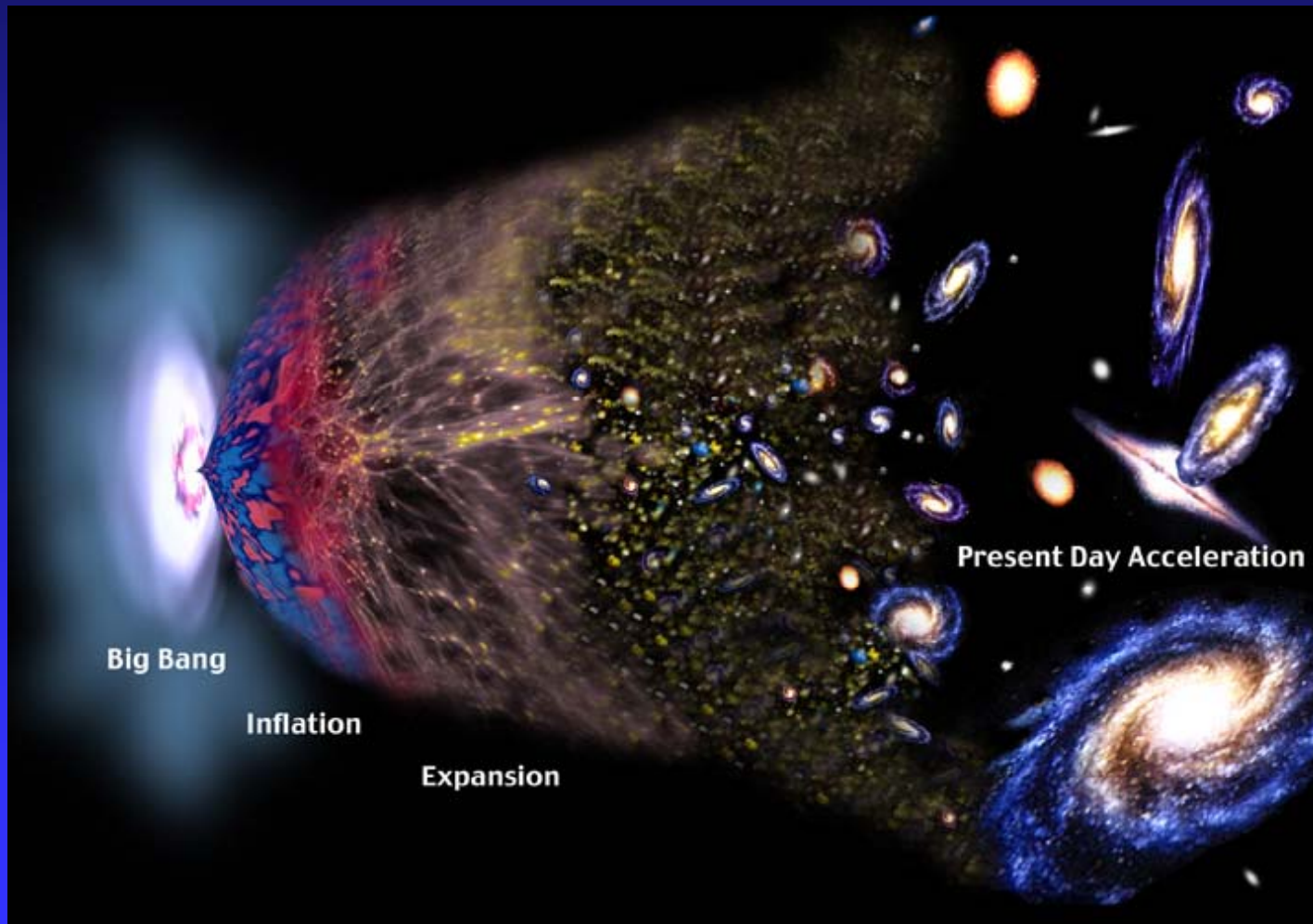
-1/3 < w < -1

-1

If $w < -1/3$ the Universe accelerates

Before Acceleration there was Deceleration

If the Universe was *always* accelerating apart, how did the galaxies, stars, and planets form?

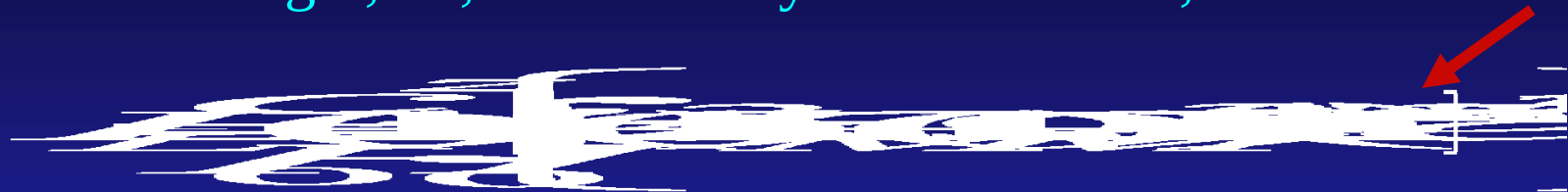


Hubble Space Telescope



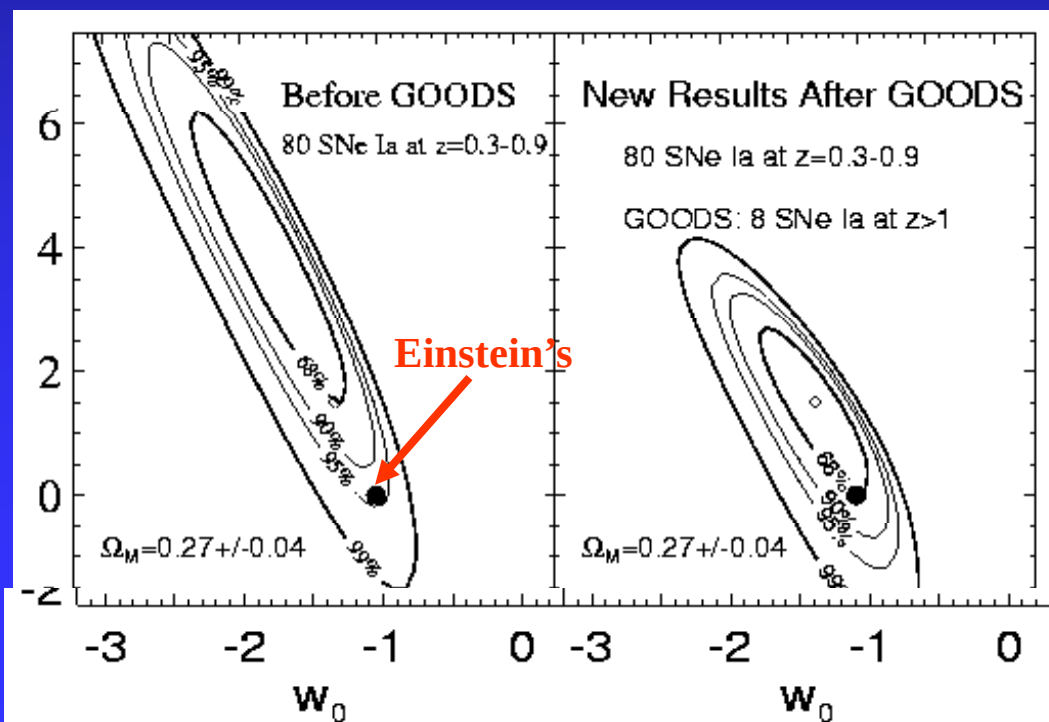
Probing Dark Energy

Two fundamental properties/clues of dark energy:
its strength, w_0 , AND is it dynamic or static, i.e. is $w'=0$?



- We have doubled our knowledge of w_0 and w' in 1 year with HST
- Einstein's model now looks better than ever, a way to go...

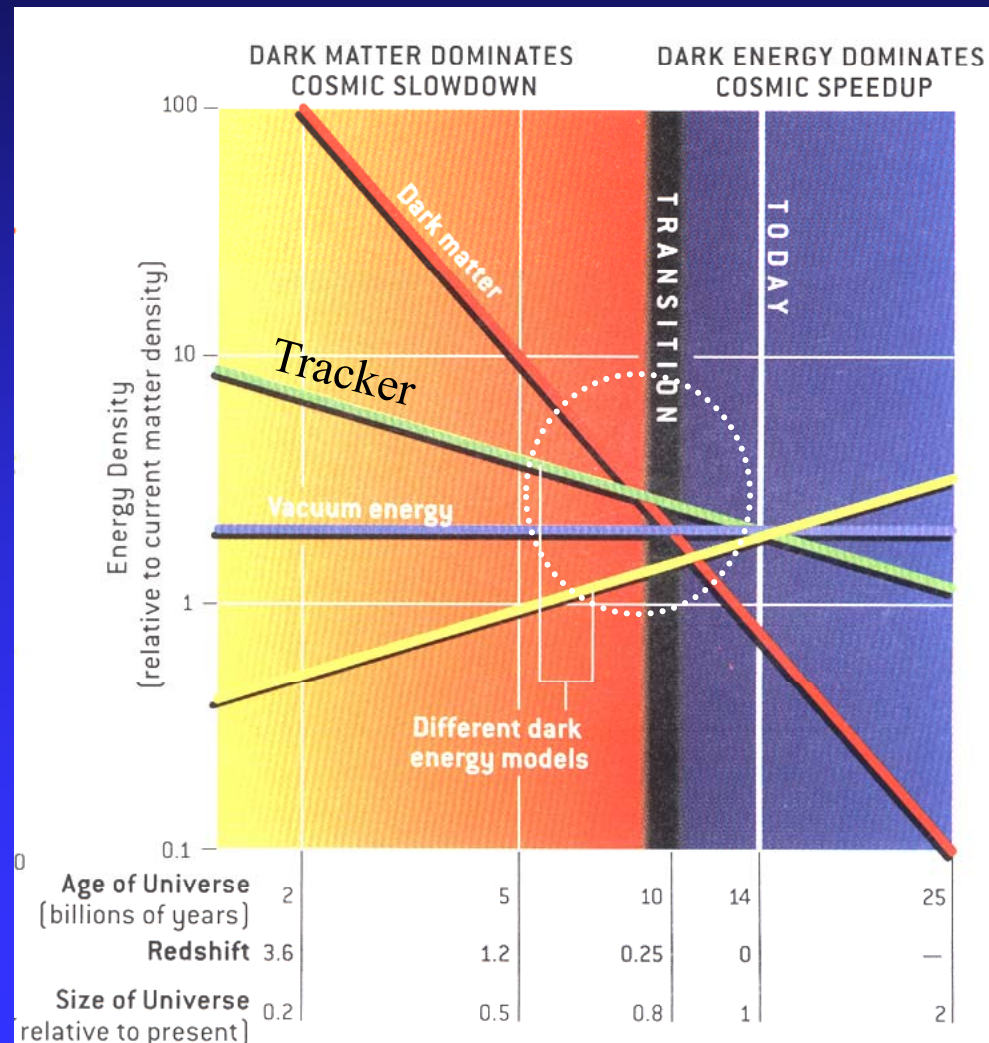
w'



Dark Energy: Static or Dynamic?

$$\frac{dw}{dz} \equiv w = ?$$

(ultimately, $w(z)$...)



Dark Energy: Future Studies

1. Observe more SNe at $z > 1 \rightarrow 2007/08$
2. HST/WFC3 to get SNe at $z > 1.5$
HST servicing mission $\rightarrow 2008$
3. Joint Dark Energy Mission (JDEM) and
SNAP $\rightarrow 2014$

Joint Dark Energy Mission (JDEM) ~2015???

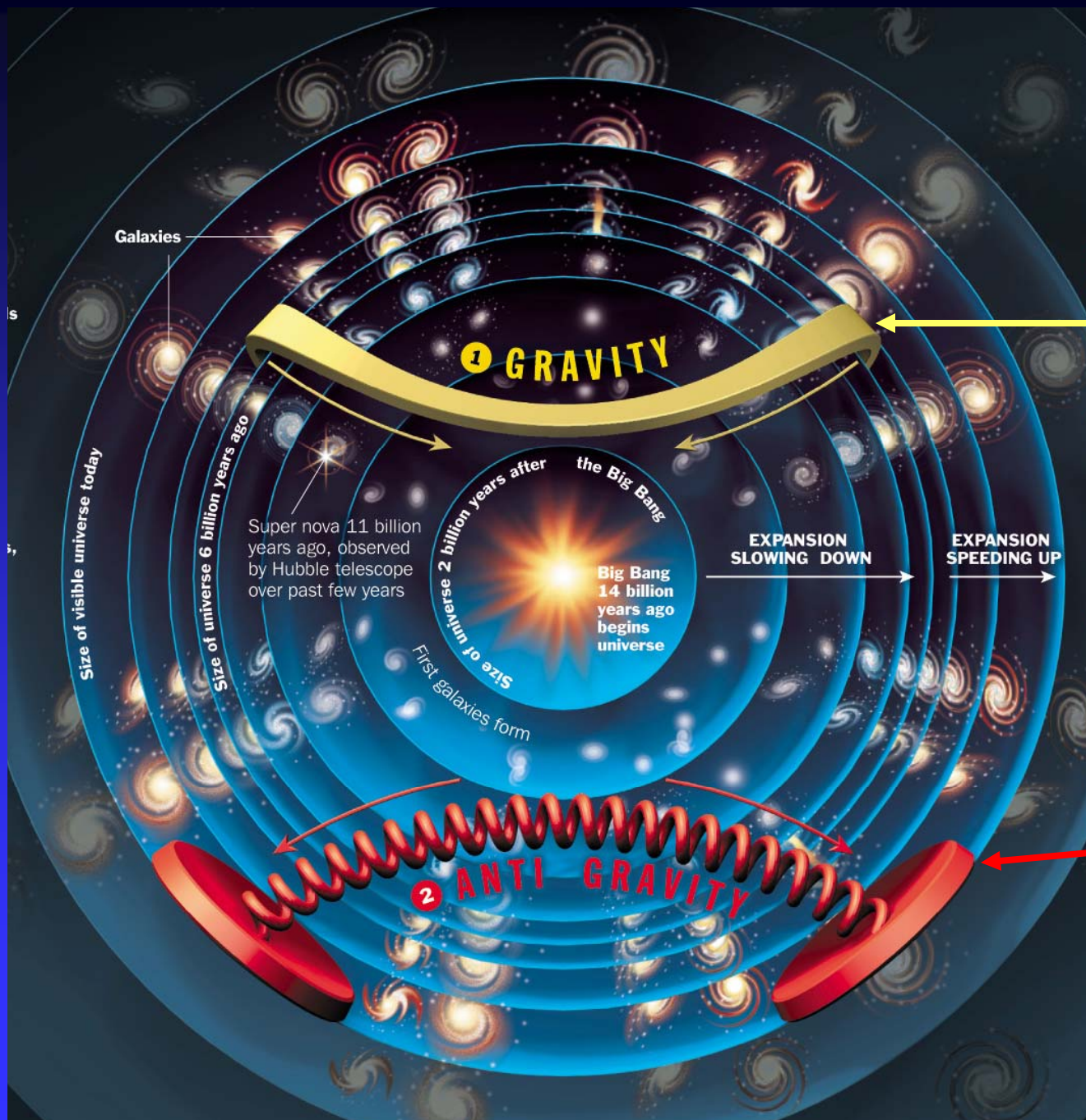
SDT just formed...

Studying the Dark Energy of the Universe

Systematics: we will
need to control them to
~1%



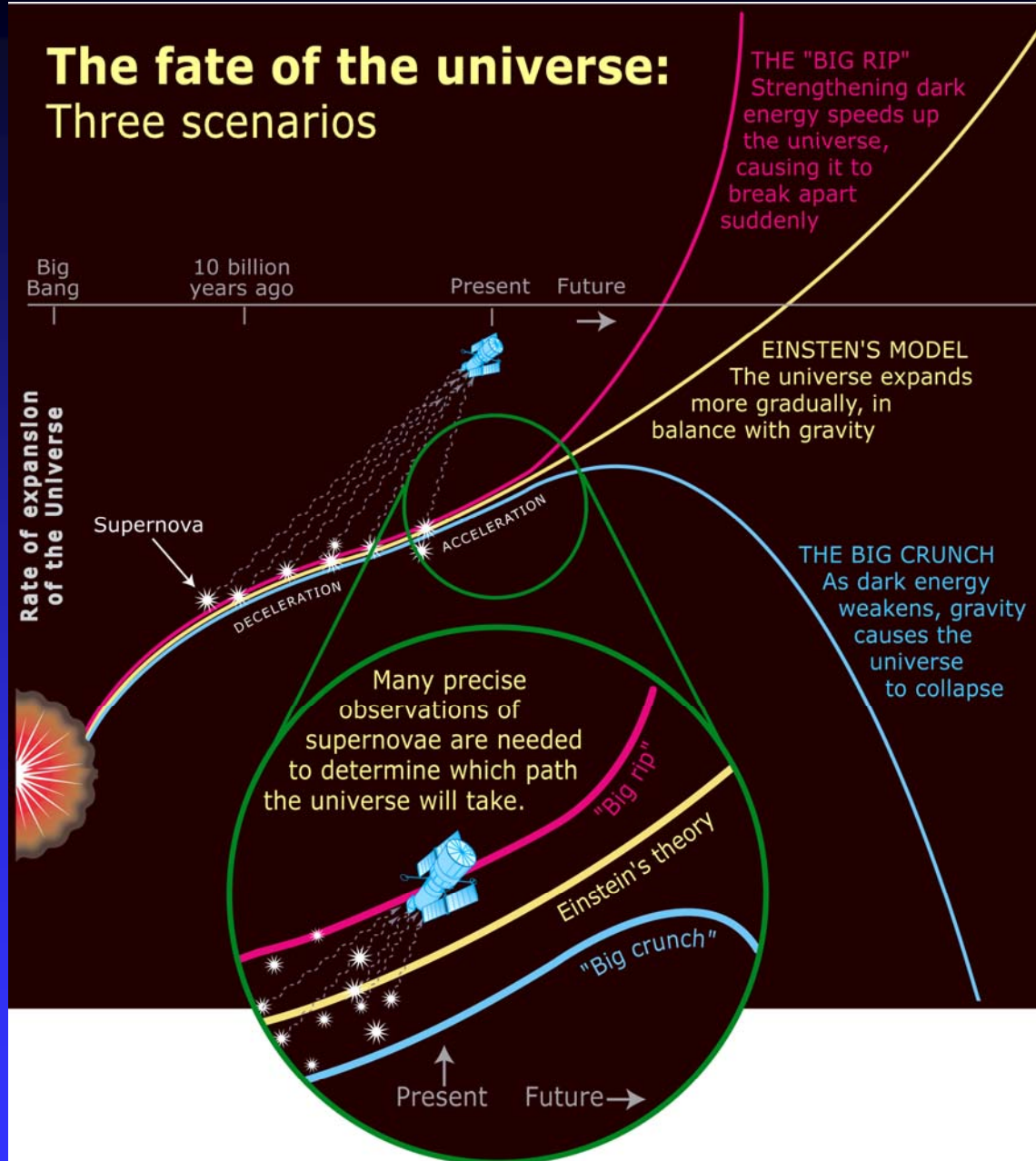
The physics of Dark Energy
will determine the fate of the
Universe.



Dark Matter
pulls

Dark Energy
pushes

The fate of the universe: Three scenarios



T-minus 10 minutes to Rip...

TABLE I: The history and future of the Universe with $w = -3/2$ phantom energy.

Time	Event
$\sim 10^{-43}$ s	Planck era
$\sim 10^{-36}$ s	Inflation
First Three Minutes	Light Elements Formed
$\sim 10^5$ yr	Atoms Formed
~ 1 Gyr	First Galaxies Formed
~ 15 Gyr	<i>Today</i>
$t_{rip} - 1$ Gyr	Erase Galaxy Clusters
$t_{rip} - 60$ Myr	Destroy Milky Way
$t_{rip} - 3$ months	Unbind Solar System
$t_{rip} - 30$ minutes	Earth Explodes
$t_{rip} - 10^{-19}$ s	Dissociate Atoms
$t_{rip} = 35$ Gyrs	Big Rip

The End