

# COSMOLOGY AND PARTICLE PHYSICS

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# Three lectures on Cosmology and Particle Physics

Lecture I: Dynamics of the average Universe

→ Lecture II: Distances and thermal history

Lecture III: Neutrinos in cosmology

# Plan for Lecture II:

**II.1 – Distances in the universe**

**II.2 – Thermal history**

**II.3 – The Hubble tension (crisis)**

## II.1- Distances in the universe

### II.1.1 – Physical and comoving distances

Universe is spatially homogeneous and isotropic **on average**.

On average it is described by the FLRW metric (**for a spatially flat universe**):

$$ds^2 = dt^2 - a(t)^2 [dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2]$$

$$r(t) = a(t) x$$

physical distance

comoving distance



For a galaxy following the “Hubble flow” (expanding like the average universe):

$$\dot{r}(t) = V = \dot{a}(t)x = \frac{\dot{a}(t)}{a(t)} a(t)x = H r(t)$$

In reality galaxies will have some “peculiar velocities” due to inhomogeneities:

$$V = H r(t) + V_{\text{pec}}$$

Comoving distance between us ( $z=0$ ) and an object at redshift  $z$ :

$$ds^2 = 0 \Rightarrow dt^2 = a(t)^2 d\chi^2 \Rightarrow$$

$$\chi(z) = \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{H(z')}$$

Comoving distances can't be directly measured, but are a useful quantity in cosmology. They depend on cosmology ( $H(z)$ ).

Another useful quantity is the **horizon** at a given redshift  $z$ :  
co-moving size of the causal region since the big bang ( $z=\infty$ ) until a  
given redshift  $z$ .

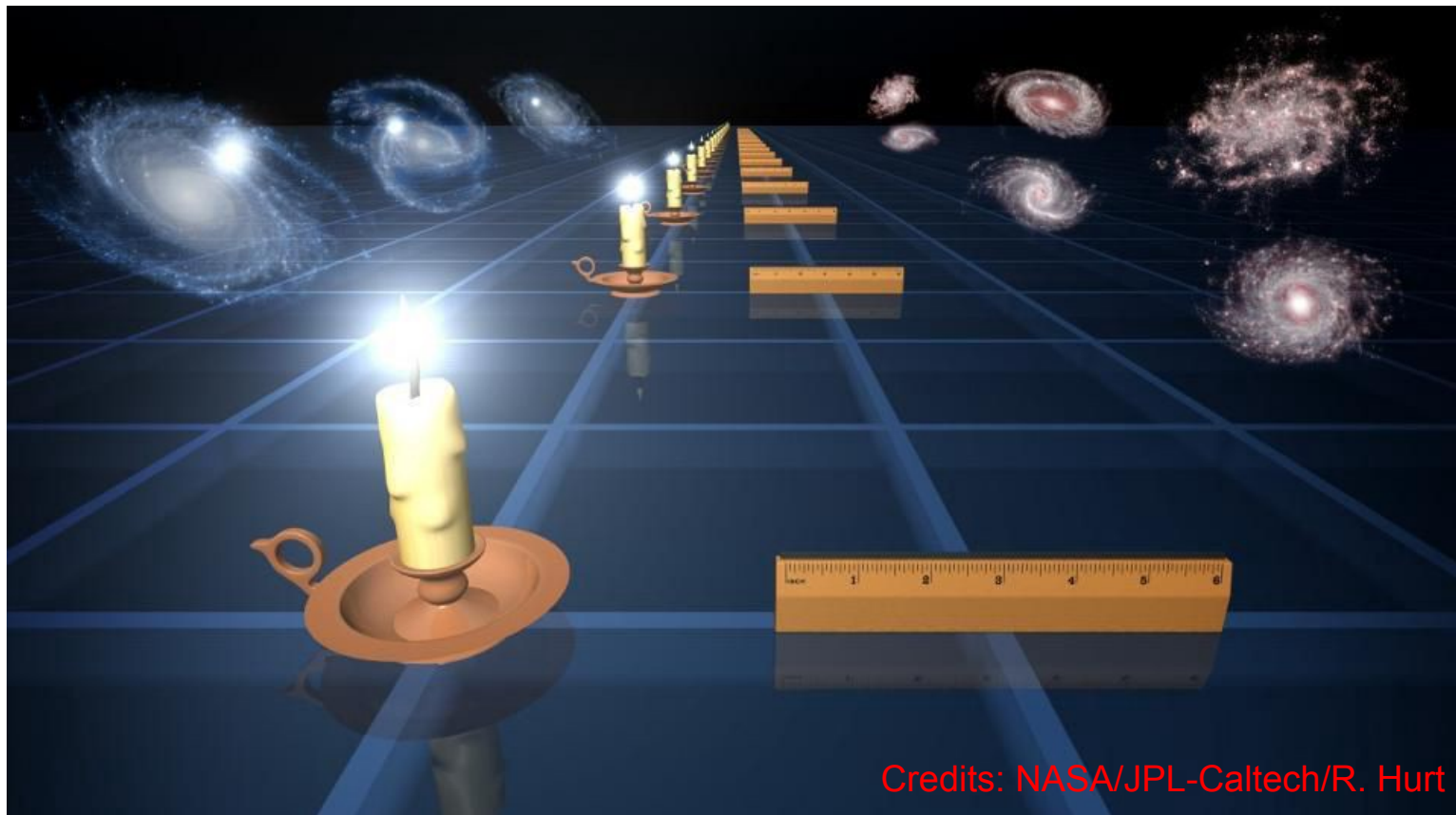
$$r_h(z) = \int_z^\infty \frac{c \, dz'}{H(z')}$$

Sound horizon (will be important later):  $c \rightarrow c_s$   
Sound speed

In the universe it is easy to measure the redshift of objects, using eg spectroscopy.

Measuring distances is much more difficult.

There are 2 ways to measure large distances in the Universe:  
from known luminosities (standard candles – eg SNIa) – **luminosity distance**  
from known scales (standard rulers – eg BAO) - **angular diameter distance**



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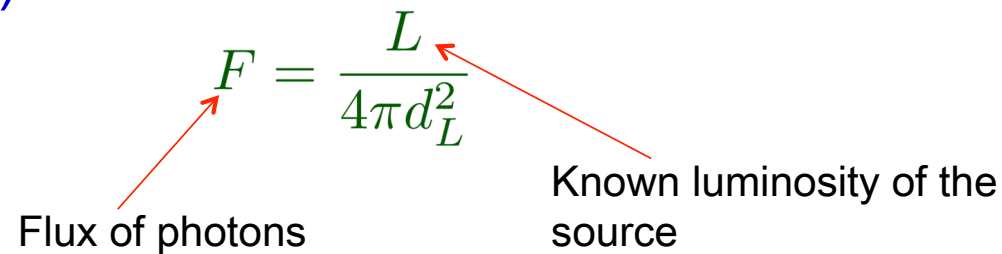
## II.1.2 – Luminosity distance

Luminosity distance ( $d_L$ ):

$$F = \frac{L}{4\pi d_L^2}$$

Flux of photons

Known luminosity of the source



In FLRW there are 2 extra source of dilution of the flux:

- redshift of photons ( $1/(1+z)$ )
- rate of arrival decrease by  $(1/(1+z))$  – time dilation

Therefore:

$$d_L = (1 + z)\chi(z)$$

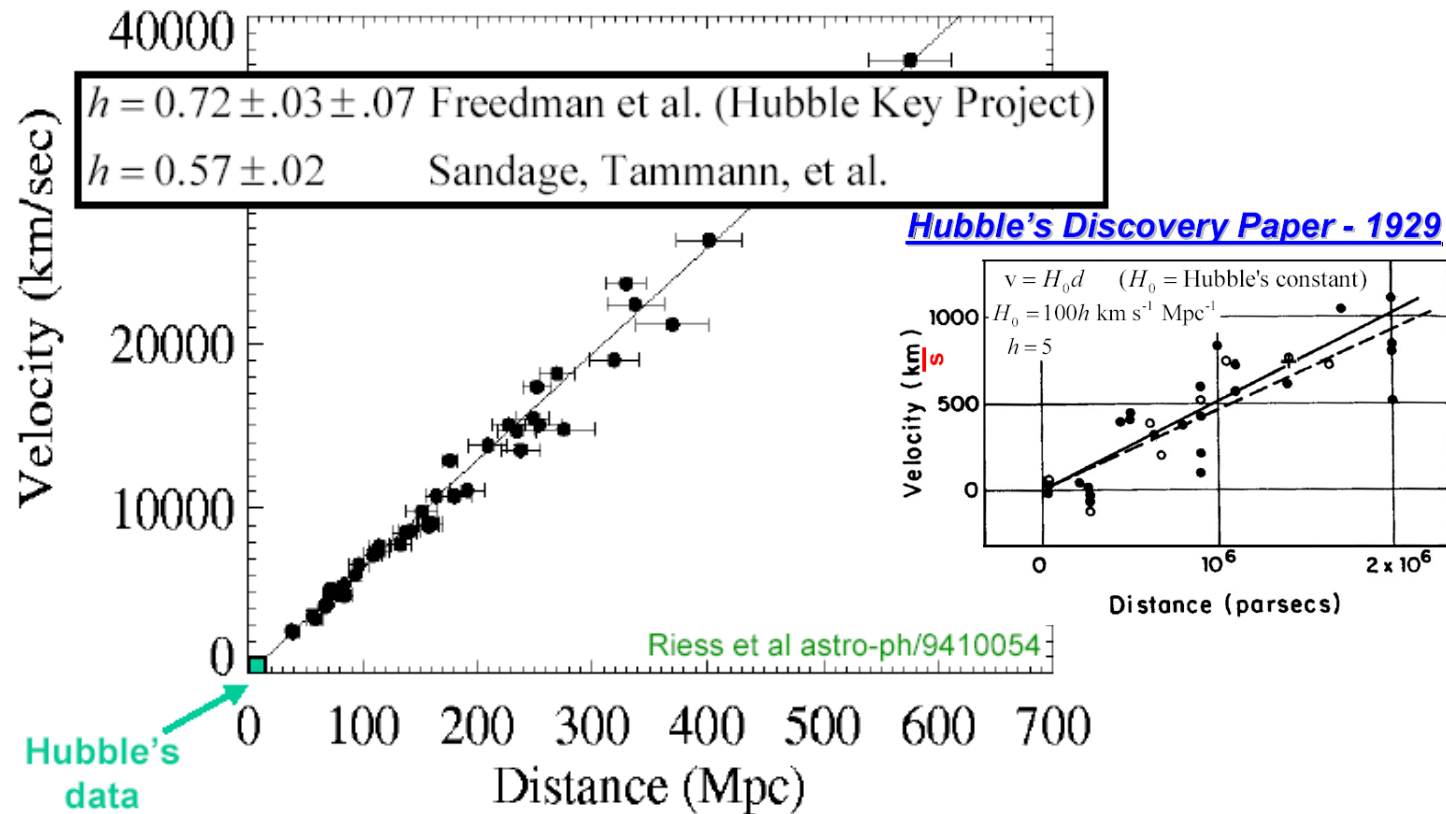
We can Taylor expand  $H(z)$  to first order:

$$H(z) = H_0 + \frac{dH}{dz}z$$

to obtain the Hubble-Lemaître law:

$$d_L = \frac{z}{H_0}$$

# Hubble-Lemaître law

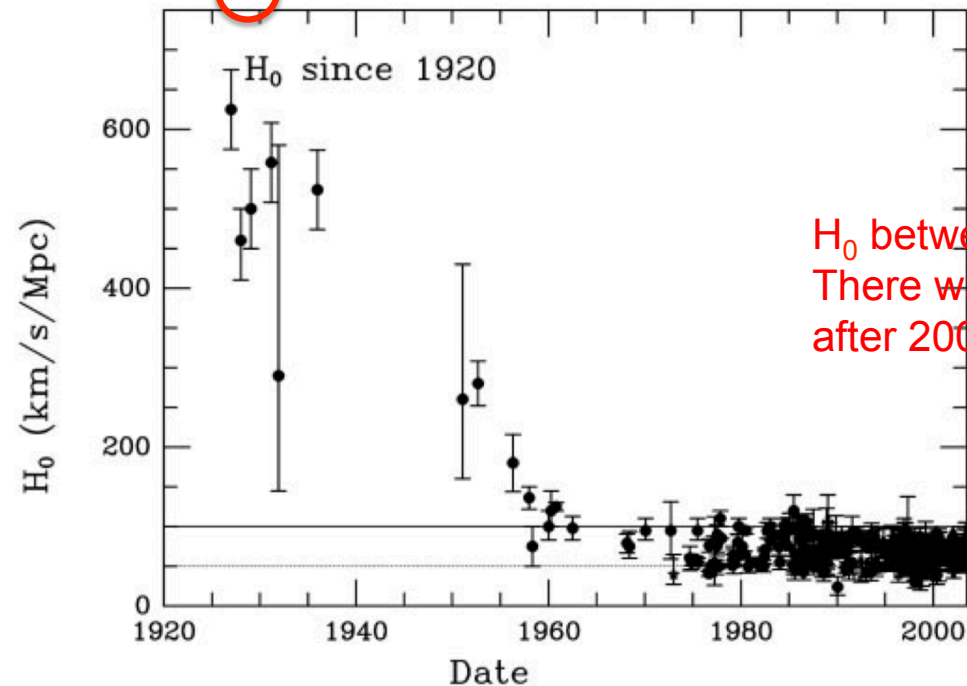


# Hubble's diagram and cosmic expansion

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Contributed by Robert P. Kirshner, October 21, 2003



**Fig. 2.** Published values of the Hubble constant vs. time. Revisions in Hubble's original distance scale account for significant changes in the Hubble constant from 1920 to the present as compiled by John Huchra of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics. At each epoch, the estimated error in the Hubble constant is small compared with the subsequent changes in its value. This result is a symptom of underestimated systematic errors.

## Distance ladder

Riess et al 1604.01424

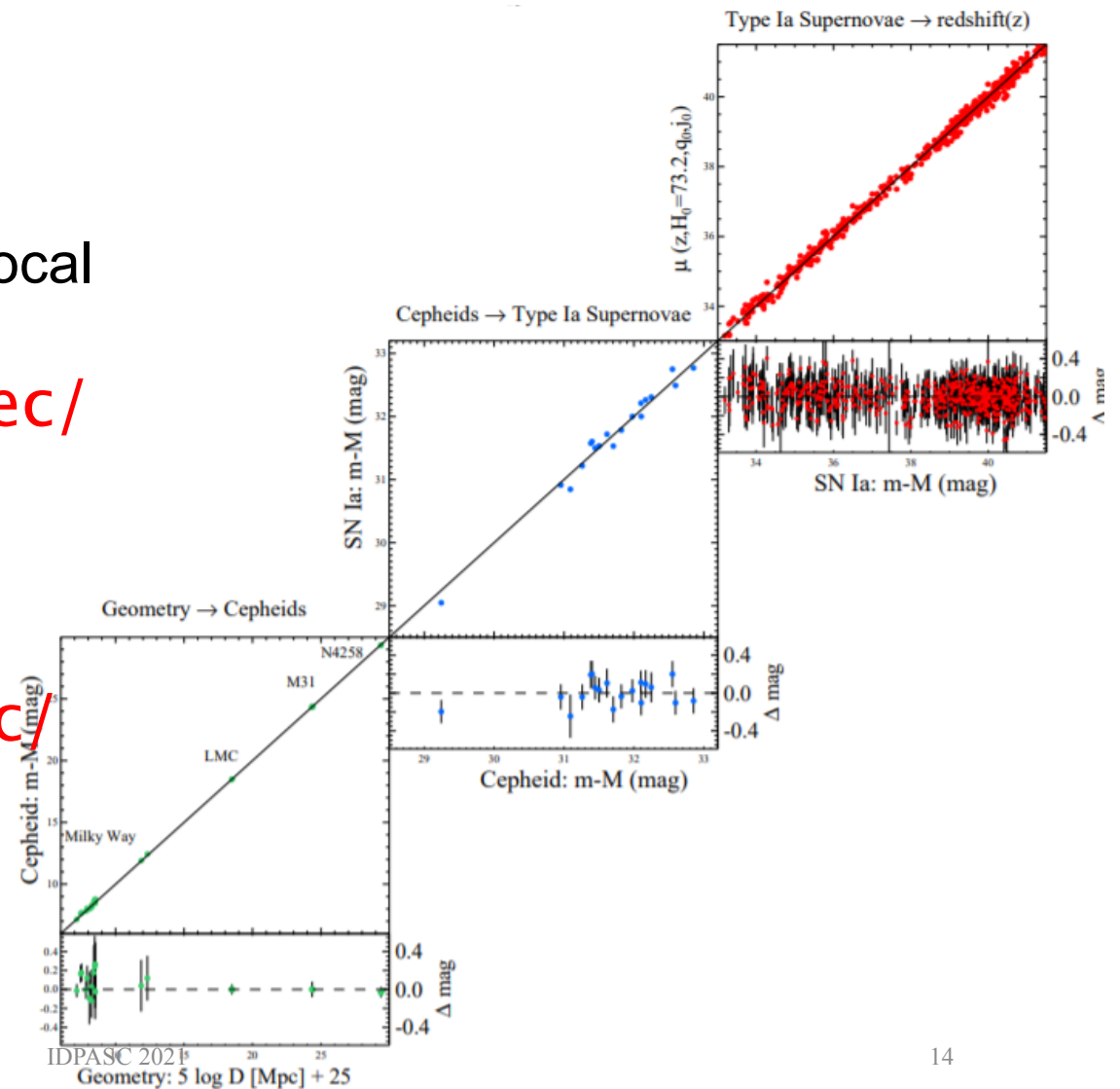
A 2.4% Determination of the Local  
Value of the Hubble Constant

$$H_0 = 73.24 \pm 1.74 \text{ km/sec/Mpc}$$

Riess et al 1903.07603

$$H_0 = 74.03 \pm 1.42 \text{ km/sec/Mpc}$$

Tension with another  
measurement from CMB  
More later





Luminosity distance at higher redshifts:

$$d_L = (1 + z)\chi(z)$$

Expanding to second order in redshift:

$$H_0 d_L(z) = z + \frac{1}{2}(1 - q_0)z^2 + \dots$$

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## Cosmology: A search for two numbers

Precision measurements of the  $H_0$  rate of expansion and the  $q_0$  deceleration of the universe may soon provide a major test of cosmological models

Allan R. Sandage

Mount Wilson and Palomar Observatories

$$d_L = (1 + z)\chi(z)$$

We plot  $d_L(z)$  (exact expression) for  $0 < z < 2$  for a flat Universe with

- a.  $\Omega_m = 1$  and  $\Omega_\Lambda = 0$
- b.  $\Omega_m = 0.3$  and  $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.7$

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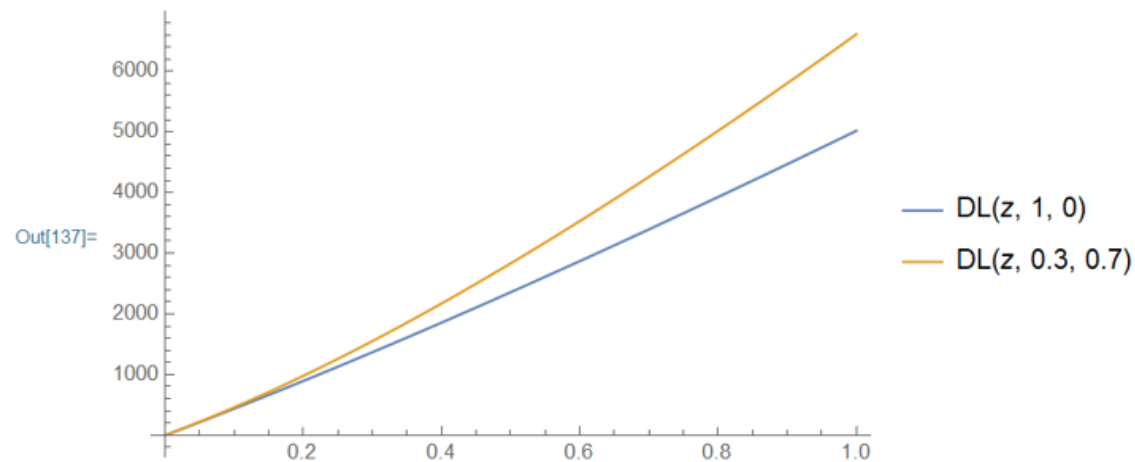
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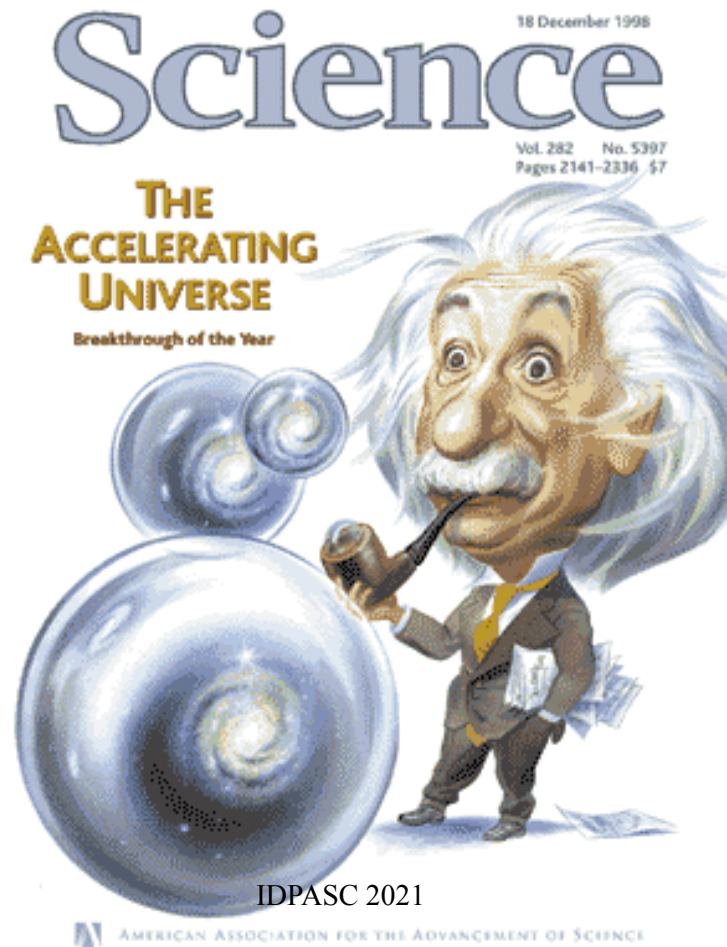
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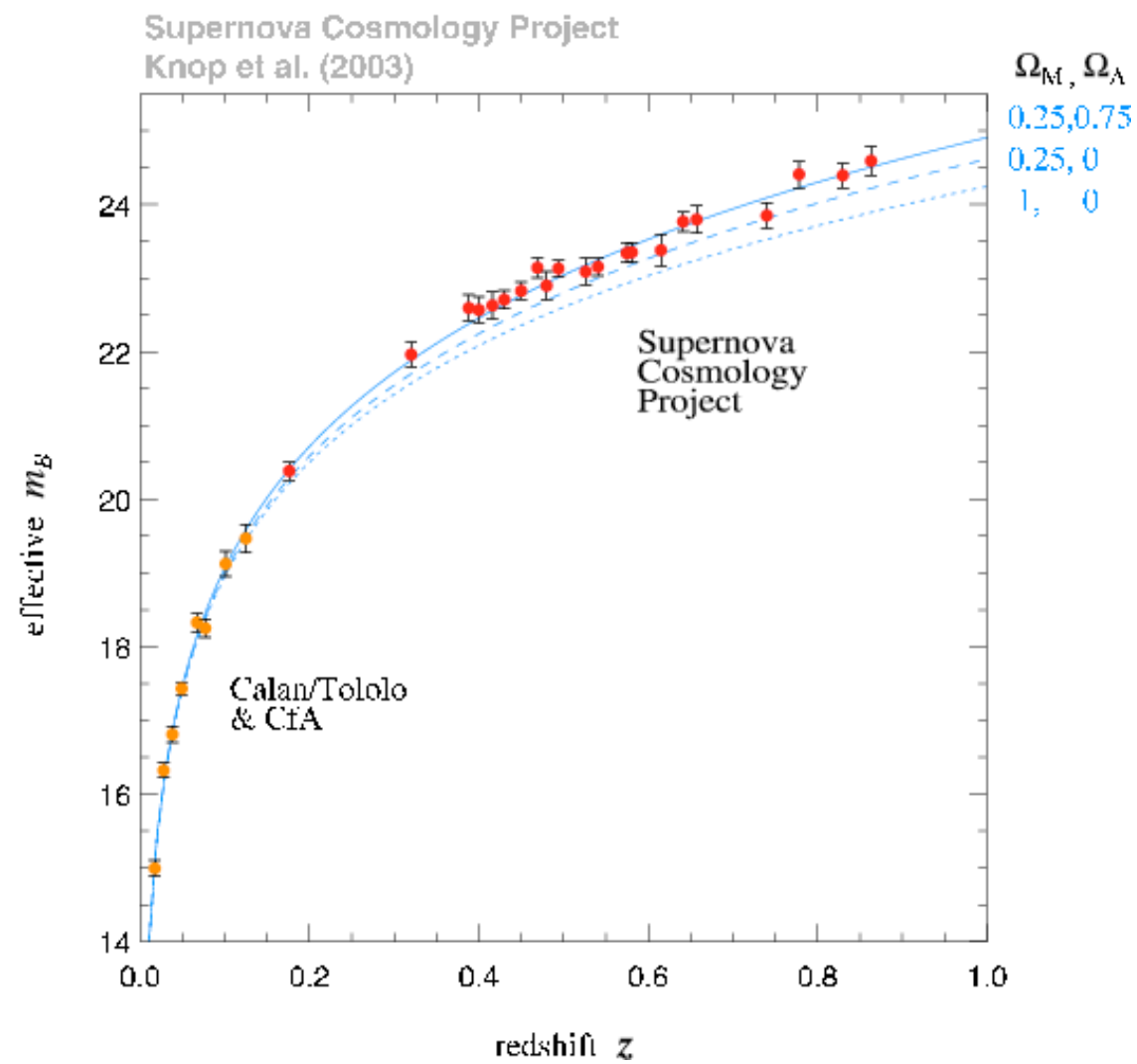
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$D_L$  is larger for a Universe with  $\Lambda$  -> objects with same  $z$  look fainter. This is how the accelerated expansion of the Universe was discovered in 1998 using SNIa

## The big surprise in 1998:









The Nobel Prize in Physics 2011

Saul Perlmutter, Brian P. Schmidt, Adam G. Riess

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# The Nobel Prize in Physics 2011



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**Saul Perlmutter**

Prize share: 1/2



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**Brian P. Schmidt**

Prize share: 1/4



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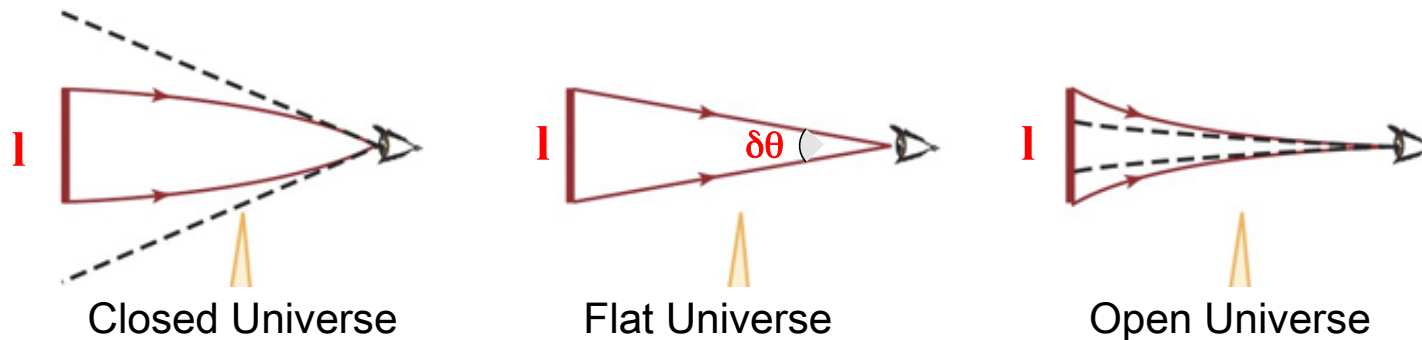
**Adam G. Riess**

Prize share: 1/4

The Nobel Prize in Physics 2011 was divided, one half awarded to Saul Perlmutter, the other half jointly to Brian P. Schmidt and Adam G. Riess *"for the discovery of the accelerating expansion of the Universe through observations of distant supernovae"*.

## II.1.3 – Angular diameter distance

Angular diameter distance ( $d_A$ ) is related to the angle subtended by a physical scale ( $l$ )



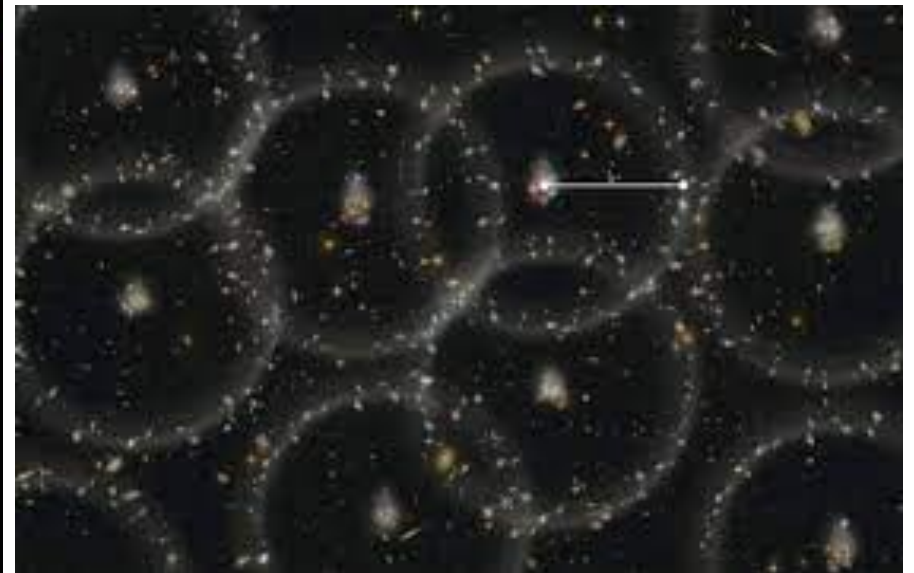
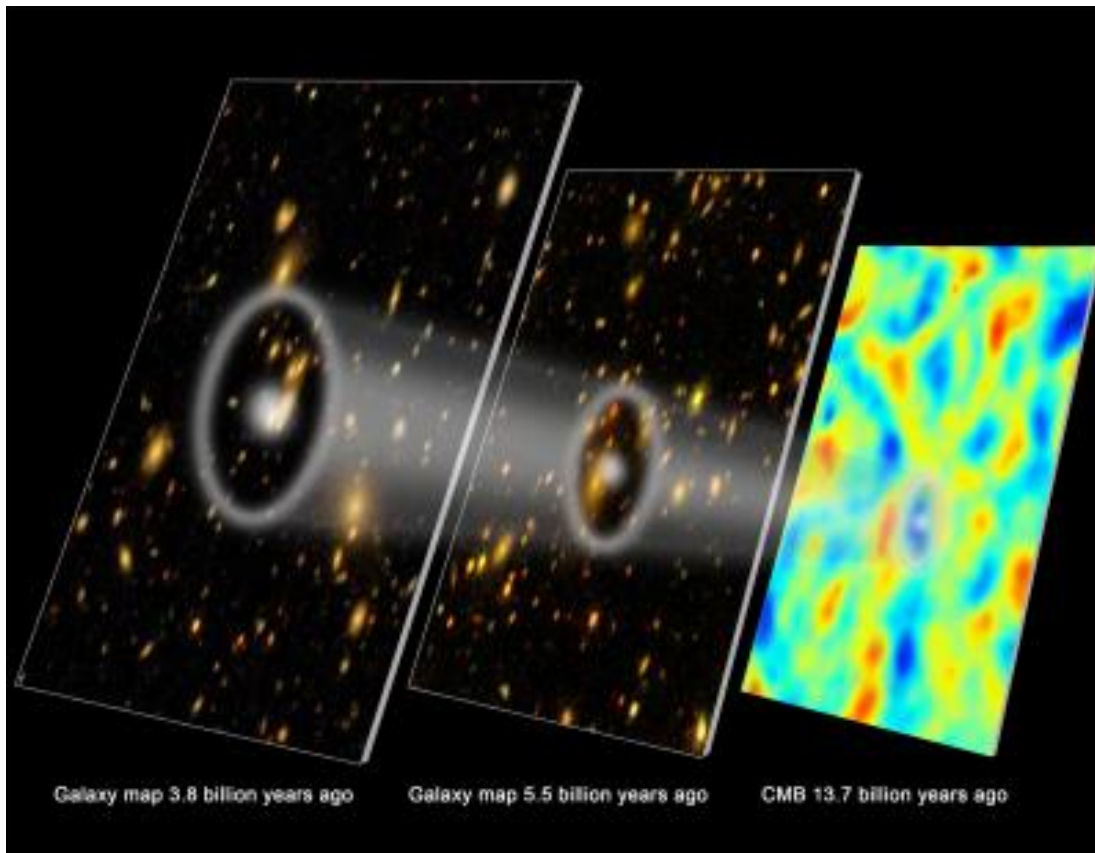
For a flat universe:  $d_A = \frac{l}{\delta\theta}$ ,  $l = a\chi\delta\theta \Rightarrow$

$$d_A = \frac{1}{1+z}\chi(z)$$

Is there a favored physical scale in the universe?

Yes: the “acoustic horizon scale at decoupling” ( $r_s$ ) – more later

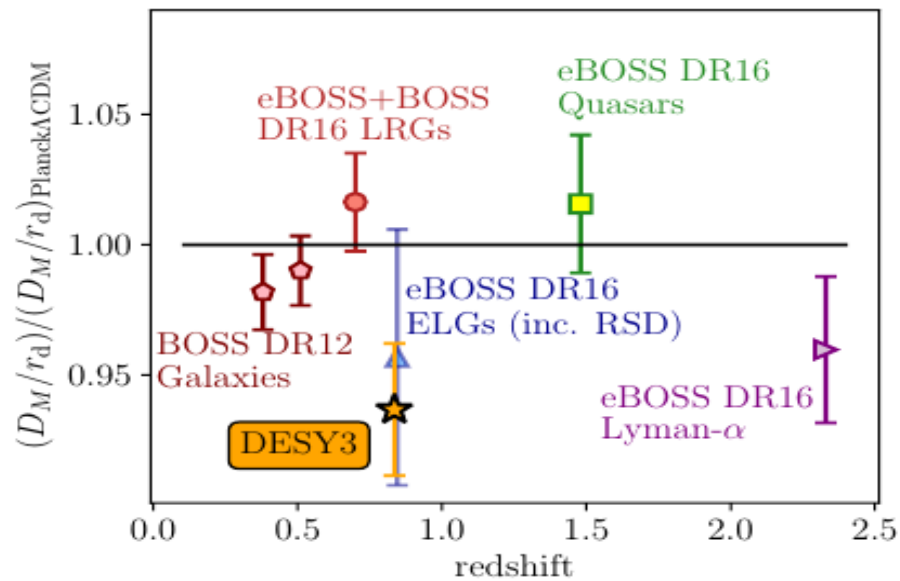
This physical scale sets the angular scale for the fluctuations in the cosmic microwave background (CMB) and in the distribution of galaxies that are formed much later (baryon acoustic oscillation – BAO)!



Artist impression of baryonic acoustic oscillations imprinting a mean galaxy separation of 150 **Mpc** on the cosmic galaxy distribution.

Credit: Eric Huff, the SDSS-III team, and the South Pole Telescope team. Graphic by Zosia Rostomian

## Astrophysics &gt; Cosmology and Nongalactic Astrophysics

*[Submitted on 9 Jul 2021]***Dark Energy Survey Year 3 Results: A 2.7% measurement of Baryon Acoustic Oscillation distance scale at redshift 0.835**

DES-Y3 BAO sample:  
7 million galaxies with  
 $0.6 < z_{\text{phot}} < 1.1$  in an area  
of  $\sim 4100 \text{ deg}^2$

2.3 $\sigma$  below Planck



## II.1.4 – Hubble radius

Another useful scale: characteristic distance particles can travel in a Hubble time ( $c=1$ ):

$$R_H = \frac{1}{H(t)}$$

Comoving Hubble radius:

$$r_H = \frac{1}{aH} = \frac{1}{\dot{a}}$$

- Radiation dominated

$$r_H \propto a$$

- Matter dominated

$$r_H \propto a^{1/2}$$

- $\Lambda$  dominated

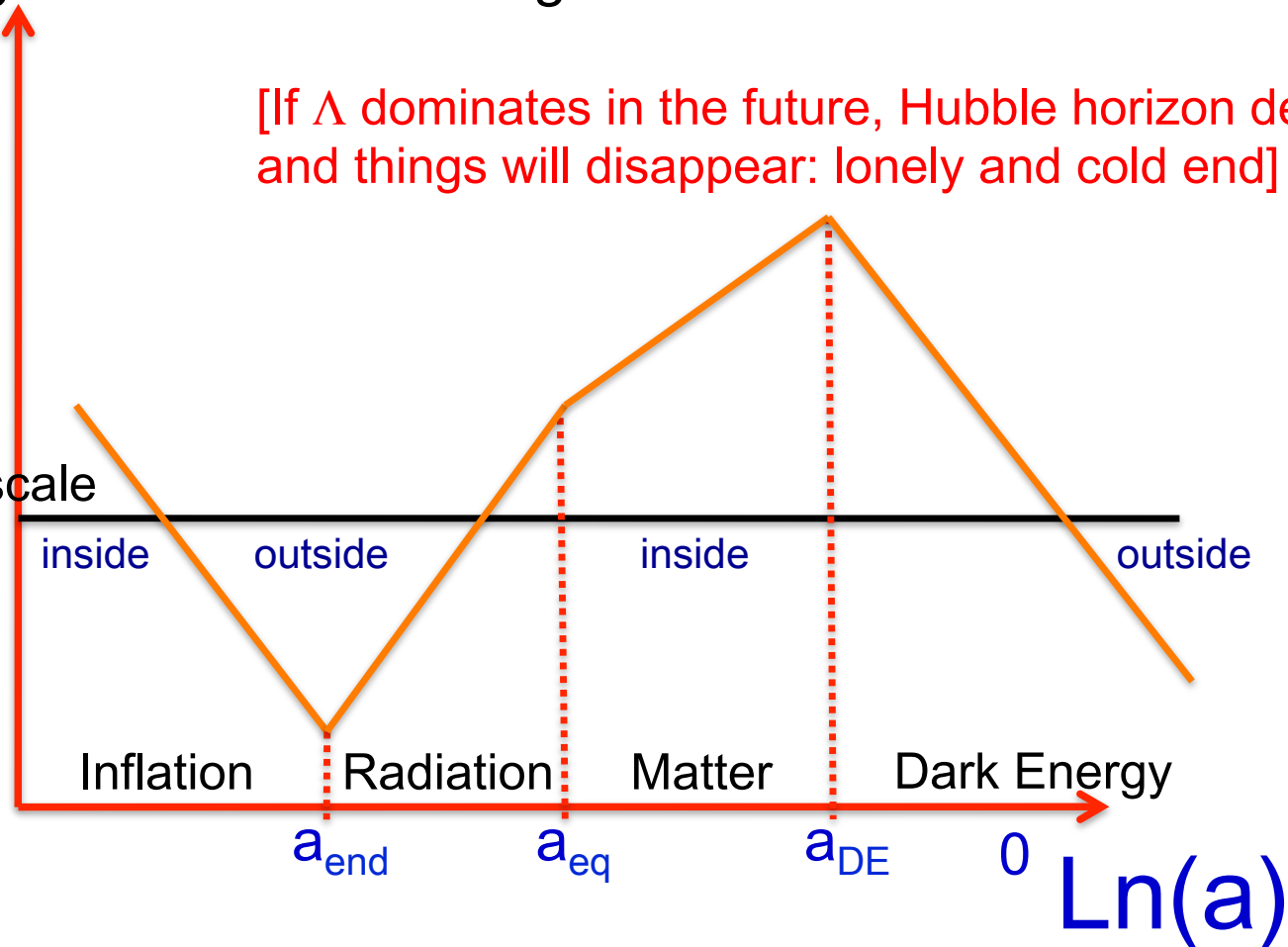
$$r_H \propto 1/a$$

## Comoving Hubble radius during the evolution of the Universe

Log(Comoving distance)

[If  $\Lambda$  dominates in the future, Hubble horizon decreases and things will disappear: lonely and cold end]

Comoving scale



## II.2- Thermal history of the Universe

### II.2.1 – Brief review of thermodynamics

Number density and energy density of a dilute, weakly interacting gas with  $g$  internal degrees of freedom:

$$n = \frac{g}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3p f(\vec{p})$$

$$\rho = \frac{g}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3p E(\vec{p}) f(\vec{p})$$

$E$  is the energy of a state,  $f(p)$  is its phase-space distribution and  $g$  is number of internal degrees of freedom

(eg  $g=2$  for photons,  $g=16$  for gluons,  $g=12$  for quarks, etc).

$$E = \sqrt{|\vec{p}|^2 + m^2}$$

Phase-space distribution for one species in kinetic equilibrium  
(+ for FD, - for BE),  $k_B=1$ ,  $\mu$  chemical potential:

$$f(\vec{p}) = \frac{1}{e^{(E-\mu)/T} \pm 1}$$

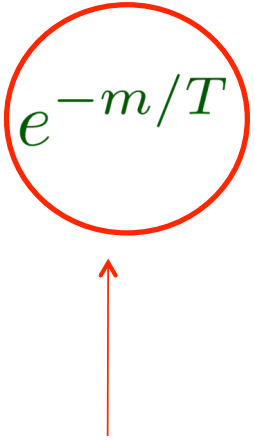
Relativistic limit ( $T \gg m$ ) and  $T \gg \mu$

$$\rho = \left( \frac{\pi^2}{30} \right) g T^4 \begin{cases} 1 & \text{(Bose - Einstein)} \\ \frac{7}{8} & \text{(Fermi - Dirac)} \end{cases}$$

$$n = \frac{\zeta(3)}{\pi^2} g T^3 \begin{cases} 1 & \text{(Bose - Einstein)} \\ \frac{3}{4} & \text{(Fermi - Dirac)} \end{cases} \quad \zeta(3) = 1.202 \dots$$

Exercise: compute the number of CMB photons ( $T=2.73$  K) in  $1 \text{ cm}^3$

Non-relativistic limit ( $T \ll m$ ) and  $\mu=0$  [same for B-E and F-D]

$$n = g \left( \frac{mT}{2\pi} \right)^{3/2} e^{-m/T}$$
$$\rho = mn$$


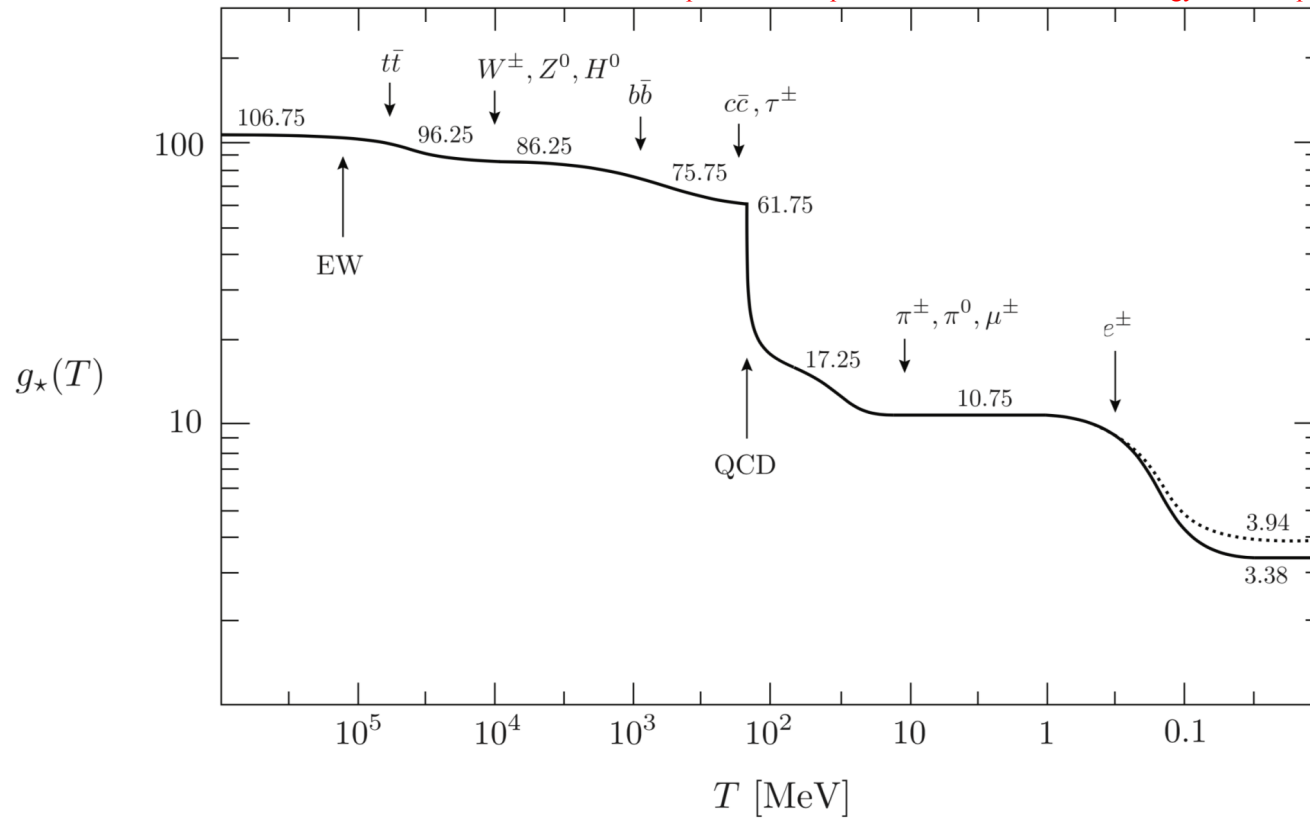
Exponential Boltzmann suppression

For more than one species: density of relativistic particles in the Universe is set by the effective number of relativistic degrees of freedom  $g_*$ :

$$\rho_r = \frac{\pi^2}{30} g_* T^4$$
$$g_* = \sum_{\text{bosons}} g_i \left( \frac{T_i}{T} \right)^4 + \sum_{\text{fermions}} \frac{7}{8} g_i \left( \frac{T_i}{T} \right)^4$$

We assumed that in principle the particles can have a different temperature than  $T$  (the photon's temperature). If they are in chemical equilibrium then same  $T$ .

$g_*(T)$  changes when mass thresholds are crossed as  $T$  decreases and particles become non-relativistic. At high  $T$  ( $>200$  GeV)  $g_*^{(\text{SM})} \sim 100$ .



**Figure 3.4:** Evolution of relativistic degrees of freedom  $g_*(T)$  assuming the Standard Model particle content. The dotted line stands for the number of effective degrees of freedom in entropy  $g_{*S}(T)$ .

## II.2.2 – Relation between scale factor and temperature

Naively one can find the relation between the scale factor and the temperature as:

$$\rho_r \propto T^4; \quad \rho_r \propto a^{-4} \Rightarrow a \propto T^{-1}$$

But more precisely, conservation of entropy implies:

$$T \propto g_*^{-1/3} a^{-1}$$

When a mass threshold of a particle species is crossed, those particles annihilate into photons and increase the temperature.



## II.2.3 – Temperature-time relationship

From Friedmann's 1st equation for a radiation-dominated era:

$$H = \sqrt{\frac{\rho_r}{3\tilde{M}_{\text{Pl}}^2}} \sim \frac{T^2}{M_{\text{Pl}}}$$

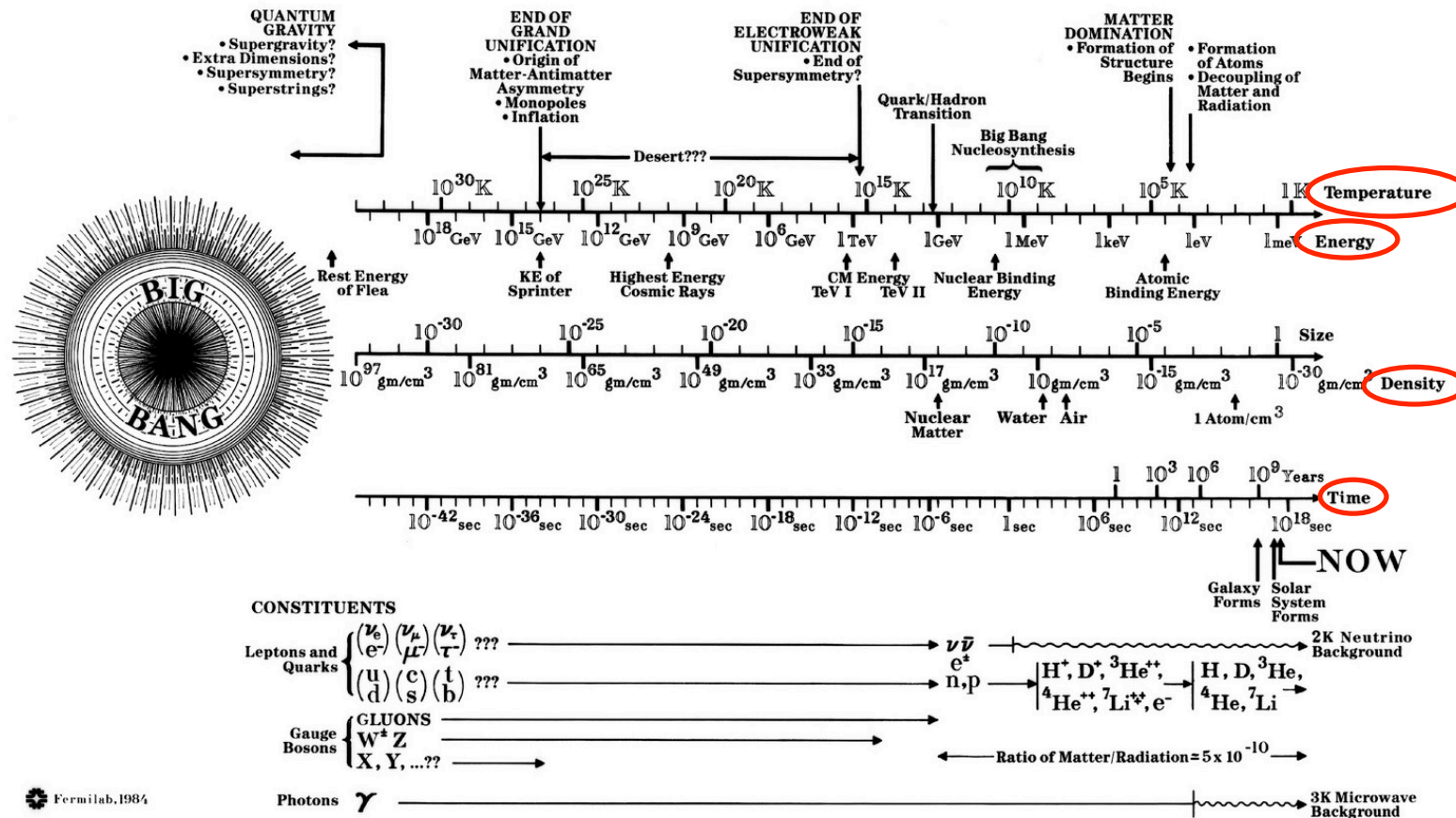
and  $H = \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \propto t^{-1}$

one finds:  $T \propto t^{-1/2}$

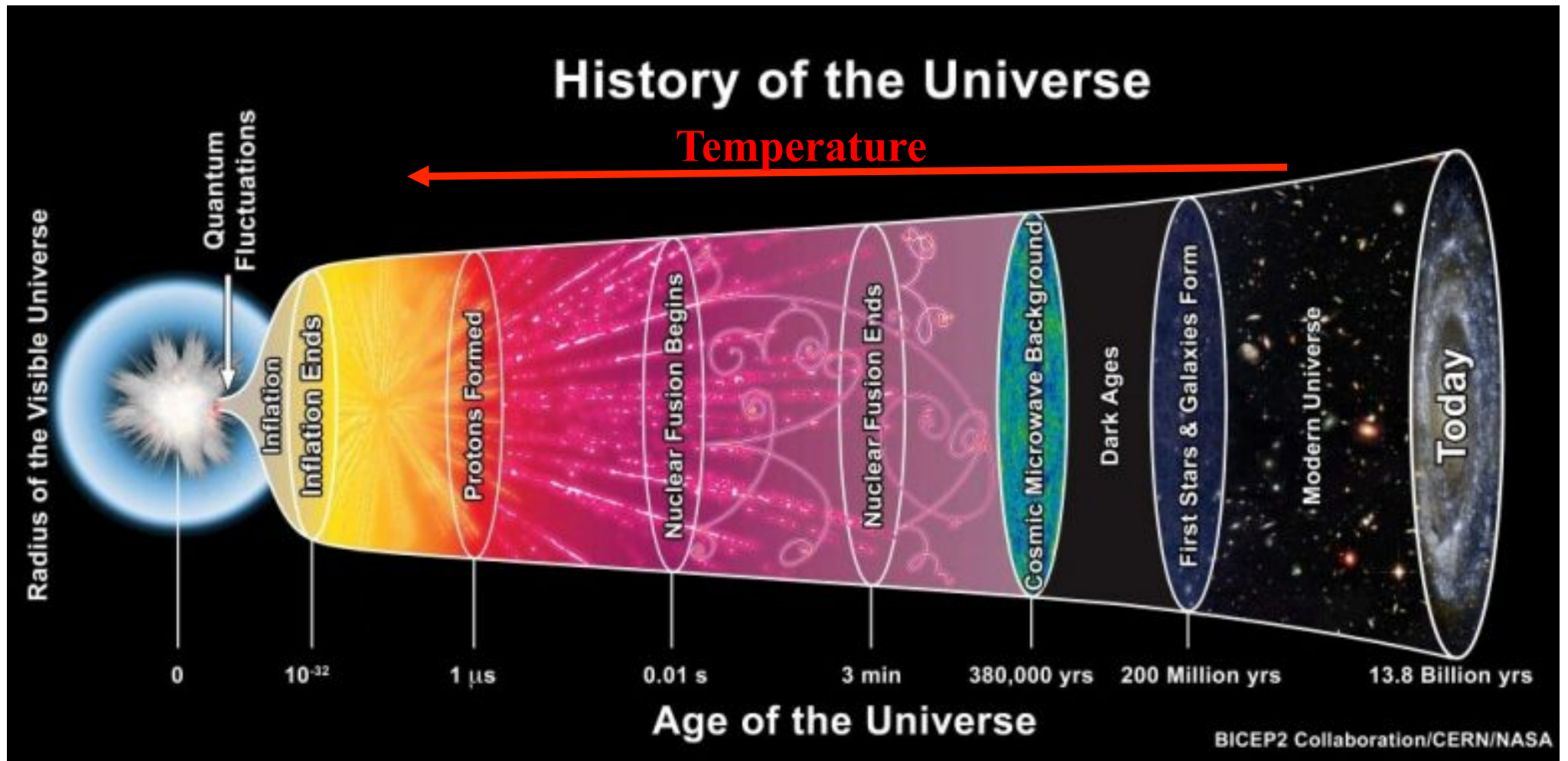
Putting numbers:  $T(\text{MeV}) \simeq 1.5 g_*^{-1/4} t(\text{s})^{-1/2}$

# Thermal history of the Universe

Kolb & Turner



Fermilab, 1984



## II.2.4 – The origin of the cosmic microwave background

When the universe is very hot there are no atoms! It is fully ionized. It is opaque to EM radiation. Light and matter are tightly coupled.

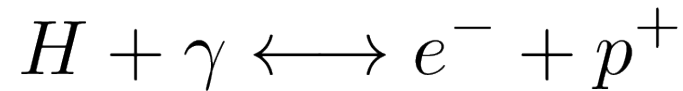
Decoupling of light occurs when the Universe cools down - protons and electrons can combine to form hydrogen atoms: **recombination epoch**.

The cosmic microwave background (CMB) is generated after photons decouple: last scattering surface.

Naively one may think that this happens at a temperature  $T_{\text{binding}} = 13.6 \text{ eV}$

However, one must take into account that there are many more photons than protons in the Universe!

One should study the reaction:



and find at what temperature hydrogen stops being destroyed by photons. Correct treatment is to analyze a Boltzmann equation.

Here we will use a simpler, more physical estimate: find the redshift (temperature) at which the number density of photons with energy larger than the hydrogen ionization energy ( $E_i$ ) equal the number density of protons:

$$n_{\gamma}^{E > E_i}(z) = n_p(z)$$

I find  $T_{\text{rec}} = 0.47 \text{ eV}$

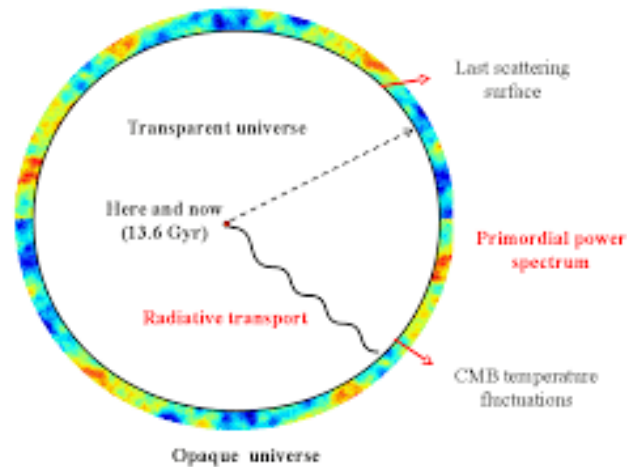
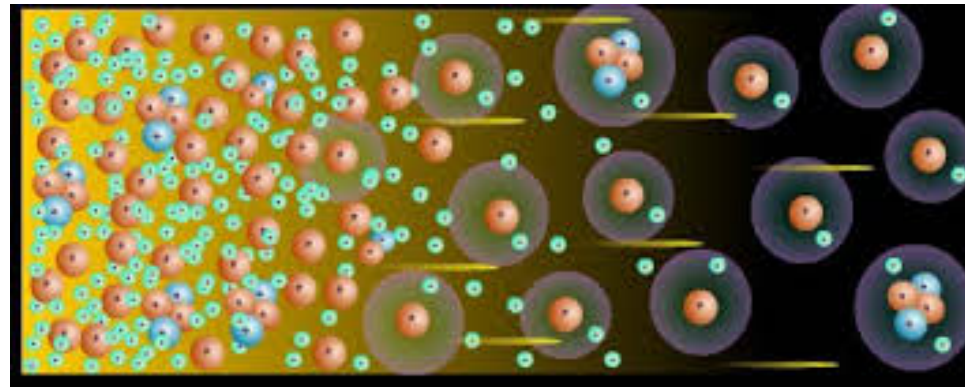
Correct result:  $T_{\text{rec}} = 0.30 \text{ eV} = 0.30/8.6 \cdot 10^{-5} = 3500 \text{ K}$

$$z_{\text{rec}} = T_{\text{rec}}/T_0 = 1300$$

The decoupling of photons occurs shortly afterwards: CMB generated at  $z_{\text{dec}} = 1100$  when the universe was 380,000 years old.

Afterwards photons free stream across the universe without any significant interactions cooling as  $T \propto a^{-1}$

After decoupling the Universe is neutral and becomes transparent to photons: “last scattering surface” at  $z=1100$ .



The comoving sound horizon at decoupling:  $r_s$

$$r_s = \int_{z_{dec}}^{\infty} \frac{c_s}{H(z)}$$

**This is the standard ruler measured in CMB and BAO**

$c_s$ : speed of perturbations in the coupled baryon-photon fluid –  
for relativistic fluids

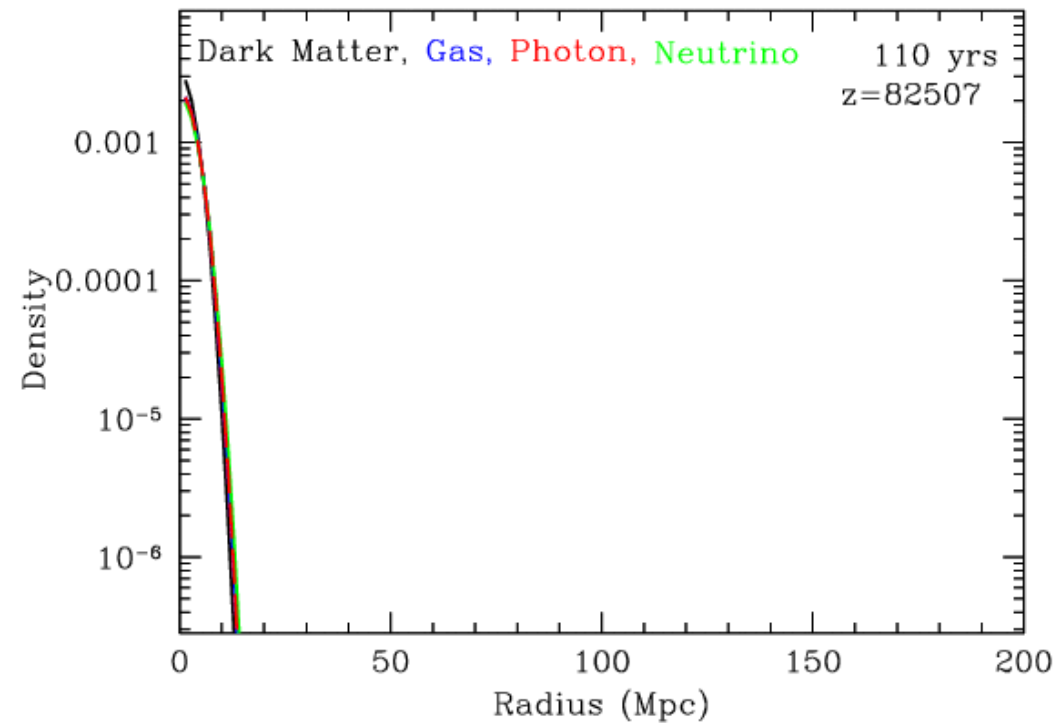
$$c_s = \frac{\delta P}{\delta \rho} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

**Exercise: show that  $r_s \sim 150$  Mpc**



# Evolution of a perturbed region with dark matter, gas, photons and neutrinos

Eisenstein



## II.3 – The Hubble tension (crisis)

The comoving sound horizon at decoupling ( $z \sim 1100$ ) sets a physical scale in the Universe, both in the fluctuations of the CMB and the BAO.

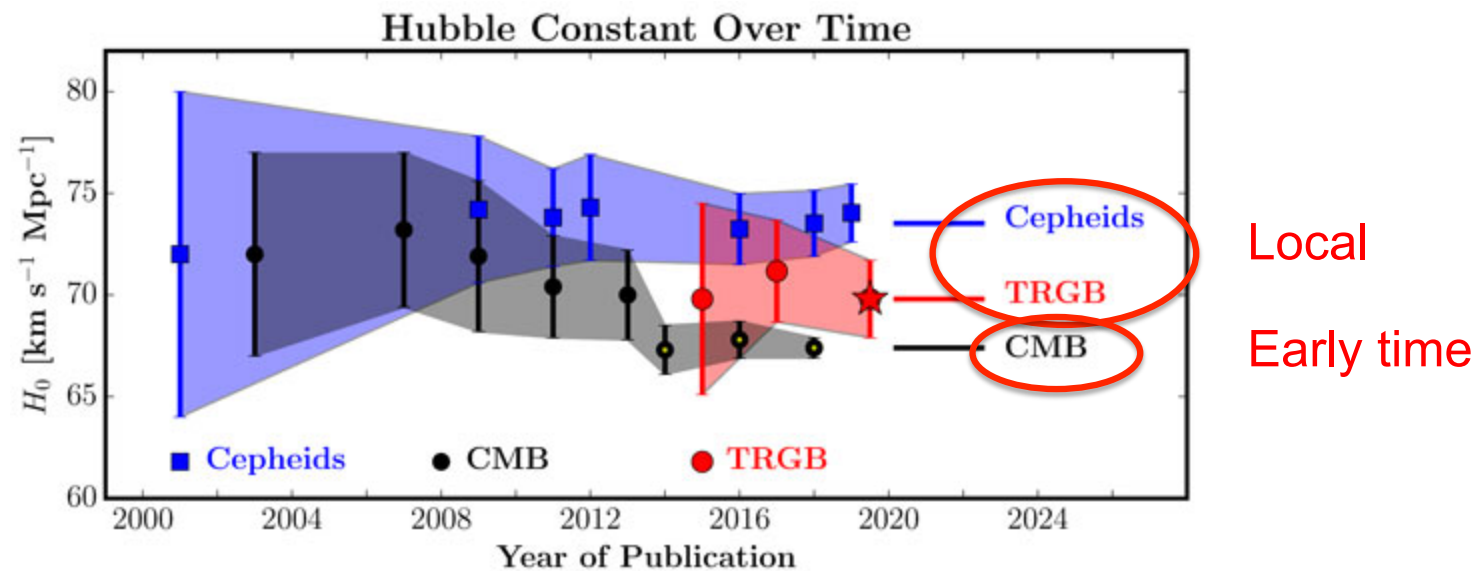
A measurement of the angular distance related to this scale can also allow for an **indirect** (model dependent) estimate of the Hubble constant.

This indirect measurement performed by the Planck satellite is very precise.

Greater precision brings greater possibilities for disagreement.  
In fact, there is a 4-6  $\sigma$  tension with the local measurements.

There was a recent revolution in the measurement of  $H_0$  with great precision ( $\sim 1\%$ )! The **Hubble tension**  $\sim 4-6\sigma$ !

First crack in the standard  $\Lambda$ CDM model?

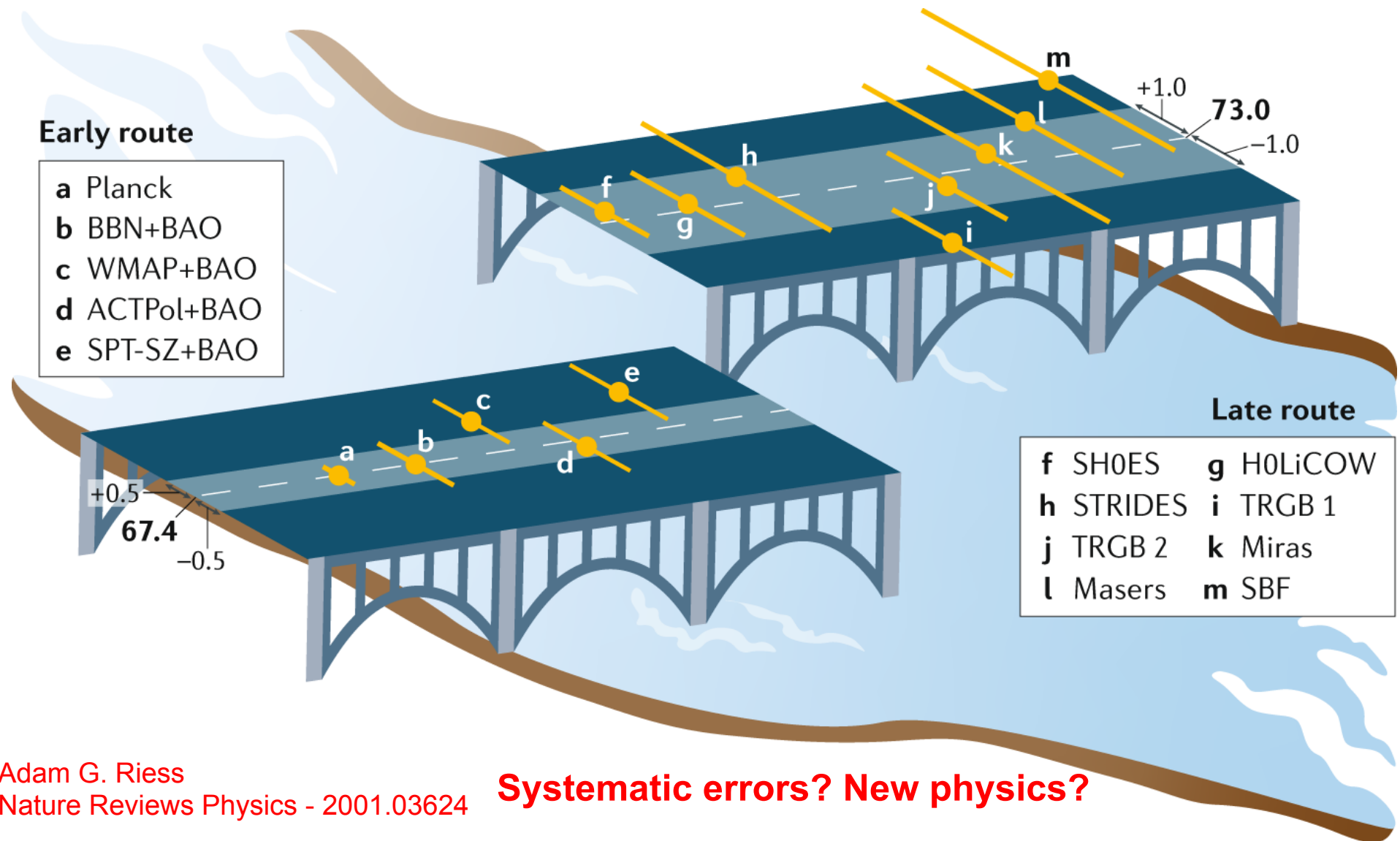


Freedman et al., 1907.05922

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Adam G. Riess  
Nature Reviews Physics - 2001.03624

**Systematic errors? New physics?**

## II.3.1 – The CMB measurement

CMB provides an **indirect** (model dependent) estimate of the Hubble constant. It's a result of a complicated fit to the CMB angular power spectrum with several parameters.

However, we can have a rough idea by looking at the physical quantity measured by Planck satellite: the angular acoustic horizon scale of the CMB fluctuations,  $\theta_*$  ( $\sim 1^\circ$ )

The angular acoustic scale is measured with high precision (0.03%) by Planck:

$$100 \theta_* = 1.0411 \pm 0.0003$$

$$\theta_* = \frac{r_s}{d_A(z_{dec})}$$

$$r_s(z_{dec}) = \int_{z_{dec}}^{\infty} \frac{c_s dz}{H(z)} \quad \leftarrow \text{Early times}$$

(expansion rate around decoupling era)

$$d_A(z_{dec}) = \int_0^{z_{dec}} \frac{c dz}{H(z)} \quad \leftarrow \text{Late times}$$

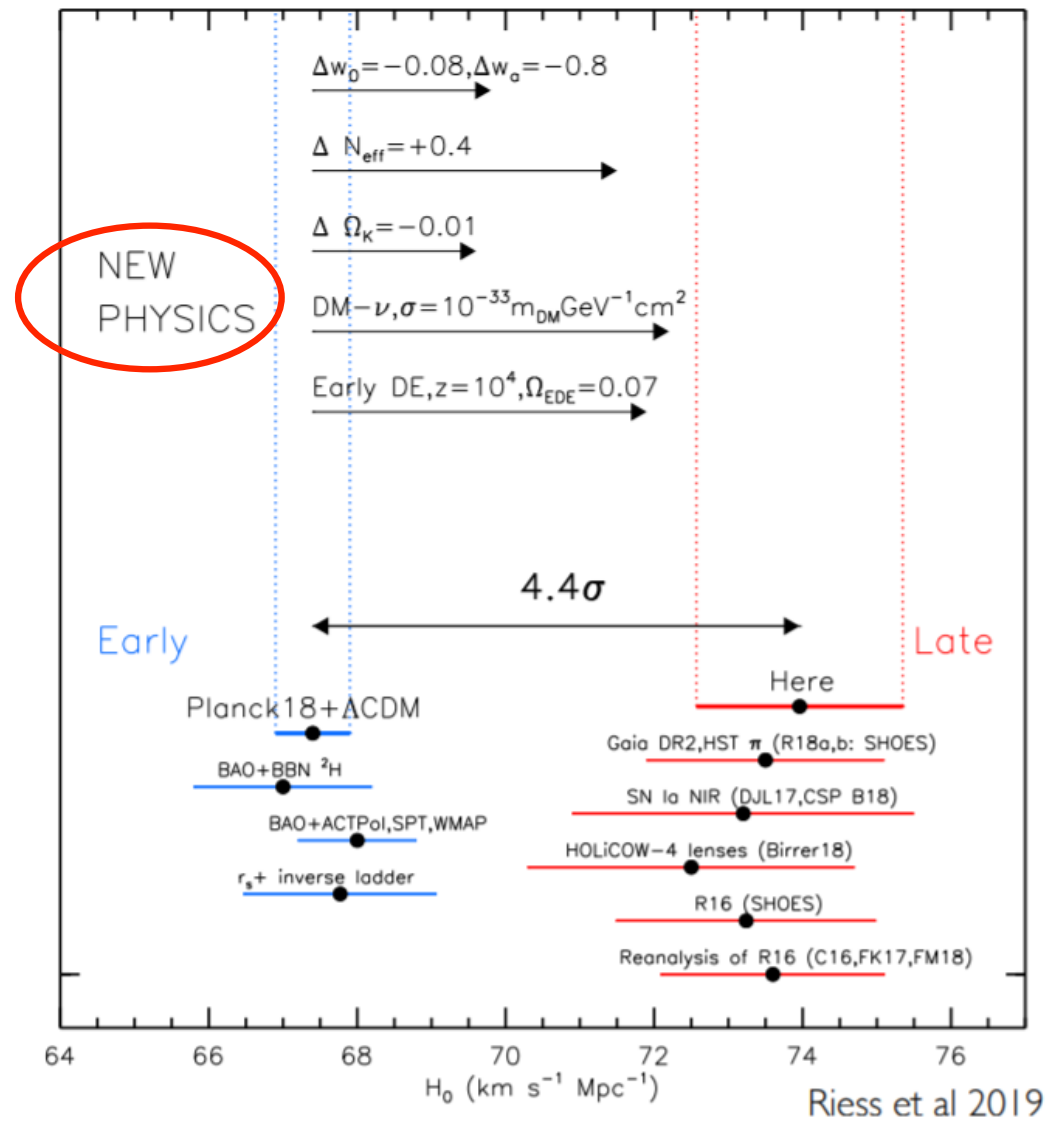
(expansion rate around present era)

Obs: comoving angular diameter distance

## Attempts to reconcile CMB with local measurements: New Physics!

If there is an extra contribution to the energy density (=faster expansion rate) with respect to  $\Lambda$ CDM around the recombination era then in order to keep  $\theta_*$  fixed requires **a larger value of  $H_0$**

New relativistic degrees of freedom, early dark energy, decaying dark matter,...





## Models abound:

In the Realm of the Hubble tension – a Review of Solutions 2103.01183

E. Di Valentino, O. Mena, S. Pan, L. Visinelli, W. Yang, A. Melchiorri, D. F. Mota, A. G. Riess, J. Silk

tension $\leq 1\sigma$ “Excellent models”	tension $\leq 2\sigma$ “Good models”	tension $\leq 3\sigma$ “Promising models”
Early Dark Energy [228, 235, 240, 250] Exponential Acoustic Dark Energy [259] Phantom Crossing [315] Late Dark Energy Transition [317] Metastable Dark Energy [314] PEDE [394] Vacuum Metamorphosis [402] Elaborated Vacuum Metamorphosis [401, 402] Sterile Neutrinos [433] Decaying Dark Matter [481] Neutrino-Majoron Interactions [509] IDE [637, 639, 657, 661] DM - Photon Coupling [685] $f(\mathcal{T})$ gravity theory [812] BD- $\Lambda$ CDM [851] Über-Gravity [59] Galileon Gravity [875] Unimodular Gravity [890] Time Varying Electron Mass [990] $\Lambda$ CDM [995] Ginzburg-Landau theory [996] Lorentzian Quintessential Inflation [979] Holographic Dark Energy [351]	Early Dark Energy [212, 229, 236, 263] Rock ‘n’ Roll [242] New Early Dark Energy [247] Acoustic Dark Energy [257] Dynamical Dark Energy [309] Running vacuum model [332] Bulk viscous models [340, 341] Holographic Dark Energy [350] Phantom Braneworld DE [378] PEDE [391, 392] Elaborated Vacuum Metamorphosis [401] IDE [659, 670] Interacting Dark Radiation [517] Decaying Dark Matter [471, 474] DM - Photon Coupling [686] Self-interacting sterile neutrinos [711] $f(\mathcal{T})$ gravity theory [817] Über-Gravity [871] VCDM [893] Primordial magnetic fields [992] Early modified gravity [859] Bianchi type I spacetime [999] $f(\mathcal{T})$ [818]	DE in extended parameter spaces [289] Dynamical Dark Energy [281, 309] Holographic Dark Energy [350] Swampland Conjectures [370] MEDE [399] Coupled DM - Dark radiation [534] Decaying Ultralight Scalar [538] BD- $\Lambda$ CDM [852] Metastable Dark Energy [314] Self-Interacting Neutrinos [700] Dark Neutrino Interactions [716] IDE [634–636, 653, 656, 663, 669] Scalar-tensor gravity [855, 856] Galileon gravity [877, 881] Nonlocal gravity [886] Modified recombination [986] Effective Electron Rest Mass [989] Super $\Lambda$ CDM [1007] Axi-Higgs [991] Self-Interacting Dark Matter [479] Primordial Black Holes [545]

**Table B2.** Models solving the  $H_0$  tension with R20 within  $1\sigma$ ,  $2\sigma$  and  $3\sigma$  considering *Planck* in combination with additional cosmological probes. Details of the combined datasets are discussed in the main text.

Jury is still out on the possible solutions to the Hubble tension or crisis... lots of works

New physics vs Systematic errors

# End of second lecture

# Three Steps to Measuring the Hubble Constant

