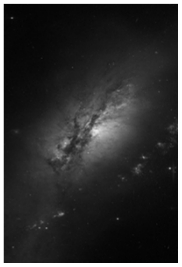
Physics of Galaxies 2017
Lecture 1: Introduction

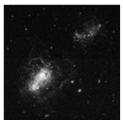
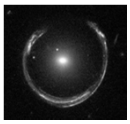
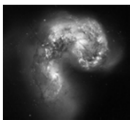

Outline for today I

- Formal Stuff:
  - Course literature
  - Examination
  - Schedule
- Course outline



Outline for today II

- What is a Galaxy?
- Historical Background
- Galaxy Classification
- The Cosmological Framework

Teacher

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    – just ring the bell to get in!

Course homepage

- Link:
  www.astro.uu.se/~ez/kurs/Galaxies17.html

The Physics of Galaxies, 10 ECTS (hp), Spring 2016

Literature: Peter Schneider, 2015, "Extragalactic Astronomy and Cosmology", Springer, ISBN 978-3-642-54082-0 (hardback) or 978-3-642-54083-7 (eBook)
Contents: Extragalactic astronomy, with emphasis on the properties, evolution and origin of galaxies
Prerequisites: Knowledge corresponding to a Bachelor's degree in physics, or similar. In addition, basic knowledge about spectra, stellar physics, galaxies and cosmology corresponding to the course Astrophysics I is required.
Examination: Seminars, literature report, hand-in exercises, laboratory exercise
Teacher: Erik Zackrisson, erik.zackrisson(at)physics.uu.se
Time: April-June 2016

If you are interested in participating, please notify Erik Zackrisson as soon as possible!

Schedule
Recent changes are marked in red

Date	Time	Room	Lecture/ Exercise session/ Seminar	Topics	To read	To turn in/prepare
April 12	10-12	Å80135	Lecture 1	Course introduction Historical background The extragalactic distance scale Galaxy classification	1—1.4, 3—3.1.2, 3.9—3.9.6	
April 14	13-15	Å2003	Lecture 2	The Milky Way The Local Group	2.1—2.4.2, 6.1—6.1.3	
April 19	15-17	Å80109	Lecture 3	Dark matter in galaxies	2.4.3, 3.3.4, 4.4.4, 7.6—7.6.3, 7.8, 8.2.2—8.2.3	

Course literature

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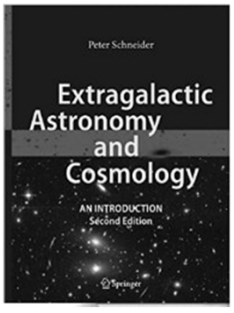
Around 700 SEK

Note: E-version available from UU library



Intermission: What are you looking at?

Examination

- Three exercise sessions
- Hand-in exercises
- Three seminars
- One computer/laboratory exercise
- Written essay (minimum 3 pages) + oral presentation (10 minutes)

But no written test!

Exercise sessions

- **Session 1:** April 20, 13-15
- **Session 2:** April 27, 13-15
- **Session 3:** May 17, 10-12
- **Objective:** Solve problems *together* in class

Exercise sessions

- **Preparation:**
  - Bring pen, paper, calculator/computer, preferably textbook
  - Session I: No preparation required
  - Session II/III: Study exercises and solutions posted on course homepage
- **Grade:** Pass/Fail

No-show or not actively participating → Need to complete more hand-in exercises

Exercise session I: Fermi problems

Objective: Gain skill in making back-of-the-envelope calculations

Examples:

- How much gold is there in the Milky Way?
- How many galaxies are there in the Observable Universe?

Compete in teams - win marvelous prizes!

Exercises and solutions on the course homepage

Make sure you understand the solutions before coming to exercise session II & III!

The problems we solve in class will be similar.

Hand-in exercises

- 3 exercises downloadable from the course homepage
- Submit by email **Deadline:** June 14
- **Grade:** Fail, 3, 4, 5
- Collaboration OK, but please don't turn in identical solutions!


Physics of Galaxies
Hand-in exercises 2017

Instructions: These are the three problems you need to solve to pass the course if you have already actively participated in the three exercise sessions. In case you failed to participate in either of these, you should contact the teacher for additional problems to solve in order to pass the course. Hand-written solutions are quite acceptable, but submission via email is highly encouraged (and will allow for a swifter evaluation), so please consider scanning your solutions (or taking photos of them) and submitting them in electronic format. The deadline for handing in solutions to these problems is **June 14, 2017.**

1. *Cosmic star formation.* How many stars are there in the observable Universe? Make an order-of-magnitude estimate of this, quantify the uncertainty and make a top-3 list of the most important shortcomings/simplifications that are likely to affect your estimate (and clearly explain why this is so).

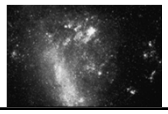
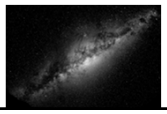
2. *Population synthesis.* Use the table of stellar parameters below to generate a simple-population synthesis model. Assume that the stellar population of your model galaxy only consists of three types of stars (O5, A0 and M0), all formed at the same time, and that the relative number of stars of each type is given by the Salpeter IMF.

Note: If you didn't actively participate in the exercise sessions, you need to hand in additional exercises – please contact me if this situation should arise

Intermission: What are you looking at?

Literature exercise

- Choose subject individually
- Find suitable articles
  - Published papers (ADS abstract service) http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abstract_service.html Preprints: http://www.arxiv.org
- Written report (≥ 3 pages), deadline May 24
  - **Grade:** Fail, 3, 4, 5
- Oral presentation (≈ 10 minutes), May 30
  - **Grade:** Fail, 3, 4, 5

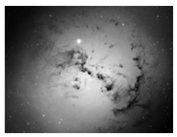
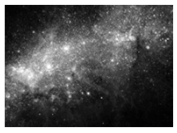



Required format of written report

- Abstract
- Introduction
- Main text (with references)
- Reference list
  - Should be mostly research or review papers
  - Please avoid using the textbook, popular science papers or homepages as references **Exception:** Links to project pages of upcoming telescopes, surveys etc. may be necessary if there is no proper paper out yet

Suggested topics

- The first stars
- Origin of supermassive black holes
- Galaxies and cosmic reionization
- Ultrafaint dwarfs
- Extragalactic background radiation
- Galactic archeology
- Magnetic fields in galaxies
- Conditions for life on galactic scales
- Science cases of future telescopes (pick one!):
  - James Webb Space Telescope
  - European Extremely Large Telescope
  - Square Kilometer Array

But please feel free to suggest other topics!

Seminars

- Small "simulations" of what the working as a scientist is really like
- Three seminars:
  - 1. May 3, 10-12
  - 2. May 22, 13-15
  - 3. May 29, 10-12
- Instructions available from course homepage

Seminars

- Purpose:
  - Practice finding and reading relevant research papers
  - Practice critical thinking
  - Practice analyzing astronomical data
  - Practice scientific creativity
  - Practice communication skills
  - Practice working in a team
- What if you cannot attend the seminars?
  - Have to hand in written report instead

  (→ more work!)

Seminar I: Strange galaxy

- **Grade:** Pass/fail
- Puzzle-solving game aiming to teach you about observational techniques in extragalactic astronomy
- Preparation: Read section 1.3-1.4 in textbook

Seminar I: Strange Galaxy

General instructions

This document provides instructions for the first of the three seminars forming part of the examination for the course *Physics of Galaxies* in 2017. This is an exercise with game-like mechanics that aims to provide insight into some of the observational techniques commonly used in extragalactic astronomy.

In the *Strange galaxy* game, you will be assigned to different teams and presented with a sequence of observational problems to solve. Each such scenario involves a set of observational data on an unusual, poorly understood galaxy or other astronomical object. The objective is to understand the nature of object by gathering additional information through carefully chosen follow-up measurements. There are many observational methods that can be applied in each situation (optical monitoring, ultraviolet spectroscopy, high-resolution near-infrared imaging etc.) and they all provide slightly different clues to the

Seminar II: An amazing discovery / Crackpot?

- **Grade:** Pass/fail
- Role-playing exercise
- Preparation:
  - Study the two scenarios in the instructions
  - Read the material available in the student portal

Seminar II: An amazing discovery / Crackpot?

General instructions

This document provides instructions for the second of the three seminars forming part of the examination for the course *Physics of Galaxies* in 2017. This is a role-playing exercise that will cast you into situations that scientists (and especially astronomers) frequently encounter, yet in general tend to be rather poorly prepared for.

The point of this exercise is to:

- Practice reading research papers, press releases and other scientific texts in the field of extragalactic astronomy

Seminar III: The most distant galaxies

- **Grade:** Fail, 3, 4, 5
- Preparation:
  - Read suggested papers + others
  - Answer questions + analyze dataset
  - Prepare to present answers and results in class

Seminar III: The most distant galaxies

General instructions

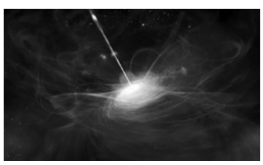
This document provides preparation instructions for third of the three seminars forming part of the examination for the course *Physics of Galaxies* in 2017. The topic of this seminar is *The most distant galaxies*.

Galaxies are being detected at ever-increasing redshifts, and as of 2017, a number of photometric galaxy candidates have been claimed at $z \approx 10$–12, i.e. at about 300-500 Myr after the Big Bang. So far, only one such object has been confirmed through spectroscopy (at $z \approx 11.1$), but the race to detect even more of those primordial galaxies is on.

The point of this exercise is to:

Database exercise ("lab")

- Introduction to exercise in lecture 6
- Complete individually and hand in report no later than June 7
- **Grade:** Fail, 3, 4, 5



Intermission: What are you looking at?

Schedule I

Complete schedule on course homepage!

- 8 Lectures:
  - March 23, 13—15
  - March 28, 13—15
  - March 30, 15—17
  - April 7, 15—17
  - April 19, 10-12
  - April 21, 13—15 ← **Includes introduction to database exercise**
  - April 25, 15—17
  - April 26, 10—12
- 3 Exercise sessions:
  - April 20, 13—15
  - April 27, 13—15
  - May 17, 10—12

Schedule II

- 3 seminars:
  1. May 3, 10-12
  2. May 22, 13-15
  3. May 29, 10-12
- Oral presentations of literature exercises
  - May 30, 15—17 + additional date?


Grades

- Final grade will be the mean grade from:
  - Seminar 3
  - Written report on literature exercise
  - Oral presentation of literature exercise
  - Report from database exercise
  - Hand-in exercises
- No final grade will be computed until you have a reached a passing grade (3 or higher) for each of these
- Please note that you also need a passing grade from the three exercise sessions and seminar 1 & 2 to complete the course

Grades – example

1) Seminar 3
   Grade: 4
2) Written report on literature exercise
   Grade: 4
3) Oral presentation on literature exercise
   Grade: 3
4) Report on computer exercise
   Grade: 5
5) Hand-in exercises
   Grade: 3

Calculate mean grade: $(4+4+3+5+3)/5 = 3.8 \approx 4$
Final grade: 4:

How much time will I have to spend on this course?

My estimates:

- Attending lectures, exercise sessions, seminars etc. ≈ 0.75 week
- Reading the textbook ≈ 1.25 weeks
- Preparing for exercise sessions ≈ 0.5 week
- Preparing for seminars (mostly seminar III) ≈ 1 week
- Computer exercise ≈ 1 week
- Literature exercise (written report + oral presentation) ≈ 1.5 weeks
- Hand-in problems ≈ 0.5 week

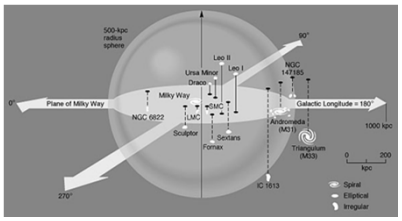
Sum: 6.5 weeks, i.e. ≈ 10 hp

Course Outline

- Lecture 1:
  - Introduction
  - Historical Background
  - Galaxy Classification
  - The Cosmological Framework

Course Outline

- Lecture 2:
  - The Astronomical Distance Scale
  - The Milky Way
  - The Local Group

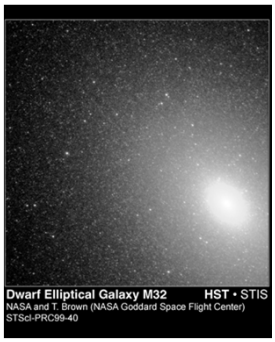


Course Outline

- Lecture 3:
  - Dark matter in galaxies
  - The dark halo
  - Subhalos
  - Mass-to-light ratios
  - Baryon fractions

Course Outline

- Lecture 4:
  - Disk galaxies
  - Elliptical galaxies

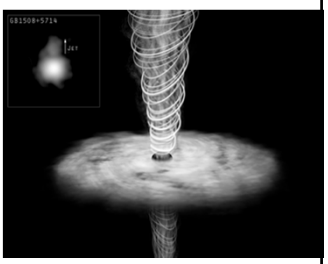


Course Outline

- Lecture 5:
  - Star formation
  - Population synthesis
  - Galaxy spectra
  - The interstellar medium
  - The cosmic star formation history

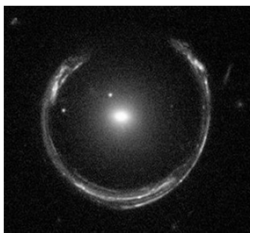
Course Outline

- Lecture 6:
  - Black holes
  - Active galaxies:
    - Quasars
    - Blazars
    - Seyfert Galaxies
    - Radio Galaxies
  - Introduction to database exercise



Course Outline

- Lecture 7:
  - Galaxy groups
  - Galaxy clusters
  - Gravitational lensing



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- Lecture 8:
  - The high-redshift Universe
  - Cosmic reionization
  - The first stars and galaxies

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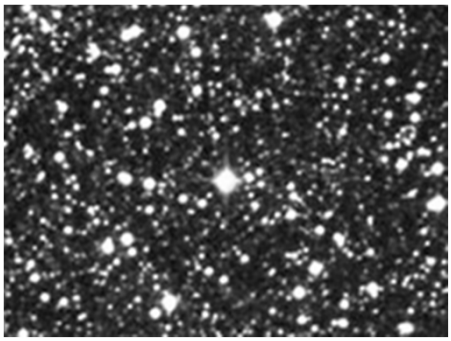
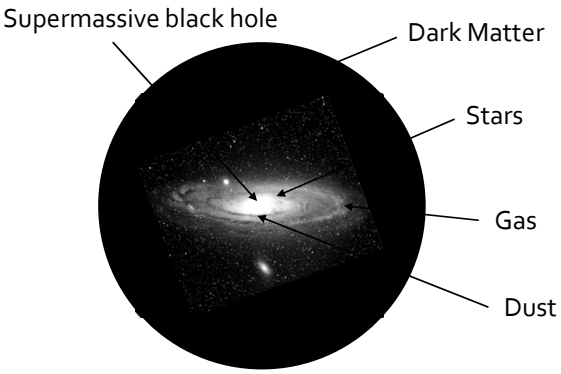


The Anatomy of Galaxies



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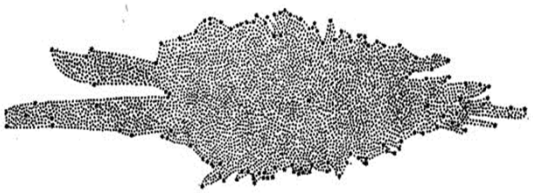

- The "Herschel Universe" (late 1700s): Sun almost in the centre of Milky way
- Dust obscuration towards centre of the Milky Way (left side of figure) not accounted for

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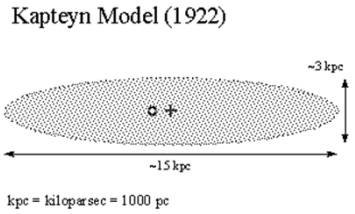
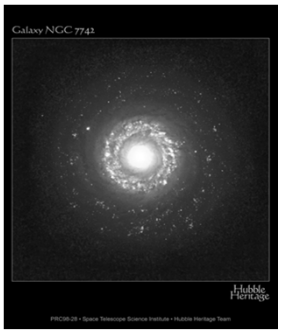


- Sun offset from centre
- Dust obscuration still not accounted for → wrong scale

Historical Background: Other Galaxies

- Mid-1800s: William Parsons (Lord Rosse) discovers spiral structure in nebulae
- 1912: Henrietta Leavitt discovers period-luminosity relation for Cepheids
- 1920s – The Great Debate
  - Shapley (local objects) VS Curtis (outside Milky Way)
  - Outcome: Spiral Nebulae are external galaxies
- 1929 – Expansion of the Universe (Hubble's law)

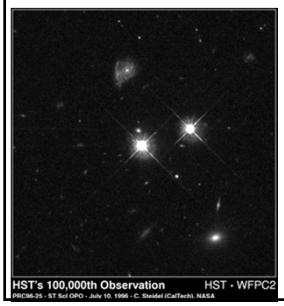
Historical Background: Active Galaxies

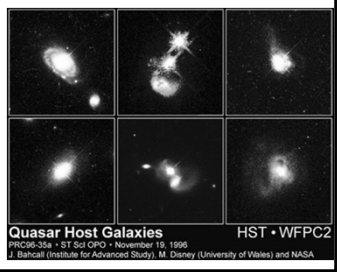


- 1943 - Seyfert Galaxies

Historical Background: Quasars/QSO

- 1960s – Radio Galaxies, Quasars
- Quasi-Stellar Object: QSO, Quasar





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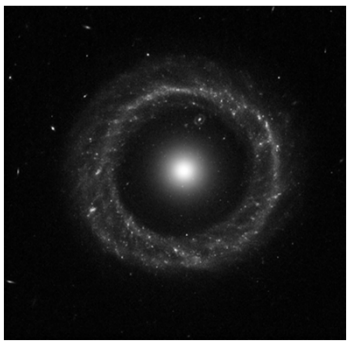
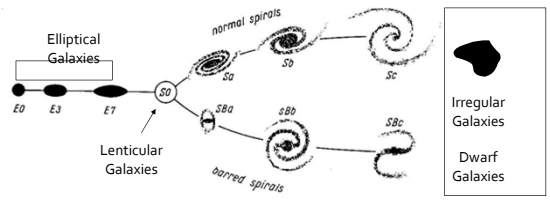


Galaxy Classification
The Hubble Tuning Fork

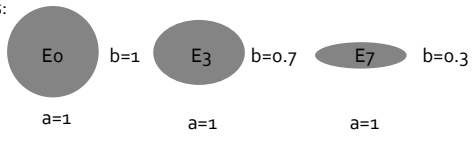


Other famous classification schemes:
- de Vaucoleur
- van den Bergh
- Vorontsov-Velyaminov

Galaxy Classification
Elliptical galaxies

- Type: E*n*, $n = 10\,(a - b)\,/\,a$.
- Major and minor axes: a and b
- → Eo circular, E7 galaxies the most flattened.

Examples:



Galaxy Classification

Lenticular galaxies

- Disk and central bulge, but no spiral arms
- SBo if barred, So otherwise

Examples:

So

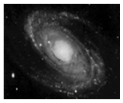
Edge-on

Face-on

Galaxy Classification

Normal Spirals

Sa



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Barred Spirals

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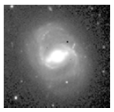

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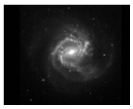


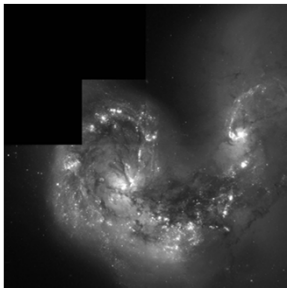
SBc

- Large bulges
- Tightly wound spiral arms
- Few star-forming regions in arms

- Small bulges
- Loosely wound spiral arms
- Many star-forming regions in arms

Galaxy Classification

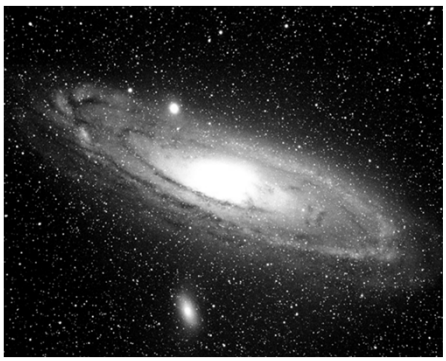
Irregular galaxies (I)



Galaxy Classification

Dwarf galaxies (dE, dSph, dI…) – Low-luminosity objects

Morphological Type?



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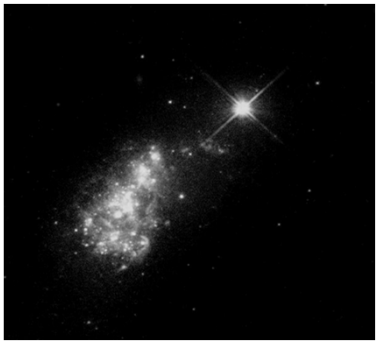
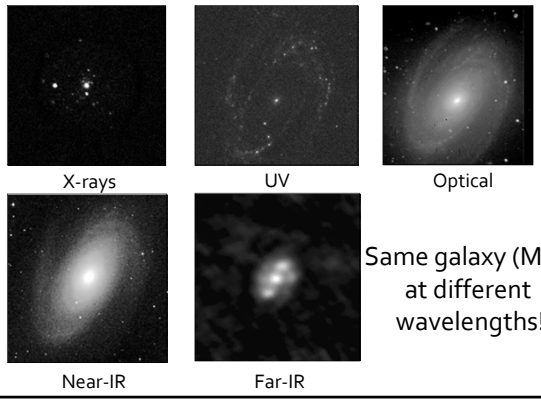


What is the Point of Morphological Classification?

Hubble class correlates with:

- Gas content
- Dust content
- Star-forming properties
- Spectrum
- Metallicity

Morphological Complications



Same galaxy (M81) at different wavelengths!

Morphological Complications

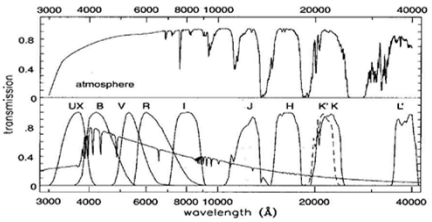


Figure 1.7 Above, atmospheric transmission in the optical and near-infrared. Below, flux F_λ of a model A0 star, with transmission curves $\mathcal{T}(\lambda)$ for standard filters from Bessell, PASP 102, 1181; 1990. UX is a version of the U filter that takes account of atmospheric absorption. For $JHK'KL'$, $\mathcal{T}(\lambda)$ is for transmission through the atmosphere and subsequently through the filter.

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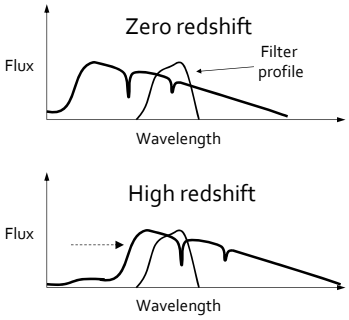

- Same filter probe different parts of spectrum at high and low redshifts
- Two galaxies with identical morphologies at a given rest wavelength may appear to have different morphologies

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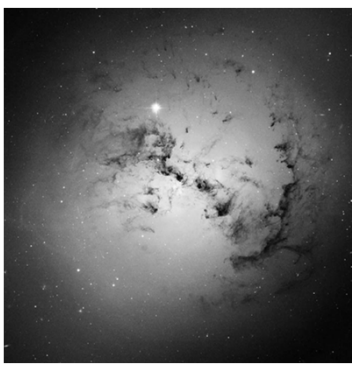

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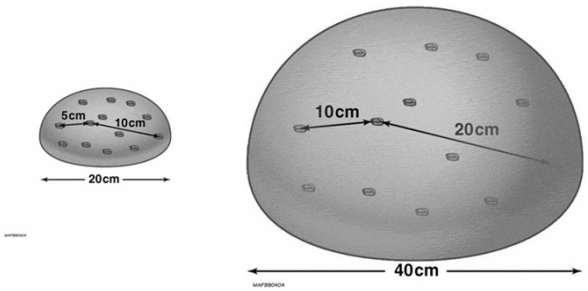

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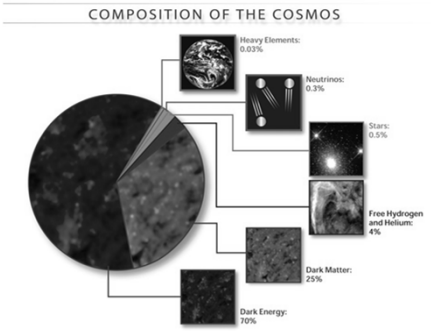

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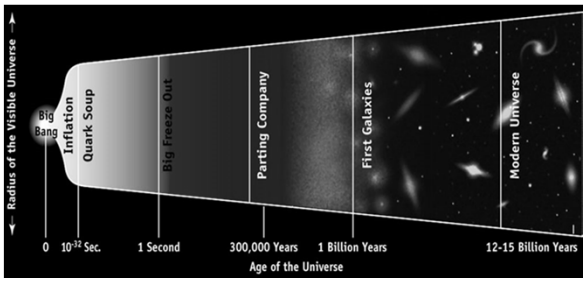

The Cosmological Framework IV

- $\Omega_i = \rho_i / \rho_c$
- ρ_c = critical density of the Universe
- $\Omega_{Tot} \approx 1.0$
- $\Omega_{Baryons} \approx 0.04$
- $\Omega_M \approx 0.3$
- $\Omega_\Lambda \approx 0.7$