

I never understood why the theory of relativity with its concepts and problems so far removed from practical life should for so long have met with a lively, or indeed passionate, resonance among broad circles of the public ... I have never yet heard a truly convincing answer to this question

Philosopher Richard Dawid, one of the organizers of the Munich meeting, has observed the same development and, in his book “String theory and the scientific method” argued that

string theorists in particular use a method of “non-empirical theory confirmation.” This method is used during the development of a theory and is based on collecting indications which increase the physicists’ confidence that a theory describes nature. These indications are, for example, the amount (or absence of) alternative solutions to a problem, the degree by which a theory is connected to already confirmed theories, and the amount of unexpected insights that the theories give rise to

*The physics, both of the Academy and the Lycaenum,  
as they are built, not on observation, but on argument,  
have retarded the progress of real knowledge.*

*Edward Gibbon*

*The History of The Decline and Fall of the Roman  
Empire, Vol. 5*

*"In questions of science the authority of a thousand  
is not worth the humble reasoning of a single individual  
...the modern observations deprive all former writers of  
any authority..."*

*Galileo (December 1612)*

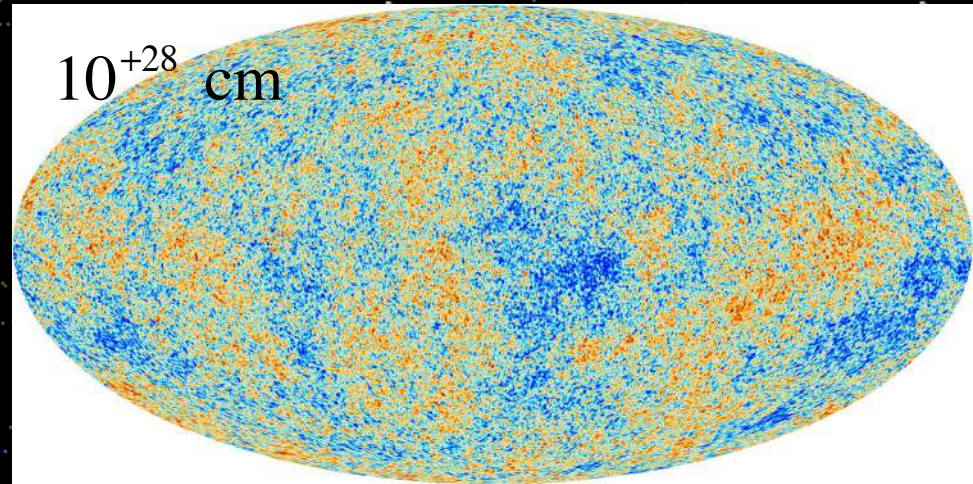
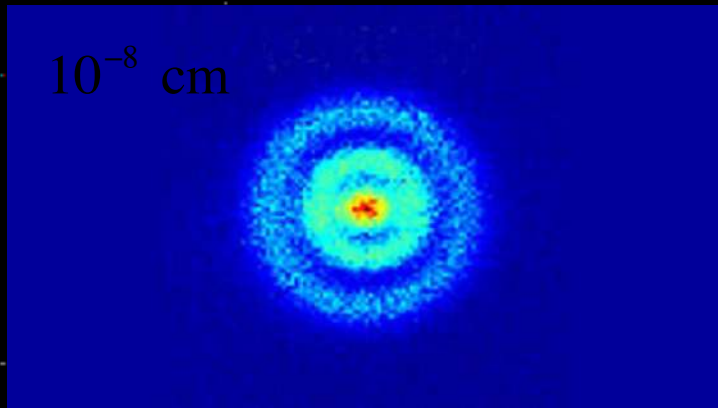
# The Quantum Universe

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The efforts to understand the universe is one of the very few things that lifts human life a little above the level of farce...

S. Weinberg, 1977



$$\Delta q \times \Delta p \geq \frac{1}{2} \hbar$$

# Before 1990

Notre concitoyen, disaient-ils en pleurant,  
Perd l'esprit : la lecture a gâté Démocrite.  
Nous l'estimerions plus s'il était ignorant.  
Aucun nombre, dit-il, les mondes ne limite :  
Peut-être même ils sont remplis  
De Démocrites infinis.

**La Fontaine**

“Our fellow citizen,” they said, “has lost his mind”  
Reading has ruined Democritus.  
If he knew less he’d have more sympathy from us.  
There are more worlds, he claims, in number infinite,  
And each of them may have in it  
Another Democritus.

**La Fontaine**

“Only by their breaking could the divine configurations be perfected”

Kabbalistic text; Ta'alumoth Chokhmah (The Channels of Wisdom)  
1629, Joseph Samomon del Medigo of Crete







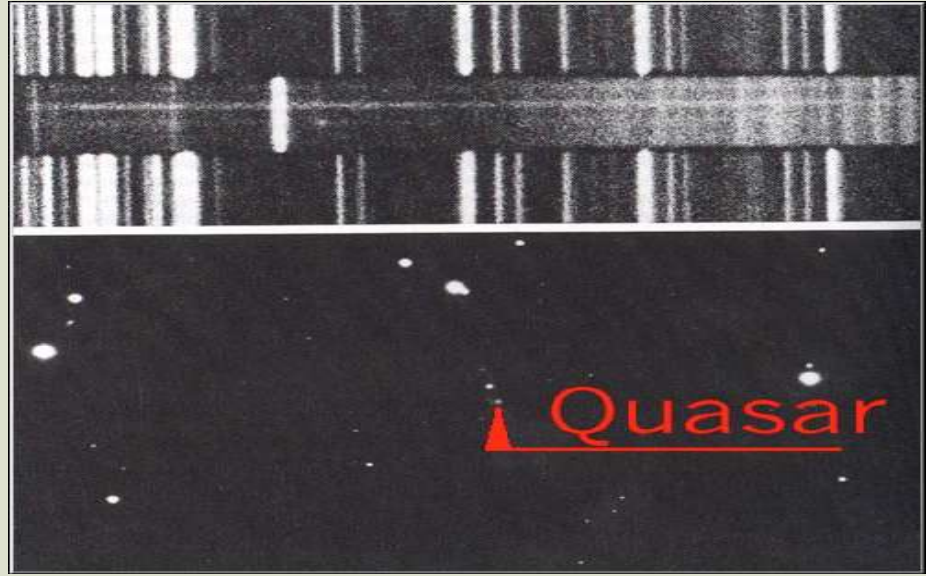




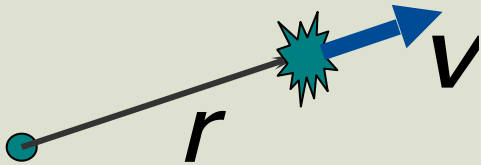




# ● The Universe expands



## ● Hubble law



$$v = Hr$$

$$t \sim \frac{r}{v} = \frac{1}{H} \sim 13,7 \text{ bil. years}$$



There is baryonic matter:

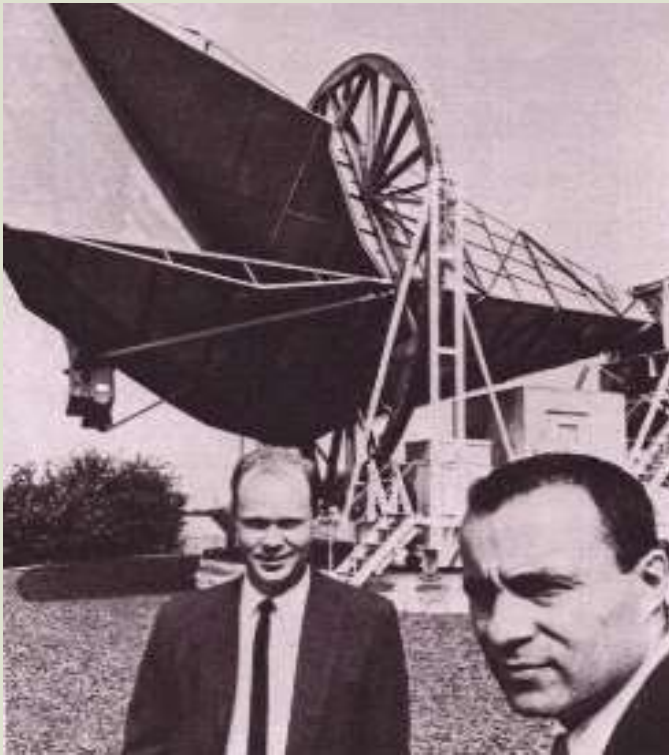
about 25% of  $^4\text{He}$ , D...heavy elements

Dark Matter???? baryonic origin???

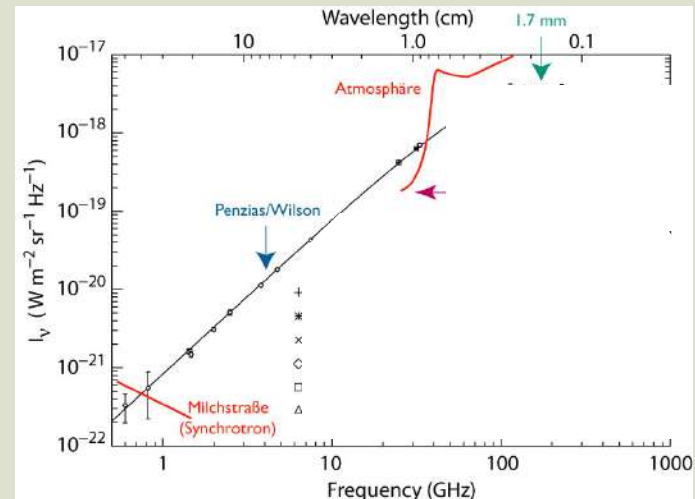
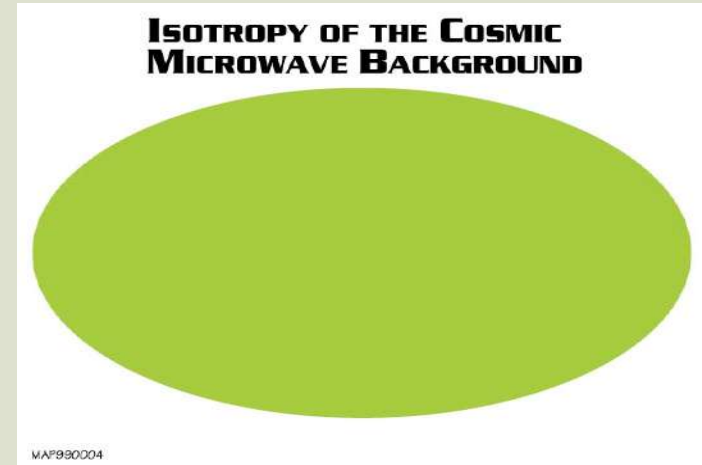
Large Scale Structure: clusters of galaxies!

Filaments, Voids????????????????????

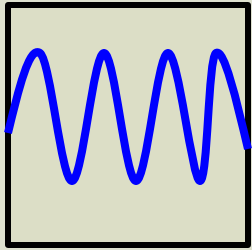
- There exists background radiation with the temperature  $T \approx 3K$



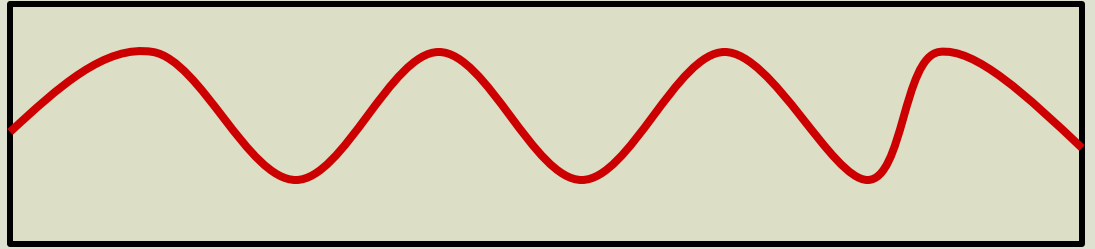
Penzias, Wilson 1965







$a$



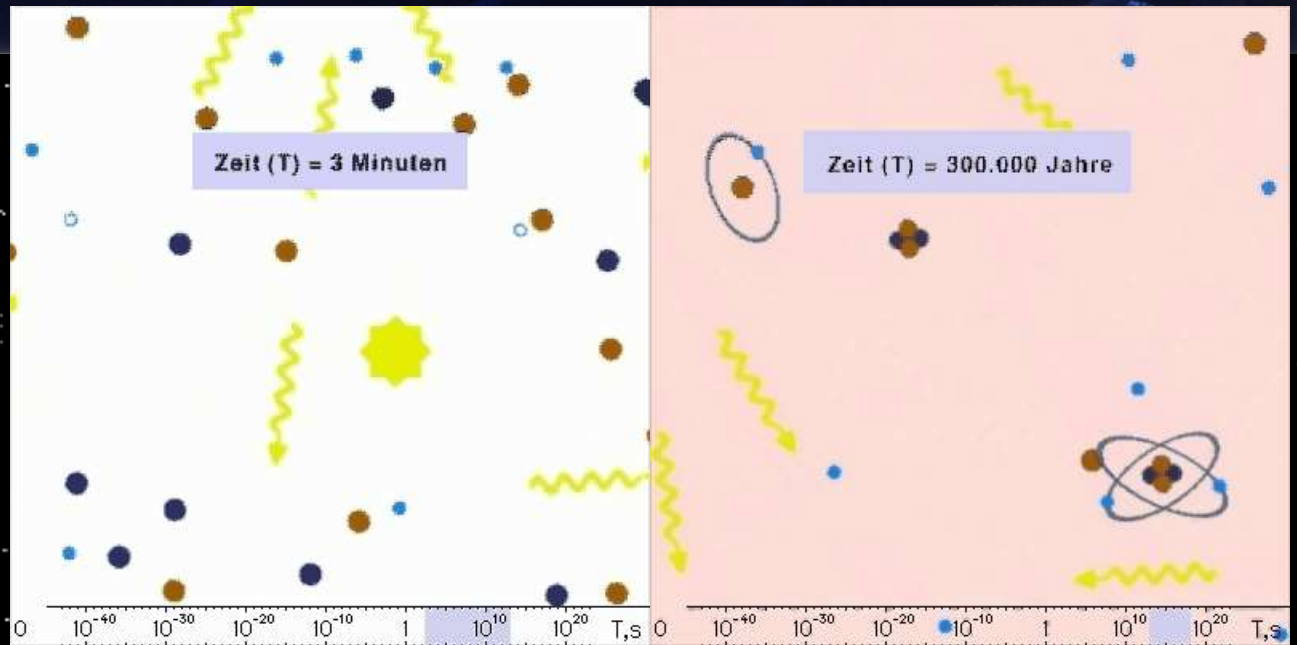
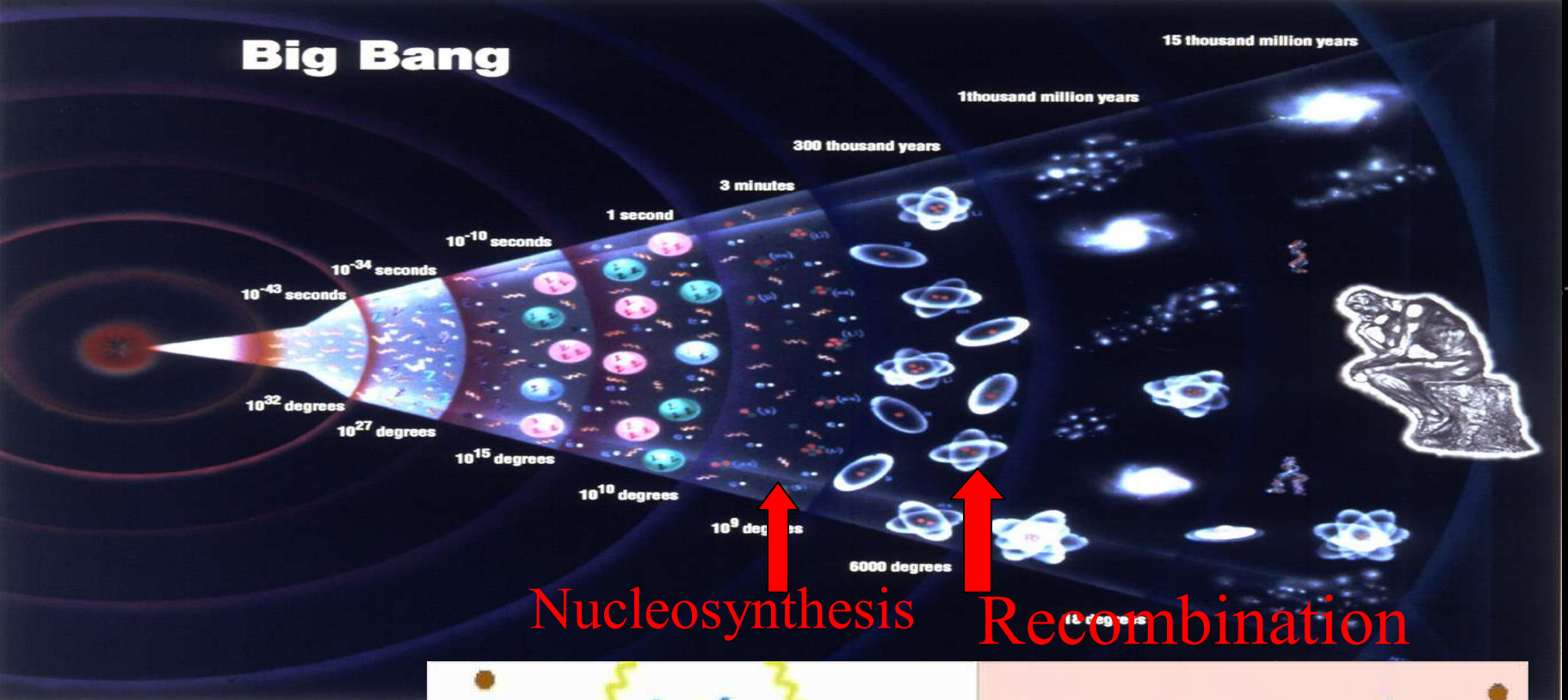
$$\lambda \propto a$$



$$T \propto \frac{1}{a}$$

When the Universe was 1000 times smaller  
its temperature was about  $2725^{\circ}K$

# Big Bang



# Big Bang



Very homogeneous



15 thousand million years

1 million years

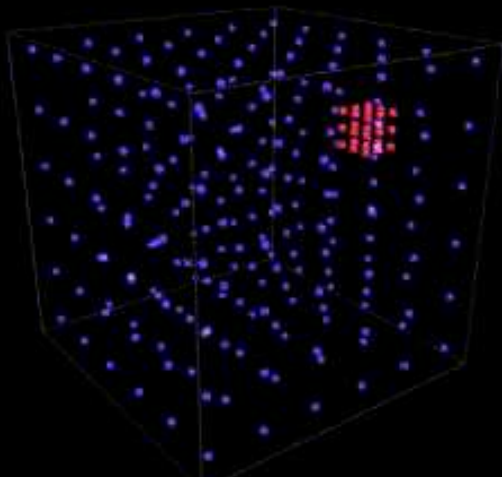
18 degrees

3 degrees K

Inhomogeneous

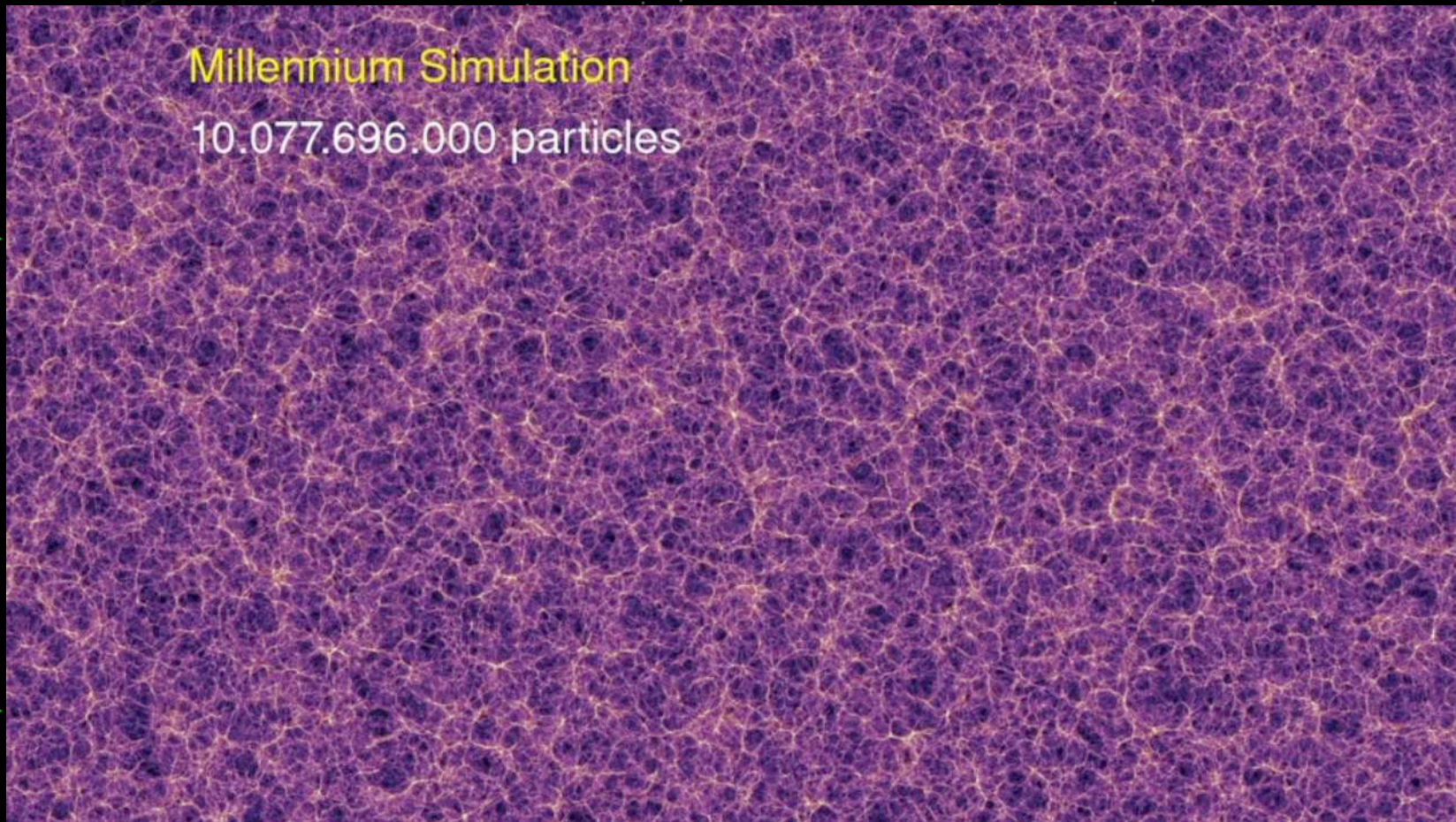






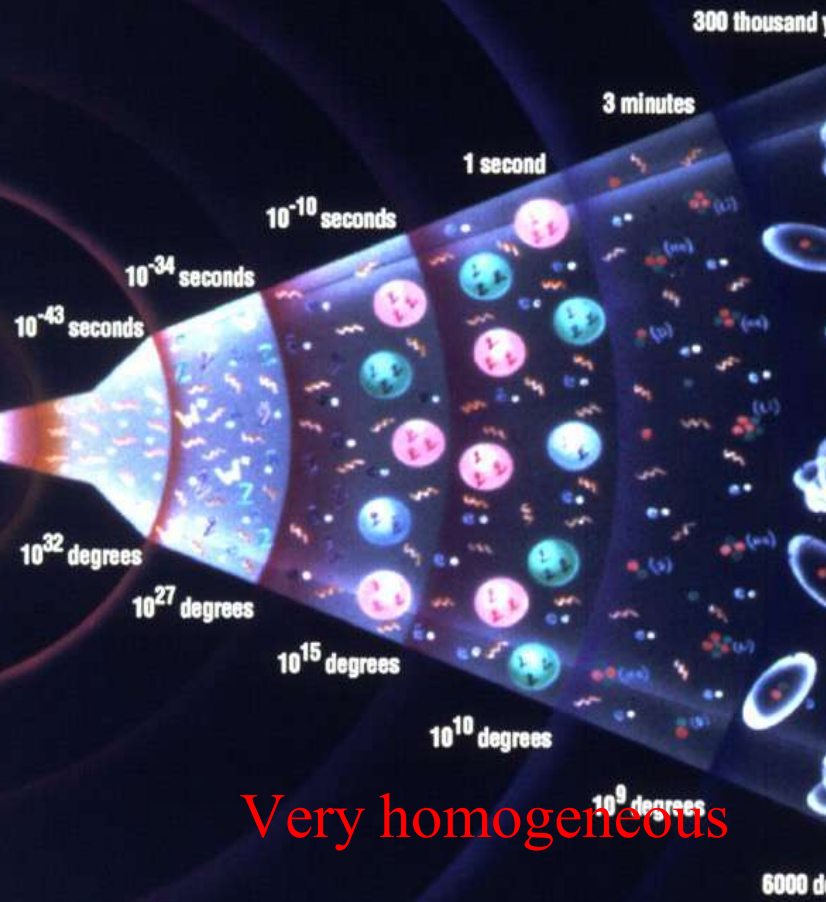
Millennium Simulation

10,077,696,000 particles

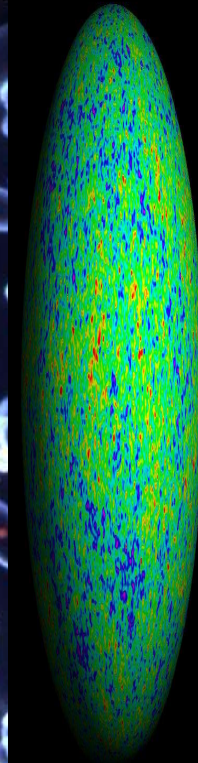




# Big Bang



Very homogeneous



6000 degrees

18 degrees

3 degrees K

Inhomogeneous

15 thousand million years

History of the Universe  
Museum of the Universe



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## Quantum fluctuations and a nonsingular Universe

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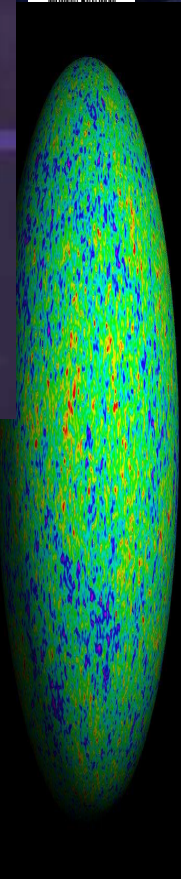
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Very homogeneous

6000 degrees

History of the Universe  
Matter & Energy



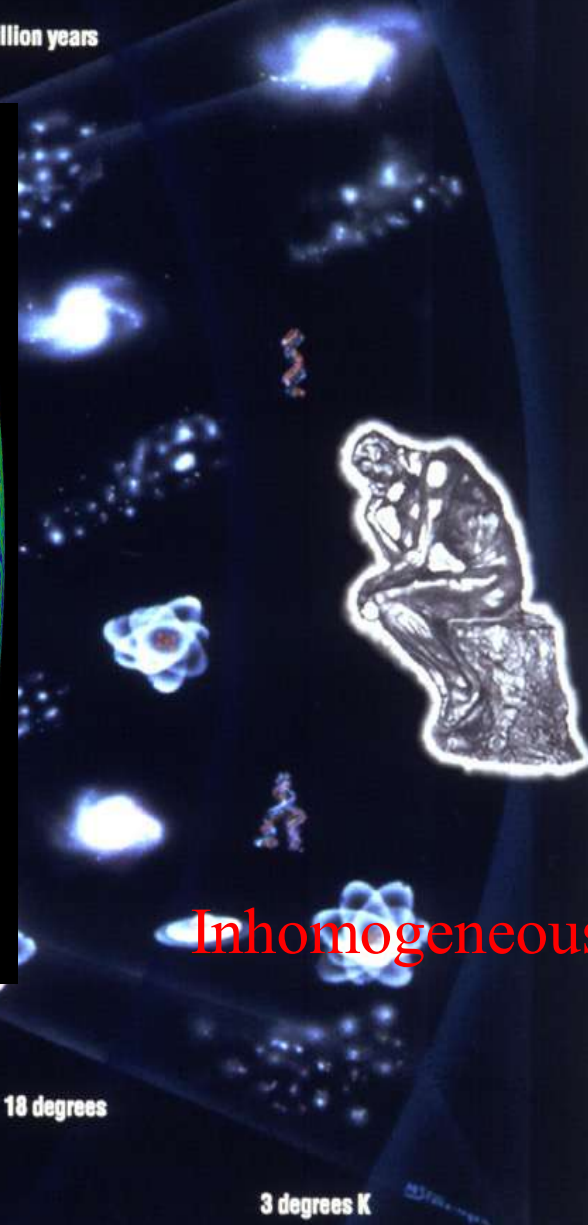
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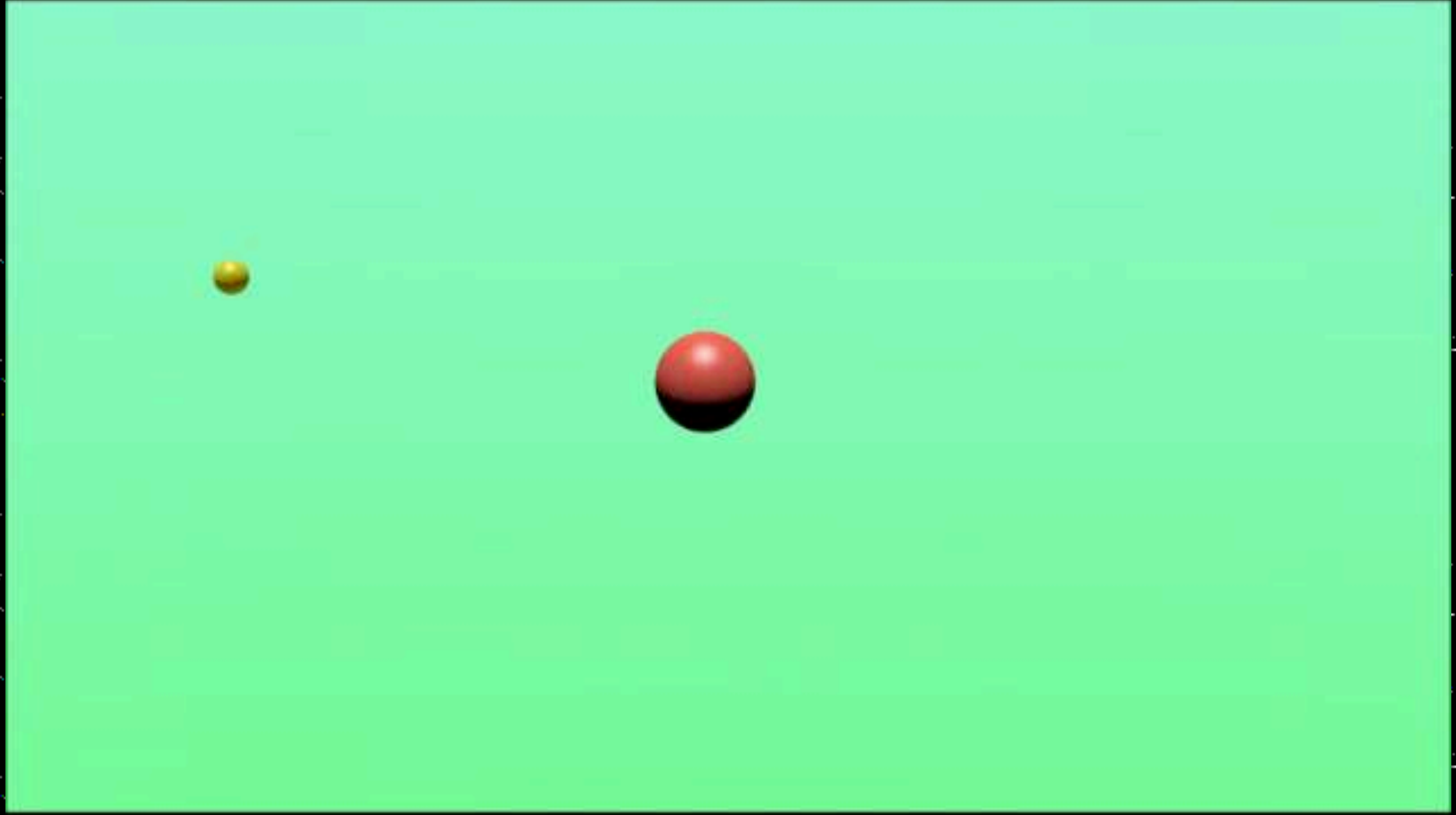
3 degrees K

15 thousand million years

million years

Inhomogeneous









$$\Delta x \, m \Delta v \geq \hbar$$



$$\rightarrow \Delta p \Delta x \geq h$$

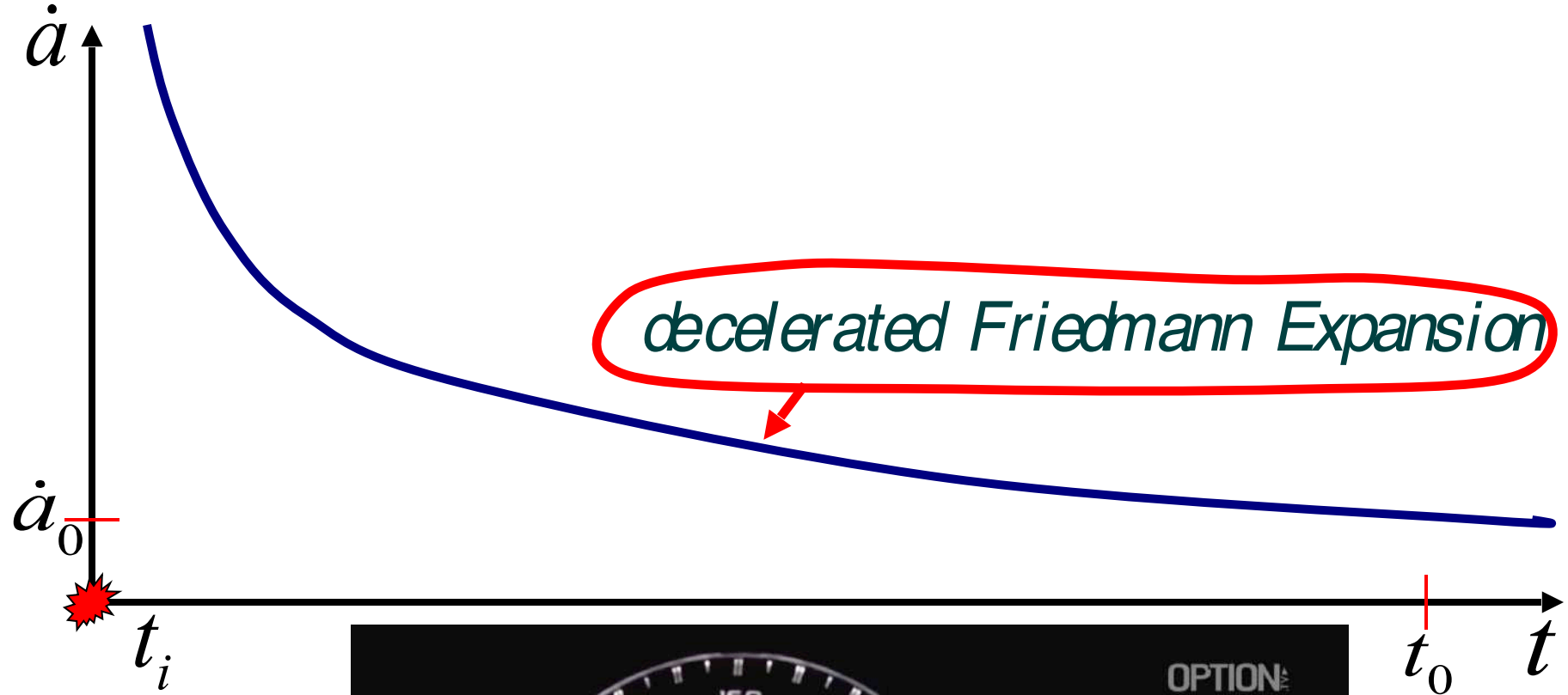
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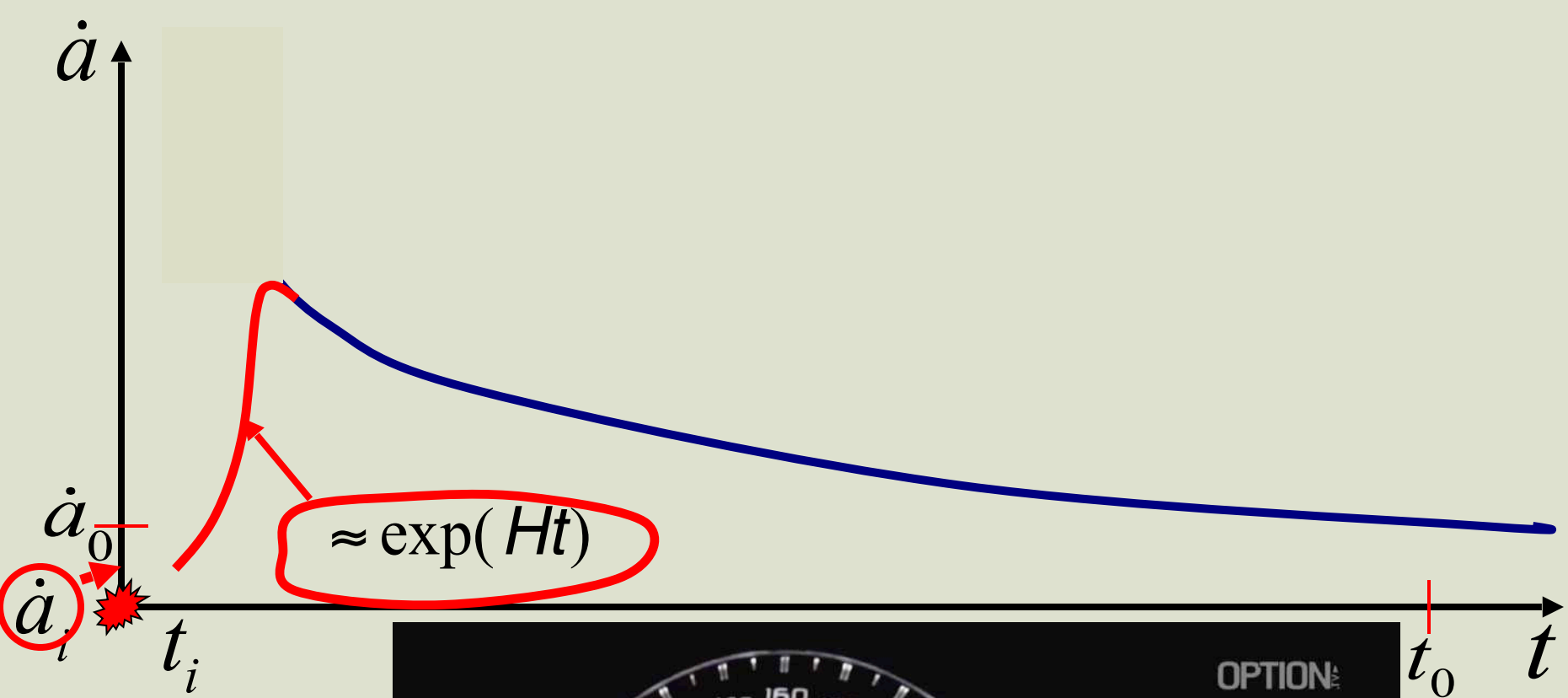
There always exist **unavoidable**  
Quantum Fluctuations



Quantum fluctuations in the density distribution are large ( $10^{-5}$ )  
only in extremely small scales ( $\sim 10^{-33}$  cm),  
but very small ( $\sim 10^{-58}$ ) on galactic scales ( $\sim 10^{25}$  cm)

Can we transfer the large fluctuations from extremely  
small scales to large scales???





# Predictions!!!

1)

**Does space have a shape?**

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**Euclidian  
Space**



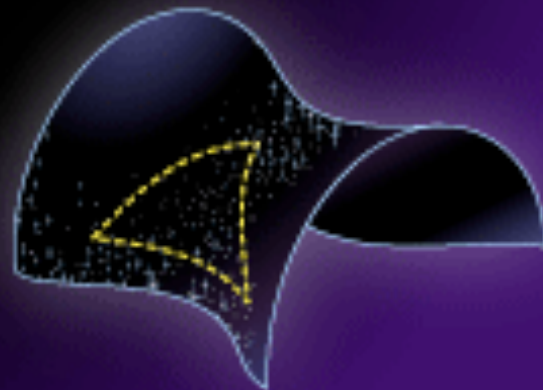
Zero Curvature

**Elliptical  
Space**



Positive Curvature

**Hyperbolic  
Space**

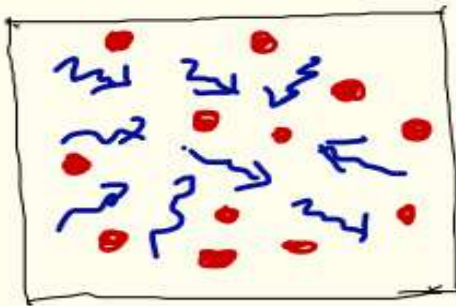


Negative Curvature

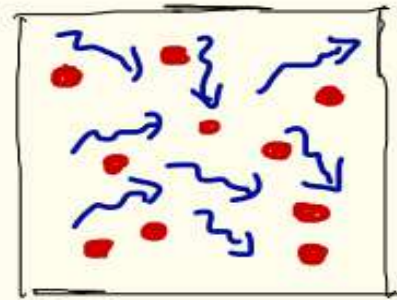
$$\Omega = 1$$

# Perturbations (inhomogeneities) are:

## 2) Adiabatic (MC 1981)



100 photons  
50 baryons



98 photons  
49 baryons

$$~~49 - 2 = 47~~$$

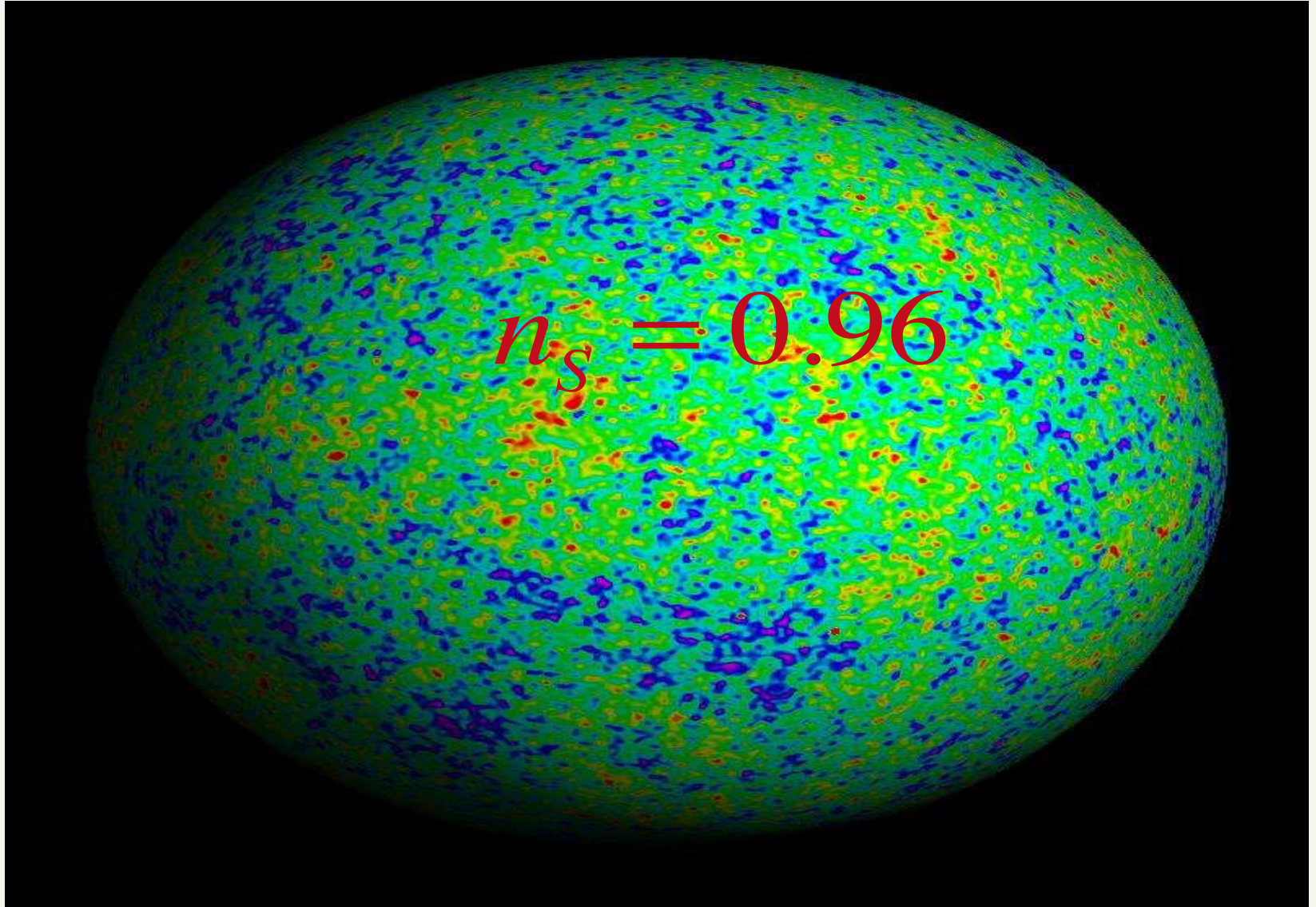
### 3) Gaussian (MC 1981)



$$\Phi = \Phi_g + f_{NL} \Phi_g^2, \text{ where } f_{NL} = O(1) \text{ (MC, 81)}$$



4) have log spectrum (MC 1981)





$$\frac{\textit{female}}{\textit{male}} = 0.96$$

4) Have log spectrum (MC, 81; H, 82)

$$\Phi^2 \propto \ln^2(\lambda / \lambda_{CMB}) \propto \lambda^{1-n_s}$$

$$n_s = 1 - \frac{2}{\ln(\lambda_{gal} / \lambda_{CMB})} \approx 0.96!!!$$

*L.P.* 9/6/2003:

We are writing a proposal to get money to do our small angular scale CMB experiment. If I say that simple models of inflation require  $n_s=0.95\pm0.03$  (95\% cl) is it correct?

I'm especially interested in the error. Specifically, if  $n_s=0.99$  would you throw in the towel on inflation?

*V.M.* 9/8/2003

The "robust" estimate for spectral index for inflation is  $0.92 < n_s < 0.97$ .

The upper bound is more robust than lower. The physical reason for the deviation of spectrum from the flat one is the necessity to finish inflation....

If you find  $n_s=0.99 \pm 0.01$  (3 sigma) I would throw in the towel on inflation.