# Dark Matter and Dark Energy

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## **Best Evidence**

• The **best evidence** (though not the first evidence) for both dark matter and dark energy came from measurements of the **Cosmic Microwave Background** (kosmische Mikrowellenhintergrundstrahlung)

## Fireball Universe

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#### Expansion Space



# Definitive Result

- Those photons which filled the fireball Universe are still with us
- There are 410 such photons per cubic centimetre

 Due to the expansion of space and cooling down, these photons are cold, and their wavelength is in the radio/microwave region

#### Full-dome movie by Director Hiromitsu Kohsaka "HORIZON" Beyond the Edge of the Visible Universe

**Trailer available on YouTube** 

Nominated for one of 12 movies, which will be shown at the upcoming "FullDome Festival" at Jena, May 23–26, 2018

### http://fulldome-festival.de

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All you need to do is to detect radio waves. For example, 1% of noise on the TV is from the fireball Universe

### Sky in the visible light [~500nm]

courtesy University of Arizona

#### Sky in the microwaves [~1mm]

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## Light from the fireball Universe filling our sky

### The Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB)

courtesy University of Arizona

**The sky in various wavelengths** Visible -> Near Infrared -> Far Infrared -> Submillimeter -> Microwave

#### WMAP Science Team July 19, 2002

Prof. Wilkinson

- WMAP was launched on June 30, 2001
- The WMAP mission ended after 9 years of operation



### Data Analysis

- Decompose temperature fluctuations in the sky into a set of waves with various wavelengths
- Make a diagram showing the strength of each wavelength







### Kosmische Miso Suppe

- When matter and radiation were hotter than 3000 K, matter was completely ionised. The Universe was filled with plasma, which behaves just like a soup
- Think about a Miso soup (if you know what it is). Imagine throwing Tofus into a Miso soup, while changing the density of Miso
- And imagine watching how ripples are created and propagate throughout the soup





## Cosmic Pie Chart



- WMAP determined the abundance of various components in the Universe
- As a result, we came to realise that we do not understand 95% of our Universe...





- **Dunkle Materie**
- **Dunkle Energie**

#### Matter and Expansion

•How would space expand in an empty Universe?

 A: Continue to expand with a constant velocity (i.e., no acceleration or deceleration)

How would space expand in a matter-dominated Unvierse?
A: Gravity pulls space and expansion decelerates

• Too much matter means a re-collapse of the Universe!



#### Accelerating Universe

- However, the observations tell us that expansion is speeding up!
- This cannot be due to matter
  - -Something that is not even matter: Dark Energy



# No Dark Energy on Earth

### 暗黒エネルギーが支配する場合 What if Dark Energy dominates?

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### Dark Energy determines the future of the Universe

# Future of the Universe

- It all depends on what Dark Energy will do!
  - We are "safe" in Earth because there is a lot more matter than Dark Energy on Earth today
- If Dark Energy stays the same or decreases in the future, we will be safe forever
- If Dark Energy increases over time, it will eventually exceed the matter density, and everything will be ripped apart. A catastrophic ending called "Big Rip"



### **Big Rip**