



Fundamentalist physics

or..

Butterfly collecting











Observatories vs

(HST or SDSS)

Designed for general tasks Serves a diverse community Program built through proposals Many teams of all sizes Many results unanticipated Synthetic/astrophysics skills Public support as a facility

Experiments

(ATLAS or WMAP)

Optimised for a single task Serves a coherent community Program set at design A single team Main results "planned" Analytic/data-process. skills Public impact through results

Dark Matter and Dark Energy

Both are unknown



DM affects all aspects of cosmic structure formation and <u>may</u> be detectable directly, indirectly, or at accelerators

DE (apparently) affects only a(t) and g(t), both of which are already known to fairly high precision — can be investigated only by "precision" astronomy

Dangers of Dark Energy

• Inappropriate risk assessment

- --- likelihood of an "uninteresting" result
- --- likelihood of limitation by unanticipated systematics

Overly narrow investment strategy
 --- optimisation for the primary "experimental" goal

 elimination of ability to address other issues

• Undermining astronomy's cultural foundation

- --- Division of labour/ role and power of "teams"
- --- Allocation of scientific credit
- --- Attraction for creative young scientists
- --- Attraction for the general public





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5	ELLIS, RS	113	6,138	54.32
6	KOUVELIOTOU, C	190	5,228	27.52
7	HUCHRA, JP	124	5,207	41.99
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4	YORK, DG	206	12,803	62.15		
5	IVEZIC, Z	152	12,030	79.14		
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8	FRENK, CS	132	11,410	86.44		
9	STRAUSS, MA	154	11,392	73.97		
10	FUKUGITA, M	128	11,177	87.32		

What should be done?

- Recognise (and exploit) astro./H.E. cultural differences
- Design instruments to address a wide spectrum of issues
- Prioritise based on broad impact as well as primary goal
- Promote creative "secondary" science within large projects
- Assign scientific credit based on <u>intellectual</u> contribution
- Ensure "astro" projects enhance creativity in astrophysics