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Still bad for astronomy six years later?

Λ – an unwelcome guest?

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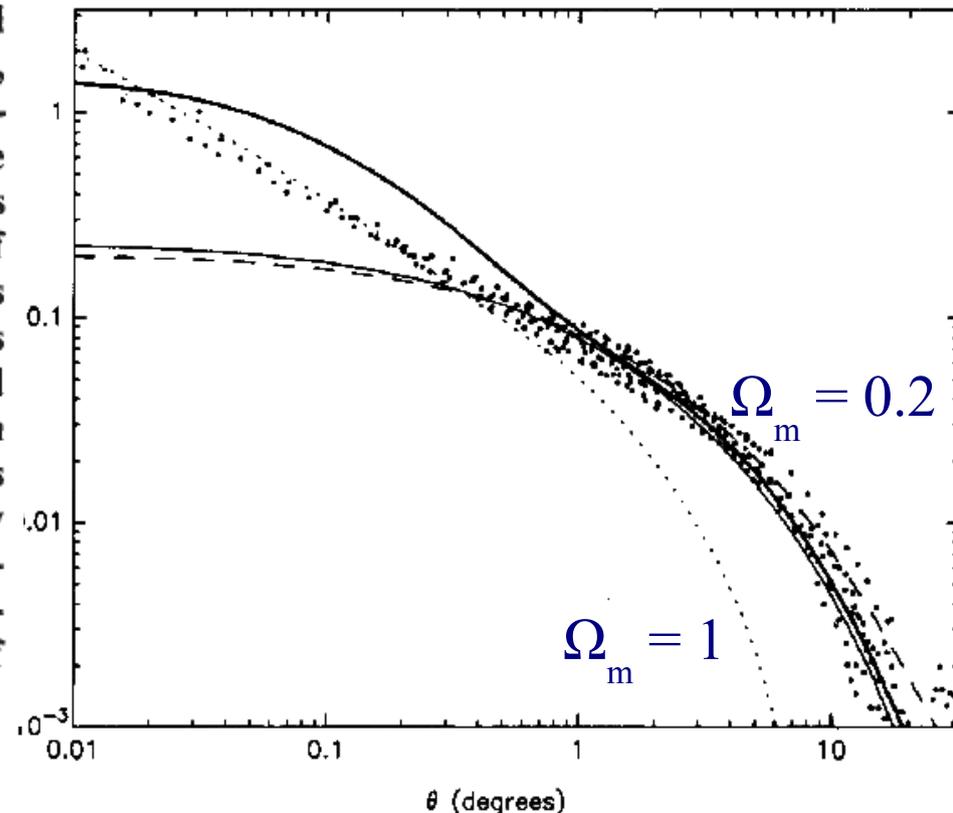
The cosmological constant and cold dark matter

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THE cold dark matter (CDM) model¹⁻⁴ for the formation and distribution of galaxies in a universe with exactly the critical density is theoretically appealing and has proved to be durable, but recent work⁵⁻⁸ suggests that there is more cosmological structure on very large scales ($l > 10 h^{-1}$ Mpc, where h is the Hubble constant H_0 in units of $100 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$) than simple versions of the CDM theory predict. We argue here that the successes of the CDM theory can be retained and the new observations accommodated in a spatially flat cosmology in which as much as 80% of the critical density is provided by a positive cosmological constant, which is dynamically equivalent to endowing the vacuum with a non-zero energy density. In such a universe, expansion was dominated by CDM until a recent epoch, but is now governed by the cosmological constant. As well as explaining large-scale structure, a cosmological constant can account for the lack of fluctuations in the microwave background and the large number of certain kinds of object found at high redshift.

Accept Λ rather than give up on inflation by accepting $\Omega_{\text{tot}} < 1$



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The baryon content of galaxy clusters: a challenge to cosmological orthodoxy

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Baryonic matter constitutes a larger fraction of the total mass of rich galaxy clusters than is predicted by a combination of cosmic nucleosynthesis considerations (light-element formation during the Big Bang) and standard inflationary cosmology. This cannot be accounted for by gravitational and dissipative effects during cluster formation. Either the density of the Universe is less than that required for closure, or there is an error in the standard interpretation of element abundances.

$$\Omega_0 = 0.16 h^{-1}{}^2 / (1 + 0.19 h^3{}^2) \sim 0.23 \quad (8)$$

when the nucleosynthesis value is used for Ω_b . This may be too large as some of the unseen matter may be baryonic. The flat universe required by the inflation model can be rescued by a non-zero cosmological constant, a possibility which has other attractive features⁴¹

Accept Λ rather than give up inflation or Big Bang nucleosynthesis

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...but there nonetheless!

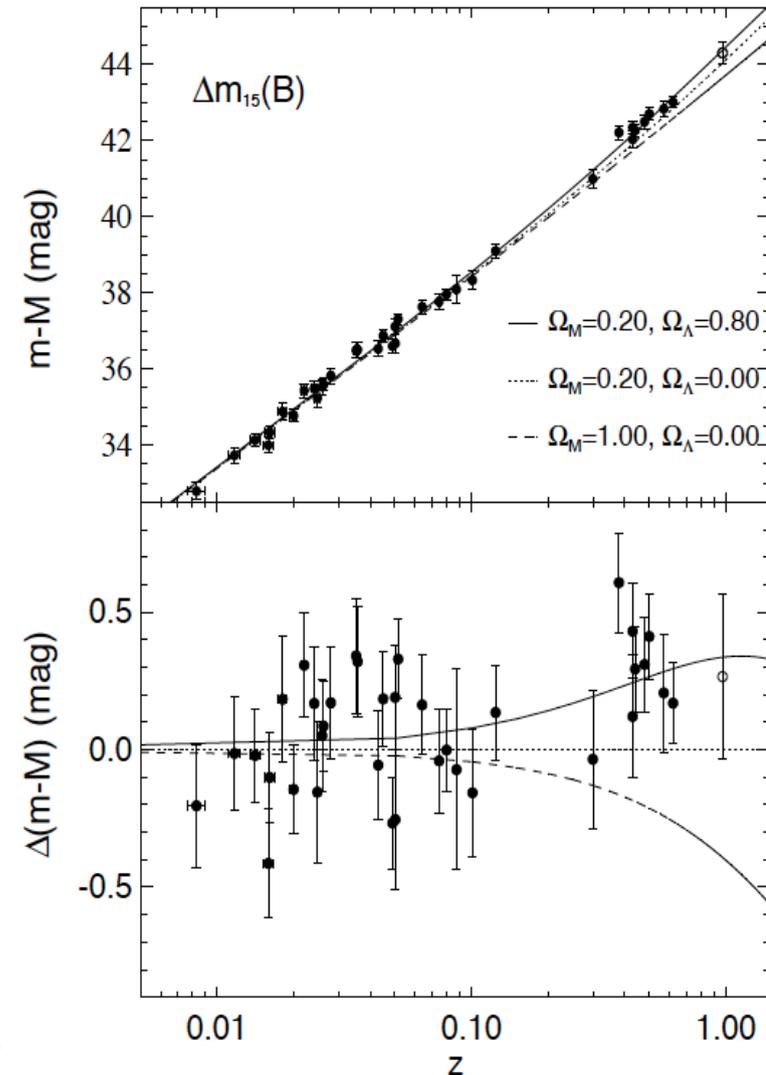
OBSERVATIONAL EVIDENCE FROM SUPERNOVAE FOR AN ACCELERATING UNIVERSE AND A COSMOLOGICAL CONSTANT

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ABSTRACT

We present spectral and photometric observations of 10 Type Ia supernovae (SNe Ia) in the redshift range $0.16 \leq z \leq 0.62$. The luminosity distances of these objects are determined by methods that employ relations between SN Ia luminosity and light curve shape. Combined with previous data from our High- z Supernova Search Team and recent results by Riess et al., this expanded set of 16 high-redshift supernovae and a set of 34 nearby supernovae are used to place constraints on the following cosmological parameters: the Hubble constant (H_0), the mass density (Ω_M), the cosmological constant (i.e., the vacuum energy density, Ω_Λ), the deceleration parameter (q_0), and the dynamical age of the universe (t_0). The distances of the high-redshift SNe Ia are, on average, 10%–15% farther than expected in a low mass density ($\Omega_M = 0.2$) universe without a cosmological constant. Different light curve fitting methods, SN Ia subsamples, and prior constraints unanimously favor eternally expanding models with positive cosmological constant (i.e., $\Omega_\Lambda > 0$) and a current acceleration of the expansion (i.e., $q_0 < 0$). With no prior constraint on mass density other than $\Omega_M \geq 0$, the spectroscopically confirmed SNe Ia are statistically consistent with $q_0 < 0$ at the 2.8 σ and 3.9 σ confidence levels, and with $\Omega_\Lambda > 0$ at the 3.0 σ and 4.0 σ confidence levels, for two different fitting methods, respectively. Fixing a “minimal” mass density, $\Omega_M = 0.2$, results in the weakest detection, $\Omega_\Lambda > 0$ at the 3.0 σ confidence level from one of the two methods. For a flat universe prior ($\Omega_M + \Omega_\Lambda = 1$), the spectroscopically confirmed SNe Ia require $\Omega_\Lambda > 0$ at 7 σ and 9 σ formal statistical significance for the two different fitting methods. A universe closed by ordinary matter (i.e., $\Omega_M = 1$) is formally ruled out at the 7 σ to 8 σ confidence level for the two different fitting methods. We estimate the dynamical age of the universe to be 14.2 ± 1.7 Gyr including systematic uncertainties in the current Cepheid distance scale. We estimate the likely effect of several sources of systematic error, including progenitor and metallicity evolution, extinction, sample selection bias, local perturbations in the expansion rate, gravitational lensing, and sample contamination. Presently, none of these effects appear to reconcile the data with $\Omega_\Lambda = 0$ and $q_0 \geq 0$.

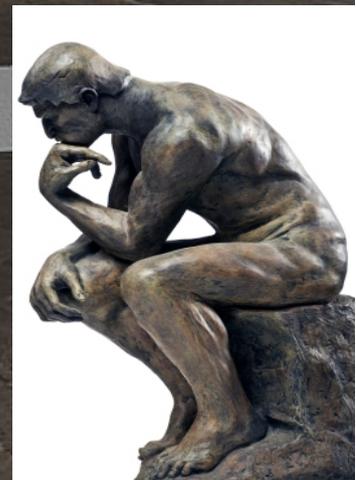
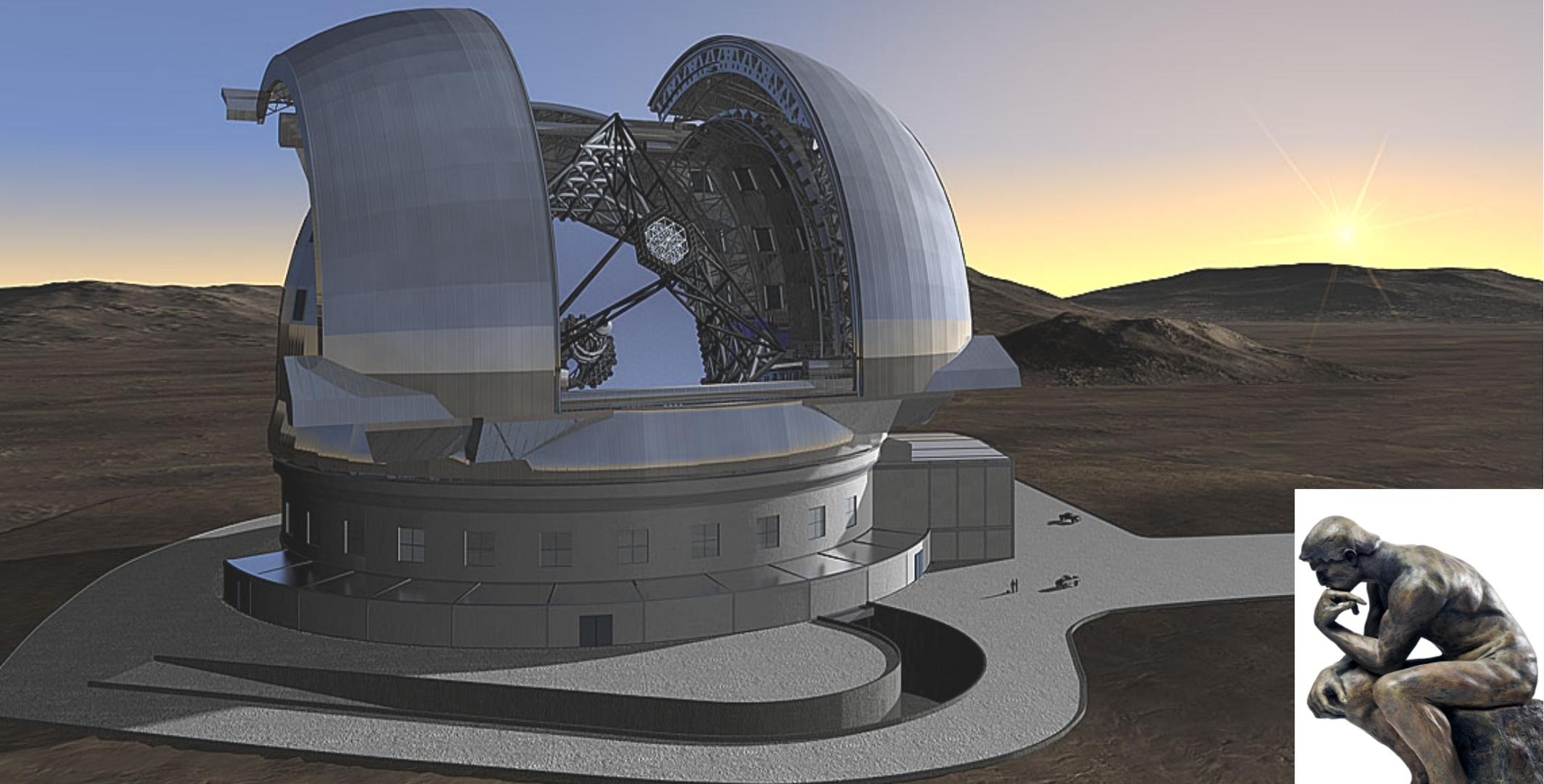


NB No mention of “Dark Energy” (yet)!

Creative thought in the era of Big Science

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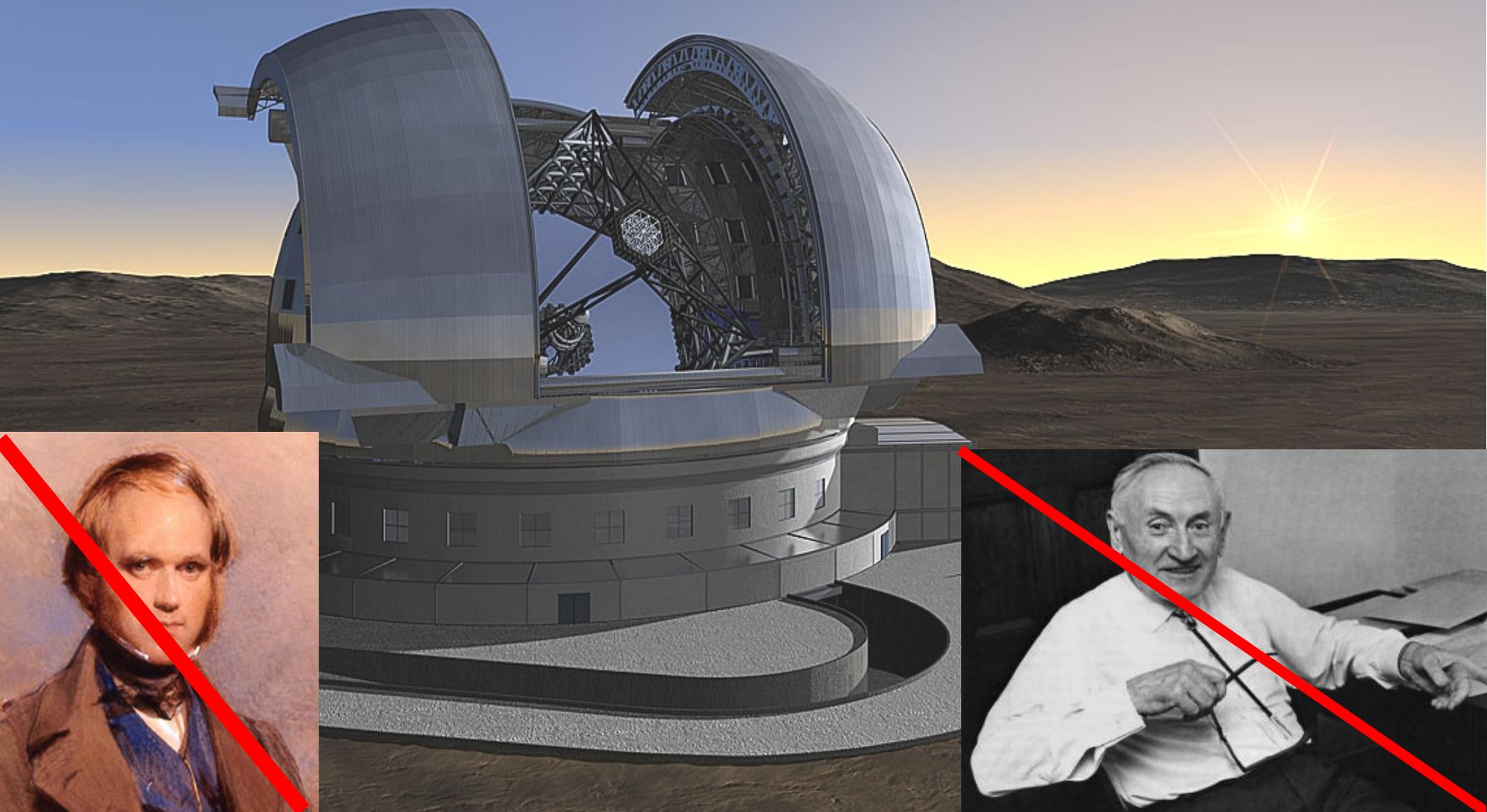


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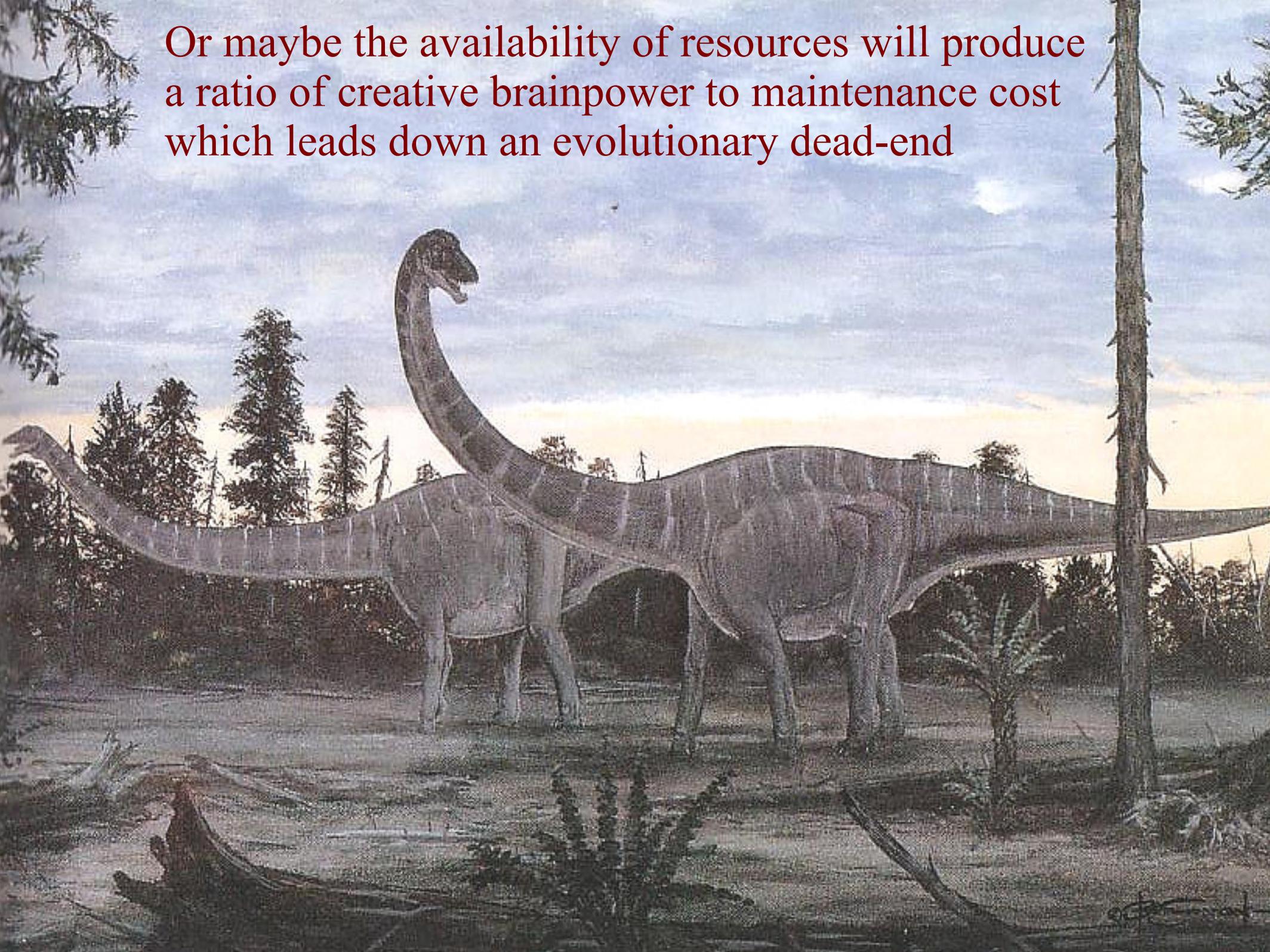
In the XIXth and (most of) the XXth centuries scientific progress often came from brilliant individuals formulating and testing new hypotheses from data accumulated using relatively modest means



In the Big Science era such prima donna science is outmoded. Progress follows from large-scale, team-based implementation of forefront technology according to pre-agreed Road Maps.



Or maybe the availability of resources will produce a ratio of creative brainpower to maintenance cost which leads down an evolutionary dead-end



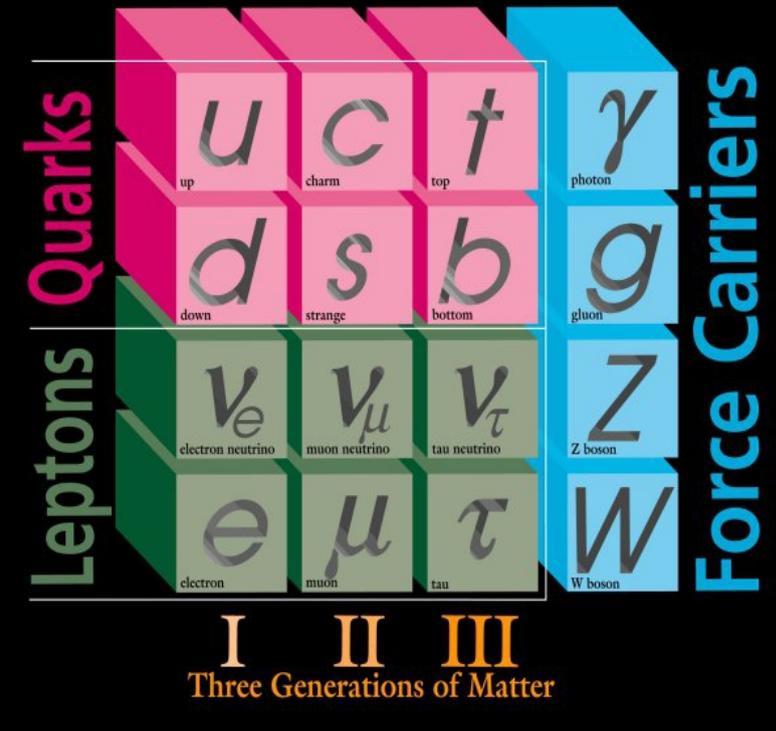
Fundamental physics: why Dark Energy is bad for Astronomy

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Astronomers carry out observations to explore the diverse processes and objects which populate our Universe. High-energy physicists carry out experiments to approach the Fundamental Theory underlying space, time and matter. Dark Energy is a unique link between them, reflecting deep aspects of the Fundamental Theory, yet apparently accessible *only* through astronomical observation. Large sections of the two communities have therefore converged in support of astronomical projects to constrain Dark Energy. In this essay I argue that this convergence can be damaging for astronomy. The two communities have different methodologies and different scientific cultures. By uncritically adopting the values of an alien system, astronomers risk undermining the foundations of their own current success and endangering the future vitality of their field. Dark Energy is undeniably an interesting problem to attack through astronomical observation, but it is one of many and not necessarily the one where significant progress is most likely to follow a major investment of resources.

ELEMENTARY PARTICLES



Fundamental physics

or..

Butterfly collecting



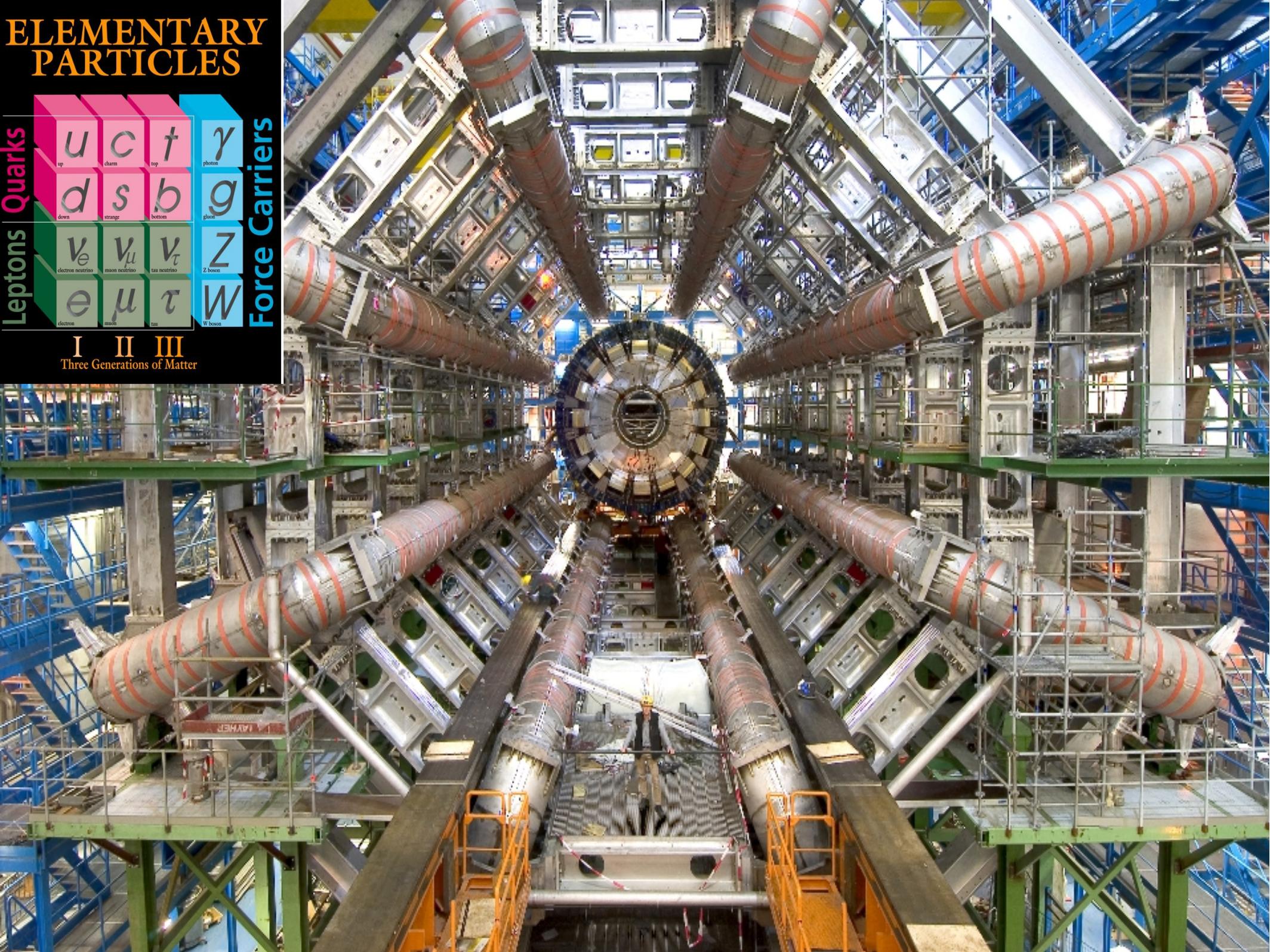
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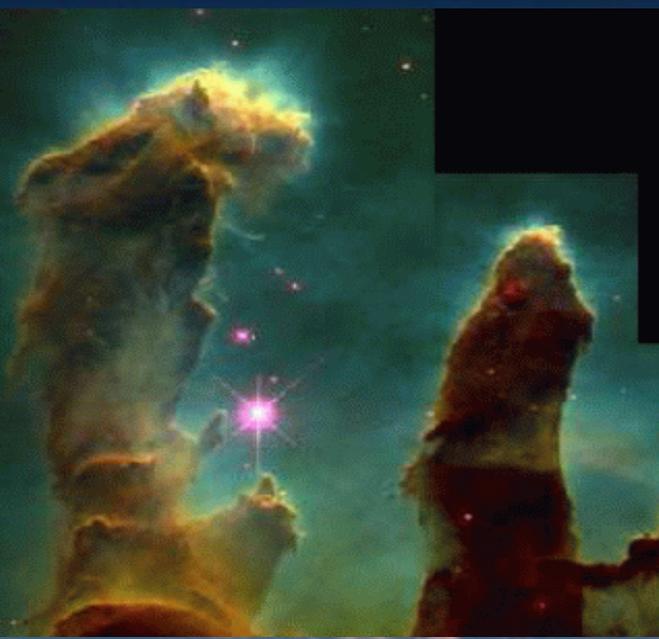
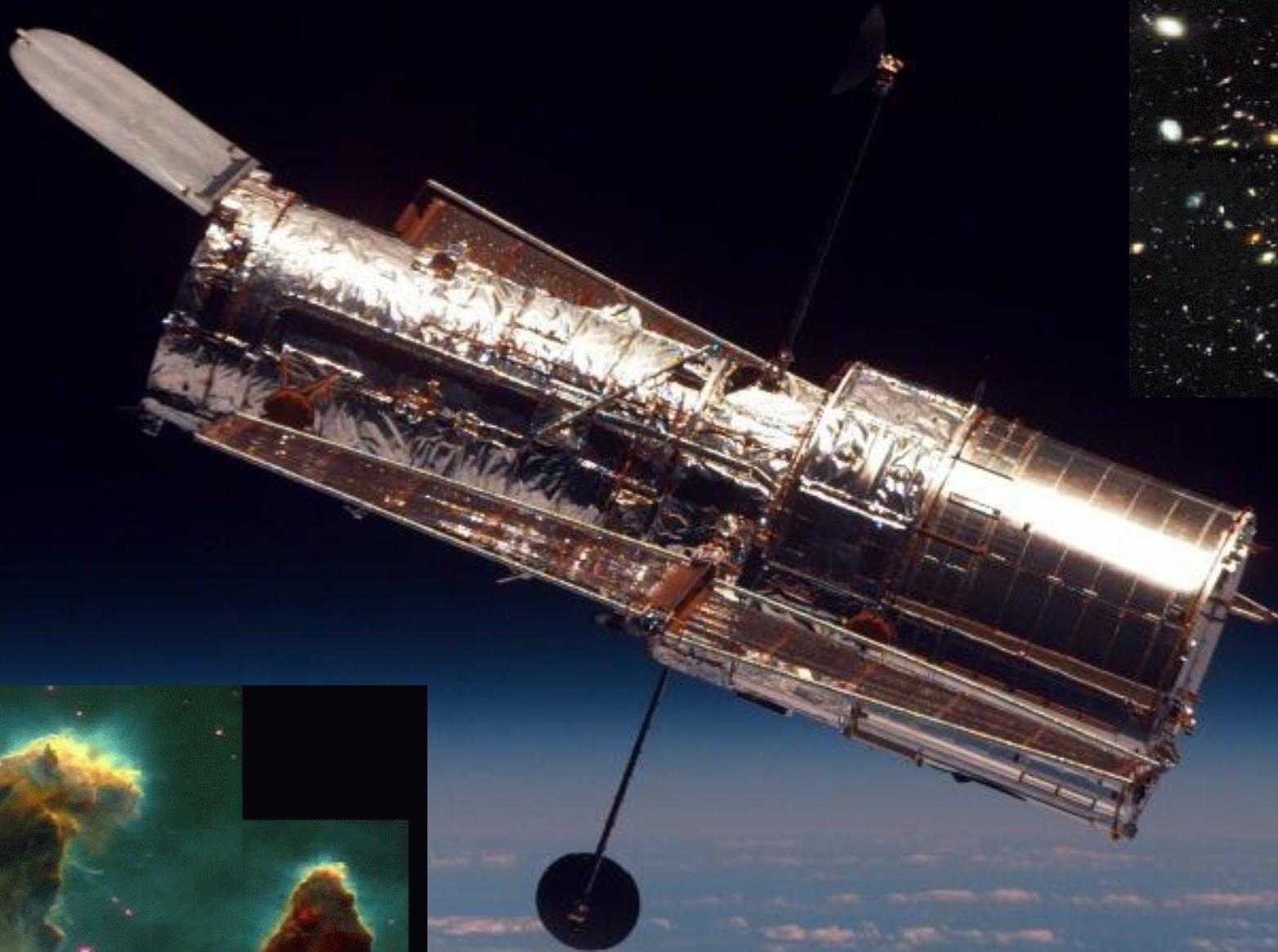
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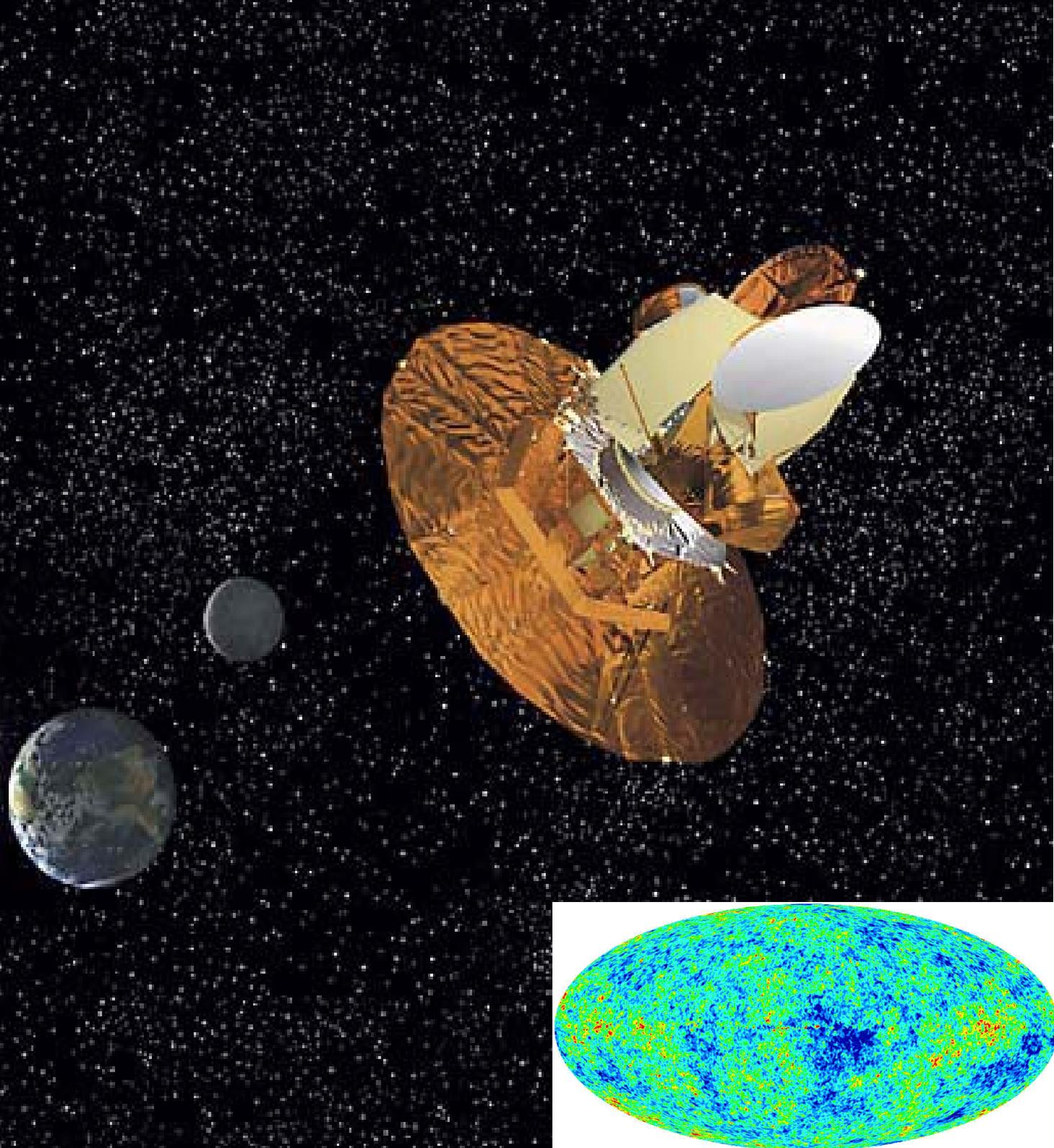
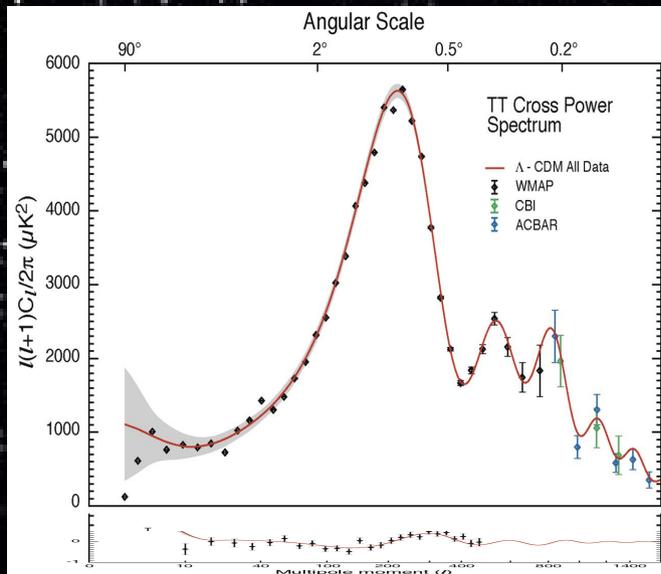
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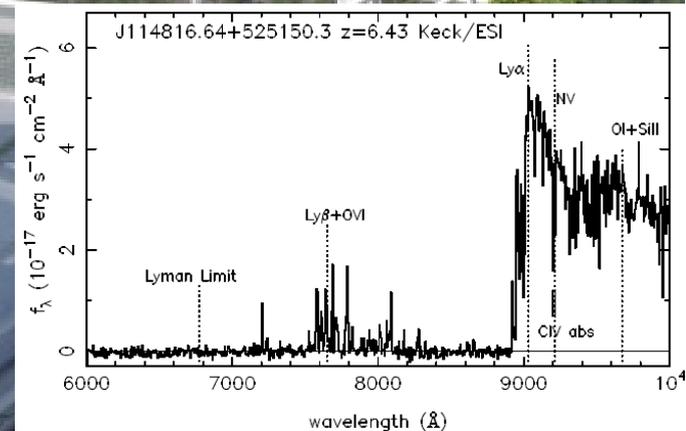
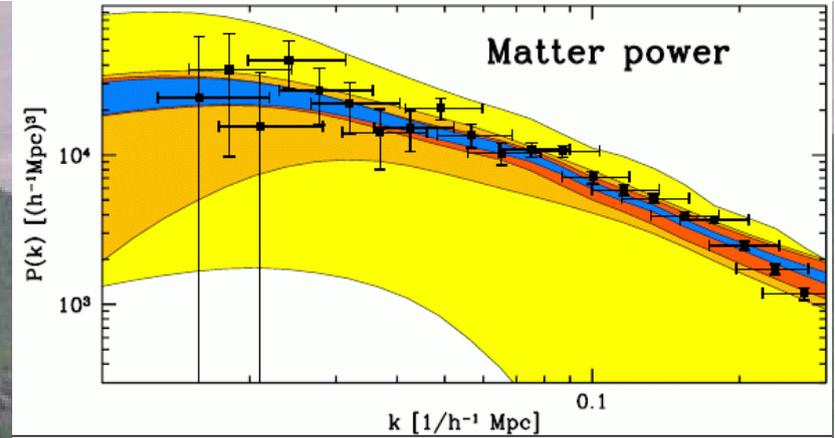
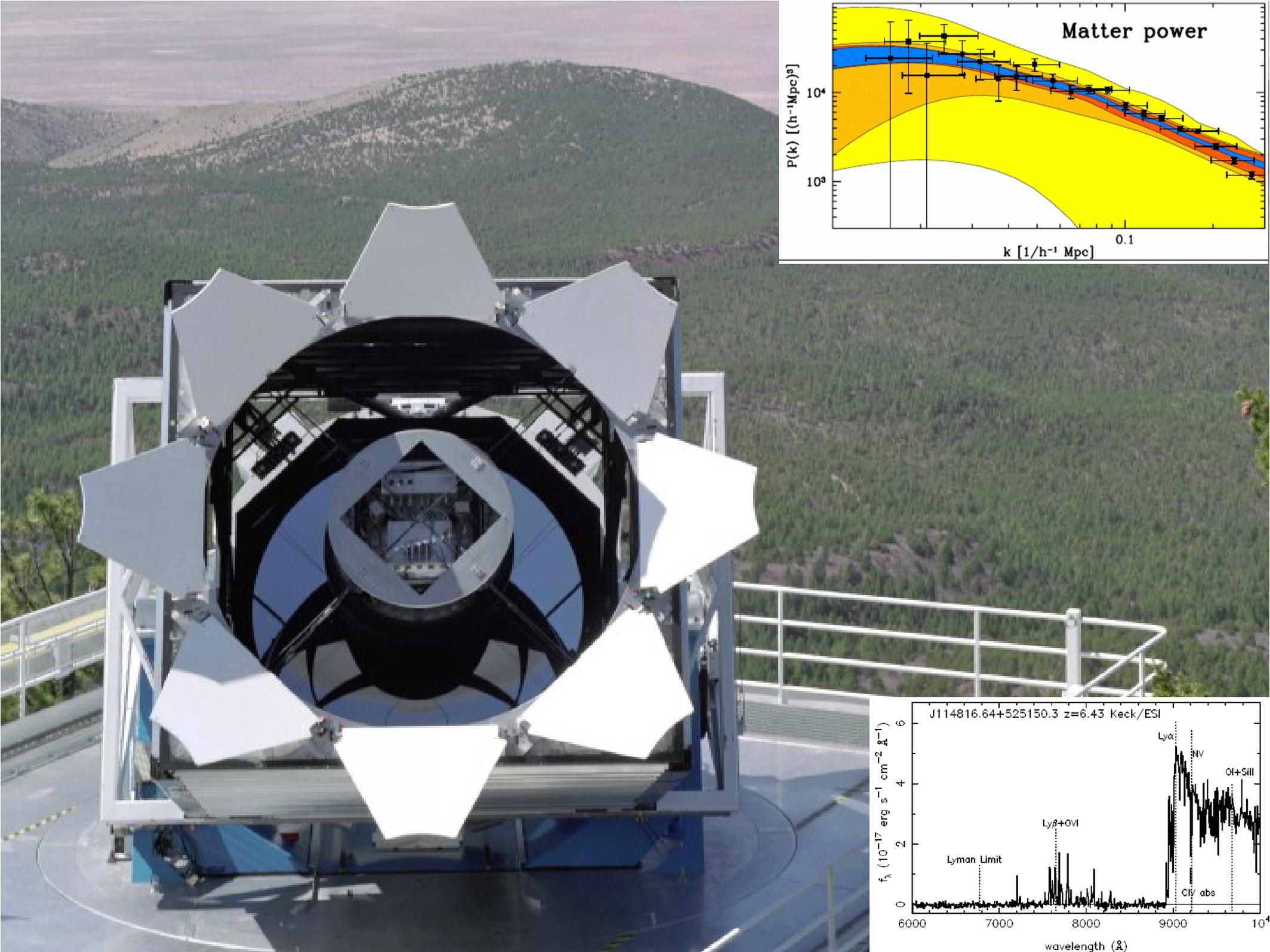
Force Carriers

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Three Generations of Matter









Observatories

vs

Experiments

(HST or SDSS)

(ATLAS or WMAP)

Designed for general tasks

Optimised for a single task

Serves a diverse community

Serves a coherent community

Program built through proposals

Program set at design

Many teams of all sizes

A single team

Many results unanticipated

Main results “planned”

Synthetic/astrophysics skills

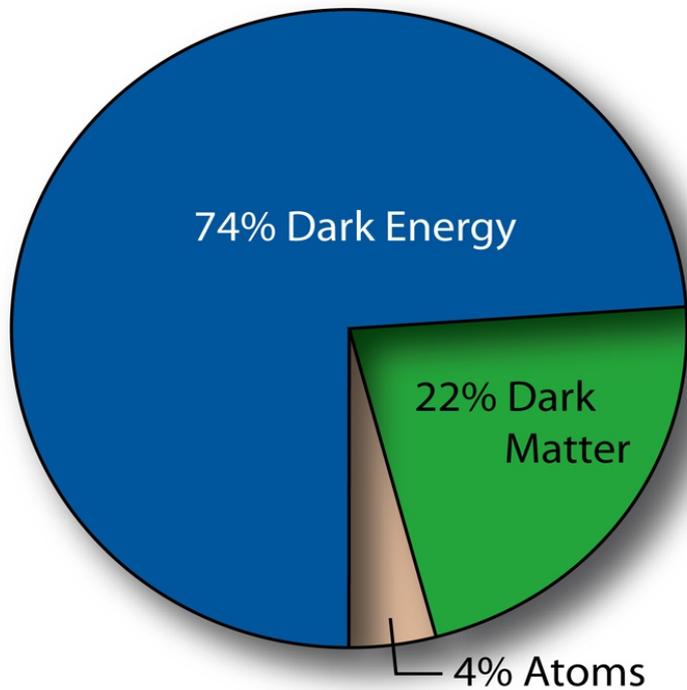
Analytic/data-process. skills

Public support as a facility

Public impact through results

Dark Matter and Dark Energy

Both are unknown



DM affects all aspects of cosmic structure formation and may 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

Other dangers of Big Science

Major emphasis on management

- coordination of delivery from subprojects
- maintenance of motivation/schedule throughout project
- marketing to peers and resource providers

High value placed on loyalty to project/project members

- required to maintain “momentum” and motivation

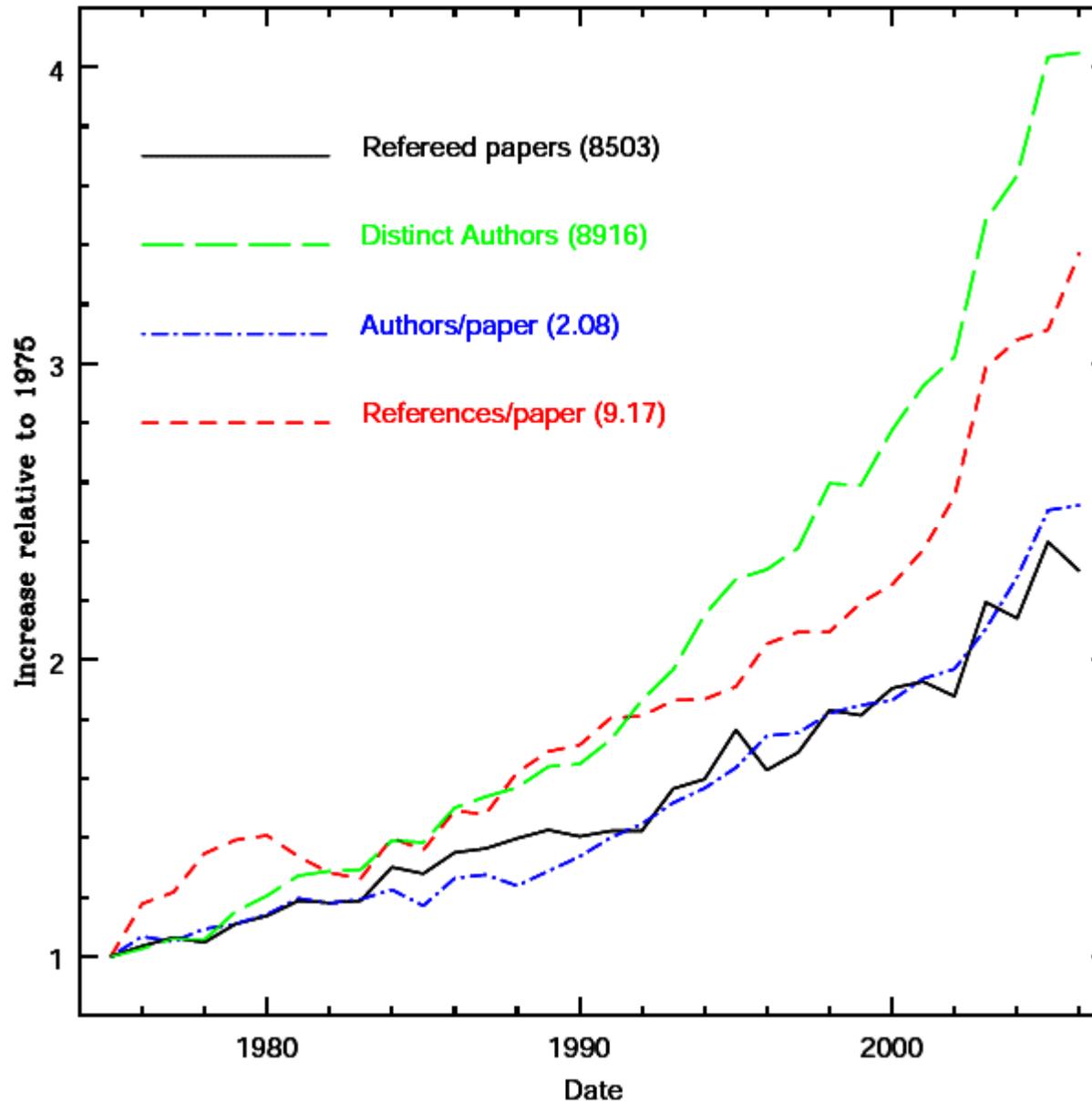
Corporate assessment structure

- outsiders cannot judge individual's creative contributions
- dependence on references from line managers
- production of citation “clubs”

Long timescales

- young scientists cannot obtain the independent scientific results needed to promote their own careers
- advancement often based on functional contributions

Cultural shifts in astronomy publishing since 1975



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 students such science projects, not functional work

Assign scientific credit based on intellectual contribution

Assign credit separately for infrastructure work

Ensure “astro” projects enhance creativity in astrophysics

Make high value data usefully available to all

Give scientists, especially young ones, time to think

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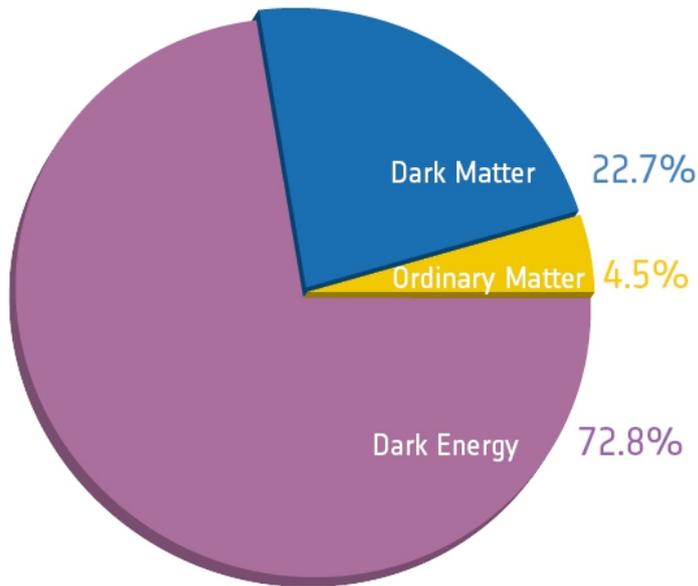
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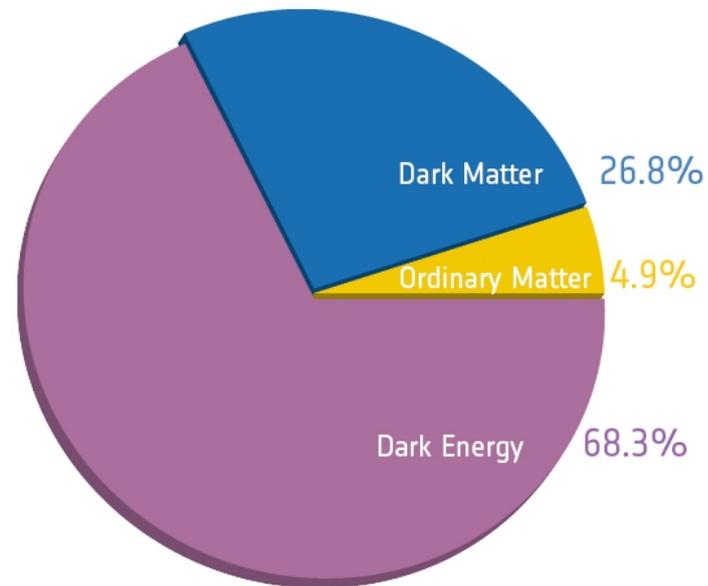


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- ..but it is now established as the “standard model”
- ..and it is better tested and has more precise parameters



Before Planck



After Planck

Planck 2013 results. XVI. Cosmological parameters

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The nine *Planck* maps

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70 GHz

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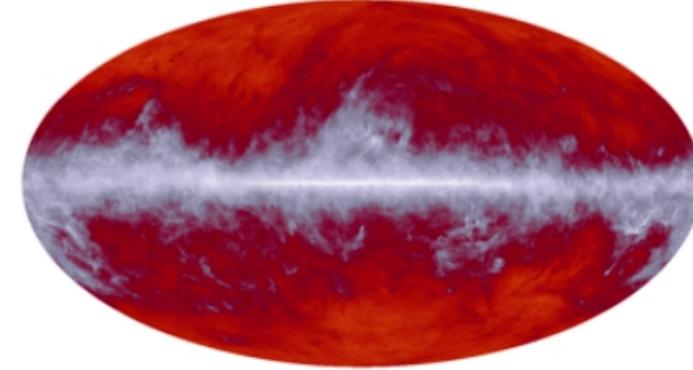
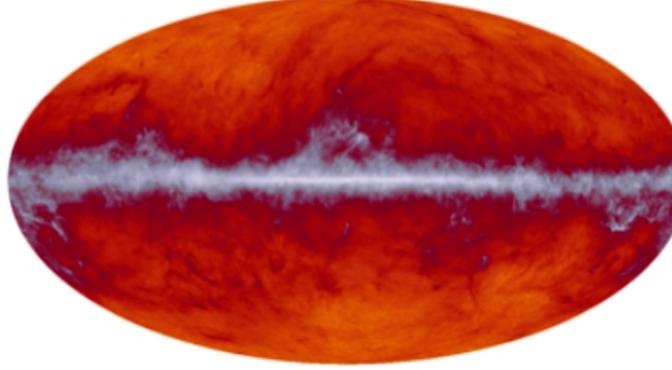
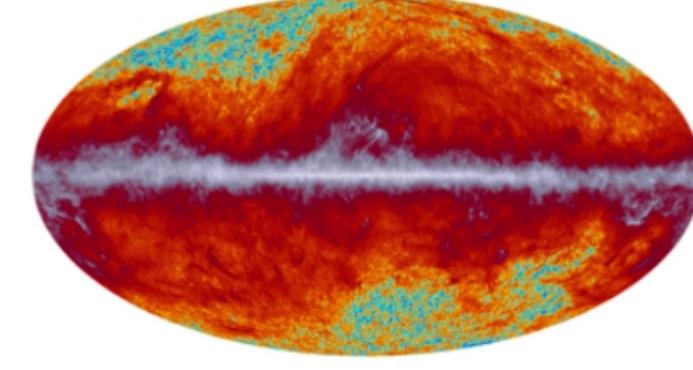
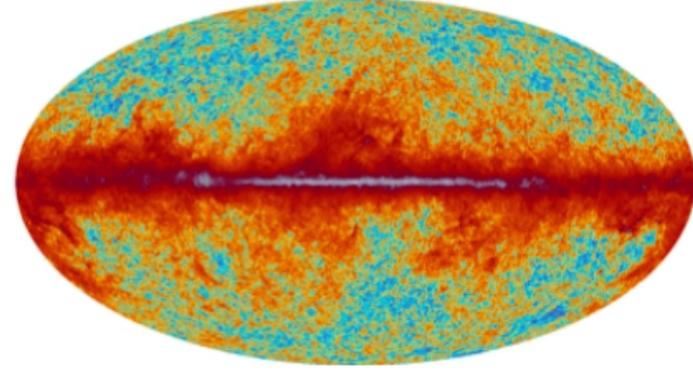
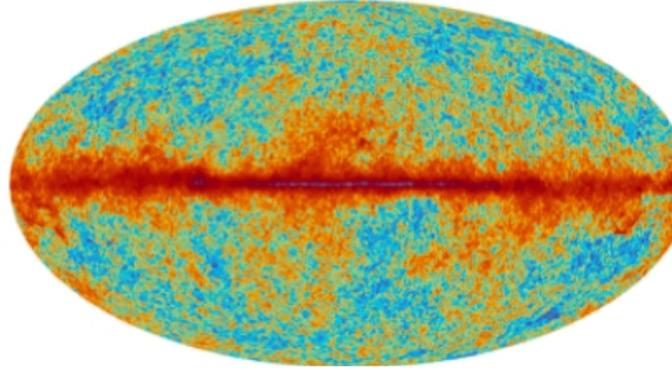
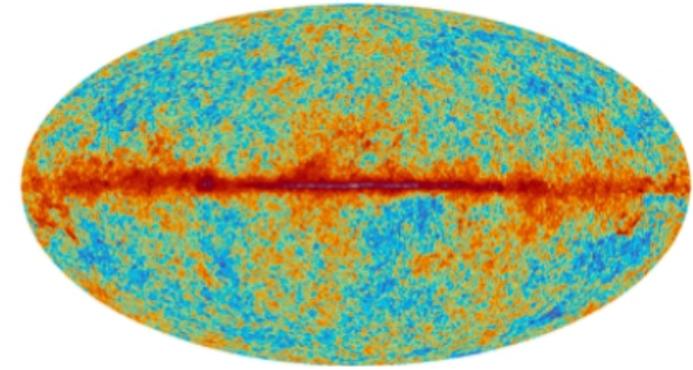
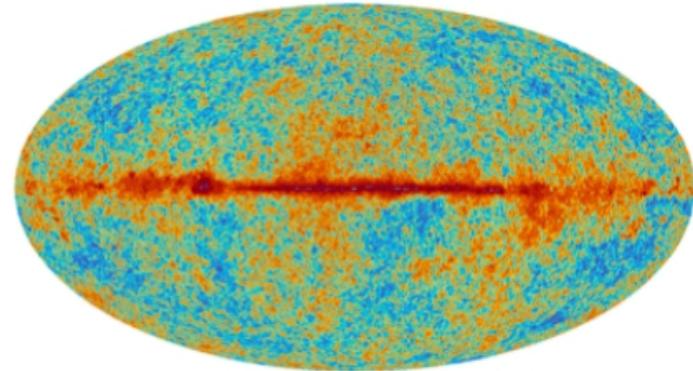
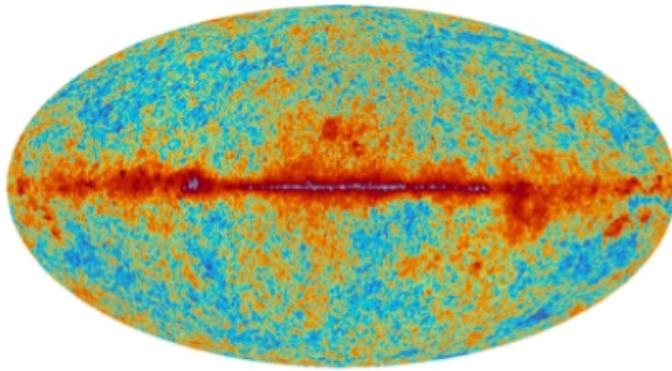
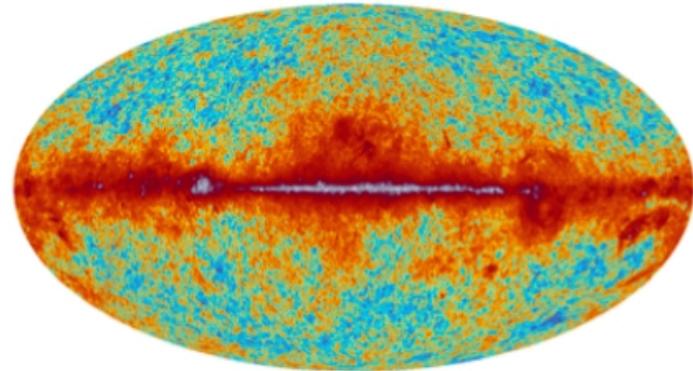
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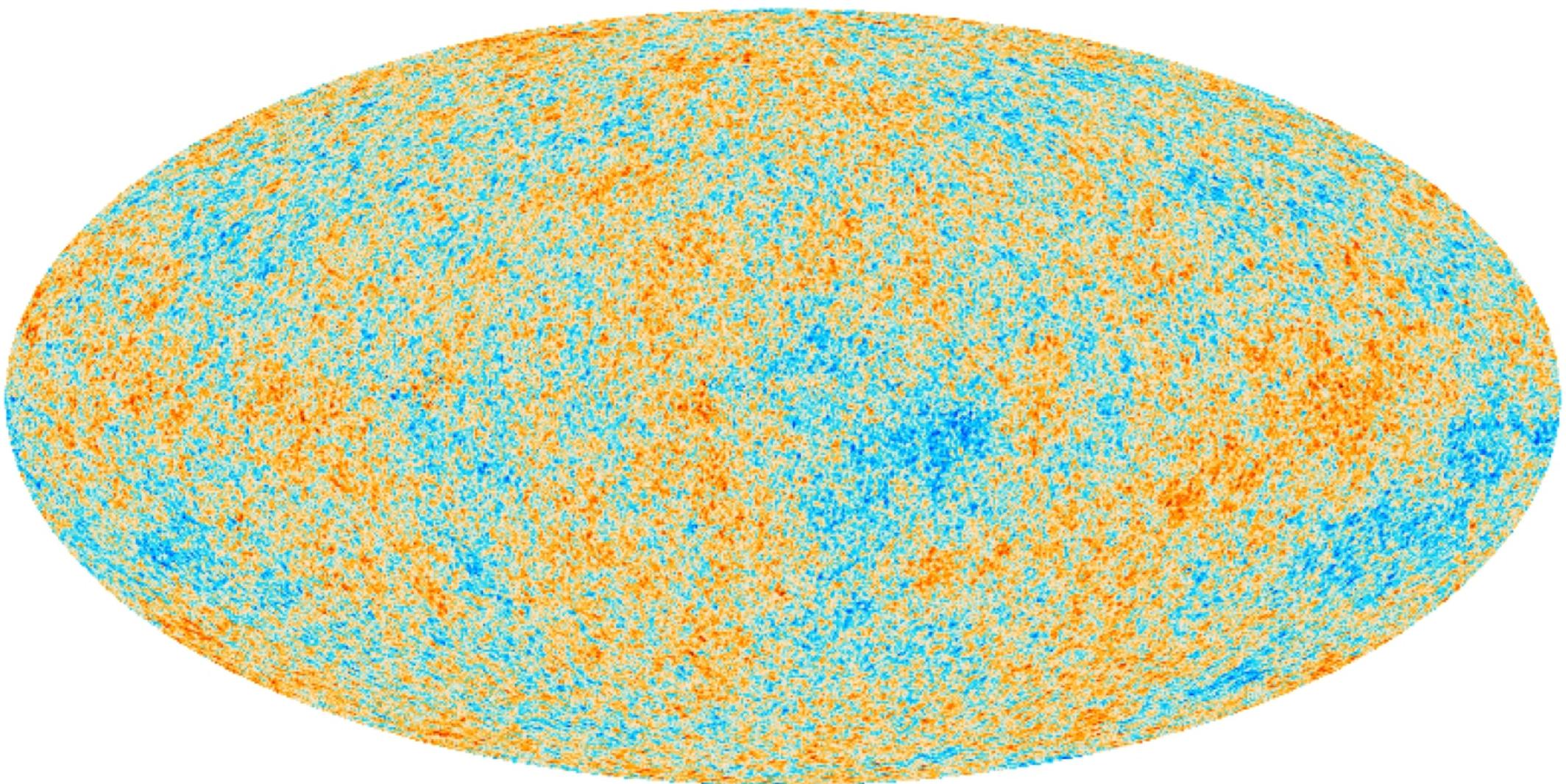
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545 GHz

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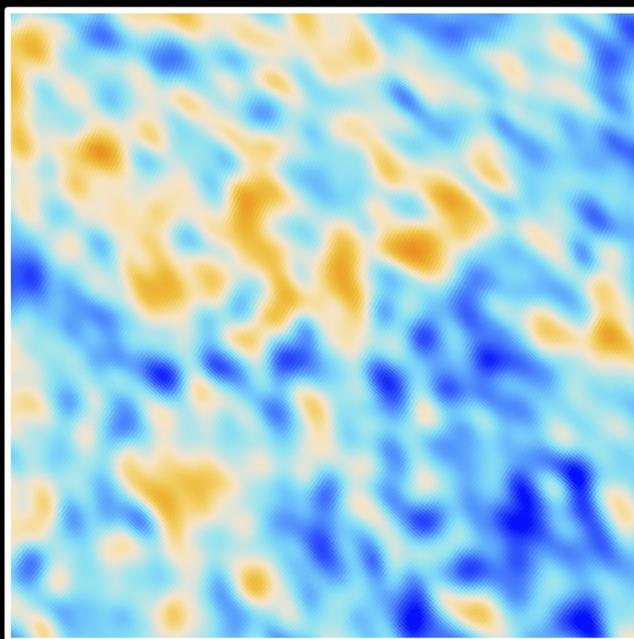
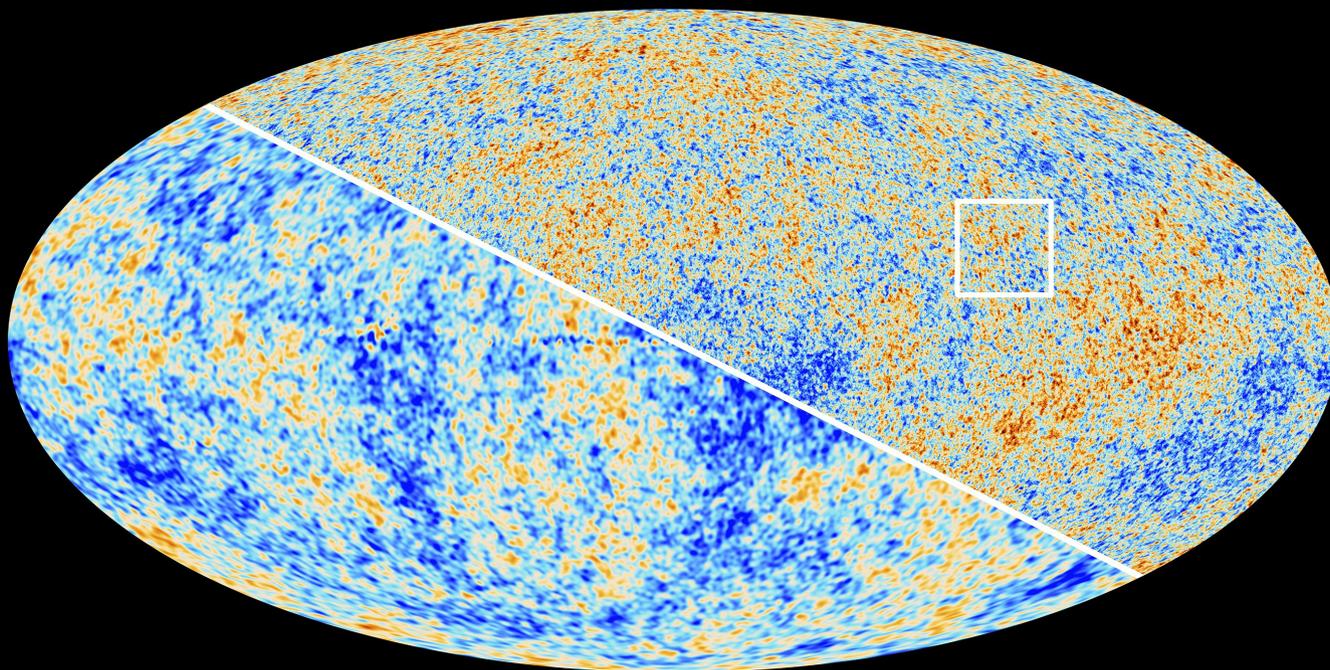


CMB map after the first 2.5 surveys

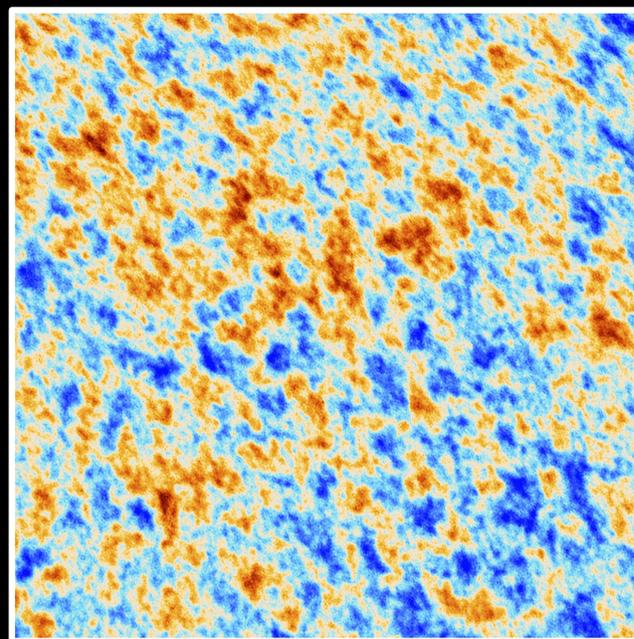


-500  500 μK_{CMB}

The Cosmic Microwave Background as seen by Planck and WMAP



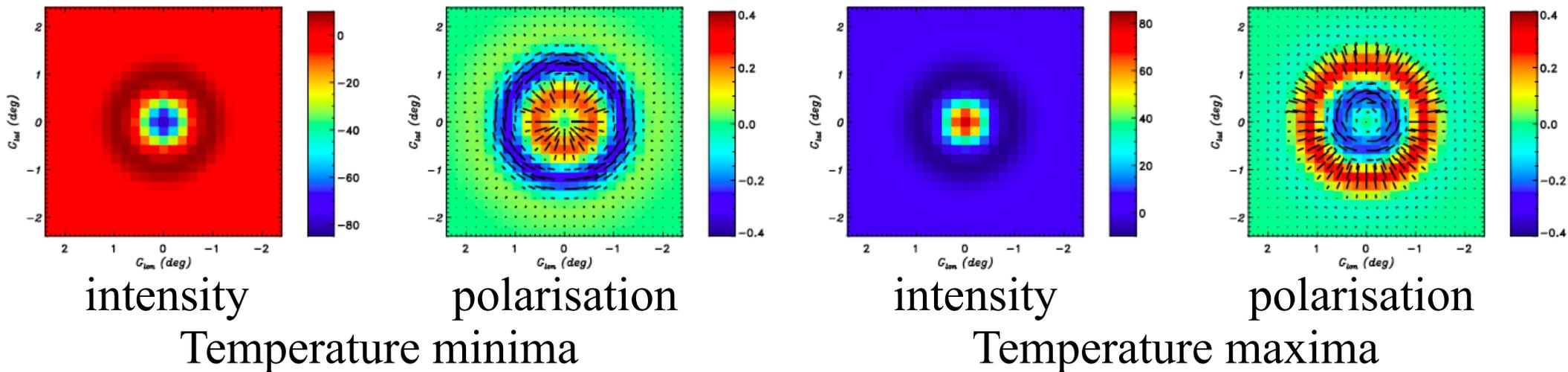
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Predictions for standard recombination in a Λ CDM universe



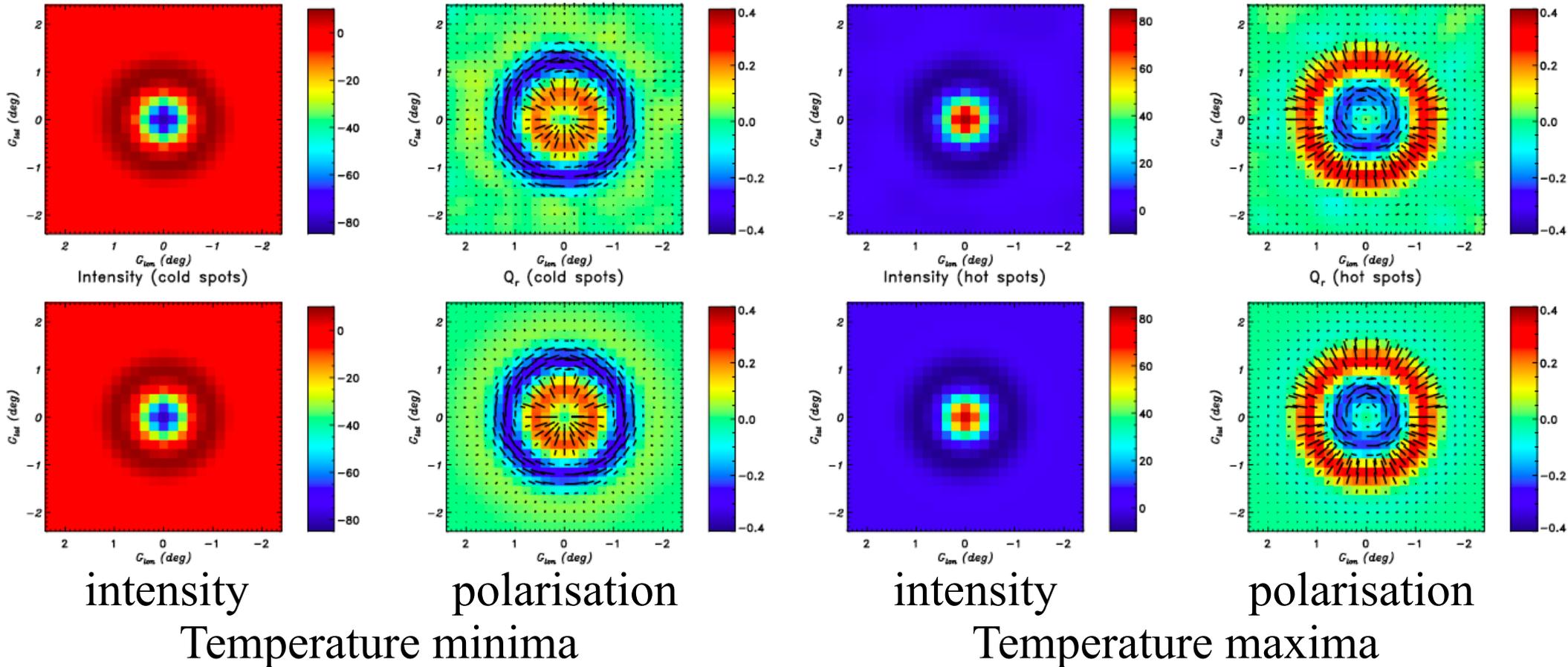
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Stacked Planck data, 30' smoothing

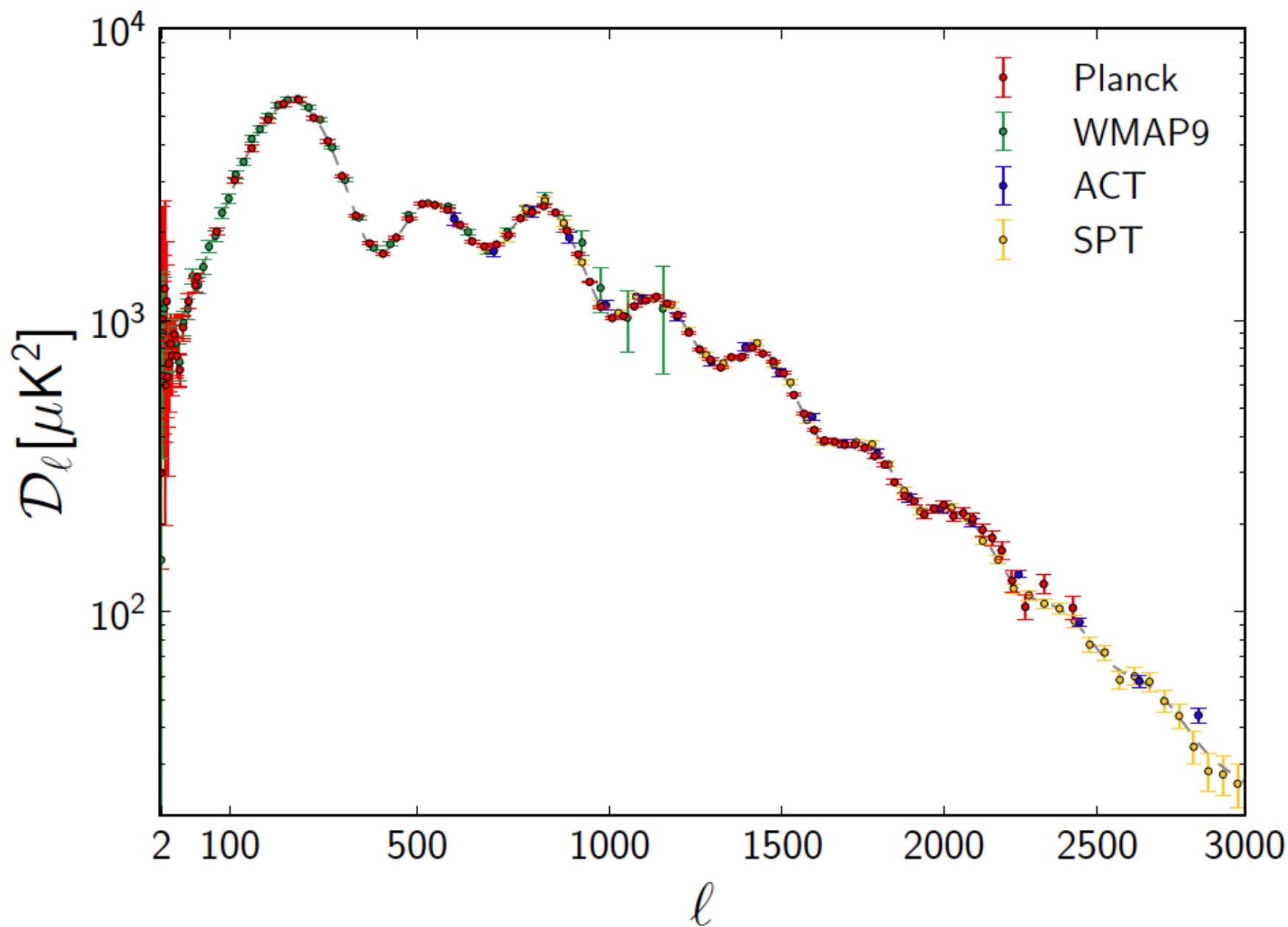
11,396 cold spots

10,468 hot spots

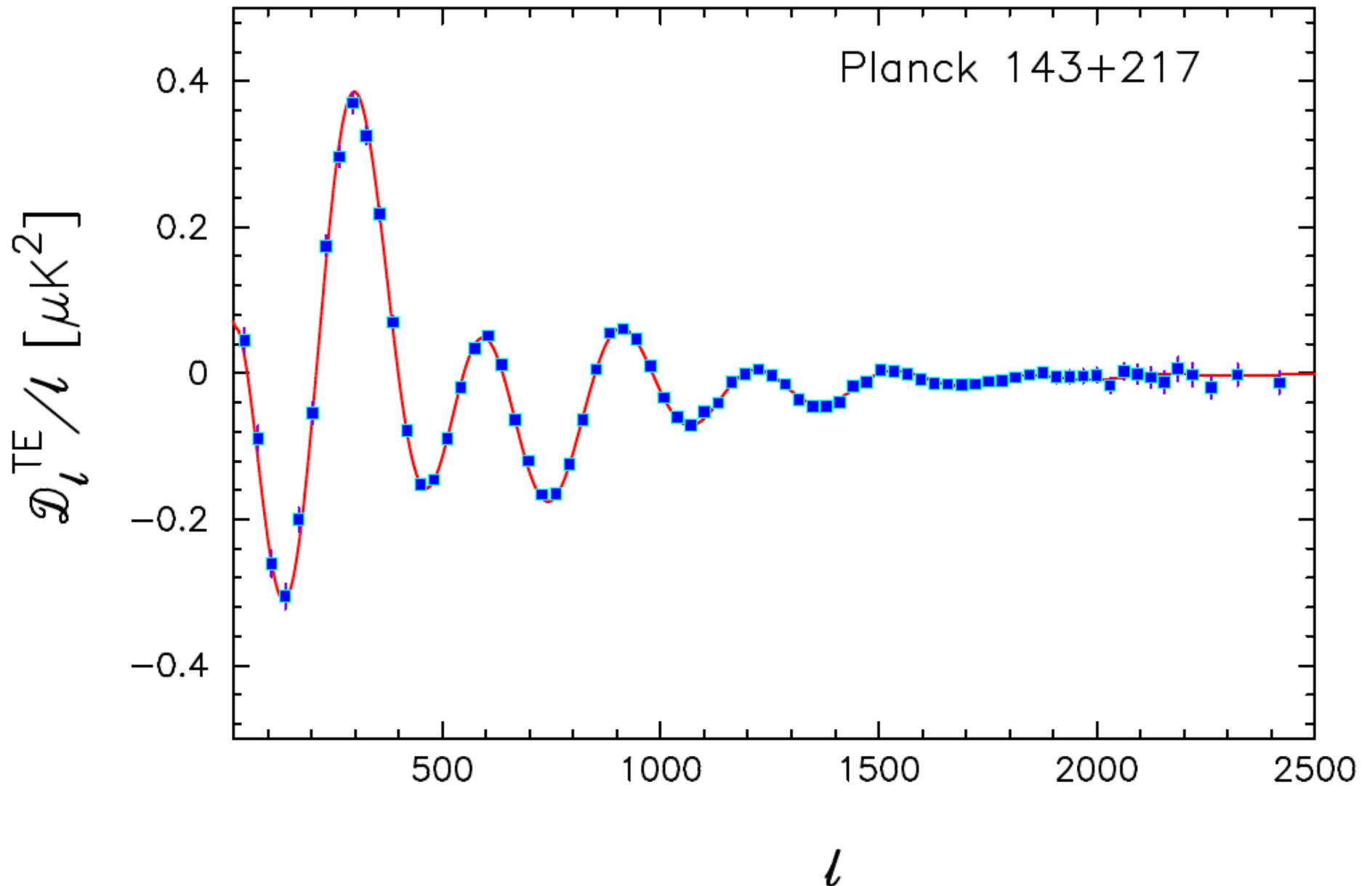


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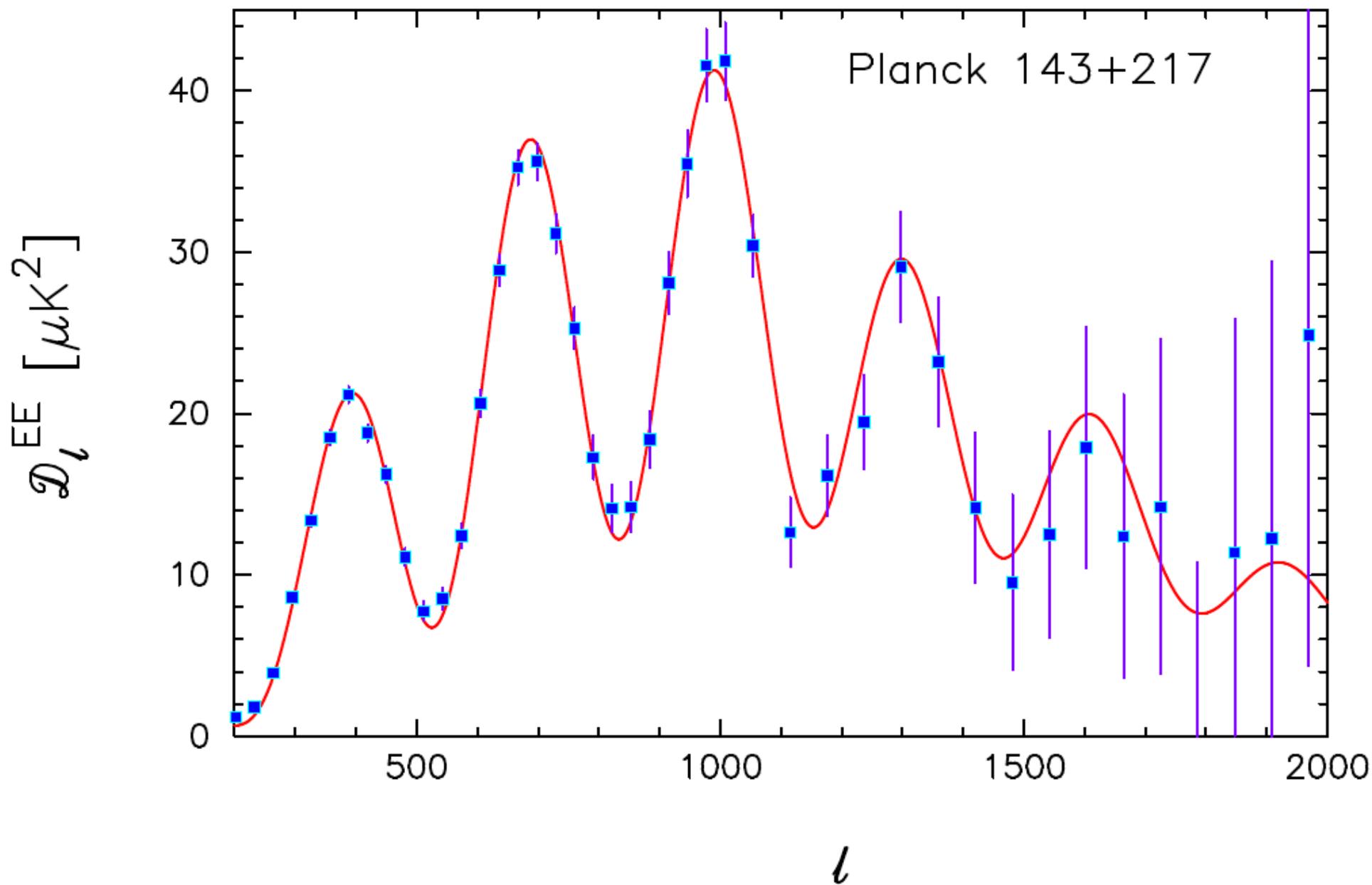
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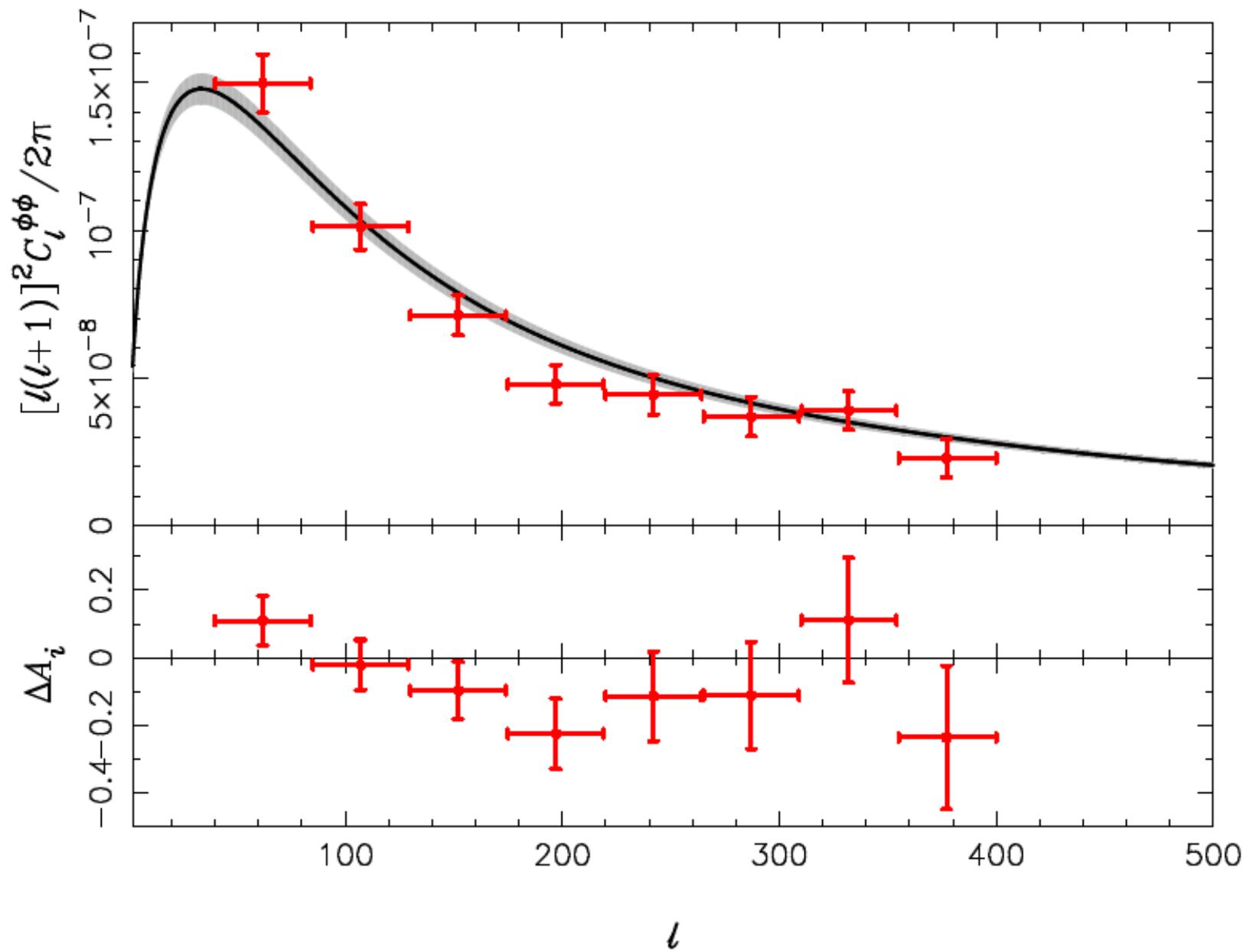
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Planck gravitational lensing power spectrum



The six parameters of the base Λ CDM model

Planck+WP

Parameter	Best fit	68% limits
$\Omega_b h^2$	0.022032	0.02205 ± 0.00028
$\Omega_c h^2$	0.12038	0.1199 ± 0.0027
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Derived parameter	Best fit	68% limits
Ω_Λ	0.6817	$0.685^{+0.018}_{-0.016}$
σ_8	0.8347	0.829 ± 0.012
z_{re}	11.37	11.1 ± 1.1
H_0	67.04	67.3 ± 1.2
Age/Gyr	13.8242	13.817 ± 0.048

One parameter extensions of the base Λ CDM model

Parameter	<i>Planck</i> +WP+highL+BAO	
	Best fit	95% limits
Ω_K	0.0009	$-0.0005^{+0.0065}_{-0.0066}$
Σm_ν [eV]	0.000	< 0.230
N_{eff}	3.22	$3.30^{+0.54}_{-0.51}$
Y_{P}	0.2615	$0.267^{+0.038}_{-0.040}$
$dn_s/d \ln k$	-0.0103	$-0.014^{+0.016}_{-0.017}$
$r_{0.002}$	0.000	< 0.111
w	-1.109	$-1.13^{+0.23}_{-0.25}$

Planck results bearing on models of inflation

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Non-Gaussianity constraints

	SMICA	Independent KSW	ISW-lensing subtracted KSW
f_{NL}			
Local		9.8 ± 5.8	2.7 ± 5.8
Equilateral		-37 ± 75	-42 ± 75
Orthogonal		-46 ± 39	-25 ± 39

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 - but DAMA/LIBRA, CoGeNT, CRESST, etc., still unexplained...?

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Sociological aspects

- The particle-astrophysics-cosmology community developed at a dramatic rate (e.g. the growth of JCAP)
- The trend towards involvement in large long-term projects has also continued (e.g. Euclid)
- Many new DE projects include breadth of impact/auxiliary science among the design drivers (but c.f. WiggleZ, HETDEX)
- Problems of encouraging creativity, recognising individual intellectual contributions, and maintaining scientific motivation in 10 to 20 year “Big Science” projects remain to be solved
Further “division of labour” needed?
- The communities may now diverge again: Quo vadis, JCAP?