



## *Recap of last class*

- ★ We live in a large disk galaxy
- ★ As recently as 1920, scientists were arguing two hypotheses...
  - ✦ Our galaxy is alone in the Universe
  - ✦ Our galaxy is just one of many many galaxies
- ★ Distance measurements needed to resolve dispute
- ★ First step in distance determination... use parallax to determine distance to stars

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## Beyond parallax?

- ✦ Definition : The **observed flux** of a star is the energy received from the star per unit time per unit area.
- ✦ Definition : The **luminosity** of a star is the energy per unit time (i.e. power) emitted by the star
- ✦ If the star is at distance  $D$  and emits equally in all directions (i.e. it emits isotropically), then the observed flux  $F$  and luminosity  $L$  are related by

$$L = 4\pi D^2 F \quad \text{or} \quad F = \frac{L}{4\pi D^2}$$

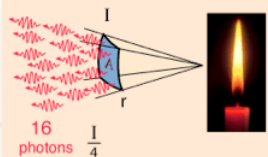
- ✦ Suppose we know the luminosity of some object... then we can use its measured flux to determine the distance! Objects with known luminosities are called **standard candles**.

Let's formalize this...

★ So the problem boils down to how to find and define a standard candle

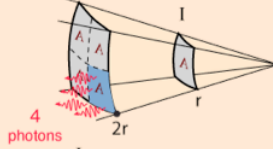
★ Question: how would you do this??

### Standard Candle Approach to Distance Measurement

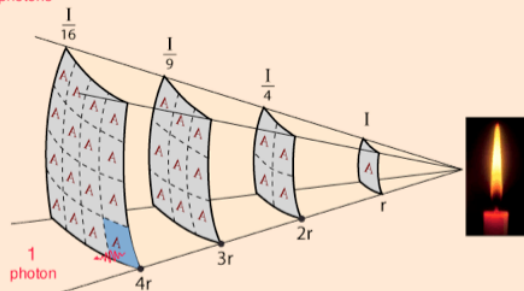


The "standard candle" approach to distance measurement.

If you know you have the same source strength of light, then counting the number of photons through a standard area detector tells you the distance to the source.

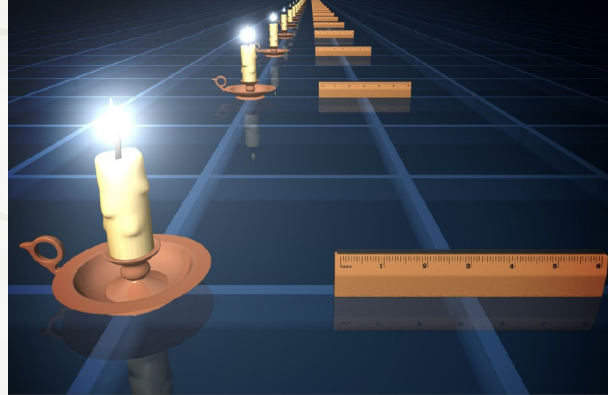


Light from a point source drops off according to the inverse square law, a strictly geometrical relationship.



<http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/Nave/html/Faithpathh/astdat.html>

# *Standard Rulers and Candles*



Brian Schmidt

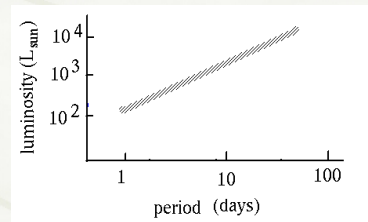
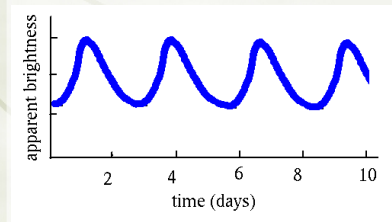


Henrietta Leavitt  
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## Cepheid variables

<http://universe-review.ca/R02-07-candle.htm>

- ✦ Henrietta Leavitt discovered (1912) that a certain class of variable stars called Cepheids had properties that meant they could be used as standard candles
  - ✦ She studied Cepheids in the Magellenic Clouds (and assumed that they were all at the same distance)... found that the luminosity is related to the period of fluctuations in brightness
  - ✦ So, if you measure the period of a Cepheid, you can determine its luminosity. Measuring flux then gives you distance, even if its too far for parallax!



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## *Edwin Hubble*



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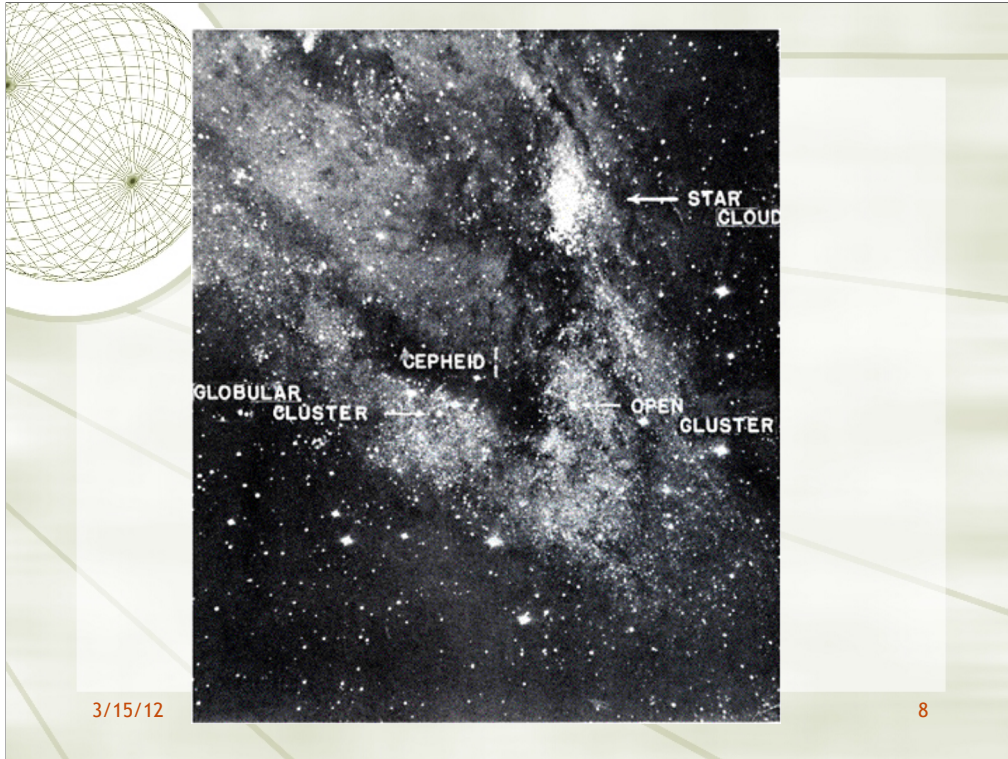


## *Hubble's observations*

- ◆ **Hubble found Cepheid Variables in Andromeda**
  - ◆ Measured period and flux, and hence distance
  - ◆ Concluded that Andromeda must be well outside of the Milky Way Galaxy
  - ◆ Thus, the Great Debate was settled... the MW is just one of many many many galaxies
- ◆ **Modern measurements**
  - ◆ Distance to Andromeda 2 million ly
  - ◆ About 20x MW diameter

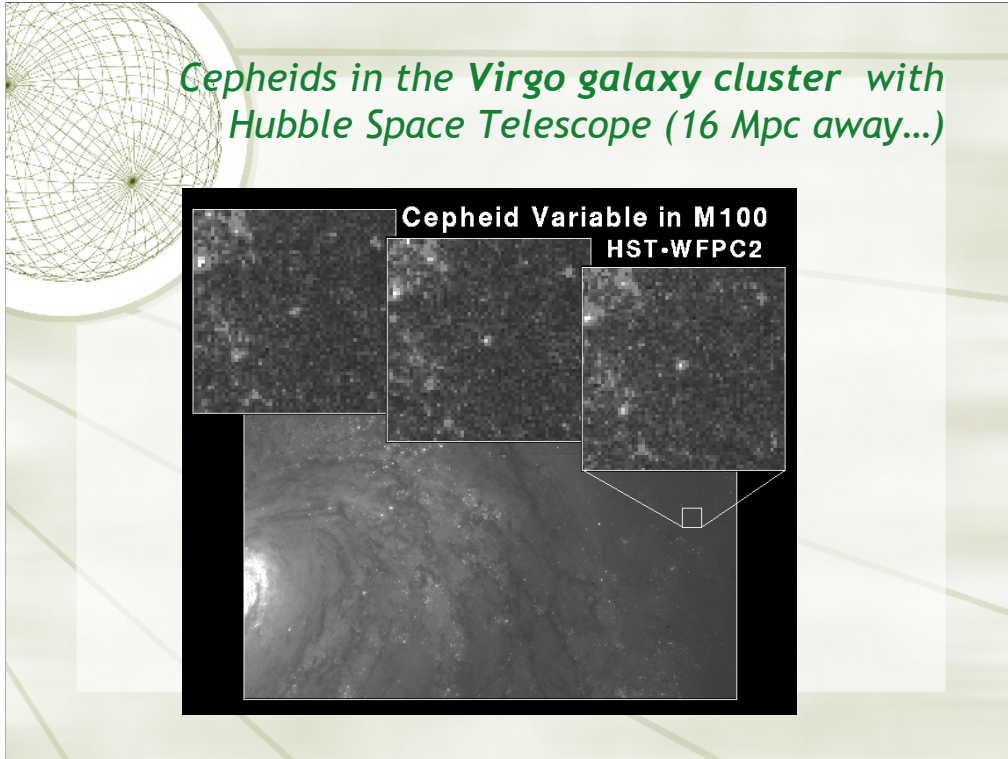
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Hubble's photo

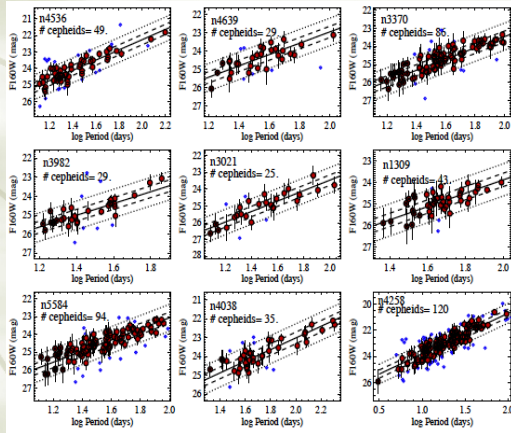




Modern data...

# Modern Cepheid Data

Have 30-300 Cepheids per galaxy- Reiss et al 2011



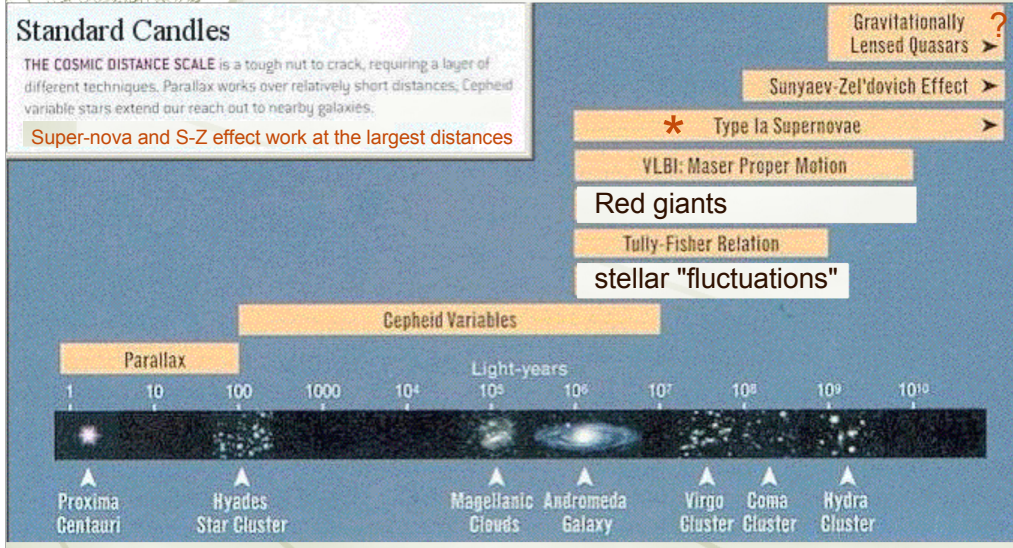
Other techniques include eclipsing binaries, planetary nebulae, long-period variables, RR Lyrae stars,

# Distance Ladder- While Cepheids are great they only work to ~20Mpc

## Standard Candles

THE COSMIC DISTANCE SCALE is a tough nut to crack, requiring a layer of different techniques. Parallax works over relatively short distances, Cepheid variable stars extend our reach out to nearby galaxies.

Super-nova and S-Z effect work at the largest distances



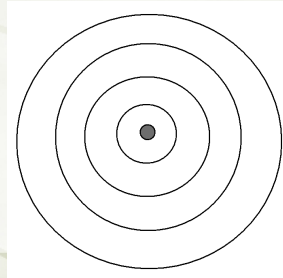


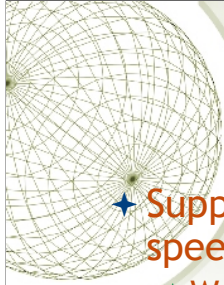
# I : THE DOPPLER EFFECT-Recap of a few lectures ago

## ★ Think about sound waves

- ★ Let  $\nu$ =frequency (number of waves passing certain fixed point in one second)
- ★ Let  $L$ =wavelength (distance between two “crests” of the wave)
- ★ Let  $c_s$ =speed of the wave

$$c_s = \lambda \nu$$

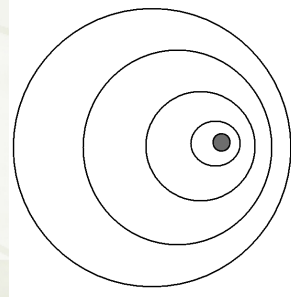


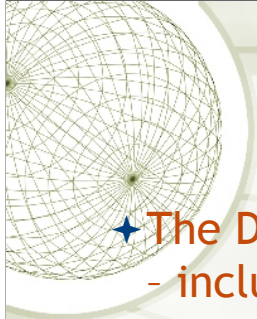


★ Suppose source is moving towards you with speed  $V$

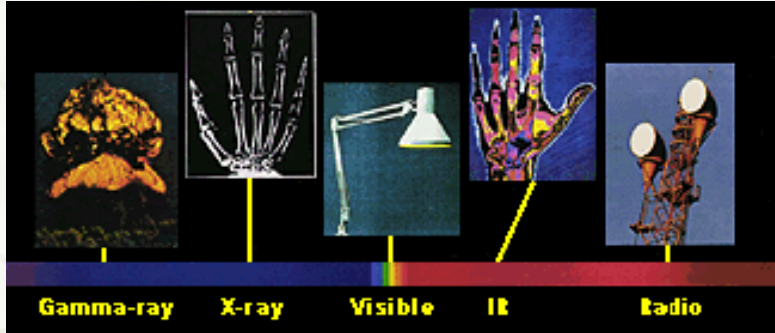
- ★ Waves get squeezed in direction of motion (i.e.,  $\lambda$  decreases)
- ★  $c_s$  stays same (i.e. speed of sound fixed)
- ★ So, frequency must go up

$$\frac{\lambda_{\text{moving}}}{\lambda_{\text{still}}} = \frac{c_s - V}{c_s}$$



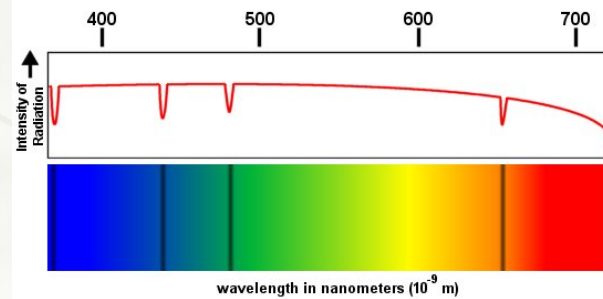


★ The Doppler effect works on any wave  
- including light waves!

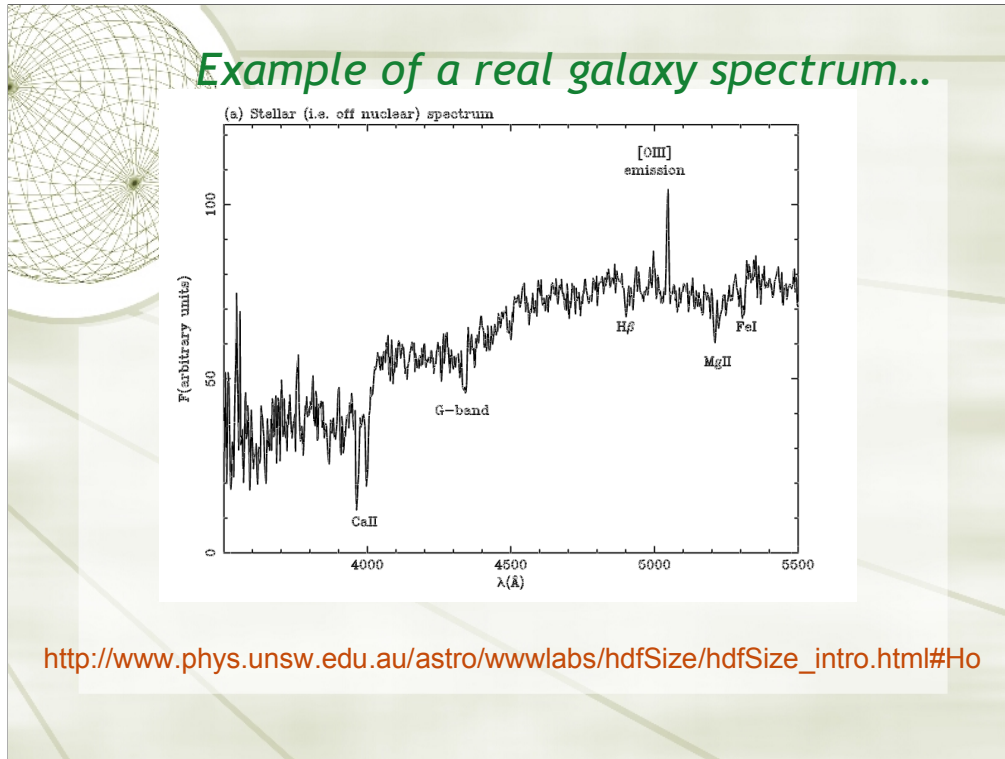


## II : MEASURING APPARENT VELOCITIES OF GALAXIES

- ★ Technique for measuring a galaxies velocity:
  - ★ Measure the spectrum of light from the galaxy
  - ★ Look for characteristic features in the spectrum

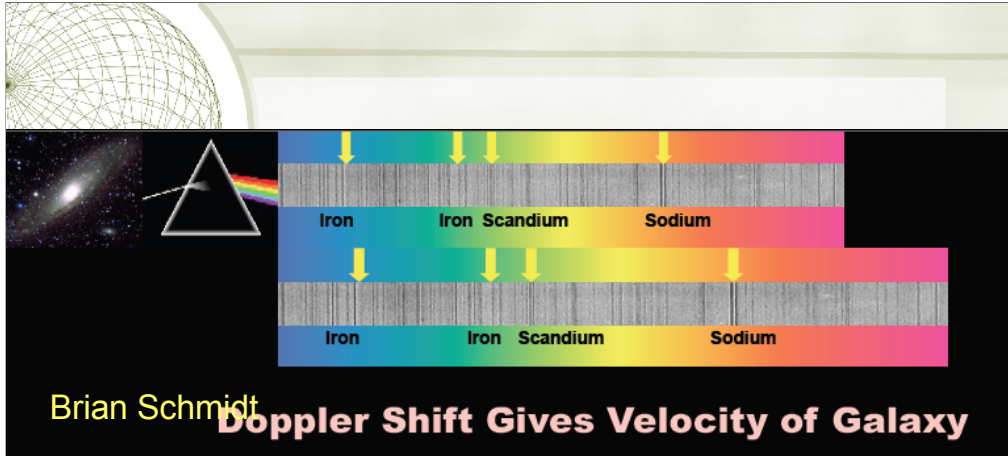




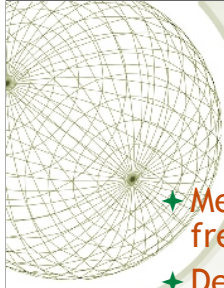


Redshift of this galaxy is  $z=0.008$ ... so lines are only slightly shifted

p.s. \*I\* took this spectrum... my only real observing run ☺



- ◆ Multiple spectral features allow a unique redshift solution



- ✦ Measure the wavelength (or, equivalently the frequency) of the features,  $\lambda_{\text{observe}}$
- ✦ Determine where the features “should be” if the galaxy was stationary (either by calculation or laboratory experiment),  $\lambda_{\text{rest}}$
- ✦ Then use the Doppler formula to compute the velocity  $V$  of the galaxy.
- ✦ “Non-relativistic formula” ( $V \ll c$ ) is

$$\frac{\lambda_{\text{observe}}}{\lambda_{\text{rest}}} = \frac{c - V}{c}$$



## Blueshifts and Redshifts

- ★ If galaxy is moving towards us, wavelengths are shortened ⇒ **spectrum blueshifted**
- ★ If galaxy is receding from us, wavelengths are lengthened ⇒ **spectrum redshifted**

- ★ Slipher measured velocities of nearby galaxies (spiral nebulae) - by 1922, he found that 36 out of 41 were moving away from us!

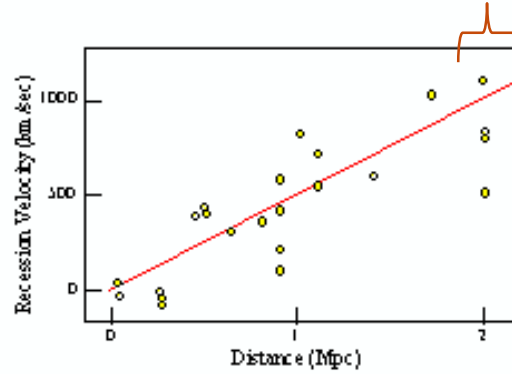
"For us to have such motion and the stars not show it means that our whole stellar system moves and carries us with it. It has for a long time been suggested that the spiral nebulae are stellar systems seen at great distances ... This theory, it seems to me, gains favor in the present observations". This, was 8 years before Hubble.

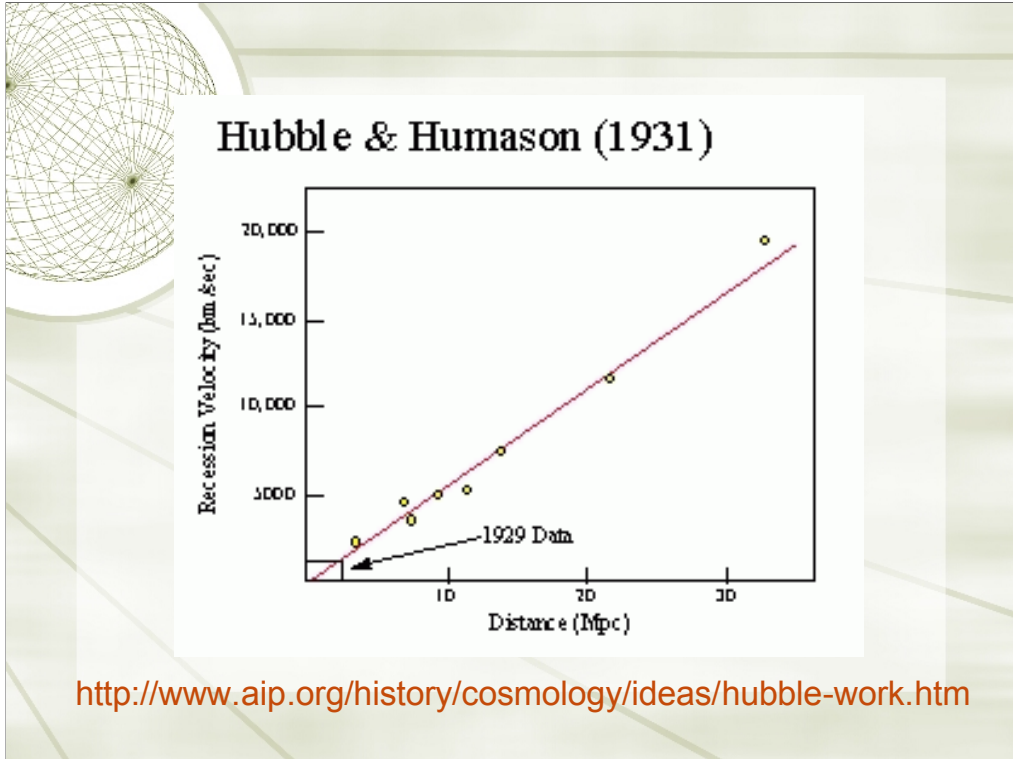
- ★ The first hint of Hubble's remarkable result


### III : HUBBLE'S RESULTS

- ★ Hubble measured distance (some derived from Cepheids, some less accurate estimates) and plotted it against velocity...

Hubble's Data (1929)







## Everything's rushing away! Hubble's law

- ★ Hubble found that all distant galaxies are rushing away from us!
- ★ Found that speed of recession is proportional to distance of galaxy (Hubble's law)

$$V = H_0 d$$

- ★  $H_0$  is called Hubble's constant.
- ★ Modern measurements :  $H_0=71\text{km/s/Mpc}$

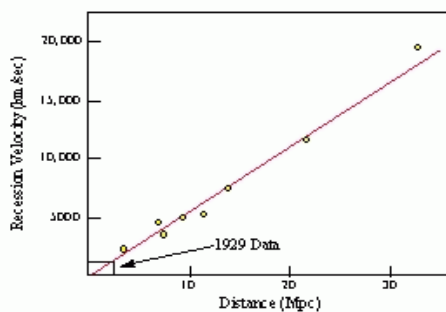
Discussion... why is everything moving away from US?

What's wrong with US?

What would an observer in another galaxy see?

## Recession Velocity and Redshift

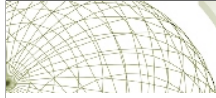
- ✦ Hubble's original value was  $H=500\text{km/s/Mpc}$ ... way off the real value. He had mistakenly identified bright nebulae in other galaxies with bright stars, thereby making them seem closer.
- ✦ Redshift  $z = (\lambda_{\text{observed}} - \lambda_{\text{emitted}}) / \lambda_{\text{emitted}}$  ;
- ✦  $1+z = \sqrt{\{(1+v/c)/(1-v/c)\}}$  or for  $v \ll c$   $-(v/c)$ .
- ✦ or  $1+z = \gamma\{1+(v/c)\}$



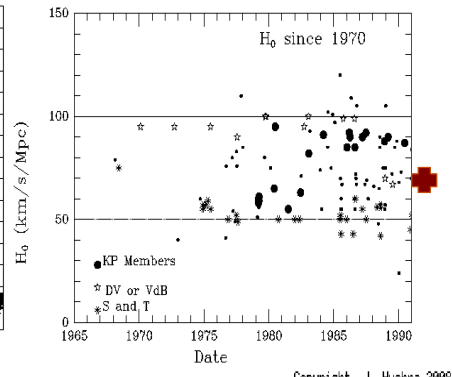
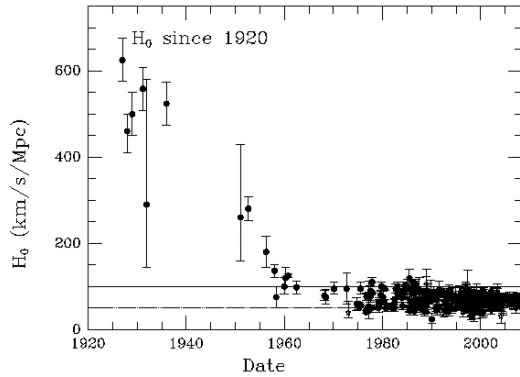
### Hubble Expansion

we will later show that the redshift is related to the scale factor change of the universe (how big the universe is at different times)

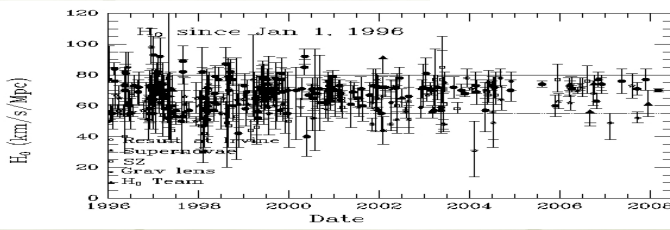




## Its Hard to Measure the Hubble Constant



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# Cosmological and Gravitational Redshift

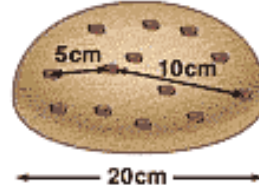
- ★ Doppler shifts imply a certain velocity

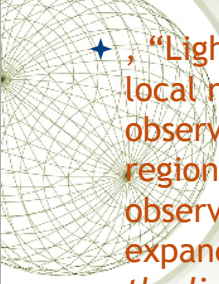
- ★ Gravitational redshifts a certain mass and size

$$1+z = \sqrt{1 - 2GM/Rc^2}$$

- ★ The cosmological redshift is due to the **expansion of space itself**- every galaxy is moving away from every other- there is no center

- ★ Because this is NOT a velocity effect galaxies can move apart from each other faster than the speed of light- this is not a violation of Einstein





- ★ , “Light leaves a galaxy, which is stationary in its local region of space, and is eventually received by observers who are stationary in their own local region of space. Between the galaxy and the observer, light travels through vast regions of expanding space. *As a result, all wavelengths of the light are stretched by the expansion of space.* It is as simple as that. (Edward Harrison)

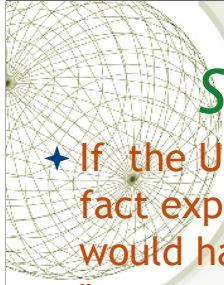
- ★ The viewpoint that "distant galaxies are receding" and the viewpoint that "the space between galaxies is expanding" are related by changing coordinate systems. Expressing this precisely requires working with the mathematics of the Friedmann-Robertson-Walker metric of general relativity



## *Not An Explosion*

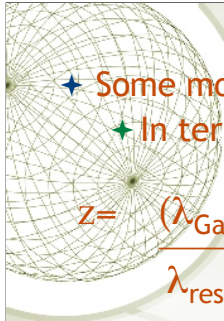
- ✦ An explosion has a center and an edge. But every galaxy is moving away from every other galaxy and an observer on any galaxy will measure the same expansion
- ✦ In an explosion, the fragments fly through space, and their motion can be defined relative to the center of the explosion and the medium through which the fragments travel. In the expanding universe, galaxies are carried apart by the expansion of space itself, not by the forces of an explosion!
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<http://www.galaxyzoo.org/cosmology>



## *Something to Think About*

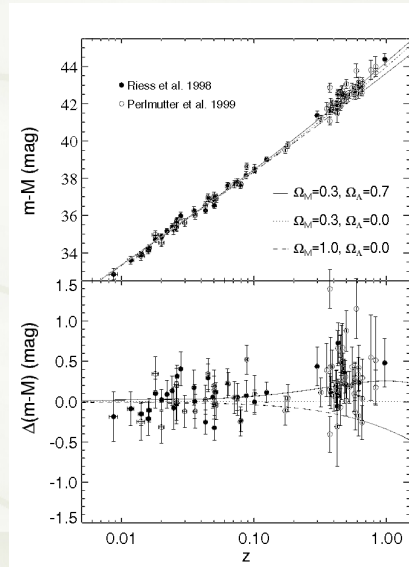
- ★ If the Universe is in fact expanding what would happen if you "rewound" things...  
at some point should it have been much denser (and hotter)?



- ◆ Some modern data
- ◆ In terms of redshift

$$z = \frac{(\lambda_{\text{Galaxy}} - \lambda_{\text{rest}})}{\lambda_{\text{rest}}}$$

- ◆ ... and m-M which is one way that some astronomers measure distance (we don't need the details of this)
- ◆ Clearly, we are seeing some very fast galaxies!



## A Redshift Digression

- As shown later the cosmological redshift is related to the expansion of the universe
- $$1+z = R_{\text{then}}/R_{\text{now}}$$

Calculation of redshift,  $z$

| Based on wavelength   | Based on frequency  |
|---|---|
| $z = \frac{\lambda_{\text{obsv}} - \lambda_{\text{emit}}}{\lambda_{\text{emit}}}$ | $z = \frac{\nu_{\text{emit}} - \nu_{\text{obsv}}}{\nu_{\text{obsv}}}$ |
| $1 + z = \frac{\lambda_{\text{obsv}}}{\lambda_{\text{emit}}}$                     | $1 + z = \frac{\nu_{\text{emit}}}{\nu_{\text{obsv}}}$                 |

Where  $R$  is the size of the universe at different times

Doppler redshift

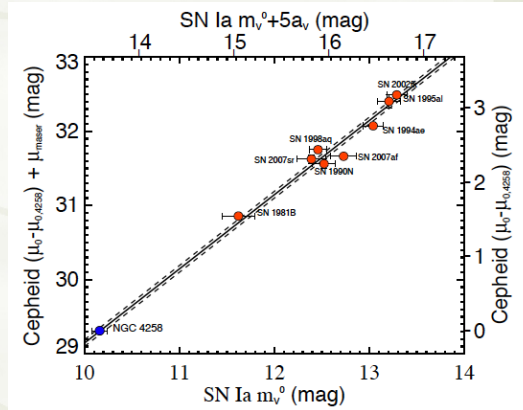
$$1 + z = \left(1 + \frac{v}{c}\right) \gamma.$$

Gravitational redshift

$$1 + z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{2GM}{rc^2}}}$$

## What About Going Further

- ★ Need brighter 'standardizable' candles
- ★ Turns out that type I SuperNova (SNIa) can be made standard candles (Nobel Prize 2011\*)-"for the discovery of the accelerating expansion of the Universe through observations of distant supernovae".
- ★ This allow 'absolute' distances to ~5000 Mpc

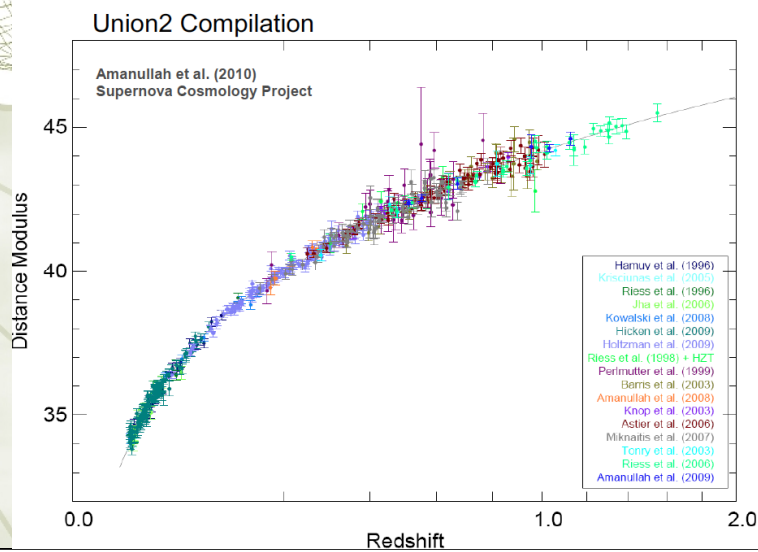


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Comparison of SN Ia and Cepheid distances

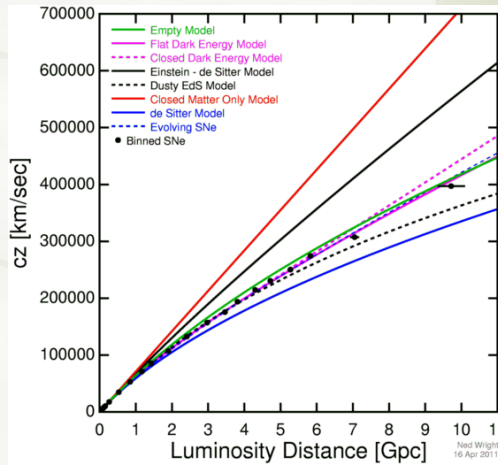


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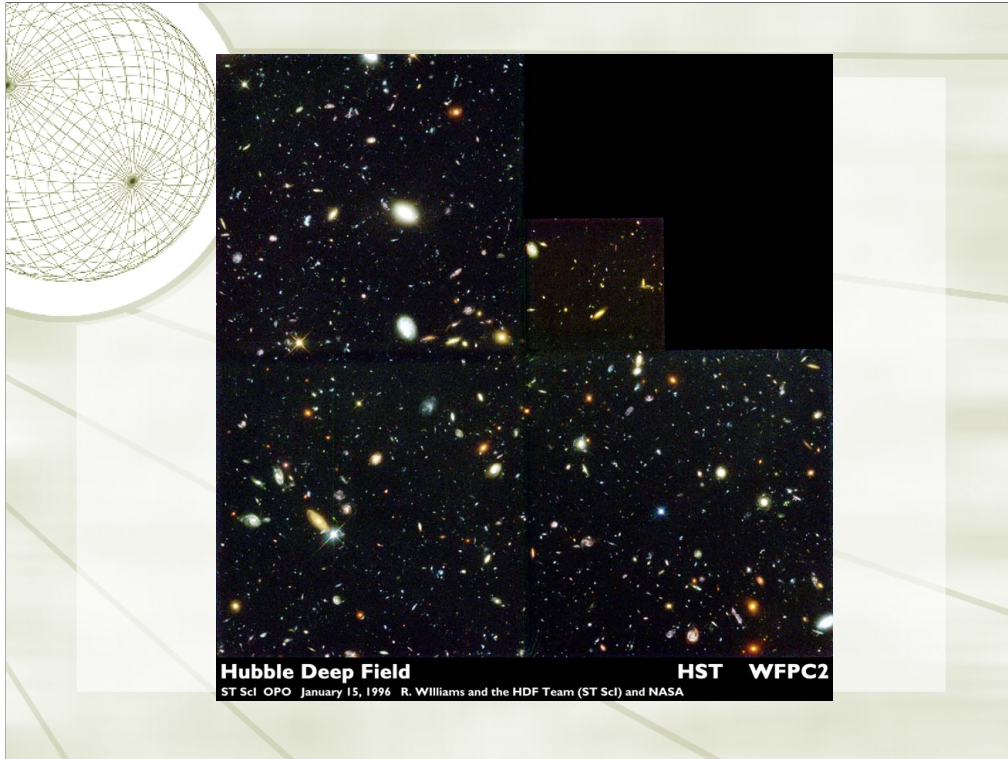


## Hubble's Relation at the Largest Scales

- ★ Using type Ia SN to determine relationship between redshift and distance
- ★ At huge distances Hubble law is no longer linear- clue to the shape of space-time
- ★ Hubble constant is not really constant. It has the same value everywhere in the universe at one instant, but it does change over time



[http://www.astro.ucla.edu/~wright/sne\\_cosmology.html](http://www.astro.ucla.edu/~wright/sne_cosmology.html)



**Hubble Deep Field**

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