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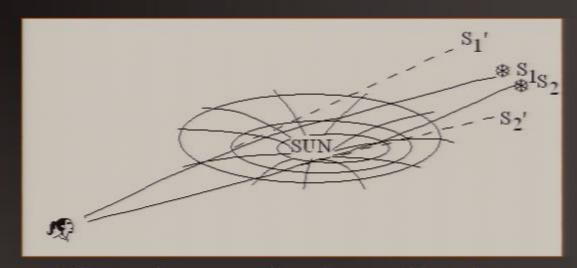
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"Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not sure about the former."

Albert Einstein

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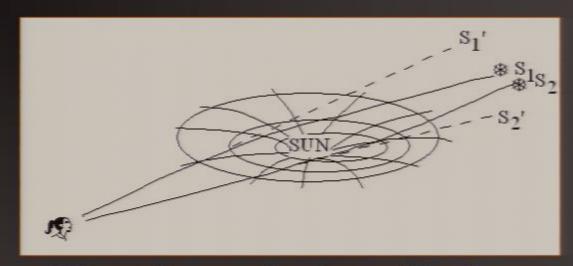
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- Knowing how matter is distributed over large scales
  tells us the shape and evolution of the Universe!

#### Visible Matter in the Universe

#### 2MASS Galaxy Survey

- Visible matter is distributed as stars and gas within galaxies and clusters of galaxies.
- These appear to be distributed roughly isotropically and homogeneously about us.

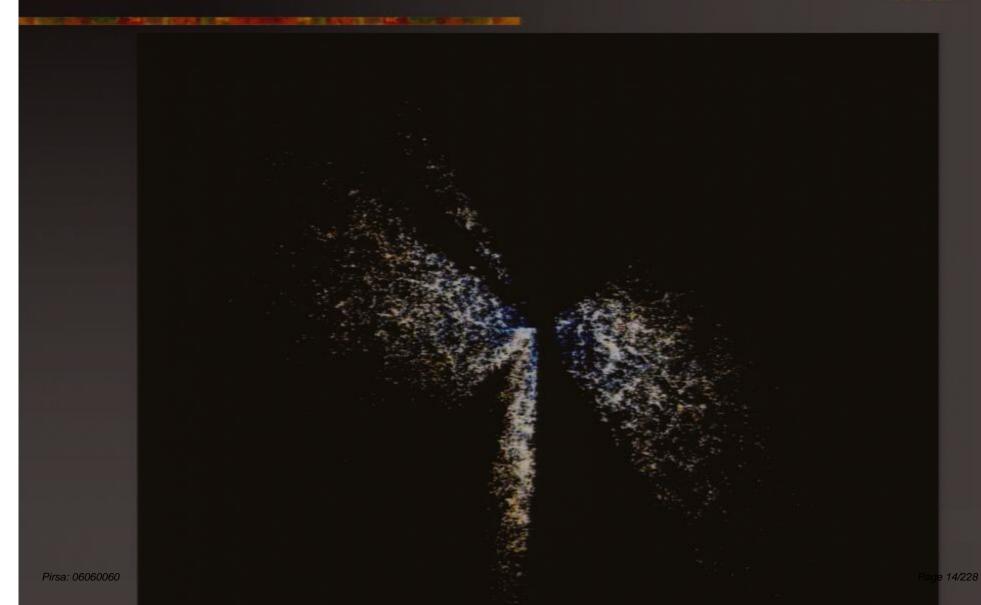




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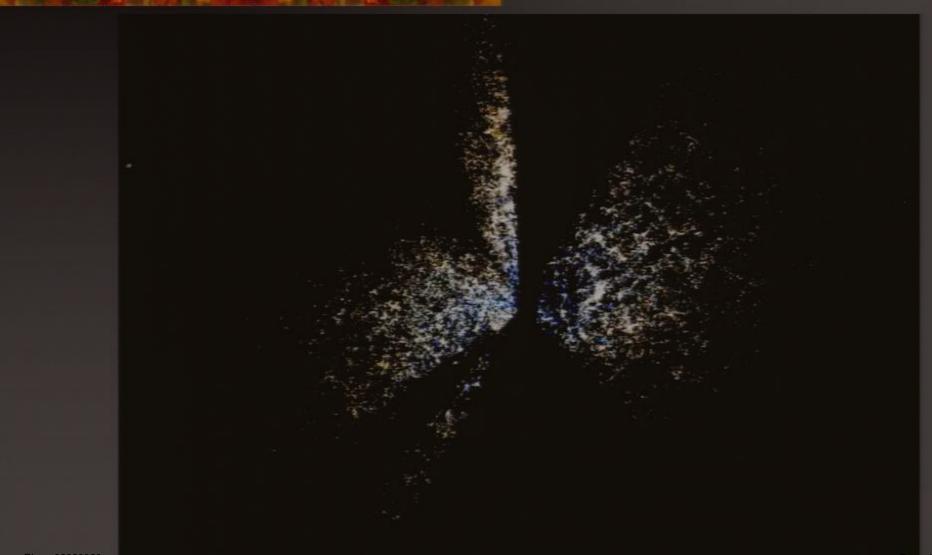


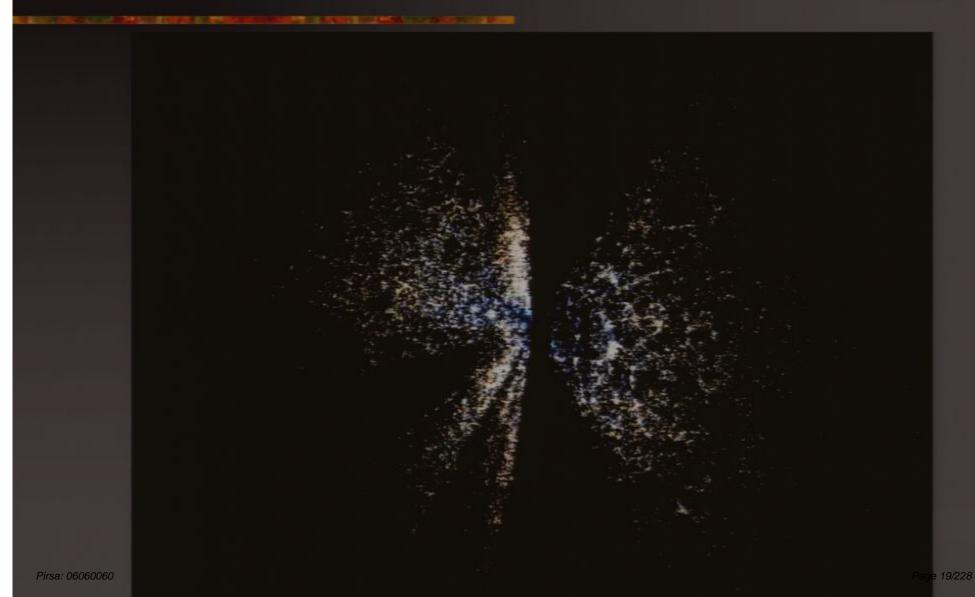


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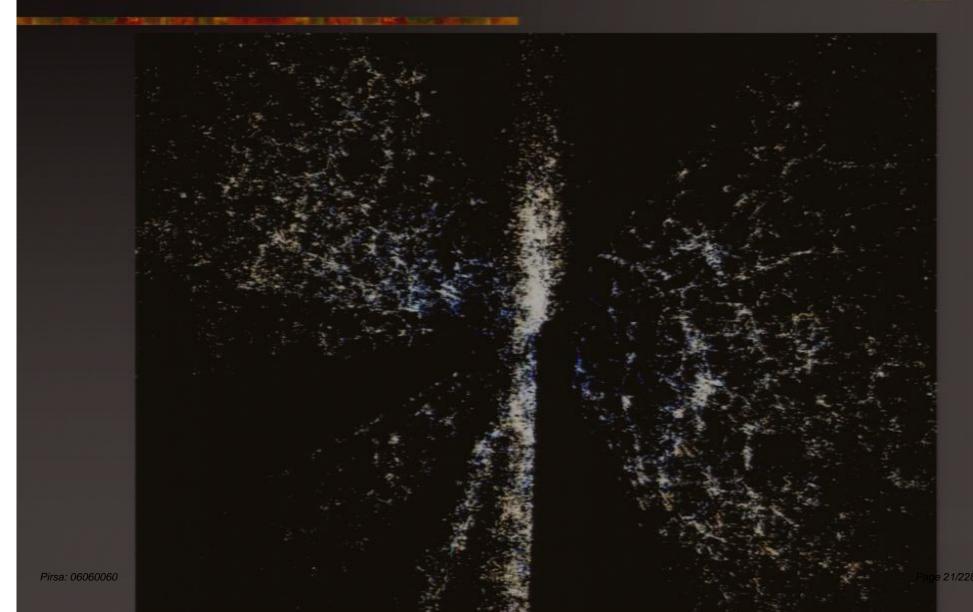


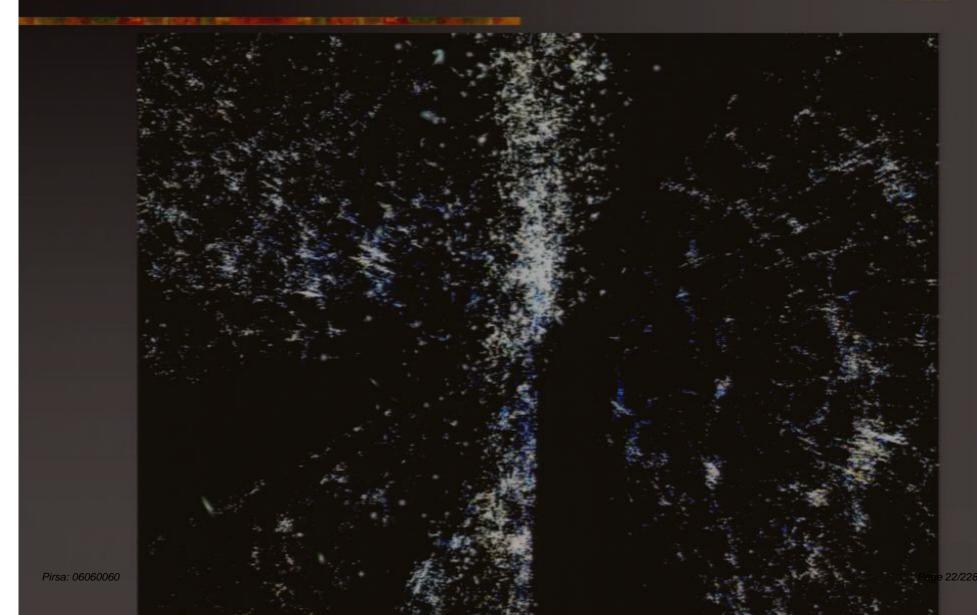
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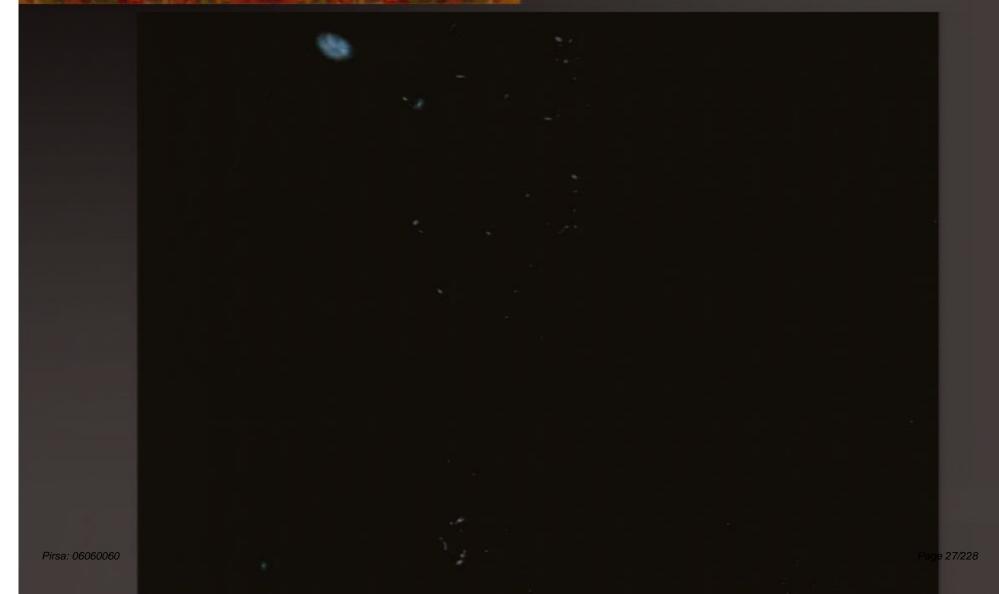


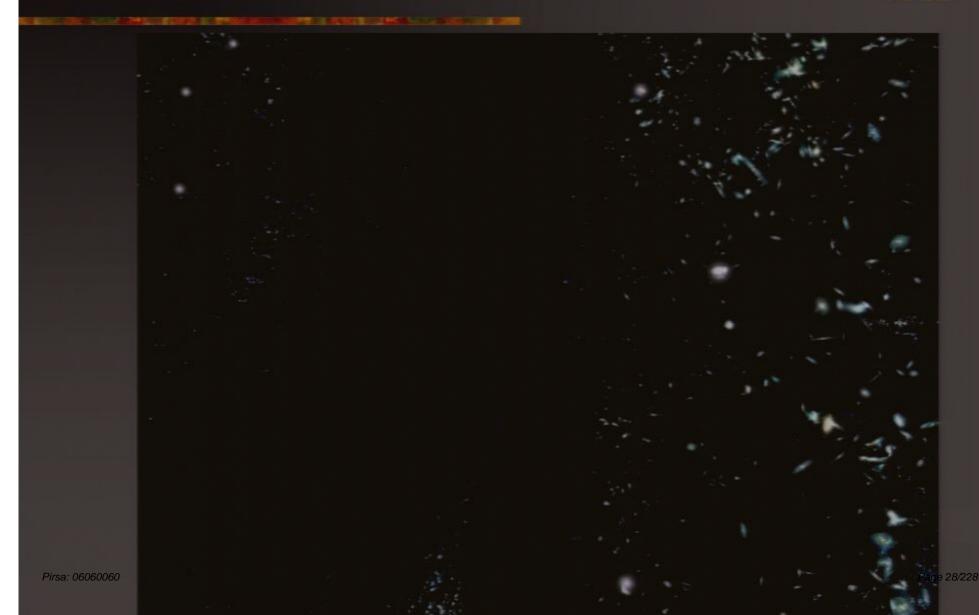




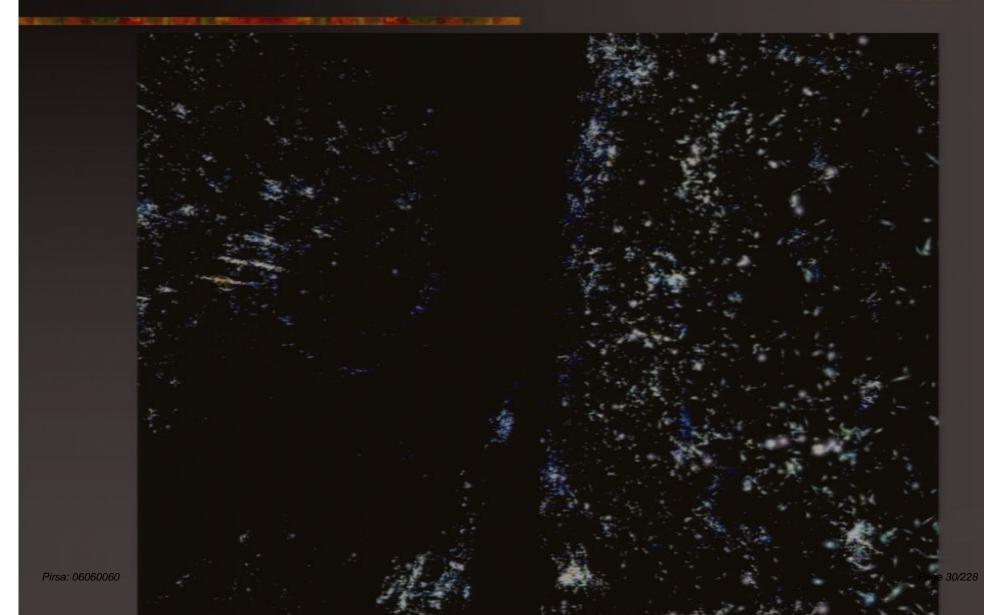


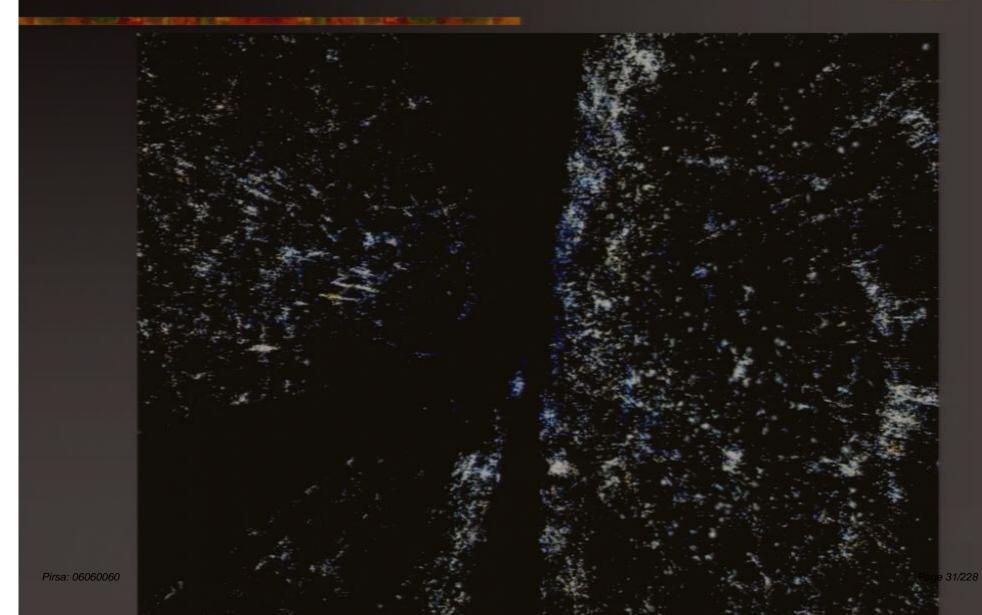


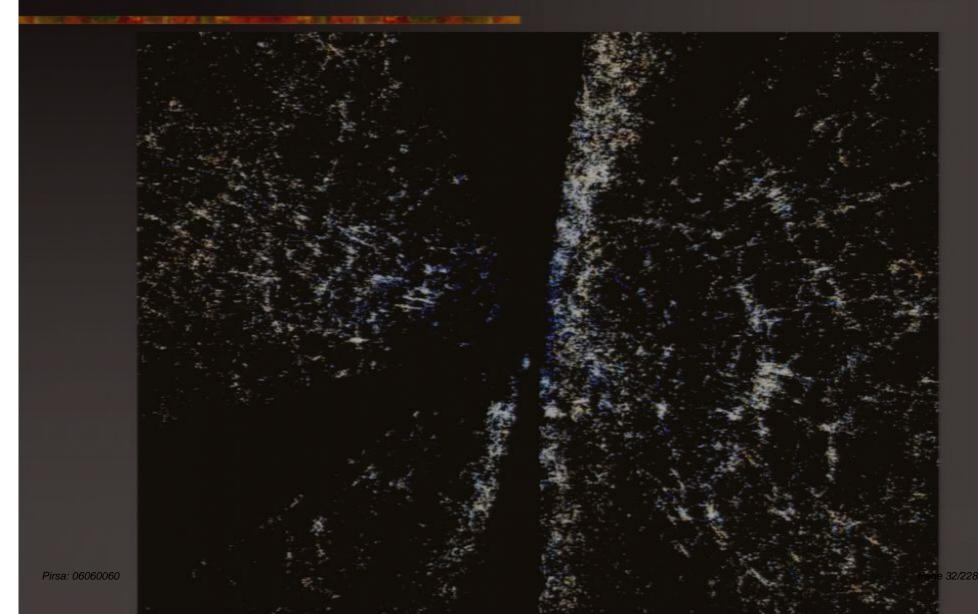


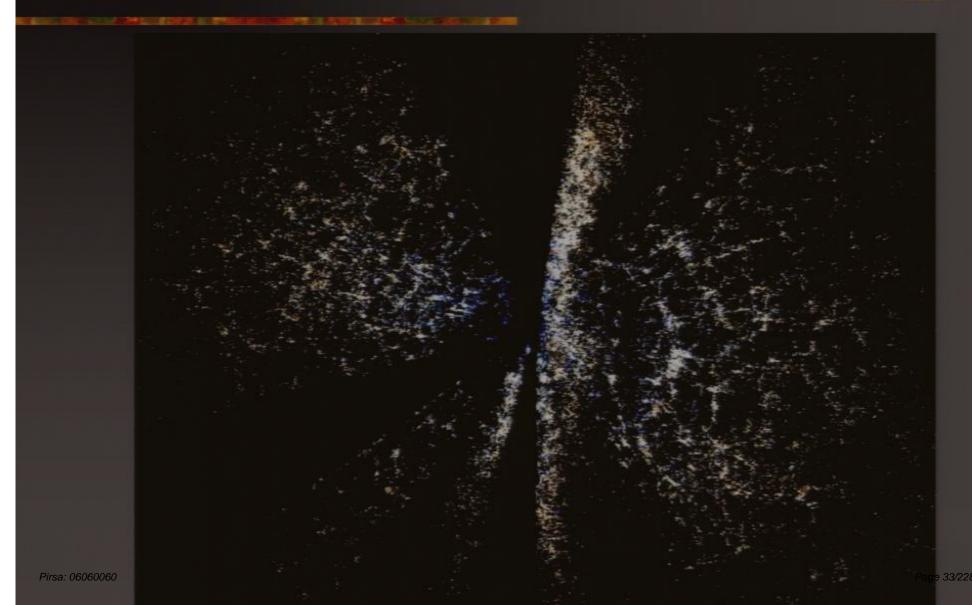


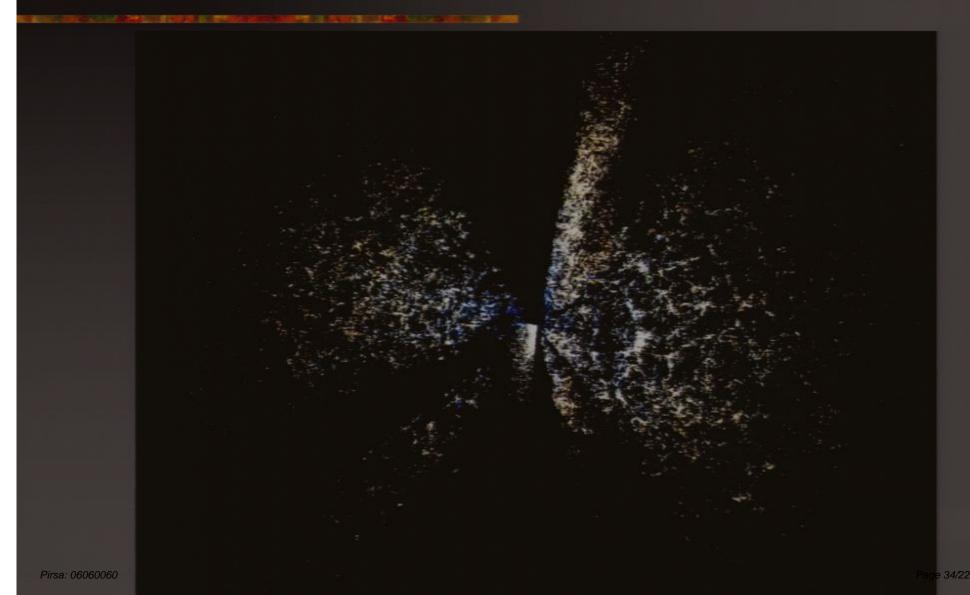


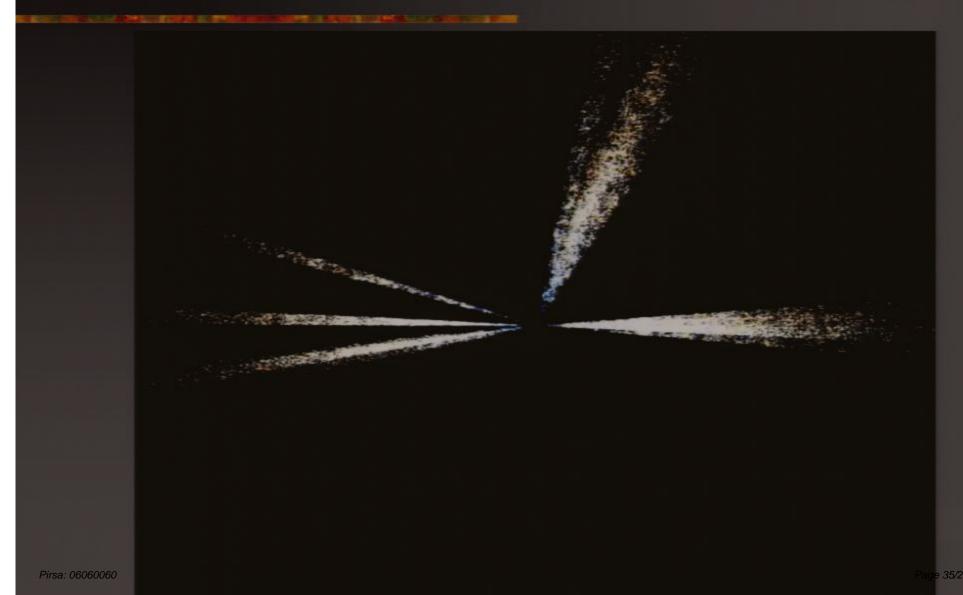


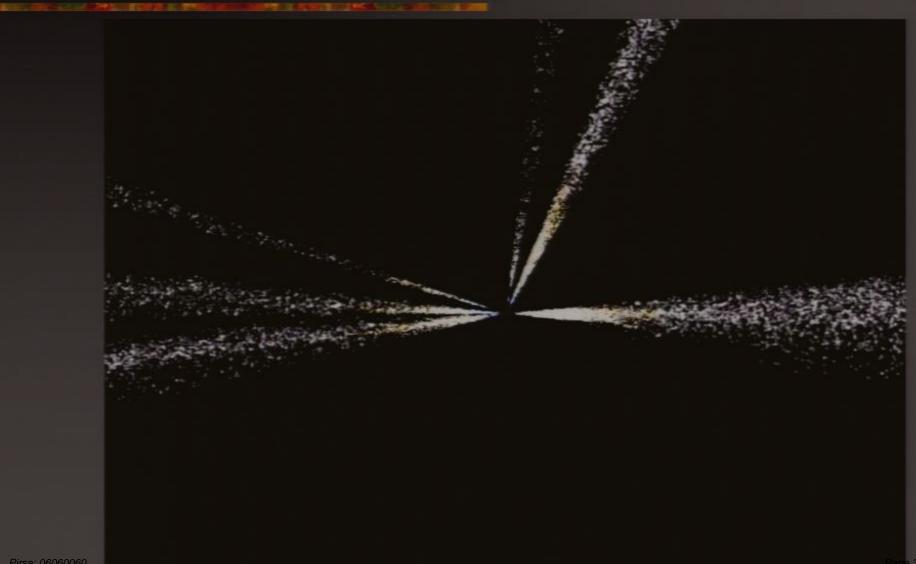




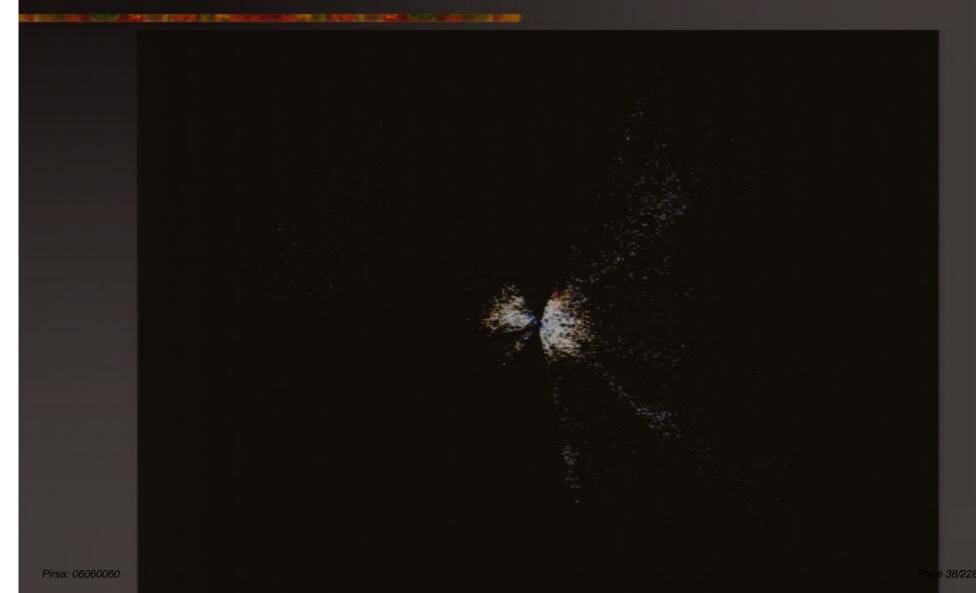


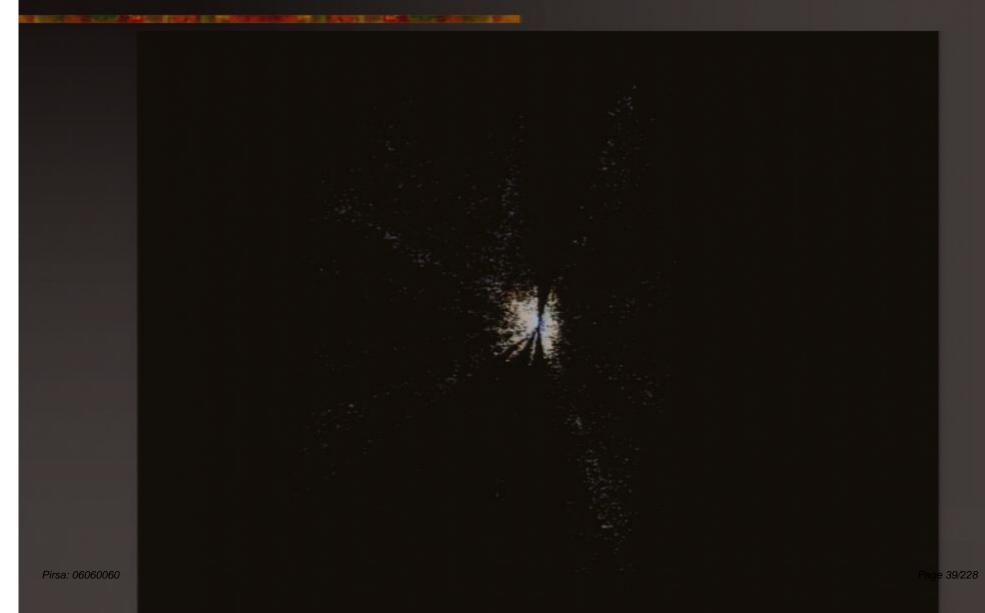


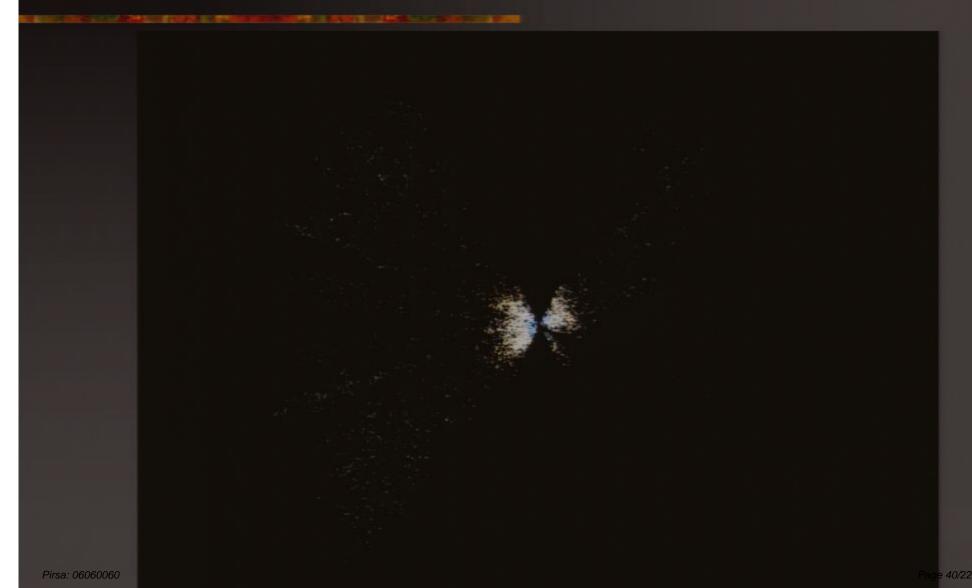




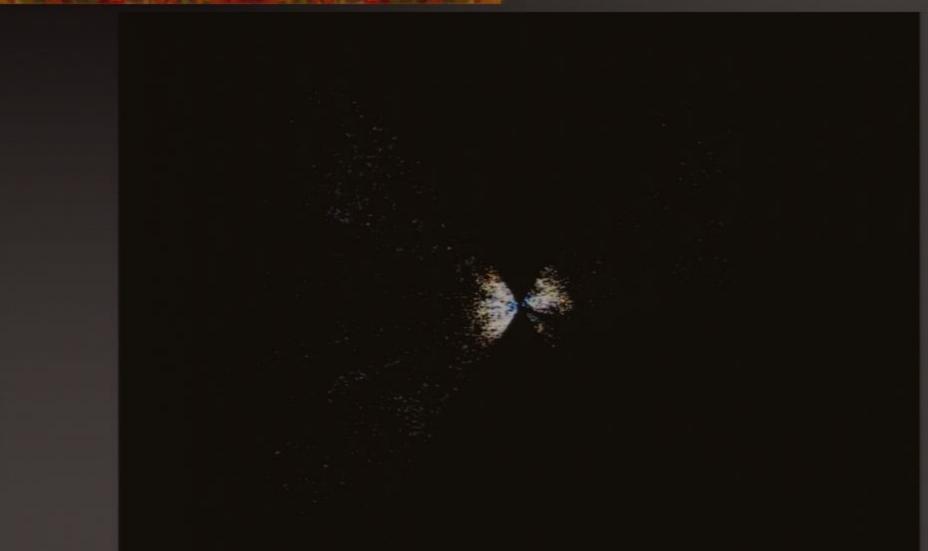




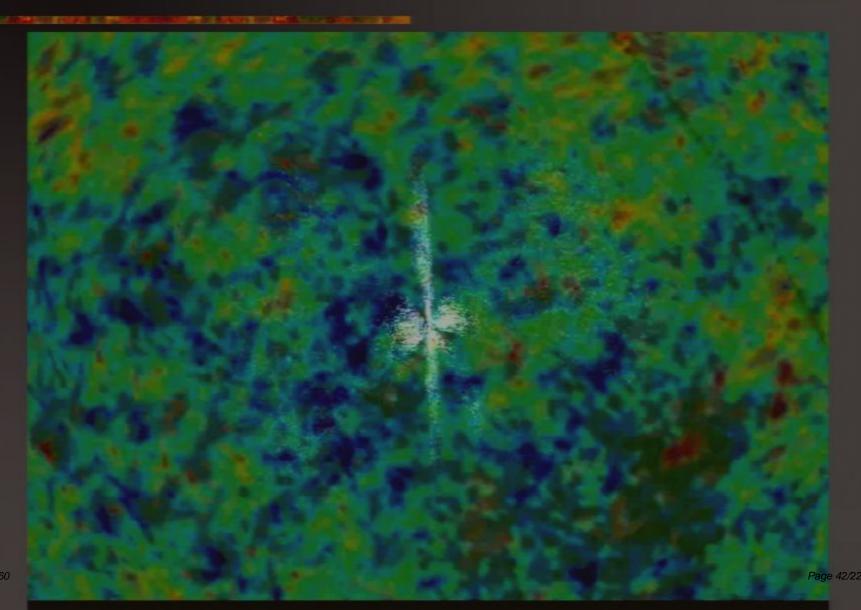


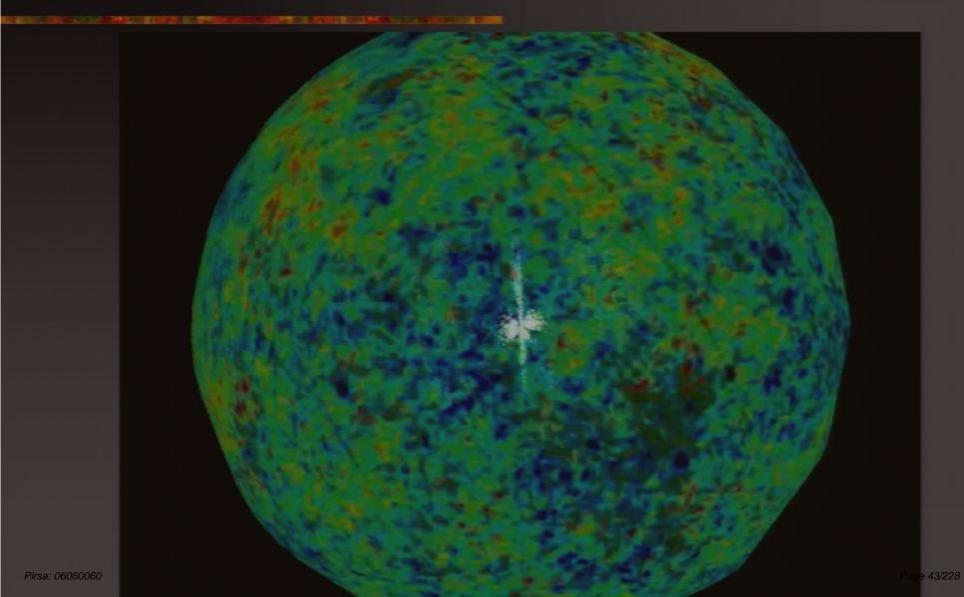


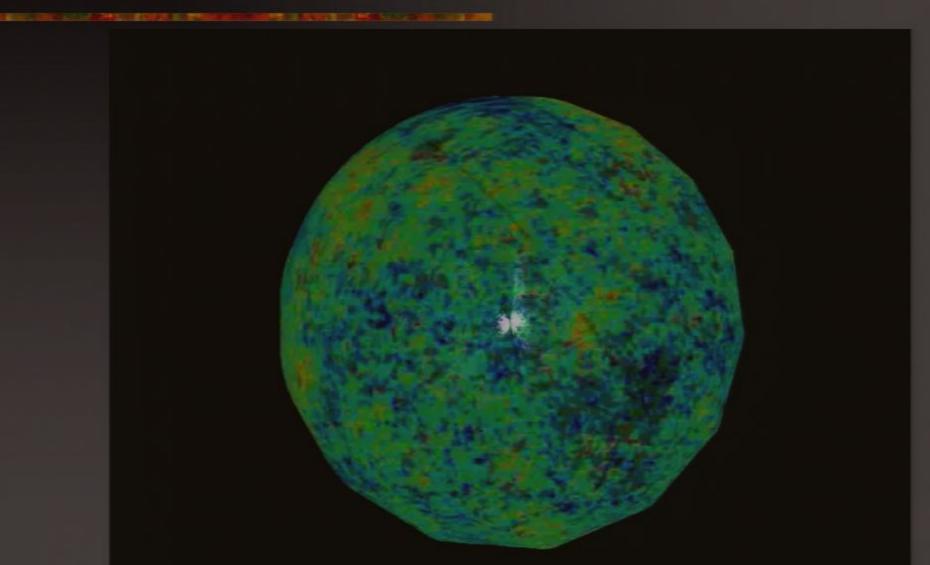
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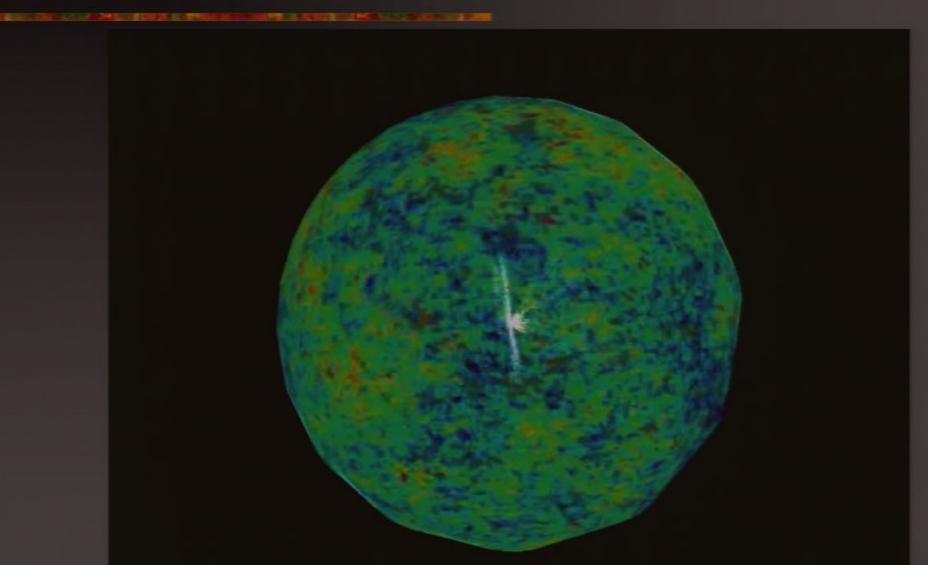


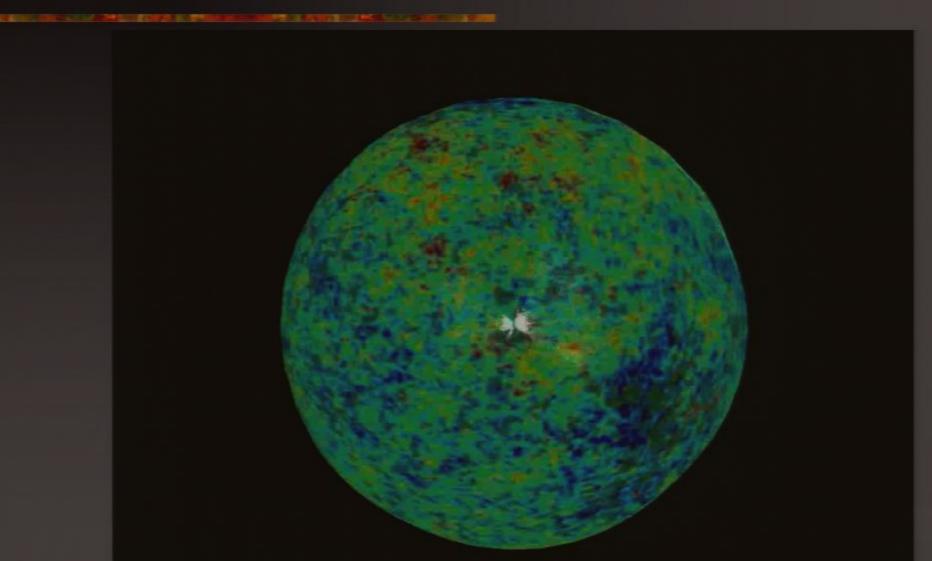
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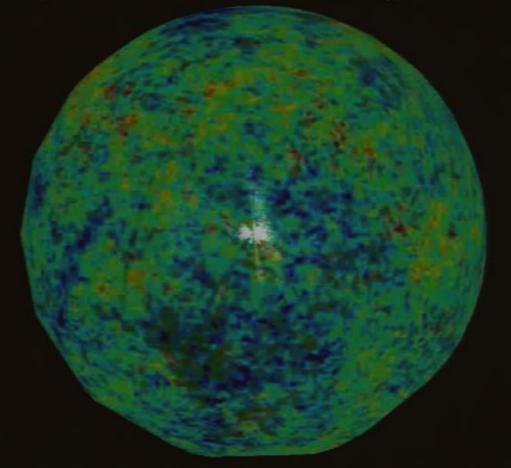


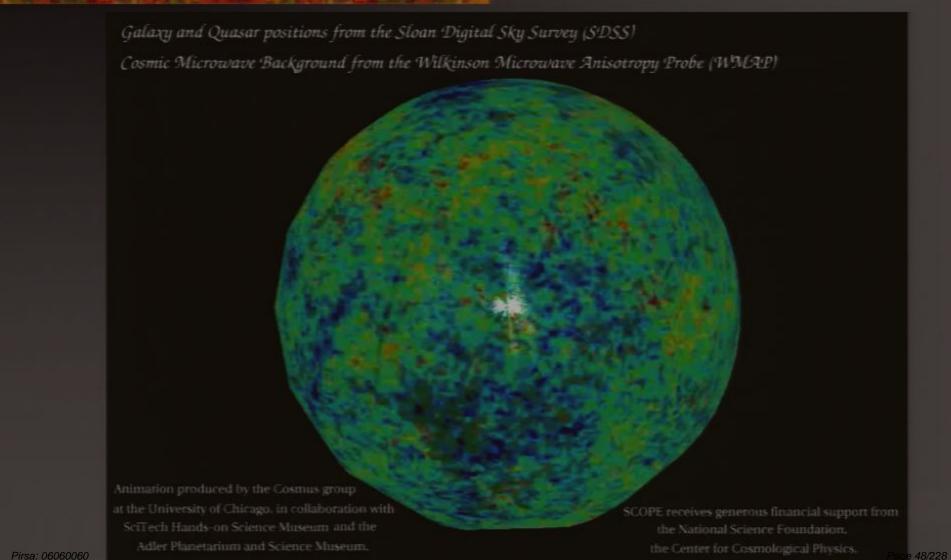


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Galaxy and Quasar positions from the Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS)

Cosmic Microwave Background from the Wilkinson Microwave Anisotropy Probe (WMAP)





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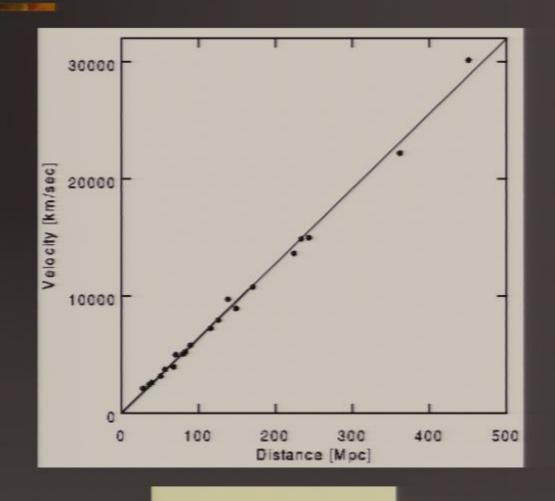
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In all directions galaxies are seen to be receding from us with a speed which is proportional to their distance from us:

As expected if all started at the same point at the same instant.

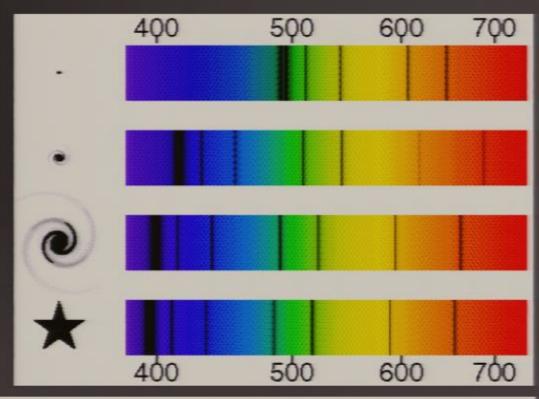
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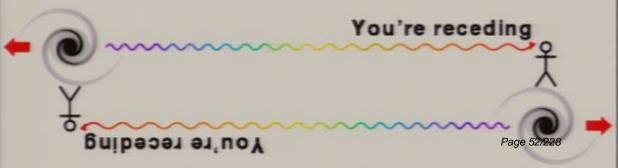
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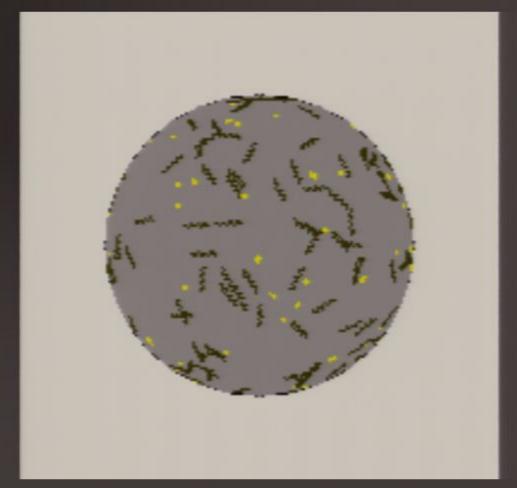
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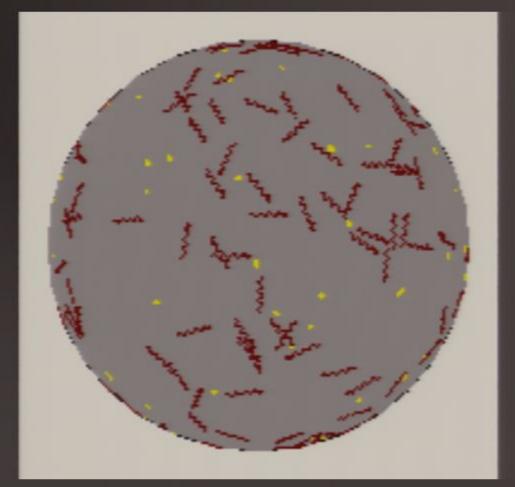
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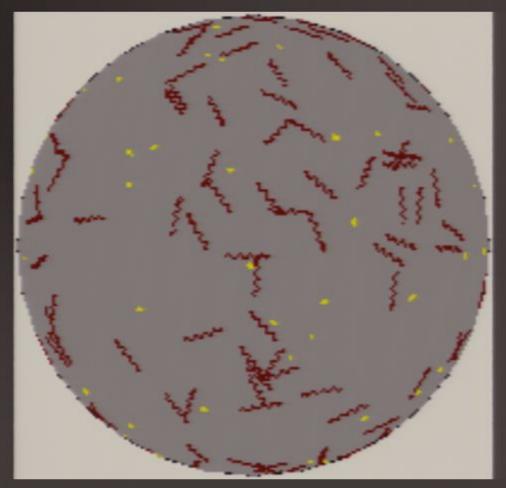
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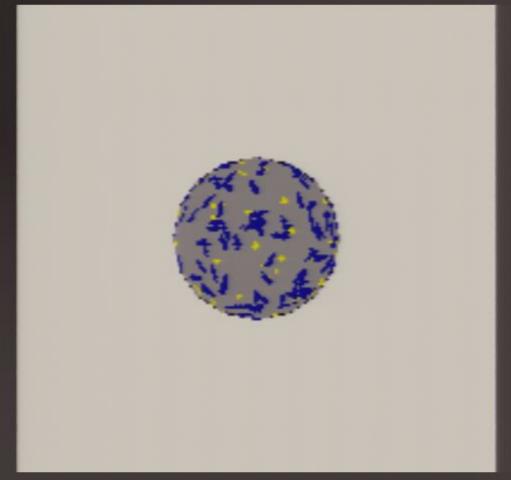
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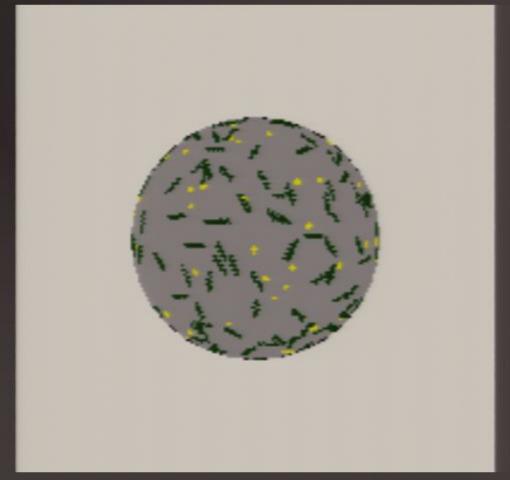
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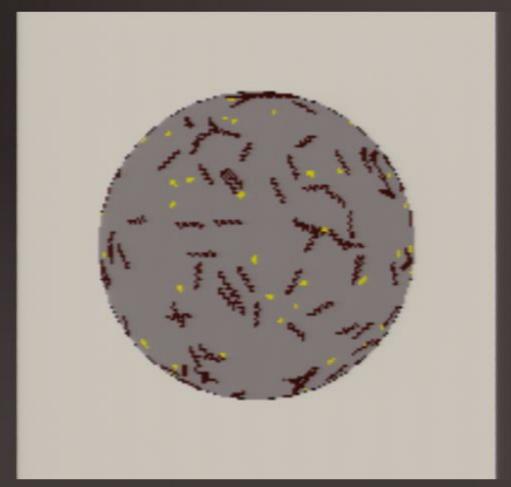
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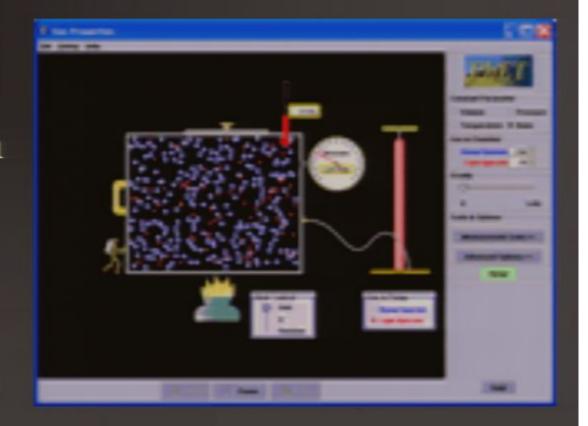
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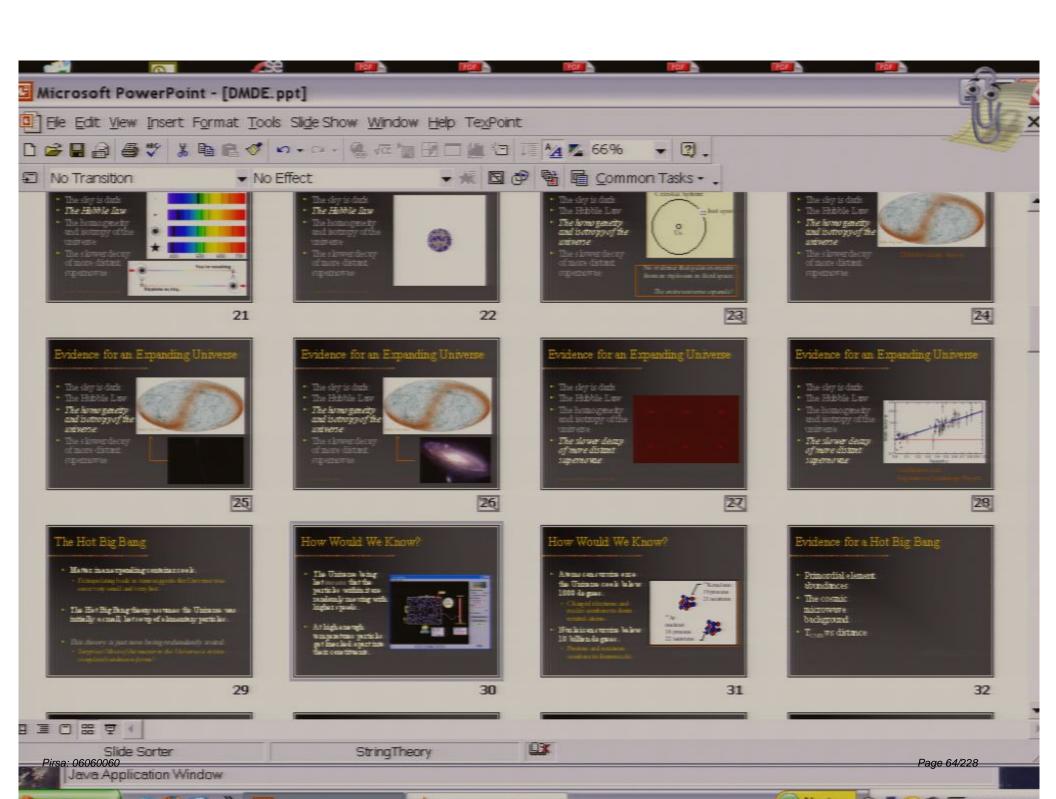
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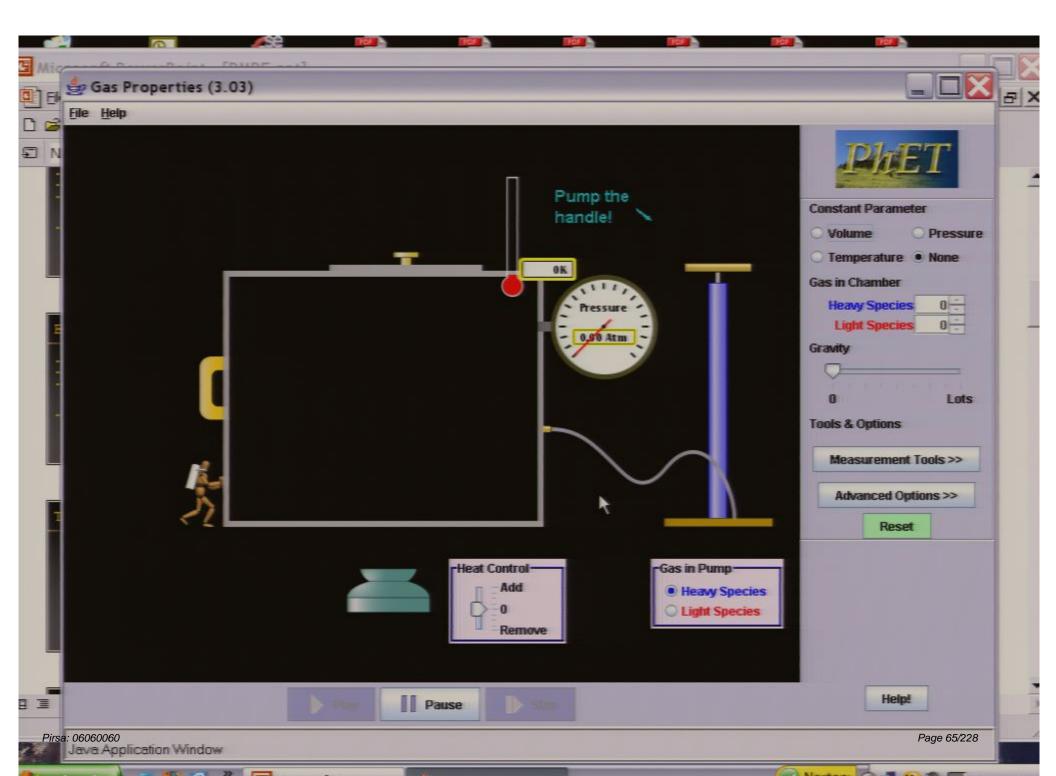
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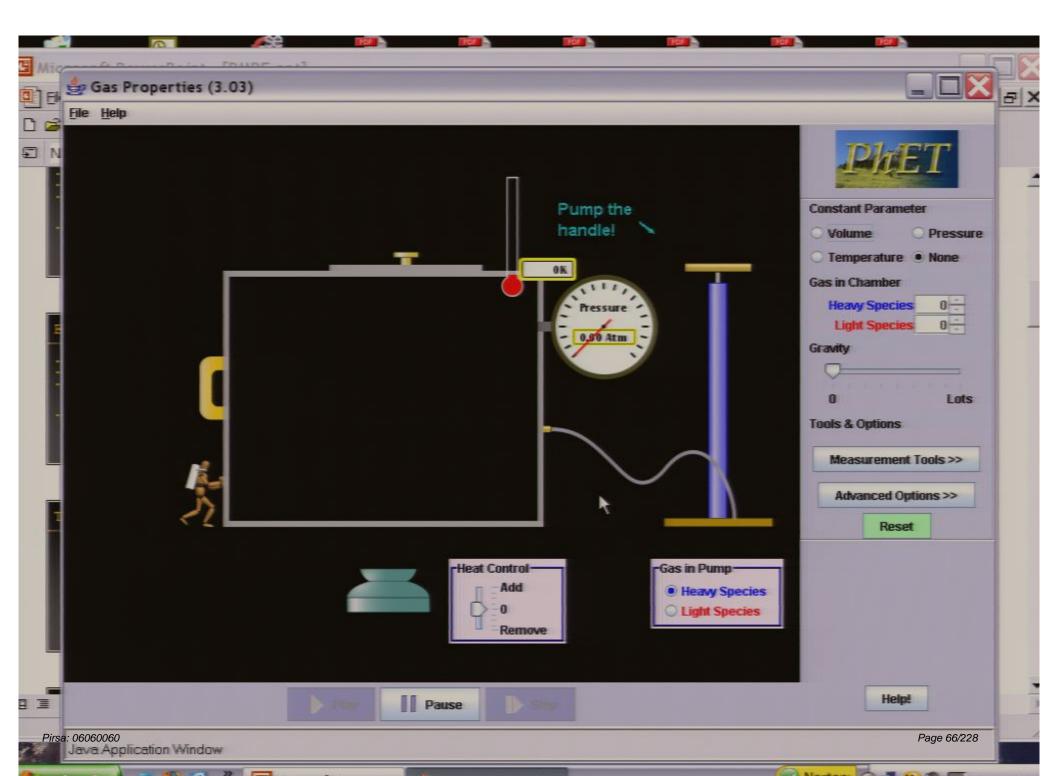
- The Universe being hot means that the particles within it are randomly moving with higher speeds.
- At high enough temperatures particles get knocked apart into their constituents.

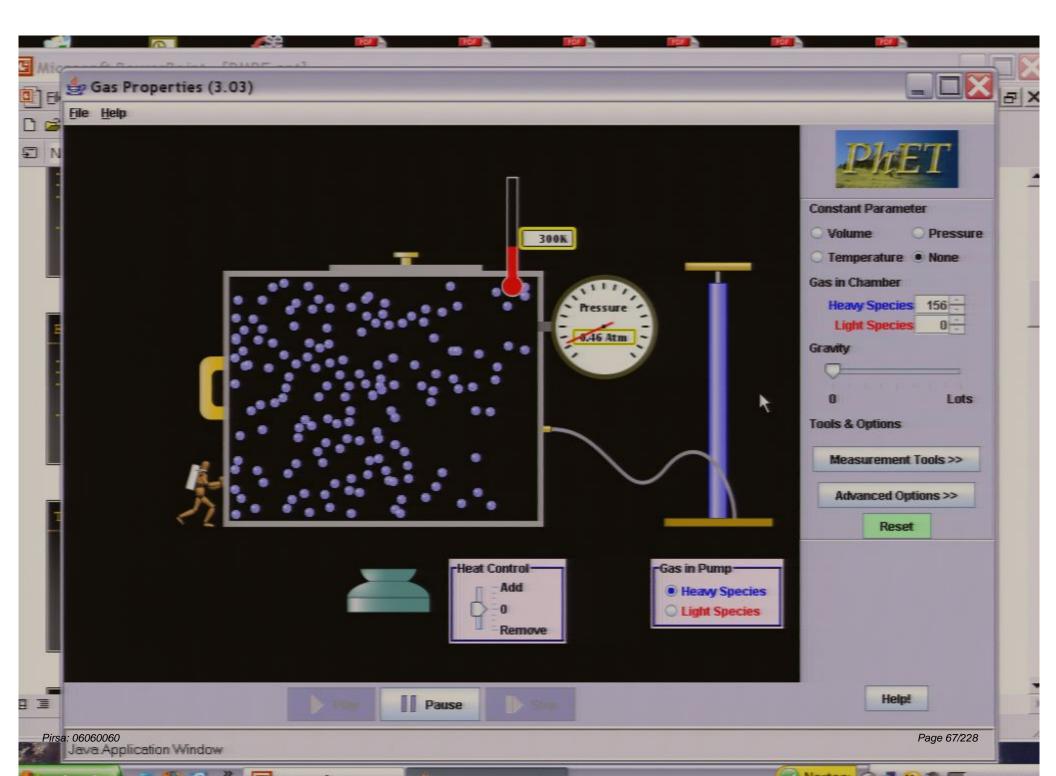


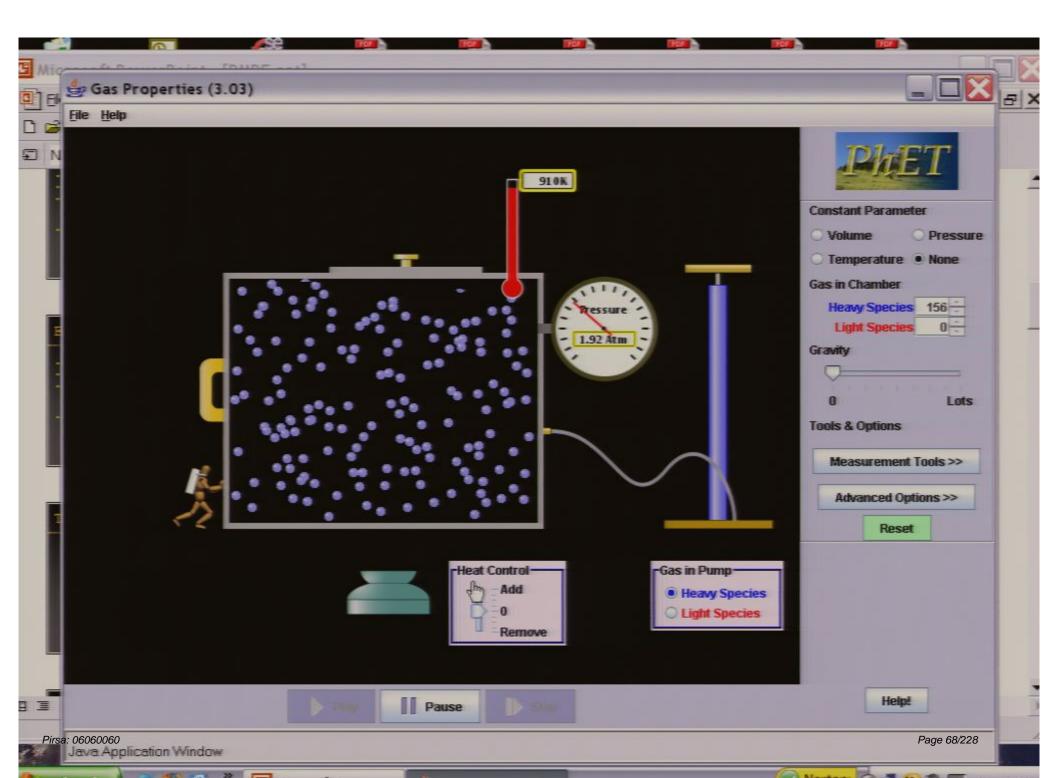
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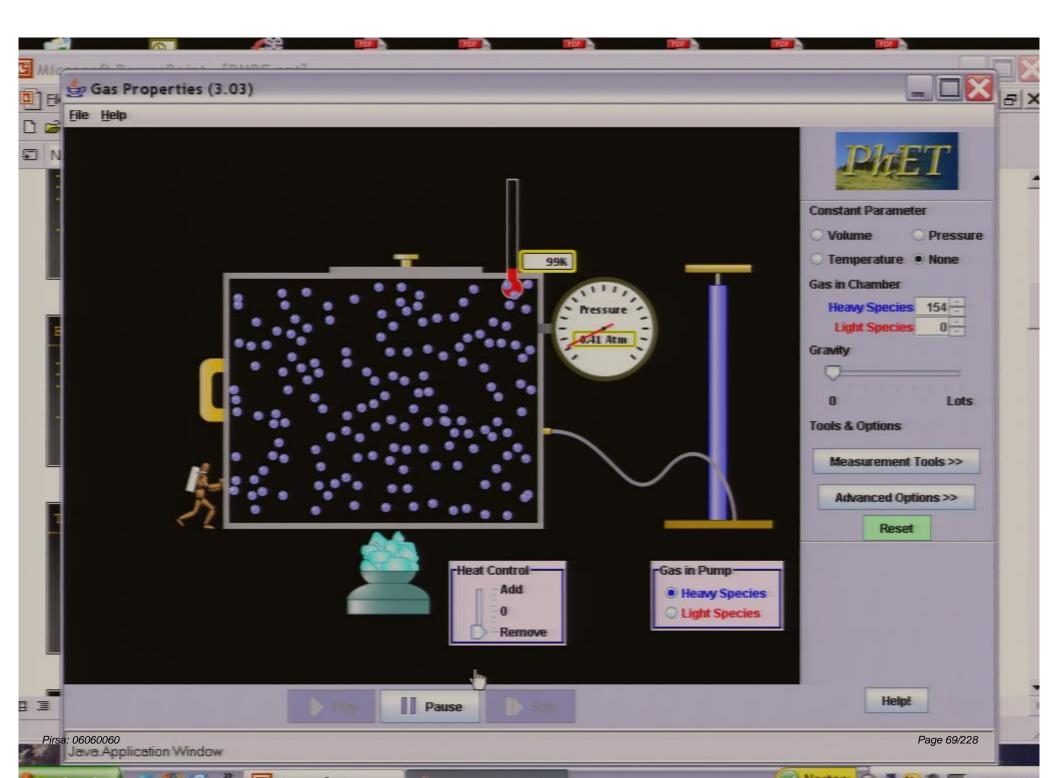


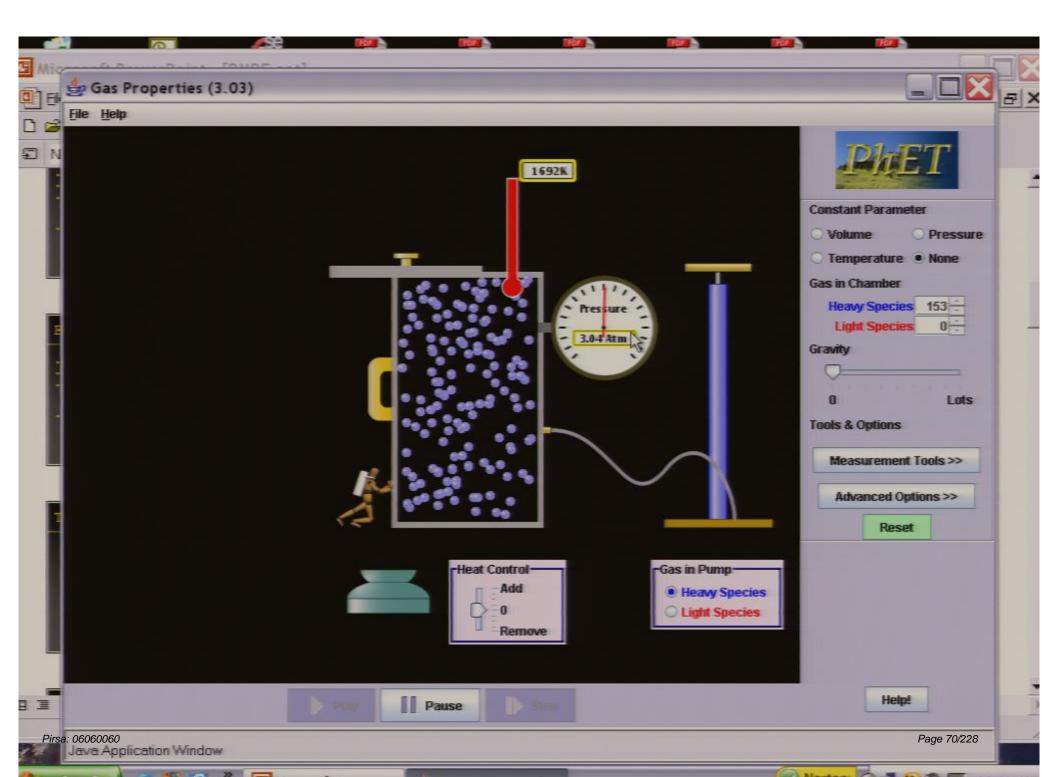


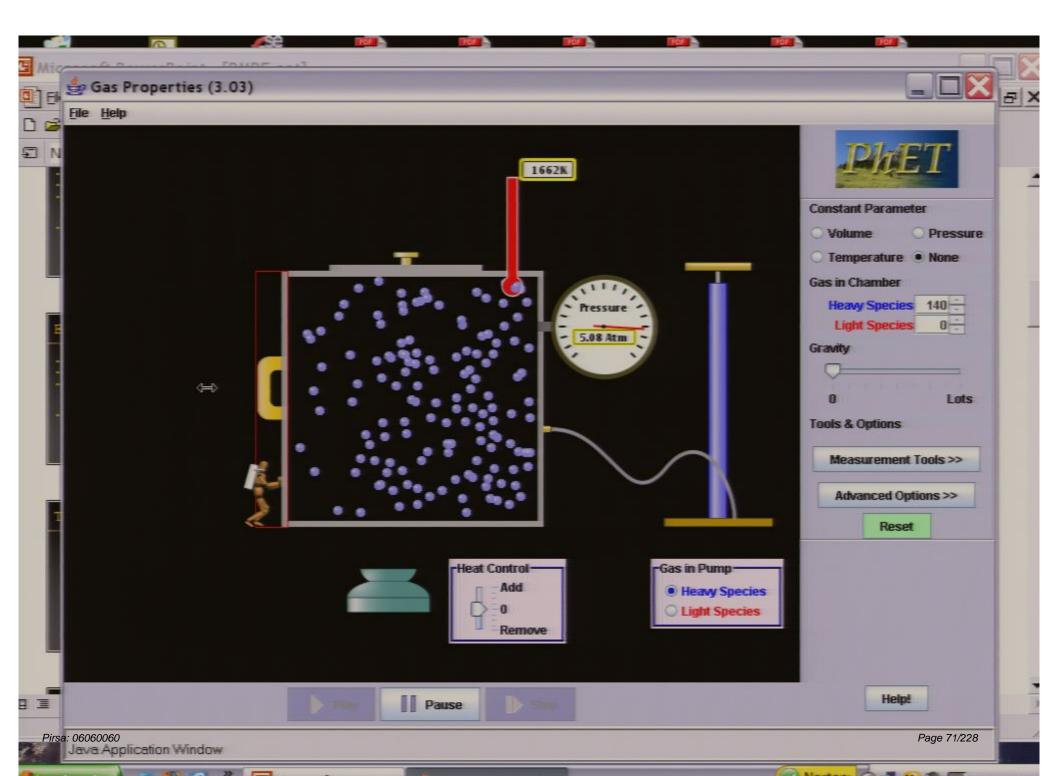


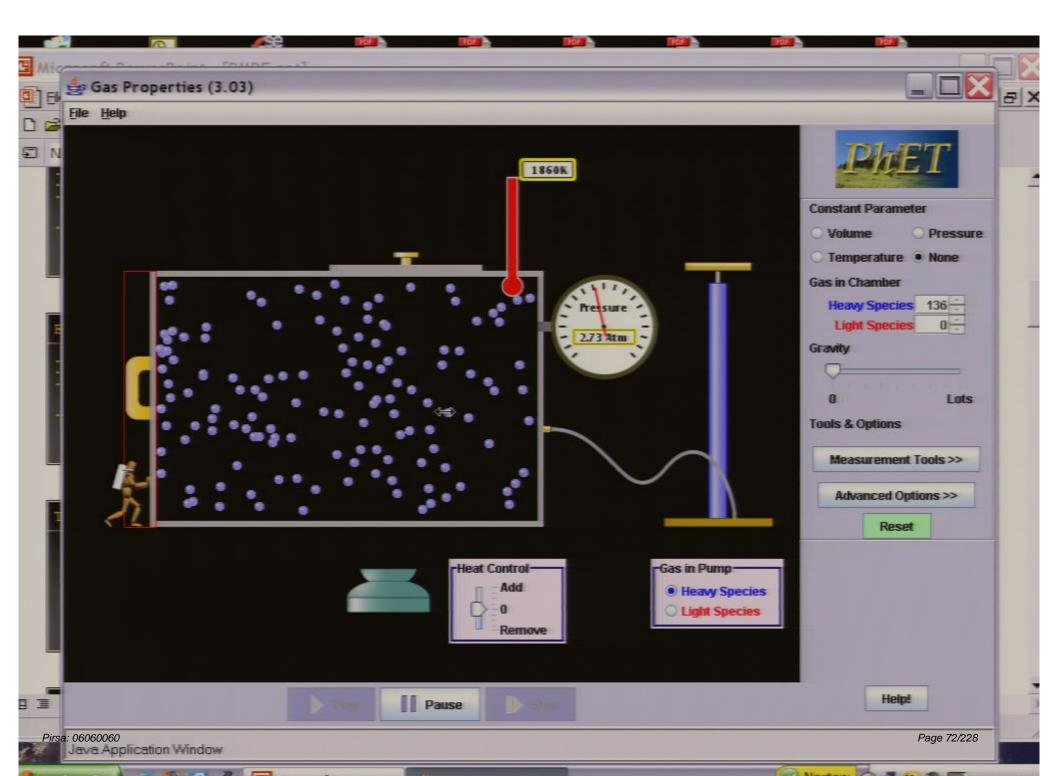


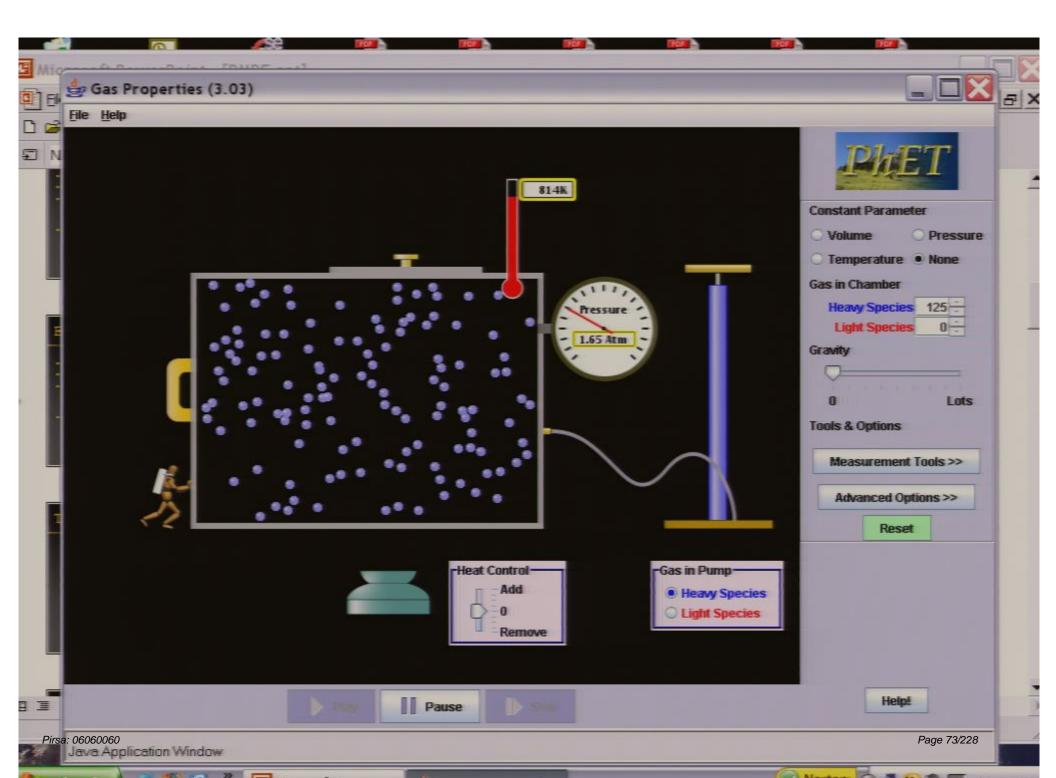






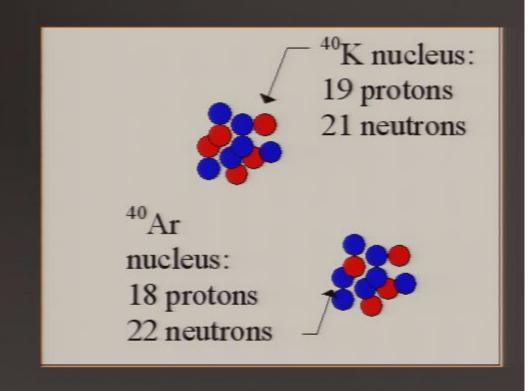






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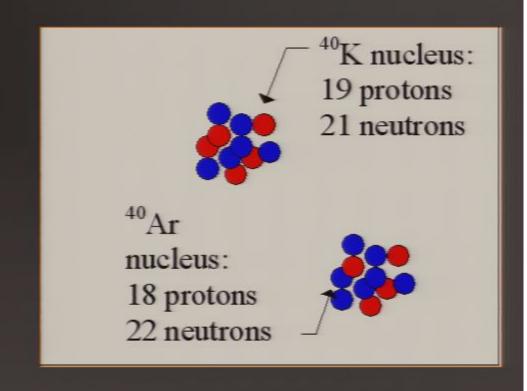
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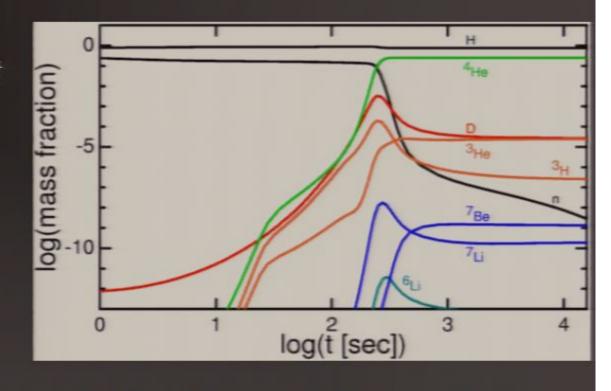
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When the universe cools to the point where nuclei can form (around 10<sup>10</sup> K) then the relative abundances of the light elements can be calculated.

The predictions for the isotopes of H, He, Li and Be agree with the measured abundances.

Agreement is very sensitive to the total number of atoms present.

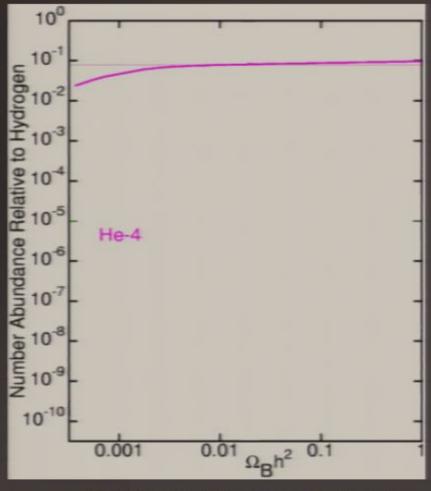
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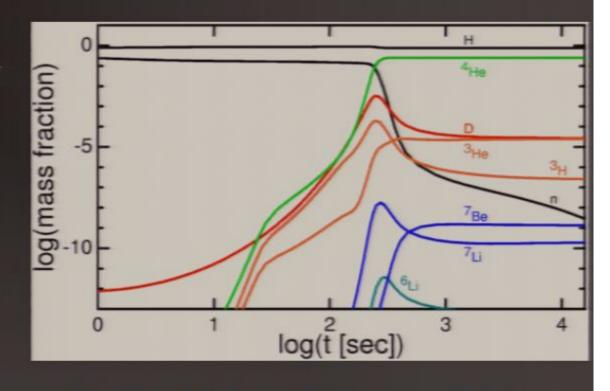
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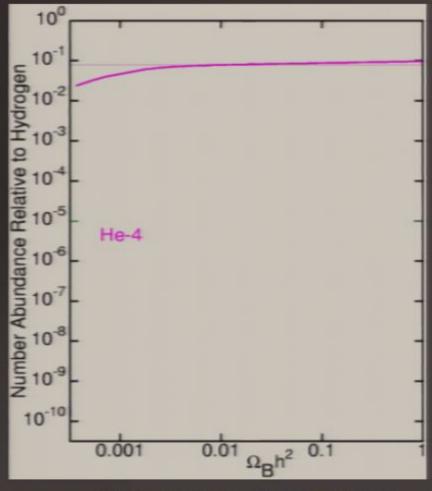
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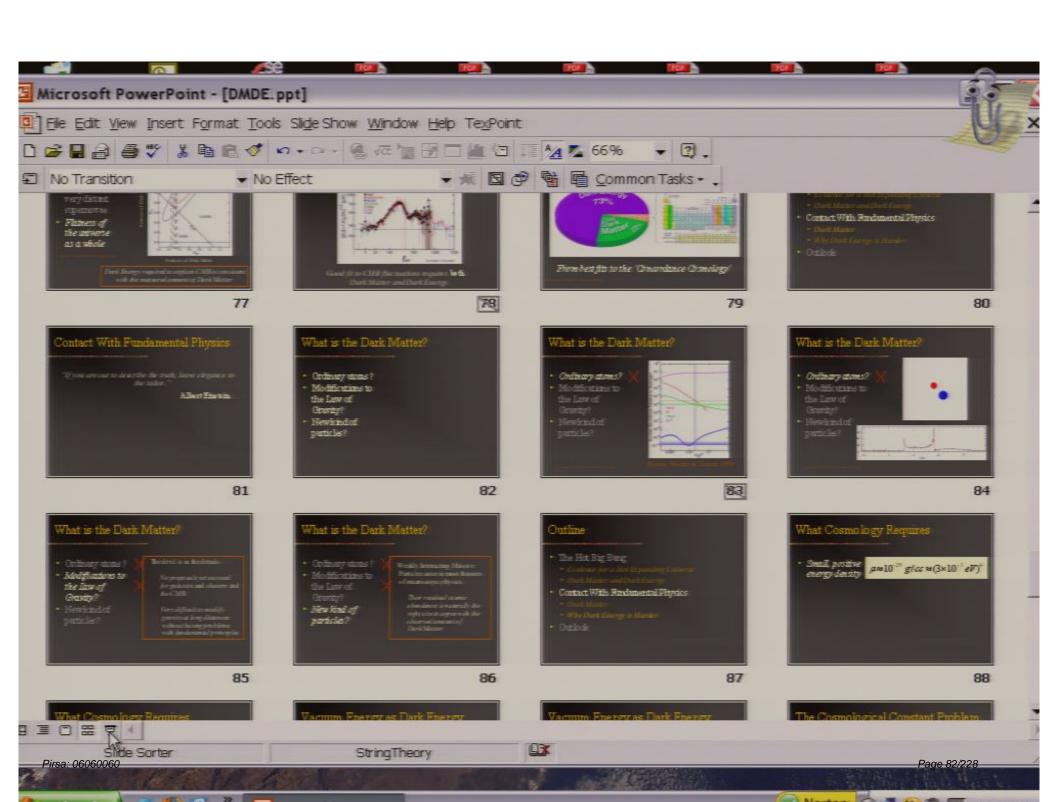
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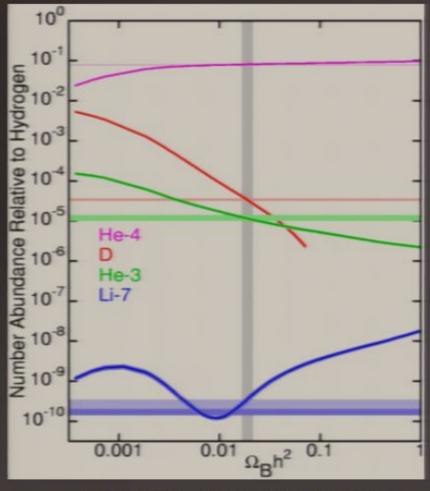


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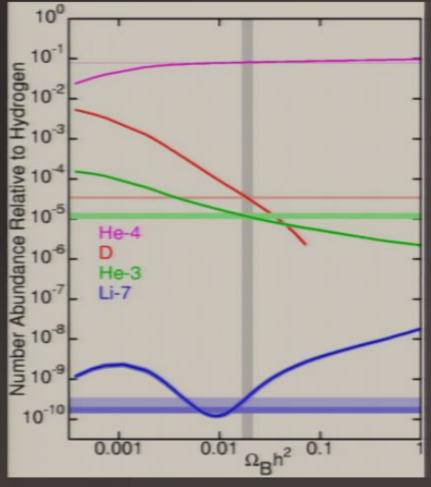
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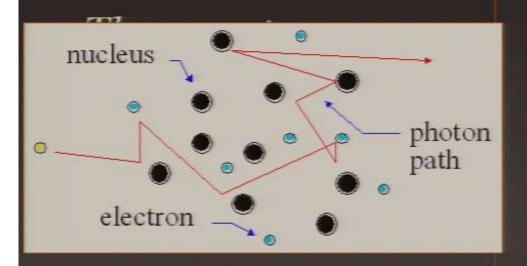
When the universe cools enough for atoms to form (around 10<sup>3</sup> K) it becomes transparent to light.

The light present at this time is still running around the universe.

This light is now seen as microwaves due to the intervening expansion of the universe.

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Above 1000 degrees atoms break up into electrons and nuclei.

Unlike atoms, electrons and nuclei carry electric charge and so scatter light very efficiently.

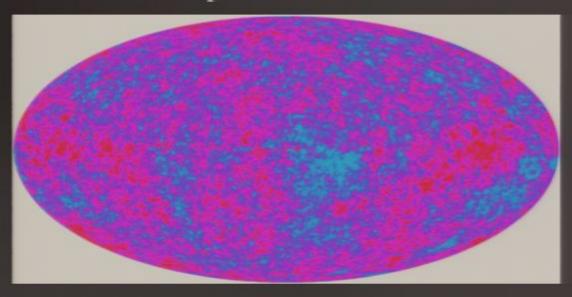
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CMB Temperature vs Direction



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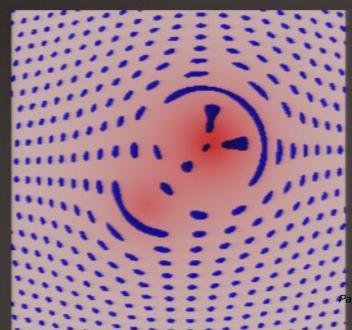
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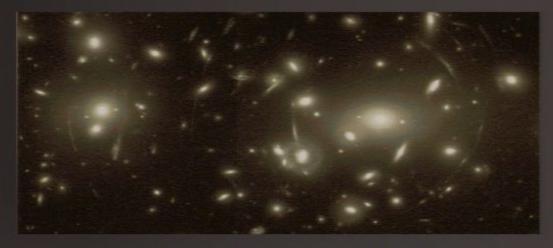
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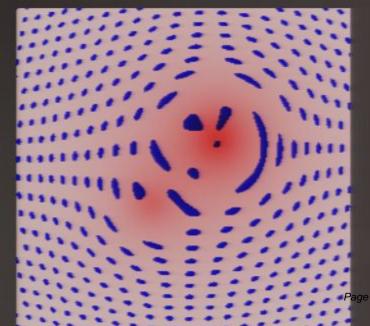
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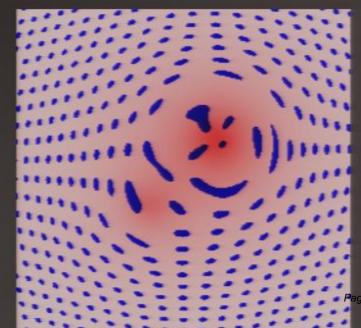
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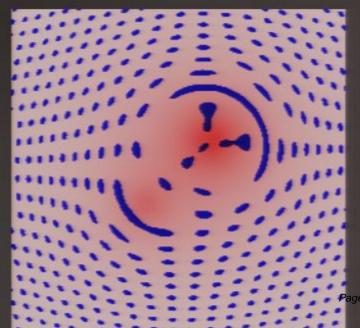
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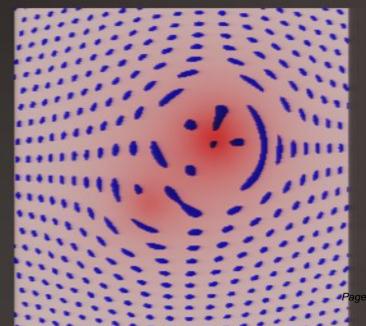
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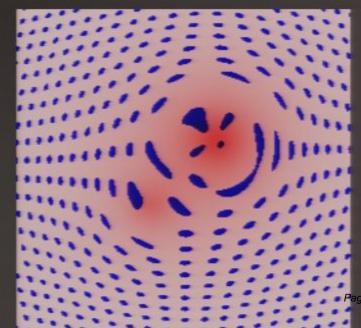
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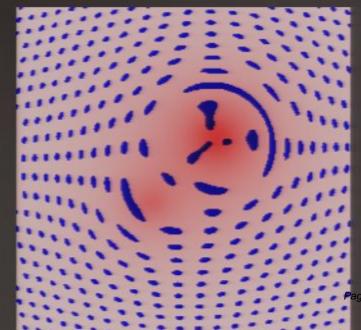
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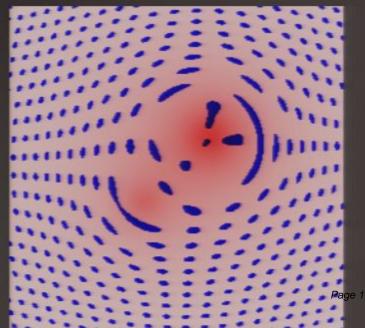
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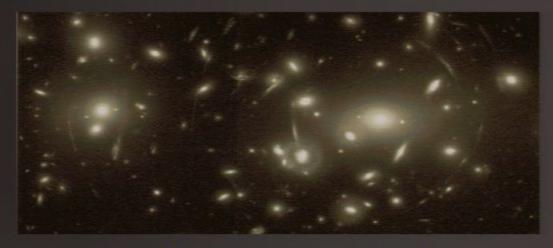


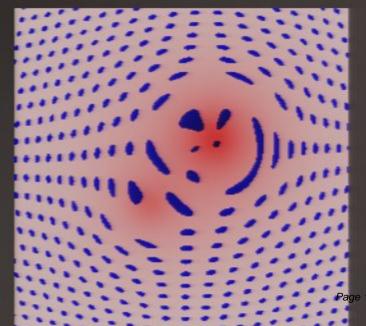
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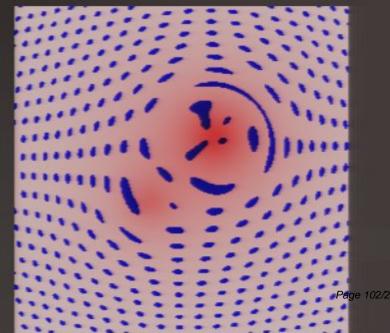
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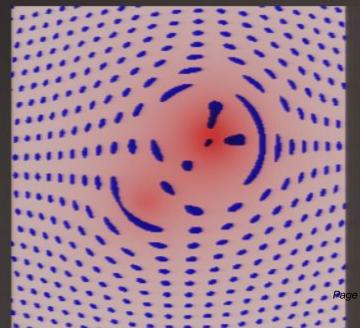
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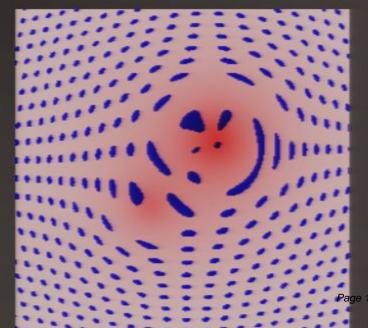
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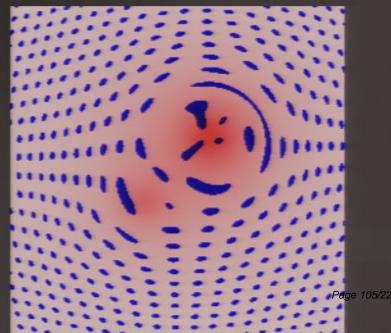
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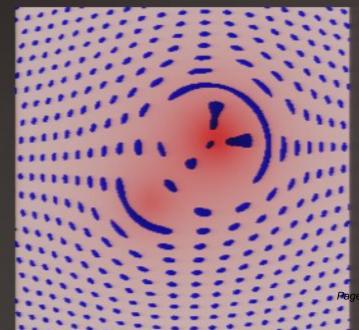
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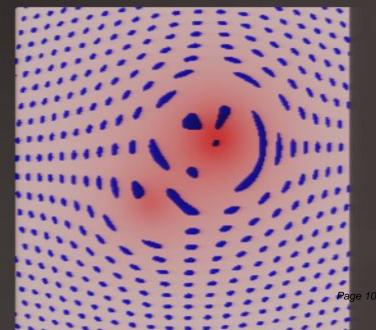
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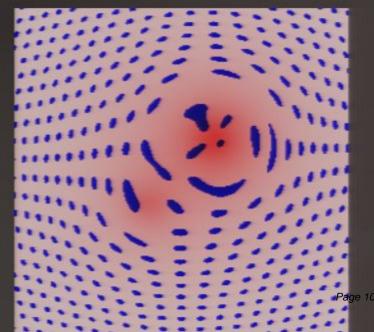
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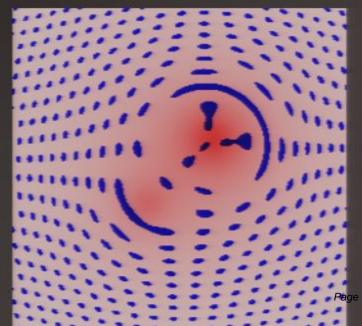
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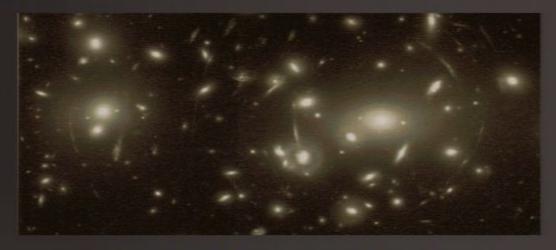


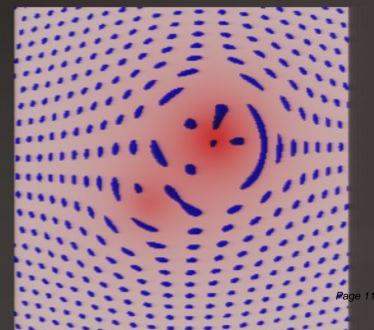
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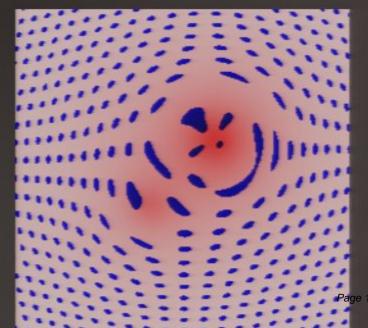
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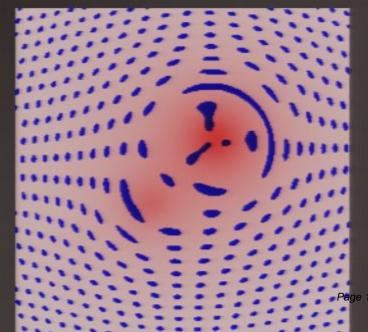
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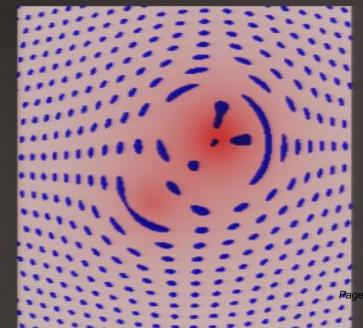
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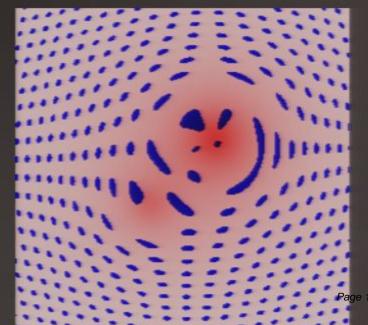
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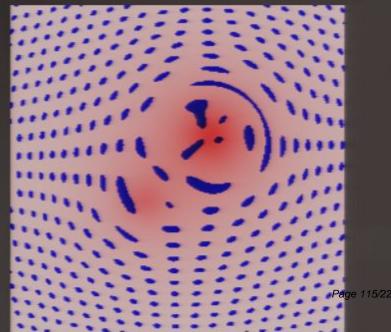
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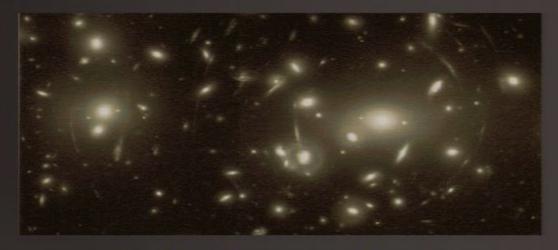


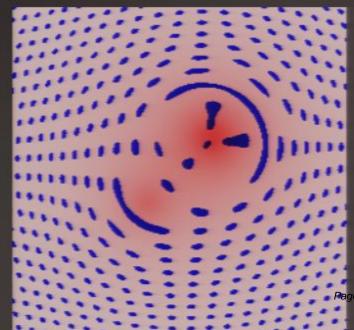
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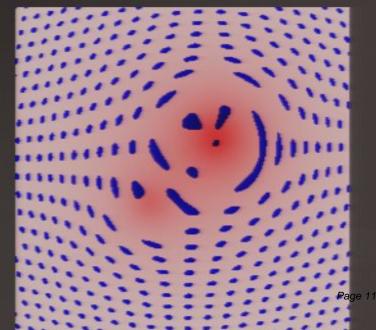
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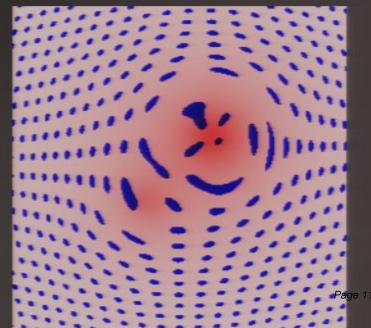
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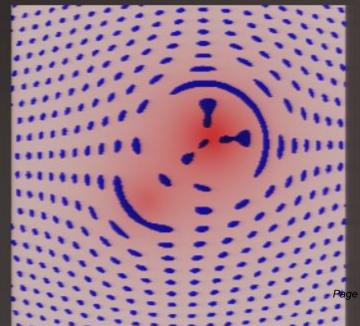
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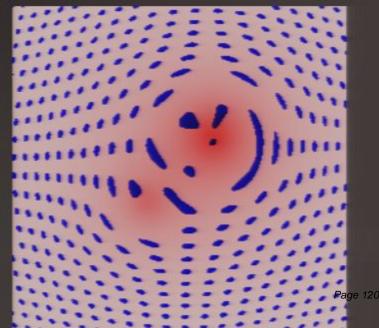
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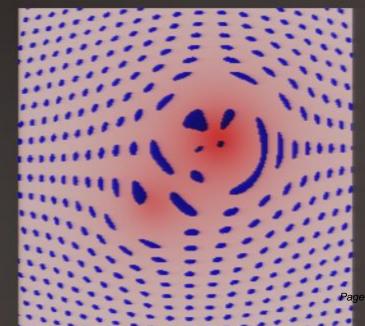


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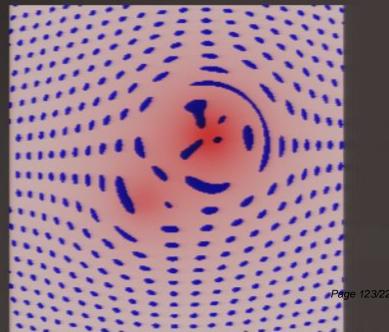
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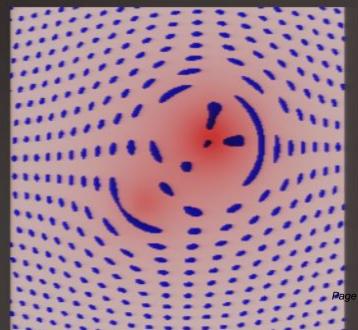
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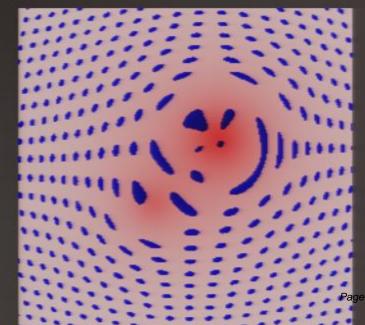
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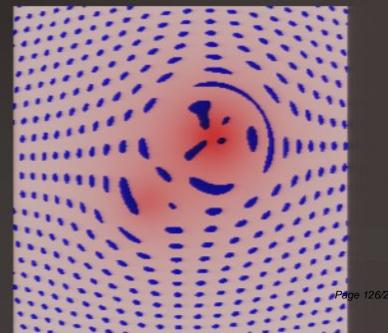
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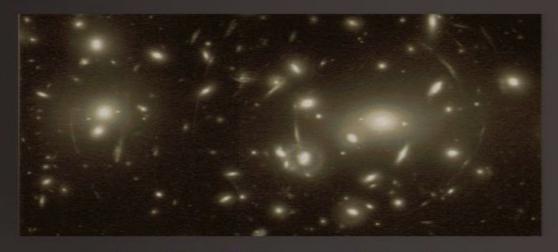


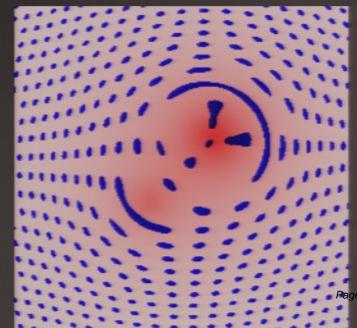
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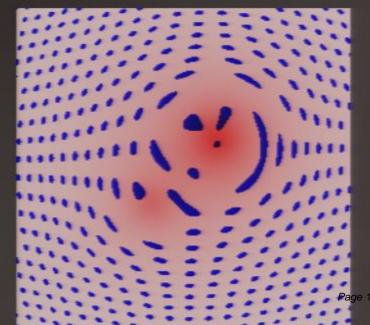
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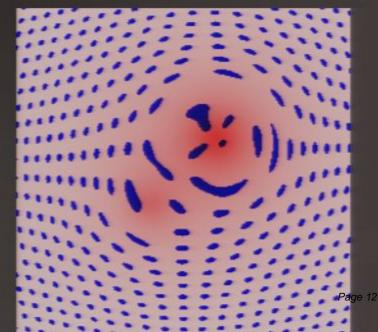
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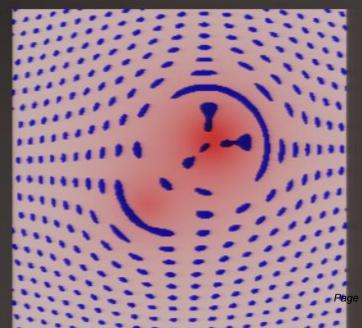
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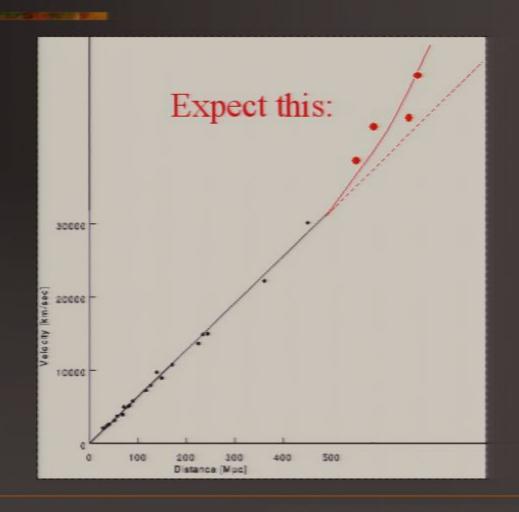
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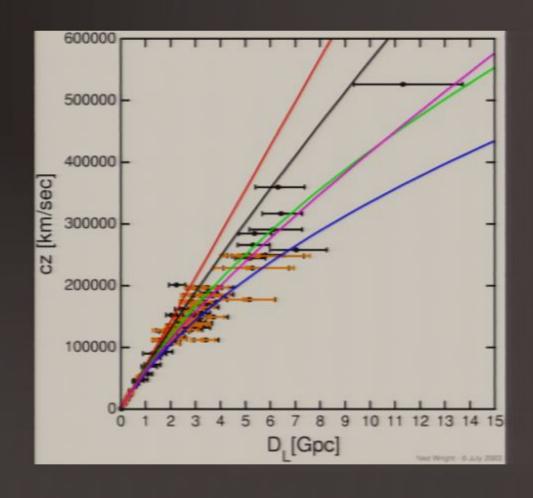
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The universal expansion should be decelerating due to gravitational attraction Page 136/228

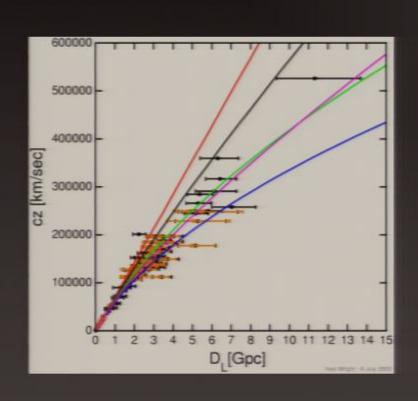
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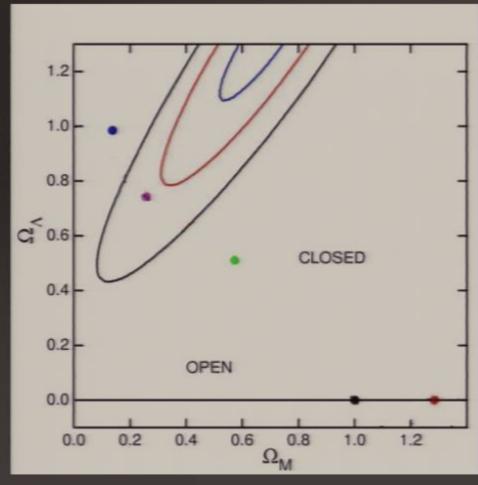


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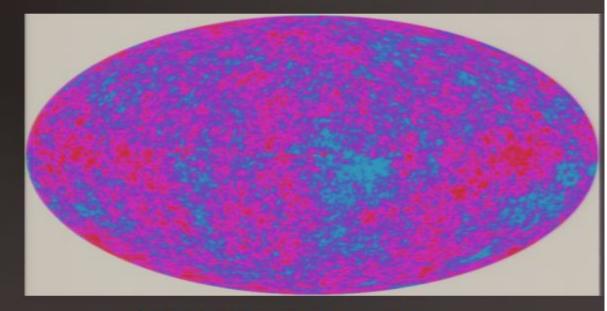
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Amount of Dark Matter

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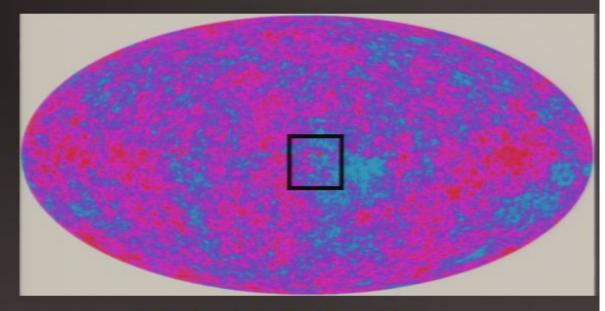
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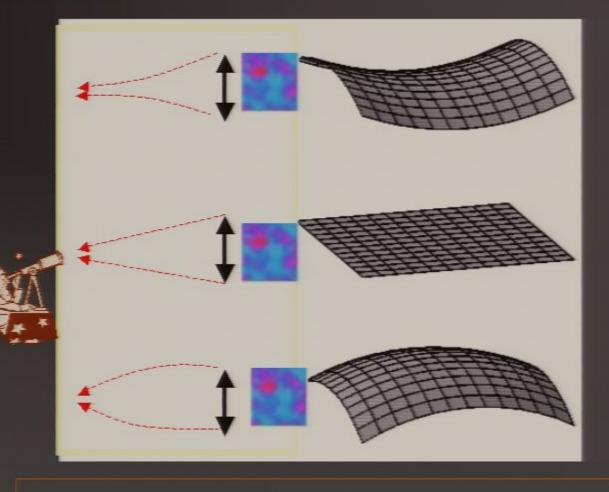


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These are due to sound waves in the primordial gas which emitted this light.

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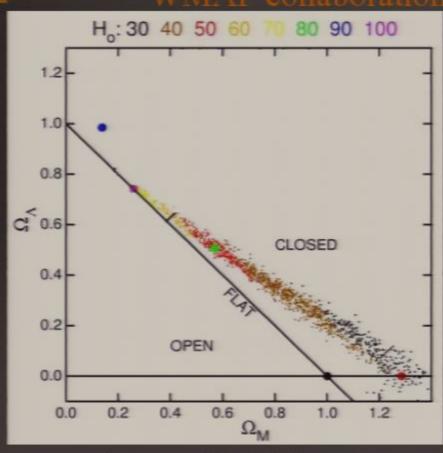
Size of the CMB fluctuations depends on the geometry of space the light traverses.

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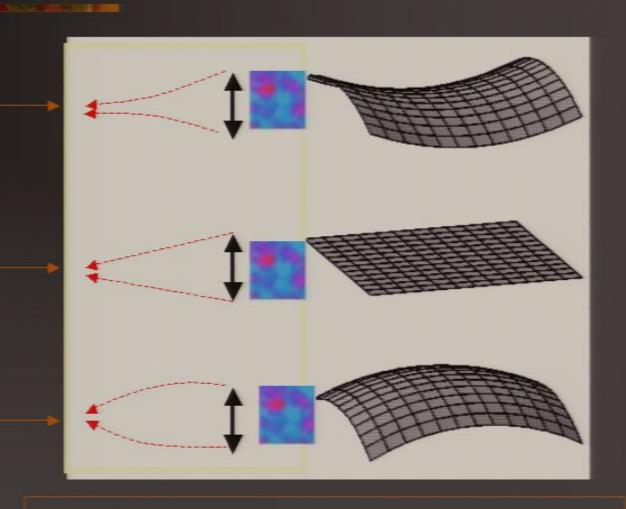


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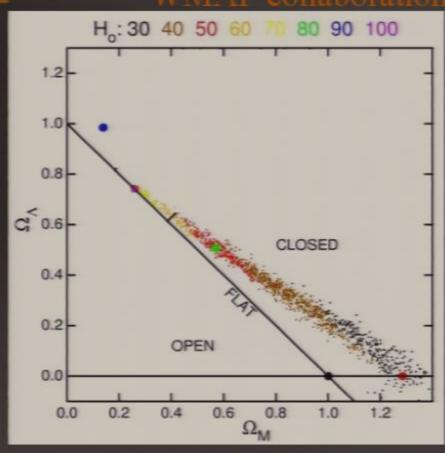
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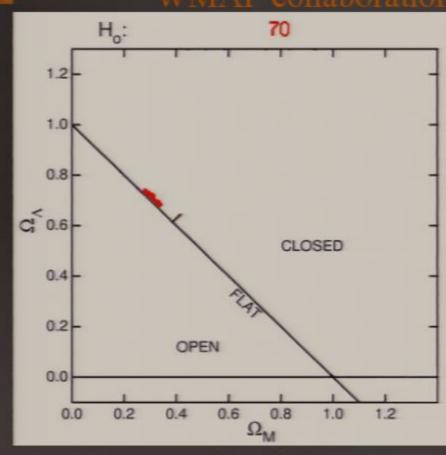
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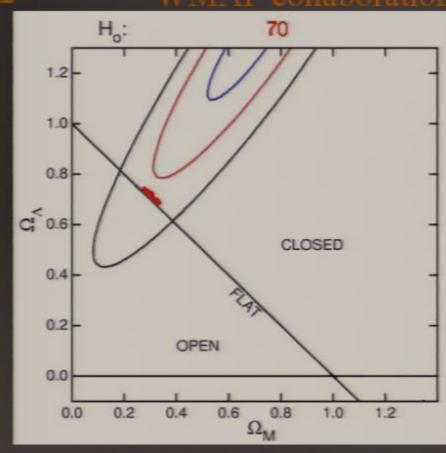
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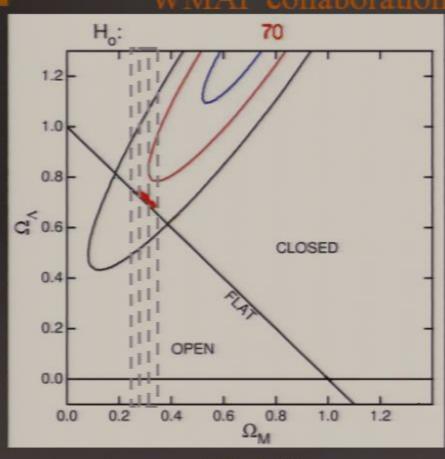
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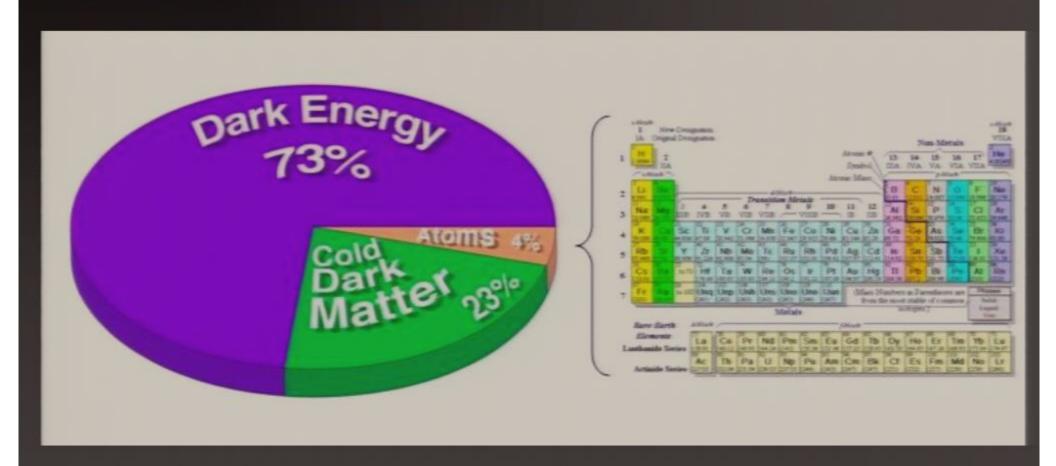
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# Concordance Cosmology



From best fits to the 'Concordance Cosmology'

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#### Outline

- The Hot Big Bang
  - Evidence for a Hot Expanding Universe
  - Dark Matter and Dark Energy
- Contact With Fundamental Physics
  - Dark Matter
  - Why Dark Energy is Harder
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# Contact With Fundamental Physics

"If you are out to describe the truth, leave elegance to the tailor."

Albert Einstein

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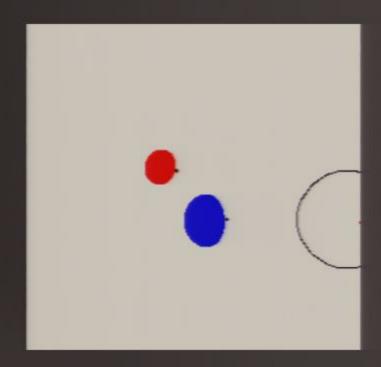
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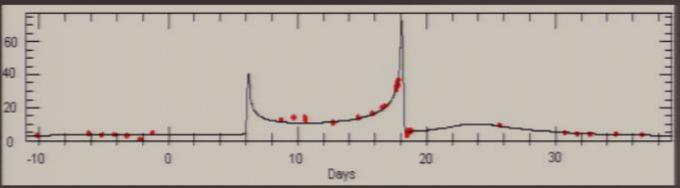
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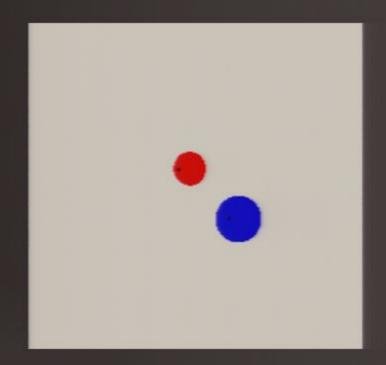
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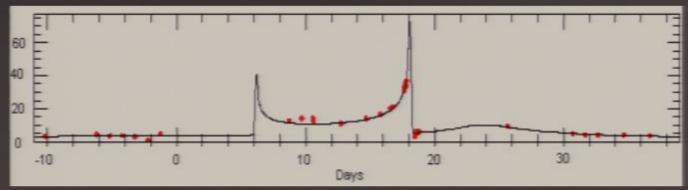




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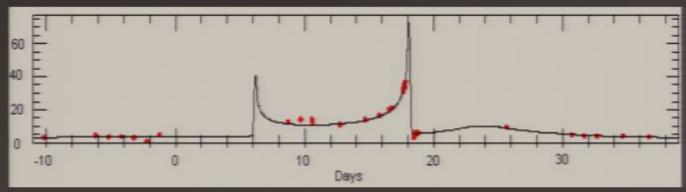




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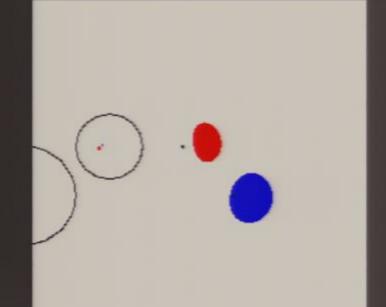
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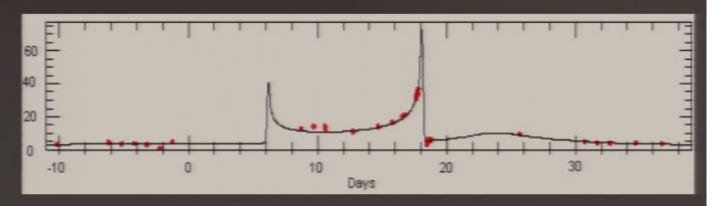




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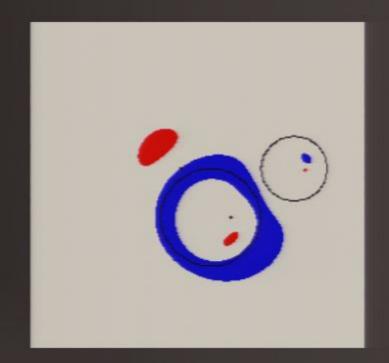
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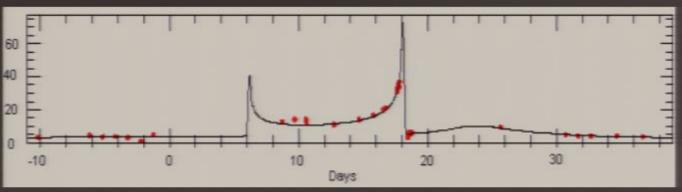




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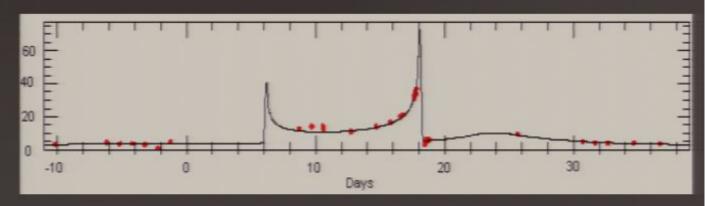




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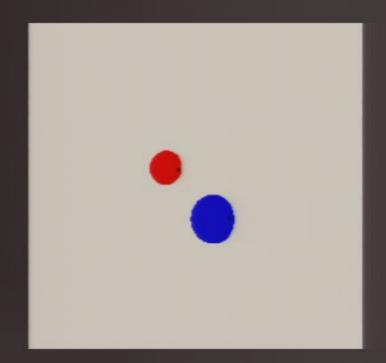
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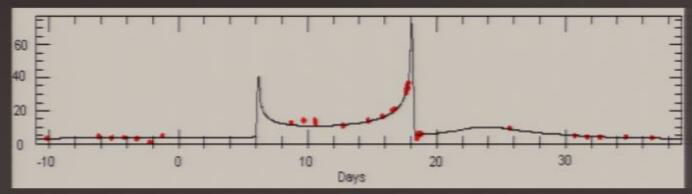




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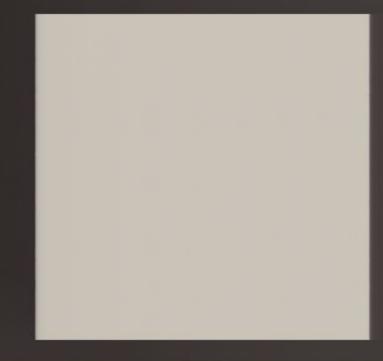
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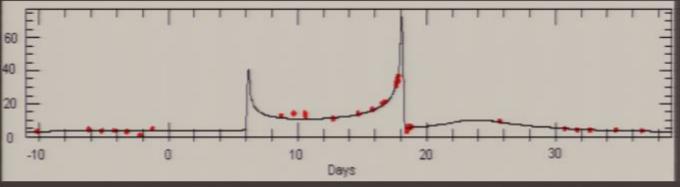




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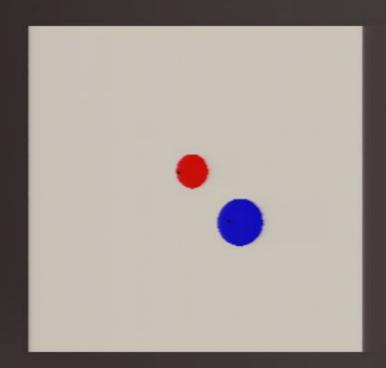
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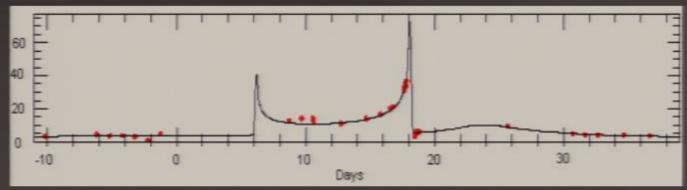




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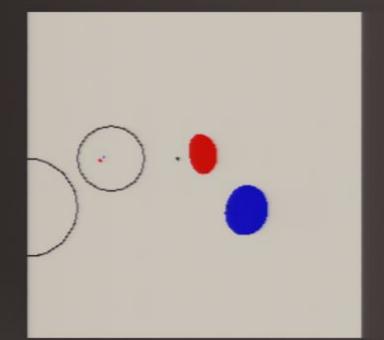
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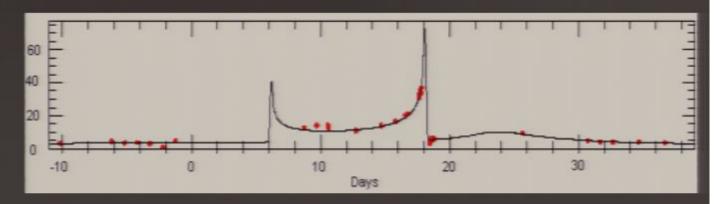




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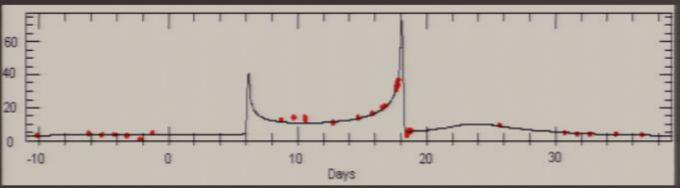




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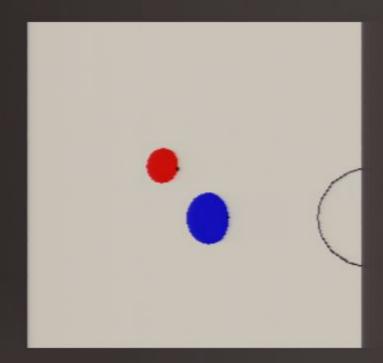
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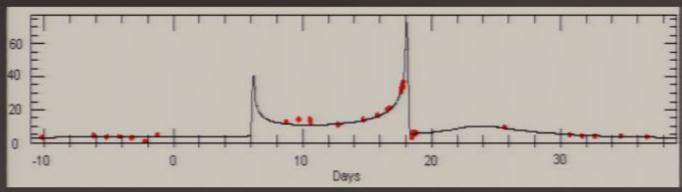




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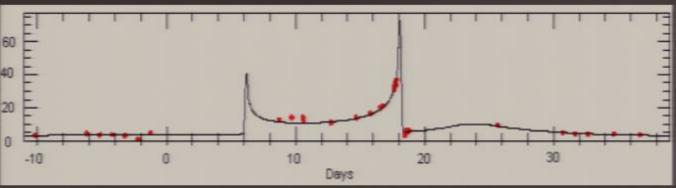




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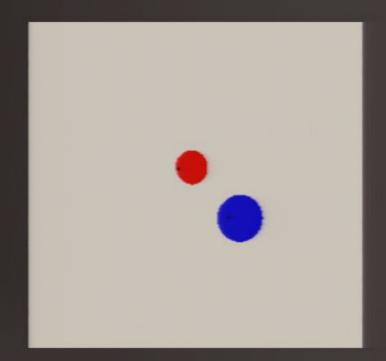
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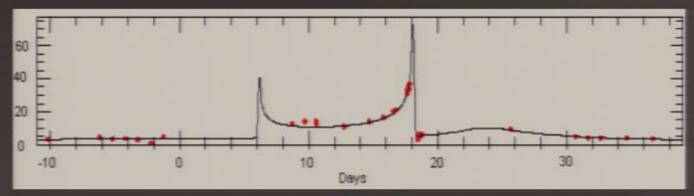




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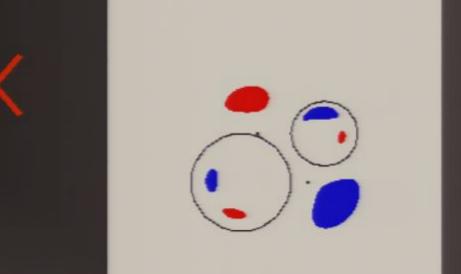
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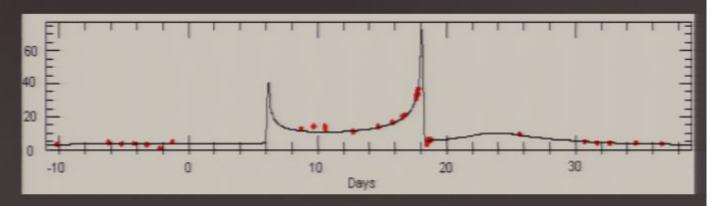




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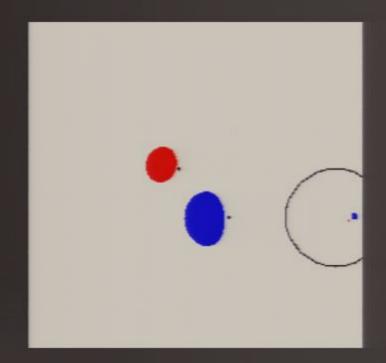
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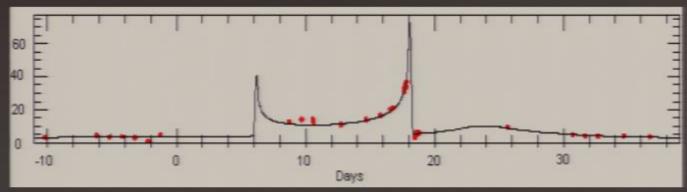




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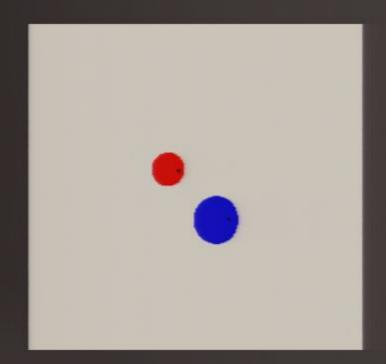
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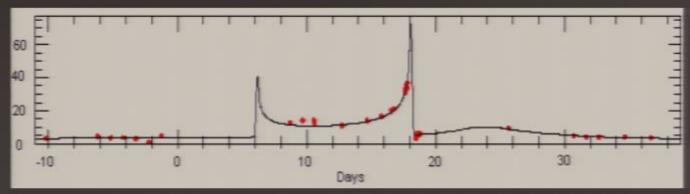




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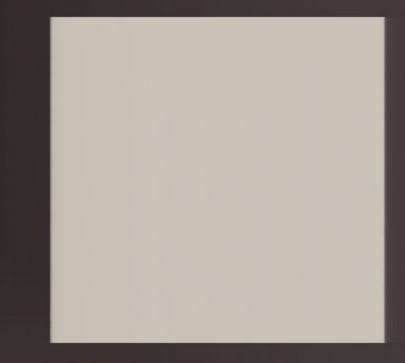
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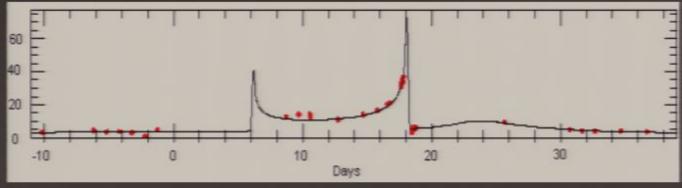




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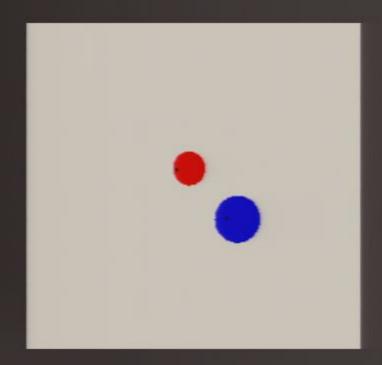
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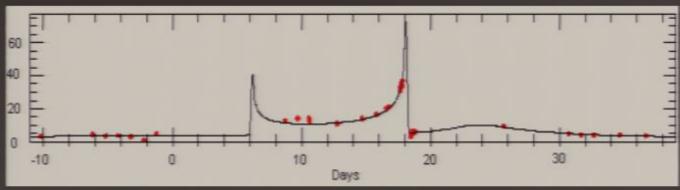




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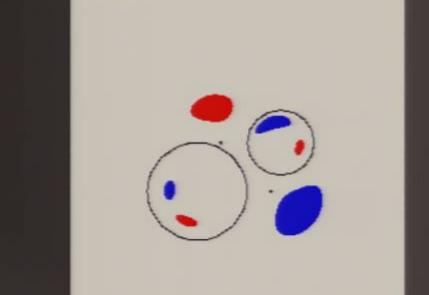
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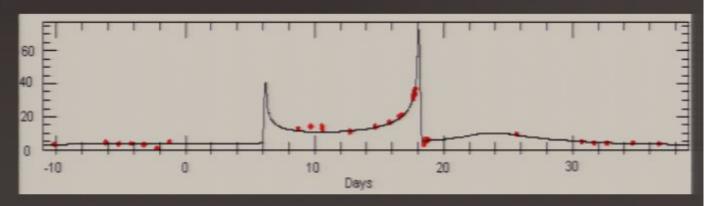




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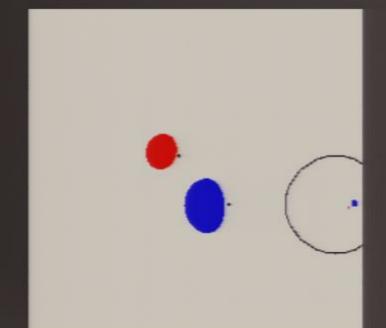
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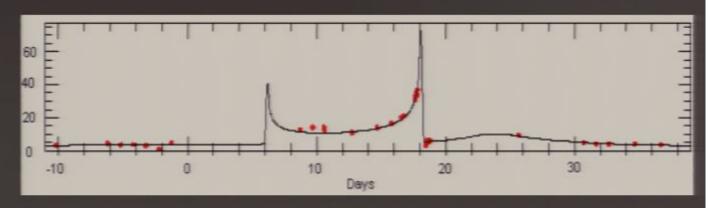




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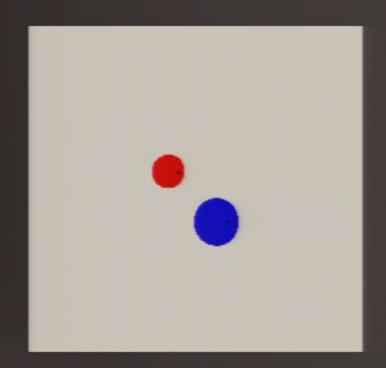
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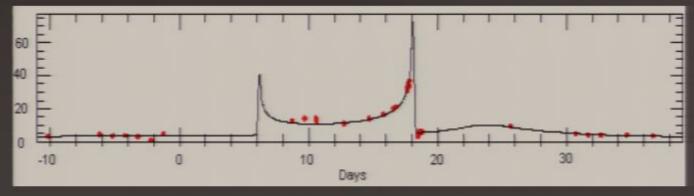




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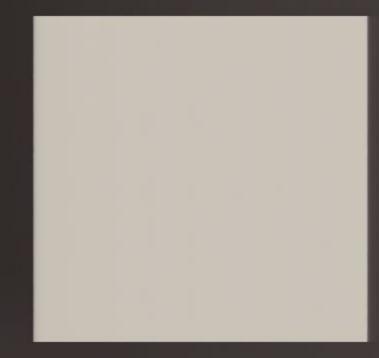
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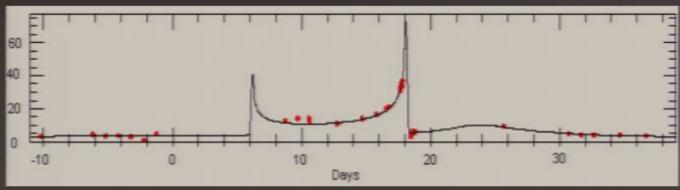




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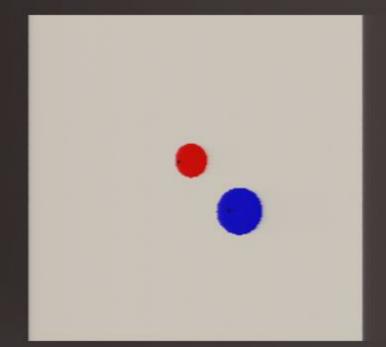
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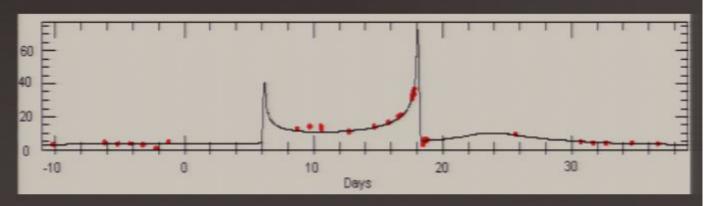




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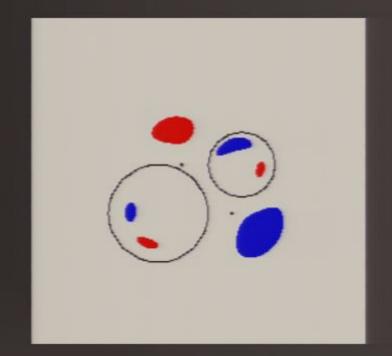
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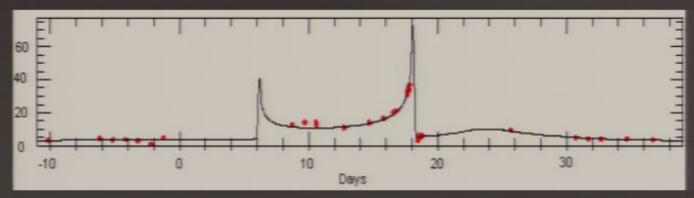




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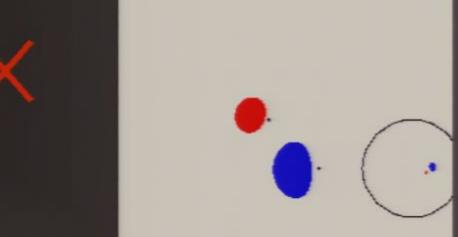
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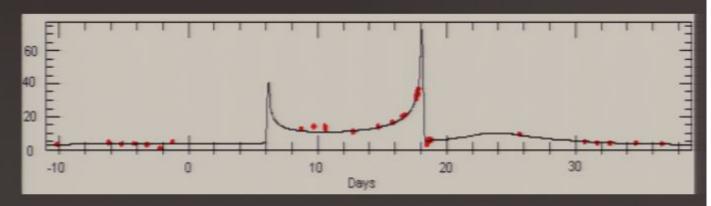




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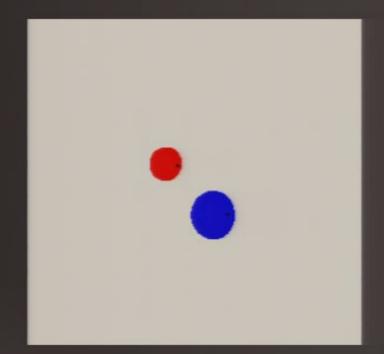
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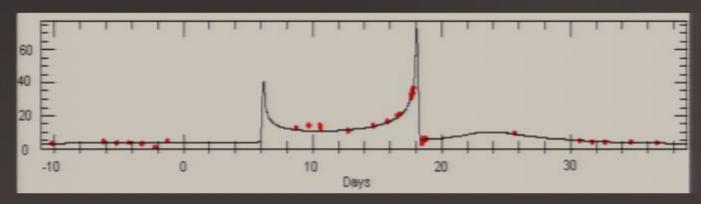




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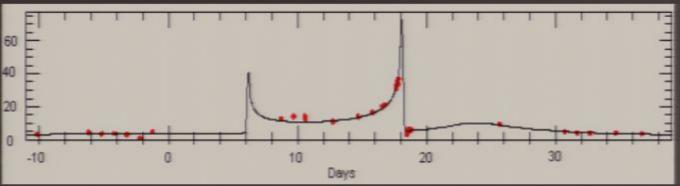




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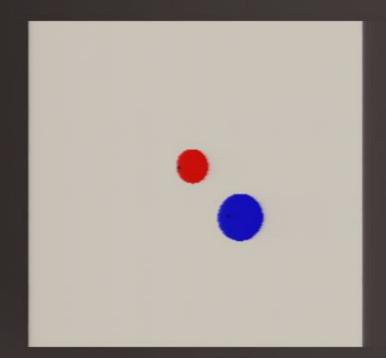
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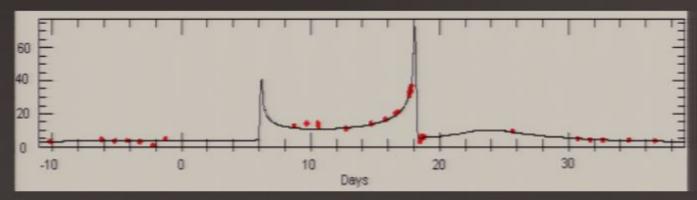




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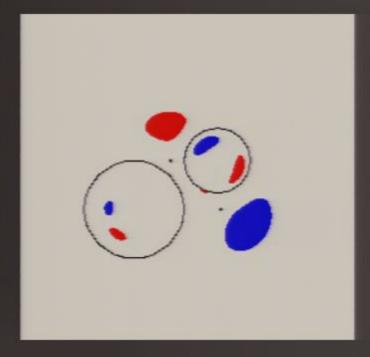


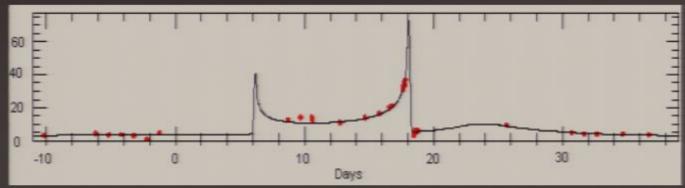


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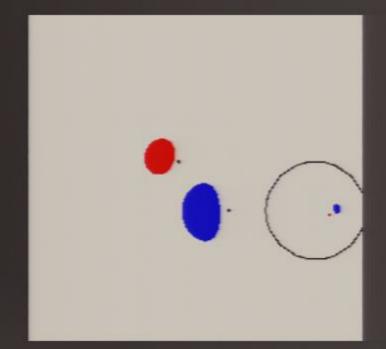


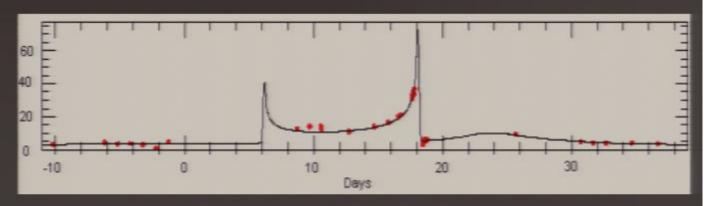




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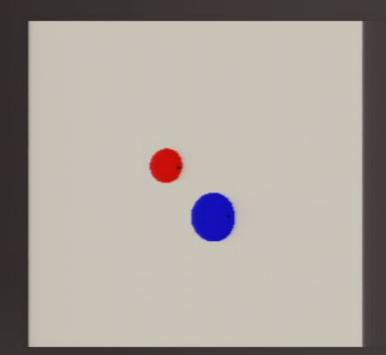
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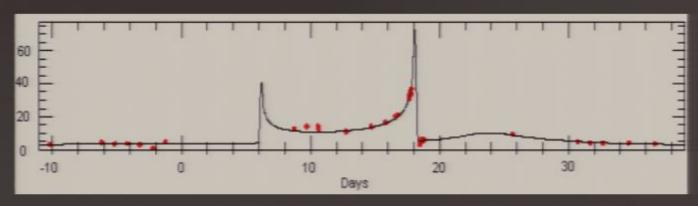




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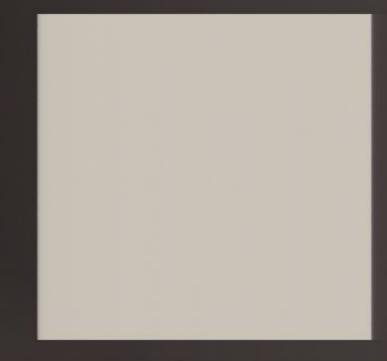
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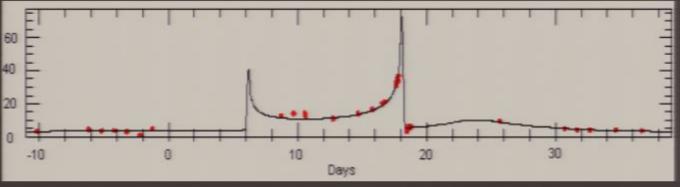




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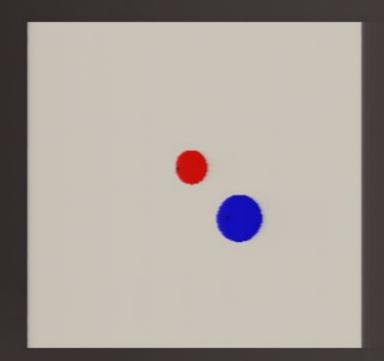
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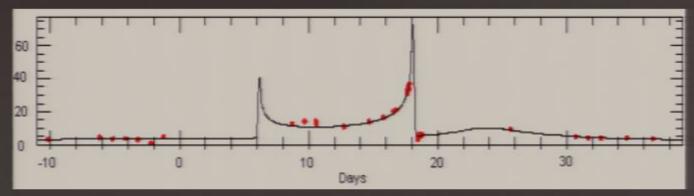




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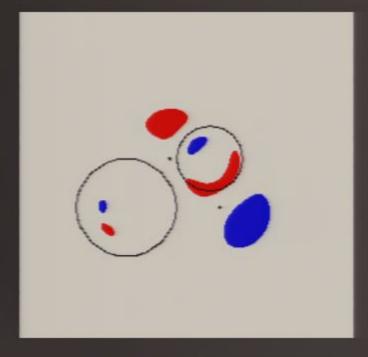


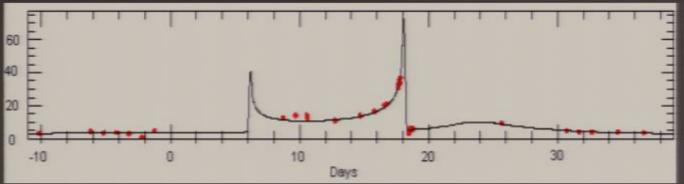


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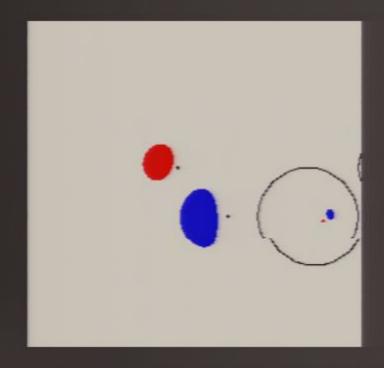


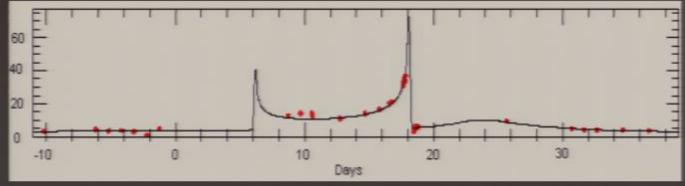
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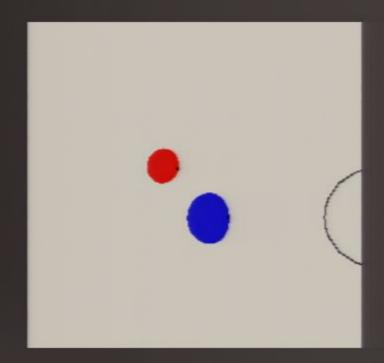
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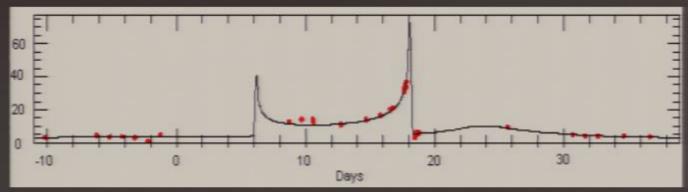




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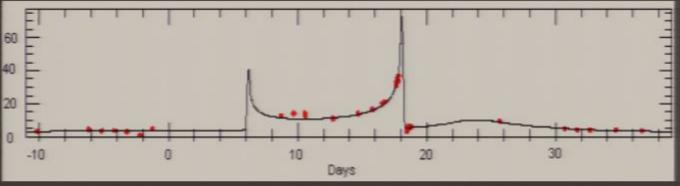




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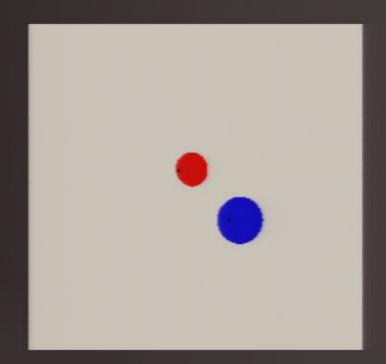
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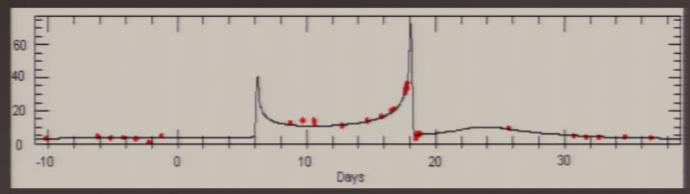




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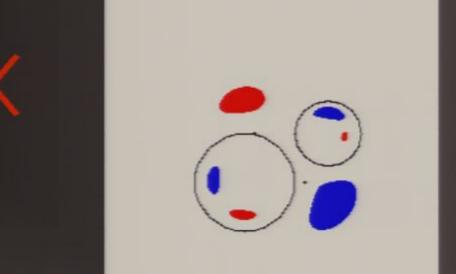
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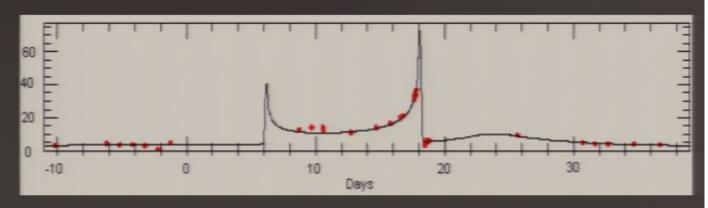




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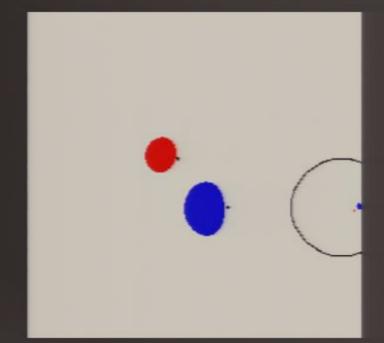
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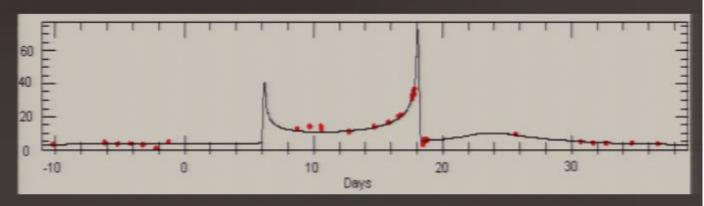




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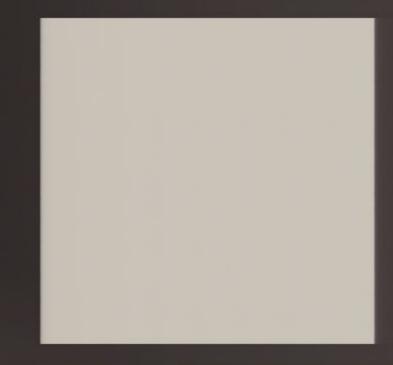
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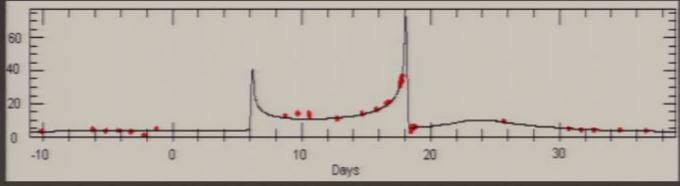




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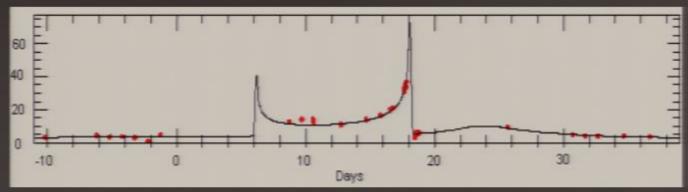




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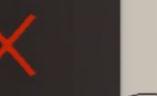
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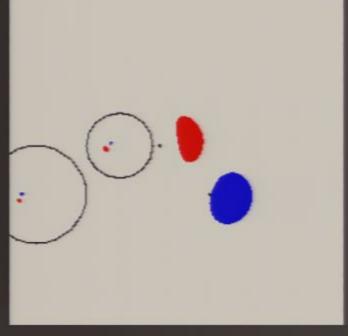


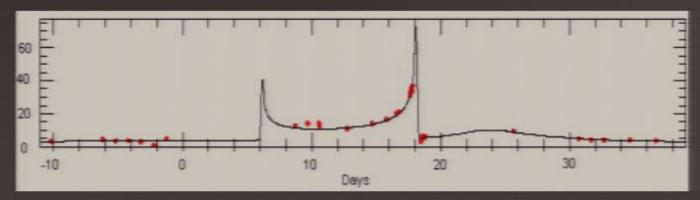


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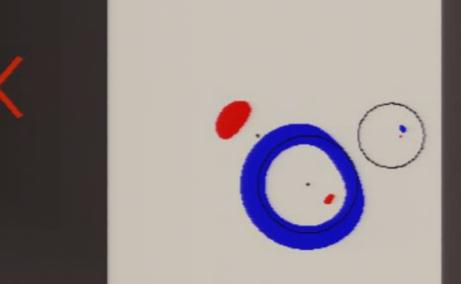


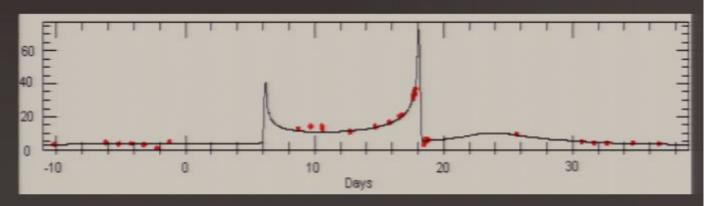




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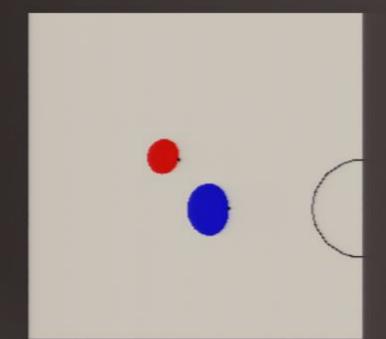
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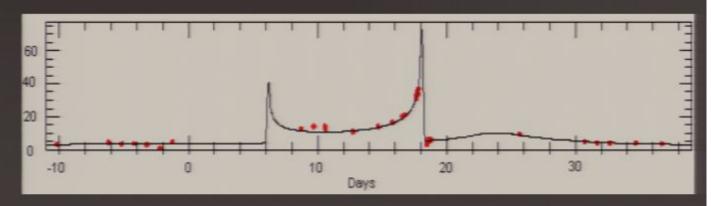




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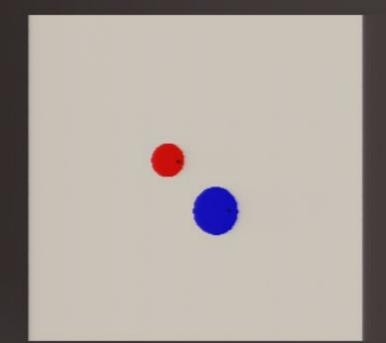
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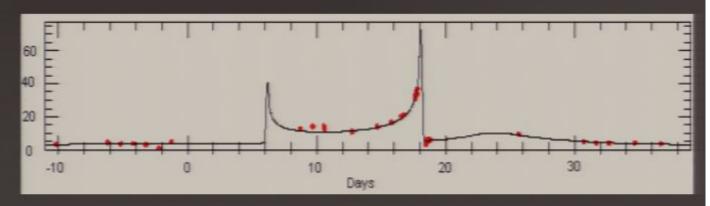




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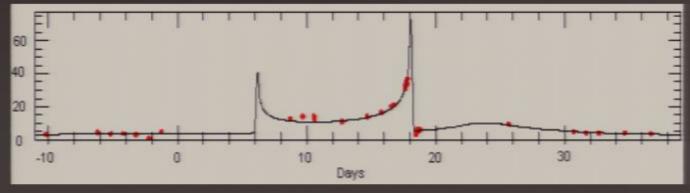




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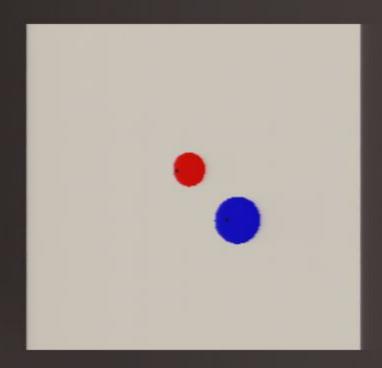
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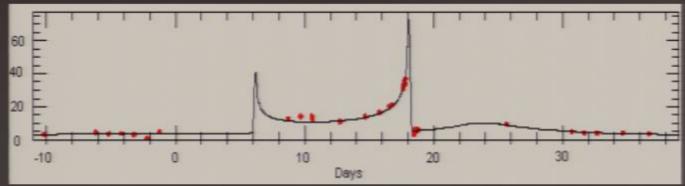




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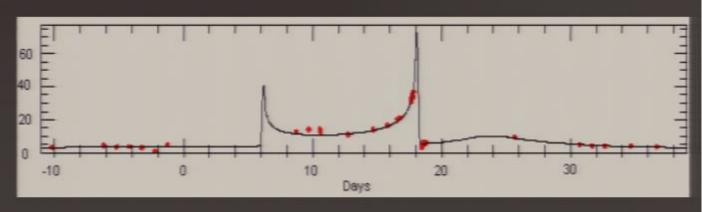




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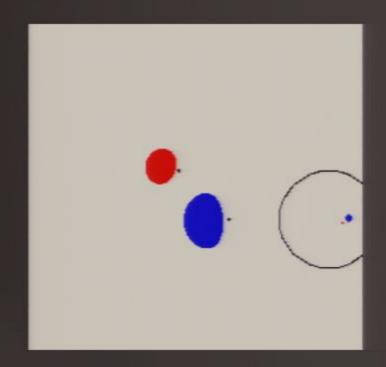
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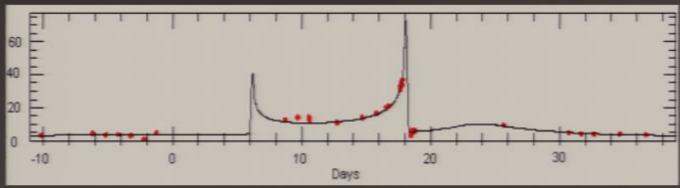




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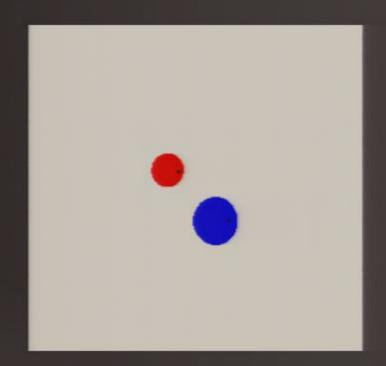
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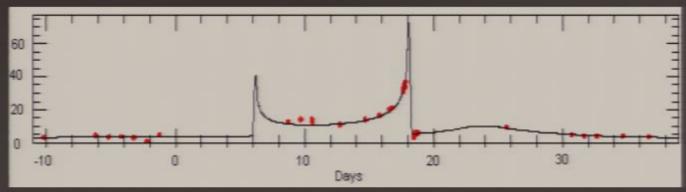




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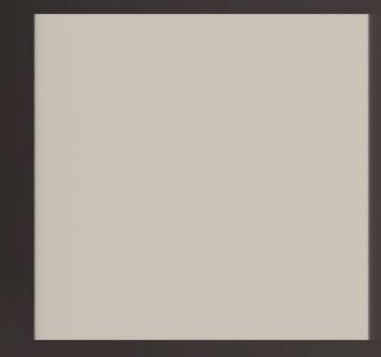
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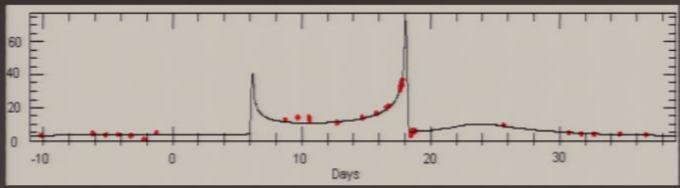




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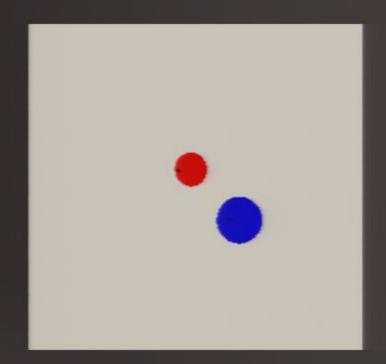
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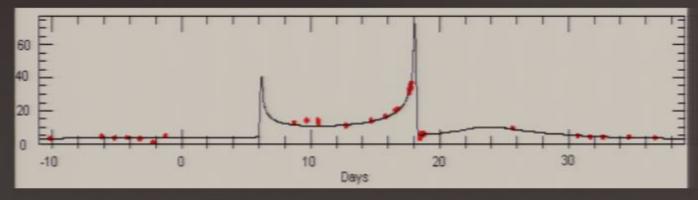




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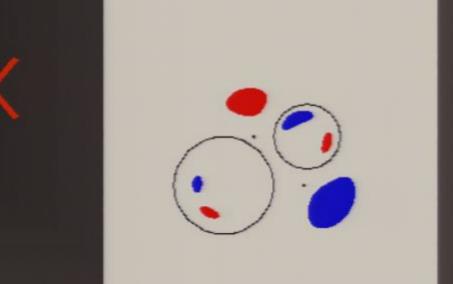
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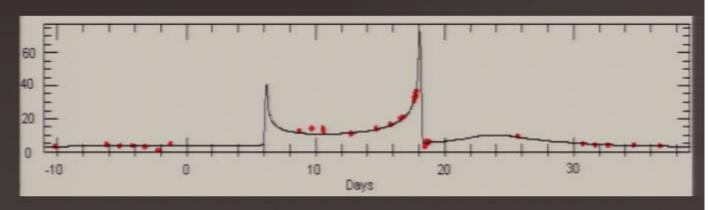




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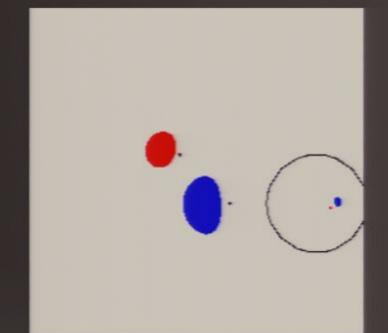
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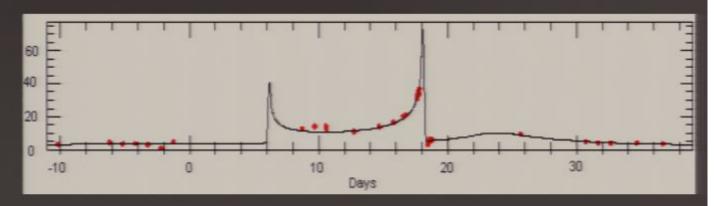




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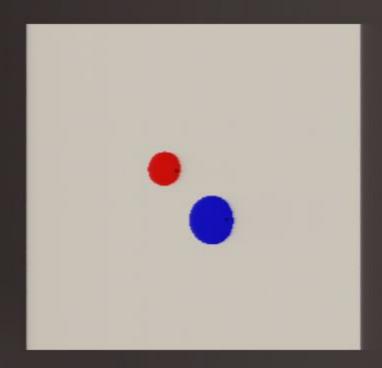
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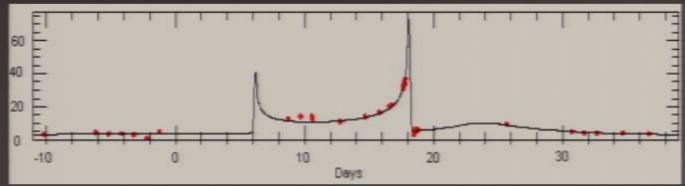




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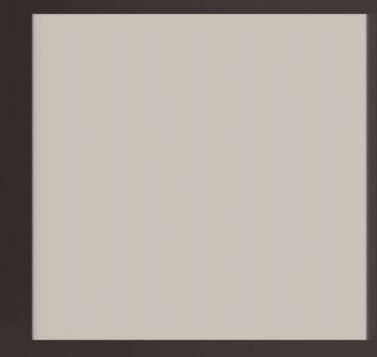
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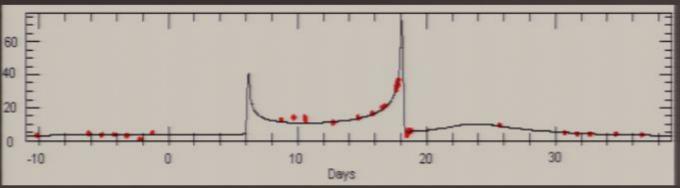




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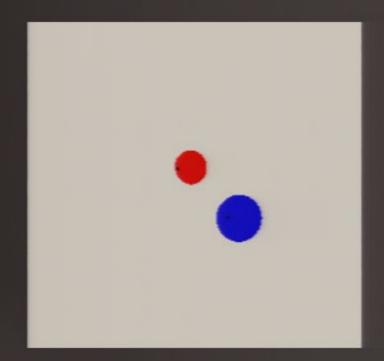
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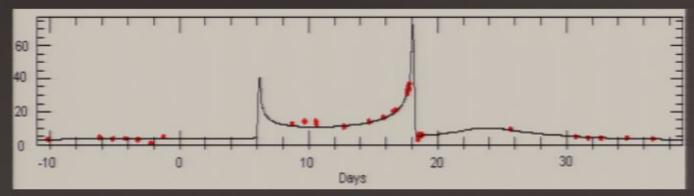




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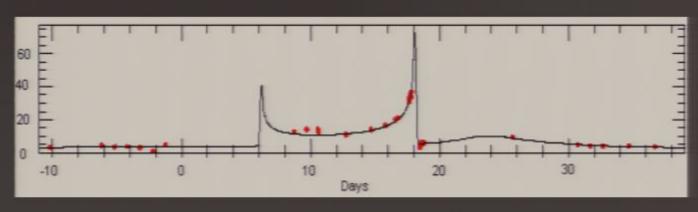




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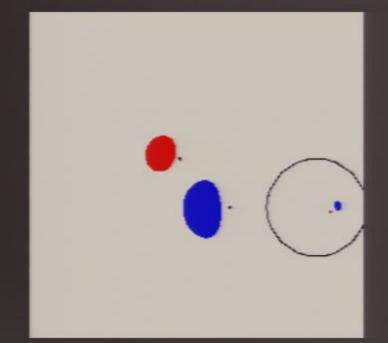
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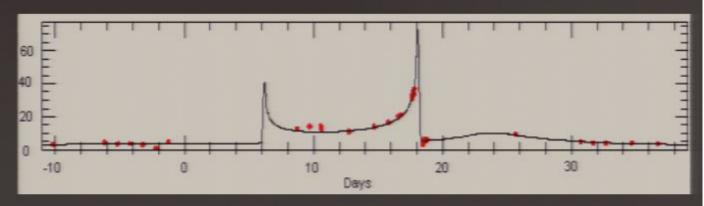




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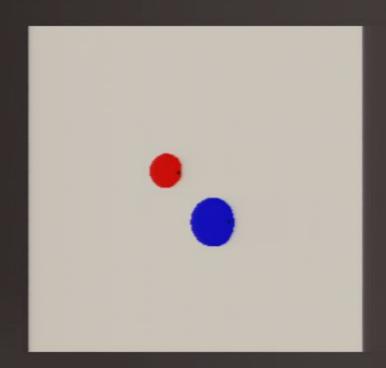
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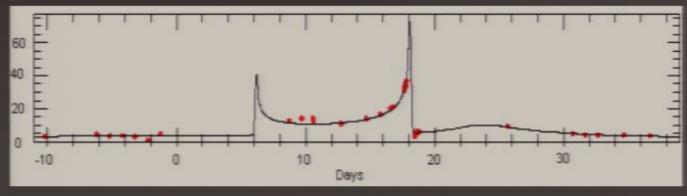




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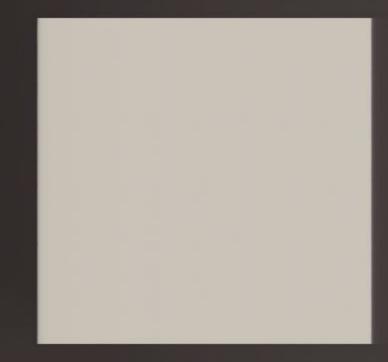
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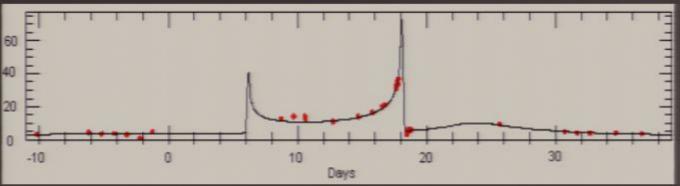




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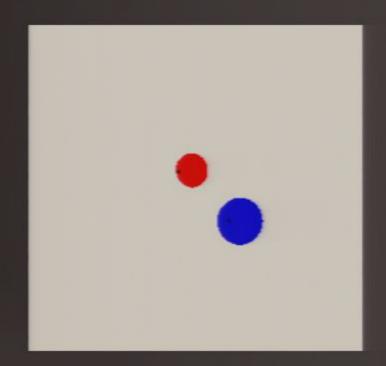
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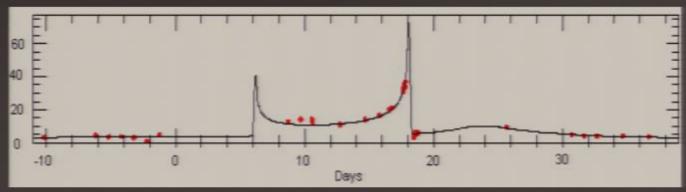




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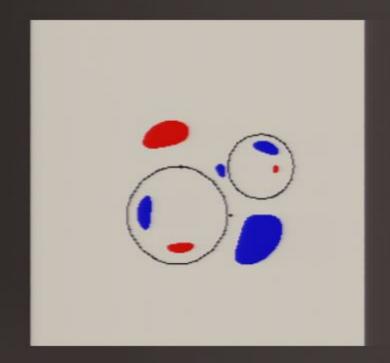
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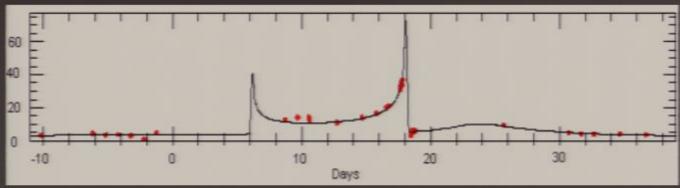




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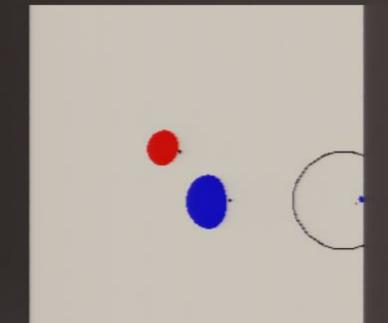
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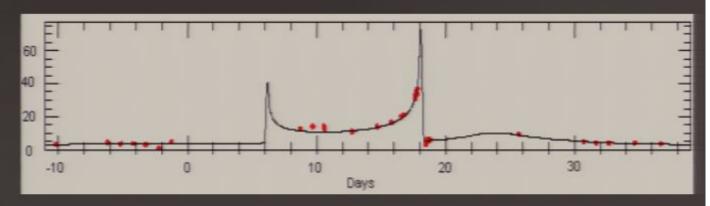




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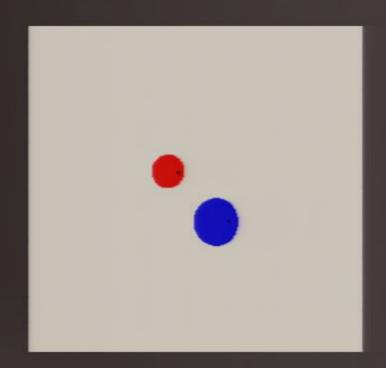
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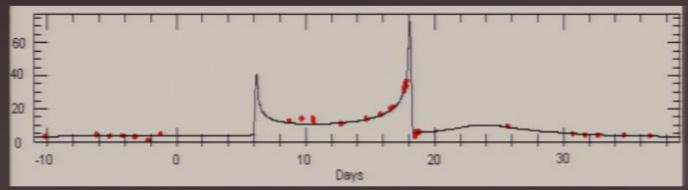




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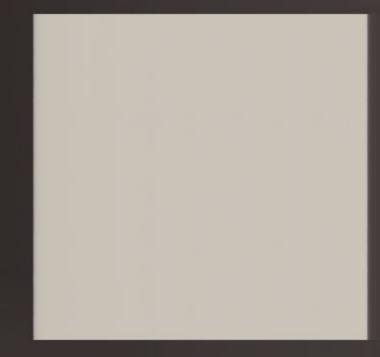
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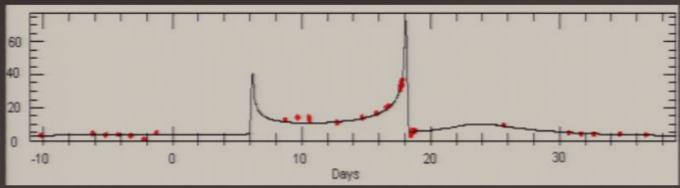




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The devil is in the details:

No proposals yet succeed for galaxies and clusters and the CMB.

Very difficult to modify gravity at long distances without having problems with fundamental principles.

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Weakly Interacting Massive Particles arise in most theories of microscopic physics.

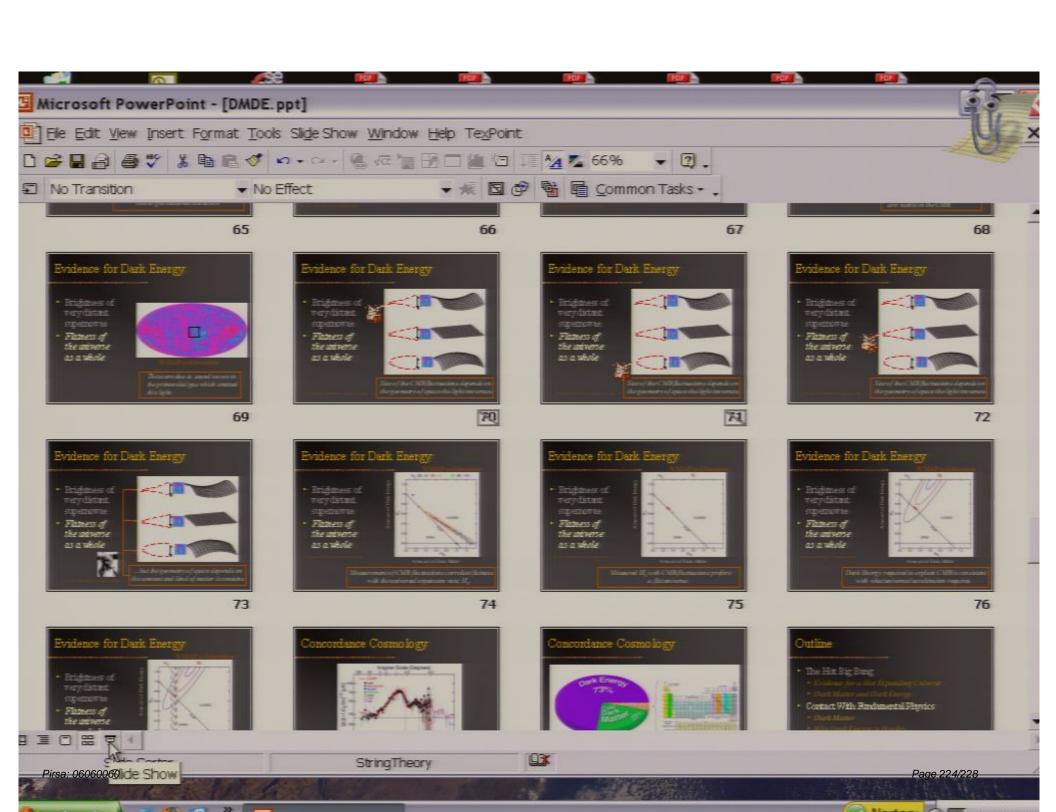
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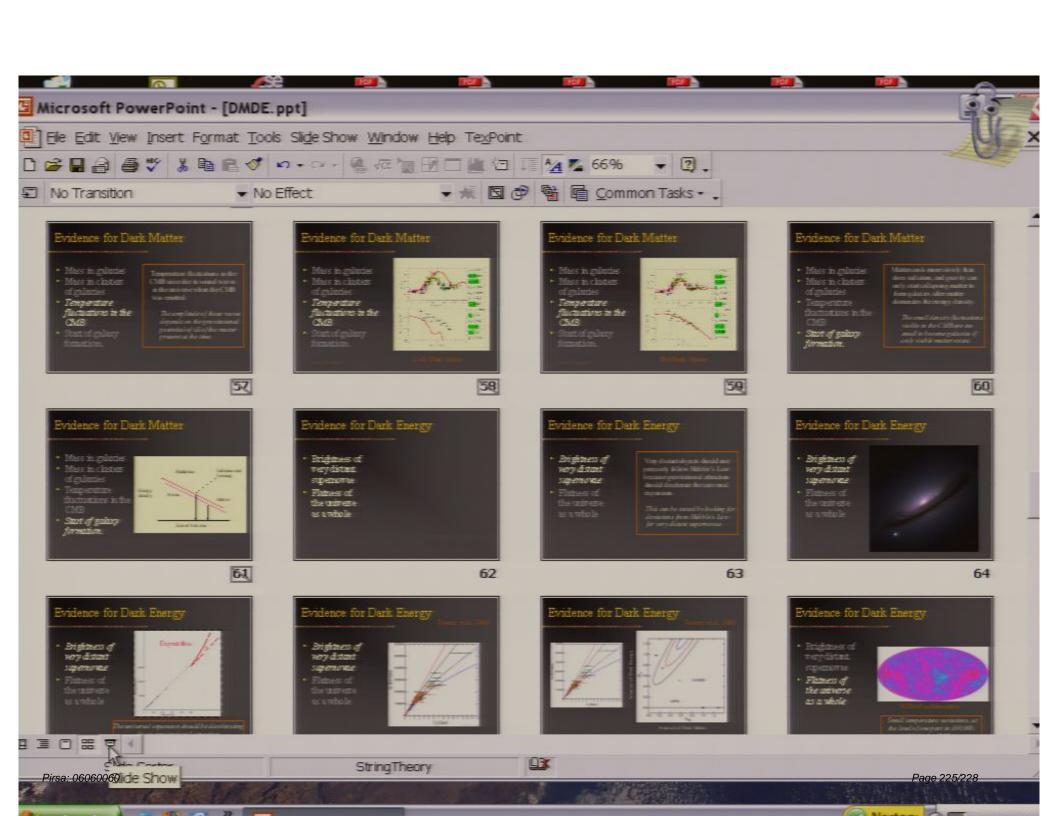
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# Outlook

"If I had only known, I'd have become a locksmith."

Albert Einstein



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#### Outlook

- Cosmological observations are now redundantly testing the Hot Big Bang model.
  - Observations support the 'Concordance Cosmology'.
- The concordance involves several lines of independent evidence for both Dark Matter and Dark Energy.
  - Neither can be dark forms of ordinary atoms.
- Dark Matter may be new kinds of elementary particles, but Dark Energy is more difficult to embed into a fundamental theory (although a few proposals do exist).
  - If so we'll know from a variety of observational tests.

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