Title: What is the universe made of? The case for dark energy and dark matter.

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Abstract: Currently, most physicists believe that only a small fraction of all the matter and energy in the universe is visible and can be seen through our most powerful telescopes. The remaining majority of the universe is thought to consist of elusive dark matter and dark energy, two substances about which we know very little. This presentation will explore the evidence in supporting the dark matter and dark energy theories and discuss some of their implications for how our universe will evolve.

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#### What is the Universe Made of?

The Case for Dark Energy and Dark Matter





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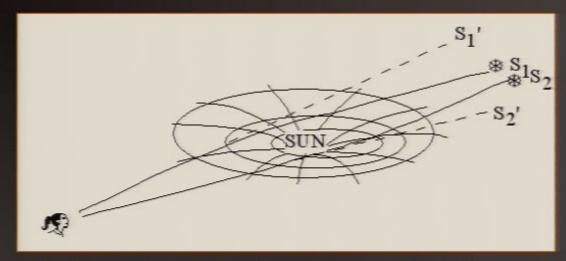
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"Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not sure about the former."

Albert Einstein

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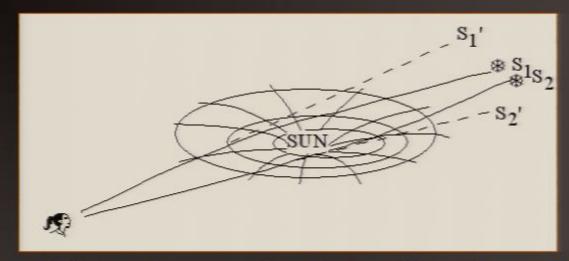
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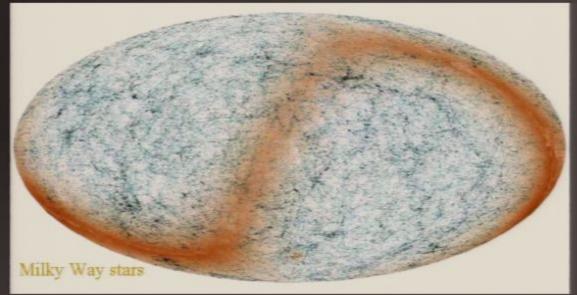


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- Knowing how matter is distributed over large scales
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#### Visible Matter in the Universe

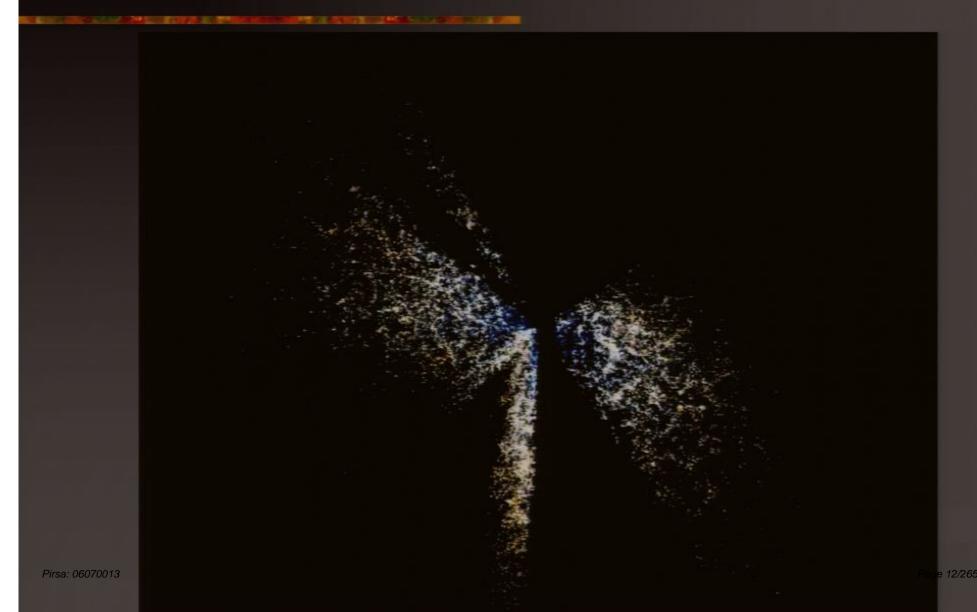
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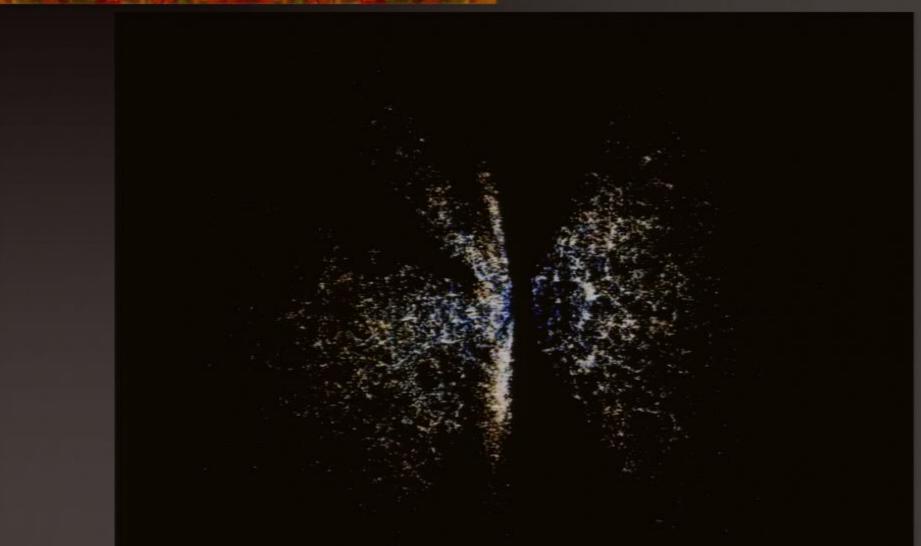
- Visible matter is distributed as stars and gas within galaxies and clusters of galaxies.
- These appear to be distributed roughly isotropically and homogeneously about us.

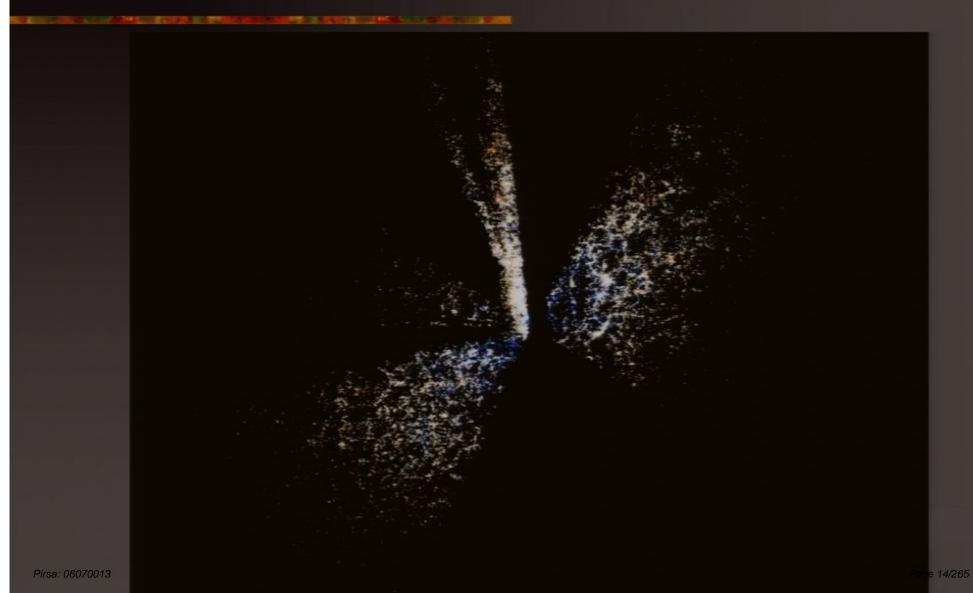




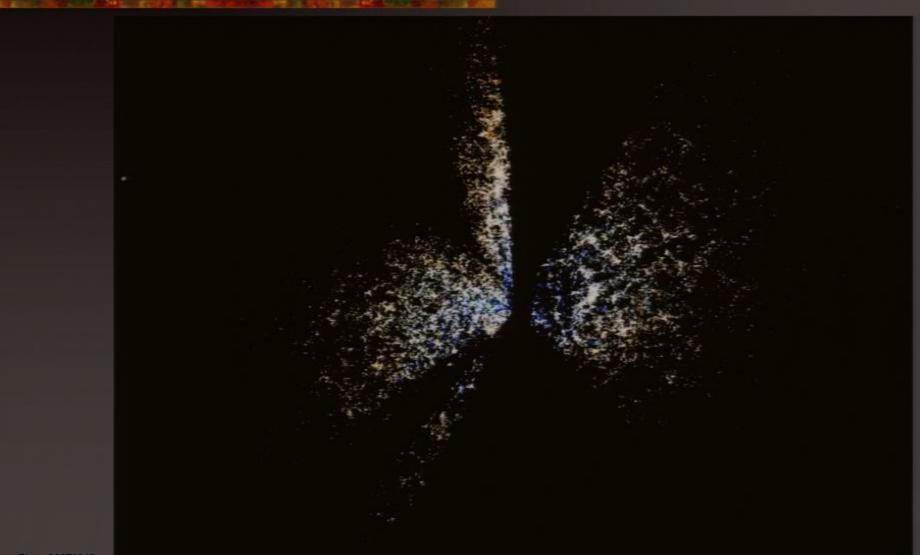






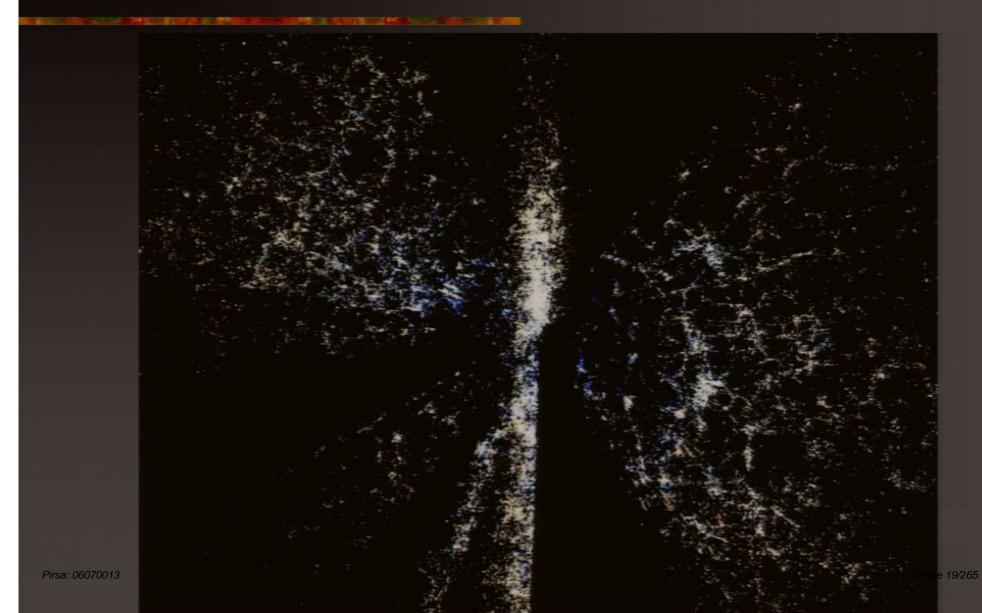


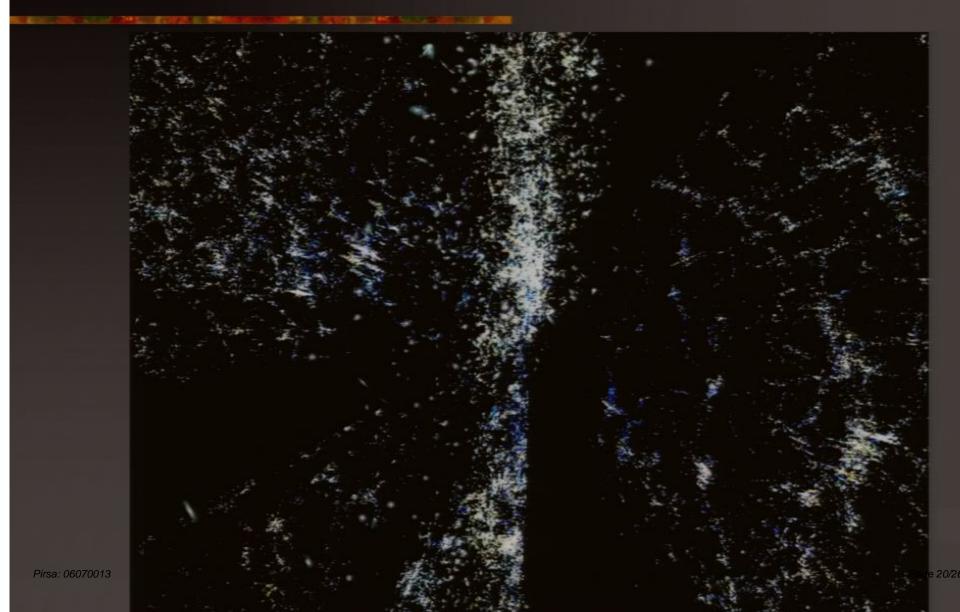




















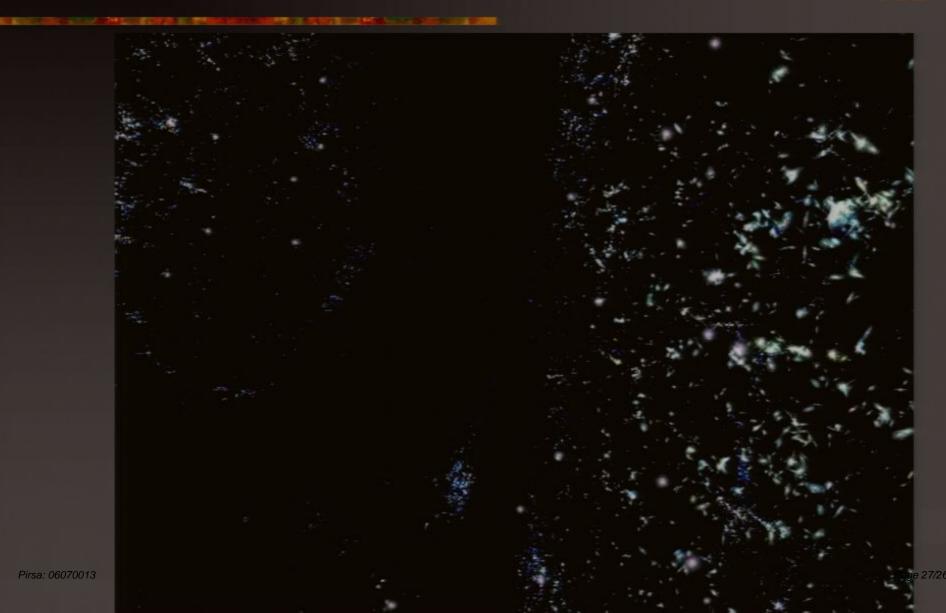


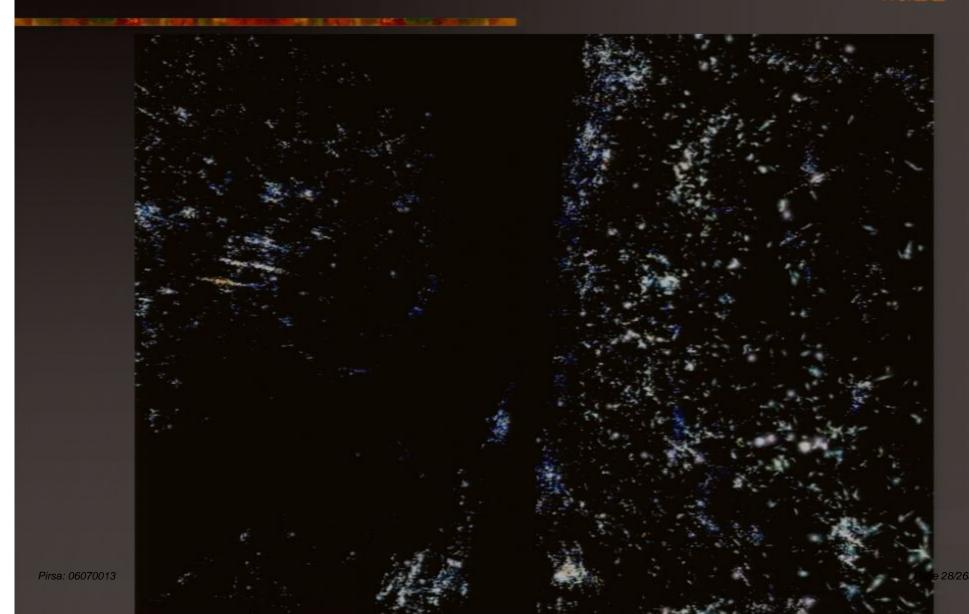
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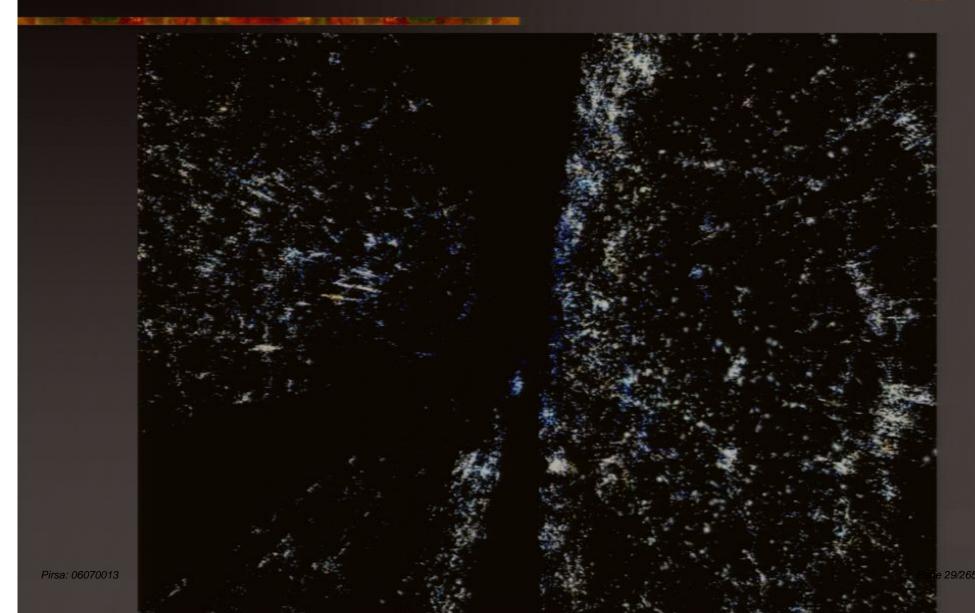


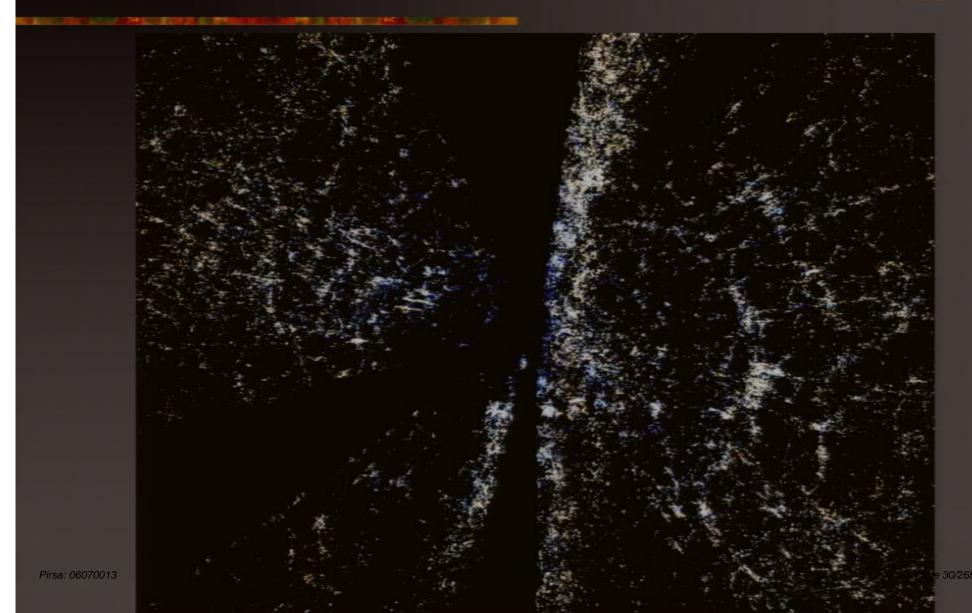
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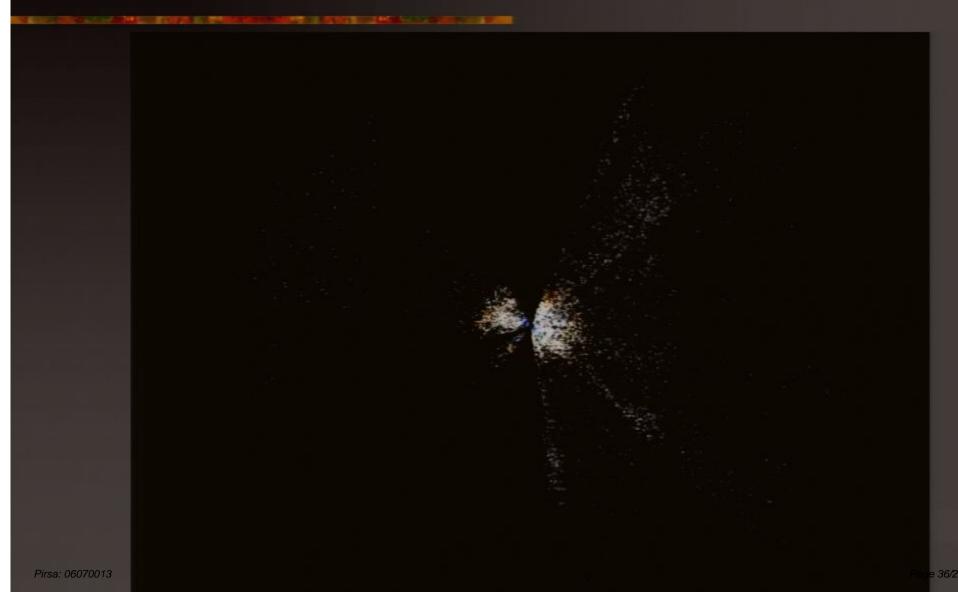








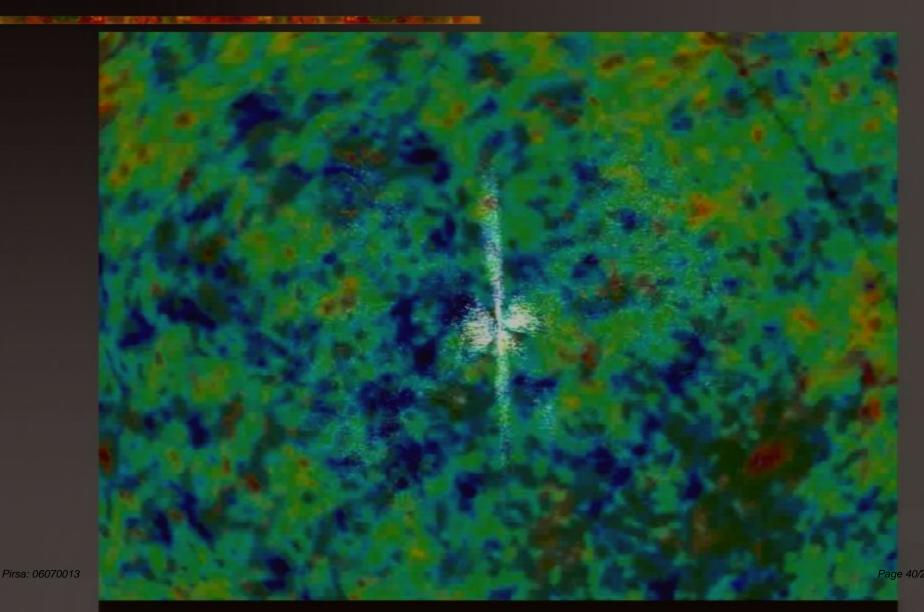


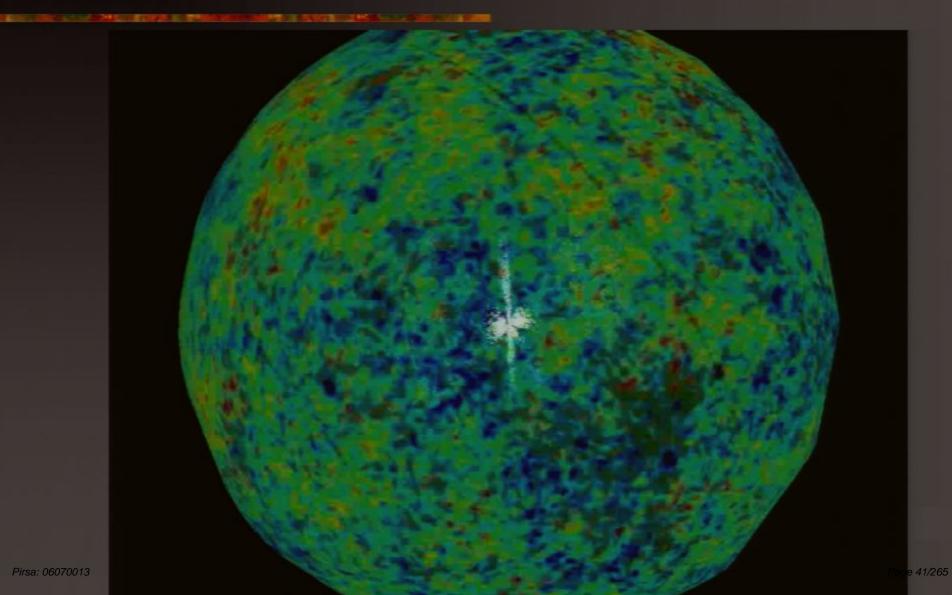


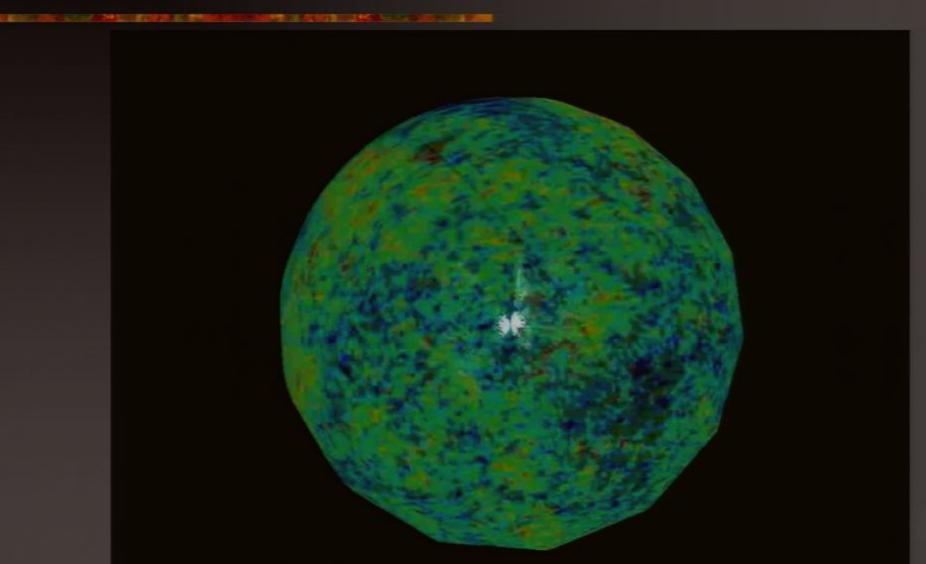


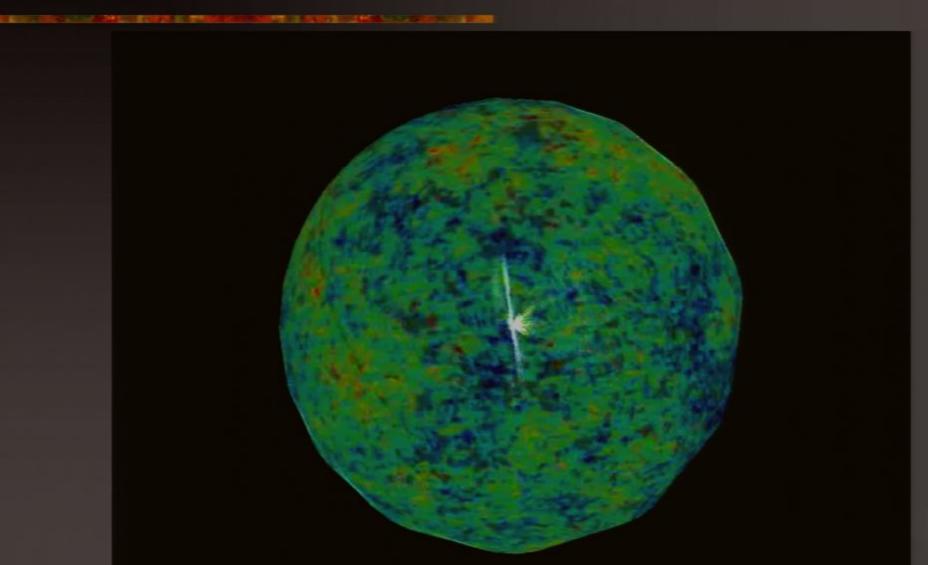


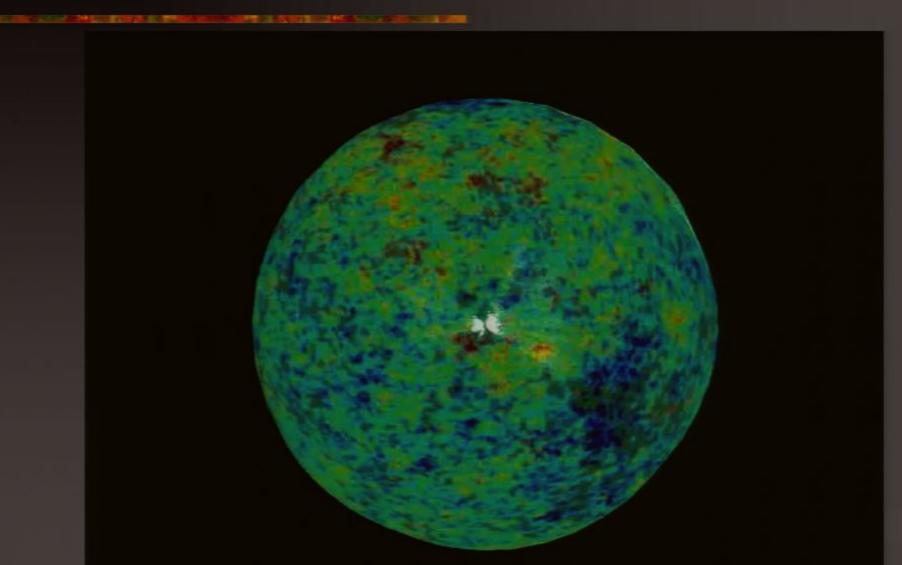








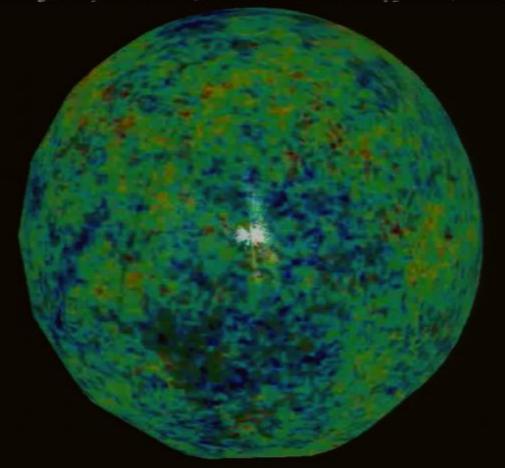




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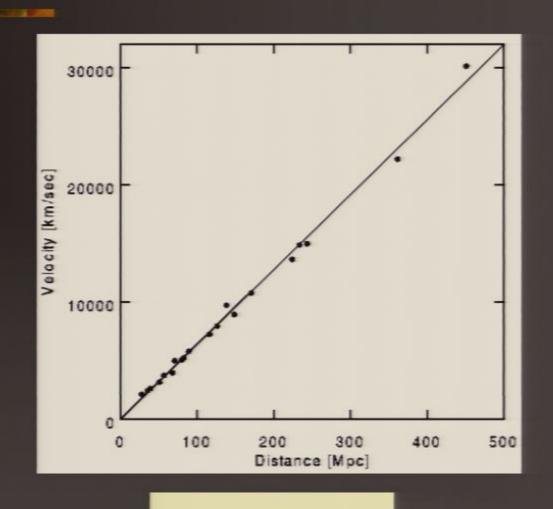
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In all directions galaxies are seen to be receding from us with a speed which is proportional to their distance from us:

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

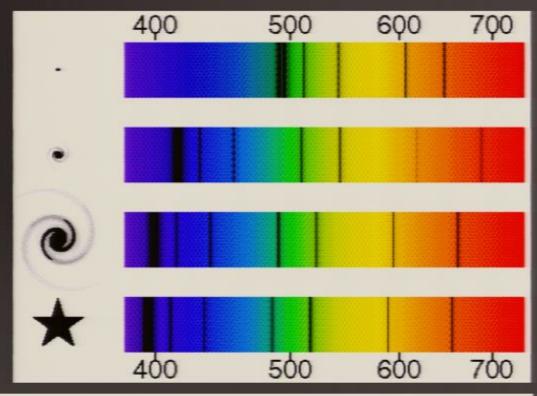
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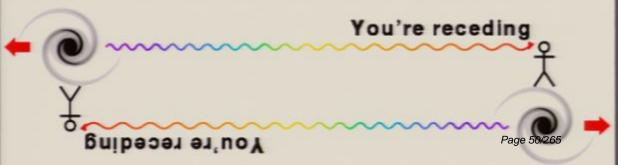
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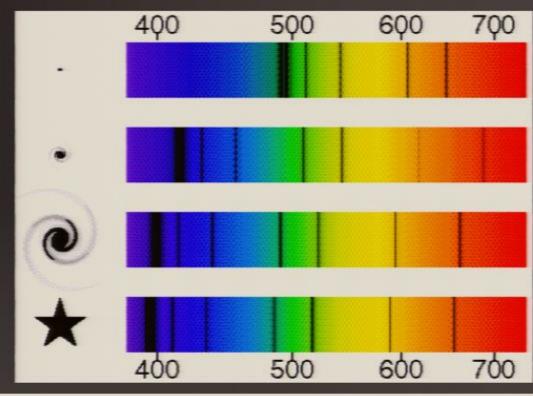
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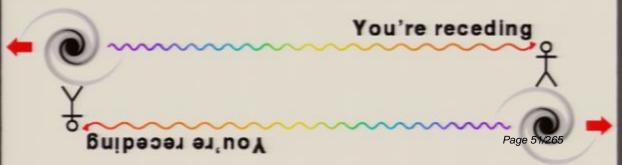
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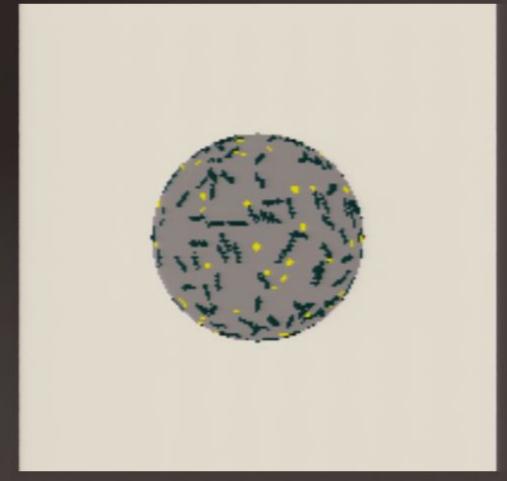




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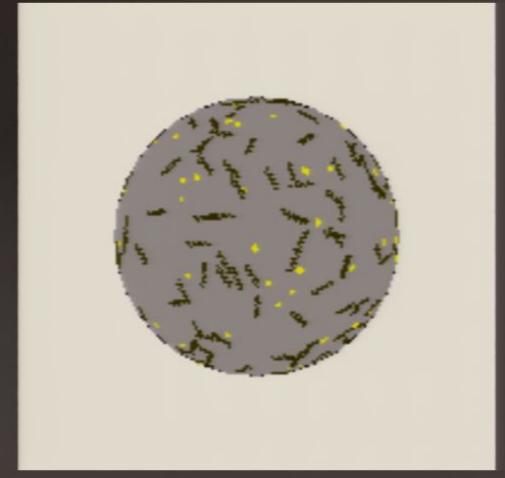
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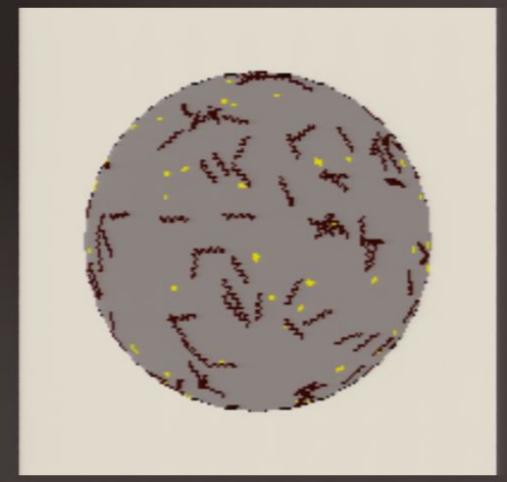
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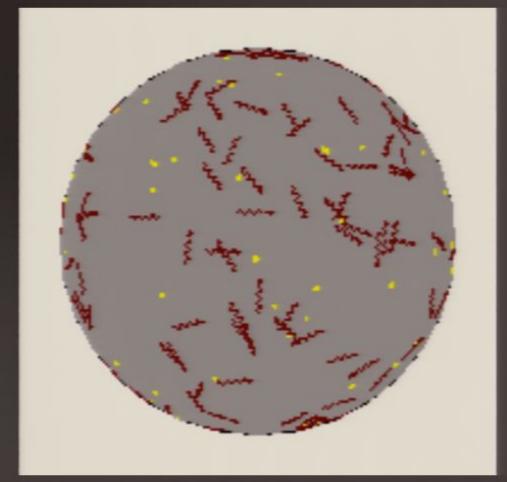
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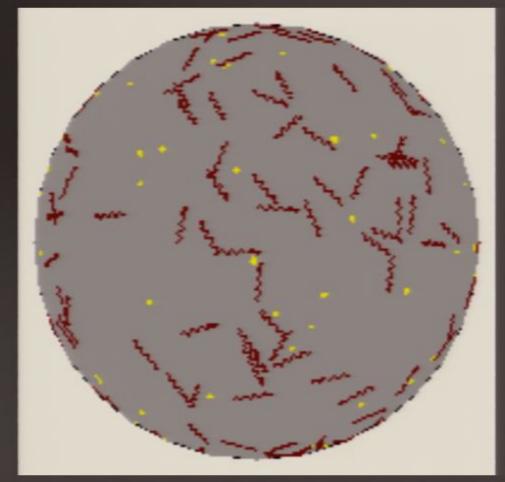
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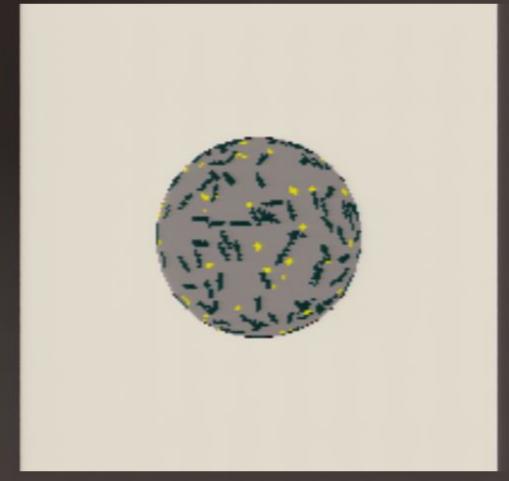


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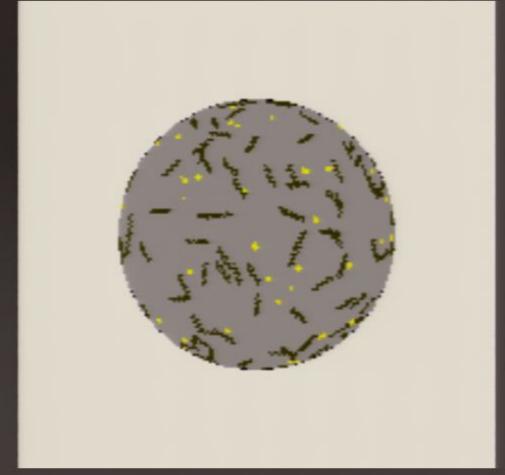
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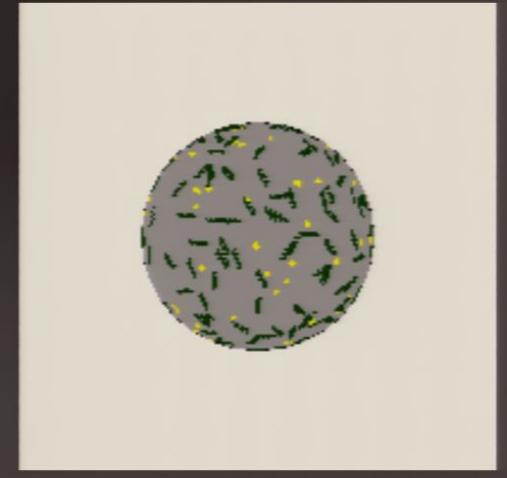
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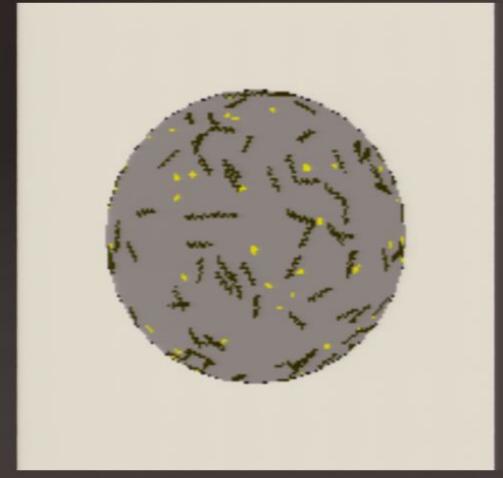
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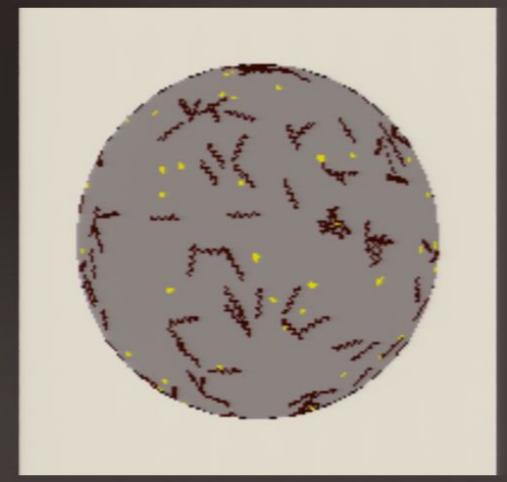
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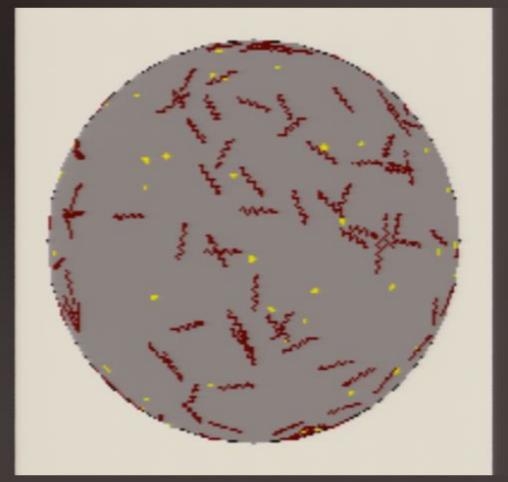
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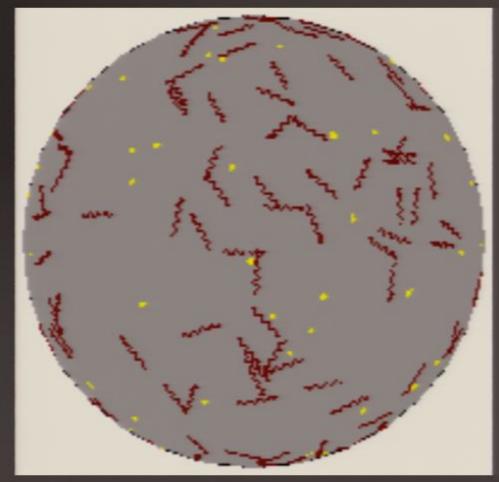
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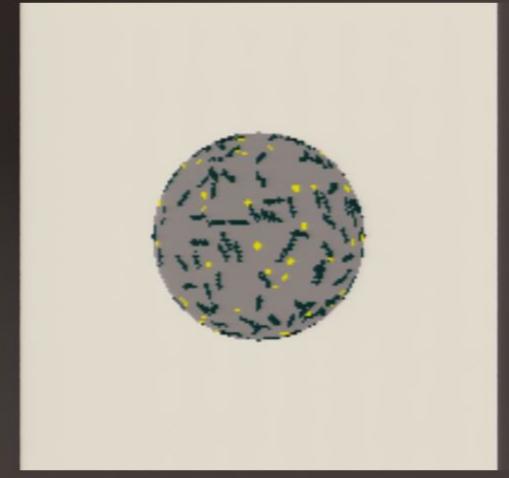


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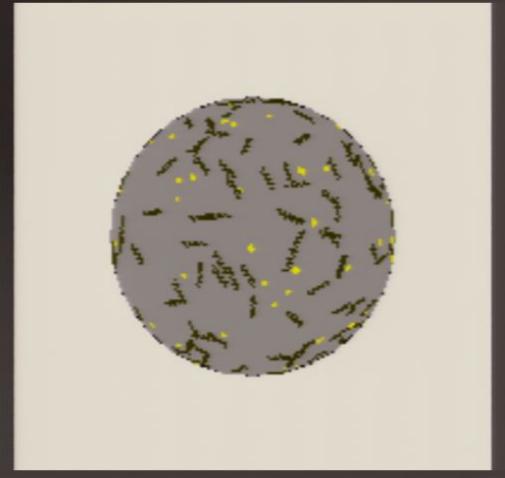
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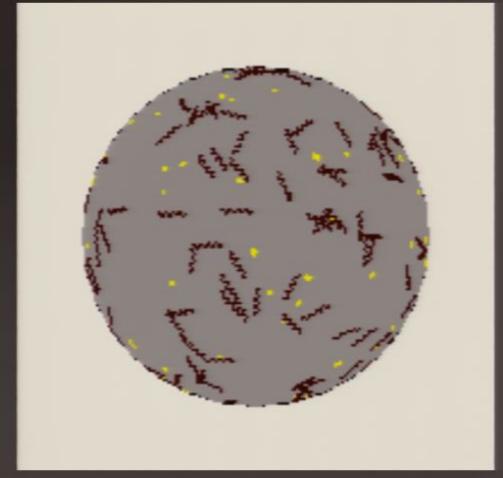
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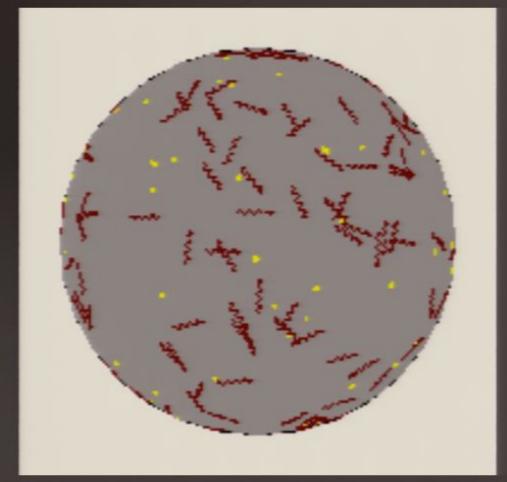
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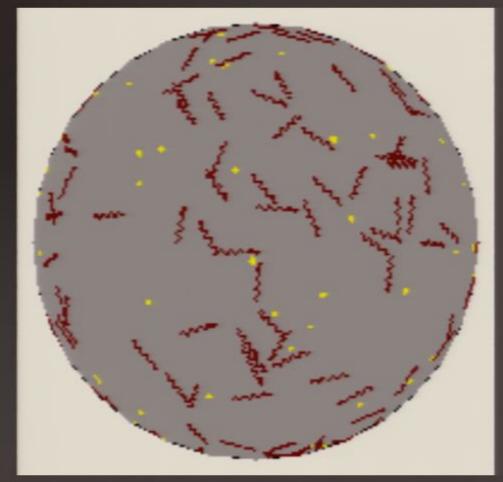
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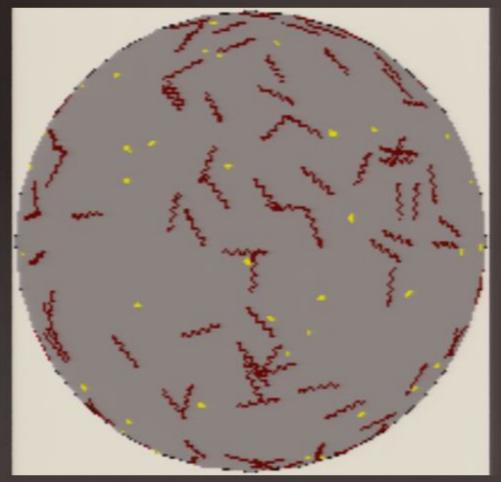
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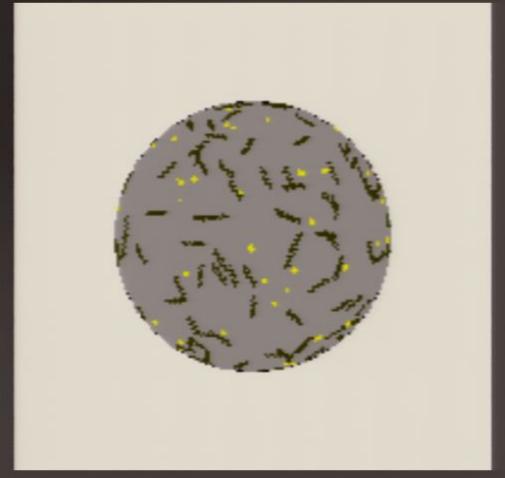
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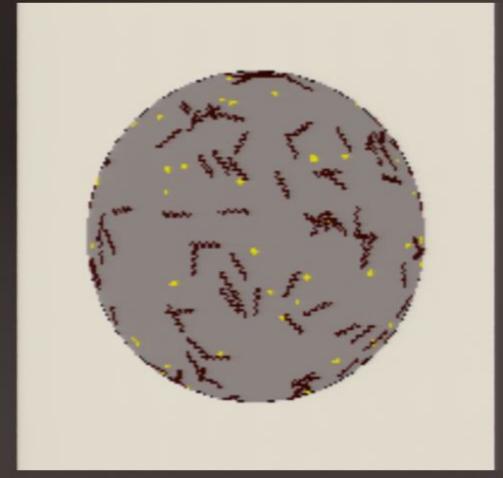
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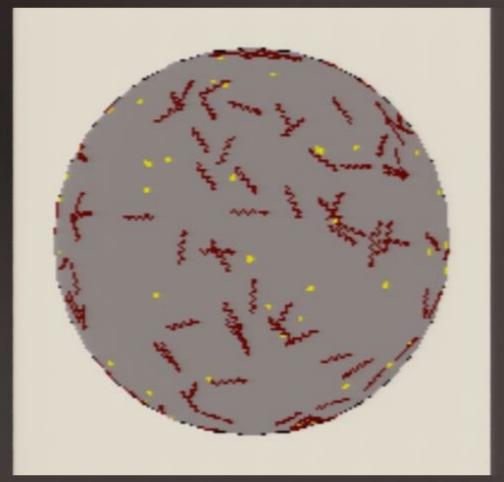
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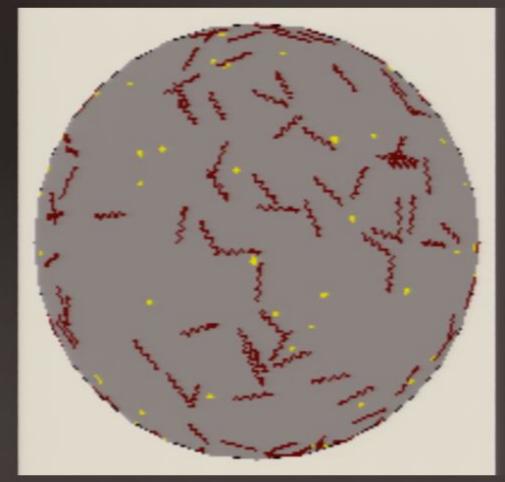
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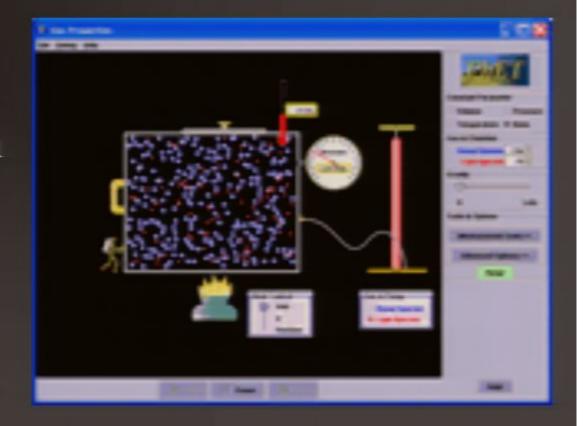
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#### The Hot Big Bang

- Matter in an expanding container cools.
  - Extrapolating back in time suggests the Universe was once very small and very hot.
- The Hot Big Bang theory assumes the Universe was initially a small, hot soup of elementary particles.
- This theory is just now being redundantly tested.
  - Surprise! Most of the matter in the Universe is in two completely unknown forms!

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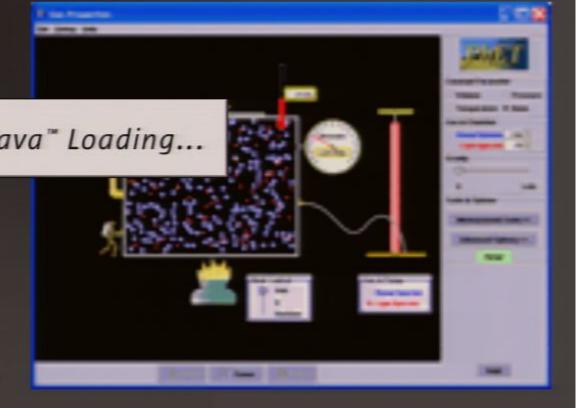
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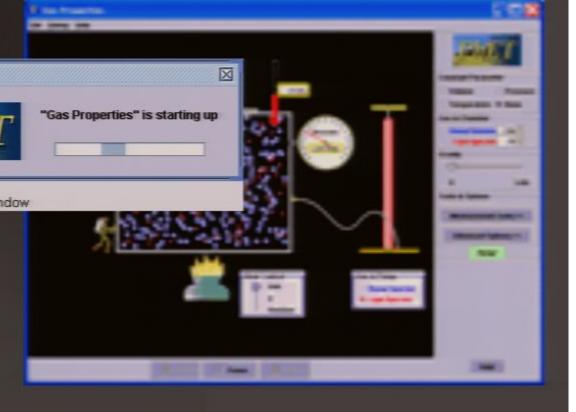
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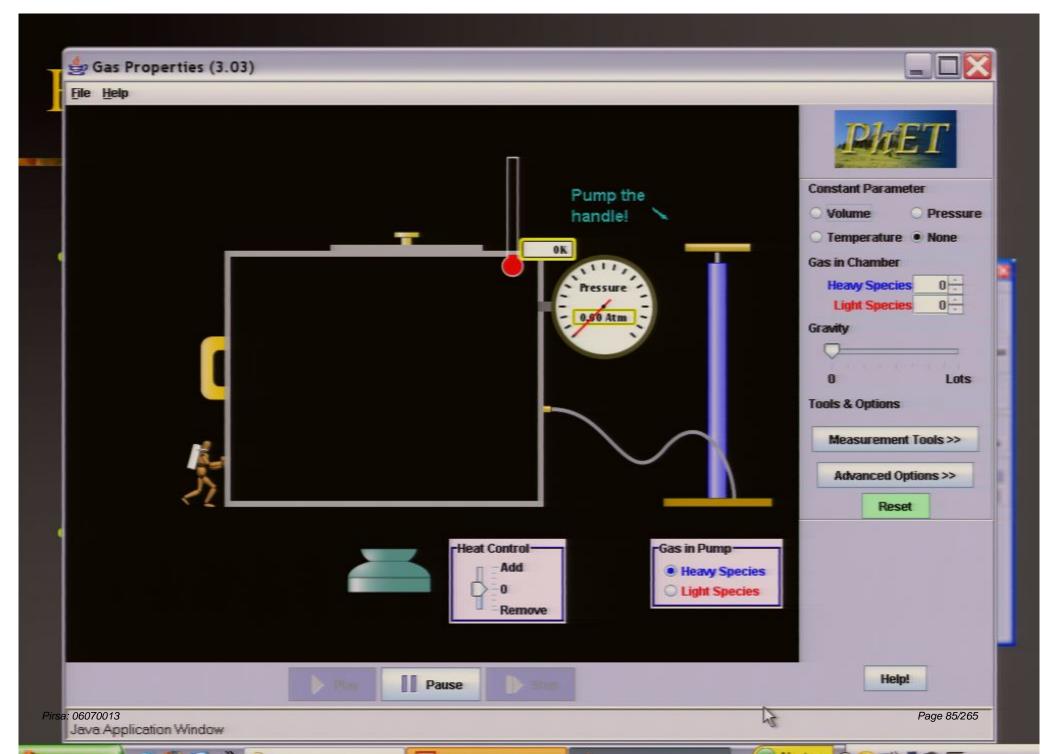


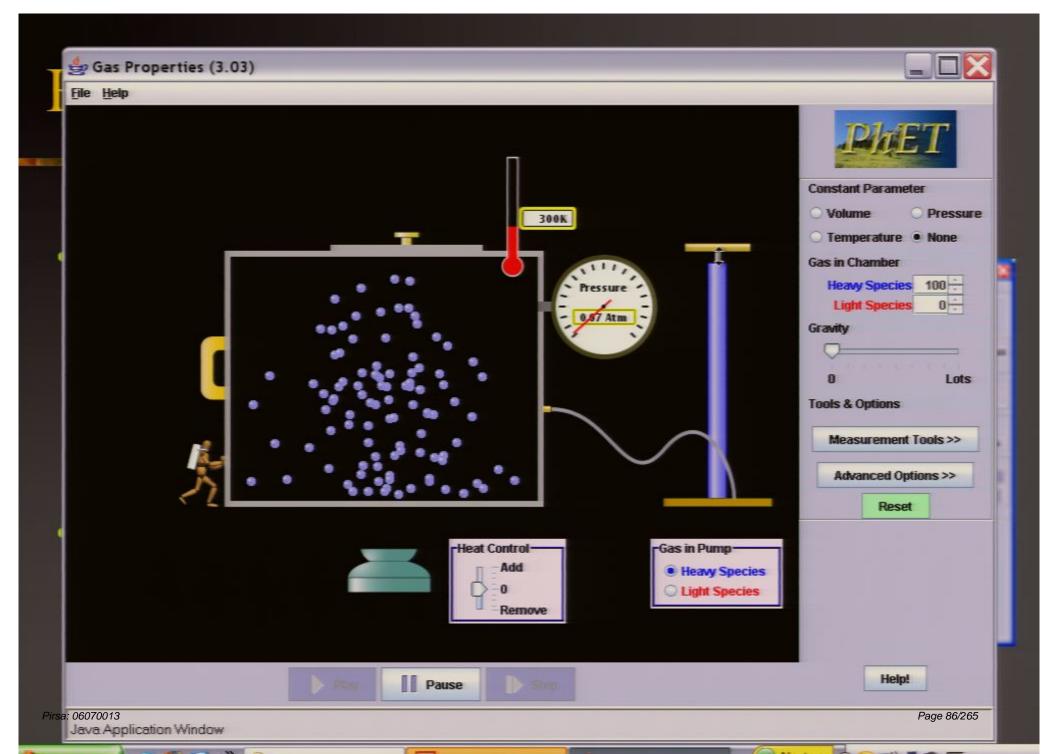
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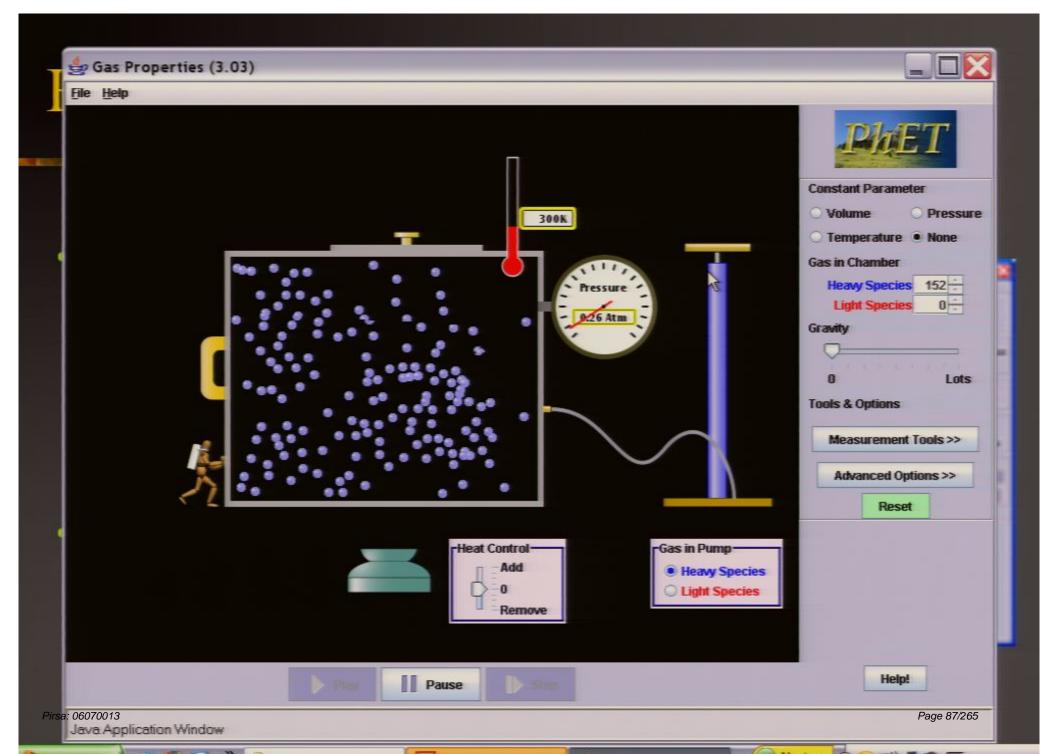
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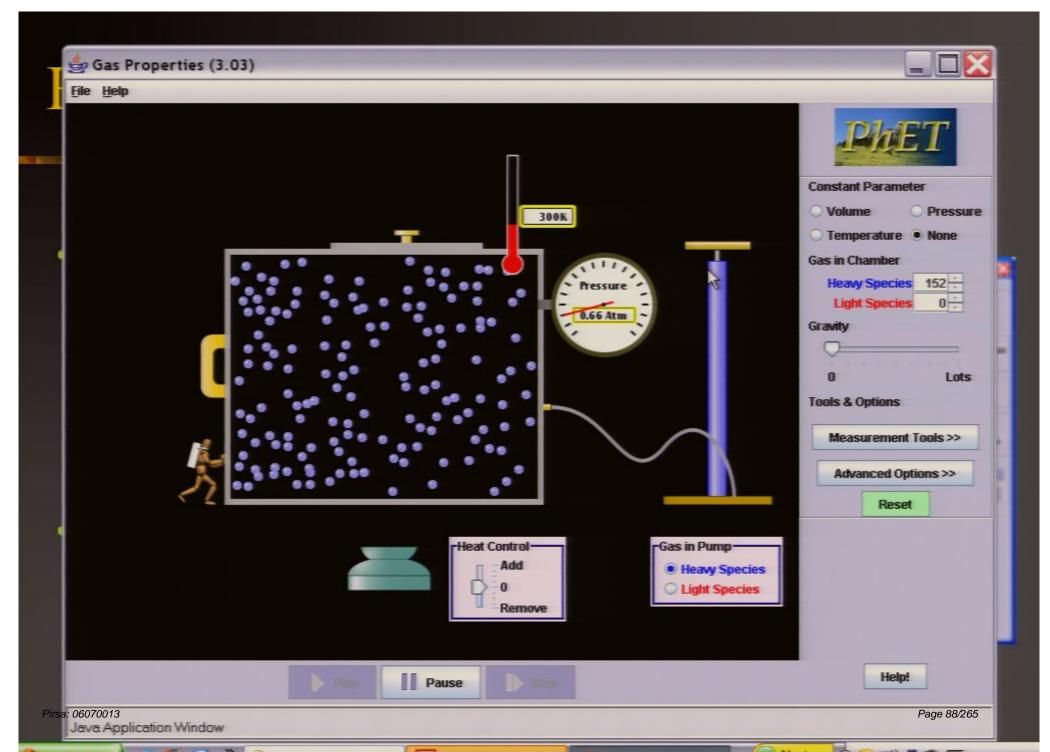
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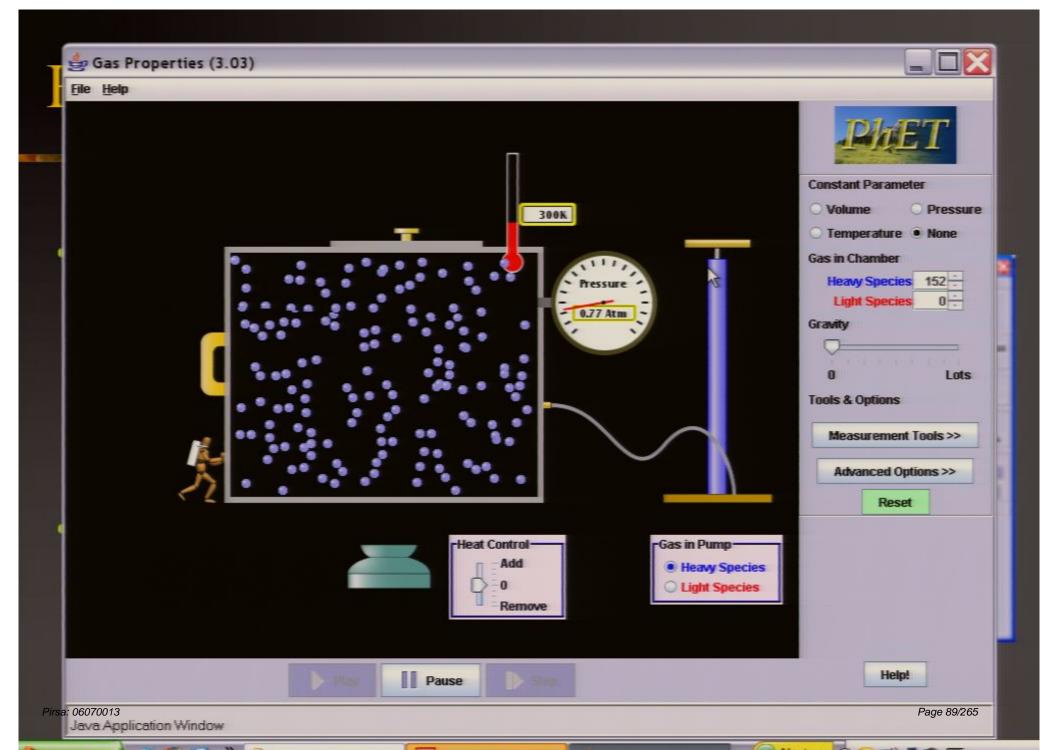


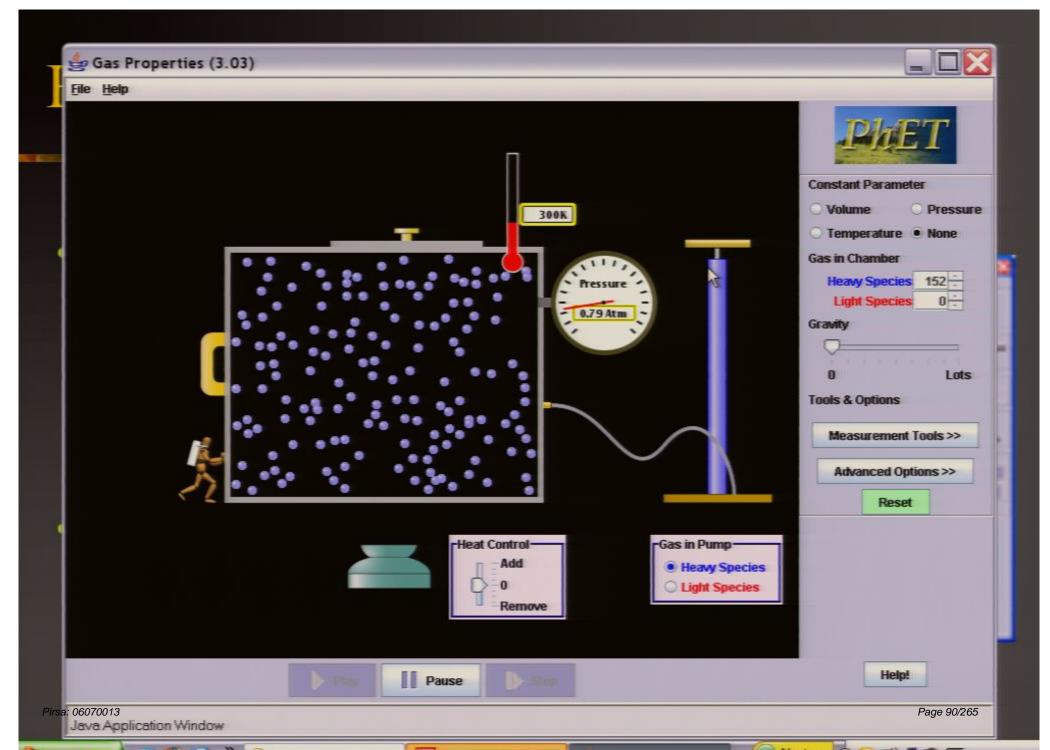


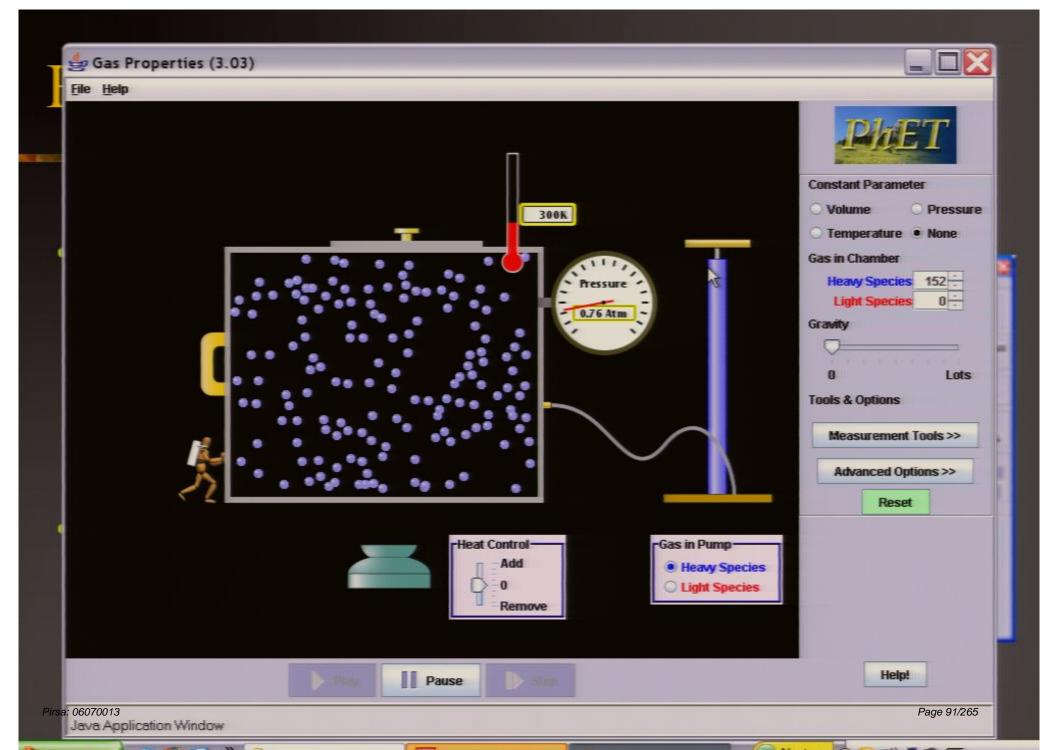


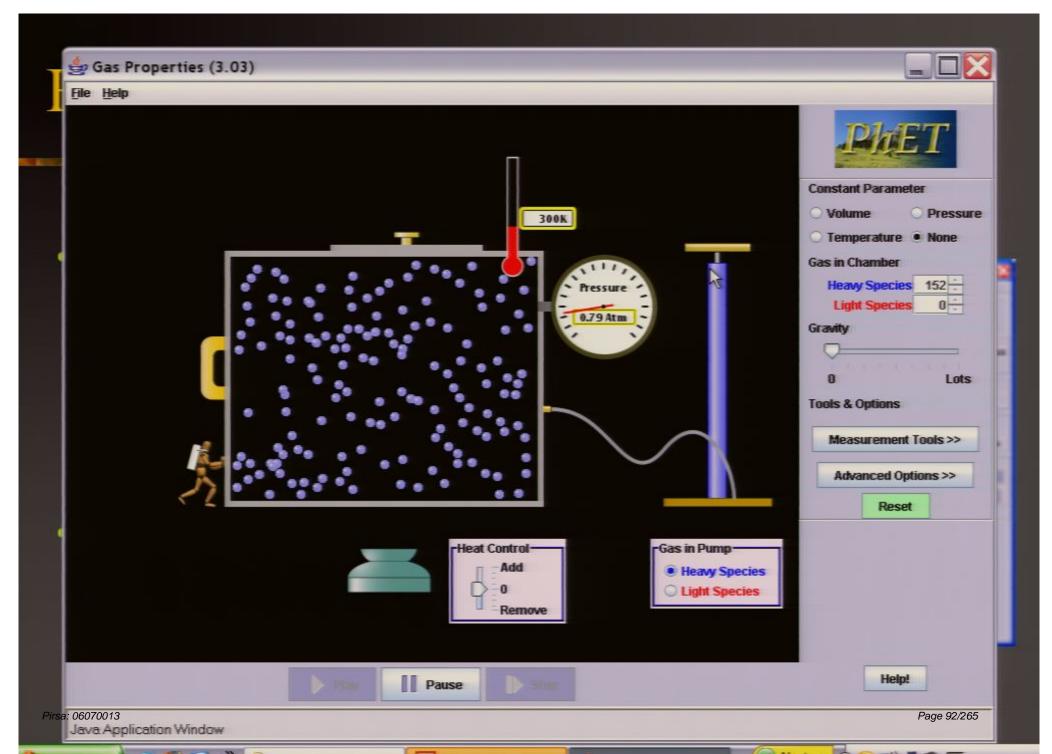


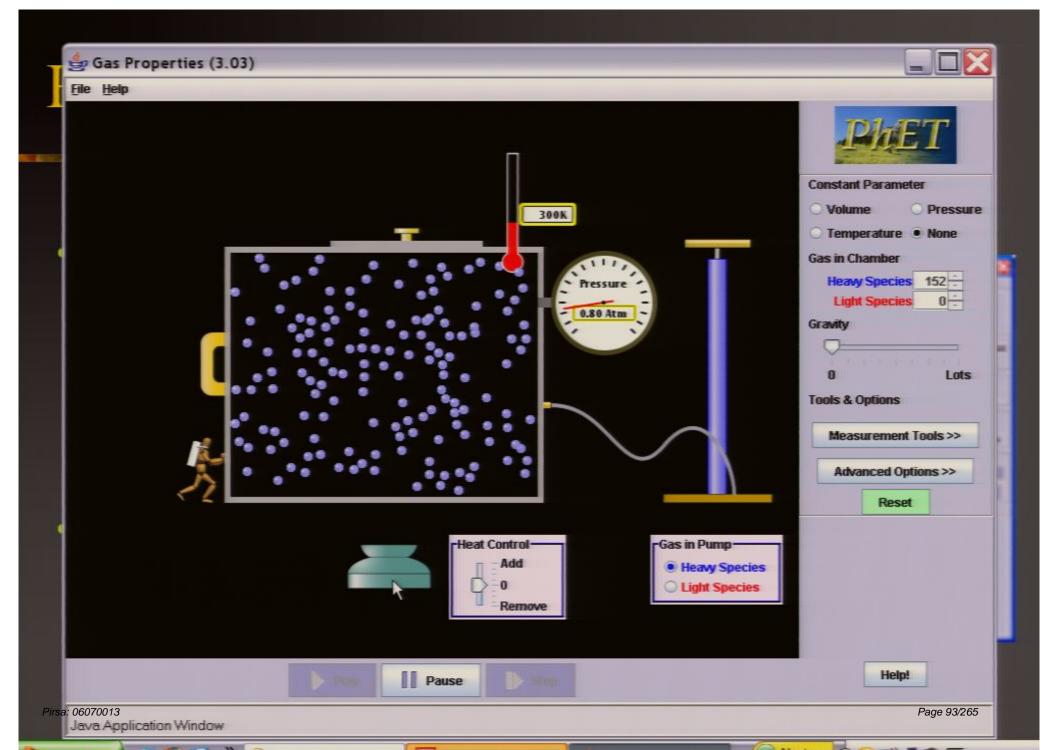


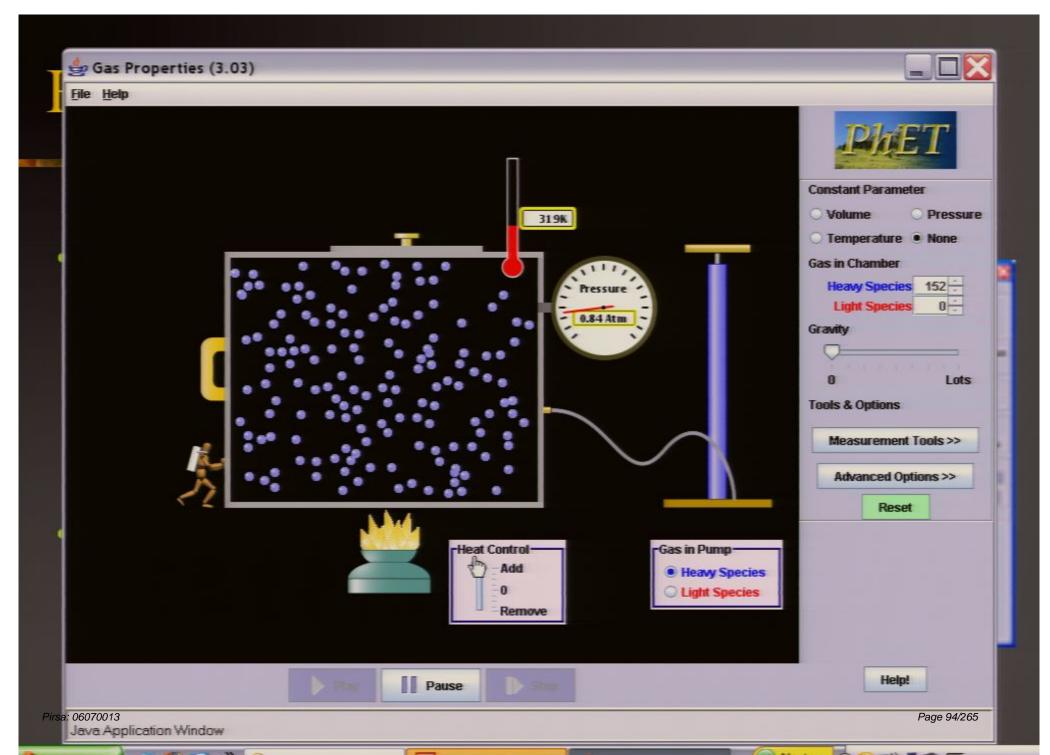


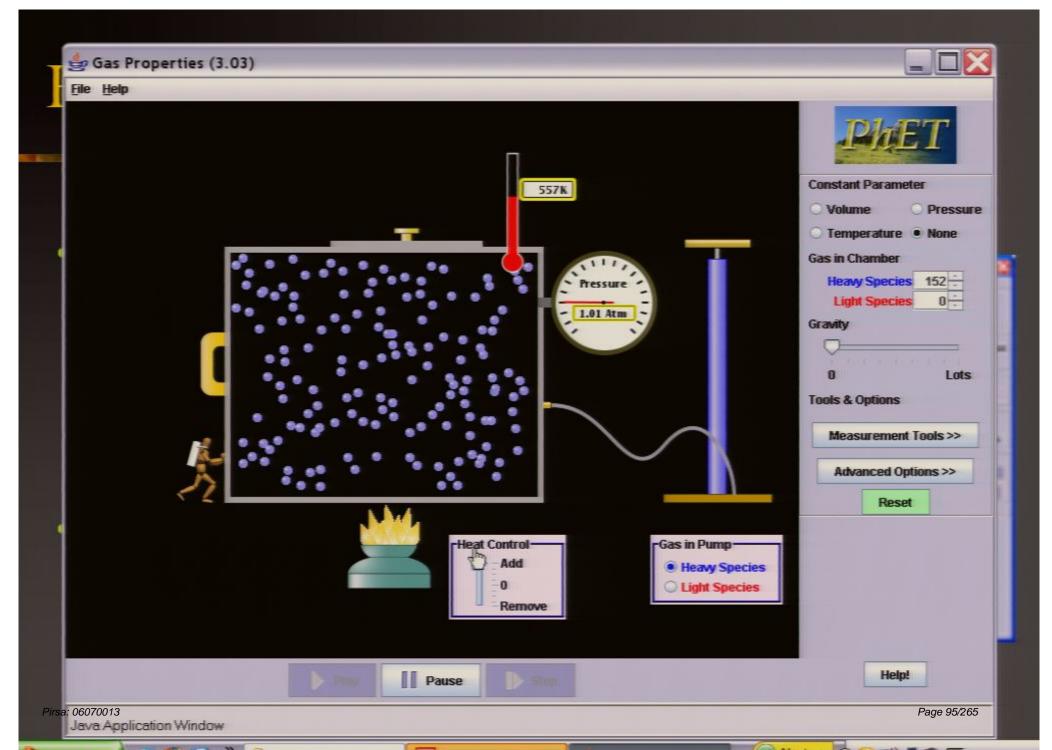


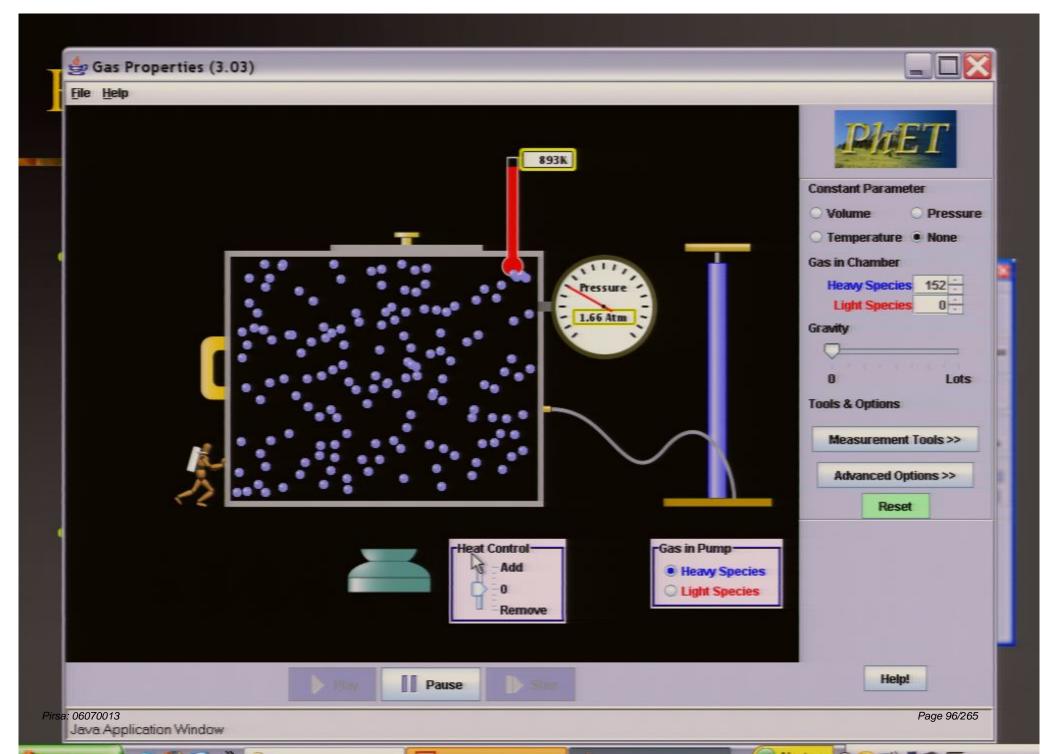


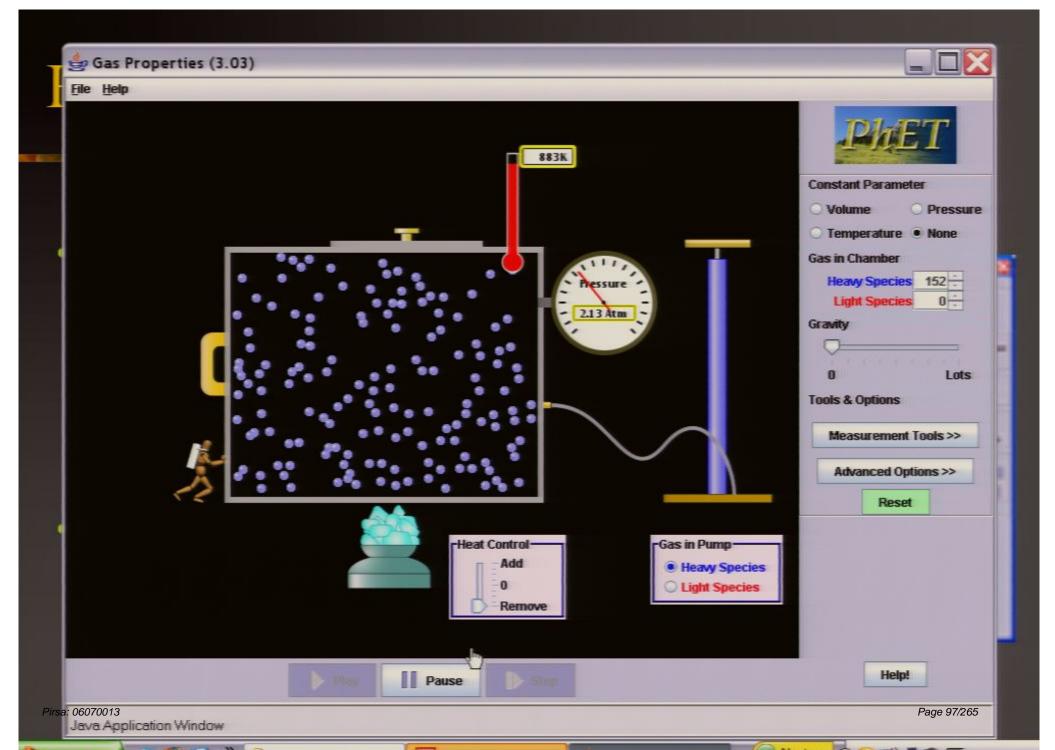


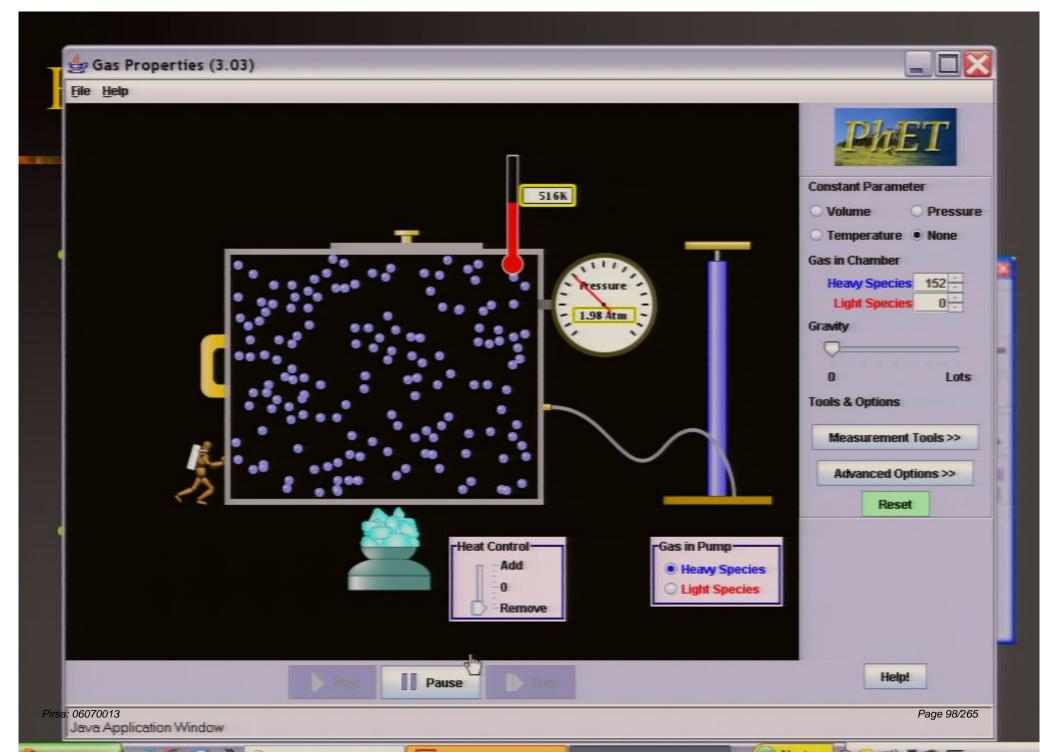


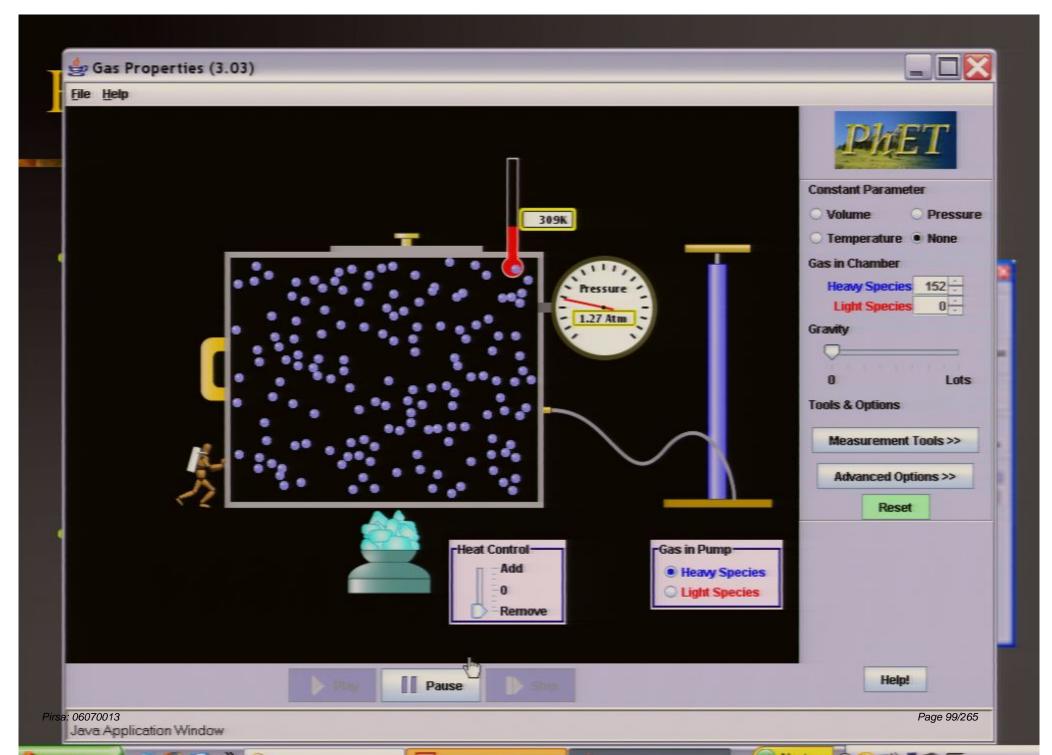


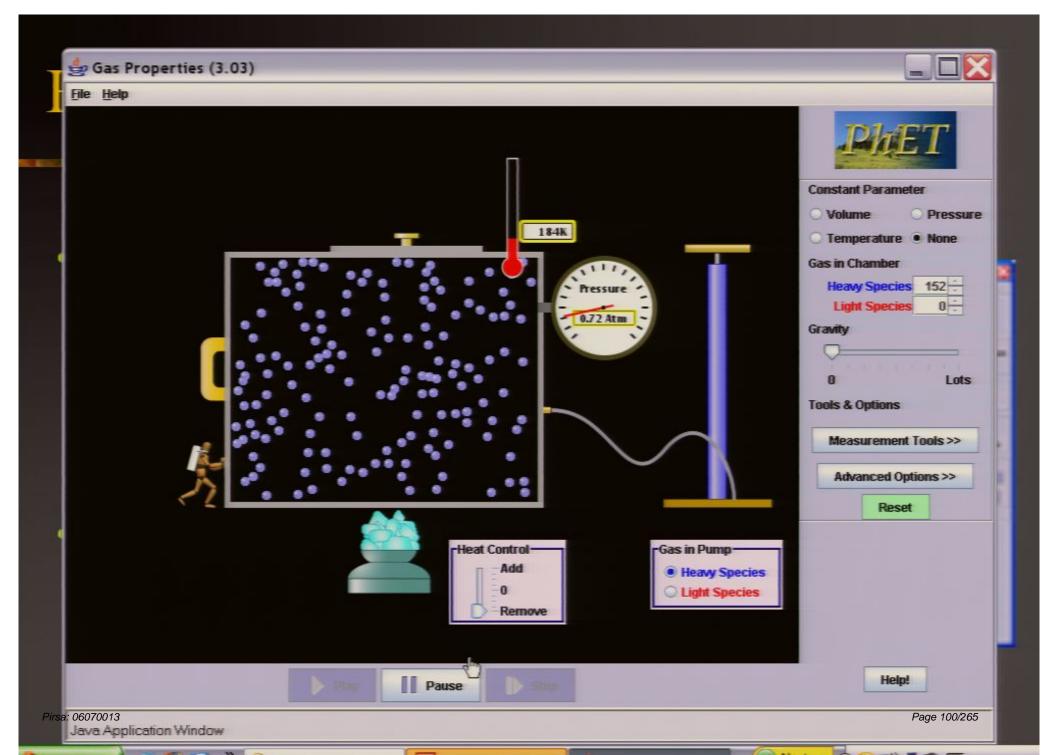


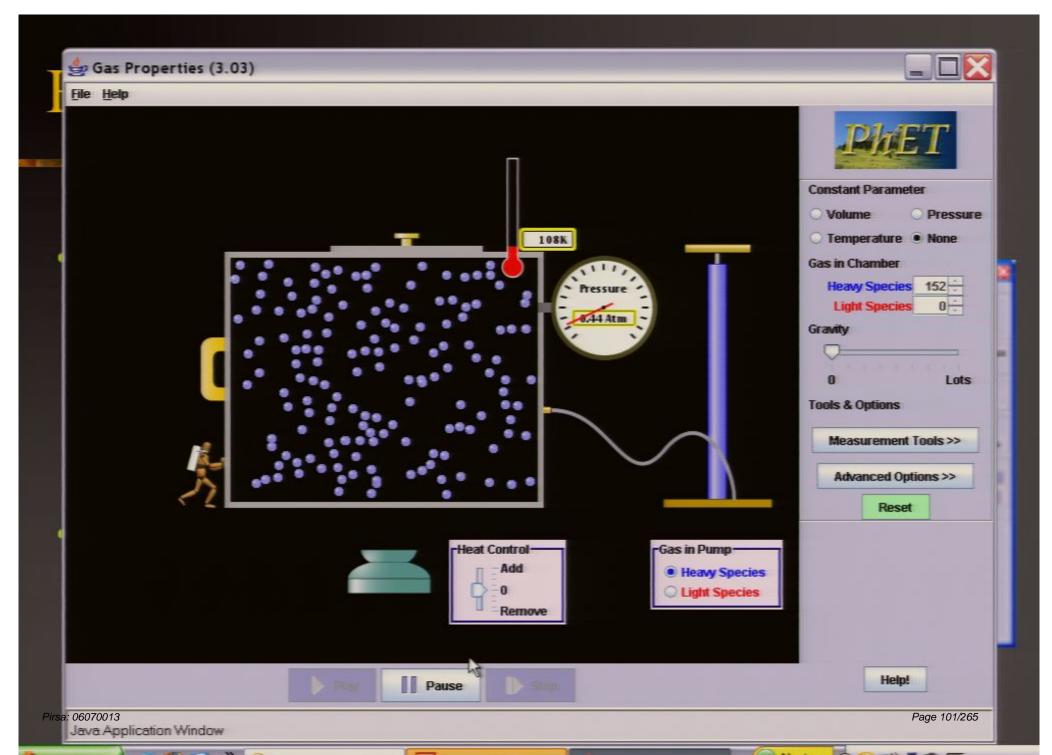


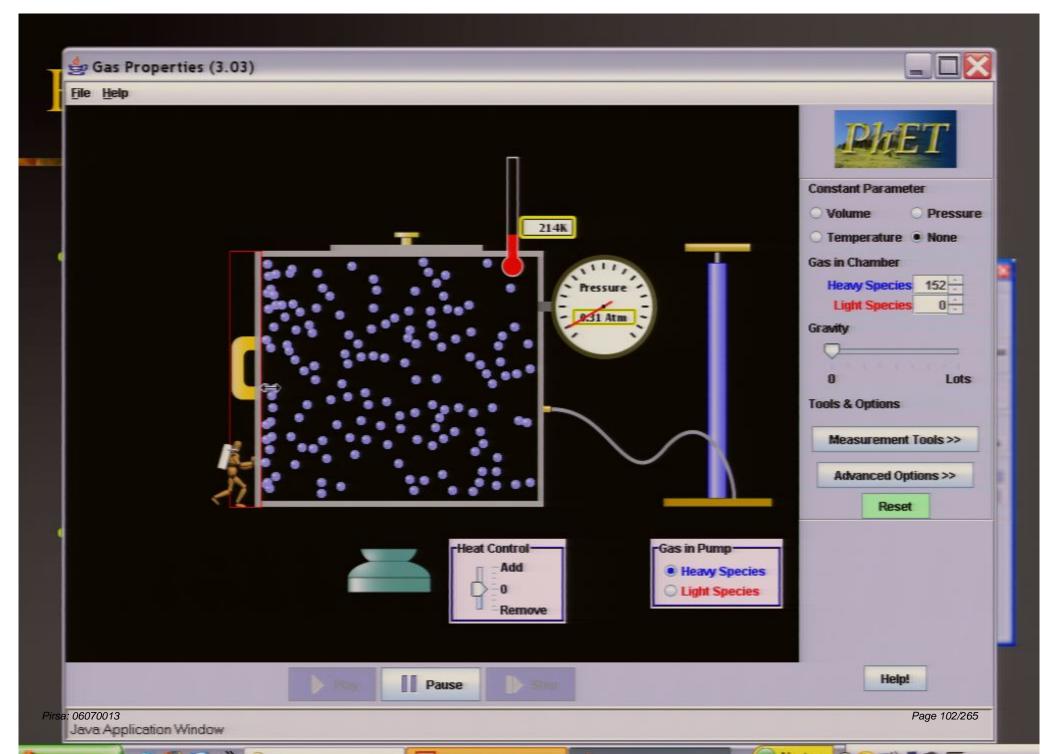


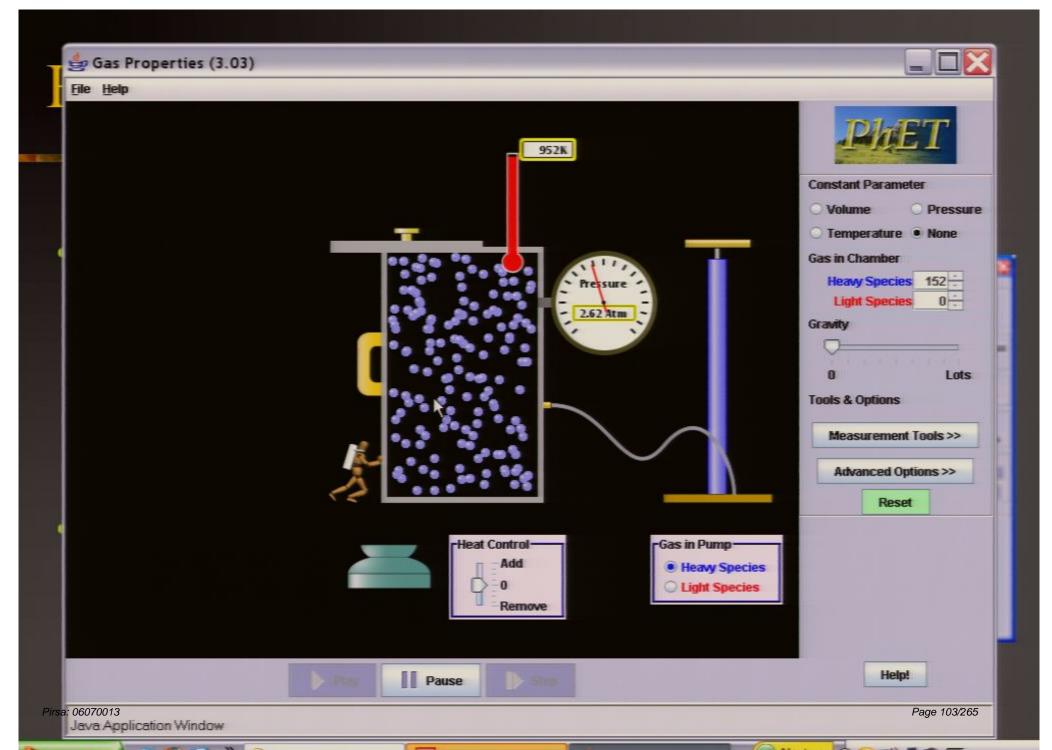


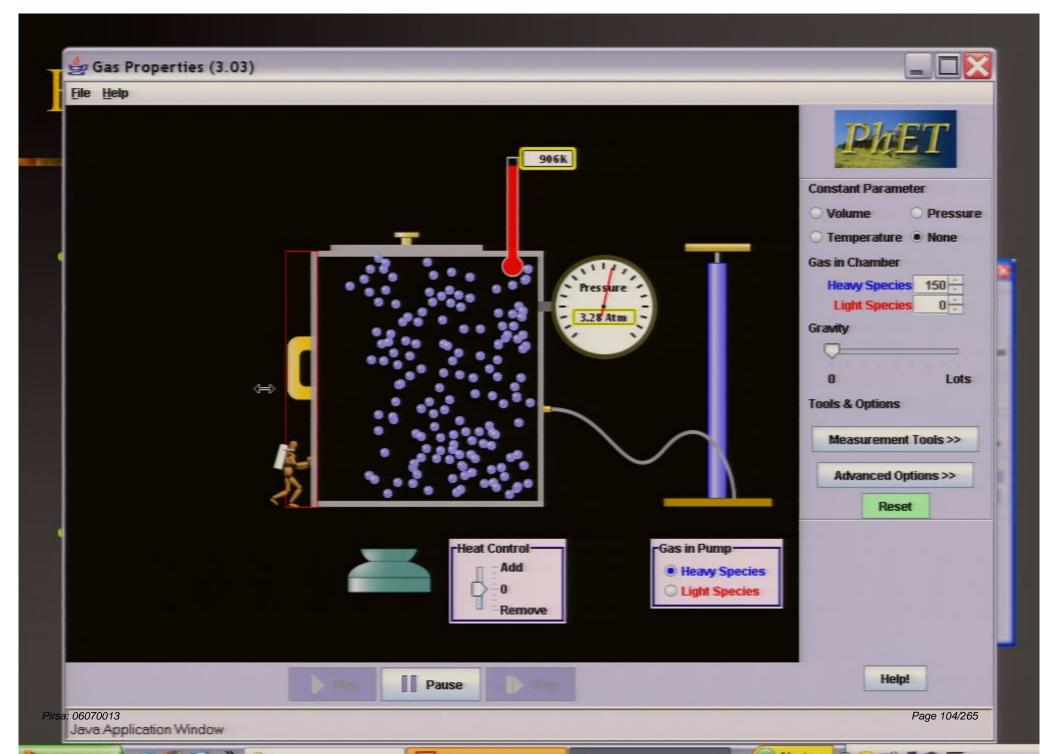


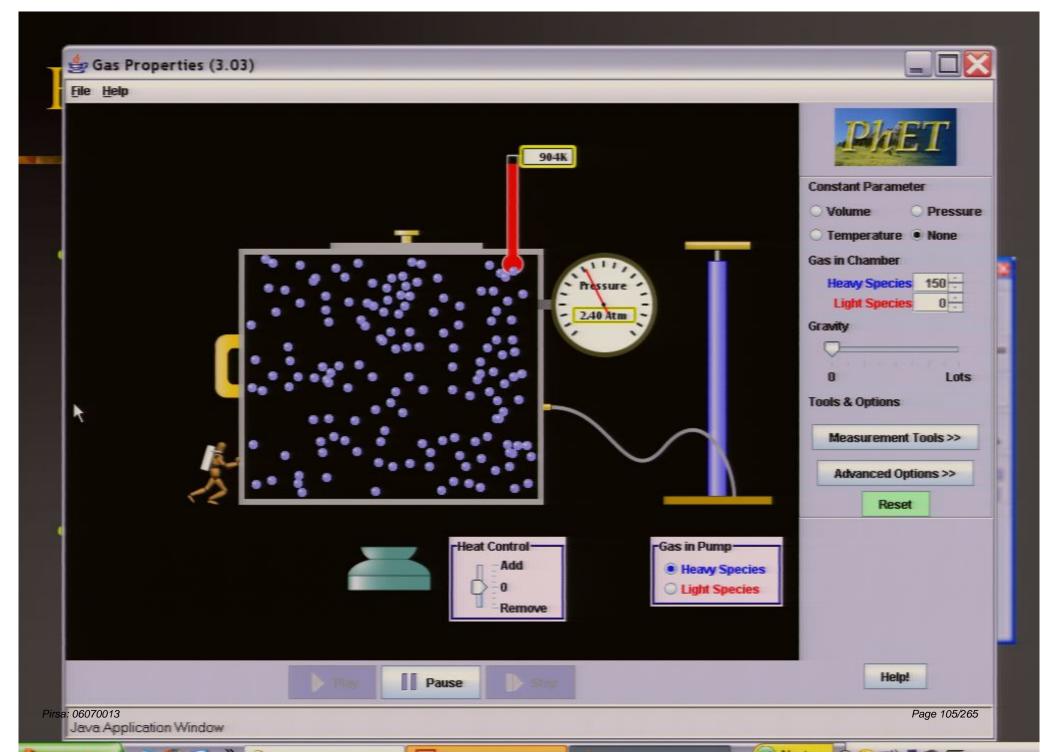


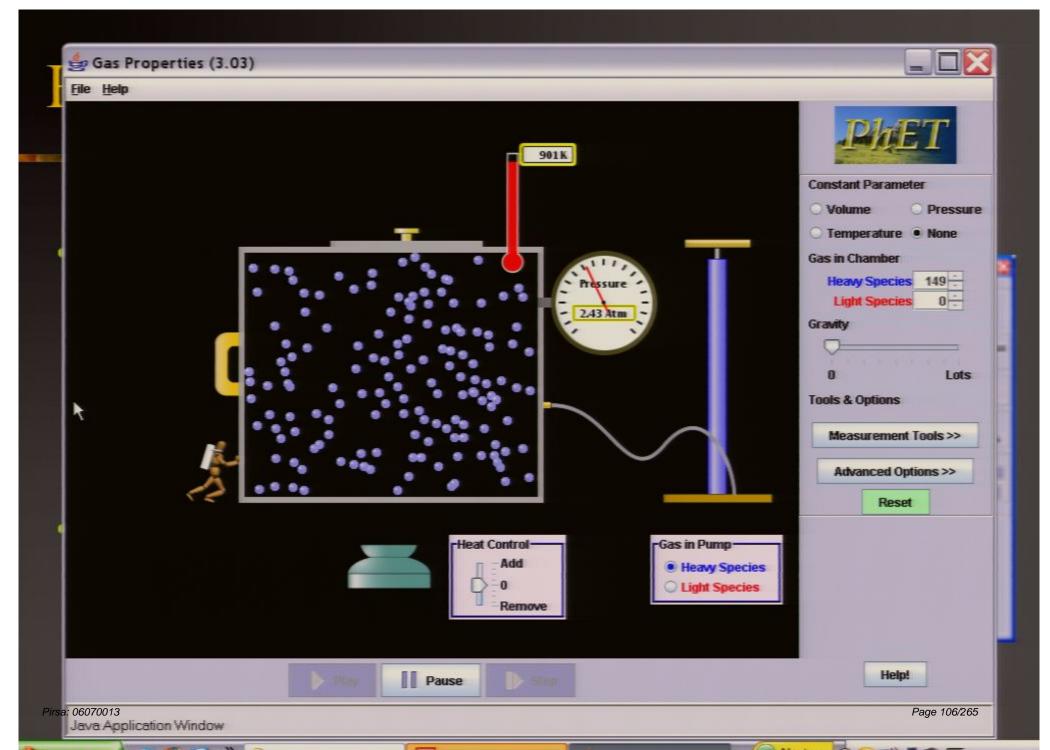


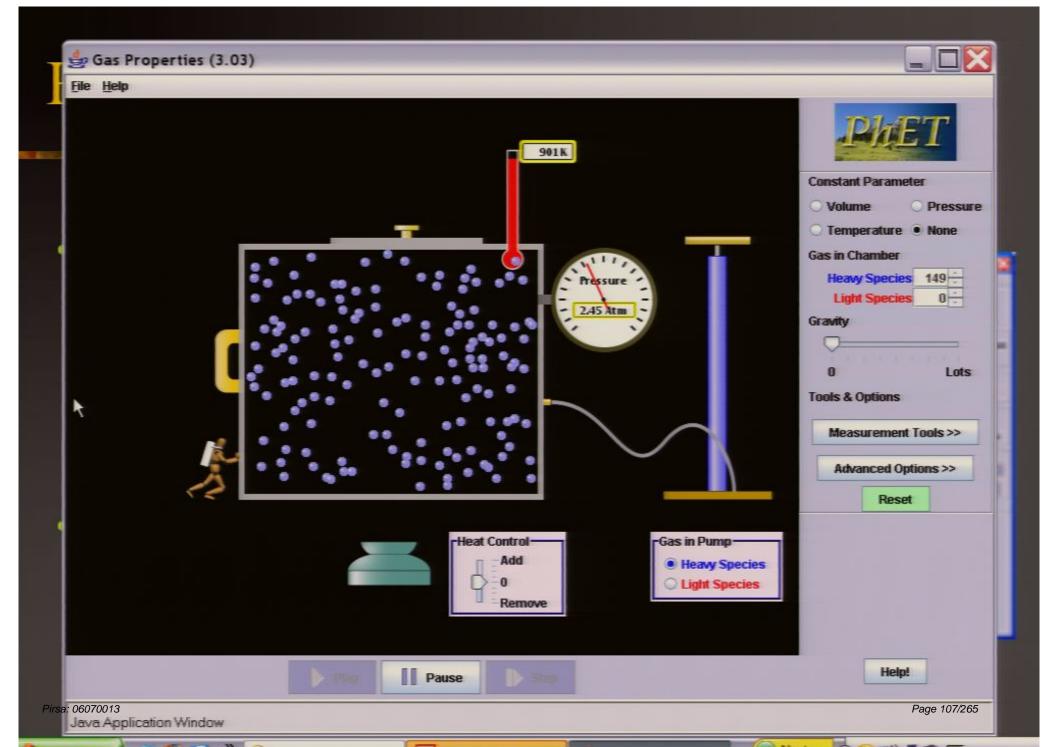


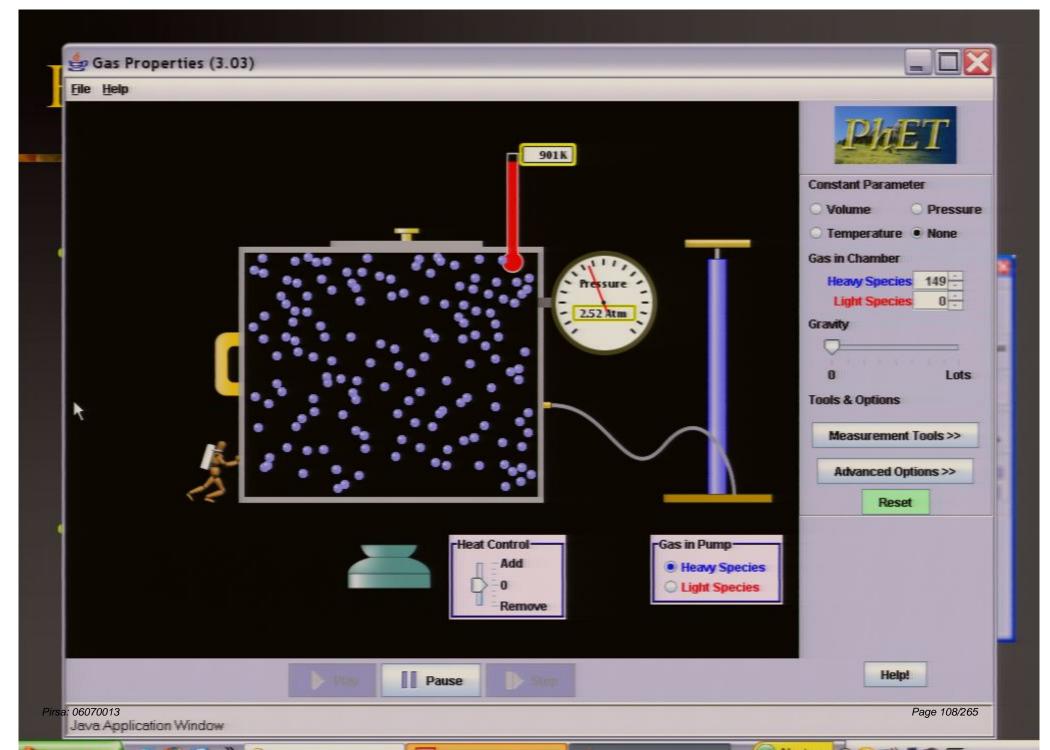


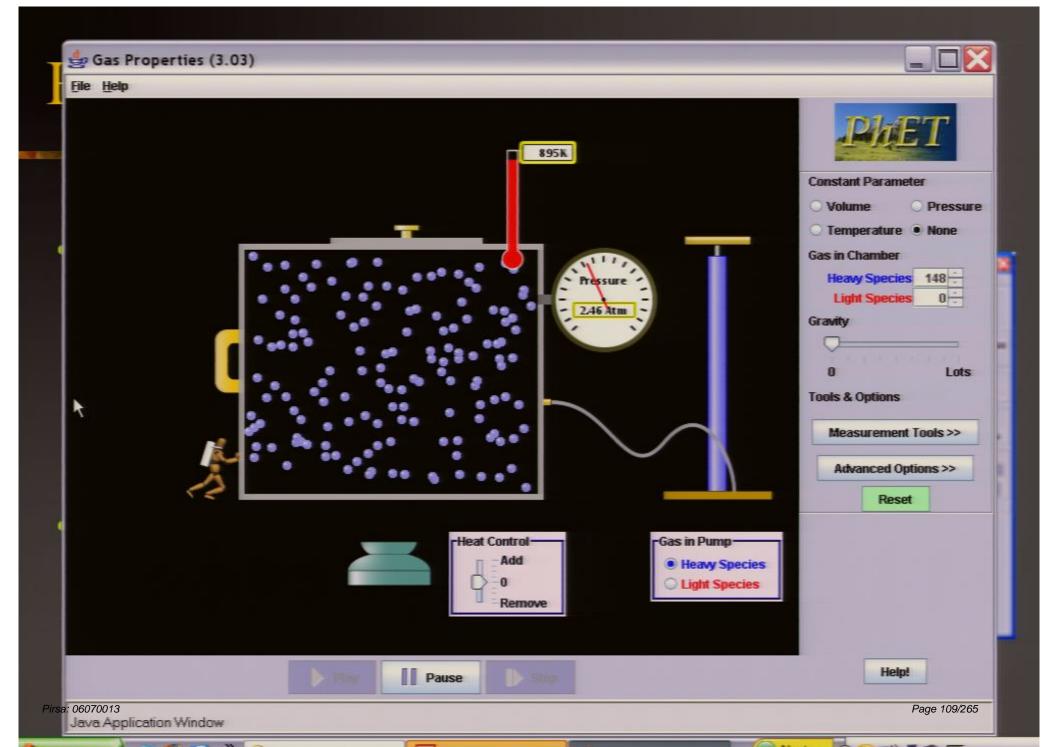


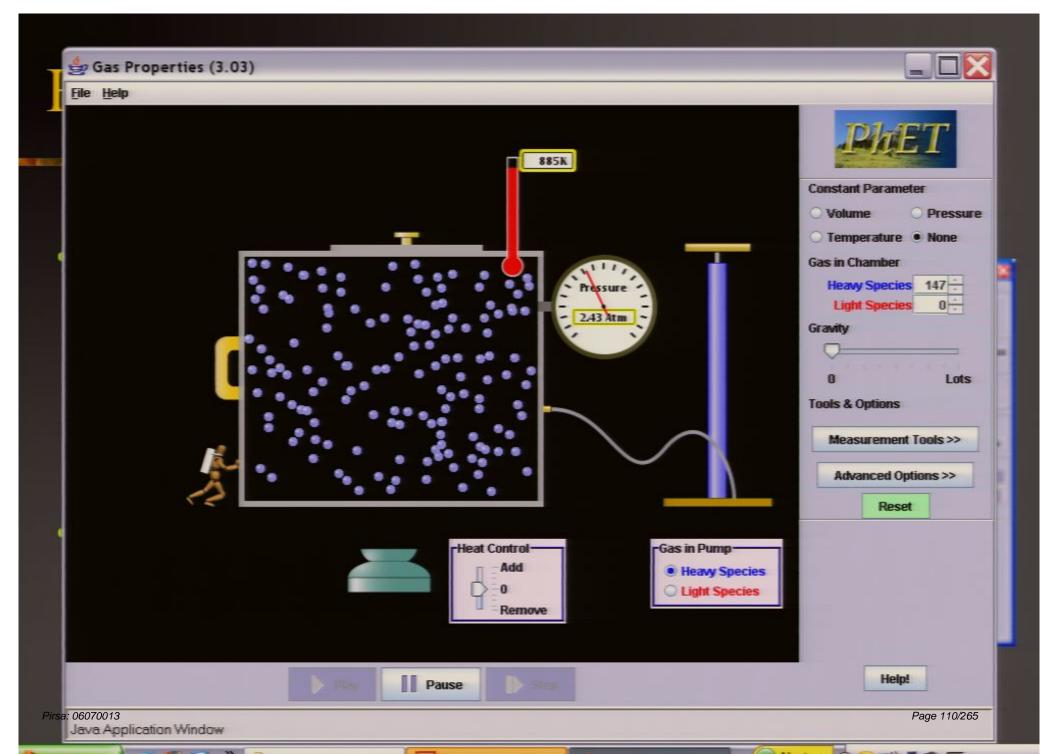


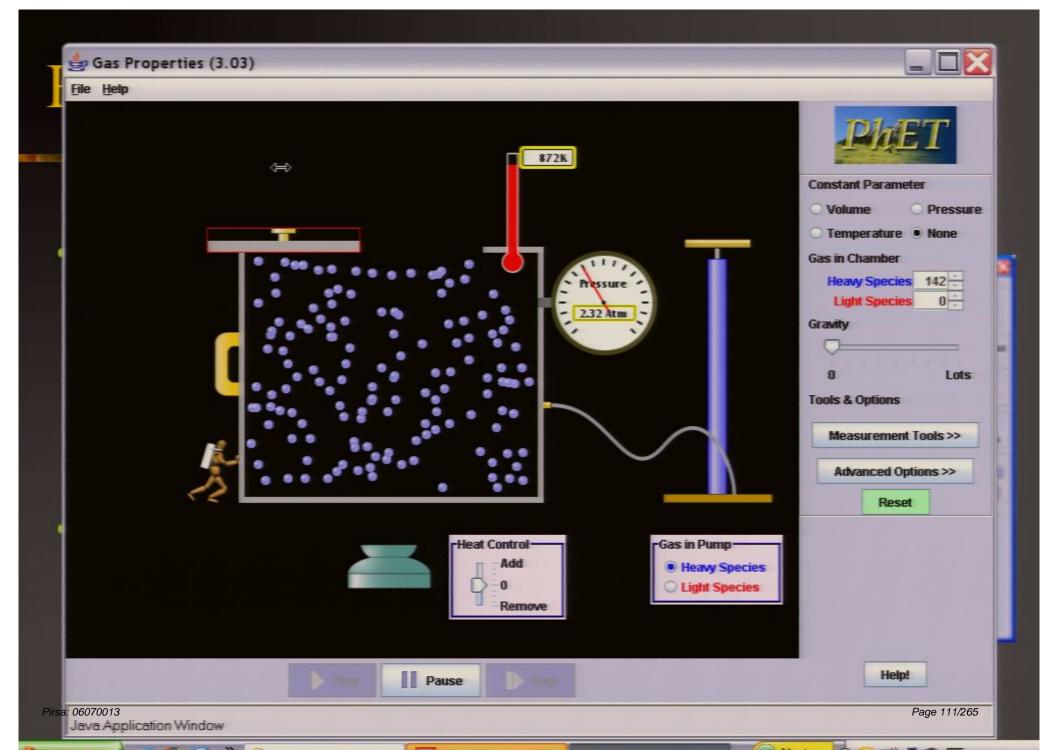


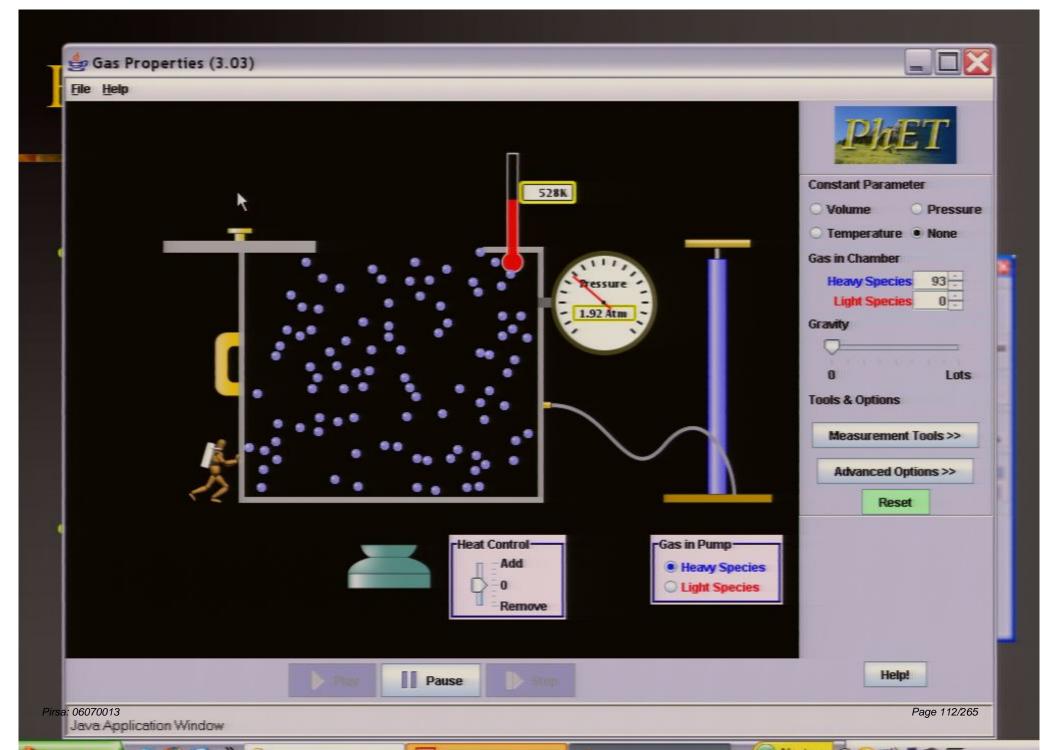


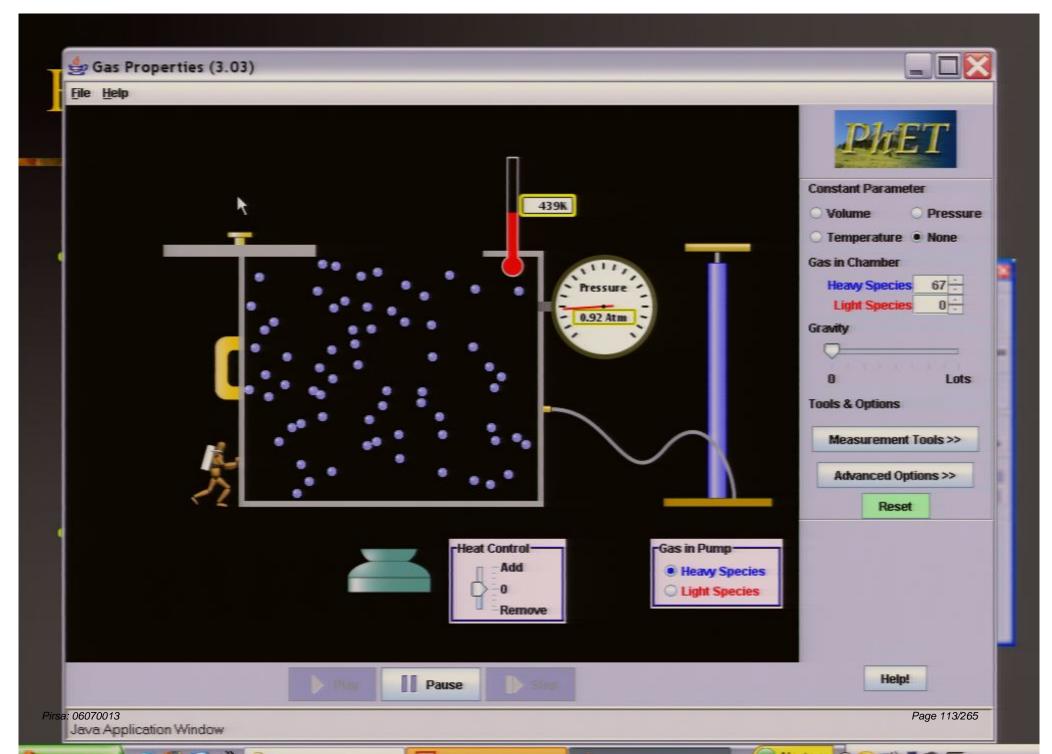


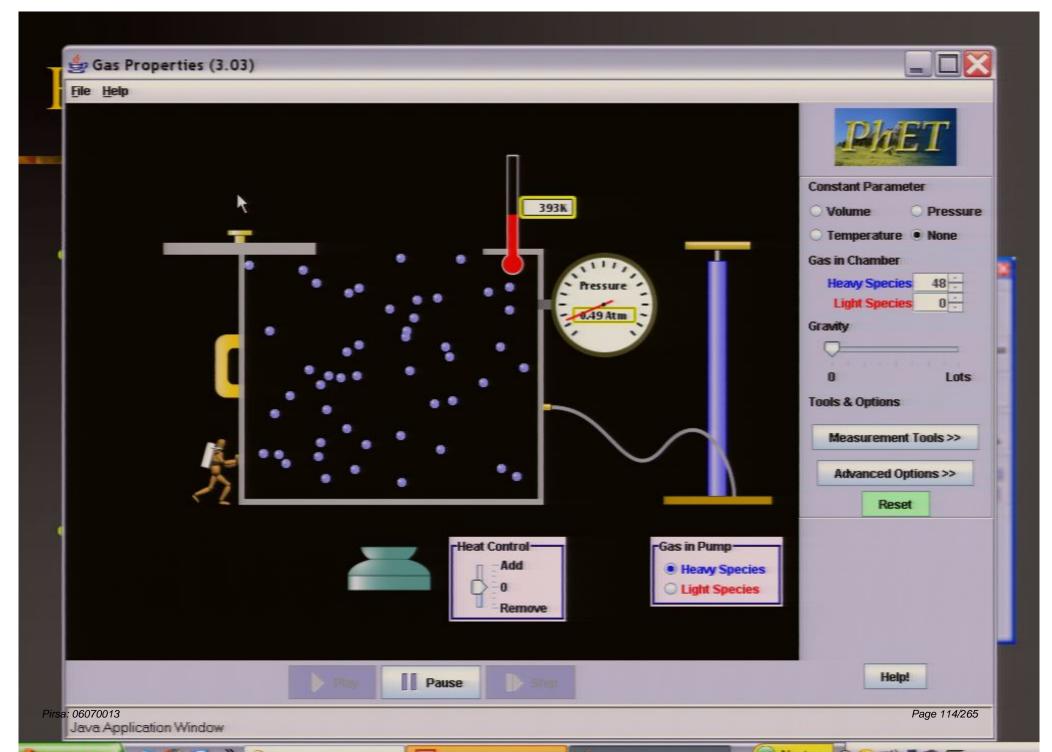


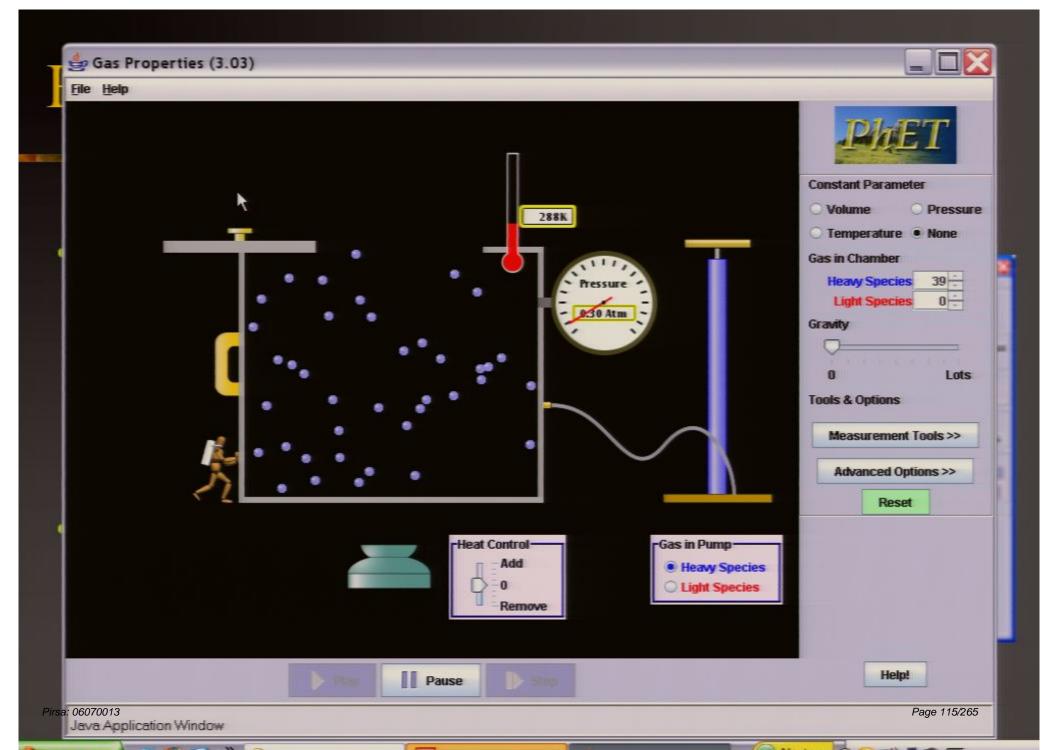


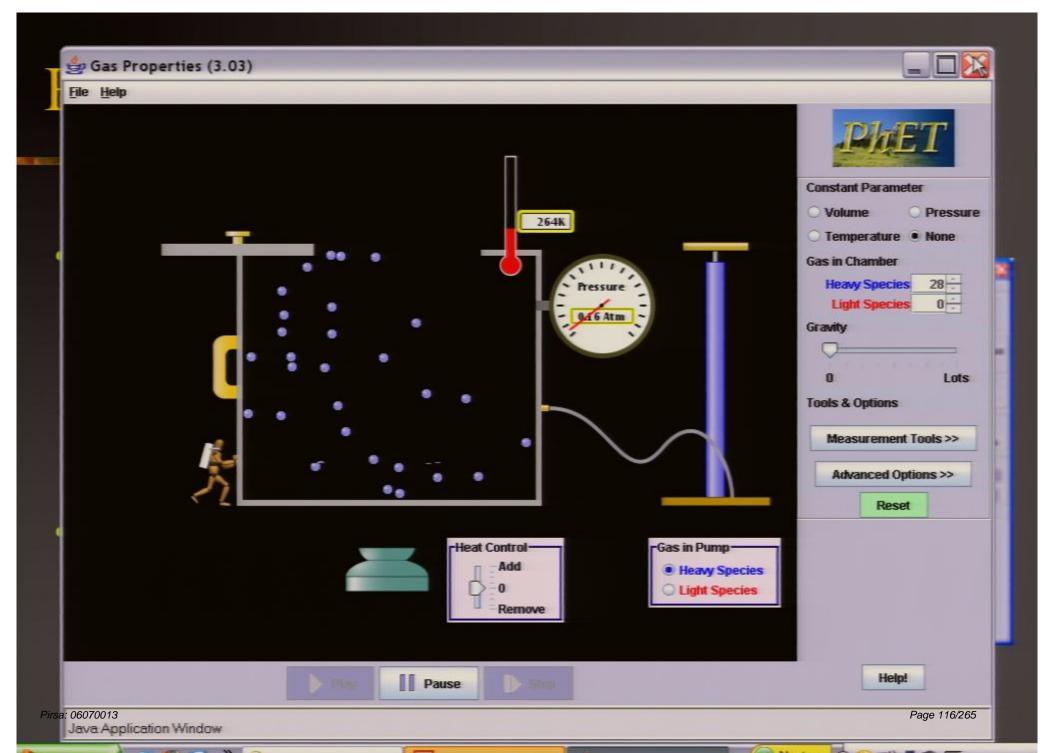








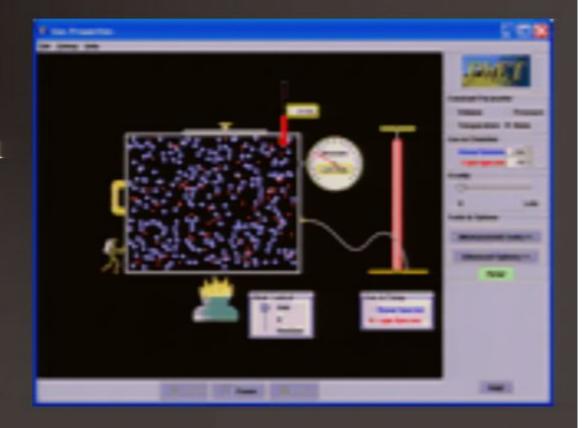




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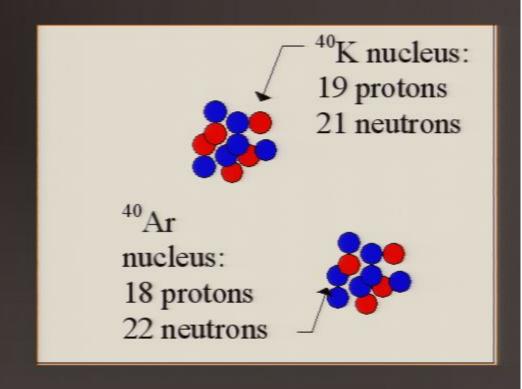
- The Universe being hot means that the particles within it are randomly moving with higher speeds.
- At high enough temperatures particles get knocked apart into their constituents.



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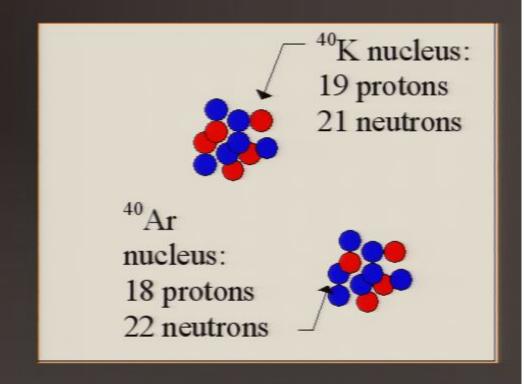
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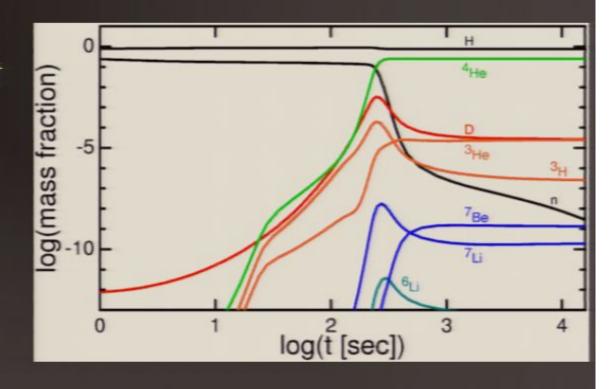
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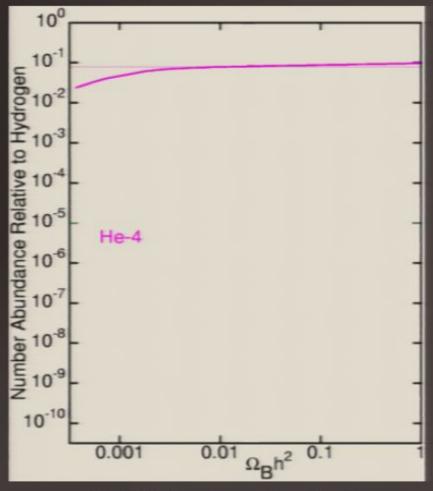
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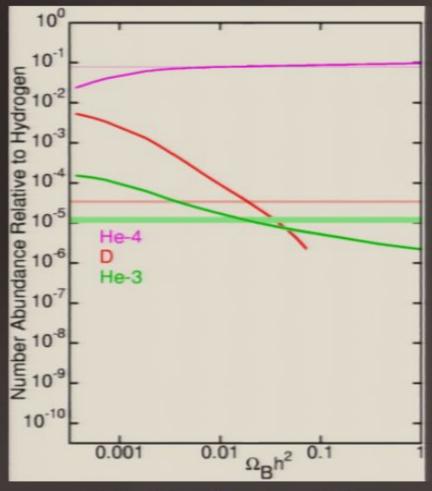
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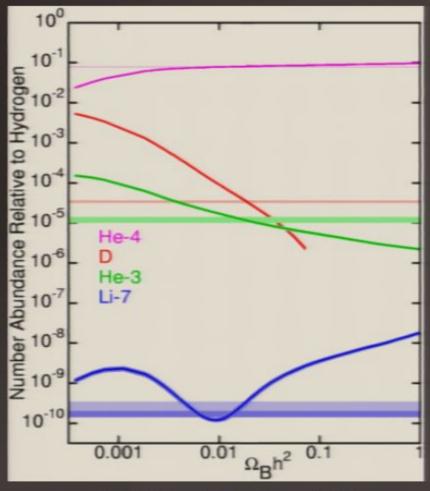
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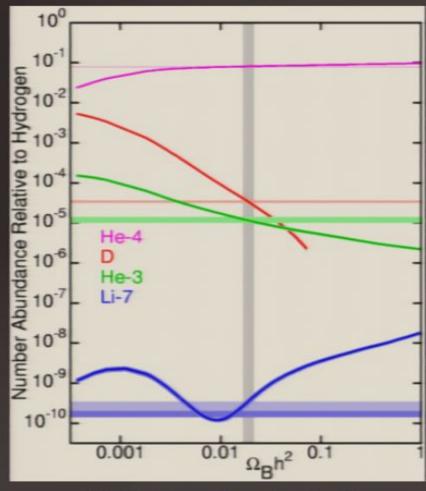
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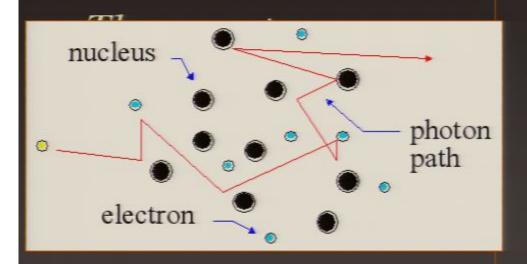
When the universe cools enough for atoms to form (around 10<sup>3</sup> K) it becomes transparent to light.

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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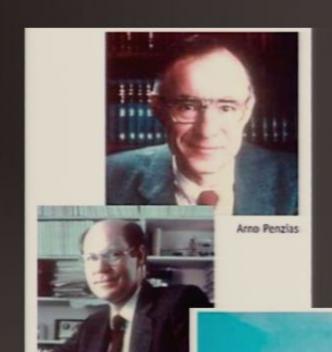
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Above 1000 degrees atoms break up into electrons and nuclei.

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

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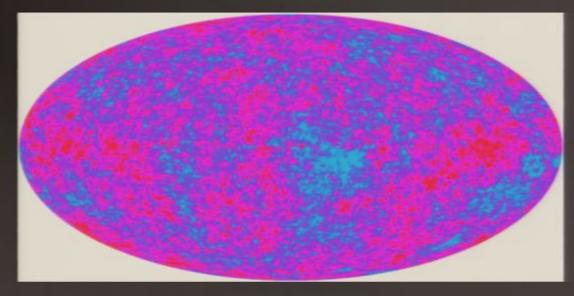
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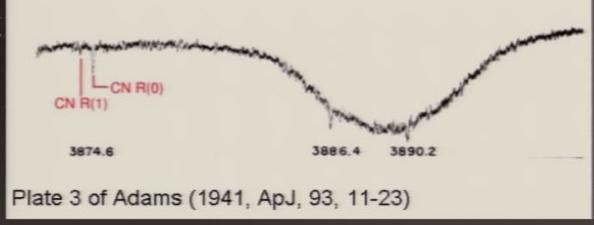
CMB Temperature vs Direction



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Herzberg (1950) in Spectra of Diatomic Molecules, p 496:

"From the intensity ratio of the lines with K=0 and K=1 a rotational temperature of 2.3° K follows, which has of course only a **very restricted meaning**."

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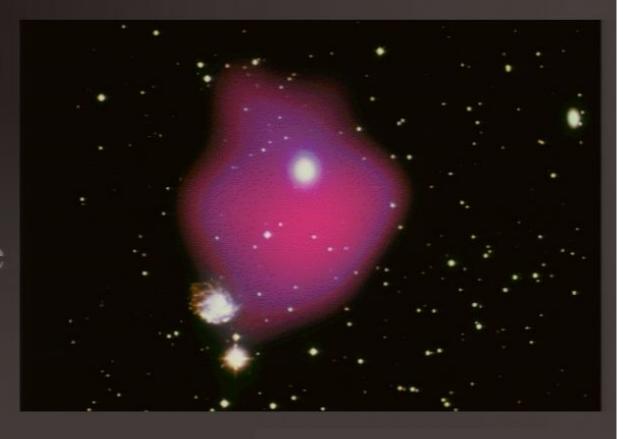
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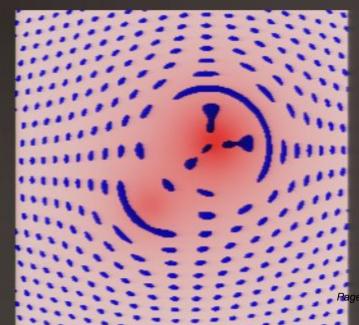
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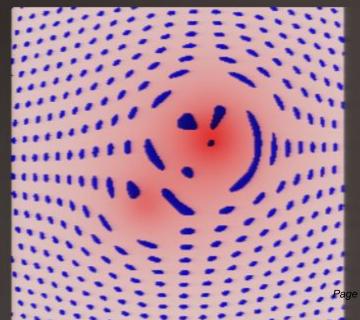
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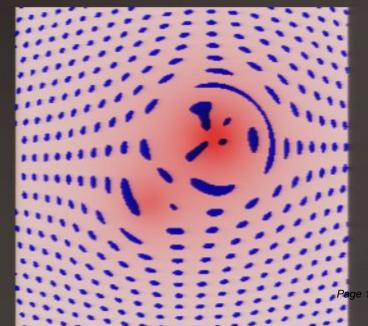
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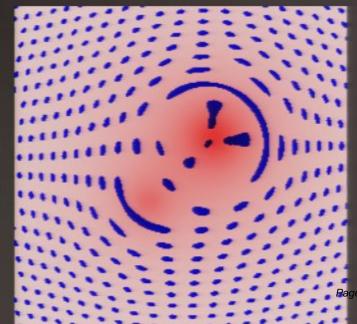
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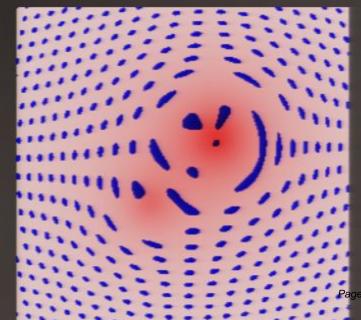
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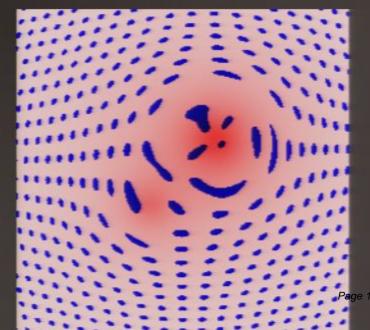
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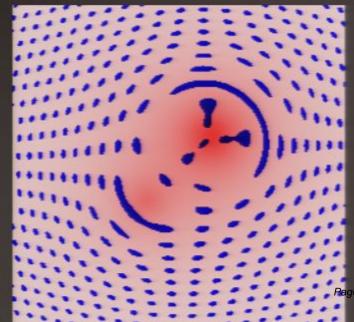
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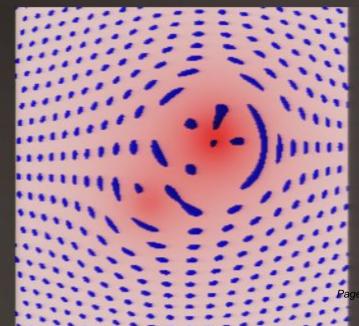
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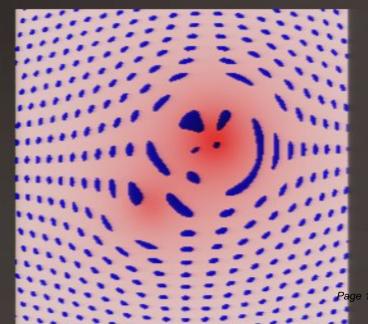
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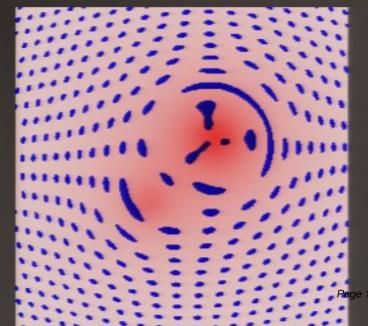
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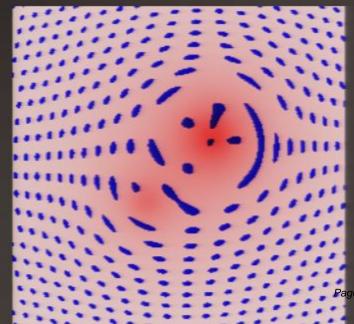
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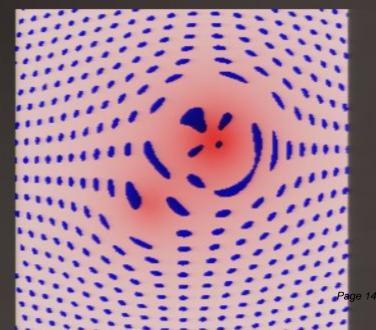
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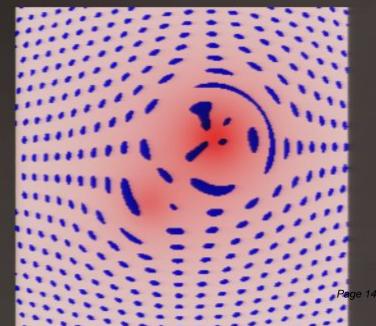
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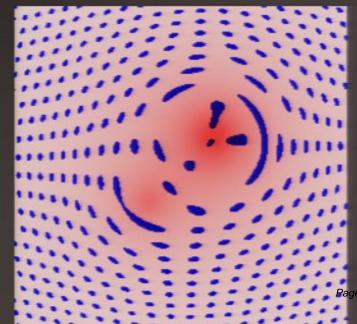
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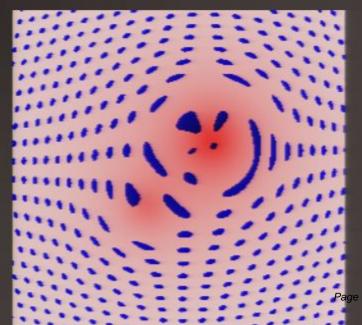
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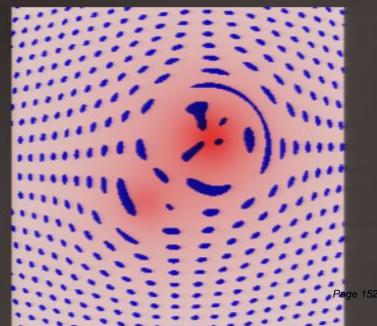
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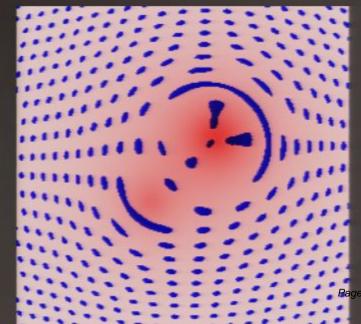
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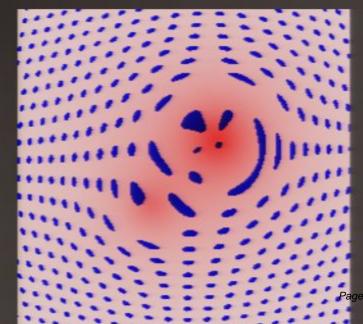
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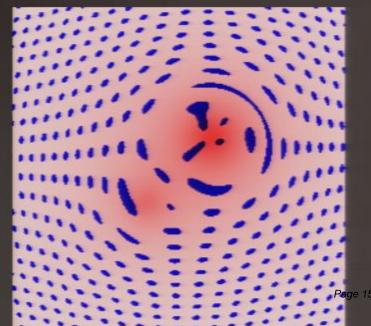
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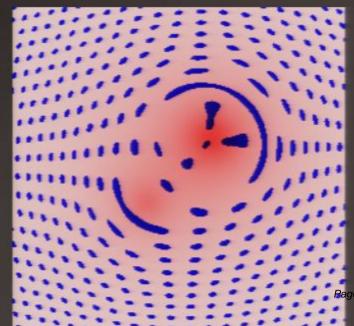
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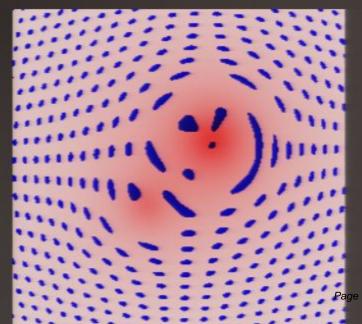
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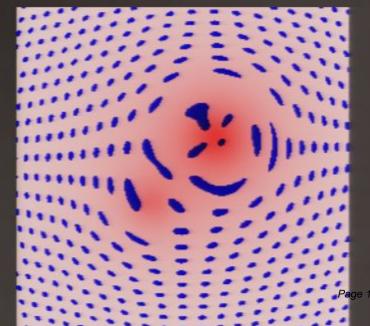
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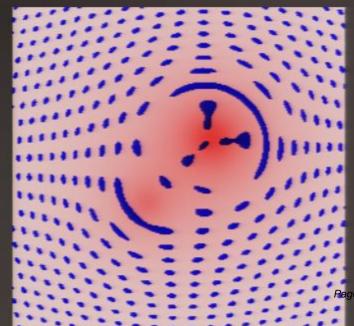
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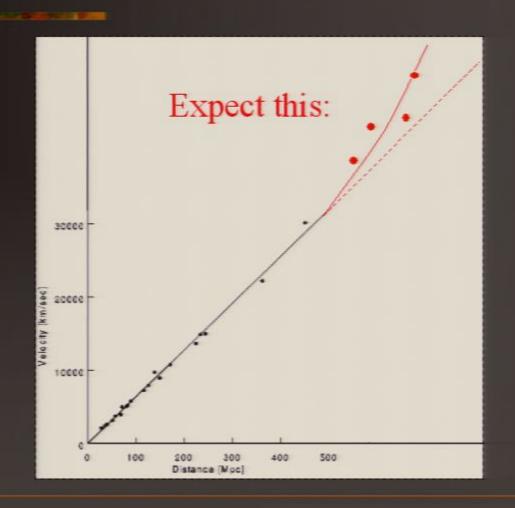
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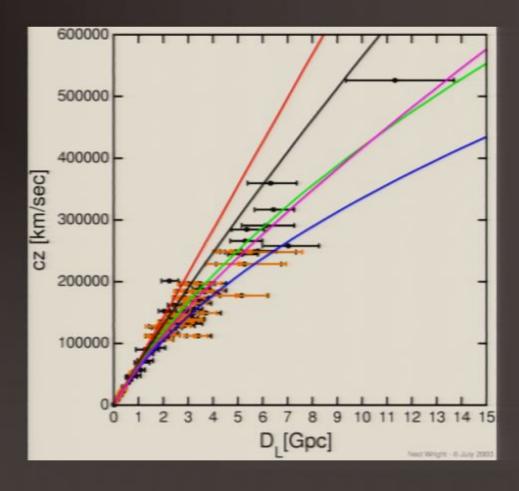
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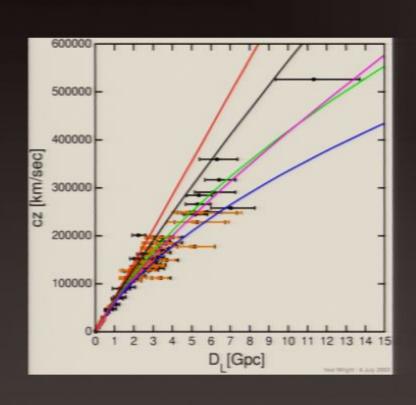
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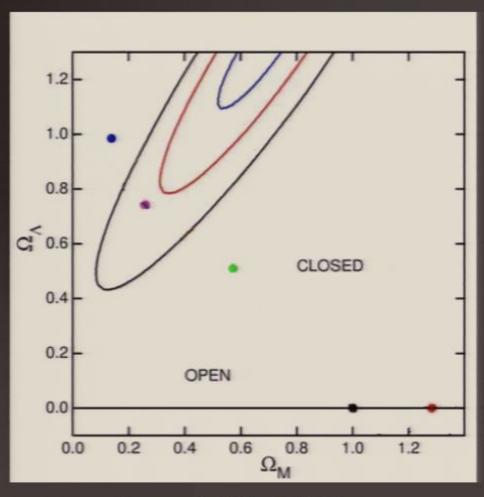


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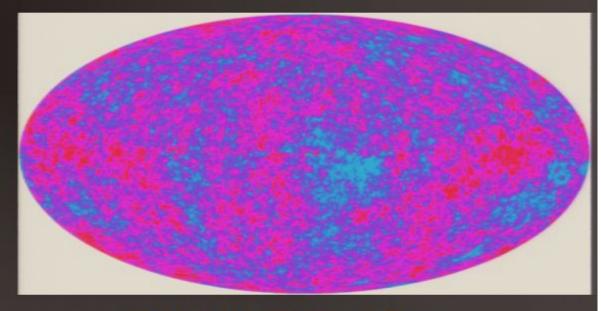
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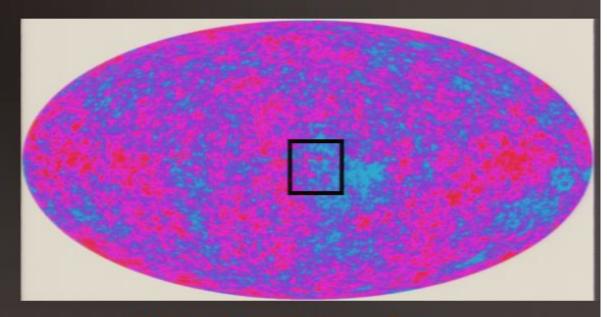
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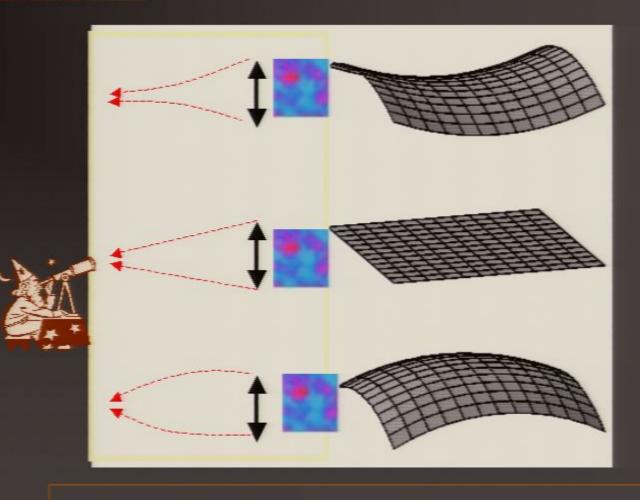
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These are due to sound waves in the primordial gas which emitted this light.

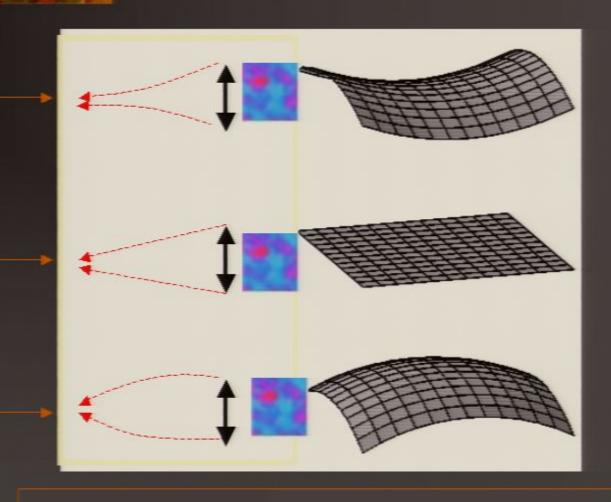
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Size of the CMB fluctuations depends on the geometry of space the light traverses.

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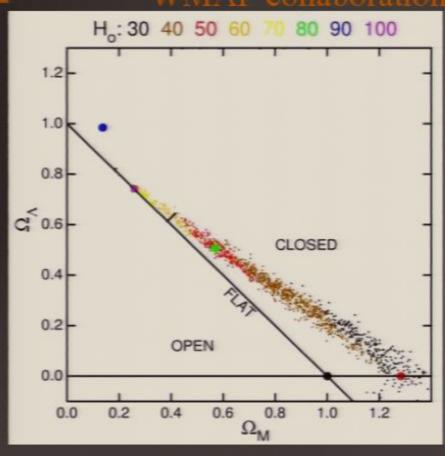
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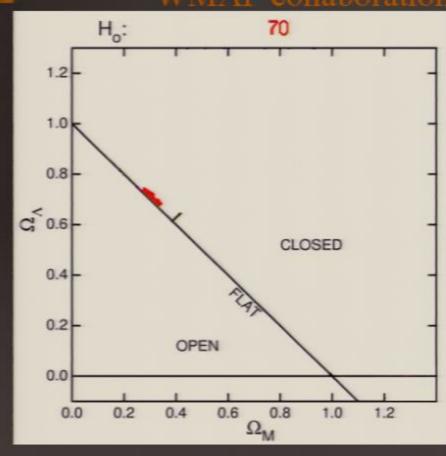
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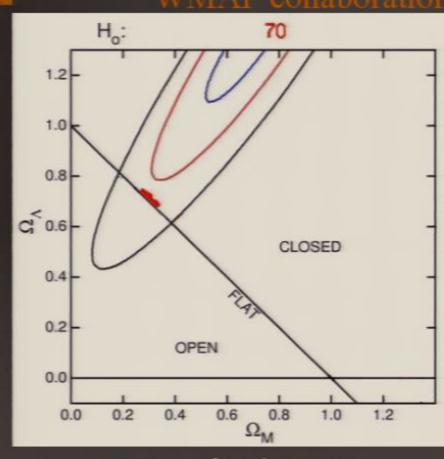
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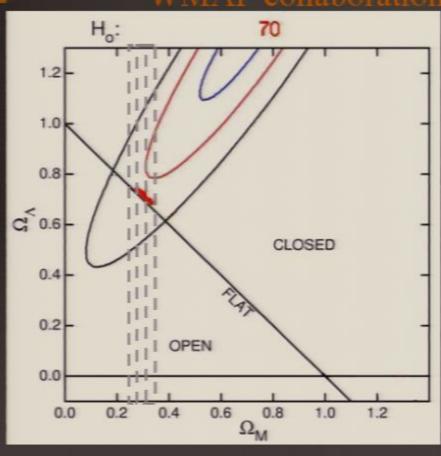
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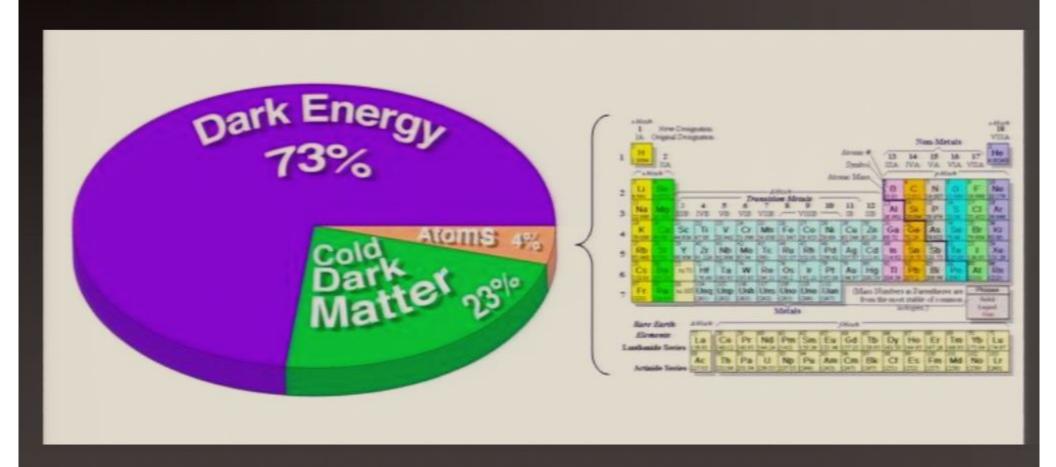
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## Concordance Cosmology



From best fits to the 'Concordance Cosmology'

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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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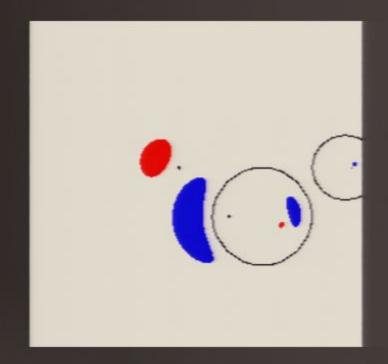
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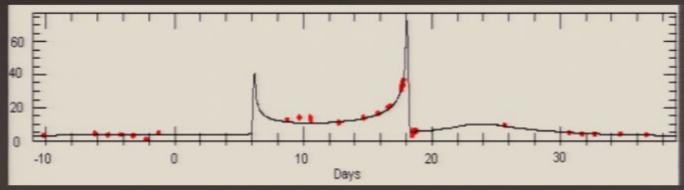
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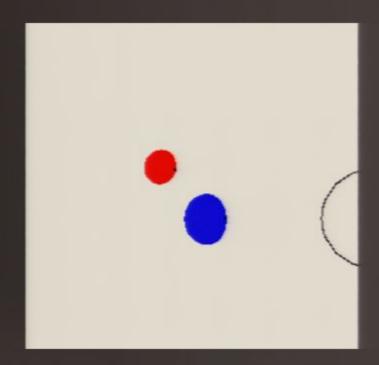
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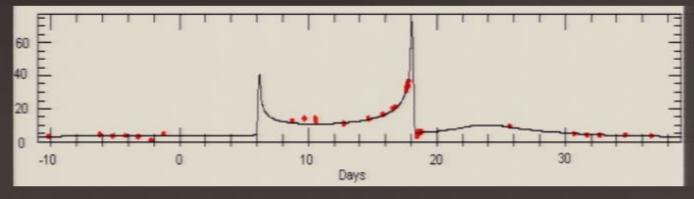




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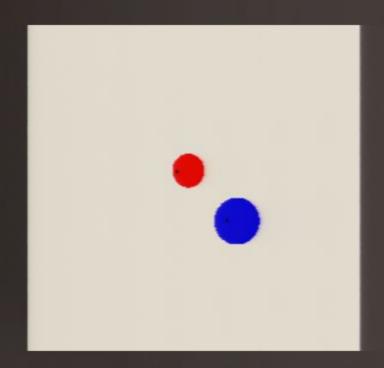
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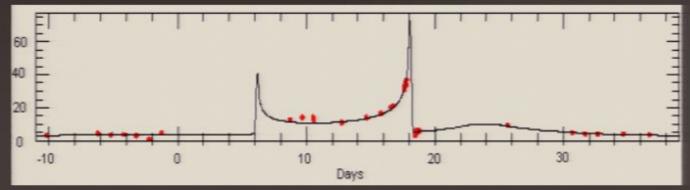




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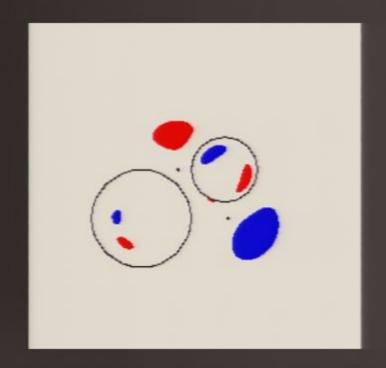
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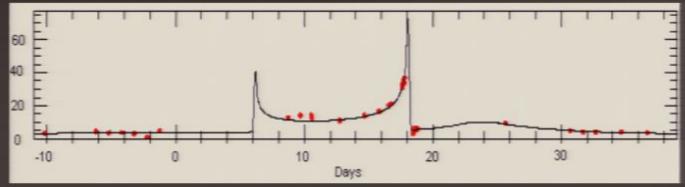




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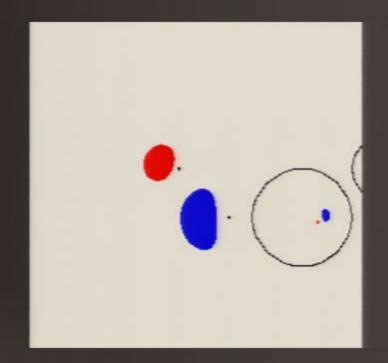
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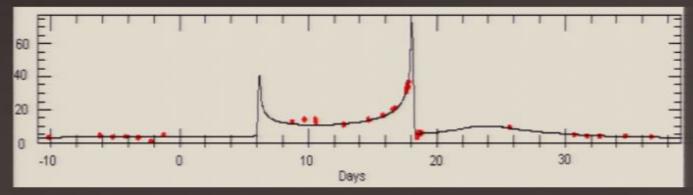




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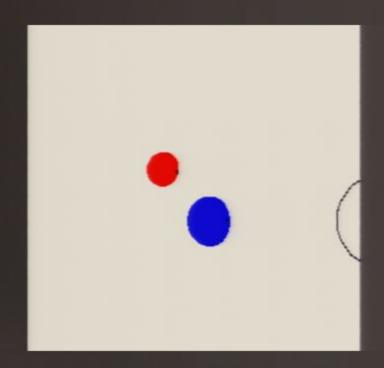
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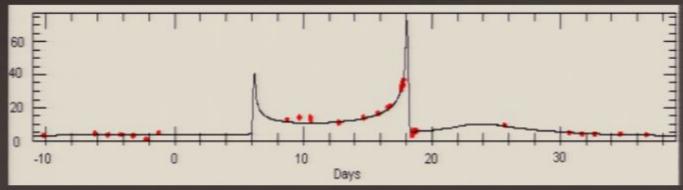




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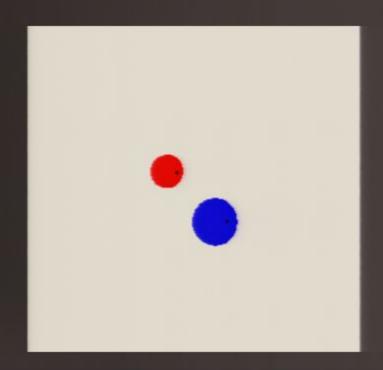
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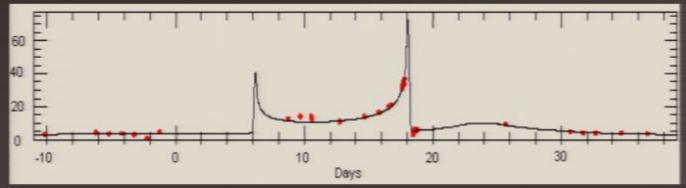




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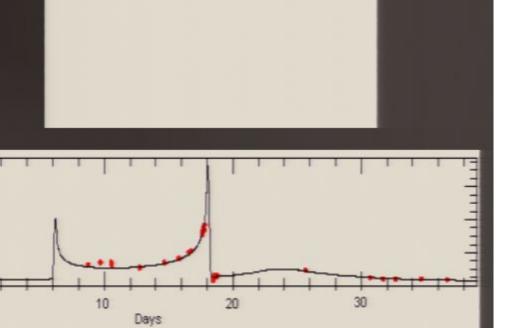
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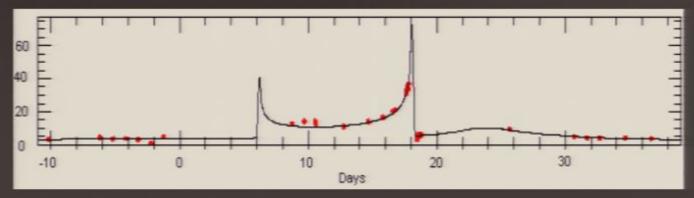
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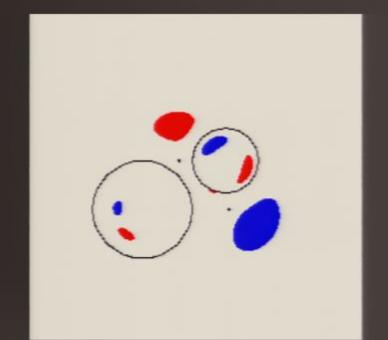
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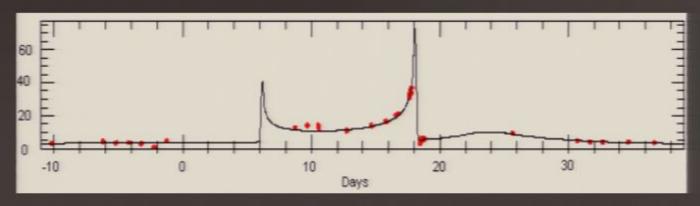




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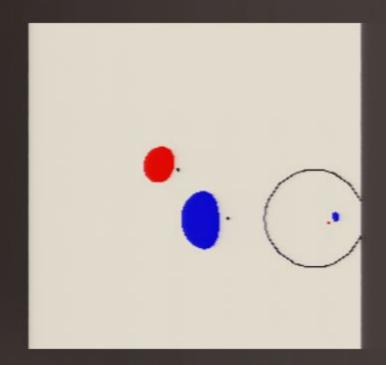
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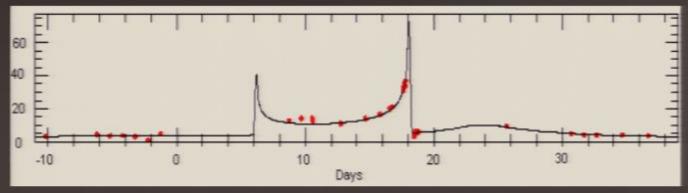




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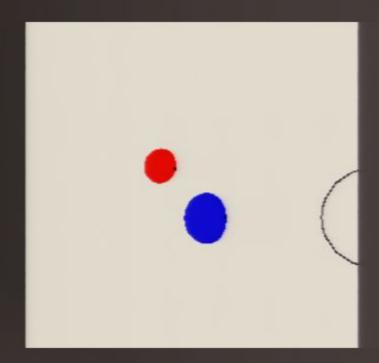
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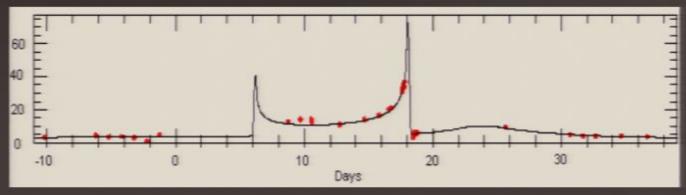




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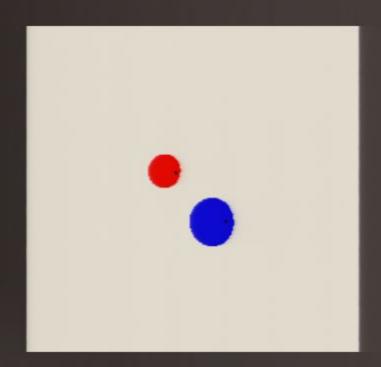
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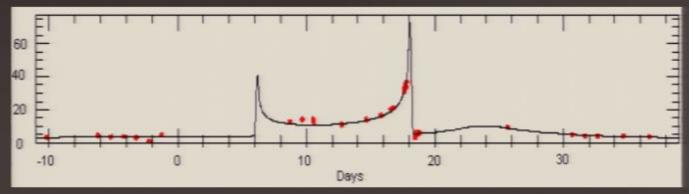




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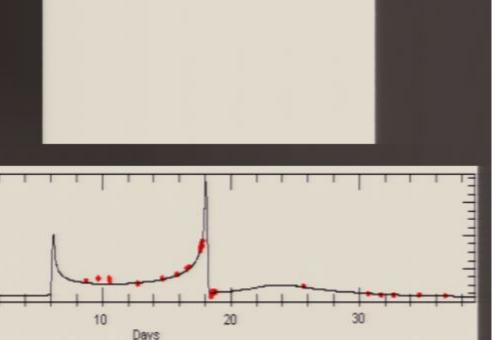
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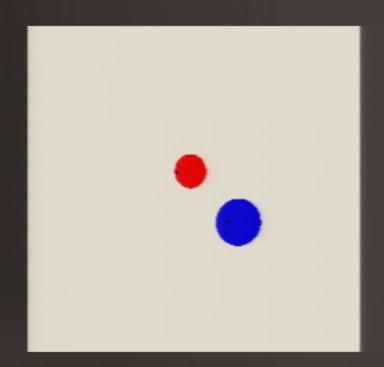
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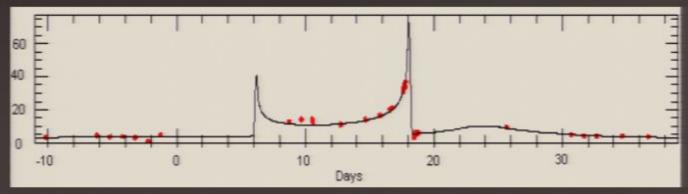
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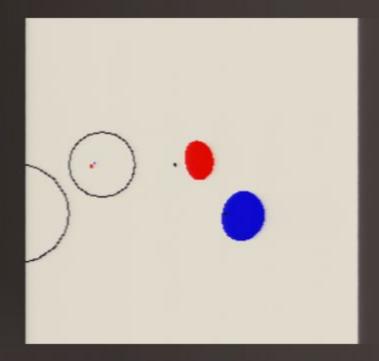
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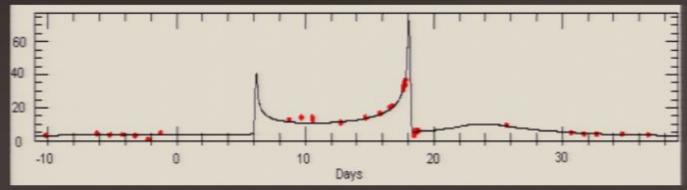




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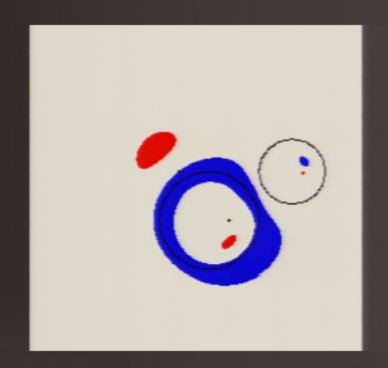
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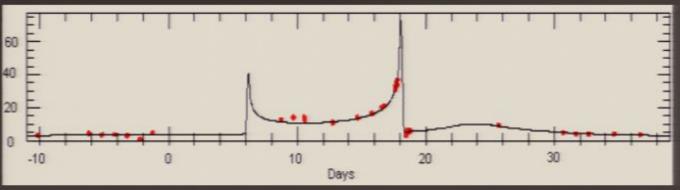




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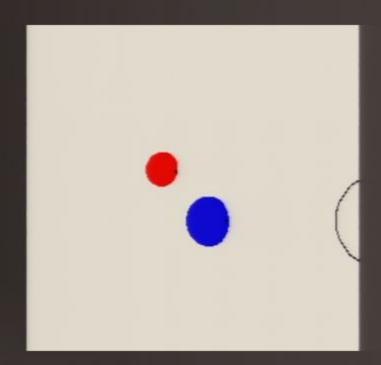
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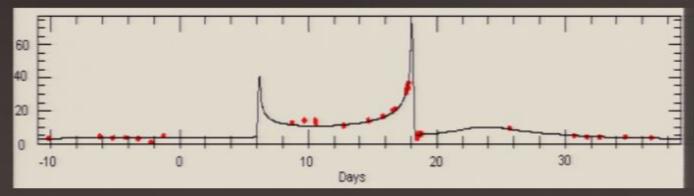




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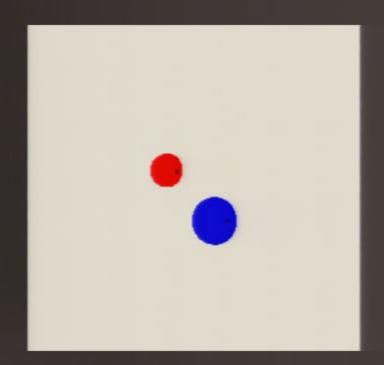
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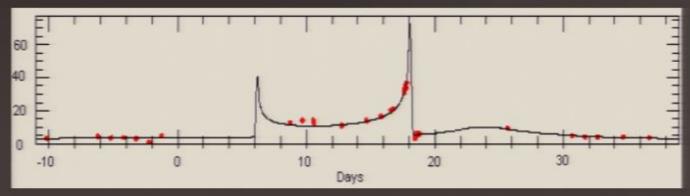




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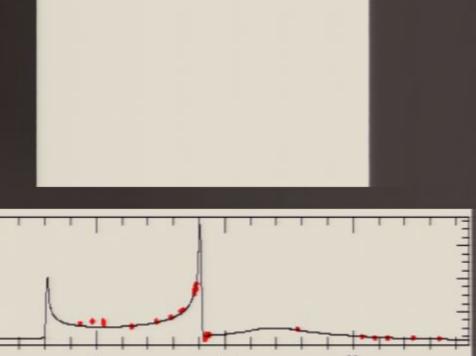
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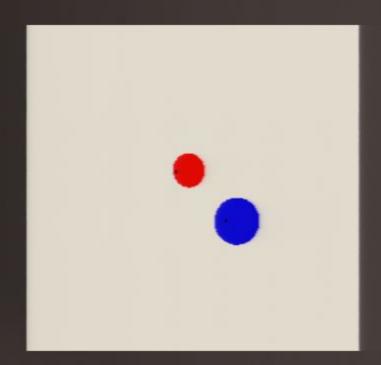
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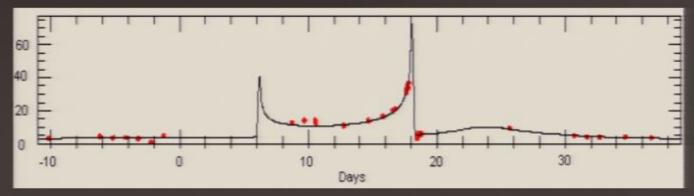
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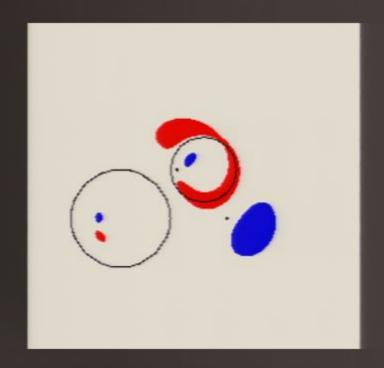
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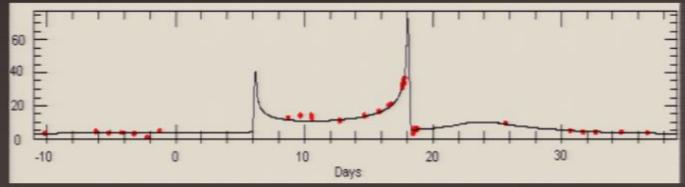




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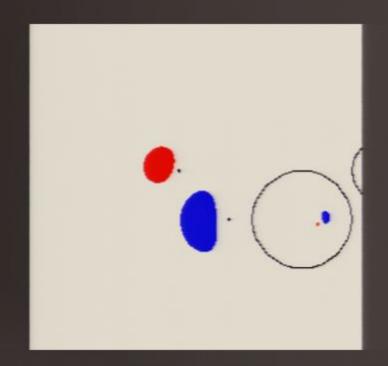
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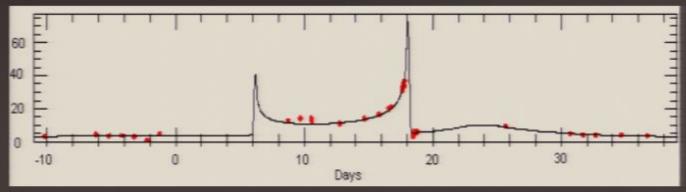




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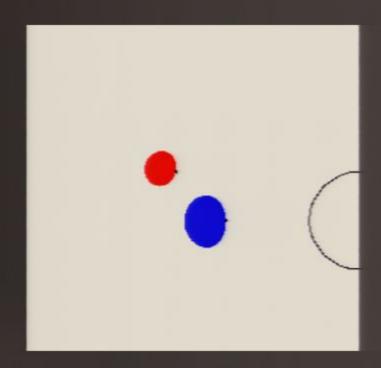
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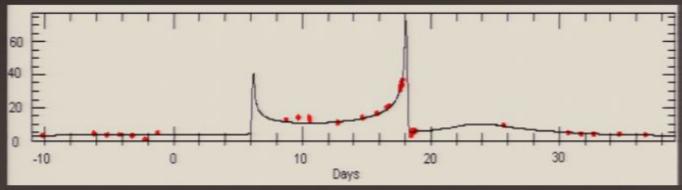




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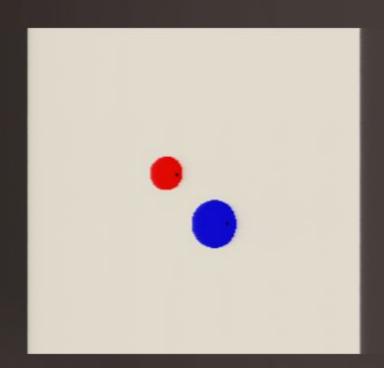
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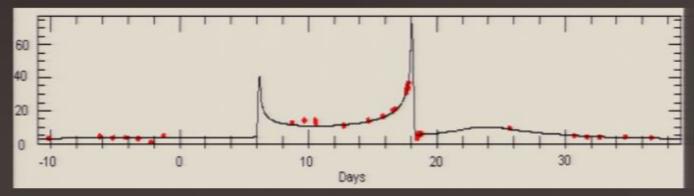




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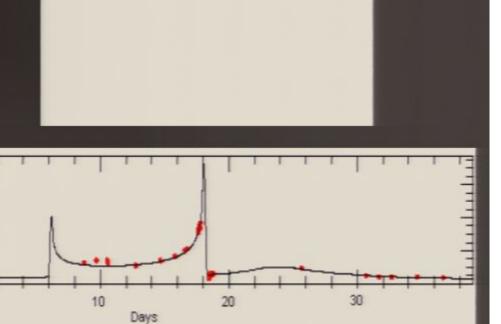
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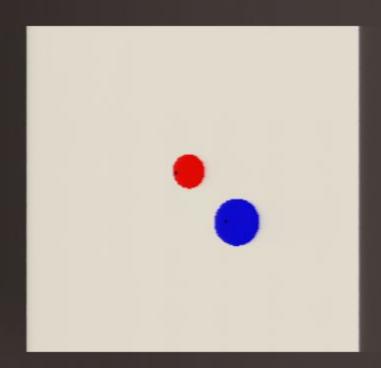
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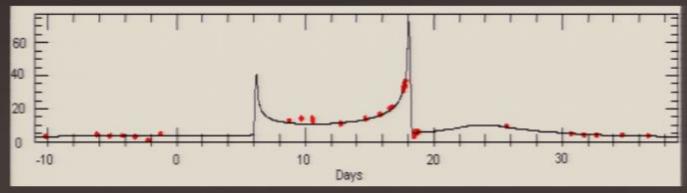
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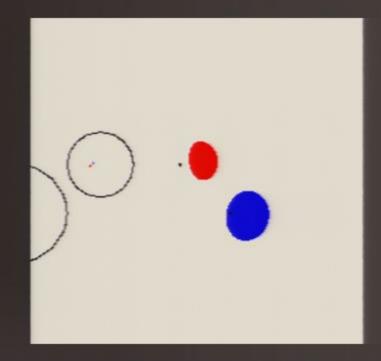
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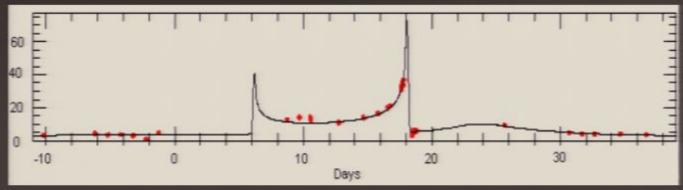




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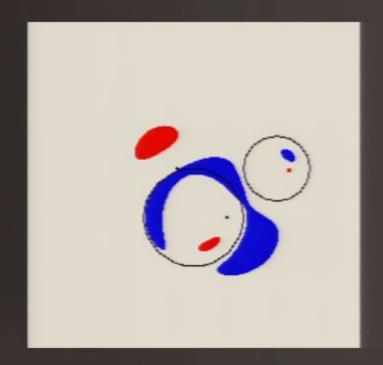
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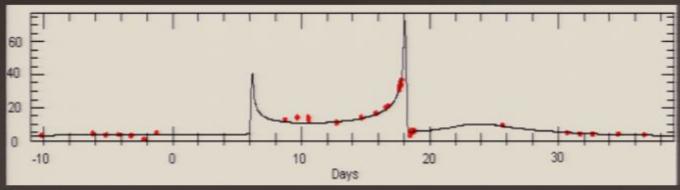




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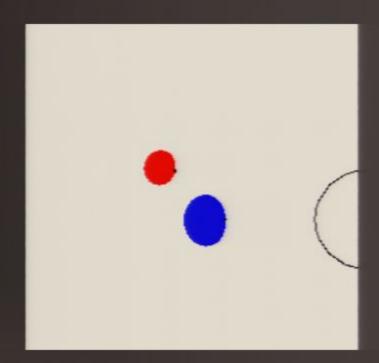
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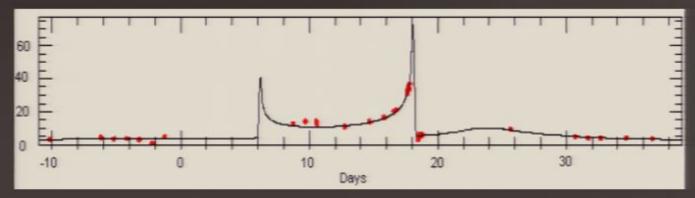




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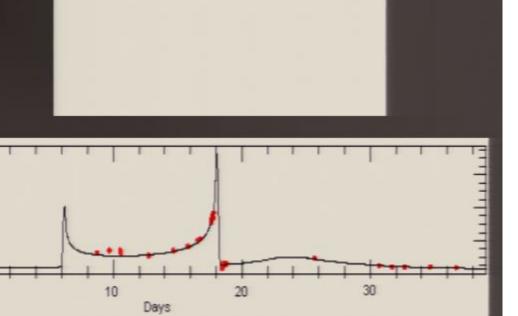
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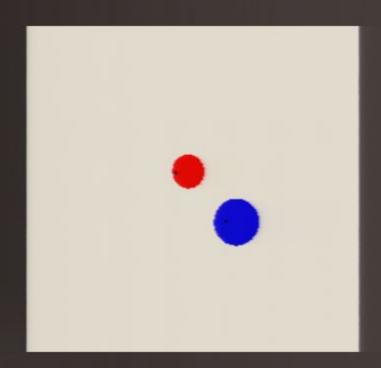
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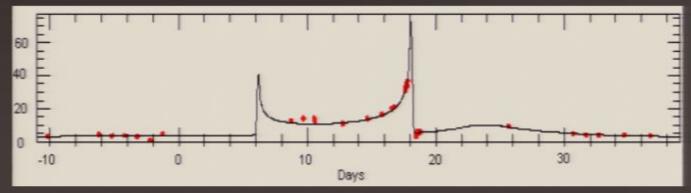
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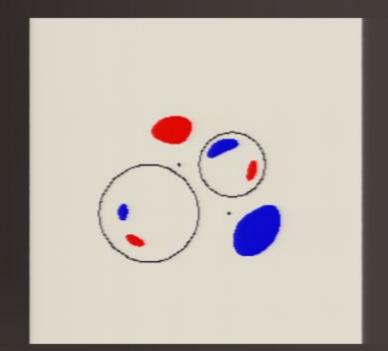
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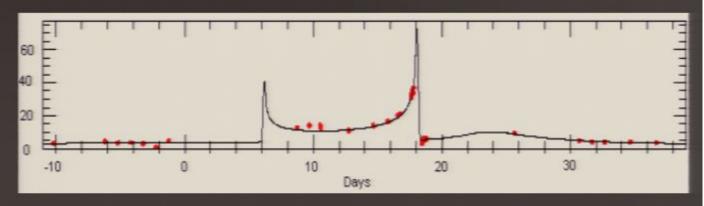




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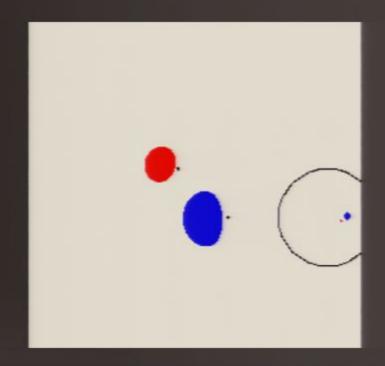
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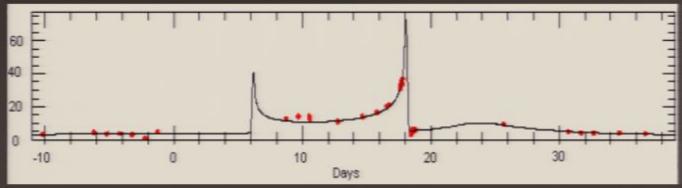




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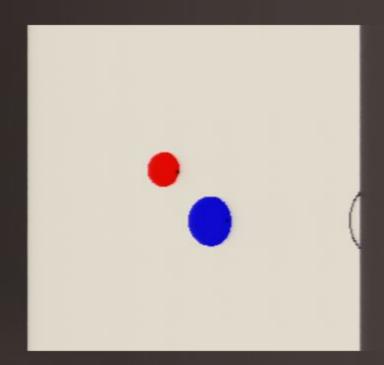
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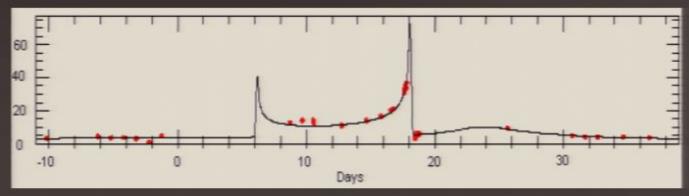




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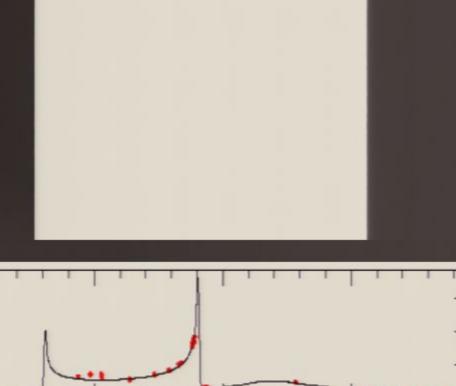
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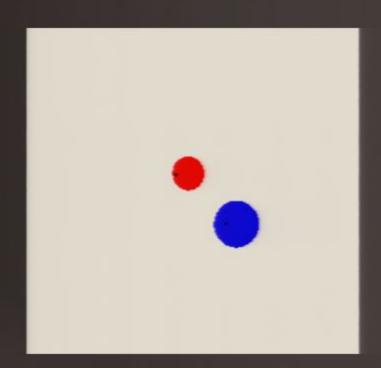
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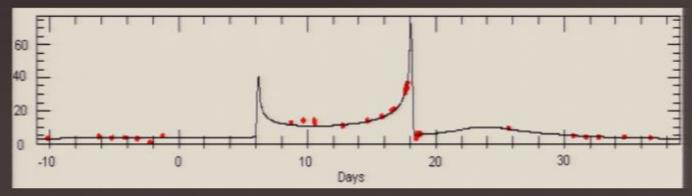
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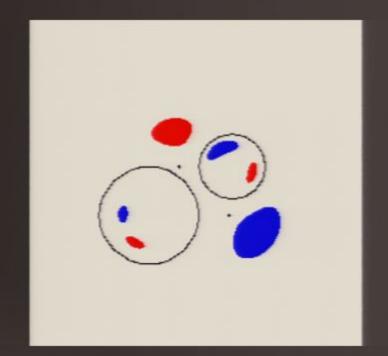
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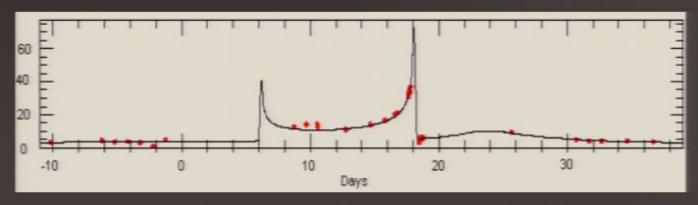




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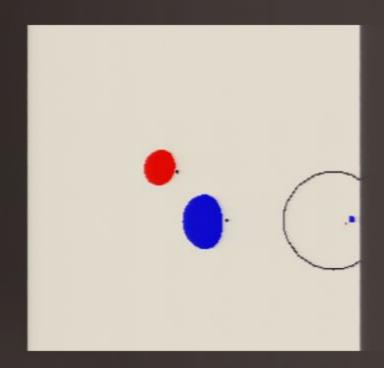
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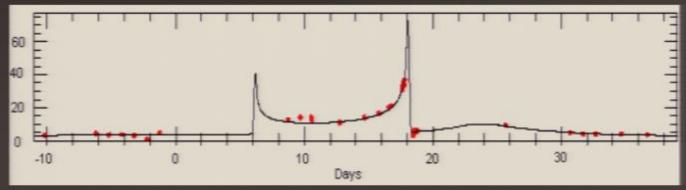




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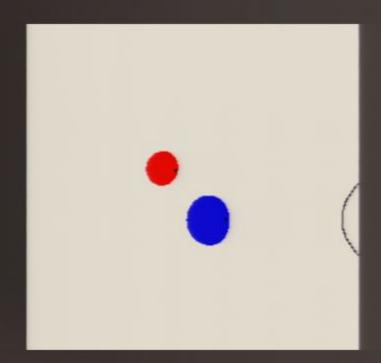
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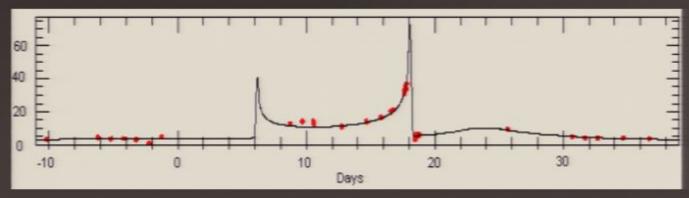




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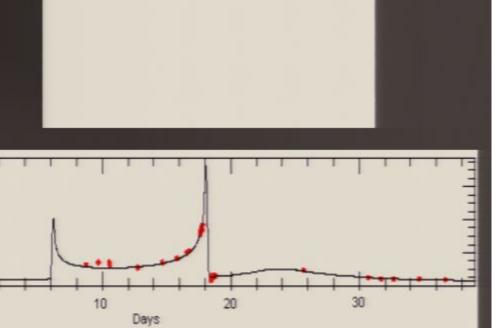
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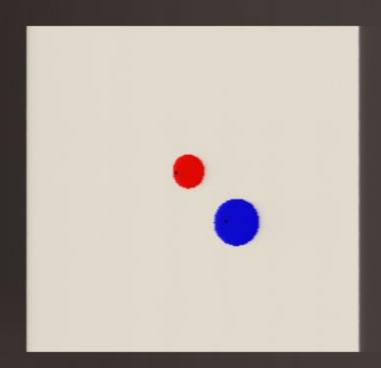
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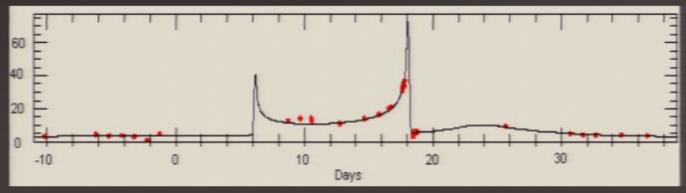
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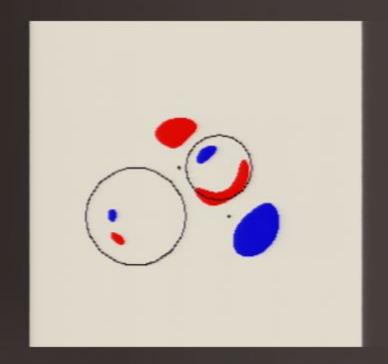
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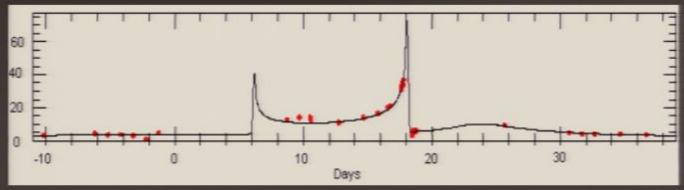




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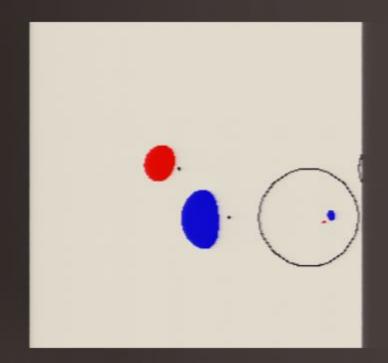
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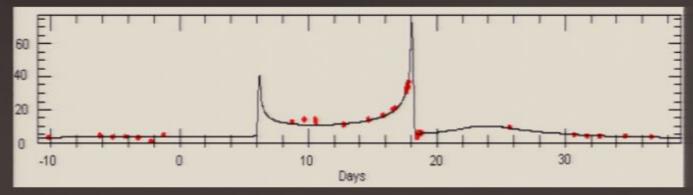




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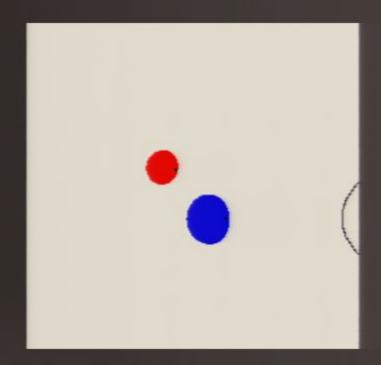
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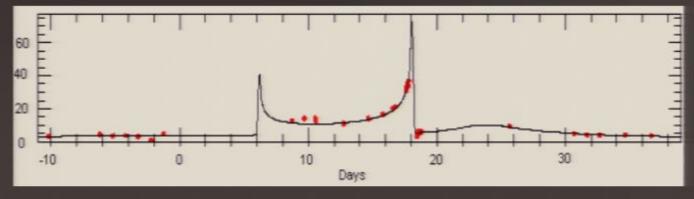




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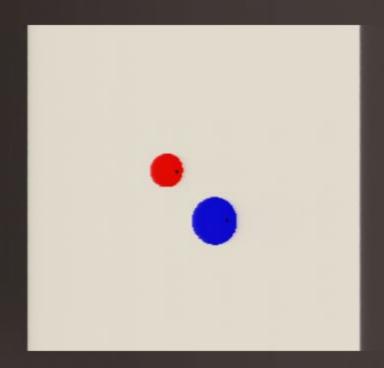
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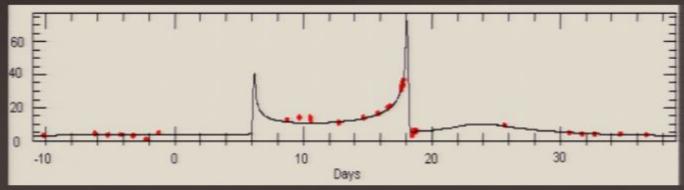




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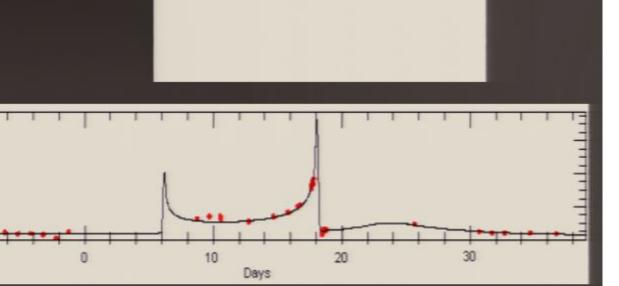
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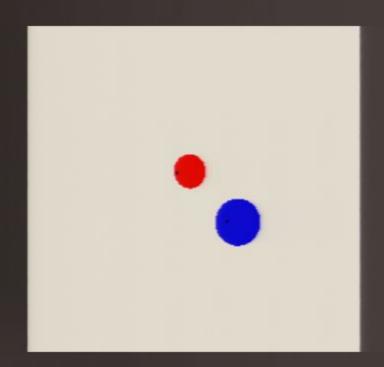
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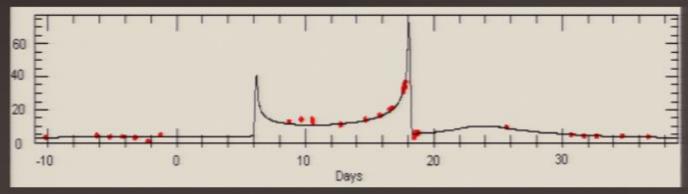
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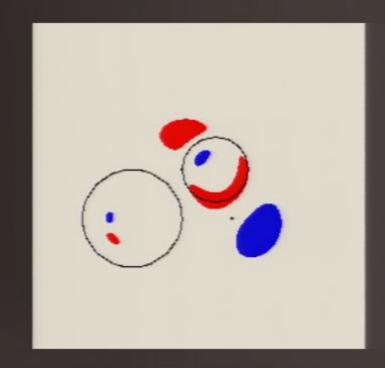
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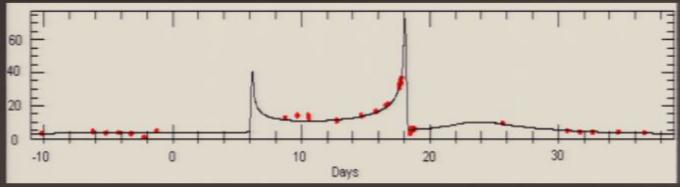




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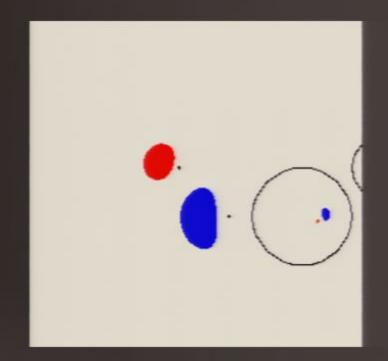
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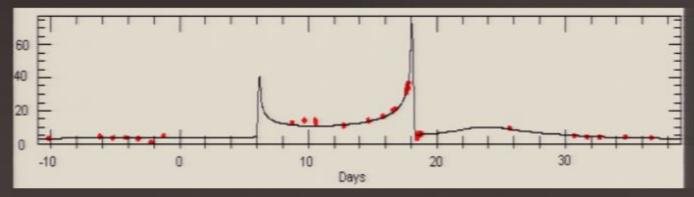




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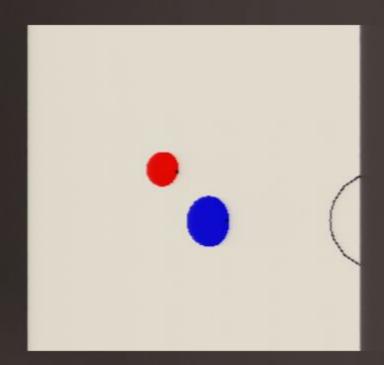
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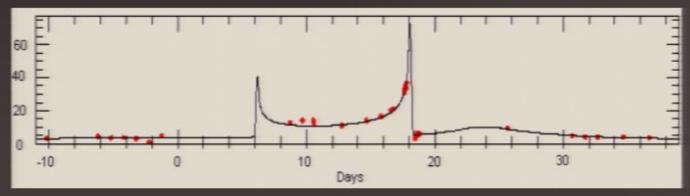




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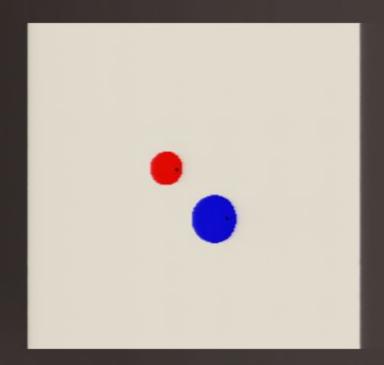
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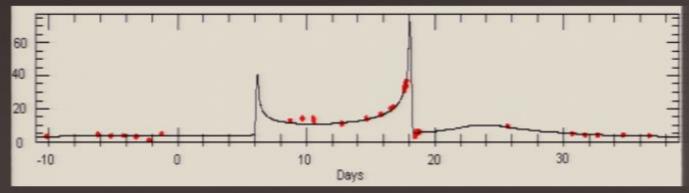




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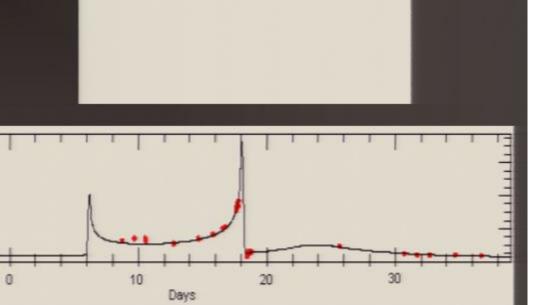
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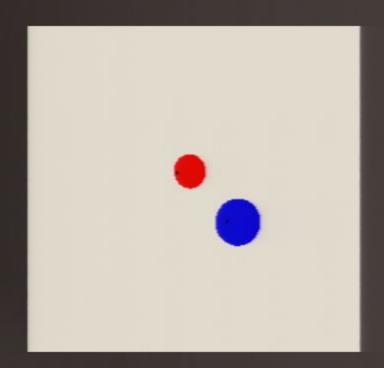
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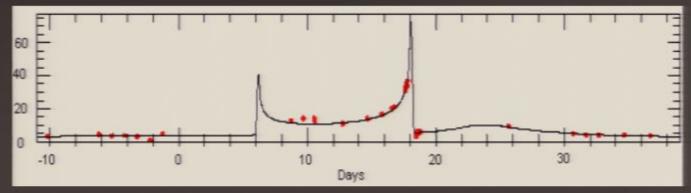
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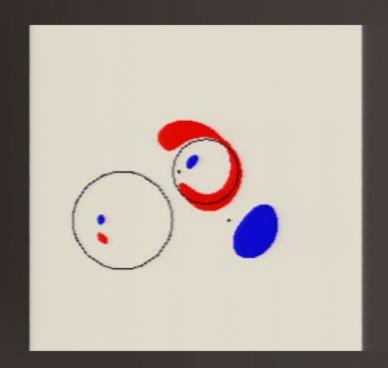
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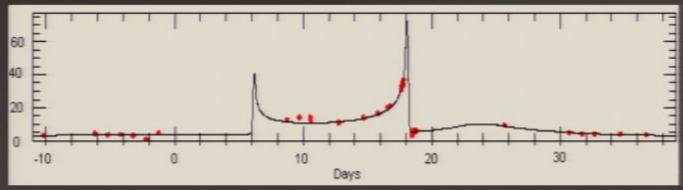




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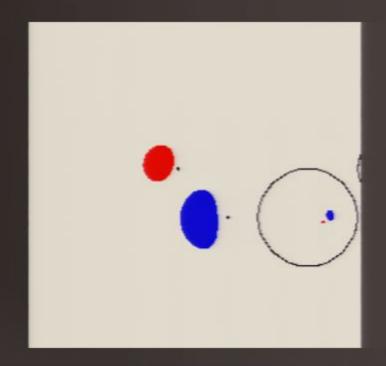
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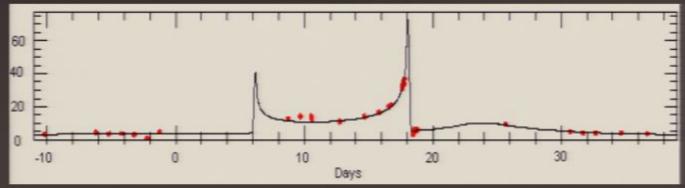




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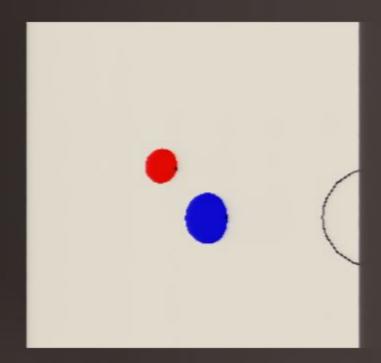
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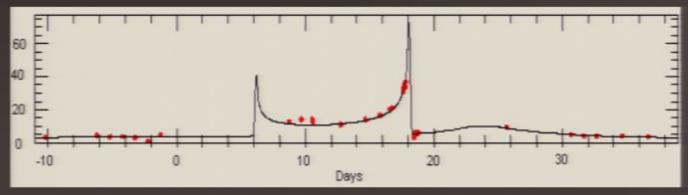




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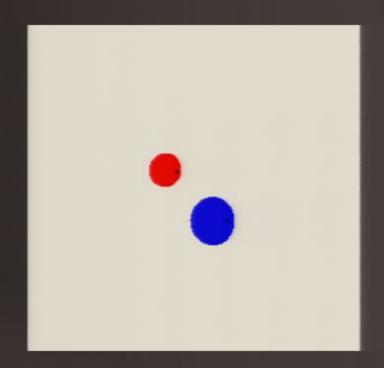
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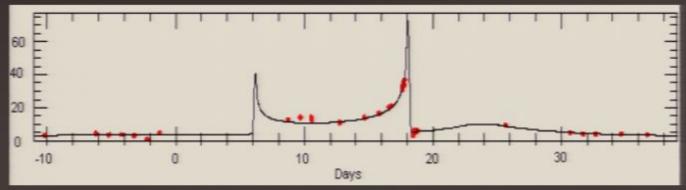




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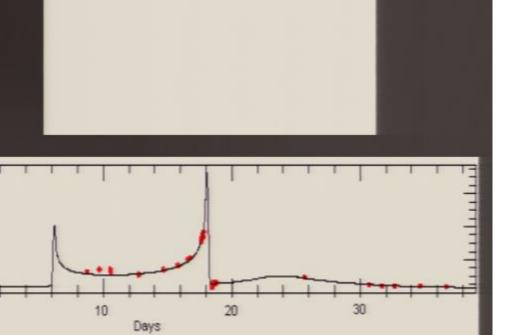
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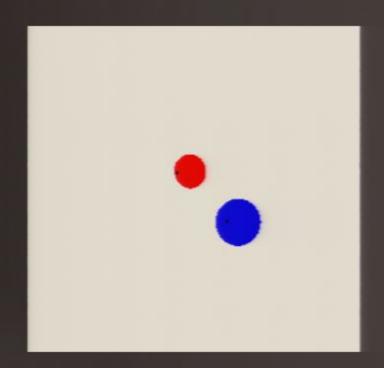
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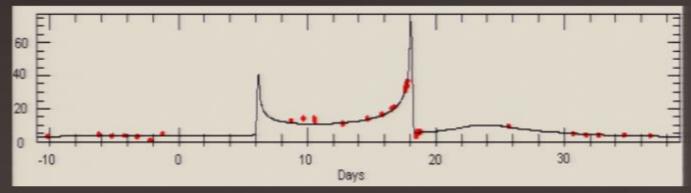
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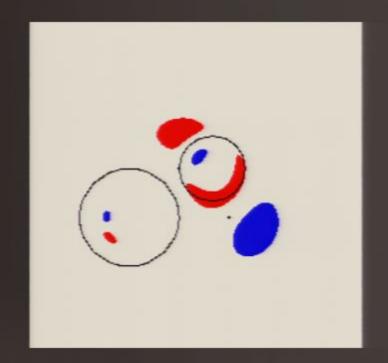
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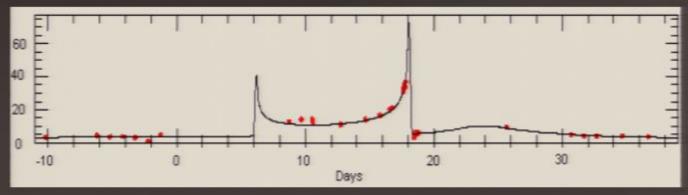




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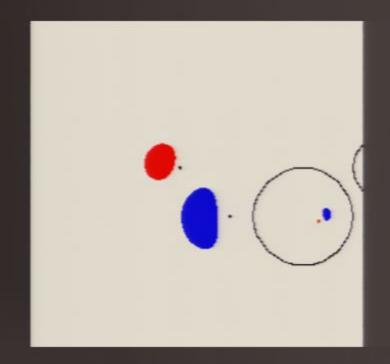
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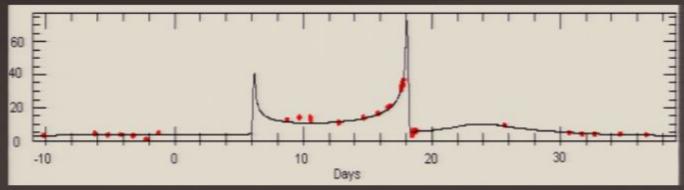




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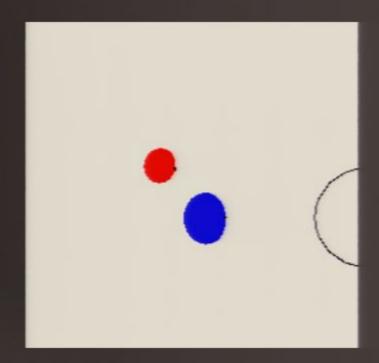
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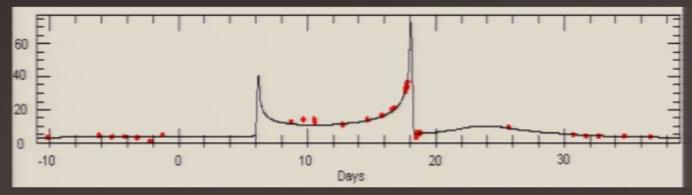




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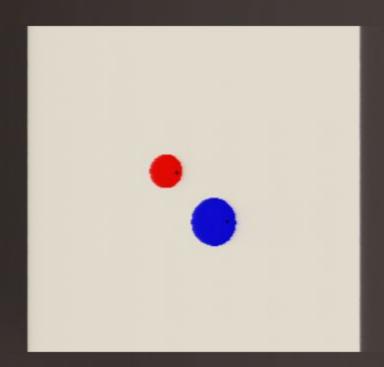
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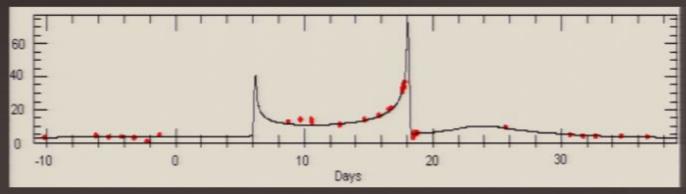




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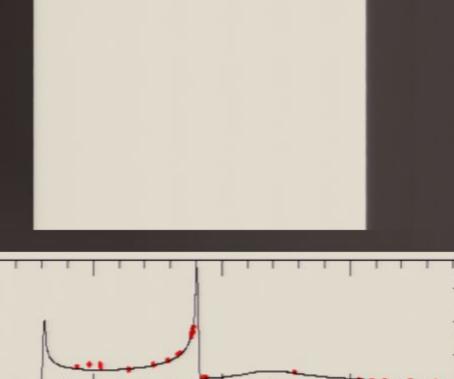
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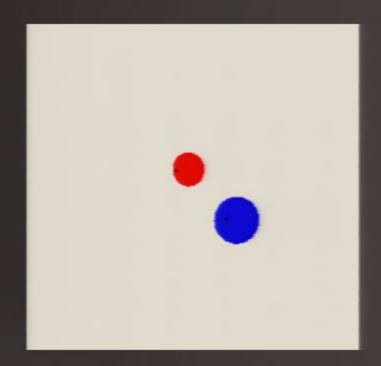
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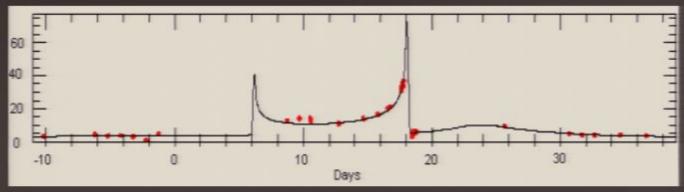
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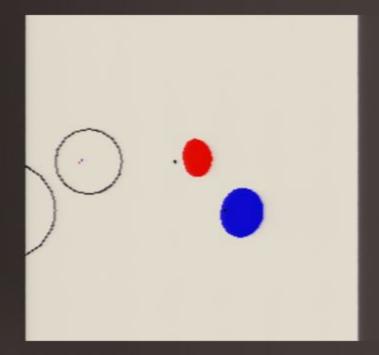
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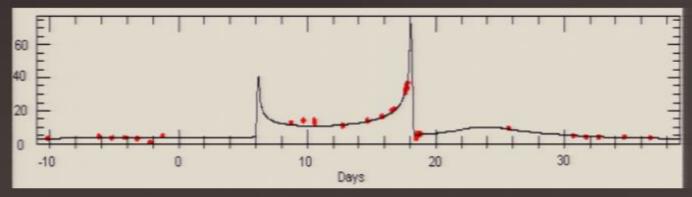




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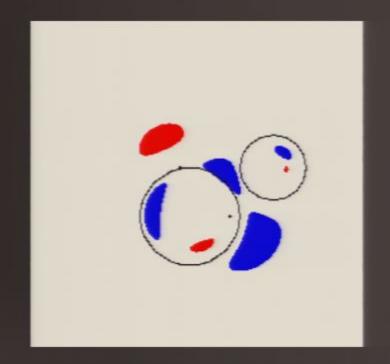
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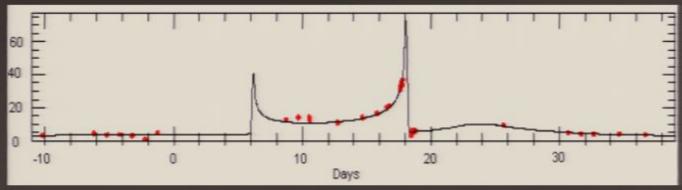




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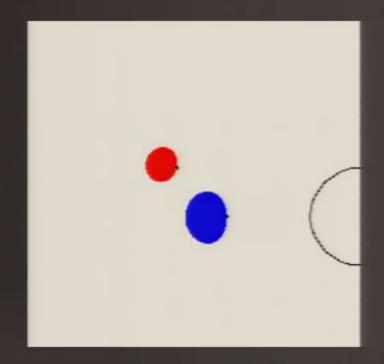
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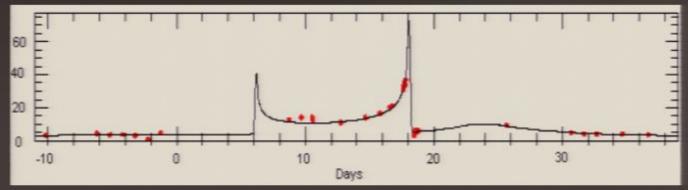




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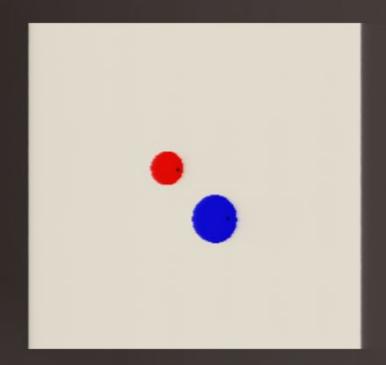
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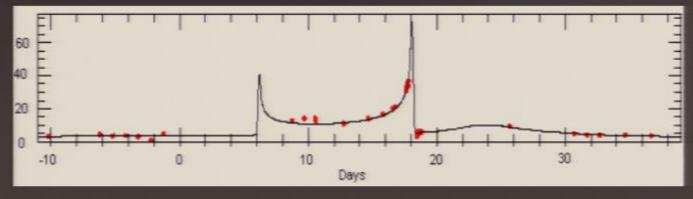




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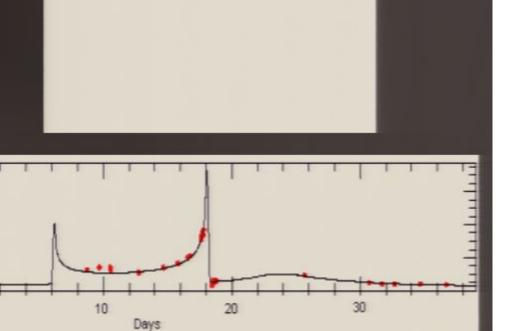
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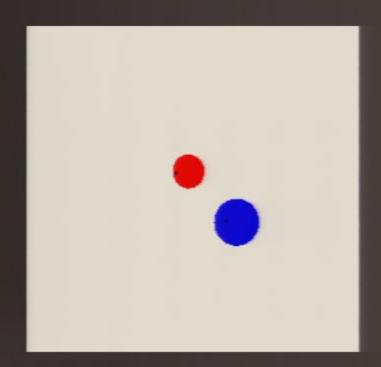
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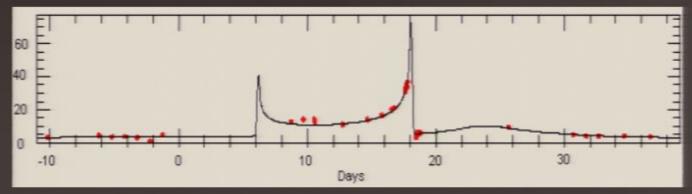
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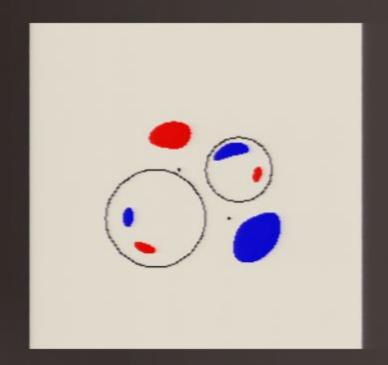
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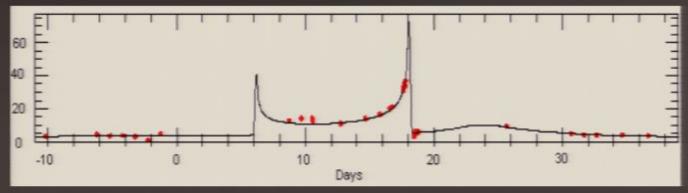




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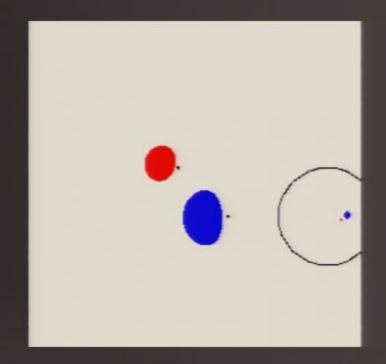
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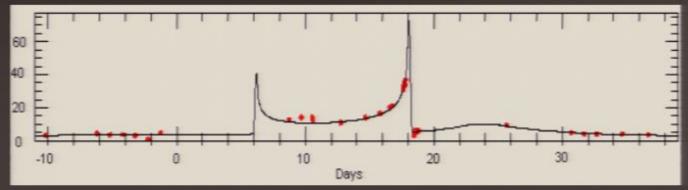




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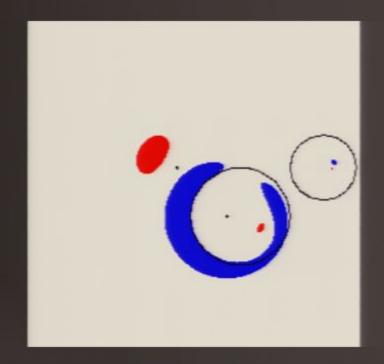
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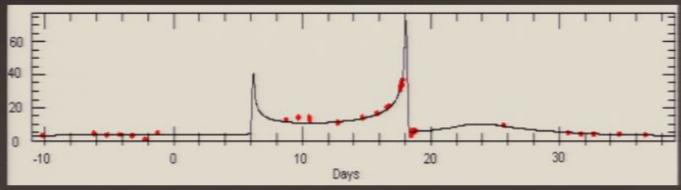




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The devil is in the details:

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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### 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
- Outlook

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Negative pressure:

$$p < - \rho/3$$

$$\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3} (\rho + 3p)$$



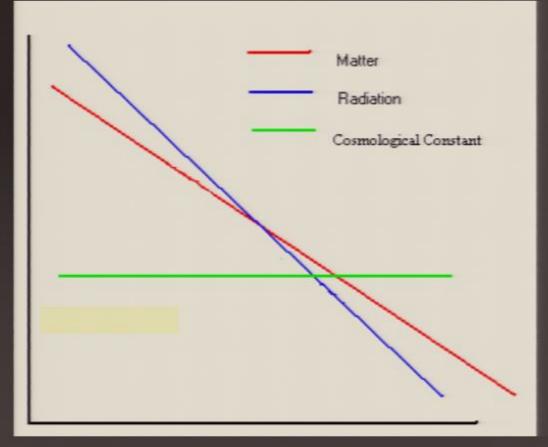
This expresses how the universal acceleration depends on the Dark Energy's energy and pressure according to Einstein.

## Vacuum Energy as Dark Energy

- The energy, λ, of the vacuum has the negative pressure required to be the Dark Energy.
  - The vacuum energy is only observable through gravity because non gravitational measurements only see energy differences.

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$$ho$$
  $=$   $-p$   $=$   $\lambda$   $>$   $0$ 

log p



## The Cosmological Constant Problem

- The vacuum energy is *calculable* within any theory of elementary particles, such as the Standard Model of particle physics.
- All elementary particles contribute quantum zero-point energy to the vacuum energy,  $\lambda$ .
  - Each particle of mass m contributes  $\lambda \approx m^4$
  - Since, for example, even the electron has  $m \sim 5 \times 10^5 \,\text{eV} \gg 10^{-3} \,\text{eV}$ , how can the vacuum have such a small energy density:  $\lambda \ll m^4$ ?

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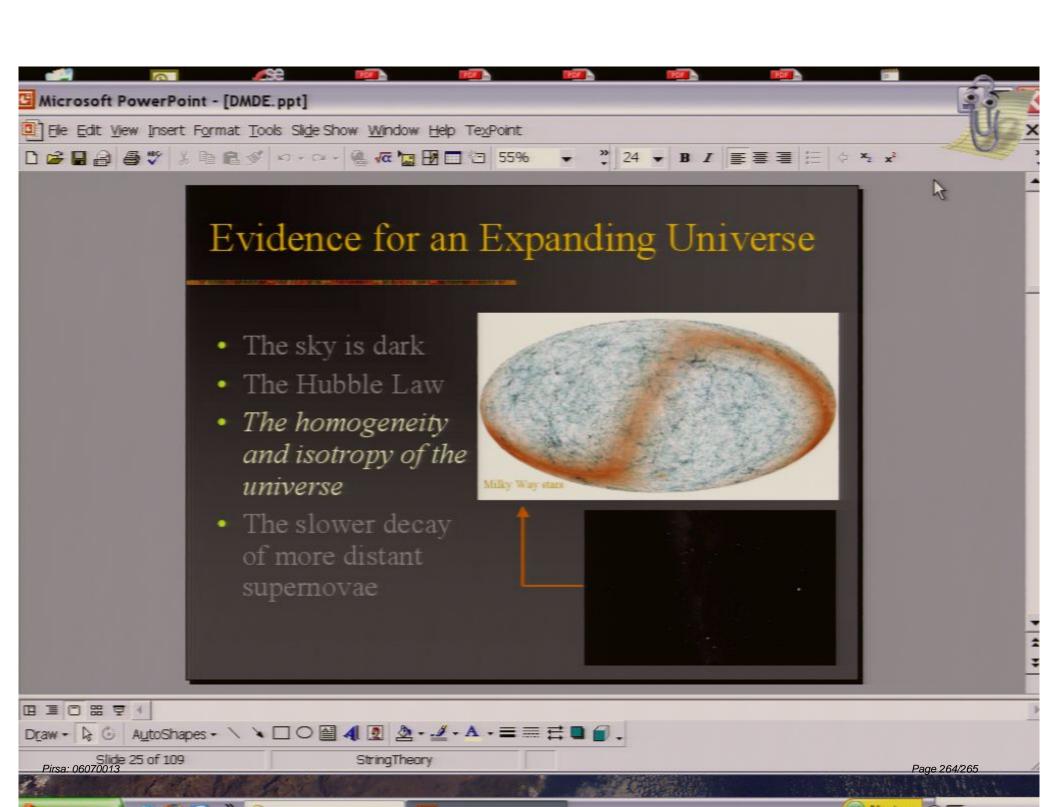
### Outlook

"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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