

The Standard Model: 1995

Universe is Made up of normal matter

Choice A (Theorists) Choice B (Observers)

Universe is Flat Inflation is correct Hubble Constant less than 60 Universe is Open Inflation is wrong Hubble Constant less than 80

Choice C (people with few friends)

Universe is Flat Universe is dominated by Cosmological Constant

High-Z SN la History

Zwicky's SN Search from 1930s-1960s giving Kowal's Hubble Diagram in 1968

Ib/Ic SN Contamination realised in 1984/5

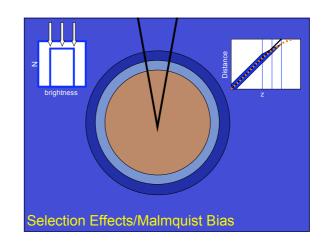
1st distant SN discovered in 1988 by a Danish team (z=0.3)

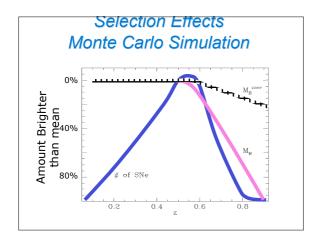
7 SNe discovered in 1994 by Perlmutter et al. at z = 0.4

Calan/Tololo Survey of 29 Nearby SNe la completed in 1994

Potential Pitfalls to High-Z SNe la Distances

- Extinction
 - Are the Extinction Properties of High-Z and low-Z SNe th same?
- Evolution
- Are the SNe Seen today the same as the SNe of yesterday
- Selection Effects?
- Are the corrections larger than the measurement?
- K-corrections
- How accurately can we transform to the restframe?
- Gravitational Lensing
 - Does Weak Lensing significantly hias the measurement?

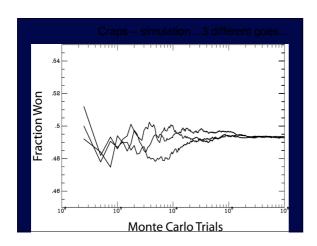




Monte Carlo Simulations

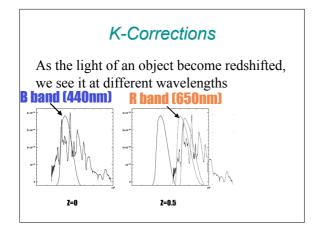
- Play through complicated scenarios on a computer.
- Do many trials to lower you uncertainty
- Easy way to learn simulate very complicated situations
- Example: Craps

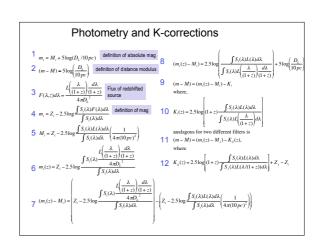
 Rules. On first roll of two dice, 7,11 you win...2,3,12 you lose. Otherwise, you need to match your first roll before rolling another 7 (or you lose). What are your odds?

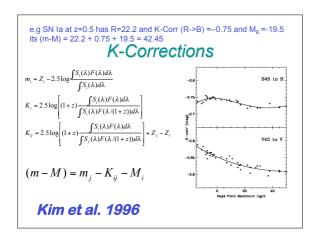


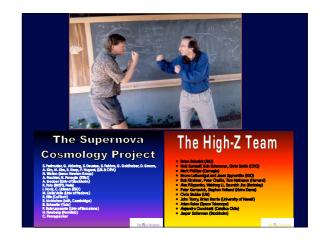
Precision

- Monte Carlo simulations are just like an experiment...
- · Precision increases as the sqrt(measurements).
- You will have a problem in the second round where you need to do a Monte Carlo Calculation.

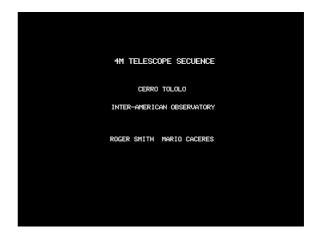








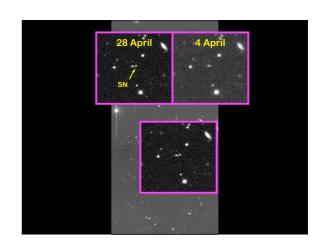


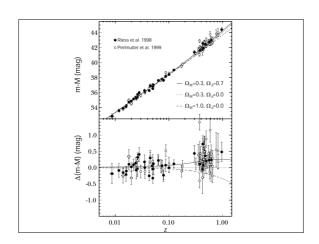


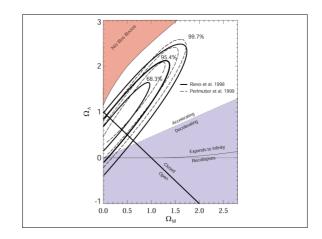




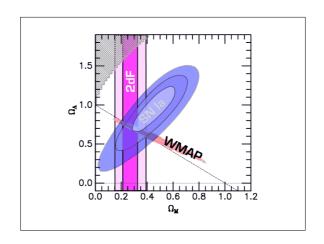








6 More Years of Work 150 Supernova later...



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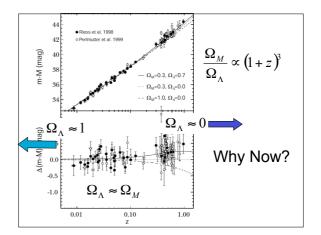
One possibility is that the Universe is permeated by an energy density, constant in time and uniform in space.

Such a "cosmological constant" (Lambda: A) was originally postulated by Einstein, but later rejected when the expansion of the Universe was first detected.

General arguments from the scale of particle interactions, however, suggest that if Λ is not zero, it should be very large, larger by more than 10^{50} than what is measured.

If dark energy is due to a cosmological constant, its ratio of pressure to energy density (its equation of state) is $w = P/\rho = -1$ at all times.





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Another possibility is that the dark energy is some kind of dynamical fluid, not previously known to physics, but similar to what caused inflation.

In this case the equation of state of the fluid would likely not be constant, but would vary with time.

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Different theories of dynamical dark
energy are distinguished through
their differing predictions for the
evolution of the equation of state.
Unfortunately none of these theories
has any particularly sound basis, and
most spend much of their time
looking like a Cosmological
Constant.



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An alternative explanation of the accelerating expansion of the Universe is that general relativity or the standard cosmological model is incorrect.

Whether general relativity is incorrect or the Universe is filled with an unanticipated form of energy, exploration of the acceleration of the Universe's expansion might profoundly change our understanding of the composition and nature of the Universe.

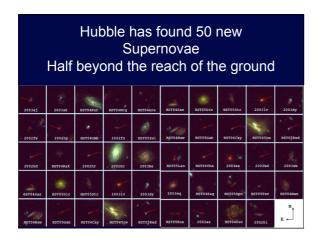


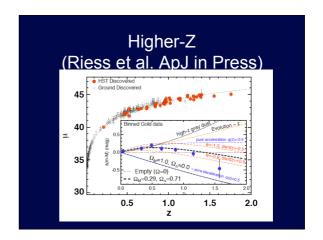
Dark Energy Ideas

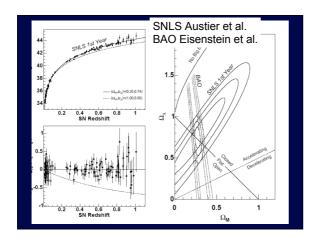
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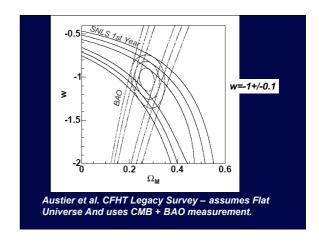
Current Results on w

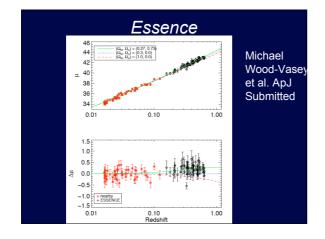
- Supernova measurements of DL from z=0 to z=1.5 (Nearby, SCP, High-Z, CFHTLS, Essence, Higher-Z)
- BAO (+CMB constraint of acoustic scale at z=1089) measurement of 4% by SDSS at <z=0.35>
- Ω_{M} measurement of 0.27± 0.03 via 2dF+SDSS
- · WMAP + LSS combined constraints

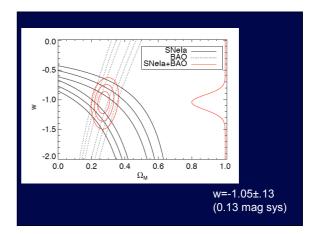


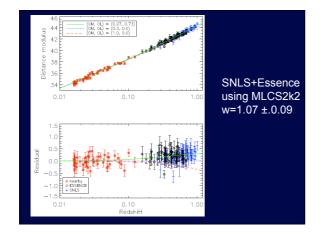












Dark Energy looks like Λ

 As near as we can tell the Universe is expanding just as a Cosmological Constant would predict. (based on luminosity distance between z=0 to z=1.5 from SN Ia - and Angular-size distance (modified) between z=0.35 and z=1089) and power spectrum info from LSS+CMB.