Notes: COSMOLOGY

Selections from Chapter 31 (+ more current research)

Some vocabulary prior to starting:

Singularity: A single point in space of great gravity, density, and pressure.

Prevailing: The most accepted/the most popular

Implode: The opposite of an explosion... So much gravity pulls matter inward, that it causes a collapse, and a vacuum is created from space between atomic particles suddenly dissappearing.

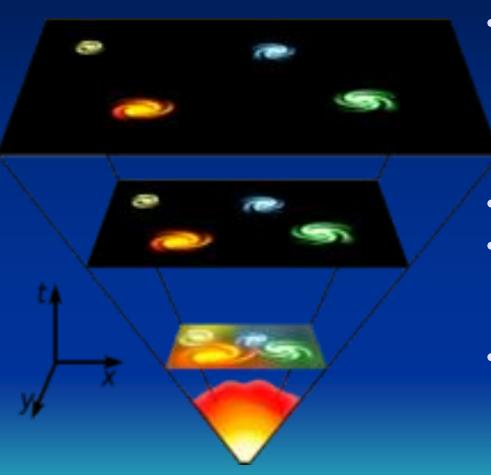
MEASURING GREAT DISTANCES!

Astronomical Unit: One unit of earth-sun distance (approximately 93,000,000 mi) Ex: Jupiter is 4.95 AU's from the sun.

Light Year: How far light traveling at 300,000 km/sec would travel in one year. *Ex: Our Milky Way Galaxy is* 100 – 120 Light Years in diameter.

The Universe:

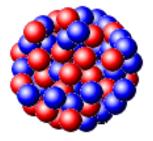
(The Big Bang is the Prevailing Theory)



- The Big Bang Theory describes a singularity in space, that contained all the energy and matter in the universe.
- The singularity imploded
- It then blew outward in a giant explosion 13.7 billion years ago.
- If this is true, then matter is STILL blowing outward, and traveling farther apart due to inertia.

Nuclear fission: splitting of atoms and molecules by forces acting on them, or other particles splitting them.

 This creates a very FORCEFUL, FAST chain reaction which results in an explosion (atomic bomb technology uses this). The new pieces go on to split other atoms!



Sounds from Big Bang...

- As matter was thrown in the explosion, a tremendous amount of energy was also released and transferred.
- As matter flies outward in a molten state, some of it <u>clumped together</u> to form larger bodies, and some of them were <u>captured by other bodies</u> into an orbit.
- Since many things in space revolve and rotate, this motion is said to be from the original inertia of the explosion, also called "Dark Energy".
- Waves in the form of light and sound are said to be recorded from the actual Big Bang event, since those waves traveled such a long distance and are still in motion.
- It also means the universe could be expanding and spreading.

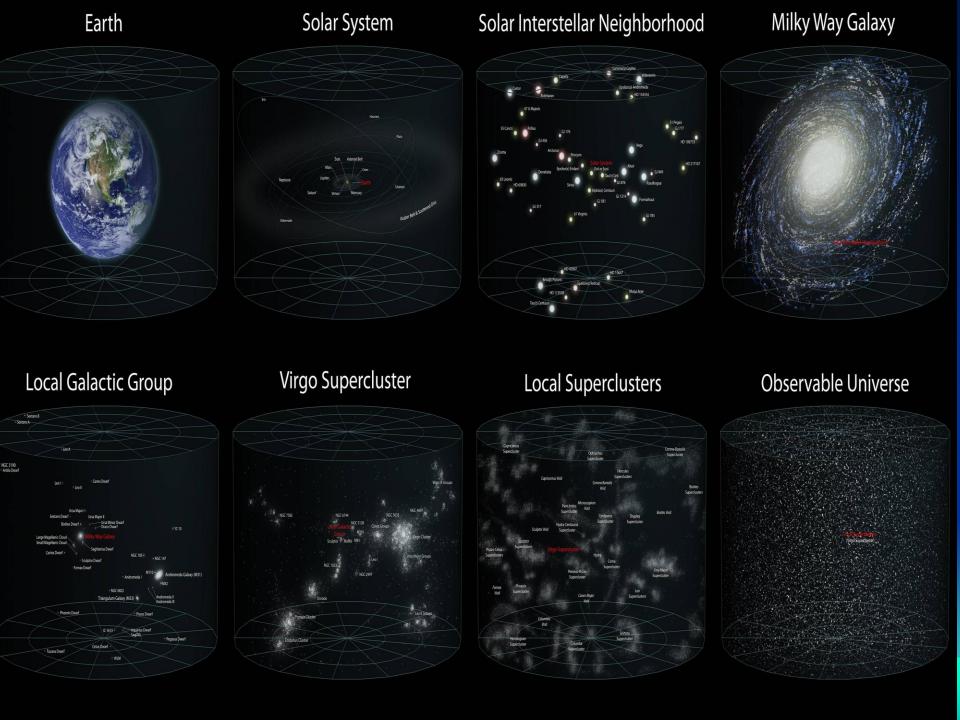
DARK MATTER

- Dark Matter is said to be "non-illuminated" matter that is in space.
- It is so tiny, it is passing through your atoms right now.
- Dark Matter clumps to form larger dark matter, or light matter clumps onto it.
- Dark Matter + Dark Energy is said to take up
 72.1% of the universe. . . which provides the "fuel" and building materials for everything in space.
- That means what we see in the night sky is only 27.9% of the universe!

Our Solar System is a tiny dot on the arm of the MILKY WAY GALAXY



- That means that all the other points of light are other stars and solar systems as well!
- Our nearest
 "neighbor", Alpha
 Centauri, is 4 light
 years away.



("Globular Cluster" is the Prevailing Theory)



- Up until now, it was thought that the Milky Way and other galaxies began small and grew bit by bit, gravitationally acquiring matter and merging with other galaxies.
- As it continued to spin, it became larger, thicker in the middle, and wider by collecting more material (accretion)

(CHUNKING is a new Theory!)

 Recently, the "CHUNKING" theory has emerged... That Galaxies form suddenly in large chunks of matter, rather than spinning slowly.

Milky Way ≈ 13.2 Billion Years old

The Universe lights up from Nuclear Fusion: Hydrogen isotopes fuse to make one Helium isotope. Light/heat energy and neutrons are released in the process. . .

Deuterium-Deuterium Fusion Reaction





- = Proton
- = Neutron

When all of the H is used up, then <u>elements will be stuck</u> together to form larger, heavier elements: (Example with teacher...)

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The largest element built by fusion is IRON (Atomic # of 26).

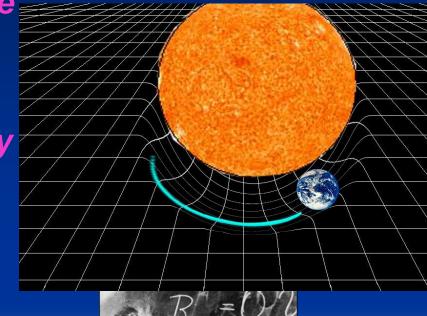
- Fusing heavier elements together actually absorbs energy, not releases it.
- When this happens, the body will start to cool and collapse on itself.

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EINSTEIN: "The Theory of Relativity"

- Einstein believed that GRAVITY comes from space behaving like a piece of fabric, and can be "warped" or "bent".
- Bodies in space are attracted by gravity, because the smaller body will fall into the "dip" of the fabric around the bigger body.

Video: Einstein & Gravity



This may also mean that black holes may be powerful enough to...

- Tear a hole in the "fabric of space", creating a tunnel somewhere called a WORM HOLE.
- We can't find out, because we would be compressed and crushed before we got there!