

# Einstein's Blunder

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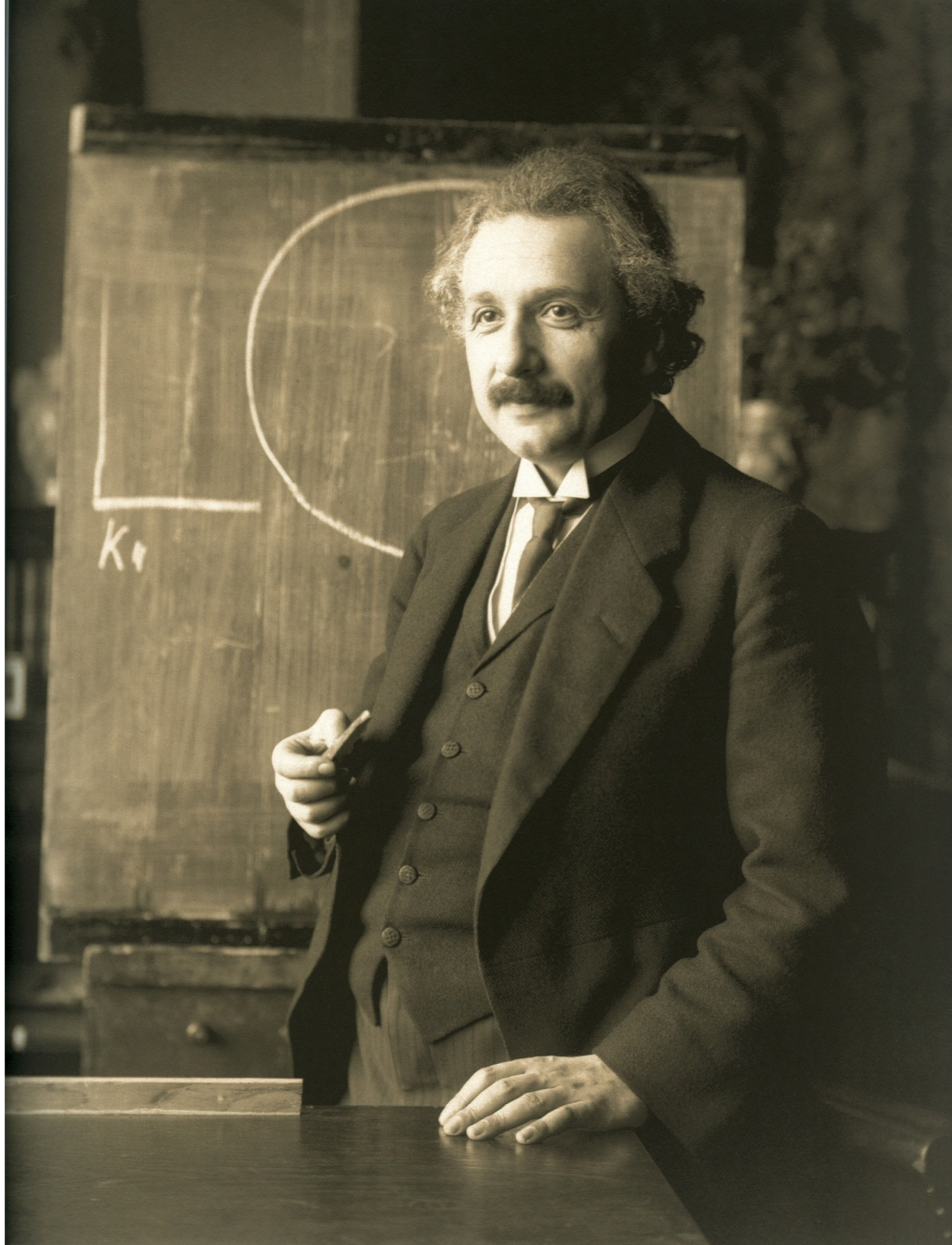
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Albert Einstein in 1921  
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# LIGHTS ALL ASKEW IN THE HEAVENS

**Men of Science More or Less  
Agog Over Results of Eclipse  
Observations.**

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**EINSTEIN THEORY TRIUMPHS**

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**Stars Not Where They Seemed  
or Were Calculated to be,  
but Nobody Need Worry.**

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**A BOOK FOR 12 WISE MEN**

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Edwin Hubble in 1931  
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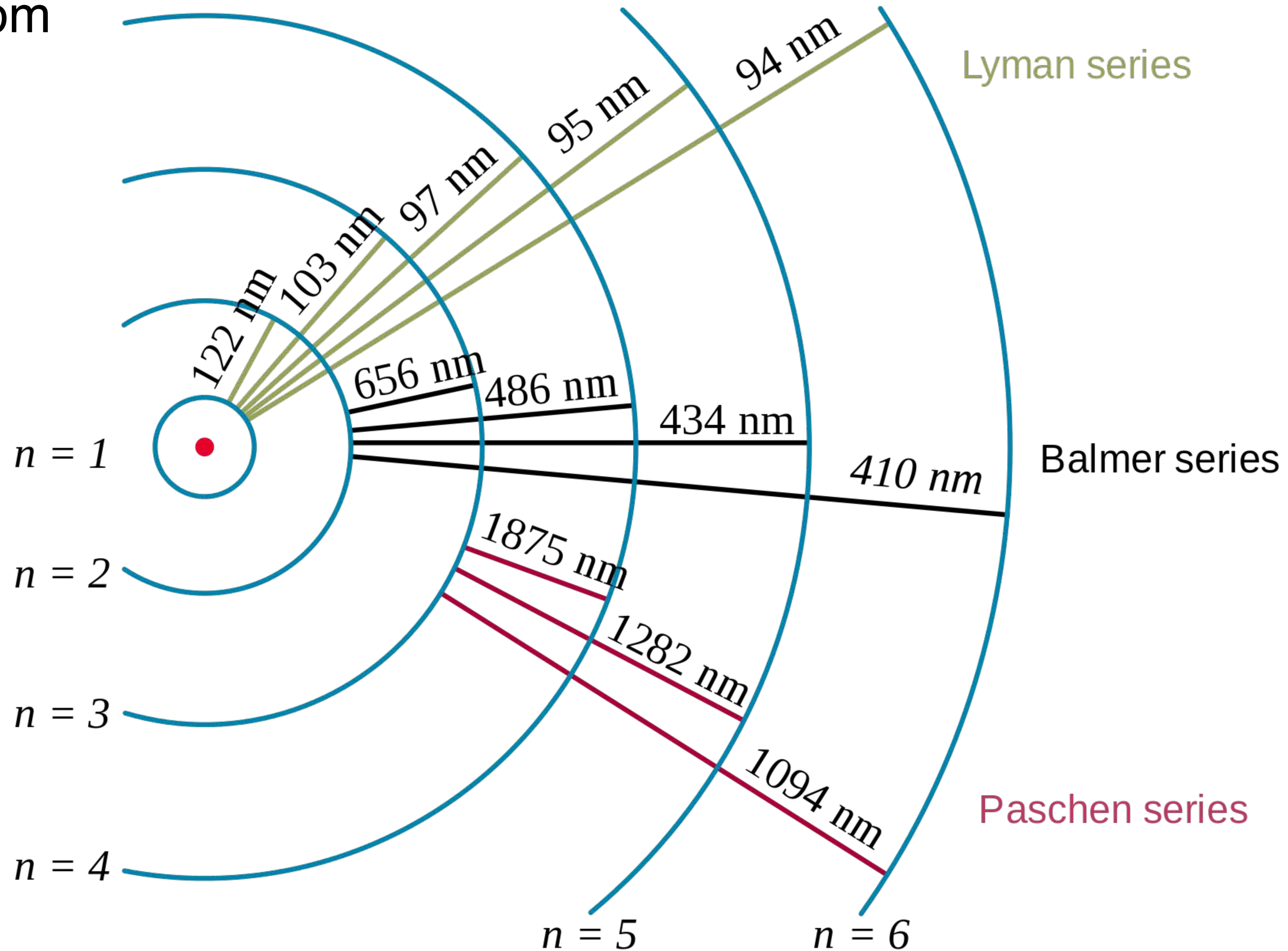




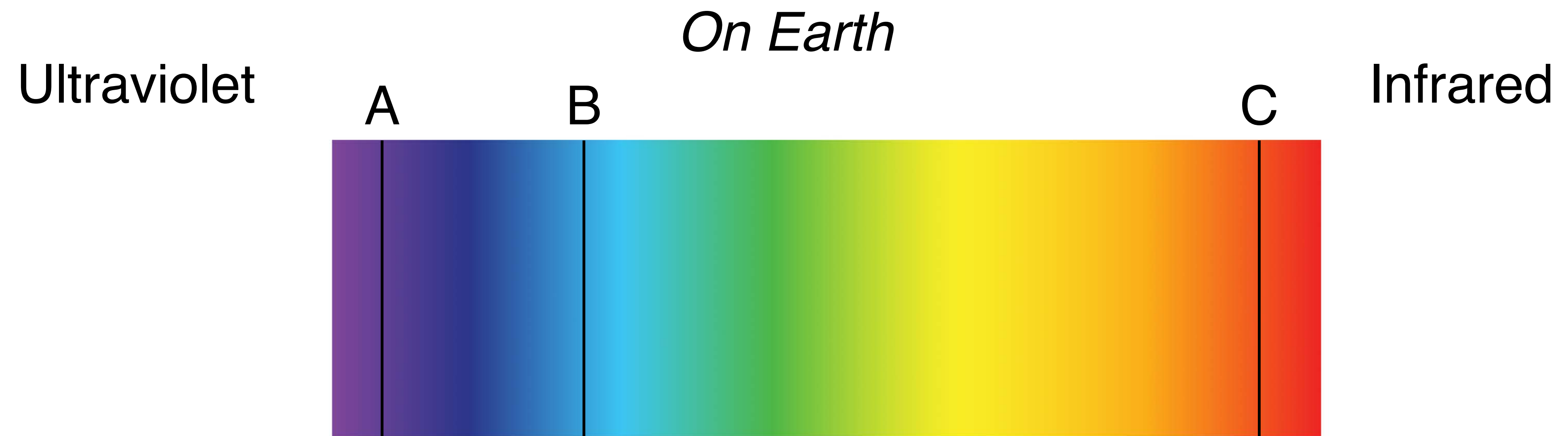




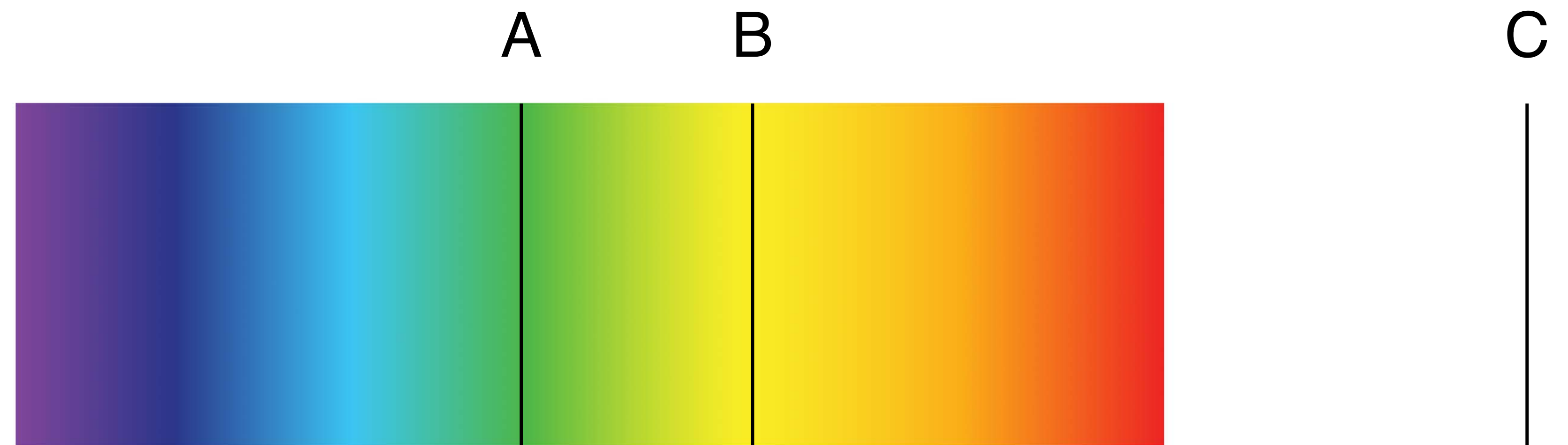
# Hydrogen atom



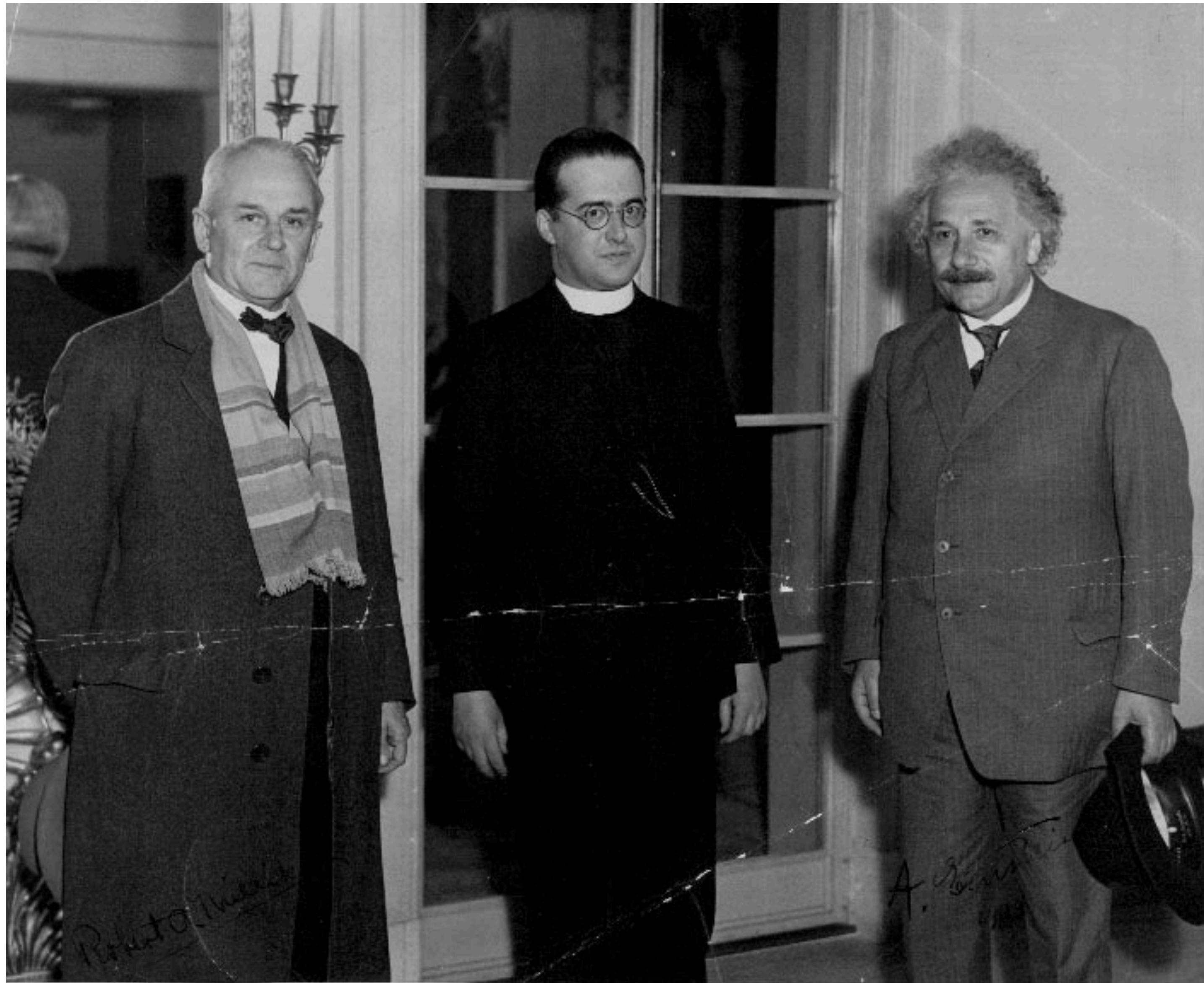




*From a distant galaxy: “redshifted” spectrum*





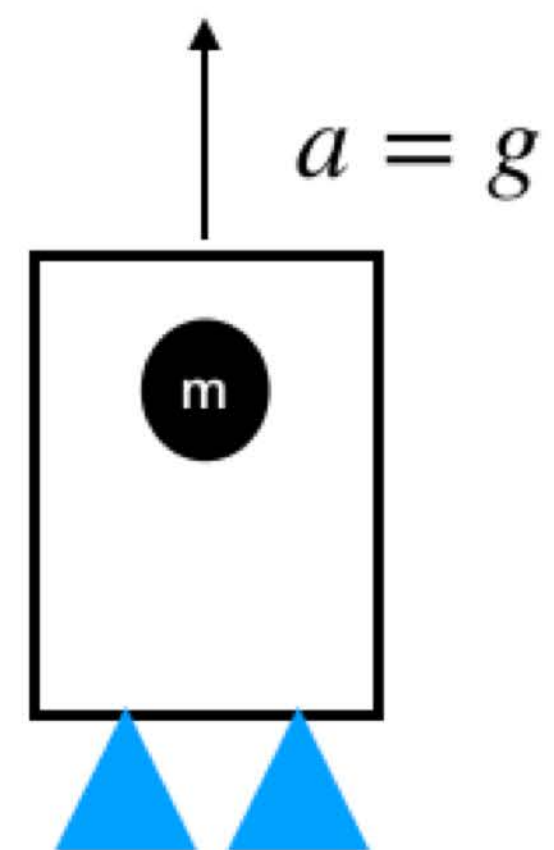


Robert Millikan

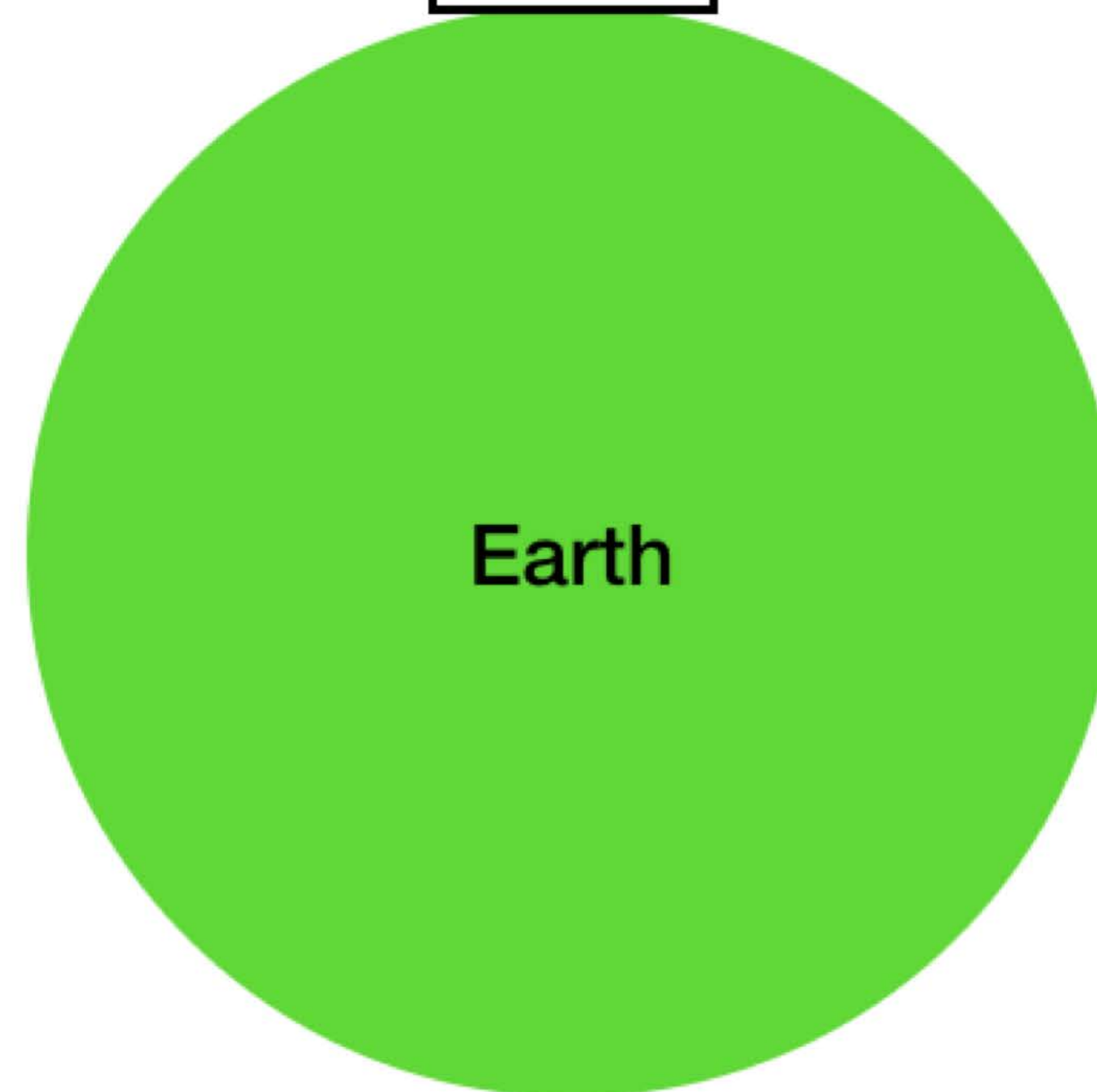
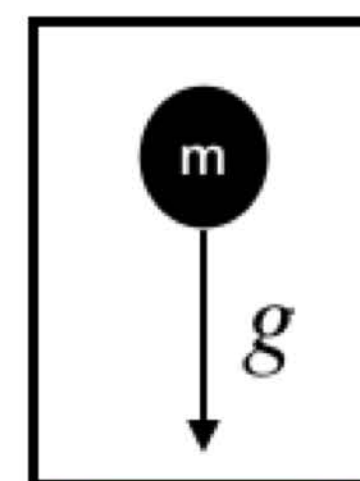
Georges Lemaître

Albert Einstein



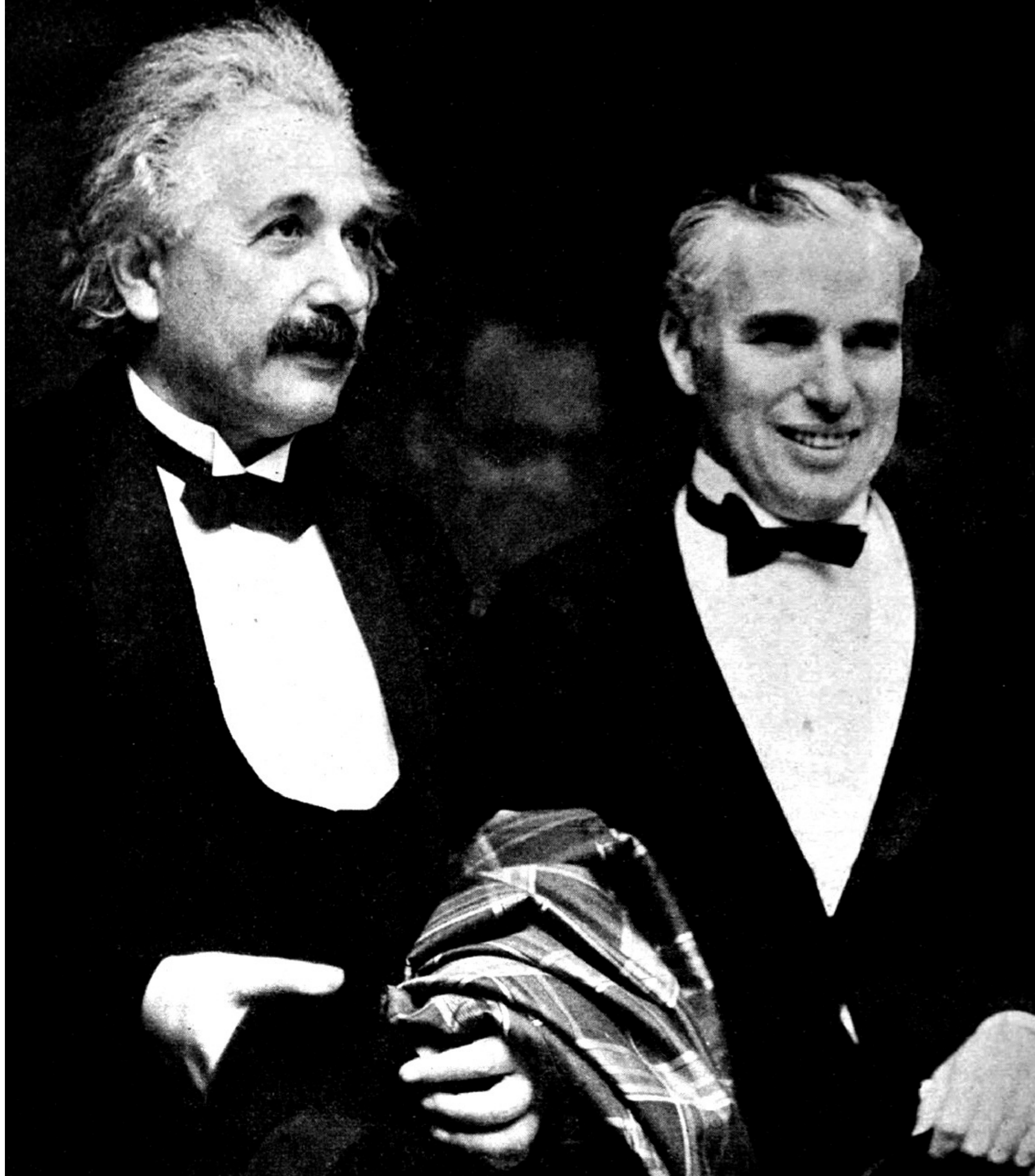


Upward  
accelerating  
rocket



Earth





Einstein with Chaplin at the premiere of *City Lights*,  
Los Angeles, Jan 30th 1931 (public domain)



"All the News That's  
Fit to Print."

# The New York Times.

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THE WEATHER  
Fair and warmer today; tomorrow  
fair with mild temperature.  
Temperatures yesterday—Max. 36, min. 19.  
U. S. Weather Forecast—For details see Page 35.

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NEW YORK, SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 1931.

TWO CENTS in Greater New York | THREE CENTS Within 200 Miles | FOUR CENTS Elsewhere Except 7th and 8th Postal Zones

## QUICK REVOLT IN PANAMA OVERTURNS GOVERNMENT; PRESIDENT GOES TO EXILE

### 10 KILLED IN NIGHT ATTACKS

American Correspondent  
Wounded at Storming  
of President's Palace.

### NEW REGIME IN CONTROL

Supreme Court Swears In  
Arias, Rebel Leader, as  
Provisional President.

### ALFARO TO SUCCEED HIM

Minister to Washington Agrees  
to Take Post.—Recognition  
by Us Is Expected.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.  
PANAMA CITY, Jan. 2.—The Government of the Republic of Panama, headed by President Florencio Harmodio Arosemena, was overthrown early today in a revolution that flared up with deadly swift-

### Note in Bottle Tells of Sinking of Liner Lusitania by Torpedo

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.  
HAMBURG, Jan. 2.—A bottle covered with mussels and seaweed, containing a paper on which was written in English, "Lusitania torpedoed. Will sink within ten minutes," followed by ten signatures with cabin numbers was washed up on the shore of Lange Ness Island off North Friesland coast, it was learned here today. The names were not revealed, but those who examined the bottle are convinced of its genuineness. The bottle has been forwarded to the Cunard Line office in London.

## ENGLAND AND FRANCE SEEK FINANCIAL PACT

Treasury Representatives of  
Both Countries Now Meeting  
in Paris to Discuss Loans.

### PARIS CUTS DISCOUNT RATE

Set at 2 Per Cent in Effort to  
Stop Flow of Gold Into France

## JOFFRE DEAD AT 78 AFTER BRAVE FIGHT; SIX DAYS IN COMA

Marshal Succumbs to Disease of  
Arteries—Amputation of Foot  
Failed to Save Life.

### NOTED AS VICTOR OF MARNE

He Was Hailed as Savior of  
His Country for Halting  
Advance of Germans.

### VISITED AMERICA IN 1917

Came Here as Member of the High  
Commission Sent to Aid Us  
When We Entered the War.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.  
PARIS, Saturday, Jan. 3.—Marshal Joffre died at 8:23 o'clock this morning. His life had been despaired of for a week.

Doctor Announces Death.  
PARIS, Saturday, Jan. 3 (AP).—Marshal Joffre died at 8:23 A. M. today. At 8:30 A. M. Captain Saint Cernin emerged from the hospital where Joffre had been at death's door for days, and said to reporters: "The Marshal is dead." Then he displayed a bulletin signed by the Marshal's physicians.

Six Days in Coma.  
Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

## Prof. Einstein Begins His Work at Mt. Wilson; Hoping to Solve Problems Touching Relativity

By The Associated Press.

PASADENA, Cal., Jan. 2.—Dr. Albert Einstein disclosed today why he came to California.

He expects help from the scientists at Mount Wilson Observatory and the California Institute of Technology to solve the major problem of his mind, whether gravitation, light, electricity and electro-magnetism are not different forms of the same thing.

"This question is the main problem of the present relativity theory," he explained. "Interesting possibilities have been found to solve the question, but it is still uncertain if the ways being tried will be successful."

"New observations by Hubble and Humason (astronomers at Mount Wilson) concerning the red shift of light in distant nebulae make the presumptions near that the general structure of the universe is not static."

"Theoretical investigations made by La Maitre and Tolman (mathematicians of California Institute of Technology) show a view that fits well into the general theory of relativity."

The Berlin professor seems very happy to be among so many men working on physical tests of his relativity principle. Several of them have completed tests supporting his principle and further revelations are expected.

Professor Einstein revealed another problem puzzling research workers. That is whether light conforms to a wave or corpuscular theory. He said that not only light but also matter had been disclosed by modern physics to show characteristics of both theories. He hopes that both will be united in the same law applying to light and that the construction of this law also will make it applicable to matter.

He was asked whether civilization was in danger of any breakup.

"I think, indeed, that the lack of international understanding and organization may be a serious danger," he said.

"In this connection, scientific investigations can have no direct influence on a solution to this problem. Only man's own determination can solve it."

## RAIL HEADS SUBMIT PLAN TO THE I. C. C.

Atterbury, Crowley, Willard and  
Bernet Announce Agreement  
on Allocation of Roads.

### FOUR TO SHARE THE D. & H.

B. & O. to Enter Michigan by  
Annexing the Ann Arbor

## WEIGHS THE EARTH ON 2-OUNCE SPHERES

Dr. Heyl Tells Scientists of 7-  
Year Tests With Glass and  
Tungsten Wire in a Vacuum.

### TONNAGE IN 22 FIGURES

Average Boy Wants to Be a  
Lindbergh — More Nans

## ROOSEVELT IGNORES POLITICAL BACKING IN PICKING CABINET

Will Appoint Heads of Depart-  
ments Irrespective of Pleas  
of Party Leaders.

### MERIT ALONE TO COUNT

Governor Announces Policy  
Following Outburst Over  
Behan From Albany Boss.

### LATTER FOR SMITH IN 1932

Executive Confers With Erie Group  
and Lays Plans for New Lead-  
ership Up-State.

By W. A. WARN.

Special to The New York Times.  
ALBANY, Jan. 2.—At the very beginning of his second term in office Governor Roosevelt has informed the leaders of his party throughout the State that from now on appointments to places in his Cabinet will all be personal in the sense that they will be made regardless of whether the appointee has political backing so long as he measures up to standards of fitness established by the Governor himself.

Definite announcement of this policy came at the moment when, for the first time since the consolidation act of 1926 has been on the statute books with its provision that terms of administrative department heads

## SEABURY INQUIRY IS LEGAL COURT RULES AGAINST CITY BRODSKY'S REMOVAL ASKED

### Census of Jobs Will Count Apple Sellers as 'Employed'

Special to The New York Times.  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Officials in charge of the census of unemployed to be started Jan. 15 in twenty representative cities will be instructed to enumerate as employed the street-corner vendors of apples, despite their "unemployed" placards.

A conference of experts of the Census Bureau reached the decision today. The ruling was suggested by F. A. Gosnell, who has just returned from a trip to Chicago, Buffalo, New York, Detroit and Philadelphia, setting up the machinery for the census. Mr. Gosnell stated that he had learned in his investigation that many persons selling "unemployed apples" were earning a good living.

## REVEALS JUGGLING OF BANK OF U. S. DEBT

Receiver's Counsel Contends  
\$8,000,000 Affiliates Owed Was  
Paid With Its Own Cash.

### SINGER TESTIFIES TO DEALS

### MANDAMUS WRIT IS

Hilly Is Expected to  
Fight on Investigation  
to Appellate Branch

### BRODSKY DEALS ATT

Referee Finds Him Dis-  
qualified by Stock Speculation  
Realty Transaction

### BROOKLYN JUDGE AC

Magistrate Eilperin to  
Ouster Hearing—Good  
Reported "Very Ill"

The Appellate Division in-  
vestigating magistrates' courts was de-  
clined in a decision handed  
yesterday by Supreme Court  
Callahan who issued a per-  
petual mandamus directing the cit-  
y lawyers' salaries certified by  
Samuel Seabury and re-



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## THE WEATHER

Fair today; tomorrow cloudy; little  
change in temperature.  
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NEW YORK, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1931.

TWO CENTS In Greater  
New York | THREE CENTS  
Within 200 Miles | FOUR CENTS Elsewhere  
Except 7th and 8th Posts

## YOUNG FAVORS CASH BONUS FOR NEEDY VETERANS ONLY; URGES FEDERAL BANK CURB

### TWO COMMITTEES HEAR HIM

\$500,000,000 for Loans  
on Service Certificates  
Urged by Financier.

### HUGE BOND ISSUE OPPOSED

Not More Than 30 Per Cent of  
the Veterans Are in Want,  
He Estimates.

### IDEAS ON BANKING GIVEN

Forcing of State Institutions  
Into the Reserve System  
Is Advocated.

*Not a Presidential Candidate,  
Young Twice Tells Reporters*

*Special to The New York Times.*  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Owen D. Young told two groups of newspaper men here today that he was not a candidate for the Presidency. "You are doing your best to keep me from being nominated, I see," Mr. Young said to one group after he appeared before the Senate committee. "I hope you keep it up, as you are doing me a favor."  
After the House committee hearing he reiterated his position thus: "I am not in politics and any one who prevents me from receiving the nomination for President will be doing me a favor. Not that I think that I am in the least danger. I am not a candidate."

## EINSTEIN DROPS IDEA OF 'CLOSED' UNIVERSE

Revises Concept of Cosmology  
From New Equations of His  
Unified Field Theory.

### BASED ON AMERICAN STUDY

*Special to The New York Times.*  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Although opposed to extensive government financing to provide cash bonus payments to veterans of the World War, Owen D. Young, chairman of the board of the General Electric Company, today urged on the Ways and Means Committee a plan to extend

## HOOVER WILL CALL A SPECIAL SESSION IF OTHER AID FAILS

But He Is Confident Measures  
Taken or in Hand Will  
Meet All Needs.

### CONFERS AGAIN ON IMPASSE

Discusses With Watson and  
McNary Proposals for Compro-  
mise on \$25,000,000 Bill.

### ORDERS ARKANSAS SURVEY

Settlement May Hinge on Fund to  
Be Lent Red Cross at Presi-  
dent's Discretion.

By RICHARD V. OULAHAN.

*Special to The New York Times.*  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Although as firmly opposed as ever to calling the next Congress into an extra session, President Hoover will summon such a session if it is found that the relief measures already taken to mitigate unemployment and overcome suffering in the drought-stricken farm areas are inadequate and recourse to Congressional aid is found necessary.

This became known today through a semi-authoritative source, but the President's apparent willingness to modify his opposition to having an extra session should be viewed chiefly as an indication of his complete confidence that the measures already taken will be adequate to meet the

## Caraway Calls Cramton 'Liar' Over Phone; In Senate, Challenges Critics to Repeat Slurs

*Special to The New York Times.*

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—The feud between Senator Caraway of Arkansas on one side and Representatives Cramton of Michigan and Treadway of Massachusetts blazed up anew today. The Arkansan called Mr. Cramton on the telephone, told him he was a "coward" and a "liar" and later on the Senate floor challenged the Michigan and Massachusetts Representatives to repeat to him privately their respective references to him, made in the House yesterday, as "a plain unadulterated liar," and as having "a contemptible disregard of the truth."

Later Senator Caraway went to the House and spent some time, stalking around, but expectations of a personal encounter were not fulfilled. He spoke neither to Mr. Cramton nor Mr. Treadway. The Arkansan said he was looking for Mr. Treadway who, the Senator had heard, would make a speech calling him a "damn liar." Mr. Treadway did not speak.

Senator Caraway's efforts to get satisfaction from Mr. Cramton on the telephone were apparently unsuccessful. Describing his attempts to demand an explanation, he said he

asked the Michigan Representative to meet him "any time, any place, anywhere," and repeat his accusations. Mr. Cramton, according to Mr. Caraway, said what he had stated on the House floor stood for itself and hung up, but not soon enough, according to the Arkansan, to prevent him from shouting "coward" and "liar," and even stronger language. Thereafter he tried several times to telephone to Mr. Cramton, but received no answer.

When Senator Caraway entered the House chamber he talked for a short time to Mrs. Pearl Oldfield, one of the Arkansas Representatives. Then he walked up and down the main aisle, his hands jammed into his pockets and his head bent down. Mr. Cramton sat at a table near by with Representative Schafer of Wisconsin, who kept punching Mr. Cramton to attract his attention to the Arkansas Senator. But Mr. Cramton paid no attention to either punches or the visitor and the latter made no effort to approach him.

Some of Mr. Treadway's associates said he was "so mad we persuaded him to go home," but there was no

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## CITY INQUIRY HINGES ON WARD SWITCHING

Senate Republicans Wait in  
Hope Westchester Boss Will  
Give Necessary Votes.

### DEMOCRATS PUT ON GUARD

## SWEARS PROSECUTOR GOT \$750 BAIL MONEY

Bogus Lawyer Tells of Dividing  
Client's Collateral With Kurtz,  
Then a Banton Aide.

### COURT CLERKS ACCUSED

## FRANCE-ITALY RACE BRINGS BRITISH HINT OF BIGGER NAVY PLAN

Reconsideration of Position May  
Be Forced on London, Parlia-  
ment Is Told.

### TONNAGE DISPARITY SEEN

First Lord of Admiralty Says  
Continental's Build Twice  
as Much as Empire.

### 1930 TREATY UNAFFECTED

Alexander Thinks Any Increase  
Needed in Program Could Be  
Within Quota Limits.

*Special Cable to The New York Times.*  
LONDON, Feb. 4.—A. V. Alexander, the First Lord of the Admiralty, caused some surprise at question time in the House of Commons today when he announced that the MacDonald Government would have to "reconsider the position" if unable to get France and Italy to adhere to the principle of limitation in consideration of naval programs.

Mr. Alexander first informed Major R. Ross, Conservative, that the total tonnage of vessels under construction by members of the British Commonwealth was 46,145 (comprising 43,489 tons for the United Kingdom and 2,656 for Canada). The corresponding tonnage for France was approximately 100,684, he said, but this excluded about 35,318 tons in vessels

## ILLEGAL LOANS TO OFFICER CHARGED AS GRAND JUROR HEAR BANK OF U.S. CHAIRMAN

*Nassau Splits \$1,250,000 Loan  
Among 24 Banks Fighting for It*

*Special to The New York Times.*  
MINEOLA, L. I., Feb. 4.—Nassau County's commercial paper is in such demand that the banks are fighting for the privilege of lending money on it. Twenty-four banks applied to County Treasurer A. Burnside Cheshire to be allowed to take up the county's application for a loan of \$1,250,000 which was announced on Monday as the first instalment of \$6,000,000 which the county will borrow for its 1931 construction and hospital program. The loan is to be secured by a bond issue, already authorized, which will be dated July 1, 1931. To please all the banks, Mr. Cheshire decided to borrow money from each in amounts ranging from \$25,000 to \$100,000.

## NATHAN STRAUS CUT WEALTH TO \$1,000,000

Gave Fortune to Charity During  
Life, Will Reveals, Reflecting  
His Wish to "Die Poor."

### MOST OF SUM TO CHILDREN

### STEUER ATTACKS D

Insists Subsidiaries  
Used Criminally to  
Divert Funds.

### CALLS BOOKS DECEIT

Asserts \$99,000 in Loans  
\$100,000 in Realty Fees  
Paid Out Illegally.

### MITCHELL IS A WIT

Appearance Before Grand  
Gives Rise to Report He  
Turn State's Evidence

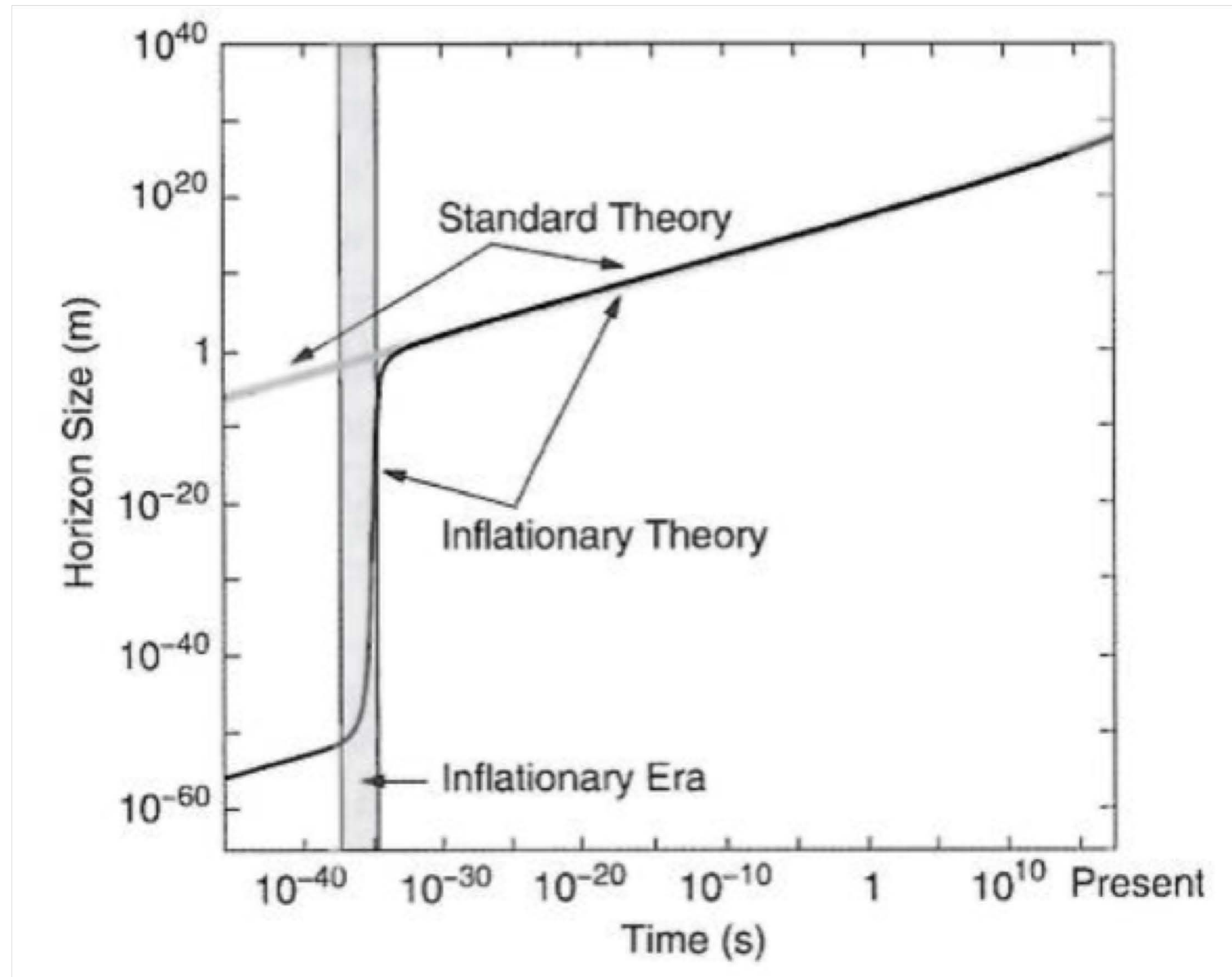
Definite charges that mon-  
the closed bank of United States  
diverted to officials of the bank  
the form of loans to subsidize  
violation of the banking laws,  
made yesterday by Max D. Tamm  
in his investigation of the bank's  
affairs.  
He made these charges of



# The Einstein-de Sitter Universe in the 1970s

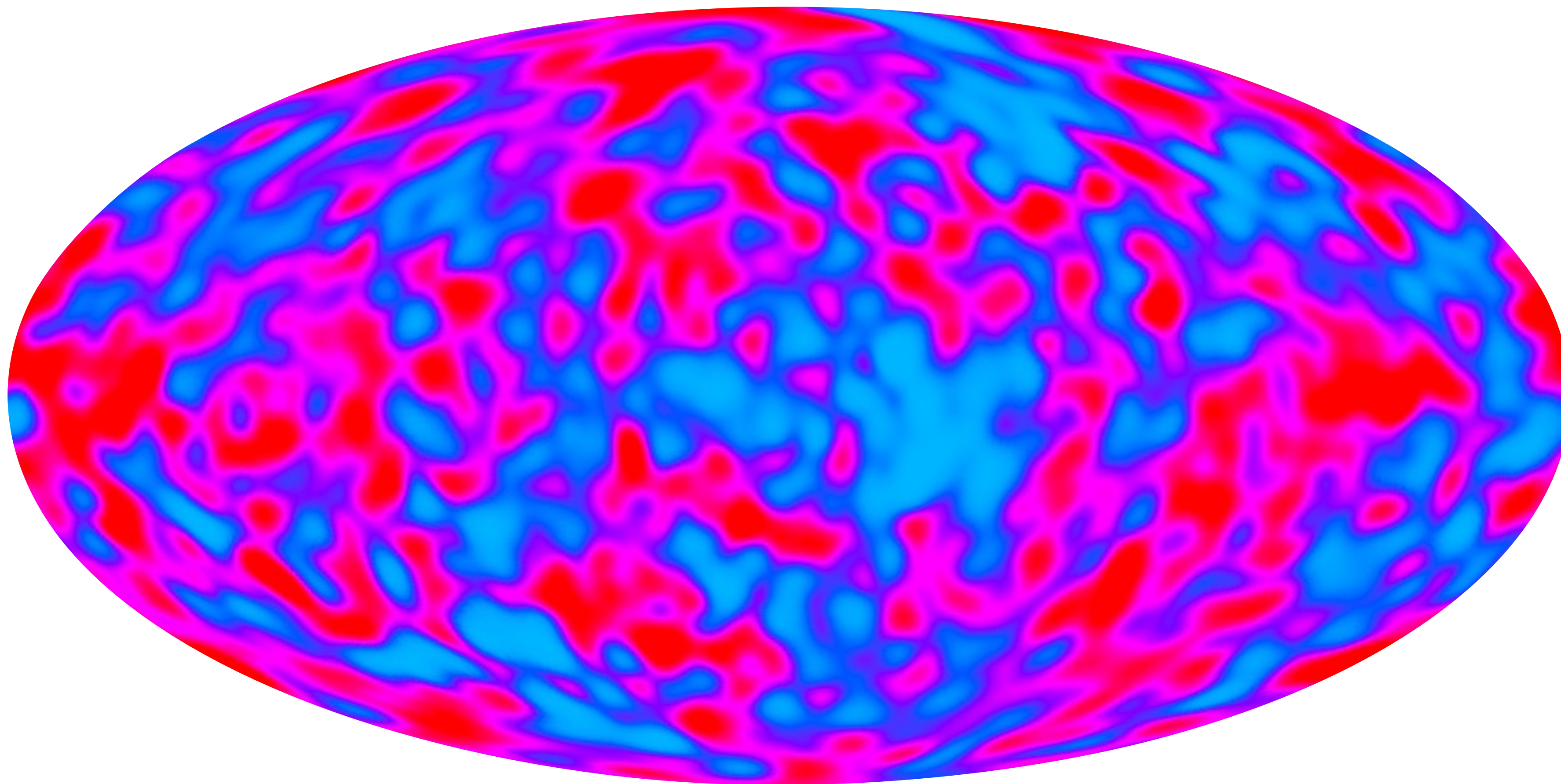






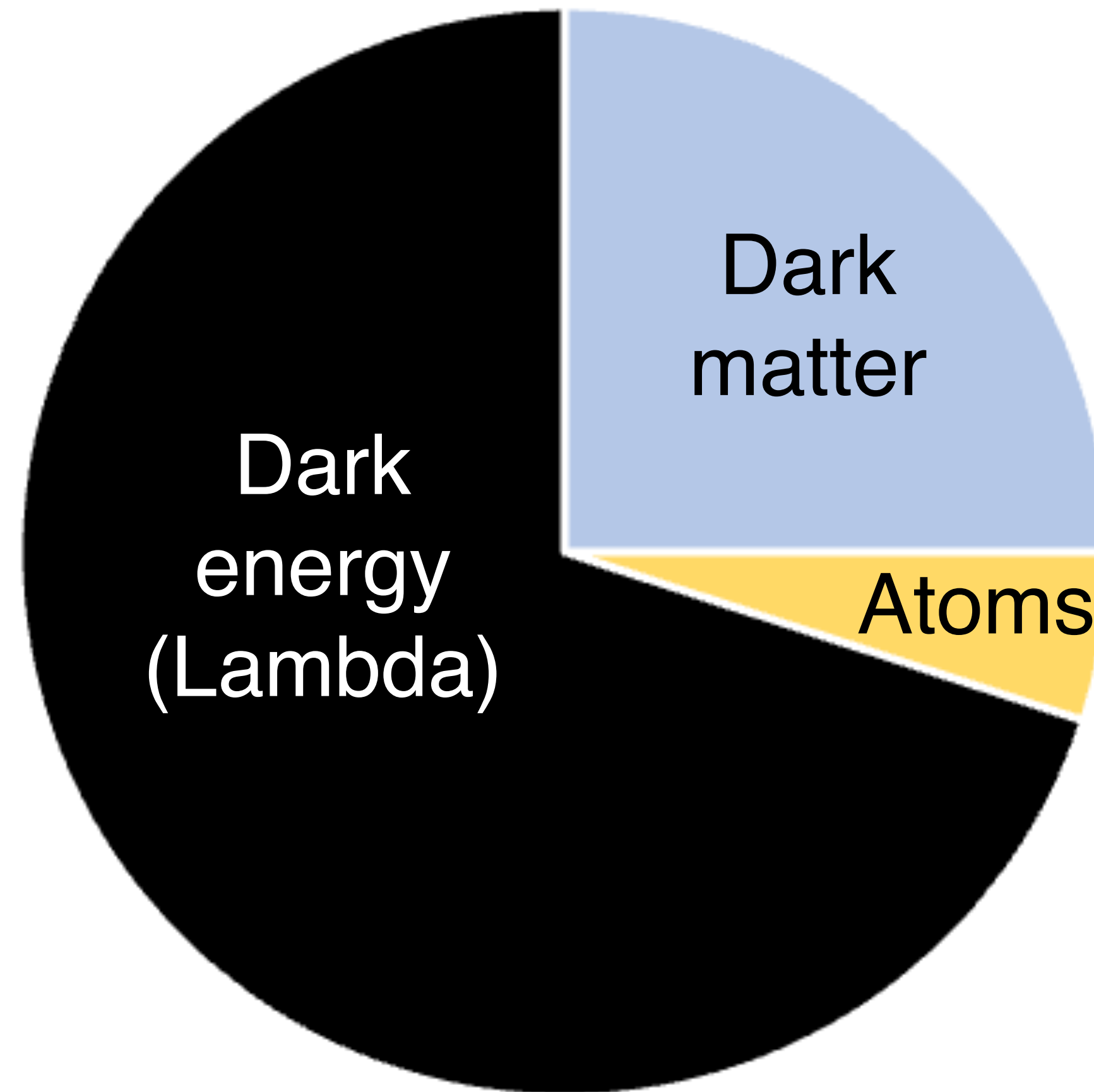


# Fluctuations in the cosmic microwave background





# The Lambda-CDM model





SN1994D in NGC 4526



Treffers et al (1994); imaged by HST



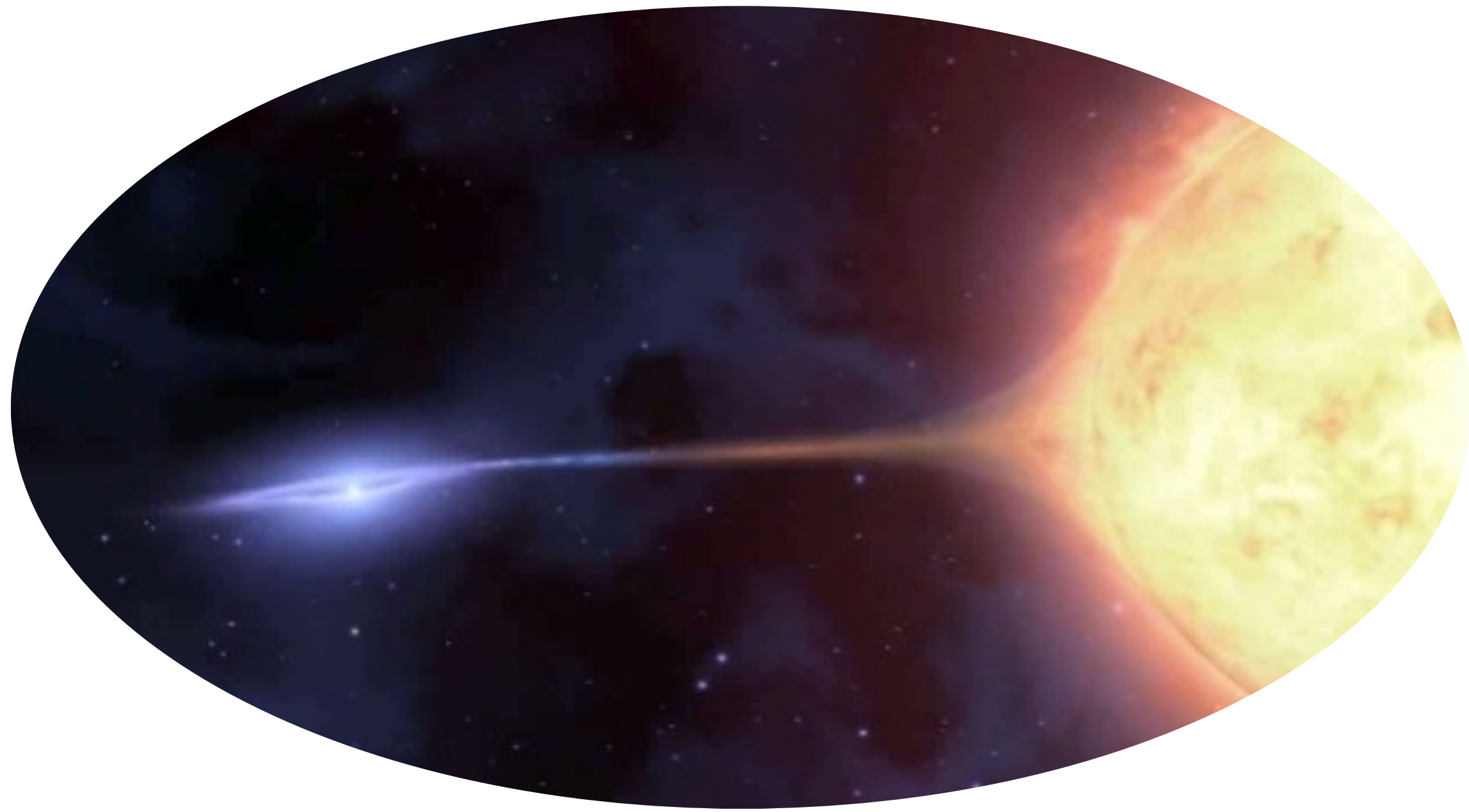
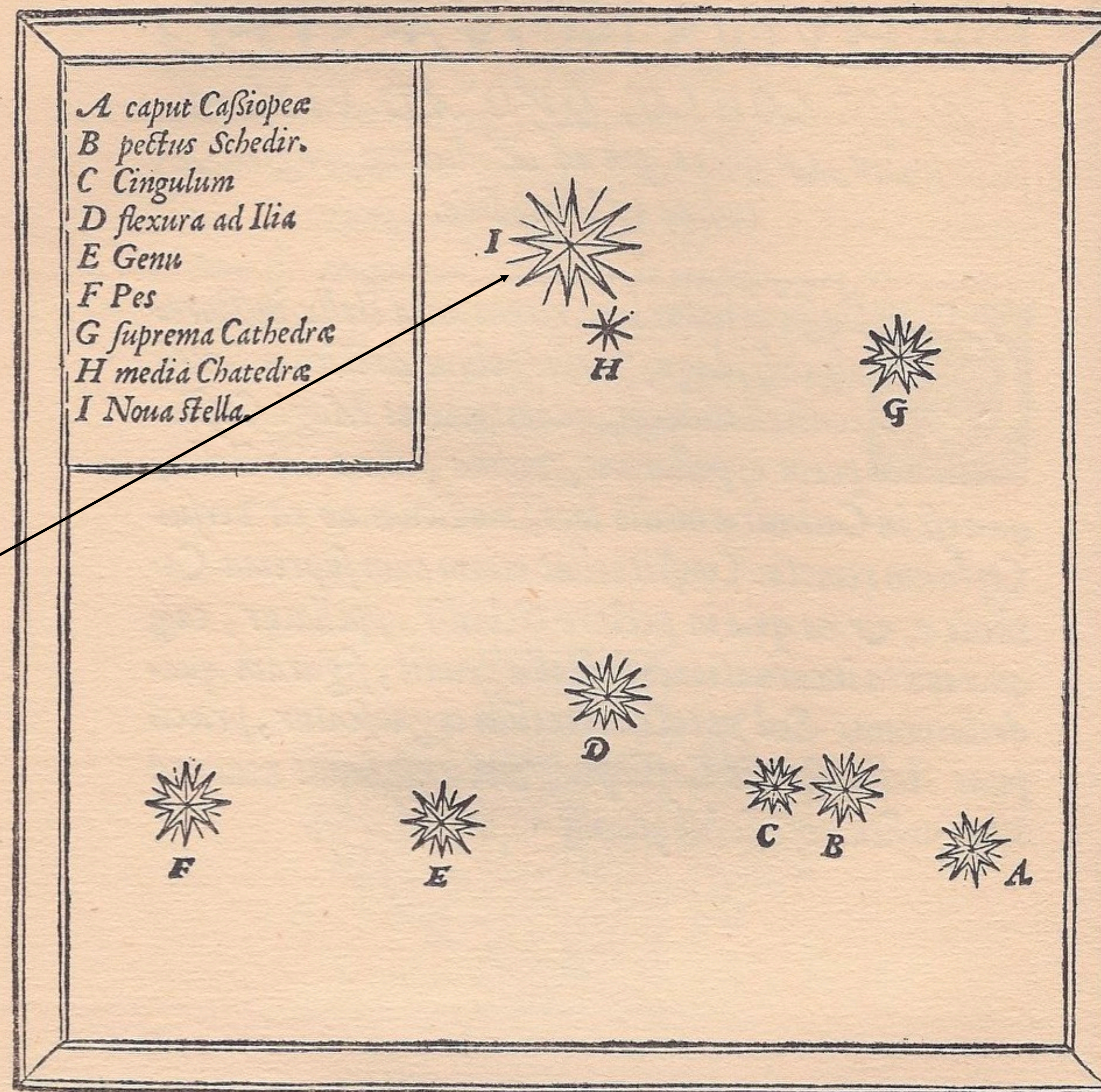


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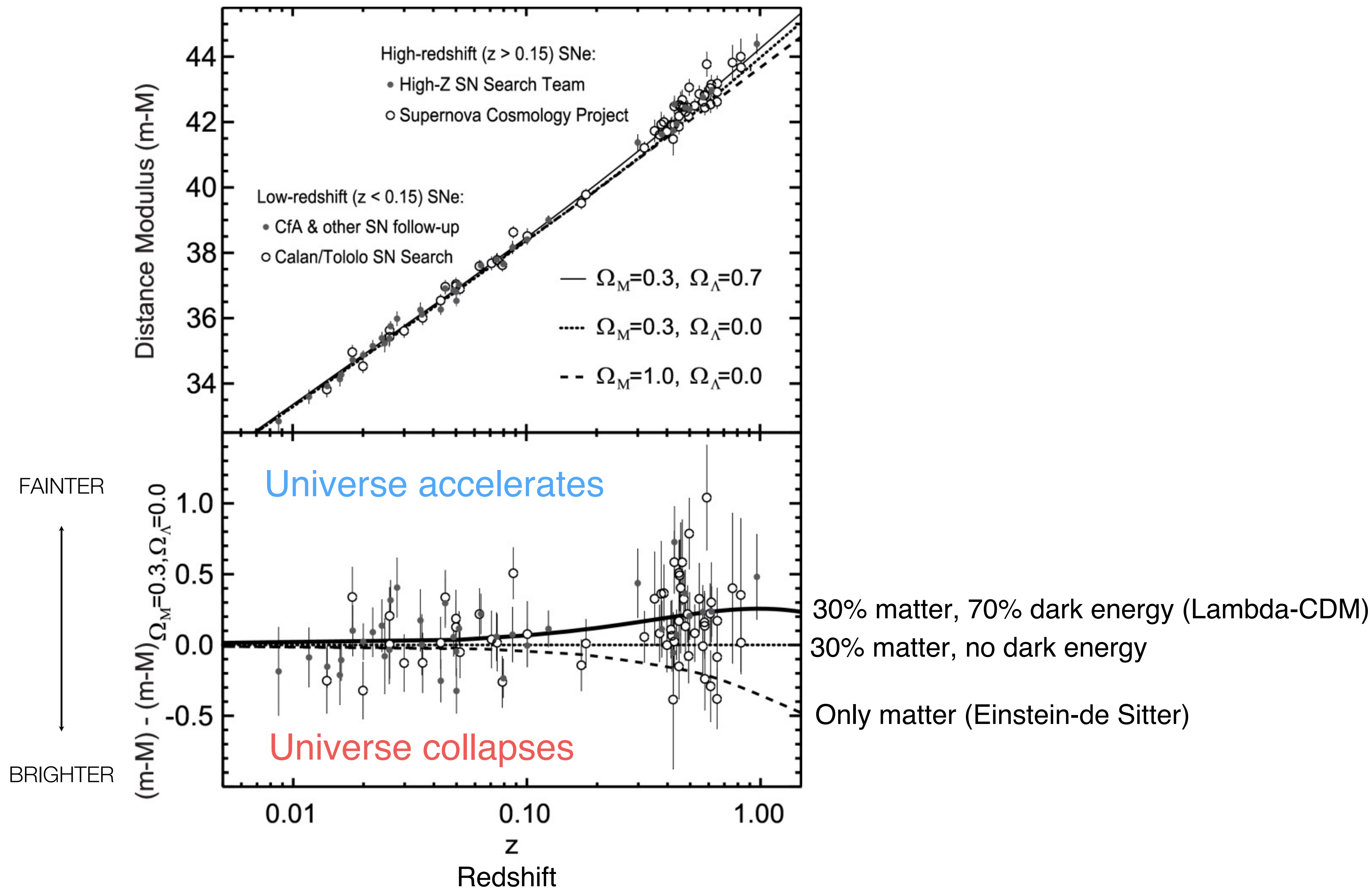
Tycho Supernova (1572)



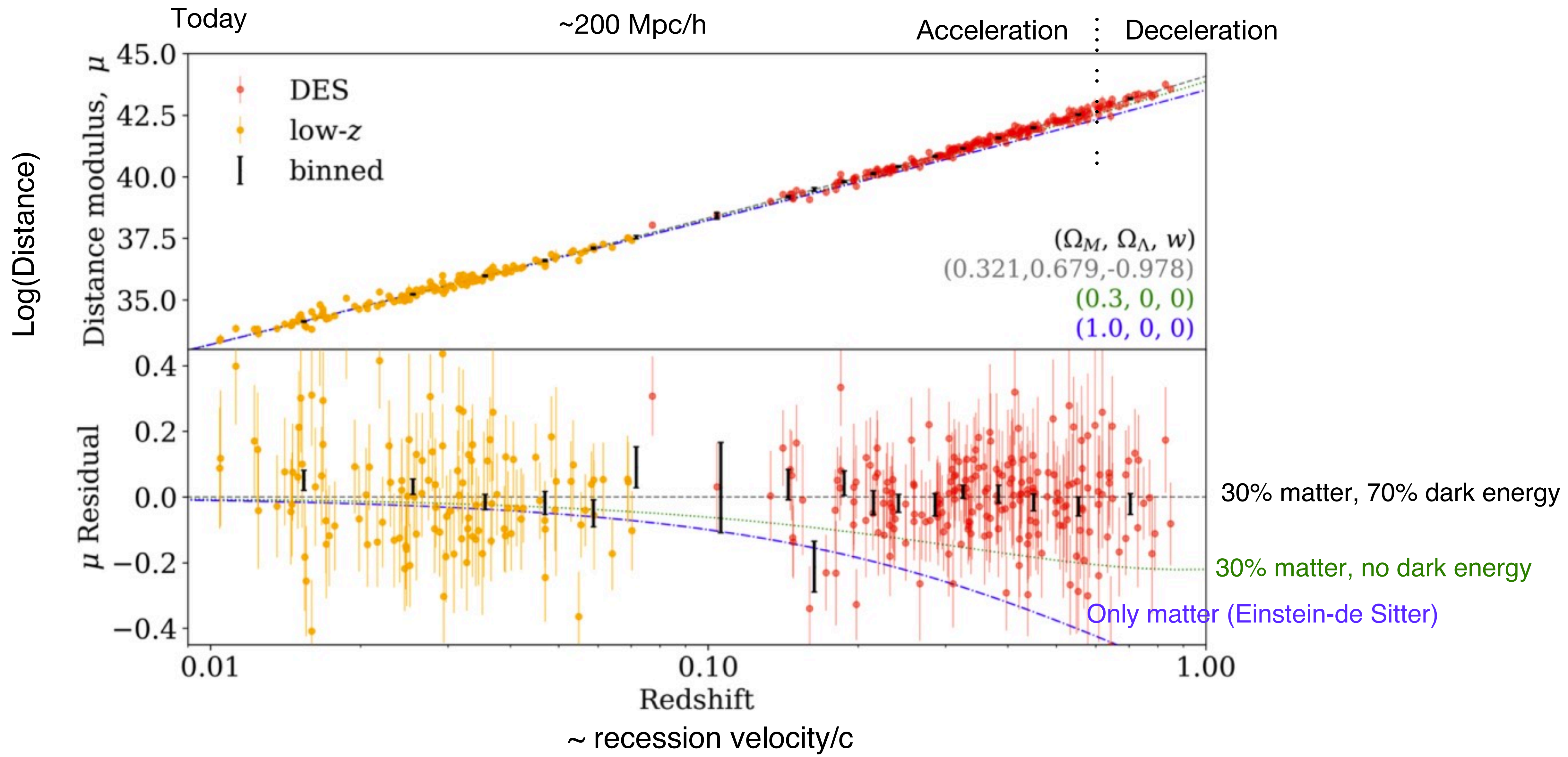
Tycho Brahe, De nova stella (1573)

*Distantiā verò huius stellæ à fixis aliquibus  
in hac Cassiopeiæ constellatione, exquisito instrumento,  
& omnium minutorum capacj, aliquoties obseruauī. In-  
ueni autem eam distare ab ea, quæ est in pectore, Schedir  
appellata B, 7. partibus & 55. minutis: à superiori  
verò*












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