

Meeting 2  
January 20, 2021

0. Introduction

Will talk a lot about distance measurements this meeting and next

1. Book discussion

Einstein slide - emphasize homogeneity

Weinberg presents us with a timeline of his book

Slide - in blue is what is covered by the book, black new things since book publication

- Inflation, Guth 1980 - book - solved problems of smoothness
- QGP - CERN at LHC
- Dark energy, big surprise in the at turn of century
- Growth - different eras are dominated by different drivers of expansion

We live in a time where DE has just taken over

- Will talk about DE at end of course

Slide - Einstein - meaning of inertial frame

5 m Break

2. Before "The First Three Minutes" precursor to the discovery of the expansion of the universe

a. Redshift - measure velocity (and distance)

- relativistic doppler shift - stretch and compress waves
- atomic line - same energy - one color
- Spectrograph - separates light
  - need slit, long exposures, very trick (later)
  - Example: FIRE

Will see more of table later

FIRE and Simcoe in Chile

Pictures, technology challenges

- Great Debate
  - Inside Milky Way, do not really know what it looks like - Slide 12
    - SMC, LMC
  - Slide 13 - negative plate, from Hubble
    - see many nebula
  - Slide 14 - foreground objects are stars, did not resolve until 1943
  - Slide 15 - Nation Research Council/NAS
    - both prominent, arguments written and published
  - Slide 16 - delta Cepheid, constellation, mythical King
  - Slide 17 - Big telescope, clear night point=0.1"
    - can find center up to 0.001", Hubble 0.0003"
    - convert to radians
      - Parallax - people do it all the time, cats
  - Slide 18 - Mechanism of Cepheid, 20 solar Masses
  - Slide 19 -

- Slide 20 - Ratio of areas
- Slide 21 - Not the first time Hubble was wrong
- Slide 22 - Features
  - equatorial mount, motor drive to track stars
  - physically demanding, cold, long exposures
- Slide 23 - Hubble, HST