Introduction to Cosmology

Lecture 1

"A cosmological model is a mathematical representation of our universe that is based on the laws of nature that have been validated locally in our Solar system and on their extrapolations.

It thus seats at the crossroad between theoretical physics and astronomy. Its basic enterprise is to use tested physical laws to understand the properties and evolution of our universe and of the matter and the astrophysical objects it contains."

J-P Uzan arXiv:1606.06112













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The Great Attractor

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Hydra cluster

Antlia cluster *Coma •cluster ‡: 846

Virgo cluster Milky Way

Bulk flow toward Antlia - Centaurus



note: the word parsec stands for "Parallax of one arcsecond"















homogeneous



homogeneous



isotropic







"There is no absolute up or down, as Aristotle taught; no absolute position in space; but the position of a body is relative to that of other bodies. Everywhere there is incessant relative change in position throughout the universe, and the observer is always at the center of things."

> Giordano Bruno in De la causa, principio, et uno (1584)









HUBBLE'S ORIGINAL DIAGRAM













Gauge Bosons











From left, Adam Riess, Saul Perlmutter and Brian Schmidt shared the Nobel Prize in physics awarded Tuesday.

Component	$oldsymbol{\Omega}~(ho/ ho_{ m c})$
Dark Energy	0.691 ± 0.006
Matter (baryonic and non-baryonic)	0.312 ± 0.009
Baryons (Total)	0.0488 ± 0.0004
Baryons in stars and stellar remnants	~ 0.003
Neutrinos	~ 0.001
Photons (CMB)	$5 imes 10^{-5}$

What The Universe Is Made Of









Sean Carroll: "We live in a preposterous Universe."

The challenge is to understand if these numbers are simply coincidences, or actually reflect a beautiful underlying reality that we do not as yet comprehend.