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## COSMOLOGY:

From the Wisclom of the Ages to the Challenges of the Modern World


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## How BIG and RICH is our Universe?




## Where is our place?



## The Evolution of Cosmology



## Navigation: A Driving Force for Studying the Stars



## The Telescopes of Bulgaria

## NAO ROZHEN:

- 2m RCC Telescope
- 50/70 cm Schmidt Telescope
- 60 cm Cassegrain Telescope
- Solar Coronograph
- Visitor's center with 30 cm telescope for observations



## The Telescopes of Bulgaria

SAO PLANA (operated by the Dept. of Astronomy, Faculty of Physics, Sofia University)

- 35 cm Newton Telescope used for scientific and educational purposes



## Let's go back in time...

The first understanding of the Cosmos is a mix between myth, science and religion.



Modern science started just 400 years ago with Galileo...

## The first Cosmologists

## GEORGES LEMAITRE (1894-1966)



1929 - Edwin HUBBLE proves the expansion of the Universe


## The Big Bang Theory - PROVEN!



1964 - Penvias and Wilson prove the existense of the

Cosmic microwave background (CMIB). This is the final proof that of the Big Bang Theory.

Nobel prize -1978

## PLANCK MISSION 2009-2013



## Nobel Prize in Physics 2011

## "The expansion of the Universe is...accelerating!"



## Enter DARK ENERGY



# When we map the History of the expansion, we see a big surprise 

## The Expanding Universe: A Capsule History




