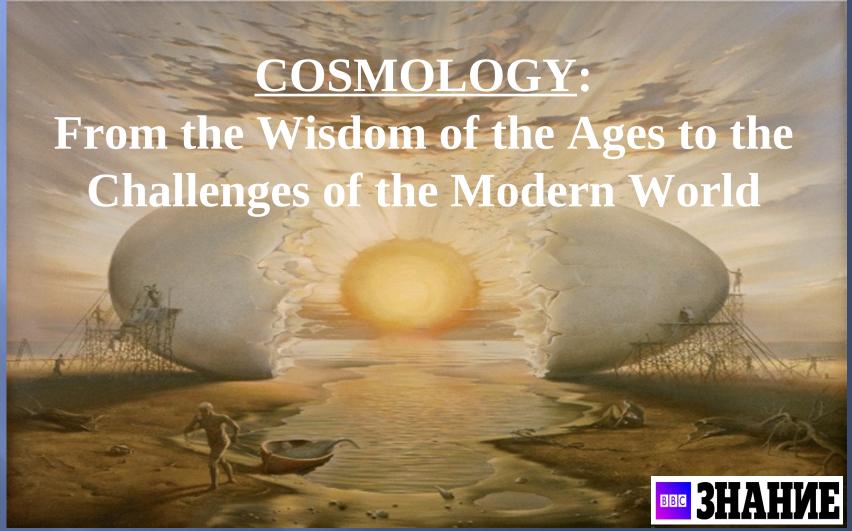


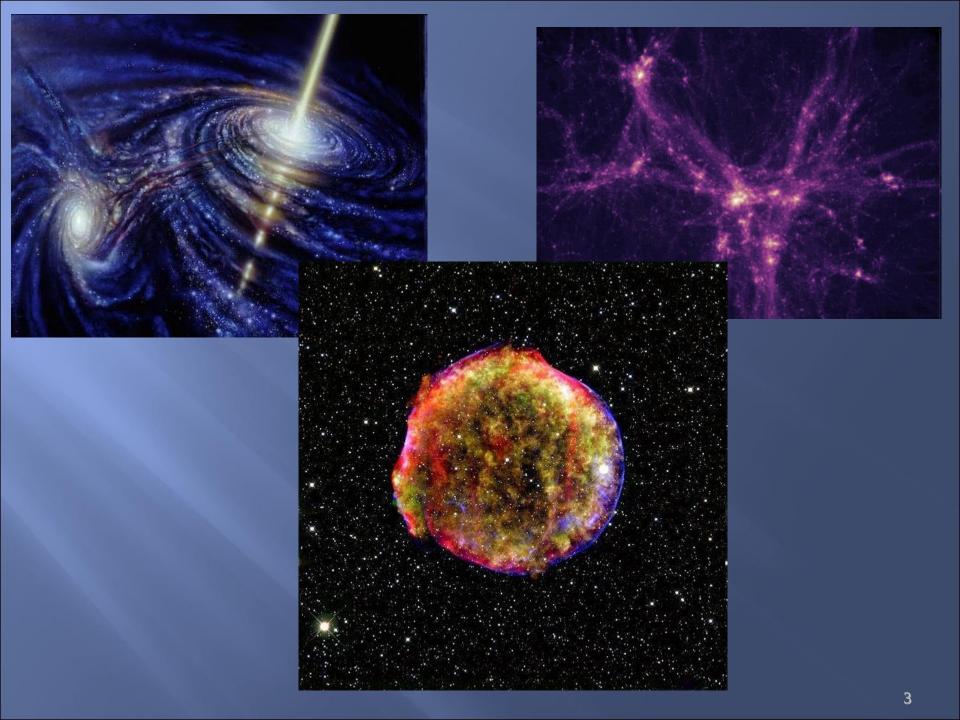
3rd FIG Young Surveyors European Meeting in Sofia on 16th May 2015



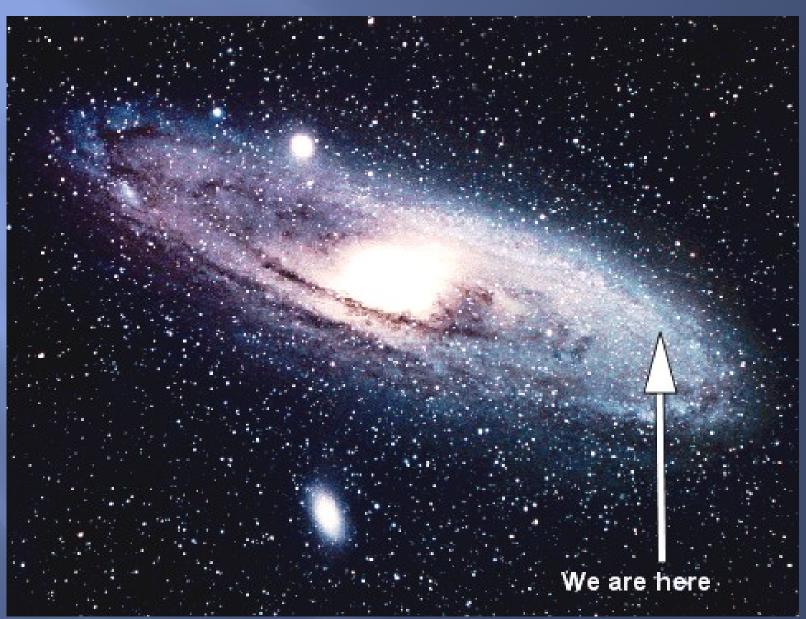
Presenter: Dr. Vladimir BOZHILOV, Dept. of Astronomy, Faculty of Physics, Sofia University, email: vbozhilov@phys.uni-sofia.bg

How BIG and RICH is our Universe?





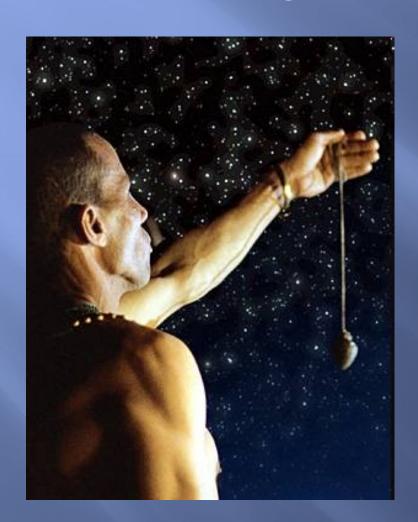
Where is our place?

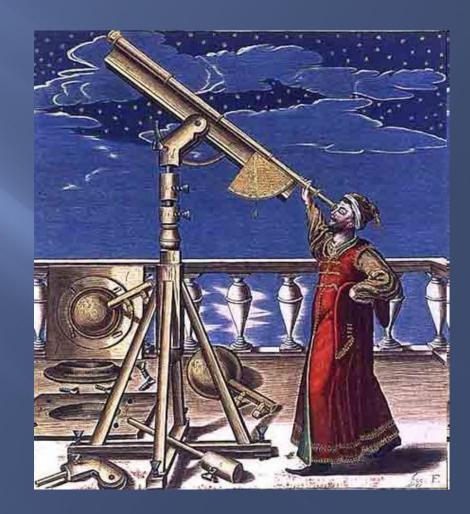


The Evolution of Cosmology



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)

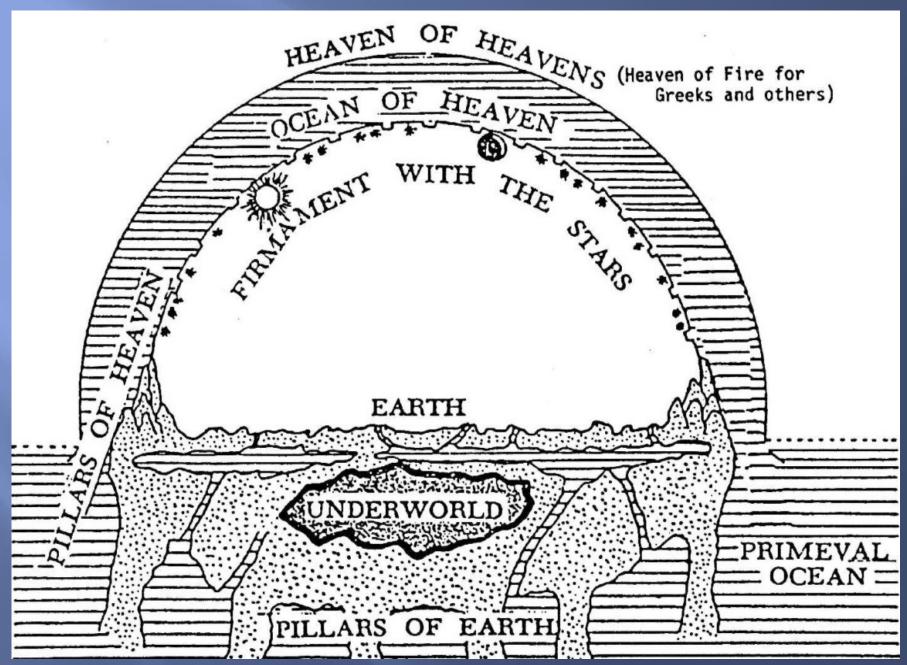
35 cm Newton Telescope used for scientific and educational purposes



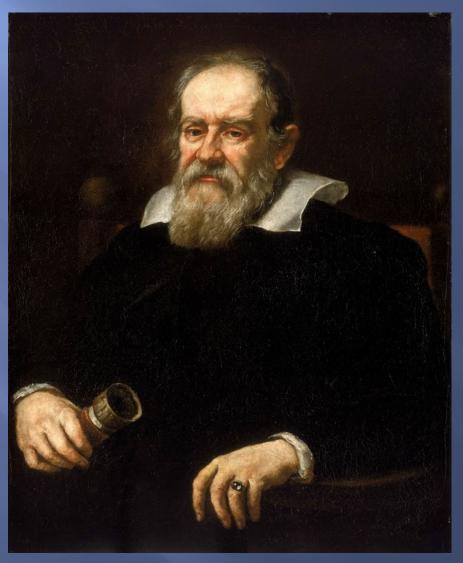
Let's go back in time...

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



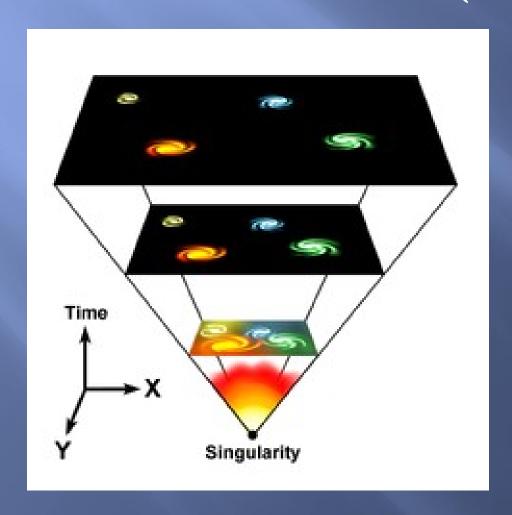


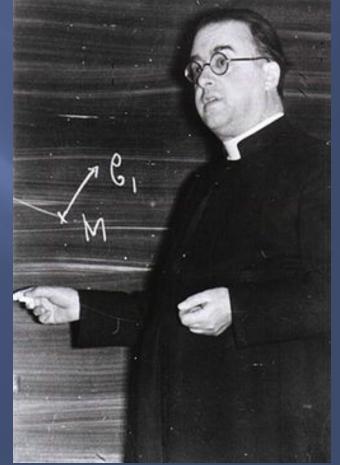
Modern science started just 400 years ago with Galileo...



The first Cosmologists

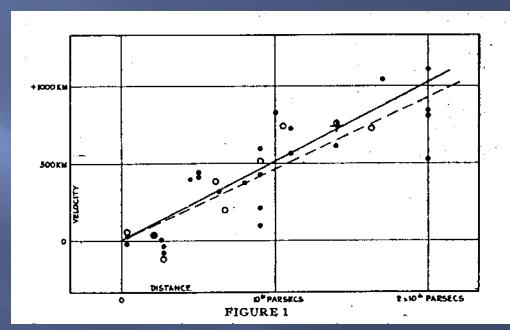
GEORGES LEMAITRE (1894-1966)



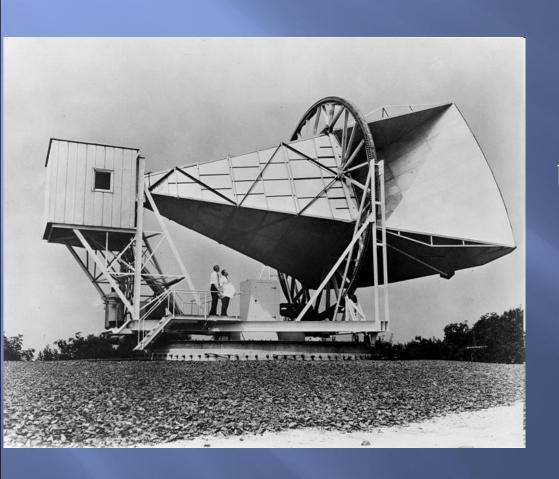


1929 - Edwin HUBBLE proves the expansion of the Universe



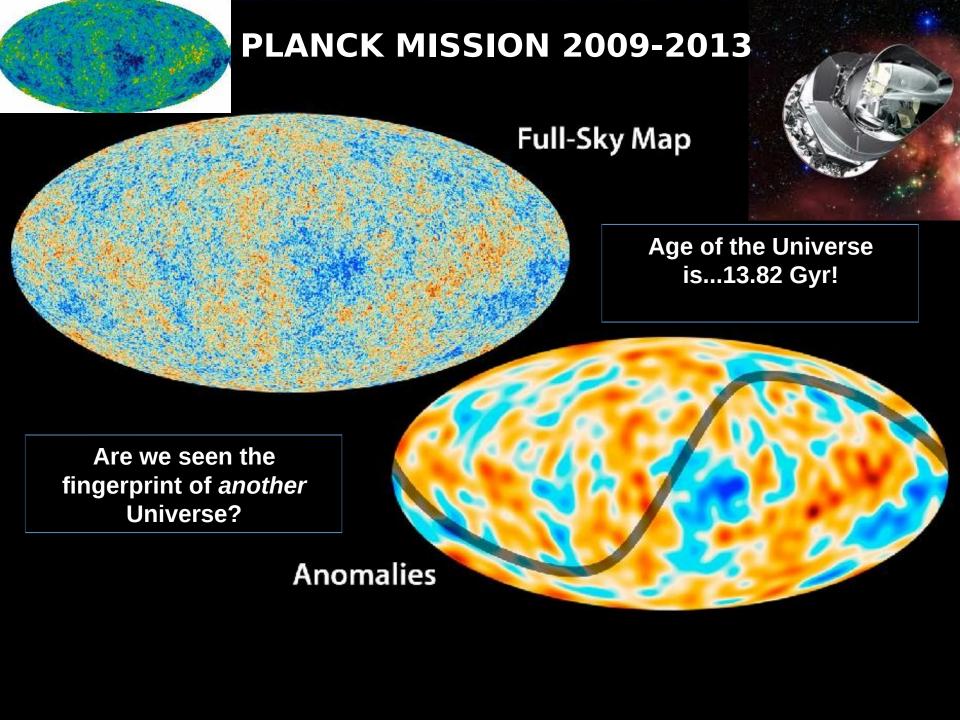


The Big Bang Theory - PROVEN!



1964 – Penzias and Wilson prove the existense of the Cosmic microwave background (CMB). This is the final proof that of the Big Bang Theory.

Nobel prize –1978



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

