

Cosmology: Basics

An introduction to astrophysical cosmology

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Introduction

Physical cosmology

The universe on large scale

Theory of Observations in RW space

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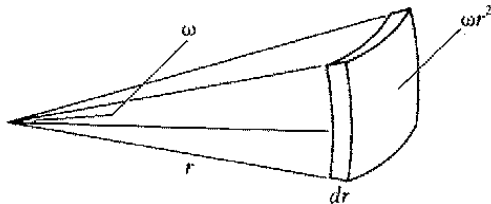
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In retrospect, now that we have reasonably convincing evidence that the universe really is expanding, it is easy to find reasons why a static universe is problematic.

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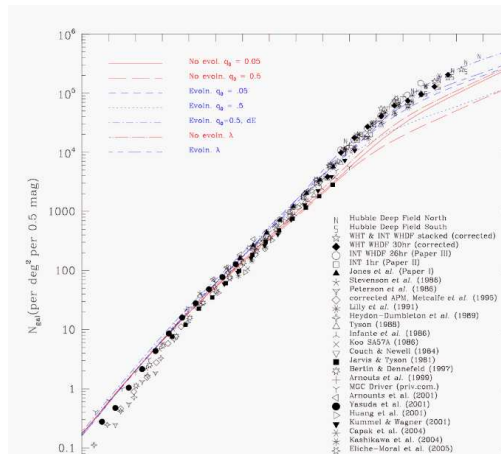
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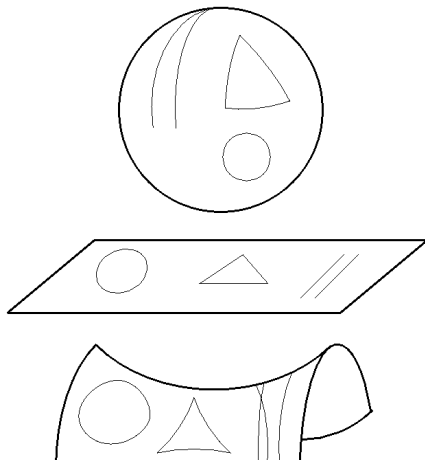
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When the distance is small in front of R_0 we just have:

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so:

$$\frac{c}{R(t_0)} \frac{1}{\nu_0} - \frac{c}{R(t_S)} \frac{1}{\nu_S} = 0$$

leading to the *redshift* z :

$$1 + z = \frac{\nu_S}{\nu_0} = \frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda_E} = \frac{R_0}{R_S}$$

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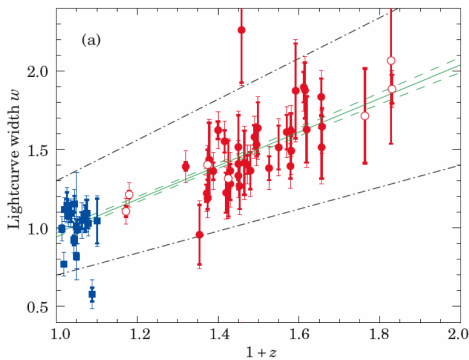
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If the “distance” changes with time:

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and if :

$$\frac{\Delta \lambda}{\lambda} = \frac{v}{c} \text{ (first order)}$$

this could be qualified as a purely Doppler shift.

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test of expansion (Tolman, 1931; Sandage and Perulmuter, 1991)

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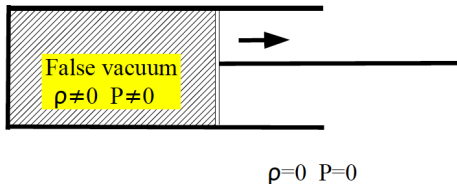
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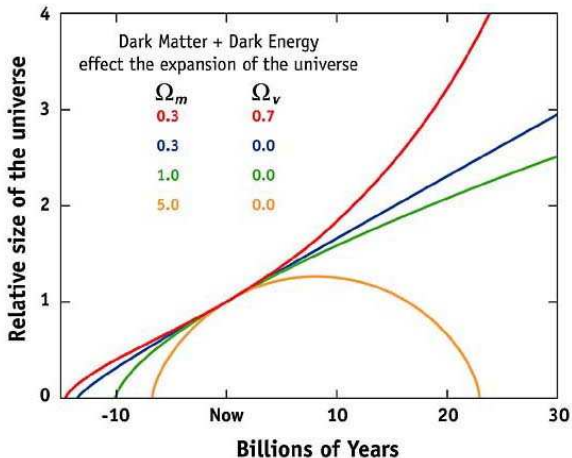
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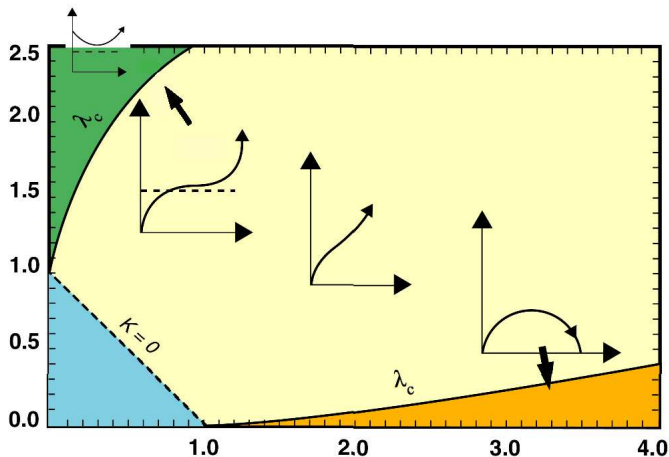
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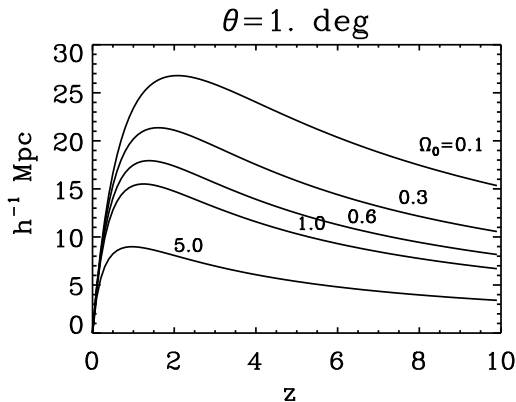
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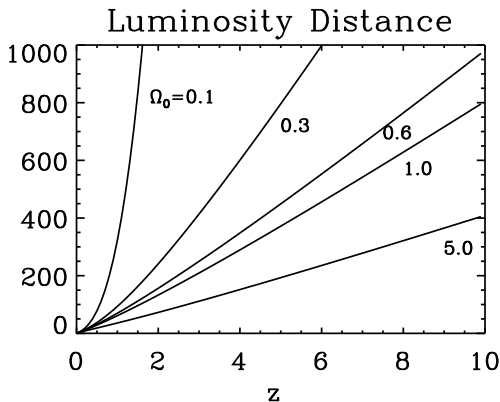


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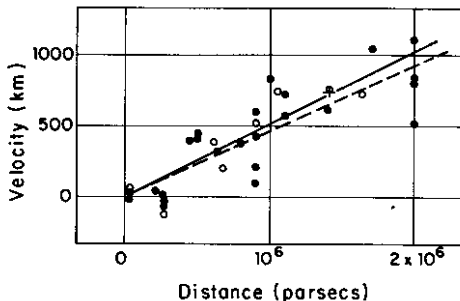
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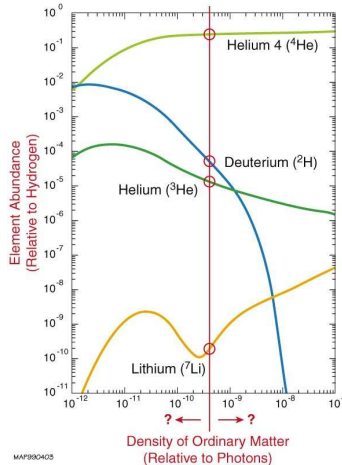
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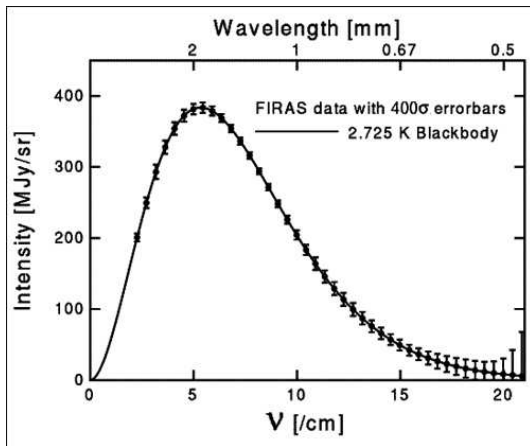
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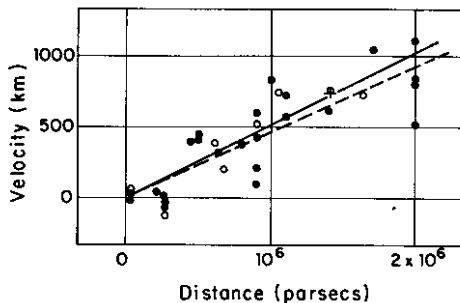
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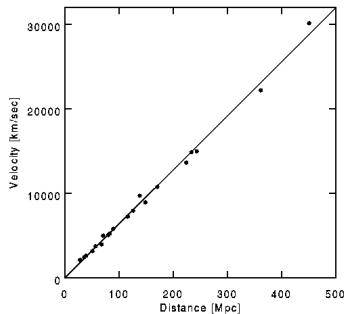
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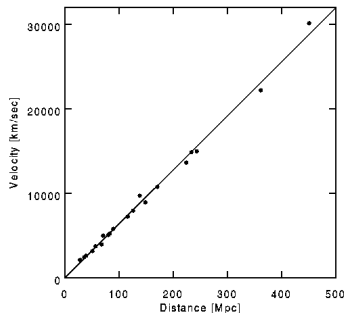
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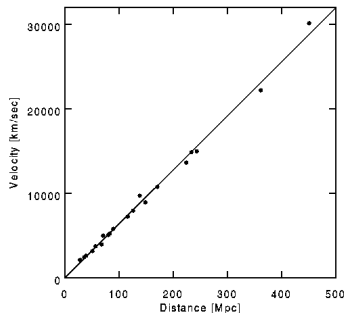


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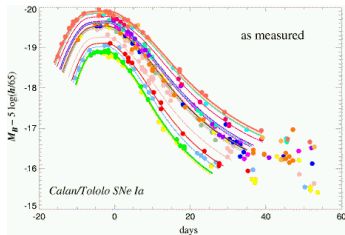
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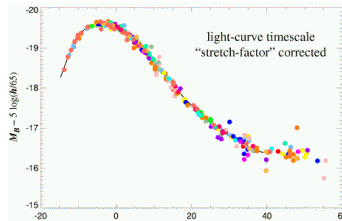
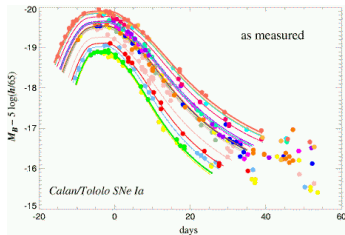
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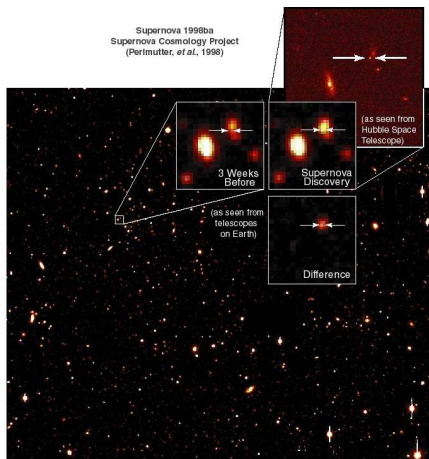


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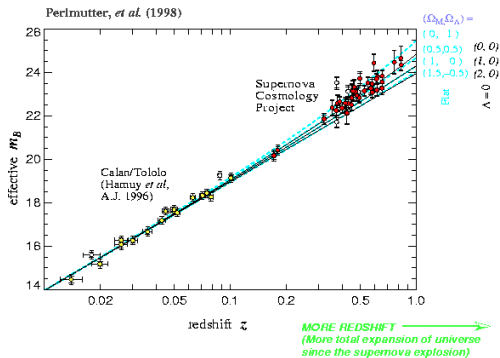
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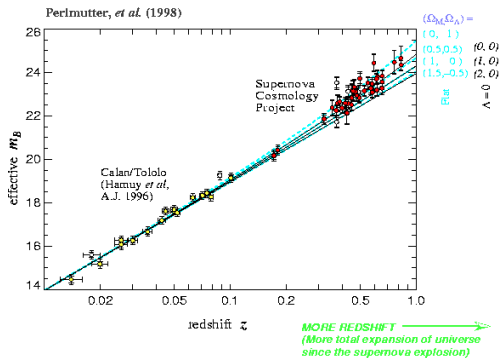
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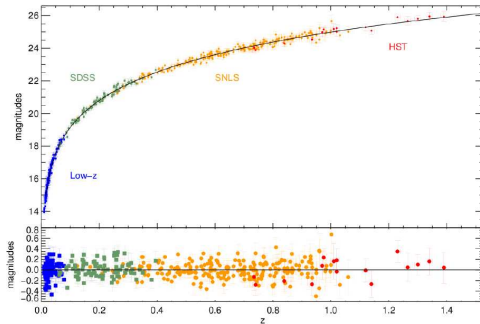


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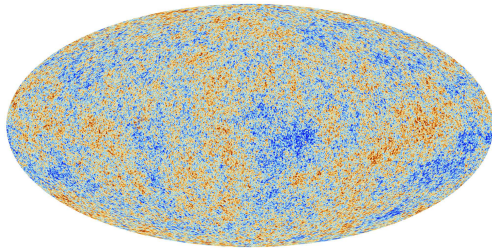
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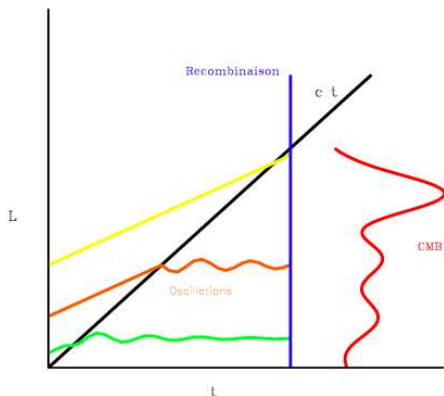
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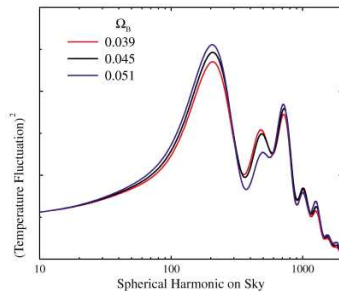
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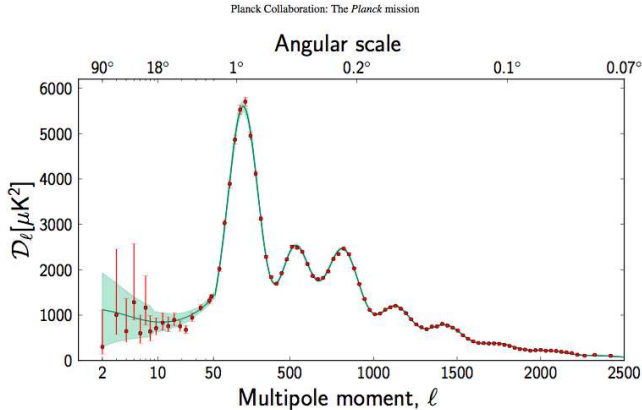
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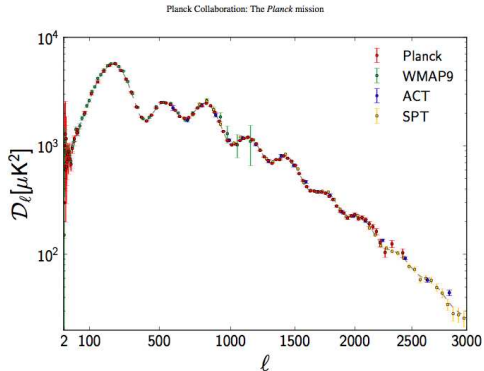
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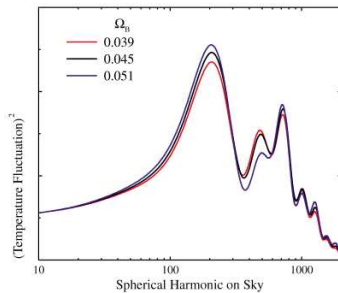
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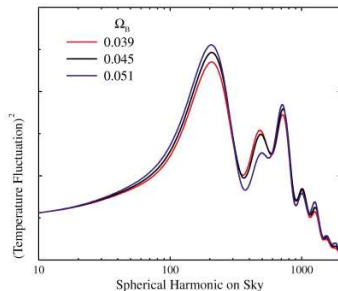


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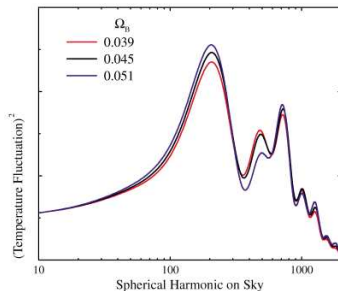
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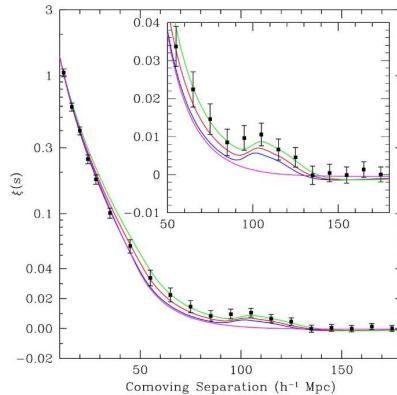
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Planck Collaboration: Cosmological parameters

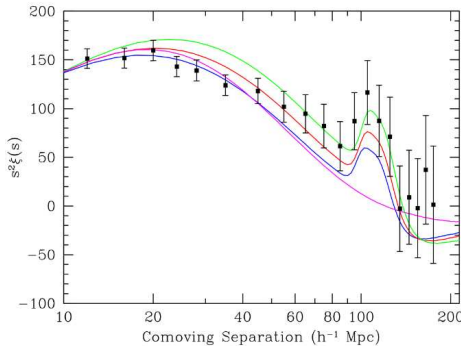
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Ω_Λ	0.6825	0.686 ± 0.020	0.6964	0.693 ± 0.019	0.6817	0.685 ^{+0.018} _{-0.016}
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H_0	67.11	67.4 ± 1.4	68.14	67.9 ± 1.5	67.04	67.3 ± 1.2
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Y_p	0.247710	0.24771 ± 0.00014	0.247785	0.24775 ± 0.00014	0.247695	0.24770 ± 0.00012
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z_*	1090.43	1090.37 ± 0.65	1090.01	1090.16 ± 0.65	1090.48	1090.43 ± 0.54
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100 θ	1.04139	1.04148 ± 0.00066	1.04164	1.04156 ± 0.00066	1.04136	1.04147 ± 0.00062
z_{drag}	1059.32	1059.29 ± 0.65	1059.59	1059.43 ± 0.64	1059.25	1059.25 ± 0.58
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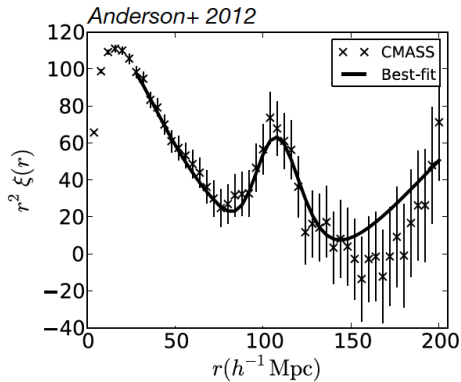
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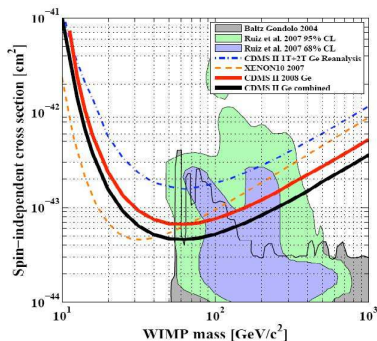
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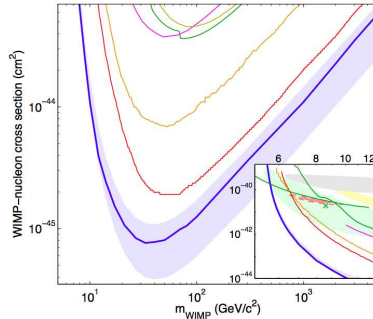
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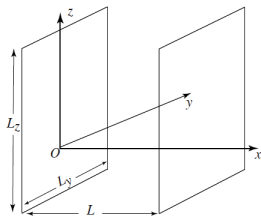
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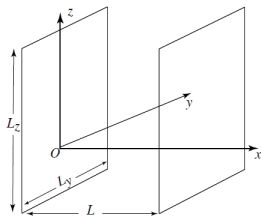
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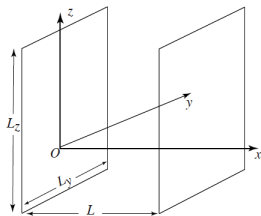
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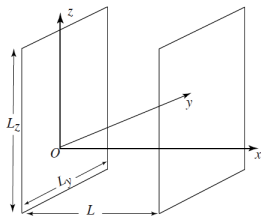
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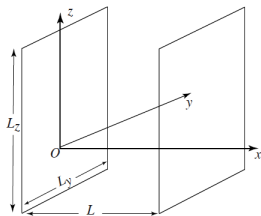
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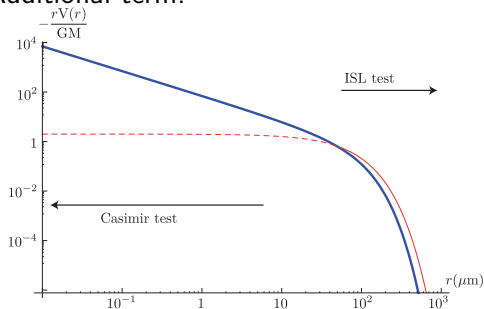
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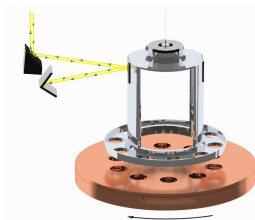
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The presence of additional compact “large” dimension ($\sim 35\mu\text{m}$) can be tested by experiment on gravitational inverse square law on short scale. Additional term:



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Present day limit (Adelberger et al. 2009) :

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