







## Today's Topics

- Just what might be dark matter?
- Cosmology: models of the universe
- Concept of look-back time
- Discovery of <u>cosmic microwave background</u> implies a big-bang beginning
- How <u>dark matter</u> can influence "open" vs "closed" universe



- About <u>5 times</u> as much dark matter as "normal" matter <u>overall in the universe</u>
- Is DM measurable in our solar system?

## **Big Puzzle: What is Dark Matter?**

- <u>Two possible flavors for Dark Matter</u>:
- Possibility 1. MACHOs
- Massive Compact Halo Objects
- · Very faint, actual things; baryonic matter
- Brown dwarfs, black holes, black dwarfs ... etc.
- May be floating through the galaxy halo unnoticed





# Possibility 2. WIMPs Weakly Interacting Massive Particles

- <u>Non-baryonic</u> → subatomic particle (possibly made in Big Bang?)
- <u>Neutrinos</u>? probably not.... they move too fast and cannot be collected into stable galaxy halos
- Slower (unknown) particles: "<u>Cold Dark Matter</u>" ...... BIG SEARCHES underway

















### Reading clicker: gravitational lens

- If you measure the redshifts of the yellowish and blue objects, you' II find:
- **A.** The yellow galaxies have similar redshifts, all higher than the blue galaxies
- **B.** The blue galaxies have the same redshift, which is higher than the yellow galaxies
- C. Yellow and blue galaxies have similar redshifts





farther from us and thus will have a higher redshift















#### COBE Mapping Steps

"Dipole asymmetry": solar system moving at 600 km/s (few parts in 1000)

Glow from dust in plane of Milky Way (few parts in 100,000)

Cleaned up: <u>glow from</u> <u>"cosmic photosphere"</u> when universe ~380,000 yrs old (few parts in 100,000)