Dark Energy Task Force

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• Three agencies: DOE; NASA; NSF

• Two subcommittees: AAAC (Illingworth); HEPAP (Gilman)

• Two charge letters: Kinney (NASA); Staffin (DOE); Turner (NSF)

• Twelve members: Overlap with AAAC, HEPAP, SDT

• One chair: Rocky Kolb (Fermilab/Chicago)

• First meeting: March 22-23, 2005 @ NSF

• Future meetings: July 1 @ FNAL; October @ UC Davis

• Expectations: Final report 31 December 2005

DETF Membership

- Andy Albrecht, Davis
- Gary Bernstein, Penn
- Bob Cahn, LBNL
- Wendy Freedman, OCIW
- Jackie Hewitt, MIT
- Wayne Hu, Chicago
- John Huth, Harvard
- Mark Kamionkowski, Caltech
- Rocky Kolb, Fermilab/Chicago
- Lloyd Knox, Davis
- John Mather, GSFC
- Suzanne Staggs, Princeton
- Nick Suntzeff, NOAO

- Agency Representatives
 - DOE: Kathy Turner
 - NASA: Michael Salamon
 - NSF: Dana Lehr
- Overlap with
 - SDT
 - HEPAP
 - AAAC

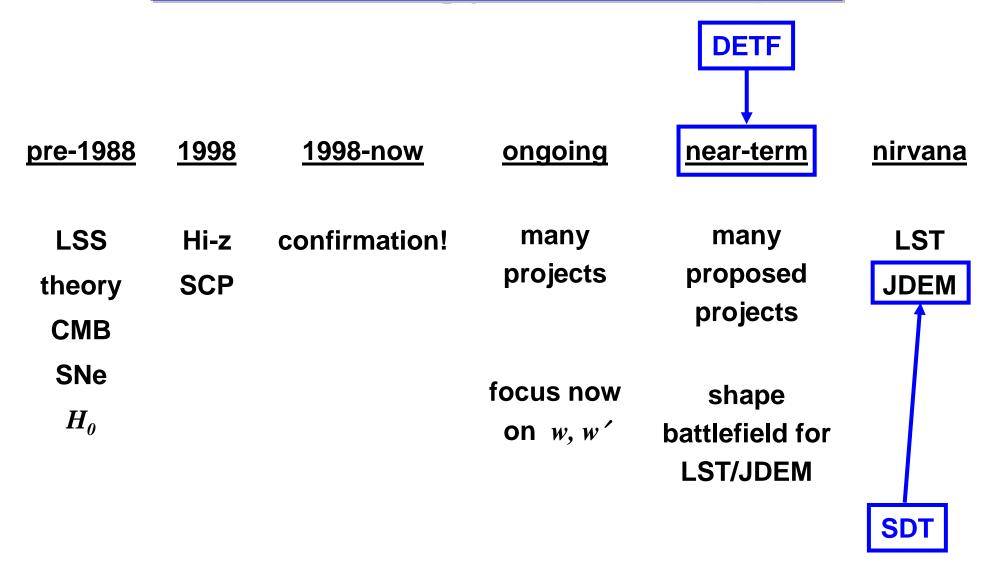
Dark Energy Task Force Charge*

"The DETF is asked to advise the agencies on the optimum near- and intermediateterm programs to investigate dark energy and, in cooperation with agency efforts, to advance the justification, specification and optimization of LST and JDEM."

- 1. Summarize existing program of funded projects
- 2. Summarize proposed and emergent approaches
- 3. Identify important steps, precursors, R&D, ...
- 4. Identify areas of dark energy parameter space existing or proposed projects fail to address
- 5. Prioritize approaches (not projects)

^{*} Fair range of interpretations of charge

Dark Energy Landscape*



^{*} Just my opinion.

First Step: Call for White Papers

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- Purpose: Education of Task Force in order to give informed recommendations
- What we are looking for:
 - How projects can be put together in a program
 - Common needs
 - Technology
 - Astronomy information