

The Timeless Wisdom of NED

I've learned more from Ned than any other colleague, but
Much of it was indirect, and very unexpected.
And it started...a LONG time ago!

I. Don't be afraid to leave the beaten path

Back from Mt. Hopkins with my week's worth of IR data printed on grocery store paper tape, with little idea how to reduce it.

Surprise #1



II. Don't Lose Sight of the Fundamentals

In Today's Complex World of the Future,

Astronomy is on an Irreversible Trend
towards Larger Teams, conducting
more Complicated Experiments

...But that could change

The situation will probably get worse...

*III. If you want something done right,
you sometimes have to
Do it Yourself*

But then you're
Taking on a
LOT of work



Standard
Equipment on
Ned's desk

V. Don't be overly impressed by
pundits,
even yourself!



IV. It's No Favor Not Telling People the Truth

Ned waits (patiently) in the 10-items or less
express line in Cambridge grocery store

A fateful decision...

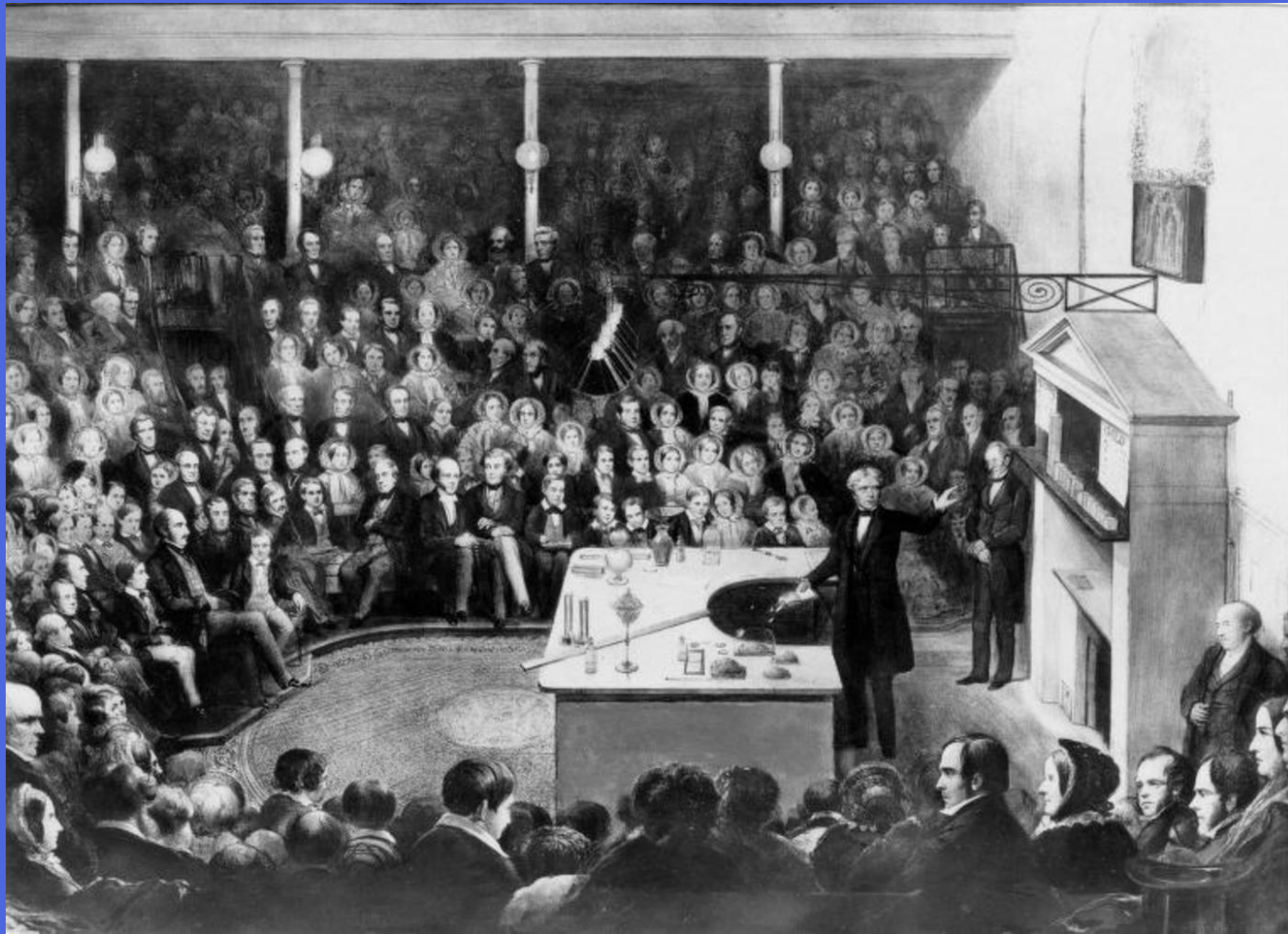
After passing a few small obstacles
(he was still a grad student!)

VI. Committees

“If you can’t talk a committee into doing what you want, what’s the point of having a committee? – E.L.W.

Surprise #2

Attending NED's Thesis 'Defense'



And while
We're speaking
Of Faraday, ...



400 meters
East of here!

...fascinated by Intellectual
Challenges, regardless of the
practical difficulties

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Filling in Lectures for NED

VII. Watch out for the 8 terrifying words:

“After a modest amount of algebra,
we find...”

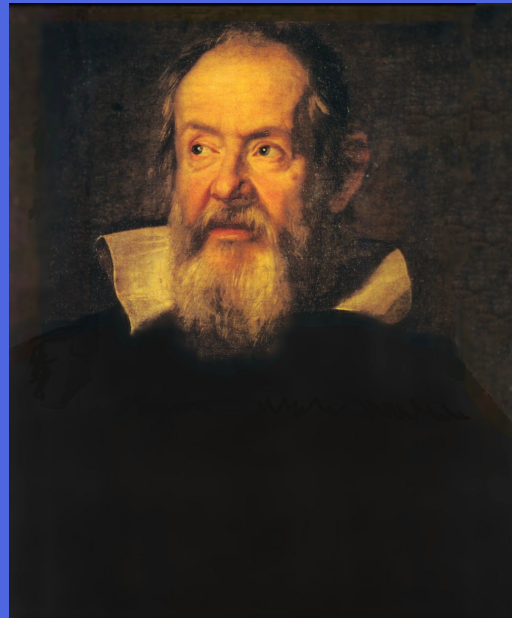
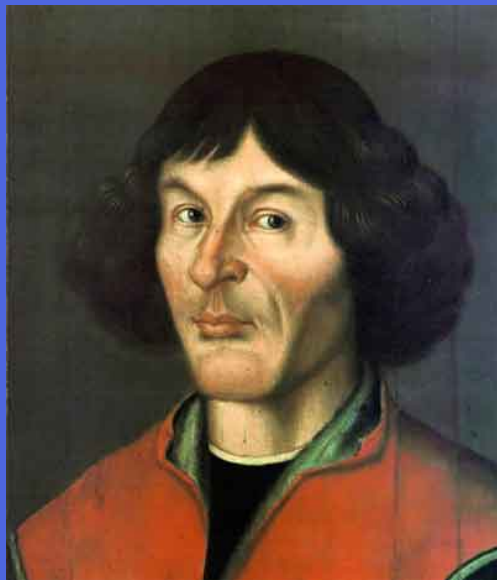


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VIII. You don't have to be...



Hallelujah! The Age of the
Universe is 4000 Years
 $H_0 = 200,000,000 \text{ km/s/Mpc}$



If You Can Change Just One Person's Life...

Ned has changed...

Everyone's!

For which Ned has already received many
Well-deserved honors.

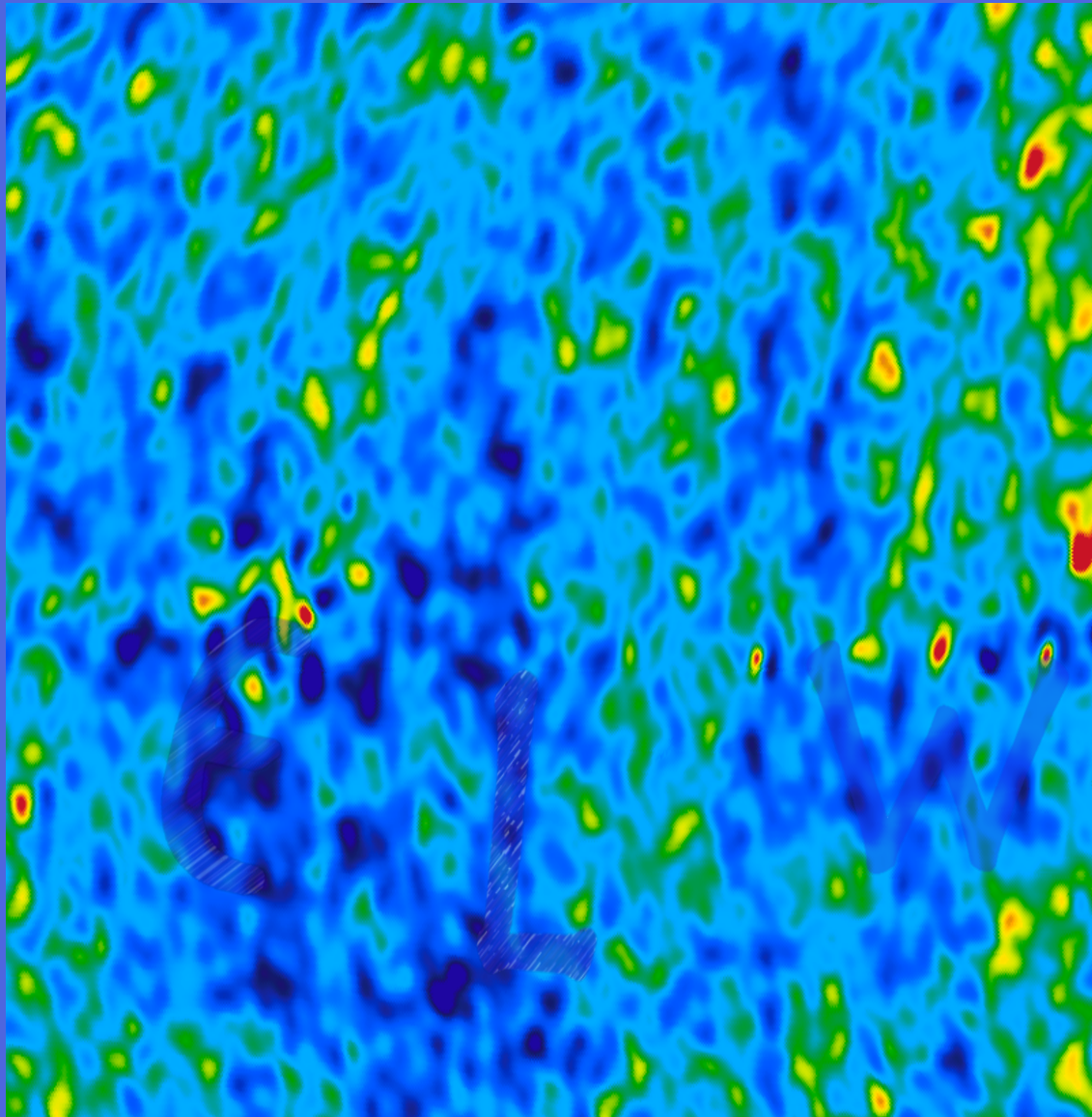
CSEOL Distinguished Scientist of the Year!

But it turns out that Ned's importance has
been recognized even more widely

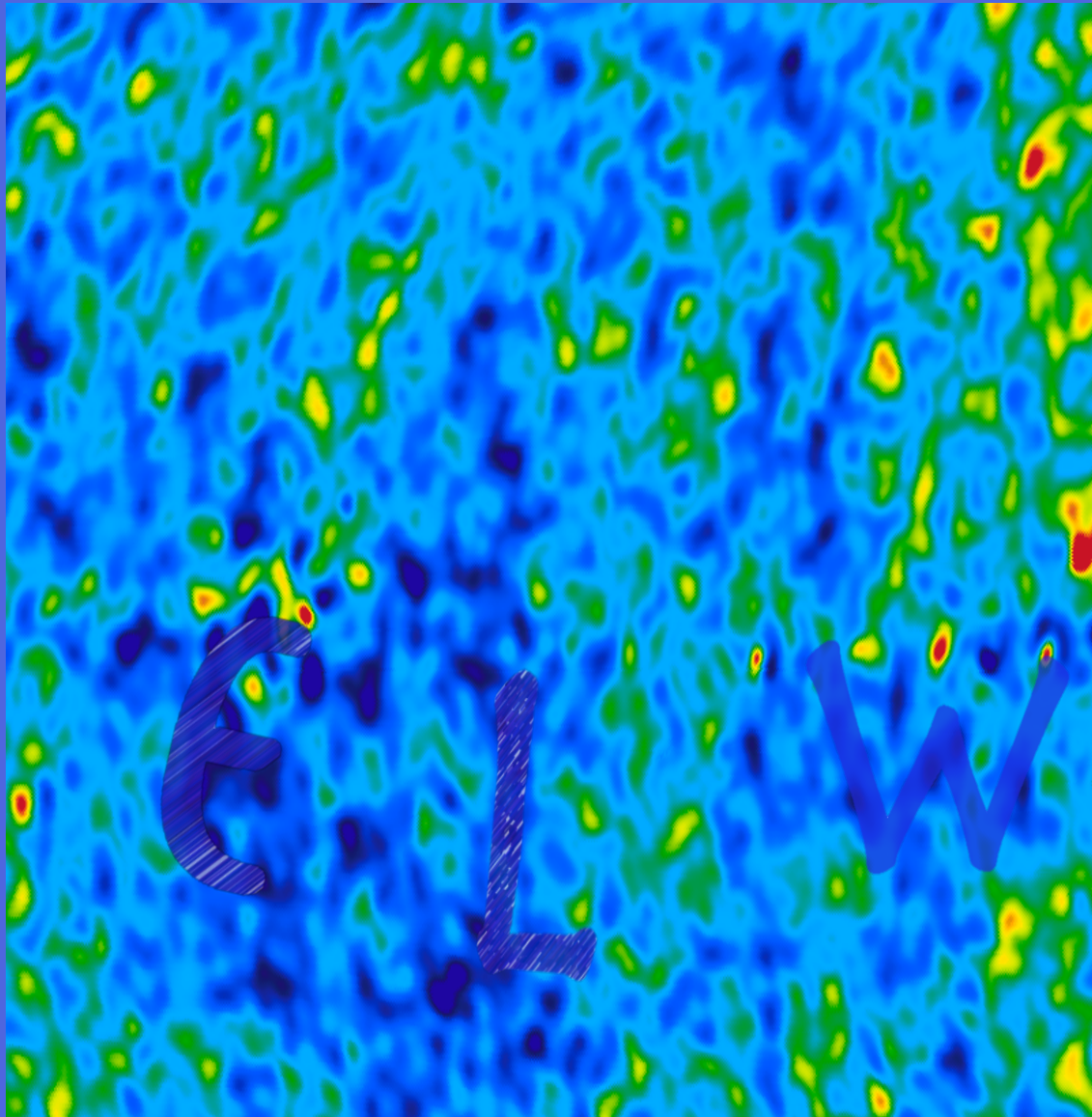
Recently Reprocessed WMAP

Are revealing surprising
new

Fine Structures



Earlier version of
The data,
Caused quite a stir



All Three initials

Beats Two,

Huh Stephen?

*As the famous pitcher for the LA
Dodgers said late in his career...*

To Ned on his birthday,

You are our MVP.

Every Year.

Keep on pitching!