

**Gravity:
Ruler of the Universe**

Four Fundamental Forces of Nature

- Strong Nuclear Force**

Responsible for holding particles together inside the nucleus.
 The nuclear strong force carrier particle is called the gluon.
 The nuclear strong interaction has a range of 10^{-15} m (diameter of a proton).

- Electromagnetic Force**

Responsible for electric and magnetic interactions, and determines structure of atoms and molecules.
 The electromagnetic force carrier particle is the photon (quantum of light)
 The electromagnetic interaction range is infinite.

- Weak Force**

Responsible for (beta) radioactivity.
 The weak force carrier particles are called weak gauge bosons (Z, W^+, W^-).
 The nuclear weak interaction has a range of 10^{-17} m (1% of proton diameter).

- Gravity**

Responsible for the attraction between masses. Although the gravitational force carrier
 The hypothetical (carrier) particle is the graviton.
 The gravitational interaction range is infinite.
 By far the weakest force of nature.

Four Fundamental Forces of Nature

The diagram illustrates the scale of matter: atom (~10⁻⁸ cm), nucleus (~10⁻¹² cm), proton/neutron (~10⁻¹³ cm), and quark (<10⁻¹⁶ cm). It also shows an electron (<10⁻¹⁶ cm).

Leptons	Strong	Electromagnetic
<p>Electric Charge</p> <p>Tau Neutrino: -1, 0</p> <p>Muon Neutrino: -1, 0</p> <p>Electron Neutrino: -1, 0</p>	<p>Gluons (8)</p> <p>Quarks</p> <p>Mesons</p> <p>Baryons</p> <p>Nuclei</p>	<p>Photon</p> <p>Atoms</p> <p>Light</p> <p>Chemistry</p> <p>Electronics</p>
Quarks	Gravitational	Weak
<p>Electric Charge</p> <p>Bottom: -1/3, 2/3</p> <p>Top: 2/3, 1/3</p> <p>Strange: -1/3, 2/3</p> <p>Charm: 2/3, 1/3</p> <p>Down: -1/3, 2/3</p> <p>Up: 2/3, 1/3</p> <p>each quark: R, B, G 3 colours</p>	<p>Graviton ?</p> <p>Solar system</p> <p>Galaxies</p> <p>Black holes</p>	<p>Bosons (W,Z)</p> <p>Neutron decay</p> <p>Beta radioactivity</p> <p>Neutrino interactions</p> <p>Burning of the sun</p>

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However, note that

$$g = G \frac{m}{r^2}$$

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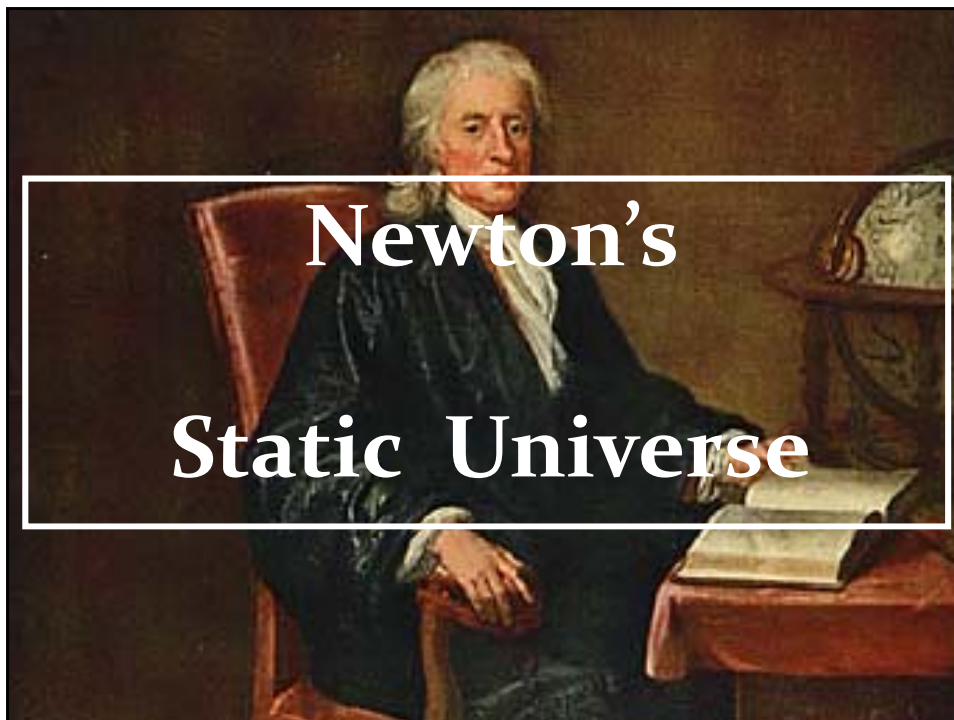
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However:

- its range is infinite, not shielded
- it is cumulative as all mass adds,
while electromagnetic charges can be + or -, cancelling each others effect.

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The weakest force, by far, rules the Universe ...
Gravity has dominated its evolution, and determines its fate ...



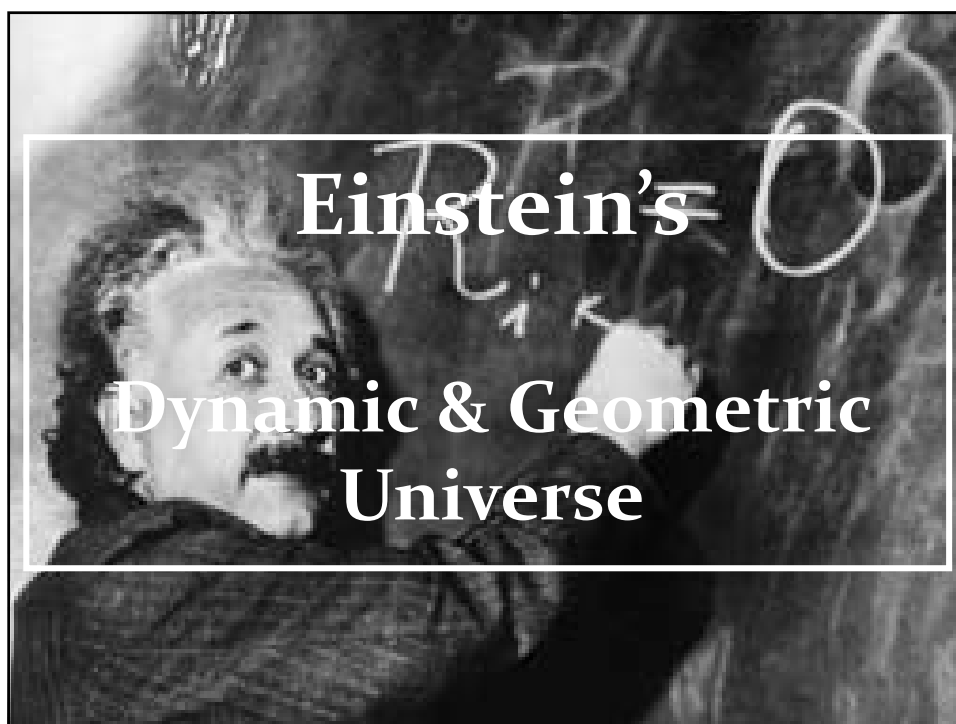
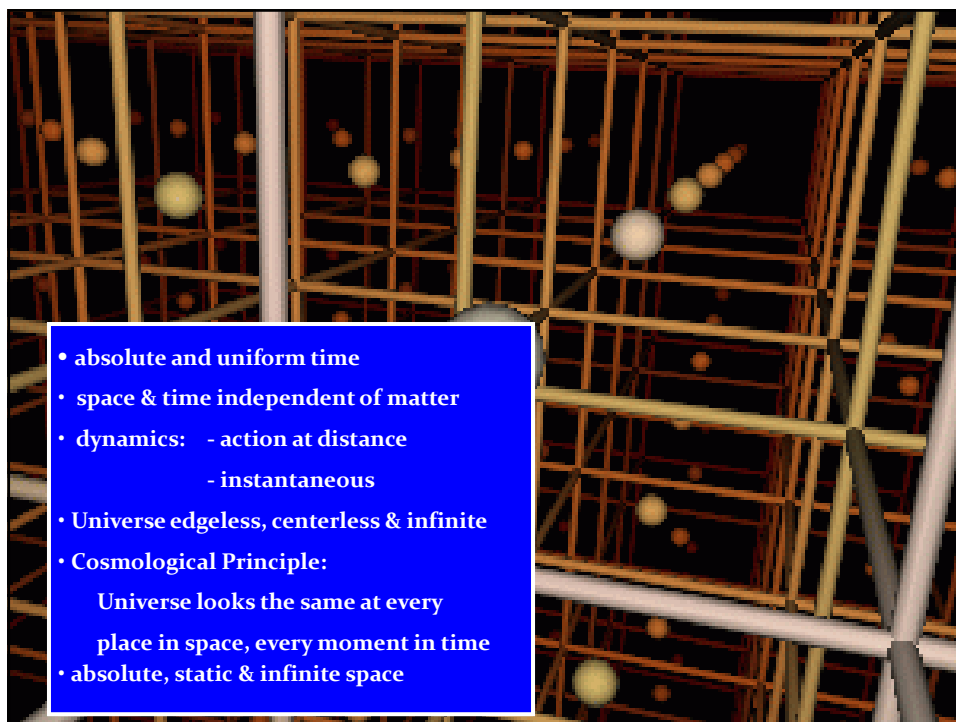
The Unchanging Universe

- In two thousand years of astronomy, no one ever guessed that the universe might be expanding.
- To ancient Greek astronomers and philosophers, the universe was seen as the embodiment of perfection, the heavens were truly heavenly:
 - unchanging, permanent, and geometrically perfect.
- In the early 1600s, Isaac Newton developed his law of gravity, showing that motion in the heavens obeyed the same laws as motion on Earth.

Newton's Universe

- However, Newton ran into trouble when he tried to apply his theory of gravity to the entire universe.
- Since gravity is always attractive, his law predicted that all the matter in the universe should eventually clump into one big ball.
- Newton knew this was not the case, and assumed that the universe had to be static
- So he conjectured that:

the Creator placed the stars such that they were
``at immense distances from one another.”



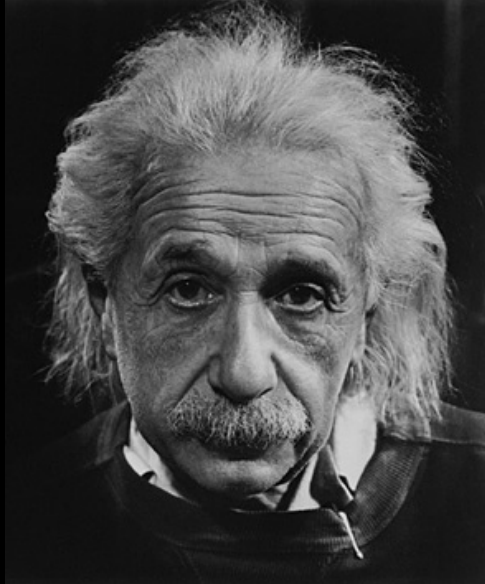
Albert Einstein

Albert Einstein
(1879-1955; Ulm-Princeton)

father of
General Relativity (1915),
opening the way towards
Physical Cosmology

The supreme task of the physicist is to arrive at those universal elementary laws from which the cosmos can be built up by pure deduction.

(Albert Einstein, 1954)



Relativity: Space & Time

- **Special Relativity**, published by Einstein in 1905
- states that there is no such thing as **absolute Space** or **Time**
- **Space** and **Time** are not wholly independent, but aspects of a single entity, **Spacetime**

Einstein's principle of relativity

- Principle of relativity:
 - All the laws of physics are identical in all inertial reference frames.
- Constancy of speed of light:
 - Speed of light is same in all inertial frames (e.g. independent of velocity of observer, velocity of source emitting light)

Einstein's Universe

In 1915,
Albert Einstein completed his General Theory of Relativity.

- General Relativity is a “metric theory”:
gravity is a manifestation of the geometry, curvature, of space-time.
- Revolutionized our thinking about the nature of space & time:
 - no longer Newton's static and rigid background,
 - a dynamic medium, intimately coupled to the universe's content of matter and energy.
- All phrased into perhaps
the most beautiful and impressive scientific equation
known to humankind, a triumph of human genius,

Einstein Field Equations

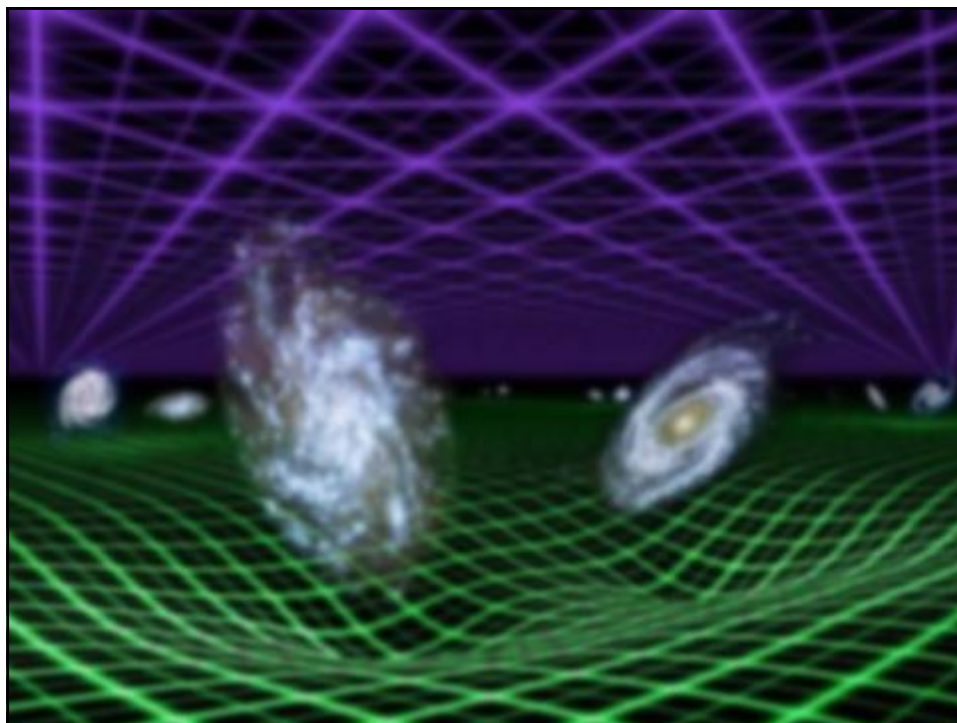
*... Spacetime becomes a dynamic continuum,
integral part of the structure of the cosmos ...
curved spacetime becomes force of gravity*

$$R^{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{2} R g^{\alpha\beta} = -\frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{\alpha\beta}$$

*... its geometry rules the world,
the world rules its geometry...*

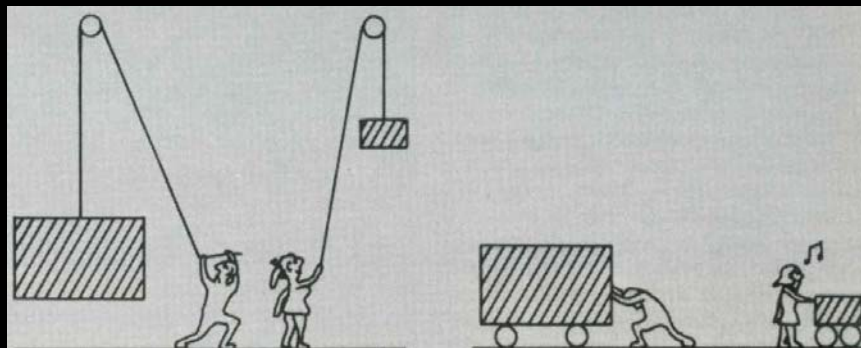
Einstein's Universe

- spacetime is dynamic
- local curvature & time determined by mass
- bodies follow shortest path through curved spacetime (geodesics)
- dynamics: - action through curvature space
- travels with velocity of light



**Einstein's
Metric theory of Gravity:
how Gravity = Curved Space**

Inertial vs Gravitational Mass



- a larger mass experiences a stronger gravitational force than a light mass
- a larger mass is more difficult to get moving than a light mass
- As a result, a heavy mass falls equally fast as the light mass:

gravitational mass

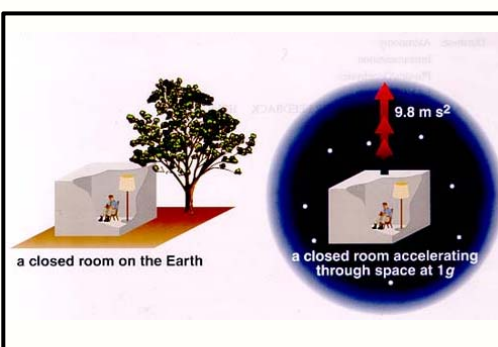
inertial mass

Gravitational Mass = Inertial Mass

Equivalence Principle

Einstein's "happiest thought" came from the realization of the equivalence principle

Einstein reasoned that:



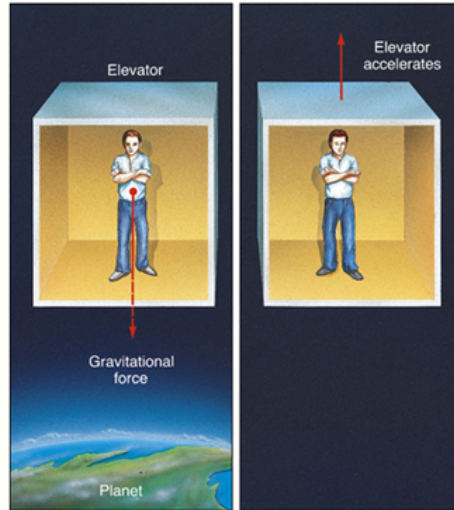
There is no experiment that can distinguish between uniform acceleration and a uniform gravitational field.

Equivalence Principle

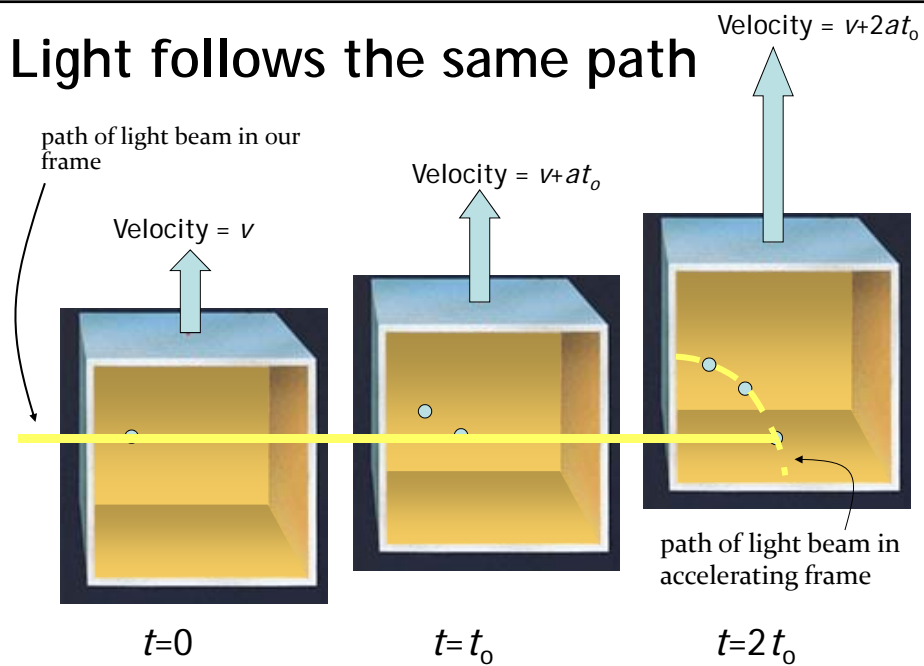
being in
an accelerating frame

indistinguishable

from being in
a gravitational field



Light follows the same path



Gravity & Curved Spacetime

- Equivalence of acceleration of a frame & location in gravitational field



in gravity field, light follows a curved path

- Curved paths:

straight lines in curved spacetime:
(cf. flightpaths airplanes over surface Earth)

Geodesics

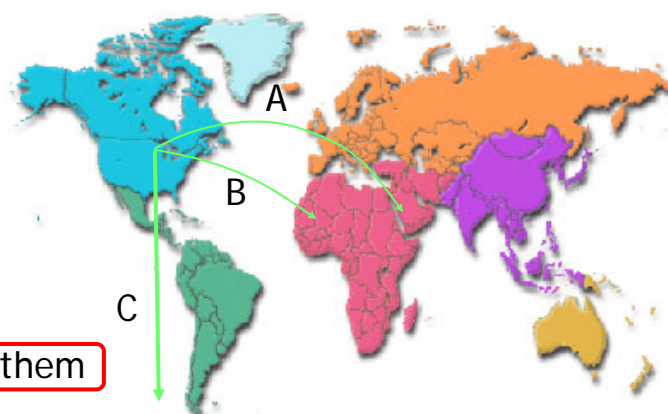
- Fundamental tenet of *General Relativity*:

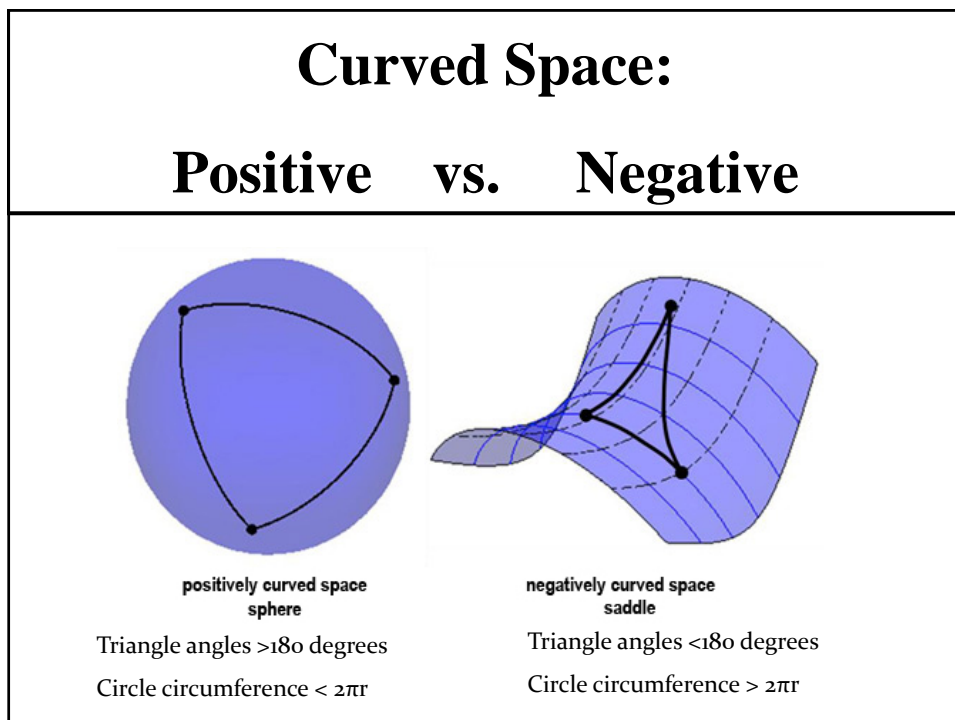
!!!!!!! Gravity is the effect of curved spacetime !!!!!!!

which of these is a straight line?

- A. A
- B. B
- C. C

D. All of them





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Cosmological Principle

General Relativity

A crucial aspect of any particular configuration is the geometry of spacetime: because Einstein's General Relativity is a metric theory, knowledge of the geometry is essential.

Einstein Field Equations are notoriously complex, essentially 10 equations. Solving them for general situations is almost impossible.

However, there are some special circumstances that do allow a full solution. The simplest one is also the one that describes our Universe. It is encapsulated in the

Cosmological Principle

On the basis of this principle, we can constrain the geometry of the Universe and hence find its dynamical evolution.

Cosmological Principle: the Universe Simple & Smooth

"God is an infinite sphere whose centre is everywhere and its circumference nowhere"
Empedocles, 5th cent. BC

Cosmological Principle:

Describes the symmetries in global appearance of the Universe:

- **Homogeneous** → The Universe is the same everywhere:
- physical quantities (density, T, p,...)
- **Isotropic** → The Universe looks the same in every direction
- **Universality** → Physical Laws same everywhere
- **Uniformly Expanding** → The Universe "grows" with same rate in
- every direction
- at every location

"all places in the Universe are alike"
Einstein, 1931

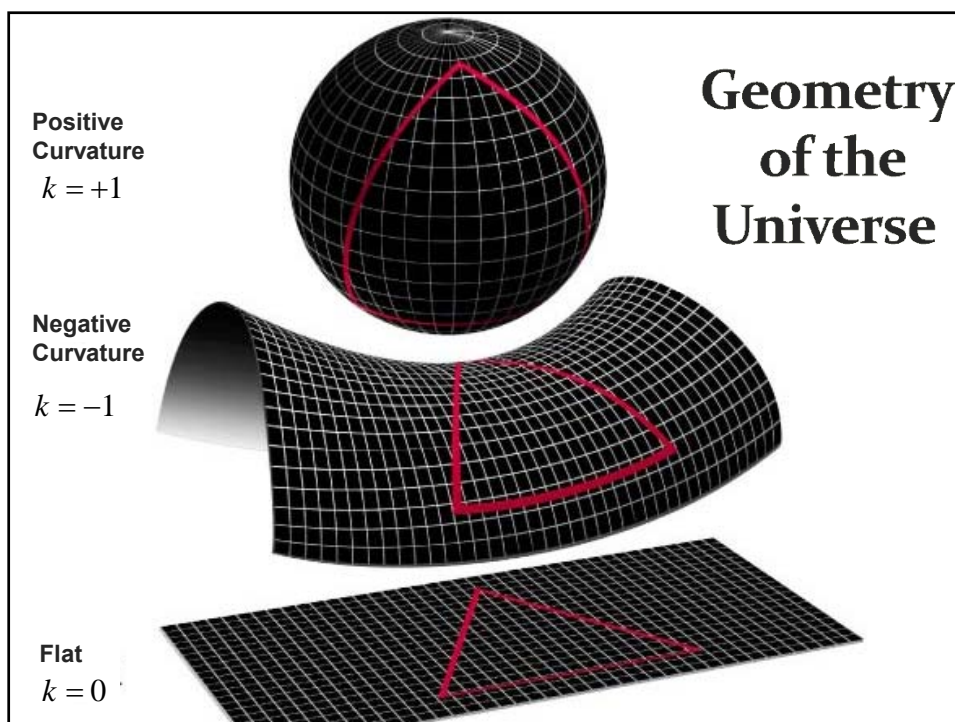
Geometry of the Universe

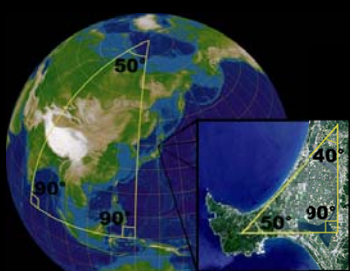
Fundamental Tenet of (Non-Euclidian = Riemannian) Geometry

There exist no more than **THREE** uniform spaces:

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|----|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1) | Euclidian (flat) Geometry | Euclides |
| 2) | Hyperbolic Geometry | Gauß, Lobachevski, Bolyai |
| 3) | Spherical Geometry | Riemann |

uniform=
homogeneous & isotropic
(cosmological principle)





Uniform Spaces: Geometric Characteristics

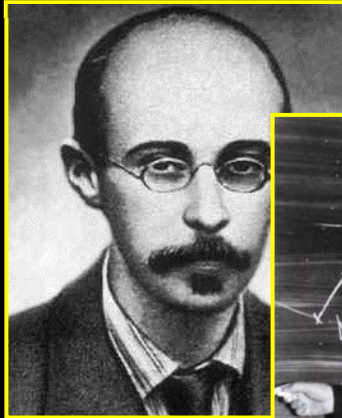
	Parallel Lines	Triangular Angles $\alpha + \beta + \gamma$	Circumference Circle $x \equiv \frac{S}{2r}$	Curvature k	Extent	Boundary
Flat Space	parallels: 1 never intersects	π	π	0	open: infinite	unbounded
Spherical Space	parallels: ∞ along great circles, all intersect	$> \pi$	$< \pi$	$1/R^2$ > 0	closed: finite	unbounded
Hyperbolic Space	parallels: ∞ diverge & never intersect	$< \pi$	$> \pi$	$-1/R^2$ < 0	open: infinite	unbounded

Friedmann, Lemaitre

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Cosmic Expansion History

Friedmann & Lemaitre



Alexander Friedmann (1888 -1925)
George Lemaitre (1894-1966)



They discovered (independently) theoretically the expansion of the Universe as a solution to the Theory of General Relativity.

... and derived the equations that describe the expansion and evolution of the universe,

the foundation for all of modern Cosmology:

Friedmann-Lemaitre Equation

Evolving Universe

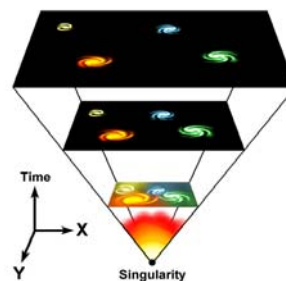
- Einstein, de Sitter, Friedmann and Lemaitre all realized that in General Relativity, there cannot be a stable and static Universe:
- The Universe either expands, or it contracts ...

- Expansion Universe encapsulated in a **GLOBAL expansion factor $a(t)$**
- All distances/dimensions of objects uniformly increase by $a(t)$:

at time t , the distance between two objects i and j has increased to

$$\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j = a(t) (\vec{r}_{i,0} - \vec{r}_{j,0})$$

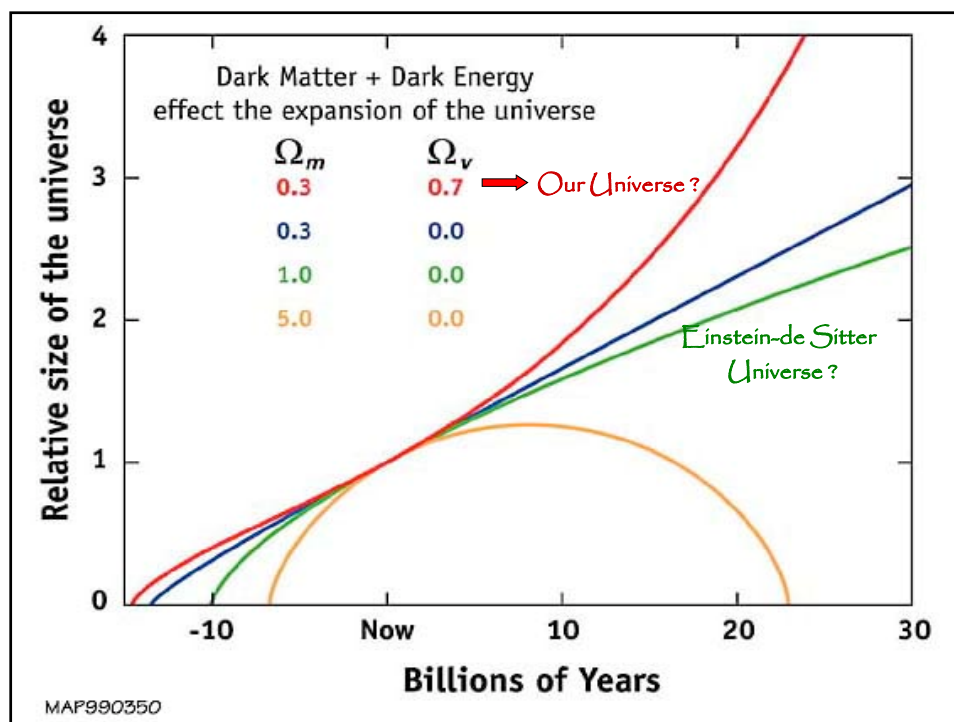
- Note: by definition we chose $a(t_0)=1$, i.e. the present-day expansion factor



Evolution & Fate Friedmann-Robertson-Walker-Lemaitre Universe

Completely determined by 3 factors:

- energy and matter content
(density and pressure)
- geometry of the Universe
(curvature)
- Cosmological Constant



Friedmann-Robertson-Walker-Lemaitre Universe

$$\ddot{a} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3} \left(\rho + \frac{3p}{c^2} \right) a + \frac{\Lambda}{3} a$$

$$\dot{a}^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \rho a^2 - \frac{kc^2}{R_0^2} + \frac{\Lambda}{3} a^2$$

Friedmann-Robertson-Walker-Lemaitre Universe

Because of General Relativity, the evolution of the Universe is determined by four factors:

- density $\rho(t)$
- pressure $p(t)$
- curvature kc^2 / R_0^2 $k = 0, +1, -1$
 R_0 : present curvature radius
- cosmological constant Λ

- Density & Pressure:
 - in relativity, energy & momentum need to be seen as one physical quantity (four-vector)
 - pressure = momentum flux
- Curvature:
 - gravity is a manifestation of geometry spacetime
- Cosmological Constant:
 - free parameter in General Relativity
 - Einstein's "biggest blunder"
 - mysteriously, since 1998 we know it dominates the Universe

FRW Dynamics

In a FRW Universe,
densities are in the order of the critical density,
the density at which the Universe has a flat curvature

$$\rho_{crit} = \frac{3H_0^2}{8\pi G} = 1.8791h^2 \times 10^{-29} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$$

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FRW Dynamics

In a matter-dominated Universe,
the evolution and fate of the Universe entirely determined
by the (energy) density in units of critical density:

$$\Omega \equiv \frac{\rho}{\rho_{crit}}$$

Arguably, Ω is the most important parameter of cosmology !!!

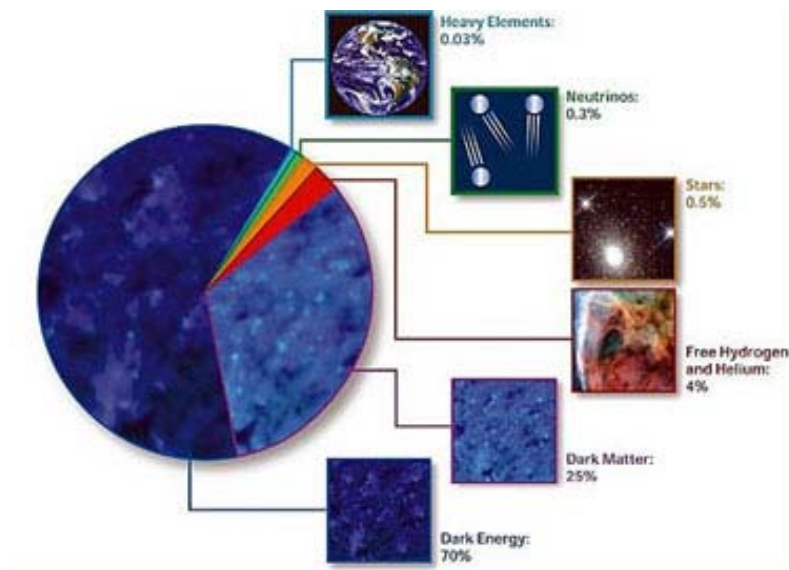
Present-day
Cosmic Density:

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what the Universe exists of:

Cosmic Constituents

Cosmic Components



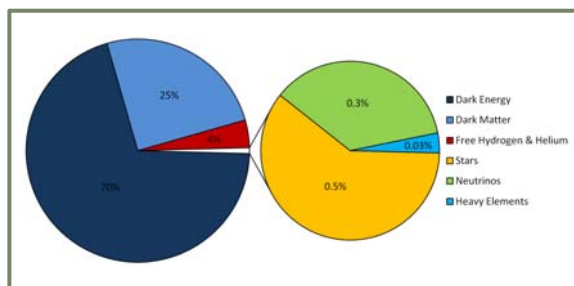
Cosmic Energy Inventarisisation

1	dark sector			0.954 ± 0.003
1.1	dark energy		0.72 ± 0.03	
1.2	dark matter		0.23 ± 0.03	
1.3	primeval gravitational waves		$\lesssim 10^{-10}$	
2	primeval thermal remnants			0.0010 ± 0.0005
2.1	electromagnetic radiation		$10^{-4.3 \pm 0.0}$	
2.2	neutrinos		$10^{-2.9 \pm 0.1}$	
2.3	prestellar nuclear binding energy		$-10^{-4.1 \pm 0.0}$	
3	baryon rest mass			0.045 ± 0.003
3.1	warm intergalactic plasma		0.040 ± 0.003	
3.1a	virialized regions of galaxies	0.024 ± 0.005		
3.1b	intergalactic	0.016 ± 0.005		
3.2	intracluster plasma		0.0018 ± 0.0007	
3.3	main sequence stars	spheroids and bulges	0.0015 ± 0.0004	
3.4		disks and irregulars	0.00055 ± 0.00014	
3.5	white dwarfs		0.00050 ± 0.00008	
3.6	neutron stars		0.00005 ± 0.00002	
3.7	black holes		0.00007 ± 0.00002	
3.8	substellar objects		0.00014 ± 0.00007	
3.9	HI + HeI		0.00062 ± 0.00010	
3.10	molecular gas		0.00016 ± 0.00006	
3.11	planets		10^{-6}	
3.12	condensed matter		$10^{-5.6 \pm 0.3}$	
3.13	sequestered in massive black holes		$10^{-5.4} (1 + \epsilon_n)$	
4	primeval gravitational binding energy			$-10^{-6.1 \pm 0.1}$
4.1	virialized halos of galaxies		$-10^{-7.2}$	
4.2	clusters		$-10^{-6.9}$	
4.3	large-scale structure		$-10^{-6.2}$	

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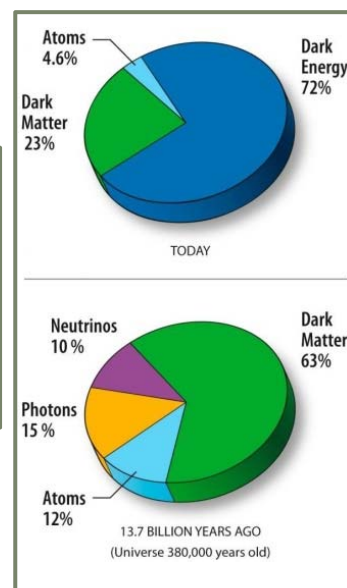
Fukugita & Peebles 2004

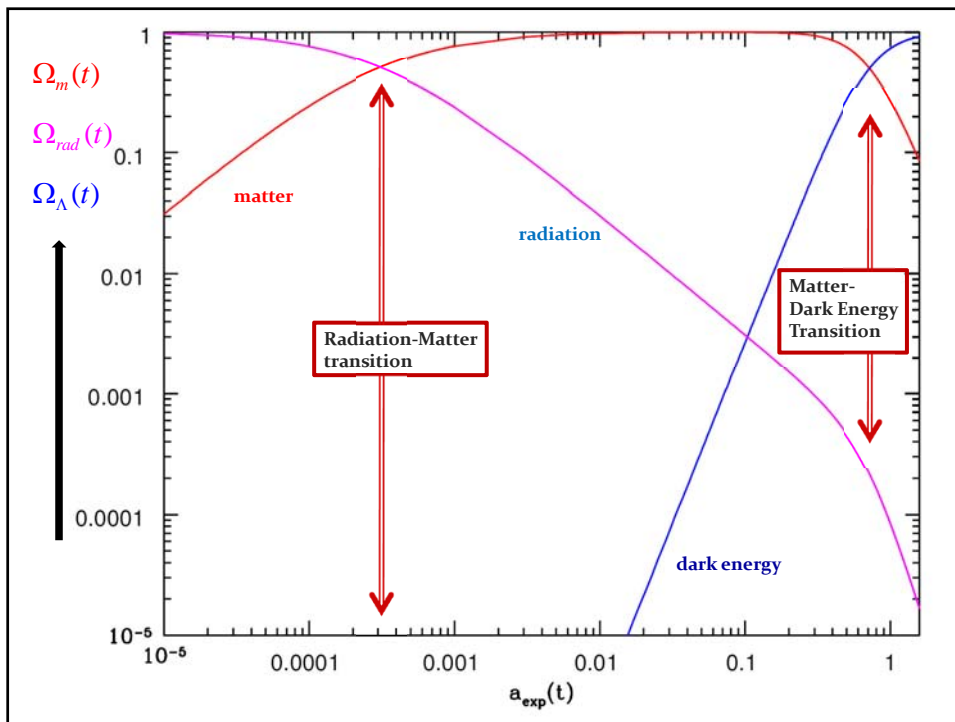
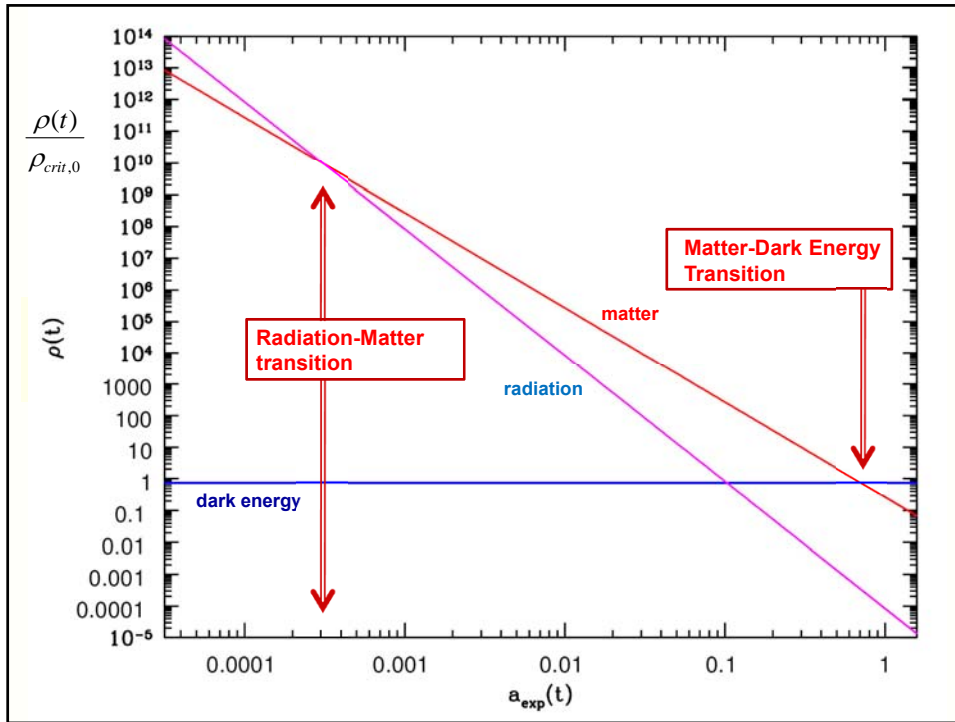
Cosmic Constitution



Cosmic Pie Diagram

Changes in Time:





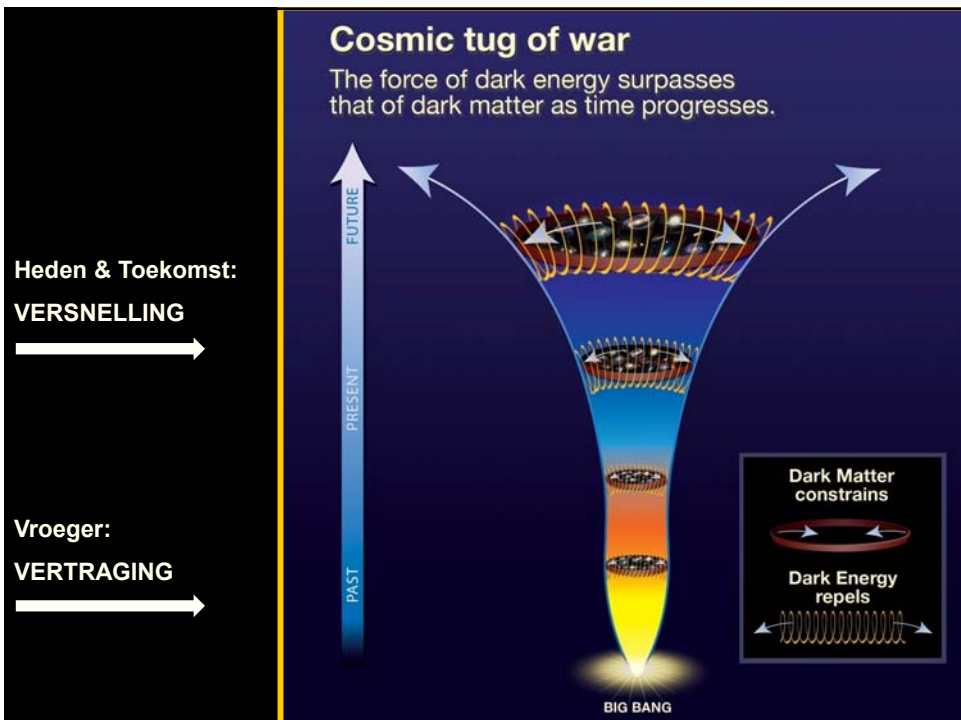
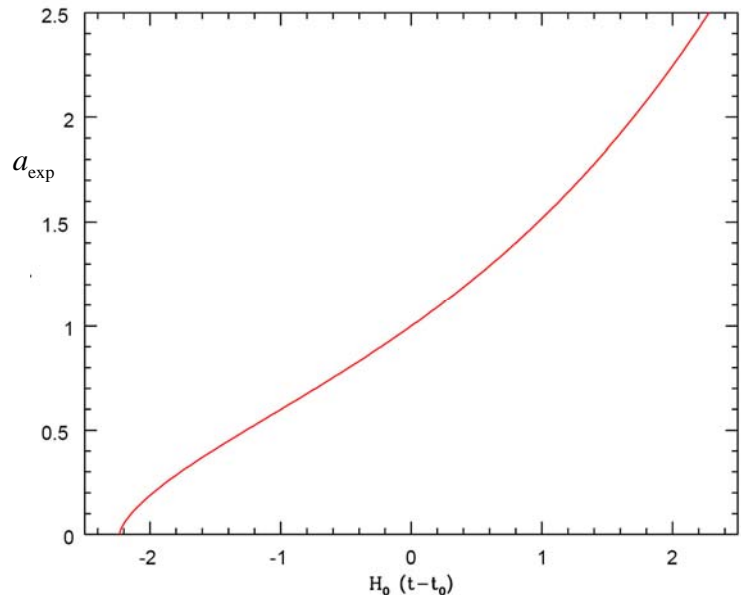
Our Universe:

the Concordance Cosmos

Concordance Universe Parameters

Hubble Parameter		$H_0 = 71.9 \pm 2.6 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$	
Age of the Universe		$t_0 = 13.8 \pm 0.1 \text{ Gyr}$	
Temperature CMB		$T_0 = 2.725 \pm 0.001 \text{ K}$	
Matter	Baryonic Matter Dark Matter	$\Omega_m = 0.27$	$\Omega_b = 0.0456 \pm 0.0015$ $\Omega_{dm} = 0.228 \pm 0.013$
Radiation	Photons (CMB) Neutrinos (Cosmic)	$\Omega_{rad} = 8.4 \times 10^{-5}$	$\Omega_\gamma = 5 \times 10^{-5}$ $\Omega_\nu = 3.4 \times 10^{-5}$
Dark Energy		$\Omega_\Lambda = 0.726 \pm 0.015$	
Total		$\Omega_{tot} = 1.0050 \pm 0.0061$	

Concordance Expansion



Age of the Universe

Hubble Time

- The repercussions of Hubble's discovery are truly tremendous: the inescapable conclusion is that the universe has a finite age !
- Just by simple extrapolation back in time we find that at some instant the objects will have touched upon each other, i.e. $r(t_H)=0$. If we assume for simplicity that the expansion rate did remain constant (which it did not !), we find a direct measure for the age of the universe, the

Hubble Time:

$$t_H = \frac{1}{H}$$



$$H_0 = 100h \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

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$$t_0 = 9.78h^{-1} \text{ Gyr}$$

The Hubble parameter is usually stated in units of km/s/Mpc.

It's customary to express it in units of 100 km/s/Mpc, expressing the real value in terms of the dimensionless value $h=H_0/[100 \text{ km/s/Mpc}]$.

The best current estimate is $H_0=72 \text{ km/s/Mpc}$. This sets $t_0 \sim 10 \text{ Gyr}$.

Hubble Parameter

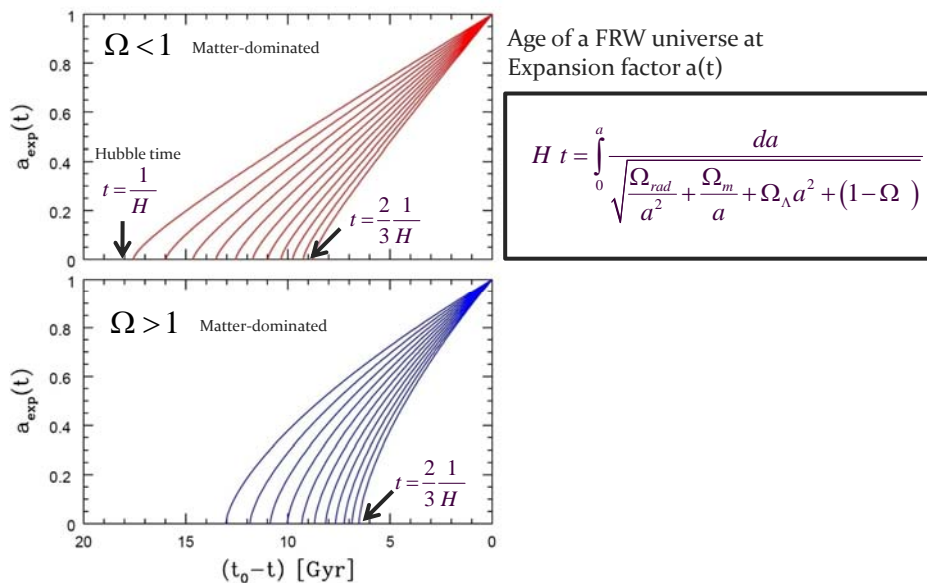
- For a long time, the correct value of the Hubble constant H_0 was a major unsettled issue:

$$H_0 = 50 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1} \longleftrightarrow H_0 = 100 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

- This meant distances and timescales in the Universe had to deal with uncertainties of a factor 2 !!!
- Following major programs, such as Hubble Key Project, the Supernova key projects and the WMAP CMB measurements,

$$H_0 = 71.9^{+2.6}_{-2.7} \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

Age of the Universe



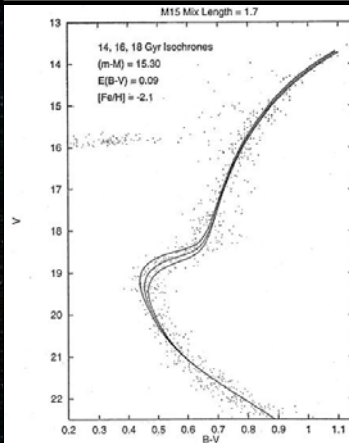
Cosmic Age

estimated age of the oldest stars in Universe
far in excess of estimated
age of matter-dominated FRW Universe:

Globular cluster stars: 13-15 Gyr
Universe: 10-12 Gyr

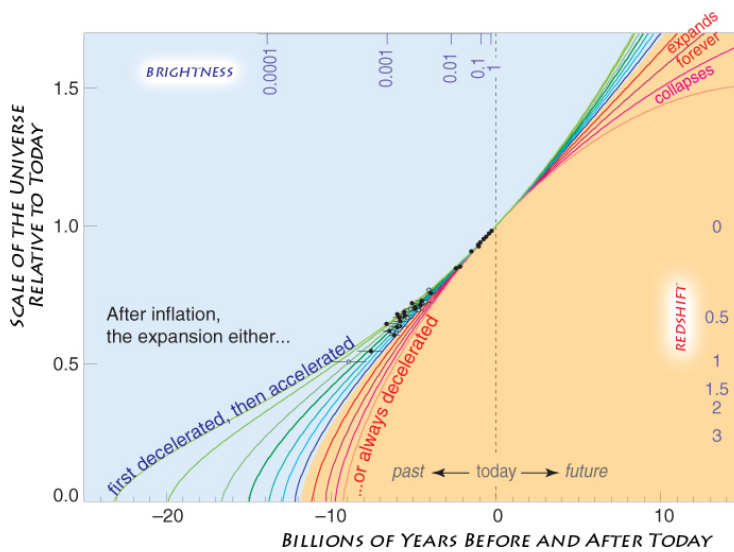
Globular Clusters

- Roughly spherical assemblies of 100,000-200,000 stars
- Radius ~ 20-50 pc: extremely high star density
- Globulars are very old, amongst oldest objects in local Universe
- Stars formed around same time: old, red, population
- Colour-magnitude diagram characteristic:
- accurate age determination on the basis of stellar evolution theories.



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Concordance Expansion

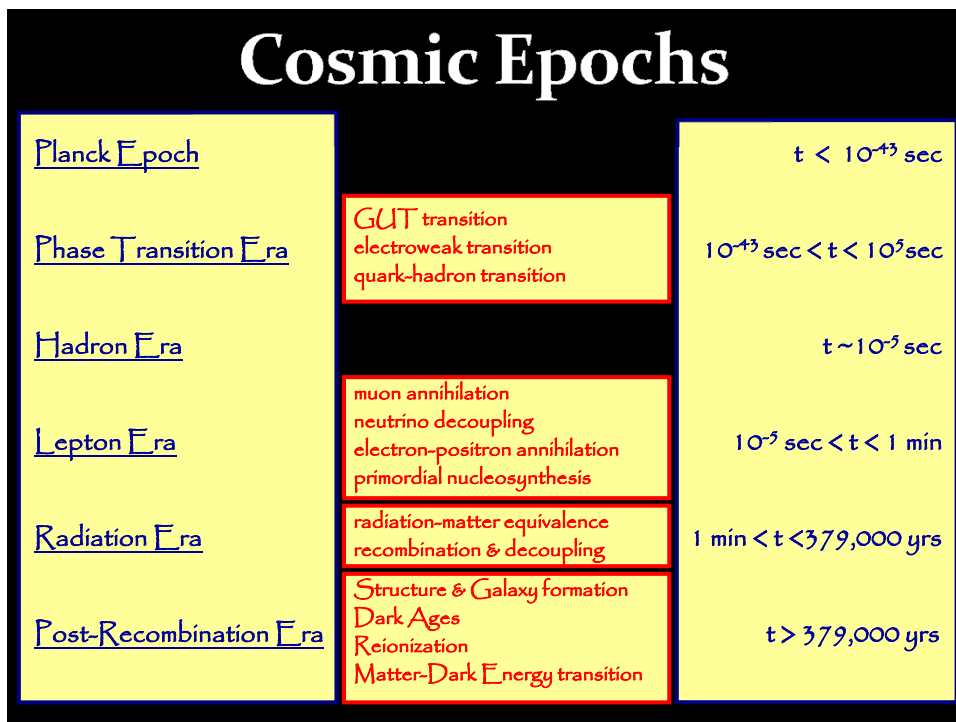
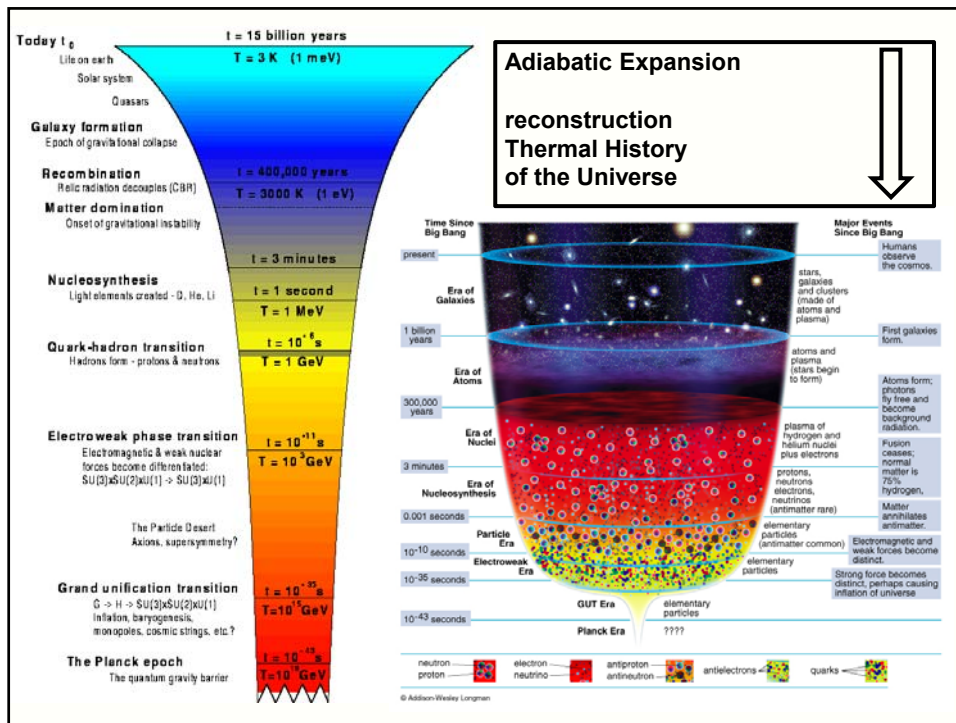


Adiabatic Expansion

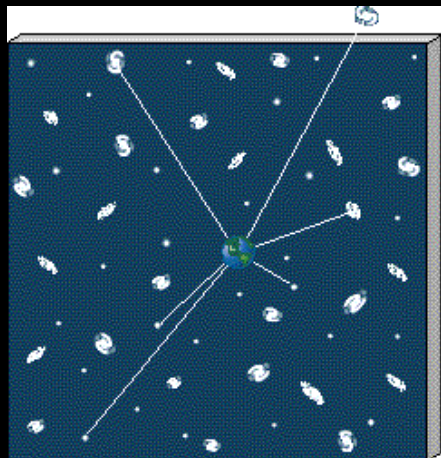
Adiabatic Expansion

- The Universe of Einstein, Friedmann & Lemaitre expands *adiabacally*
- Energy of the expansion of the Universe corresponds to the decrease in the energy of its constituents
- *The Universe COOLS as a result of its expansion !*

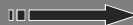
$$T(t) \propto 1 / a(t)$$



1. Olber's Paradox



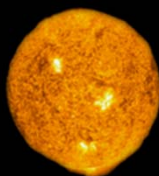
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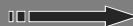
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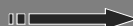


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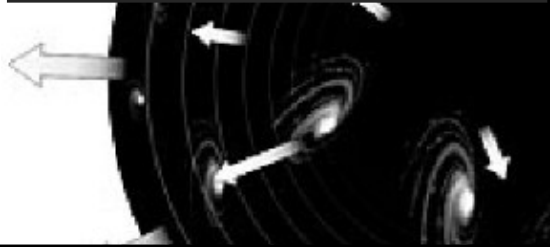
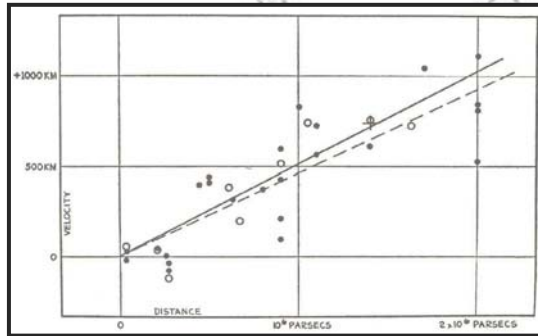
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Night sky as bright as
Solar Surface, yet
the night sky is dark



finite age of Universe (13.8 Gyr)

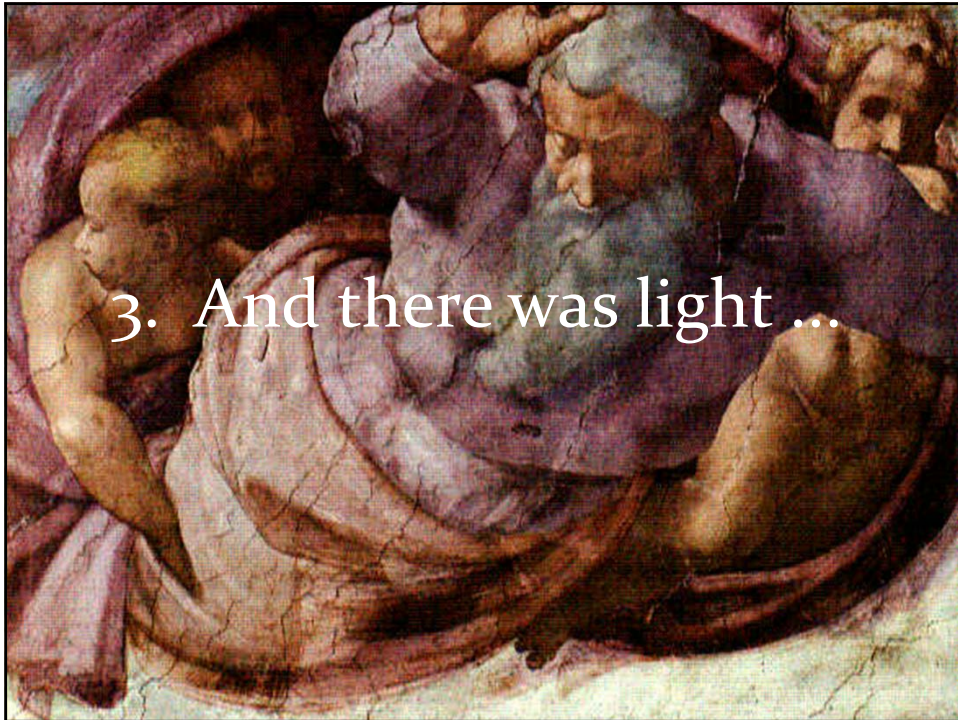
2. Hubble Expansion

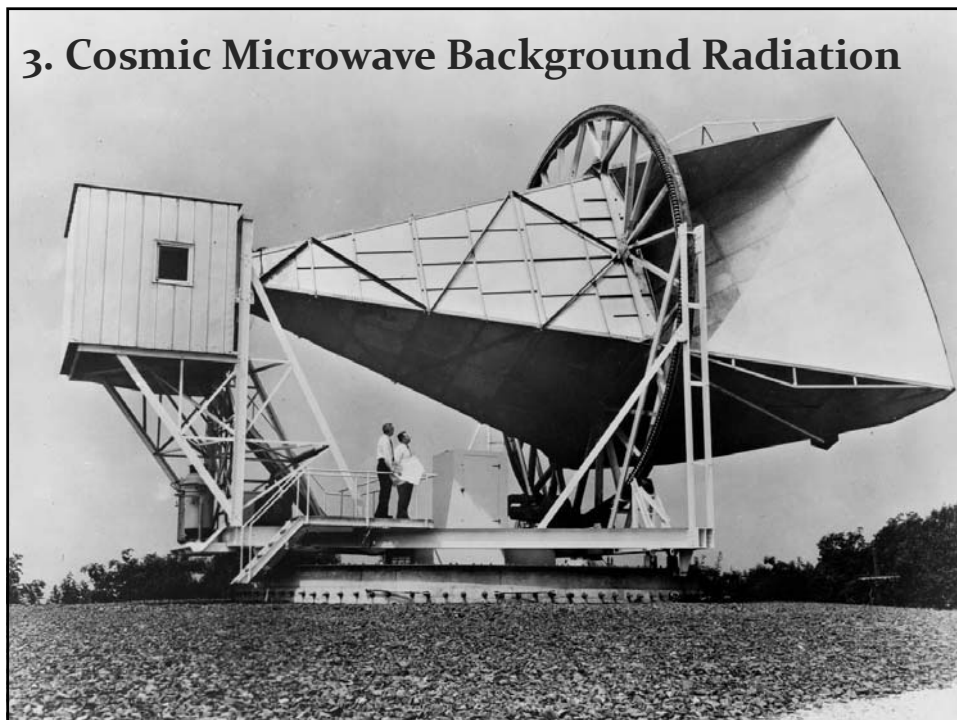
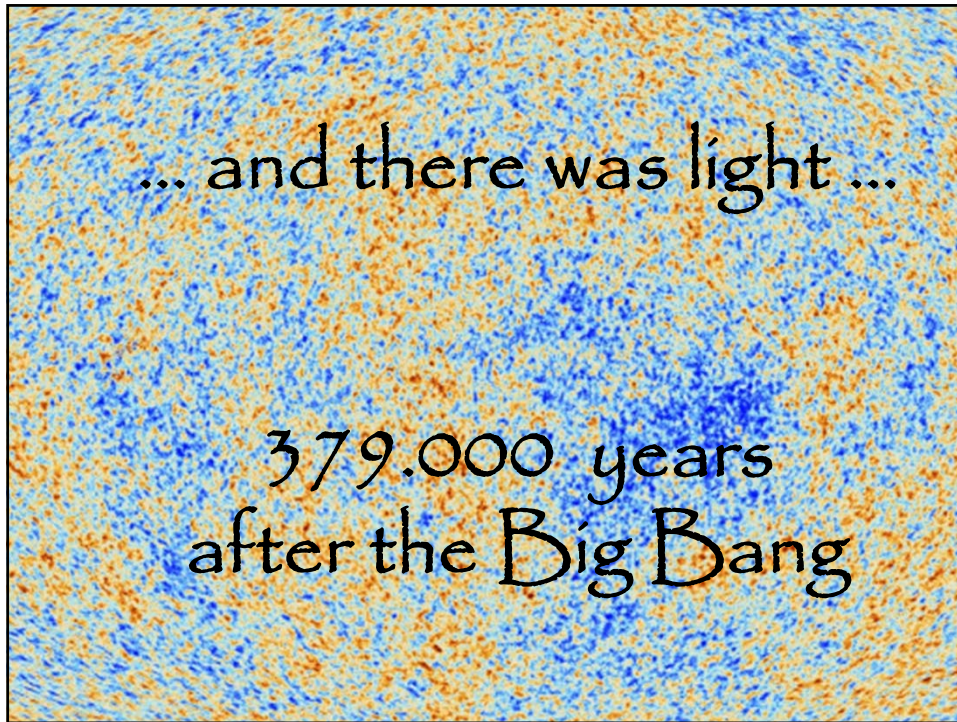


$$v_{rad} = cz = H_0 r$$

H_0 : Hubble constant
specifies expansion rate
of the Universe

3. And there was light ...



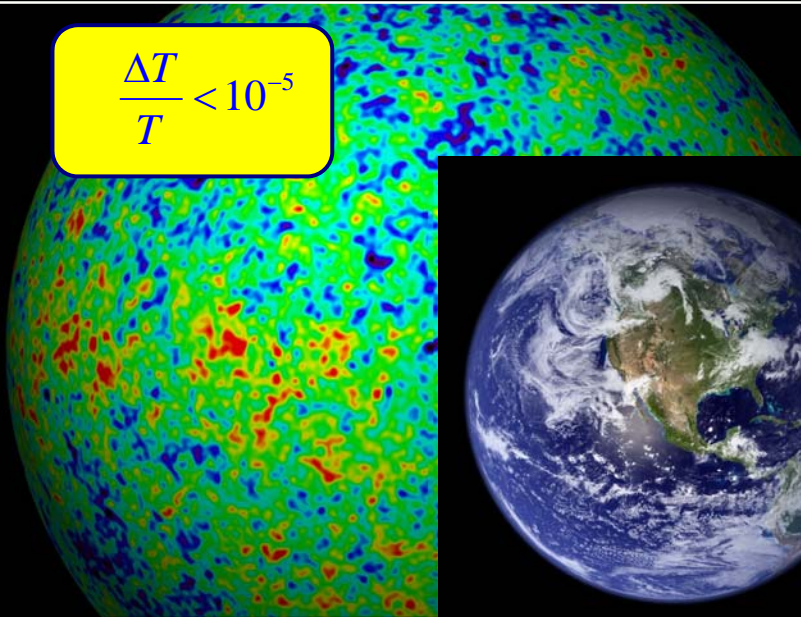


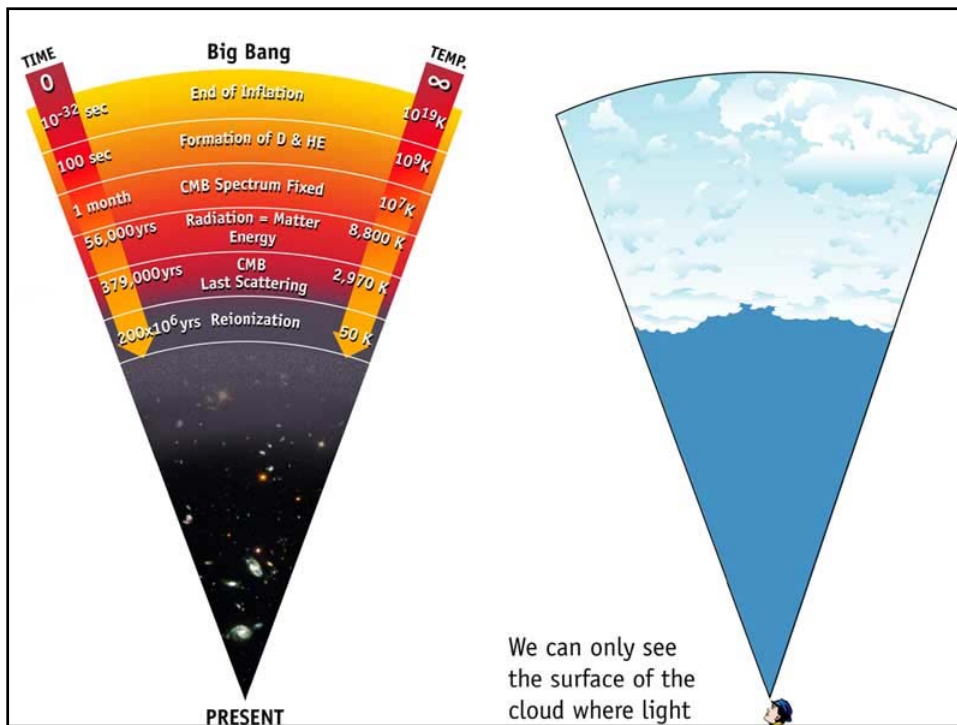
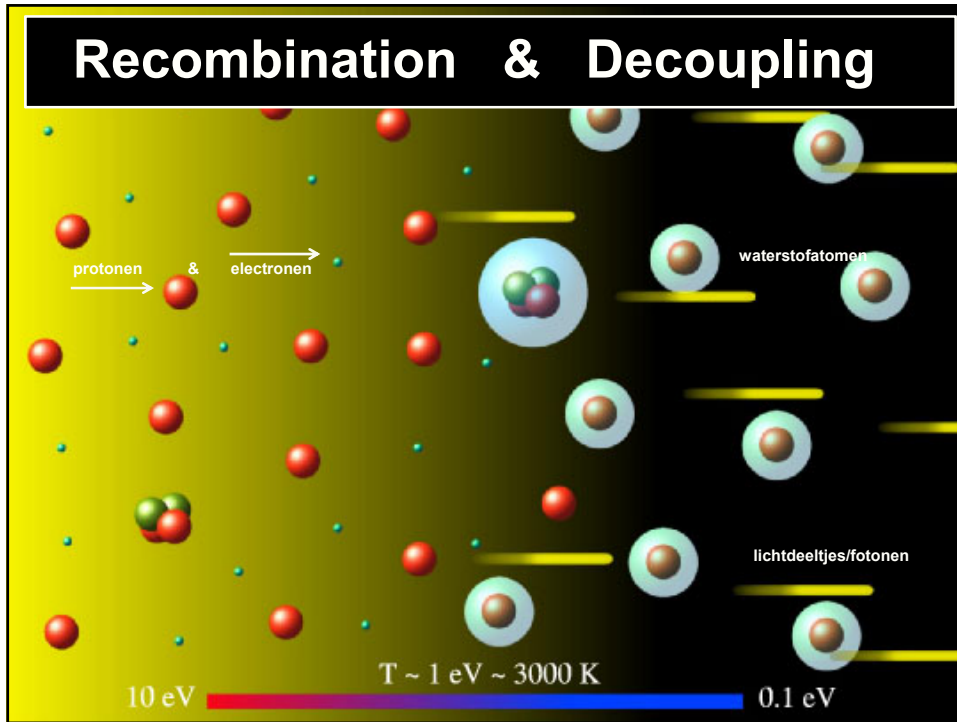
Cosmic Light (CMB): the facts

- Discovered serendipitously in 1965
 Penzias & Wilson,
Nobelprize 1978 !!!!!
- Cosmic Light that fills up the Universe uniformly
- Temperature:
 $T_{\gamma} = 2.725 \text{ K}$
- (CMB) photons most abundant particle in the Universe:
 $n_{\gamma} \sim 415 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
- Per atom in the Universe:
 $n_{\gamma}/n_B \sim 1.9 \times 10^9$
- Ultimate evidence of the Big Bang !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Extremely Smooth Radiation Field

$$\frac{\Delta T}{T} < 10^{-5}$$





the Cosmic TV Show



Note:

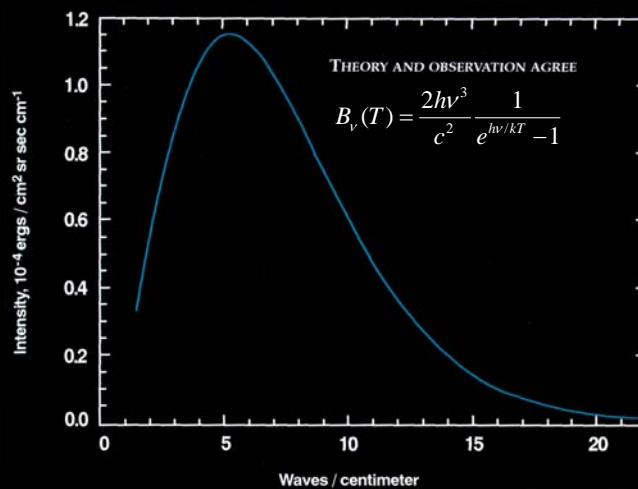
far from being an exotic faraway phenomenon, realize that the CMB nowadays is counting for approximately 1% of the noise on your (camping) tv set ...

!!!! Live broadcast from the Big Bang !!!!

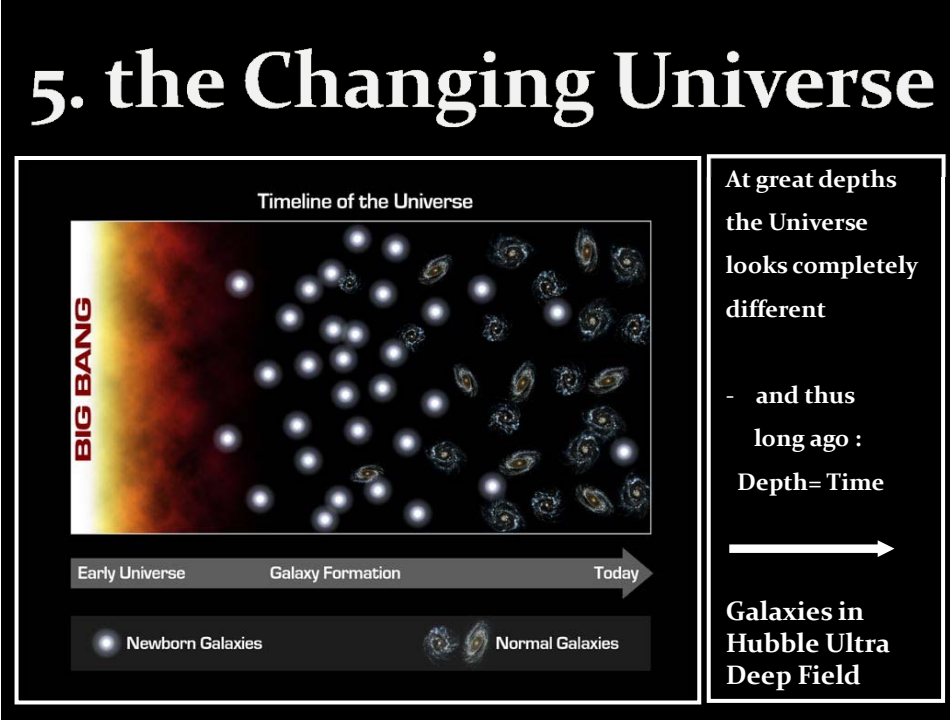
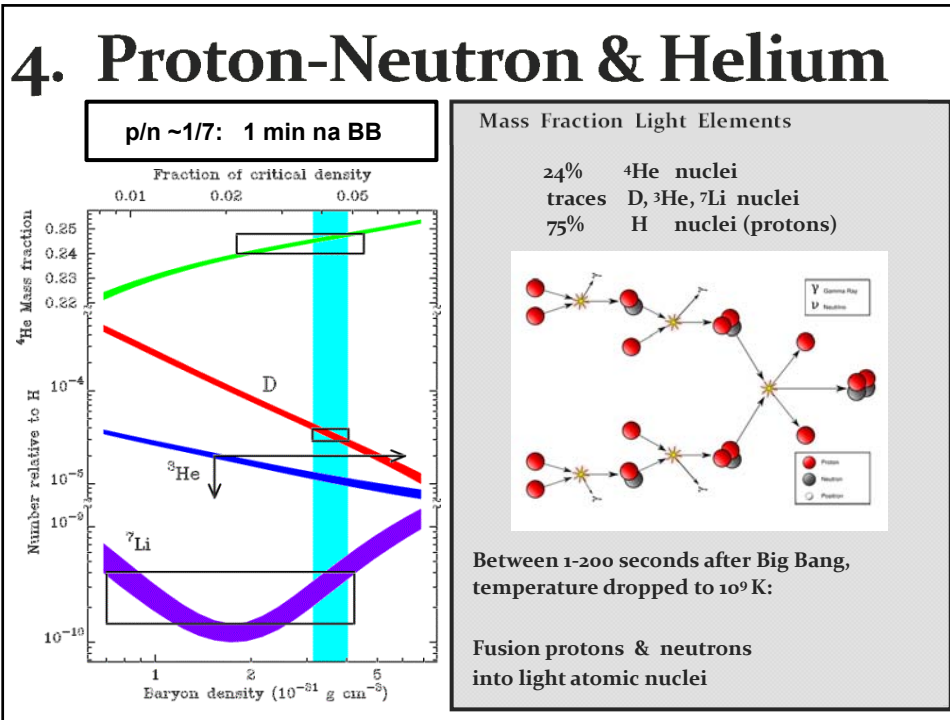
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Energy Spectrum Cosmic Light

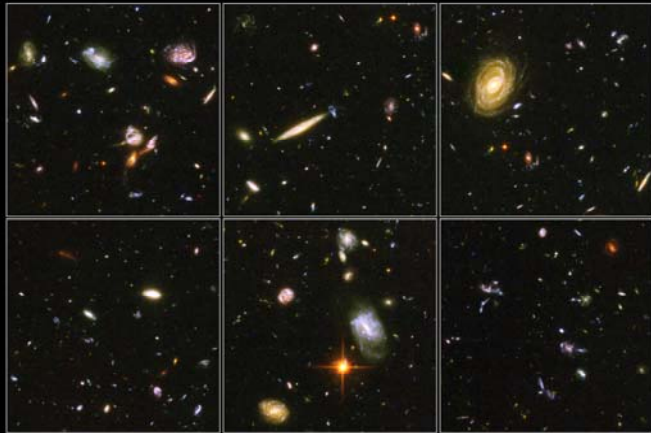
COSMIC MICROWAVE BACKGROUND SPECTRUM FROM COBE



- COBE-DIRBE:
temperature $T = 2.725$ K
- John Mather
Nobelprize physics
2006
- Most perfect
Black Body
Spectrum ever seen !!!!



5. the Changing Universe



Hubble Ultra Deep Field Details
Hubble Space Telescope • Advanced Camera for Surveys

NASA, ESA, S. Beckwith (STScI) and the HUDF Team

STScI-PRC04-07c

At great depths
the Universe
looks completely
different

- and thus
long ago :
Depth= Time



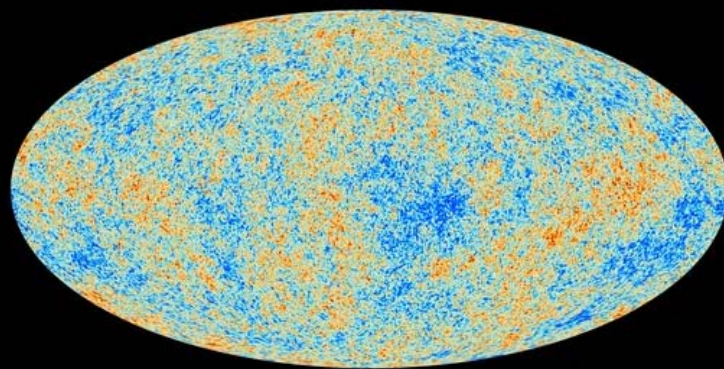
Galaxies in
Hubble Ultra
Deep Field

Cosmic Curvature

How Much ?

Cosmic Curvature

Cosmic Microwave Background



Map of the Universe at Recombination Epoch (Planck, 2013):

- 379,000 years after Big Bang
- Subhorizon perturbations: primordial sound waves
- $\Delta T/T < 10^{-5}$

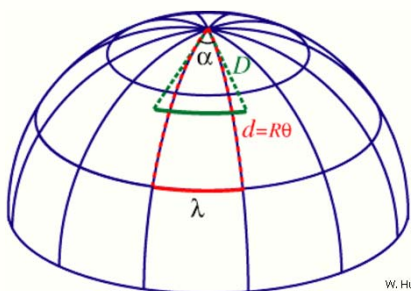
Measuring Curvature

Measuring the Geometry of the Universe:

- Object with known physical size, at large cosmological distance
- Measure angular extent on sky
- Comparison yields light path, and from this the curvature of space



Geometry of Space



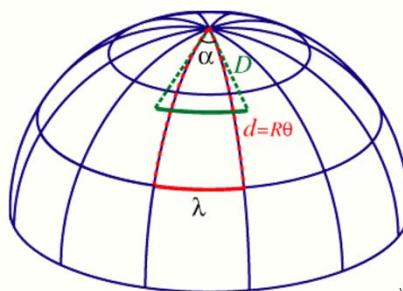
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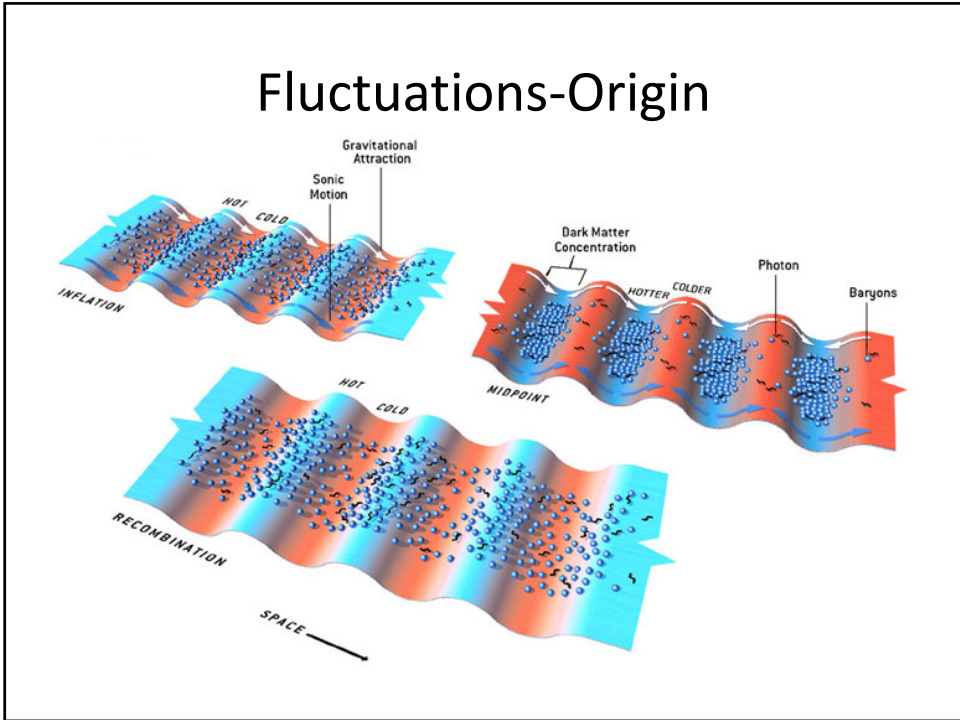
- Object with known physical size, at large cosmological distance:
- Sound Waves in the Early Universe !!!!



**Temperature Fluctuations
CMB**

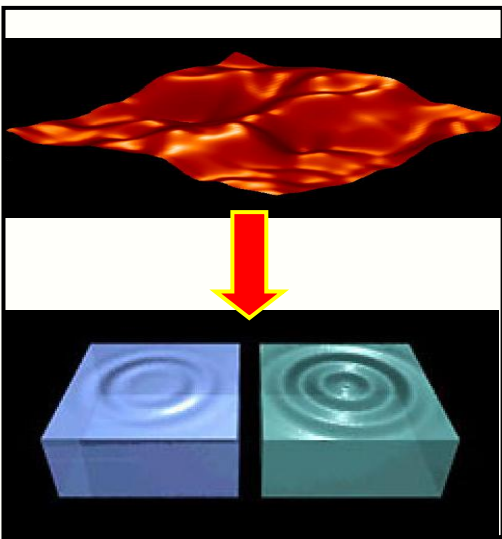


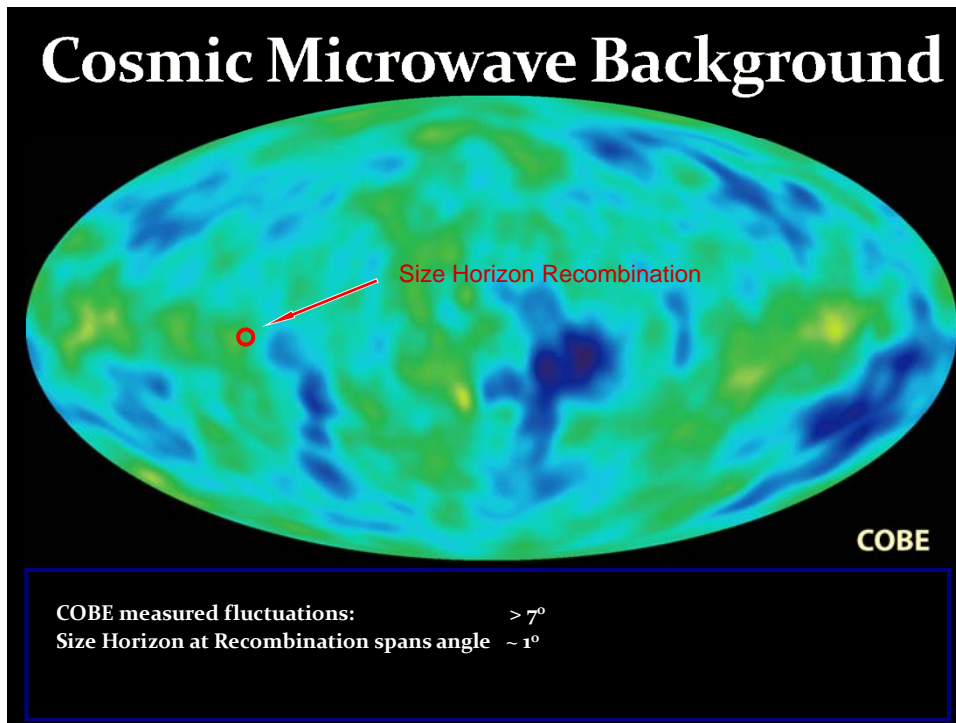
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Music of the Spheres

- small ripples in primordial matter & photon distribution
 - gravity:
 - compression primordial photon gas
 - photon pressure resists
 - compressions and rarefactions in photon gas: sound waves
 - sound waves not heard, but seen:
 - compressions: (photon) T higher
 - rarefactions: lower
 - fundamental mode sound spectrum
 - size of "instrument":
 - (sound) horizon size last scattering
 - Observed, angular size: $\theta \sim 1^\circ$
 - exact scale maximum compression, the "cosmic fundamental mode of music"
- W. Hu





Flat universe from CMB

- First peak: flat universe**

We know the redshift and the time it took for the light to reach us:

from this we know the

- length of the legs of the triangle
- the angle at which we are measuring the sound horizon.

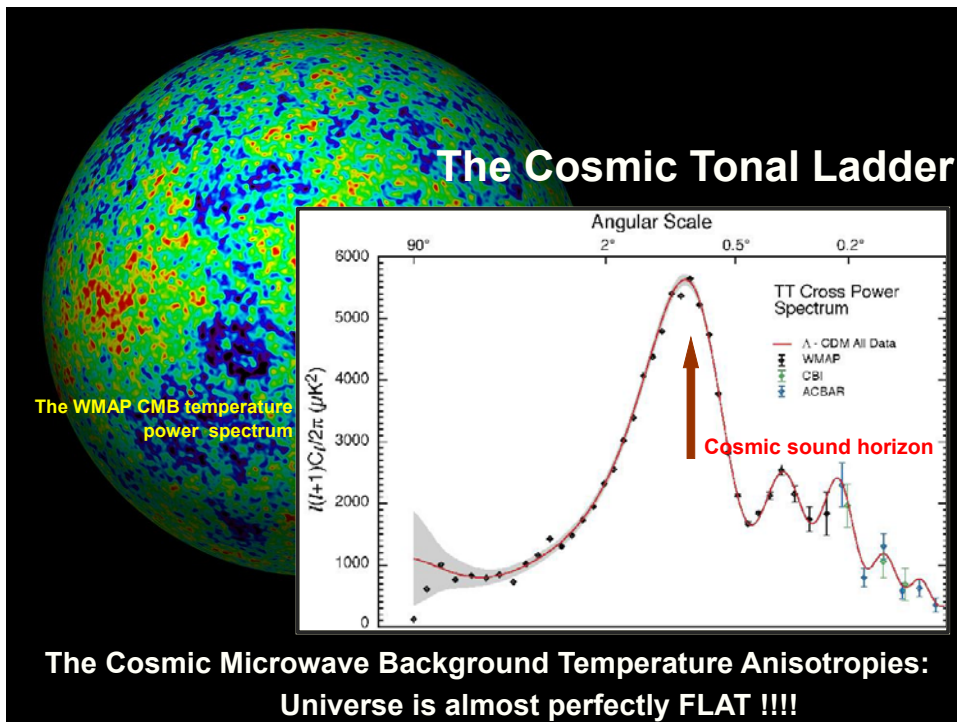
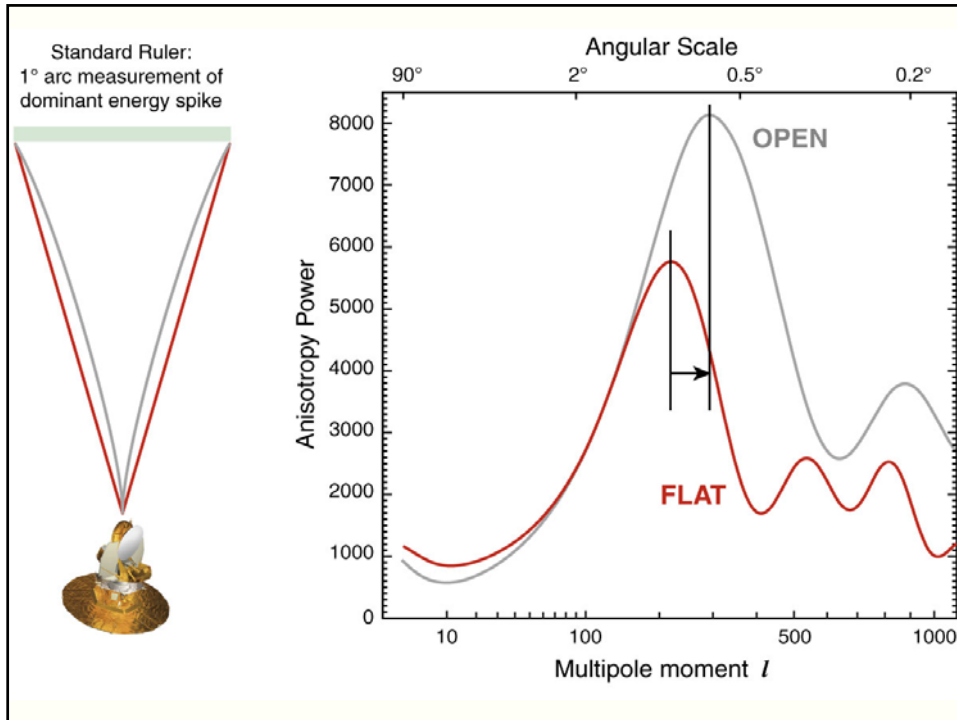
$$v \approx \frac{c}{\sqrt{3}}$$

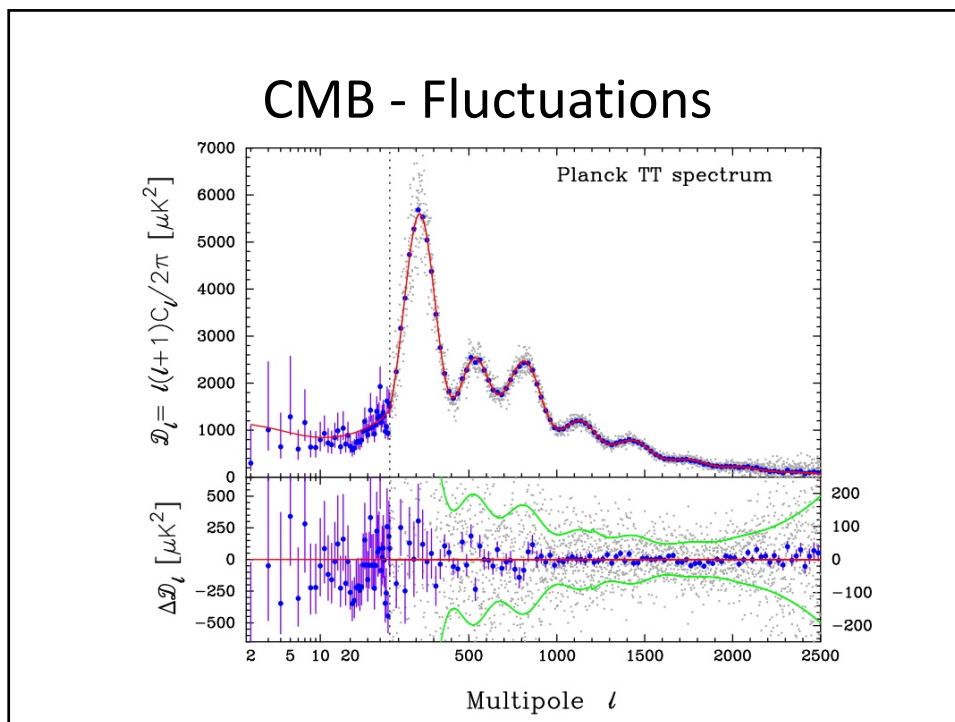
$$\ell \approx 200 / \sqrt{1 - \Omega_k}$$

Closed:
hot spots
appear larger

Flat:
appear as big
as they are

Open:
spots appear
smaller





Cosmic Horizons

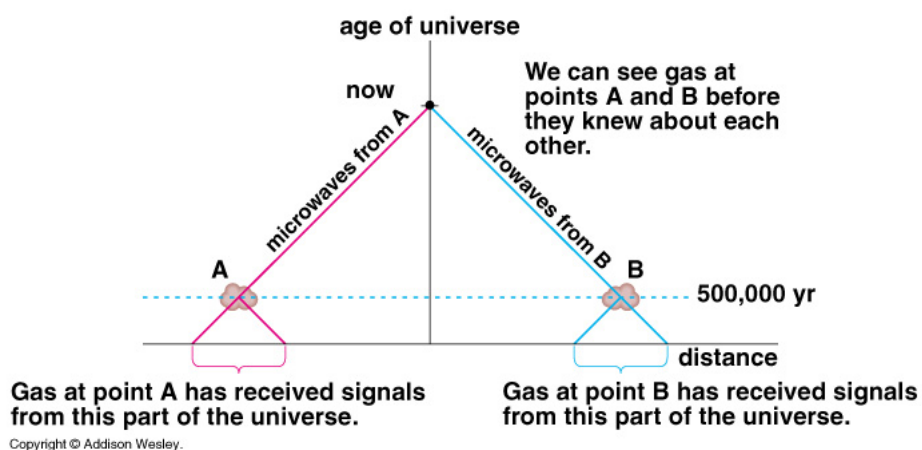
Cosmic Horizons

Fundamental Concept for our understanding of the physics of the Universe:

- Physical processes are limited to the region of space with which we are or have ever been in physical contact.
- What is the region of space with which we are in contact ?
Region with whom we have been able to exchange photons
(photons: fastest moving particles)
- From which distance have we received light.
- Complication: - light is moving in an expanding and curved space
- fighting its way against an expanding background
- This is called the

Horizon of the Universe

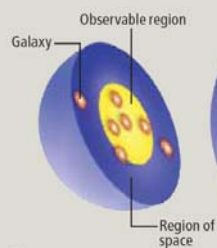
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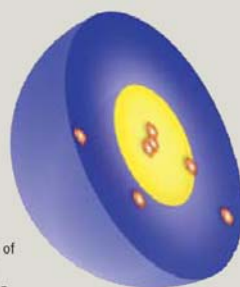
Horizon of the Universe:
distance that light travelled since the Big Bang

EXPANDING UNIVERSE, SHRINKING VIEW

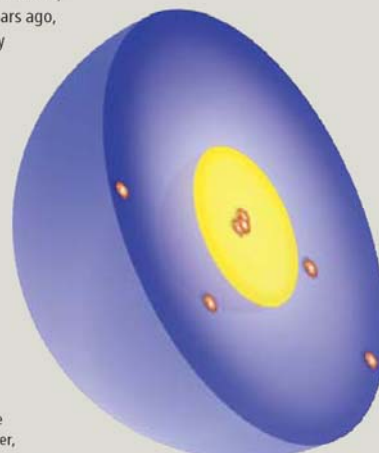
The universe may be infinite, but consider what happens to the patch of space around us (*purple sphere*), of which we see only a part (*yellow inner sphere*). As space expands, galaxies (*orange spots*) spread out. As light has time to propagate, we observers on Earth (or our predecessors or descendants) can see a steadily increasing volume of space. About six billion years ago, the expansion began to accelerate, carrying distant galaxies away from us faster than light.



1 At the onset of acceleration, we see the largest number of galaxies that we ever will.



2 The visible region grows, but the overall universe grows even faster, so we actually see a smaller fraction of what is out there.



3 Distant galaxies (those not bound to us by gravity) move out of our range of view. Meanwhile, gravity pulls nearby galaxies together.

NOTE:

Because space is expanding uniformly, alien beings in other galaxies see this same pattern.

Cosmic Future

Cosmic Fate

100 Gigayears: the end of Cosmology

