

# 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**

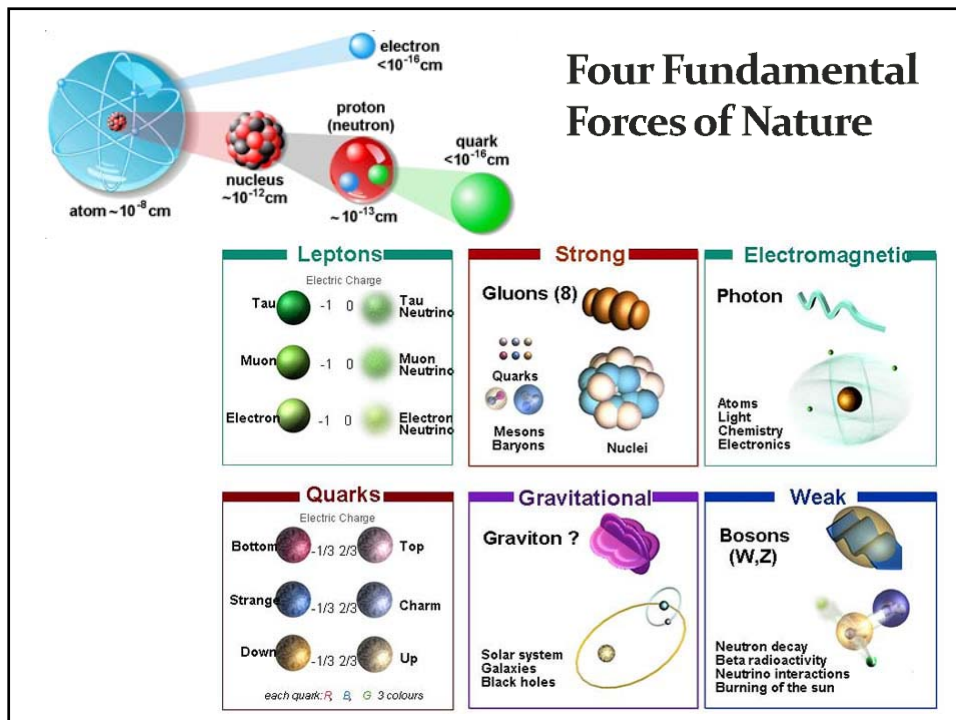
Responsible for electric and magnetic interactions, and determines structure of atoms and molecules.  
 The electromagnetic force carrier particle is the photon (quantum of light)  
 The electromagnetic interaction range is infinite.

- **Weak Force**

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

- **Gravity**

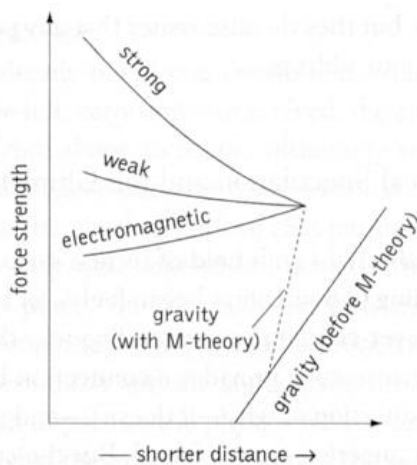
Responsible for the attraction between masses. Although the gravitational force carrier  
 The hypothetical (carrier) particle is the graviton.  
 The gravitational interaction range is infinite.  
 By far the weakest force of nature.



Interaction	Current Theory	Mediators	Relative Strength <sup>[1]</sup>	Long-Distance Behavior	Range(m)
Strong	Quantum chromodynamics (QCD)	gluons	$10^{38}$	1 (see discussion below)	$10^{-15}$
Electromagnetic	Quantum electrodynamics (QED)	photons	$10^{36}$	$\frac{1}{r^2}$	infinite
Weak	Electroweak Theory	W and Z bosons	$10^{25}$	$\frac{e^{-m_{W,Z}r}}{r}$	$10^{-18}$
Gravitation	General Relativity (GR)	gravitons	1	$\frac{1}{r^2}$	infinite

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

## Grand Unified Theories (GUT)



### Grand Unified Theories

- \* describe how
  - Strong
  - Weak
  - Electromagnetic
 Forces are manifestations of the same underlying GUT force ...
- \* This implies the strength of the forces to diverge from their uniform GUT strength
- \* Interesting to see whether gravity at some very early instant unifies with these forces ???

## Newton's Static Universe

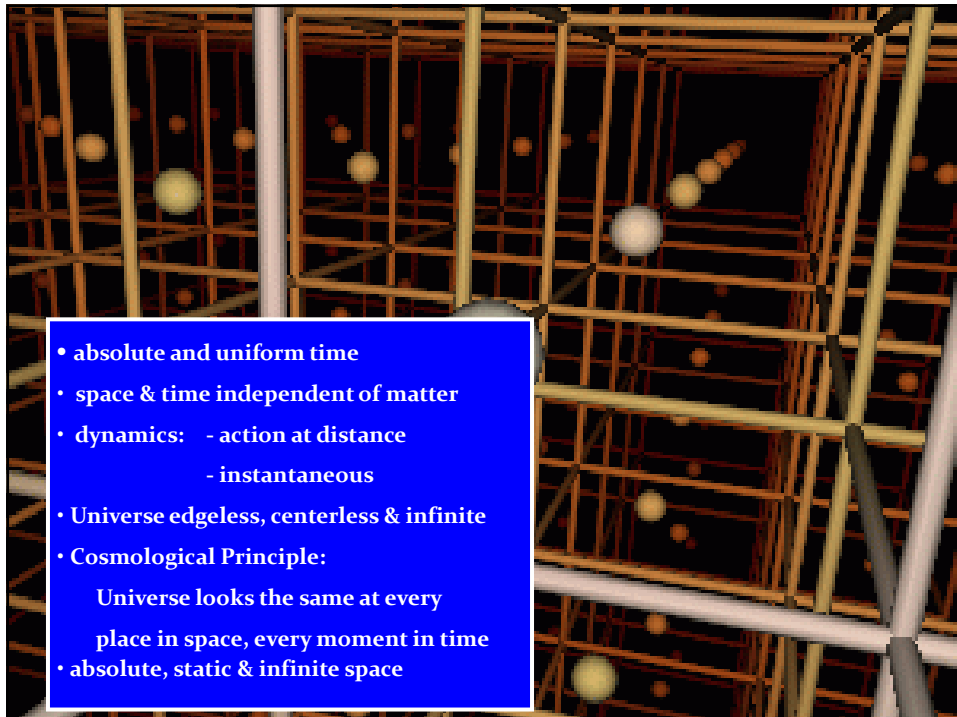
## The Unchanging Universe

- 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.”



# Einstein's Dynamic & Geometric Universe

## 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

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

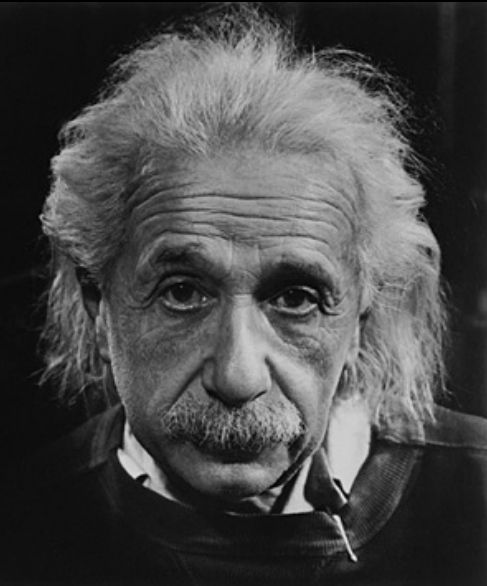
... its geometry rules the world,  
the world rules its geometry...

# 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)



## General Relativity: Einstein Field Equations

### Einstein Field Equation

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}Rg_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T_{\mu\nu}$$

Metric tensor:  $g_{\mu\nu}$

Energy-Momentum tensor:  $T_{\mu\nu}$

$$T_{\mu\nu} = \left( \rho + \frac{p}{c^2} \right) U^\mu U^\nu - pg^{\mu\nu}$$



# Einstein Field Equation

Einstein Tensor:

$$G_{\mu\nu} = R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}Rg_{\mu\nu}$$

$$G_{\mu\nu;\nu} = T_{\mu\nu;\nu} = 0$$



Einstein Tensor only rank 2 tensor for which this holds:

$$G_{\mu\nu} \propto T_{\mu\nu}$$

# Einstein Field Equation

also:  $g_{\mu\nu;\nu} = 0$



Freedom to add a multiple of metric tensor to Einstein tensor:

$$G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu}$$

$\Lambda$  : Cosmological Constant

## Einstein Field Equation

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Dark Energy

$$G^{\mu\nu} = -\frac{8\pi G}{c^4} (T^{\mu\nu} + T^{\mu\nu}_{vac})$$

$$T^{\mu\nu}_{vac} \equiv \frac{\Lambda c^4}{8\pi G} g^{\mu\nu}$$

## Einstein Field Equation

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} R g_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu}$$

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## Curved Space:

**Cosmological Principle  
Friedmann-Robertson Metric**

# 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, 5<sup>th</sup> cent BC

## Cosmological Principle:

Describes the symmetries in global appearance of the Universe:

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

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


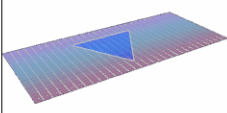
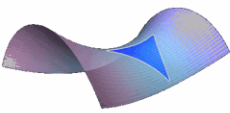
# Geometry of the Universe

## Fundamental Tenet of (Non-Euclidian = Riemannian) Geometry

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

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

uniform=  
homogeneous & isotropic  
(cosmological principle)

Property	Closed	Euclidean	Open
Spatial Curvature	Positive	Zero	Negative
Circle Circumference	$< 2\pi R$	$2\pi R$	$> 2\pi R$
Sphere Area	$< 4\pi R^2$	$4\pi R^2$	$> 4\pi R^2$
Sphere Volume	$< \frac{4}{3} \pi R^3$	$\frac{4}{3} \pi R^3$	$> \frac{4}{3} \pi R^3$
Triangle Angle Sum	$> 180^\circ$	$180^\circ$	$< 180^\circ$
Total Volume	Finite ( $2\pi^2 R^3$ )	Infinite	Infinite
Surface Analog	Sphere 	Plane 	Saddle 

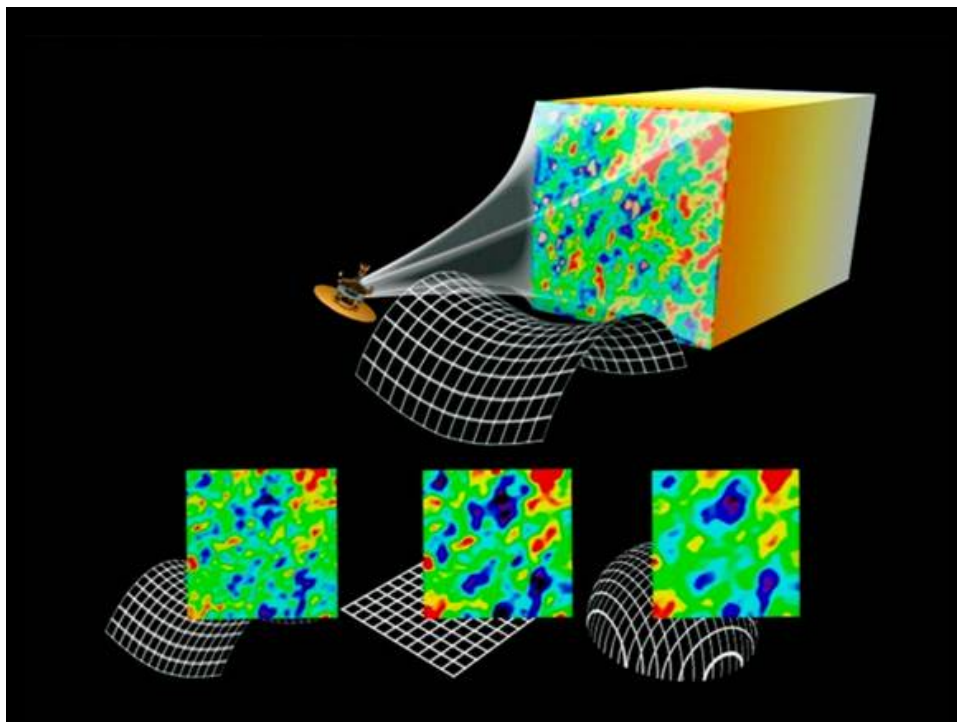
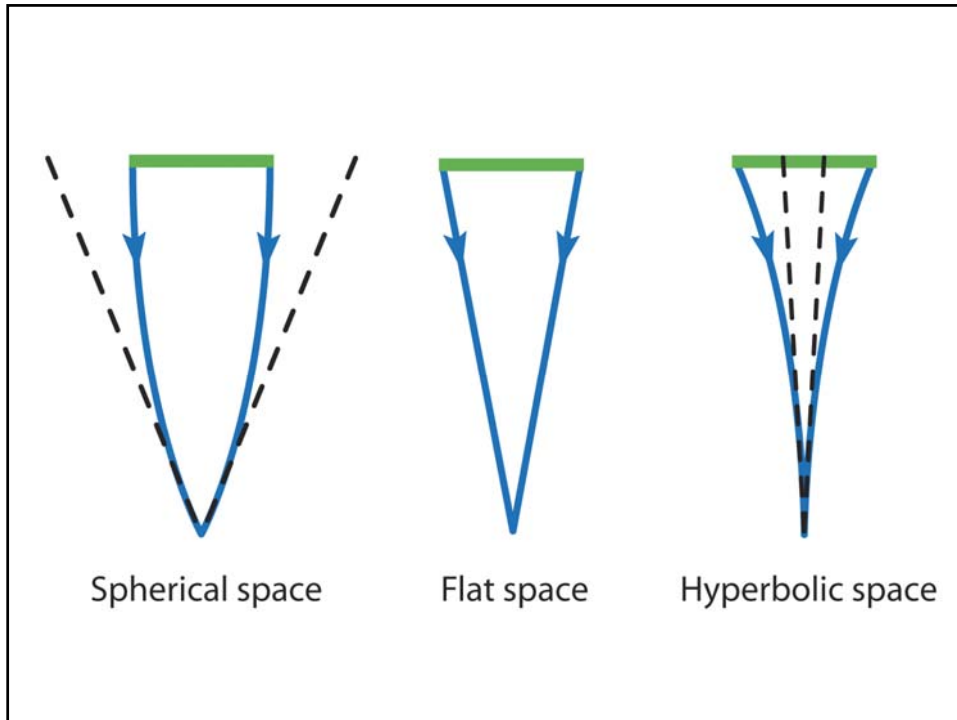
## Robertson-Walker Metric

Distances in a uniformly curved spacetime is specified in terms of the Robertson-Walker metric. The spacetime distance of a point at coordinate  $(r, \theta, \phi)$  is:

$$ds^2 = c^2 dt^2 - a(t)^2 \left\{ dr^2 + R_c^2 S_k^2 \left( \frac{r}{R_c} \right) \left[ d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2 \right] \right\}$$

where the function  $S_k(r/R_c)$  specifies the effect of curvature on the distances between points in spacetime

$$S_k \left( \frac{r}{R_c} \right) = \begin{cases} \sin \left( \frac{r}{R_c} \right) & k = +1 \\ \frac{r}{R_c} & k = 0 \\ \sinh \left( \frac{r}{R_c} \right) & k = -1 \end{cases}$$



## Friedmann-Robertson-Walker-Lemaitre (FRLW)

Universe

## Einstein Field Equation

$$G_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu}$$

$$g_{\mu\nu, RW} \Rightarrow \Gamma^\mu_{\lambda\nu} \Rightarrow R_{\mu\nu}, R$$

$$T_{\mu\nu} = \left( \rho + \frac{p}{c^2} \right) U^\mu U^\nu - p g^{\mu\nu}$$

$$= \text{diag}(\rho c^2, p, p, p)$$

## Einstein Field Equation

$$G_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu}$$

$$G^0_0 \rightarrow G^0_0 = 3(\dot{R}^2 + kc^2) / R^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{c^2} \rho c^2$$

$$G^1_1 \rightarrow G^1_1 = (2R\ddot{R} + \dot{R}^2 + kc^2) / R^2 = -\frac{8\pi G}{c^2} p$$

## Friedmann-Robertson-Walker-Lemaitre Universe

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

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

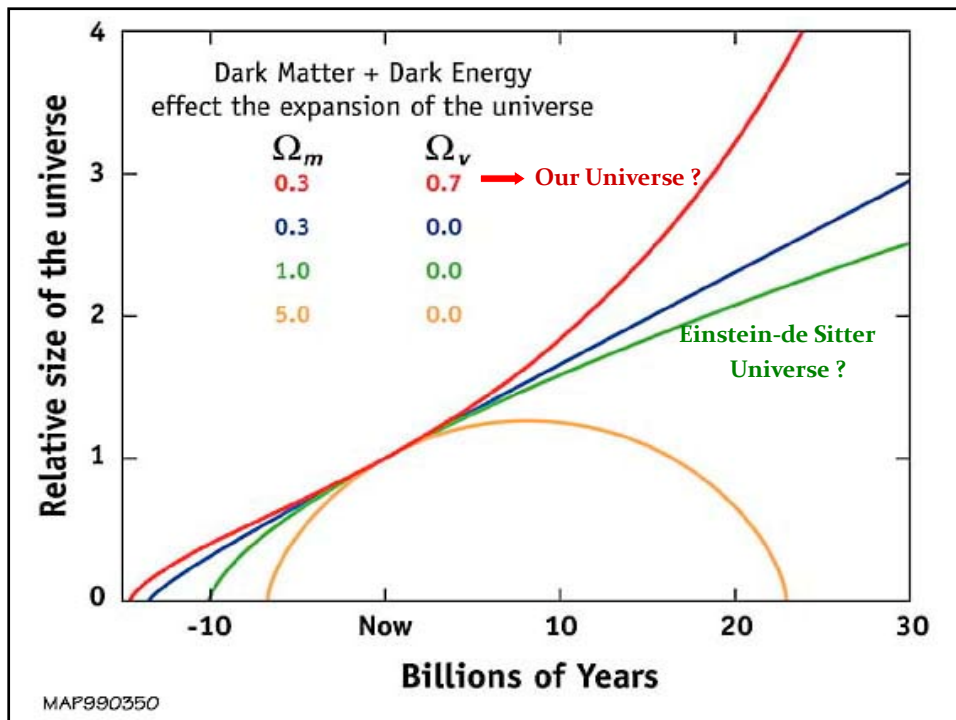
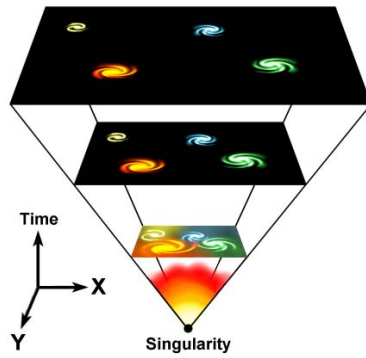


# Cosmic Expansion Factor

$$a(t) = \frac{R(t)}{R_0}$$

- Cosmic Expansion is a uniform expansion of space

$$\vec{r}(t) = a(t)\vec{x}$$



## Friedmann-Robertson-Walker-Lemaitre Universe

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

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

Diagram illustrating the Friedmann equations with labels for physical quantities:

- $\rho$ : density
- $p$ : pressure
- $\Lambda$ : cosmological constant
- $\frac{kc^2}{R_0^2}$ : curvature term

## Friedmann-Robertson-Walker-Lemaitre Universe

Because of General Relativity, the evolution of the Universe is fully 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  $\Lambda$

- 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

# Friedmann-Robertson-Walker-Lemaitre Universe

Relativistic Cosmology

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

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

$$-kc^2 / R_0^2$$

 $\Lambda$ 
 $p$ 

Curvature

Cosmological  
Constant

Pressure

Newtonian Cosmology

$$\ddot{a} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3} \rho a$$

$$\dot{a}^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \rho a^2 + E$$

 $E$ 

Energy



**Cosmological Constant  
&  
FRW equations**

## Friedmann-Robertson-Walker-Lemaitre Universe

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## Dark Energy & Energy Density

$$\tilde{\rho} = \rho + \rho_\Lambda$$

$$\tilde{p} = p + p_\Lambda$$

$$\rho_\Lambda = \frac{\Lambda}{8\pi G}$$

$$p_\Lambda = -\frac{\Lambda c^2}{8\pi G}$$

## Friedmann-Robertson-Walker-Lemaitre Universe

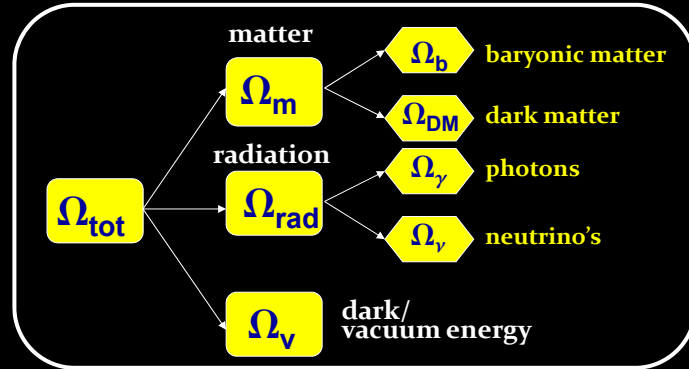
$$\ddot{a} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3} \left( \tilde{\rho} + \frac{3\tilde{p}}{c^2} \right) a$$

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

## Cosmic Constituents

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The total energy content of Universe made up by various constituents, principal ones:



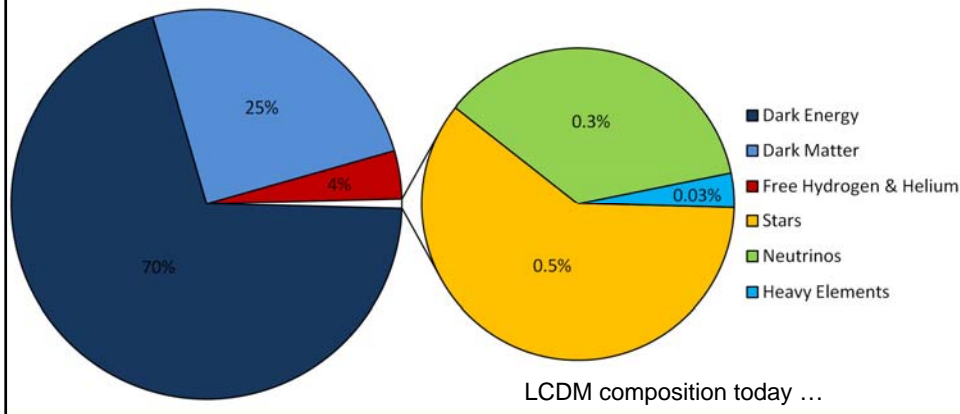
In addition, contributions by

- gravitational waves
- magnetic fields,
- cosmic rays ...

Poor constraints on their contribution: henceforth we will not take them into account !

## LCDM Cosmology

- Concordance cosmology
  - model that fits the majority of cosmological observations
  - universe dominated by Dark Matter and Dark Energy



# Cosmic Energy Inventory

1	dark sector			$0.954 \pm 0.003$
1.1	dark energy		$0.72 \pm 0.03$	
1.2	dark matter		$0.23 \pm 0.03$	
1.3	primeval gravitational waves		$\lesssim 10^{-10}$	
2	primeval thermal remnants			$0.0010 \pm 0.0005$
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			$0.045 \pm 0.003$
3.1	warm intergalactic plasma		$0.040 \pm 0.003$	
3.1a	virialized regions of galaxies	$0.024 \pm 0.005$		
3.1b	intergalactic	$0.016 \pm 0.005$		
3.2	intracluster plasma		$0.0018 \pm 0.0007$	
3.3	main sequence stars	spheroids and bulges	$0.0015 \pm 0.0004$	
3.4		disks and irregulars	$0.00055 \pm 0.00014$	
3.5	white dwarfs		$0.00036 \pm 0.00008$	
3.6	neutron stars		$0.00005 \pm 0.00002$	
3.7	black holes		$0.00007 \pm 0.00002$	
3.8	substellar objects		$0.00014 \pm 0.00007$	
3.9	HI + Hel		$0.00062 \pm 0.00010$	
3.10	molecular gas		$0.00016 \pm 0.00006$	
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		$-10^{-6.2}$	

Fukugita &amp; Peebles 2004

## Cosmic Constituents: Evolving Energy Density

# FRW Energy Equation

To infer the evolving energy density  $\rho(t)$  of each cosmic component, we refer to the cosmic energy equation. This equation can be directly inferred from the FRW equations

$$\dot{\rho} + 3 \left( \rho + \frac{p}{c^2} \right) \frac{\dot{a}}{a} = 0$$

The equation forms a direct expression of the adiabatic expansion of the Universe, ie.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} U = \rho c^2 V \quad \text{Internal energy} \\ V \propto a^3 \quad \quad \text{Expanding volume} \end{array} \right\} dU = -pdV$$

# FRW Energy Equation

To infer  $\rho(t)$  from the energy equation, we need to know the pressure  $p(t)$  for that particular medium/ingredient of the Universe.

$$\dot{\rho} + 3 \left( \rho + \frac{p}{c^2} \right) \frac{\dot{a}}{a} = 0$$

To infer  $p(t)$ , we need to know the nature of the medium, which provides us with the equation of state,

$$p = p(\rho, S)$$



## Cosmic Constituents: Evolution of Energy Density

• Matter:

$$\rho_m(t) \propto a(t)^{-3}$$

• Radiation:

$$\rho_{rad}(t) \propto a(t)^{-4}$$

• Dark Energy:

$$\rho_v(t) \propto a(t)^{-3(1+w)} \quad \Leftarrow \quad p = w\rho_v c^2$$

$$\Downarrow \quad w = -1$$

$$\rho_\Lambda(t) = cst.$$

**Dark Energy:**

**Equation of State**

# Einstein Field Equation

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}Rg_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T_{\mu\nu}$$

↑ curvature side

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}Rg_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T_{\mu\nu} - \Lambda g_{\mu\nu}$$

↓ energy-momentum side

# Equation of State

$$T^{\mu\nu}_{vac} \equiv \frac{\Lambda c^4}{8\pi G} g^{\mu\nu} \xrightarrow{\text{restframe}} T^{\mu\nu}_{vac} \equiv \frac{\Lambda c^4}{8\pi G} \eta^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\eta^{00} = 1, \quad \eta^{ii} = -1$$

$$T_{\mu\nu} = \left( \rho + \frac{p}{c^2} \right) U^\mu U^\nu - p g^{\mu\nu}$$

restframe:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} T^0{}_0 = \rho_{vac} c^2 \\ T^i{}_i = p \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

$$\rho_{vac} c^2 = \frac{\Lambda c^4}{8\pi G}$$

$$p = -\frac{\Lambda c^4}{8\pi G}$$

## Equation of State

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$$p = -\frac{\Lambda c^4}{8\pi G}$$

$$p_{vac} = -\rho_{vac} c^2$$

## Dynamics

Relativistic Poisson Equation:

$$\nabla^2 \phi = 4\pi G \left( \rho + \frac{3p}{c^2} \right)$$

$$\rho_{vac} + \frac{3p_{vac}}{c^2} = -2\rho_{vac} < 0; \quad \rho_{vac} = \frac{\Lambda}{8\pi G}$$



$$\nabla^2 \phi < 0 \quad \text{Repulsion !!!}$$

## Dark Energy & Cosmic Acceleration

Nature Dark Energy:

(Parameterized) Equation of State

$$p(\rho) = w\rho c^2$$

Cosmic Acceleration:

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

Gravitational Repulsion:

$$p = w\rho c^2 \Leftrightarrow w < -\frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow \ddot{a} > 0$$

## Dark Energy & Cosmic Acceleration

DE equation of State

$$p(\rho) = w\rho c^2$$

$$\rho_w(a) = \rho_w(a_0) a^{-3(1+w)}$$

Cosmological Constant:

$$\Lambda: \quad w = -1 \quad \rho_w = cst.$$

$-1/3 > w > -1$ :

$$\rho_w \propto a^{-3(1+w)} \quad 1+w > 0 \quad \text{decreases with time}$$

Phantom Energy:

$$\rho_w \propto a^{-3(1+w)} \quad 1+w < 0 \quad \text{increases with time}$$

## Dynamic Dark Energy

DE equation of State

$$p(\rho) = w\rho c^2$$

Dynamically evolving dark energy,  
parameterization:

$$w(a) = w_0 + (1-a)w_a \approx w_\phi(a)$$

$$\rho_w(a) = \rho_w(a_0) \exp \left\{ -3 \int_1^a \frac{1 + w_\phi(a')}{a'} da' \right\}$$

**Critical Density & Omega**

# FRW Dynamics

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

## Critical Density:

- For a Universe with  $\Lambda=0$
- Given a particular expansion rate  $H(t)$
- Density corresponding to a flat Universe ( $k=0$ )

$$\rho_{crit} = \frac{3H^2}{8\pi G}$$

# FRW Dynamics

In a FRW Universe,  
densities are in the order of the critical density,

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

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_0 &= 1.8791 \times 10^{-29} \Omega h^2 \text{ g cm}^{-3} \\ &= 2.78 \times 10^{11} \Omega h^2 \text{ } M_{\odot} \text{ Mpc}^{-3} \end{aligned}$$

# 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:

$$\Omega \equiv \frac{\rho}{\rho_{crit}} = \frac{8\pi G \rho}{3H^2}$$

Arguably,  $\Omega$  is the most important parameter of cosmology !!!

Present-day  
Cosmic Density:

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# FRW Dynamics

• The individual contributions to the energy density of  
the Universe can be figured into the  $\Omega$  parameter:

- radiation

$$\Omega_{rad} = \frac{\rho_{rad}}{\rho_{crit}} = \frac{\sigma T^4 / c^2}{\rho_{crit}} = \frac{8\pi G \sigma T^4}{3H^2 c^2}$$

- matter

$$\Omega_m = \Omega_{dm} + \Omega_b$$

- dark energy/  
cosmological constant

$$\Omega_{\Lambda} = \frac{\Lambda}{3H^2}$$

$$\Omega = \Omega_{rad} + \Omega_m + \Omega_{\Lambda}$$

## Critical Density

There is a 1-1 relation between the total energy content of the Universe and its curvature. From FRW equations:

$$k = \frac{H^2 R^2}{c^2} (\Omega - 1)$$

$$\Omega = \Omega_{rad} + \Omega_m + \Omega_\Lambda$$

$\Omega < 1$	$k = -1$	<i>Hyperbolic</i>	<i>Open Universe</i>
$\Omega = 1$	$k = 0$	<i>Flat</i>	<i>Critical Universe</i>
$\Omega > 1$	$k = +1$	<i>Spherical</i>	<i>Close Universe</i>

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## Radiation, Matter & Dark Energy

The individual contributions to the energy density of the Universe can be figured into the  $\Omega$  parameter:

- radiation

$$\Omega_{rad} = \frac{\rho_{rad}}{\rho_{crit}} = \frac{\sigma T^4 / c^2}{\rho_{crit}} = \frac{8\pi G \sigma T^4}{3H^2 c^2}$$

- matter

$$\Omega_m = \Omega_{dm} + \Omega_b$$

- dark energy/  
cosmological constant

$$\Omega_\Lambda = \frac{\Lambda}{3H^2}$$

$$\Omega = \Omega_{rad} + \Omega_m + \Omega_\Lambda$$

Hubble Expansion

# Hubble Expansion

- Cosmic Expansion is a uniform expansion of space
- Objects do not move themselves:  
they are like beacons tied to a uniformly expanding sheet:

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Hubble Parameter:

Hubble "constant":  
 $H_0 \equiv H(t=t_0)$

# 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,

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

# Hubble Time

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



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

↓

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

# Hubble Distance

Just as the Hubble time sets a natural time scale for the universe,  
one may also infer a natural distance scale of the universe, the

## Hubble Distance

$$R_H = \frac{c}{H_0} \approx 2997.9h^{-1}Mpc$$

## Acceleration Parameter

# FRW Dynamics: Cosmic Acceleration

Cosmic acceleration quantified  
by means of dimensionless deceleration parameter  $q(t)$ :

$$q = -\frac{a\ddot{a}}{\dot{a}^2}$$

$$q = \frac{\Omega_m}{2} + \Omega_{rad} - \Omega_\Lambda$$

Examples:

$$\Omega_m = 1; \Omega_\Lambda = 0;$$

$$q = 0.5$$

$$\Omega_m = 0.3; \Omega_\Lambda = 0.7;$$

$$q = -0.65$$

$$q \approx \frac{\Omega_m}{2} - \Omega_\Lambda$$

Dynamics

FRW Universe

## General Solution Expanding FRW Universe

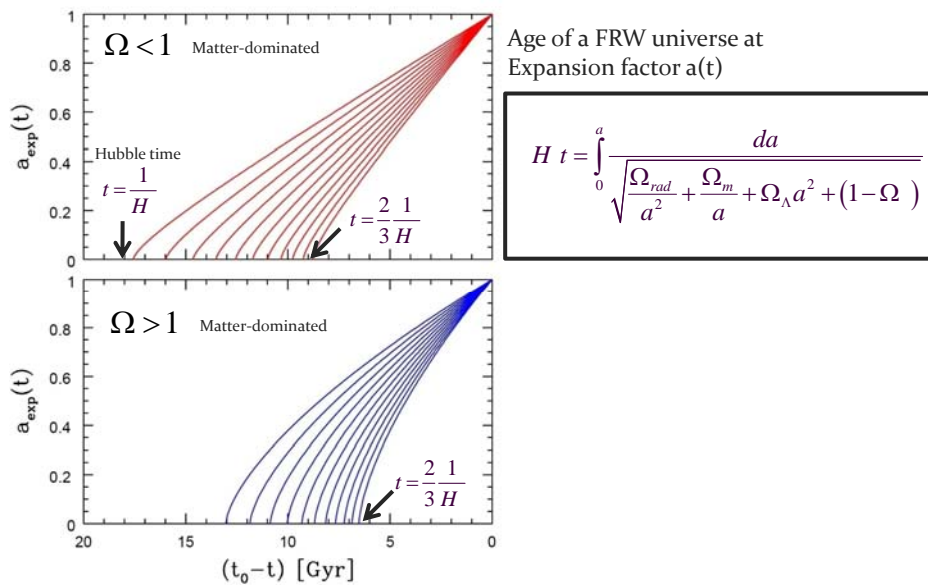
From the FRW equations:

$$\frac{H(t)^2}{H_0^2} = \frac{\Omega_{rad,0}}{a^4} + \frac{\Omega_{m,0}}{a^3} + \Omega_{\Lambda,0} + \frac{1-\Omega_0}{a^2}$$

↓  $a(t)$  Expansion history  
Universe

$$H_0 t = \int_0^a \frac{da}{\sqrt{\frac{\Omega_{rad,0}}{a^2} + \frac{\Omega_{m,0}}{a} + \Omega_{\Lambda,0} a^2 + (1-\Omega_0)}}$$

## Age of the Universe



## Specific Solutions FRW Universe

While general solutions to the FRW equations is only possible by numerical integration, analytical solutions may be found for particular classes of cosmologies:

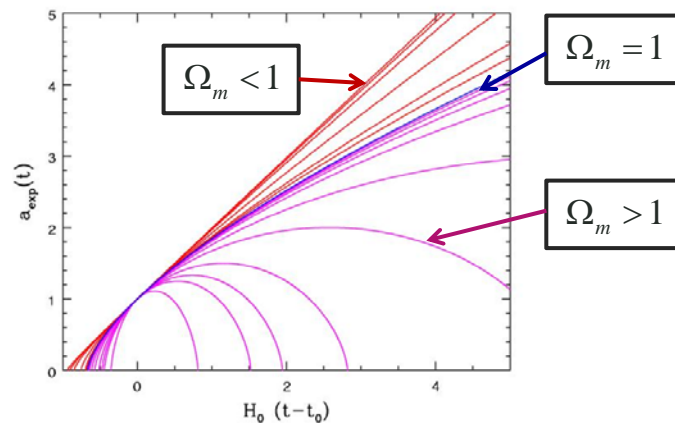
- **Single-component Universes:**
  - empty Universe
  - flat Universes, with only radiation, matter or dark energy
- **Matter-dominated Universes**
- **Matter+Dark Energy flat Universe**

## Matter-Dominated Universes

- Assume radiation contribution is negligible:
- Zero cosmological constant:
- Matter-dominated, including curvature

$$\Omega_{rad,0} \approx 5 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$\Omega_{\Lambda} = 0$$



# Einstein-de Sitter Universe

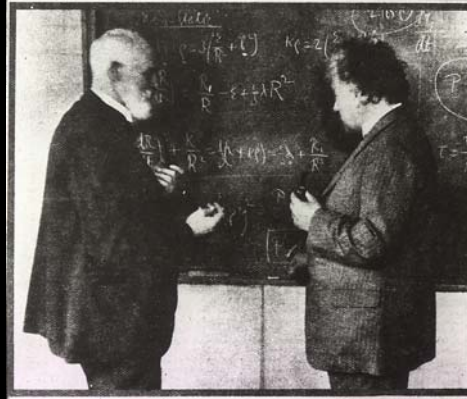
$$\left. \begin{matrix} \Omega_m = 1 \\ \Omega_\Lambda = 0 \end{matrix} \right\} k = 0$$

FRW:  $\dot{a}^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \rho a^2 = \frac{8\pi G \rho_0}{3} \frac{1}{a}$

$$a(t) = \left( \frac{t}{t_0} \right)^{2/3}$$

Age  
EdS Universe:

$$t_0 = \frac{2}{3} \frac{1}{H_0}$$



Albert Einstein and Willem de Sitter discussing the Universe. In 1932 they published a paper together on the Einstein-de Sitter universe, which is a model with flat geometry containing matter as the only significant substance.

# Free Expanding "Milne" Universe

$$\left. \begin{matrix} \Omega_m = 0 \\ \Omega_\Lambda = 0 \end{matrix} \right\} k = -1$$

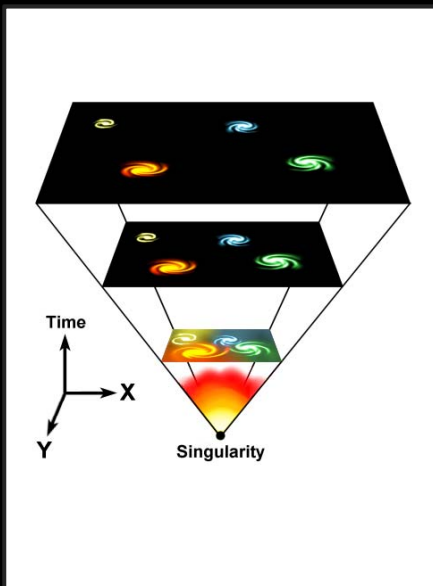
Empty space is curved

FRW:  $\dot{a}^2 = -\frac{kc^2}{R_0^2} = cst.$

$$a(t) = \left( \frac{t}{t_0} \right)$$

Age  
Empty Universe:

$$t_0 = \frac{1}{H_0}$$





# De Sitter Expansion

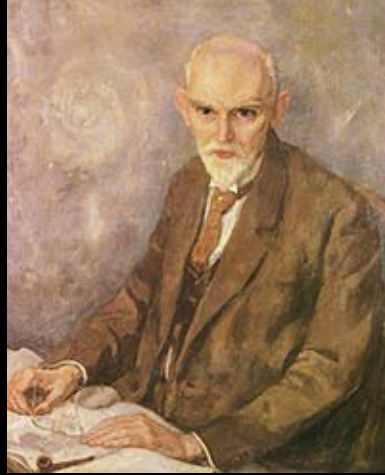
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \Omega_m = 0 \\ \Omega_\Lambda = 1 \end{array} \right\} k = 0$$

$$\Omega_\Lambda = \frac{\Lambda}{3H_0^2} \Rightarrow H_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\Lambda}{3}}$$

$$\text{FRW: } \dot{a}^2 = \frac{\Lambda}{3} a^2 \Rightarrow \dot{a} = H_0 a$$

$$a(t) = e^{H_0(t-t_0)}$$

Age  
De Sitter Universe: infinitely old



Willem de Sitter (1872-1934; Sneek-Leiden)  
director Leiden Observatory  
alma mater: Groningen University

# Expansion Radiation-dominated Universe

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \Omega_{rad} = 1 \\ \Omega_m = 0 \\ \Omega_\Lambda = 0 \end{array} \right\} k = 0$$

$$\text{FRW: } \dot{a}^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \rho a^2 = \frac{8\pi G \rho_0}{3} \frac{1}{a^2}$$

$$a(t) = \left( \frac{t}{t_0} \right)^{1/2}$$

Age  
Radiation  
Universe:

$$t_0 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{H_0}$$

In the very early Universe, the energy density is completely dominated by radiation. The dynamics of the very early Universe is therefore fully determined by the evolution of the radiation energy density:

$$\leftarrow \rho_{rad}(a) \propto \frac{1}{a^4}$$



## General Flat FRW Universe

$$k = 0$$

$$\rho_v(t) \propto a(t)^{-3(1+w)} \quad \Leftarrow \quad p = w\rho_v c^2$$

FRW:

$$a(t) \propto t^{\frac{2}{3+3w}}$$

## Cosmological Transitions

# Dynamical Transitions

Because radiation, matter, dark energy (and curvature) of the Universe evolve differently as the Universe expands, at different epochs the energy density of the Universe is alternately dominated by these different ingredients.

As the Universe is dominated by either radiation, matter, curvature or dark energy, the cosmic expansion  $a(t)$  proceeds differently.

We therefore recognize the following epochs:

- radiation-dominated era
- matter-dominated era
- curvature-dominated expansion
- dark energy dominated epoch

The different cosmic expansions at these eras have a huge effect on relevant physical processes

# Dynamical Transitions

- Radiation Density Evolution

$$\rho_{rad}(t) = \frac{1}{a^4} \rho_{rad,0}$$

- Matter Density Evolution

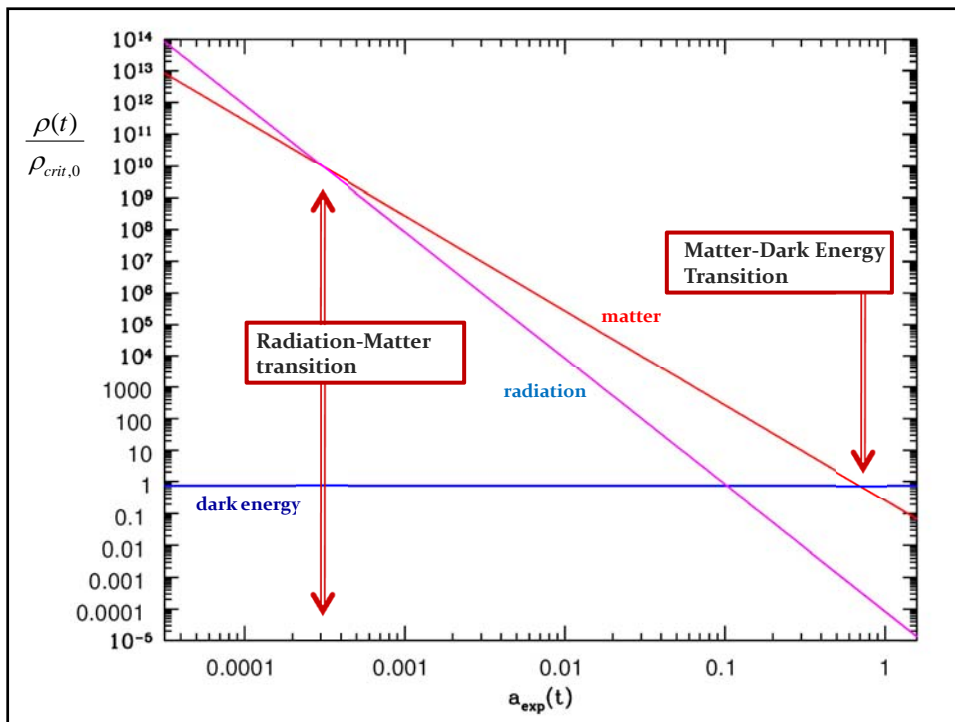
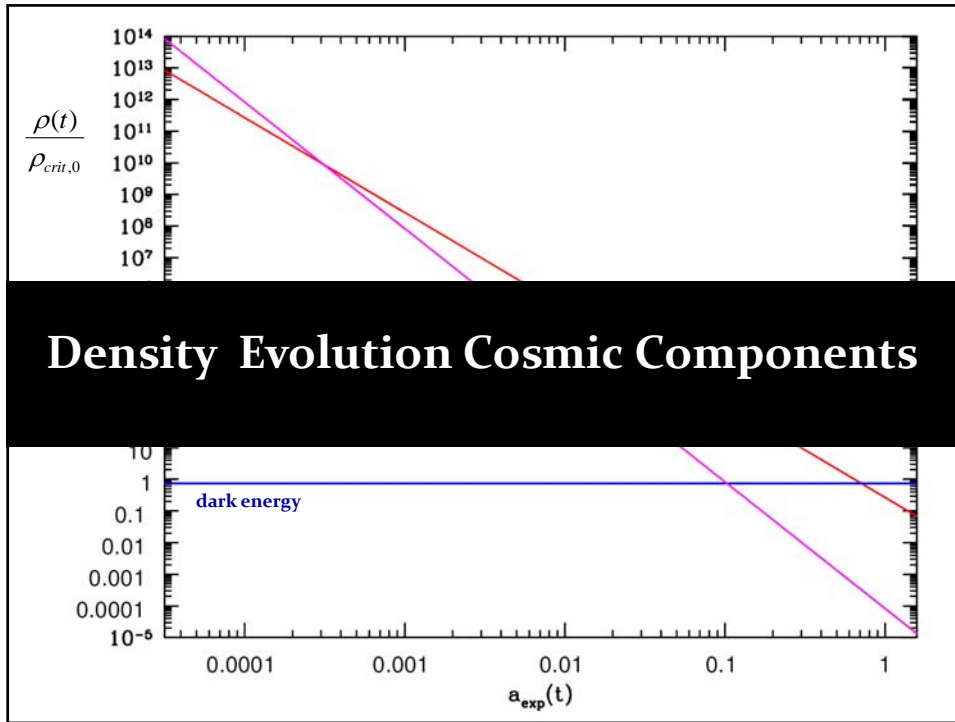
$$\rho_m(t) = \frac{1}{a^3} \rho_{m,0}$$

- Curvature Evolution

$$\frac{kc^2}{R(t)^2} = \frac{1}{a^2} \frac{kc^2}{R_0^2} = \frac{1}{a^2} (1 - \Omega_0)$$

- Dark Energy  
(Cosmological Constant)  
Evolution

$$\rho_\Lambda(t) = cst. = \rho_{\Lambda 0}$$



# Radiation-Matter Transition

- Radiation Density Evolution

$$\rho_{rad}(t) = \frac{1}{a^4} \rho_{rad,0}$$

- Matter Density Evolution

$$\rho_m(t) = \frac{1}{a^3} \rho_{m,0}$$

- Radiation energy density decreases more rapidly than matter density: this implies radiation to have had a higher energy density before a particular cosmic time:

$$a_{rm} = \frac{\Omega_{rad,0}}{\Omega_{m,0}}$$

$$\leftarrow \frac{\rho_{m,0}}{a^3} = \frac{\rho_{rad,0}}{a^4}$$

$$a < a_{rm} \quad \text{Radiation dominance}$$

$$a > a_{rm} \quad \text{Matter dominance}$$

# Matter-Dark Energy Transition

- Matter Density Evolution

$$\rho_m(t) = \frac{1}{a^3} \rho_{m,0}$$

- Dark Energy Density Evolution

$$\rho_\Lambda(t) = cst. = \rho_{\Lambda,0}$$

- While matter density decreases due to the expansion of the Universe, the cosmological constant represents a small, yet constant, energy density. As a result, it will represent a higher density after

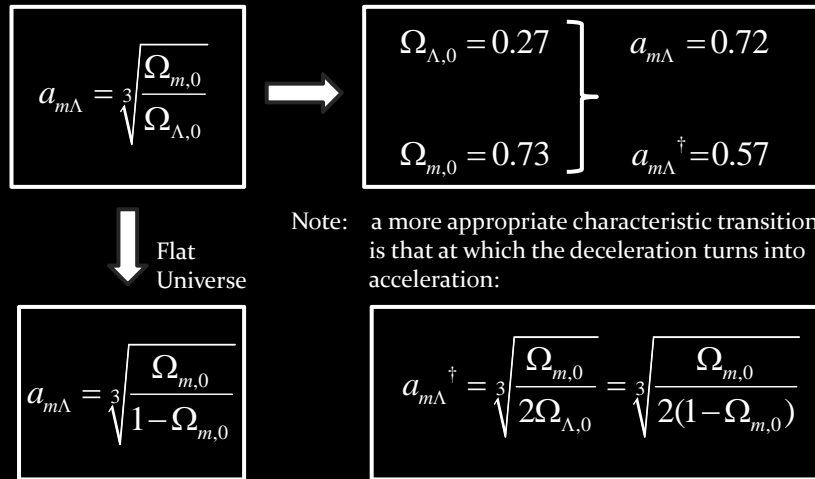
$$a_{m\Lambda} = \sqrt[3]{\frac{\Omega_{m,0}}{\Omega_{\Lambda,0}}}$$

$$\leftarrow \frac{\rho_{m,0}}{a^3} = \rho_{\Lambda,0}$$

$$a < a_{m\Lambda} \quad \text{Matter dominance}$$

$$a > a_{m\Lambda} \quad \text{Dark energy dominance}$$

# Matter-Dark Energy Transition



# Evolution Cosmological Density Parameter

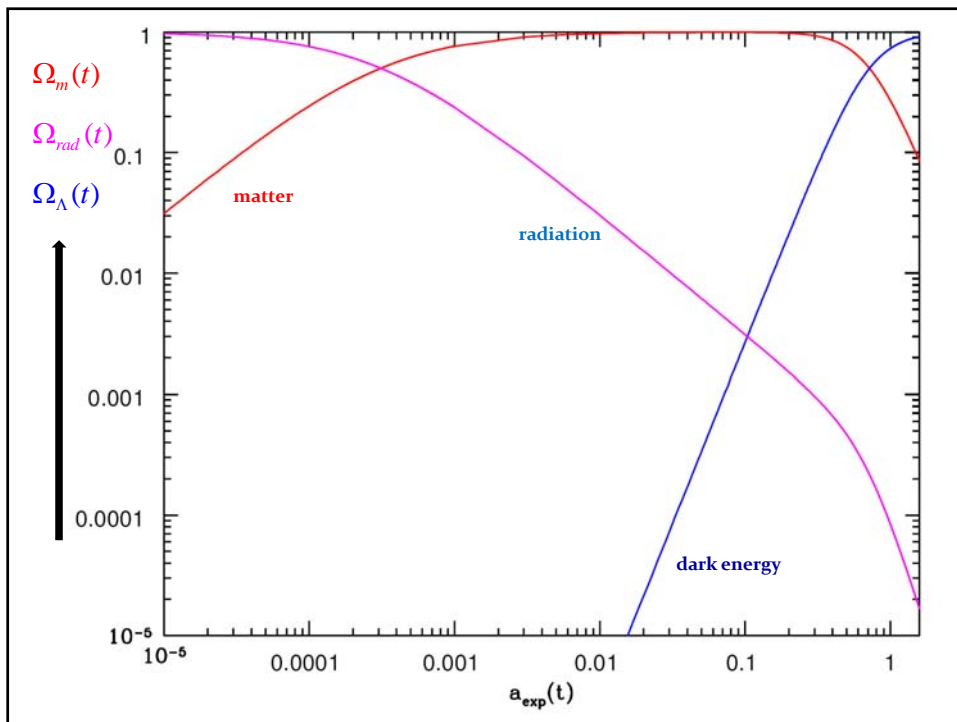
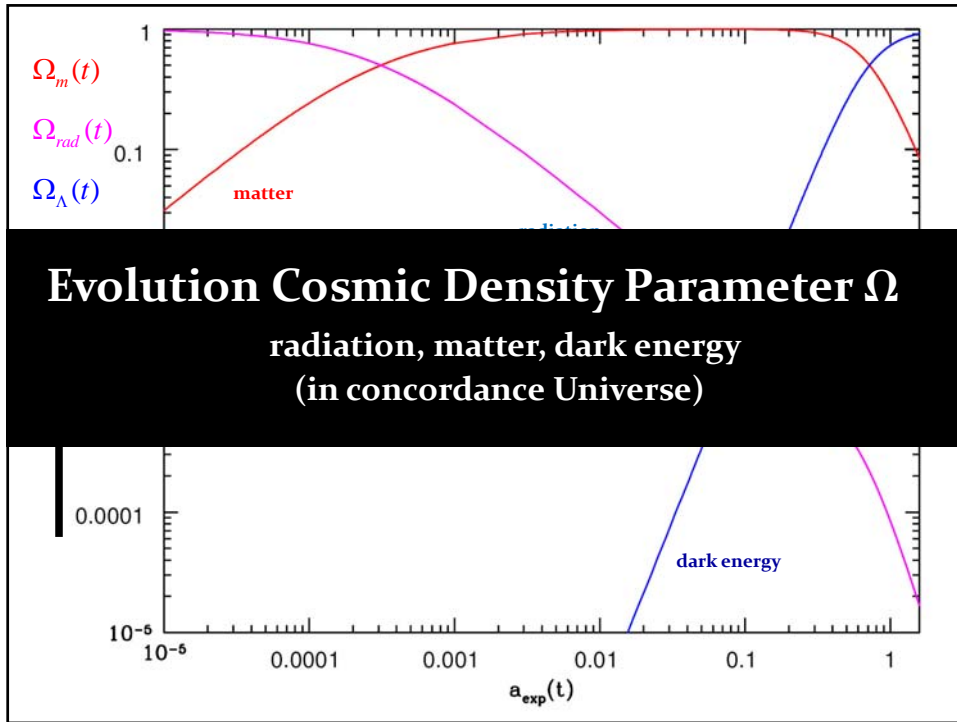
Limiting ourselves to a flat Universe  
(and discarding the contribution by and evolution of curvature):

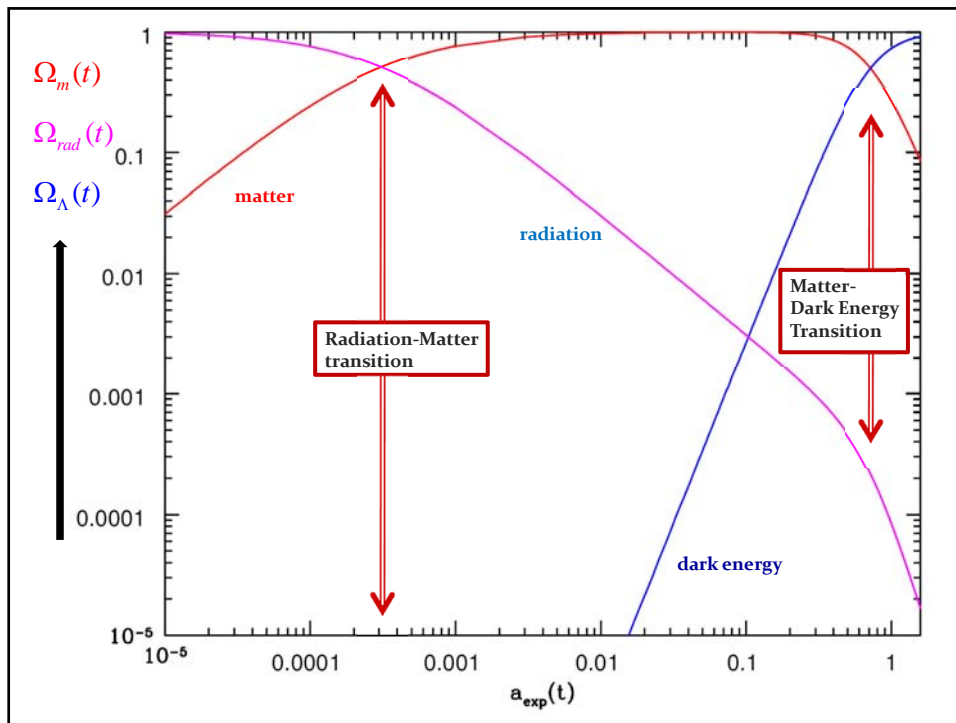
to appreciate the dominance of radiation, matter and dark energy in the subsequent cosmological eras, it is most illuminating to look at the evolution of the cosmological density parameter of these cosmological components:

$$\Omega_{rad}(t) \longleftrightarrow \Omega_m(t) \longleftrightarrow \Omega_\Lambda(t)$$

e.g.

$$\Omega_m(t) = \frac{\Omega_{m,0} a^4}{\Omega_{rad,0} + \Omega_{m,0} a + \Omega_{\Lambda,0} a^4}$$





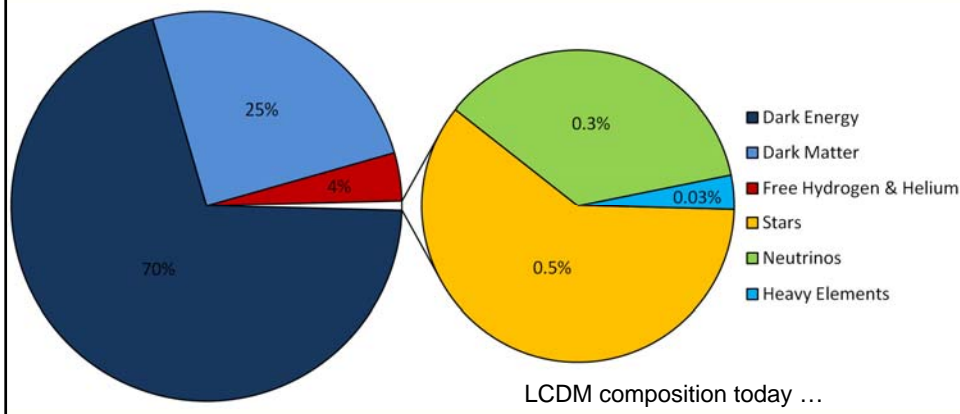
**Concordance Universe**



Concordance Universe Parameters			
Hubble Parameter		$H_0 = 71.9 \pm 2.6 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$	
Age of the Universe		$t_0 = 13.7 \pm 0.12 \text{ Gyr}$	
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		$\Omega_{tot} = 1.0050 \pm 0.0061$	

## LCDM Cosmology

- Concordance cosmology
  - model that fits the majority of cosmological observations
  - universe dominated by Dark Matter and Dark Energy



# Concordance Expansion

$$H_0 t = \frac{2}{3\sqrt{1-\Omega_{m,0}}} \ln \left\{ \left( \frac{a}{a_{m\Lambda}} \right)^{3/2} + \sqrt{1 + \left( \frac{a}{a_{m\Lambda}} \right)^3} \right\}$$

transition epoch:

matter-dominate to  
 $\Lambda$  dominated

$a_{m\Lambda} \sim 0.75$

$$a_{m\Lambda} = \sqrt[3]{\frac{\Omega_{m0}}{1-\Omega_{m0}}}$$

# Concordance Expansion

We can recognize two extreme regimes:

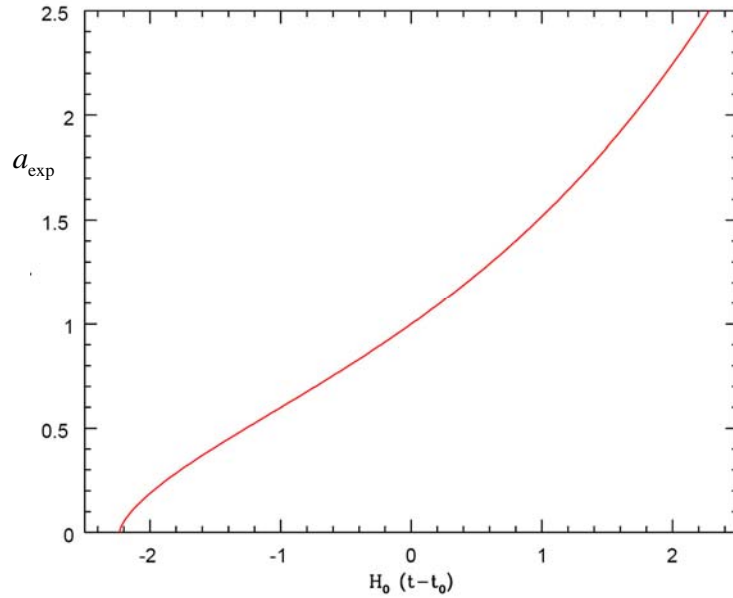
- $a \ll a_{m\Lambda}$  very early times  
matter dominates the expansion, and  $\Omega_m \approx 1$ : Einstein-de Sitter expansion,

$$a(t) \approx \left( \frac{3}{2} \sqrt{\Omega_{m,0}} H_0 t \right)^{2/3}$$

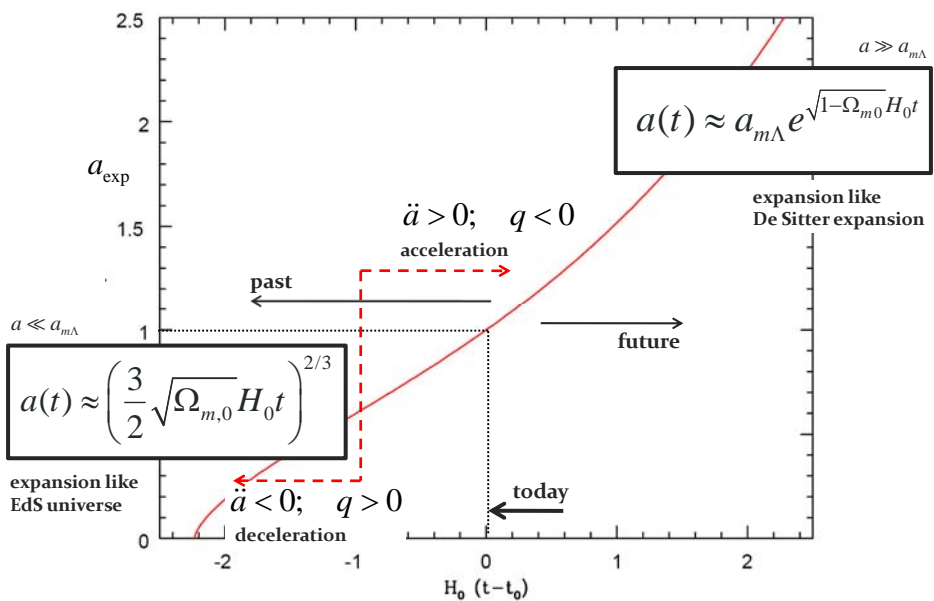
- $a \gg a_{m\Lambda}$  very late times  
matter has diluted to oblivion, and  $\Omega_m \approx 0$ : de Sitter expansion driven by dark energy

$$a(t) \approx a_{m\Lambda} e^{\sqrt{1-\Omega_{m0}} H_0 t}$$

# Concordance Expansion



# Concordance Expansion



# Matter-Dark Energy Transition

$$a_{m\Lambda} = \sqrt[3]{\frac{\Omega_{m,0}}{\Omega_{\Lambda,0}}}$$

→

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \Omega_{\Lambda,0} = 0.27 \\ \Omega_{m,0} = 0.73 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} a_{m\Lambda} = 0.72 \\ a_{m\Lambda}^\dagger = 0.57 \end{array}$$

↓ Flat Universe

$$a_{m\Lambda} = \sqrt[3]{\frac{\Omega_{m,0}}{1 - \Omega_{m,0}}}$$

$$a_{m\Lambda}^\dagger = \sqrt[3]{\frac{\Omega_{m,0}}{2\Omega_{\Lambda,0}}} = \sqrt[3]{\frac{\Omega_{m,0}}{2(1 - \Omega_{m,0})}}$$

Note: a more appropriate characteristic transition is that at which the deceleration turns into acceleration:

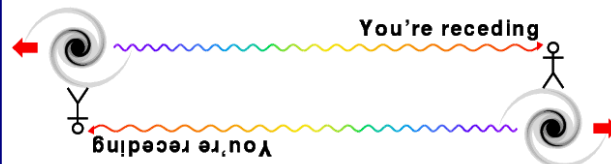
Key Epochs Concordance Universe			
Radiation-Matter Equality		$a_{eq} = 2.8 \times 10^{-4}$	$t_{eq} = 4.7 \times 10^4 \text{ yr}$
Recombination/Decoupling		$a_{rec} \approx 1/1091$ $z_{rec} = 1090.88 \pm 0.72$	$t_{rec} = 3.77 \pm 0.03 \times 10^5 \text{ yrs}$
Reionization	Optical Depth Redshift	$\tau_{reion} = 0.084 \pm 0.016$ $z_{reion} = 10.9 \pm 1.4$	$t_{reion} = 432_{-67}^{+90} \times 10^6 \text{ yrs}$
Matter-Dark Energy Transition	Acceleration Energy	$a_{m\Lambda}^\dagger \approx 0.60; z_{m\Lambda}^\dagger \approx 0.67$ $a_{m\Lambda} \approx 0.75; z_{m\Lambda} \approx 0.33$	$t_{m\Lambda} = 9.8 \text{ Gyr}$
Today		$a_0 = 1$	$t_{eq} = 13.72 \pm 0.12 \text{ Gyr}$

# Observational Cosmology in FRW Universe

## Cosmic Redshift

$$1 + z = \frac{1}{a} \iff \begin{cases} \lambda_{em} = \lambda_0 \\ \lambda_{obs} = \frac{a(t_{obs})}{a(t_{em})} \lambda_0 \end{cases}$$

$$z \equiv \frac{\lambda_{obs} - \lambda_{em}}{\lambda_{em}}$$



# RW Distance Measure

In an (expanding) space with Robertson-Walker metric,

$$ds^2 = c^2 dt^2 - a(t)^2 \left\{ dr^2 + R_c^2 S_k^2 \left( \frac{r}{R_c} \right) \left[ d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2 \right] \right\}$$

there are several definitions for distance, dependent on how you measure it.

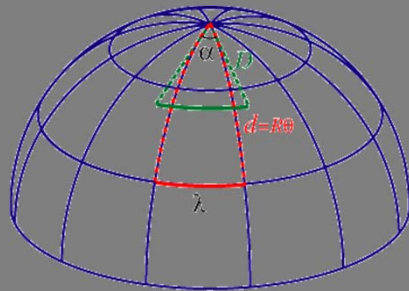
They all involve the central distance function, the *RW Distance Measure*,

$$D(r) = R_c S_k \left( \frac{r}{R_c} \right)$$

# Angular Diameter Distance

Imagine an object of proper size  $d$ , at redshift  $z$ , its angular size  $\Delta\theta$  is given by

$$d = a(t) R_c S_k \left( \frac{r}{R_c} \right) \Delta\theta \quad \longrightarrow \quad \Delta\theta = \frac{d(1+z)}{D} = \frac{d}{D_A}$$



Angular Diameter distance:

$$D_A = \frac{D}{1+z}$$

# Luminosity Distance

Imagine an object of luminosity  $L(\nu_e)$ , at redshift  $z$ , its flux density at observed frequency  $\nu_o$  is

$$S(\nu_o) = \frac{L(\nu_e)}{4\pi D^2 (1+z)} \quad \rightarrow \quad S_{bol} = \frac{L_{bol}}{4\pi D^2 (1+z)^2} = \frac{L_{bol}}{4\pi D_L^2}$$

Luminosity distance:

$$D_L = D(1+z)$$

# FRW Redshift-Distance

Observing in a FRW Universe, we locate galaxies in terms of their redshift  $z$ . To connect this to their true physical distance, we need to know what the coordinate distance  $r$  of an object with redshift  $z$ ,

$$R_0 dr = \frac{c}{H(z)} dz$$

In a FRW Universe, the dependence of the Hubble expansion rate  $H(z)$  at any redshift  $z$  depends on the content of matter, dark energy and radiation, as well as its curvature. This leads to the following explicit expression for the redshift-distance relation,

$$R_0 dr = \frac{c}{H_0} \left\{ (1-\Omega_0)(1+z)^2 + \Omega_{\Lambda,0} + \Omega_{m,0} (1+z)^3 + \Omega_{rad,0} (1+z)^4 \right\}^{-1/2} dz$$

## Matter-Dominated FRW Universe

in a matter-dominated Universe, the redshift-distance relation is

$$R_0 dr = \frac{c}{H_0} \left\{ (1 - \Omega_0)(1+z)^2 + \Omega_0(1+z)^3 \right\}^{-1/2} dz$$

from which one may find that

$$R_0 r = \frac{c}{H_0} \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{(1+z') \sqrt{1 + \Omega_0 z'}}$$

## Mattig's Formula

The integral expression

$$R_0 r = \frac{c}{H_0} \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{(1+z') \sqrt{1 + \Omega_0 z'}}$$

can be evaluated by using the substitution:  $u^2 = \frac{k(\Omega_0 - 1)}{\Omega_0(1+z)}$

This leads to Mattig's formula:

$$D(z) = R_c S_k \left( \frac{r}{R_c} \right) = \frac{2c}{H_0} \frac{\Omega_0 z + (\Omega_0 - 2) \left\{ \sqrt{1 + \Omega_0 z} - 1 \right\}}{\Omega_0^2 (1+z)}$$

This is one of the very most important and most useful equations in observational cosmology.



## Mattig's Formula

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In a low-density Universe, it is better to use the following version:

$$D(z) = R_c S_k \left( \frac{r}{R_c} \right) = \frac{c}{H_0} \frac{z}{1+z} \frac{1 + \sqrt{1 + \Omega_0 z}}{1 + \sqrt{1 + \Omega_0 z} + \Omega_0 z / 2}$$

For a Universe with a cosmological constant, there is not an easily tractable analytical expression (a Mattig's formula). The comoving Distance  $r$  has to be found through a numerical evaluation of the fundamental  $dr/dz$  expression.

## Distance-Redshift Relation, 2<sup>nd</sup> order

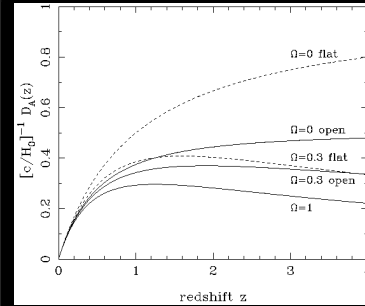
For all general FRW Universe, the second-order distance-redshift relation is identical, only depending on the *deceleration parameter*  $q_0$ :

$$D(z) = R_c S_k \left( \frac{r}{R_c} \right) \approx \frac{c}{H_0} \left( z - \frac{1}{2} (1 + q_0) z^2 \right)$$

$q_0$  can be related to  $\Omega_0$  once the *equation of state* is known.

## Angular Diameter Distance matter-dominated FRW Universe

$$D_A = \frac{D}{1+z} = \frac{1}{1+z} R_c S_k \left( \frac{r}{R_c} \right)$$



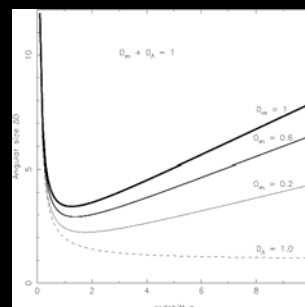
In a matter-dominated Universe, the angular diameter distance as function of redshift is given by:

$$D_A(z) = \frac{1}{1+z} R_c S_k \left( \frac{r}{R_c} \right) = \frac{2c}{H_0 \Omega_0^2 (1+z)^2} \left\{ \Omega_0 z + (\Omega_0 - 2) \left( \sqrt{1 + \Omega_0 z} - 1 \right) \right\}$$

## Angular Size - Redshift FRW Universe

$$\theta(z) = \frac{\ell}{D_A}$$

The angular size  $\theta(z)$  of an object of physical size  $\ell$  at a redshift  $z$  displays an interesting behaviour. In most FRW universes it has a minimum at a medium range redshift -  $z=1.25$  in an  $\Omega_m=1$  EdS universe - and increases again at higher redshifts.



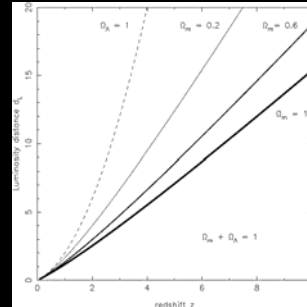
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# Luminosity Distance

## matter-dominated FRW Universe

$$D_L = D(1+z) = (1+z)R_c S_k \left( \frac{r}{R_c} \right)$$

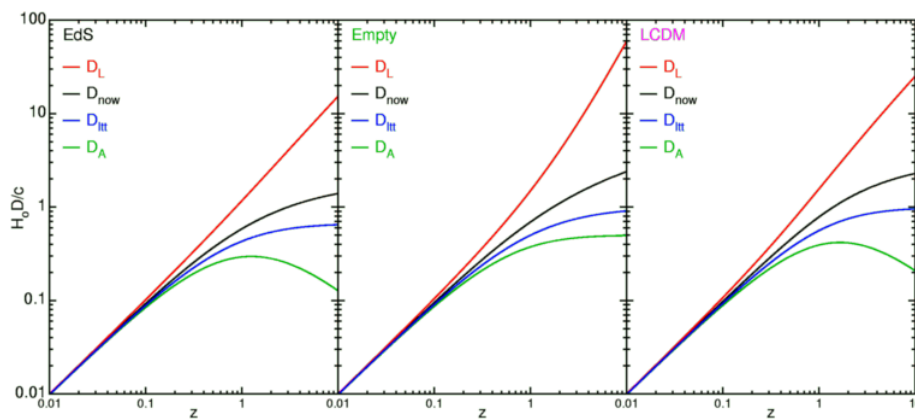


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# FRW Universe Distances

## summary



# FRW

## Thermodynamics

# FRW Dynamics

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

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

To find solutions  $a(t)$  for the expansion history of the Universe, for a particular FRW Universe,

one needs to know how the density  $\rho(t)$  and pressure  $p(t)$  evolve as function of  $a(t)$

FRW equations are implicitly equivalent to a third Einstein equation, the energy equation,

$$\dot{\rho} + 3 \left( \rho + \frac{p}{c^2} \right) \frac{\dot{a}}{a} = 0$$

# FRW Dynamics: Adiabatic Cosmic Expansion

Important observation:  
the energy equation,

$$\dot{\rho} + 3 \left( \rho + \frac{p}{c^2} \right) \frac{\dot{a}}{a} = 0$$

is equivalent to stating that the change in internal energy

$$U = \rho c^2 V$$

of a specific co-expanding volume  $V(t)$  of the Universe, is due to work by pressure:

$$dU = -p dV$$

Friedmann-Robertson-Walker-Lemaitre expansion of the Universe is

→ Adiabatic Expansion ←

# FRW Dynamics: Thermal Evolution

Adiabatic Expansion of the Universe:

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- Temperature Evolution of cosmic components

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# Radiation & Matter

# Cosmic Radiation

The Universe is filled with thermal radiation, the photons that were created in The Big Bang and that we now observe as the Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB).

The CMB photons represent the most abundant species in the Universe, by far !

The CMB radiation field is PERFECTLY thermalized, with their energy distribution representing the most perfect blackbody spectrum we know in nature. The energy density  $u_\nu(T)$  is therefore given by the Planck spectral distribution,

$$u_\nu(T) = \frac{8\pi h\nu^3}{c^3} \frac{1}{e^{h\nu/kT} - 1}$$

At present, the temperature  $T$  of the cosmic radiation field is known to impressive precision,

$$T_0 = 2.725 \pm 0.001 \text{ K}$$

# Cosmic Radiation

With the energy density  $u_\nu(T)$  of CMB photons with energy  $h\nu$  given, we know the number density  $n_\nu(T)$  of such photons:

$$n_\nu(T) = \frac{u_\nu(T)}{h\nu} = \frac{8\pi\nu^2}{c^3} \frac{1}{e^{h\nu/kT} - 1}$$

The total number density  $n_\gamma(T)$  of photons in the Universe can be assessed by integrating the number density  $n_\nu(T)$  of photons with frequency  $\nu$  over all frequencies,

$$\begin{aligned} n_\gamma(T) &= \int_0^\infty n_\nu(T) d\nu = \\ &= \int_0^\infty \frac{8\pi\nu^2}{c^3} \frac{1}{e^{h\nu/kT} - 1} d\nu = 60.4 \left( \frac{kT}{hc} \right)^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$T = 2.725 \text{ K}$$



$$n_\gamma(T) = 412 \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

# Baryon-Photon Ratio

Having determined the number density of photons, we may compare this with the number density of baryons,  $n_b(T)$ . That is, we wish to know the PHOTON-BARYON ratio,

$$\eta \equiv \frac{n_\gamma}{n_B}$$

$$n_b = \frac{\rho_B}{m_p} = \frac{\Omega_B \rho_{crit}}{m_p}$$

The baryon number density is inferred from the baryon mass density. here, for simplicity, we have assumed that baryons (protons and neutrons) have the same mass, the proton mass  $m_p \sim 1.672 \times 10^{-24}$  g. At present we therefore find

$$n_b = 1.12 \times 10^{-5} \Omega_b h^2 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$$



$$\eta_0 = \frac{n_\gamma}{n_b} \approx 3.65 \times 10^7 \frac{1}{\Omega_b h^2} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$$

We know that

$\Omega_b \sim 0.044$  and  $h \sim 0.72$ :

$$\eta_0 = \frac{n_\gamma}{n_b} \approx 1.60 \times 10^9$$

# Baryon-Photon Ratio

From simple thermodynamic arguments, we find that the number of photons is vastly larger than that of baryons in the Universe.

$$\eta_0 = \frac{n_\gamma}{n_b} \approx 1.60 \times 10^9$$

In this, the Universe is a unique physical system, with tremendous repercussions for the thermal history of the Universe. We may in fact easily find that the cosmic photon-baryon ratio remains constant during the expansion of the Universe,

$$n_b(t) = \frac{n_{b,0}}{a^3}$$

$$n_\gamma(t) \propto T(t)^3 \propto \frac{1}{a^3} \Rightarrow n_\gamma(t) = \frac{n_{\gamma,0}}{a^3}$$



$$\eta = \frac{n_\gamma(t)}{n_b(t)} = \frac{n_{\gamma,0}}{n_{b,0}} = \eta_0$$



# Entropy of the Universe

The photon-baryon ratio in the Universe remains constant during the expansion of the Universe, and has the large value of

$$\eta = \frac{n_\gamma(t)}{n_b(t)} = \frac{n_{\gamma,0}}{n_{b,0}} = \eta_0 = 1.60 \times 10^9$$

This quantity is one of the key parameters of the Big Bang. The baryon-photon ratio quantifies the ENTROPY of the Universe, and it remains to be explained why the Universe has produced such a system of extremely large entropy !!!!

The key to this lies in the very earliest instants of our Universe !

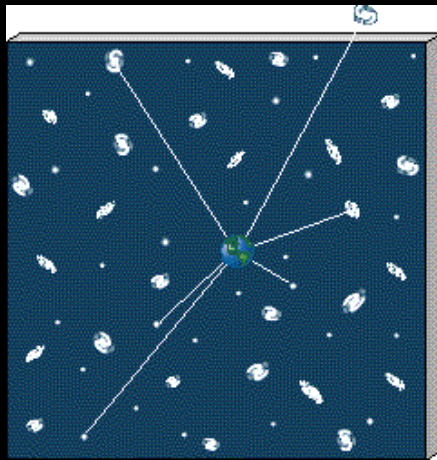
## Hot Big Bang

## Key Observations

# Big Bang Evidence

- Olber's paradox:  
the night sky is dark  
 ||→ finite age Universe (13.7 Gyr)
- Hubble Expansion  
uniform expansion, with  
expansion velocity ~ distance:  $v = H r$
- Explanation Helium Abundance 24%:  
light chemical elements formed (H, He, Li, ...)  
after ~3 minutes ...
- The Cosmic Microwave Background Radiation:  
the 2.725K radiation blanket, remnant left over  
hot ionized plasma ||→ neutral universe  
(379,000 years after Big Bang)
- Distant, deep Universe indeed looks different ...

## 1. Olber's Paradox



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Universe each line of sight would hit a star:



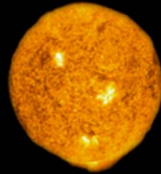
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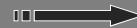


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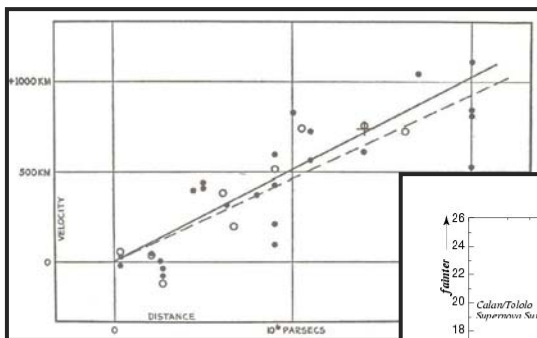
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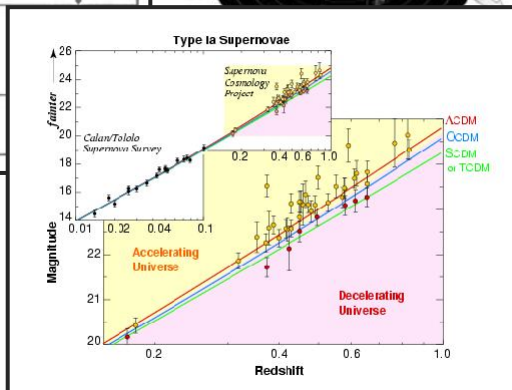


finite age of Universe (13.8 Gyr)

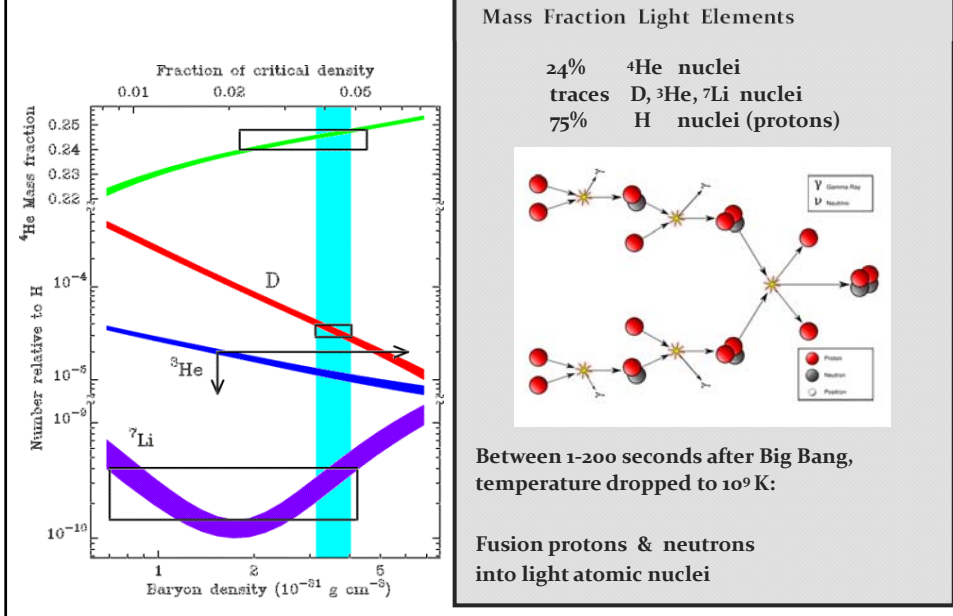
# 2. Hubble Expansion



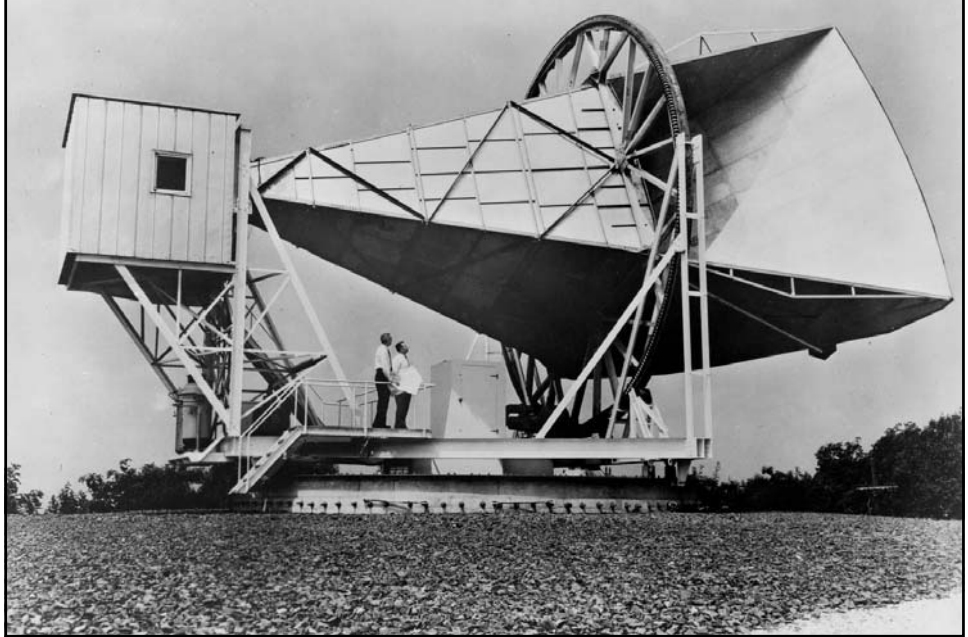
Hubble Diagram: ↑  
 • Hubble 1929: Universe expands !!!!  
 • Supernova Projects (1998) Cosmic Expansion is accelerating →

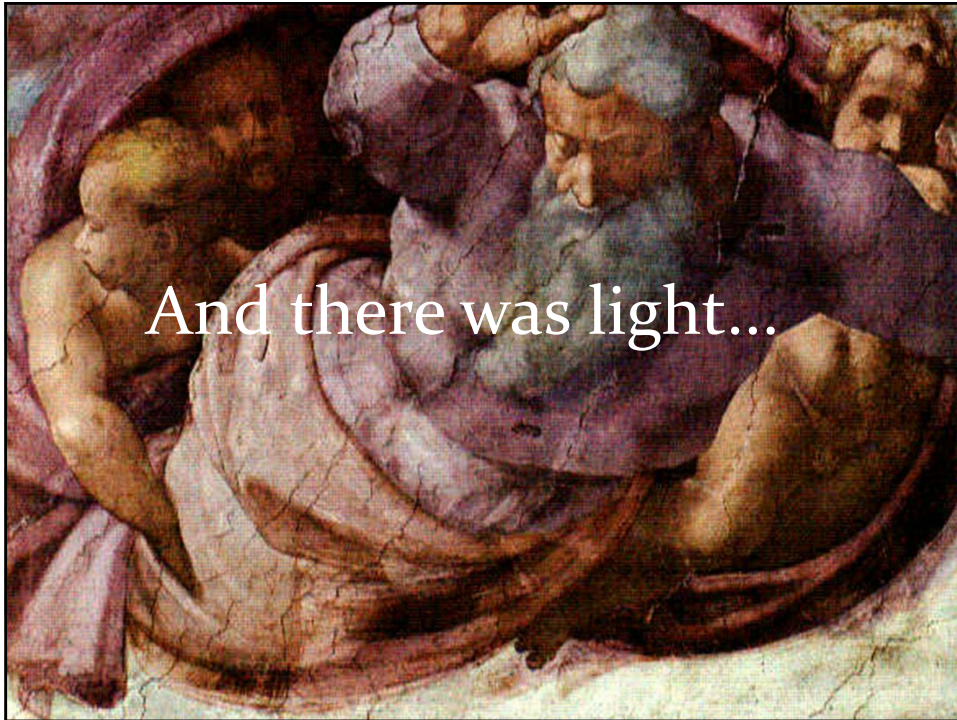


### 3. Light Element Abundance



### 4. Cosmic Microwave Background





## 4. Cosmic Microwave Background

Thermal Background Radiation Field

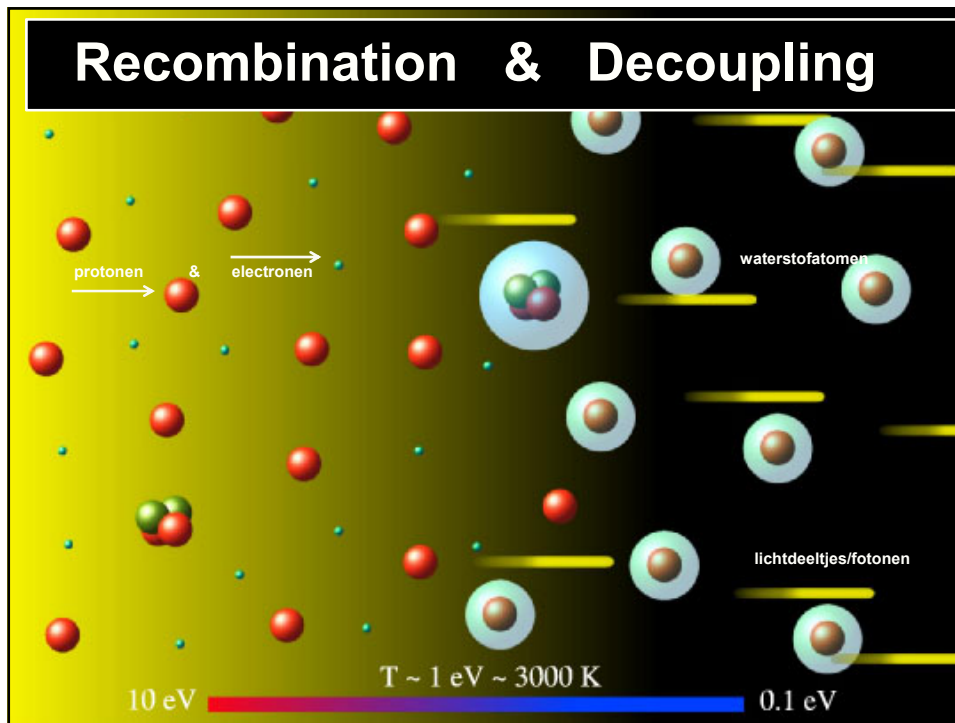
$$T=2.725 \text{ K}$$

- Discovery Penzias & Wilson (1965)  
Nobelprize Physics 1978
- Echo of the Big Bang:  
perfect thermal nature can  
only be understood when  
Universe went through  
very hot and dense phase:
- Ultimate proof Hot Big Bang !!!!!



$$T \sim 3000 \text{ K}$$

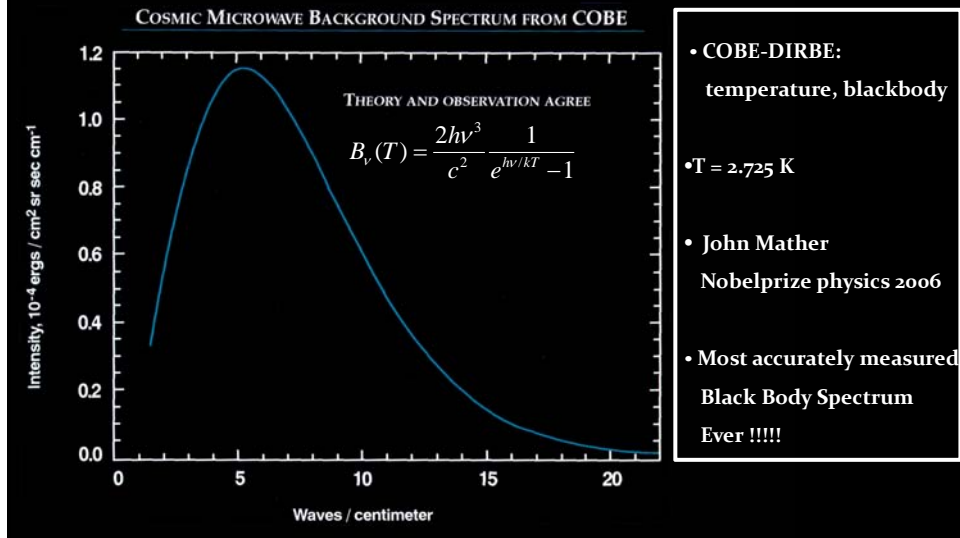
$$z_{\text{dec}}=1089 \quad (\Delta z_{\text{dec}}=195); \quad t_{\text{dec}}=379.000 \text{ yrs}$$



## Cosmic Light (CMB): the facts

- Ontdekt in 1965 door Penzias & Wilson,  
Nobelprijs 1978 !!!!!
- Kosmisch Licht dat het gehele heelal uniform vult
- Temperatuur:  $T_\gamma = 2.725 \text{ K}$
- Fotonen vult het meest voorkomende deeltje in de natuur:  $n_\gamma \sim 415 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
- Per atoom in het Heelal:  $n_\gamma/n_B \sim 1.9 \times 10^9$
- Ultieme Bewijs van de Big Bang !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

# CMB Radiation Field Blackbody Radiation



## CMB Photons



Note:

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

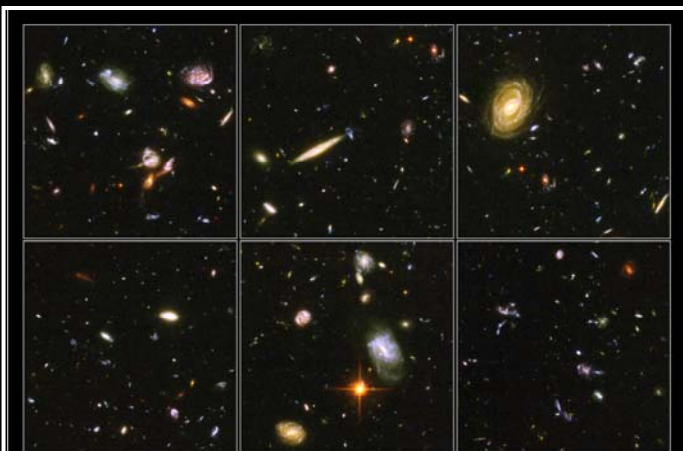
Courtesy: W. Hu

**Cosmic Light (CMB):  
most abundant species**

By far,  
the most abundant particle species  
in the Universe

$n_\gamma/n_B \sim 1.9 \text{ billion}$

# 5. Changing Universe



The appearance of the Universe does change when looking deeper into the Universe:

Depth=Time

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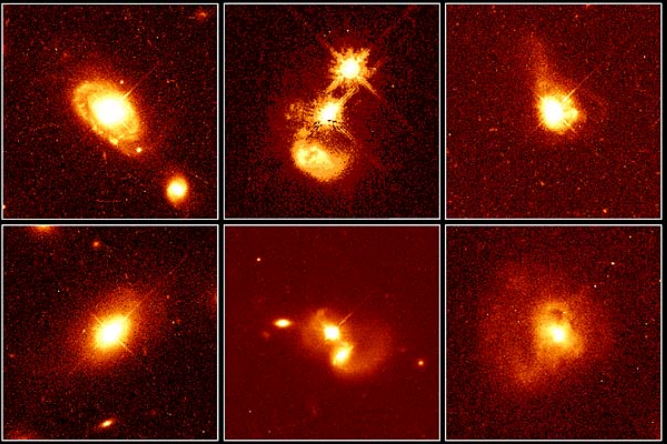
Galaxies in Hubble Ultra Deep Field

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

NASA, ESA, S. Beckwith (STScI) and the HUDF Team STScI-PRC04-07c



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→  
Quasars (very high z)

**Quasar Host Galaxies** HST • WFPC2  
PRC96-35a • ST ScI OPO • November 19, 1996  
J. Bahcall (Institute for Advanced Study), M. Disney (University of Wales) and NASA

How Much ?

Cosmic Curvature

## FRW Universe: Curvature

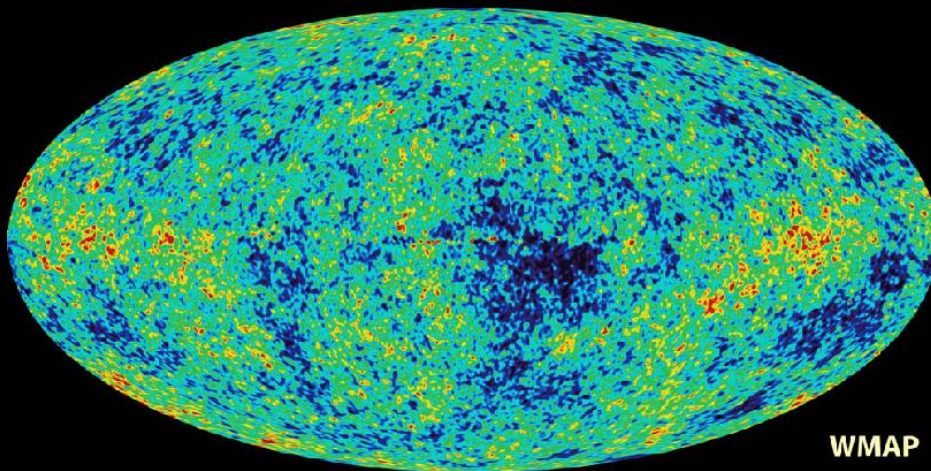
There is a 1-1 relation between the total energy content of the Universe and its curvature. From FRW equations:

$$k = \frac{H^2 R^2}{c^2} (\Omega - 1)$$

$$\Omega = \Omega_{rad} + \Omega_m + \Omega_\Lambda$$

$\Omega < 1$	$k = -1$	<i>Hyperbolic</i>	<i>Open Universe</i>
$\Omega = 1$	$k = 0$	<i>Flat</i>	<i>Critical Universe</i>
$\Omega > 1$	$k = +1$	<i>Spherical</i>	<i>Close Universe</i>

## Cosmic Microwave Background



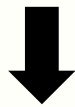
Map of the Universe at Recombination Epoch (WMAP, 2003):

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

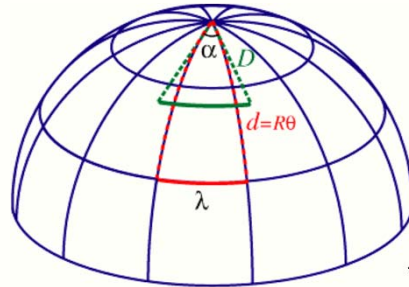
# Measuring Curvature

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**



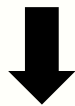
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In a FRW Universe:  
lightpaths described by  
Robertson-Walker metric

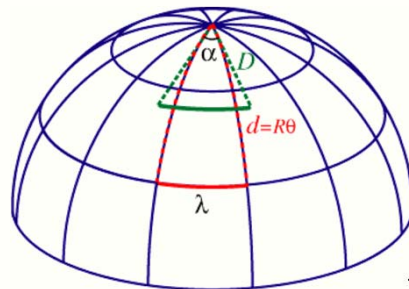
$$ds^2 = c^2 dt^2 - a(t)^2 \left\{ dr^2 + R_c^2 S_k^2 \left( \frac{r}{R_c} \right) \left[ d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2 \right] \right\}$$

# Measuring Curvature

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



**Temperature Fluctuations  
CMB**



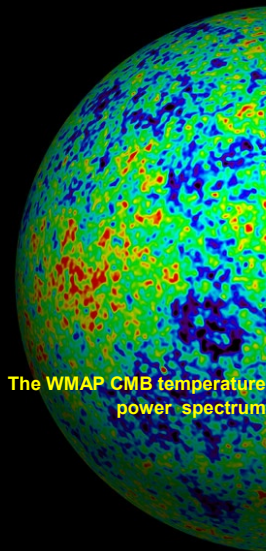
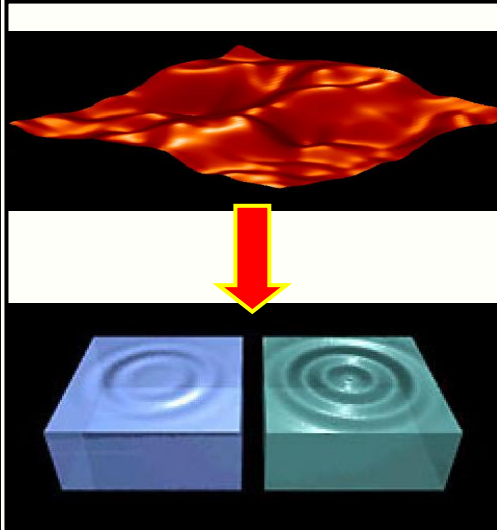
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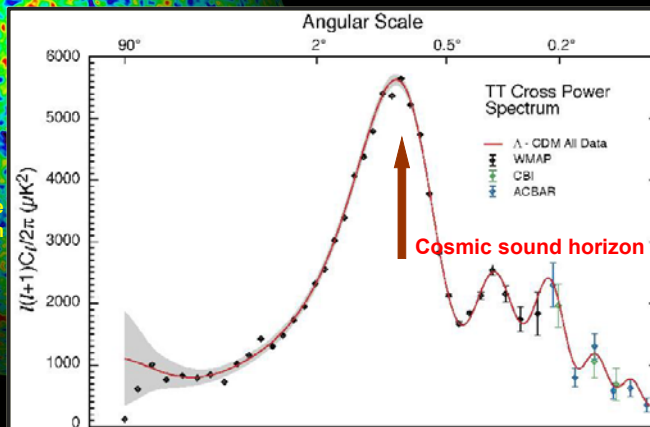
# Music of the Spheres

- 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"

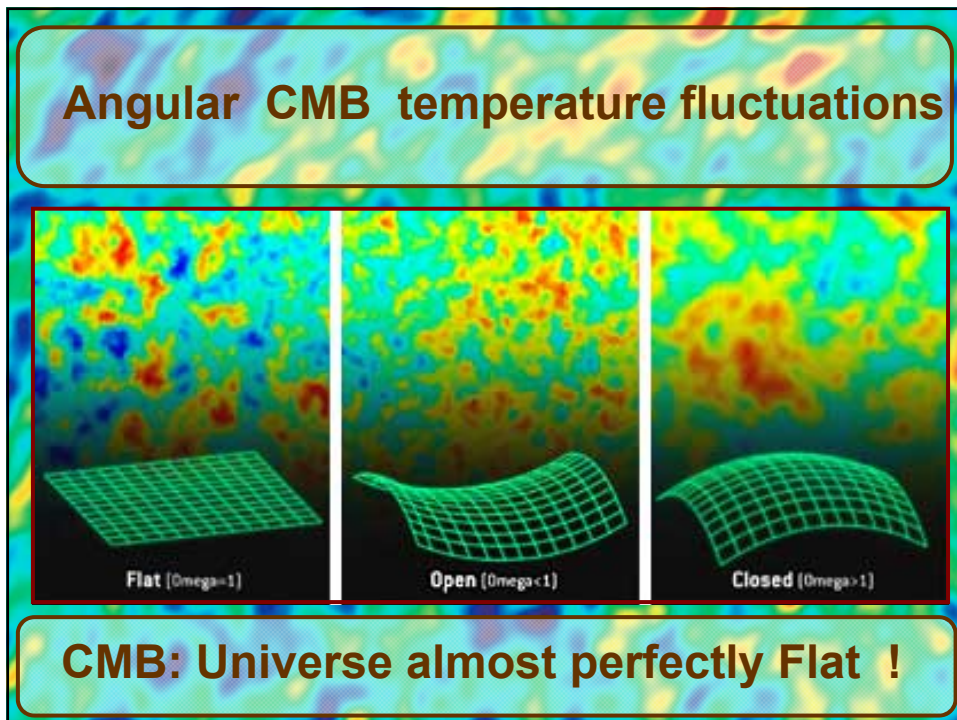
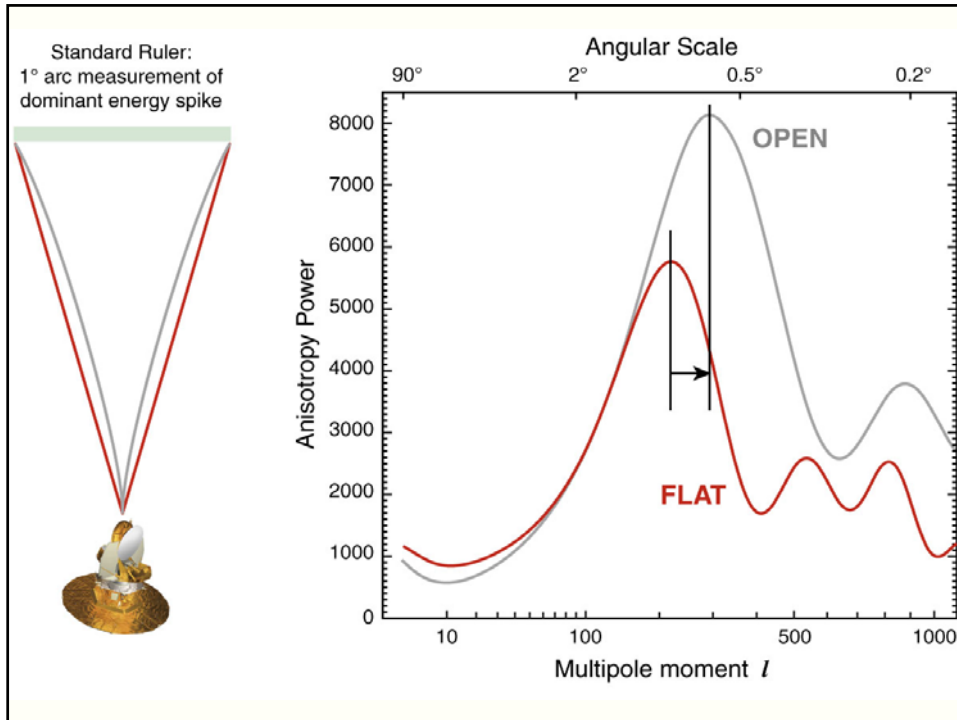


The WMAP CMB temperature power spectrum

## The Cosmic Tonal Ladder



The Cosmic Microwave Background Temperature Anisotropies:  
Universe is almost perfectly flat



# Cosmic Constraints

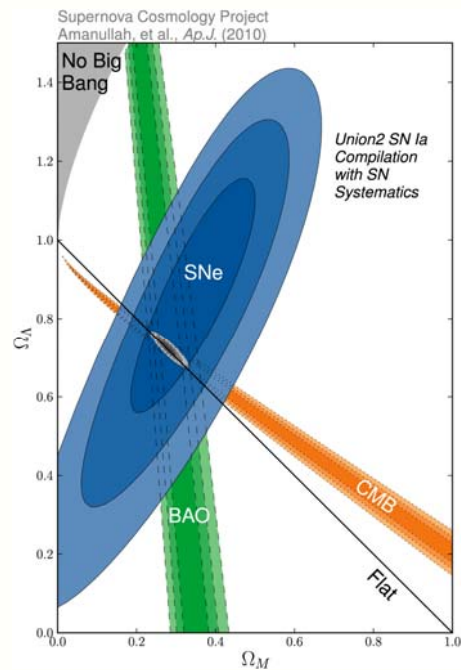
$\Omega_m$  vs.  $\Omega_\Lambda$

$$q \approx \frac{\Omega_m}{2} - \Omega_\Lambda$$

$$k = \frac{H^2 R^2}{c^2} (\Omega_m + \Omega_\Lambda - 1)$$

SCP Union2 constraints (2010)

on values of matter density  $\Omega_m$   
dark energy density  $\Omega_\Lambda$



## **Standard Big Bang: what it cannot explain**

- **Flatness Problem**  
the Universe is remarkably flat, and was even (much) flatter in the past
- **Horizon Problem**  
the Universe is nearly perfectly isotropic and homogeneous, much more so in the past
- **Monopole Problem:**  
There are hardly any magnetic monopoles in our Universe
- **Fluctuations, seeds of structure**  
Structure in the Universe: origin

# Flatness Problem

# Flatness Problem

FRW Dynamical Evolution:

Going back in time, we find that the Universe was much flatter than it is at the present.

Reversely, that means that any small deviation from flatness in the early Universe would have been strongly amplified nowadays ...

We would therefore expect to live in a Universe that would either be almost  $\Omega=0$  or  $\Omega\sim\infty$ ;

Yet, we find ourselves to live in a Universe that is almost perfectly flat ...  $\Omega_{\text{tot}}\sim 1$

How can this be ?



# Evolution $\Omega$

From the FRW equations, one can infer that the evolution of  $\Omega$  goes like (for simplicity, assume matter-dominated Universe),

$$\left(\frac{1}{\Omega} - 1\right) = a(t) \left(\frac{1}{\Omega_0} - 1\right) \iff \Omega(z) = \frac{\Omega_0(1+z)}{1 + \Omega_0 z}$$

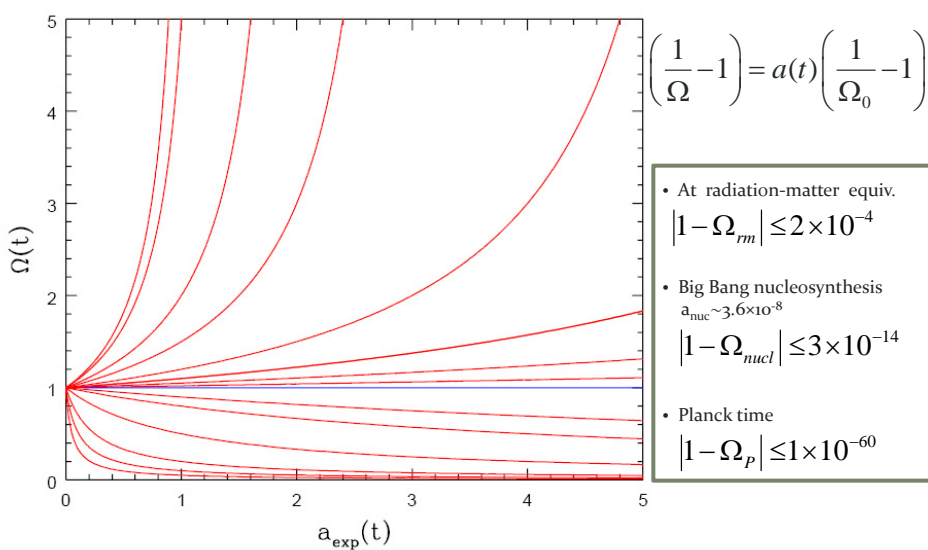
These equations directly show that

$$a \downarrow 0 \implies \Omega \rightarrow 1$$

$$k = \frac{H^2 R^2}{c^2} (\Omega - 1)$$

implying that the early Universe was very nearly flat ...

## Flatness Evolution



# Horizon Problem

## Cosmic Horizons

Light travel in an expanding Universe:

- Robertson-Walker metric:  $ds^2 = c^2 dt^2 - a(t)^2 dr^2$
- Light:  $ds^2 = 0$

$$d_{Hor} = \int_0^t \frac{c dt'}{a(t')}$$

Horizon distance in comoving space



$$R_{Hor} = a(t) \int_0^t \frac{c dt'}{a(t')}$$

Horizon distance in physical space

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

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The horizon distance at  
recombination/decoupling  
(CMB),

angular size on the sky:

$$\theta_{Hor} \approx 1.74^\circ \Omega_0^{1/2} \left( \frac{z_{dec}}{1100} \right)^{-1/2}$$

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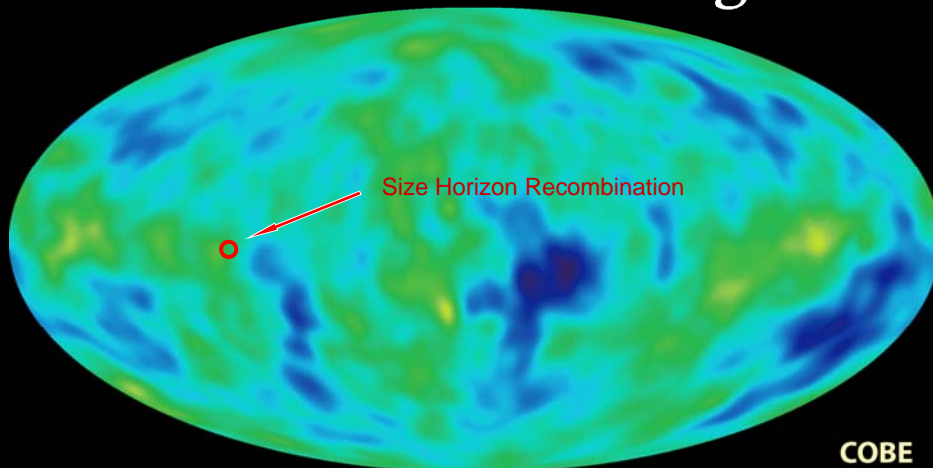


$\theta \gg 1^\circ$  Large angular scales:  
NOT in physical contact

$\theta \ll 1^\circ$  Small angular scales:  
In physical (thus, also thermal) contact

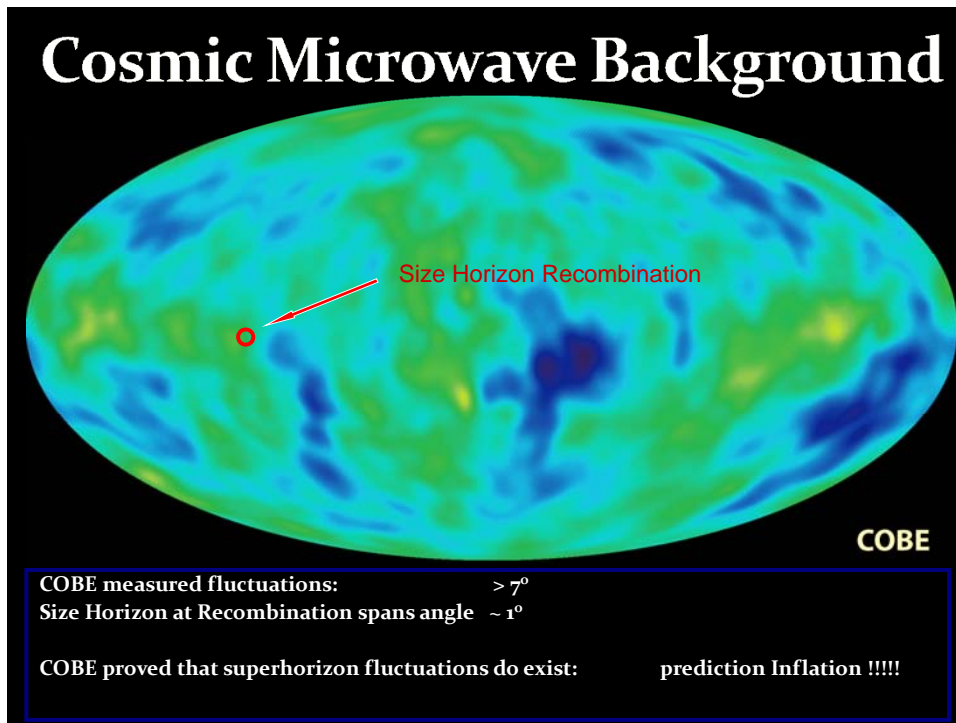
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# Cosmic Microwave Background



COBE measured fluctuations:  $> 7^\circ$   
Size Horizon at Recombination spans angle  $\sim 1^\circ$

How can it be that regions totally out of thermal contact have the same temperature ?



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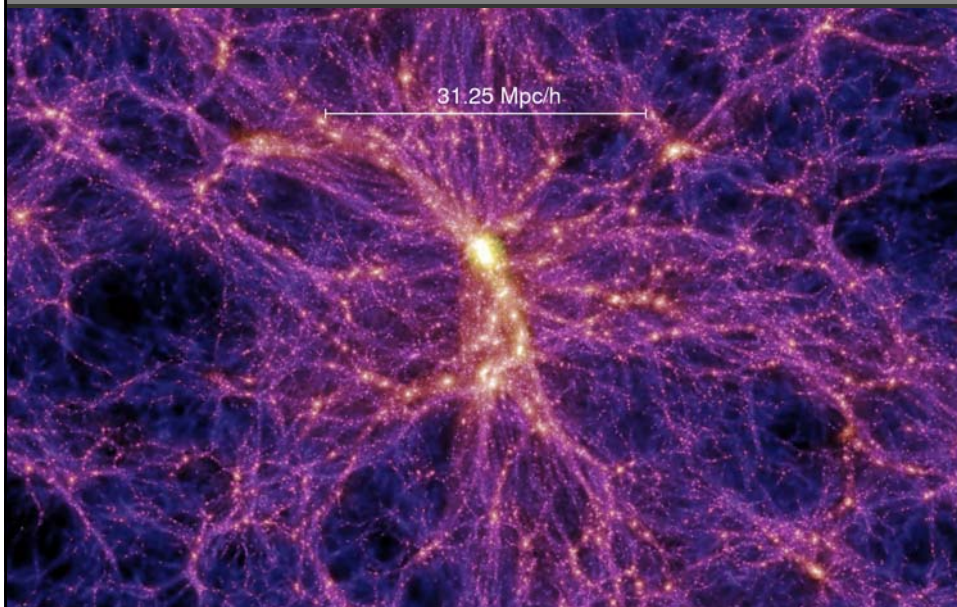
Angular scales:  $\theta_{Hor} \approx 1^\circ$

How can it be that regions that were never in thermal still have almost exactly the same temperature  $T \sim 2.725$  K

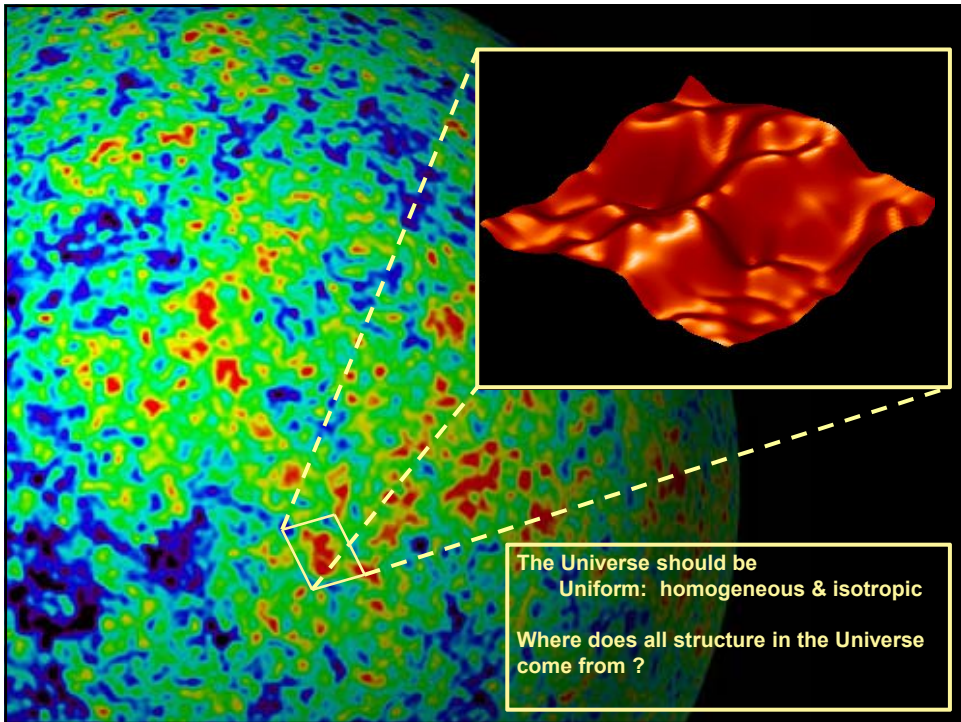
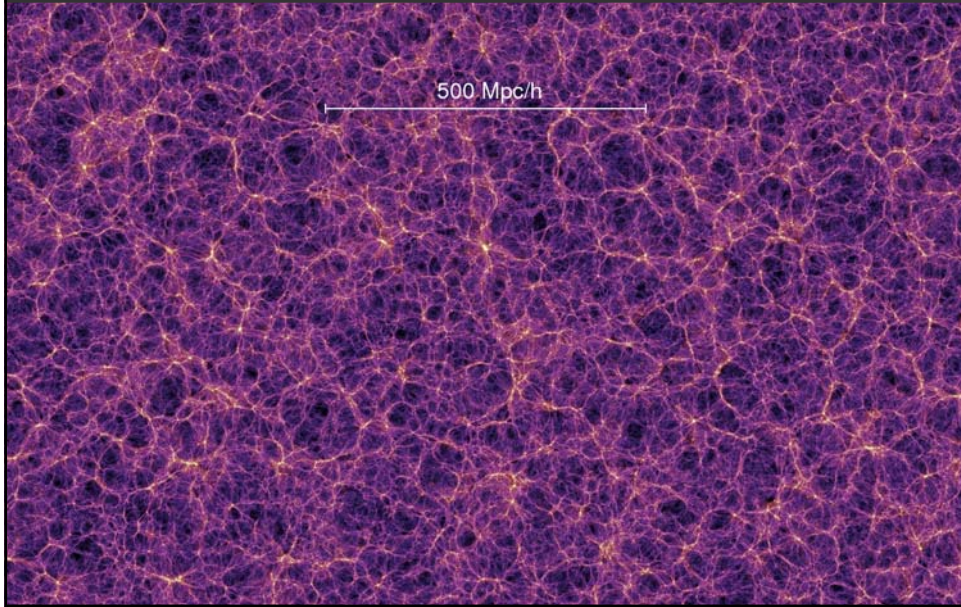
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# Structure Problem

## Millennium Simulation



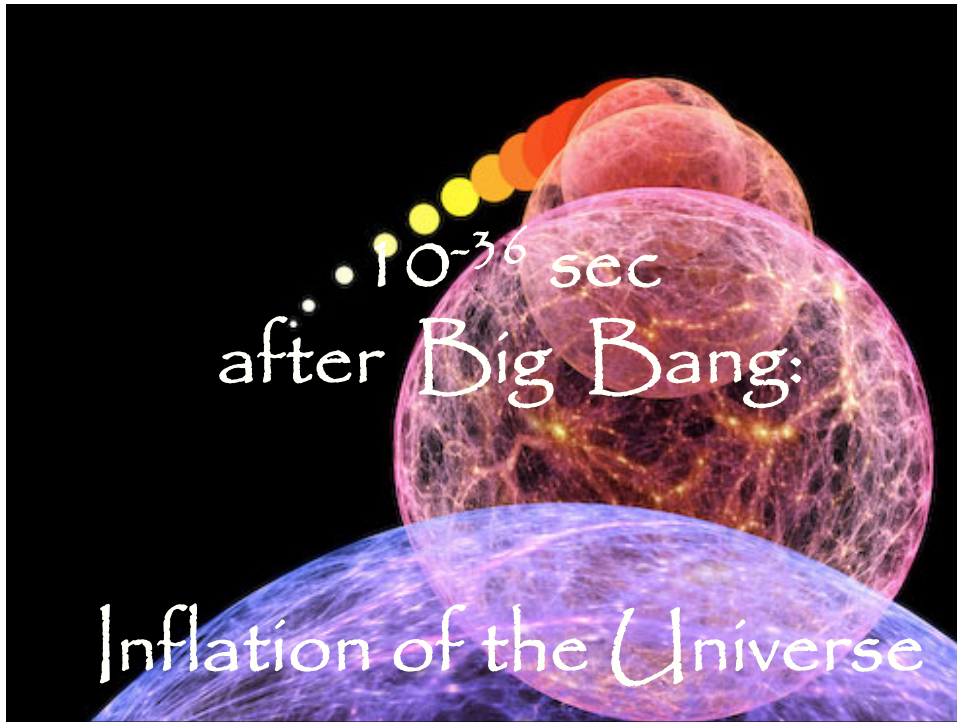
# Millennium Simulation



# Monopole Problem

**Inflationary Universe**





## FRW Big Bang extended: Inflationary Universe

Essential  
Ingredient/Extension  
Standard Cosmology

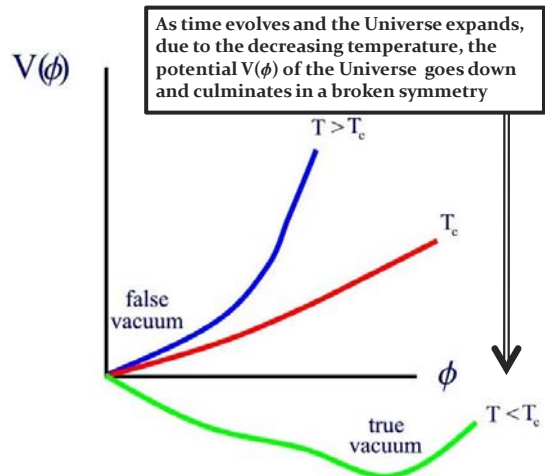
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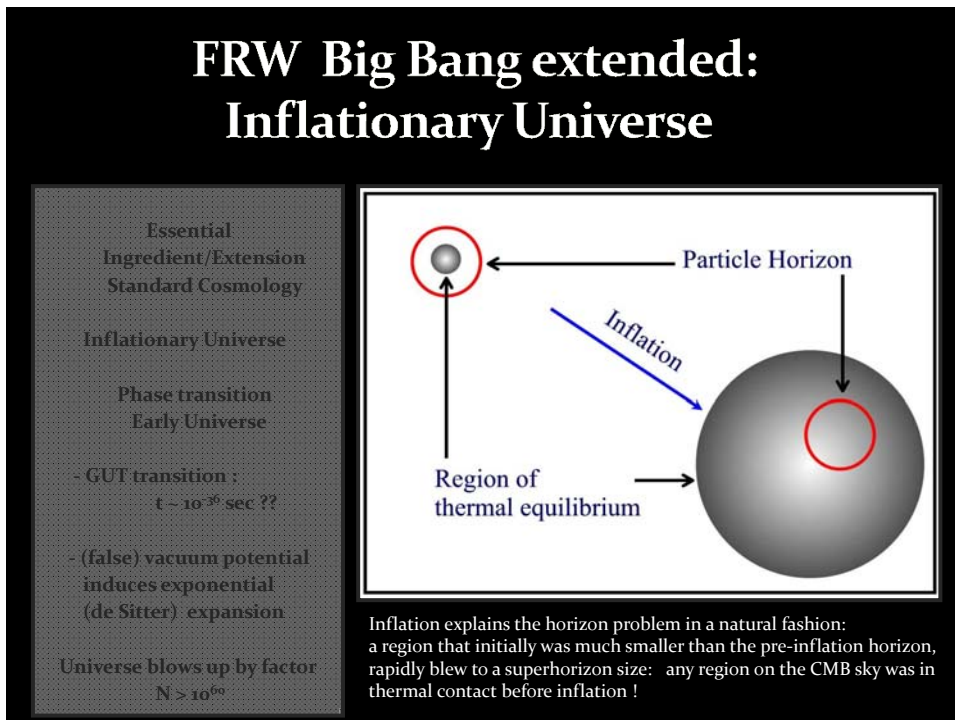
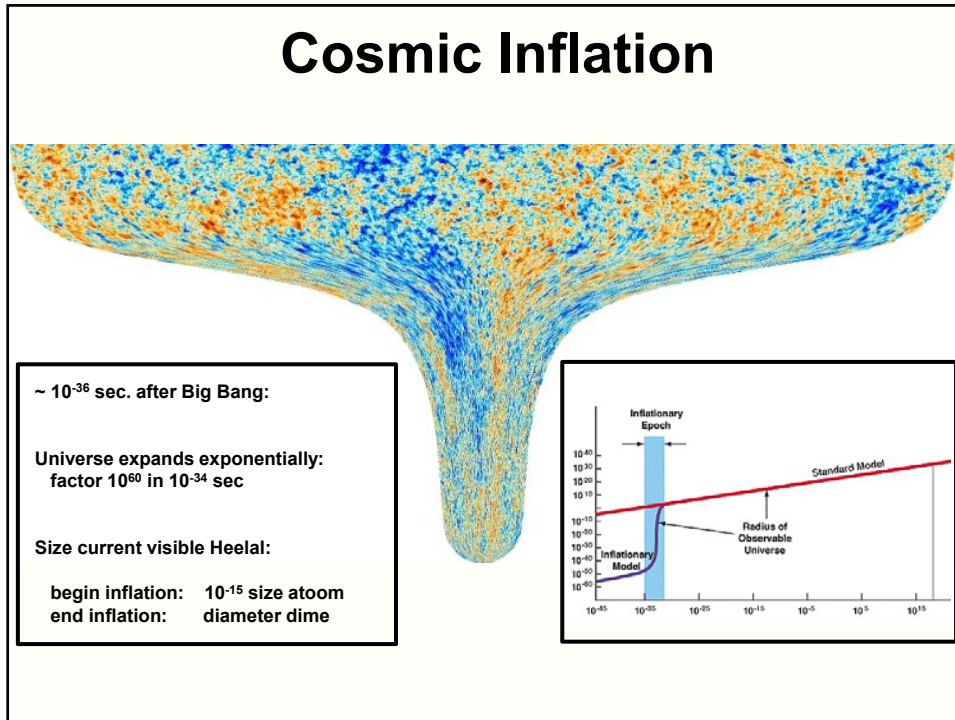
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Essential Ingredient/Extension Standard Cosmology

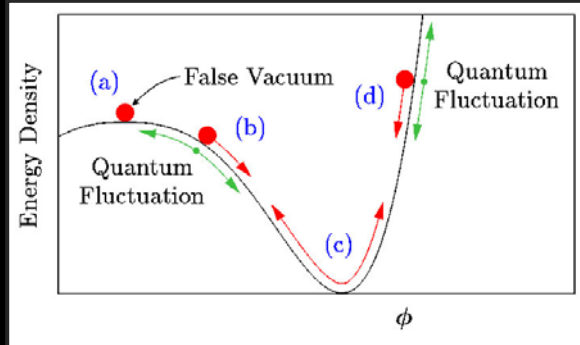
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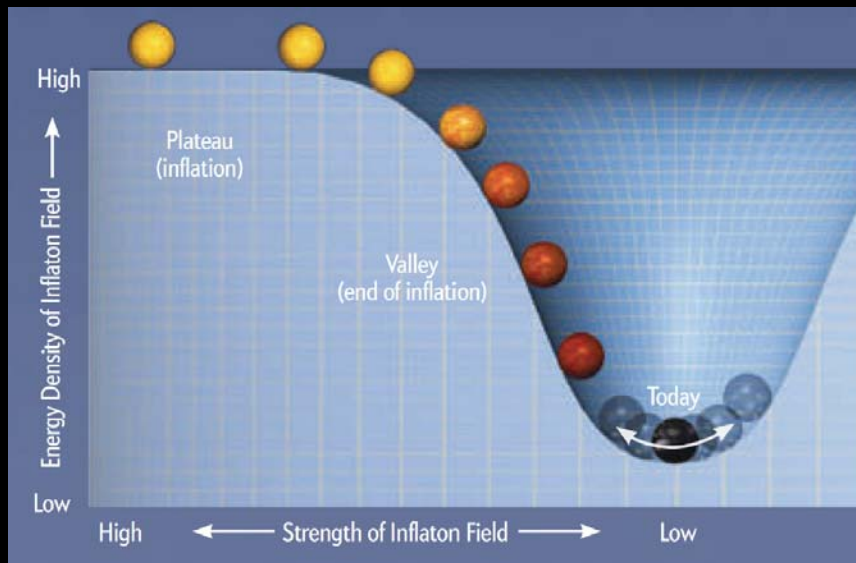
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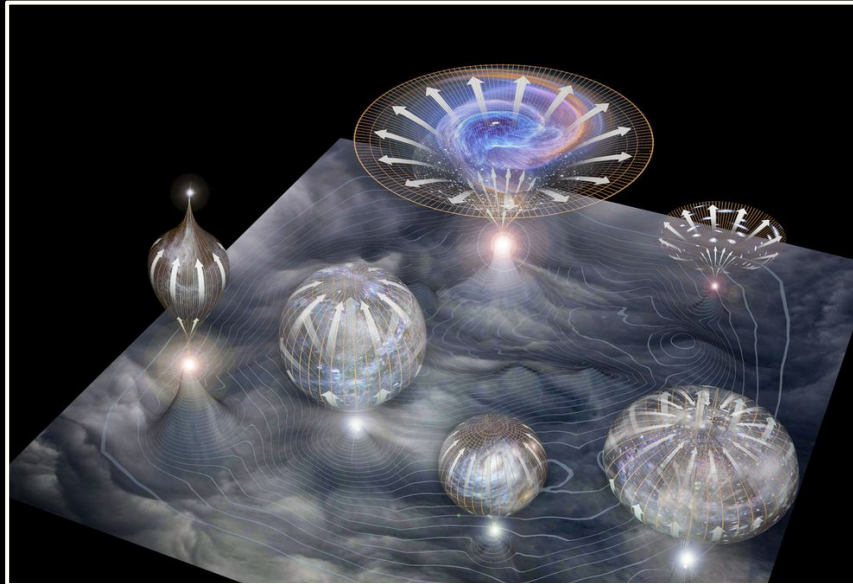


Fluctuation Generation during Inflation:  
Quantum fluctuations around the potential get magnified to macroscopic scales.

# Propelling Inflation: Inflaton



## Inflation & Multiverse



## FRW Big Bang extended: Inflationary Universe

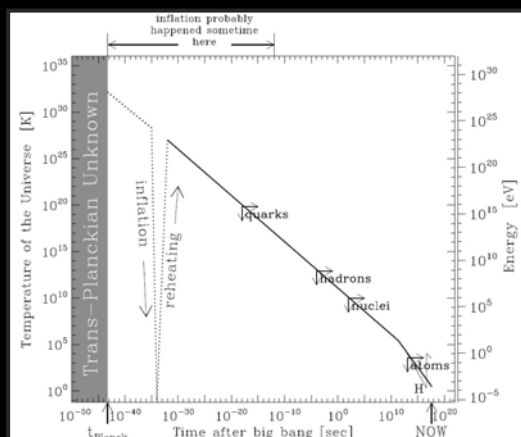
### Inflationary Universe

#### Explains:

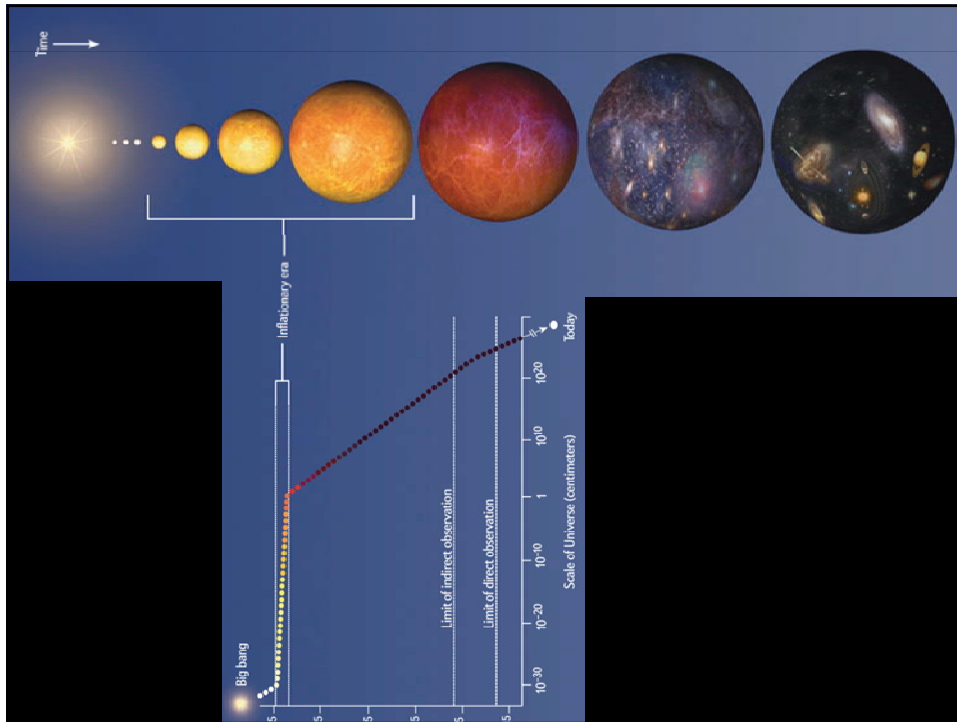
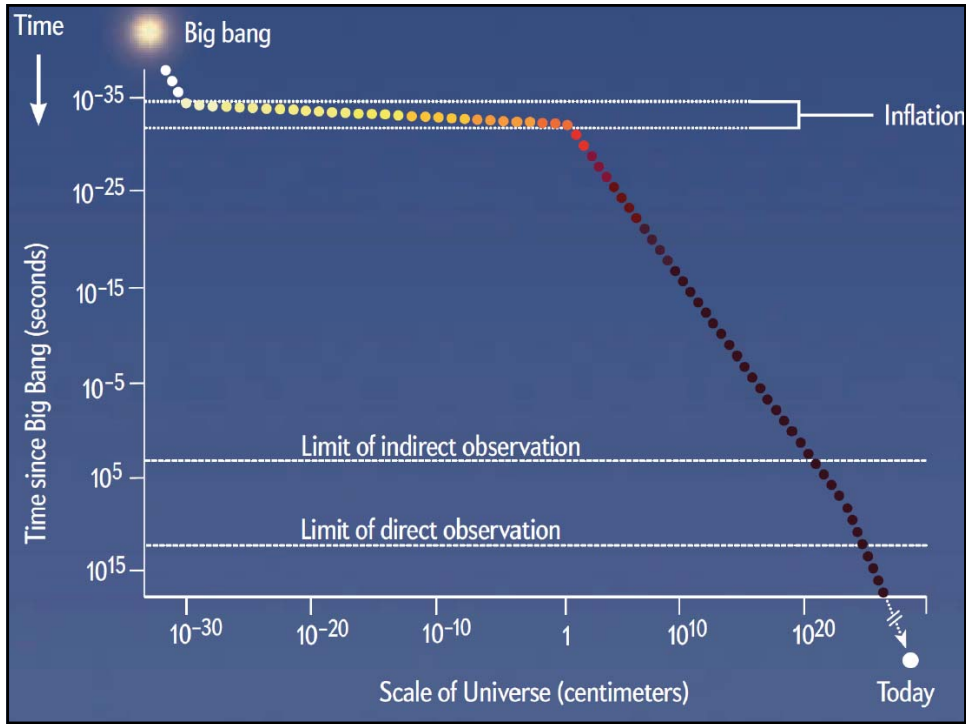
- Horizon Problem
- Flatness Problem
- Monopole Problem

#### And ...

- Origin of Structure

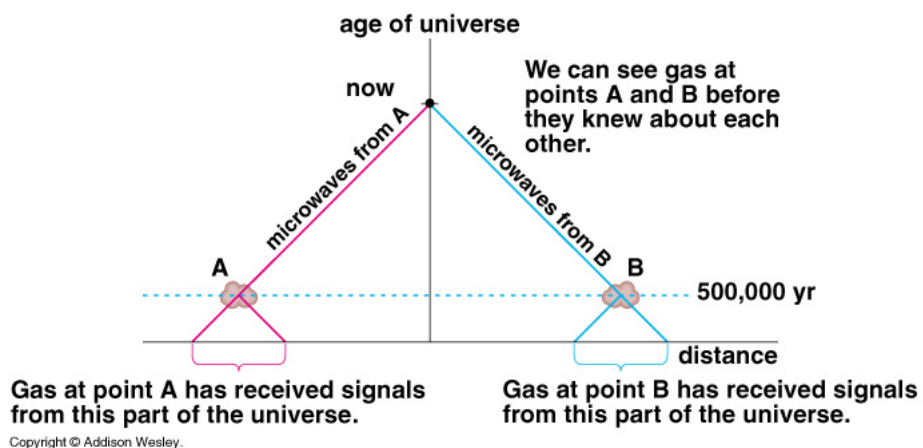


Towards the end of inflation, the Universe converts the tremendous amount of vacuum energy that drives inflation into a surge of newly created radiation and particles ("latent heat"). This is the Reheating Phase of inflation.



# Cosmic Future & Cosmic Horizons

## Cosmic Horizons



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distance that light travelled since the Big Bang

# 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**

# Cosmic Particle Horizon

Light travel in an expanding Universe:

- **Robertson-Walker metric:**  $ds^2 = c^2 dt^2 - a(t)^2 dr^2$
- **Light:**  $ds^2 = 0$

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$$d_{Hor}(t_0) = 3ct_0 \quad \text{flat, matter-dominated universe}$$

$$d_{Hor}(t_0) = 2ct_0 \quad \text{flat, radiation-dominated universe}$$



# Infinite Particle Horizon

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In such a universe, all of space is causally connected to observer:

In such a universe, you could see every point in space.

# Cosmic Event Horizon

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Event Horizon distance in  
comoving space



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Event Horizon distance in  
physical space

**Event Horizon of the Universe:**  
the distance over which one may still communicate ...

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$$w > -1/3 \quad \rightarrow \quad d_{EHor} = \infty$$

$$w < -1/3 \quad \rightarrow \quad d_{EHor} \text{ finite}$$

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shrinking event horizon:

## 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 Fate

### 100 Gigayears: the end of Cosmology

The night sky on Earth (assuming it survives) will change dramatically as our Milky Way galaxy merges with its neighbors and distant galaxies recede beyond view.

<p><b>NOW</b></p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em; margin: 0;">DUSTY BAND stretching across the sky is the disk of the Milky Way. A few nearby galaxies, such as Andromeda and the Magellanic Clouds, are visible to the naked eye. Telescopes reveal billions more.</p>	<p><b>5 BILLION YEARS FROM NOW</b></p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em; margin: 0;">ANDROMEDA has been moving toward us and now nearly fills the sky. The sun swells to red giant size and subsequently burns out, consigning Earth to a bleak existence.</p>
<p><b>100 BILLION YEARS FROM NOW</b></p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em; margin: 0;">SUCCESSOR to the Milky Way is a ball-like supergalaxy, and Earth may float forlornly through its distant outskirts. Other galaxies have disappeared from view.</p>	<p><b>100 TRILLION YEARS FROM NOW</b></p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em; margin: 0;">LIGHTS OUT: The last stars burn out. Apart from dimly glowing black holes and any artificial lighting that civilizations have rigged up, the universe goes black. The galaxy later collapses into a black hole.</p>