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# Cosmology and structure formation

① Homogeneous

FRW universe, evolution  
thermodynamics  
geometry

Horizons; inflation

Microwave background, thermal history

② Linear structure formation  
fluctuations in CMB

③ Nonlinear structure growth - numerical simulations

Books

The Early Universe -

① Gerhard Börner

② Kolb & Turner

Cosmology - Peebles & Lucchin

Cosmological Physics Peacock

# ① Cosmological Principle

Not only the laws of Nature but also the events occurring in Nature must appear the same in all directions to all observers" (Milne 1935)

⑤ There exist maximally sym 3-surfaces on which  $\rho, T$  etc are constant

① generalised Copernican principle

② Universe isotropic for all fundamental observers  $F_0$

③ Obviously false!  
Relevant assumption

$$\frac{\delta\phi}{c^2} \ll 1$$

for all structures

④ Only possible motion of  $F_0$ 's are uniform expansion or contraction

Hubble (1926) showed our Universe is expanding

$$d\tau^2 = dt^2 - a(t)^2 \left[ \frac{dr^2}{1 - kr^2} + r^2 (d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\phi^2) \right] \quad \text{Robertson-Walker metric}$$

$$k = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{positively curved 3-space} \\ 0 & \text{Euclidean space} \\ -1 & \text{negatively curved space} \end{cases} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} V = 2\pi^2 a^3 \\ \text{spatially infinite} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\left[ d\tau^2 = dt^2 - ds^2 \quad (\text{Sp Rel}) \right]$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} d\tau^2 > 0 & \text{time-like} \\ d\tau^2 = 0 & \text{null - light rays} \\ d\tau^2 < 0 & \text{space-like} \end{array}$$

$r, \theta, \phi$  are called comoving coordinates,  
 $a(t)$  is the cosmic expansion factor  
 (determined from GR and EoS)

## ② Free particle motions / thermodynamics

(1) massive non-relativistic particles

particles are unaccelerated w.r.t. their

local FO. Hence their peculiar velocity

satisfies

$$\delta v_p + (v_p \delta t) \frac{\dot{a}}{a} = 0 \rightarrow v_p \propto \frac{1}{a}$$

This for a non-rel gas

$$\rho \propto a^{-3} \quad T \propto a^{-2}$$

$$P \propto \rho T \propto \rho^{5/3}$$

$$P \ll \rho c^2$$

More generally

$$dU = -p dV$$

$$U = \rho V \propto a^3$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{dp}{da} + 3 \frac{p+p}{a} = 0$$

$$d\tau^2 = dt^2 - a(t)^2 \left[ \frac{dr^2}{1-kr^2} + r^2 (d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\phi^2) \right]$$

Robertson-Walker metric

(ii) Rel particles, photons

Consider light signal from a FO at  $r_e$  propagating to the origin

$$\int_{t_e}^{t_0} \frac{dt}{a(t)} = \int_0^{r_e} \frac{dr}{\sqrt{1-kr^2}} = \int_{t_e + \delta t_e}^{t_0 + \delta t_0} \frac{dt}{a(t)}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\delta t_0}{a(t_0)} = \frac{\delta t_e}{a(t_e)} \rightarrow \text{period} \propto \lambda$$

wavelengths of all photons are redshifted by

Take  $t_0$  to be the present  
This gives standard redshift def

$$(1+z) = a(t) / a(t_e)$$

For a photon gas,

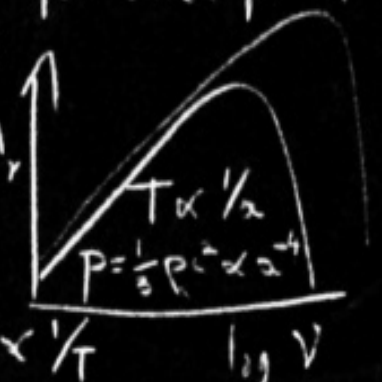
$\lambda \propto a$  for each photon

$$n_\gamma \propto a^{-3}$$

For a black body

$$n_\gamma \propto T^3$$

$$\lambda_{\text{peak}} \propto 1/T$$



$\rightarrow$  BB radiation remains BB as  $V$  expands

(2) Free particle motions / thermodynamic

(ii) False vacuum / cosmological constant

$$\frac{dp}{da} + 3 \frac{p+p}{a} = 0$$

If we have  $p = \text{const}$  (e.g. false vacuum)

$$\rightarrow p = -p$$

More generally people write  $p = w\rho$  where  $w = -1$  is the cosmological constant  
quintessence models  $w > -1$  and time variable

non rel  $p = 0$

rel  $p = \frac{1}{3}\rho$

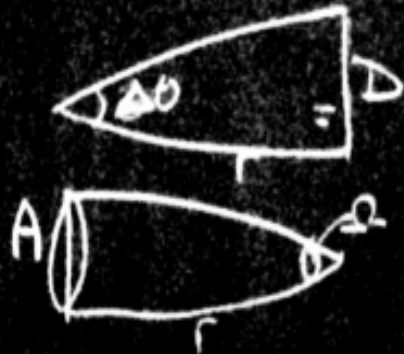
cosmol. const  $p = -\rho$

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### ③ Angles & Luminosities

Consider a source of proper size is  $D$  and intrinsic luminosity is  $L$

$$D = a(t) r \Delta\theta = \frac{a(t_0) r}{1+z} \Delta\theta$$



Similarly an Area  $A$  of the origin subtends at source a solid angle  $\Omega$

$$A = (a(t_0) r)^2 \Omega$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Received flux/unit area } f = \frac{1}{A} \frac{\Omega}{4\pi} L \left[ \frac{a(t_0)}{a(t)} \right]^2 = \frac{L}{4\pi [a(t_0) r (1+z)]^2}$$

One power of  $\frac{a(t_0)}{a(t)}$  from photon arrival rate and second from photon energy redshift



$a(t_0)r/(1+z)$  are known as angular size  
 $a(t_0)r(1+z)$  luminosity distance

Observed surface brightness is

$$\frac{f}{\pi \Delta\theta^2} = \frac{L}{4\pi^2 D^2} (1+z)^{-4}$$

This dimming is indep. of the relation between  $a(t_0)r$  and  $z$

#### ④ Relativistic Cosmology

Einstein's equations

$$R_{\mu\nu} = -8\pi G \left( T_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} T^\alpha{}_\alpha \right)$$

$R_{\mu\nu}$  is Ricci curvature tensor,  $g_{\mu\nu}$  is the metric tensor

$T_{\mu\nu}$  is energy momentum tensor of matter/radiation

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Assume (i) RW metric (ii) isotropic perfect fluids

$$\rightarrow \left( \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \rho - \frac{k}{a^2} \quad \text{Friedmann}$$

With an EoS and an IC, this specifies the evolution of  $a(t)$

Differentiating once w.r.t time and using 1<sup>st</sup> Law of TD

$$\ddot{a} = -\frac{4\pi}{3} G(\rho + 3p)a \quad p = w\rho$$

Newtonian Eq of Motion for a uniform, uniformly expanding, pressure-free sphere of active mass density  $\rho + 3p$  Expansion <sup>accelerates</sup> <sub>decelerates</sub> for  $\rho + 3p \begin{cases} < 0 \\ > 0 \end{cases}$

$$\left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3} (\rho_{\text{vac}} + \rho_{\text{matter}} + \rho_{\text{radiation}}) - \frac{k}{a^2}$$

Define  $H = \frac{\dot{a}}{a}$  the Hubble parameter  $H_0 = 72 \pm 8 \text{ km/s/Mpc}$

$$\rho_{\text{crit}} = 8\pi G/3H^2 \text{ critical density, } \rho_{\text{crit},0} \approx 10^{-29} \text{ g/cm}^3$$

$\Omega = \rho/\rho_{\text{crit}}$  density parameters for matter, radiation, vacuum

$$H^2 = H^2 \Omega_v + H^2 \Omega_m + H^2 \Omega_r - k/a^2$$

$$= H_0^2 \Omega_v + H_0^2 \Omega_m (1+z)^3 + H_0^2 \Omega_r (1+z)^4 - \frac{k}{a_0^2} (1+z)^2$$

$\rightarrow \frac{\dot{a}}{a}$  as a function of  $1+z = \frac{a_0}{a} \rightarrow a(t)$