

Expanding Universes

Intro Cosmology Short Course

Lecture 2

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The original Hubble Diagram

“A Relation Between Distance and Radial Velocity Among Extra-Galactic Nebulae”
E. Hubble
(1929)

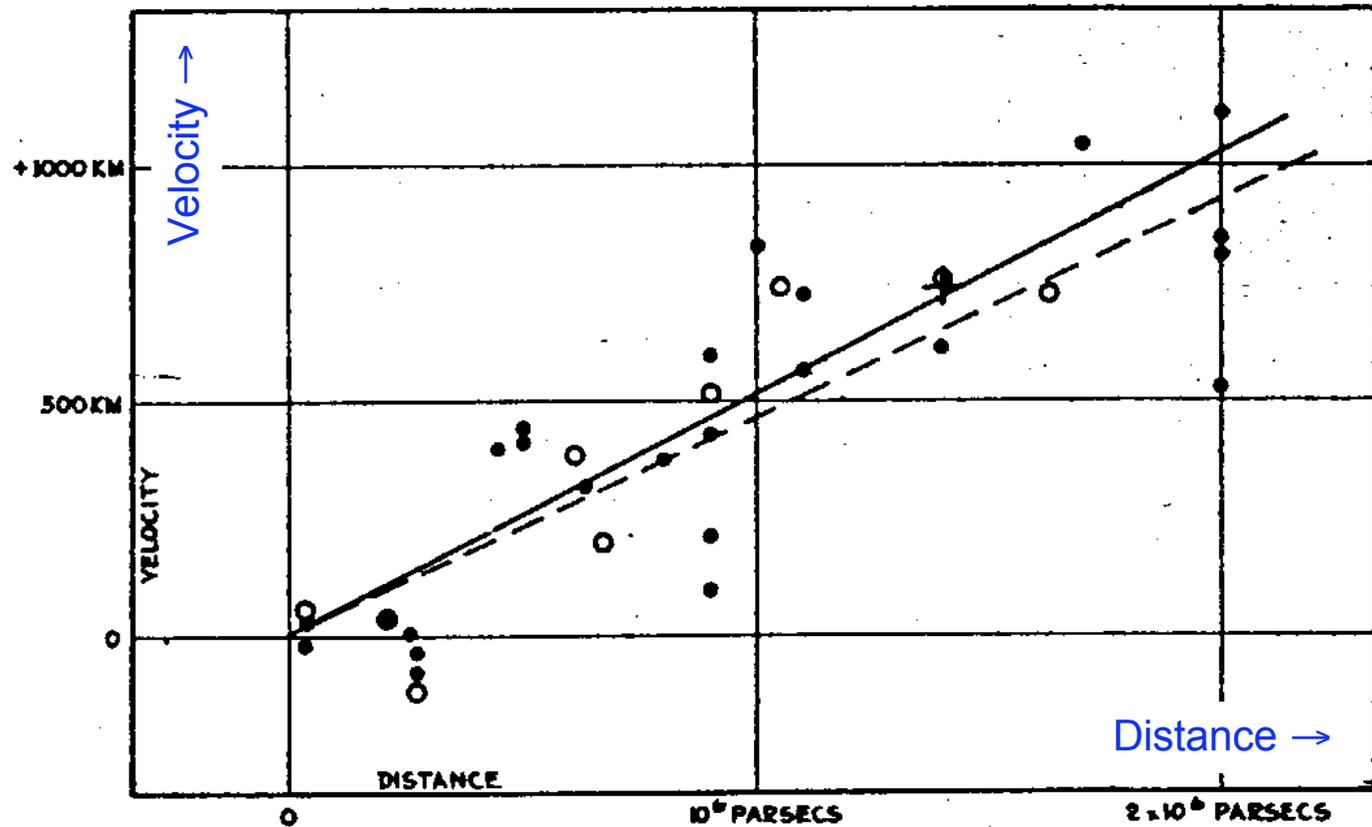


FIGURE 1

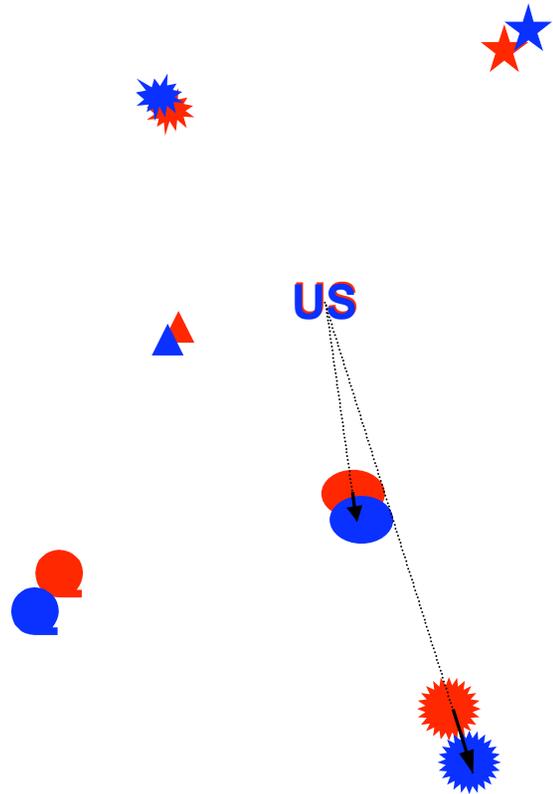


Edwin Hubble
American
Galaxies outside
Milky Way



**Henrietta
Leavitt**
American
Distances via
variable stars

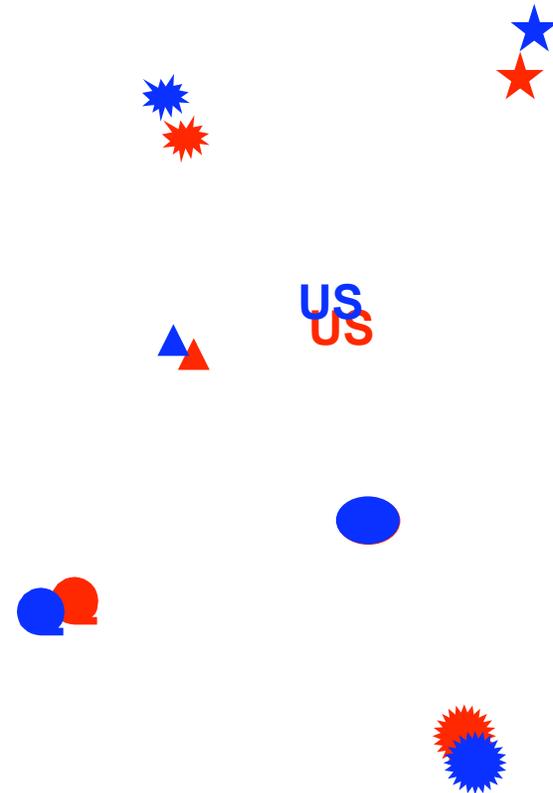
As seen from our position:



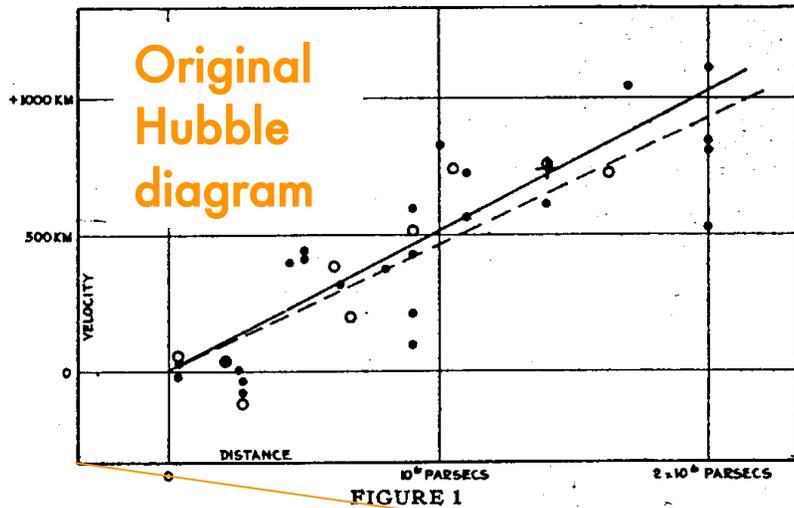
Now

Slightly Earlier

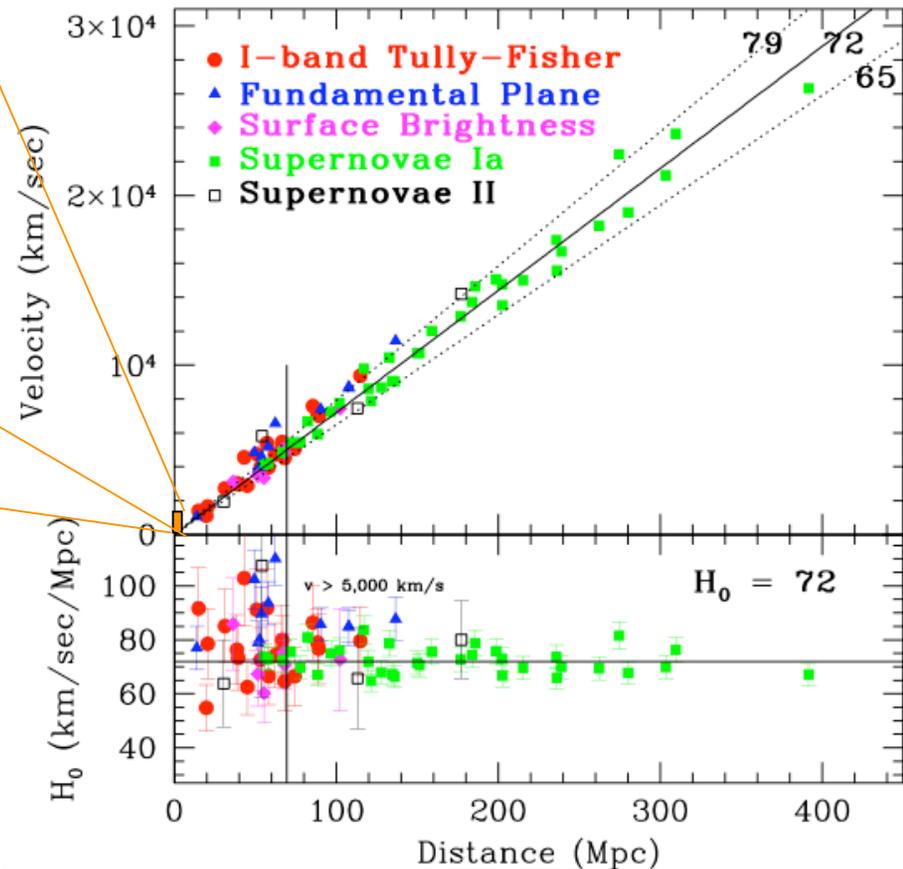
As seen from another position:



Same pattern seen by all observers!



Modern Hubble Diagram



Freedman, et al. *Astrophys. J.* **553**, 47 (2001)

Hubble relation:

$$v_{\text{Recession}} = H_0 d$$

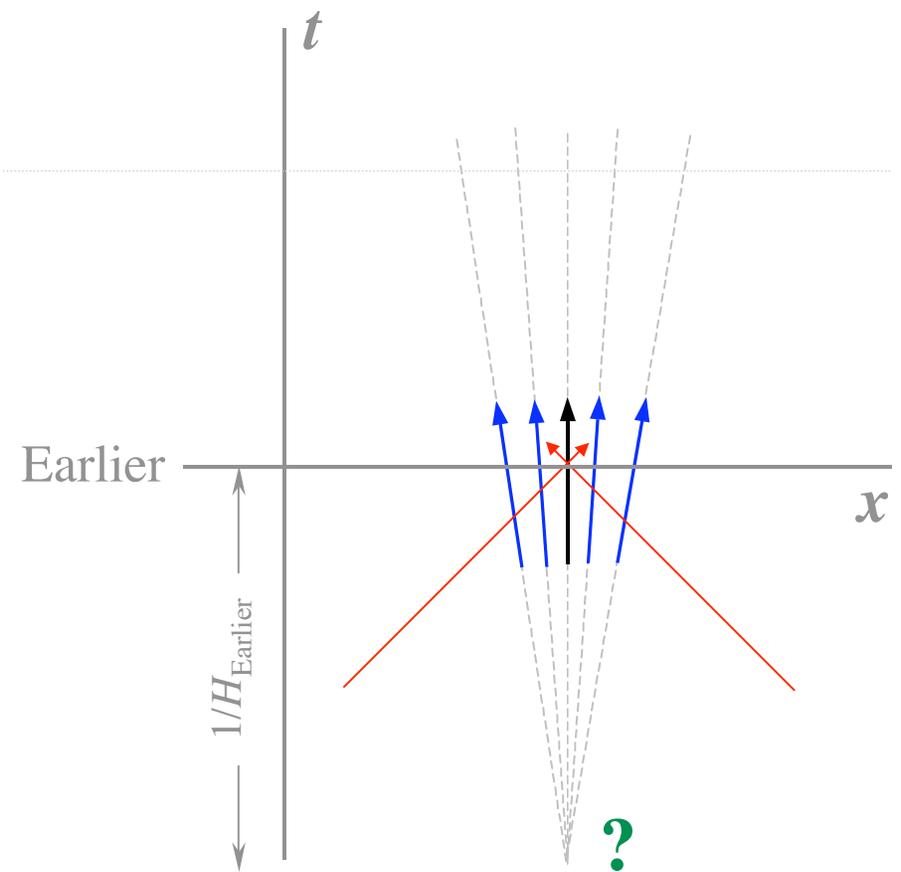
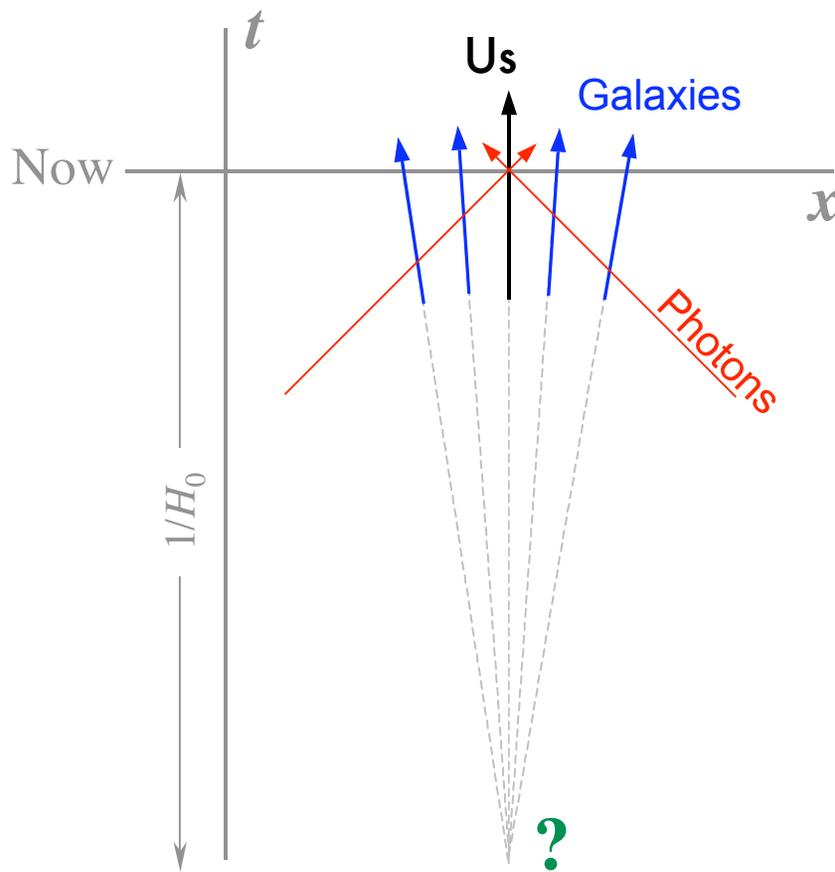
1929: $H_0 \sim 500$ km/sec/Mpc

2001: $H_0 = 72 \pm 7$ km/sec/Mpc

W. Freedman
Canadian

Modern Hubble
constant (2001)





$$v_{\text{Recession}} = H_0 d$$

$1/H_0 \sim 10^{10}$ year \sim Age of the Universe?

$$H(\text{Earlier}) > H(\text{Now})$$

$$H(\text{Earlier}) > H_0$$

Friedmann-LeMaitre Cosmologies

1. **Isotropy** Same in all directions
2. **Homogeneity** Same at all locations

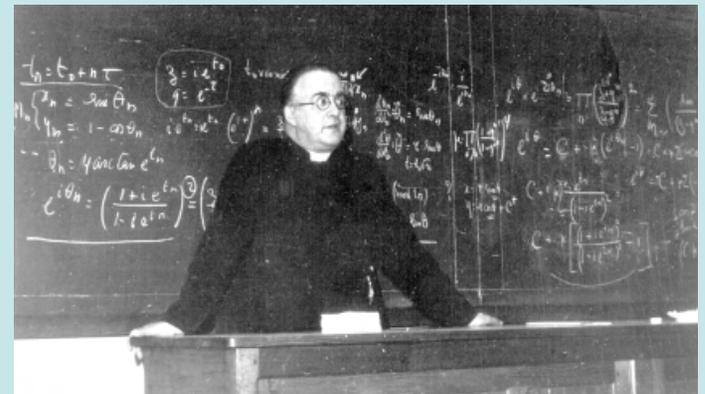
“Cosmological Principle”
“Copernican Principle”



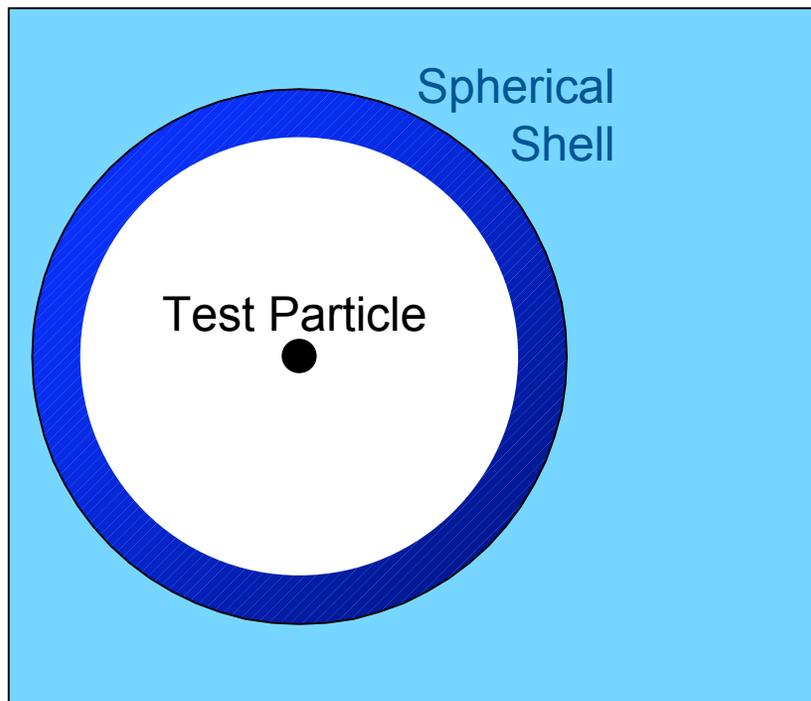
A. Friedmann
Russian

Evolution of homogeneous, non-static (expanding) universes
“Friedmann models” (1922, 1927)

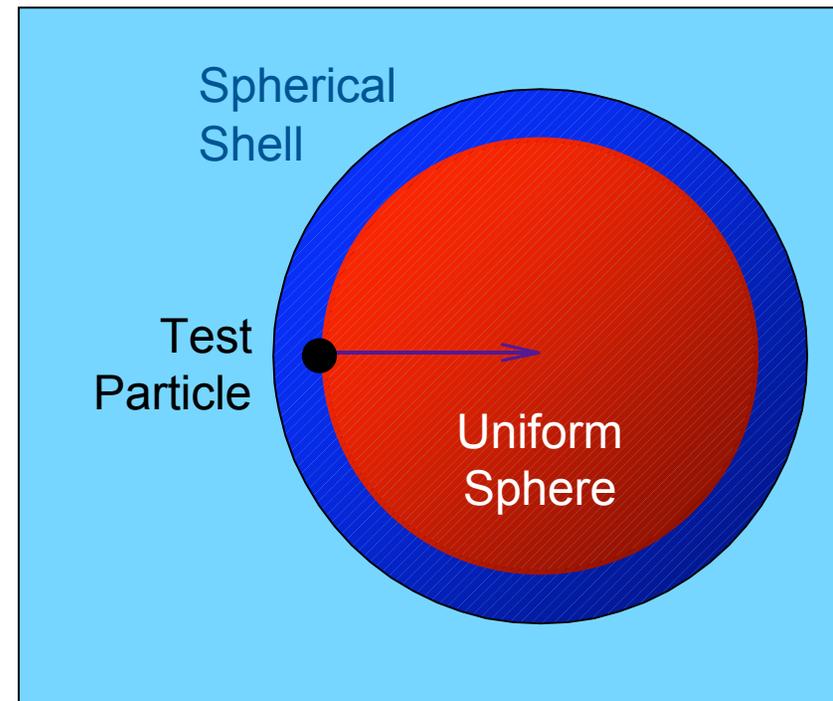
G. LeMaitre
Belgian



Warning: No Newtonian Solution (Get used to it, get over it)



$$F, a = 0$$



$$F, a \neq 0$$

Free-fall Paths at constant χ

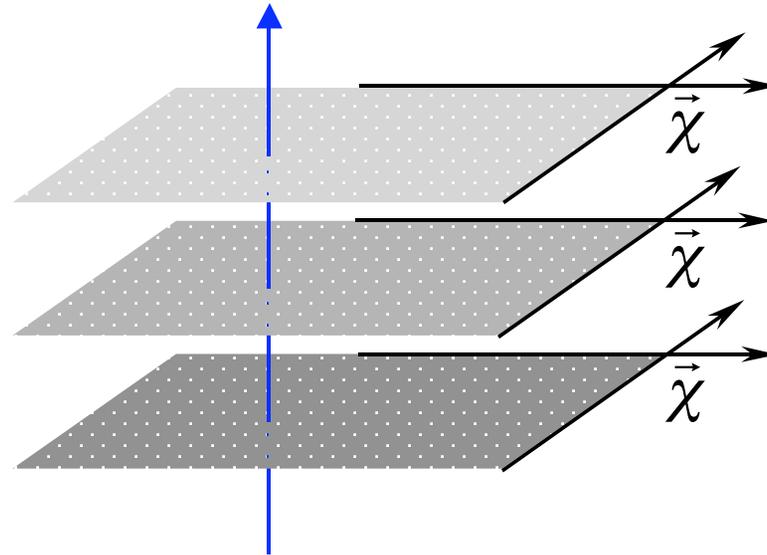
Surfaces t are simultaneous to these observers

Choose t such that $d\tau=dt$ along these paths

Space-like
Hyper-surfaces

Each at constant t

Energy density,
spatial curvature,
and pressure are all
uniform across
each surface



Spatial χ
Coordinate
Systems

Distances within
each space-like
hyper-surface all
obey $d = a(t)\Delta\chi$



H.P. Robertson
American



A.G. Walker
British

Formalized most general
form of isotropic and
homogeneous universe in
GR “Robertson-Walker
metric” (1935-6)

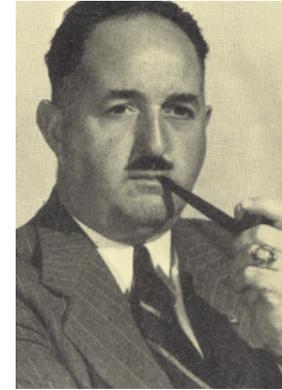
Minkowski Metric

$$d\tau^2 = dt^2 - dx^2/c^2$$



Robertson-Walker Metric

$$d\tau^2 = dt^2 - [a(t)]^2 d\chi^2 / c^2$$



1. The χ coordinate system is uniform (not necessarily Euclidean)
2. χ has units of length
3. a is dimensionless
4. By convention $a(\text{now}) \equiv a_0 = 1$
5. Physical distance for $\Delta\chi$ on surface t is $d = a(t) \Delta\chi$

Three basic (Euclidean) solutions for $a(t)$:

1. Relativistic gas, "radiation dominated"

$$P/\rho = 1/3 \quad \rho \propto a^{-4} \quad a(t) \propto t^{1/2}$$

2. Non-relativistic gas, "matter dominated"

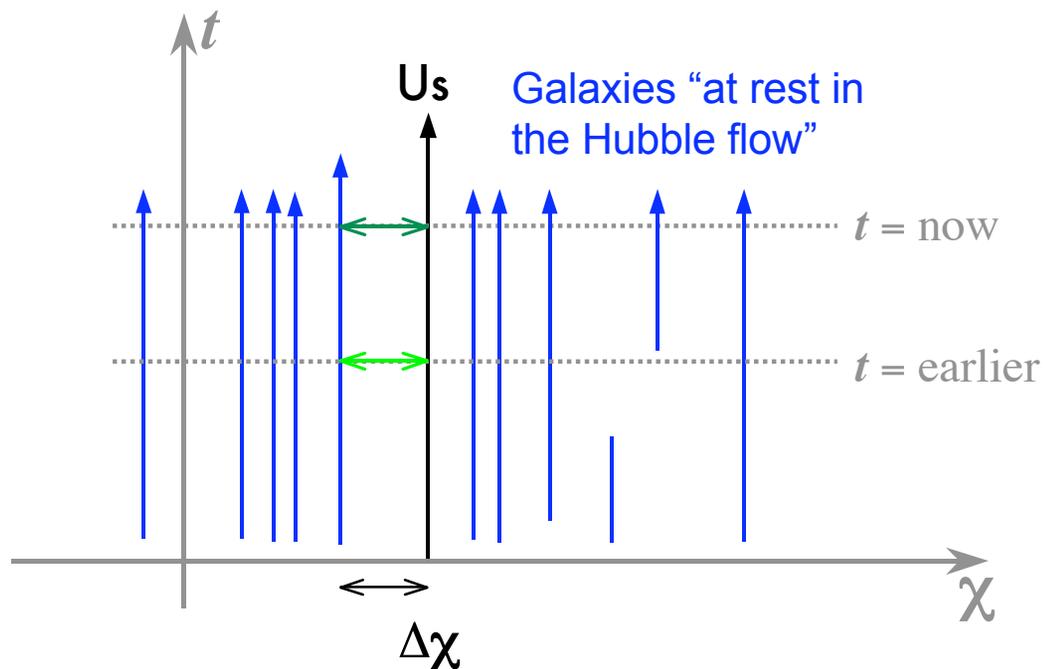
$$P/\rho = 0 \quad \rho \propto a^{-3} \quad a(t) \propto t^{2/3}$$

3. "Cosmological-constant-dominated" or "vacuum-energy-dominated"

$$P/\rho = -1 \quad \rho \propto \text{constant} \quad a(t) \propto e^{Ht} \quad \text{"de Sitter space"}$$

Galaxies

Robertson-Walker
Coordinates



$$d\tau^2 = dt^2 - [a(t)]^2 d\chi^2 / c^2$$

Galaxies

$\chi = \text{constant}$

"At rest in the Hubble flow"

Hubble "Constant"

$$H(t) = \frac{\text{velocity}}{\text{distance}} = \frac{\frac{d}{dt}[a(t)\Delta\chi]}{a(t)\Delta\chi} = \frac{\dot{a}(t)}{a(t)}$$

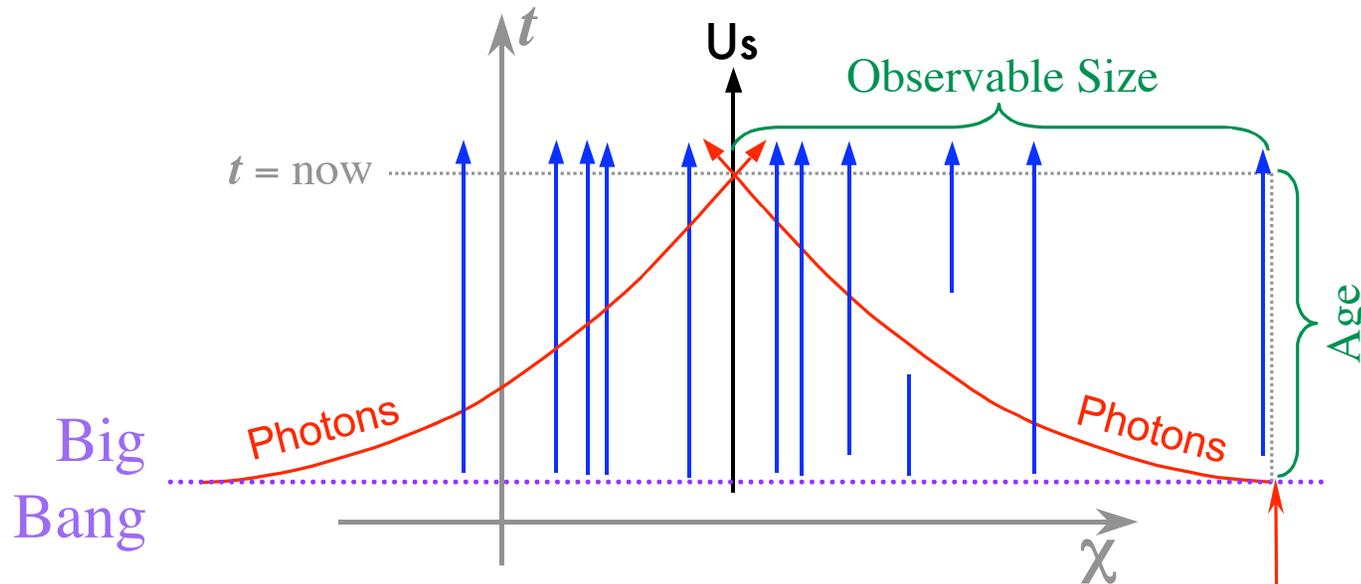
\longleftrightarrow Current separation $d(\text{now}) = a(\text{now}) \Delta\chi = a_0 \Delta\chi$

\longleftrightarrow Earlier separation $d(\text{earlier}) = a(\text{earlier}) \Delta\chi < d(\text{now})$

Photons

$$d\tau^2 = dt^2 - [a(t)]^2 d\chi^2 / c^2$$

Robertson-Walker
Coordinates



Photons

$$d\tau = 0$$

$$\frac{dt}{d\chi} = \pm a(t)/c$$

$$\frac{d\chi}{dt} = \pm \frac{c}{a(t)}$$

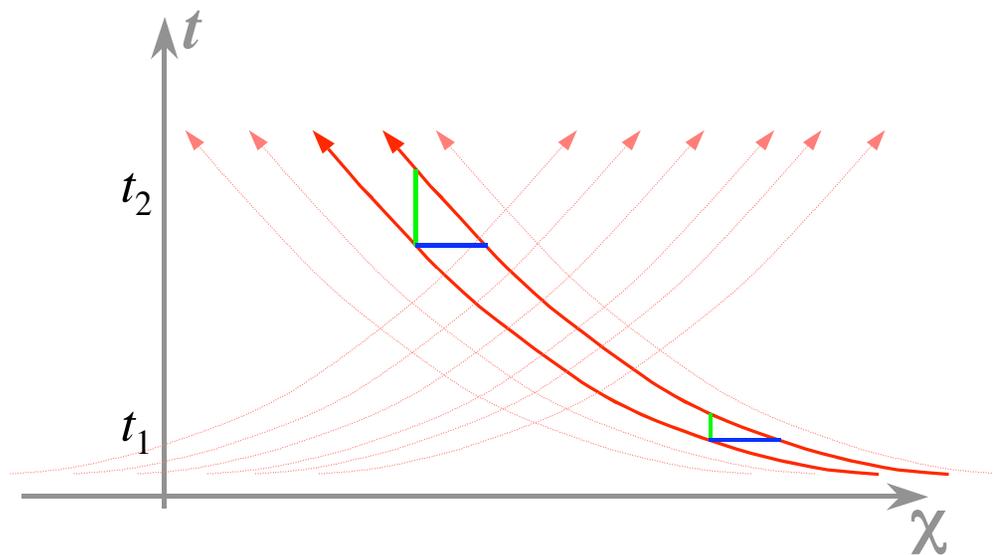
Slope = 0

$$a(t) = 0$$

Cosmological Red-Shift

$$d\tau^2 = dt^2 - [a(t)]^2 d\chi^2 / c^2$$

Robertson-Walker
Coordinates



Photons

$$\frac{d\chi^y(t)}{dt} = \pm \frac{c}{a(t)}$$

$$\chi^y(t) = \pm \int \frac{c}{a(t')} dt' + \text{Const}$$

Period

Wavelength

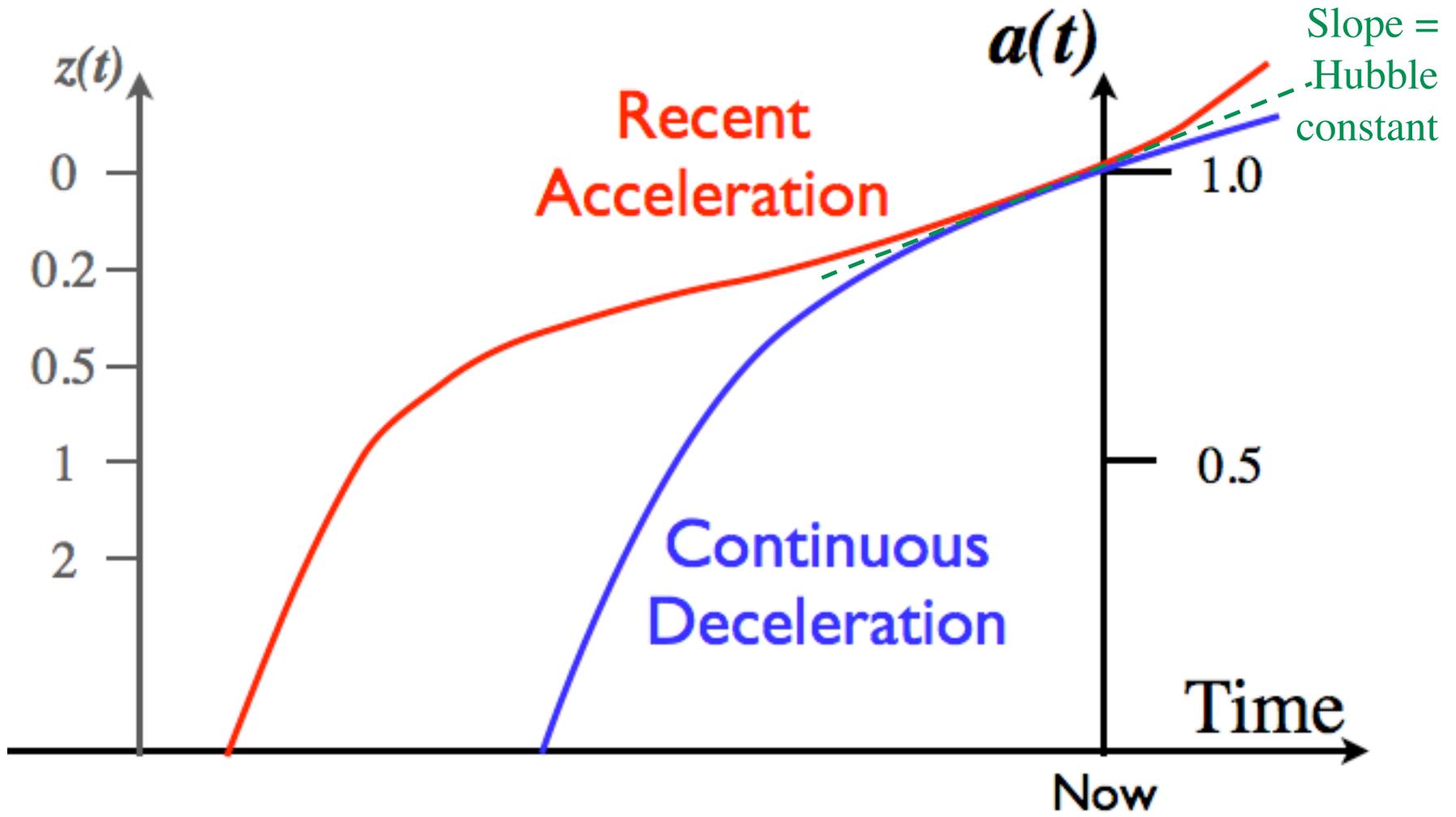
Cosmological Red Shift

A photon's **period** grows $\propto a(t)$

Its **coordinate wavelength** $\Delta\chi$ is constant; its **physical wavelength** $a(t)\Delta\chi$ grows $\propto a(t)$

$$\lambda(t_2)/\lambda(t_1) = a(t_2)/a(t_1) \equiv 1+z$$

Today's big question:



Points to take home

- Hubble expansion: recession velocity \propto distance away
- Uniform expansion pattern
- Describe in GR by Robertson-Walker metric
- Galaxies “at rest in the flow,” but physically separating
- Photon paths simple, derive cosmological red-shift