

Lecture 8

Observational Cosmology

Parameters of Our Universe

The Concordance Model

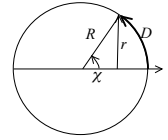
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Time and Distance vs Redshift

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(x = 1 + z = \frac{R_0}{R} \right) \rightarrow dt = \frac{-dx}{x H(x)}$$

$$\text{Friedmann: } H(x) = H_0 \sqrt{\Omega_M x^3 + \Omega_\Lambda + (1 - \Omega_0) x^2}$$

$$\Omega_0 = \Omega_M + \Omega_\Lambda \quad (\Omega_R = 0)$$



look - back time:

$$t(z) = \int_{t_z}^{t_0} dt = \int_{x=1+z}^1 \frac{dx}{x H(x)} = \frac{1}{H_0} \int_{x=1+z}^1 \frac{dx}{x \sqrt{\Omega_M x^3 + \Omega_\Lambda + (1 - \Omega_0) x^2}}$$

radial distance:

$$D_0(z) = R_0 \chi = \int_{t_z}^{t_0} \frac{R_0}{R(t)} c dt = \int_{x=1+z}^1 \frac{x c dx}{x H(x)} = \frac{c}{H_0} \int_{x=1+z}^1 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{\Omega_M x^3 + \Omega_\Lambda + (1 - \Omega_0) x^2}}$$

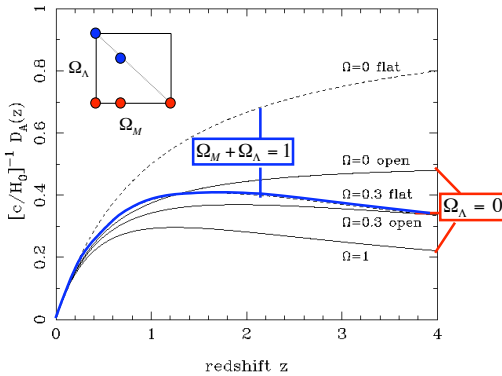
$$\text{circumferential distance: } r_0 = R_0 S_k(\chi) \quad R_0 = \frac{c}{H_0} \left(\frac{k}{\Omega_0 - 1} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\text{angular diameter distance: } D_A = r_0 / (1 + z)$$

$$\text{luminosity distance: } D_L = (1 + z) r_0$$

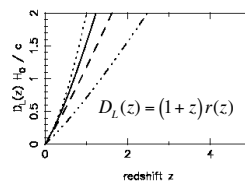
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Angular Diameter Distance

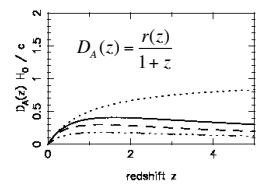


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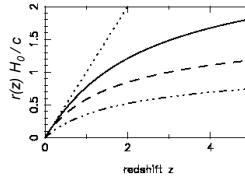
Luminosity Distance



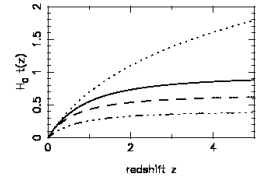
Angular Diameter Distance



$$r(z) = R_0 S_k(\chi(z))$$



Lookback Time



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“Concordance Model” Parameters

$$H_0 \equiv 100 h \frac{\text{km/s}}{\text{Mpc}} \approx 70 \frac{\text{km/s}}{\text{Mpc}} \quad h \approx 0.7$$

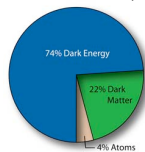
$$\Omega_R \approx 4.2 \times 10^{-5} h^{-2} \approx 8.4 \times 10^{-5} \quad (\text{CMB photons + neutrinos})$$

$$\Omega_B \sim 0.02 h^{-2} \sim 0.04 \quad (\text{baryons})$$

$$\Omega_M \sim 0.3 \quad (\text{Dark Matter})$$

$$\Omega_\Lambda \sim 0.7 \quad (\text{Dark Energy})$$

$$\Omega_0 \equiv \Omega_R + \Omega_M + \Omega_\Lambda = 1.0 \rightarrow \text{Flat Geometry}$$



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Our (Crazy?) Universe

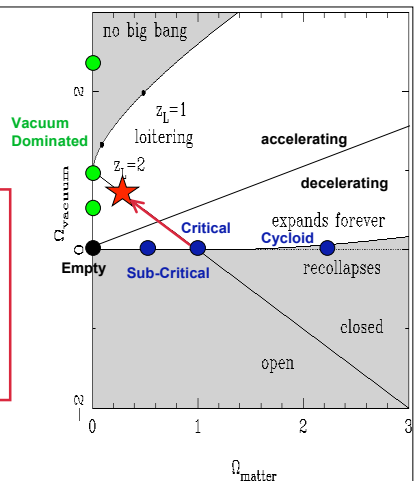
$$H_0 \approx 70 \frac{\text{km/s}}{\text{Mpc}}$$

$$\Omega_M \sim 0.3$$

$$\Omega_\Lambda \sim 0.7$$

$$\Omega_R \sim 8 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$\Omega_0 = 1.0$$



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Evolution of Ω

Density at a past/future epoch in units of $\rho_c = 3 H_0^2 / 8\pi G$

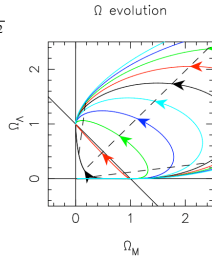
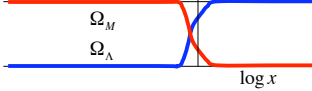
$$\Omega \equiv \frac{\rho}{\rho_c} = \sum_w \Omega_w x^{3(1+w)} = \Omega_R x^4 + \Omega_M x^3 + \Omega_\Lambda \quad x \equiv 1+z = R_0/R$$

in units of critical density $3 H^2 / 8\pi G$ at the past/future epoch:

$$\Omega_M(x) = \frac{H_0^2}{H^2} \Omega_M x^3 = \frac{\Omega_M x^3}{\Omega_M x^3 + \Omega_\Lambda + (1-\Omega_0)x^2}$$

$$\Omega_\Lambda(x) = \frac{H_0^2}{H^2} \Omega_\Lambda = \frac{\Omega_\Lambda}{\Omega_M x^3 + \Omega_\Lambda + (1-\Omega_0)x^2}$$

Do we live at a special time ?

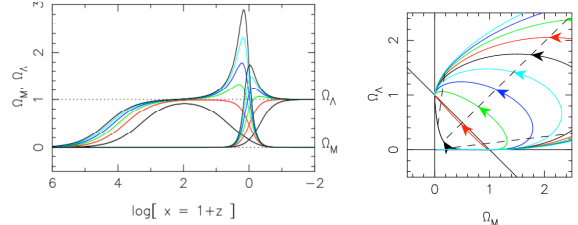


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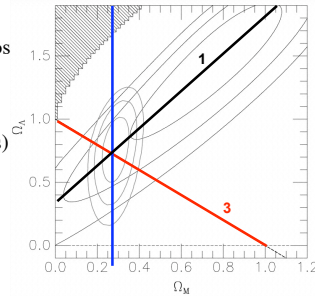


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"Concordance" Model

Three main constraints:

1. Supernova Hubble Diagram
2. Galaxy Counts + M/L ratios
 $\Omega_M \sim 0.3$
3. Flat Geometry
(inflation, CMB fluctuations)
 $\Omega_0 = \Omega_M + \Omega_\Lambda = 1$



concordance model

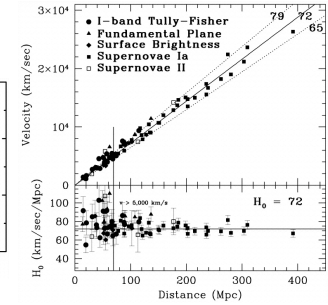
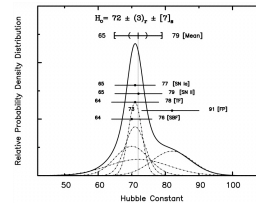
$$H_0 \approx 72 \quad \Omega_M \approx 0.3 \quad \Omega_\Lambda \approx 0.7$$

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HST Key Project

$$H_0 \approx 72 \pm 3 \pm 7 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

Freedman, et al.
2001 ApJ 553, 47.



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Hubble time and radius

Hubble constant :

$$H \equiv \frac{\dot{R}}{R} \quad H_0 \equiv \left(\frac{\dot{R}}{R} \right)_0 = 100 h \frac{\text{km/s}}{\text{Mpc}} \approx 70 \frac{\text{km/s}}{\text{Mpc}}$$

Hubble time :

$$t_H \equiv \frac{1}{H_0} = 10^{10} h^{-1} \text{ yr} \approx 14 \times 10^9 \text{ yr}$$

~ age of Universe

Hubble radius :

$$R_H \equiv \frac{c}{H_0} = 3000 h^{-1} \text{ Mpc} \approx 4 \times 10^{20} \text{ pc}$$

= distance light travels in a Hubble time.
~ distance to the Horizon.

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Age vs Hubble time

$$H = \frac{\dot{R}}{R} \quad H = \left. \frac{\dot{R}}{R} \right|_{t=t_0}$$

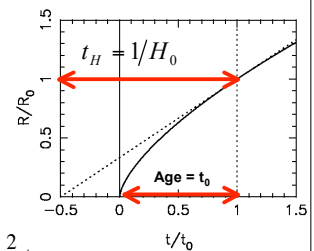
deceleration decreases age

acceleration increases age

e.g. matter dominated

$$R \propto t^{2/3} \Rightarrow \dot{R} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{R}{t}$$

$$H = \frac{\dot{R}}{R} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{1}{t} \Rightarrow t_0 = \frac{2}{3} \frac{1}{H_0} = \frac{2}{3} t_H$$



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Beyond H_0

- Globular cluster ages: $t < t_0 \rightarrow$ acceleration
- Radio jet lengths: $D_A(z) \rightarrow$ deceleration
- Hi-Redshift Supernovae: $D_L(z) \rightarrow$ acceleration
- Dark Matter estimates $\rightarrow \Omega_M \sim 0.3$
- Inflation \rightarrow Flat Geometry $\Omega_0 \approx 1.0$
- CMB power spectra

• “Concordance Model”

$$\Omega_M \sim 0.3 \quad \Omega_\Lambda \sim 0.7$$

$$\Omega_0 = \Omega_M + \Omega_\Lambda \approx 1.0$$

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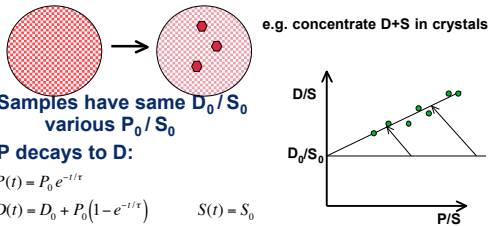
Age Constraints

- Nuclear decay (U, Th \rightarrow Pb)
 - Decay times for ($^{232}\text{Th}, ^{235}\text{U}, ^{238}\text{U}$) = (20.3, 1.02, 6.45) Gyr
 - 3.7 Gyr = oldest Earth rocks
 - 4.57 Gyr = meteorites
 - ~10 Gyr = time since supernova produced U, Th
 - ($^{235}\text{U} / ^{238}\text{U} = 1.3 \rightarrow 0.33, ^{232}\text{Th} / ^{238}\text{U} = 1.7 \rightarrow 2.3$)
- Stellar evolution
 - 13-17 Gyr = oldest globular clusters
- White dwarf cooling
 - ~13 Gyr = coolest white dwarfs in M4

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Nuclear Decay Chronology

- P=parent D=daughter S=stable isotope of D
- Chemical fractionation changes P/S but not D/S:



- Samples have same D_0/S_0 various P_0/S_0
- P decays to D:

$$P(t) = P_0 e^{-t/\tau}$$

$$D(t) = D_0 + P_0(1 - e^{-t/\tau}) \quad S(t) = S_0$$

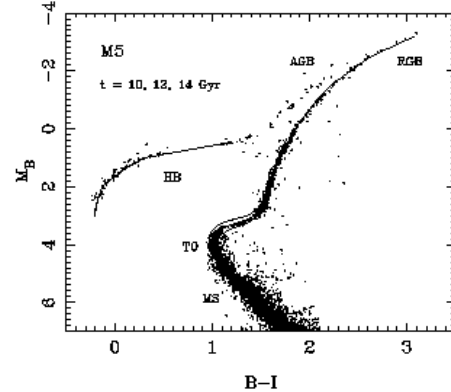
$$= D_0 + P(t)(e^{t/\tau} - 1)$$

$$\frac{D(t)}{S(t)} = \frac{D_0}{S_0} + \frac{P(t)}{S_0}(e^{t/\tau} - 1)$$

Observed slope = $(e^{t/\tau} - 1)$ gives age t/τ , typically to ~1%

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Globular Cluster Ages

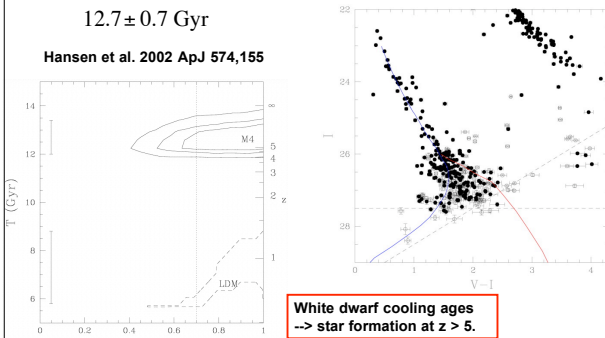


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Coolest White Dwarfs

12.7 ± 0.7 Gyr

Hansen et al. 2002 ApJ 574,155



White dwarf cooling ages \rightarrow star formation at $z > 5$.

Cooling times have been measured using “ZZ Ceti” oscillation period changes.

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Age Crisis (~1995)

$$H_0 t_0 = \int_1^\infty \frac{dx}{x \sqrt{\Omega_M x^3 + \Omega_\Lambda + (1 - \Omega_0) x^2}}$$

observations :

$$H_0 = 72 \pm 8 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

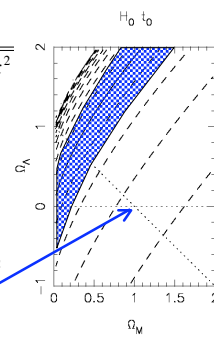
$$t_0 \geq 14 \pm 2 \text{ Gyr old globular clusters}$$

$$H_0 t_0 \geq 1.0 \pm 0.15$$

Globular clusters older than the Universe ?
Inconsistent with critical-density matter-only model :

$$H_0 t_0 = \frac{2}{3} \quad \text{for } (\Omega_M, \Omega_\Lambda) = (1, 0)$$

Strong theoretical prejudice for inflation. ($\Omega_0 = 1$)
Doubts about stellar evolution theory (e.g. convection).



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