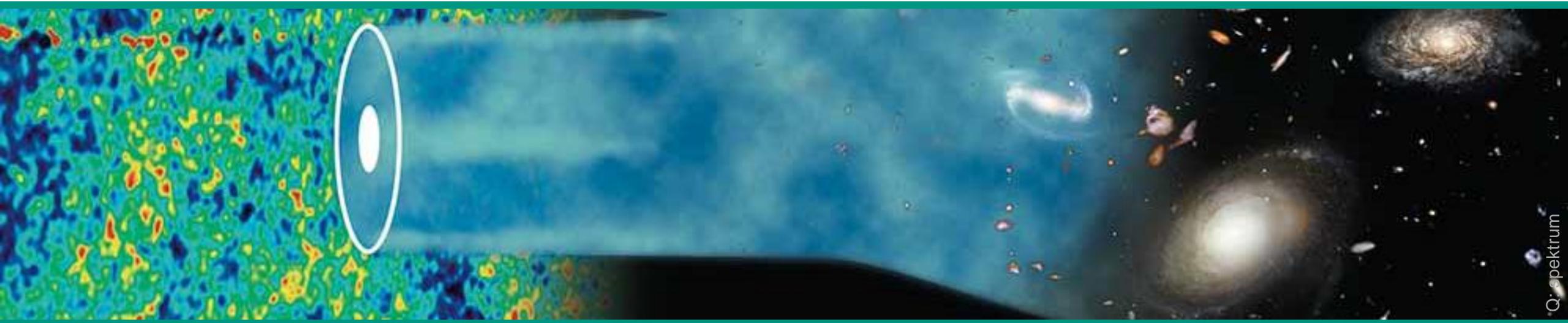


# Introduction to Cosmology

Winter term 22/23

Lecture 4

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# Recap of Lecture 3

## ■ Topology & geometry of the universe

- curvature parameter  $k = -1, 0, +1$  (hyperbolic, flat, spherical)
- open questions: isotropy, limited/unlimited size, more complex topologies,...

## ■ Friedmann-Lemaître equation: acceleration / braking

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

pressure  $P$ : important for  $a(t), \ddot{a}(t)$

3 cosmological epochs:

$$\rho(t) = \rho_m(t) + \rho_r(t) + \rho_v(t)$$

- equation-of-state of vacuum:  $P_V(t_0) = -1 \rho_V(t_0) \cdot c^2$  (anti-gravitation)

# Friedmann eq. with cosmological constant $\Lambda$

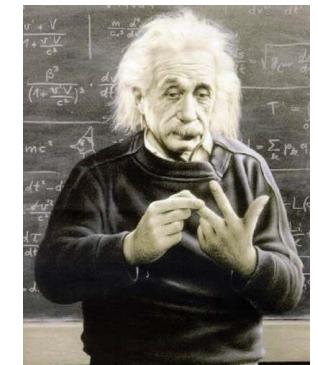
■ Properties  $\rho_V$  and  $P_V$  of the vacuum 'merged' into one parameter:  $\Lambda$

$$\frac{\ddot{a}(t)}{a(t)} = -\frac{4}{3}\pi G \cdot \left( \rho_{m,r,V}(t) + \frac{3P_{m,r,V}}{c^2} \right) = -\frac{4}{3}\pi G \cdot \left( \rho_{m,r}(t) + \frac{3P_{m,r}}{c^2} \right) + \frac{\Lambda c^2}{3}$$

matter, radiation & vacuum      matter & radiation vacuum

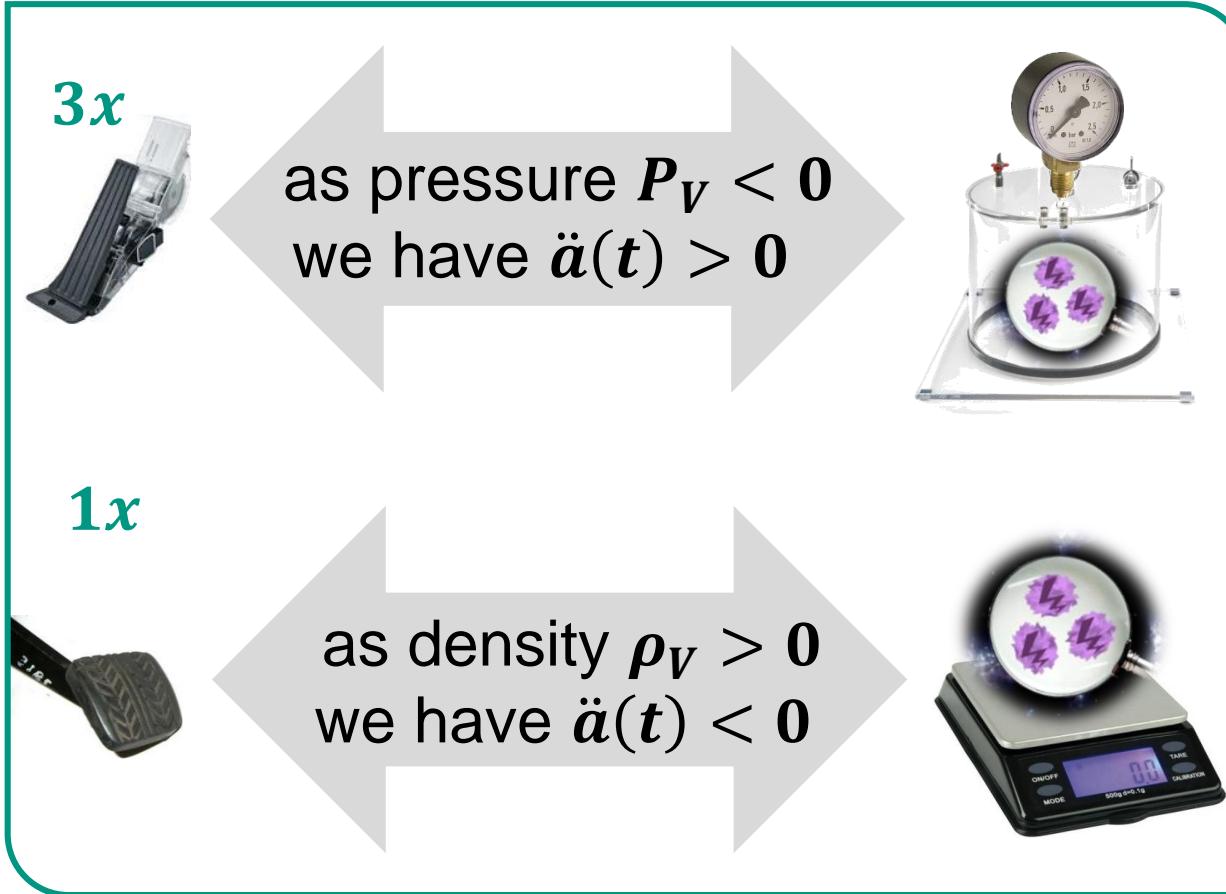
$$\frac{\ddot{a}(t)}{a(t)} = -\frac{4}{3}\pi G \left( \rho_V(t) + \frac{3P_V}{c^2} \right) \rightarrow = \frac{\Lambda c^2}{3}$$

$\Lambda$

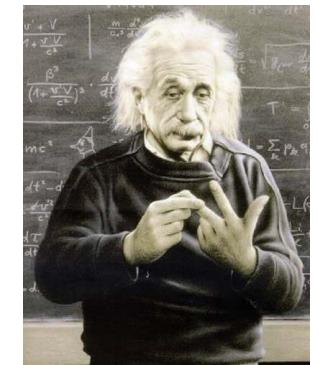


# Cosmological constant $\Lambda$

## ■ Recap: properties of the vacuum



we keep this relation constant, thus we have  
 $\Rightarrow$  cosmolog. constant



# Cosmological constant $\Lambda$

## ■ A very important constant in cosmology

- time-independent, constant parameter

$$\Lambda = \frac{8\pi G}{c^2} \cdot \rho_V$$

- positive sign, thus accelerated expansion
- best experimental value at present:

$$\Lambda = [(2.14 \pm 0.13) \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}]^4$$

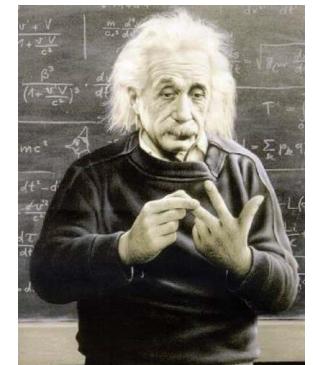
$$\approx 1.1 \cdot 10^{-52} \text{ m}^2 \approx 10^{-29} \text{ g/cm}^3$$



vacuum equation-of-state:

$$\rho_V(t) = -1 \cdot P_V(t)$$

$\Lambda$



# Cosmological constant $\Lambda$

## ■ Experimental value & theoretical estimate: a 'small' discrepancy

observed:  $\rho_V = 3.6 \text{ GeV/m}^3$

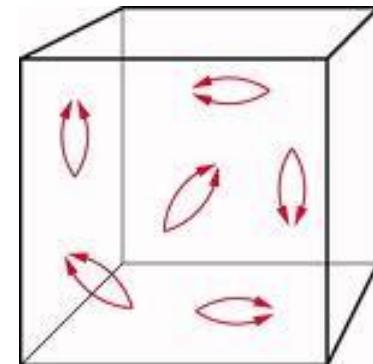
estimate:  $\rho_V = 10^{121} \text{ GeV/m}^3$



zero-point-energy  
of a quantum field?

- biggest discrepancy in all of science!

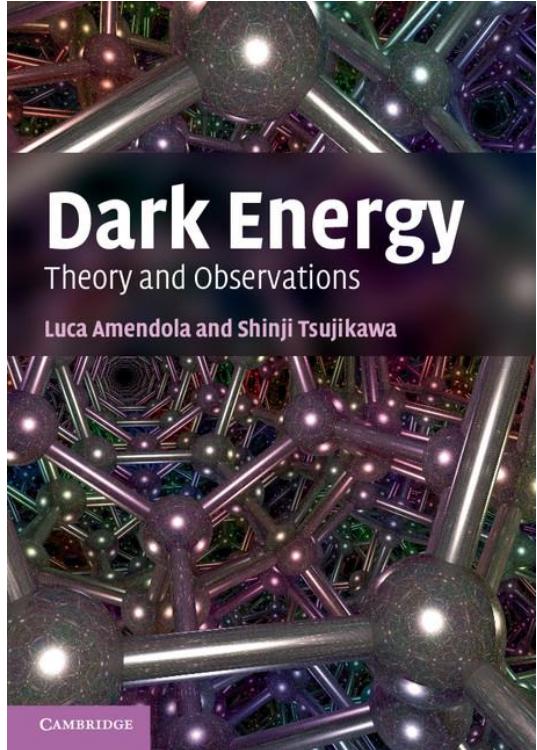
- reduced to 'only' 60 orders of magnitude  
in extended models of particle physics



- literature tip: S. Weinberg et al. [Likely Values of the Cosmological Constant](#)

# Cosmological constant $\Lambda$

## ■ Popular science: vacuum energy in focus



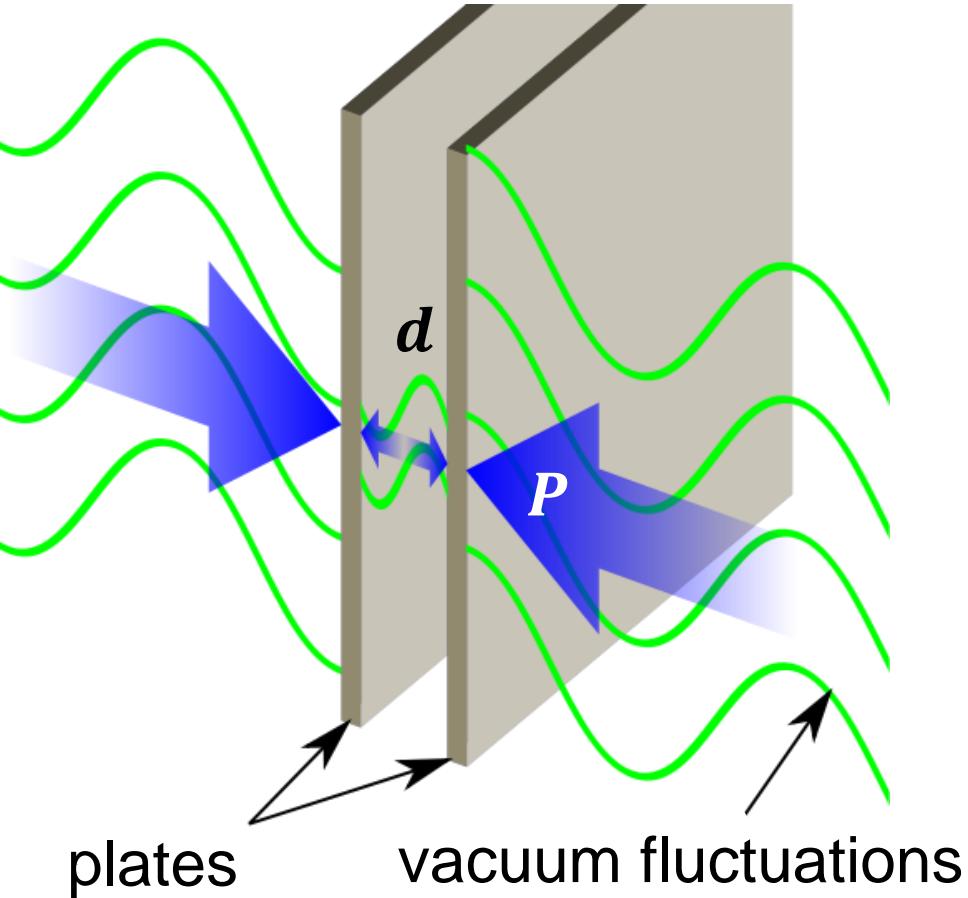
# TOPIC: THE CASIMIR EFFECT

## ■ An experimental investigation of the strange properties of the vacuum

- vacuum is filled with virtual, short-lived particles (Heisenberg uncertainty relation)
- two parallel metal plates separated by **few nm**:
  - ⇒ impact on electro-magnetic field (**virtual photons**)
  - ⇒ different zero-point energy inbetween
  - ⇒ net force  $F \sim 1/d^3$  (**dominant at nm**)
  - ⇒ experimental observation in **2001**



Hendrik Casimir



plates

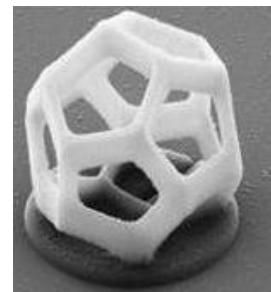
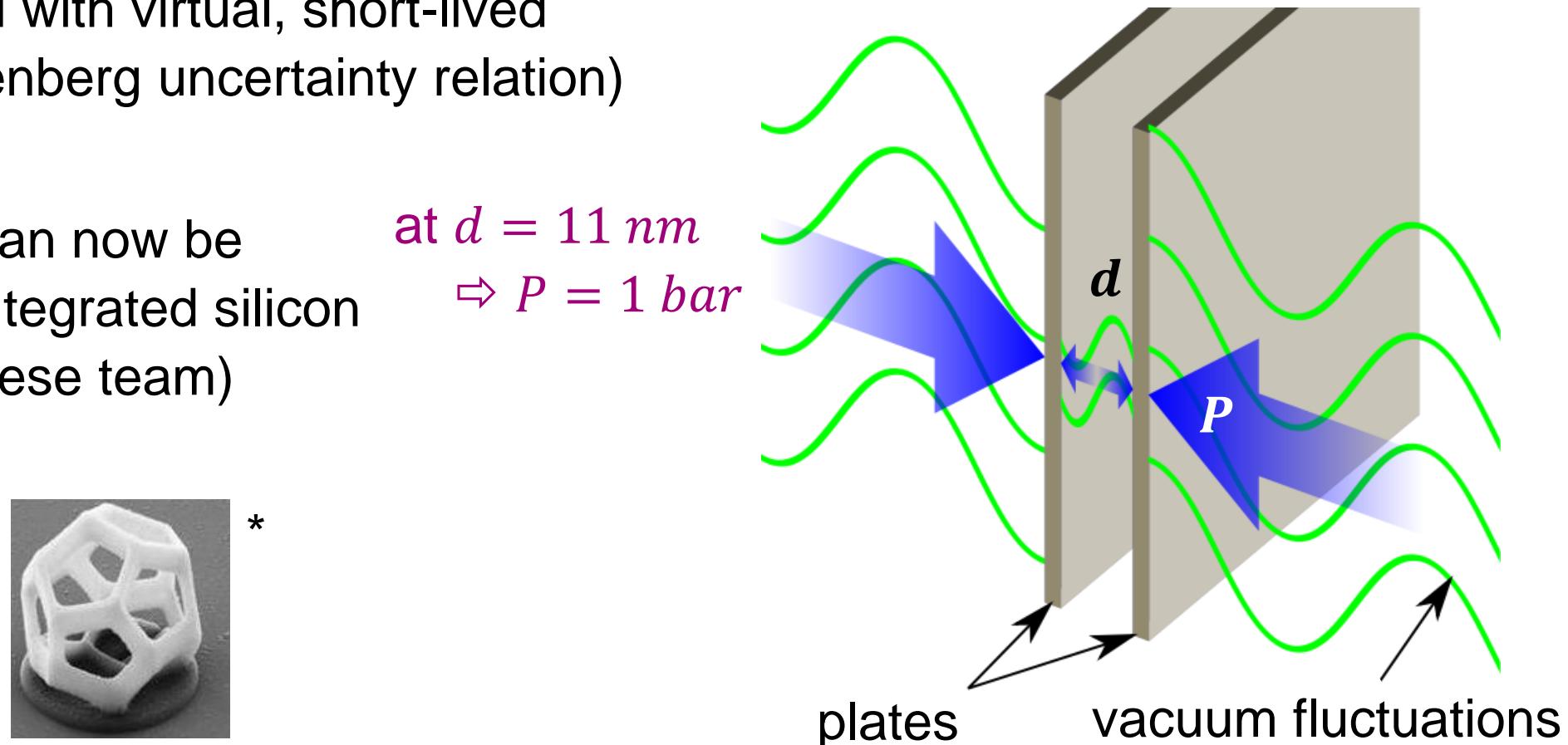
vacuum fluctuations

# TOPIC: THE CASIMIR EFFECT

## ■ An experimental investigation of the strange properties of the vacuum

- vacuum is filled with virtual, short-lived particles (Heisenberg uncertainty relation)
- Casimir force can now be measured by integrated silicon chips (US-Chinese team)

at  $d = 11 \text{ nm}$   
 $\Rightarrow P = 1 \text{ bar}$



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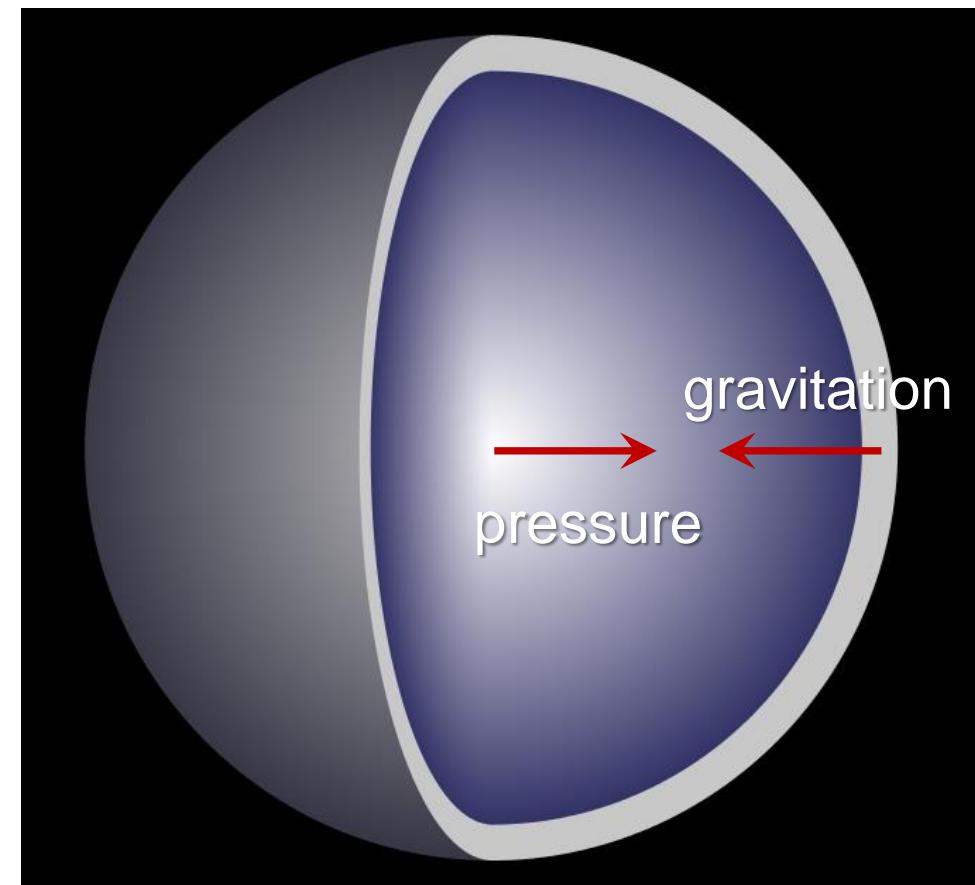
# TOPIC: PRESSURE AND GRAVITY

## ■ Extreme pressures inside a compact object (neutron star)

- **neutron stars\***: extremely compact objects
- radius  $R \sim 10 - 20 \text{ km}$ , mass  $M < 2 - 3 M_{\odot}$
- very high density  $\rho \sim (6 - 8) \times 10^{17} \text{ kg/m}^3$ 
  - 'degeneracy' pressure of neutrons counteracts gravity, but is itself a source of the gravitational field
  - ⇒ limited masses of neutron stars



Robert Oppenheimer



# Friedmann-Lemaître Equations

## ■ 2 fundamental equations to describe dynamics of cosmological expansion

- expansion rates governed by: matter, radiation, vacuum
- ⇒ **total energy density & topology of the universe**



Aleksandr Friedmann  
(1888 – 1925)



Georges Lemaître  
(1894 – 1966)

# Friedmann-Equations

## ■ Recap: acceleration of a homogenous & isotropic universe

- we will now start to **integrate** our well-known acceleration equation to obtain a relation for parameter  $\dot{a}(t)$



$$\boxed{\dot{a}(t)}$$

time-dependent  
energy densities

time-dependent  
pressure values

cosmological  
constant

$$\frac{\ddot{a}(t)}{a(t)} = -\frac{4}{3}\pi G \cdot \left( \rho_{m,r,V}(t) + \frac{3P_{m,r,V}}{c^2} \right) = -\frac{4}{3}\pi G \cdot \left( \rho_{m,r}(t) + \frac{3P_{m,r}}{c^2} \right) + \frac{\Lambda c^2}{3}$$

$P_m = 0$

# Friedmann-Equations: let's do some maths...

## ■ Integration to obtain the second expansion equation

$$\ddot{a}(t) = -\frac{4}{3}\pi \cdot G \cdot \rho(t) \cdot a(t)$$



$$\rho(t) = \frac{\rho_0}{a^3(t)}$$



$$\ddot{a}(t) = -\frac{4}{3} \cdot \pi \cdot G \cdot \rho_0 \cdot \frac{1}{a^2(t)} + 2 \cdot \dot{a}(t)$$



$$\ddot{a}(t) \cdot 2 \cdot \dot{a}(t) = -\frac{2 \cdot 4}{3} \cdot \pi \cdot G \cdot \rho_0 \cdot \frac{\dot{a}(t)}{a^2(t)}$$

integration

$$\dot{a}^2(t) = -\frac{8}{3} \cdot \pi \cdot G \cdot \rho_0 \cdot \left( \frac{-1}{a(t)} \right) - \mathbf{k}c^2$$

$k$ : integration constant



# Friedmann-Equations: we're (almost) done...

## ■ Second Friedmann Expansion Equation

$$\dot{a}^2(t) = -\frac{8}{3} \cdot \pi \cdot G \cdot \rho_0 \cdot \left( \frac{-1}{a(t)} \right) - kc^2 \quad \text{re-use: } \rho_0 = \rho(t) \cdot a^3(t)$$

$$\dot{a}^2(t) = \frac{8}{3} \cdot \pi \cdot G \cdot \rho(t) \cdot a^2(t) - kc^2 \quad | : a^2(t)$$

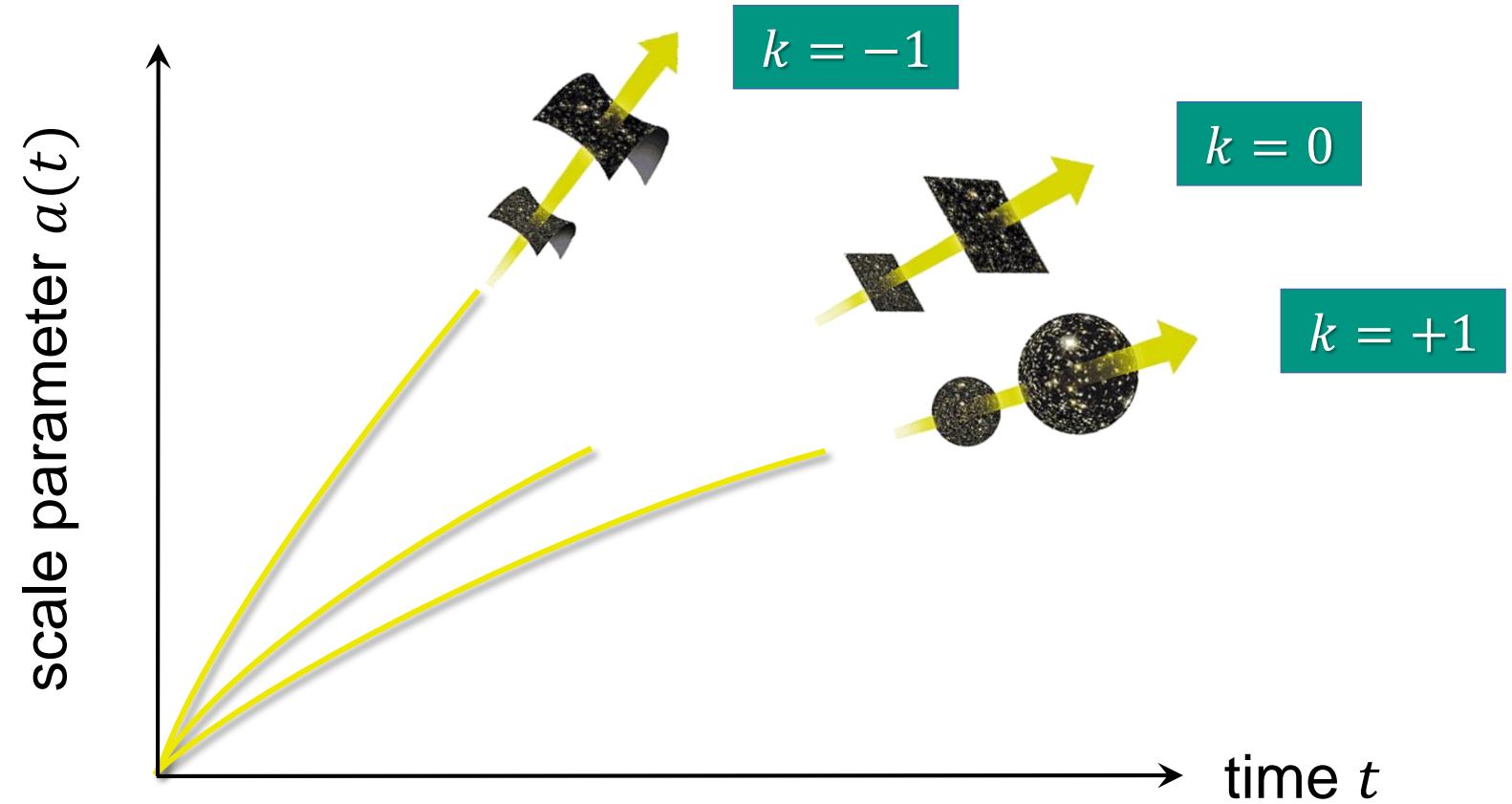
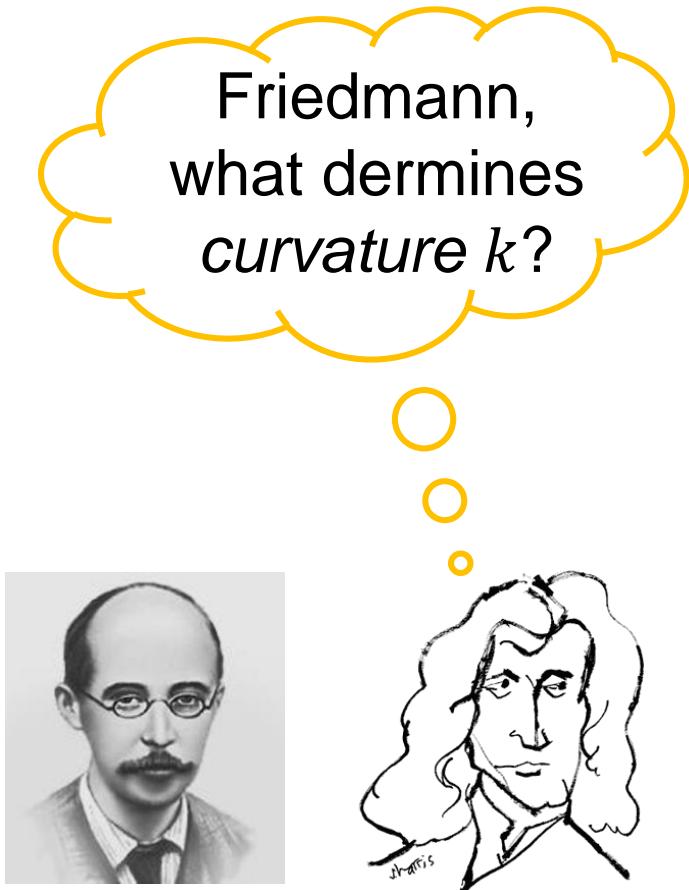


$$H^2(t) = \left( \frac{\dot{a}(t)}{a(t)} \right)^2 = \frac{8}{3} \pi G \rho(t) - \frac{kc^2}{a^2(t)}$$

- allows to calculate Hubble parameter  $H^2(t)$  for different epochs

# Topology and overall energy density

## ■ Curvature parameter $k$ 'from integration': impact on scale parameter $a(t)$



# Topology and overall energy density: some math

■ To see which parameter is determining  $k$  let's use **comoving coordinates  $x$**

$$H^2(t) = \left( \frac{\dot{a}(t)}{a(t)} \right)^2 = \frac{8}{3} \pi G \rho(t) - \frac{k c^2}{a^2(t)} \quad | \cdot \frac{a(t)^2}{2}$$

$$\rho(t) = \frac{\rho_0}{a^3(t)}$$

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

$$\dot{a}(t) = \frac{\dot{r}(t)}{x}$$



$$\frac{\dot{a}(t)^2}{2} - \frac{4}{3} \cdot \pi \cdot G \cdot \rho(t) \cdot a(t)^2 = -\frac{k \cdot c^2}{2}$$



$$\frac{\dot{r}(t)^2}{2 \cdot x^2} - \frac{4}{3} \cdot \pi \cdot G \cdot \rho_0 \cdot \frac{x}{r(t)} = -\frac{k \cdot c^2}{2}$$

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$$M(x) = \frac{4}{3} \cdot \pi \cdot \rho_0 \cdot x^3$$

for unit sphere  
 $x \equiv 1$   
 $M = M(x)$



$$\frac{\dot{r}(t)^2}{2} - G \cdot \frac{M(x)}{r(t)} = -\frac{k \cdot c^2}{2} \cdot x^2$$

$$\frac{\dot{r}(t)^2}{2} - G \cdot \frac{M}{r(t)} = -\frac{k \cdot c^2}{2}$$

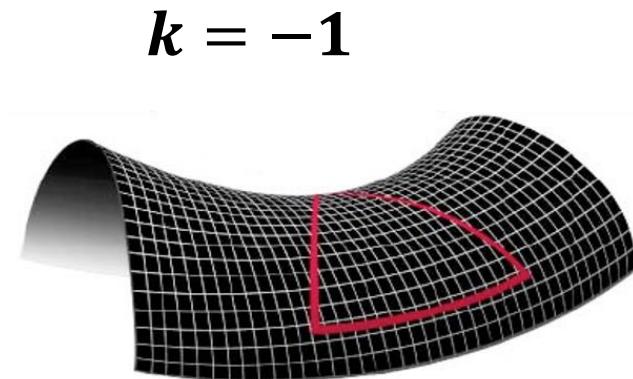
$$E_{kin} + E_{pot} = E_{tot}$$

# Topology and overall energy density: curvature $k$

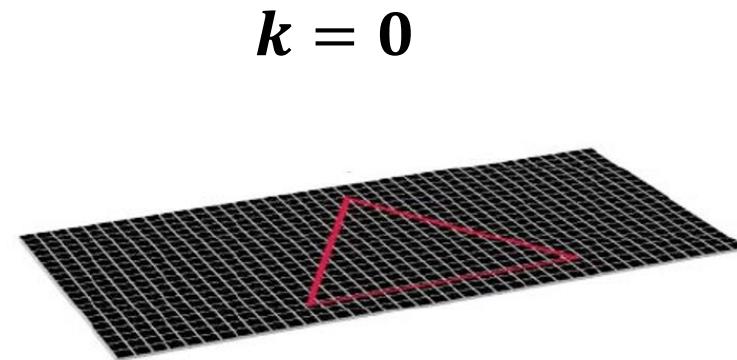
- Curvature  $k$  of the universe is determined by its total energy  $E_{tot}$

Friedmann, well done, but you use my gravity & calculus

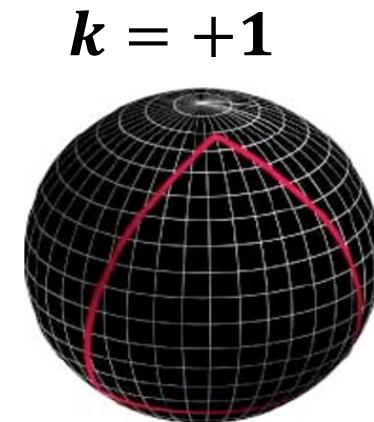
constant $k$	curvature	topology	total energy
$k = -1$	hyperbolic	open	$E_{tot} > 0$
$k = 0$	euclidean	flat	$E_{tot} = 0$
$k = +1$	spherical	closed	$E_{tot} < 0$



$$E_{tot} > 0$$



$$E_{tot} = 0$$



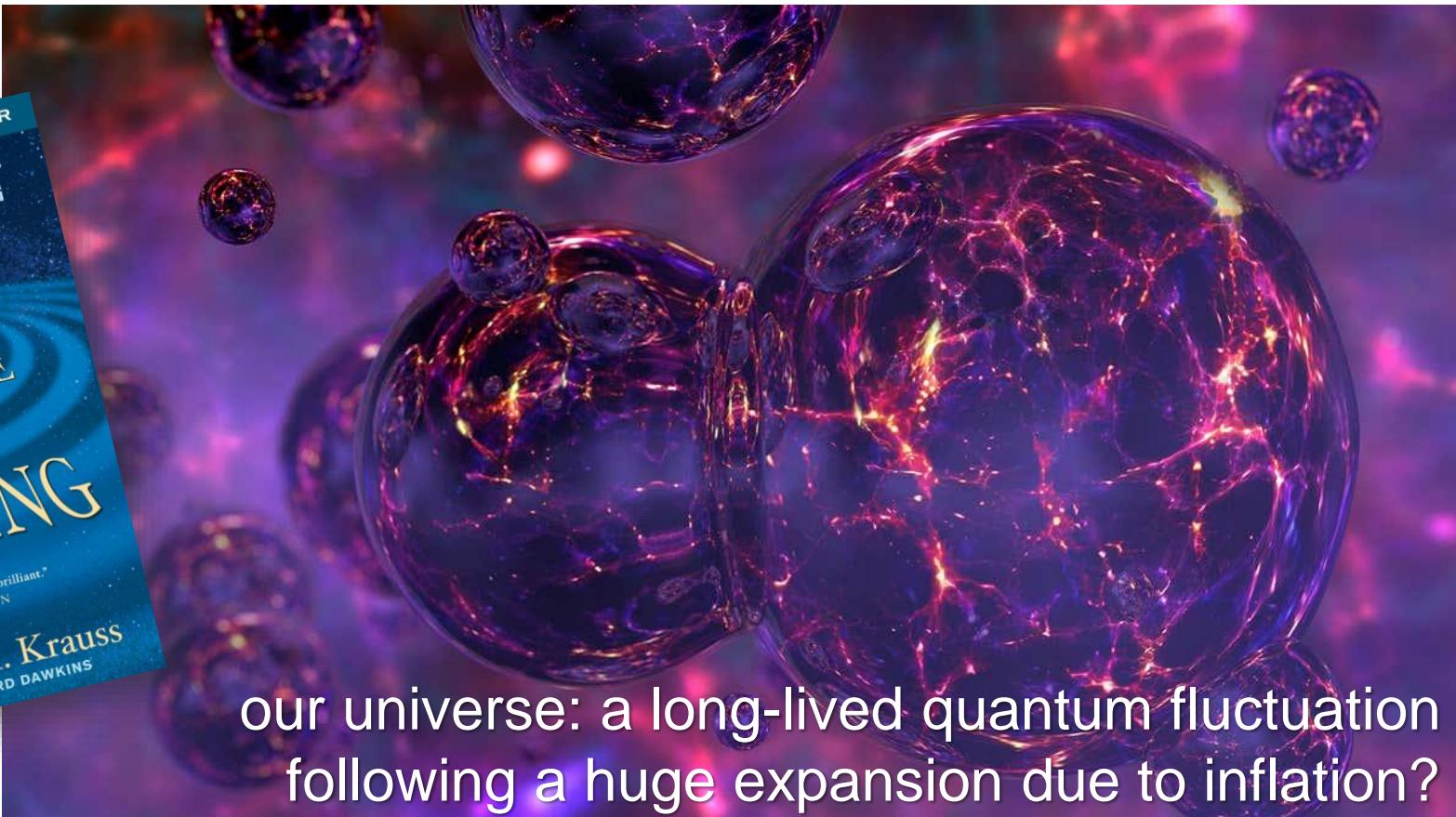
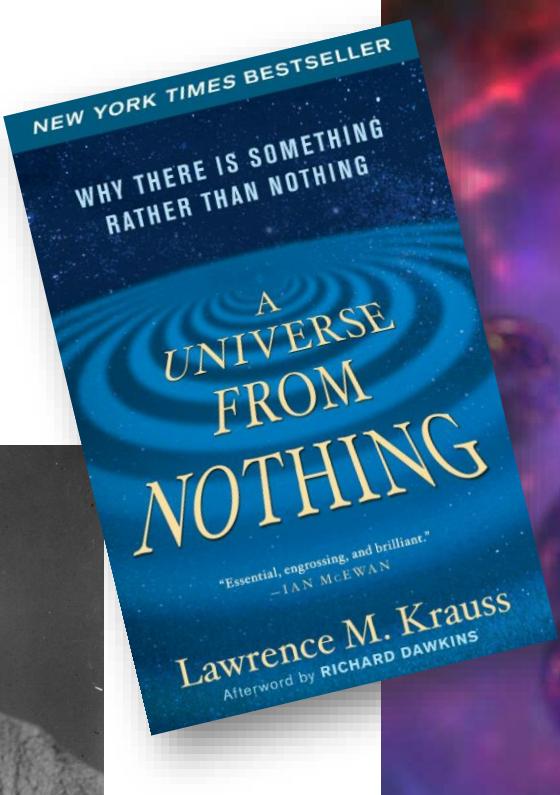
$$E_{tot} < 0$$

# Topology and overall energy density

## ■ Heisenberg uncertainty relation in view of the total energy of the universe

$$\Delta E \Delta t \leq \frac{h}{2\pi}$$

Approximate values:  
 $\approx 0$   
 $\approx \infty$

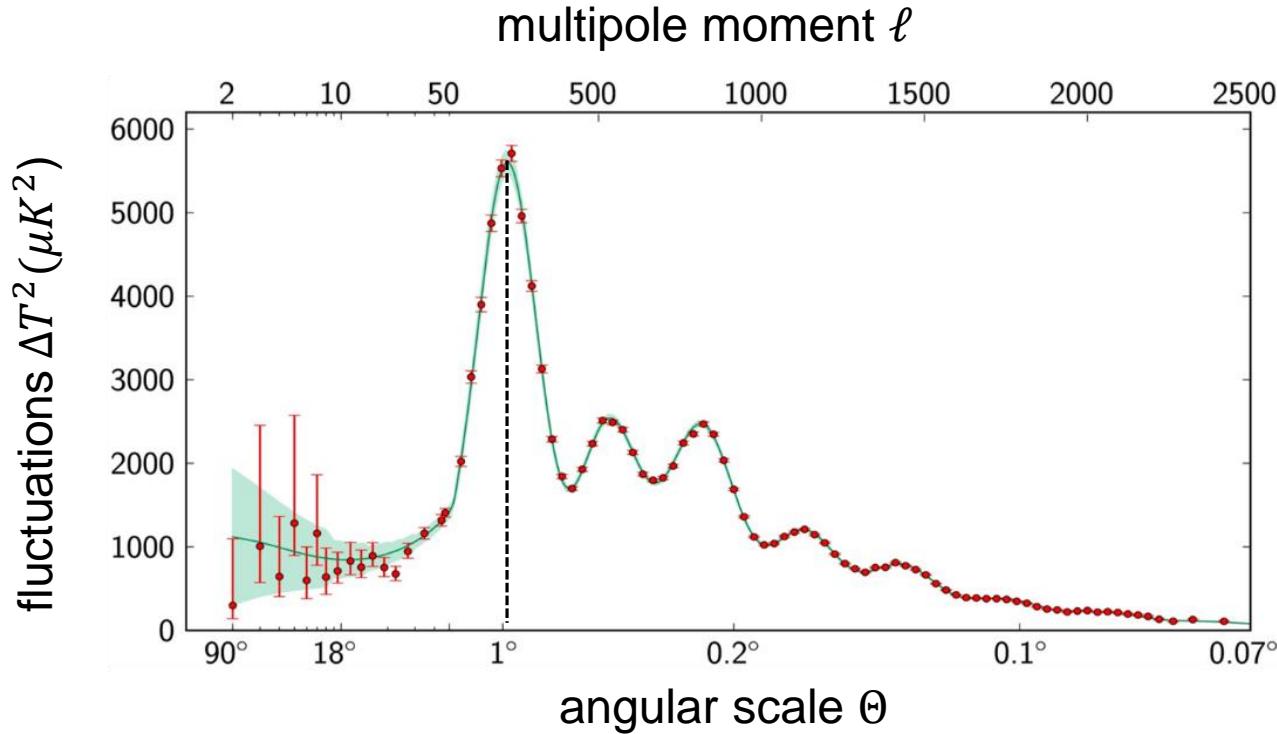


our universe: a long-lived quantum fluctuation  
following a huge expansion due to inflation?

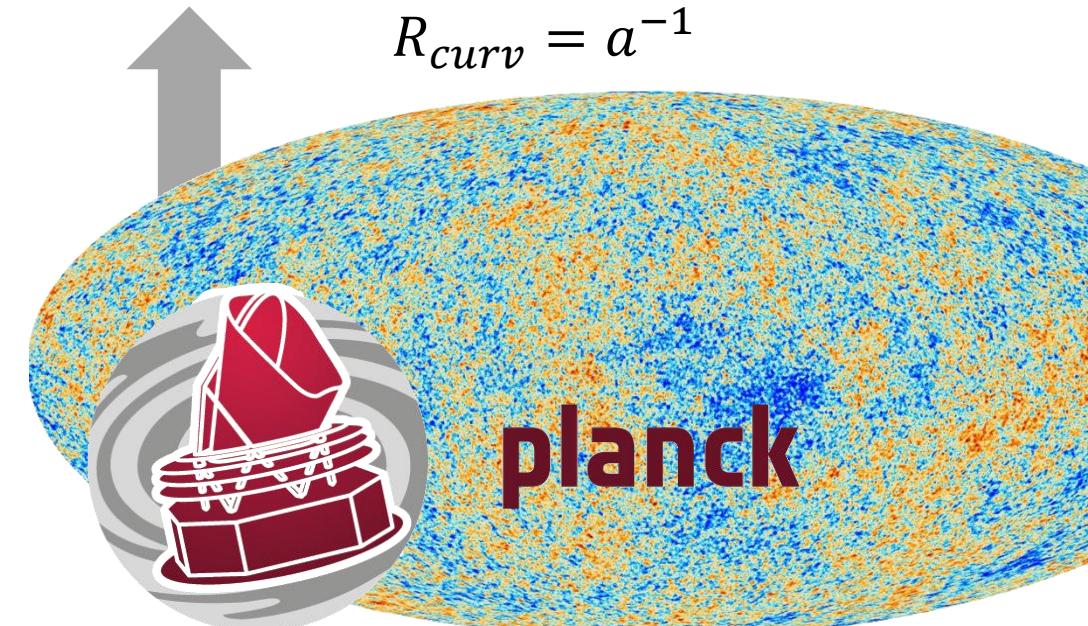
# Topology and overall energy density

## ■ 2015 findings of the Planck satellite mission: a universe without curvature

- analysis of the CMB multipole distribution\*
- curvature  $k = 0$  ( $\Omega_k$ ) from 1. peak at  $\ell \sim 200$



$$\Omega_k = \frac{-kc^2}{H_0^2 R_{curv}^2} = 0.000 \pm 0.005$$



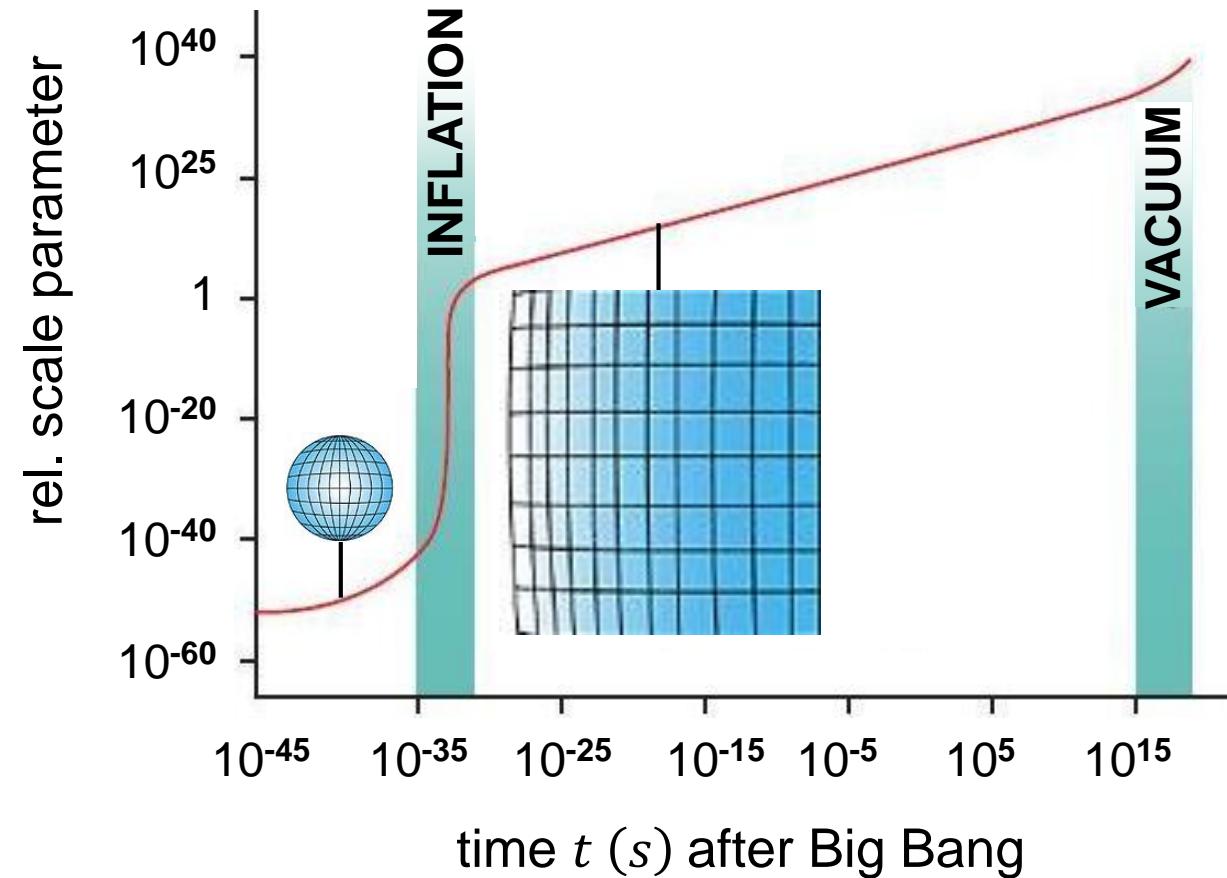
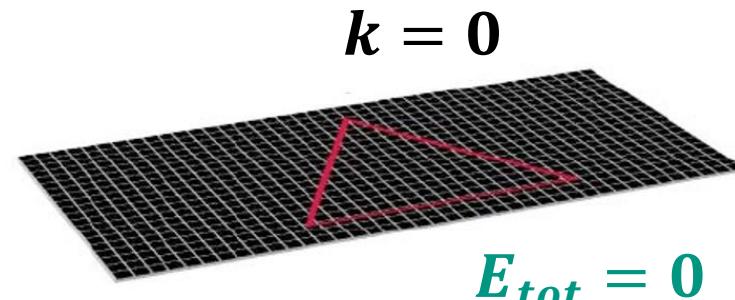
# overall energy density & inflationary cosmology

## ■ 2015 findings of the Planck satellite & expectation from the theory of inflation

- **inflation:** exponential increase of the size  $a(t)$  of universe from time  $t = 10^{-36}s \dots 10^{-32}s$  due to a scalar field, typ. expansion factor  $\gg 10^{26}$   
⇒ flat space, no curvature
- **observation:** space is flat to  $\sim 0.5\%$  (Planck, 2015)



Euclid



# Topology and overall energy density

## ■ 2018 findings of the Planck satellite mission: a universe with curvature??

- analysis of CMB radiation using lensing effect\*

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### Planck evidence for a closed Universe and a possible crisis for cosmology

Eleonora Di Valentino, Alessandro Melchiorri & Joseph Silk

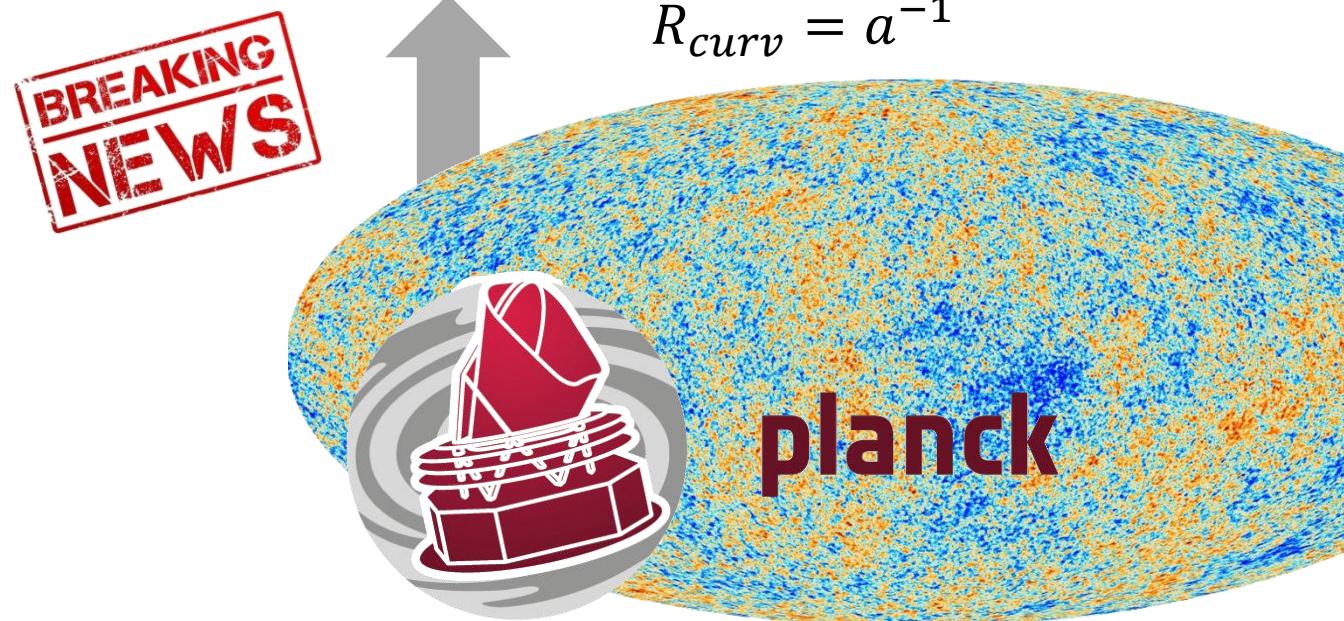
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#### Abstract

The recent Planck Legacy 2018 release has confirmed the presence of an enhanced lensing amplitude in cosmic microwave background power spectra compared with that predicted in the standard  $\Lambda$  cold dark matter model, where  $\Lambda$  is the cosmological constant. A closed Universe can provide a physical explanation for this effect, with the Planck cosmic microwave background spectra now preferring a positive curvature at more than the 99% confidence level. Here, we further investigate the evidence for a closed Universe from Planck, showing that positive curvature naturally explains the anomalous lensing

$$\Omega_k = -0.007 \dots - 0.095 \quad (99\% CL)$$

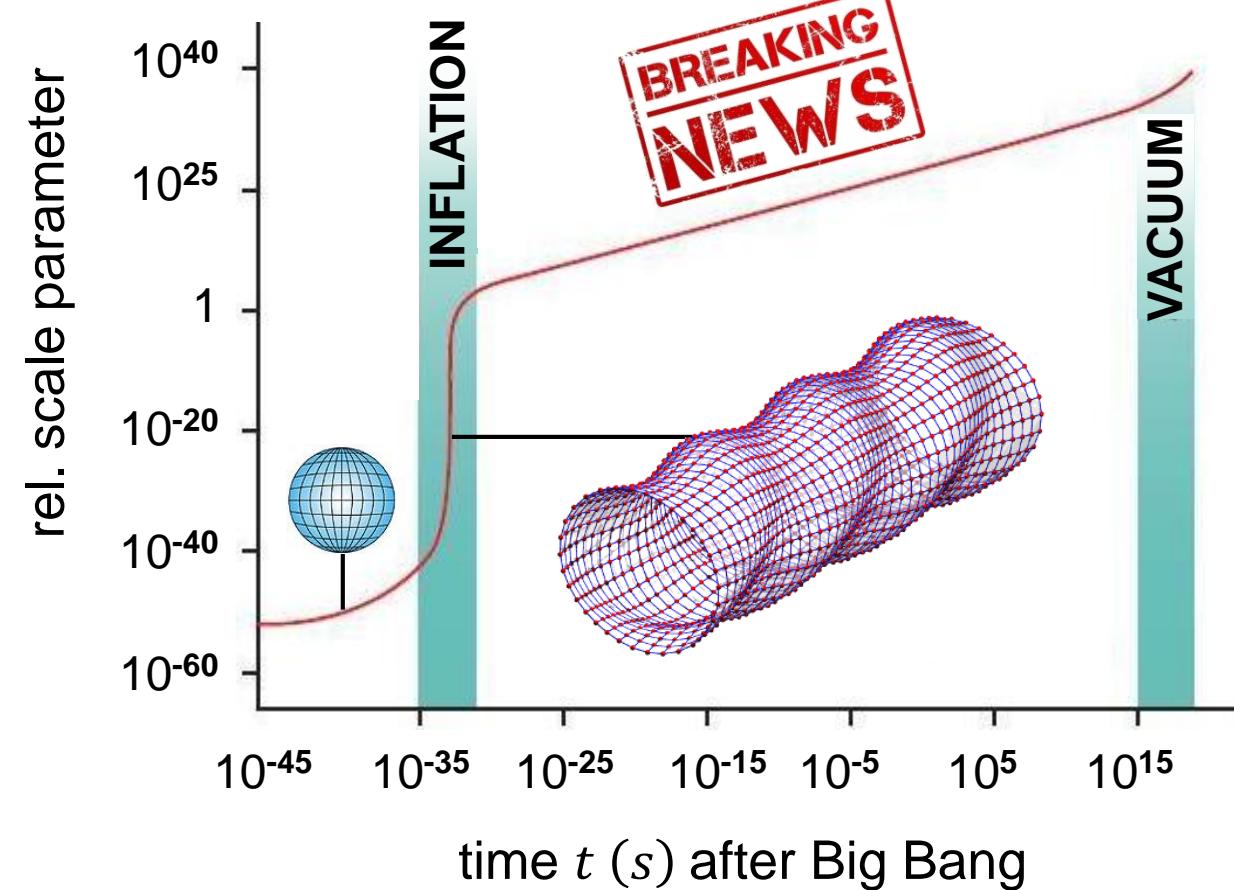
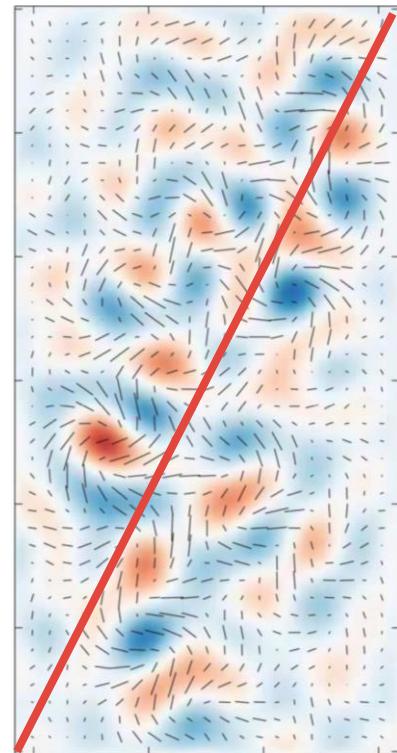
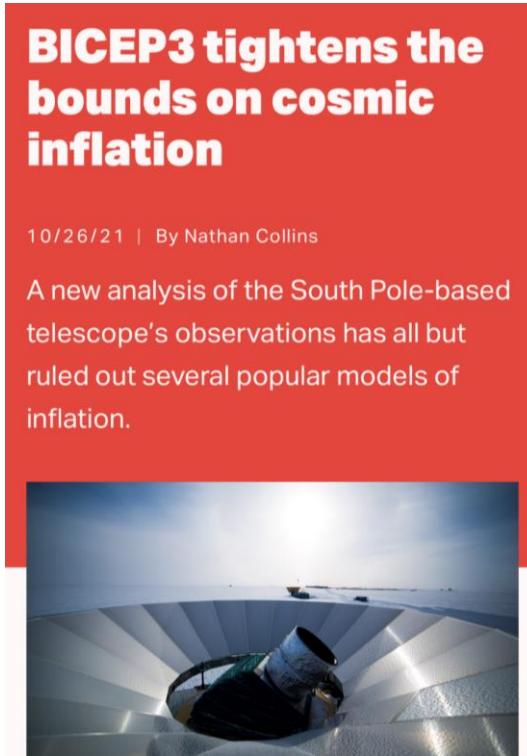
$$R_{curv} = a^{-1}$$



# inflationary cosmology: accelerated masses

## ■ 2021 update from BICEP3 & expectation from the theory of inflation

- inflation should have produced a specific GW\* signal: but no detection!



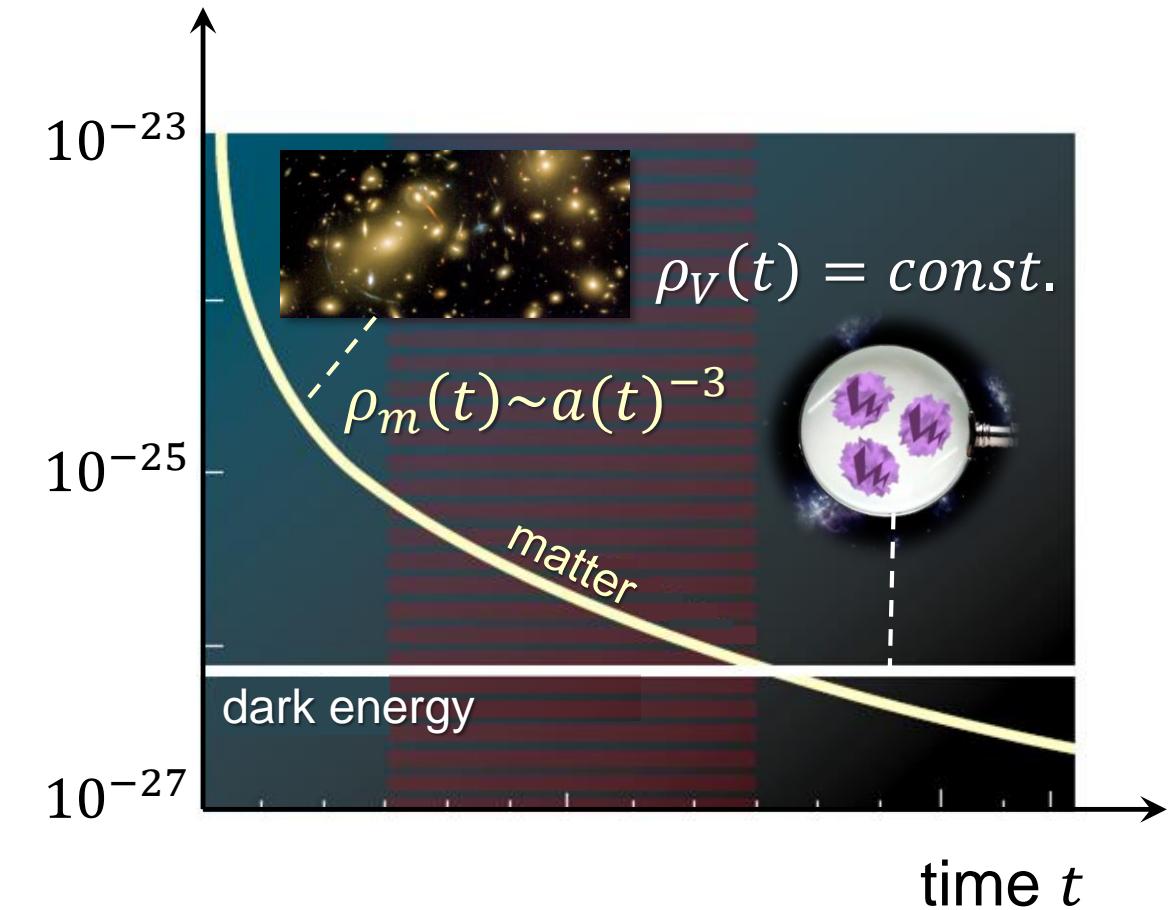
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$$= \frac{8}{3} \pi G \rho_{m,r}(t) + \frac{\Lambda c^2}{3}$$

$$H(t) \sim \sqrt{\rho_{m,r}(t)} + const.$$



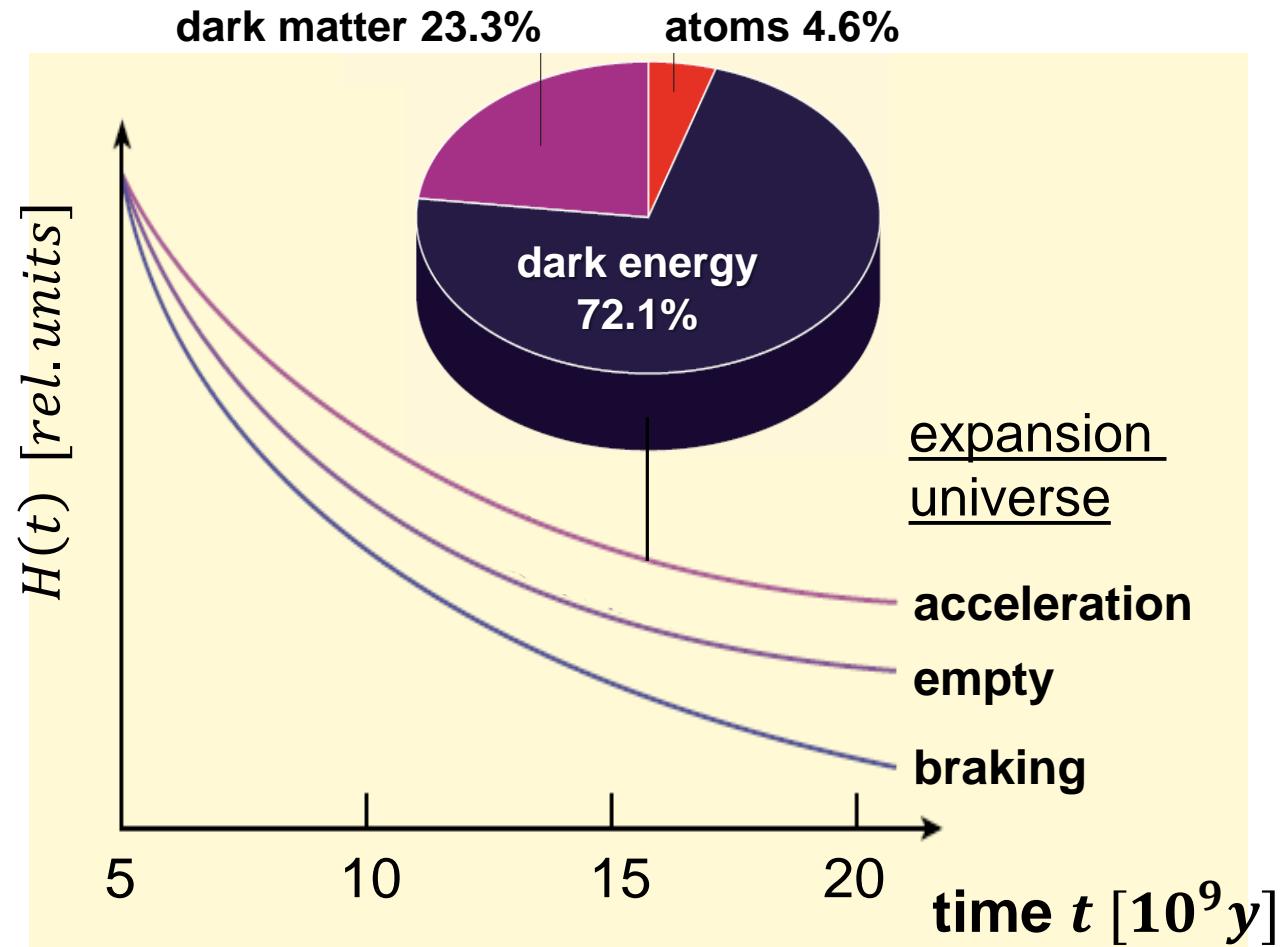
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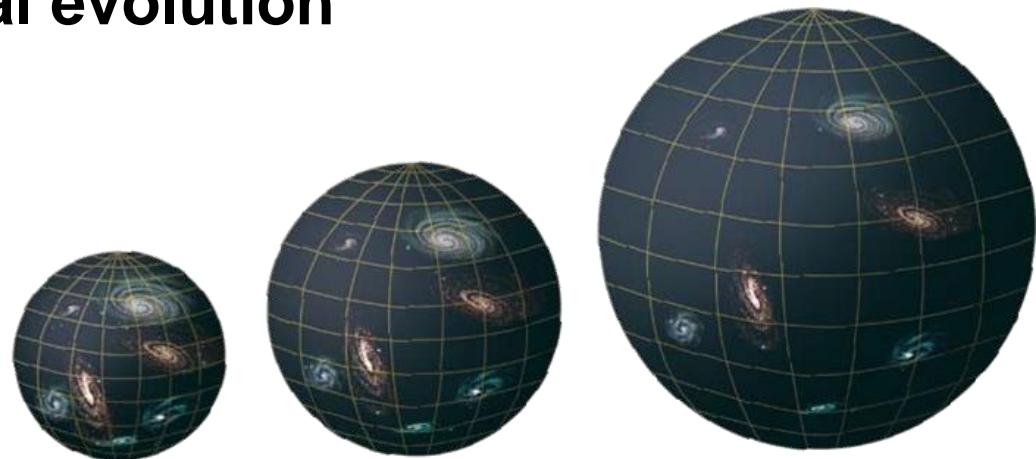


# RECAP: Friedmann-Lemaître Equations

## ■ The two equations governing cosmological evolution

expansion equation with curvature  $k$

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acceleration equation

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$$\rho(t) = \rho_m(t) + \rho_r(t) + \rho_v(t)$$



Aleksandr  
Friedmann



Georges  
Lemaître

# RECAP: Friedmann-Lemaître Equations

■ The two equations governing cosmological evolution using  $\Lambda$

expansion equation for  $k = 0$  with  $\Lambda$

$$H^2(t) = \left( \frac{\dot{a}(t)}{a(t)} \right)^2 = \frac{8}{3} \pi G \rho(t) + \frac{\Lambda c^2}{3}$$

acceleration equation for  $k = 0$  with  $\Lambda$

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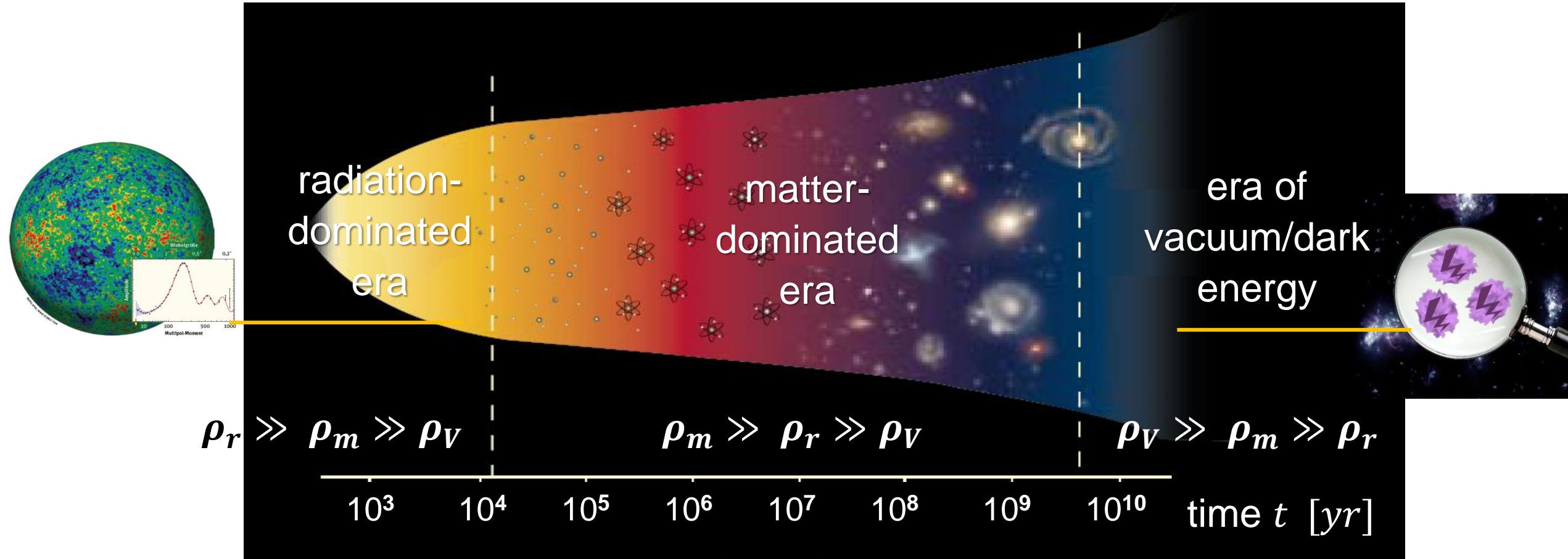
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# Different cosmological epochs & $a(t)$

## ■ Radiation / matter / vacuum energy – dominated cosmological ages



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## ■ Radiation / matter / vacuum energy – dominated cosmological ages

- evolution of scale parameter  $a(t)$  calculated with Friedmann equations

dominant part	equation-of-state	density	scale parameter
radiation	$P_r = + 1/3 \cdot \rho_r c^2$	$\rho_r \sim a^{-4}$	$a(t) \sim t^{1/2}$

 $\Lambda$ 

constant density  
 $\rho_V = 3.6 \text{ GeV/m}^3$

$\alpha = \sqrt{\Lambda/3}$

exponential increase

# Matter-dominated model of cosmology

## ■ Hypothetical assumption: present, flat universe that contains only baryons

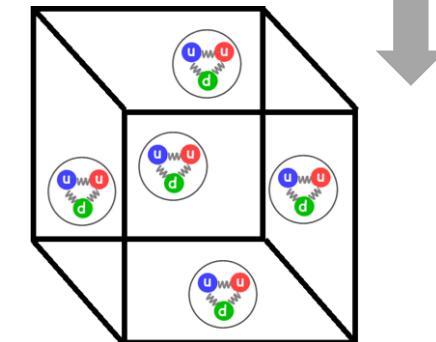
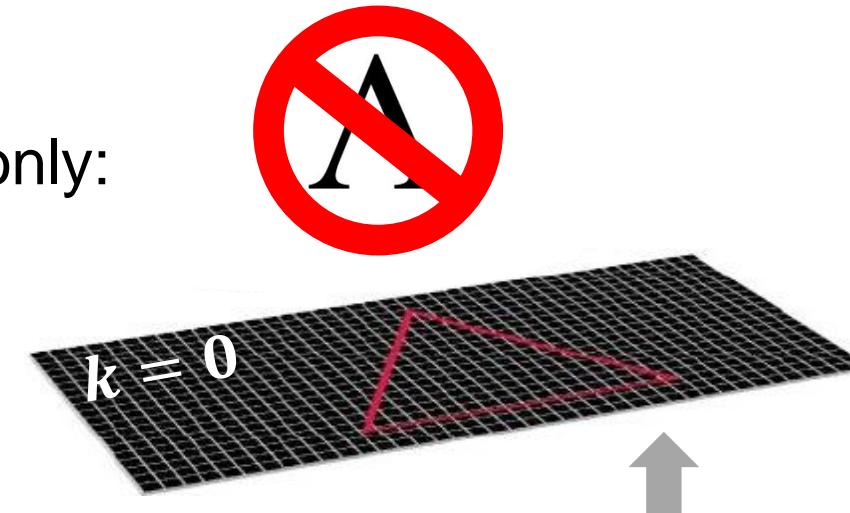
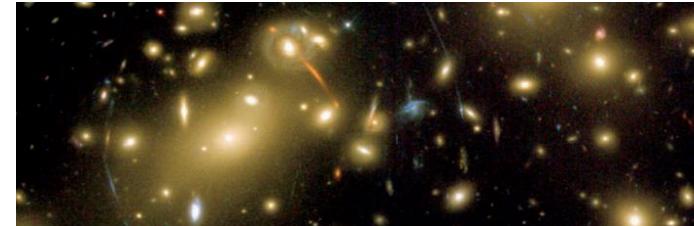
- flat universe ( $k = 0$ ), no vacuum energy ( $\Lambda = 0$ )
- critical energy density  $\rho_c$  for flat universe, baryons only:

$$\rho_c = \frac{3}{8\pi G} H_0^2 = 9.2 \times 10^{-27} \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$$

= 5.1 GeV/m<sup>3</sup> (i.e. ~ 5 protons per m<sup>3</sup>)

## ■ Our present universe has a baryon density $\rho_b$

= 0.2 GeV/m<sup>3</sup>  
(i.e.  $\rho_b < 5\%$  of  $\rho_c$ )



# Building a Standard Model of cosmology

## ■ Dimensionless density parameters $\Omega_i$

- $\Omega_i$  is a dimensionless parameter, given by ratio of actual density  $\rho_i$  relative to **critical critical density**  $\rho_c$  for a flat universe

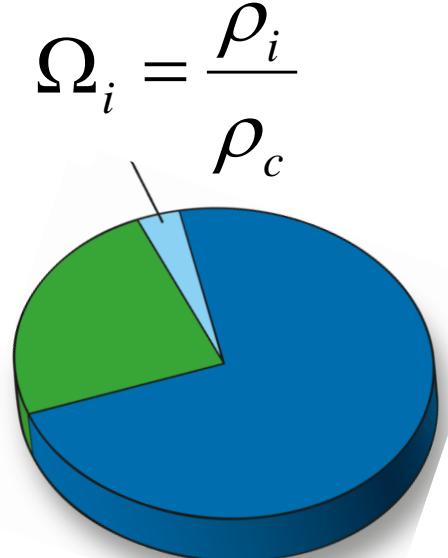
$$\Omega_i = \frac{\rho_i}{\rho_c} = \frac{8\pi \cdot G}{3 H_0^2} \cdot \rho_i$$

- $\Omega_{tot} = \sum \rho_i = 1$  for a flat universe with  $E_{tot} = 0$

## ■ Summing up all density parameters $\Omega_i$

- contributions: matter – radiation – vacuum – curvature  $k \neq 0$

$$\Omega_{tot} = \Omega_m + \Omega_r + \Omega_V + \Omega_k$$



# Hubble time $t_H$ : definition & relation to $H_0$

■ Hubble time  $t_H$  is based on a scenario with uniform expansion rate  $H_0$

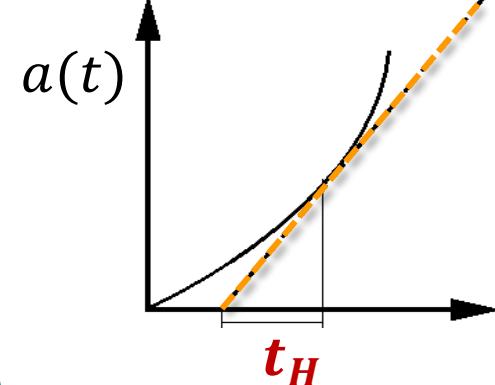
$$H(t) = \text{const.} = H_0$$

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

$$H_0 = \frac{72 \text{ km/s}}{\text{Mpc}} = 2.3 \times 10^{-18} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$t_H = \frac{1}{2.3 \times 10^{-18}} \text{ s}$$

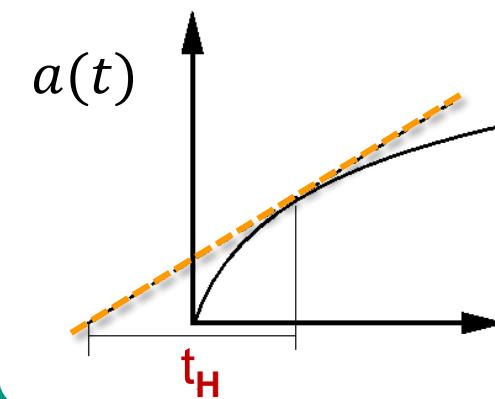
$$t_H = 13.8 \cdot 10^9 \text{ y}$$



**accelerated**  
expansion

$$\rho_{\text{tot}} < \rho_c$$

$$t_H < t_{\text{real}}$$



**braked**  
expansion

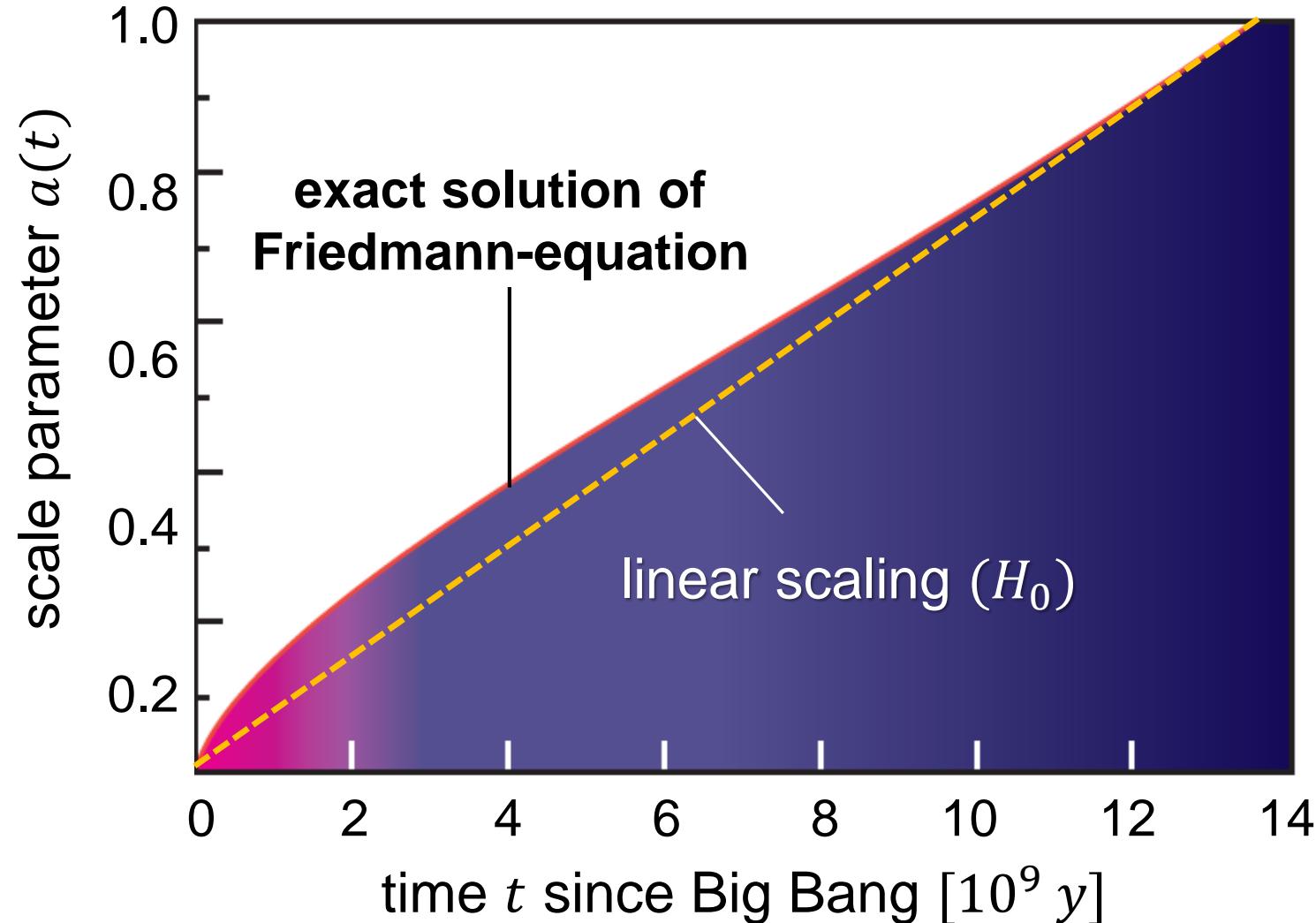
$$\rho_{\text{tot}} > \rho_c$$

$$t_H > t_{\text{real}}$$

# Hubble time $t_H$ and actual expansion rate

## ■ Linear and actual expansion rate of our universe

- surprise:  
rather good approximation of  $a(t)$  by a linear increase using present value of  $H_0$
- exact Friedmann solution:  
at first braked expansion ( $\ddot{a}(t) < 0$ ), now accelerated expansion with  $\ddot{a}(t) > 0$



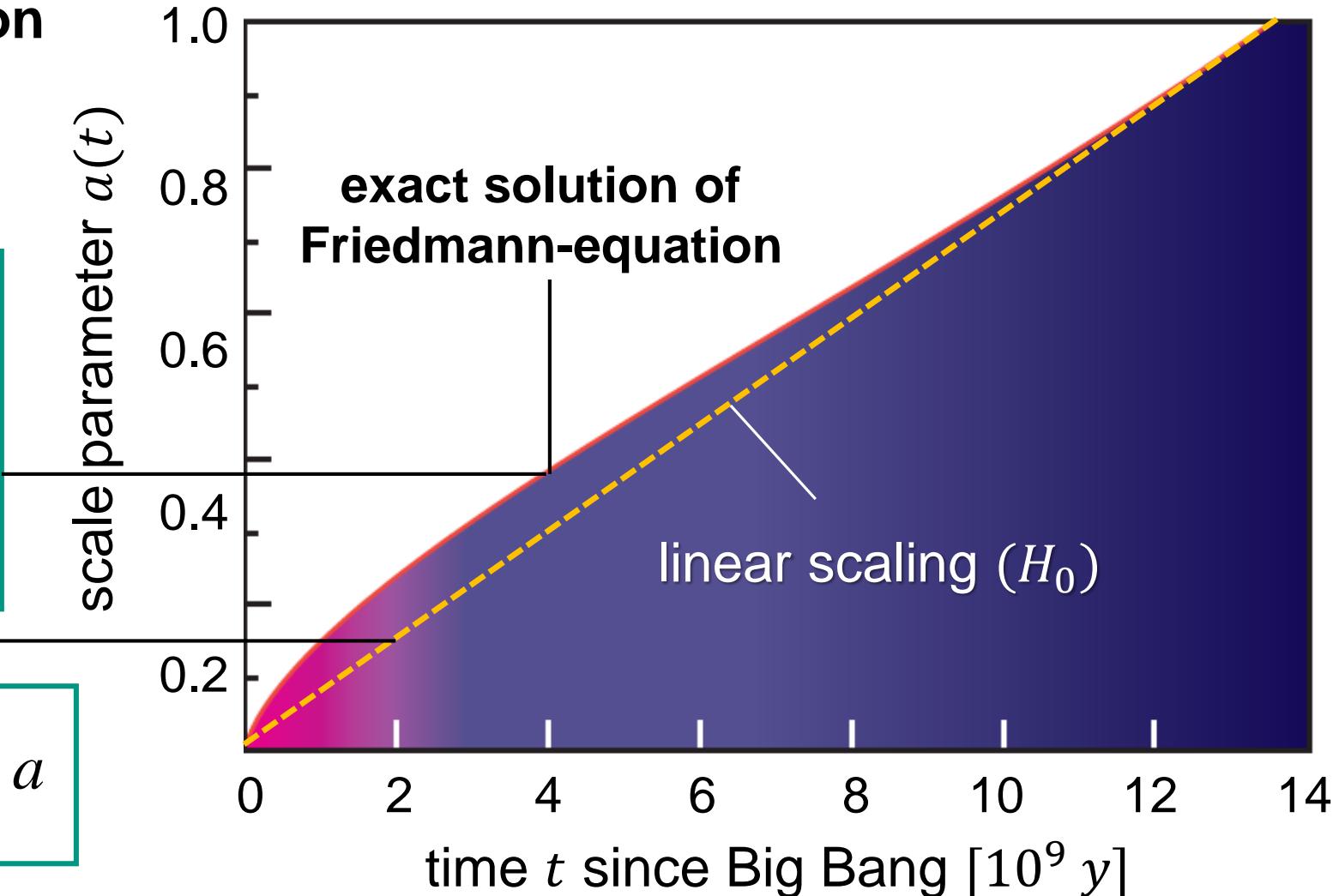
# Hubble time $t_H$ and actual expansion rate

## ■ Linear and actual expansion rate of our universe

- 4 contributions to  $\Omega_{tot} = 1$

$$\frac{H^2}{H_0^2} = \Omega_r \cdot a^{-4} + \Omega_m \cdot a^{-3}$$
$$+ \Omega_V + \Omega_k \cdot a^{-2}$$

$$t_H = \frac{1}{2.3 \times 10^{-18}} s = 13.8 \cdot 10^9 a$$



# Hubble expansion $H(t)$ : CosmoCalc – a useful app

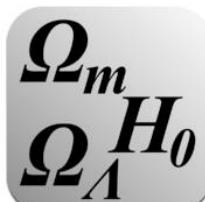
## ■ Cosmological parameters & their implications: an app for your smartphone

- select your model universe & see its properties

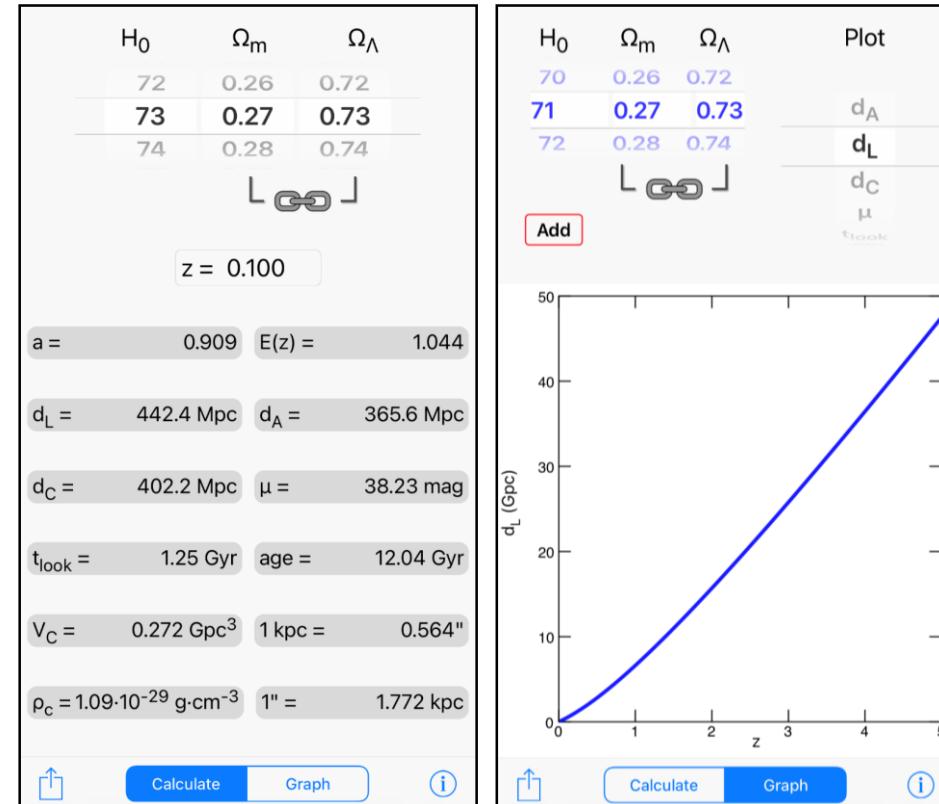
$$H(t)^2 = H_0^2 \cdot [\Omega_m(t) + \Omega_r(t) + \Omega_V(t) + \Omega_k(t)]$$

$$H(t)^2 = H_0^2 \cdot \left[ \begin{array}{l} \Omega_m(0) \cdot (1+z)^3 \\ + \Omega_r(0) \cdot (1+z)^4 \\ + \Omega_V(0) \\ + \Omega_k(0) \cdot (1+z)^2 \end{array} \right]$$

$\sim 1/a^3$   
 $\sim 1/a^4$   
*const.*  
 $\sim 1/a^2$

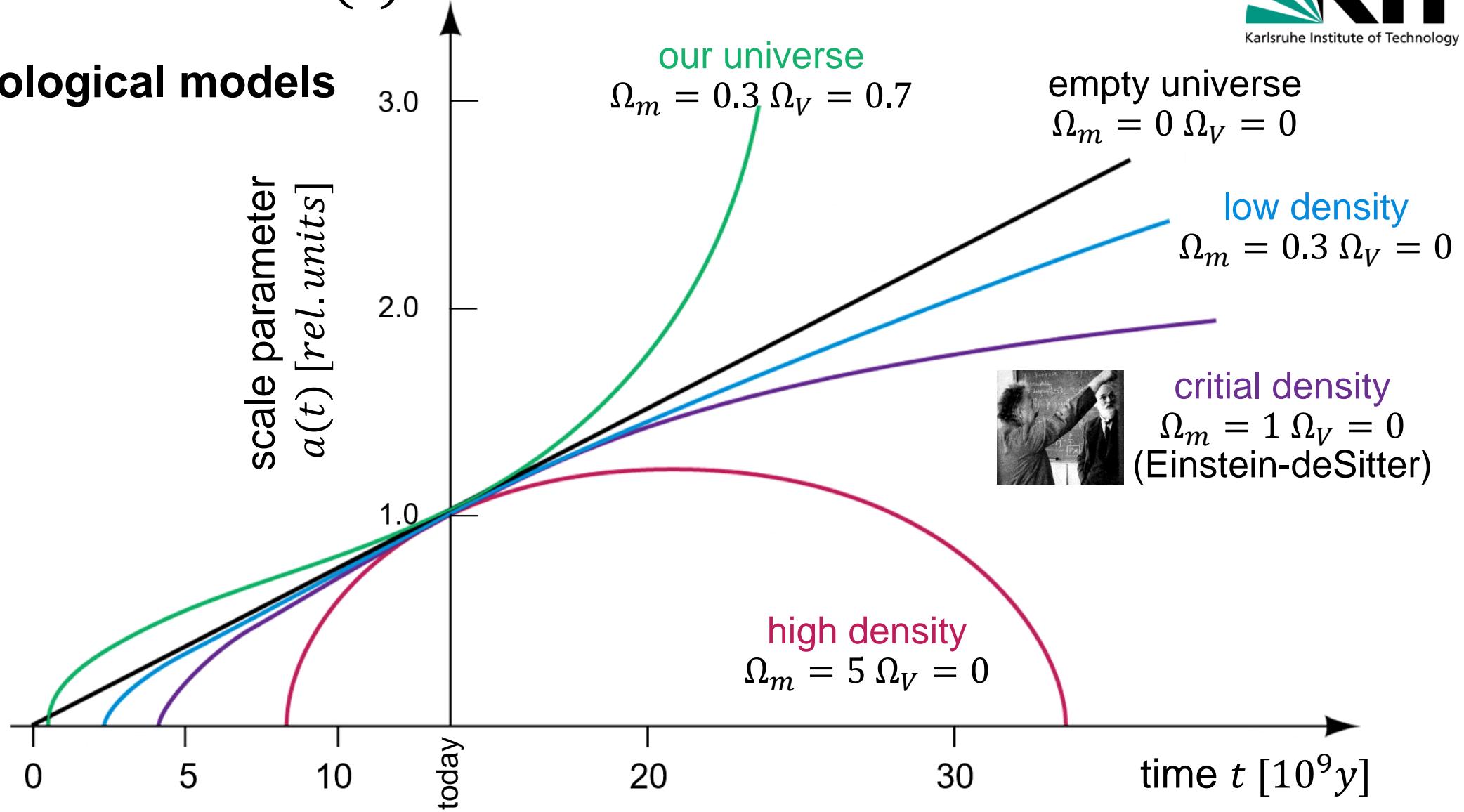


### CosmoCalc App für iOS



# Scale parameter $a(t)$ for different models

## Cosmological models



# The end (of todays' lecture)

## ■ Friedmann equations revisited



$$\frac{\ddot{a}(t)}{a(t)} = -\frac{4}{3}\pi G \cdot \left( \rho_{m,r,V}(t) + \frac{3P_{m,r,V}}{c^2} \right)$$
$$H^2(t) = \left( \frac{\dot{a}(t)}{a(t)} \right)^2 = \frac{8}{3}\pi G \rho(t) - \frac{kc^2}{a^2(t)}$$

"IS THAT IT? IS THAT  
THE BIG BANG?"