## 4. General Relativity — non-vacuum solutions

## assuming the solution to be homogeneous and isotropic

• the space part of the curvature tensor has to be maximally symmetric:

$$R_{jk\ell m}^{(3)} = k(g_{j\ell}^{(3)}g_{km}^{(3)} - g_{jm}^{(3)}g_{k\ell}^{(3)}) \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad R_{km}^{(3)} = 2kg_{km}^{(3)}$$
(1)

• using Frobenius theorem, we can write the metric as

$$ds^{2} = g_{00}(t')dt'^{2} - g_{jk}^{(3)}(t')dx^{j}dx^{k} = dt^{2} - a^{2}(t)g_{jk}^{(3)}dx^{j}dx^{k}$$
(2)

isotropic and homogeneous definitely includes spherically symmetric
 we can use Frobenius theorem again to write

$$g_{jk}^{(3)}dx^{j}dx^{k} = g_{rr}(r)dr^{2} + r^{2}d^{2}\Omega = e^{2\beta}dr^{2} + r^{2}d^{2}\Omega$$
(3)

- we can use our calculation of the Schwarzschild metric for the space part
  - by setting  $\alpha(t,r) = 0$  and  $\beta = \beta(r)$  we get

$$R_{rr}^{(3)} = \frac{2}{r}\partial_r\beta \qquad \text{and} \qquad R_{\varphi\varphi}^{(3)} = R_{\vartheta\vartheta}^{(3)}\sin^2\vartheta = (1 - e^{-2\beta}[-r(\partial_r\beta) + 1])\sin^2\vartheta \qquad (4)$$

- using 
$$R_{km}^{(3)} = 2kg_{km}^{(3)}$$
 we get from  $(rr)$ :  $2ke^{2\beta} = \frac{2}{r}\partial_r\beta$  and from  $(\vartheta\vartheta)$ :

$$2kr^{2} = 1 - e^{-2\beta} [-r(\partial_{r}\beta) + 1] = 1 + e^{-2\beta} [r(kre^{2\beta}) - 1] = 1 + kr^{2} - e^{-2\beta}$$
(5)

 $\Rightarrow e^{-2\beta} = 1 - kr^2$  and we get the Robertson-Walker metric

$$ds^{2} = dt^{2} - a^{2}(t) \left[ \frac{dr^{2}}{1 - kr^{2}} + r^{2}d^{2}\Omega \right]$$
(6)

4. General Relativity — Robertson-Walker metric

# features of $ds^2 = dt^2 - a^2(t) \left[ \frac{dr^2}{1 - kr^2} + r^2 d^2 \Omega \right] = dt^2 - a^2(t) d\sigma^2$

- $k \text{ can be from } \{-1, 0, +1\}$ 
  - the substitutions  $k\to \frac{k}{|k|}$ ,  $a\to a\sqrt{|k|}$ ,  $r\to \frac{r}{\sqrt{|k|}}$  leave the metric invariant
- $d\sigma^2$ , the space part of the metric, describes constant curvature:

$$-k = 1$$
 is called closed (de Sitter)

\* the substitution  $r \to \sin \chi$  gives the metric of  $S^3$ :  $d\sigma^2 = d\chi^2 + \sin^2 \chi d^2 \Omega$ 

$$-k = 0$$
 is called flat (Euclidean)

\* one has the metric of  $R^3$ :  $d\sigma^2=dr^2+r^2d^2\Omega=dx^2+dy^2+dz^2$ 

$$-k = -1$$
 is called open (anti-de Sitter)

- \* the substitution  $r \to \sinh \xi$  gives the metric:  $d\sigma^2 = d\xi^2 + \sinh^2 \xi d^2 \Omega$
- the only function not determined by symmetry is the scale factor a(t)
  - -a(t) will be determined by the Einstein equations
    - $\ast\,$  that means: the energy content determines the size of the curvature

(7)

#### 4. General Relativity — Robertson-Walker metric

#### calculating the non-vanishing curvature functions

• using the definition  $\dot{a} = \partial_t a$ 

$$\Gamma_{rr}^{t} = \frac{a\dot{a}}{1-kr^{2}} \qquad \Gamma_{\vartheta\vartheta}^{t} = a\dot{a}r^{2} \qquad \Gamma_{\varphi\varphi}^{t} = a\dot{a}r^{2}\sin^{2}\vartheta \qquad \Gamma_{tr}^{r} = \Gamma_{t\vartheta}^{\vartheta} = \Gamma_{t\varphi}^{\varphi} = \frac{\dot{a}}{a}$$

$$\Gamma_{rr}^{r} = \frac{kr}{1-kr^{2}} \qquad \Gamma_{\vartheta\vartheta}^{r} = -r(1-kr^{2}) \qquad \Gamma_{\varphi\varphi}^{r} = -r(1-kr^{2})\sin^{2}\vartheta \qquad \Gamma_{r\vartheta}^{\vartheta} = \Gamma_{r\varphi}^{\varphi} = \frac{1}{r} \qquad (8)$$

$$\Gamma_{\varphi\varphi}^{\vartheta} = -\sin\vartheta\cos\vartheta \qquad \Gamma_{\vartheta\varphi}^{\varphi} = \frac{\cos\vartheta}{\sin\vartheta}$$

$$R_{trtr} = \frac{a\ddot{a}}{1-kr^2} \qquad R_{t\vartheta t\vartheta} = a\ddot{a}r^2 \qquad R_{t\varphi t\varphi} = a\ddot{a}r^2 \sin^2\vartheta \qquad (9)$$

$$R_{r\vartheta r\vartheta} = -\frac{a^2(\dot{a}^2+k)r^2}{1-kr^2} \qquad R_{r\varphi r\varphi} = -\frac{a^2(\dot{a}^2+k)r^2\sin^2\vartheta}{1-kr^2} \qquad R_{\vartheta\varphi\vartheta\varphi} = -a^2(\dot{a}^2+k)r^4\sin^2\vartheta$$

• and contracting gives  $R_{tt} = -3\frac{\ddot{a}}{a}$  (10)

$$R_{rr} = \frac{a\ddot{a} + 2\dot{a}^2 + 2k}{1 - kr^2} = -g_{rr} \frac{a\ddot{a} + 2\dot{a}^2 + 2k}{a^2}$$
(11)

$$R_{\vartheta\vartheta} = (a\ddot{a} + 2\dot{a}^2 + 2k)r^2 = -g_{\vartheta\vartheta}\frac{a\ddot{a} + 2\dot{a}^2 + 2k}{a^2}$$
(12)

$$R_{\varphi\varphi} = (a\ddot{a} + 2\dot{a}^2 + 2k)r^2 \sin^2 \vartheta = -g_{\varphi\varphi} \frac{a\ddot{a} + 2\dot{a}^2 + 2k}{a^2}$$
(13)

 $\Rightarrow$  there are only two independent components of the Ricci tensor:

$$R_{00} = -3\frac{\ddot{a}}{a}$$
 and  $R_{ii} = \frac{a\ddot{a} + 2\dot{a}^2 + 2k}{a^2}$  (14)

#### 4. General Relativity — energy stress tensor

#### cosmological forms of matter

- taking stars and galaxies: we see no interaction except gravity
- the electromagnetic field has interaction
- assuming both of them in their rest frame
  - the average motion vanishes
    - \* the galaxy rotates, but does not move;
    - \* other galaxies move away, but summing over all of them gives no net motion
    - $\ast\,$  the sun emits light, but in all directions the same
  - they can be described as a cosmological "perfect fluid"
    - \* with density  $\rho$  : like the mass of a particle  $\Rightarrow$  timelike
    - \* and pressure p : pushing things away  $\Rightarrow$  spacelike
- writing it covariantly with the timelike comoving coordinates  $U^{\mu}$ 
  - and  $h_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu} U_{\mu}U_{\nu}$ , projecting to the spacelike hypersurface, orthogonal to  $U^{\mu}$

$$T_{\mu\nu} = \rho U_{\mu}U_{\nu} - \mathbf{p}h_{\mu\nu} = (\rho + \mathbf{p})U_{\mu}U_{\nu} - \mathbf{p}g_{\mu\nu}$$
(15)

## 4. General Relativity — Friedmann equations

using the stress energy tensor of the perfect fluid

- we get its trace as:  $T = g^{\mu\nu}T_{\mu\nu} = (\rho + \mathbf{p})U^2 4\mathbf{p} = \rho 3\mathbf{p}$  (16)
- Einstein equations in terms of the Ricci tensor are
- $R_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G(T_{\mu\nu} \frac{1}{2}Tg_{\mu\nu}) = 8\pi G((\rho + \mathbf{p})U_{\mu}U_{\nu} \mathbf{p}g_{\mu\nu} \frac{1}{2}(\rho 3\mathbf{p})g_{\mu\nu}) \quad (17)$ or in components  $R_{00} = -3\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = 4\pi G(\rho + 3\mathbf{p}) \quad (18)$

$$R_{ii} = \frac{a\ddot{a} + 2\dot{a}^2 + 2k}{a^2} = 4\pi G(\rho - \mathbf{p})$$
(19)

• rearranging gives the Friedmann equations (also found by Lemaître)

$$\left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 = \frac{8}{3}\pi G\rho - \frac{k}{a^2} \qquad \qquad \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\frac{4}{3}\pi G(\rho + 3\mathbf{p}) \tag{20}$$

- $H = \frac{\dot{a}}{a}$  is the Hubble parameter
  - it describes the change of the scale parameter a(t)
  - the value of H for the universe today is  $H_{_0} \sim 72 rac{{\rm km/s}}{{
    m Mpc}} \sim 2.3 imes 10^{-18}/{
    m s}$

- 4. General Relativity solving Friedmann equations
  Time evolution
  - assuming "regular" matter and energy we have  $\rho > 0$  and  $\mathbf{p} \ge 0$ 
    - that ignores the cosmological constant
  - then we get  $\ddot{a} = -\frac{4\pi}{3}aG(\rho + 3\mathbf{p}) < 0$ 
    - since the scale factor a(t) is positive,  $\ddot{a}(t)$  is negative
    - $\Rightarrow$   $\dot{a}$  gets smaller with time  $\Rightarrow$  deceleration
  - today  $t_0$  we measure  $\dot{a}_0 := \dot{a}(t_0) = H(t_0)a(t_0) =: H_0a_0 > 0$ 
    - a(t) gets smaller when we ''go back'' in time
    - going back far enough we reach a time, when a(t) was zero!
    - $\Rightarrow$  everything we see now had at that time no distance
      - $\Rightarrow$  we can estimate the age of the universe as  $t_{\rm Universe} < a_0/\dot{a}_0 = 1/H_0$ 
        - $\ast$  we do not know the value of the scale factor today, though
  - we see a naked spacelike singularity: the **Big Bang** 
    - all timelike curves have their origin in that singularity

4. General Relativity — solving Friedmann equations Energy conservation

- for a better understanding we have to look at the behaviour of  $T_{\mu\nu}$ 
  - $T_{\mu\nu}$  is conserved, which means  $\nabla^{\mu}T_{\mu\nu} = \nabla_{\mu}T^{\mu}_{\nu} = 0$
  - for the energy component  $T^{\mu}_{0} = g^{\mu\nu}T_{\nu0} = \delta^{\mu}_{0}\rho$  we get

$$0 = \nabla_{\mu} T^{\mu}_{0} = \partial_{\mu} T^{\mu}_{0} + \Gamma^{\mu}_{\mu\rho} T^{\rho}_{0} - \Gamma^{\rho}_{\mu0} T^{\mu}_{\rho}$$
(21)

\* for the summed terms we have  $\Gamma^{\mu}_{\mu 0} = \Gamma^{r}_{rt} + \Gamma^{\vartheta}_{\vartheta t} + \Gamma^{\varphi}_{\varphi t} = 3\frac{\dot{a}}{a}$  and

$$\Gamma^{\rho}_{\mu0}T^{\mu}_{\rho} = \Gamma^{r}_{rt}T^{r}_{r} + \Gamma^{\vartheta}_{\vartheta t}T^{\vartheta}_{\vartheta} + \Gamma^{\varphi}_{\varphi t}T^{\varphi}_{\varphi} = \frac{\dot{a}}{a}(g^{rr}T_{rr} + g^{\vartheta\vartheta}T_{\vartheta\vartheta} + g^{\varphi\varphi}T_{\varphi\varphi}) = \frac{\dot{a}}{a}(g^{\mu\nu}T_{\mu\nu} - g^{tt}T_{tt})$$
  
$$= \frac{\dot{a}}{a}(T - T_{00}) = \frac{\dot{a}}{a}(\rho - \mathbf{3p} - \rho) = -\mathbf{3}\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\mathbf{p}$$
(22)

- for a perfect fluid we can write an equation of state:  $\mathbf{p}=w\rho$ 
  - since we assume the laws of physics do not change, we get w independent of time
  - $\Rightarrow$  so energy conservation gives us  $0 = \dot{\rho} + 3\frac{a}{a}(\rho + \mathbf{p}) = \dot{\rho} + 3\frac{a}{a}(1 + w)\rho$  (23)
  - this can be integrated:  $\frac{\dot{\rho}}{\rho} = -3(1+w)\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \Rightarrow \rho \propto a^{-3(1+w)}$  (24)

General Relativity — solving Friedmann equations
 equation of state

- the equation of state can be derived from  $T_{\mu\nu}$ 
  - from the consideration of the perfect fluid we have  $T=\rho-3\mathbf{p}$
  - from the description of matter with a Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathsf{QED}} = \bar{\psi}(i\not{D} - m)\psi - \frac{1}{4}F^{\mu\nu}F_{\mu\nu}$$
(25)

we can calculate  $T_{\mu\nu}$ :

$$T_{\mu\nu} = \frac{i}{2}\bar{\psi}\{\gamma_{\mu}, D_{\nu}\}\psi - g_{\mu\nu}\bar{\psi}(i\not\!\!D - m)\psi - F^{\lambda}_{\mu}F_{\lambda\nu} + \frac{1}{4}g_{\mu\nu}F^{\rho\sigma}F_{\rho\sigma}$$
(26)

when applying the equation of motion  $(i\not\!\!D-m)\psi = 0$ , contraction gives

$$T = \frac{i}{2}\bar{\psi}2\mathcal{D}\psi - 4\bar{\psi}(i\mathcal{D} - m)\psi - F^{\lambda\nu}F_{\lambda\nu} + \frac{1}{4}4F^{\rho\sigma}F_{\rho\sigma} = m\bar{\psi}\psi \sim \rho \qquad (27)$$

- that gives the equation of state for
  - photons:  $\rho 3\mathbf{p} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad w_{\gamma} = \frac{1}{3} \quad \dots \quad \text{radiation}$ - fermions:  $\rho - 3\mathbf{p} = \rho \quad \Rightarrow \quad w_d = 0 \quad \dots \quad \text{dust}$

4. General Relativity — solving Friedmann equations using the equation of state

- the scale factor shrinks when we go back
  - the energy density increases:  $ho_\gamma \propto a^{-4}$  and  $ho_m \propto a^{-3}$

\* when a 
ightarrow 0 as we go back  $ho_{\gamma}, 
ho_{m} 
ightarrow \infty$ 

- \* this is the singularity! (not that  $a \rightarrow 0$ )
- today (1998) we have a ratio  $ho_m/
  ho_\gamma\sim 10^6$ 
  - but going back in time radiation was more important than today
- considering the total energy in a volume cube of length  $a: \rho a^3$   $\frac{d}{dt}\rho a^3 = \dot{\rho}a^3 + 3\rho \dot{a}a^2 = a^3(\dot{\rho} + 3\rho \dot{a}a) = a^3(-3\mathbf{p}\dot{a}a) = -3\mathbf{p}\dot{a}a^2 \leq 0$  (28)  $\Rightarrow \rho a^3$  cannot increase with time  $\Rightarrow \rho a^2 \to 0$  as  $a \to \infty$
- with the first Friedman equation  $\dot{a}^2 = \frac{8\pi}{3}G\rho a^2 k$

 $\Rightarrow$  there has to be  $a_{\max}$  and then the universe contracts again

4. General Relativity — Time evolution

a dust-only universe

• has w = 0 and we can write  $\rho = ma^{-3}$ 

- the Friedmann equations with the abbreviation  $b = \frac{4\pi}{3}Gm$ 

$$\dot{a}^2 = 2ba^{-1} - k$$
  $\ddot{a} = -ba^{-2}$  (29)

can be solved parametrically by

for 
$$k = -1$$
  
 $a = b(\cosh \phi - 1)$   
 $t = b(\sinh \phi - \phi)$ 
for  $k = 0$   
 $a = \begin{pmatrix} 9b \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}^{1/3} t^{2/3}$ 
for  $k = +1$   
 $a = b(1 - \cos \phi)$ 
for  $k = +1$   
 $t = b(\phi - \sin \phi)$ 
(30)

\* for calculating  $\dot{a}$  one has to use the chain-rule  $\frac{d}{dt} = \frac{d\phi}{dt} \frac{d}{d\phi}$ \* and calculate  $\frac{d\phi}{dt} = (\frac{dt}{d\phi})^{-1}$ 

- for k = 1 we have  $a_{\max} = 2b$  after a finite time  $t_{\max}$ 

- \* and after the finite time  $2t_{max}$  we get  $a(2t_{max}) = 0 \implies$  "Big Crunch"
- expanding into a Taylor series around t = 0, one sees in all solutions:

$$a \sim \phi^2$$
  $t \sim \phi^3 \Rightarrow a \propto t^{2/3}$  for small  $t$  (31)  
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#### a radiation-only universe

• has 
$$w = \frac{1}{3}$$
 and we can write  $\rho = Ea^{-4}$ 

- the Friedmann equations with the abbreviation  $b^2 = \frac{8\pi}{3}GE$ 

$$\dot{a}^2 = b^2 a^{-2} - k$$
  $\ddot{a} = -b^2 a^{-3}$  (32)

can be solved by

for 
$$k = -1$$
 for  $k = 0$  for  $k = +1$   
 $a = [(2b+t)t]^{1/2}$   $a = (4b)^{1/4} t^{1/2}$   $a = [(2b-t)t]^{1/2}$ 
(33)

- for k = 1 we have a limited time  $t < 2b \Rightarrow$  "Big Crunch"

• for early times  $t \ll b$  we have for all solutions:

 $a \propto t^{1/2}$ 



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- a vaccum-only universe
  - has w = -1 and we can write  $\rho = \frac{\Lambda}{8\pi G}$ 
    - then either density  $\rho$  or pressure **p** become negative !
      - \* opposite to the assumptions of "normal matter"
  - the metric has a larger symmetry: the full Lorentz group
- the first Friedmann equation  $\dot{a}^2 = \frac{\Lambda}{3}a^2 k$  tells (34)- for  $\Lambda < 0$  we have to have k = -1 (anti-de Sitter) \* with  $\frac{\Lambda}{3} = -b^2$  we get  $a = b^{-1} \sin bt \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad$ ''Big Crunch'' \* consistent with the second Friedmann equation  $\ddot{a} = -b^2 a$ - for  $\Lambda > 0$  we can write  $\frac{\Lambda}{3} = b^2$  and get for k = -1 for k = 0 for k = +1(35) $a = b^{-1} \sinh bt$   $a = b^{-1} e^{bt}$   $a = b^{-1} \cosh bt$ \* consistent with the second Friedmann equation  $\ddot{a} = b^2 a$ \* we have exponential growth  $a\propto e^{bt}$  ... Inflation Thomas Gajdosik Cosmology 2023 / 09 / 01 12

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#### today it seems that $\ddot{a} > 0$

 $\Rightarrow$  the universe does not contain only normal matter

- conservation of the stress-energy tensor still holds
  - $\Rightarrow$  the scaling of the energy density stays the same:

 $\rho_{\gamma} \propto a^{-4} \qquad \rho_m \propto a^{-3} \qquad \rho_{\Lambda} \propto a^0 \qquad (36)$  $\Rightarrow \Lambda \text{ was smaller (= less important) in earlier times}$ 

- introducing the ''critical density''  $\rho_{\rm crit} = \frac{3H^2}{8\pi G}$
- the ''density parameter''  $\Omega = \frac{8\pi G}{3H^2} \rho = \frac{\rho}{\rho_{\rm crit}}$ 
  - the first Friedmann equation becomes

$$H^{2} = \frac{\rho H^{2}}{\rho_{\text{crit}}} - \frac{k}{a^{2}} = \Omega H^{2} - \frac{k}{a^{2}} \qquad \text{or} \qquad \Omega - 1 = \frac{k}{a^{2} H^{2}} \qquad (37)$$

- the different components of the stress energy tensor
  - can be written as dimensionless densities

$$\rho_{\text{total}} = \rho_{\gamma} + \rho_m + \rho_{\Lambda} = \rho_{\text{crit}}(\Omega_{\gamma} + \Omega_m + \Omega_{\Lambda}) = \rho_{\text{crit}}\Omega$$
(38)

- General Relativity measuring cosmological parameters
   measuring deceleration / acceleration
  - defining the deceleration parameter  $q = -\frac{\ddot{a}a}{\dot{a}^2}$ 
    - we can relate q to  $\Omega$  using the second Friedmann equation

$$q = -\frac{\ddot{a}a}{\dot{a}^2} = -H^{-2}\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = \frac{4\pi G}{3H^2}(\rho + 3\mathbf{p}) = \frac{1}{2\rho_{\text{crit}}}\rho(1+3w)$$
$$= \frac{1}{2}(1+3w)\Omega$$
(39)

- $\boldsymbol{w}$  describes the overall state of the universe
  - $\ast\,$  we know the values of w for radiation, dust, and vacuum
  - \* but what is the right mixture?
- how to measure q and  $\Omega$  in a FLRW universe ?
  - there is no timelike Killing vector
    - \* that would give conserved quantities

- General Relativity measuring cosmological parameters
   measuring deceleration / acceleration
  - there is a Killing tensor  $K_{\mu\nu} = a^2 h_{\mu\nu} = a^2 (g_{\mu\nu} U_{\mu}U_{\nu})$  (40)

 $\Rightarrow K^2 := -K_{\mu\nu}V^{\mu}V^{\nu}$  is constant along a geodesic

- for a massive particle we have  $V^{\mu} = \frac{1}{m}p^{\mu}$  and  $V^2 = V^{\mu}V_{\mu} = 1$   $K^2 = -a^2(V^2 - (U.V)^2) = -a^2((V^0)^2 - |\vec{V}|^2 - (V^0)^2) = a^2|\vec{V}|^2$  (41)  $\Rightarrow |\vec{V}| = \frac{1}{m}|\vec{p}| = \frac{K}{a}$  decreases as the universe expands
  - $\Rightarrow$  a gas cools down
- for a photon we have  $p^2 = p^{\mu}p_{\mu} = 0$ 
  - the comoving observer measures its frequency  $\omega = (U.p)$

$$K^{2} = -a^{2}(p^{2} - (U.p)^{2}) = a^{2}\omega^{2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \omega = \frac{K}{a}$$

$$\tag{42}$$

- emitted with the frequency  $\omega_1$  at the scale factor  $a_1$
- we get the cosmological redshift

$$z = \frac{\lambda_0 - \lambda_1}{\lambda_1} = \frac{\omega_1}{\omega_0} - 1 = \frac{a_0}{a_1} - 1$$
(43)

4. General Relativity — measuring cosmological parameters
 how can we measure time and distance?

• proper distance is measured between two events  $\Delta s^2 = -(A - B)^2$ 

- infinitesimally we can go along a radial line from A to B:  $\Delta s = \int_A^B ds$ 

$$-(ds)^{2} = g_{\mu\nu}dx^{\mu}dx^{\nu} = dt^{2} - a^{2}(t)\left[\frac{dr^{2}}{1 - kr^{2}} + r^{2}d^{2}\Omega\right]$$
(44)

\* on a radial connection between A and B we have dt=0 and  $d^2\Omega=0$ 

$$(ds)^{2} = a^{2}(t)\frac{1}{1-kr^{2}}dr^{2}$$
 or  $ds = a(t)\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-kr^{2}}}dr$  (45)

so formally we can write the distance as

$$\Delta s = a(t) \int_{r_A}^{r_B} \frac{dr}{\sqrt{1 - kr^2}} \tag{46}$$

 $\Rightarrow \Delta s$  increases with time due to the expansion

- distance measurements in SR are done with light signals:
  - by the travel time of a light signal from A to B (and back): ds = a(t)c dt
  - but for large distances: which a(t) should we take?

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how can we measure time and distance?

 additionally: we have to find a frame so that all events on the measuring grid are at the same time

 $\Rightarrow$  comoving frame

- in the comoving frame
  - "stationary" objects stay at the same comoving distance  $\chi$
  - light needs the conformal time  $\eta$  to travel this distance

$$dt = a(t) d\eta$$
 or  $\eta = \int_0^t \frac{dt'}{a(t')}$  (47)

- $\ast$  and infinitesimally:  $d\chi = c\,d\eta$
- the farthest comoving distance light can reach in a given time:
  - $\Rightarrow$  comoving horizon

4. General Relativity — measuring cosmological parametershow can we measure time and distance?

• the comoving distance of a light source  $(a_s(t_s))$  to us  $(a_0(t_0) = 1)$ 

– can be integrated along the light ray:

$$\frac{\chi(a_s)}{c} = \int_{t_s}^{t_0} d\eta = \int_{t_s}^{t_0} \frac{dt}{a(t)} = \int_{a_s}^{a_0} \frac{da}{a} \frac{dt}{da} = \int_{a_s}^{1} \frac{da}{a\dot{a}} = \int_{a_s}^{1} \frac{da}{a^2 \dot{a}} = \int_{a_s}^{1} \frac{da}{a^2 H(a)}$$
(48)

• using the scale factor – redshift relation

$$1 + z = \frac{a_0}{a(z)} = \frac{1}{a(z)}$$
, so  $dz = -a^{-2}da$  (49)

• this comoving distance  $\chi$  of a light source at  $z_s$  can be expressed as

$$\chi(z_s) = \int_{a_s}^{a_0} \frac{da}{a^2 H(a)} = \int_{z(a_s)}^{z(a_0)} (-dz) \frac{1}{H(a(z))} = \int_0^{z_s} \frac{dz}{H(z)}$$
(50)

# 4. General Relativity — measuring cosmological parameters

how can we measure time and distance?

• the luminosity distance is  $d_L = \sqrt{\frac{L}{4\pi F}}$ 

-  $L = \frac{E_s}{\Delta t_s}$  is the known absolute luminosity of the source -  $F = \frac{E_o}{\Delta t_o * \text{surface}} = \frac{L(d)}{4\pi d^2}$  is the flux measured by the observer

- on the comoving grid the surface ist "constant"  $4\pi d^2 = 4\pi \chi^2(z_s)$ 
  - the ratio of emitted over observed energy is the redshift  $\frac{E_s}{E_o} = 1 + z_s$
  - the ratio of observer time over emitter time is also the redshift  $\frac{\Delta t_o}{\Delta t_s} = 1 + z_s$

$$\boldsymbol{d}_{L} = \sqrt{\frac{E_{s}}{\Delta t_{s}} \frac{\Delta t_{o} 4\pi \chi^{2}(z_{s})}{4\pi E_{o}}} = \chi(z_{s}) \sqrt{\frac{E_{s}}{E_{o}} \frac{\Delta t_{o}}{\Delta t_{s}}} = \chi(z_{s}) * (1+z_{s}) = (1+z_{s}) \int_{0}^{z_{s}} \frac{dz}{H(z)} \quad (51)$$

- we can measure  $d_L$  in dependence of the redshift  $z_s$ 

• but how to calculate H(z) ?

- 4. General Relativity measuring cosmological parameters
  how can we measure time and distance?
  - introducing a ''curvature density''  $\Omega_k = \frac{-k}{a_0^2 H_0^2}$
  - and taking all densities as defined today:  $\Omega_{\gamma,m} = \frac{8\pi G}{3H_0^2} \rho_{\gamma 0,m0}$
  - we can write the first Friedmann equation

$$\left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 = H^2 = \left[\Omega_\gamma \left(\frac{a_0}{a}\right)^4 + \Omega_m \left(\frac{a_0}{a}\right)^3 + \Omega_k \left(\frac{a_0}{a}\right)^2 + \Omega_\Lambda\right] H_0^2 \qquad (52)$$

– since we know the cosmological redshift  $\frac{a}{a_0} = \frac{1}{1+z}$ 

$$H^{2} = \left[\Omega_{\gamma} \left(1+z\right)^{4} + \Omega_{m} \left(1+z\right)^{3} + \Omega_{k} \left(1+z\right)^{2} + \Omega_{\Lambda}\right] H_{0}^{2}$$
 (53)

• so we get the Hubbles law (in a "modern" formulation)

$$d_{L}(z) = \frac{(1+z)}{H_{0}} \int_{0}^{z} dz' \left[ \Omega_{\gamma} \left( 1+z' \right)^{4} + \Omega_{m} \left( 1+z' \right)^{3} + \Omega_{k} \left( 1+z' \right)^{2} + \Omega_{\Lambda} \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}} (54)$$

 $\Rightarrow$  measuring the functional form of  $d_L(z)$  determines also the  $\Omega_i$