# Lecture 6 — The Expanding Universe

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- Olber's Paradox: Why is the Sky Dark?
  - Absorbing Matter  $\rightarrow$  doesn't work since matter would heat up
  - Finite Size
  - Finite Time (and Finite Speed of Light)
  - Dimming of Light ("redshift")
- Universe had some beginning ("Big Bang") around 13.7 billion years ago
- Some units:

$$1[\text{light year}] = 9.5 \cdot 10^{15} [\text{m}]$$
$$1[\text{yr}] \approx \pi \cdot 10^{7} [\text{s}]$$
$$c \approx 3 \cdot 10^{8} \left[\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}\right]$$
$$1[\text{pc}] = 3.26 [\text{light years}]$$

- If  $\theta = 1[arcsec]$ , then d = 1[pc]

$$1[pc] = 2.1 \cdot 10^5 [AU]$$

- The Cosmological Principle
  - Copernicus: the Sun, not the Earth, is the center of the Universe
  - Cosmological Principle: There is no center to the Universe
    - \* The Universe is statistically isotropic (same in all directions) and homogenous (same everywhere)
- Expanding Universe

- All observers see things moving away from them
- Statements are all statistical! Distinguish between structure in the universe and the geometry of the homogenous universe (about 100[Mpc] scales for homogeneity)
- We don't experience the FLRW metric
  - \* Homogenous/geometry
  - \* Structure
- Conservation of Energy Solution to Expanding Cloud:

$$\frac{1}{2}\dot{R}^2 - \frac{2GM}{R} = C$$

- \* What is the physical meaning of C?
  - $\cdot C = 0$

You are just at escape velocity. As  $R \to \infty$ ,  $\dot{R} = v \to 0$ . Potential and kinetic both go to zero.

· C>0 Positive total energy. You have more than enough energy to escape.  $\dot{R}>0$  as  $R\to\infty$ 

 $\cdot C < 0$ 

Negative total energy. You won't make it out to  $R = \infty$ , you will stop and turn around at some finite t

- \* These cases capture an ideal universe's expansion with only real matter
- \* For a matter-only universe, C describes the spatial geometry, with zero indicating flat, C>0 indicating open (negative curvature), and C<0 indicating closed (positive curvature)
  - · Note that  $\Lambda$  complicates this
- Using the first-order equation, we may write:

$$\frac{1}{2}\dot{R}^2 = \frac{4}{3}\pi G\rho R^2 + C$$
$$\left(\frac{\dot{R}}{R}\right) = \frac{8\pi G\rho}{3} + C$$

- At C=0, we find  $\rho_{crit}$ :

$$\rho_{crit} = \frac{3H^2}{8\pi G}$$

Note that we define the Hubble parameter as:

$$H = \frac{\dot{R}}{R}$$

• Comoving Coordinates

- Coordinates (and distances) scale with the size of the universe:

$$x = a(t)r$$

- \* x is the "proper" coordinate
- \* r is the "comoving" coordinate
- \* a(t) is the scale factor, with  $a(t_o) = 1$  indicating "today"
- Ex.  $x_{12} = a(t)r_{12}$

$$\frac{dx_{12}}{dt}$$
 is the recession velocity

- Two Things:
  - 1. Velocity is proportional to distance (Hubble law)
  - 2. The proportionality term is  $\frac{\dot{a}}{a} = H(t)$
- Hubble constant is approximately:

$$H_o = 70 \left[ \frac{\text{km}}{\text{sMpc}} \right]$$

\* We define h, such that:

$$H_o = 100h \left[ \frac{\text{km}}{\text{sMpc}} \right]$$

\* We can see that the units are actually just Hz, which gives us:

$$H_o \approx 3.24 \cdot 10^{-18} \left[ \frac{1}{s} \right]$$

- If a is constant, this gives us the doubling time or the time to go back to a=0, which gives us the "Hubble" time, or the age of the universe
- For  $h = .7 \to 1.4 \cdot 10^{10} \left[ \frac{1}{\text{yr}} \right]$ 
  - \* Fairly accurate approximation of 14 billion years

#### • FLRW Metric

- Cosmological principle tells us that spacetime (on large scales) should be homogenous (translation invariant) and isotropic (rotation invariant)
- We seek a general form of a metric that obeys these assumptions:

$$ds^2 = \bar{c}^2 dt^2 + R^2(t) d\sigma^2$$

- We are able to derive:

$$d\sigma^2 = \frac{d\bar{r}^2}{1 - k\bar{r}^2} + \bar{r}^2 d\Omega^2$$

- Where:
  - \*  $d\Omega^2$  is the 2-sphere metric
  - \*  $k \propto R$  (Ricci scalar on 3D space)

$$k = \begin{cases} +1, & \text{Positive Curvature (3-sphere), "closed"} \\ 0, & \text{Flat} \\ -1, & \text{Negative curvature (saddle), "open"} \end{cases}$$

- Thus, we may define the metric as:

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

\* Where:

$$\begin{cases} \kappa > 0, & \text{closed} \\ \kappa = 0, & \text{flat} \\ \kappa < 0, & \text{open} \end{cases}$$

- Cosmological Redshift
  - Like a Döppler shift, but use caution!
  - $-v = H_o d$ , locally  $v \ll c$
  - Redshift in special relativity:

$$\frac{\lambda_{obs}}{\lambda_{em}} = \sqrt{\frac{1 + v/c}{1 - v/c}} \approx 1 + \frac{v}{c}$$

- From this, we know:

$$\frac{\lambda_{obs}}{\lambda_{em}} = 1 + z \approx 1 + \frac{H_o d}{c}$$

- More generally, we may say (for  $a_o = \text{today}$ ):

$$1 + z = \frac{a_{obs}}{a_{em}} = a_{em}^{-1}$$

- Cosmological Redshift versus Peculiar Motions:
  - For comoving coordinates:

$$v \approx H_o d = H_o |\vec{r_2} - \vec{r_1}| / a_o = H_o |\vec{r_2} - \vec{r_1}|$$

- For "peculiar" motions

$$v \approx H_o d + \frac{\Delta v}{c}$$

- In the FLRW metric, due to lack of simple time symmetry, energy is not conserved
  - \* There is a Killing Tensor that reflects a symmetry:

$$K_{\mu\nu} = a^2(g_{\mu\nu} + U_{\mu}U_{\nu})$$
 for observer (comoving)  $U^{\mu} = (1, 0, 0, 0)$ 

\* We get:

$$K^2 = K_{\mu\nu} V^{\mu} V^{\nu}$$

· Is conserved, with

$$V^{\mu} = \frac{dx^{\mu}}{d\lambda}$$

· For a photon on a null geodesic:

$$V_{\mu}V^{\mu} = 0$$

\* This can be simplified to:

$$v = \frac{K}{a}$$

- "Stuff" That Can fill A Universe
  - "Baryons"  $\rightarrow$  All standard model particles with mass (interact with light, gravity)
    - \* Non-photon force carriers
    - $\ast\,$  "In a box" with scale factor a scale proportionally to  $a^{-3}$
  - Dark matter  $\rightarrow$  Only interacts through gravity (?)
    - \* Neutrinos (?)
    - \* New particles
    - \* "Cold" dark matter (non-relativistic), scales "in a box" with scale factor a proportionally to  $a^{-3}$
  - Dark energy ("cosmological constant")
  - Radiation
    - \* Photons
      - $\cdot$  "In a box" with scale factor a scale proportionally to  $a^{-4}$
    - \* Relativistic Particles
  - Black Holes (acts more or less like dark matter, but forms in other ways)
  - Cosmological constant "in a box" does not scale; that is, it is a constant, so it does not change
- Curvature in the Universe
- Entropy in the Universe

- "Information"
- Formal Momenta Redshift:
  - Photon redshift  $E \propto \frac{1}{a}$ ,  $\lambda \propto a$
- Energy Evolution
  - We know:  $T_{\mu\nu} = (\rho + p)U_{\mu}U_{\nu} + pg_{\mu\nu}$
  - Working in a fluid's rest frame,  $U^{\mu} = (1, 0, 0, 0)$ , which gives us:

- Dark Energy: For  $\Lambda$ ,  $\rho_{\Lambda} = \text{constant}$
- We may obtain, from a formal General Relativity derivation:

$$\rho = \rho_o a^{-3(1+w)}$$

- We may also obtain:

$$H^{2}(a) = \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^{2} = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \left[\rho_{m,o}a^{-3} + \rho_{r,o}a^{-4} + \rho_{\lambda,o} - 2\kappa a^{-2}\right]$$

- \* Note that, once we have  $\Lambda$ , a closed universe won't recollapse
- From the critical density, we write the ratio as:

$$\Omega_{i,o} = \frac{\rho_{ip}}{\rho_{crit}}$$

- This allows us to rewrite the Hubble parameter as:

$$\frac{H(a)}{H_o} = \left(\Omega_m a^{-3} + \Omega_r a^{-4} + \Omega_\Lambda + \Omega_\kappa a^{-2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

- We can then write in terms of the redshift:

$$\frac{H(z)}{H_o} = \left(\Omega_m (1+z)^3 + \Omega_r (1+z)^4 + \Omega_{\Lambda} + \Omega_{\kappa} (1+z)^2\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

- Furthermore, we see:

$$\Omega_m + \Omega_r + \Omega_{\Lambda} + \Omega_{\kappa} = 1$$

- There are several important naming conventions:

\*  $\Omega_m = 1$ : Flat, matter-only "Einstein-de<br/>Sitter Universe"

\*  $\Omega_{\kappa} = 0$ : Flat

\*  $\Omega_{\Lambda} = 1$ : deSitter Universe

\*  $\Omega_{\Lambda} = -1$ : Anti-deSitter Universe

\*  $\Omega_{\kappa} = 1$ : Empty

• How Do We Measure Distances?

- Angular Size (Object seems larger if it is closer)

- Noise (Object seems louder if it is closer)

- Light (Object seems brighter if it is closer)

• Distances:

- Comoving (radial) distance: follow a photon as it travels from a distant source

$$ds = 0 \to dt = a(t) \frac{dr}{(1 - \kappa r^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$\chi = \int_{t_{em}}^{t_o} \frac{dt}{a(t)} = \int_0^r \frac{dr'}{(1 - \kappa r'^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

– We will redefine the r coordinate such that  $\chi$  is always r:

$$ds^{2} = -dt^{2} + a^{2}(t) \left[ dr^{2} + S_{k}^{2}(r) d\Omega^{2} \right]$$

\* The term becomes:

$$S_{\kappa}(r) = \begin{cases} r, & \Omega_{\kappa} = 0 & \text{(flat)} \\ H_o^{-1}(\Omega_{\kappa})^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sinh\left(H_o(\Omega_{\kappa})^{\frac{1}{2}}r\right), & \Omega_{\kappa} > 0 & \text{(open)} \\ H_o^{-1}(|\Omega_{\kappa}|)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sin\left(H_o(-\Omega_{\kappa})^{\frac{1}{2}}r\right), & \Omega_{\kappa} < 0 & \text{(closed)} \end{cases}$$

– We may rewrite  $\chi$  in terms of a to see:

$$\chi(a) = \int_{a(t_{em})}^{a(t_o)=1} \frac{da}{a^2 H(a)}$$

• The Horizon:

$$\chi_{hor} = \int_0^1 \frac{da}{a^2 H(a)} \xrightarrow{\text{EdS Universe}} \int_0^1 \frac{da}{a^2 H_o a^{-\frac{3}{2}}} = \frac{2}{H_o}$$

- Note if we restore c:

$$\chi_{hor} = \frac{2c}{H_o}$$

- Age of the Universe
  - We imagine an empty universe ( $\Omega_{\kappa} = 1$ ):

$$\int_{0}^{1} da = \int_{0}^{t_{o}} H_{o} dt$$

$$1 = t_{o}H_{o}$$

$$t_{o} = \frac{1}{H_{o}} \quad \text{(Hubble time)}$$

– Similarly, for a matter-dominated universe ( $\Omega_m = 1$ ):

$$\int_{0}^{1} a^{\frac{1}{2}} da = \int_{0}^{t_{o}} H_{o} dt$$
$$\frac{2}{3} a^{\frac{3}{2}} = t_{o} H_{o}$$
$$t_{o} = \frac{2}{3H_{o}}$$

- Luminosity Distance
  - "Standard Candles"
  - Luminosity is Energy per time
  - Flux is the Energy per Area per time
  - In normal three dimensions:

$$L = F(4\pi R^2)$$

\* This means:

$$F \propto \frac{L}{R^2}$$

- In comoving coordinates, we may write:

$$F \propto \frac{L}{\chi^2} \cdot \frac{1}{1+z} \cdot \frac{1}{1+z}$$

- We may thus find that, in a flat universe:

$$d_L = \chi(1+z)$$

- In a non-flat universe, we see:

$$d_L = S_{\kappa}(\chi)(1+z)$$

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### • Angular Diameter Distance

- Object of physical size l
  - \* Assume a flat universe:

$$l = d_A \theta$$

$$d_A^{flat} = \chi a = \frac{\chi}{1+z} = \frac{d_L}{(1+z)^2}$$

$$d_A = aS_{\kappa}(\chi)$$

- \* Importantly,  $d_A$  can increase, reach a max, and then decrease
  - $\cdot$  This means physical l takes up larger fraction of a smaller universe
- \* This is slightly more complicated in a non-flat universe, since we need to properly account for  $d\Omega$  factor

#### • Evidence for Dark Energy

- Until the early 1990's, people did not take  $\Lambda$  too seriously. Evidence from galaxy clusters, galaxy clustering, and CMB started to raise some questions. Universe appeared roughly flat, but  $\Omega_m < 1$
- Mapping out a(t) has been a useful way to probe the universe

#### • Dark Matter

- In 1781, William Herschel discovered Uranus; over the next 60 years, astronomers carefully mapped out it orbit, but it didn't quite match Newtonian theory
- Urbain Le Verrier: Showed that Uranus' orbit could be explained if there were another, more distant planet acting gravitationally
- In September 1846, he mailed a letter to a colleague at the Berlin Observatory with precise predictions
- In 1930s, Fritz Zwicky studied the Coma Cluster
  - \* Galaxy Clusters: Largest gravitationally bound objects in the Universe
- Zwicky measured spectra of many galaxies and calculated the velocity dispersion
- With a quick calculation, the orbital velocity of a galazy cluster may be expressed as:

$$M = \frac{r_c v^2}{\alpha G}$$

- MACHOs (Massive Compact Halo Objects)
  - \* Planet or asteroid-sized objects: "microlensing" constraints mostly rule this out

- Axions
- Weakly-Interacting Massive Particles (WIMPs)
- Primordial Black Holes (PBHs)
- CDM: Cold Dark Matter  $\rightarrow \Lambda \text{CDM}$  model
- Can generalize wCDM such that:

$$p_{DE} = w \rho_{DE}$$

\*  $\Lambda$ : w = -1

$$w(a) = w_o + w_a(a - a_o)$$

- What is Dark Energy?
  - "Cosmological Constant Problem"
  - Universe expansion is accelerating;  $\Lambda$  can do this
  - Quantum field theory says that vacuum fluctuations have an energy density
- Hot Big Bang
  - Thermal Equilibrium

$$\frac{n_1}{n_2} = e^{-(E_1 - E_2)/kT}$$

- \* State 1:  $E_1$
- \* State 2:  $E_2$
- Photons
  - Photons are bosons
  - This means they follow the Bose-Einstein distribution:

$$\bar{n}_i = \frac{g_i}{\rho(\epsilon_i - \mu)/kT - 1} \Rightarrow \rho_i = \bar{n}_i \epsilon_i$$

- \*  $g_i$  is the "degeneracy"
- \* This expresses how many particles are in a given energy state i
- To calculate the energy density, we need to consider the "phase space"  $\{\vec{x}, \vec{p}\}$  and integrate over all states with a given |p|
- Heisenberg's uncertainty principle:  $d^3xd^3p$  has  $\frac{d^3xd^3p}{(2\pi\hbar)^3}$  phase space elements. For photons,  $\mu=0$ :

$$\rho = \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi\hbar)^3} \frac{2p}{e^{p/kT} - 1}$$

\* We may obtain:

$$\rho(f) df = \frac{8\pi h}{c^3} \left( \frac{f^3 df}{e^{hf/kT} - 1} \right)$$

- \* For photons between f and f + df
- Blackbody Spectrum
  - \* Blackbody: Perfectly absorptive system which emits a spectrum given by photon thermal equilibrium

$$n_c(f_c) = \frac{8\pi}{c^3} \frac{f_c^2}{e^{hf_c/akT} - 1}$$

- · Preserved if  $T \to T/a$
- Temperature of the universe is really defined by the distribution of particles in thermal equilibrium
- Cosmic Microwave Background
  - In an expanding universe, we required:

$$\Gamma > H$$

- \*  $\Gamma \propto n_2 v_1 \sigma_{12}$
- \* H is the Hubble rate, which is the inverse of Hubble time
- \* "Freeze-out"  $n_i$  is fixed
- Big Bang Nucleosynthesis (BBN): "The First Three Minutes"
  - Fission versus Fusion
  - Binding energy: Energy to break apart nucleus or, equivalently, energy to release forming the nucleus
- Matter-Antimatter Asymmetry

$$\eta = \frac{n_b}{n_\gamma} = 6 \cdot 10^{-10} \Rightarrow 6$$
 baryons per 10 billion photons

- Standard model (mostly) treats particles and antiparticles the same

$$e^- + e^+ \leftrightarrow \gamma + \gamma$$

 Not due to freeze out: we don't see equal amounts of anti-matter; annihilation was complete for anti-matter - At early time, kT >> 150 [MeV] (quarks, baryons): some asymmetry was present

$$\frac{n_q - n_{q^-}}{n_q} \approx 4 \cdot 10^{-9}$$

- All of the anti-quarks will annihilate, leaving the value of  $\eta$  from above
- 2 photons per annihilation, 3 quarks per baryon
- Baryogenesis (and probably related "leptogenesis") is one of the big open questions in cosmology and particle physics
- It may be possible within the Standard Model, but it's not clear how. The Sakharov conditions (1967) for baryogenesis state:
  - 1. Baryon number violation
  - 2. Charge and charge parity-symmetry violation
  - 3. Out of thermal equilibrium
- WIMP Dark Matter and Freeze-out
  - Weakly interacting massive particles (WIMPs,  $M \ge 100 [\text{GeV}]$ ) has been a very popular DM candidate. New particle could be the result of supersymmetry between fermions and bosons
- Recombination and Decoupling
  - Discusses when universe became neutral enough to (at least mostly) stop photon scattering
  - Recombination: When ionization fraction is 1/2
  - Decoupling: When  $H \approx \Gamma_T$ , photons no longer interact through Thomson scattering
  - Last scattering: THe time (or surface) when the typically photon last scattered
  - Not really a surface, more of a narrow shell (think: analogy of looking into fog, you can see a little way in)
- We may observe the Saha solution for ionization fraction as:

$$\frac{\chi_e^2}{1 - \chi_e} = \frac{1}{n_e + n_H} \left(\frac{m_e T}{2\pi}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} e^{-\frac{\epsilon_o}{T}}$$

- When  $\chi_e \to 1$ , everything is still ionized
- For recombination, we want  $\chi_e \approx 1/2$
- The Saha equation assumes chemical equilibrium; when not in equilibrium, use the Boltzmann equation

- CMB Fluctuations
  - We may recall that:

$$\frac{\Delta T}{T} \approx 10^{-5}$$

- Fourier versus Real Space (Called Configuration Space in Cosmology)
  - Configuration space in position (function of x), Fourier space defined with respect to wave number k
  - We may write (in 3D):

$$F(\vec{x}) = \int \frac{d^3\vec{k}}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i\vec{k}\vec{x}} \tilde{F}(\vec{k})$$

- Plane waves may be expressed by the wave number,  $\vec{k} = (k_x, k_y, k_z)$ 
  - \* A higher k means smaller-scale fluctuations
  - \* Plane wave pointing in  $\hat{k}$  direction with  $\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{k}$
- Correlation Functions
  - Correlation functions are incredibly important in cosmology because we can predict the statistics of the initial conditions, but the initial conditions themselves are random
  - A related concept is the power spectrum
- Sound Waves
  - Start with an initial overdensity:  $\delta_c = \delta_b = \delta_{\gamma}$
  - Before  $z_*$ , this creates a travelling compression wave
  - At  $z_*$ , this wave has travelled a comoving distance:

comoving sound horizon: 
$$\eta_s^* = \int_0^{t_*} \frac{dt}{a} c_s(t)$$

physical sound horizon:  $ds = \eta_s^* a$ 

- For a purely relativistic gas,  $c_s = \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}c$  (and we drop the c in our units)
- The Sachs-Wolfe Effect (1967)

$$\frac{\delta T}{T} = \frac{1}{3} \frac{\delta \Phi}{c^2}$$

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– Overdensity means  $|\Phi|$ , the gravitational redshift, increases

– The integrated Sachs-Wolfe Effect (ISW) caused by changing potentials after  $z_*$  (bot due to radiation  $\rightarrow$  matter and matter  $\rightarrow \Lambda$ )

#### • Flatness Problem

- The universe looks close to flat today. This means it must have been <u>very</u> flat early on

### • Monopole Problem

- GUT phase transition leaves "defects"  $\rightarrow$  roughly one per  $\chi_{GUT}$ 

#### • Initial conditions:

- Why does the universe start expanding? Where do the fluctuations come from?
- $-t \to 0, a \to 0, T \to \infty$ : avoid singularity! (Quantum gravity is also relevant here)

#### • Inflation

- Horizon, Conformal Time, Hubble Distance
  - \*  $\chi$  is the comoving distance
  - \* We may write:

$$\chi(a_1, a_2) = \int_{a_1}^{a_2} \frac{da}{a^2 H(a)}$$

- \* Typically, we measure from us today (a = 1)
- \* The comoving horizon today is the distance to a = 0 (or  $a \to 0$ )

$$\chi_h = \chi(a=0) = \int_0^1 \frac{da}{a^2 H(a)}$$

\* Often, the horizon gets a new variable:

$$\eta(a) = \chi(a = 0, a)$$

- \*  $\eta$  is also sometimes called the conformal time
- \* It is monotonically increasing, perfectly good time variable
- \* We can rewrite the FRW metric:

$$ds^{2} = a^{2}(\eta) \left[ -d\eta^{2} + \frac{dr^{2}}{1 - \kappa r^{2}} + r^{2} d\Omega^{2} \right]$$

- \* Overall scaling of the metric: "conformal transformation"
- \* The horizon expresses global causality; how far could light have travelled since t = 0?
- \* Our cosmic event horizon is the distance from which light could ever readh us out to  $t \to \infty$

- \* For a  $\Lambda$ CDM universe, this is <u>not</u> infinite
- Developed by Guth, Starobinsky, and Linde (1979-1981), originally as a way to solve the monopole problem
- $-\rho_{inf}$  comes from some new field in the universe
- This is a scalar field (think electric field,  $\vec{E}$  carries energy density  $E^2$ )
- Changing  $\vec{E} \to \vec{B}$  makes total  $\rho \propto E^2 + B^2$  (the "potential" and "kinetic" energy in the field)

## • Galaxy Formation

- Dark matter and baryons collapse to form a halo
- Baryons cool through radiation and fall to center of the halo, forming a galaxy
- Formation looks simple from a statistical perspective (linear galaxy bias):

$$\delta_g = b\delta_m$$

- \* The overdensity in galaxies is proportional to the overdensity of dark matter
- \* Overdensity is expressed as:

$$\delta = \frac{\rho - \bar{\rho}}{\rho}$$

## • Redshift Space Distortions

- Strength of effect given by:

$$f \equiv \frac{d \ln(D)}{d \ln(a)}$$

\* More growth  $\rightarrow$  larger peculiar velocities

#### • Gravitational Lensing

- All geodesics are impacted by mass/energy density, including photons
- The path of light is bent  $\rightarrow$  gravitational lensing
- For a point source: deflection
- For an extended source (e.g a galaxy), you also get distortions:
  - \* Shear
  - \* Magnification
- Recall geodesic deviation

$$A^{\mu} = \frac{D^2}{dt^2} S^{\mu} = R^{\mu}_{\nu\rho\sigma} T^{\nu} T^{\rho} S^{\sigma}$$

- Regimes of Lensing (NB: All within "weak field" limit; differences depend on geometry of observation)
  - Strong Lensing: Multiple images, arcs, Einstein rings, strong magnification

$$\theta \leq \theta_E$$

- Weak Lensing: Small distrotions, must be statistically studied

$$\theta > \theta_E$$

- Microlensing: Unresolved strong lensing (e.g. by an exoplanet)
- Lensing Derivations
  - Assuming that the curvature is small (weak field), we can write the metric perturbatively:

$$g_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu}^{(o)} + h_{\mu\nu}$$

- Initially, we can assume that  $g_{\mu\nu}^{(o)}=\eta_{\mu\nu}$ ; however, for cosmology, we need to remember that  $g_{\mu\nu}^{(o)}$  is actually the homogenous FLRW metric
- Decomposing the perturbation, we get:

$$\begin{cases} h_{oo} = -2\Phi, & \Phi, \Psi : \text{ scalar perturbations} \\ h_{oi} = w_i, & w_i : \text{ vector perturbations} \\ h_{ij} = 2s_{ij} - 2\Psi\delta_{ij}, & s_{ij} : \text{ tensor perturbations} \end{cases}$$

- Cranking through some algebra and plugging into Einstein's equation, we get:

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}Rg_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu}$$

\* From this, we find:

$$\nabla^2 \Psi = 4\pi G \rho$$
$$w_i = s_{ij} = 0$$
$$\Psi = \Phi$$

- \* The last expression is an important General Relativity result, valid only when  $\text{Tr}(T_{ij})=0$
- We may recall that, in the "Newtonian limit" only the  $h_{oo}$  was important for geodesics; now we deal with photons, so we need both time and space perturbations. Considering a null geodesic, we write:

$$x^{\mu}(\lambda) = x^{(o)\mu}(\lambda) + x^{(1)\mu}(\lambda)$$

- We define:

$$k^{\mu} = \frac{dx^{(o)\mu}}{d\lambda}$$
 and  $l^{\mu} = \frac{dx^{(1)\mu}}{d\lambda}$ 

- The null geodesic expression becomes:

$$(\eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu})(k^{\mu} + l^{\mu})(k^{\nu} + l^{\nu}) = 0$$

- This can be evaluated to:

$$\frac{dl^{\mu}}{d\lambda} = -\Gamma^{\mu}_{\rho\sigma}k^{\rho}k^{\sigma}$$
Time: 
$$\frac{dl^{o}}{d\lambda} = -2k(\vec{k}\cdot\vec{\nabla}\Phi)$$
Space: 
$$\frac{d\vec{l}}{d\lambda} = -2k^{2}\vec{\nabla}_{\perp}\Phi$$

- We want to find the deflection angle,  $\hat{\alpha}$ , which can be expressed as:

$$\frac{\Delta \vec{l}}{k} = \Delta \theta \equiv \hat{\alpha}$$

- Thus, we can get:

$$\Delta \vec{l} = \int \frac{d\vec{l}}{d\lambda} d\lambda = -2k^2 \int \vec{\nabla}_{\perp} \Phi \, d\lambda$$

– We can thus write  $\hat{\alpha}$  as:

$$\hat{\alpha} = 2 \int \vec{\nabla}_{\perp} \Phi \, ds$$

- We obtain the lens equation as:

$$\vec{\beta} = \vec{\theta} - \vec{\alpha} = \vec{\theta} - \frac{D_{LS}}{D_S} \hat{\alpha}$$

- For a point mass, we substitute to get:

$$\beta = \theta - \frac{D_{LS}}{D_L D_S} \frac{4GM}{\theta}$$

\* Considering perfect lens-source alignment ( $\beta=0$ ), we get the Einstein angle:

$$\theta_E = \sqrt{\frac{4GMD_{LS}}{D_L D_S}}$$

\* From here, we get the Einstein radius:

$$R_E = D_L \theta_E = \sqrt{\frac{4GMD_LD_{LS}}{D_S}}$$

\* For imperfect lens-source alignment, we get:

$$\theta^{2} - \beta\theta - \theta_{E}^{=}0$$

$$\theta = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \beta \pm \sqrt{\beta^{2} - 4\theta_{E}^{2}} \right]$$

\* When  $\beta >> \theta_E$ , we have:

$$\theta = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \beta \pm \beta \left( 1 + \frac{2\theta_E}{\beta} \right) \right]$$

\* This gets us:

$$\theta_+ = \beta + \frac{\theta_E^2}{\beta}$$

$$\theta_- = -\frac{\theta_E^2}{\beta} \to 0$$