

AST 1430

Observational Cosmology

II

FLRW &

The Measure of a Metric

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Week 2	Jan 18, 20	Basic GR, RW metric, Distances, coordinates, Friedmann equations
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Week 4	Feb 1, 3	Inflation, Perturbations & Structure pre-recombination
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Week 9	Mar 15, 17	Probing the cosmic density field / clustering
Week 10	Mar 22, 24	Late-time cosmological observations: BAO, supernovae, weak lensing, etc.
Week 11	Mar 29, 31	H0 controversy: how fast exactly is the Universe expanding today?
Week 12	Apr 5	Late Universe Presentations + Review

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[Friedman-Lemaitre-] Robertson-Walker Metric

- What is the most general metric for homogenous and isotropic space?
- F/L each derived, R/W each proved the sol'n.

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

Scale Factor \nearrow $a(t)$

$$S_\kappa(r) = \begin{cases} R \sin(r/R) & (\kappa = +1) \\ r & (\kappa = 0) \\ R \sinh(r/R) & (\kappa = -1) \end{cases}$$

$(= f(r))$

\uparrow Radius of Curvature \uparrow Sign of Curvature

\uparrow $d\Omega^2 (= d\gamma^2) = d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\phi^2$

Times and Distances

Cosmology is a mess of conflicting and misleading terms.
Worse, “distance” and “time” are slippery concepts in relativity.

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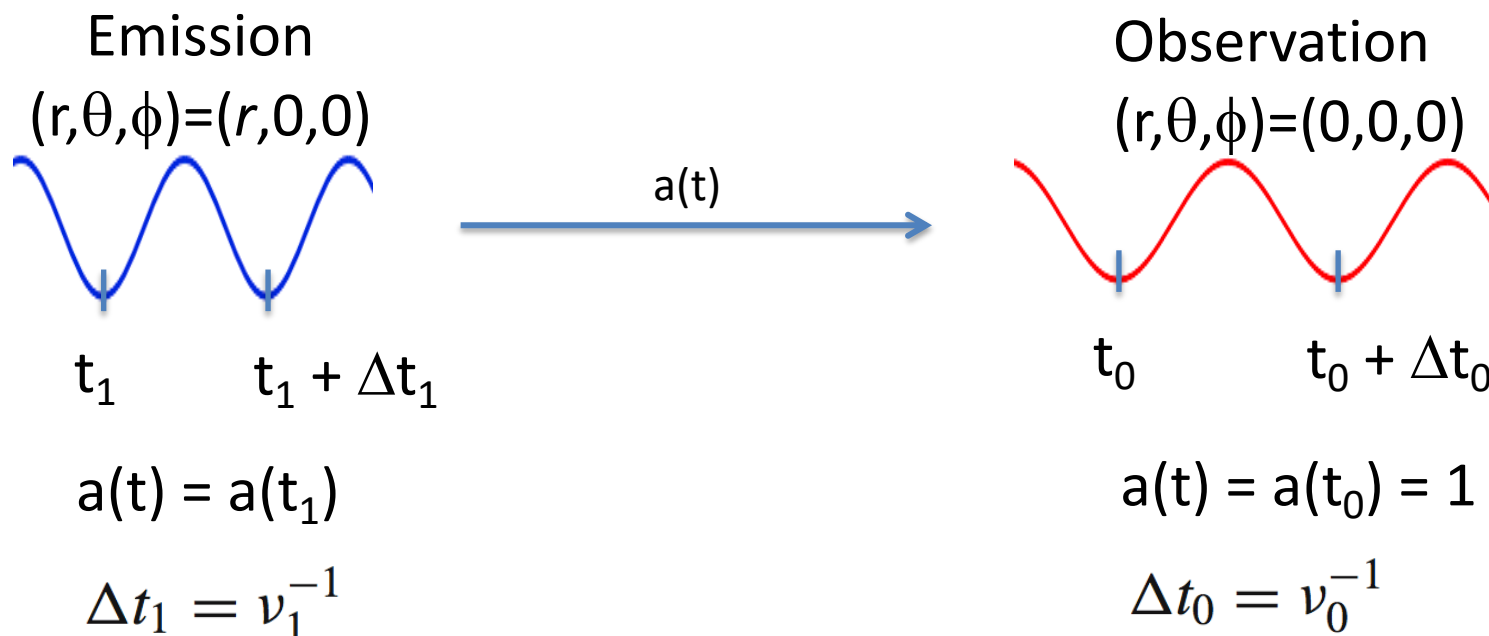
Luminosity Dist \Rightarrow distance a photon has travelled
 $D_L = D (1+z)$

Angular diameter Dist \Rightarrow geometric (Euclidean) distance
 $D_A = D / (1+z)$

Ok... so...?

- We have two unknowns before we can make physical sense of the FLRW metric:
 - the “scale factor” $a(t)$.
 - $S_{\kappa}(r)$, which depends on the “curvature” κ/R^2
- Deriving these from physics requires more work, and results in the Friedmann Equations
- But: we can measure them directly, and see how/if the Universe behaves. (Do we even live in an RW Homogeneous & Isotropic Universe?)

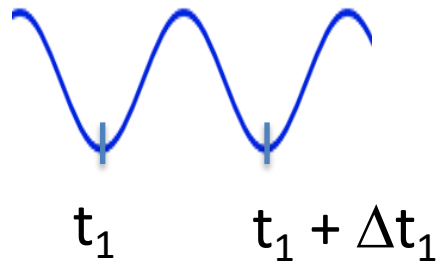
The Evolution of Light



$$ds^2 = 0 \text{ for light, so } dt = -\frac{a(t)}{c} dr$$

$$(ds^2 = -c^2 dt^2 + a(t)^2 [dr^2 + S_\kappa(r)^2 d\Omega^2])$$

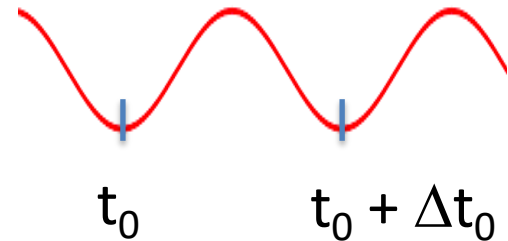
Emission
 $(r, \theta, \phi) = (r, 0, 0)$



$$a(t) = a(t_1)$$

$$\Delta t_1 = \nu_1^{-1}$$

Observation
 $(r, \theta, \phi) = (0, 0, 0)$



$$a(t) = a(t_0) = 1$$

$$\Delta t_0 = \nu_0^{-1}$$

$$\xrightarrow[\substack{dt = -\frac{a(t)}{c} dr}]{a(t)}$$

$$\int_{t_1}^{t_0} \frac{c dt}{a(t)} = - \int_r^0 dr$$

$$\int_{t_1 + \Delta t_1}^{t_0 + \Delta t_0} \frac{c dt}{a(t)} = - \int_r^0 dr$$

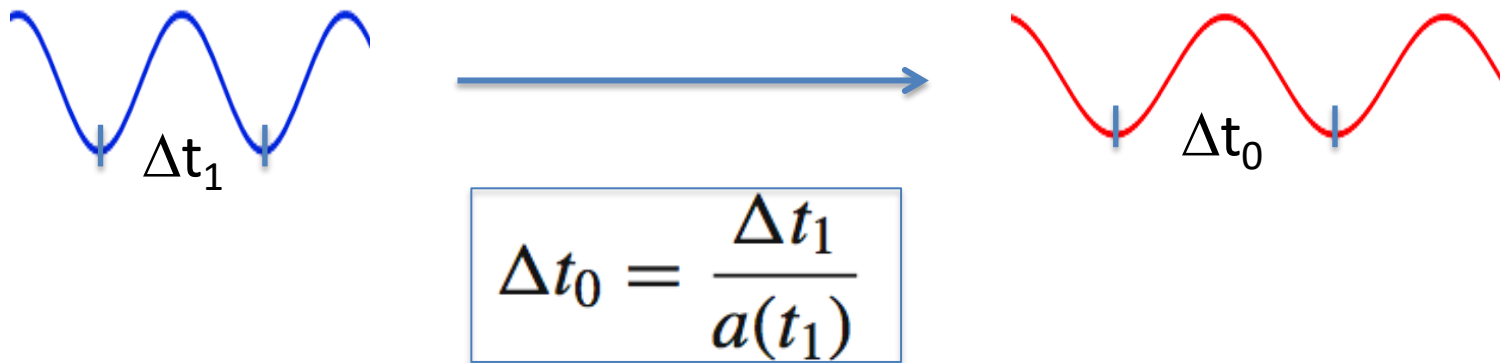
$$\int_{t_1}^{t_0} \frac{c dt}{a(t)} + \frac{c \Delta t_0}{a(t_0)} - \frac{c \Delta t_1}{a(t_1)} = \int_{t_1}^{t_0} \frac{c dt}{a(t)}$$

$$\Delta t_0 = \frac{\Delta t_1}{a(t_1)}$$

$$\nu_0 = \nu_1 a(t_1)$$

Redshift, z

$$z = \nu_1 / \nu_0 - 1$$
$$= \lambda_0 / \lambda_1 - 1$$

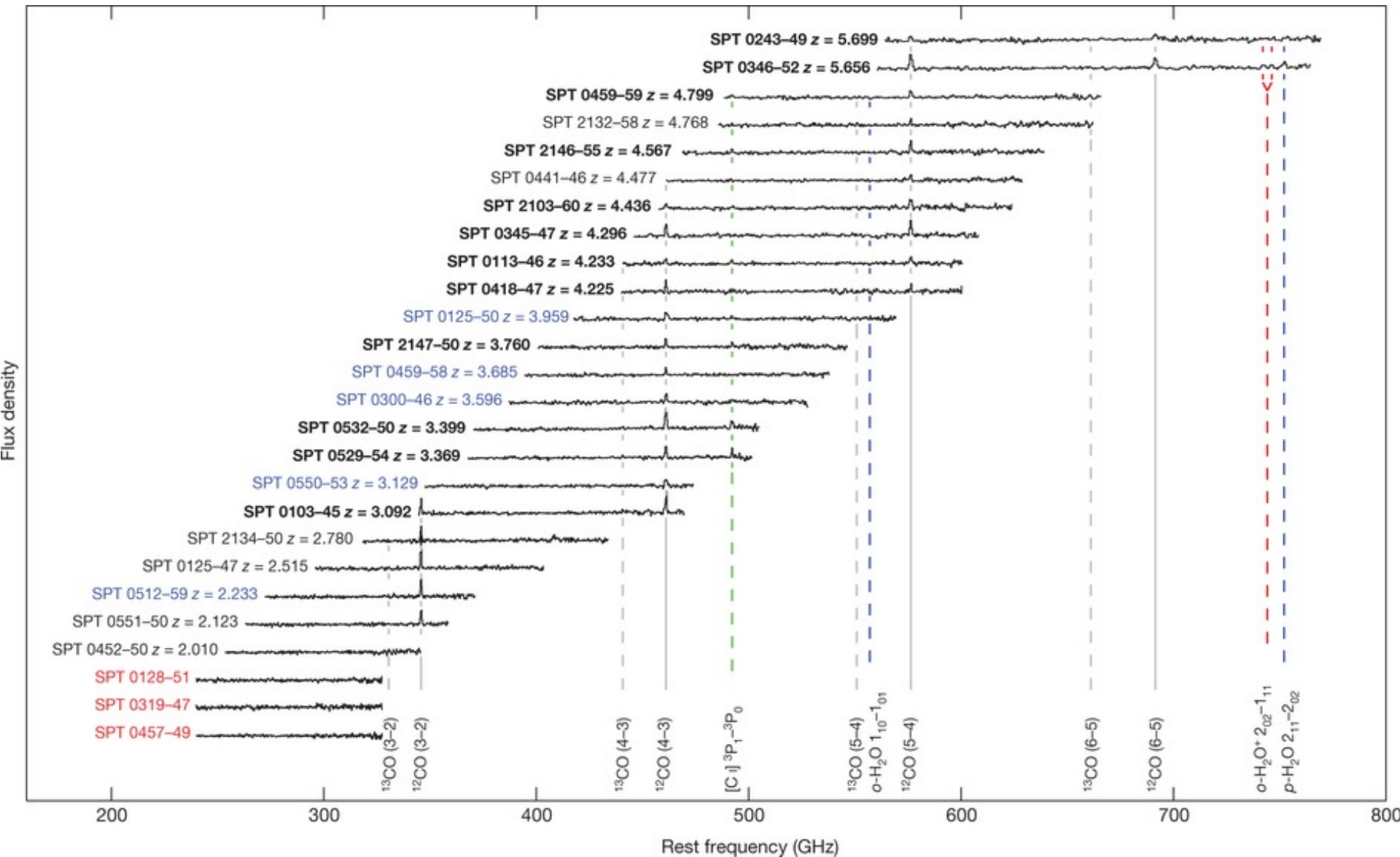


Redshift can be seen as *time dilation*.

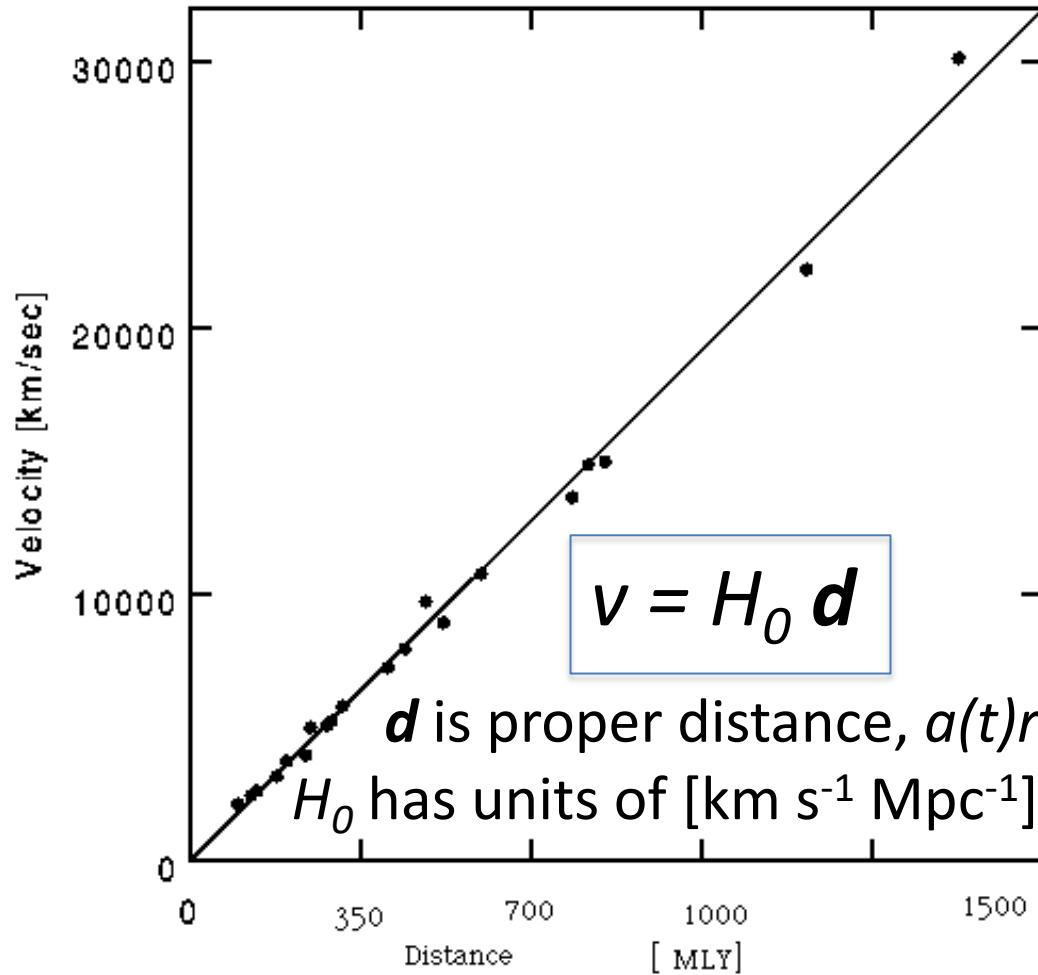
ALL processes show time dilation.

It's been seen in SNe light curves.

Redshift in Practice



Hubble Diagram & Constant



$$\begin{aligned} v &= d(\mathbf{d}(t))/dt \\ &= r \, d(a(t))/dt \\ &= r \, \dot{a}(t) \\ &= [\dot{a}(t)/a(t)] \, \mathbf{d}(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$H(t) = \dot{a}(t)/a(t)$$

Things expanding away from us this way are said to be caught in the “Hubble Flow”

Apparent Intensity

Source at proper distance $a(t_0)r$
(i.e., comoving distance r).

Bolometric Luminosity is L_{bol}
what is the flux on earth?

Rate of photon arrival dilated:
 $n / \Delta t_0 = n a(t_1) / \Delta t_1 = (n / \Delta t_1) / (1+z)$

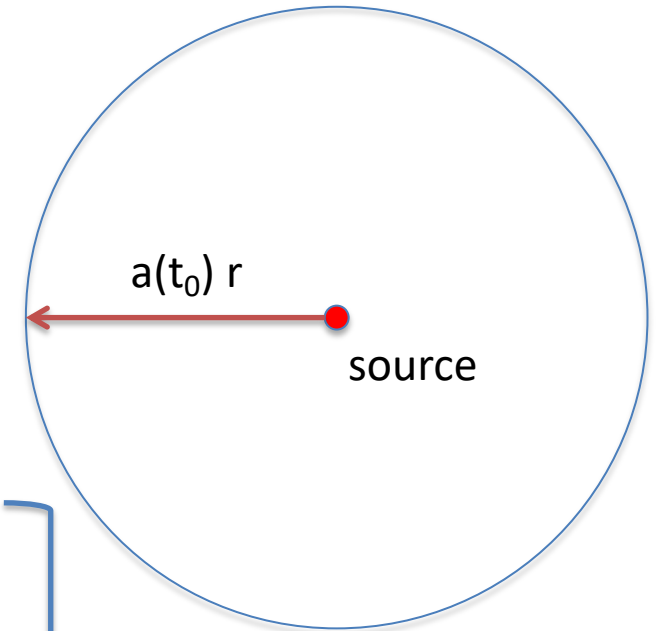
Energy per photon decreased:
 $E_0 = h\nu_0 = h\nu_1 / (1+z) = E_1 / (1+z)$

Area of the sphere being illuminated:

$$A = \int_{d\Omega} dl^2 = \int a(t) (S_K(r) d\Omega^2) = 4\pi \underbrace{a(t_0)^2 S_K(r)^2}_{= D^2}$$

$= D^2$

“Effective Distance”



$$\begin{aligned} \text{flux} &= L_{bol} / (1+z)^2 / A \\ &= L_{bol} / (4\pi D^2 (1+z)^2) \\ &= L_{bol} / (4\pi D_L^2) \end{aligned}$$

$D_L == D (1+z)$

“Luminosity Distance”

Observing Luminosity

L_{bol} is integrated over all ν (or λ), difficult to observe in practice.

Instead, measure f_ν (f_λ), flux per frequency (wavelength),
based on L_ν (L_λ), luminosity per frequency (wavelength):

f_ν :

Bandwidth stretch

$$\Delta\nu_1 = \Delta\nu_0 (1+z)$$

$$f_\nu = L_{\nu 0} / 4\pi D_L^2$$
$$L_{\nu 1} / (1+z) 4\pi D^2$$

f_λ :

Bandwidth compression

$$\Delta\lambda_0 = \Delta\lambda_1 (1+z)$$

$$f_\lambda = L_{\lambda 0} / 4\pi D_L^2$$
$$L_{\lambda 1} / (1+z)^3 / 4\pi D^2$$

K-correction

When observing, 1. correct to rest-frame ν (λ)
 2. correct for bandwidth compression

In Magnitude units, these are additive. For monochromatic light,

$$\Delta m(\nu) = K(z, \nu) = -2.5 \log \left((1+z) \frac{L_\nu(\nu(1+z))}{L_\nu(\nu)} \right)$$

$$\Delta m(\lambda) = K(z, \lambda) = -2.5 \log \left(1/(1+z) \frac{L_\lambda(\lambda/(1+z))}{L_\lambda(\lambda)} \right)$$

For a finite bandwidth, we have to integrate the SED.

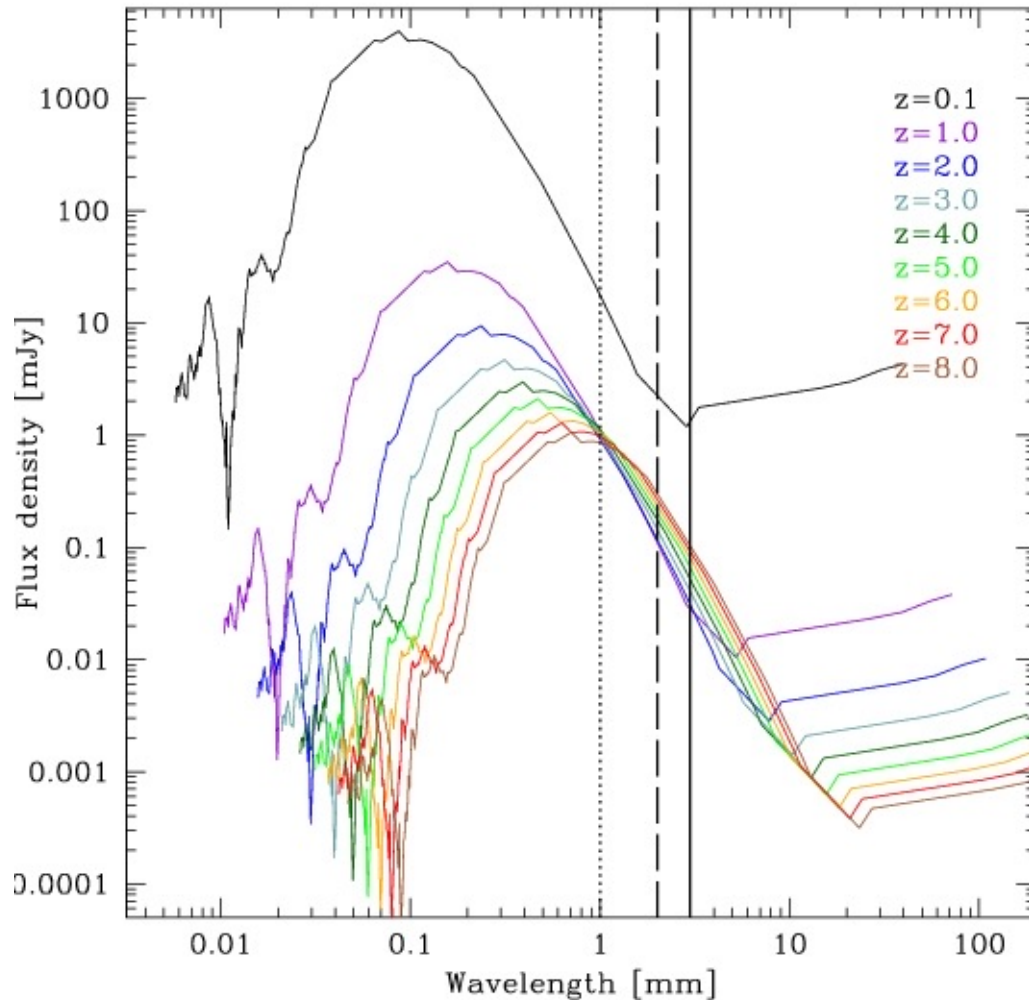
Distance Modulus

$$DM = 5 \log (D_L(z) / 10\text{pc}) = 5 \log (D (1+z) / 10\text{pc})$$

Convenient Conversion from Absolute Magnitude $M(\nu)$ to apparent magnitude $m(\nu, z)$

$$m(\lambda, z) = M(\lambda) + DM + K(\lambda, z)$$

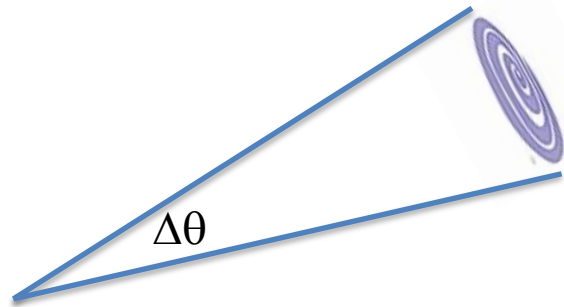
Negative K-correction



For steeply falling spectra, ($f_{\lambda} \propto \lambda^{-3}$), K-correction can cancel Distance Modulus, leading to flux independent of redshift.

Angular Sizes

Proper size of an object at time t is $dl^2 = a(t)^2 (dr^2 + S_k(r)^2 d\Omega^2)$



$$\begin{aligned} d &= \int dl \\ &= S_k(r) a(t) \int d\theta \\ &= S_k(r) a(t) \Delta\theta \end{aligned}$$

“Angular Diameter Distance” $D_A = d/\Delta\theta = S_k(r) a(t)$

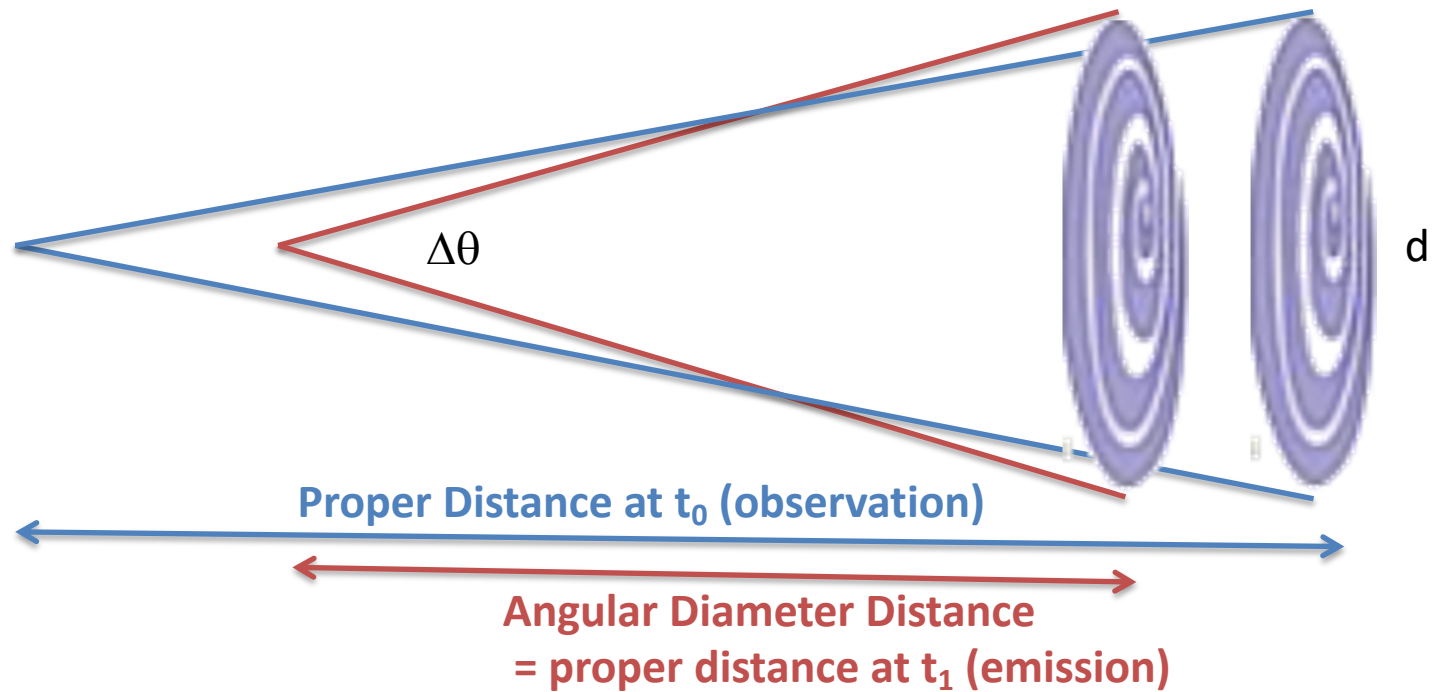
Recall: $D = a(t_0) S_k(r)$,
 $a(t)^{-1} = (1+z)$

\Rightarrow

$$D_A = D / (1+z)$$

(Distance to an object implied by Euclidean geometry.)

Angular Diameter Distance, D_A

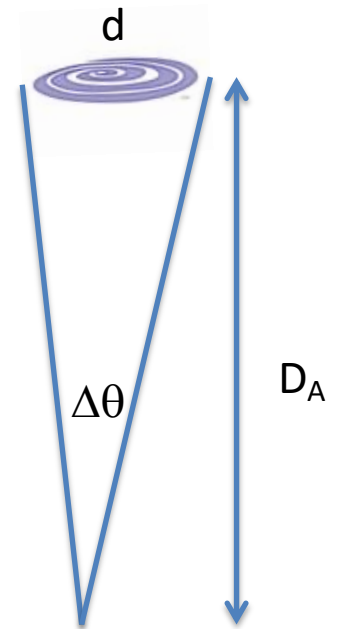
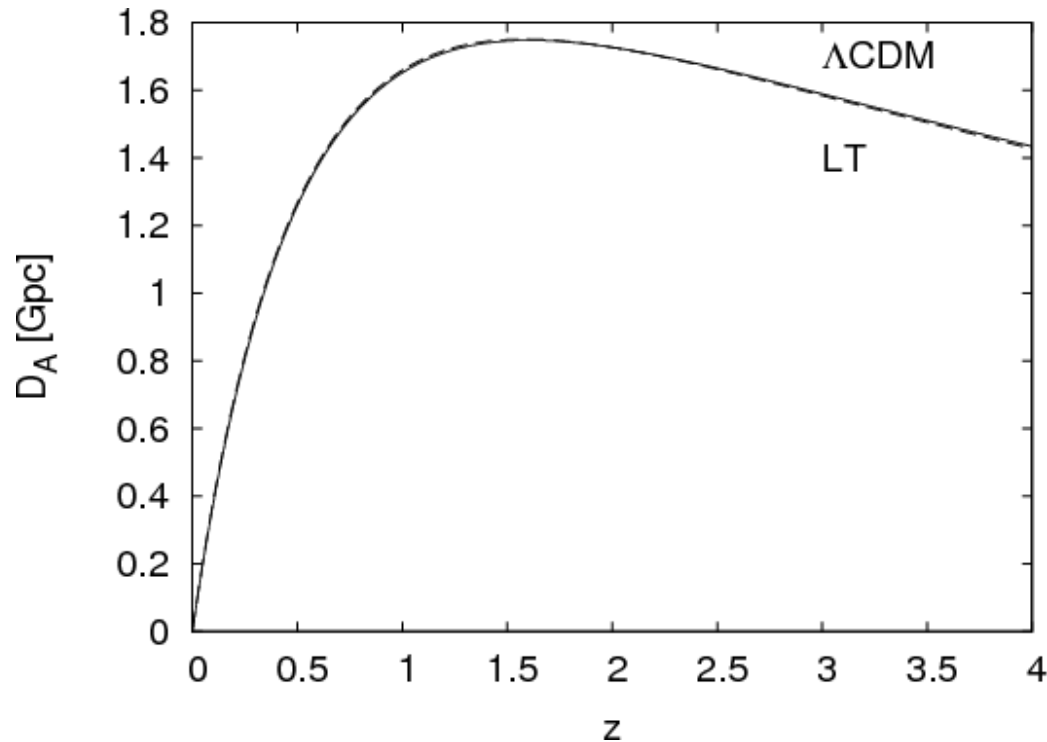


Angular sizes are frozen at emission!

For bound structures (don't expand with Hubble flow),
can calculate physical sizes from angular sizes with D_A

Angular Size

Note: D_A is $(1+z)$ *smaller* than D , the “effective distance.”



$$\Delta\theta = d / D_A = d (1+z) / D$$

Bound objects get LARGER past $z \approx 1.5$!

Measurement Review

(r, θ, ϕ) , (x, y, z) , etc \Rightarrow raw coordinates, used to define the metric
(these don't change with expansion)

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Luminosity Dist \Rightarrow Euclidean dist implied by diminution of flux
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Surface Brightness

$$\mu \propto f A^{-1} D^{-2}$$

Static Flat Universe: $\mu \propto f D^2 D^{-2}$

Expanding Universe: $\mu \propto f D_A^2 D_L^{-2}$

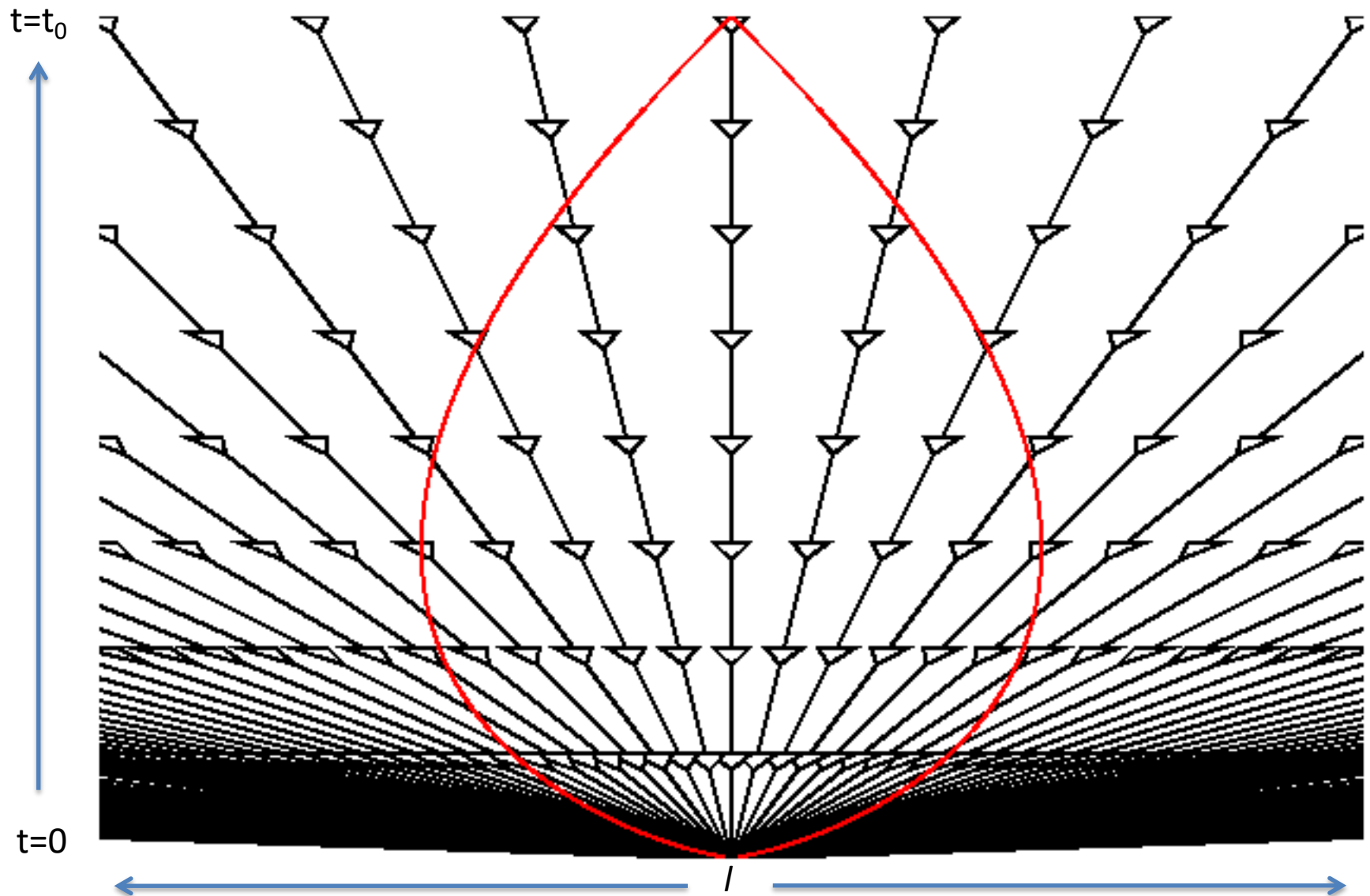
$$\mu_{\text{bol}0} \sim \mu_{\text{bol}1} / (1+z)^4 \quad \leftarrow \text{ (“Tolman Effect”)}$$

$$\mu_{\nu 0} \sim \mu_{\nu 1} / (1+z)^3$$

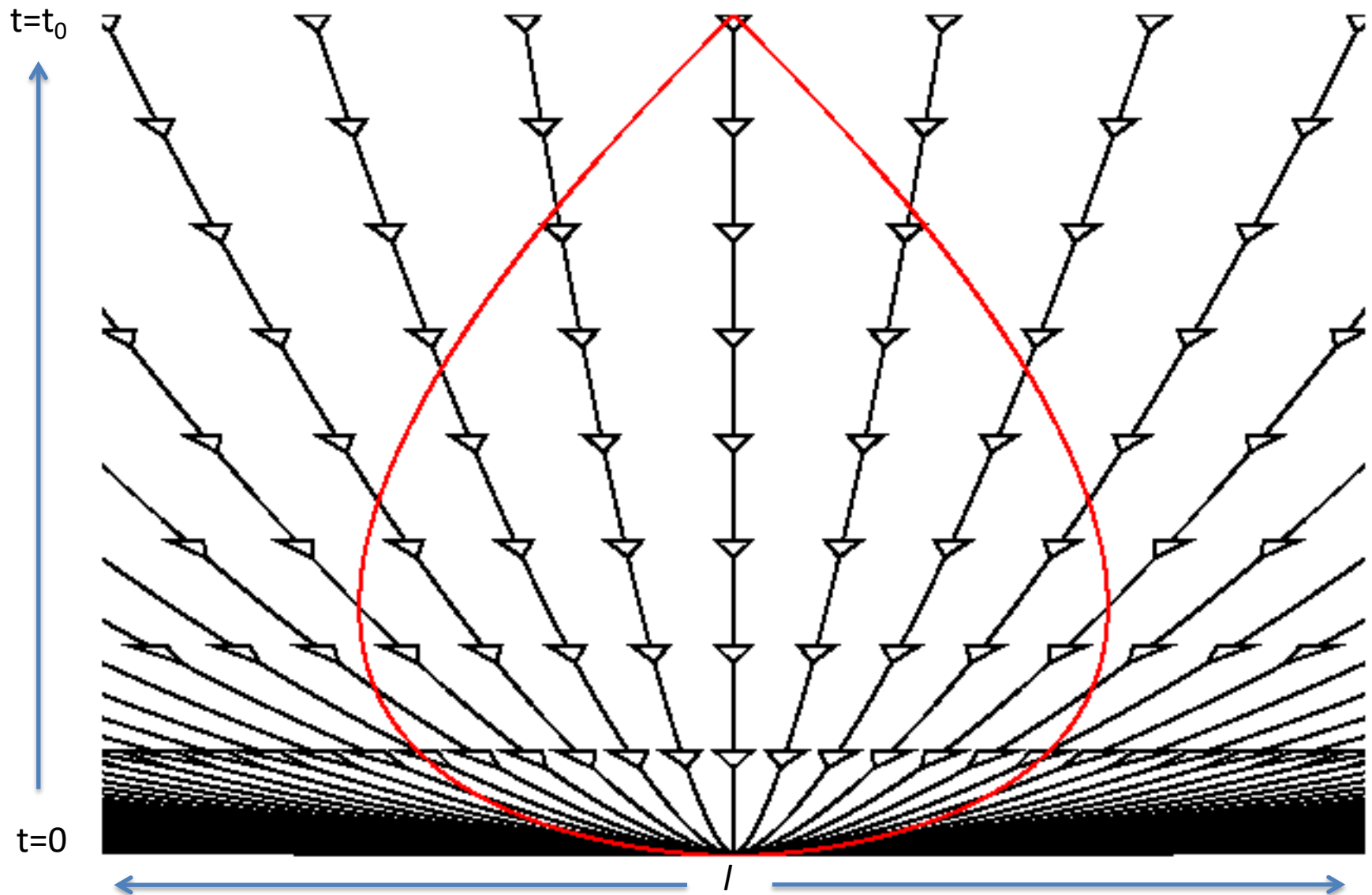
$$\mu_{\lambda 0} \sim \mu_{\lambda 1} / (1+z)^5$$

These are strictly a consequence of expanding spacetime, completely independent of what makes it expand (GR).

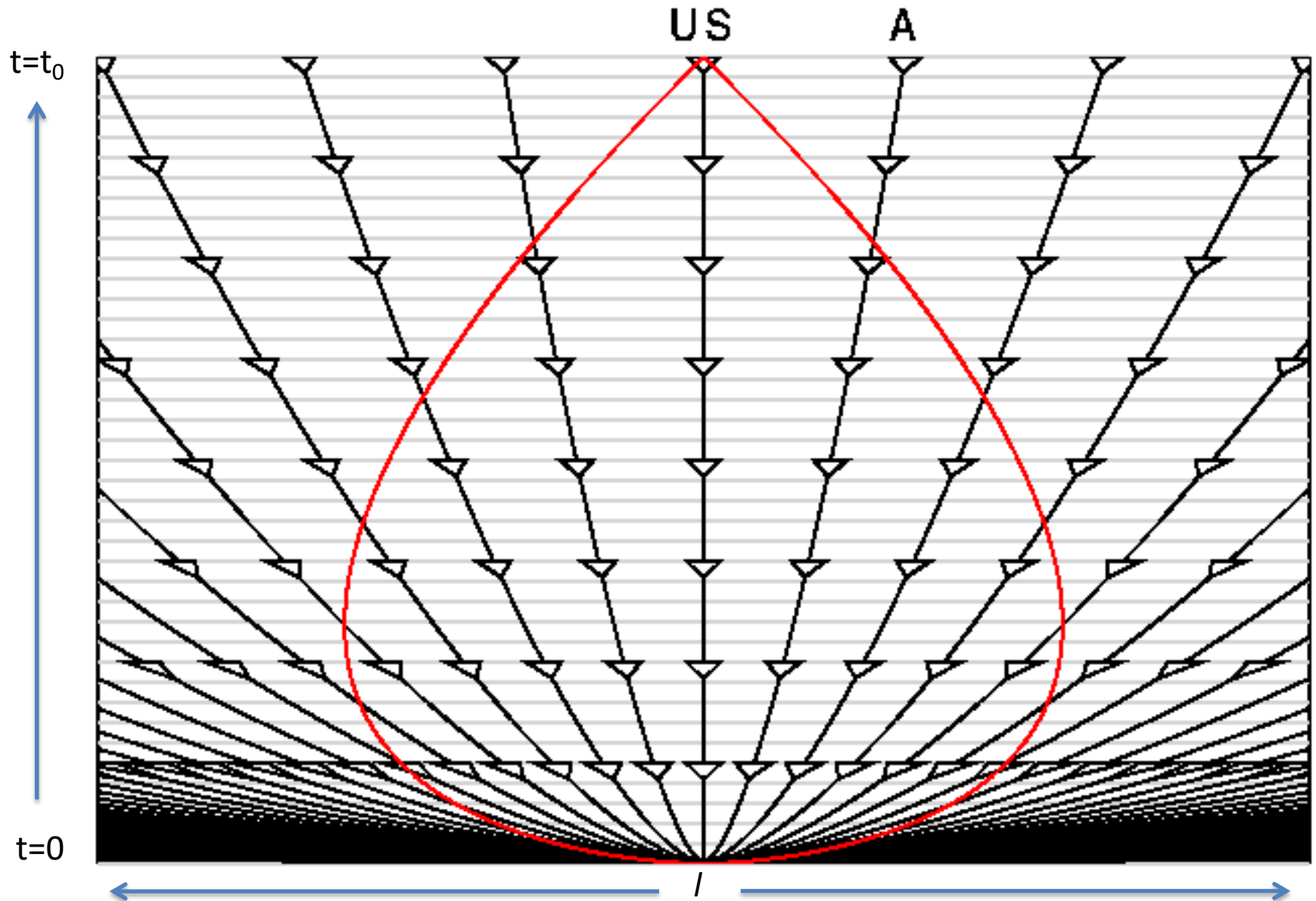
Thinking In Expanding Spacetime



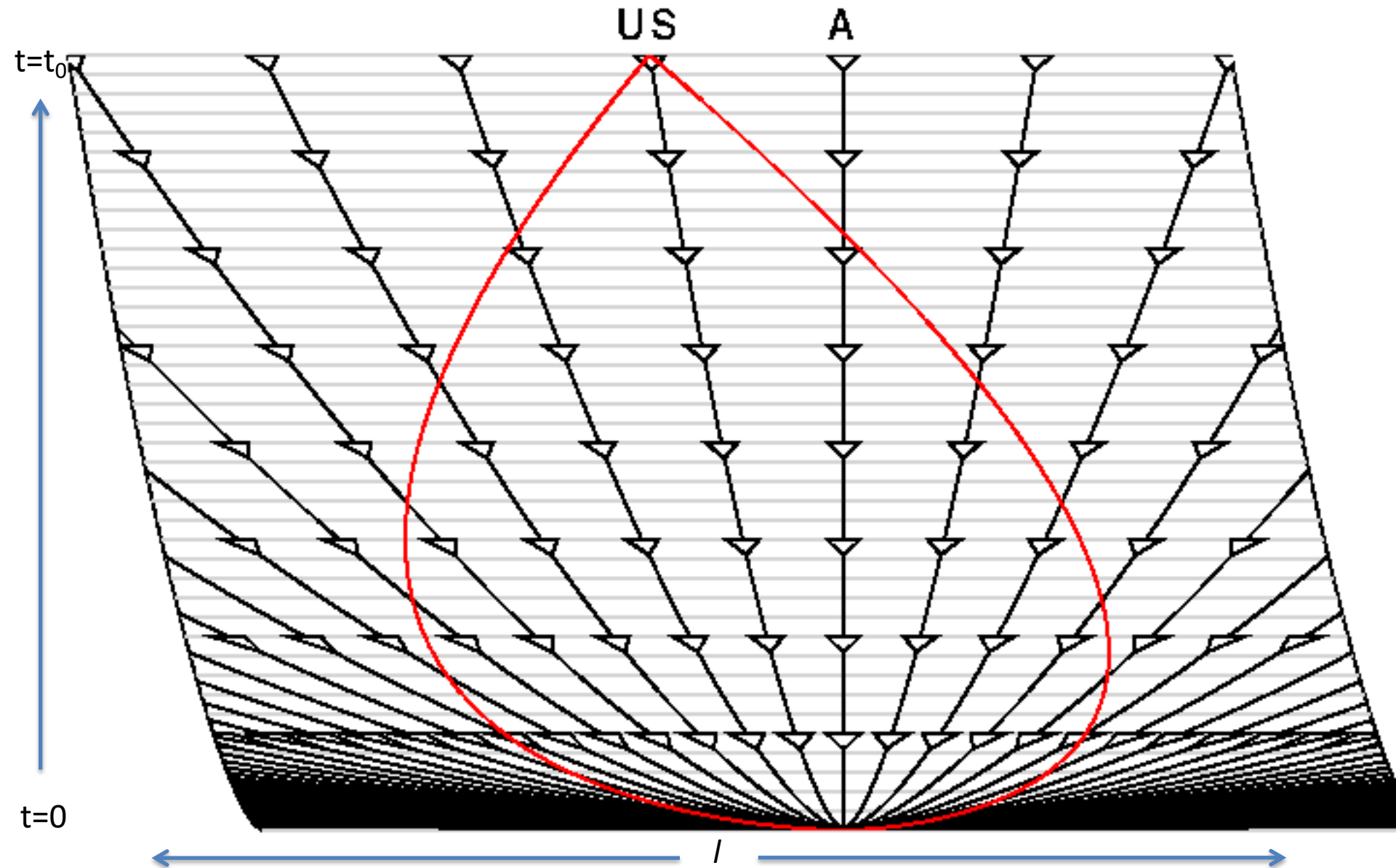
Decelerating Expansion



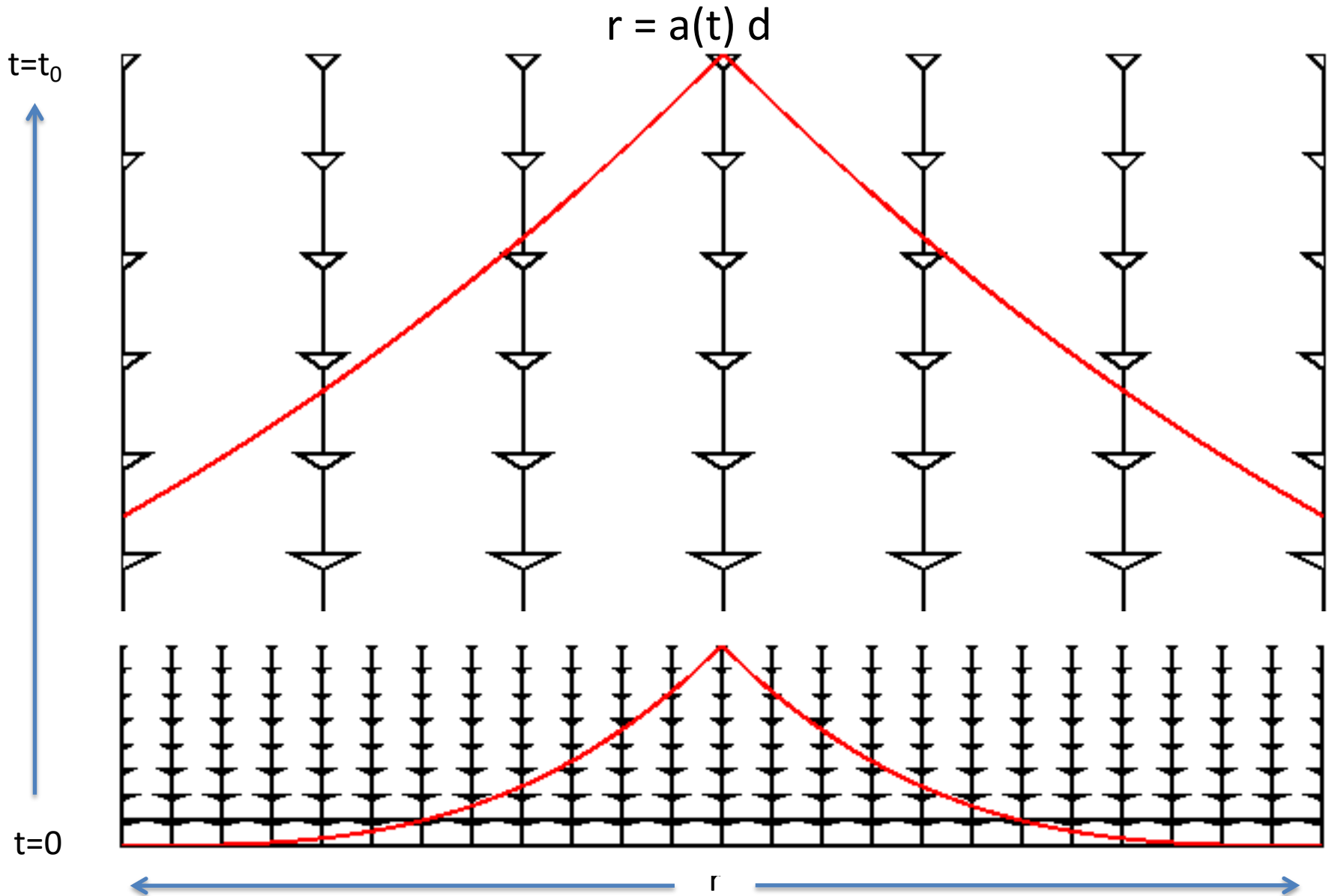
Changing Perspective



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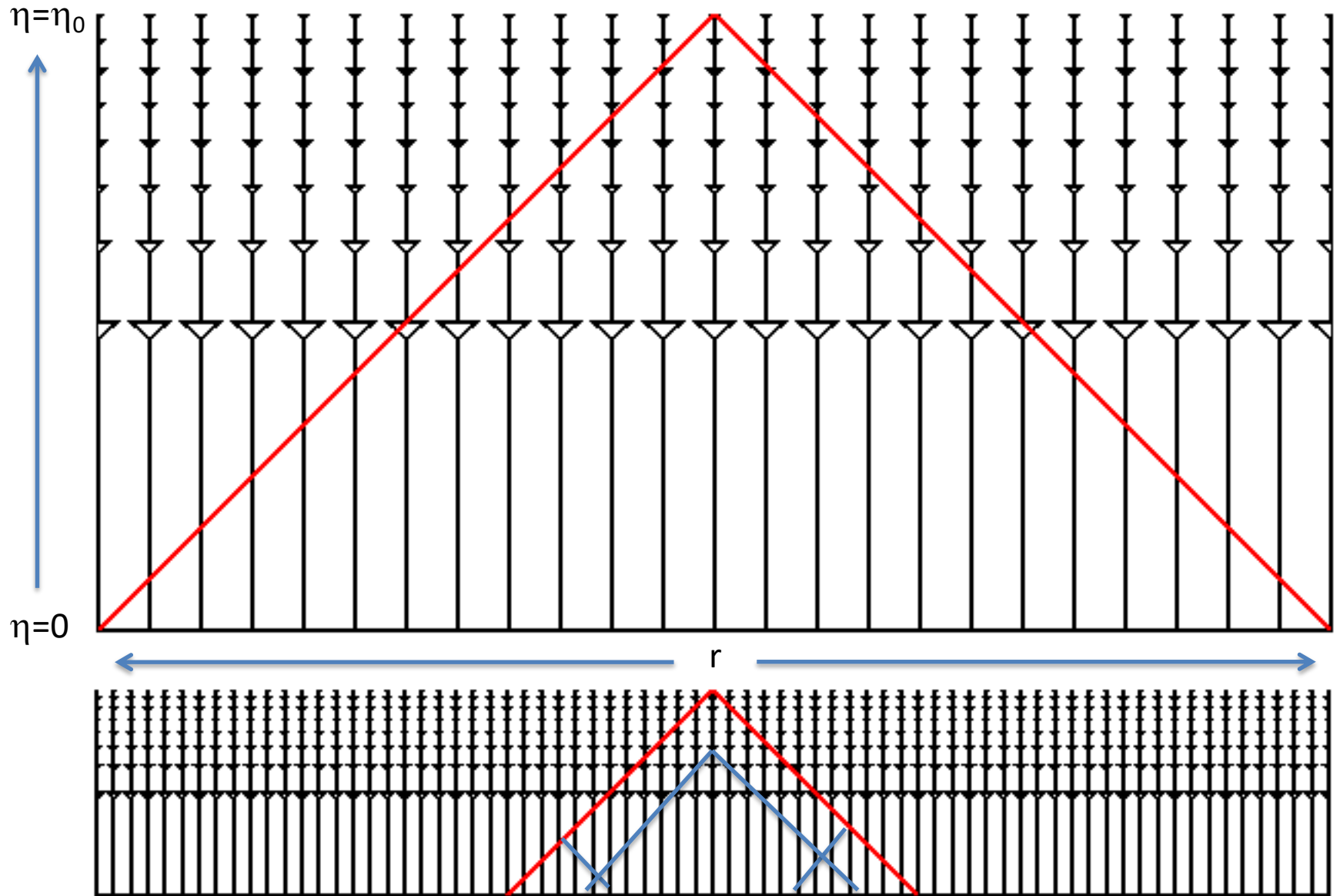


Comoving Coordinates



Conformal Time

$$\partial\eta = dt / a(t)$$



Next Time:

Measuring $a(t)$ and $S_{\kappa}(r)$