

# Origins & Evolution of the Universe

an introduction to cosmology — Fall 2018

## Lecture 5: Observable Distances, Parameter Constraints

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# Layout of the Course

Sep 24: Introduction and Friedmann Equations

Oct 1: Fluid and Acceleration Equations

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Dec 5: Problem Class #3

Dec 10: Cosmic Microwave Background Radiation (II)

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**Review Last Week**

# Proper Distance

Imagine we have a distant galaxy at  $(r, \theta, \varphi)$

How far away is a distant galaxy?

(important to specify time since nominal distance depends on when measurement is made since expanding universe)

Take case that  $\theta, \varphi$  are constant and only  $r$  is different

In the flat case ( $k=0$ ),

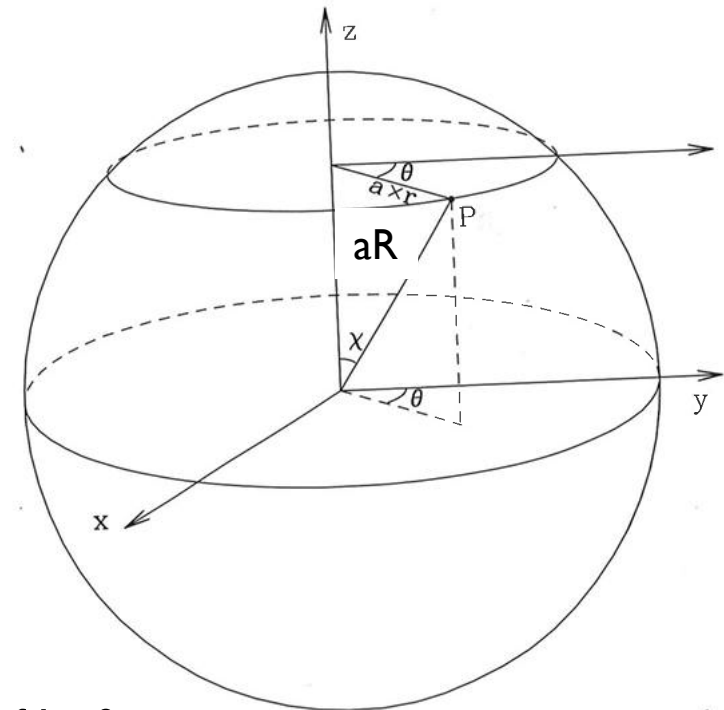
Proper Distance:  $d_p(t) = \int ds$

“Source-source distance measured based on current topology of the universe and ignoring travel time”

$$ds^2 = a^2(t) [dr^2/(1-kr^2) + r^2(d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\varphi^2)]$$

In general case,

$$\text{Proper Distance: } d_p(t) = a(t) \begin{cases} \arcsin(k^{1/2}r)/k^{1/2}, & \text{if } k>0 \\ r, & \text{if } k=0 \\ \operatorname{arcsinh}((-k)^{1/2}r)/(-k)^{1/2}, & \text{if } k<0 \end{cases} f_k(r)$$

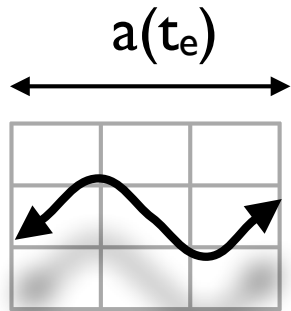


Not especially practical (since not measurable)!

# Distances and Redshifts

We cannot measure proper distances, but we can measure redshifts.

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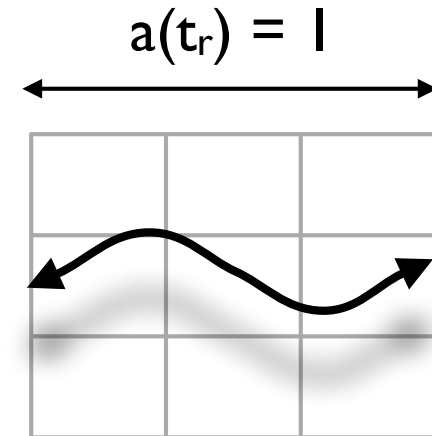


Space

“when emitted”

$$\lambda_e (1+z) = \lambda_r$$

$$a(t_e) = 1/(1+z)$$



Space

“when received”

Redshift — which we denote as  $z$  — is directly connected to the scale factor of the universe.

$$c dt_e / a(t_e) = c dt_r / a(t_r)$$

As such,  $dt \propto a(t)$  implies time dilation

This implies  $\lambda_r / \lambda_e = a(t_r) / a(t_e)$

Since  $a(t_r) = 1$  and  $\lambda_r / \lambda_e = 1+z$ ,  $a(t_e) = 1/(1+z)$

# How far can we see?

Light travels at a finite speed — no physical signals travel faster!

Important connection to questions about how the universe became so homogeneous...

Complicated since the universe is expanding!

# Horizon Distance

Horizon Distance: The greatest distance one can in principle look — probing back to when the universe had time  $t=0$

$$d_{\text{Hor}} = c \int dt/a(t)$$

What is the proper distance to some galaxy which emitted its light at time  $t_e$ ?

$$d_p(t_0) = c \int_{t_e}^{t_0} dt/a(t) = (c/H_0)(2/(1+3w)) [1 - (t_e/t_0)^{(1+3w)/(3+3w)}]$$

What is the proper distance to galaxy who emitted its light at time  $t_e$  with redshift  $z$ ?

$$d_p(z) = ct_0 (3(1+w)/(1+3w)) [1 - (1+z)^{-(1+3w)/2}] = (c/H_0)(2/(1+3w)) [1 - (1+z)^{-(1+3w)/2}]$$

if  $w=0$ :  $d_p(z) = (2c/H_0) [1 - (1+z)^{-1/2}]$       Blows up if  $w \leq -1/3$

What is the Horizon distance?

$$d_{\text{Hor}}(t) = (c/H_0)(2/(1+3w)) \quad \text{which is finite if } w > -1/3$$

Horizon distance tells us the portion of the universe that is casually connected

$$w = 0: \quad d_{\text{Hor}}(t) = 2c/H_0 = 3ct_0$$

If  $w \leq -1/3$ , then whole universe is casually connected

# Particle Horizon

A key question is which parts of the universe can influence or have influenced each other, i.e., which parts are in casual contact.

Particle horizon: boundary of that part of the universe that could have reached us in the age of the universe. At the present epoch, it is the observable universe.

What is this horizon to redshift  $z_e$ ?

$$d_{\text{Hor}}(z_e) = 3ct_0 [1 - (1+z_e)^{-1/2}]$$

$$d_{\text{Hor}}(z_e) = (c/H_0) \int_0^{z_e} dz / (1+z) / (\Omega_0(1+z)^{1+3w} + (1-\Omega_0))^{0.5}$$

How did Proper Distance of Particle horizon change with time?

it is proportional to  $t/t_0$        $t/t_0 \propto (a/a_0)^{3/2} \propto (1+z)^{-3/2}$

8x smaller at  $z \sim 3$ , 30000x smaller at  $z \sim 1000$

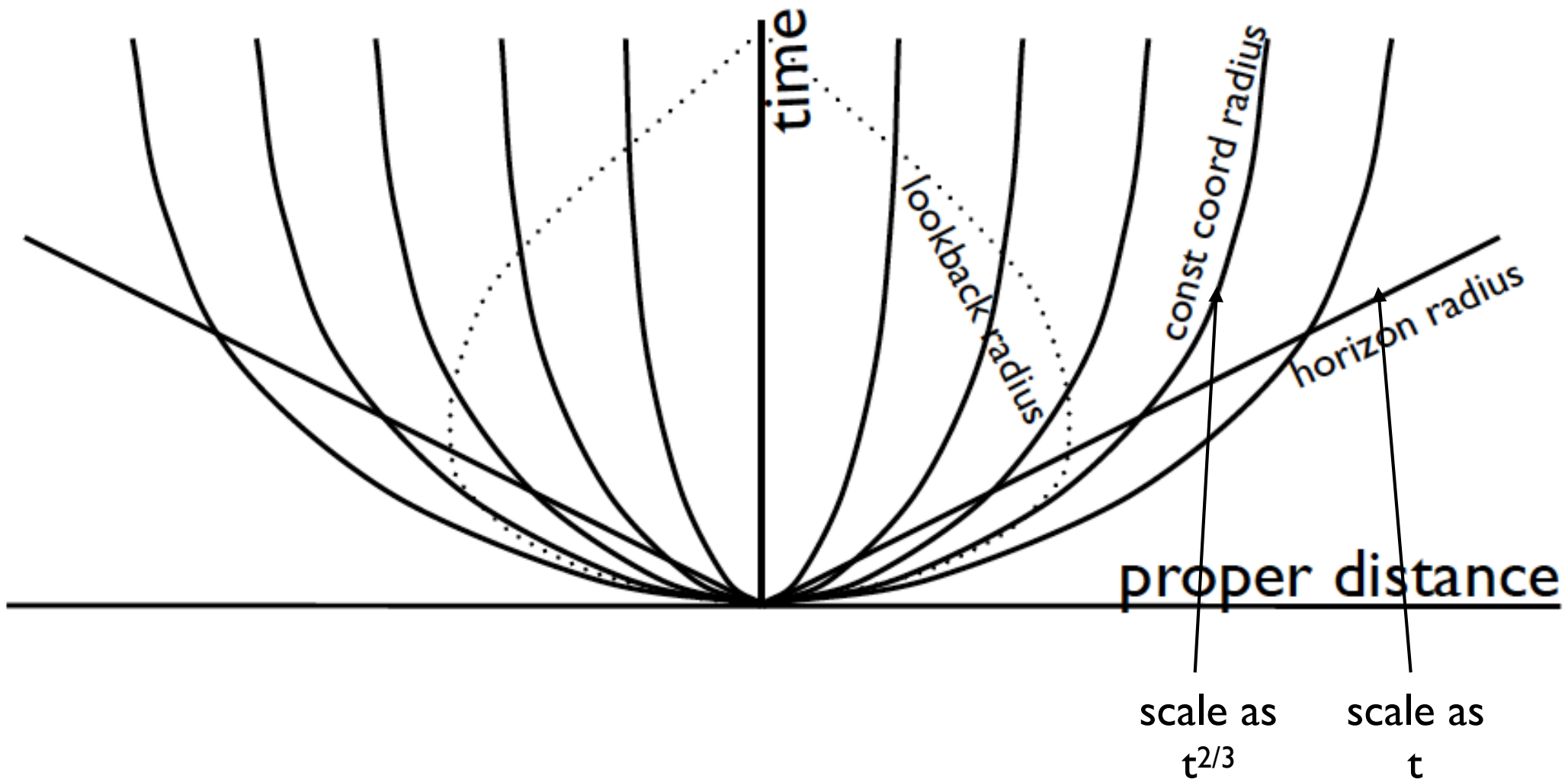
How does this horizon change relative to the scale factor of the universe  
(i.e. divide by  $1/(1+z)$ )

$$d_{\text{Hor}}(1+z) = (1+z)^{-1/2}$$

Therefore, with the horizon, we potentially probe further and further in the regions of the universe to which we have not been in casual contact



# Horizon in flat $\Omega_m=1$ model



# Horizon Problem

We receive light from galaxies or other sources which may not have been able to communicate with each other, but appear to be completely homogeneous in terms of their properties.

This is called the horizon problem.

Consider the universe where it was  $\sim 1100$  times smaller than it is today, i.e., at  $z \sim 1099$ .

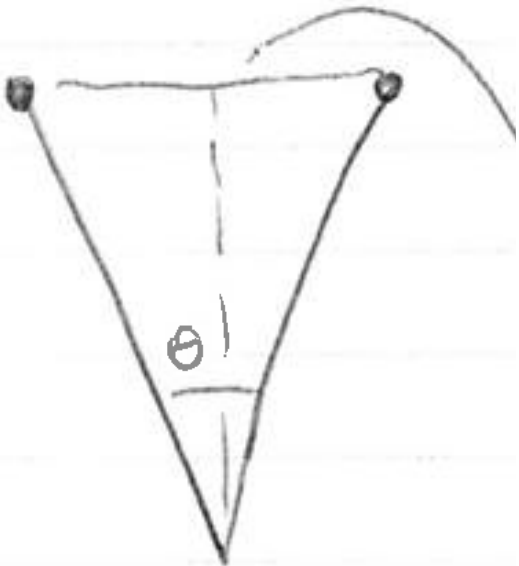
What is the furthest distance that we could expect to be homogeneous due to information propagating from a common source?

$$2 D_H(z=1099)$$

What is the angular separation between two different points on the sky that corresponds to this distance (at  $z \sim 1099$ )?

$$2 D_H(z=1099) \sim D_A(z=1099) \theta$$

$$\theta \sim 3.6 \text{ degrees}$$



# Why is $z \sim 1100$ interesting?

It is when the intense background radiation field of photons decouples from the baryons (i.e., neutral hydrogen atoms) and free streams into the universe.

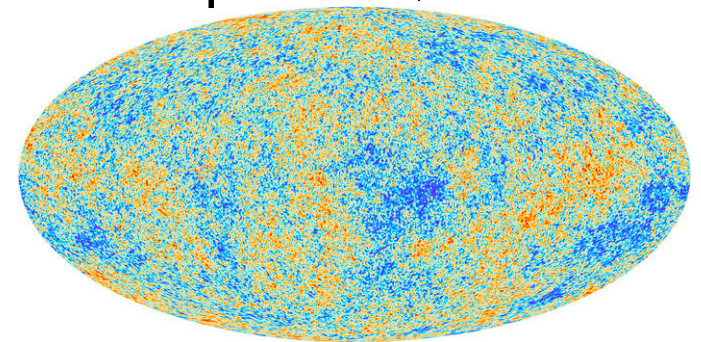
This decoupling occurs due to the decreasing energy / temperature of photons in the background field relative to that needed to ionize hydrogen.

After decoupling this background radiation continues to exist in the universe, but its temperature falls in accordance with the expansion of the universe.

What is the temperature of this relic radiation if we look in all directions on the sky? It is almost entirely homogeneous as we discussed before...

But if we look closely, there are fluctuations in the temperature, but they are small

fluctuations at 1  
part in 100000



How can this be, if casual contact is only possible at an angular separation of 3.6 degrees?

# Horizon Problem

To resolve this issue, note that the integral  $\int c dt / a(t)$  depends on the form of  $a(t)$  at early times.

we need to change how  $a(t)$  scales at early time so that points in casual contact at the earliest times, leave the horizon, and then reenter.

Need  $w < -1/3$  accelerated expansion, i.e., inflation, which occurs when. We saw that for  $w < -1/3$ , there is no particle horizon (if  $a(t)$  maintains form to  $z \rightarrow \infty$ )

**New Material for This Week**

“Classical Cosmology”

“Question for Two Numbers”

In the early days of observational cosmology much emphasis was placed on geometric properties.

Sandage: “We need to determine  $H_0$  and  $q_0$ ”

deceleration parameter

$$a(t) = a(t_0) + \left. \frac{da}{dt} \right|_{t=t_0} (t-t_0) + \frac{1}{2} \left. \frac{d^2a}{dt^2} \right|_{t=t_0} (t-t_0)^2 + \dots$$

divide by  $a(t_0)$

$$a(t) = 1 + H_0(t-t_0) - (1/2)q_0 H_0^2 (t-t_0)^2$$

$$\text{where } q_0 = -\left( \frac{d^2a/dt^2}{(da/dt)^2} \right)_{t=t_0} = -\left( \frac{d^2a/dt^2}{aH^2} \right)_{t=t_0}$$

Make use of acceleration equation:

$$(d^2a/dt^2)/a = -(4\pi G/3)\sum_w \rho_w (1+3w)$$

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$$q_0 = -((d^2a/dt^2)a / (da/dt)^2)_{t=t_0} = -(1/H^2)_{t=t_0} (-(4\pi G/3c^2)\sum_w \rho_w (1+3w))$$

$$q_0 = (4\pi G/3H^2)\sum_w \rho_w (1+3w)$$

$$q_0 = (1/2)(8\pi G/3H^2) \sum_w \rho_w (1+3w)$$

$$q_0 = (1/2\rho_{\text{critical}}) \sum_w \rho_w (1+3w)$$

$$q_0 = \Omega_m/2 + \Omega_r - \Omega_\Lambda$$

Recall that the proper distance is

$$d_p(t_0) = c \int_{t_e}^{t_0} dt/a(t)$$

If we substitute Taylor series expansions of  $1/a(t)$ , one can show:

$$d_p(t_0) = c(t_e - t_0) + cH_0/2 (t_0 - t_e)^2$$

$$d_p(t_0) = cz/H_0(1 - (1+q_0)z/2)$$

But the proper distance is not measurable

One way to assign a distance is to use the luminosity

$$d_L = (L/4\pi f)^{1/2}$$

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If we consider a FRW metric

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photons emitted at time  $t_e$  spread out over a sphere with radius  $d_p(t_0) = r$  and surface area  $A_p(t_0)$ :

In Euclidean space,  $A_p(t_0) = 4\pi d_p(t_0)^2 = 4\pi r^2$



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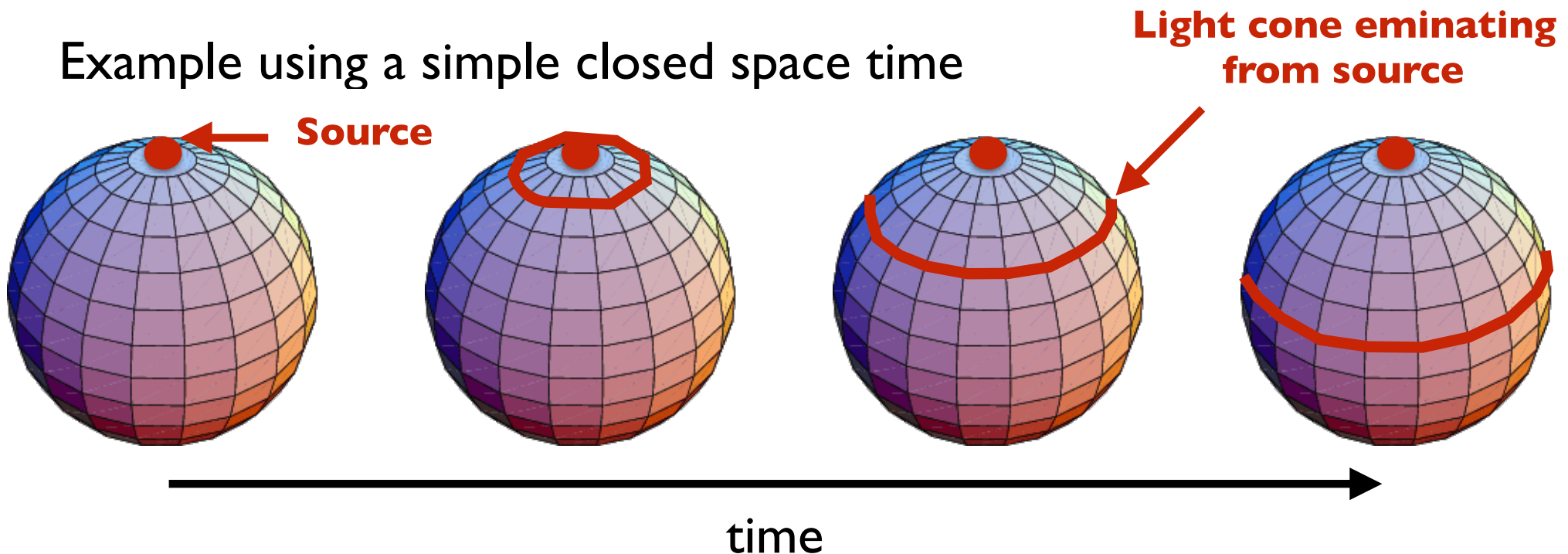
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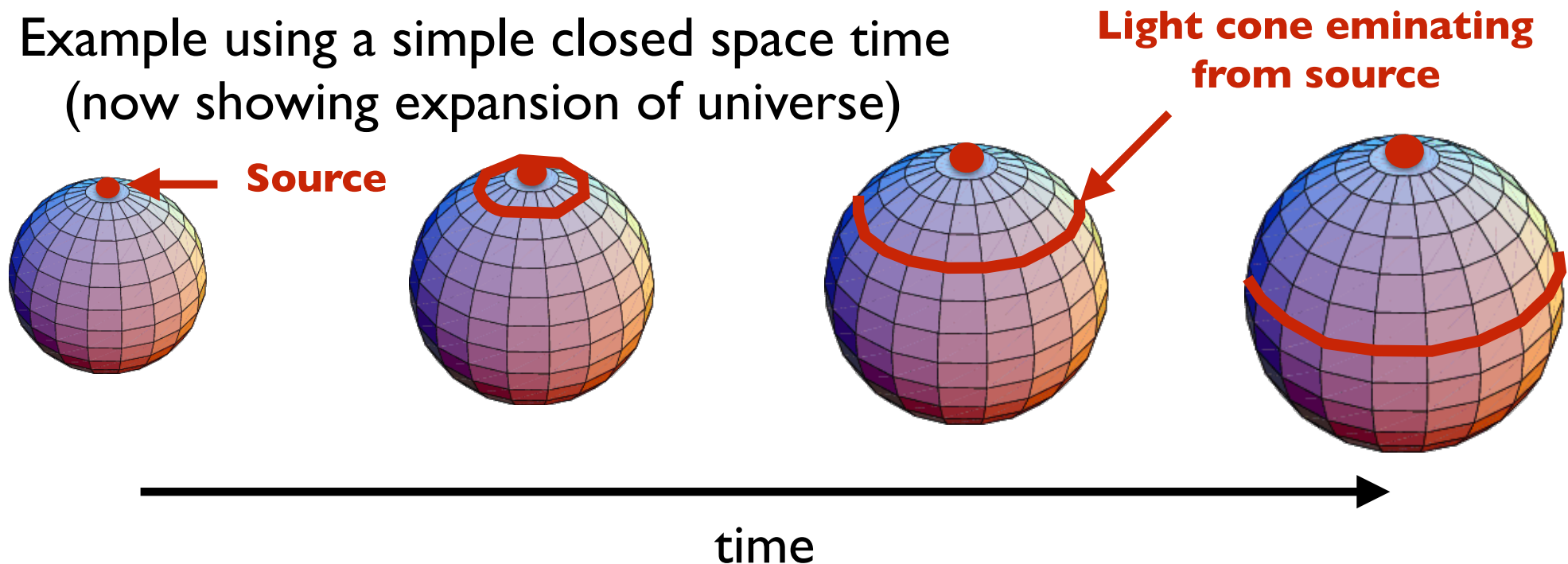
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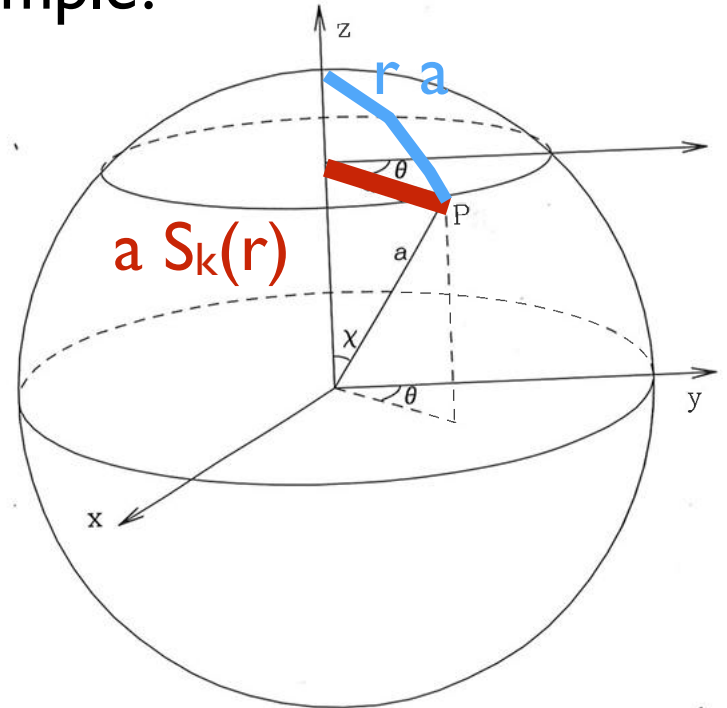
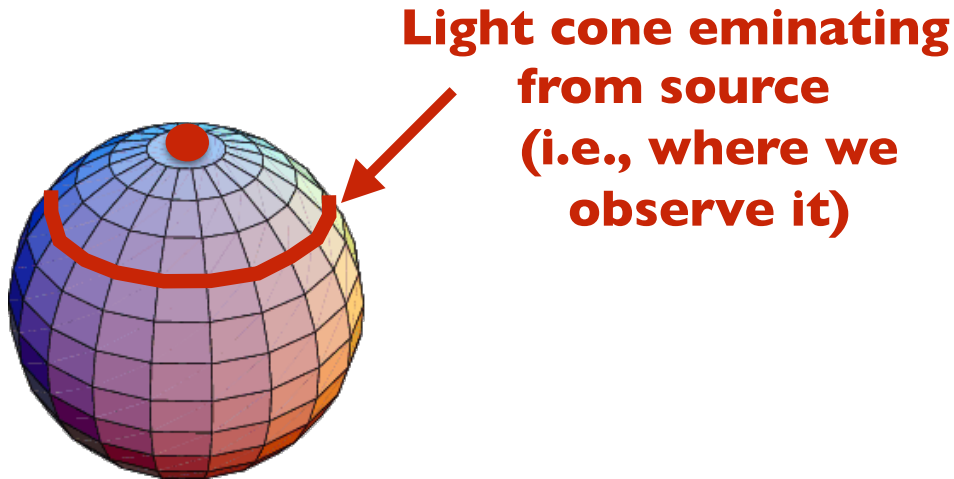
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Example using a simple closed space time (now showing expansion of universe)



What are  $d_P(t_0)$  and  $A_P(t_0)$  for this example?



In the general case,

$$d_P(t_0) = a(t_0)r$$

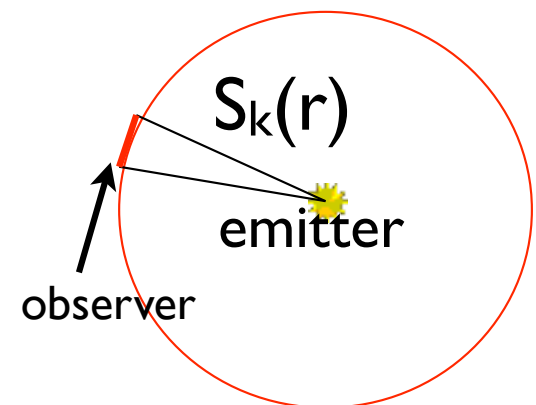
$$A_P(t_0) = 4\pi a^2(t_0)S_k(r)^2$$

**View from above**

As in the above example,

$$\text{If } k > 0, S_k(r) < r \rightarrow A_P(t_0) < 4\pi r^2$$

**bolometric flux !**



In an open geometry:

$$\text{If } k < 0, S_k(r) > r \rightarrow A_P(t_0) > 4\pi r^2$$

In addition to the geometric effects, the expansion of the universe causes the flux to be decreased by a factor  $(1+z)^{-2}$

(1) effect of redshifting on energy of photons

(2) time delay between photons

2 factors of  $(1+z)$  from expanding Universe



Thus,

$$f = L / (4\pi a^2(t_0) S_k^2(r) (1+z)^2)$$

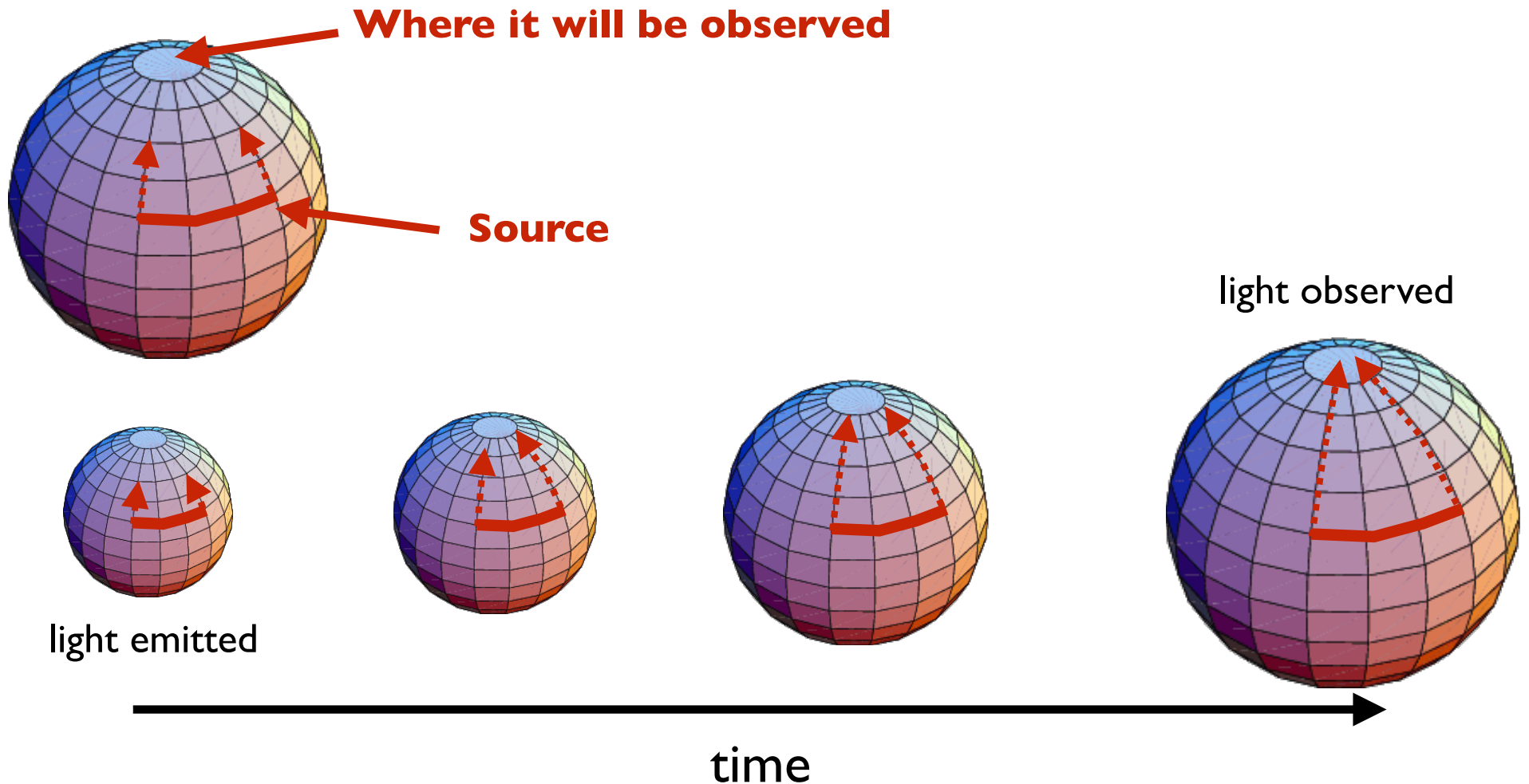
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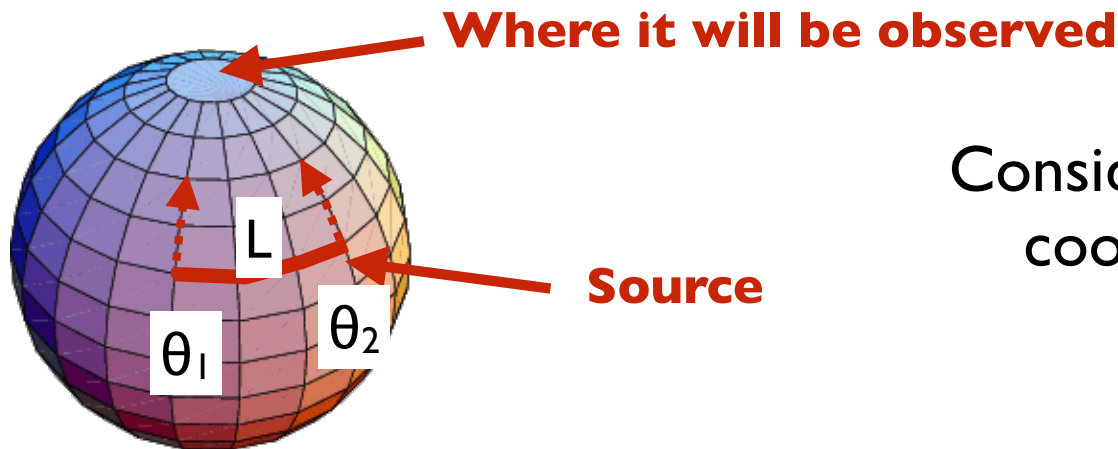
Note angle maintained as universe expands!

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Consider FRW metric again where the coordinates of the emitter are as follows:

one side of emitter:  $(r, \theta_1, \Phi)$   
 other side of emitter:  $(r, \theta_2, \Phi)$

$$d\theta = |\theta_1 - \theta_2|$$

What is  $d\theta$ ?

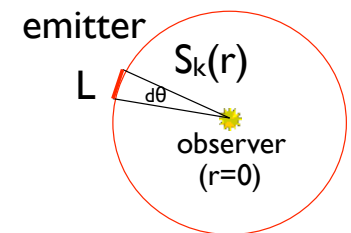
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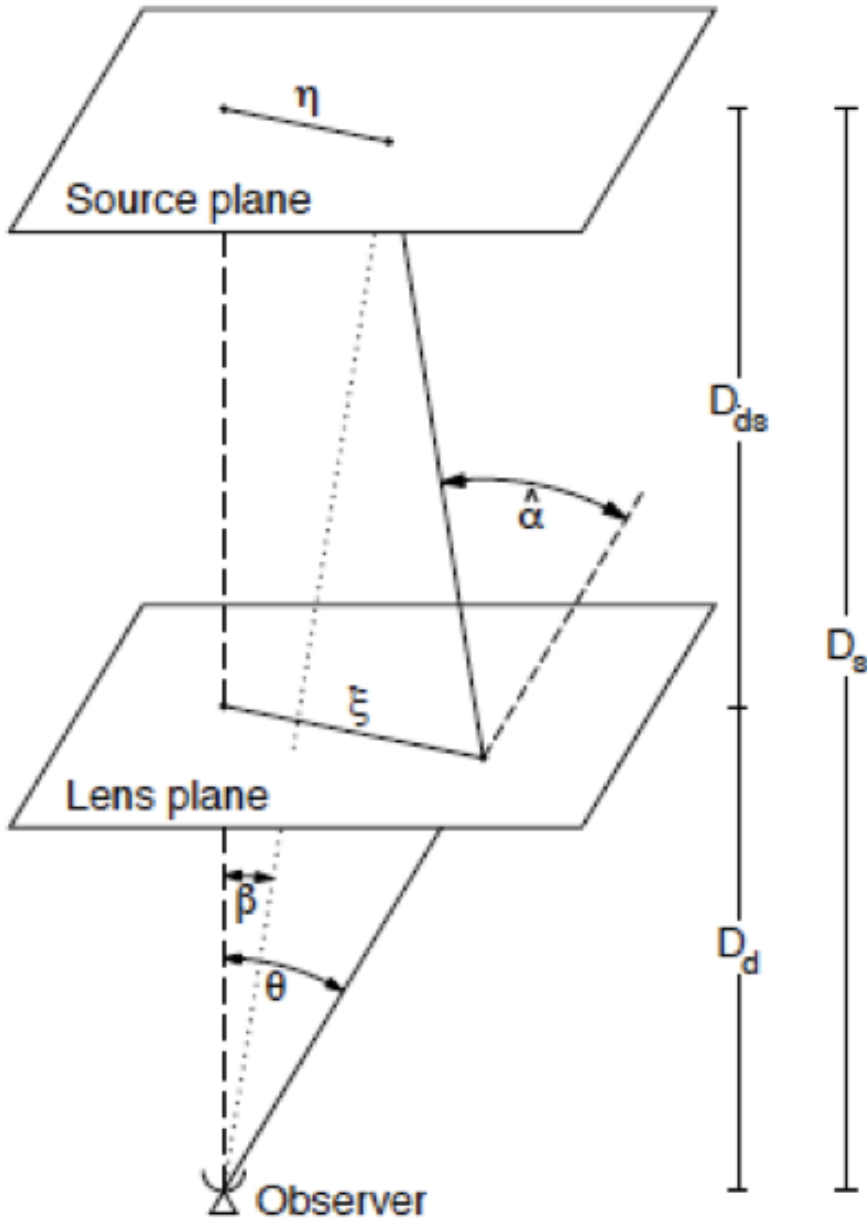
$$d_A = a(t_e)S_k(r)$$

$$d_A = (a(t_0)/(1+z)) S_k(r)$$

View from above



# Gravitational lensing



angular diameter distances!

$$\eta = \frac{D_s}{D_d} \xi - D_{ds} \hat{\alpha}(\xi)$$

Another distance measure is a proper motion distance  $d\theta/dt$ , i.e., angle on sky per unit time.

$$d_M = (dL/dt_0) / (d\theta/dt_0)$$

As for angular diameter distance, angle on sky is determined by when a source emits its light... but then there is time delay...

So

$$d_M = d_A(t_0) (1+z)$$

Overall, there is a nice relation between all 3 distance measures:

$$d_A = d_M / (1+z) = d_L / (1+z)^2$$



What happens to these distance measures in the limit of small or large redshifts?

For small  $z \ll 1$ ,

$$d_A = (c/H_0)z (1 + (-q_0 - 3)z/2)$$

$$d_L = (c/H_0)z (1 + (-q_0 + 1)z/2)$$

For large  $z \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$d_L = z d_{\text{Hor}}(t_0)$$

$$d_A = d_{\text{Hor}}(t_0) / z$$

Note that while  $d_P(z_1, z_2) = d_P(0, z_2) - d_P(0, z_1)$

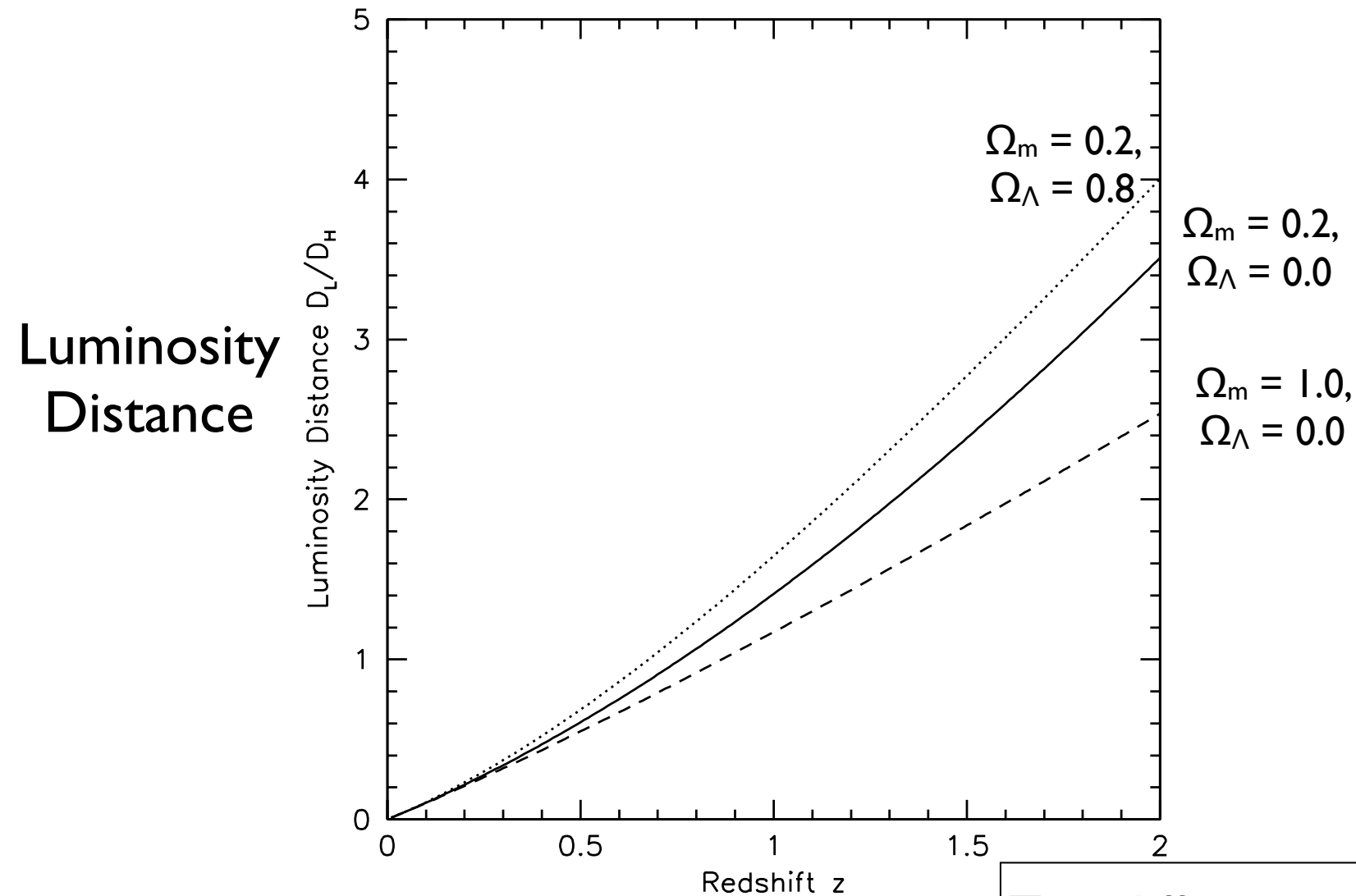
but  $d_A(z_1, z_2) \neq d_A(0, z_2) - d_A(0, z_1)$

Do the distance measurements depend on the values of the cosmological parameters, i.e.,  $\Omega_m$  or  $\Omega_\Lambda$ ?

Yes — In fact, we can use the dependence on the distance measures on the cosmological parameters to “weight” the universe

What are the dependencies?

# Luminosity Distance - Redshift Relation

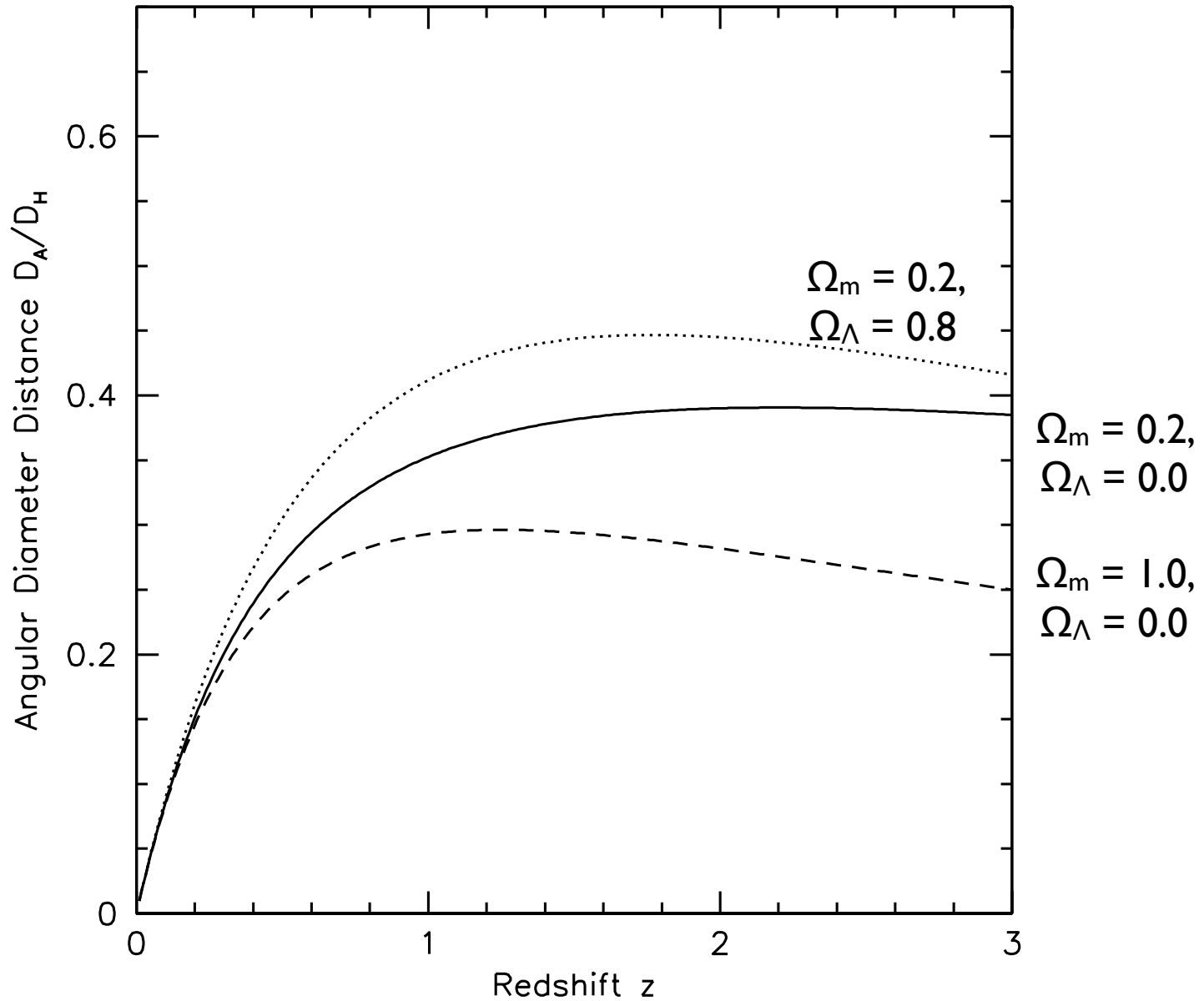


Two different ways of increasing the luminosity distance:

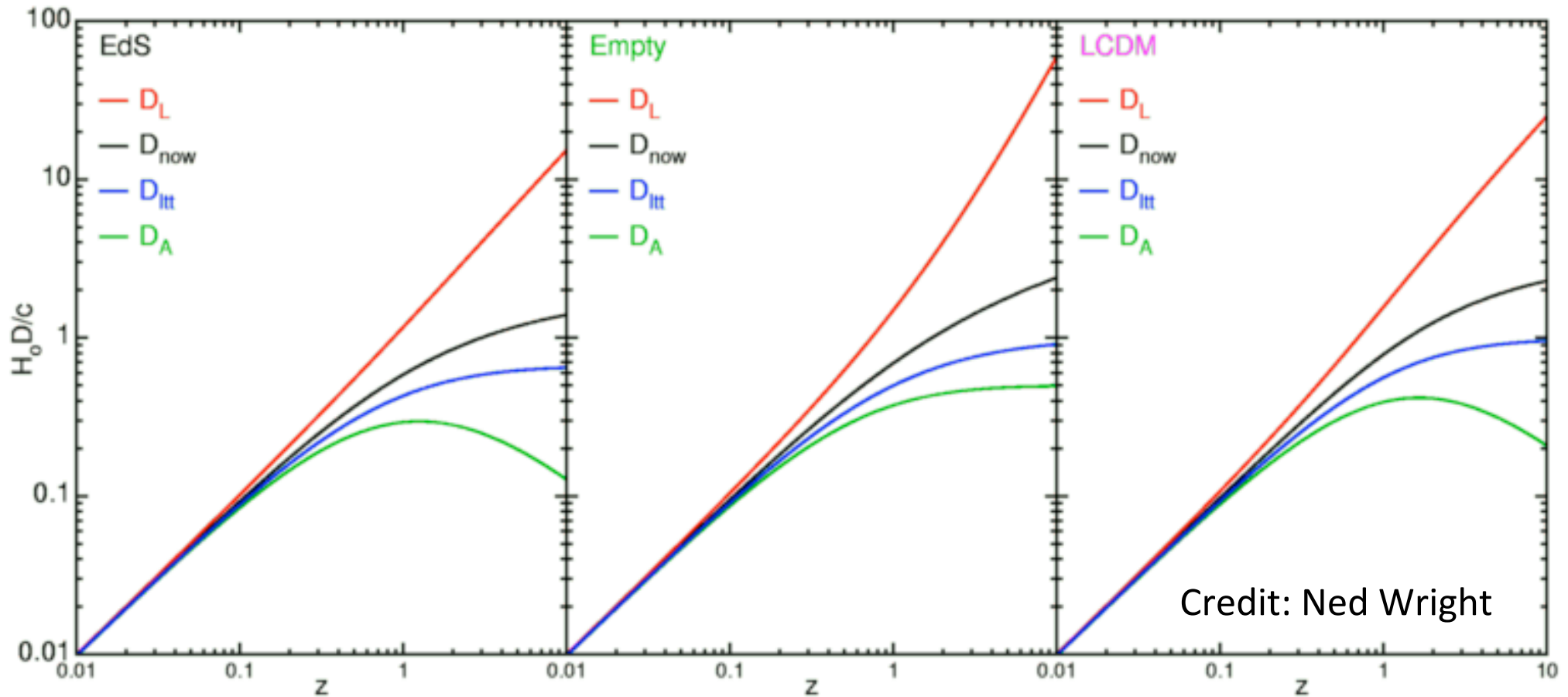
- 1) Increase  $\Omega_\Lambda$
- 2) Decrease  $\Omega_m$

# Angular Diameter Distance - Redshift Relation

Angular  
Diameter  
Distance

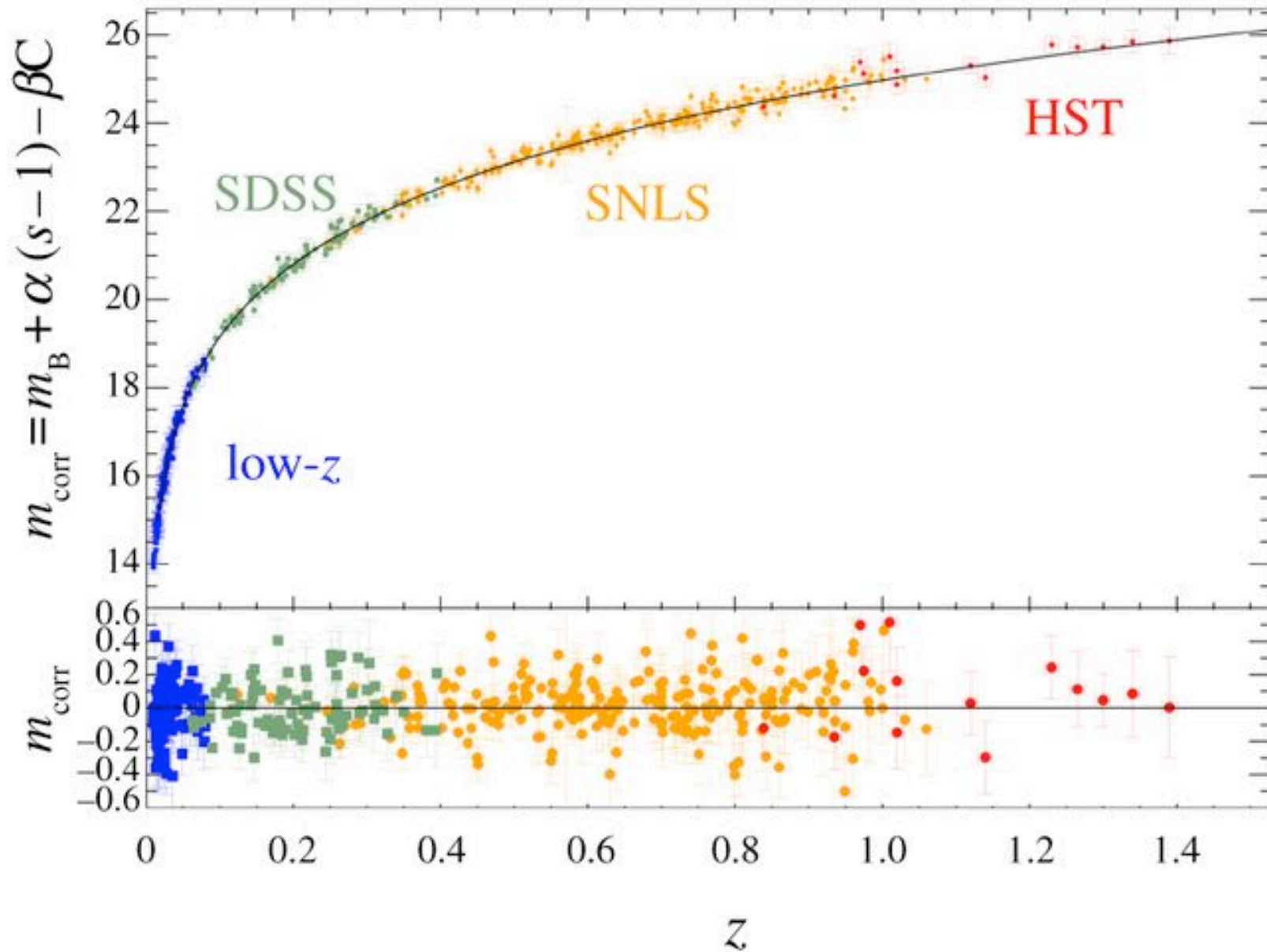


# Distance-redshift relations...



... depend on cosmological parameters!

# (a) Distance-redshift relations



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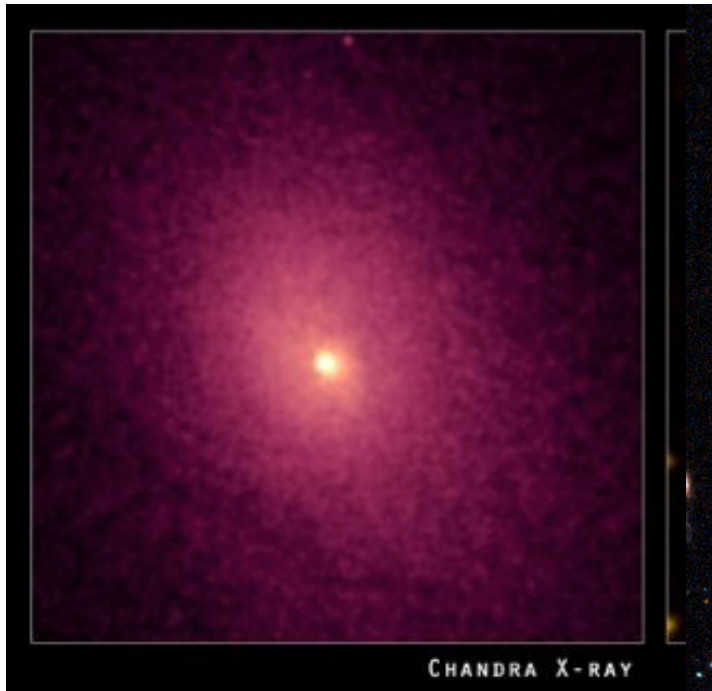


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First a few words to orient you a little more about what a galaxy cluster is...

Galaxy clusters are regions of the universe that have collapsed (due to gravity)



Approximate mass budget:

~2% galaxies

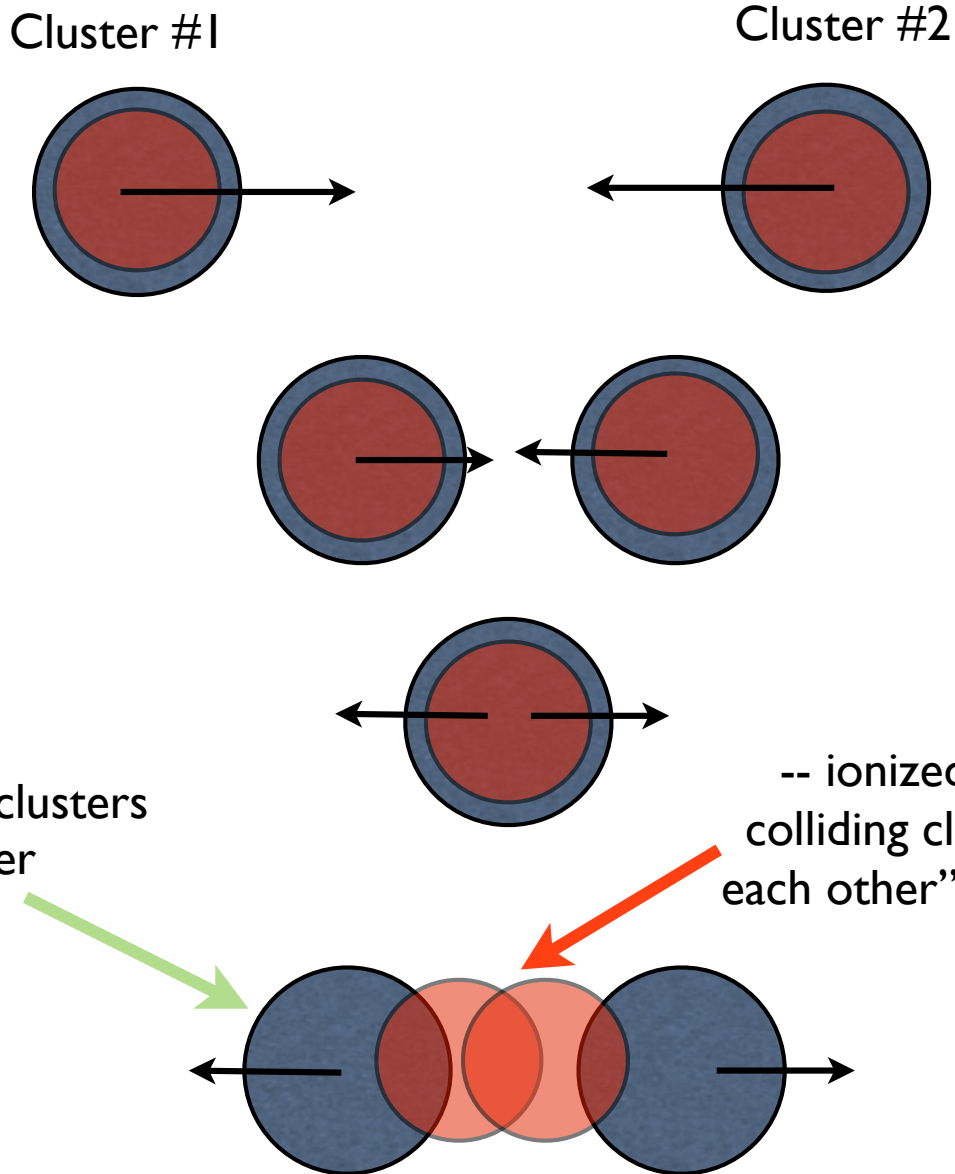
~13% in a very hot ionized gas

~85% in dark matter

Most of the baryons are in the ionized gas!

# Evidence from the Observations of Colliding Clusters

Reason it is useful  
can be seen from  
the following  
“simulation”:



-- dark matter from the colliding clusters  
pass right through each other

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this presents us with a situation where the light (from baryons) and  
mass (from dark matter) are in different places

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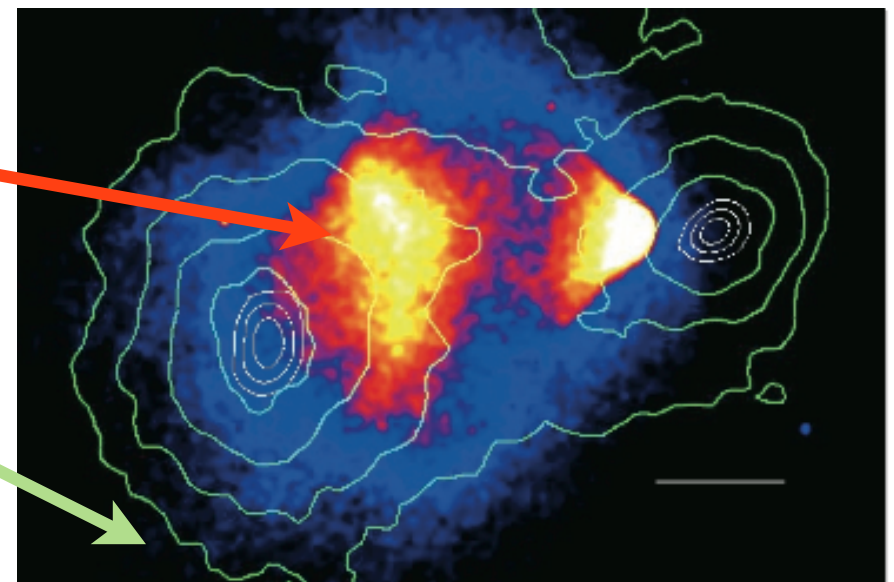
- how can we use the observations to see that baryons do not provide most of the mass
- x-ray light shows us where the ionized gas (i.e., baryons) is
- gravitational lensing shows us where the mass is (mostly dark matter)

“Bullet Cluster” Clowe et al. 2006



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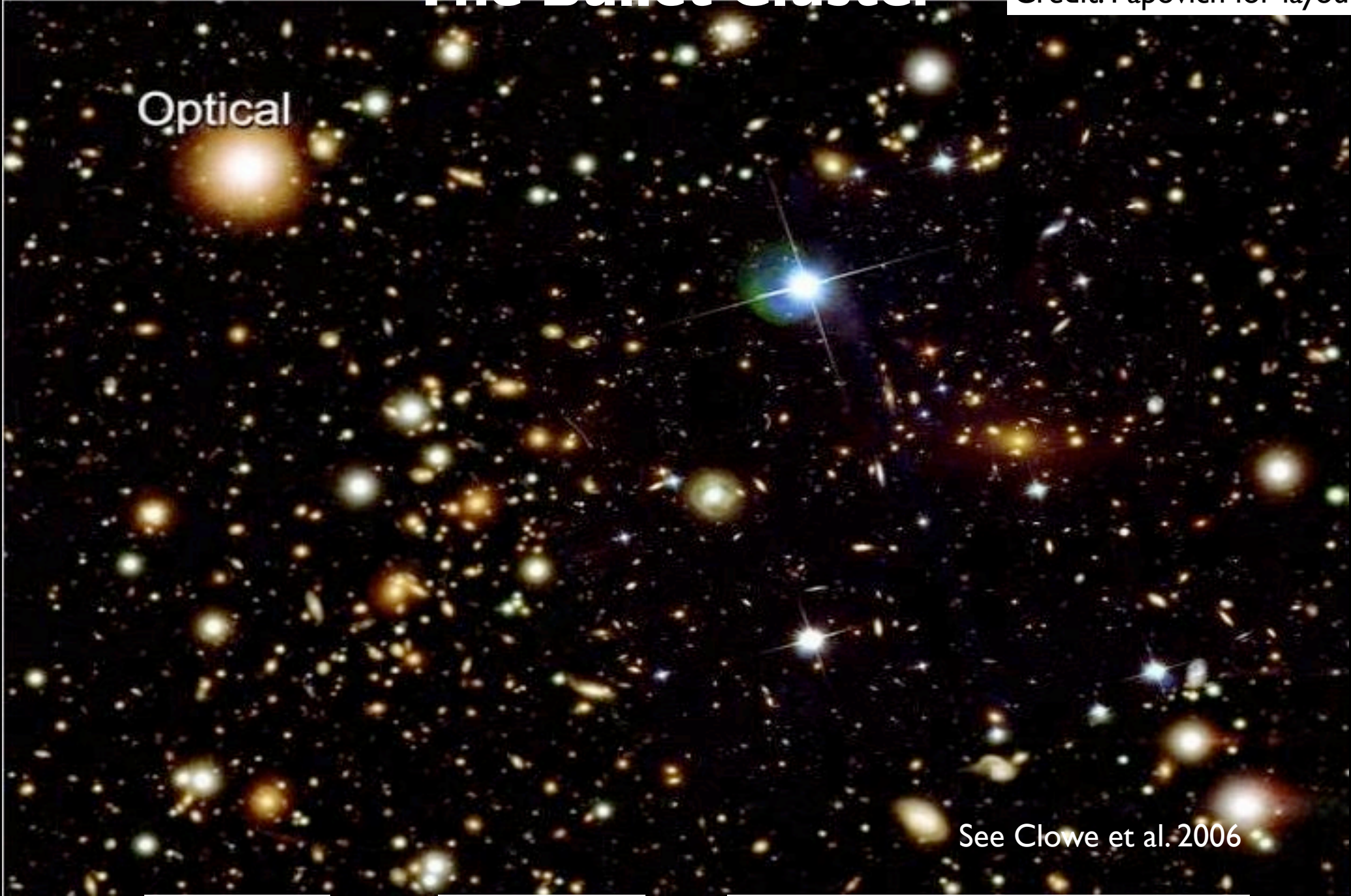
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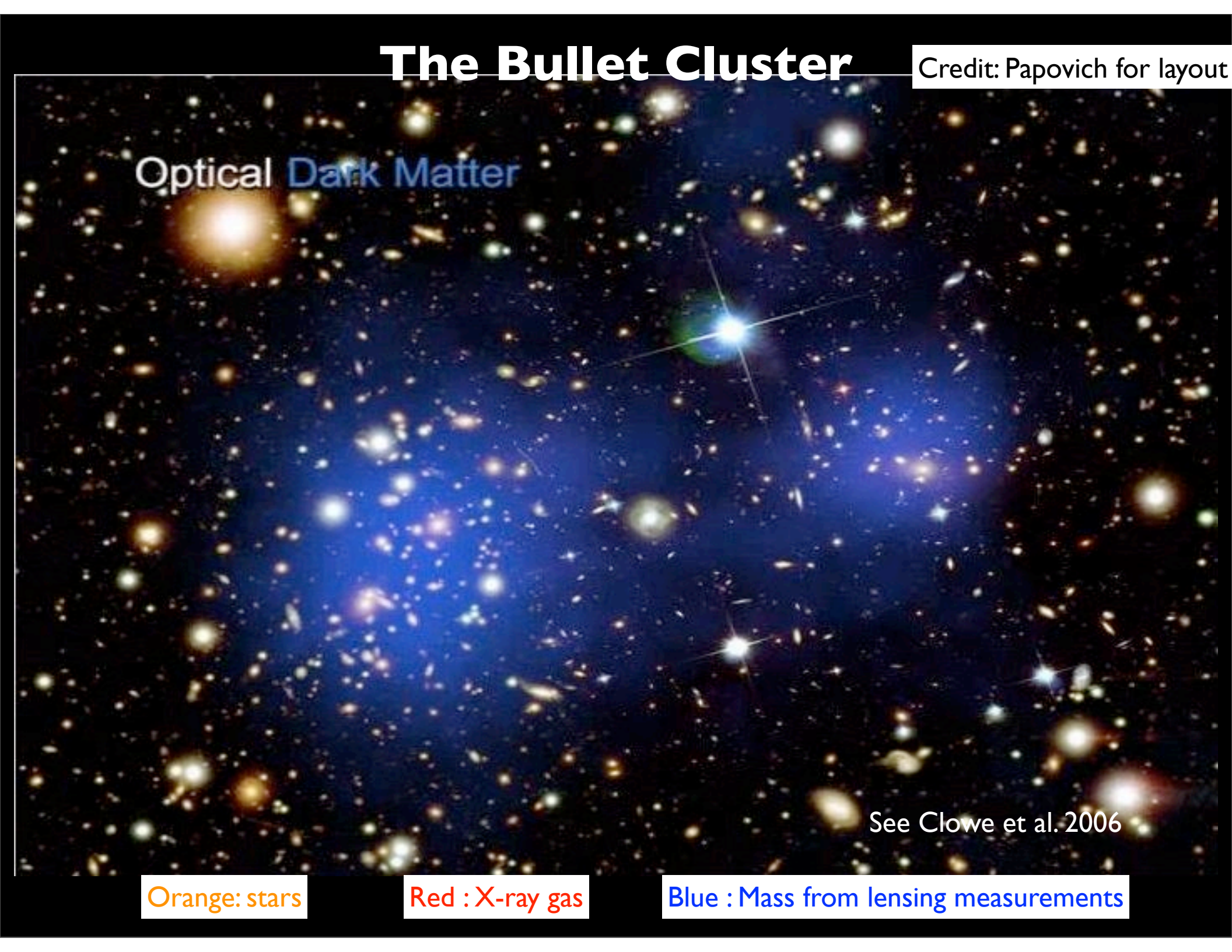
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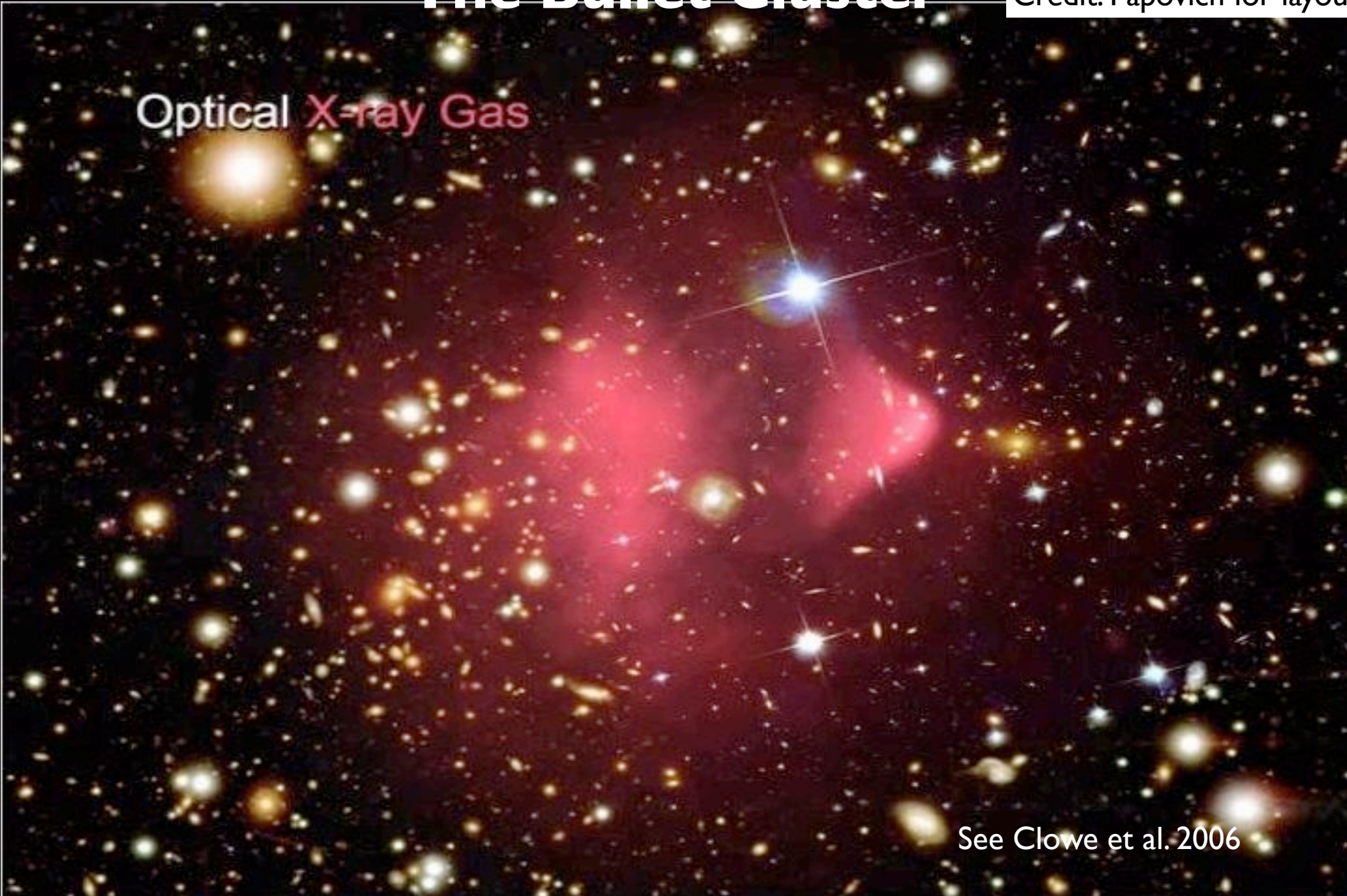
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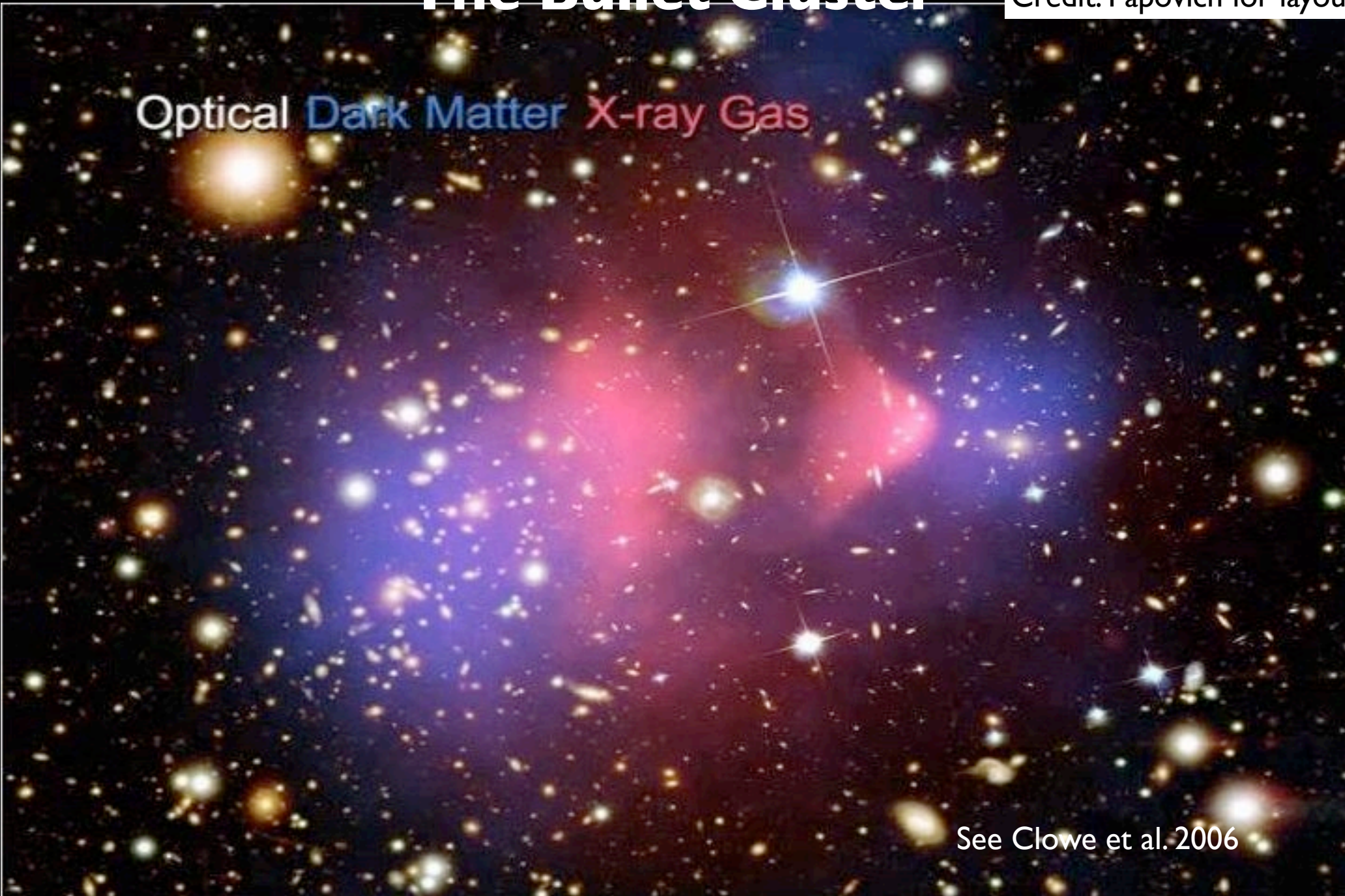
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What is  $\Omega_{\Lambda}$ ? (energy density of radiations relative to critical)

0.69      Measurable from luminosity distances to SNe



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Ingredients  
(per Universe)

DE: 73%

CDM: 23%

H: 3%

He: 1%

neutrinos: 0.3%

Note: slightly different than Planck constraints

Importantly, what do the different densities add up to equal?

$$\Omega_m + \Omega_r + \Omega_\Lambda = 1.000 \pm 0.005$$

What does this imply regarding  $\Omega_k$  ?

$$\Omega_m + \Omega_r + \Omega_\Lambda + \Omega_k = 1 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \Omega_k = 1 - \Omega_m - \Omega_r - \Omega_\Lambda$$

$$|\Omega_k| < 0.005$$

Why might this be unexpected?! (and therefore it is important!)

The relation between the Hubble and density parameters can be seen by writing the Friedmann equation as follows:

$$H(t)^2 = (8\pi G/3c^2)\epsilon(t) - \kappa c^2/(R_0^2 a^2(t))$$

Dividing by  $H^2(t)$  and realizing that  $(8\pi G/3H^2(t))(\epsilon(t)/c^2) = \Omega(t)$

$$1 - \Omega(t) = -\kappa c^2/(R_0^2 a^2(t)H^2(t))$$

Manipulating this expression, one can show

$$1 - \Omega(t) = H_0 (1 - \Omega_0)/(H(t)a(t))^2$$

How does this expression vary with  $a$  or  $t$  at early times?

$$1 - \Omega(t) = H_0 (1 - \Omega_0)a^2/(\Omega_{r,0} - a\Omega_{m,0})$$

during radiation domination  $|1 - \Omega(t)| \propto a^2 \propto t$

during matter domination  $|1 - \Omega(t)| \propto a \propto t^{2/3}$

deviation grows with time

if  $|1 - \Omega| \sim 0.005$  now, then  $|1 - \Omega| \sim 10^{-62}$

as this suggests fine tuning, this is the flatness problem