

# Relativity, astronomy and the universe

*The first 100 years*

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# Overview



*Einstein in Berlin (1916)*

## # Introduction to relativity

*The special theory of relativity*

*The general theory of relativity*

## # Three astronomical tests

*The perihelion of Mercury; the bending of starlight*

*The gravitational redshift*

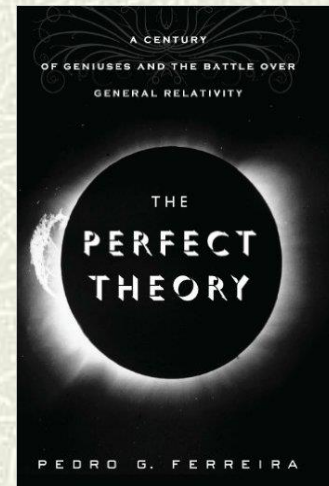
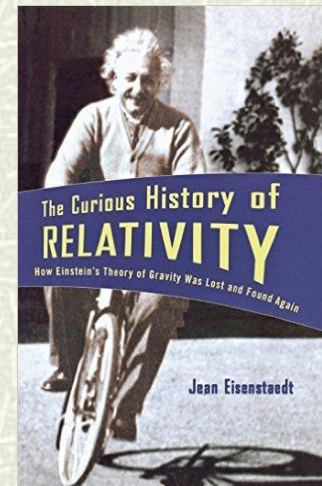
## # Relativity and the universe

*A static or a dynamic universe?*

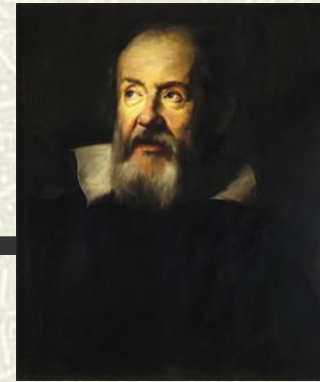
*Hubble's law and the big bang*

## # The renaissance of relativity

*Astronomy and the universe (1960 - )*



# Relativity



Galileo (1564-1642)

## # The principle of relativity

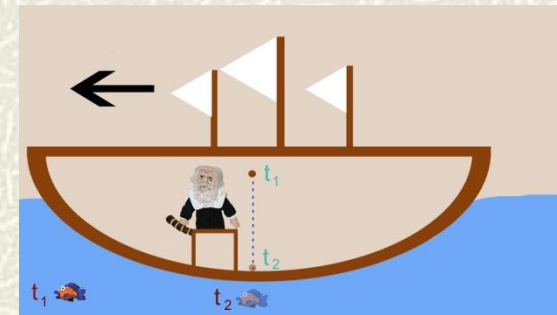
*Relativity of motion*

*Buridan, Oresme, Bruno, Copernicus*

## # Galileo's galleon (1632)

*Motion of objects in closed cabin of ship*

*Impossible to detect motion of ship by experiments in cabin*

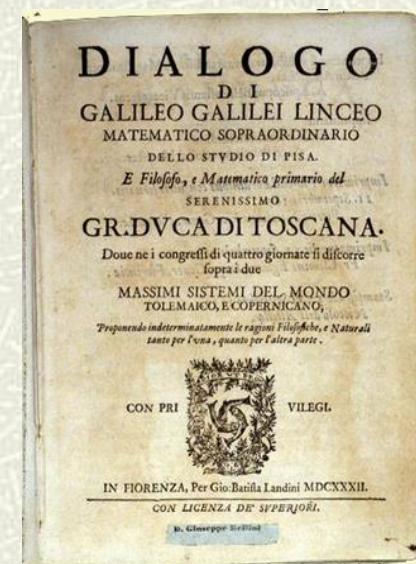


## # Implications for cosmology

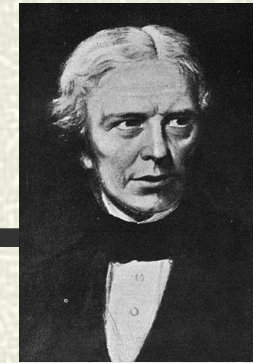
*Motion of earth undetectable to passengers*

## # Implications for mechanics

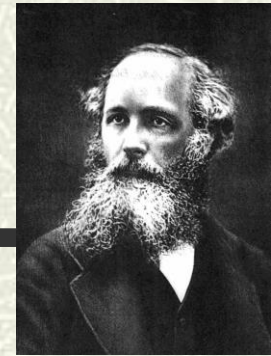
*Anticipates Newton's law of inertia*



# Relativity in the 19<sup>th</sup> century



Michael Faraday



JC Maxwell

## # Electromagnetism

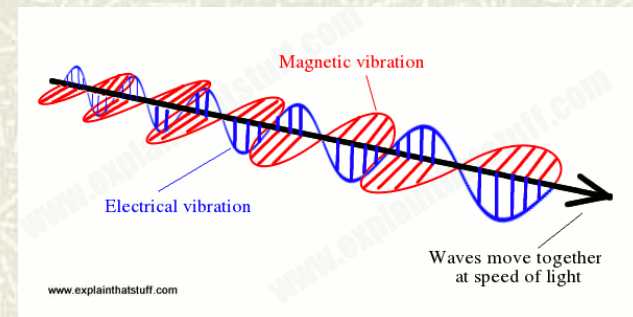
*Electricity and magnetism = electromagnetism*

*Speed of electromagnetic wave = speed of light in vac*

## # Light = an electromagnetic wave

*Changing electric and magnetic fields*

*The electromagnetic spectrum*

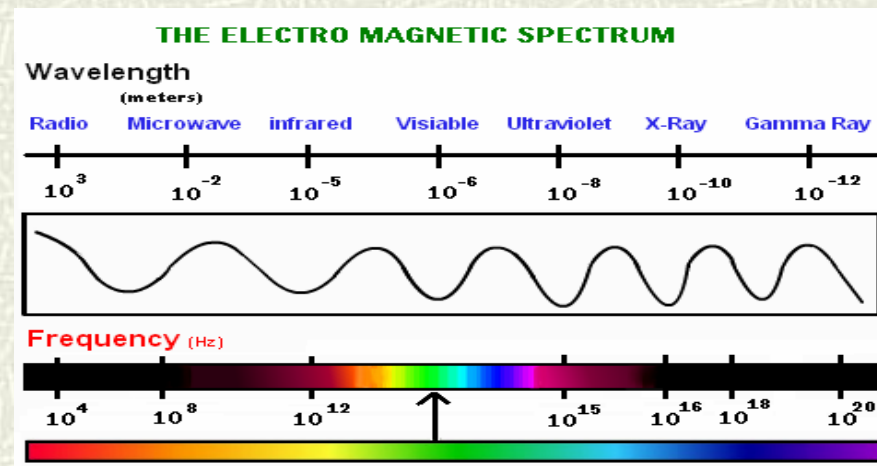


## # Speed relative to what?

*The concept of the ether*

## # The search for the ether

*Michelson-Morley experiment*



# The special theory of relativity (1905)



## Two principles

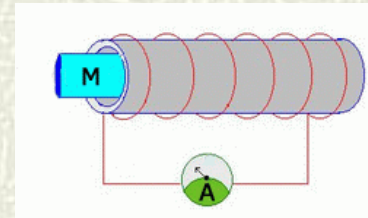
*Laws of all physics identical for observers in relative uniform motion*

*Speed of light in vacuum identical for observers in relative uniform motion*

## Implications

*Intervals in distance and time not universal*

*Experienced differently by bodies in relative uniform motion*



## Predictions (high-speed bodies)

*Length contraction : time dilation*

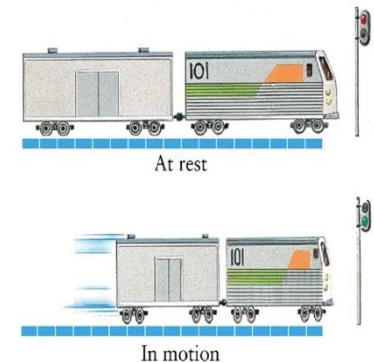
*Mass increase; mass-energy equivalence*

## Minkowski space-time (1908)

*Space-time invariant for observers in relative uniform motion*

$$ds^2 = dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2 - c^2 dt^2$$

Special Relativity: Length Contraction



# The general theory of relativity (1916)

## ✦ **Extending the special theory (1907-)**

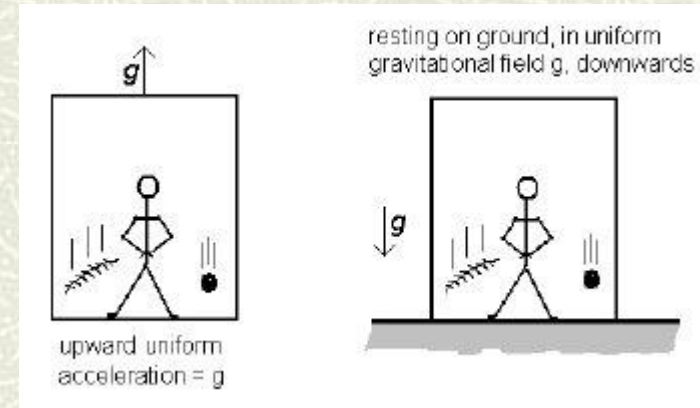
*Relativity and accelerated motion?*

*Relativity and gravity?*

## ✦ **The principle of equivalence**

*Equivalence of gravity and acceleration*

*Extension of Galileo's principle*



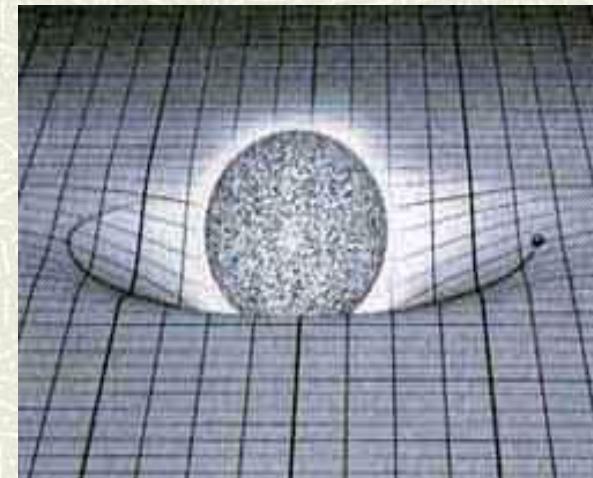
## ✦ **The principle of Mach**

*Inertial mass defined relative to matter*

## ✦ **A long road (1907-1915)**

*Space-time determined by matter*

*Gravity = curvature of space-time*



# The field equations of GR (1915)



$$G_{\mu\nu} = - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu}$$

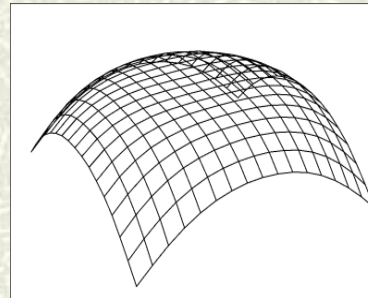


*10 non-linear differential equations that relate the geometry of space-time to the density and flow of mass-energy*

SR  $ds^2 = dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2 - c^2 dt^2$

$$ds^2 = \sum_{\mu, \nu=1}^4 n_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu$$

$$n_{\mu\nu} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$



GR  $ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu$

$$ds^2 = \sum_{\mu, \nu=1}^4 g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu$$

*$g_{\mu\nu}$  : variables determined by matter*

# Three astronomical tests (Einstein, 1916)

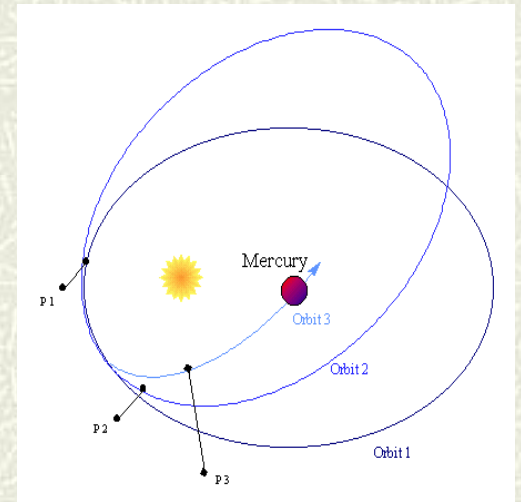
## ⌘ Different in principle from Newton's gravity

*Small deviations in practice (weak scale)*

## ⌘ The perihelion of Mercury

*Well-known anomaly in Mercury's orbit (43" per century)*

*Postdicted by GR (1916)*



## ⌘ The bending of starlight by the sun (1.7")

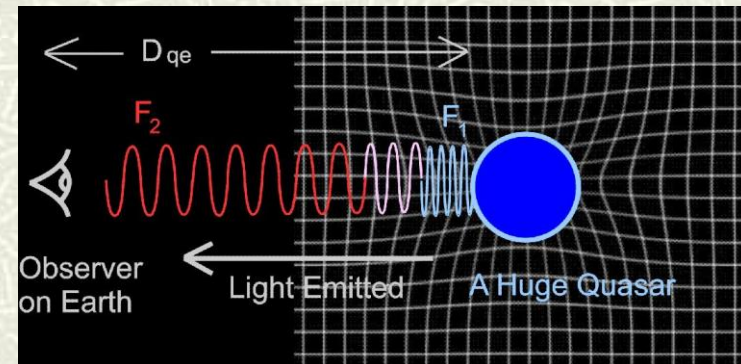
*Eclipse expeditions of Eddington and Dyson (1919)*

*Successful measurement (large error margin)*

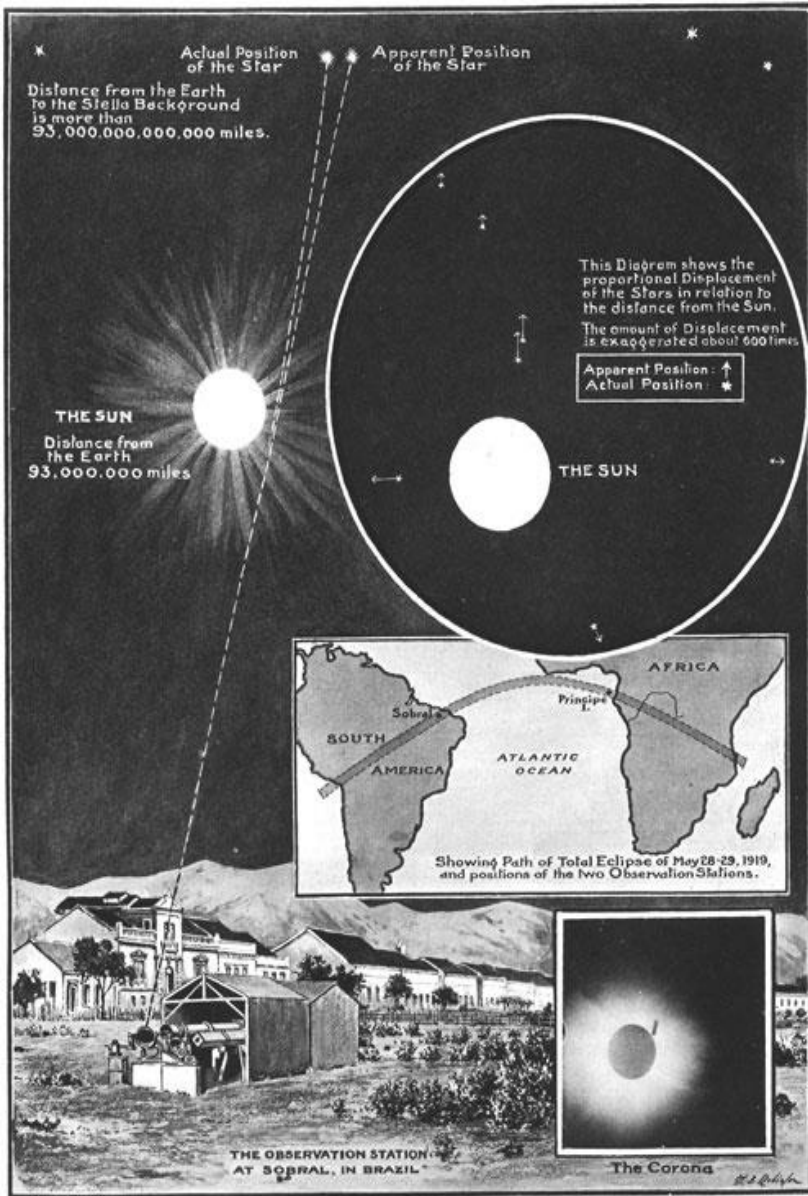
## ⌘ Gravitational redshift

*Time dilation in strong gravitational field*

*Light from a star redshifted by stellar mass?*







## Eclipse Results (1919)

**Sobral:** 1.98" +/- 0.16

**Principe:** 1.7" +/- 0.4

## Einstein famous (1919)

### LIGHTS ALL ASKEW IN THE HEAVENS

Men of Science More or Less  
Agog Over Results of Eclipse  
Observations.

### EINSTEIN THEORY TRIUMPHS

Stars Not Where They Seemed  
or Were Calculated to be,  
but Nobody Need Worry.

### A BOOK FOR 12 WISE MEN

No More in All the World Could  
Comprehend It, Said Einstein When  
His Daring Publishers Accepted It.

## Asymmetric controversy (Collins and Pinch 1970s)

*Claim of bias; rebutted by astronomers (RAS)*

# Einstein's reaction to eclipse result

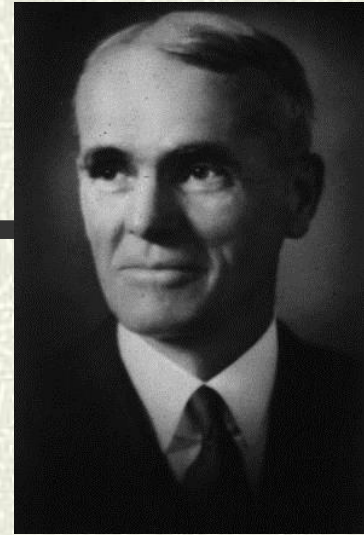
*Albert Einstein, The Times (Nov 28<sup>th</sup> 1919)*

The new theory of gravitation diverges considerably, as regards principles, from Newton's theory. But its practical results agree so nearly with those of Newton's theory that it is difficult to find criteria for distinguishing them which are accessible to experience. Such have been discovered so far:

1. In the revolution of the ellipses of the planetary orbits round the sun (confirmed in the case of Mercury).
2. In the curving of light rays by the action of gravitational fields (confirmed by the English photographs of eclipses).
3. In a displacement of the spectral lines toward the red end of the spectrum in the case of light transmitted to us from stars of considerable magnitude (unconfirmed so far).\*

Let no one suppose, however, that the mighty work of Newton can really be superseded by this or any other theory. His great and lucid ideas will retain their unique significance for all time as the foundation of our whole modern conceptual structure in the sphere of natural philosophy.

# Gravitational redshift



Walter Adams (1876–1956)

## # Sirius B

*Walter Adams 1925: redshift of spectrum*  
*False result; contamination by Sirius A*

## # Harvard Tower experiment

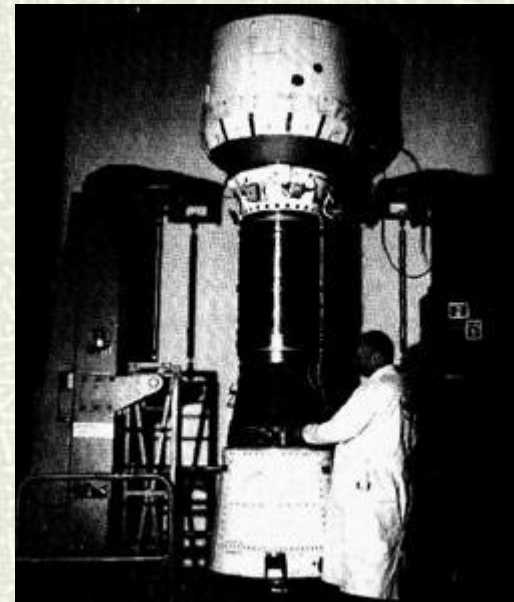
*Pound, Rebka and Snyder (1952)*  
*Redshift of gamma rays (Mössbauer effect)*

## # Gravity probe A

*NASA (1976): maser clock 10,000 km above earth*  
*Changes in clock's rate in agreement with GR*

## # GPS

*Clocks in GPS satellites adjusted for weak gravitational field*



# Relativity and the universe

## # Einstein: apply GR to the Universe (1917)

*Ultimate test for new theory of gravitation*

## # Assumptions

*Uniform, static distribution of matter*

*Mach's principle: metric tensor to vanish at infinity*

## # Boundary problem!

*Assume cosmos of closed curvature*

*Snag...no consistent solution from GFE*

## # New term needed in field equations!

*Cosmic constant – allowed by theory*

*Anti-gravity effect?*

*Radius and density defined by  $\lambda$*

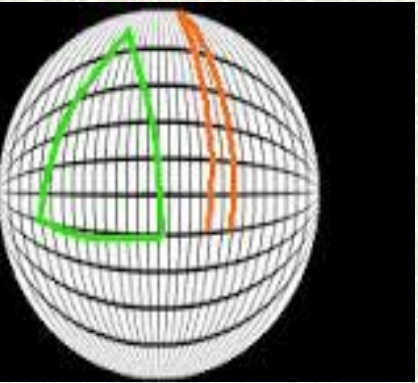
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**Cosmological Considerations in the General Theory of Relativity**  
 This translation by W. Perrett and G. B. Jeffery is reprinted from H. A. Lorentz et al., *The Principle of Relativity* (Dover, 1952), pp. 175–188.

It is well known that Poisson's equation  

$$\nabla^2\phi = 4\pi K\rho \quad (1)$$
 in combination with the equations of motion of a material point is not as yet a perfect substitute for Newton's theory of action at a distance. There is still to be taken into account the condition that at spatial infinity the potential  $\phi$  tends

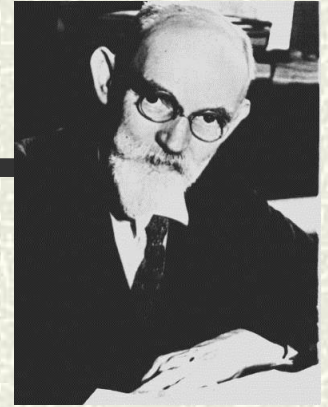
$$G_{\mu\nu} = -\kappa T_{\mu\nu}$$

$$G_{\mu\nu} + \lambda g_{\mu\nu} = -\kappa T_{\mu\nu}$$



$$\lambda = \frac{\kappa\rho}{2} = \frac{1}{R^2}$$

# De Sitter's universe



## # Alternative cosmic solution for the GFE

*A universe empty of matter (1917)*

## # Solution B

*Cosmic constant proportional to curvature of space*

$$\lambda = 3/R$$

## # Disliked by Einstein

*Conflict with Mach's principle*

*Problems with singularities? (1918)*

## # The de Sitter confusion

*Static or non-static - a matter of co-ordinates?*

*Weyl, Lanczos, Klein, Lemaître*

[p. 270] 5. "Critical Comment on a Solution of the Gravitational Field Equations Given by Mr. De Sitter"

[Einstein 1918c]

SUBMITTED 7 March 1918

PUBLISHED 21 March 1918

IN: *Königlich Preussische Akademie der Wissenschaften (Berlin). Sitzungsberichte* (1918): 270–272.

[1] Herr De Sitter, to whom we owe deeply probing investigations into the field of the general theory of relativity, has recently given a solution for the equations of gravitation<sup>1</sup> which, in his opinion, could possibly represent the metric structure of the universe. However, it appears to me that one can raise a grave argument against the admissibility of this solution, which shall be presented in the following.

The De Sitter solution of the field equations

$$G_{\mu\nu} - \lambda g_{\mu\nu} = -\kappa T_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}\kappa T \quad (1)$$

is

*Prediction of redshifts – astronomical interest*

# The dynamic universe (theory)



Alexander Friedman  
(1888 -1925)

## # Alexander Friedman (1922)

*Allow time-varying solutions for the cosmos*

*Two differential equations for R*

$$\frac{3R'^2}{R^2} + \frac{3c^2}{R^2} - \lambda = \kappa c^2 \rho,$$

$$\frac{R'^2}{R^2} + \frac{2RR''}{R^2} + \frac{c^2}{R^2} - \lambda = 0.$$

## # Evolving universe

*Time-varying radius and density of matter*

*Considered 'suspicious' by Einstein*

$$\frac{1}{c^2} \left( \frac{dR}{dt} \right)^2 = \frac{A - R + \frac{\lambda}{3c^2} R^3}{R}$$

Georges Lemaître  
(1894-1966)

## # Georges Lemaître (1927)

*Theoretical universe of time-varying radius*

*Expanding universe in agreement with emerging astronomical data*

*Also rejected by Einstein*



*“Vôtre physique est abominable”*

# Astronomy and the universe



*Edwin Hubble (1889-1953)*

## # Hubble's law (1929)

*A redshift/distance relation for the galaxies*

*Linear relation:  $h = 500 \text{ kms}^{-1}\text{Mpc}^{-1}$*

## # Evidence of cosmic expansion?

*RAS meeting (1930): Eddington, de Sitter*

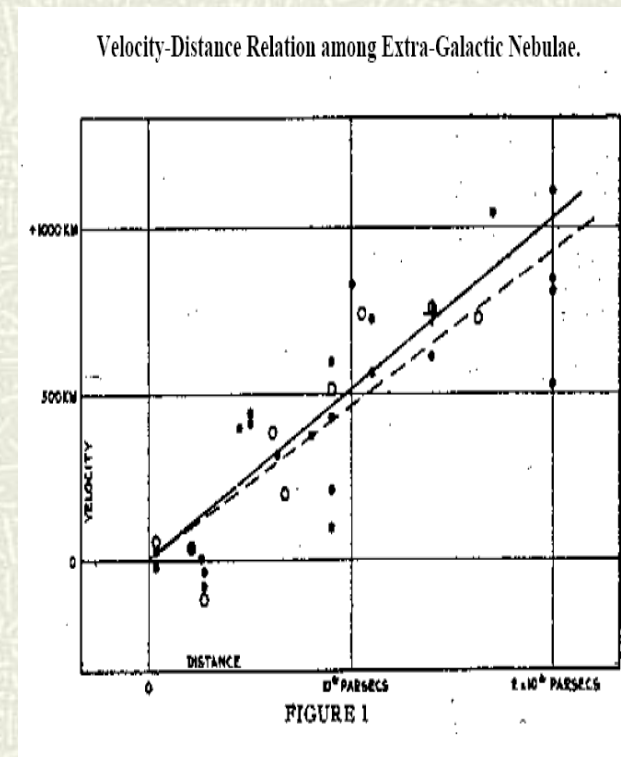
## # Friedman-Lemaître models circulated

*Time-varying radius and density of matter*

## # Einstein apprised

*Sojourn at Cambridge (June 1930)*

*Sojourn at Caltech (Spring 1931)*



# The expanding universe (1930 -)

- **Eddington (1930, 31)**

*On the instability of the Einstein universe  
Expansion caused by condensation?*

- **Tolman (1930, 31)**

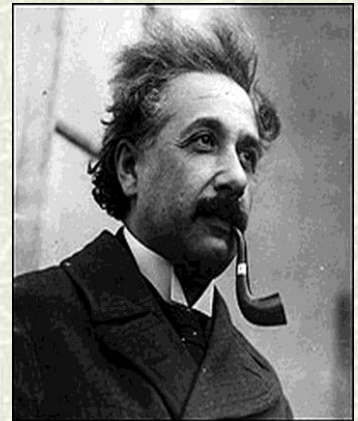
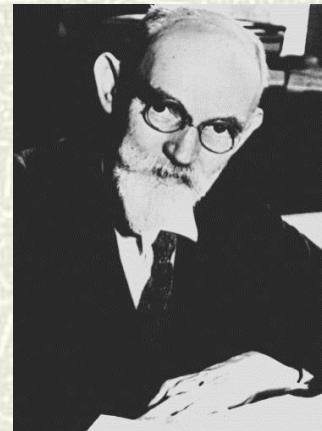
*On the behaviour of non-static models  
Expansion caused by annihilation of matter ?*

- **de Sitter (1930, 31)**

*Further remarks on the expanding universe  
Expanding universes of every flavour*

- **Einstein (1931, 32)**

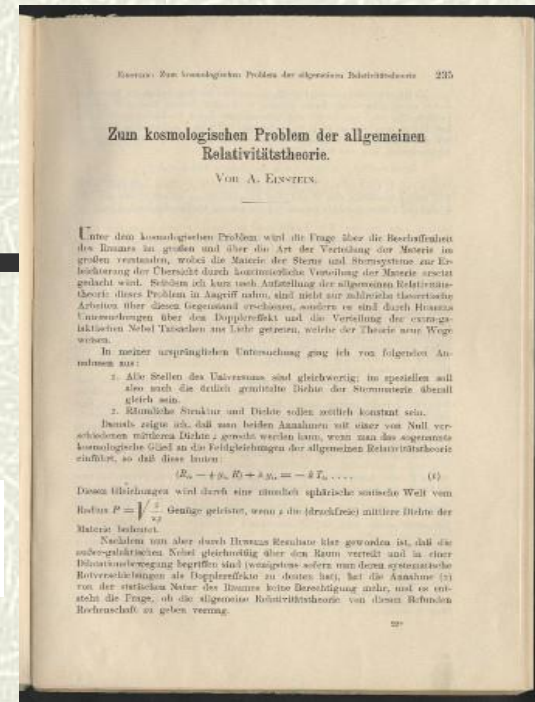
*Friedman-Einstein model  $k = 1, \lambda = 0$   
Einstein-de Sitter model  $k = 0, \lambda = 0$*



*Expanding models  
No mention of origins*



# Einstein's 1931 model (F-E)



## ✚ Einstein's first expanding model

*Rarely cited (not translated)*

$$\frac{3P'^2}{P^2} + \frac{3c^2}{P^2} - \lambda = \kappa c^2 \rho.$$

## ✚ Adopts Friedman 1922 model

*Instability of static solution*

*Hubble's observations*

$$\frac{P'^2}{P^2} + \frac{2P''}{P} + \frac{c^2}{P^2} - \lambda = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{dP}{dt}\right)^2 = c^2 \frac{P_0 - P}{P}$$

## ✚ Sets cosmic constant to zero

*Redundant*

$$D^2 = \frac{1}{P^2} \frac{P_0 - P}{P}$$

$$P \sim \frac{1}{D}$$

## ✚ Extraction of cosmic parameters

$$P \sim 10^8 \text{ lyr} : \rho \sim 10^{-26} \text{ g/cm}^3$$

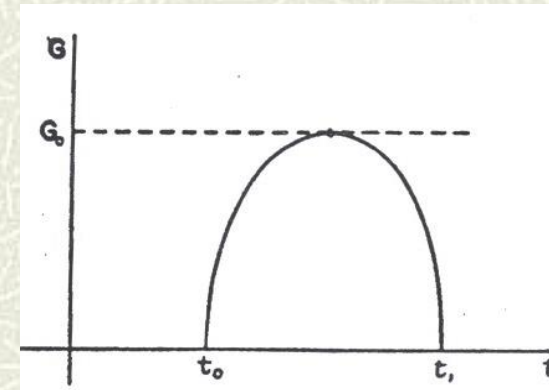
*t ~ 10<sup>10</sup> yr : conflict with astrophysics*

*Attributed to simplifying assumptions (homogeneity)*

$$D^2 = \frac{1}{3} \kappa \rho \frac{P_0 - P}{P}$$

$$D^2 \sim \kappa \rho$$

$$D = \frac{1}{P} \frac{dP}{dt} \cdot \frac{1}{c}$$



# Einstein's 1931 model revisited

## # First translation into English

*O'Raifeartaigh and McCann 2014*

$$D^2 = \frac{1}{P^2} \frac{P_0 - P}{P}$$

## # Not a cyclic model

*"Model fails at  $P = 0$ "*

*Contrary to what is usually stated*

$$P \sim \frac{1}{D}$$

$$D^2 \sim \kappa \rho$$

*Oxford lecture  
(May 1931)*

## # Anomalies in calculations of radius and density

*Einstein:  $P \sim 10^8$  yr,  $\rho \sim 10^{-26}$  g/cm<sup>3</sup>,  $t \sim 10^{10}$  yr*

*We get:  $P \sim 10^9$  yr,  $\rho \sim 10^{-28}$  g/cm<sup>3</sup>,  $t \sim 10^9$  yr*

## # Source of error?

*Oxford blackboard:  $D^2 \sim 10^{-53}$  cm<sup>-2</sup> should be  $10^{-55}$  cm<sup>-2</sup>*

*Time miscalculation  $t \sim 10^{10}$  yr (should be  $10^9$  yr)*

*Non-trivial error: misses conflict with radioactivity*

$$D = \frac{1}{c} \frac{1}{l} \frac{dl}{dt} = \frac{1}{c} \frac{1}{P} \frac{dP}{dt}$$

$$D^2 = \frac{1}{P^2} \frac{P_0 - P}{P} \sim \frac{1}{P^2} \quad (1a)$$

$$D^2 = \frac{\kappa \rho}{3} \frac{P_0 - P}{P} \sim \frac{1}{3} \kappa \rho \quad (2a)$$

$$D^2 \sim 10^{-53}$$

$$\rho \sim 10^{-26}$$

$$P \sim 10^8 \text{ yr}$$

$$t \sim 10^{10} (10^{11})$$

# Einstein-de Sitter model (1932)

## Curvature not a given in dynamic models

*Not observed empirically*

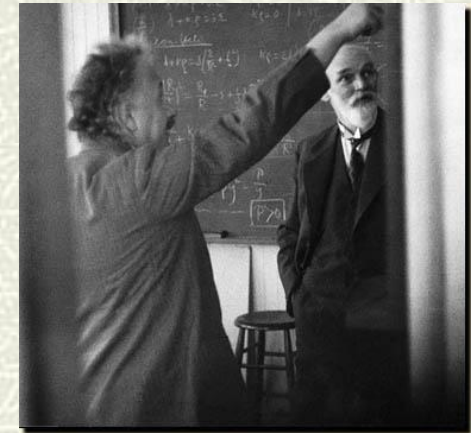
*Remove spatial curvature (Occam's razor)*

$$ds^2 = -R^2(dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2) + c^2dt^2$$

$$\frac{3R'^2}{R^2} + \frac{3c^2}{R^2} - \lambda = \kappa c^2 \rho,$$

$$\frac{1}{R^2} \left( \frac{dR}{cdt} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{3} \kappa \rho.$$

$$h^2 = \frac{1}{3} \kappa \rho$$



## Simplest Friedman model

*Time-varying universe with  $\lambda = 0$ ,  $k = 0$*

*Important hypothetical case: critical universe*

*Critical density :  $\rho = 10^{-28} \text{ g/cm}^3$*

## Becomes standard model

*Despite high density of matter*

*Despite age problem*

*Time evolution not considered in paper – see title*

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ON THE RELATION BETWEEN THE EXPANSION AND THE  
MEAN DENSITY OF THE UNIVERSE

BY A. EINSTEIN AND W. DE SITTER

Communicated by the Mount Wilson Observatory, January 25, 1932

In a recent note in the *Göttinger Nachrichten*, Dr. O. Heckmann has pointed out that the non-static solutions of the field equations of the general theory of relativity with constant density do not necessarily imply a positive curvature of three-dimensional space, but that this curvature may also be negative or zero.

# Einstein-de Sitter model revisited

Über das sogenannte kosmologische Problem.

Wenn wir Raum und Zeit von relativistischer Physik absolut nehmen, so hat das folgende Bedeutung. Erstens hat der Raum und Zeit ein bestimmtes, ohne die Bedeutung von einer Realität von dem die Masse. Die Koordinaten hängen auf das gewählte Bezugssystem ab. Zweitens nimmt die Bedeutung der Geometrie und Kosmologie Bedeutung deshalb Relationen zwischen Messungen, welche die Bedeutung von physikalischen Behauptungen haben, die nicht oder falsch sein können. Das kosmologische Problem ist eine Realität und seine Lösung in der Tragheitsgesetz eingetragene ist das physikalische Problem, was mit dem Raum & Zeit bezeichnet wird, in einem Geozentrischen unabhängig von dem Verhalten des übrigen physikalischen Raums, d. h. der Unabhängigkeit von der Körper. Im Hinblick die Beziehungen zwischen Messungen, die alles nur die Messung der Masse und Masse zu gewinnen sind, ist nachfolgend über die von der Lösung und Lösung des Körpers unabhängig, ebenso das kosmologische Problem. In Physik Raum ist gewissermaßen physikalisch zu verstehen aber nicht physikalisch beschreibbar.

## ■ Einstein's cosmology review of 1933

*Review of dynamic models from first principles*

*Cosmic constant banished*

*Curved or flat geometry*

$$2A \frac{d^2A}{dt^2} + \left(\frac{dA}{dt}\right)^2 = 0$$

$$3 \left(\frac{dA}{A}\right)^2 = \kappa \rho c^2.$$

## ■ Parameters extracted

*Critical density of  $10^{-28} \text{ g/cm}^3$  : reasonable*

*Timespan of  $10^{10}$  years: conflict with astrophysics*

*Attributed to simplifications (incorrect estimate)*

$$3h^2 = \kappa \rho c^2 (= 8\pi K \rho)$$



## ■ Published in 1933!

*French book; small print run*

*Intended for scientific journal; not submitted*

*Significant paper*

$$A = c(t - t_0)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$t - t_0 = \frac{2}{3h}$$

SUR LA STRUCTURE COSMOLOGIQUE DE L'ESPACE <sup>(1)</sup>

Si nous appelons l'espace et le temps de la physique prérelativiste « absolus », il faut y voir la signification suivante. Tout d'abord l'espace et le temps et, par suite, le système de référence, y figurent dans le même sens comme réalité que, par exemple, la masse. Les coordonnées du système de référence choisis et correspondent immédiatement à des résultats de mesure (2). Les propositions de géométrie et de cinématique signifient pour cette raison des relations entre des mesures ayant la valeur d'affirmations physiques, qui peuvent être vraies ou fausses. Le système d'inertie possède une réalité physique, parce que son choix entre dans la loi d'inertie. En second lieu, cette réalité physique, qui est désignée par les termes espace + temps, est, quant à ses lois, indépendante du comportement des autres réalités physiques, par exemple, des corps.

# Cosmic prediction: the big bang



- # **Lemaître 1931**: expanding  $U$  smaller in the past
- # Extrapolate to very early epochs
- # Extremely dense, extremely hot
- # Expanding and cooling ever since
- # 'Fireworks beginning' at  $R = 0$ ?

*Fr Georges Lemaître*

Velocity-Distance Relation among Extra-Galactic Nebulae.

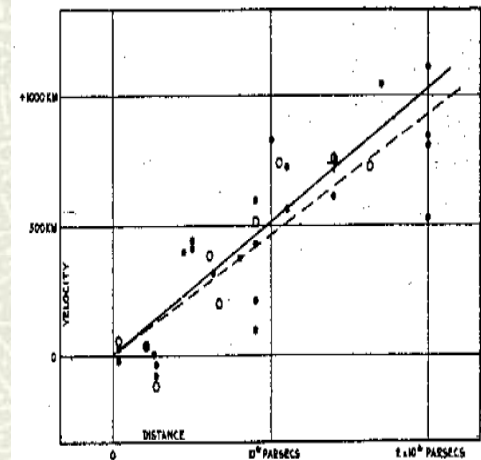


FIGURE 1

**Not endorsed by community (1930-60)**

*Simplified models: timescale problem*

Later called **'The big bang'**

# A new line of evidence

## # Gamow and nuclear physics (1940s)

*Student of Friedman*

## # How were the chemical elements formed?

*Problems with stellar nucleosynthesis*

## # Elements formed in the infant hot universe?

*Theory predicts  $U = 75\%$  Hydrogen,  $25\%$  Helium*

## # Agreement with observation

*Support for big bang model?*



*Georges Gamow*



*Heavier atoms formed in stars*

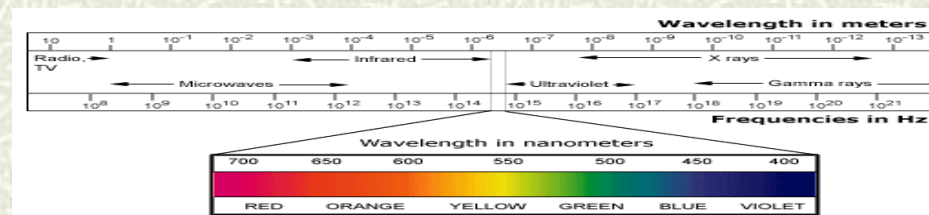
# Bonus: a curious prediction

- # **Infant universe very hot**
- # **Dominated by radiation**
- # **Radiation still observable today?**  
*Low temp, microwave frequency*
- # **A fossil from the early universe!**  
*Released when atoms formed (300,000 yr)*

*No-one looked*



*Alpher, Gamow and Herman*



# The steady-state universe (1948)

## # Expanding but unchanging universe

*Time independent*

*No extrapolation to early epochs necessary*

*No beginning, no timescale paradox*



*Hoyle, Bondi, Gold (1948)*

## # Requires continuous creation of matter

*Very little matter required*

## # Replace $\lambda$ with creation term (Hoyle)

$$G_{\mu\nu} + C_{\mu\nu} = -k T_{\mu\nu}$$

## # Other steady-state models

*Arrhenius, Thomson and Einstein*



*Hoyle and Narlikar (1962)*



# Bonus: Einstein's steady-state model

## Unpublished manuscript

Archived as draft of Friedman-Einstein model

Similar title, opening

## Something different

Cosmological constant  $\lambda$

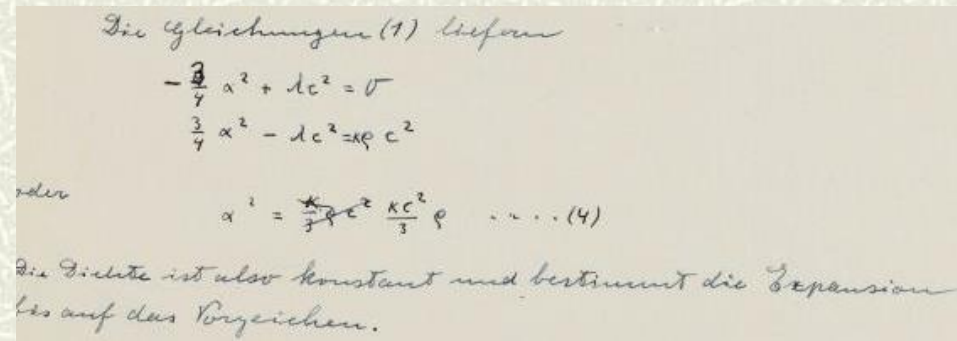
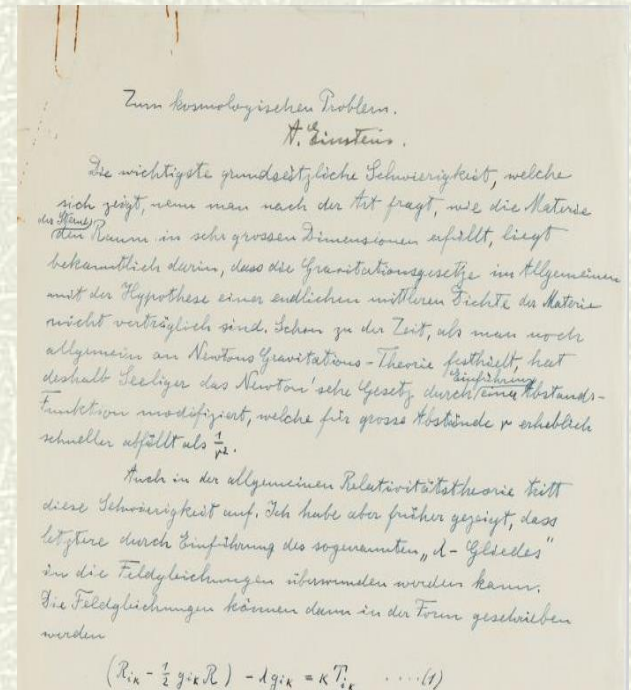
"The density is constant and determines the expansion"

## Steady-state model

Continuous formation of matter from vacuum

Anticipates Hoyle's model

Fatal flaw: abandoned



# Steady-state vs big bang (1950-70)

## # Nucleosynthesis of light elements

*Alpher, Hermann and Gamow (1948)*

## # Optical astronomy (1950s)

*Revised distances to the nebulae (Baade, Sandage)*

*Timescale problem resolved*

## # Radio-astronomy (1960s)

*Galaxy distributions at different epochs*

*Cambridge 3C Survey (Ryle)*

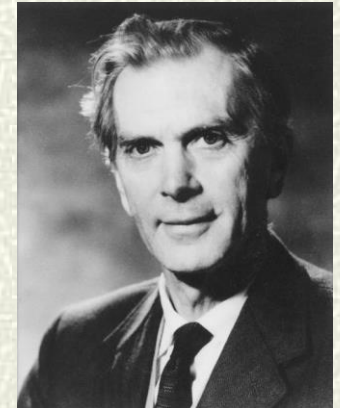
## # Cosmic microwave background (1965)

*Microwave frequencies*

*Remnant of young, hot universe*



*Allen Sandage*

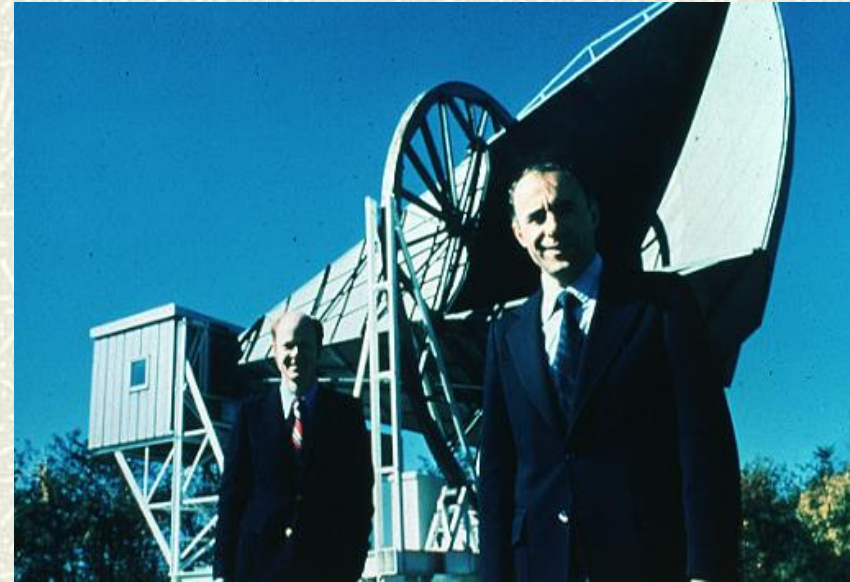


*Martin Ryle*

# Cosmic background radiation (1965)

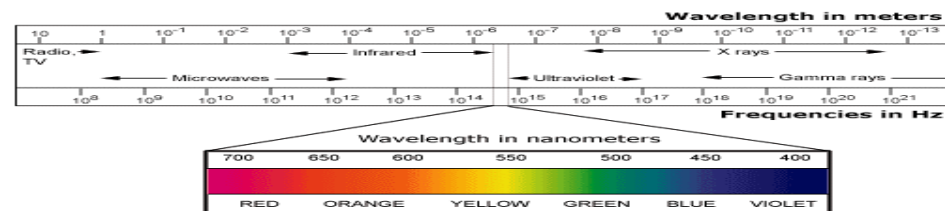
## *CMB discovered accidentally*

- # Ubiquitous signal
- # Low frequency (microwave)
- # Low temperature (3K)



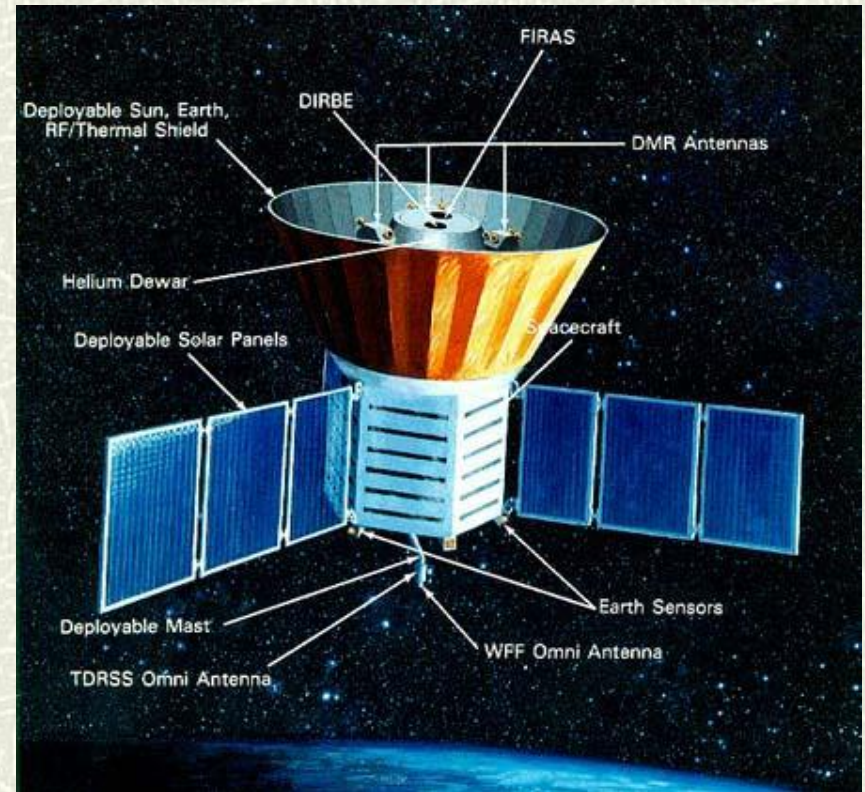
*Penzias and Wilson (1965)*

*Echo of Big Bang!*



# Modern measurements of the CMB

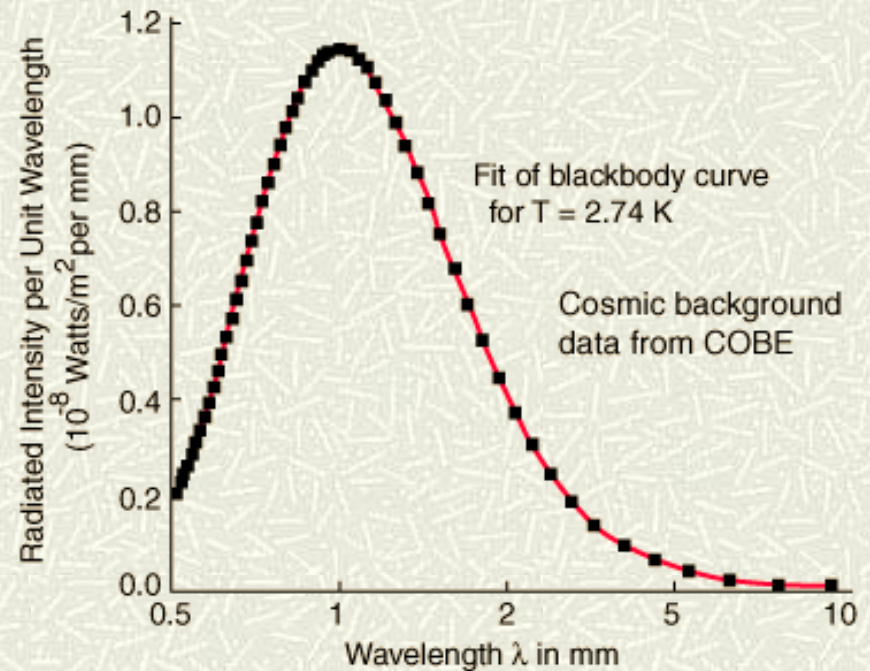
- Details of background radiation
  - Full spectrum
  - Comparison with theory
  - Perturbations?
- 
- *Ground telescopes*
  - *Balloon experiments*
  - *Satellite experiments*



*COBE satellite (1992)*

# COBE measurements of CMB

- Expected temperature
- Expected frequency
- Perfect blackbody spectrum
  
- *Radiation very uniform*
- *Variation of 1 in  $10^5$*
- *Seeds of galaxies ?*



*Nobel Prize*

COBE (1992)

# Big bang puzzles

## # Characteristics of background radiation

*Homogeneity, flatness, galaxy formation?(1970-80)*

## # The theory of inflation (1981)

*Exponential expansion within first second?*

*Initial conditions?*

*Which model of inflation?*

## # Dark energy (1998)

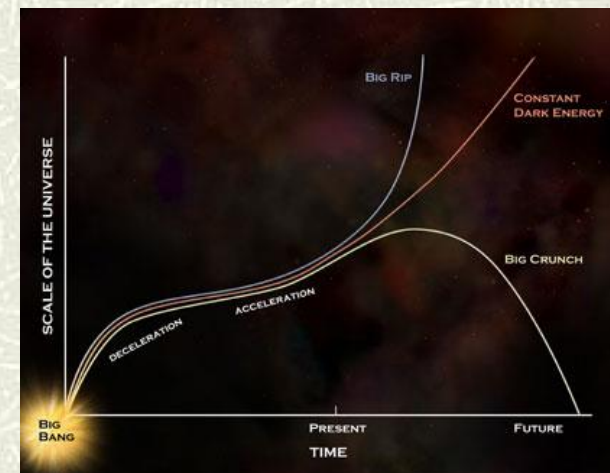
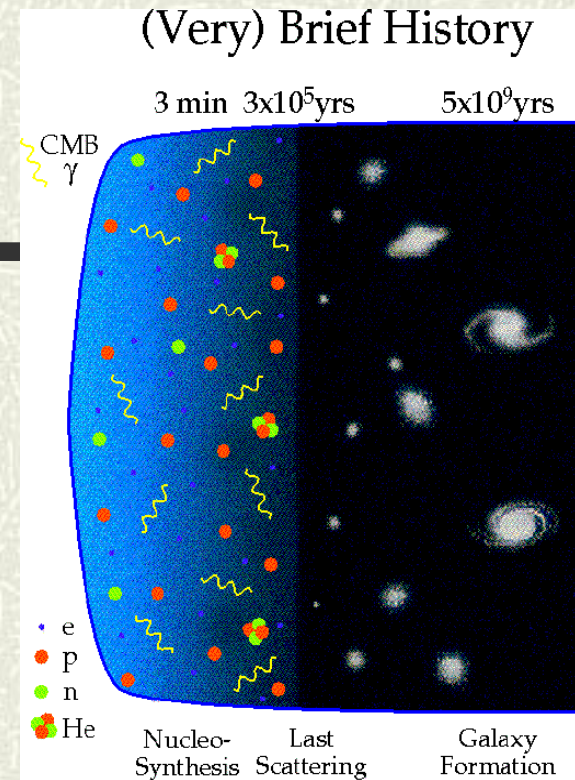
*Observation of accelerated expansion*

*The return of the cosmological constant*

*Problems of interpretation*

$$G_{\mu\nu} + \lambda g_{\mu\nu} = -\kappa T_{\mu\nu}$$

*Nature of DE unknown*



# Relativity, astronomy and the universe: the first 100 years

## # **Published May, 1916**

*A new theory of gravity*

## # **Classic predictions supported by observation**

*Perihelion of Mercury: bending of light by a star*

*Gravitational redshift*

## # **Cosmological predictions supported by observation**

*The expanding universe: the big bang*

*Black holes: gravitational waves*

## # **Relevant today**

*GPS*



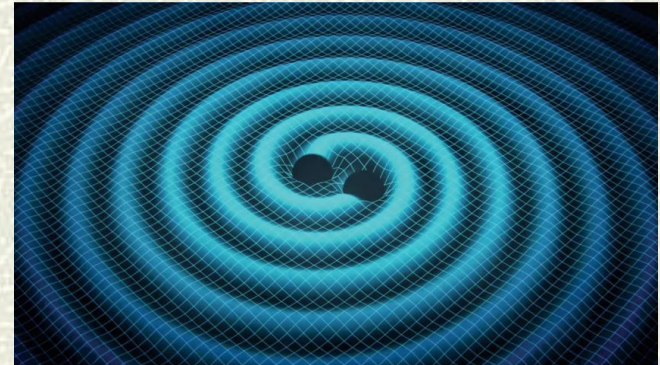
*Skeptical of extrapolations*

# Coda: gravitational waves

## # Einstein (1916, 18)

*Linearized wave-like solutions of GFE*

*Cosmic events cause tiny ripples in space-time?*



## # Einstein and Rosen (1936, 37)

*Cylindrical wave solutions – carry no energy? (1936)*

*Corrected with assistance from HP Robertson (1937)*

## # John Archibald Wheeler (1960s)

*Numerical wave solutions*

## # Weber bars (1960s)

*Reports signal of gravitational waves*

*Not reproduced, not accepted by community*

Joseph Weber





# Gravitational Waves: Observation

## # Binary pulsar PSR1913+16

*Hulse-Taylor (1974)*

*Decrease in orbital period exactly as predicted*

## # Direct measurement?

*Interferometers: 1980-*

*Interferometers with 4 km arms (LIGO, VIRGO)*

## # Advanced LIGO (2015)

*Clear signal (September 2015)*

## # Double whammy!

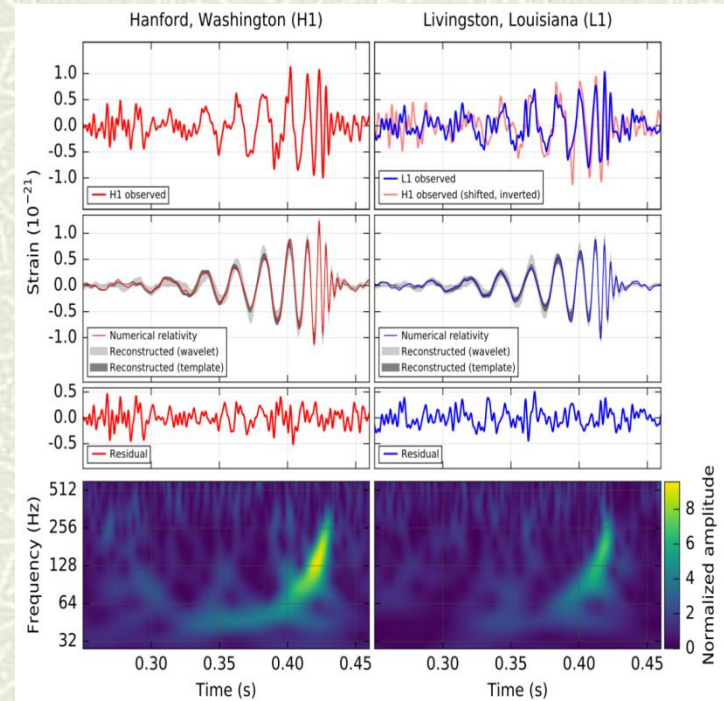
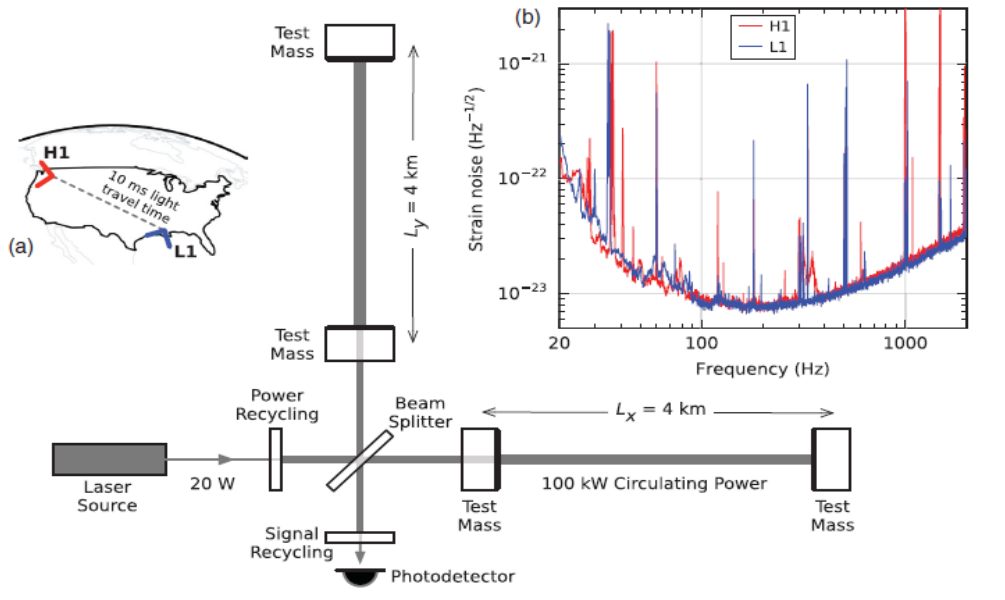
*Exact match with merging BHs*

*$29 M_{\odot}$ ,  $36 M_{\odot}$  ; 1.3 billion LY away*



Hulse-Taylor pulsar





1. Shape of waveform
2. Frequency of orbit

**BBH !**

**Nobel prize 1916?**

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## Observation of Gravitational Waves from a Binary Black Hole Merger

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(LIGO Scientific Collaboration and Virgo Collaboration)  
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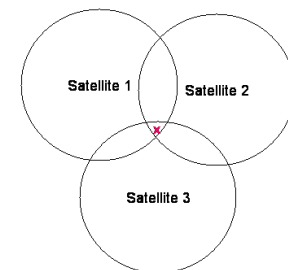
On September 14, 2015 at 09:50:45 UTC the two detectors of the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory simultaneously observed a transient gravitational-wave signal. The signal sweeps upwards in frequency from 35 to 250 Hz with a peak gravitational-wave strain of  $1.0 \times 10^{-21}$ . It matches the waveform predicted by general relativity for the inspiral and merger of a pair of black holes and the ringdown of the resulting single black hole. The signal was observed with a matched-filter signal-to-noise ratio of 24 and a false alarm rate estimated to be less than 1 event per 203 000 years, equivalent to a significance greater than  $5.1\sigma$ . The source lies at a luminosity distance of  $410^{+160}_{-180}$  Mpc corresponding to a redshift  $z = 0.09^{+0.03}_{-0.04}$ . In the source frame, the initial black hole masses are  $36^{+5}_{-4} M_{\odot}$  and  $29^{+4}_{-4} M_{\odot}$ , and the final black hole mass is  $62^{+4}_{-4} M_{\odot}$ , with  $3.0^{+0.5}_{-0.5} M_{\odot} c^2$  radiated in gravitational waves. All uncertainties define 90% credible intervals. These observations demonstrate the existence of binary stellar-mass black hole systems. This is the first direct detection of gravitational waves and the first observation of a binary black hole merger.

# Relativity and GPS

- Signal from satellite  
*compare time received to transmitted  
synchronized clocks*
- Convert time to distance  
*x speed of radiowaves*
- Triangulation using 4 sources  
*accurate to within 5 metres*



A 2-D Calculation Illustration



X Marks the spot because you must be somewhere on the satellite 1 circle, satellite 2 circle and satellite 3 circle, plus or minus 100 meters.

*Assumes constancy of speed of light*

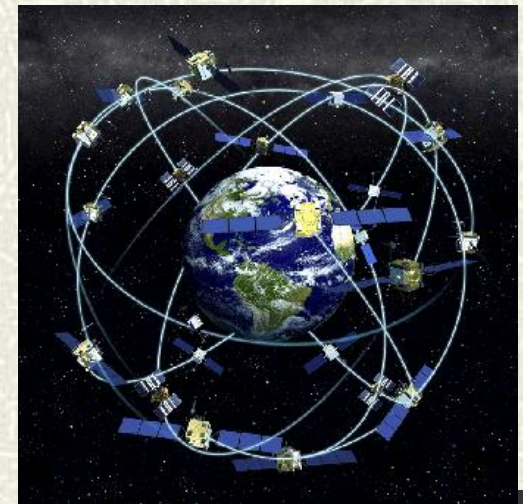
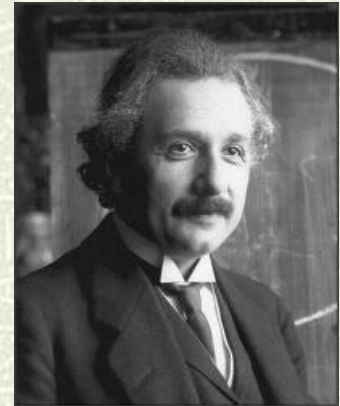
# GPS: a relativistic correction

## *Synchronization of satellite/earth clocks*

- Motion of satellite (SR)  
*Clocks slow by  $7 \mu\text{s/day}$*
- Reduced gravity field (GR)  
*Clocks fast by  $45 \mu\text{s/day}$*

*Satellite clocks fast by  $38 \mu\text{s/day}$*

Successful correction to GPS



# Where next for general relativity?

## # More general theory

*Unified field theory; the forces of nature (Einstein)*

## # Reconcile GR with quantum theory

*Quantum gravity*

## # Some progress

*Black hole thermodynamics*

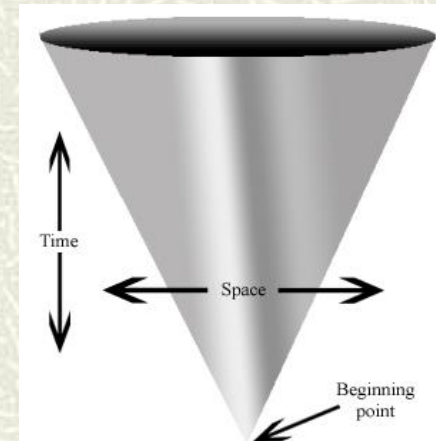
*Hawking-Bekenstein radiation*

## # Quantum cosmology

*The quantum big bang*



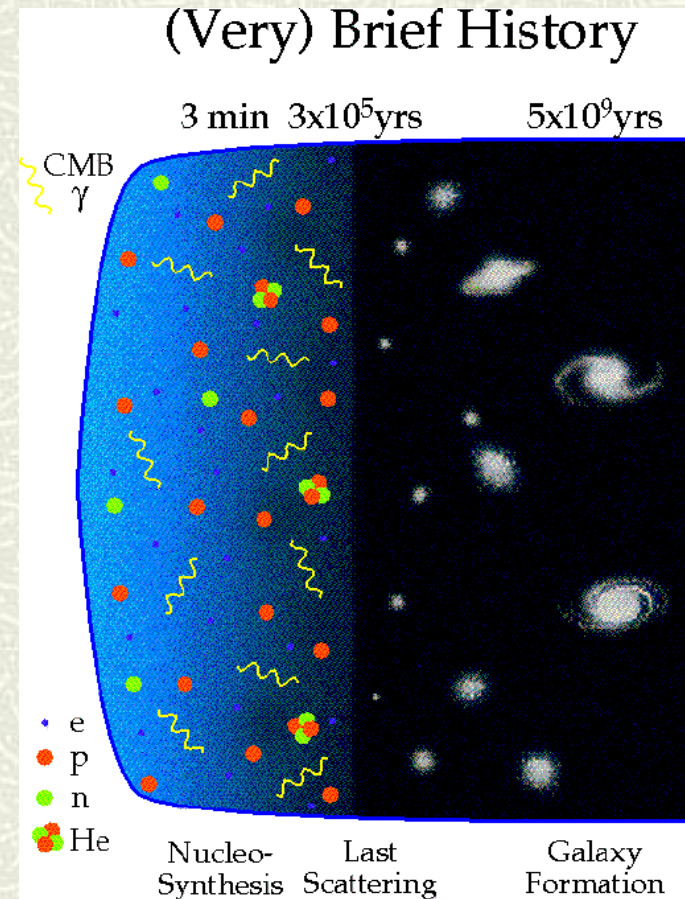
*Stephen Hawking*



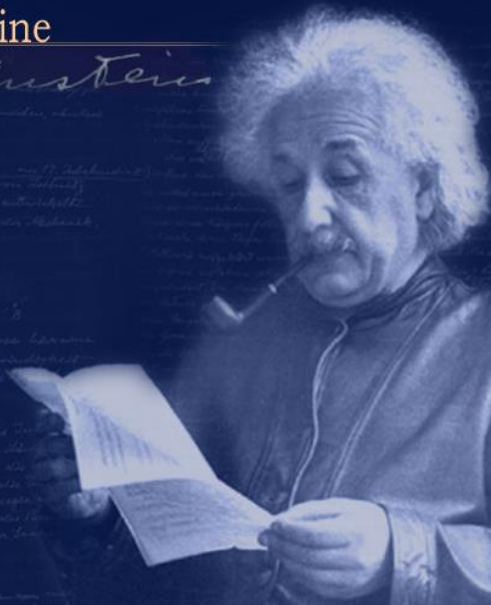
*A universe from nothing?*

# The big bang – evidence

1. The expansion of the  $U$
2. The abundance of  $H$  and  $He$
3. The distribution of the galaxies
4. The cosmic microwave background



*Albert Einstein*



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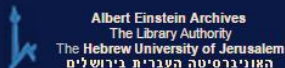
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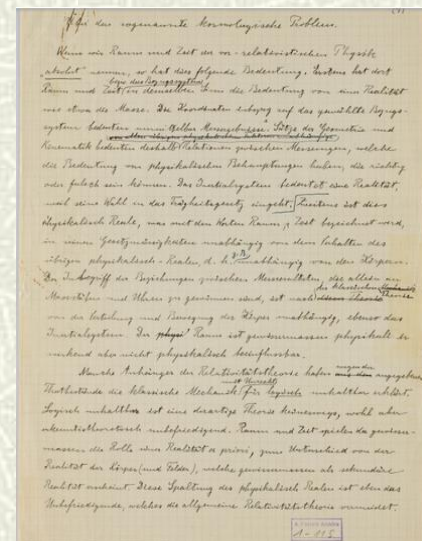
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# Abandoned model

## de Sitter line element

*Correct geometry*

## Simultaneous equations

*Error in derivation*

*Null solution*

## Einstein's crossroads

*Realised problem on revision*

*Declined to amend model*

## Evolving models

*Less contrived and set  $\lambda = 0$*

Im Nachfolgenden will ich auf eine Lösung der Gleichung (1) aufmerktsamer machen, welche Hubble's Thatsache gerecht wird, und in welcher die Dichte zeitlich konstant ist. Diese Lösung ist zwar in dem allgemeinen Schema Tolman's enthalten, scheint aber bisher nicht in Betracht gezogen worden zu sein.

1. Ich setze an

$$ds^2 = -e^{\alpha t} (dx_1^2 + dx_2^2 + dx_3^2) + c^2 dt^2 \dots (3)$$

Die Gleichungen (1) liefern

$$-\frac{3}{4} \alpha^2 + \lambda c^2 = 0$$
$$\frac{3}{4} \alpha^2 - \lambda c^2 = \kappa \rho c^2$$

oder

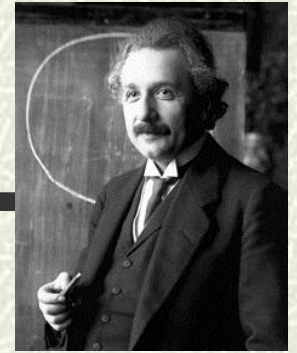
$$\alpha^2 = \frac{\kappa}{3} \rho c^2 \dots (4)$$

Die Dichte ist also konstant und bestimmt die Expansion bis auf das Vorzeichen.

Der Erhaltungssatz bleibt dadurch unvabrt, dass bei Setzung des  $\lambda$ -Gleides der Raum selbst nicht energetisch leer ist; seine Ueltung wird bekanntlich durch die Gleichungen (1) gewährleistet.



# Einstein's cosmology: conclusions



## # Major test for general relativity

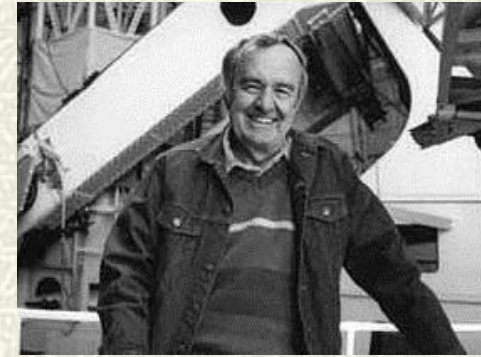
*Conscious of assumptions of homogeneity, isotropy*

## # Embraces dynamic cosmology

*New evidence – new models (JMK)*

*Timespan of expanding models puzzling*

*Steady-state universe?*



Hubble constant revised

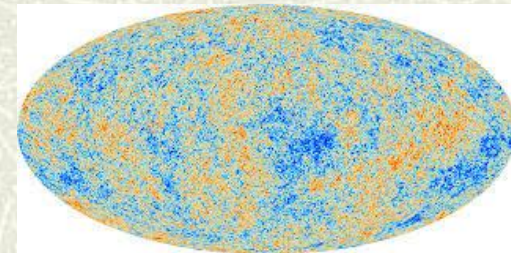
## # Evolving models (less contrived)

*Cosmic constant not necessary*

*Extraction of parameters compatible with observation*

*Closed and open models*

*Timespan problem attributed to simplifying assumptions*



Cosmic microwave background  
Homogeneous, flat universe

***Verdict (1933, 1945): more observational data needed***

***No mention of origins***

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# New Discovery Reveals Einstein Tried To Devise A Steady State Model Of The Universe

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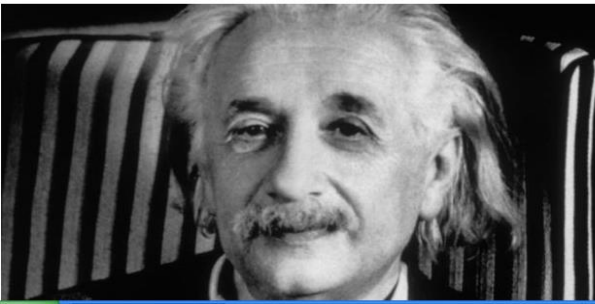
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# Einstein's steady-state model (Jan 31)

## Problem with evolving models

*“De Sitter and Tolman have already shown that there are solutions to equations (1) that can account for these [Hubbel's] observations. However the difficulty arose that the theory unvaryingly led to a beginning in time about  $10^{10}$ – $10^{11}$  years ago, which for various reasons seemed unacceptable.”*

## New solution

*“In what follows, I wish to draw attention to a solution to equation (1) that can account for Hubbel's facts, and in which the density is constant over time..*

*If one considers a physically bounded volume, particles of matter will be continually leaving it. For the density to remain constant, new particles of matter must be continually formed within that volume from space “*

## Mechanism

*“The conservation law is preserved in that, by setting the  $\lambda$ -term, space itself is not empty of energy; its validity is well known to be guaranteed by equations (1).”*

## Some key quotes (Einstein 1931)

“The cosmological problem is understood to concern the question of the nature of space and the manner of the distribution of matter on a large scale, where the material of the stars and stellar systems is assumed for simplicity to be replaced by a continuous distribution of matter.”

“Now that it has become clear from Hubbel’s results that the extra-galactic nebulae are uniformly distributed throughout space and are in dilatory motion (at least if their systematic redshifts are to be interpreted as Doppler effects), assumption (2) concerning the static nature of space has no longer any justification....”

**“Several investigators have attempted to account for the new facts by means of a spherical space whose radius  $P$  is variable over time. The first to try this approach, uninfluenced by observations, was A. Friedman,<sup>1</sup> on whose calculations I base the following remarks. ”**

“However, the greatest difficulty with the whole approach... is that according to (2 a), the elapsed time since  $P = 0$  comes out at only about  $10^{10}$  years. One can seek to escape this difficulty by noting that the inhomogeneity of the distribution of stellar material makes our approximate treatment illusory.”

# A useful find

## # **New perspective on steady-state theory (1950s)**

*Logical idea: not a crank theory*

*Tolman, Schroedinger, Mimura : considered steady-state universe*

## # **Insight into scientific progress**

*Unsuccessful theories important in the development of science*

## # **Links with modern cosmology**

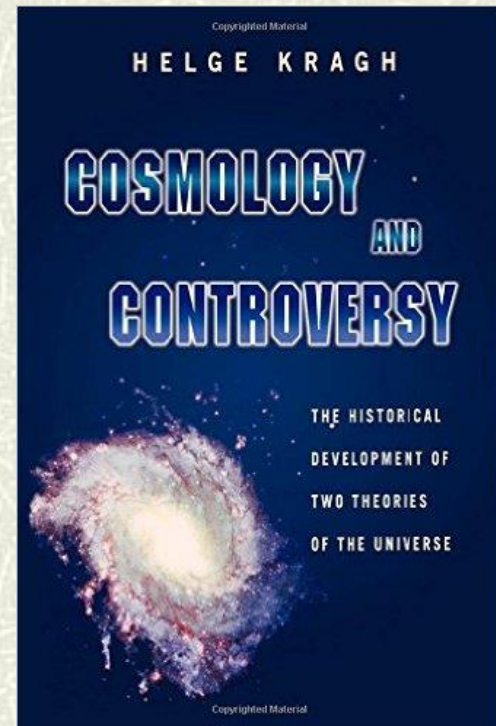
*Creation energy and  $\lambda$ : dark energy*

*de Sitter metric: cosmic inflation*

## # **Insight into Einstein's cosmology**

*Turns to evolving models rather than introduce new term to GFE*

*Pragmatic approach: F-E model*



# Einstein's greatest hits (cosmology)



## # Einstein's model of the Static Universe (1917)

*First relativistic model of the cosmos*

## # Einstein's steady-state model (Jan 31)

*Natural successor to static model: abandoned*

## # Friedman-Einstein model of the Universe (1931)

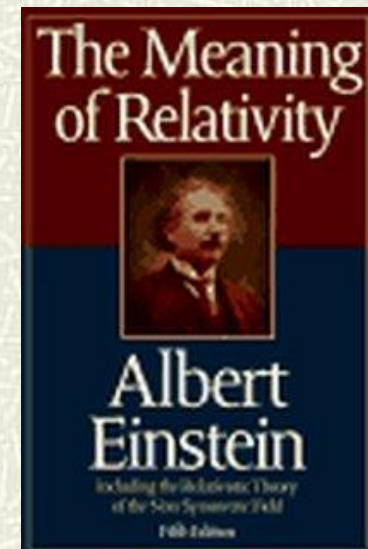
*Use of Hubble constant to extract observational parameters*

## # Einstein-de Sitter model of the Universe (1932)

## # 1933 review: 1945 review (Appendix)

*Conversations with Gamow, Godel, Straus*

*No mention of origins*



# III Astronomy and the Universe

## ‡ The Great Debate (1900-1925)

*Spiral nebulae = galaxies beyond Milky Way?*

## ‡ The Hooker telescope (1917)

*Edwin Hubble (1921)*

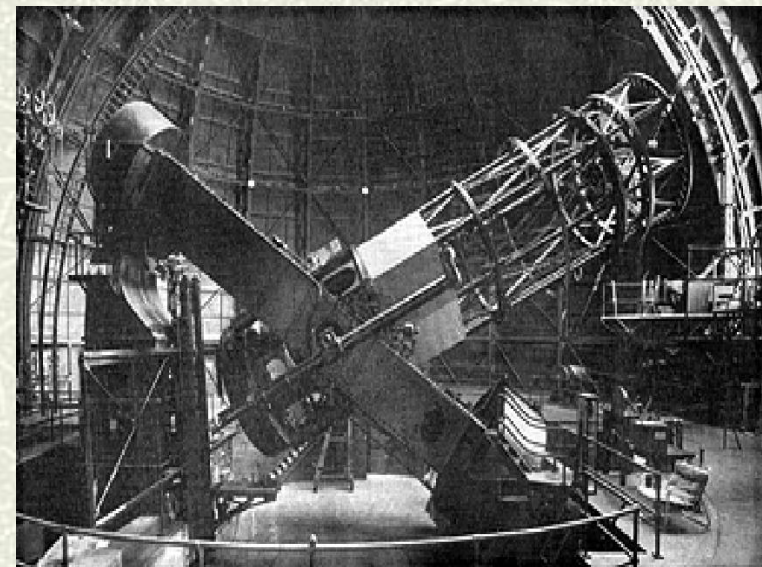
## ‡ The distances of the nebulae (1925)

*Cepheid variables resolved in two nebulae*

*Leavitt's period-luminosity relation*

## ‡ Spirals far beyond Milky Way

*A universe of galaxies*



# The motion of the nebulae

## # The redshift of the nebulae

*V.M Slipher (Lowell Observatory)*

*Light from most nebulae redshifted (1915, 1917)*

## # Doppler effect

*Frequency of light depends on  
motion of source relative to observer*

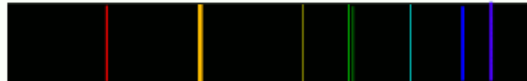
## # Nebulae moving outward?

*Galaxies moving outward?*

**red shift**



**no motion**



**blue shift**



*Vesto Slipher*



Lowell Observatory



# The runaway galaxies (1929)



*Edwin Hubble (1889-1953)*

# **A relation between redshift and distance for the galaxies?**

# **Combine 24 distances with redshifts**

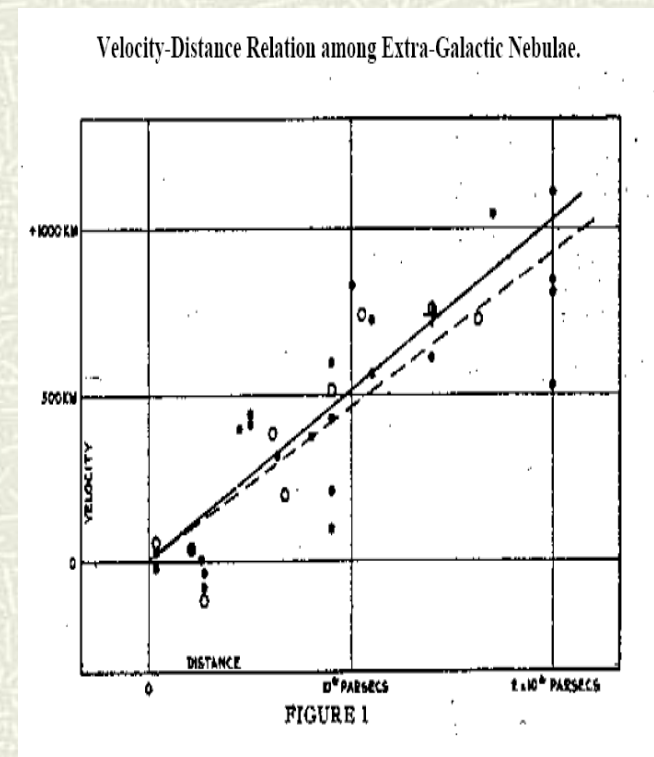
*Redshifts from Slipher: not acknowledged*

# **Linear relation: Hubble's law (1929)**

$$v = H_0 d \quad \text{with } H = 500 \text{ kms}^{-1} \text{Mpc}^{-1}$$

# **Landmark result in astronomy**

*Far-away galaxies rushing away  
at a speed proportional to distance*



**Why ?**

# Lemaître's universe (1927)



*Fr Georges Lemaître*

## # Expanding model of the cosmos from GR

*Similar to Friedman 1922 model*

*Starts from static Einstein universe*

## # Recession of nebulae = expansion of space?

*Redshifts from Slipher, distances from Hubble*

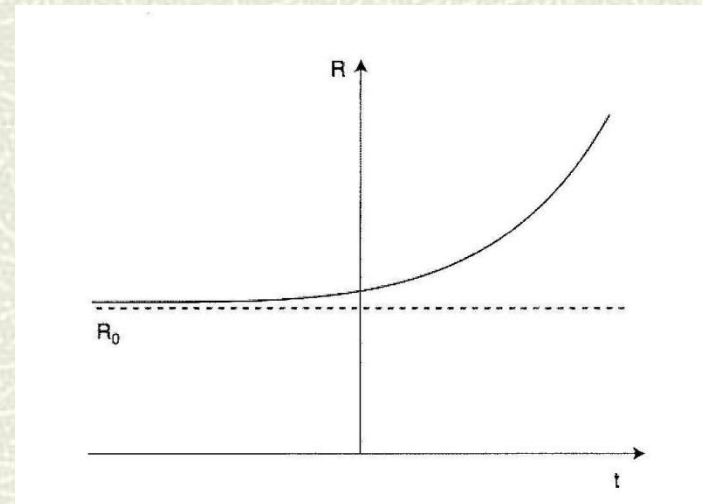
$$H = 585 \text{ kms}^{-1}\text{Mpc}^{-1}$$

## # Ignored by community

*Belgian journal (in French)*

*Rejected by Einstein: "Votre physique est abominable"*

*Einstein not up-to-date with astronomy?*



# The expanding universe (1930)

- **RAS meeting (1930)**

*Eddington, de Sitter*

*If redshifts are velocities, and if effect is non-local*

*Static cosmic models don't match observations*

- **Expanding universe?**

*Hubble's law = expansion of space?*

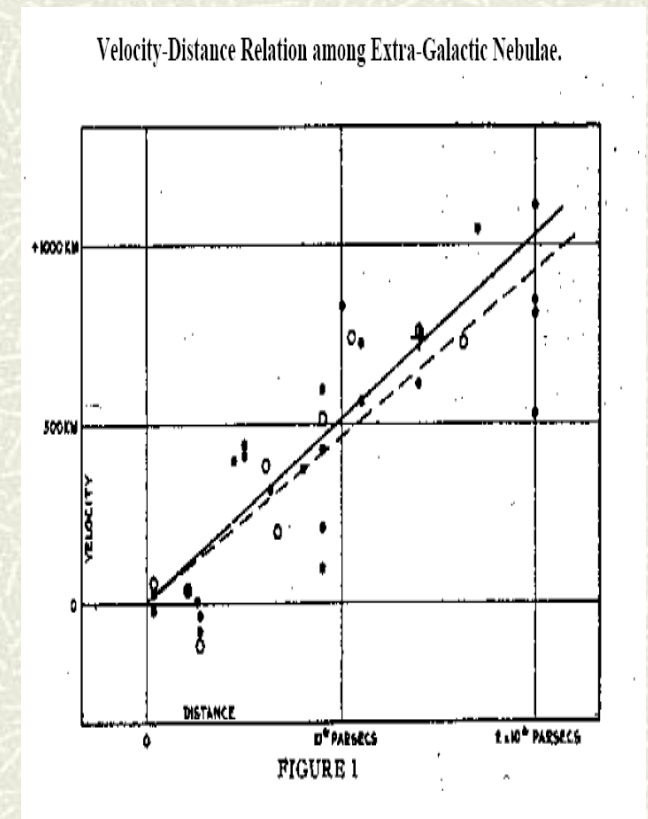
$$H = 500 \text{ kms}^{-1} \text{Mpc}^{-1}$$

- **Friedman-Lemaître model circulated**

*Time-varying radius*

*Time-varying density of matter*

*Evolving universe*



# Models of the expanding universe (1930 -)

- **Eddington (1930, 31)**

*On the instability of the Einstein universe  
Expansion caused by condensation?*

- **Tolman (1930, 31)**

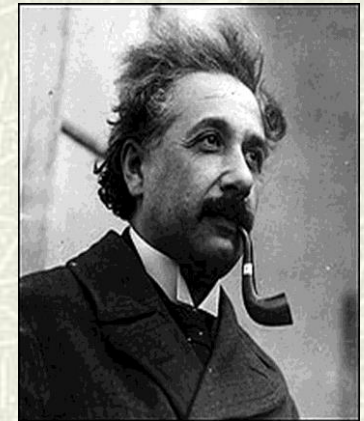
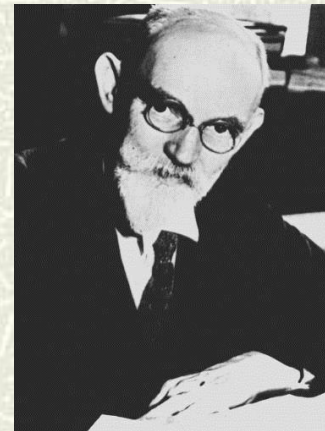
*On the behaviour of non-static models  
Expansion caused by annihilation of matter ?*

- **de Sitter (1930, 31)**

*Further remarks on the expanding universe  
Expanding universes of every flavour*

- **Einstein (1931, 32)**

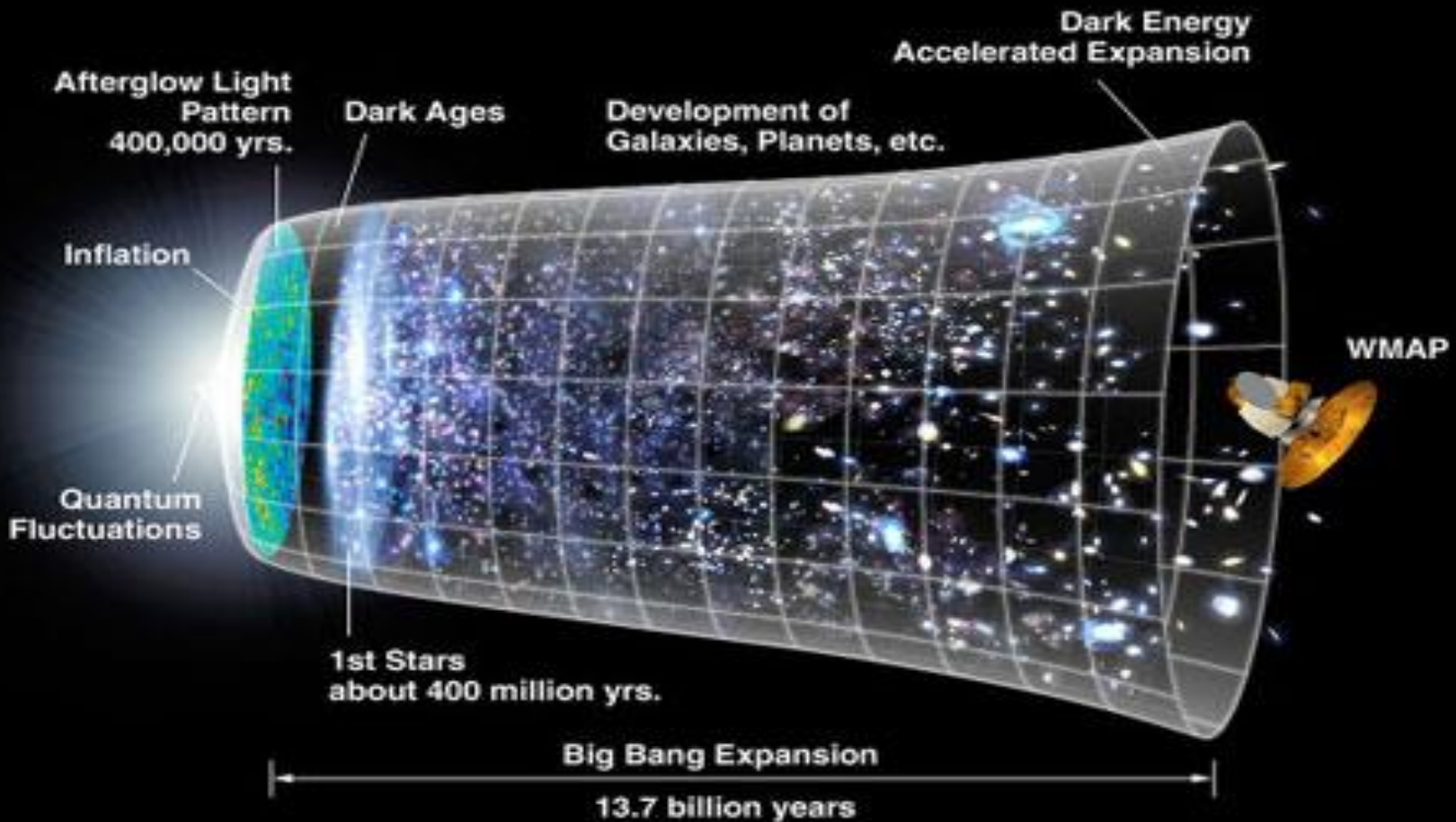
*Friedman-Einstein model  $\lambda = 0, k = 1$   
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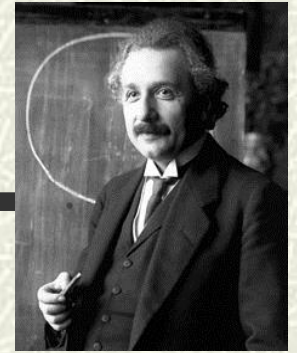
*Occam's razor?*

*Evolving models  
No mention of origins*

# The big bang model



# Einstein's universe: conclusions



## # Cosmology = test for general relativity

*Introduces  $\lambda$ -term to the field equations*

## # Embraces dynamic cosmology

*New evidence – new models*

*Steady-state vs evolving universe*

*Evolving models simpler: remove  $\lambda$ -term*

## # The evolving universe

*Extract observational parameters*

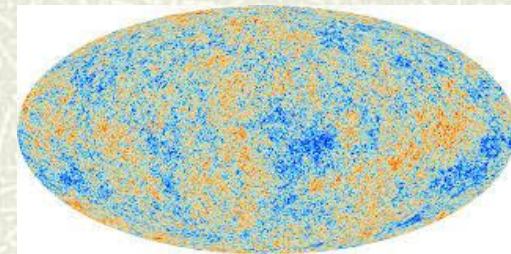
*Timespan problem attributed to simplifying assumptions*

## # No discussion of origins

*Wary of extrapolations*



Hubble constant revised



Cosmic microwave background  
Homogeneous, flat universe

# Einstein's steady-state model: key quotes

## New solution

*“In what follows, I wish to draw attention to a solution to equation (1) that can account for Hubbel's facts, and in which the density is constant over time”*

## Matter creation

*“If one considers a physically bounded volume, particles of matter will be continually leaving it. For the density to remain constant, new particles of matter must be continually formed within that volume from space “*

## Dark energy

*“The conservation law is preserved in that, by setting the  $\lambda$ -term, space itself is not empty of energy; its validity is well known to be guaranteed by equations (1).”*

# Einstein's steady-state theory: a significant find?

## # New perspective on steady-state theory (1950s)

*Logical possibility: not a crank theory*

## # Insight into scientific progress

*Evolution of successful theories*

*No Kuhnian paradigm shift to 'big bang' model*

*Slow dawning*

## # Insight into Einstein's philosophy

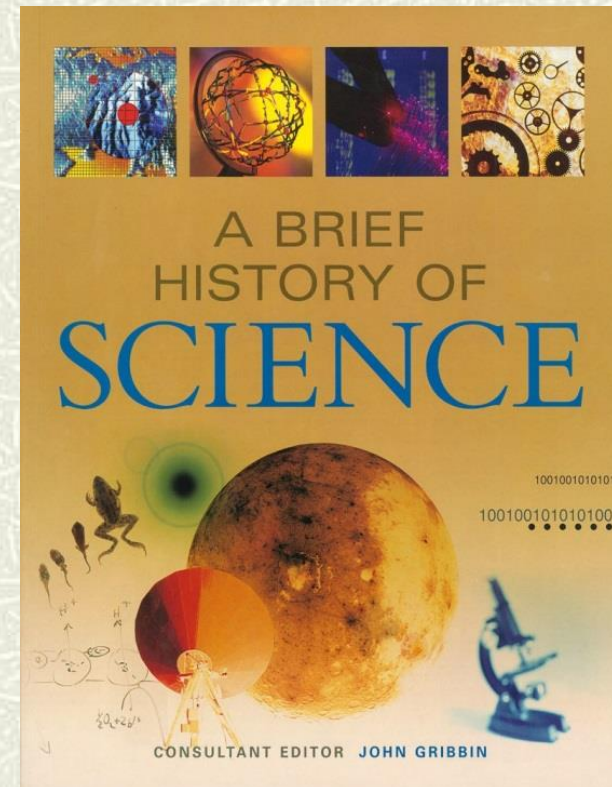
*Simple solution?*

*Discards model rather than introduce new term to GFE*

*Occam's razor approach*

## # Links with modern cosmology

*Dark energy, cosmic inflation*



*Paradigm shift or  
slow dawning ?*



# Explanation for runaway galaxies?

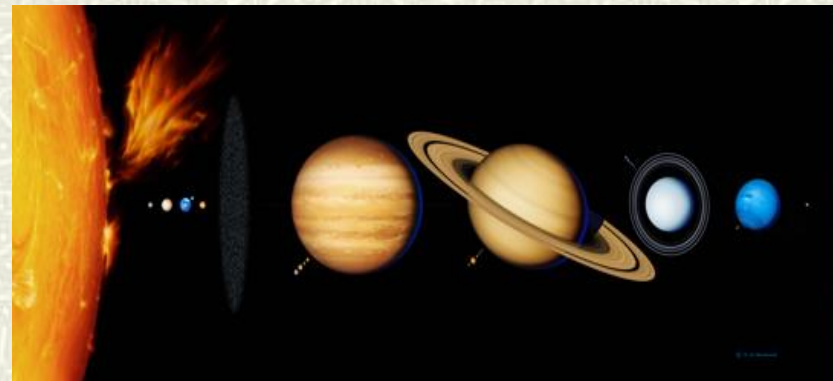
## Newton

- Gravity pulls in not out
- Space is fixed
- Time has no beginning

*How can galaxies be receding?  
What is pushing out?*



*Isaac Newton*



# Results: publications

## ■ Einstein's 1931 model

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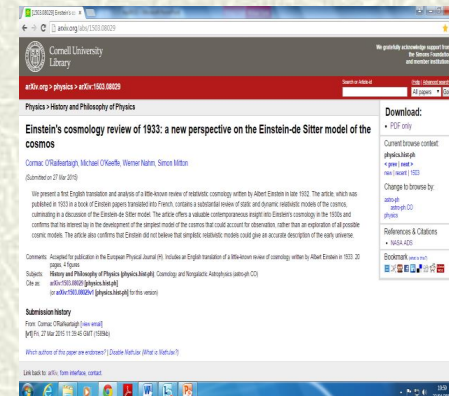
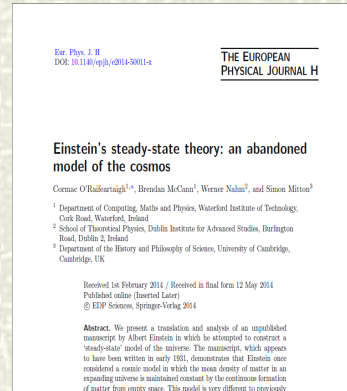
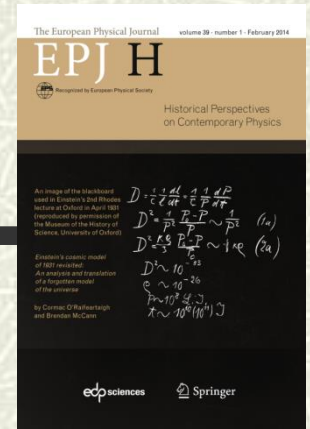
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## Einstein's cosmic model of 1931 revisited: an analysis and translation of a forgotten model of the universe

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An image of the blackboard used in Einstein's 2nd Rhodes lecture at Oxford in April 1931 (reproduced by permission of the Museum of the History of Science, University of Oxford)

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$$T \sim 10^{10} \text{ (10}^{11}) \text{ s}$$

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## Einstein's steady-state theory: an abandoned model of the cosmos

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Die Gleichungen (1) liefern

$$-\frac{3}{4} \alpha^2 + \lambda c^2 = 0$$

$$\frac{3}{4} \alpha^2 - \lambda c^2 = \kappa \rho c^2$$

oder

$$\alpha^2 = \frac{\kappa \rho c^2}{\frac{3}{4}} = \frac{4}{3} \kappa \rho c^2 \quad \dots (4)$$

Die Dichte ist also konstant und bestimmt die Expansion bis auf das Vorzeichen.

Taking  $T_{44} = \rho c^2$  (all other components zero) in the *time* component of equation (1) we obtain  $\left(R_{44} - \frac{1}{2} g_{44} R\right) - \lambda g_{44} = \kappa \rho c^2$ .

This gives on analysis  $-\frac{3\alpha^2}{4} + \frac{3\alpha^2}{2} - \lambda c^2 = \kappa \rho c^2$  the second of Einstein's simultaneous equations.

From the *spatial* component of equation (1), we obtain  $\left(R_{ii} - \frac{1}{2} g_{ii} R\right) - \lambda g_{ii} = 0$ .

This gives on analysis  $\frac{3\alpha^2}{4} - \frac{3\alpha^2}{2} + \lambda c^2 = 0$  for the first of the simultaneous equations.

It is plausible that Einstein made a sign error here, initially getting  $\frac{3\alpha^2}{4} + \frac{3\alpha^2}{2} + \lambda c^2 = 0$  for this equation. (W. Nahm)

# Einstein's steady-state model and cosmology today

## # Accelerated expansion (1998)

*Supernova measurements*

*Dark energy – positive cosmological constant*



## # Einstein's dark energy

*“The conservation law is preserved in that, by setting the  $\lambda$ -term, space itself is not empty of energy; its validity is well known to be guaranteed by equations (1).”*

**Anticipates positive cosmological constant**

## # De Sitter line element

$$ds^2 = - e^{at} (dx_1^2 + dx_2^2 + dx_3^2) + c^2 dt^2 \dots$$

*Necessary for all steady-state models*

*Identical to inflationary models (different time-frame)*

## Some key quotes (Einstein 1917)

**“In a consistent theory of relativity, there can be no inertia relative to “space”, but only an inertia of masses relative to one another”**

“I have not succeeded in formulating boundary conditions for spatial infinity. Nevertheless, there is still a way out...for if it were possible to regard the universe as a continuum which is finite (closed) with respect to its spatial dimensions, we should have no need at all of any such boundary conditions”

“The most important fact that we draw from experience as to the distribution of matter is that the relative velocities of the stars are very small compared with the velocity of light..... There is a system of reference relative to which matter may be looked upon as being permanently at rest ”

**“However, the system of equations ..allows a readily suggested extension which is compatible with the relativity postulate... For on the left hand side of the field equation...we may add the fundamental tensor  $g_{\mu\nu}$  , multiplied by a universal constant ,  $-\lambda$ , at present unknown, without destroying the general covariance ”**

*Schroedinger's comment (1918): Einstein's response (1918)*

# An abandoned model

## ✦ Correct geometry

*de Sitter metric*

## ✦ Simultaneous equations

*Eliminate  $\lambda$*

*Relation between  $\alpha^2$  and  $\rho$*

## ✦ Einstein's crossroads

*Null solution on revision*

*Tolman? (Nussbaumer 2014)*

*Declined to amend GFE*

## ✦ Evolving models

*Less contrived: set  $\lambda = 0$*

Im Nachfolgenden will ich auf eine Lösung der Gleichung (1) aufmerktsamer machen, welche Hubble's Thatsachen gerecht wird, und in welcher die Dichte zeitlich konstant ist. Diese Lösung ist zwar in dem allgemeinen Schema Tolman's enthalten, scheint aber bisher nicht in Betracht gezogen worden zu sein.

1. Ich setze an

$$ds^2 = -e^{\alpha t} (dx_1^2 + dx_2^2 + dx_3^2) + c^2 dt^2 \dots (3)$$

Die Gleichungen (1) liefern

$$-\frac{3}{4} \alpha^2 + \lambda c^2 = 0 \qquad 9\alpha^2 / 4 + \lambda c^2 = 0$$

$$\frac{3}{4} \alpha^2 - \lambda c^2 = \kappa \rho c^2 \qquad 3\alpha^2 / 4 - \lambda c^2 = \kappa \rho c^2$$

oder

$$\alpha^2 = \frac{\kappa}{3} \rho c^2 \dots (4) \qquad \alpha^2 = \frac{\kappa c^2}{3} \rho$$

Die Dichte ist also konstant und bestimmt die Expansion bis auf das Vorzeichen.

Der Erhaltungssatz bleibt dadurch unvariiert, dass bei Setzung des  $\lambda$ -Gliedes der Raum selbst nicht energetisch leer ist; seine Ufgaltung wird bekanntlich durch die Gleichungen (1) gewährleistet.

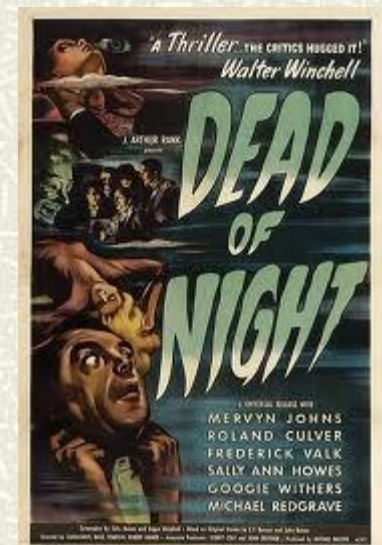
# Steady-state universe (1948)

- # Alternative to big bang (*Fred Hoyle*)
- # Expanding universe

***BUT***

- # Continuous creation of matter?
- # Unchanging universe
- # No beginning, no age problem
- # No assumptions about early epochs

***Very little matter needed***





# 3. Einstein's steady-state model

## # Unpublished manuscript

Archived as draft of F-E model (1931)

Similar title, opening to F-E model

## # Something different

Cosmological constant

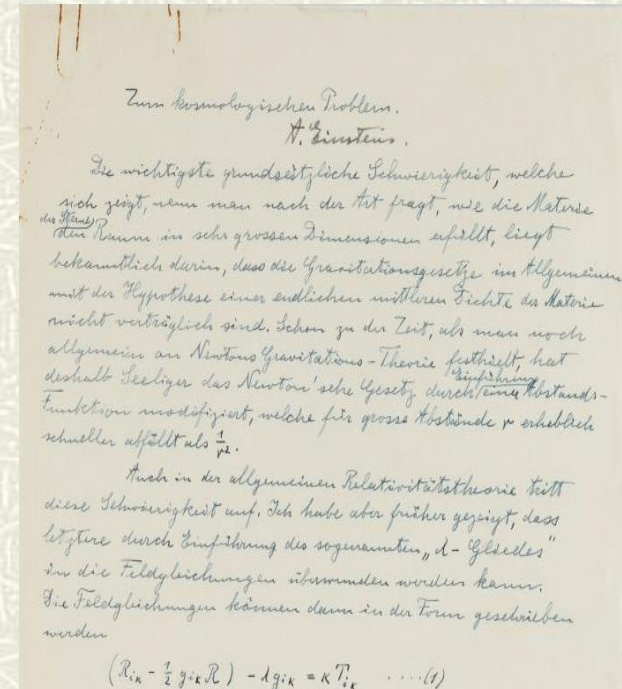
"The density is thus constant and determines the expansion"

## # Steady-state model of the Expanding Universe

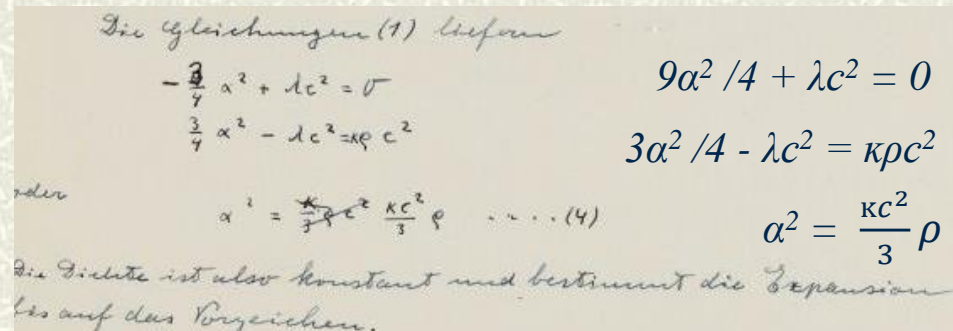
Anticipates Hoyle solution




Written in early 1931

Fatal flaw: abandoned



$$(R_{ik} - \frac{1}{2} g_{ik} R) - \lambda g_{ik} = \kappa T_{ik} \dots (1)$$






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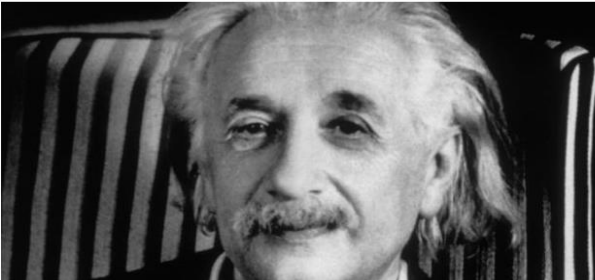
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## 2. Einstein-de Sitter model (1932)

### # Remove spatial curvature

*Curvature not a given in dynamic models (Heckmann)*

*Not observed empirically (Occam's razor)*

$$ds^2 = -R^2(dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2) + c^2dt^2$$

### # Simplest Friedman model

*Time-varying universe with  $\lambda = 0$ ,  $k = 0$ ,  $p = 0$*

*Estimate of density :  $\rho = 10^{-28}$  g/cm<sup>3</sup>*

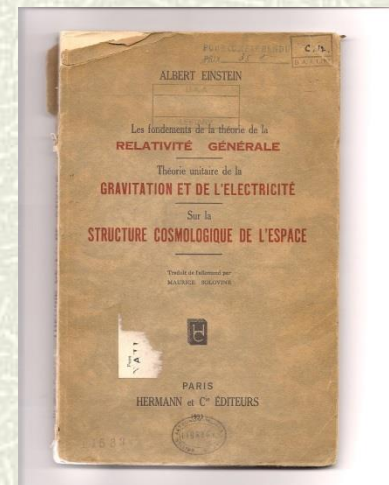
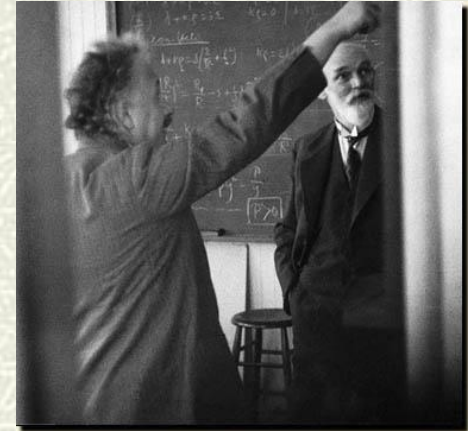
$$\frac{1}{R^2} \left( \frac{dR}{cdt} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{3} \kappa \rho.$$

### # Becomes standard model

*Despite high density of matter, age problem*

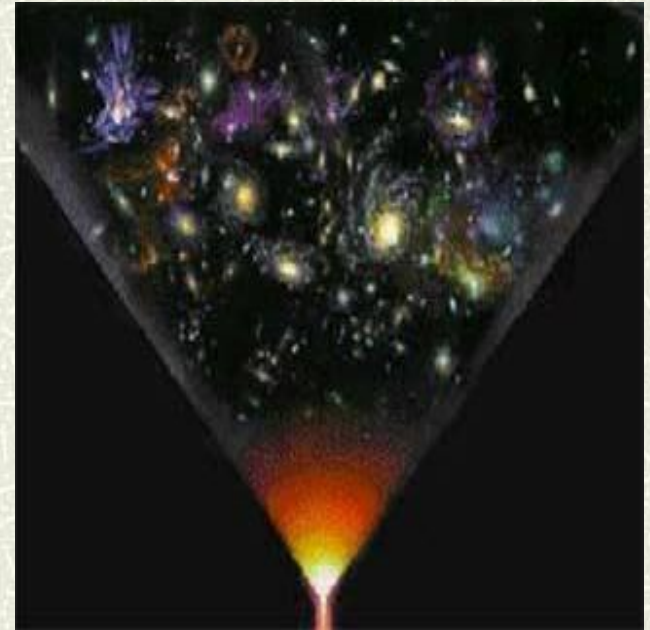
*Time evolution not considered*

### # Longer version with time evolution (Einstein 1933)



## IV The 'big bang' model (1931)

- # Infant  $U$  concentrated in tiny volume
- # Extremely dense, hot
- # Expanding and cooling ever since



*Where do the laws of physics come from?*

*Wrong age (Hubble constant)*

Singularity problem  
 $\infty$  density,  $\infty$  temp at  $t = 0$  ?

# Cosmic prediction I: Black Holes

## # Schwarzschild (1916)

*Exact solution for the field equations*

*Body of spherical symmetry*

## # Enigma

*Solution becomes singular at  $r = 2GM/c^2$*

*Space closed up around mass?*

## # Rejected

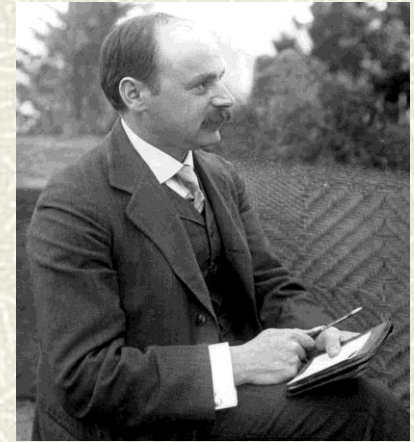
*Co-ordinate problem (Eddington)*

*Prevented by internal pressure (Einstein 1922)*

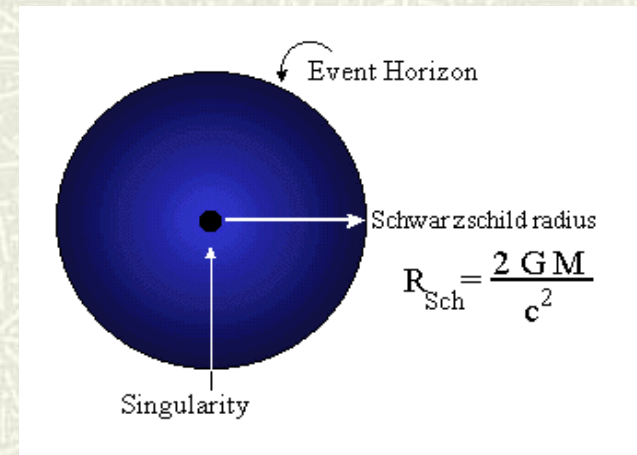
## # Physical reality?

*Collapse of sun? Anderson (UCG)*

*Collapse of large stellar ensemble : Lodge (Oxford)*



Karl Schwarzschild (1873–1916)



# The physics of black holes

## # Chandrasekhar (1931)

*The physics of white dwarf stars (quantum degeneracy)*

*SR: collapse to infinite density for  $M > 1.4 M_{\odot}$*

*Rejected by Eddington, community*



## # Oppenheimer (1939,40)

*GR: Continued stellar collapse for  $M > 3 M_{\odot}$*

*Rejected by Einstein (1939)*



## # Wheeler, Thorne, Zeldovitch (1960s)

*Numerical solutions of the field equations*

*Simulation of stellar collapse*

## # Penrose (1965)

*No avoiding BH singularity*

# Black Holes: Observation

## # Compact astronomical objects (1960s)

*Quasars: small, distant sources of incredible energy (1963)*

*Pulsars: rapidly rotating neutron stars (1967)*

## # **X-ray binaries**

*Cygnus X-1 (1964)*

*Matter pulled from star into massive companion emits X-rays*

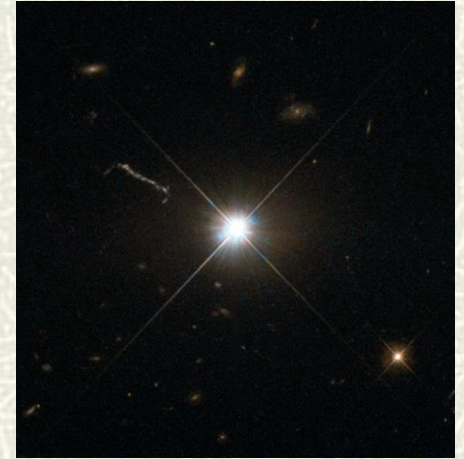
## # **Orbit studies**

*Supermassive BH at centre of MW? (1990s)*

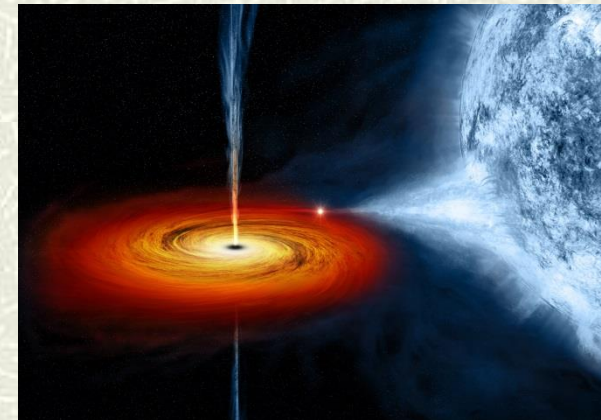
*Supermassive BH at centre of many galaxies (2000-)*

## # **2015-16**

*Gravitational waves from binary BH system!*



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Cygnus X-1 (1964)

# Relativity and the universe

## # The field equations of general relativity (1916)

$$G_{\mu\nu} = -\kappa T_{\mu\nu}$$



## # Solution for the case of the universe?

*Ultimate test for new theory of gravitation*

## # Assumptions

*Uniform, static distribution of matter*

*Closed spatial curvature*

*Introduce the cosmic constant  $\lambda$*

*The Einstein World*

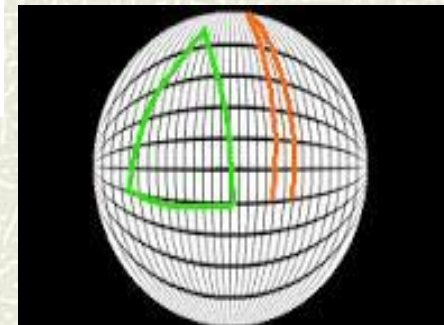
$$G_{\mu\nu} + \lambda g_{\mu\nu} = -\kappa T_{\mu\nu}$$

## # The Einstein World (1917)

*Static universe of spherical geometry*

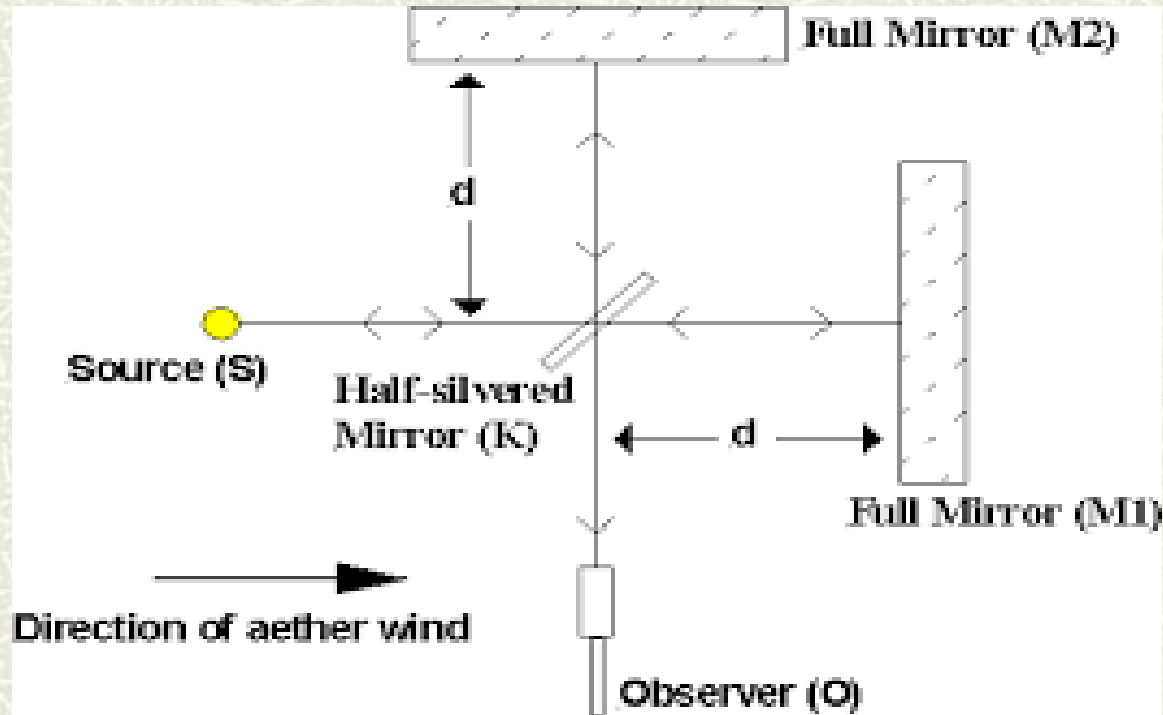
*Cosmic radius and matter density defined by  $\lambda$*

$$\lambda = \frac{\kappa\rho}{2} = \frac{1}{R^2}$$





# Michelson-Morley experiment



**Expect:** rays should arrive at O out of phase

**Result:** no effect detected