

short excursion on horizons:

horizons  $\rightarrow$  crucial property of  
FRW expansion

convenient here: conformal time

$$\sim ds^2 = a^2(\eta) \cdot [d\eta^2 - d\rho^2 - f^2(\rho) \cdot d\Omega_2^2]$$

look at radially outward light rays:

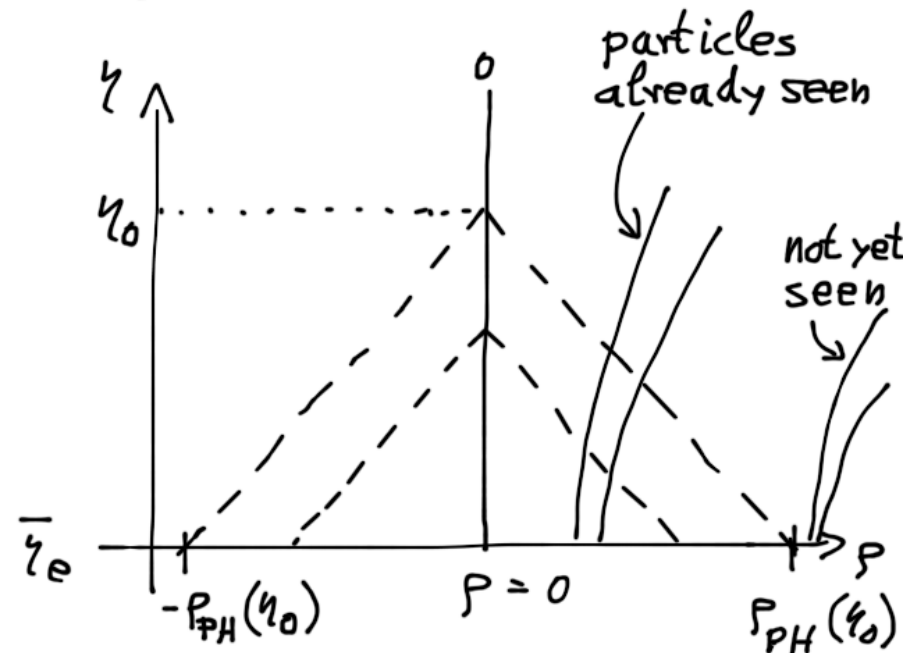
$$\sim ds^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow d\rho = \pm d\eta$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho = \text{const.} \pm \eta$$

two horizons:

- i) observer 0 at  $\rho=0$  receives  
signal at conformal time  $\eta_0$ , an  
emitter at  $\eta_e < \eta_0$  sends the  
signal...



event at  $\chi < \chi_0$  only in causal contact <sup>48</sup>  
 if comoving distance  $\rho$

$$\rho < \rho_e(\chi_e) = \int_{\chi_e}^{\chi_0} d\chi' = \chi_0 - \chi_e$$

↑  
 maximum visible comoving distance at  $\chi_e$  in the past

if universe begins at  $\bar{\chi}_e < \chi_0$ ,  
 then all visible  $\rho$  are bounded:

$$\rho < \rho_{PH}(\chi_0) = \int_{\bar{\chi}_e}^{\chi_0} d\chi' = \chi_0 - \bar{\chi}_e$$

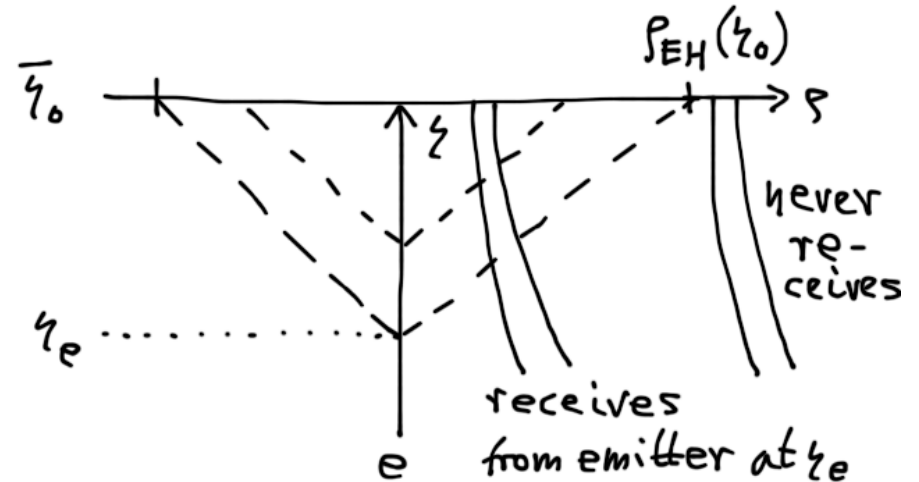
↑  
 "particle horizon" for observer at  $\chi_0$

~ the visible universe at  $\chi_0$ ! <sup>49</sup>

(ii) conversely, if the universe ends at  $\bar{\chi}_0 > \chi_e$

$$\rho_{EH}(\chi_e) = \int_{\chi_e}^{\bar{\chi}_0} d\chi' = \bar{\chi}_0 - \chi_e$$

"event horizon", maximum distance of causal influence from now & here



conversion into physical horizon distance:

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e.g.  $d_{PH}(t_0) = a(t_0) \cdot r_{PH}(y_0)$

$$= a_0 \cdot \int_{\bar{t}_e}^{y_0} dy' = a_0 \cdot \int_{\bar{t}_e}^{t_0} \frac{dt'}{a(t')}$$

matter/radiation:  $a(t) \sim t^p$

$$= t_0^p \cdot \frac{1}{-p+1} \left( t_0^{-p+1} - \bar{t}_e^{-p+1} \right)$$

$$t_0 \gg \bar{t}_e$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{1-p} \cdot t_0 \sim H_0^{-1} \text{ "Hubble horizon"}$$

$\sim d_{PH} \sim t_0$  grows faster than comoving length scales

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$$\lambda = a(t_0) \lambda_{com.} \sim t^p$$

with  $p = \frac{1}{2}$  or  $\frac{2}{3}$  for radiation or matter

$\sim$  present-day horizon scale

$H_0^{-1}$  was smaller by  $\frac{1}{1+z_{dec}}$

$\approx 1100$  at CMB decoupling:

$$H_0^{-1} \approx 10^{10} \text{ ly}$$

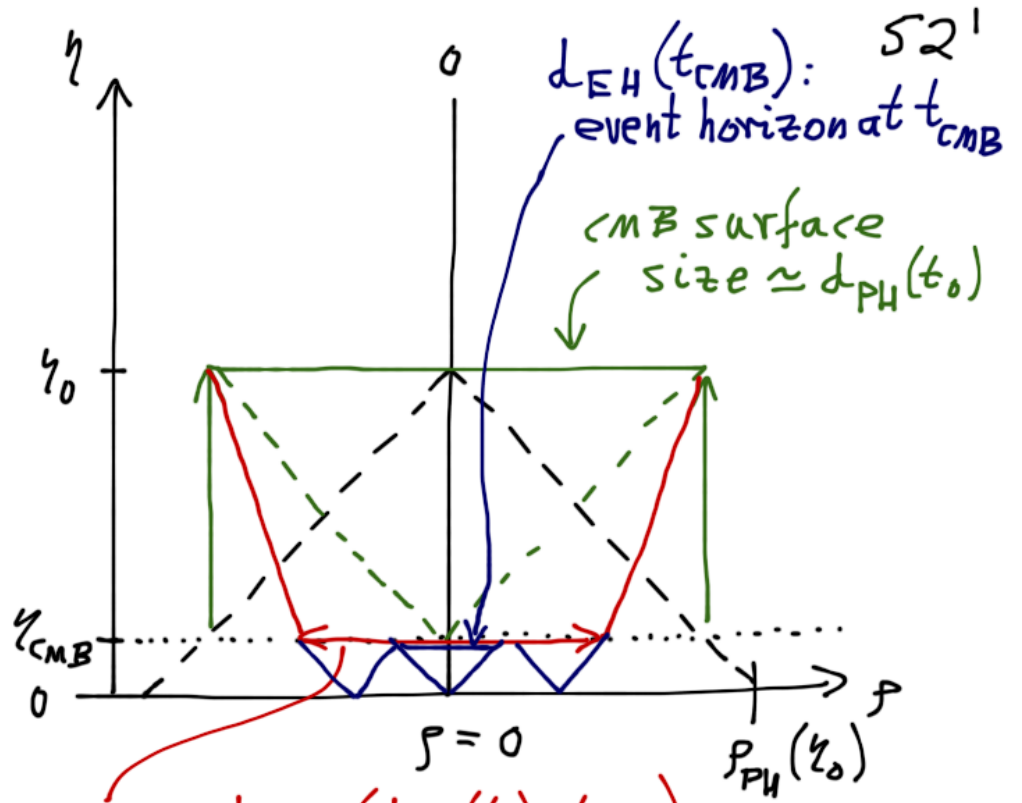
$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{1+z_{dec}} H_0^{-1} \approx 10^7 \text{ ly}$$

but  $d_{PH}$  at decoupling  
at  $t_{dec.} \approx 400,000 \text{ yr}$

$\Rightarrow d_{PH}(t_{dec.}) \sim 10^5 \text{ ly}$

$\sim O(10^6)$  independent  
horizon-size patches out of  
causal contact - so  
why  $\Delta T/T \lesssim 10^{-4}$   
everywhere ???

↓  
"horizon problem"



size  $d_{CMB}(d_{PH}(t_0), t_{CMB})$   
of the visible CMB region of present-day size  $d_{PH}(t_0)$ , back at  $t_{CMB}$ ,  
shrunk under turned-back matter-dominated expansion  $\sim t^{2/3}$

$$\text{or: } \frac{d_{EH}(t_{CMB})}{d_{CMB}(d_{PH}(t_0))} \approx \frac{t_{CMB}}{t_0 \cdot \left(\frac{t_{CMB}}{t_0}\right)^{2/3}}$$

$$\approx \left(\frac{t_{CMB}}{t_0}\right)^{1/3} \approx (1+z_{CMB})^{-1/2} \approx 0.03$$

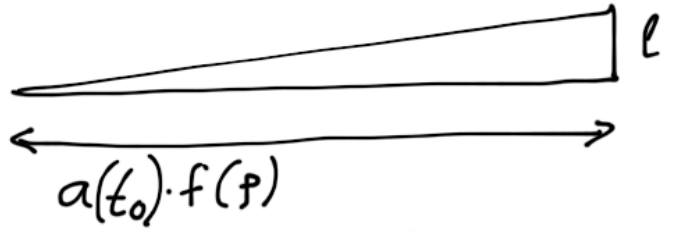
Since:  $1+z_{CMB} \approx \frac{a_0}{a_{CMB}}$

$$\approx \left(\frac{t_0}{t_{CMB}}\right)^{2/3}$$

$\sim \mathcal{O}(10^3)$  causally disconnected  $d_{EH}$ -sized patches at  $t_{CMB}$ !

two distance definitions:

i) object of known physical size  $l$   
 $\sim$  angular distance  $\theta_p(l)$ :



$\Rightarrow \theta_p(l) = \frac{l}{a_0 f(p)}$

$\sim$   $f(p)$  depends on  $k$ , thus  $\theta_p(l)$  can test  $\Omega_k$   
 $\rightarrow$  prime example CMB!

ii) luminosity distance  $d_L$ : <sup>54</sup>

Source at physical distance  $d$ ,  
with luminosity  $L$ , produces  
luminosity  $F$  at distance  $d$   
(sphere of radius  $d$ , surface area  
 $4\pi d^2$ ):

$$F = \frac{L}{4\pi d^2 (1+z)^2} \equiv \frac{L}{4\pi \cdot d_L^2}$$

- red shift of photons:  $1+z$
- time dilatation:  $1+z$

defines luminosity distance  $d_L$ .

measure  $d_L$  by magnitudes  $m-M$ : <sup>55</sup>

$$m-M = 5 \cdot \log_{10} \left( \frac{d_L}{10 \text{ pc}} \right)$$

can compute  $d_L$ :

$$d_L = d \cdot (1+z) = a_0 \cdot (1+z) \cdot \int_0^z \frac{d\zeta'}{H(\zeta')}$$

use:

$$(20) \quad 1+z = \frac{a_0}{a(t_z)} \Rightarrow dz = -\frac{a_0}{a^2} \dot{a} \cdot dt$$

(21)

$$= -H(1+z) \cdot dt$$

$$= -a_0 H \cdot dz$$

$$\Rightarrow d_L = (1+z) \cdot \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{H(z')}$$