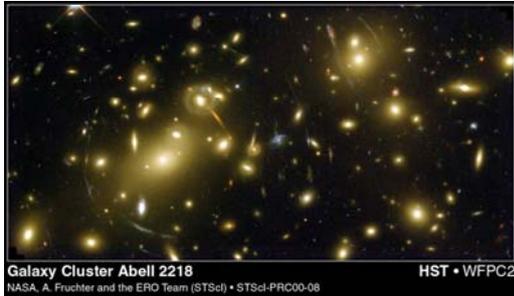


Chapter VI: Cosmology  
 1. The cosmological principle  
 based on slides of P.C. Aichelburg



## The cosmological principle

- A manifold is **homogeneous** if it looks the same at every point
- A manifold is **isotropic at a point p** if it looks the same in all directions at p
- Thus a manifold which is **homogeneous and isotropic** looks the same at all points in all directions

## The cosmological principle

- There exists a cosmological time function  $t$
- The surfaces  $\{t=\text{const}\}$  ("the level sets of  $t$ ") are homogeneous and isotropic
- Is it ??? on which scales ???

## LOOKING INTO THE DISTANT PAST

Sun	8 Lmin
Sun - Pluto	5,5Lh
alpha centauri	4,3 Lj
center of galaxy	30.000 Lj
LMC & SMC	200.000 Lj
Andromeda	2.000.000 Lj
Virgo cluster	20.000.000 Lj
Coma cluster	100.000.000 Lj
farthest supernovae	10.000.000.000 Lj

1 Lj = 9.460.800.000.000 km

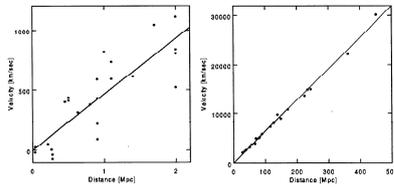
## STRUCTURES

- Earth
- Sun (stars) 330.000 Earth
- galaxy 100.000.000.000 stars
- cluster 10-1000 galaxies
- supercluster 10 -100 clusters
- universe 100.000.000.000 galaxies

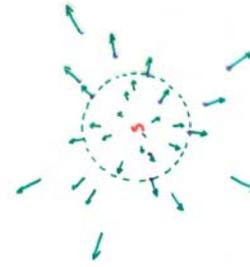
## basic observations

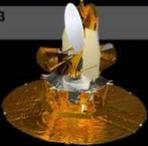
- matter distribution: homogeneous, isotropic ?
- Hubble law:  $v = H \cdot D$
- cosmic microwave background (CMB)

### RECESSION OF GALAXIES



### Expansion of the universe



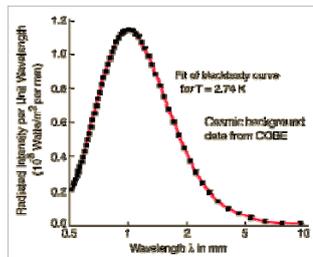
1965		Penzias and Wilson
1992		COBE
2003		WMAP

### CMB

Earth Temperatures  
-53° -13° 37°  
Centigrade  
June 1992

Microwave Sky Temperatures  
-270.4252° -270.4250° -270.4248°  
Centigrade  
380,000 Years after Big Bang

### cosmic background radiation



### what we see





time = 10 sec size =  $10^{-9}$  today temp =  $10^9$  Kelvin  
**Primordial nucleosynthesis.** The universe cools to a point where protons and neutrons can combine to form light atomic nuclei, primarily Helium, Deuterium, and Lithium.

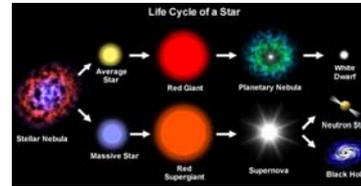
time =  $3.7 \times 10^5$  years size =  $10^{-3}$  today temp =  $3 \times 10^3$  Kelvin  
**Recombination.** The universe cools to a point where electrons can combine with nuclei to form atoms, and becomes transparent. Radiation in the Cosmic Microwave Background is a snapshot of this era.

time =  $10^8$  years size =  $10^{-1}$  today temp = 30 Kelvin  
**The dark ages.** Small ripples in the density of matter gradually assemble into stars and galaxies.

time =  $9 \times 10^9$  years size =  $5 \times 10^{-1}$  today temp = 6 Kelvin  
**Sun and Earth form.** From the existence of heavy elements in the Solar System, we know that the Sun is a second-generation star, formed about five billion years ago.

time =  $13.7 \times 10^9$  years size =  $10^0$  today temp = 2.74 Kelvin  
**Today.**

## Leben der Sterne



## THE COSMOLOGICAL CONSTANT

