

**Acceleration  
without  
Dark Energy**

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**Without dark energy!!!!**



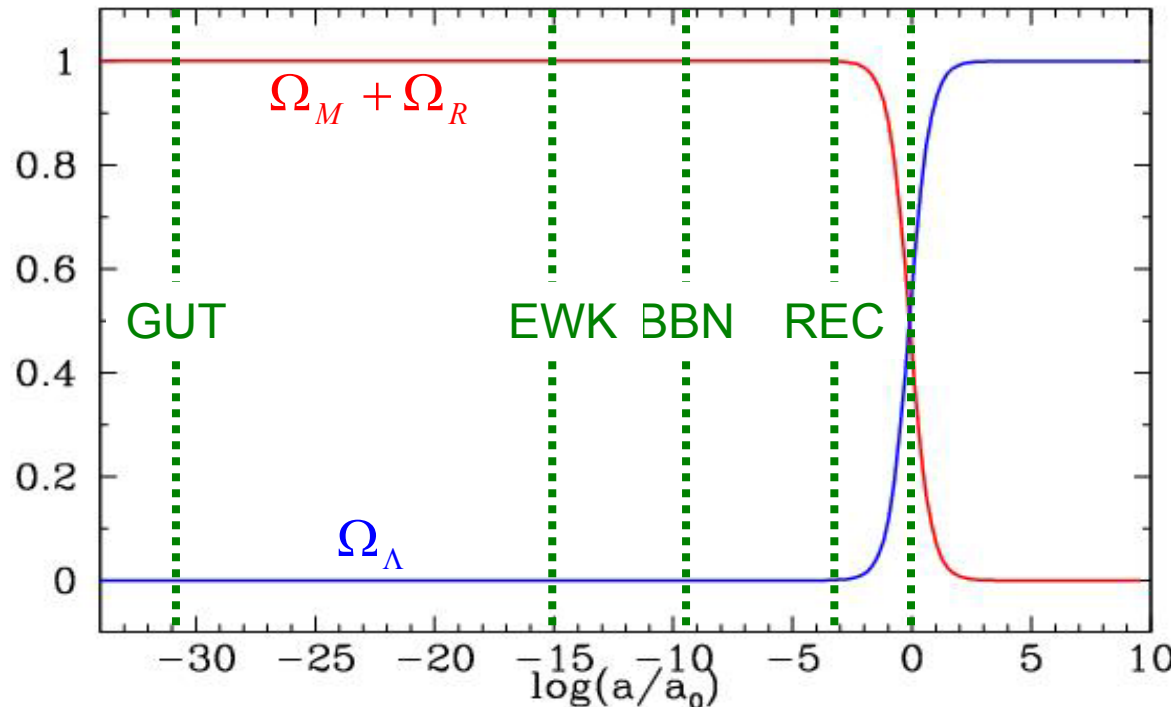
# Cosmo-illogical constant

## The magnitude

$$\rho_{\Lambda} \simeq 10^{-30} \text{ g cm}^{-3} \simeq (10^{-4} \text{ eV})^4 \simeq (10^{-3} \text{ cm})^{-4}$$

$$\Lambda = 8\pi G \rho_{\Lambda} \simeq (10^{29} \text{ cm})^{-2} \simeq (10^{-33} \text{ eV})^2$$

## What's so special about today?



# Do we “know” there is dark energy?

- Assume model cosmology:
  - Friedmann model:  $H^2 + k/a^2 = 8\pi G\rho / 3$
  - Energy (and pressure) content:  $\rho = \rho_M + \rho_R + \rho_\Lambda + \dots$
  - Input or integrate over cosmological parameters:  $H_0$ , etc.
- Calculate observables  $d_L(z)$ ,  $d_A(z)$ , ...
- Compare to observations
- Model cosmology fits with  $\rho_V$ , but not without  $\rho_V$
- All evidence for dark energy is indirect: observed  $H(z)$  is not described by  $H(z)$  calculated from the Einstein-de Sitter model

# Evolution of $H(z)$ is a key quantity

Many observables based on the comoving distance  $r$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \sin^{-1} r(z) \\ r(z) \\ \sinh^{-1} r(z) \end{array} \right\} = \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{H(z')}$$

- Luminosity distance

$$\text{Flux} = \text{Luminosity} / 4\pi d_L^2$$

$$d_L(z) \propto r(z)(1+z)$$

- Angular diameter distance

$$\text{Angular diameter} = \text{Physical size} / d_A$$

$$d_A(z) \propto \frac{r(z)}{(1+z)}$$

- Comoving number

$$N \propto V^{-1}(z)$$

$$\frac{dV(z)}{dz d\Omega} \propto \frac{r^2(z)}{H(z)}$$

- Age of the universe

$$t(z) \propto \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{(1+z')H(z')}$$

# Take sides!

- Can't hide from the data –  $\Lambda$ CDM too good to ignore
    - SNIa
    - Subtraction:  $1 - 0.3 = 0.7$
    - Age
    - Large-scale structure
    - ...
- }  $H(z)$  not given by Einstein–de Sitter  
 $H^2 \neq (8\pi G/3)\rho_{\text{MATTER}}$
- Dark energy (modify right-hand side of Einstein equations)
    - Is it “just” a cosmological constant
    - If not constant, what drives dynamics (scalar field)
    - Interpretation of  $w = \rho / p$
  - Gravity (modify left-hand side of Einstein equations)
    - Beyond Einstein (non-GR: branes, etc.)
    - (Just) Einstein (Back reaction of inhomogeneities)

# *Entertaining conjecture*

Now entertain conjecture of a time  
When creeping murmur and the poring dark  
Fills the wide vessel of the universe.

— *Shakespeare, King Henry V<sup>th</sup>*

All evidence for creeping murmur (dark energy) is indirect!

- Observed evolution of  $H(z)$  does not fit Einstein–de Sitter.
- We infer the existence of dark energy!
- Could Friedmann equation be modified, and no dark energy?

# Modifying the left-hand side

- Braneworld modifies Friedmann equation Binetruy, Deffayet, Langlois
- Friedmann equation modified today Freese & Lewis  
$$H^2 = A\rho \left[ 1 + \left( \rho / \rho_{\text{cutoff}} \right)^{n-1} \right]$$
- Gravitational force law modified at large distance Deffayet, Dvali & Gabadadze  
*Five-dimensional at cosmic distances*
- Tired gravitons Gregory, Rubakov & Sibiryakov; Dvali, Gabadadze & Porrati  
*Gravitons metastable - leak into bulk*
- Gravity repulsive at distance  $R \approx \text{Gpc}$  Csaki, Erlich, Hollowood & Terning
- $n=1$  KK graviton mode very light,  $m \approx (\text{Gpc})^{-1}$  Kogan, Mouslopoulos, Papazoglou, Ross & Santiago
- Einstein (Hilbert) got it wrong Carroll, Duvvuri, Turner, Trodden  
$$S = (16\pi G)^{-1} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left( R - \mu^4 / R \right)$$
- Backreaction of inhomogeneities Räsänen; Kolb, Matarrese, Notari & Riotto;  
Notari; Kolb, Matarrese & Riotto



# ***Acceleration from inhomogeneities***

- Most conservative approach — nothing new
  - no new fields (like  $10^{-33}$  eV mass scalars)
  - no modification of GR
  - no extra dimensions, bulks, branes, etc.
  - no faith-based reasoning (no anthropic arguments)
- Magnitude?: calculable from observables related to  $\delta\rho/\rho$
- Why now?: acceleration triggered by era of non-linear structure

# *Inhomogeneities-general*

## *Inhomogeneity / anisotropy → smooth*

- Matter smoothing is straightforward (particles → fluid), space-time metric smoothing not straightforward!
- Suppose Einstein equations apply on some small scale where the universe is inhomogeneous and anisotropic
- Smooth on some larger scale
- Smoothing and evolution (going to field eqns.) do not commute
- Einstein tensor computed from smoothed metric is not the same as Einstein tensor computed from smoothed stress-energy

# *Inhomogeneities-cosmology*

- Our Universe is inhomogeneous
- One can define an average density  $\langle \rho \rangle$
- The expansion rate of an inhomogeneous universe of average density  $\langle \rho \rangle$  is NOT! the same as the expansion rate of a homogeneous universe of average density  $\langle \rho \rangle$ !
- Difference is a new term that enters an effective Friedmann equation — new term need not satisfy energy conditions!
- We deduce dark energy because we are comparing to the wrong model universe (*i.e.*, a homogeneous/isotropic model)
- Acceleration is a pure GR effect

# Inhomogeneities-example

Kolb, Matarrese, Notari & Riotto

- Perturbative example

- Perturbed FLRW model:

$$G_{\mu\nu}(\vec{x}, t) = G_{\mu\nu}^{\text{FLRW}}(t) + \delta G_{\mu\nu}(\vec{x}, t)$$
$$G_{00}^{\text{FLRW}}(t) + \delta G_{00}(\vec{x}, t) = \kappa^2 T_{00}(\vec{x}, t)$$
$$3(\dot{a}/a)^2 = \kappa^2 (\langle \rho \rangle - \kappa^{-2} \langle \delta G_{00} \rangle)$$

- $(\dot{a}/a)^2$  is not  $\kappa^2 \langle \rho \rangle / 3$ .
- $(\dot{a}/a)$  is not even the expansion rate.

# Inhomogeneities-cosmology

- For a general fluid, four velocity  $u^\mu = (1, \vec{0})$ .  
(Local observer comoving with energy flow)
- For irrotational dust, work in synchronous and comoving gauge

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + h_{ij}(\vec{x}, t) dx^i dx^j$$

- Velocity gradient tensor

$$\Theta^i_j = u^i_{;j} = \frac{1}{2} h^{ik} \dot{h}_{kj} = \Theta \delta^i_j + \sigma^i_j \quad (\sigma^i_j \text{ is traceless})$$

- $\Theta$  is the volume-expansion factor and  $\sigma^i_j$  is the shear  
( $\Theta = 3H$  and  $\sigma^i_j = 0$  in the homogeneous case)

# Inhomogeneities and $q$

- Local deceleration parameter positive: Hirata & Seljak; Flanagan; Giovannini; Alnes, Amarzguioui & Gron

$$q = -\frac{(3\dot{\Theta} + \Theta^2)}{\Theta^2} = 6(\sigma^2 + 2\pi G\rho) \geq 0$$

- However must course-grain over some finite domain:

$$\langle F \rangle_D = \frac{\int_D \sqrt{h} F d^3x}{\int_D \sqrt{h} d^3x}$$

- Evolution and smoothing do not commute:

Buchert & Ellis;  
Kolb, Matarrese & Riotto

$$\langle F \rangle_D^\bullet - \langle F^\bullet \rangle_D = \langle F\Theta \rangle_D - \langle \Theta \rangle_D \langle F \rangle_D$$

$$\langle \Theta \rangle_D^\bullet = \langle \Theta^\bullet \rangle_D + \langle \Theta^2 \rangle_D - \langle \Theta \rangle_D^2 \geq \langle \Theta^\bullet \rangle_D$$

- $\langle \Theta \rangle_D^\bullet \neq \langle \Theta^\bullet \rangle_D$  although  $\langle \Theta^\bullet \rangle_D$  can't accelerate,  $\langle \Theta \rangle_D^\bullet$  can!

# Inhomogeneities

Kolb, Matarrese & Riotto  
astro-ph/0506534;  
Buchert & Ellis

- Define an course-grained scale factor:

$$a_D \equiv (V_D / V_{D0})^{1/3} \quad V_D = \int_D d^3x \sqrt{h}$$

- Course-grained Hubble rate:

$$H_D = \frac{\dot{a}_D}{a_D} = \frac{1}{3} \langle \Theta \rangle_D$$

- Effective evolution equations:

$$\frac{\ddot{a}_D}{a_D} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3} (\rho_{\text{eff}} + 3p_{\text{eff}}) \quad \rho_{\text{eff}} = \langle \rho \rangle_D - \frac{Q_D}{16\pi G} - \frac{\langle R \rangle_D}{16\pi G} \quad \text{not described by a simple } p = w \rho$$

$$\left( \frac{\dot{a}_D}{a_D} \right)^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \rho_{\text{eff}} \quad p_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{Q_D}{16\pi G} + \frac{\langle R \rangle_D}{48\pi G}$$

- Kinematical back reaction:  $Q_D = \frac{2}{3} \left( \langle \Theta^2 \rangle_D - \langle \Theta \rangle_D^2 \right) - 2 \langle \sigma^2 \rangle_D$

# Inhomogeneities

- Kinematical back reaction:  $Q_D = \frac{2}{3} \left( \langle \Theta^2 \rangle_D - \langle \Theta \rangle_D^2 \right) - 2 \langle \sigma^2 \rangle_D$
- For acceleration:  $\rho_{\text{eff}} + 3p_{\text{eff}} = \langle \rho \rangle_D - \frac{Q_D}{4\pi G} < 0$
- Integrability condition (GR):  $\left( a_D^6 Q_D \right)' + a_D^4 \left( a_D^2 \langle R \rangle_D \right)' = 0$
- Acceleration is a pure GR effect:
  - curvature vanishes in Newtonian limit
  - $Q_D$  will be exactly a pure boundary term, and small
- Particular solution to integrability condition:
  - $3Q_D = -\langle R \rangle_D = \text{const.}$  (i.e.,  $\Lambda_{\text{eff}} = -Q_D$ )



# Inhomogeneities

- Now specialize: 
$$h_{ij}(\vec{x}, t) = a^2(t) e^{-2\Psi(\vec{x}, t)} \left[ \delta_{ij} + \chi_{ij}(\vec{x}, t) \right]$$

$a \sim t^{2/3}$  is the usual FRW scale factor

$\Psi$  is a scalar perturbation:  $\Psi = \Psi_\ell + \Psi_s$   $\ell = \text{long}$ ,  $s = \text{short}$  (wrt:  $D$ )

$\chi_{ij}$  is a traceless tensor with scalar, vector & tensor d.o.f.
- Absorb  $\Psi_s$  into  $\tilde{h}_{ij}(\vec{x}, t)$ : 
$$h_{ij}(\vec{x}, t) = a^2(t) e^{-2\Psi_\ell(t)} \tilde{h}_{ij}(\vec{x}, t)$$
- In terms of metric functions: 
$$\langle R \rangle_D = a^{-2} e^{2\Psi_\ell} \left\langle \tilde{R} + 4\tilde{\nabla}^2 \Psi_\ell - 2\tilde{\nabla}^i \Psi_\ell \tilde{\nabla}_i \Psi_\ell \right\rangle$$

$$Q_D = \frac{2}{3} \langle \tilde{\Theta}^2 \rangle_D - 2 \langle \tilde{\sigma}^2 \rangle_D$$
- Only super-Hubble modes:  $Q_D$  vanishes  
 integrability condition  $\rightarrow \langle R \rangle_D \propto a_D^{-2}$   
 can have  $q \rightarrow 0$ , but no acceleration

# Gradient expansion

Lifsitz, Khalatnikov, Tomita, Salopek, Stewart, Comer, Deruelle, Langlois, Parry, Nambu, Taruya, Bruni, Sopena, Croudace, ...

- Local curvature expanded in powers of gradients of perturbations
- Lowest-order solution is “seed” long-wavelength approximation
- Successively add higher-order gradient terms

- “Seed” metric:  $\Psi_{IN} = \frac{5}{3}\varphi \quad \chi_{IN} = 0$

- Up to two gradients:

$$\Psi = \frac{5}{3}\varphi + \frac{1}{18} \frac{a}{a_0} \left( \frac{2}{H_0} \right)^2 e^{10\varphi/3} \left[ \nabla^2 \varphi - \frac{5}{6} (\nabla \varphi)^2 \right]$$

$$\chi^i_j = -\frac{1}{3} \frac{a}{a_0} \left( \frac{2}{H_0} \right)^2 e^{10\varphi/3} \left[ D^i_j \varphi + \frac{5}{3} \left( \varphi^i_j - \frac{1}{3} (\nabla \varphi)^2 \delta^i_j \right) \right]$$

- Secular divergence:  $a \frac{1}{18} \frac{1}{a_0} \left( \frac{2}{H_0} \right)^2 e^{10\varphi/3} \left[ \nabla^2 \varphi - \frac{5}{6} (\nabla \varphi)^2 \right]$

# RG-improved gradient expansion

Kolb, Matarrese & Riotto

- Absorb secular divergence into constants of integration of the 0<sup>th</sup>-order solution by a renormalization prescription

Nambu & Yamaguchi

- Solution of renormalization-group equation:

$$\Psi = \frac{5}{3}\varphi + \frac{1}{18} \frac{a}{a_0} \left( \frac{2}{H_0} \right)^2 e^{10\varphi/3} \left[ \nabla^2 \varphi - \frac{5}{6} (\nabla \varphi)^2 \right]$$
$$\rightarrow \frac{5}{3}\varphi - \frac{1}{2} \ln \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{9} \frac{a}{a_0} \left( \frac{2}{H_0} \right)^2 e^{10\varphi/3} \left[ \nabla^2 \varphi - \frac{5}{6} (\nabla \varphi)^2 \right] \right\}$$

- Peculiar expansion  $\theta = \Theta - 3H$  is  $\theta = -3\dot{\Psi} - \frac{1}{2} \chi^{kl} \dot{\chi}_{kl}$
- At late times  $q \rightarrow 0$  (generalization of Geshnizjani, Chung, & Ashfordi)

# RG-improved gradient expansion

Kolb, Matarrese & Riotto

- At higher orders:  $\langle R \rangle_D = \sum_{n \geq 1} e^{2n\Psi_{IN}} c_n a^{n-2} \quad c_n = \mathcal{O}(2n \text{ derivatives})$   
$$\rightarrow \Psi_R(a) \sim -\frac{1}{2n} \ln(1 + 2nc_n a^n) \rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} \ln a \Rightarrow q \rightarrow 0$$
- If only long-wavelength perturbations present, curvature-dominated universe
- Acceleration must be the result of cross-talk between long-wavelength & short-wavelength perturbations — small-scale dynamics affect the effective average dynamics

# Sub-Hubble instabilities

Kolb, Notari,  
Matarrese, & Riotto

- Result in 2<sup>nd</sup>-order perturbation (in  $\phi$ ) theory:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\langle \theta = \Theta - 3H \rangle}{3H} = & -\frac{20\tau^2}{9} \langle \nabla^2 \phi \rangle - \frac{100\tau^2}{9} \langle \phi \rangle \langle \nabla^2 \phi \rangle - \frac{23\tau^4}{54} \langle \nabla^2 \phi \rangle \langle \nabla^2 \phi \rangle \\ & + \frac{130\tau^2}{27} \langle \phi^{,i} \phi_{,i} \rangle + \frac{20\tau^2}{3} \langle \phi \nabla^2 \phi \rangle + \frac{4\tau^4}{27} \left( \langle \nabla^2 \phi \nabla^2 \phi \rangle - \langle \phi^{,ij} \phi_{,ij} \rangle \right) \end{aligned}$$

- Each derivative accompanied by  $\tau = 2/aH$
- Each factor of  $\tau$  accompanied by  $c$ .
- Highest derivative is highest power of  $\tau \propto c$ : “Newtonian”
- Lower derivative terms  $\propto c^{-n}$ : “Post-Newtonian”
- Mean:
  - $\langle \nabla^2 \phi \rangle = \langle \phi \rangle = 0$
  - $\langle \nabla^2 \phi \nabla^2 \phi \rangle = \langle \phi^{,ij} \phi_{,ij} \rangle = \mathcal{O}(1)$  Räsänen
  - But total Newtonian term vanishes (surface term)
  - Post-Newtonian:  $\langle \phi \nabla^2 \phi \rangle = \langle \phi^{,i} \phi_{,i} \rangle = \mathcal{O}(10^{-5})$  **huge!** (large  $k^2/a^2 H^2$ )

# Sub-Hubble instabilities

- First term in gradient expansion (2 spatial derivatives.):

$$\langle R \rangle_D \propto a_D^{-2} \quad Q_D = 0 \rightarrow \text{no acceleration}$$

- In general, gradient expansion gives Notari; Kolb, Matarrese, & Riotto

$$\langle R \rangle_D = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r_n a^{n-3} \quad \left( r_n = \sum_{m=n}^{2n} (2n \text{ derivatives}) \phi^m \right)$$

$$Q_D = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} q_n a^{n-3} \quad \left( q_n = \sum_{m=n}^{2n} (2n \text{ derivatives}) \phi^m \right)$$

- Newtonian terms,  $(\nabla^2 \phi)^n \sim (k/aH)^{2n} \phi^n$ , individually are large, but only appear as surface terms, hence small in total
- Post-Newtonian terms,  $(\nabla \phi)^{2n} \sim (k/aH)^{2n} \phi^{2n}$ , individually are small, but do not appear as surface terms
- Dominant term is combination:  $(\nabla^2 \phi)^{n-1} (\nabla \phi)^2 \sim (k/aH)^{2n} \phi^{n+1}$

# Sub-Hubble instabilities

- Gradient expansion:  $\langle R \rangle_D = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r_n a^{n-3}$        $Q_D = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} q_n a^{n-3}$
- Lowest-order term to make big contribution is  $n = 3$  (6 derivatives)
- Disconnected fourth-order moment of  $\phi$ :  $\left\langle \frac{(\nabla^2 \phi)^2}{H_0^4} \right\rangle \left\langle \frac{(\nabla \phi)^2}{H_0^2} \right\rangle$
- Notice  $n = 3$  contributes to  $Q_D$  and  $\langle R \rangle_D$  terms  $\propto a^0$ , i.e.,  
**expansion as if driven by a cosmological constant !!!**
- But why stop at  $n = 3$  ??????

# Inhomogeneities

- Does this have anything to do with our universe?
- Have to go to non-perturbative limit
- How to relate observables ( $d_L(z)$ ,  $d_A(z)$ ,  $H(z)$ , ...) to  $Q_D$  &  $\langle R \rangle_D$ ?
- Can one have large effect and isotropic expansion/acceleration?  
(*i.e.*, will the shear be small?)
- What about gravitational instability?
- Work to be done!
- Toy model proof of principle: Tolman-Bondi dust model  
(Nambu & Tanimoto (gr-qc/0507057))

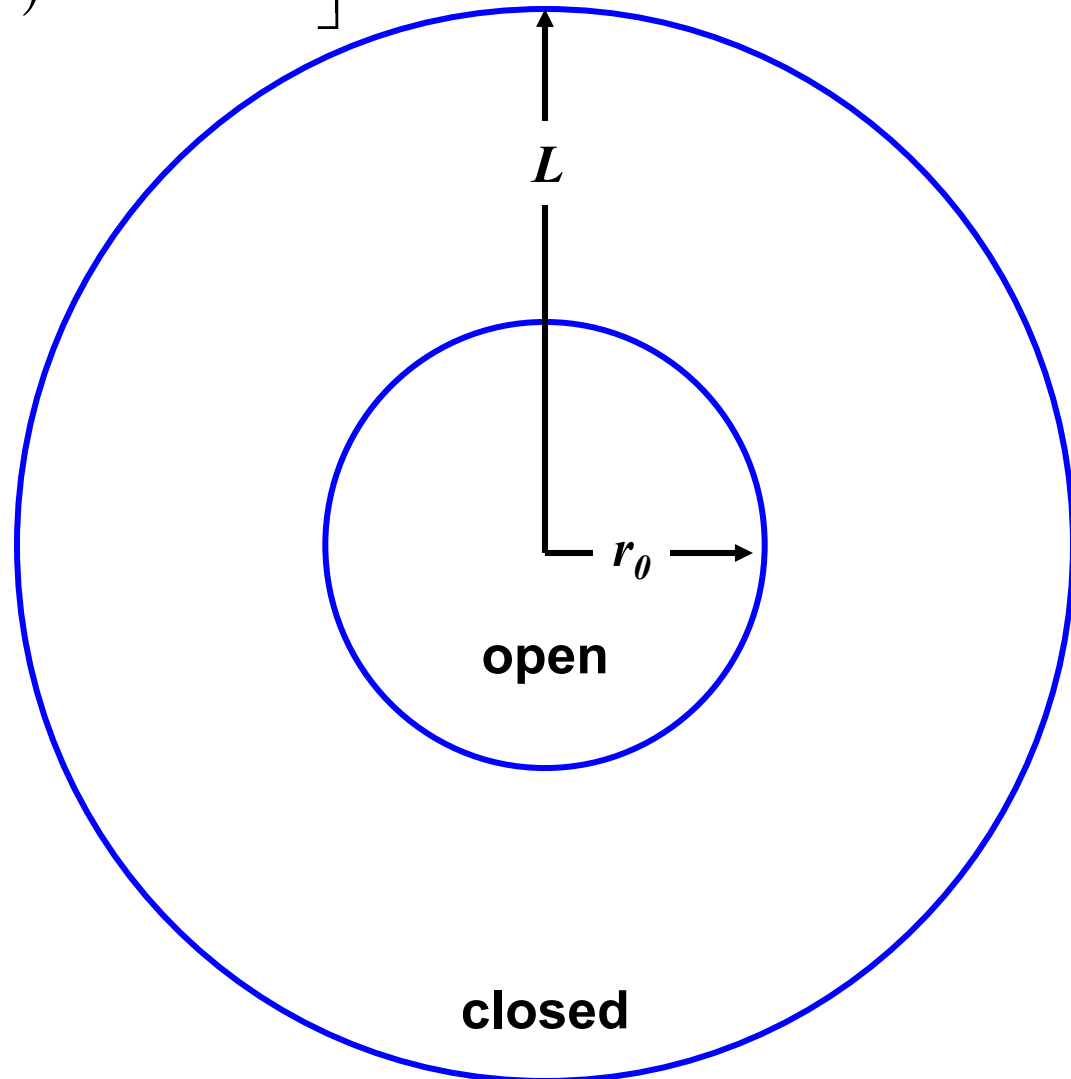


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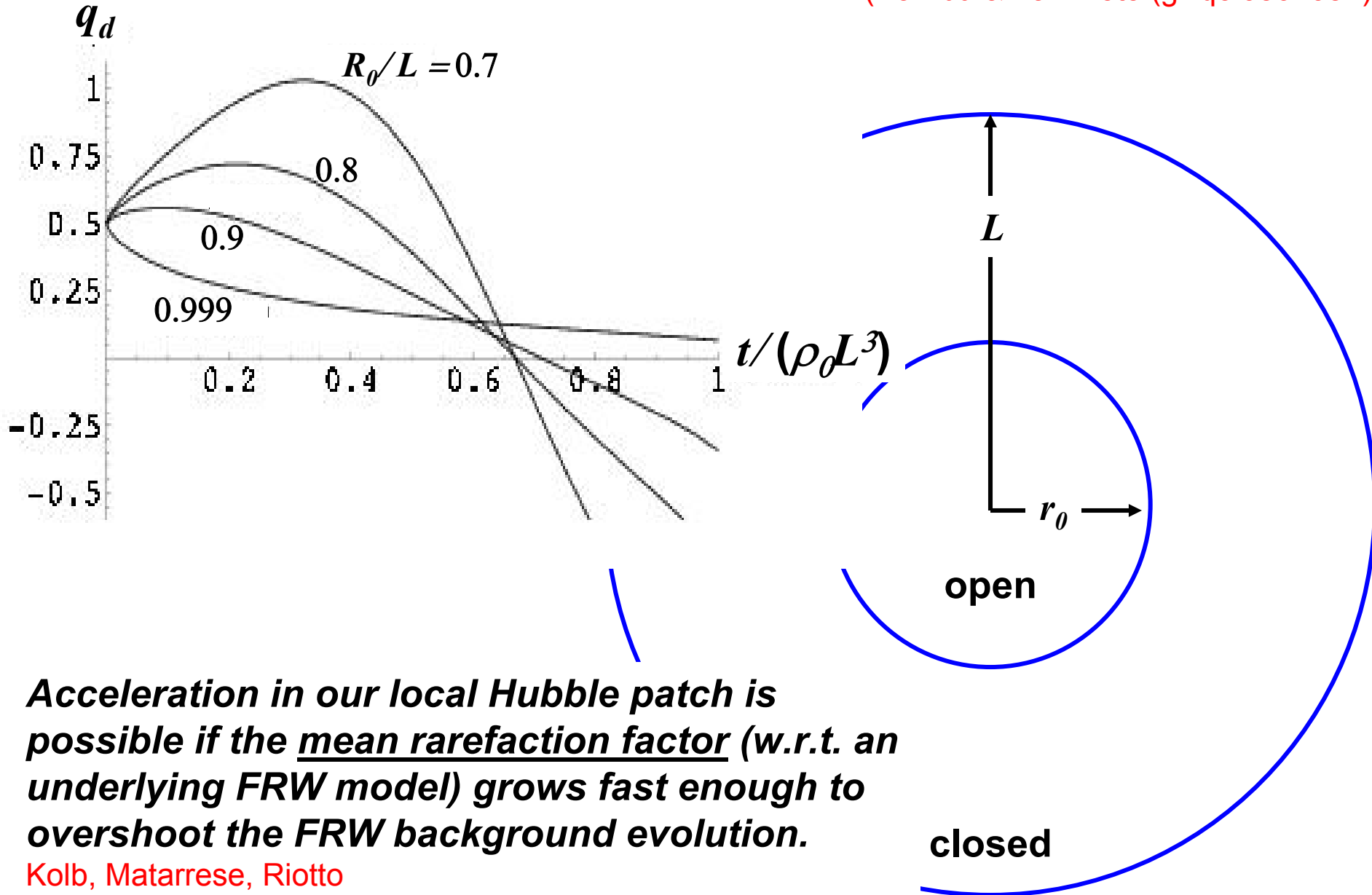
$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + a^2 \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{a_{,r} r}{a} \right)^2 \frac{dr^2}{1 - k(r)r^2} + r^2 d\Omega_2^2 \right]$$

- dust model:  $\rho = \rho_0 / a^3$
- spatial curvature:  
 $k = -1$  for  $0 \leq r \leq r_0$   
 $k = +1$  for  $r_0 \leq r \leq L$
- “Friedmann” equation  
$$\left( \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \frac{\rho_0(r)}{a^3} - \frac{k(r)}{a^2}$$
- Not to be regarded as a realistic model



# Tolman–Bondi–Lemâitre

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**Acceleration in our local Hubble patch is possible if the mean rarefaction factor (w.r.t. an underlying FRW model) grows fast enough to overshoot the FRW background evolution.**

Kolb, Matarrese, Riotto

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## If have exact solution

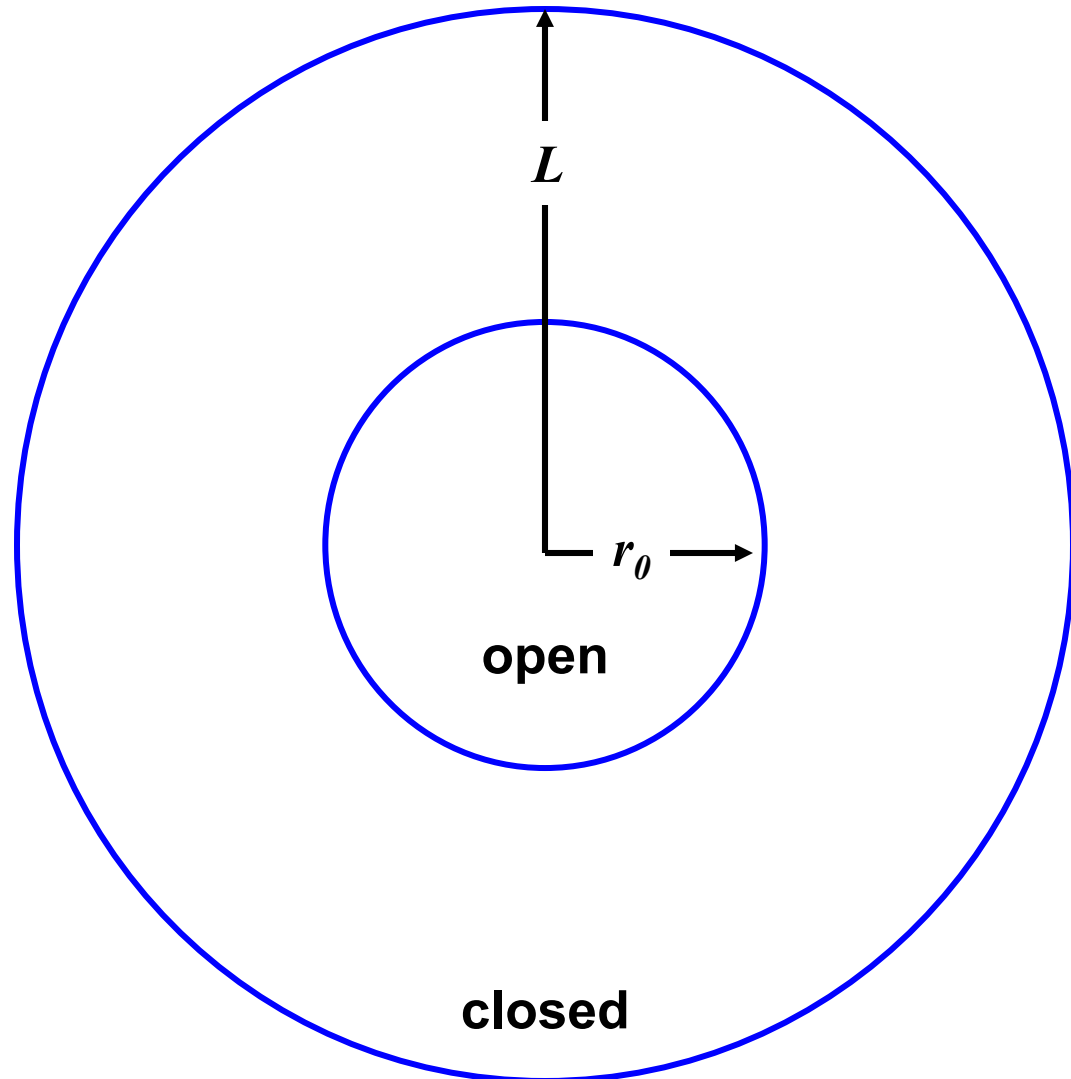
can investigate how  
observables related to  
 $Q_D$  and  $\langle R \rangle_D$

## Not quite there

metric has discontinuity  
at  $r = r_0$


## Fix

wall at  $r = r_0$ ?  
make it smooth?



# Conclusions

- Must properly smooth inhomogeneous Universe
- In principle, acceleration possible even if “locally”  $\rho + 3p > 0$
- Super-Hubble modes, of and by themselves, cannot accelerate
- Sub-Hubble modes have large terms in gradient expansion
  - Newtonian terms can be large but combine as surface terms
  - Post-Newtonian terms are not surface terms, but small
  - Mixed Newtonian  $\times$  Post-Newtonian can be large
  - Effect from “mildly” non-linear scales
- The first large term yields effective cosmological constant
- No reason to stop at first large term
- Can have  $w < -1$ ?
- Advantages to scenario:
  - No new physics
  - “Why now” due to onset of non-linear era



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