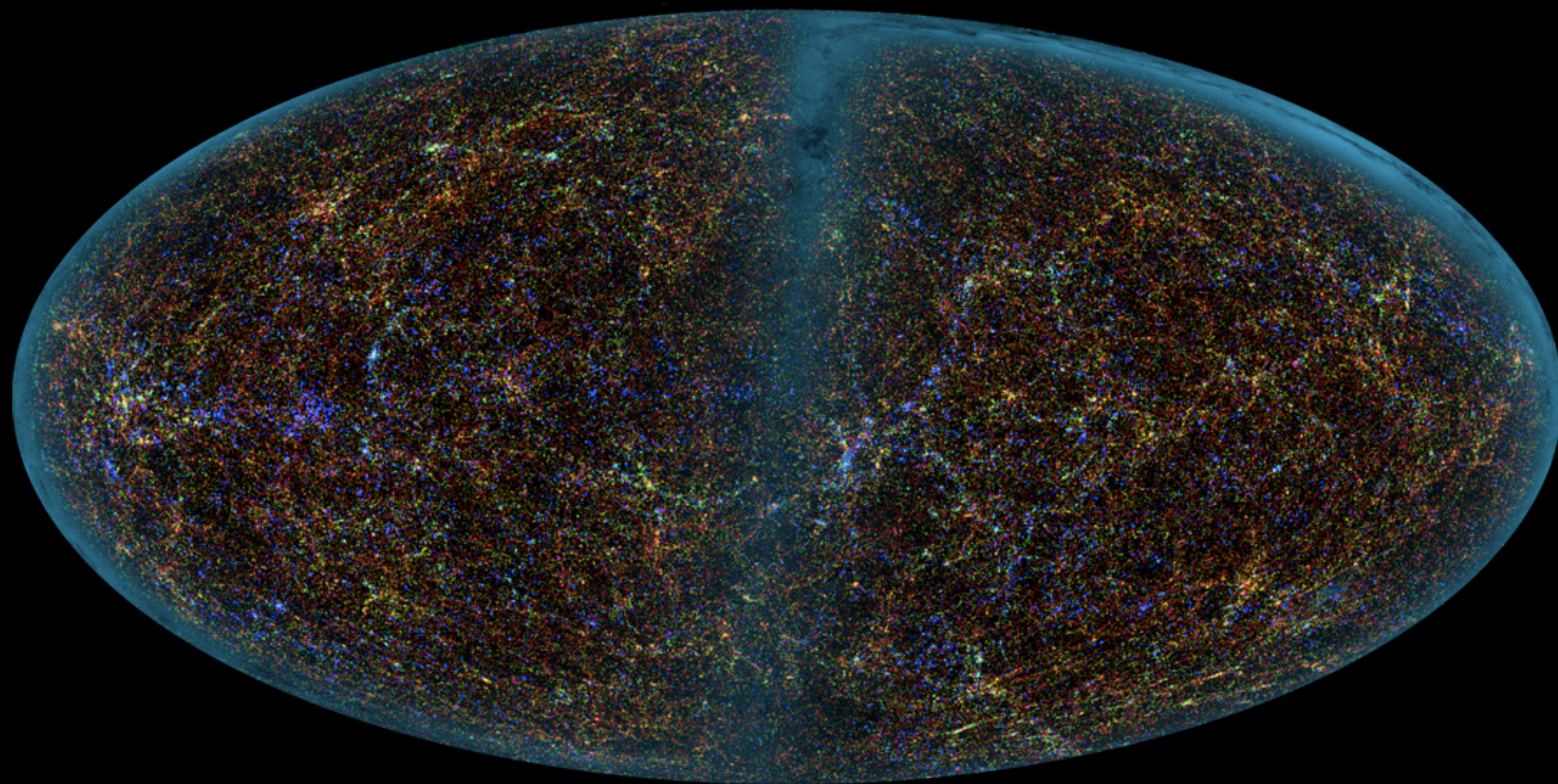


Cosmology

and Large Scale Structure



Today
Observational Tests

Time-redshift
Luminosity Distance-redshift
Angular Size Distance-redshift
relations in FLRW

homework 2 due Thu 9/19

comoving coordinates constant

Once we know (or assume) what kind of universe we live in,
we specify the expansion history $a(t)$.

we know the expansion factor from the redshift

a photon propagating through the expanding
universe traverses a distance element

$$d\ell = c dt = a(t) dr$$

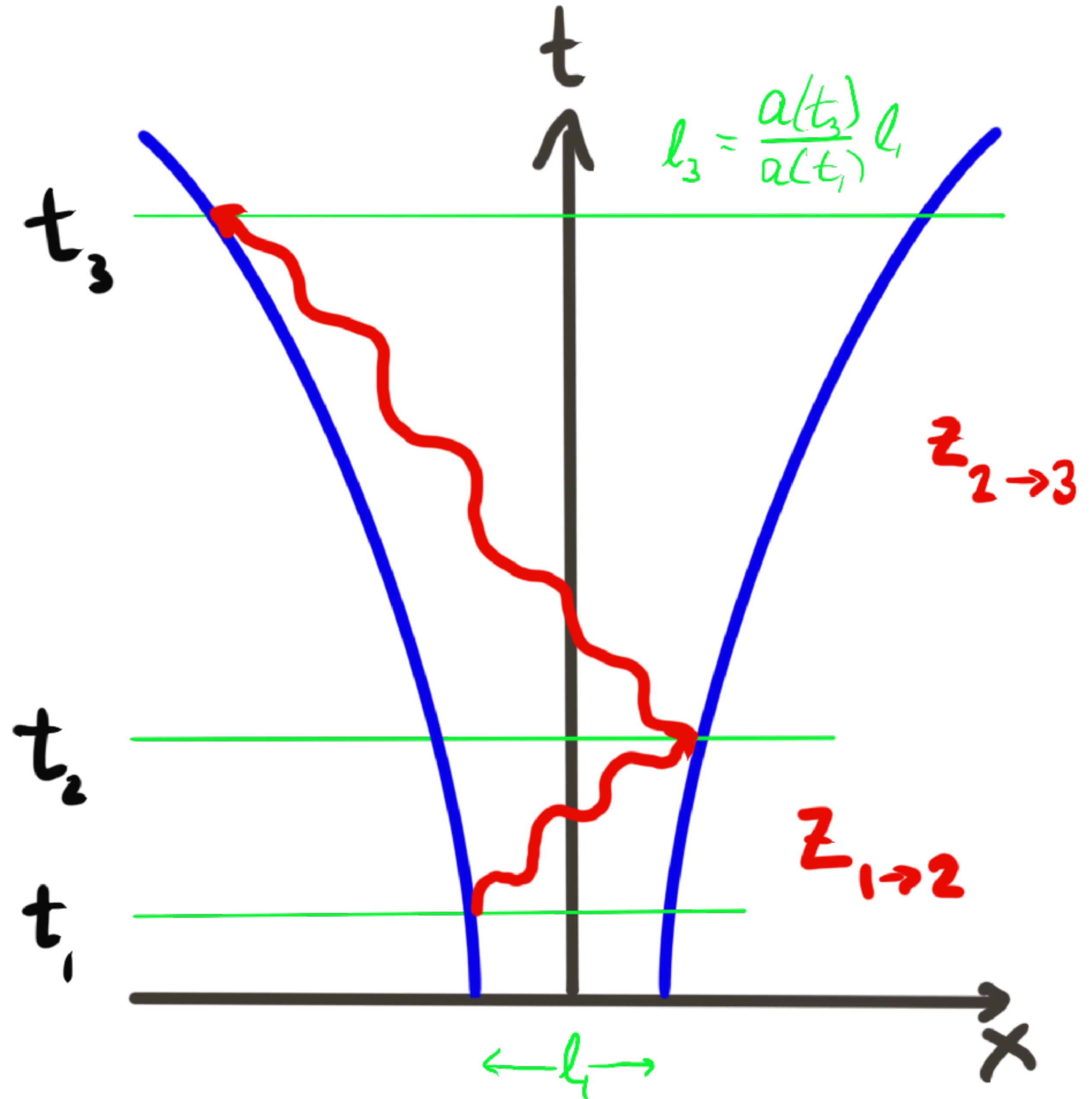
The comoving separation between two points is fixed, so

$$r = c \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \frac{dt}{a(t)} = c \int_{t_2}^{t_3} \frac{dt}{a(t)}$$

and

$$\frac{a(t_2)}{a(t_1)} = 1 + z_{1 \rightarrow 2} \qquad \frac{a(t_3)}{a(t_2)} = 1 + z_{2 \rightarrow 3}$$

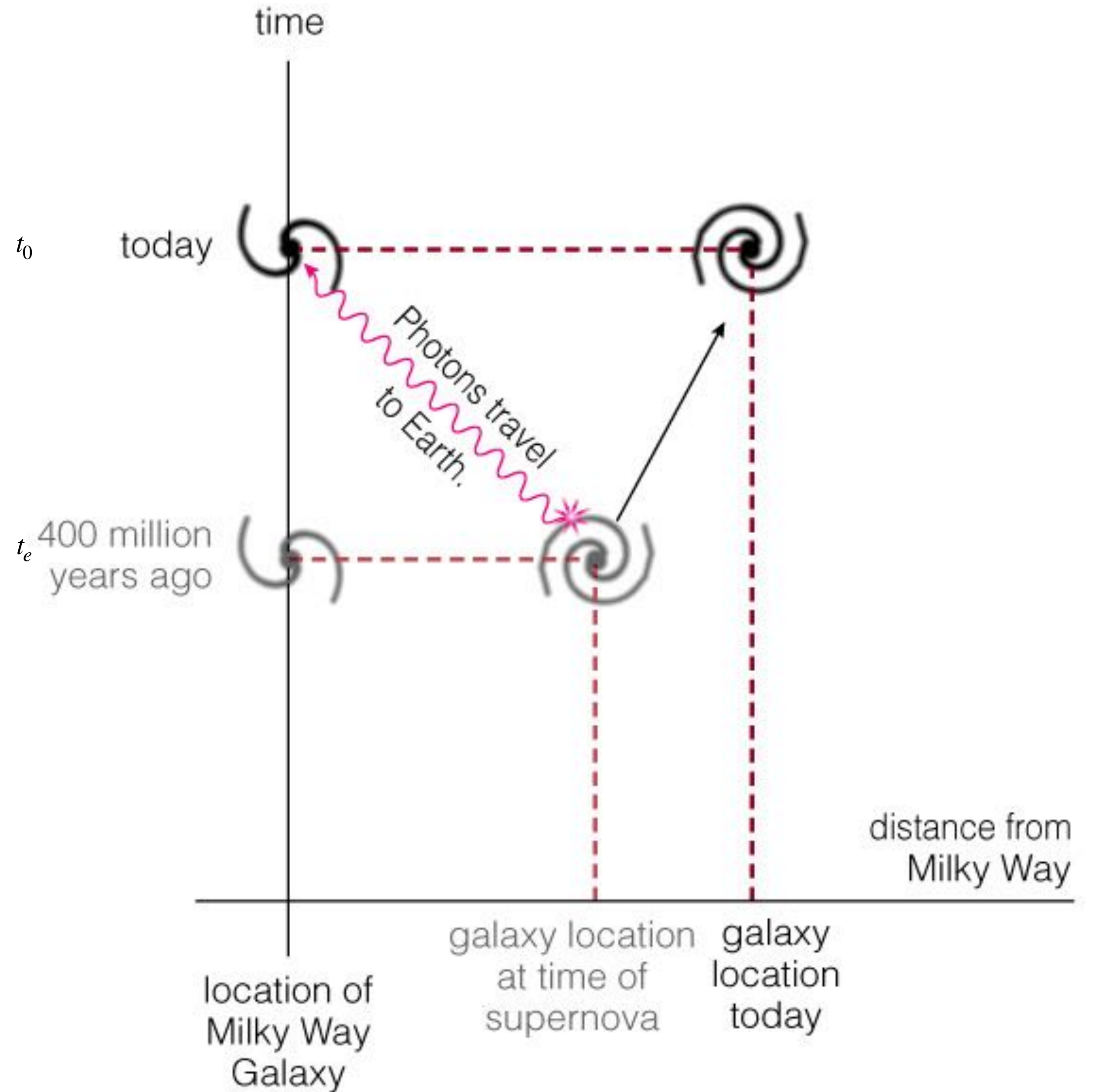
relates the redshift to the expansion factor



The proper distance

$$D_p(t_0) = c \int_{t_e}^{t_0} \frac{dt}{a(t)}$$

$$a(t) \approx 1 + H_0(t - t_0) - \frac{1}{2}q_0H_0^2(t - t_0)^2 + \dots$$



In terms of redshift,

$$D_p(z_e) = \frac{c}{H_0} \int_0^{z_e} \frac{dz}{E(z)}$$

For **zero** cosmological constant, there is an exact solution known as Mattig's equation:

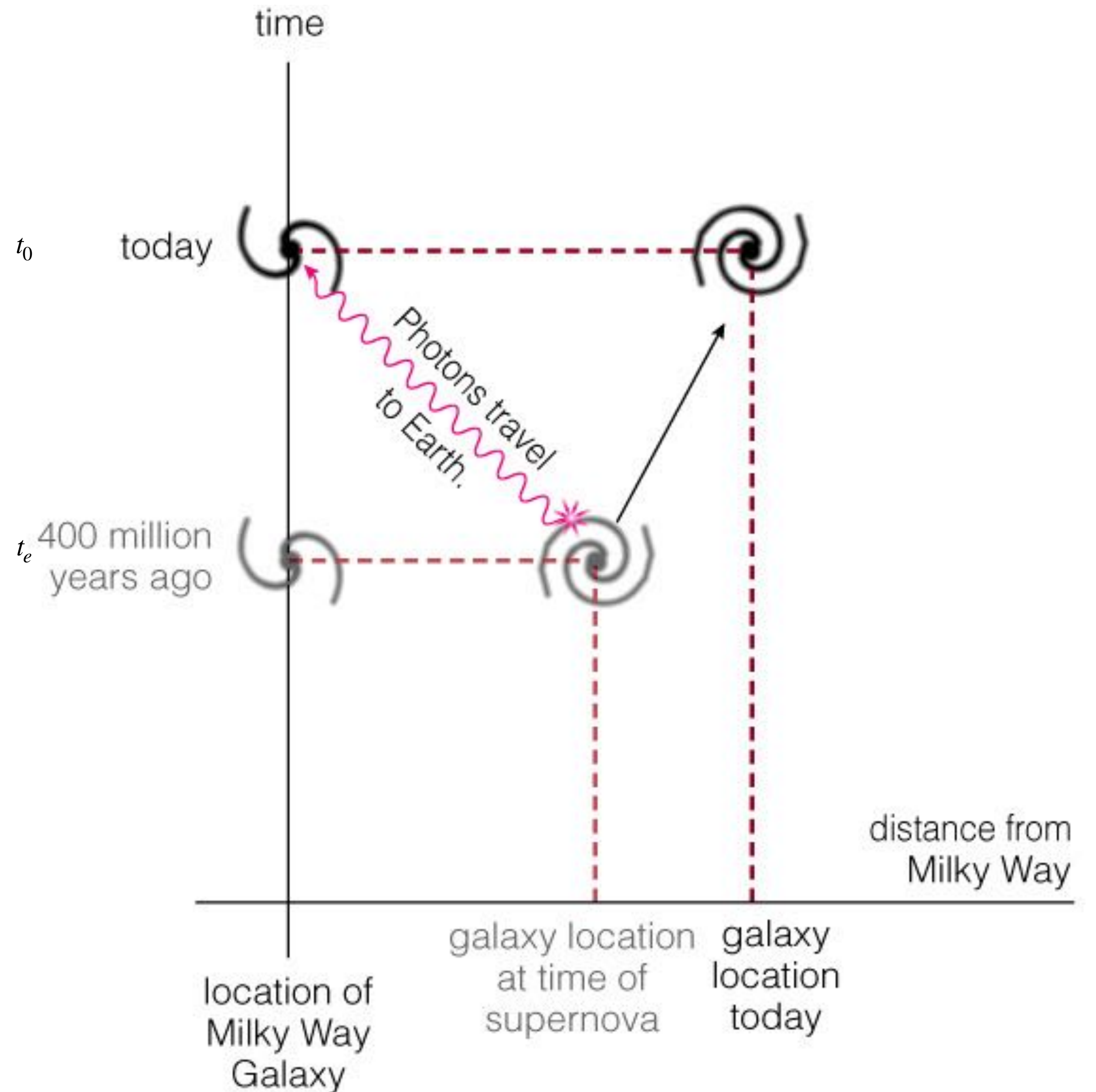
$$D_p(z) = \frac{2c}{H_0} \frac{[z\Omega_m + (\Omega_m - 2)(\sqrt{1 + z\Omega_m} - 1)]}{\Omega_m^2(1 + z)}$$

In general, there is no analytic solution, but can approximate with the Taylor expansion:

$$D_p(z) = \frac{c}{H_0} \left[z - \frac{1}{2}(1 + q_0)z^2 \right]$$

Where the leading term is Hubble's Law

$$D_p(z) = \frac{cz}{H_0}$$



For time rather than distance

Friedmann equation

$$\frac{\dot{a}}{a} = H_0 E(a)$$

$$H_0 \int_{t_e}^{t_0} dt = \int_{a_e}^1 \frac{da}{aE(a)} = \int_0^{z_e} \frac{dz}{(1+z)E(z)}$$

note that limits of the integral get flipped

$$H_0(t_0 - t_e) = \int_0^{z_e} \frac{dz}{(1+z)E(z)}$$

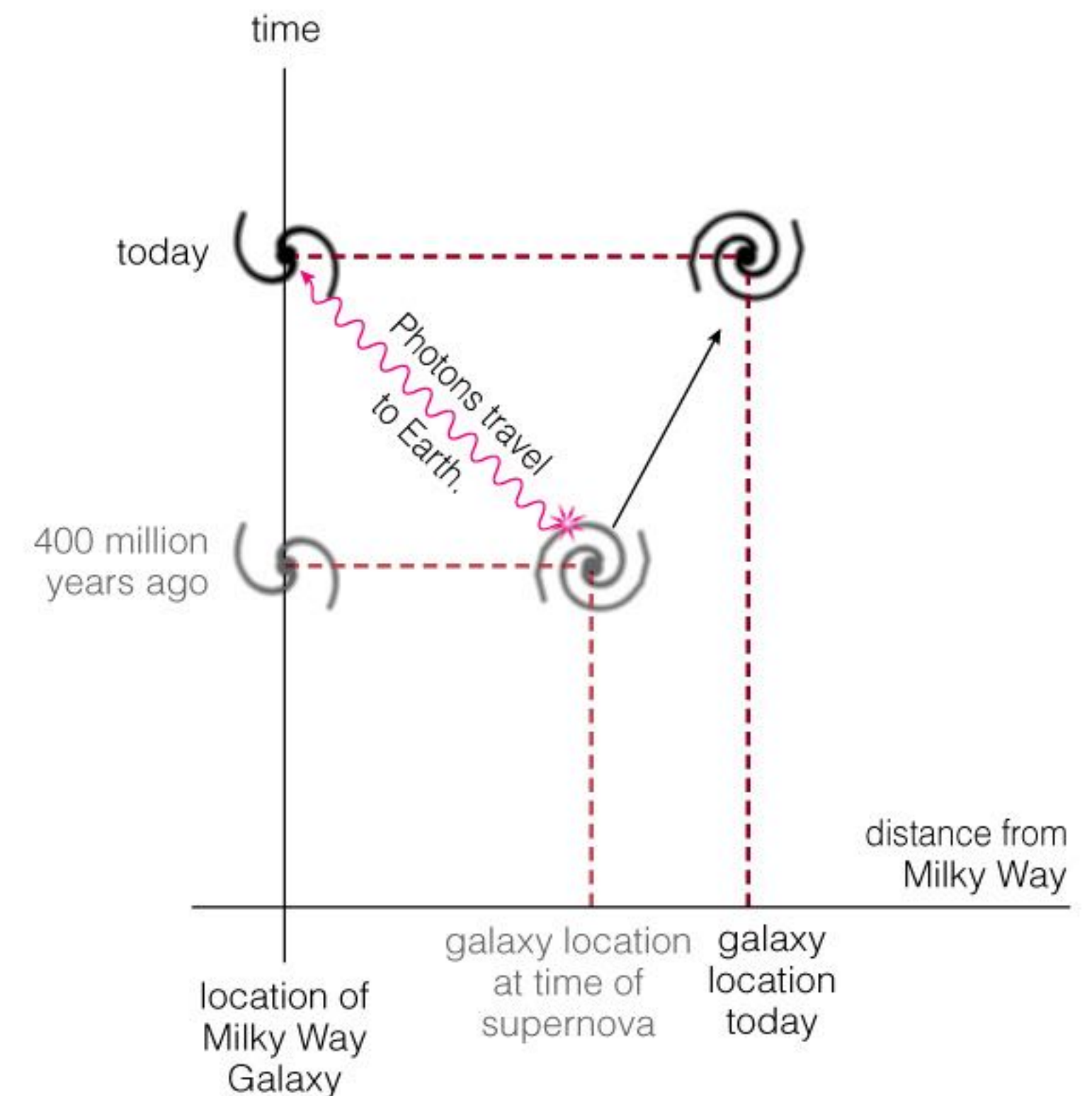
$(t_0 - t_e)$ is the **Lookback time** - the time since the photon was emitted.

$$\Omega_m + \Omega_r + \Omega_k + \Omega_\Lambda = 1$$

$$H = \frac{\dot{a}}{a}$$

$$a = (1+z)^{-1}$$

$$E(z) = \sqrt{\Omega_{m_0}(1+z)^3 + \Omega_{r_0}(1+z)^4 + \Omega_{k_0}(1+z)^2 + \Omega_{\Lambda_0}}$$



The age of the universe is obtained by setting

$$t_e = 0 ; z \rightarrow \infty$$

$$H_0 t_0 = \int_0^\infty \frac{dz}{(1+z)E(z)}$$

which can be approximated by

$$t_0 \approx \left(\frac{2}{3H_0} \right) (0.7\Omega_{m_0} + 0.3 - 0.3\Omega_{\Lambda_0})^{-0.3}$$

There is no deep theory in this last formula.
It is just a fitting formula that approximates the answer to a few %.

Similarly, the redshift-age of a matter dominated universe can be approximated as

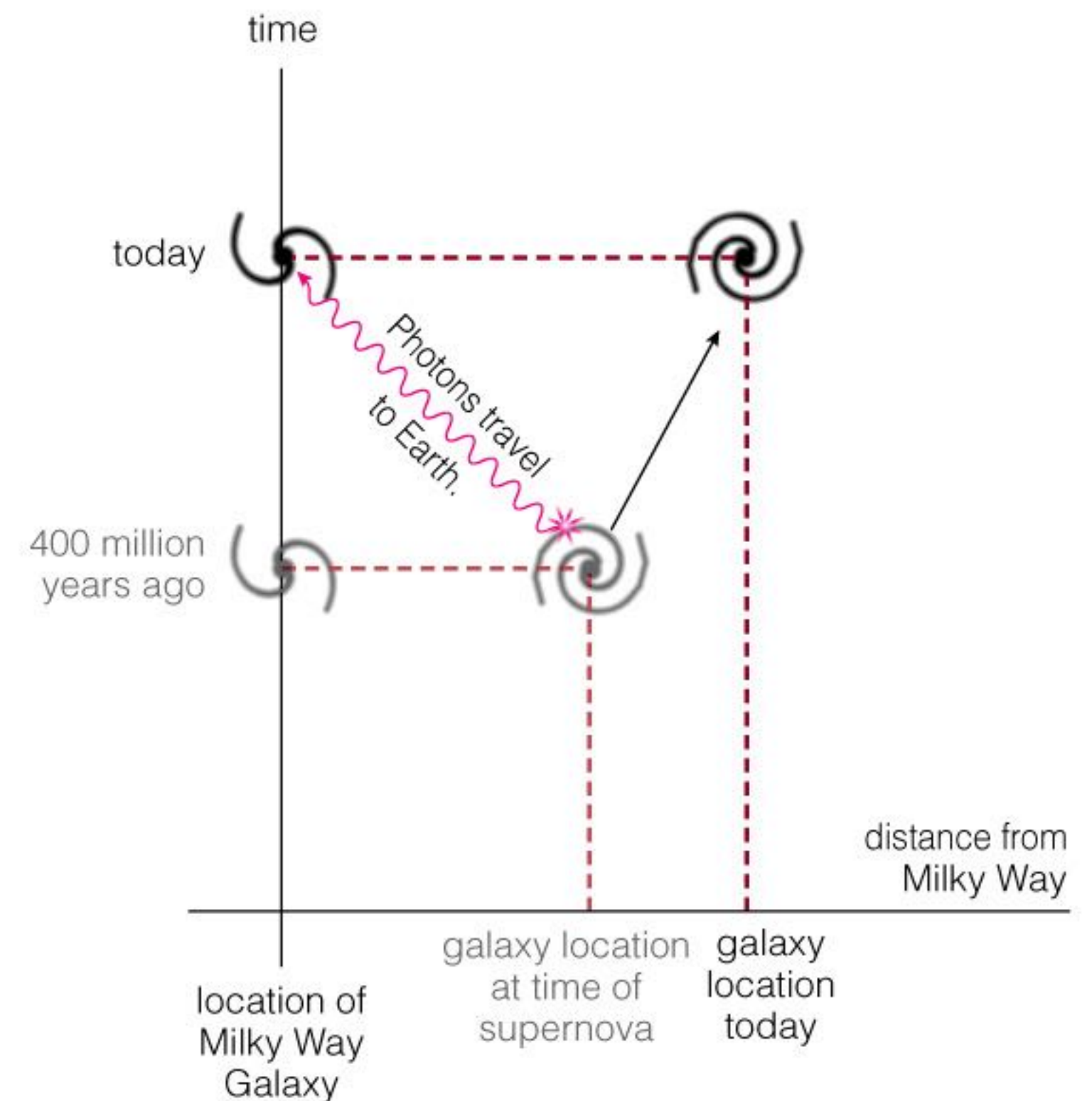
$$\frac{1}{t(z)} \approx H(z) \left[1 + \frac{1}{2} \Omega_m^{0.6}(z) \right] \quad \text{Peacock (3.46)}$$

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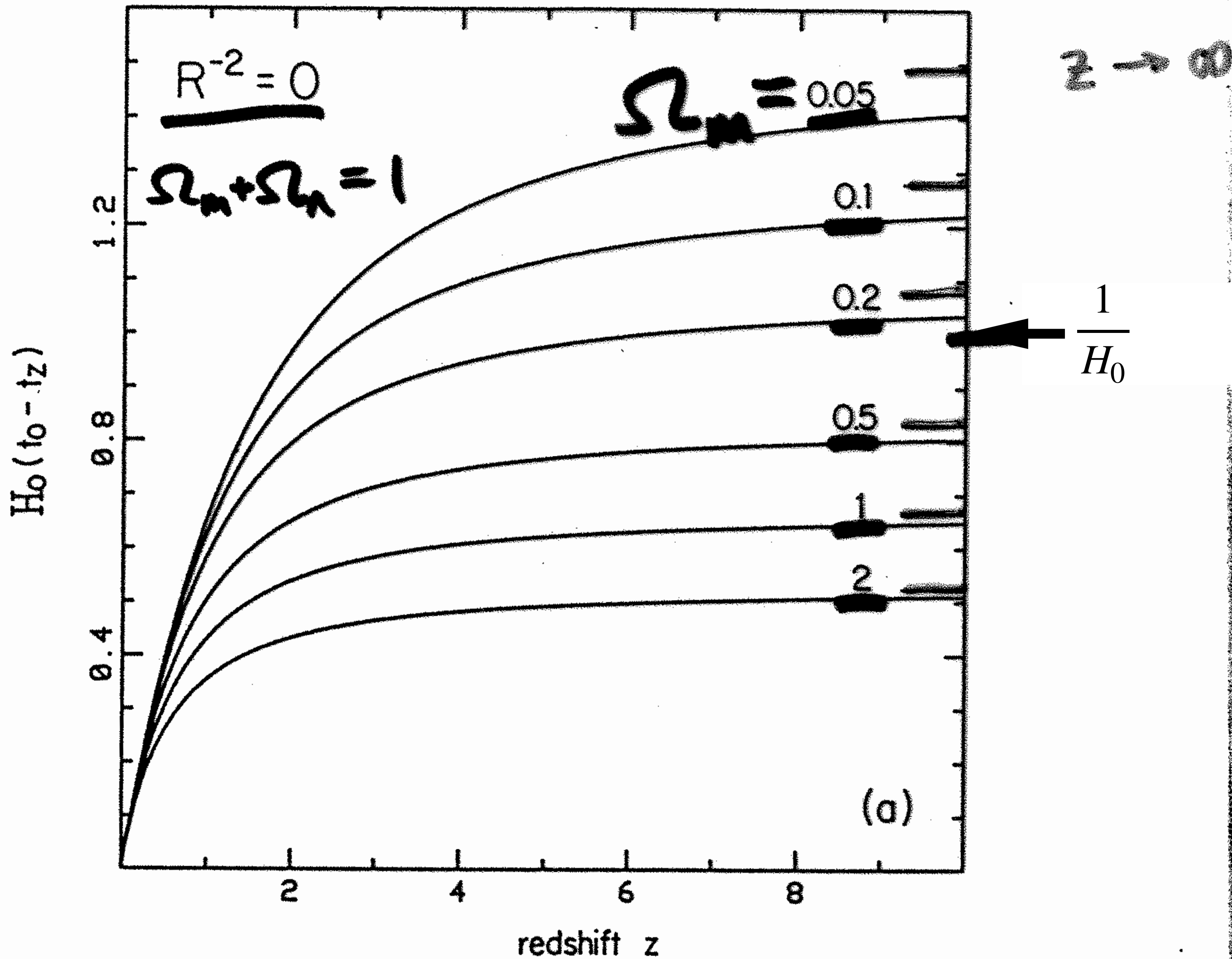
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Flat cosmologies

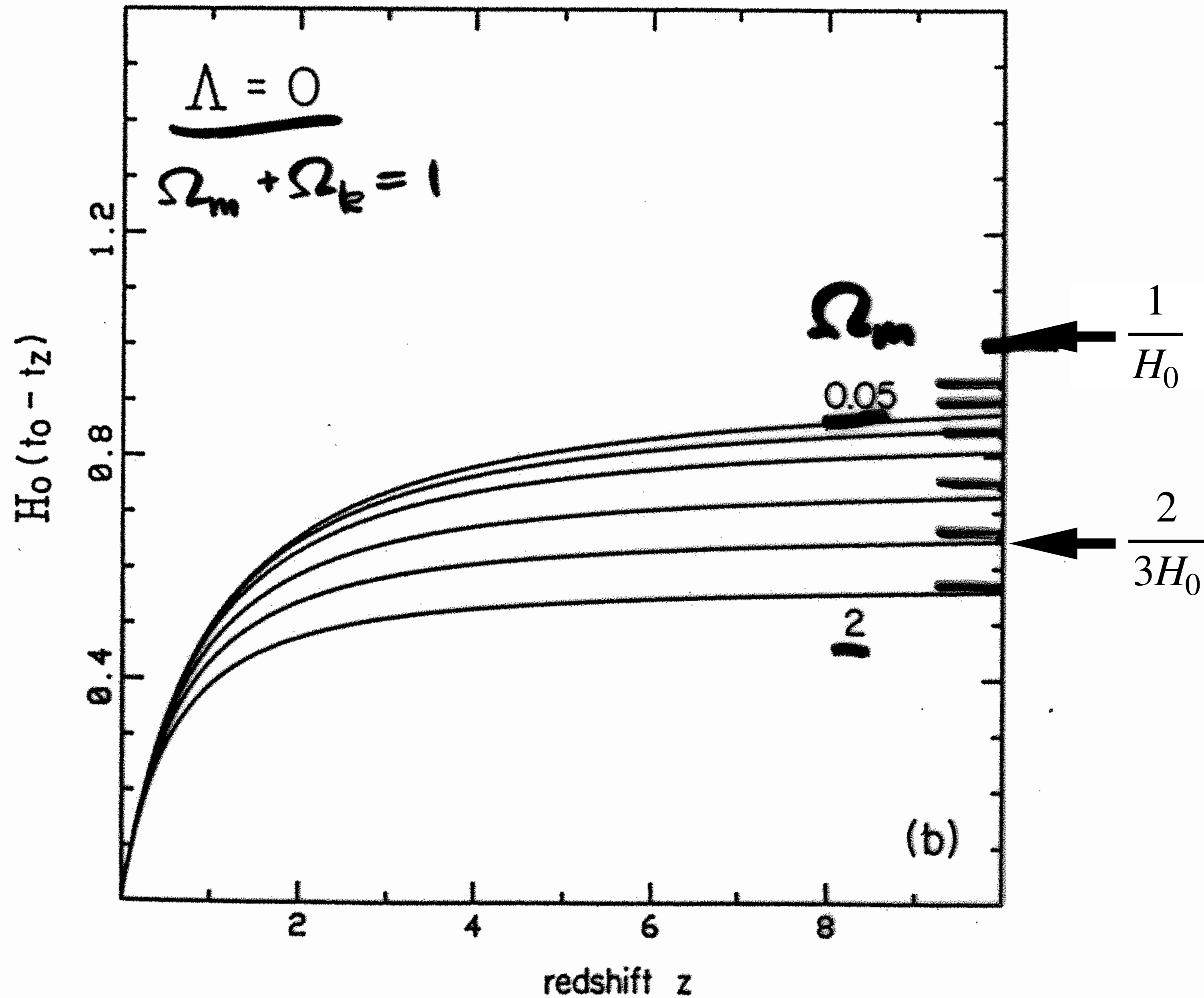
Peebles, Principles of Physical Cosmology

Figure 13.1. Lookback time as a function of redshift. The long dashes on the right-hand axis show the age t_0 of the universe computed from $z \rightarrow \infty$. In panel (a) space curvature is negligible, and in panel (b) the cosmological constant, Λ , is negligibly small. The curves are labeled by the density parameter, Ω .



Zero cosmological constant

These cosmologies have only decelerated, so must have ages less than one Hubble time.



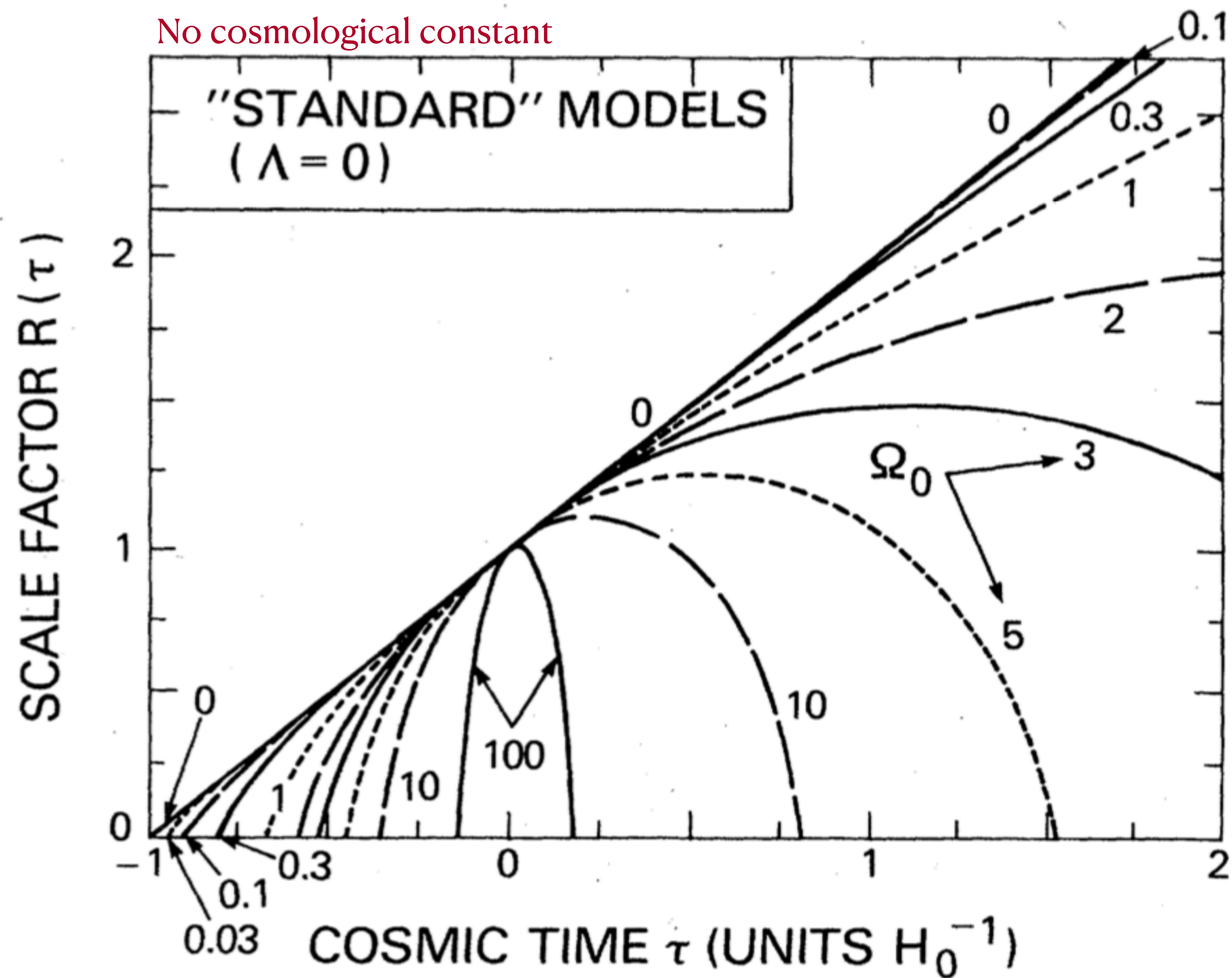


FIG. 3. "Standard" Friedmann models. The family of scale factors $R(\tau)$ for the "standard models" ($\Lambda=0$). The free parameter, shown on the curves, is Ω_0 . As shown by the τ intercepts, all models have ages ≤ 1 ($\leq H_0^{-1}$ yr).

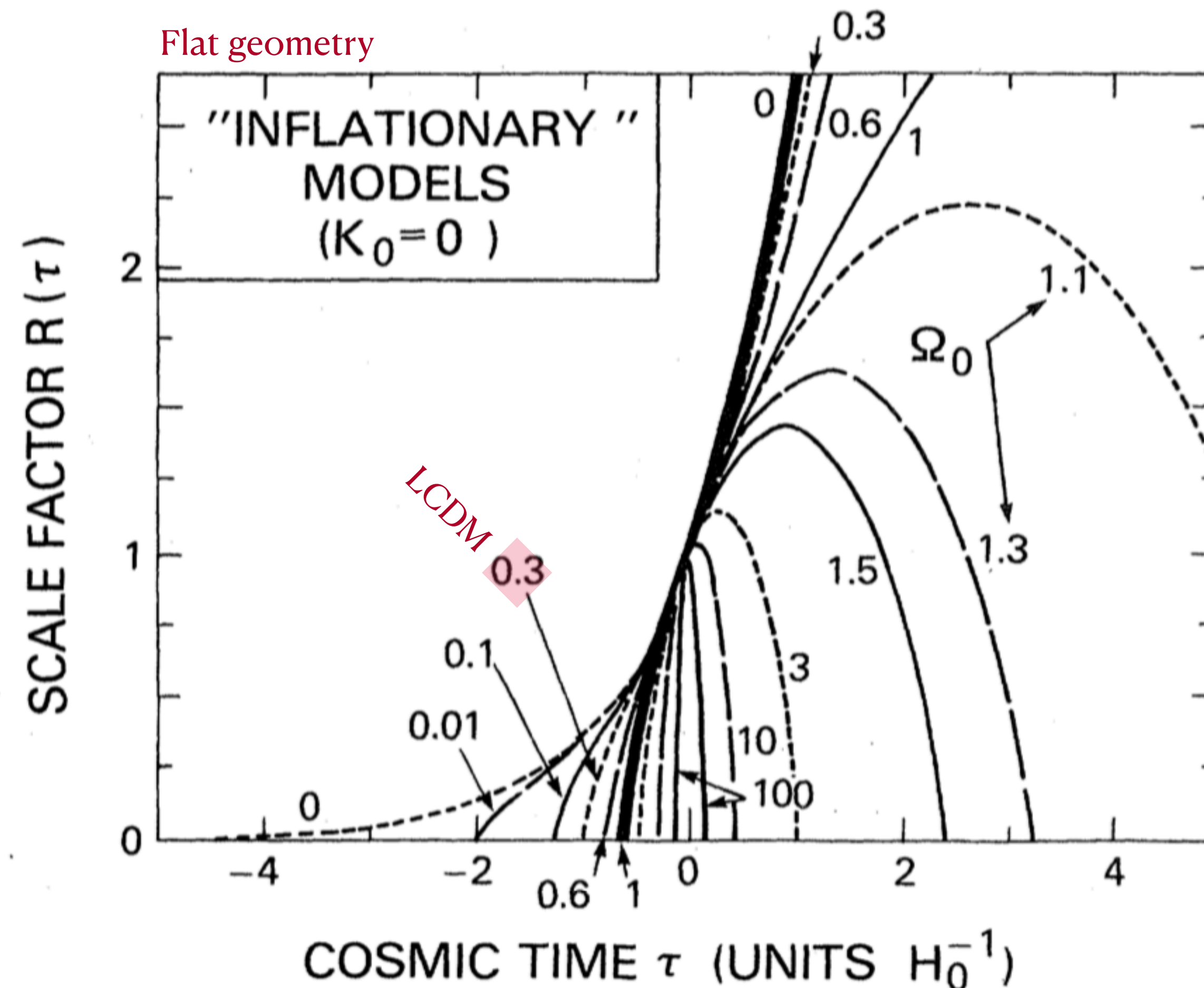


FIG. 2. "Inflationary" Friedmann models. The family of scale factors $R(\tau)$ for models satisfying the "inflationary constraint" (three-space curvature $K_0=0$). The free parameter, shown on the curves, is Ω_0 . The cosmological constant Λ is determined from Ω_0 by Eq. (14).

Can in principle have solutions in which there was no Big Bang in the past, depending on the value of Lambda.

$$\Omega_m, \Omega_\Lambda, \Omega_k \text{ all non-zero}$$

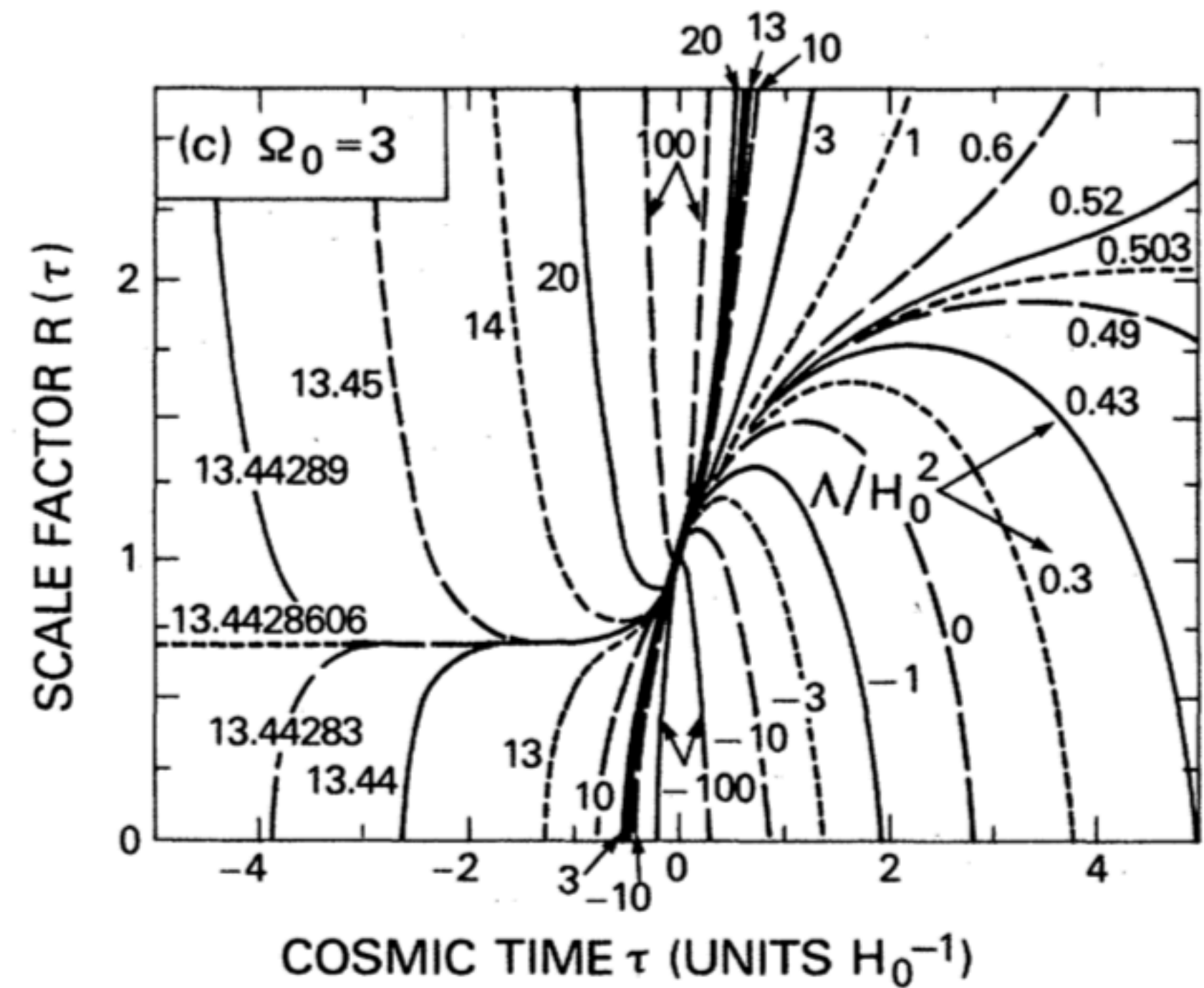


FIG. 1. Solutions of the Friedmann equation. Three families of scale factors $R(\tau)$ for Friedmann (zero-pressure) universes, with three fixed values of the present density parameter Ω_0 : (a) $\Omega_0=0.1$; (b) $\Omega_0=1$; (c) $\Omega_0=3$. The free parameter, shown on the curves, is the cosmological constant Λ in units of H_0^2 , where H_0 is the present Hubble parameter. The time τ is measured in units of the Hubble time H_0^{-1} and is taken $=0$ at present. The scale factor $R(\tau)$ is normalized to unity at present: $R_0=1$. For further discussion see the text.

Observational Tests

Five Classic Tests

- Luminosity-redshift relation $D_L - z$ Standard Candle
- Angular size-redshift relation $D_A - z$ Standard Rod
- Number-redshift relation $N(z)$ Source counts with redshift
- Number-magnitude relation $N(m)$ Source counts with magnitude
- Tolman test $\Sigma(z)$ Surface brightness not distance independent in Robertson-Walker geometry

Other tests are possible. E.g., one could in principle make an age-redshift test - if one could confidently measure ages of objects at cosmic distances.

- Age-redshift relation

LCDM age-redshift relation ($H_0 = 70$, $\Omega_m = 0.3$; $t_0 = 13.5$ Gyr)

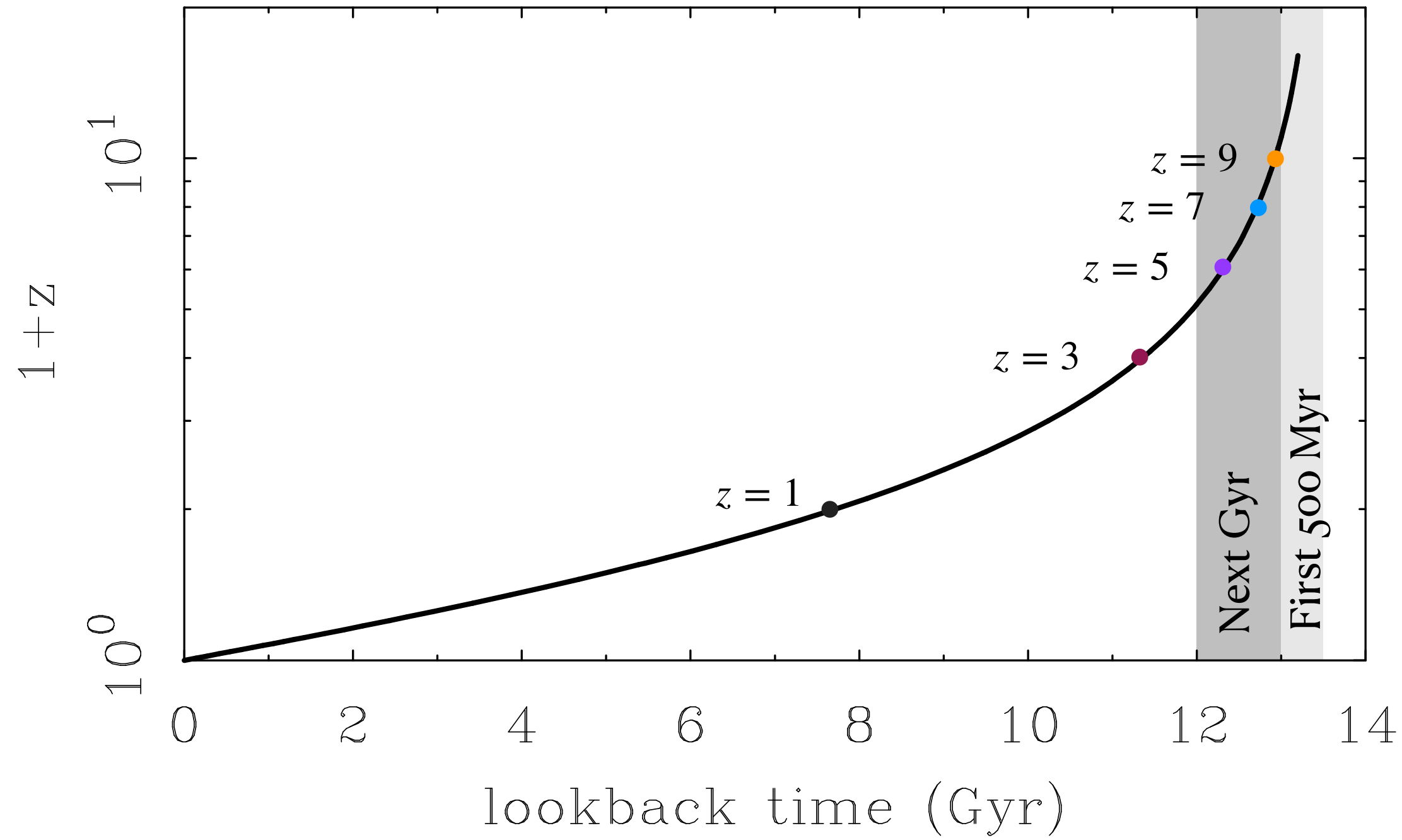
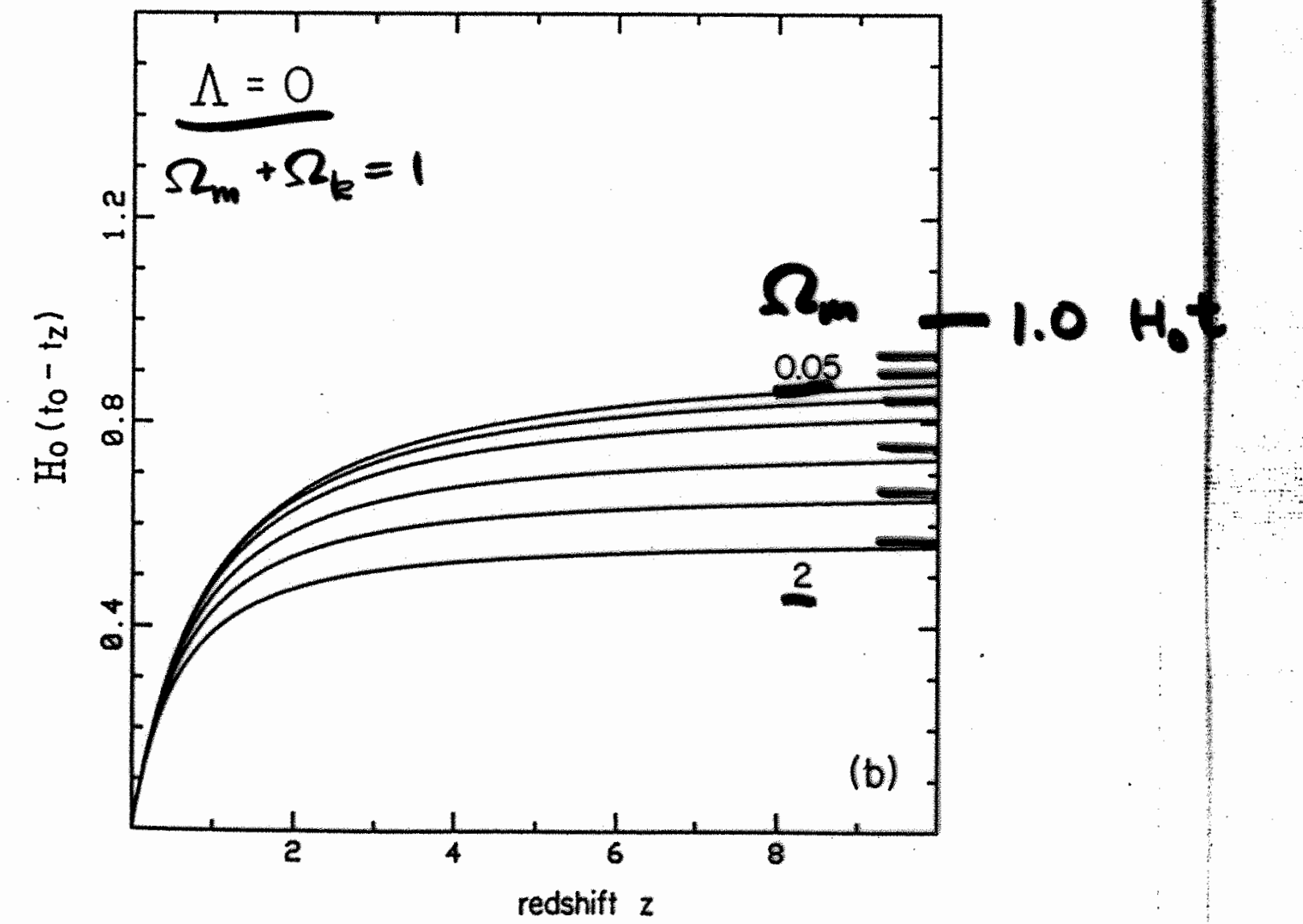
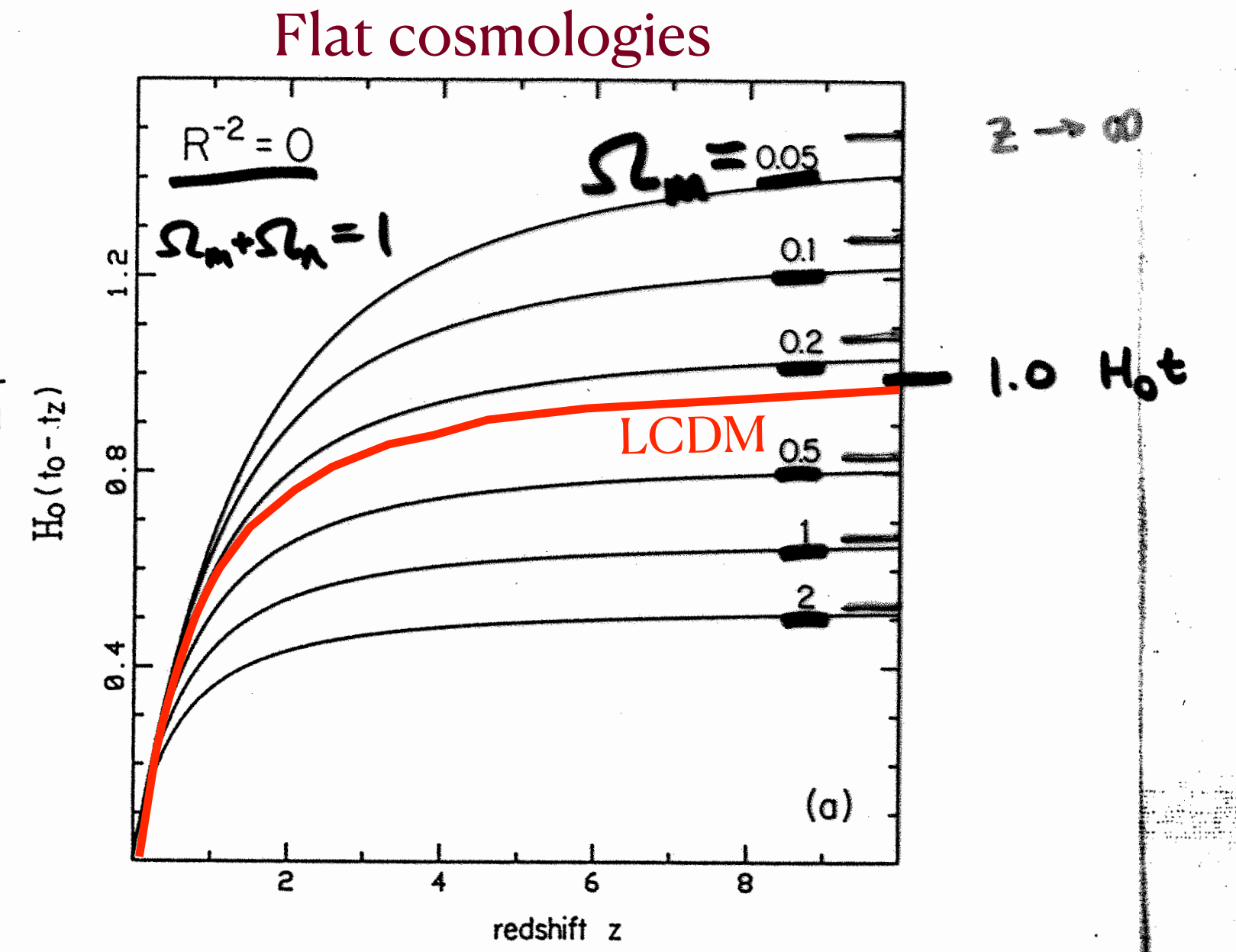
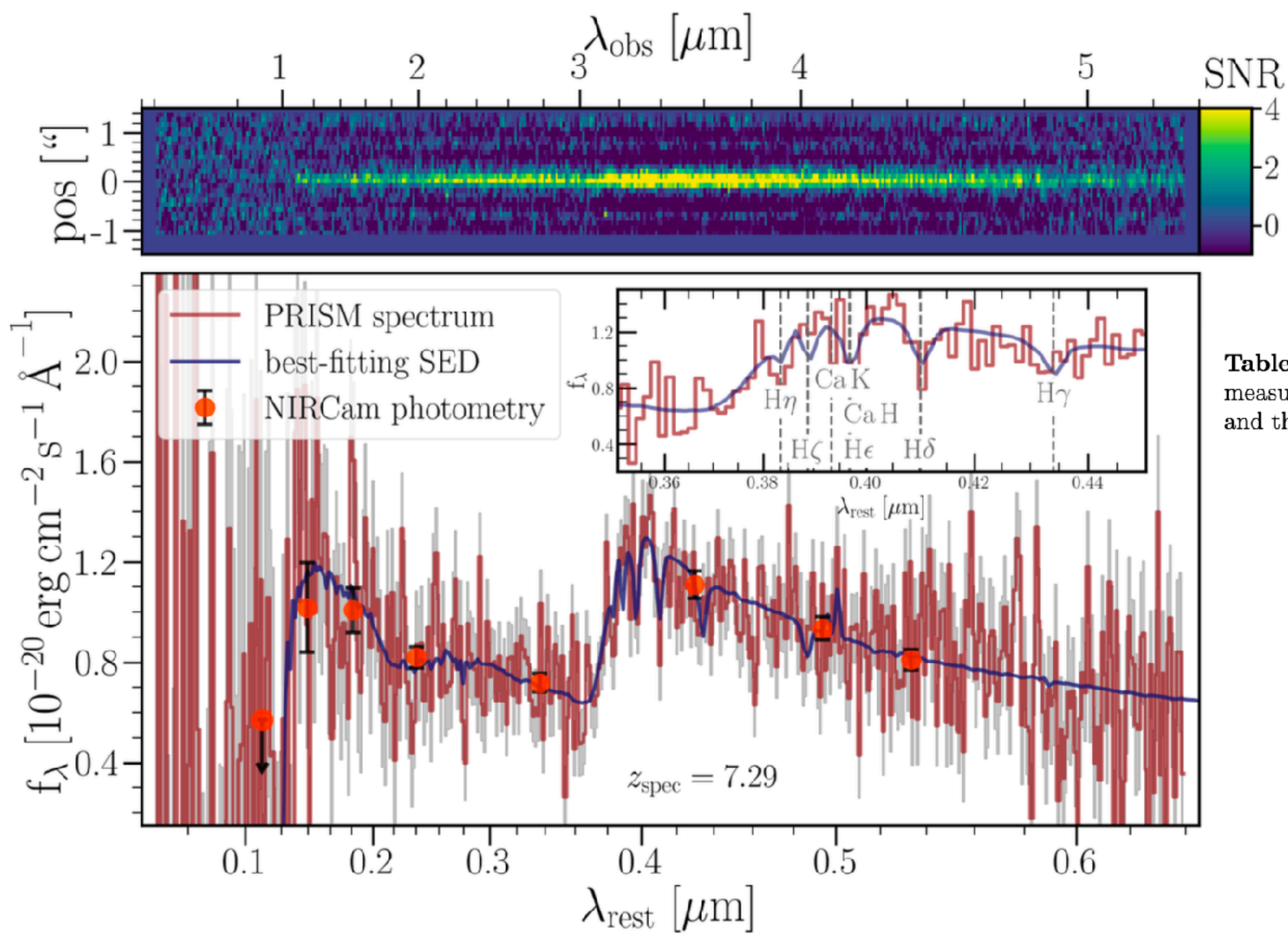


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Zero cosmological constant



Age-redshift test enabled by
JWST observations

[arXiv:2409.03829](https://arxiv.org/abs/2409.03829)

Table 2. Physical properties of RUBIES-UDS-QG-z7, as measured with **Prospector** for the fiducial model (free Z) and the high metallicity (high- Z) fit.

quantity	fiducial	high- Z
z_{spec}	$7.287^{+0.007}_{-0.006}$	$7.290^{+0.005}_{-0.006}$
$\log(M_*/M_\odot)$	$10.23^{+0.04}_{-0.04}$	$10.19^{+0.04}_{-0.04}$
$\log(\Sigma_{*,c}/M_\odot \text{ kpc}^{-2})$	$10.85^{+0.11}_{-0.12}$	$10.80^{+0.11}_{-0.12}$
$\text{SFR}_{10} [M_\odot \text{ yr}^{-1}]$	$0.64^{+0.83}_{-0.60}$	$1.08^{+1.55}_{-0.98}$
$\text{SFR}_{50} [M_\odot \text{ yr}^{-1}]$	$0.83^{+11.11}_{-0.76}$	$2.13^{+5.54}_{-1.92}$
$\text{SFR}_{100} [M_\odot \text{ yr}^{-1}]$	$0.84^{+20.16}_{-0.78}$	$48.89^{+21.12}_{-13.04}$
$A_V [\text{mag}]$	$0.34^{+0.08}_{-0.09}$	$0.27^{+0.09}_{-0.07}$
$t_{50} [\text{Gyr}]$	$0.20^{+0.07}_{-0.02}$	$0.16^{+0.03}_{-0.02}$
$t_{90} [\text{Gyr}]$	$0.12^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$0.07^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$
$\log(Z/Z_\odot)$	$-0.94^{+0.05}_{-0.04}$	$0.07^{+0.08}_{-0.11}$

age-redshift test now possible with JWST

Figure 1. NIRSpec/PRISM Spectrum of RUBIES-UDS-QG-z7. Top: 2D SNR spectrum. Bottom: 1D spectrum of RUBIES-UDS-QG-z7 in red, with 1σ uncertainties in gray. The NIRCam photometry is shown as orange dots and the best-fitting SED from **prospector** in blue (see Section 3). A zoom-in to the region around $0.4\mu\text{m}$ is shown in the inset panel, where we highlight the position of various absorption features. Note also that the best-fitting SED latches on the Balmer absorption lines.

- Tolman Test

Also referred to as $(1 + z)^4$ dimming.

Surface brightness dimming

No surface brightness dimming in Euclidean geometry

$$\Sigma \sim \frac{f}{\theta^2} \sim \frac{D^{-2}}{D^{-2}} \sim \text{constant}$$

Lots of surface brightness dimming in Robertson-Walker geometry

$$\Sigma \sim \frac{f}{\theta^2} \sim \frac{D_L^{-2}}{D_A^{-2}} \sim \frac{D_p^{-2}(1+z)^{-2}}{D_p^{-2}(1+z)^2} \sim (1+z)^{-4}$$

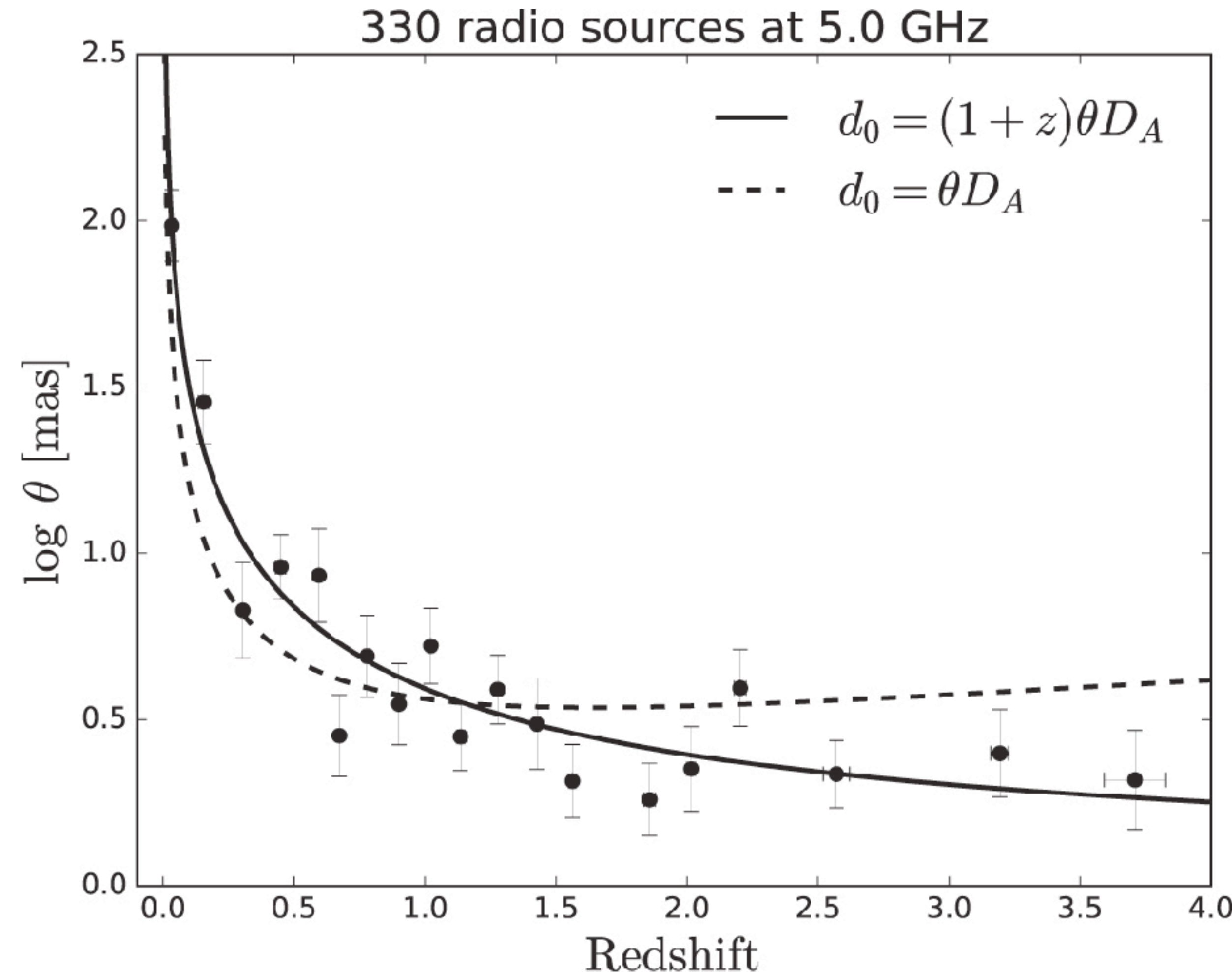
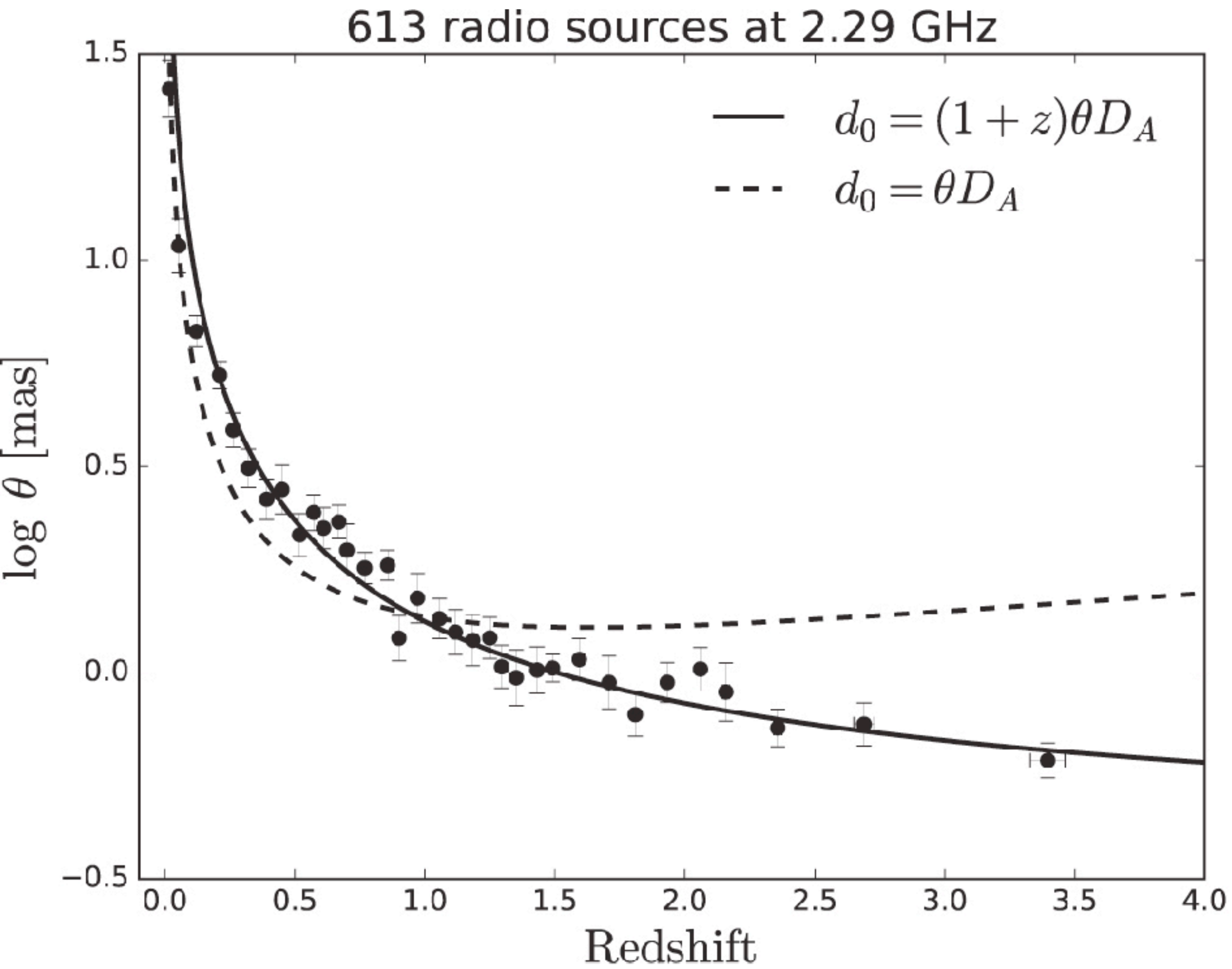
Surface brightness dims as a strong function of redshift!

The Tolman test is a sanity check:

it does not distinguish between FLRW models: the same amount of dimming occurs in all.

In practice, it is hard to distinguish from evolutionary effects.

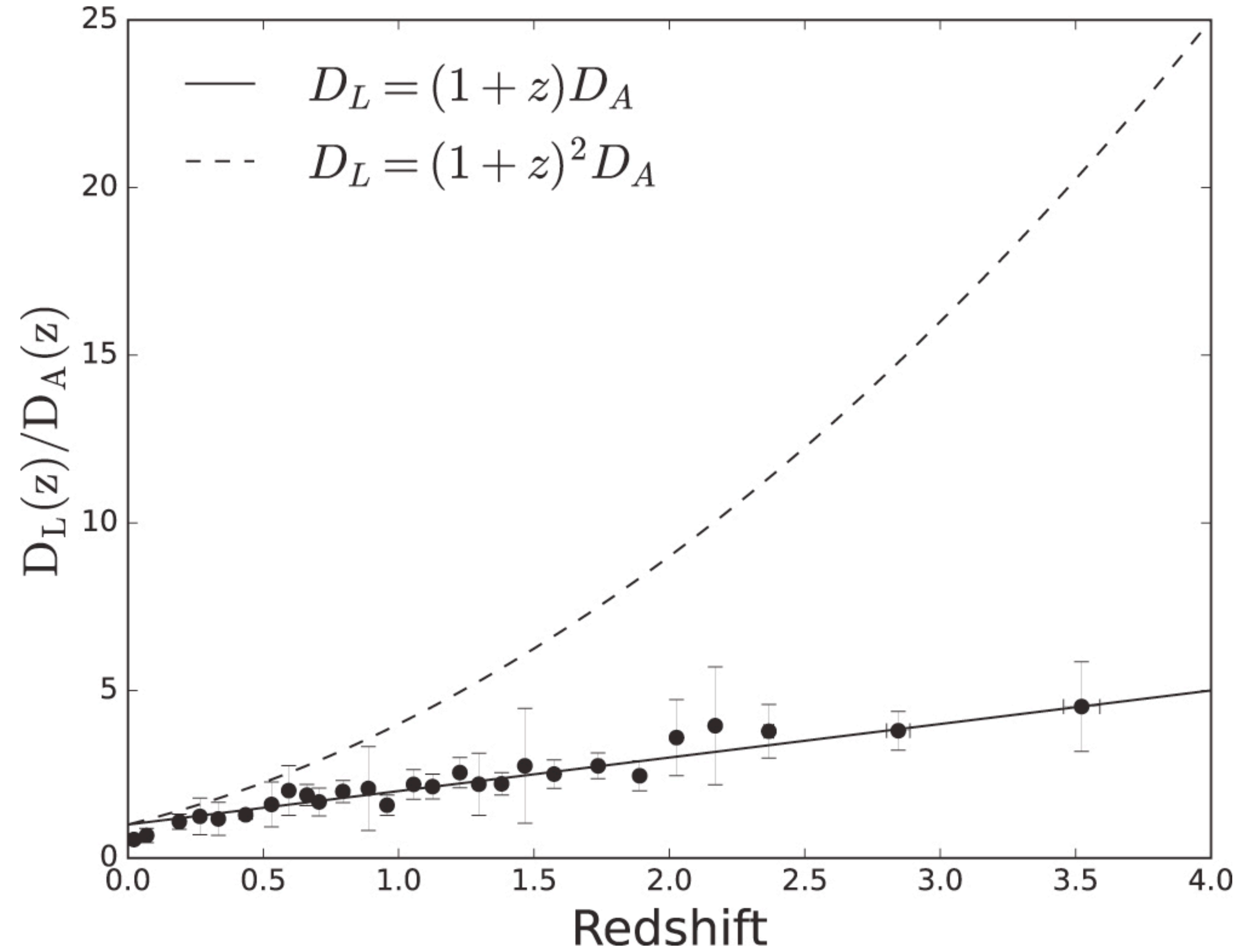
- Angular size-redshift relation



Li (2023) Fig. 3

angular sizes of compact
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- Angular size-redshift relation



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