

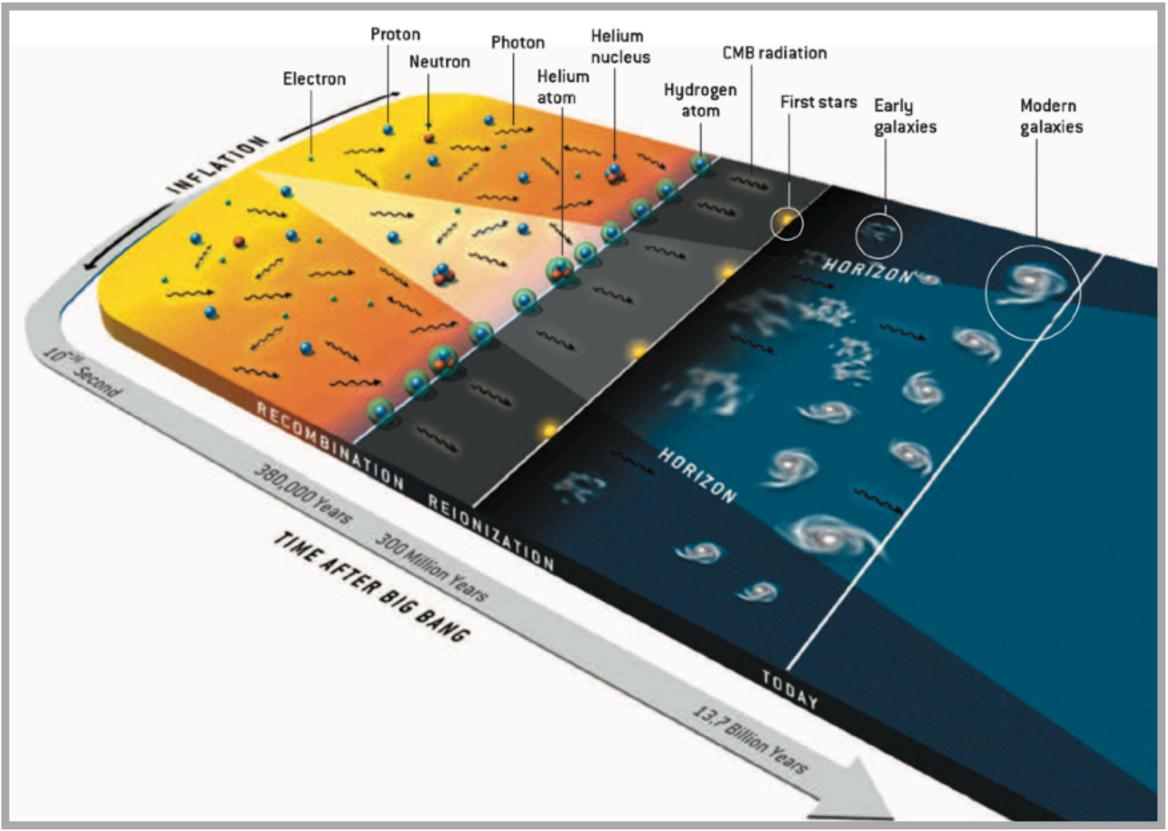


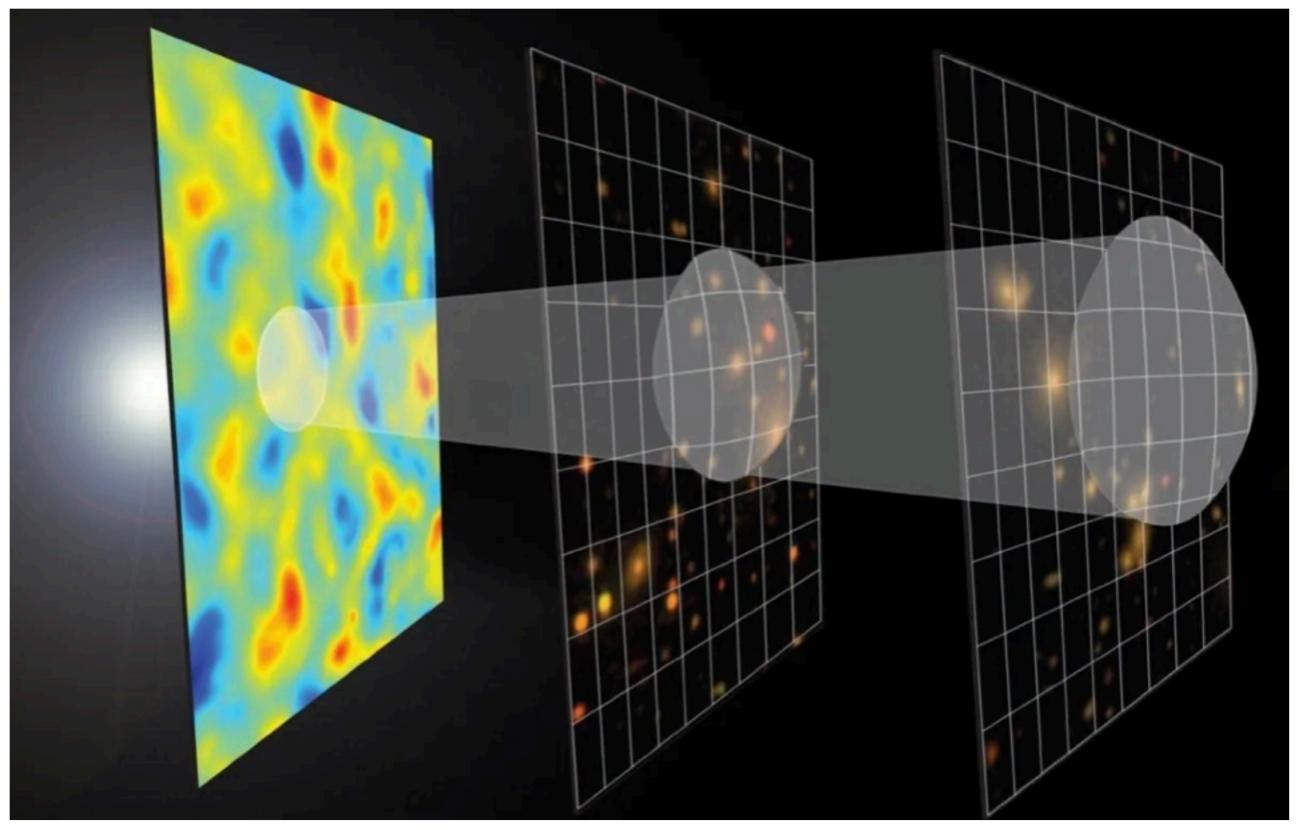
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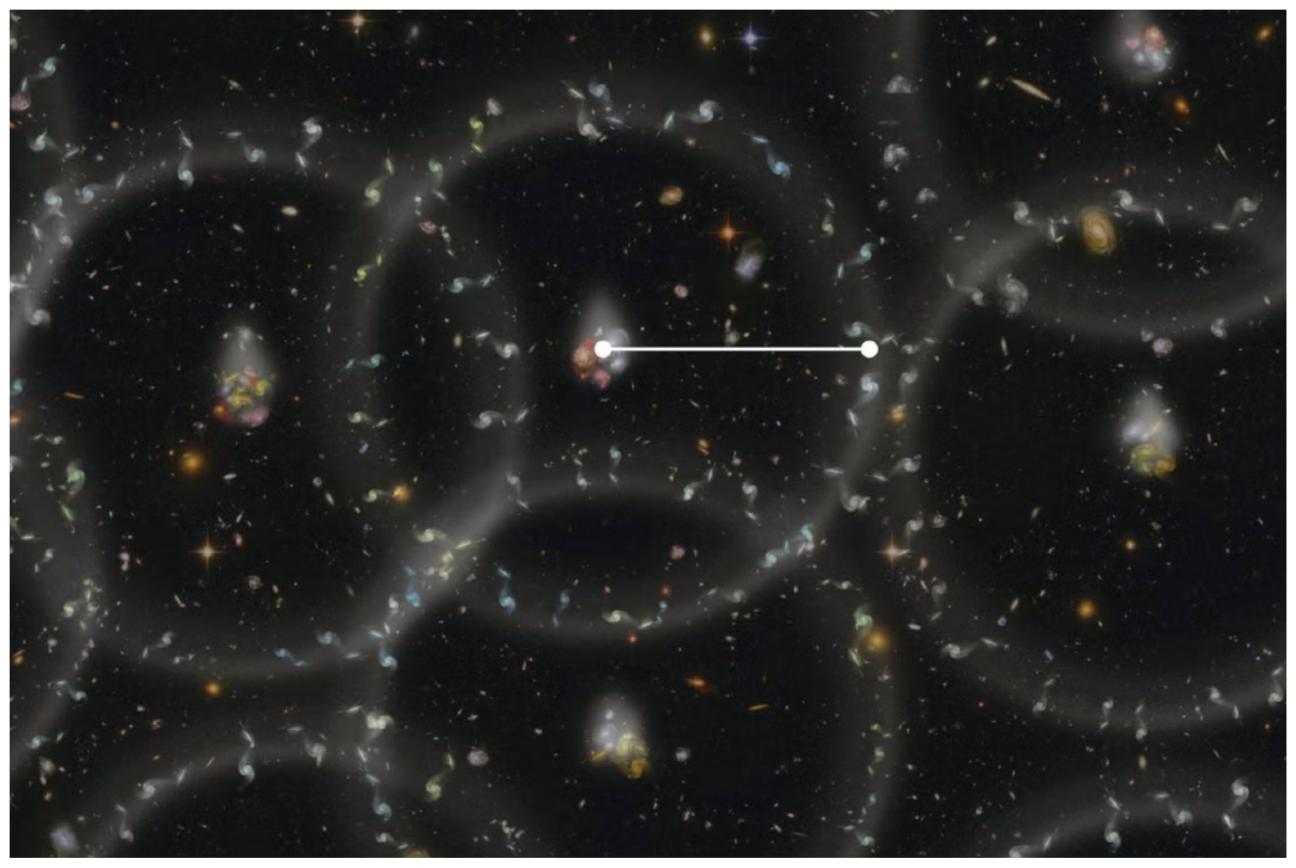
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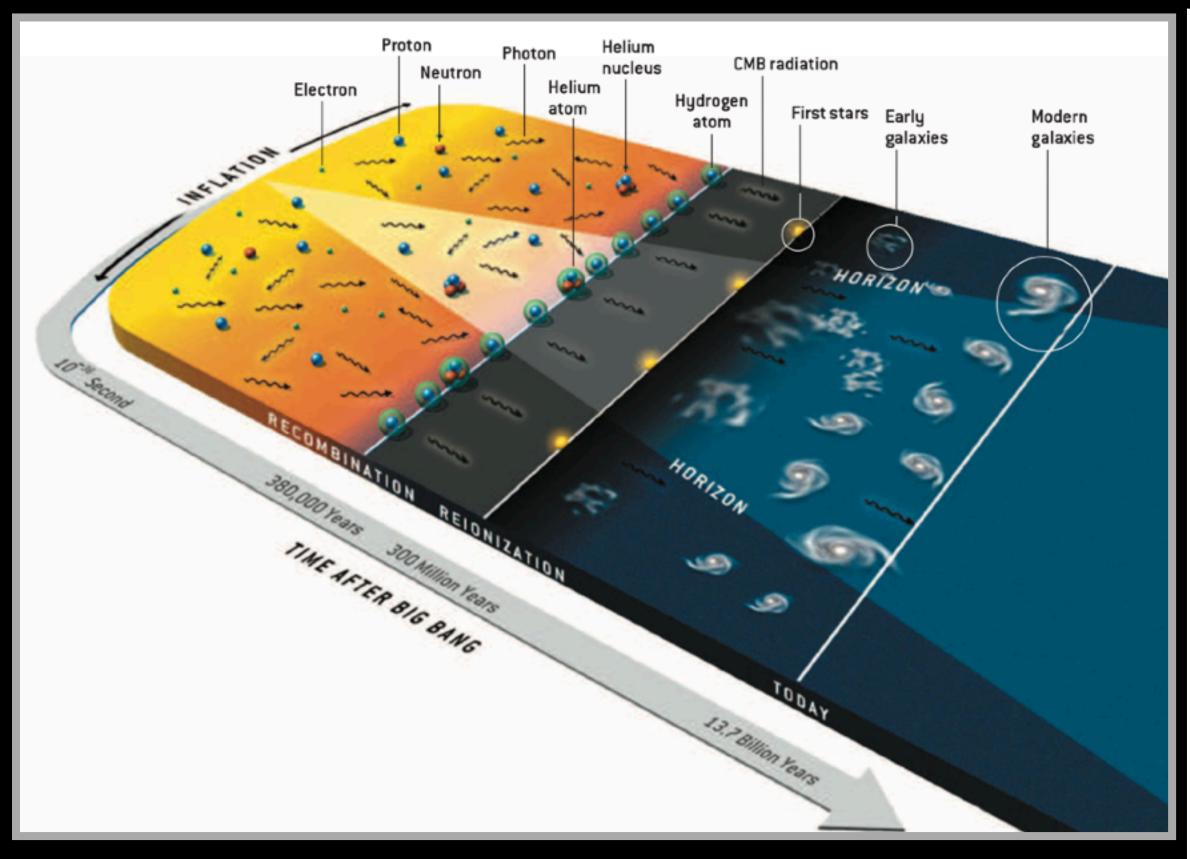


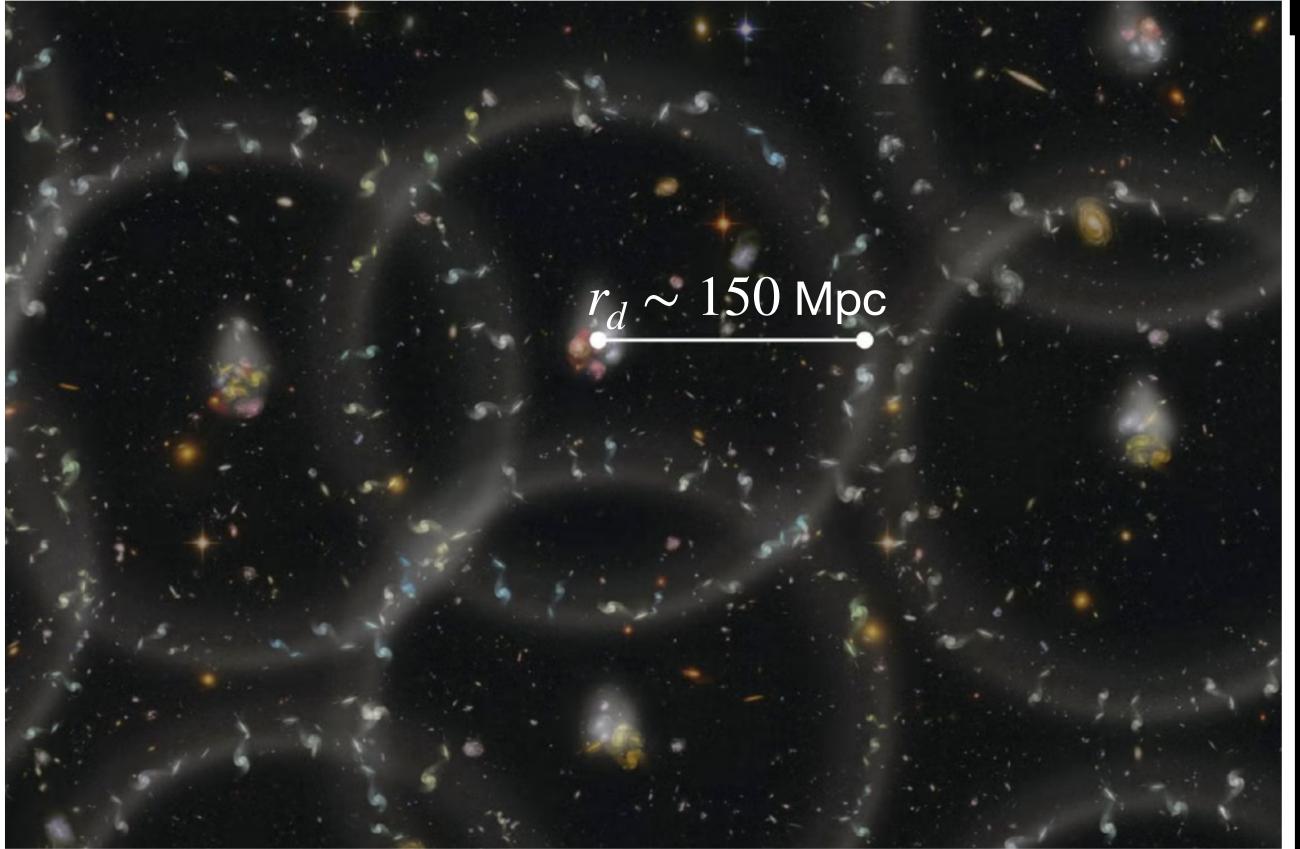




Baryon Acoustic Oscillations (BAO)

- Gravity and pressure generated sound waves in the primordial plasma
- When baryons and photons decoupled, the sound waves stopped







How do we learn cosmology from BAO?

- Measure angular positions, and redshifts of tracers (of the underlying matter density field, e.g., BGS, LRG, ELG, QSO, Lya)
- Work out distances to the tracers.
 - If we know the characteristic scale from r_d early physics probes such as CMB or BBN, we measure absolute distances.
 - \rightarrow Otherwise, we measure distances in units of r_d .
- Infer cosmology