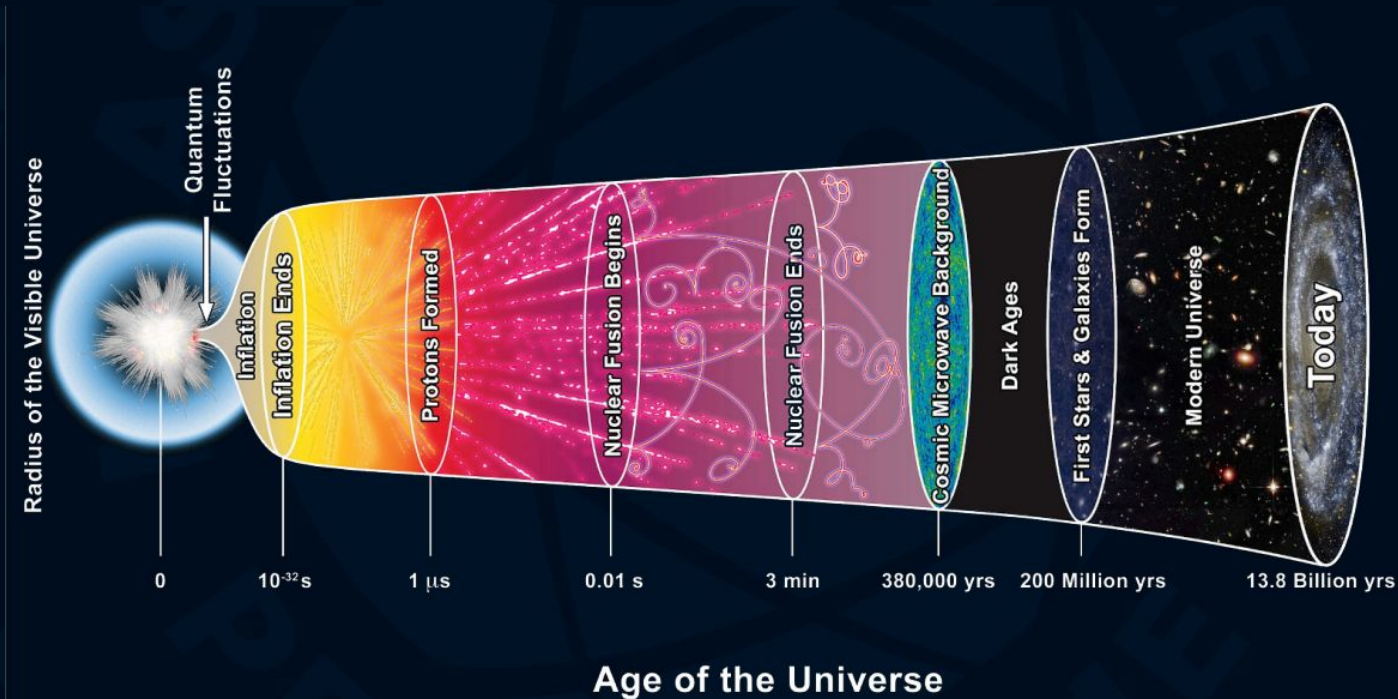


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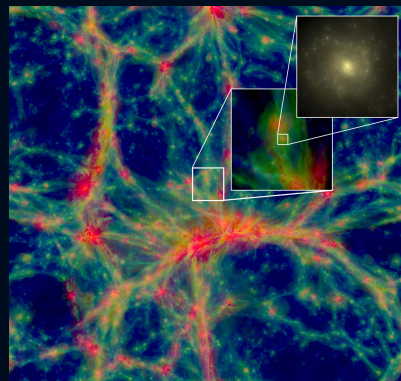
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# Cosmology in a nutshell



# Cosmological model

- Current 'standard'  $\Lambda$ CDM model
- A universe with Cold Dark Matter and a cosmological constant  $\Lambda$
- Cold Dark matter allows for bottom-up clustering
- The Cosmological constant plays an important role in the expansion of the universe



*EAGLE simulation*

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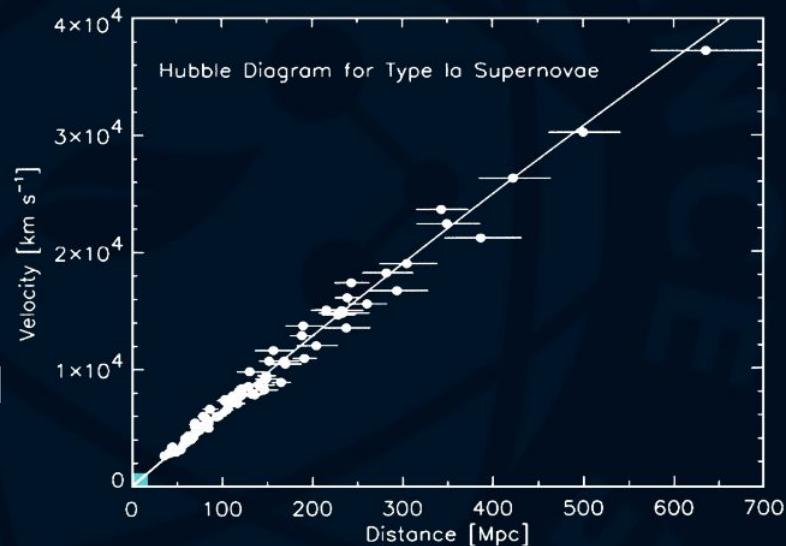


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# An expanding universe

- Type Ia Supernovae have the same peak absolute magnitude
- Difference to observed magnitude gives distance
- Velocity from redshift of peak and spectral lines
- Hubble finds a linear relation!

$$v = H_0 d$$



E. Hubble, PNAS March, 1929, 15 (3) 168-174

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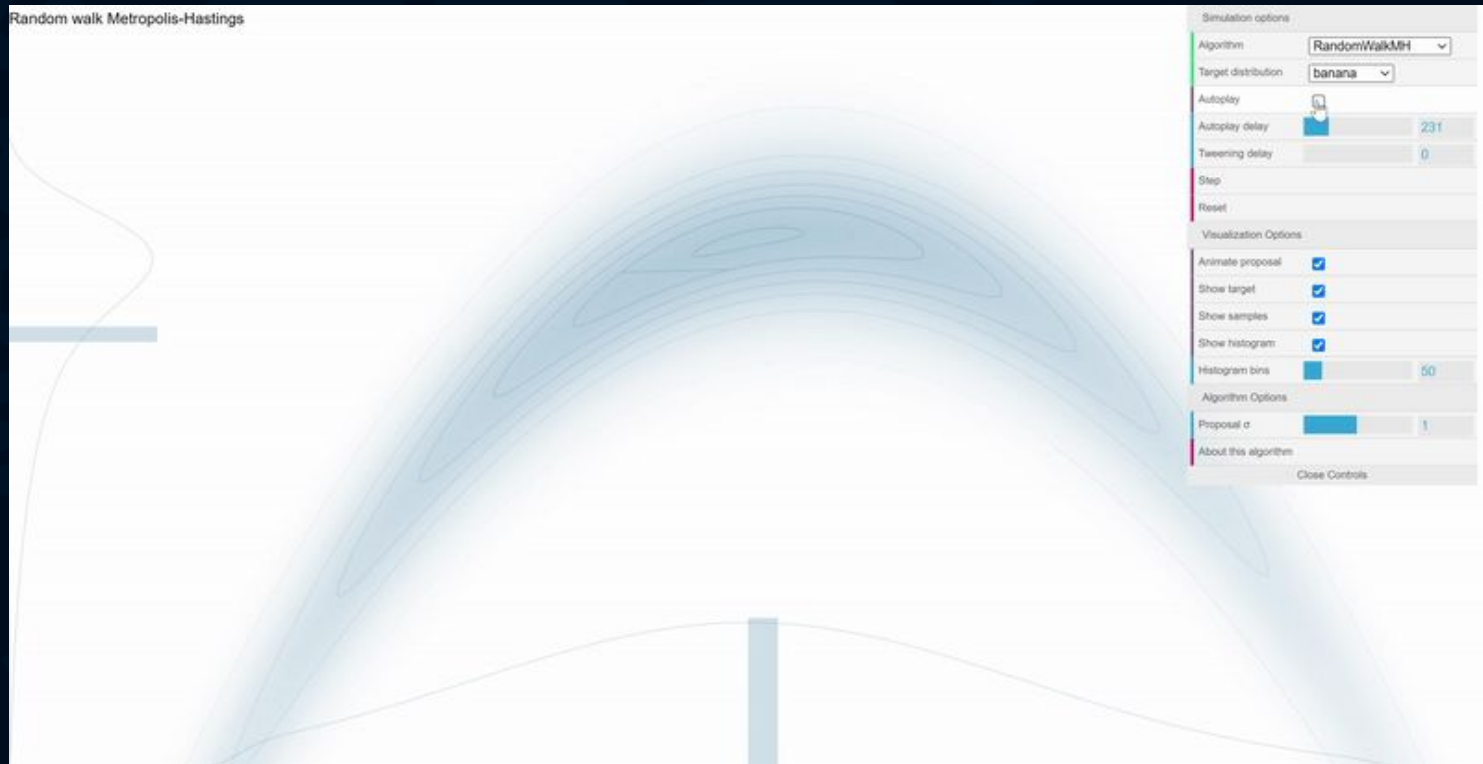
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- Stop after  $n$  steps, or preferably after some convergence test is met

# Hand-in

- Work on the cluster <https://jupyterhubroute-pra3024-2025.apps.dsri2.unimaas.nl/>
- Notebook is on Canvas and due Tuesday 11 Feb 00:00
  - needs to be compiled (so output visible)
  - needs to be runnable (without extra installations)
  - Have comments AND Markdown (graded)
  - Use of sources is fine but give proper references otherwise it's plagiarism and you fail the exercise
  - Use of AI is allowed but understand the code so explain properly in markdown cells
  - Check rubric on canvas to see how you are graded
- If questions arise email ON TIME
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