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## The Hubble Tension

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Over the past several years, a foremost development in cosmology has been the rise of the so-called Hubble tension. This refers to the disagreement between the measurements of the expansion rate of the universe - the Hubble constant ( $H_0$ ). Direct measurements of  $H_0$  using the astronomical “distance ladder” find  $H_0$  of about 67 km/s/Mpc, while the analysis of the cosmic microwave background anisotropies finds 74 km/s/Mpc, with both measurement errors small enough to make the discrepancy highly statistically significant. I will explain the ingredients that go into the two measurements, and the difficulty of explaining the tension with unaccounted-for systematic errors.

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