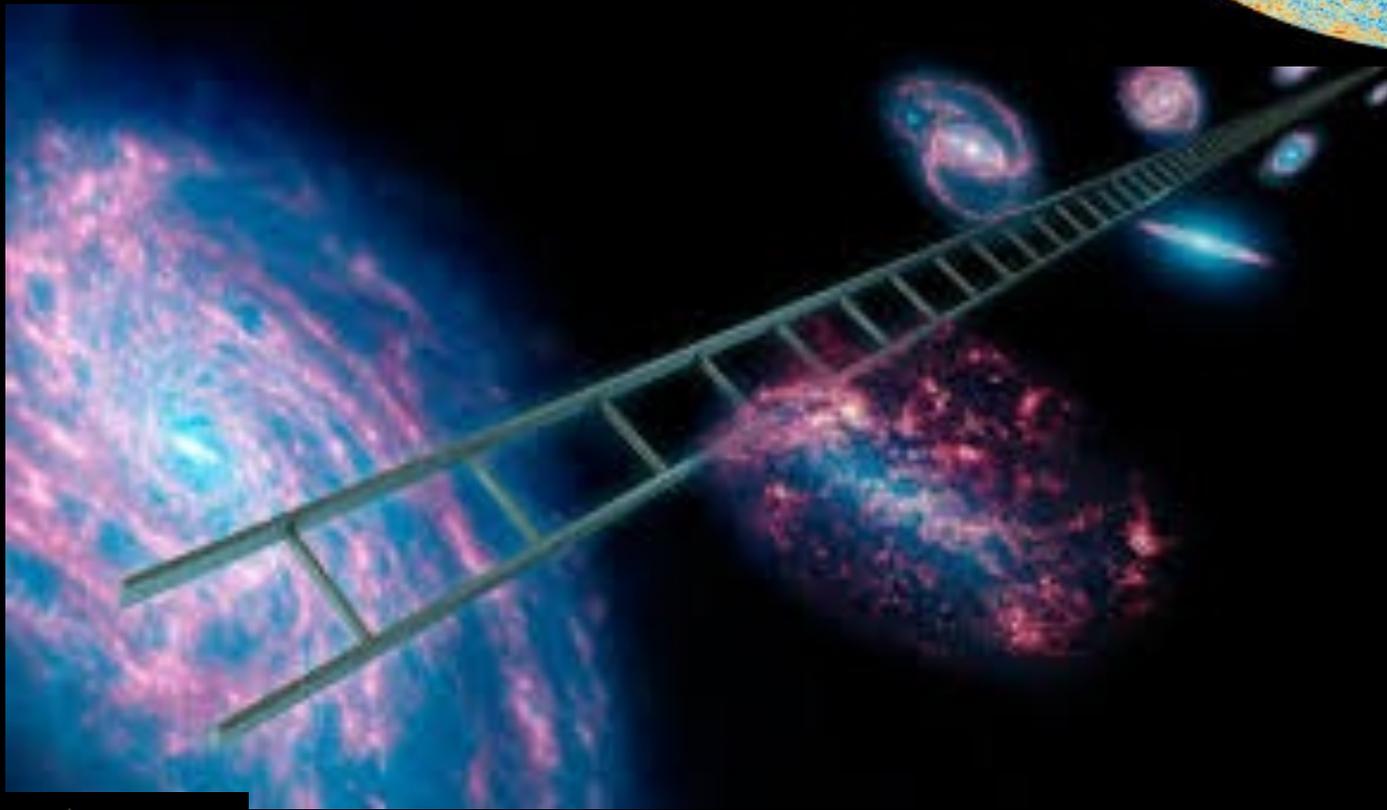
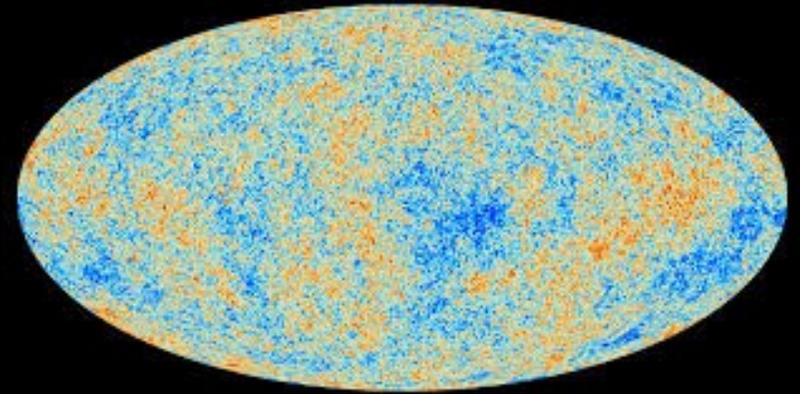


Hubble troubles



Licia Verde
ICREA & ICCUB



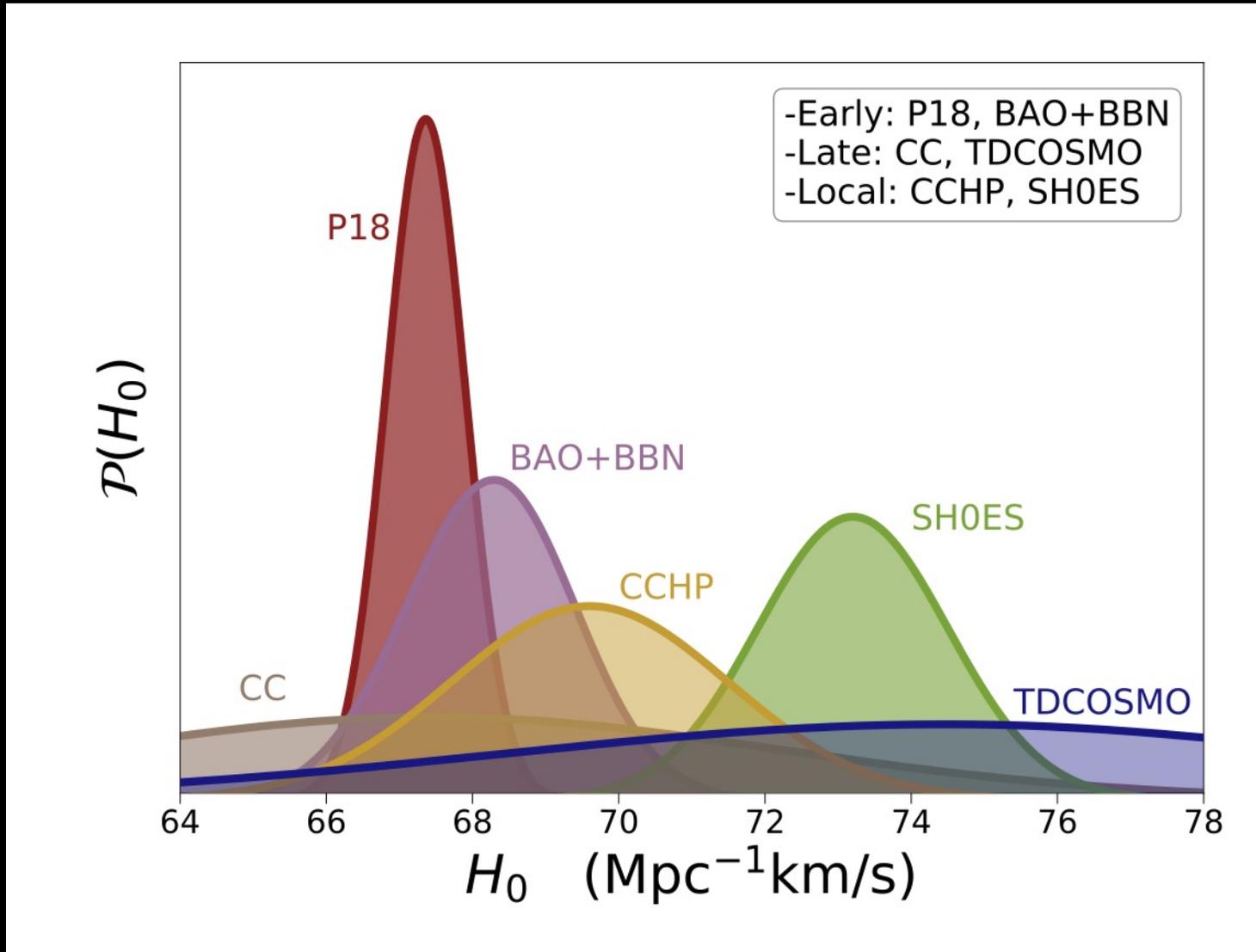
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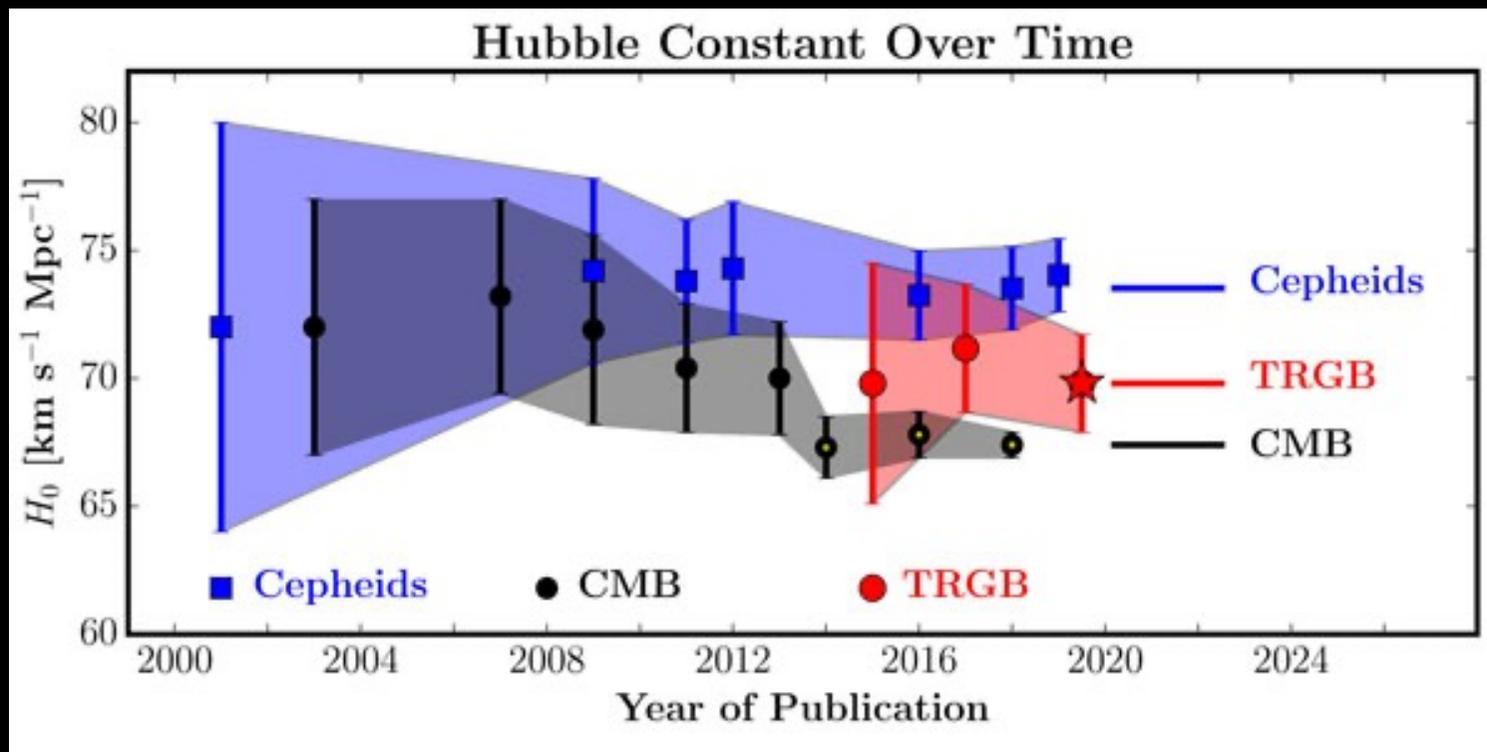
"The SHoE(S) that fits one pinches another"

Quote adapted from Carl Jung

Model dependent vs model independent

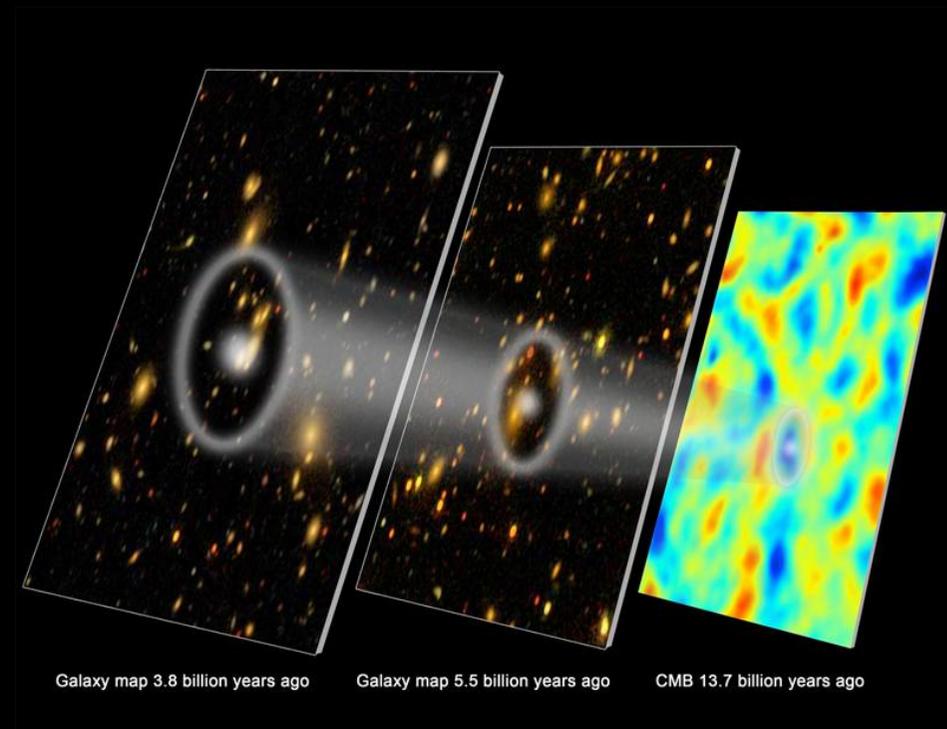


Constant not constant



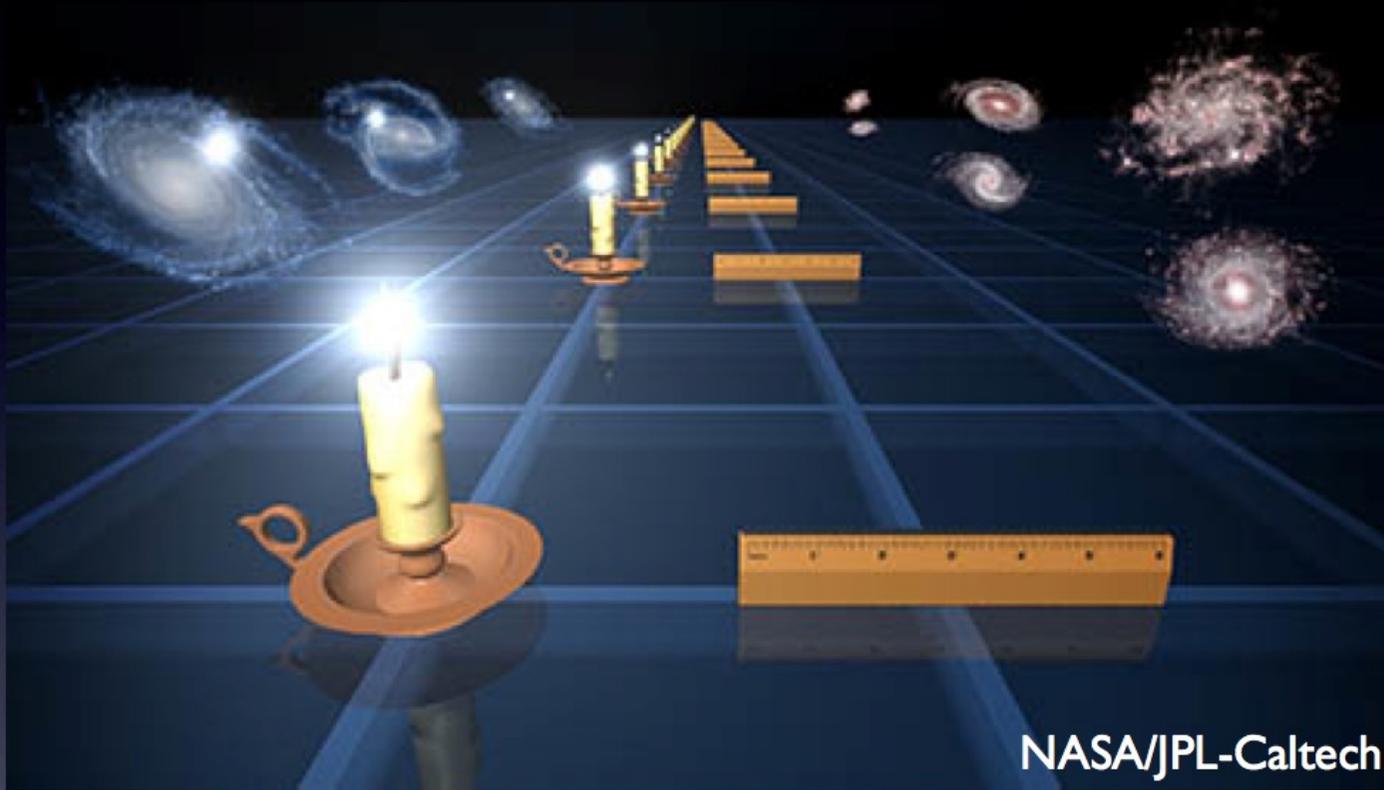
Baryon acoustic oscillations (BAO) as a Standard ruler

- Physics: sound waves in early Universe propagate until radiation and matter decouple
- Imprints a scale - standard ruler
- Key Observable. r_d (sound horizon)
- Useful for:
 - geometry of Universe (Dark Energy equation of state, or modifications to GR)
 - early Universe physics (well known) sets it



CMB and early universe physics in Λ CDM constrain the standard ruler length to 0.2%

Standard candles & Standard rulers



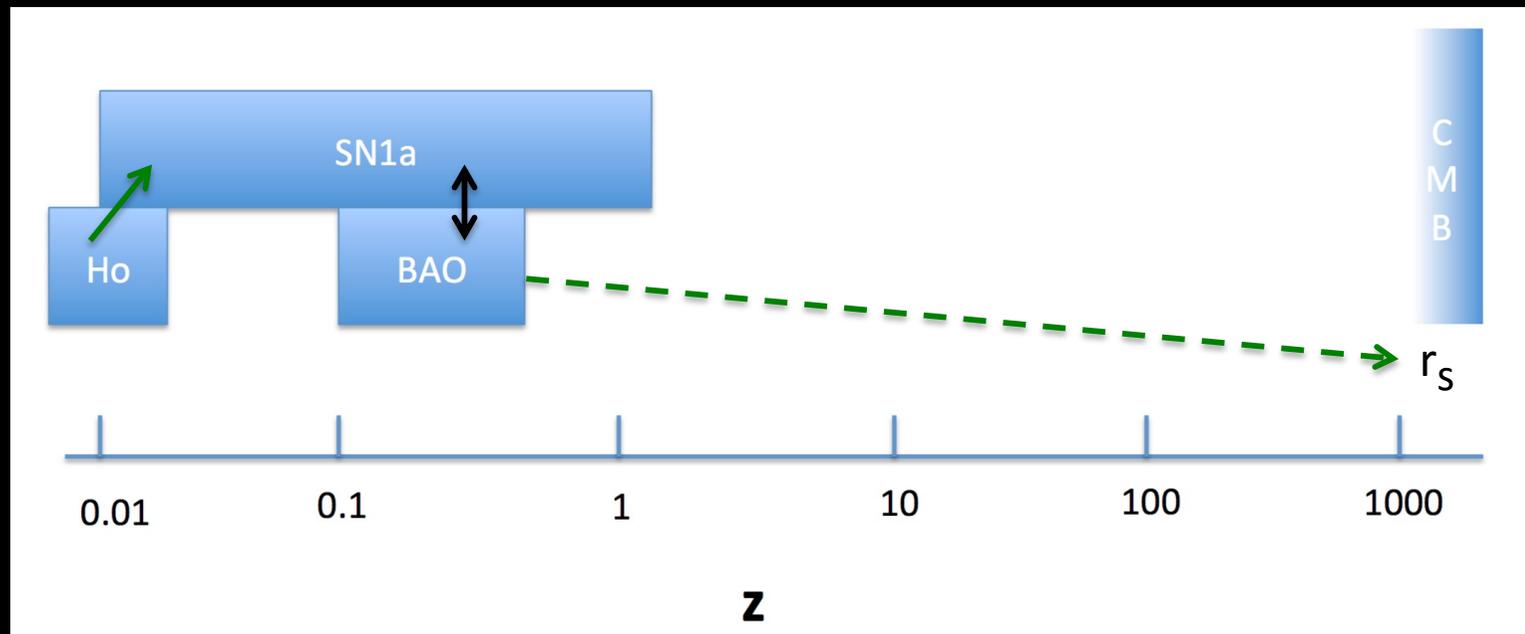
Type-Ia SNe measure **relative** distances, since there is **large** uncertainty on the absolute magnitude **M** of a fiducial SN

BAOs measure **absolute** distances, but depend on the value of sound horizon **r_{drag}**

Direct and inverse cosmic distance ladder

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- Bernal et al 2016/21 Spline reconstruction of the expansion history $H(z)$.

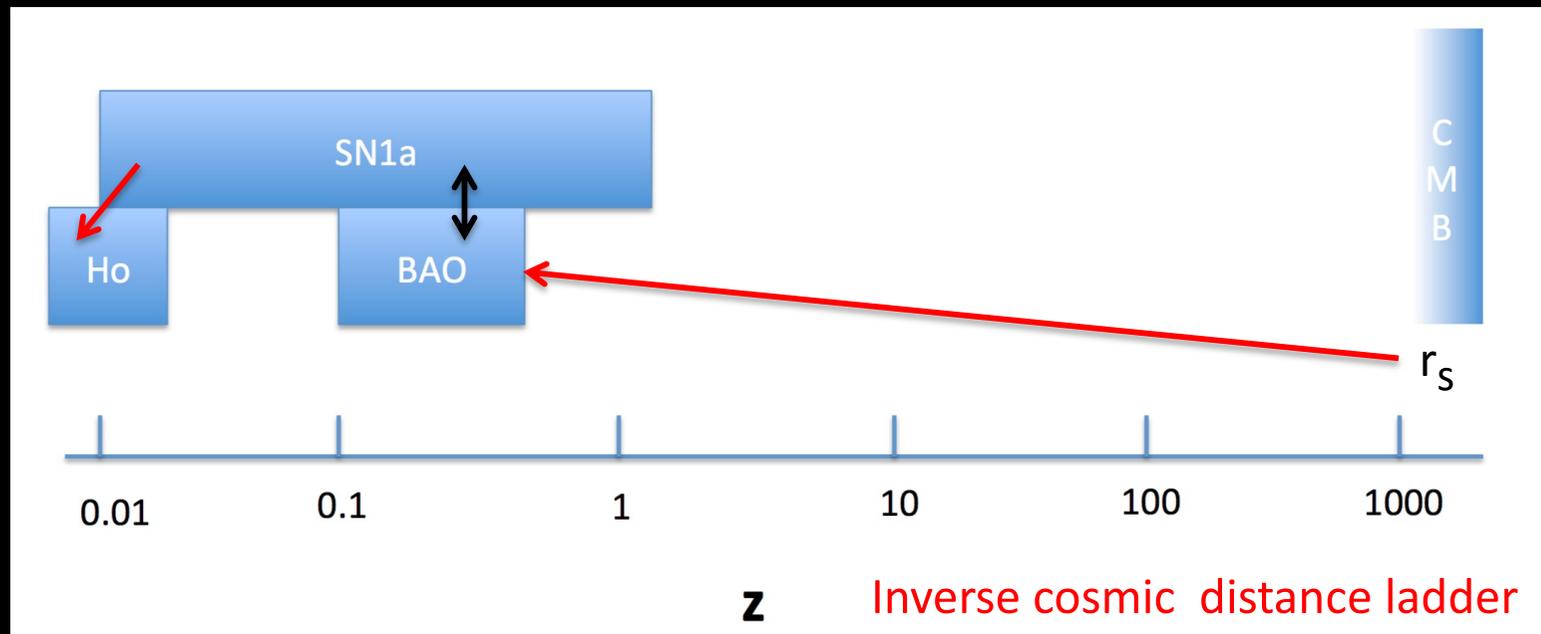
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Direct cosmic distance ladder



Here is where in Λ CDM or its simple variations the two ladders do not match

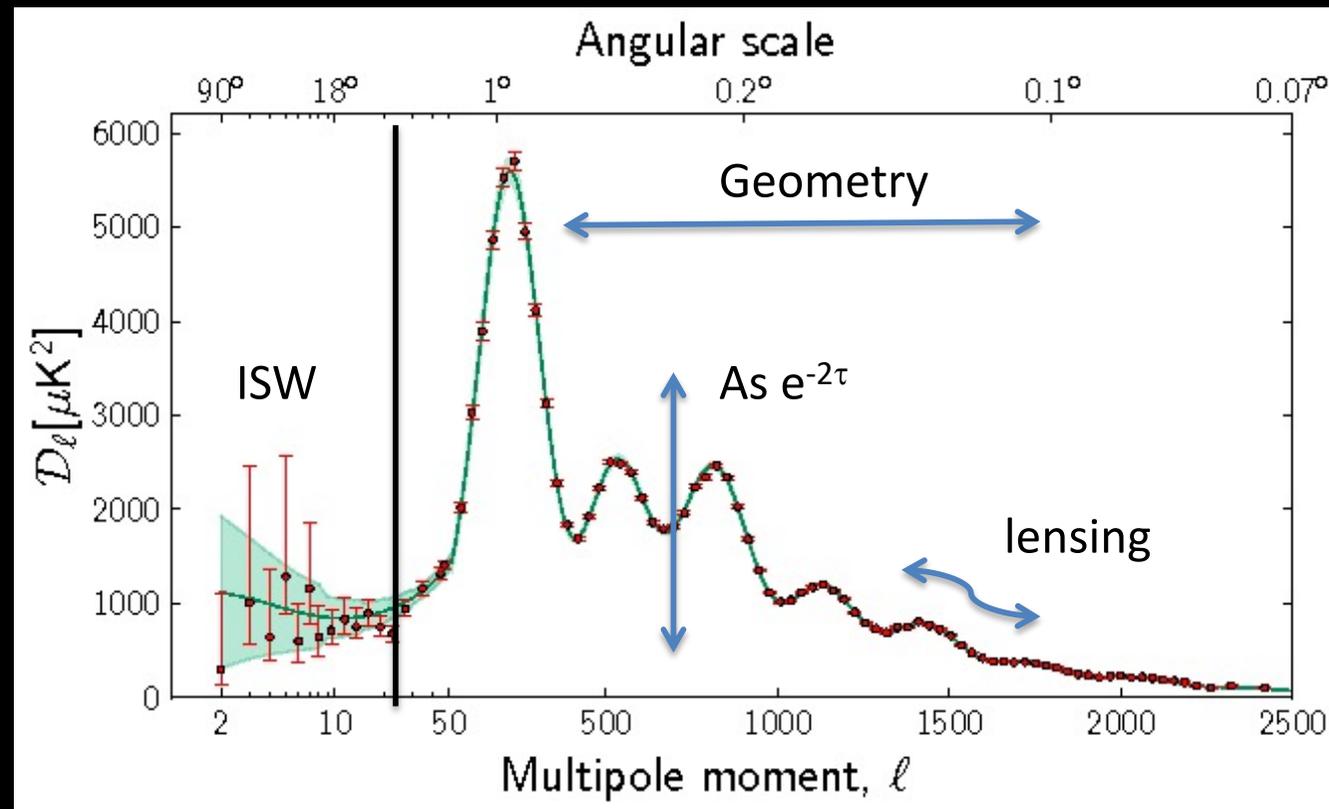
r_s from CMB independent from late time physics?

aside

Early cosmology constrained (Verde, Bellini, Pigozzo et al 2017)

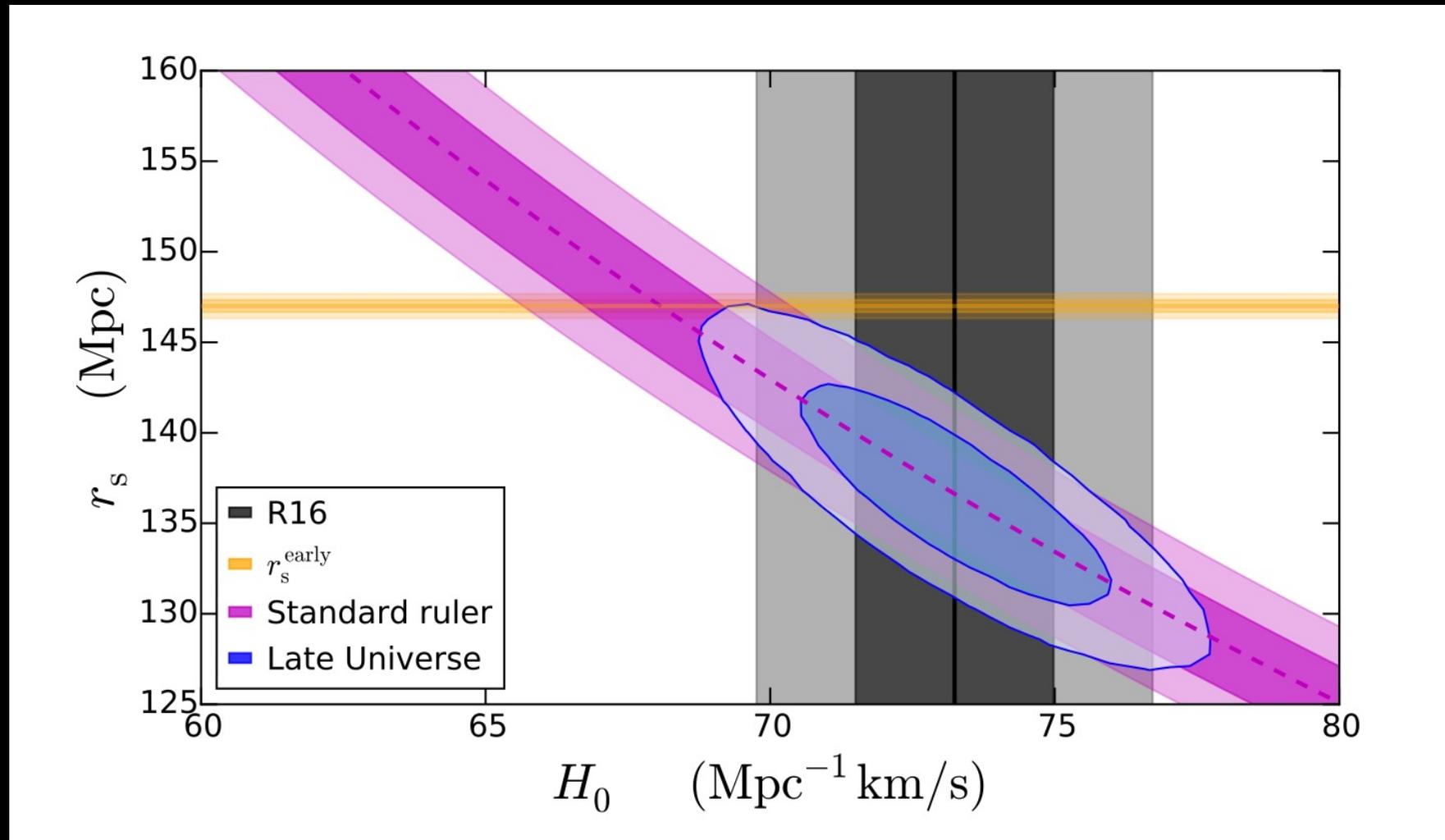
Based on Audren et al 2012

Late time effects in the CMB, combined with early time effects

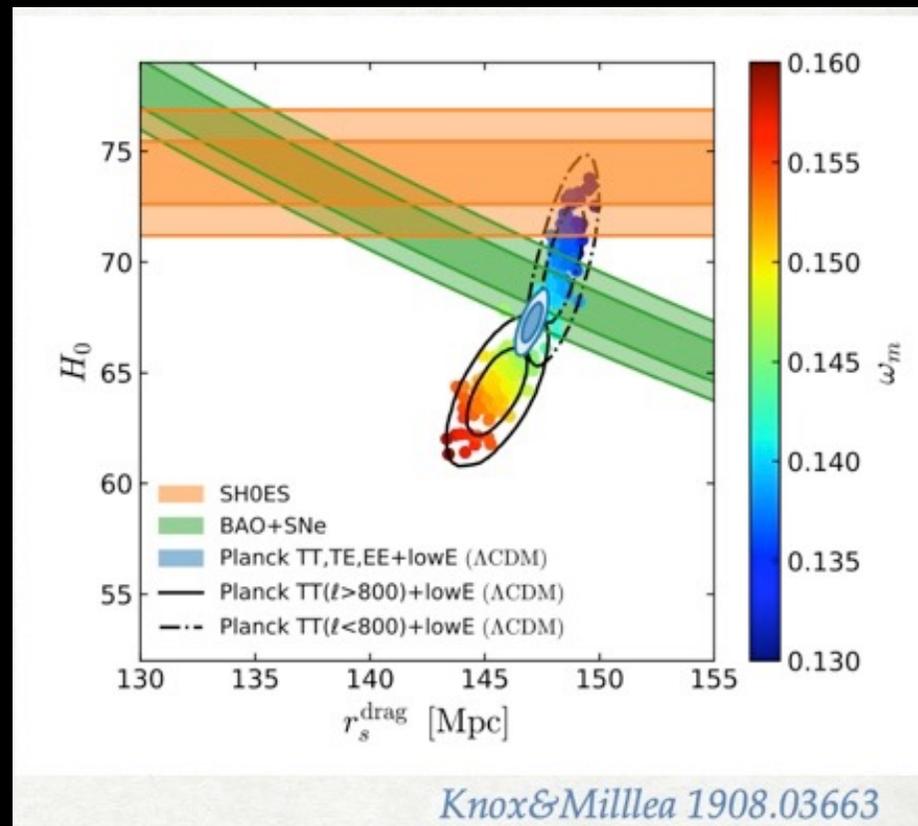


The answer is yes: 147.0pm 0.34 Mpc (assume standard early time physics)

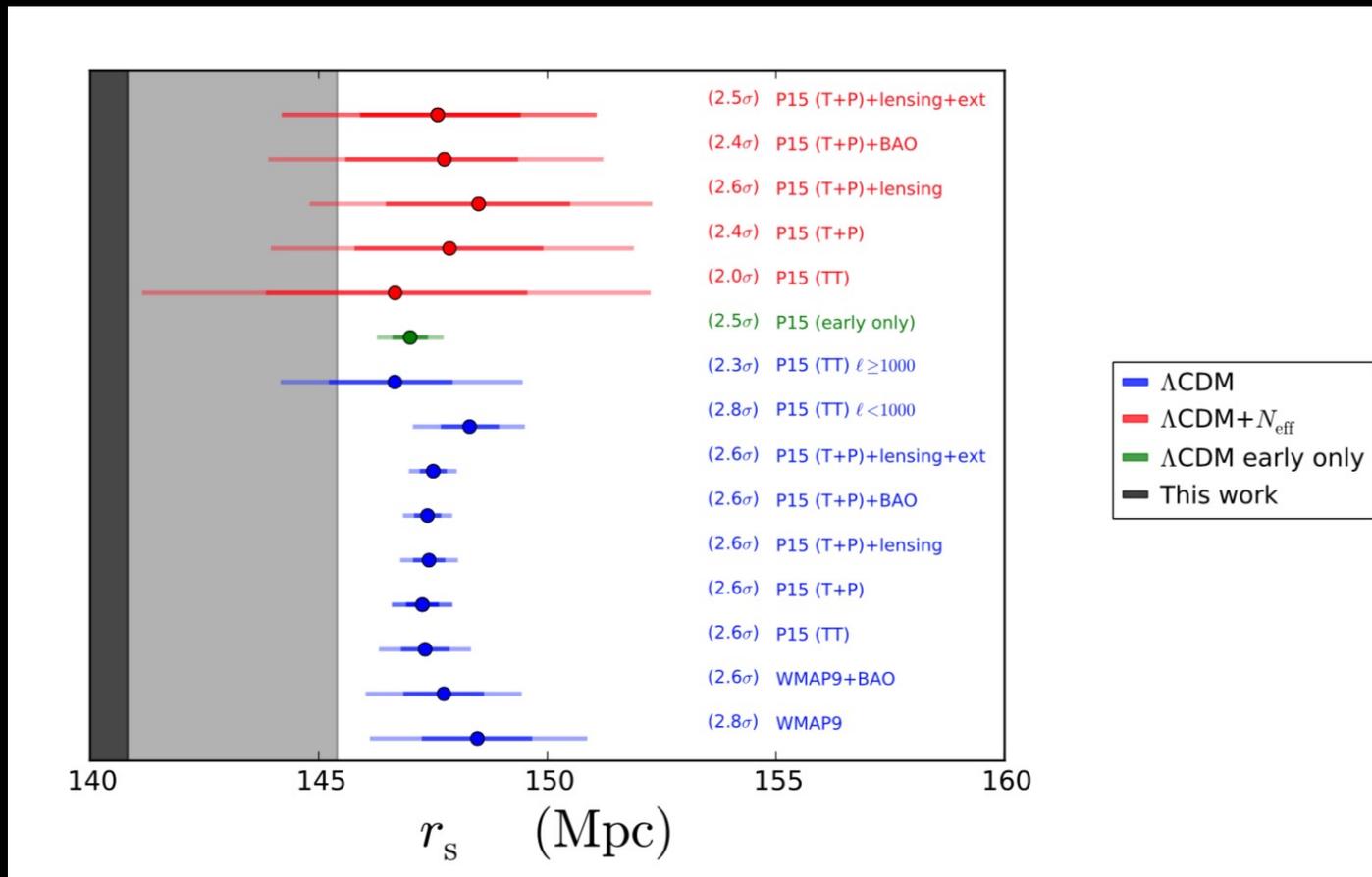
Ho problem can be seen as an r_s problem



Ho problem can be seen as an r_s problem (again)

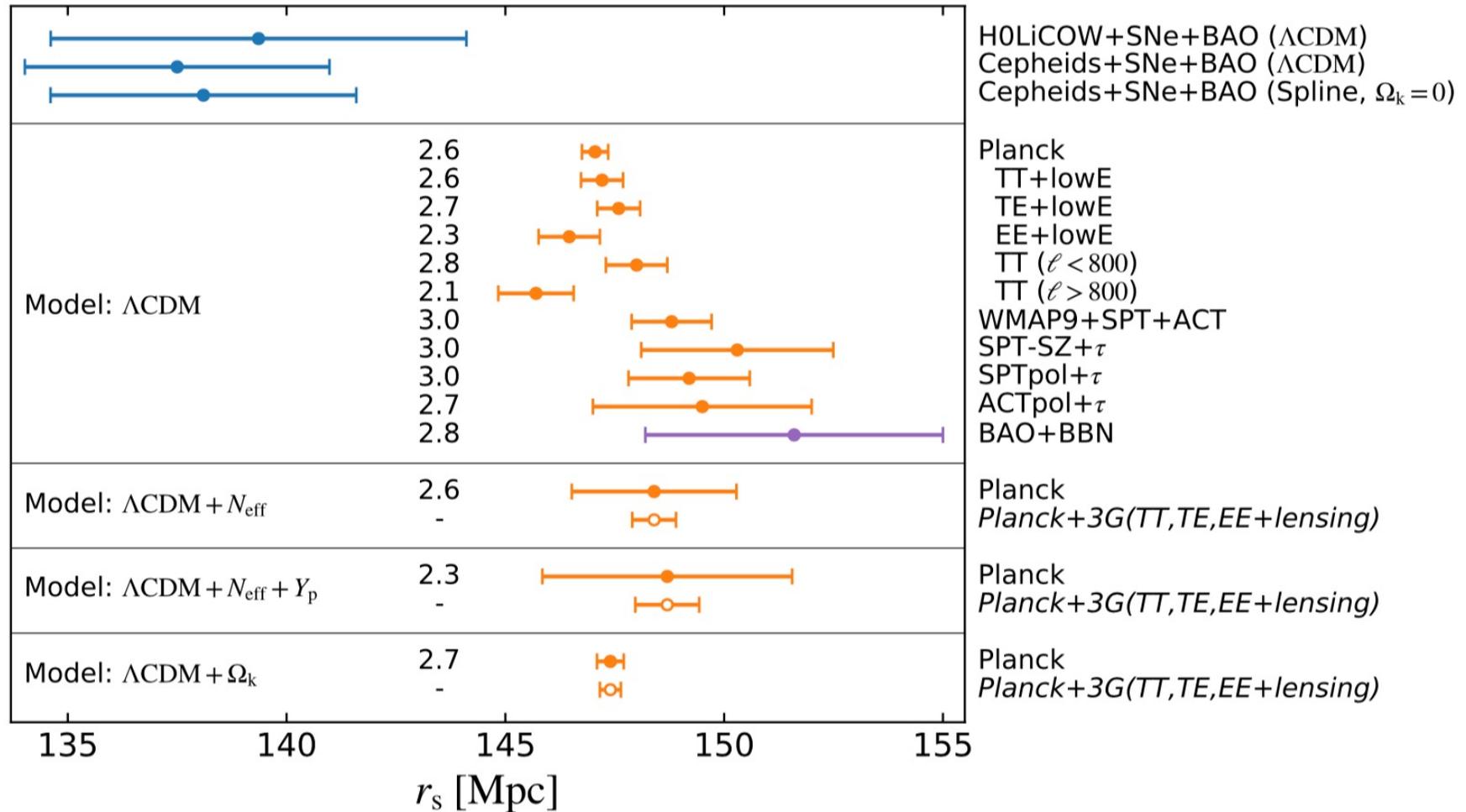


Ho problem can be seen as an r_s problem



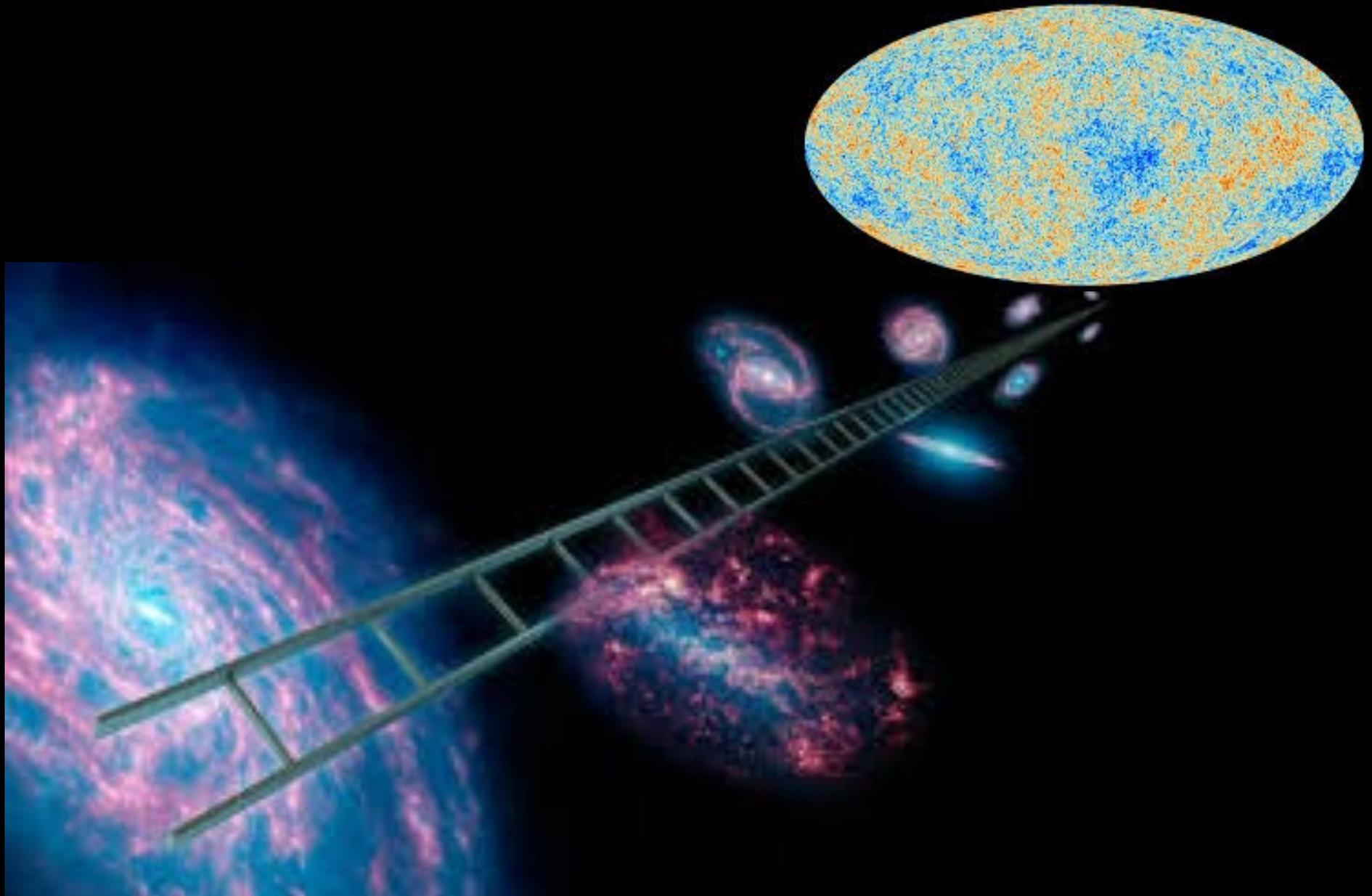
Bernal et al 2016

“Sounds discordant”



H0: Threading a needle from the other side of the Universe

(quote by Adam Riess)



Good ladders need 2 good anchor points



Is there a problem?

Yes

Even George E. now agrees.

How much of a problem is cosmological-model dependent

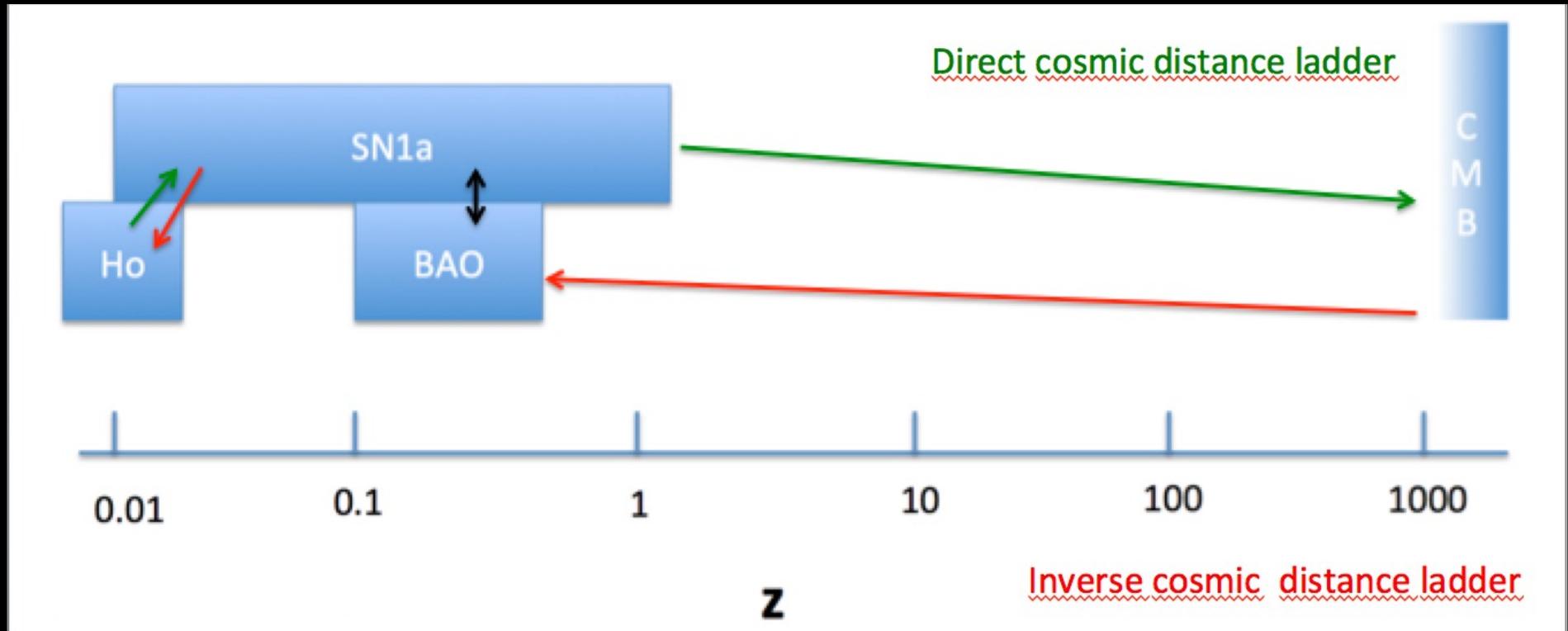
Where is the problem?

Systematics!



Increasingly unlikely

Working hypothesis: early vs late



H_0

rs

But there is not much wiggle room in the middle!

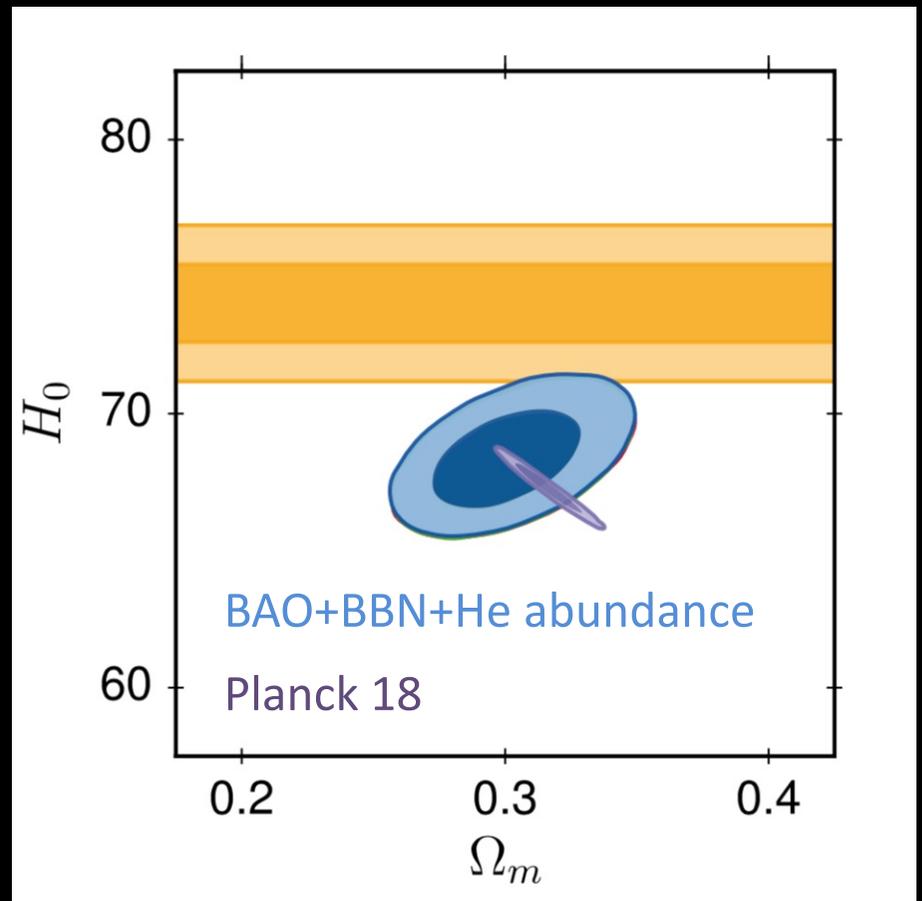
Where is the problem?

Is it in any specific **data** set? (keeping the standard Λ CDM context)

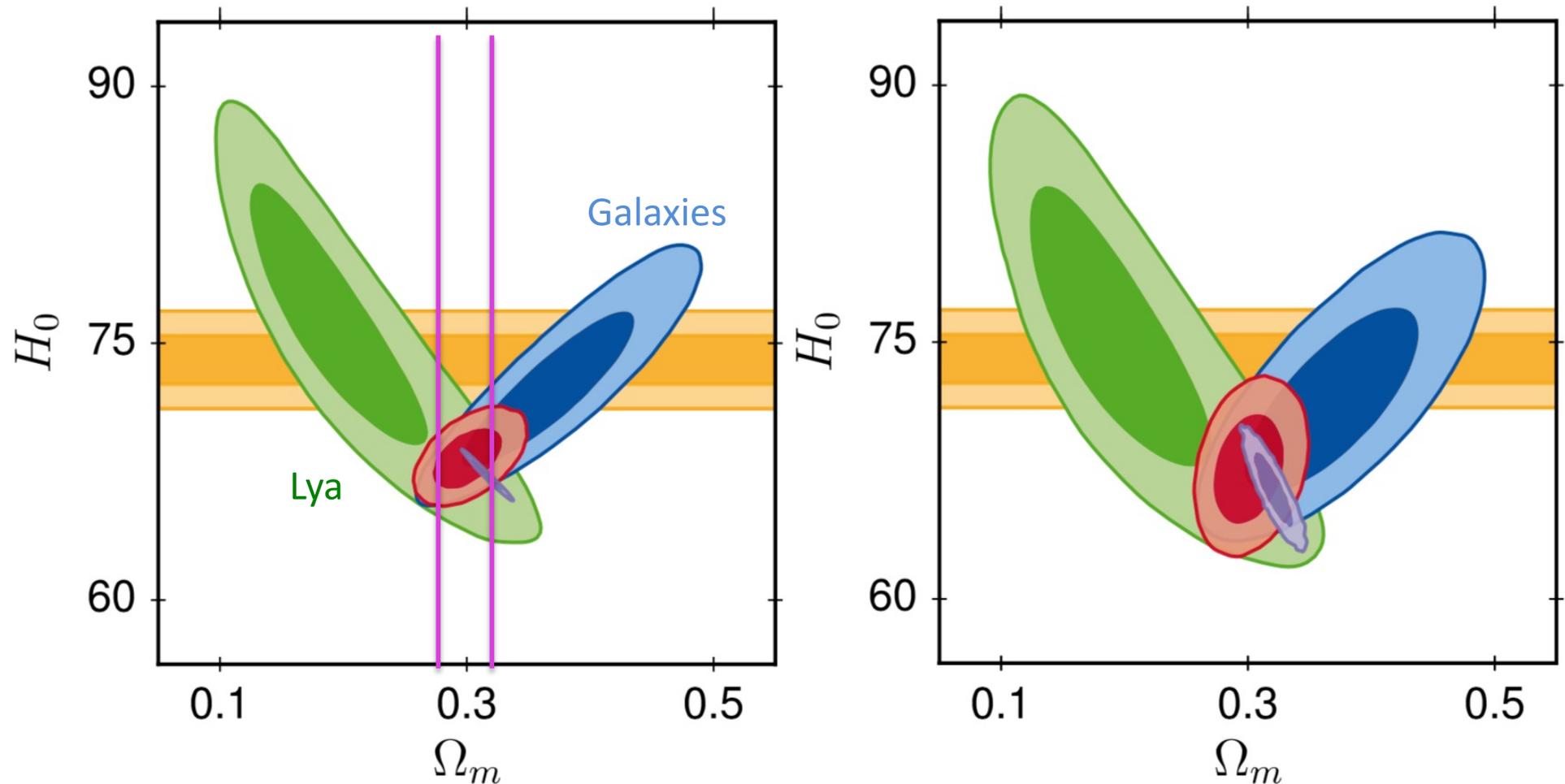
Early: For a while some people put the blame on Planck....

BUT H_0 (Early) does not budge if you take Planck (or CMB data) out completely (even for Neff-extended models Shonenberg et al 2019)

Before works which dropped Planck used instead WMAP+ACT/SPT.



Aside: if not Lya BAO, use SNe

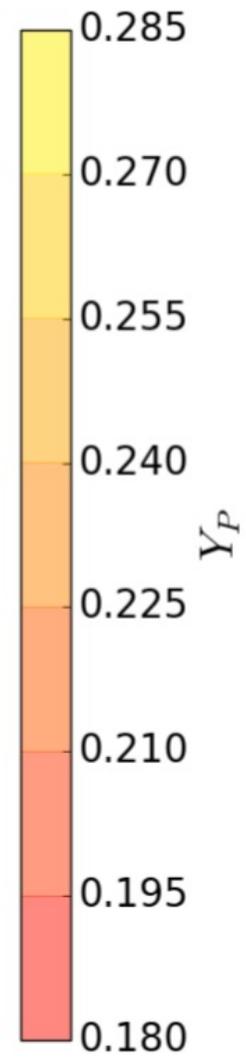
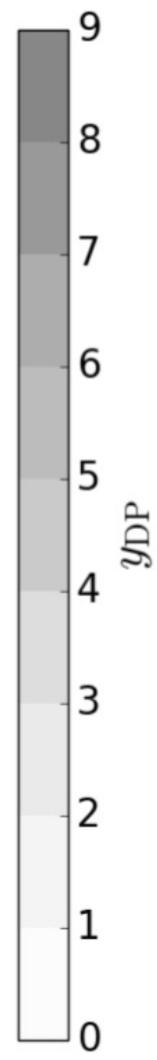
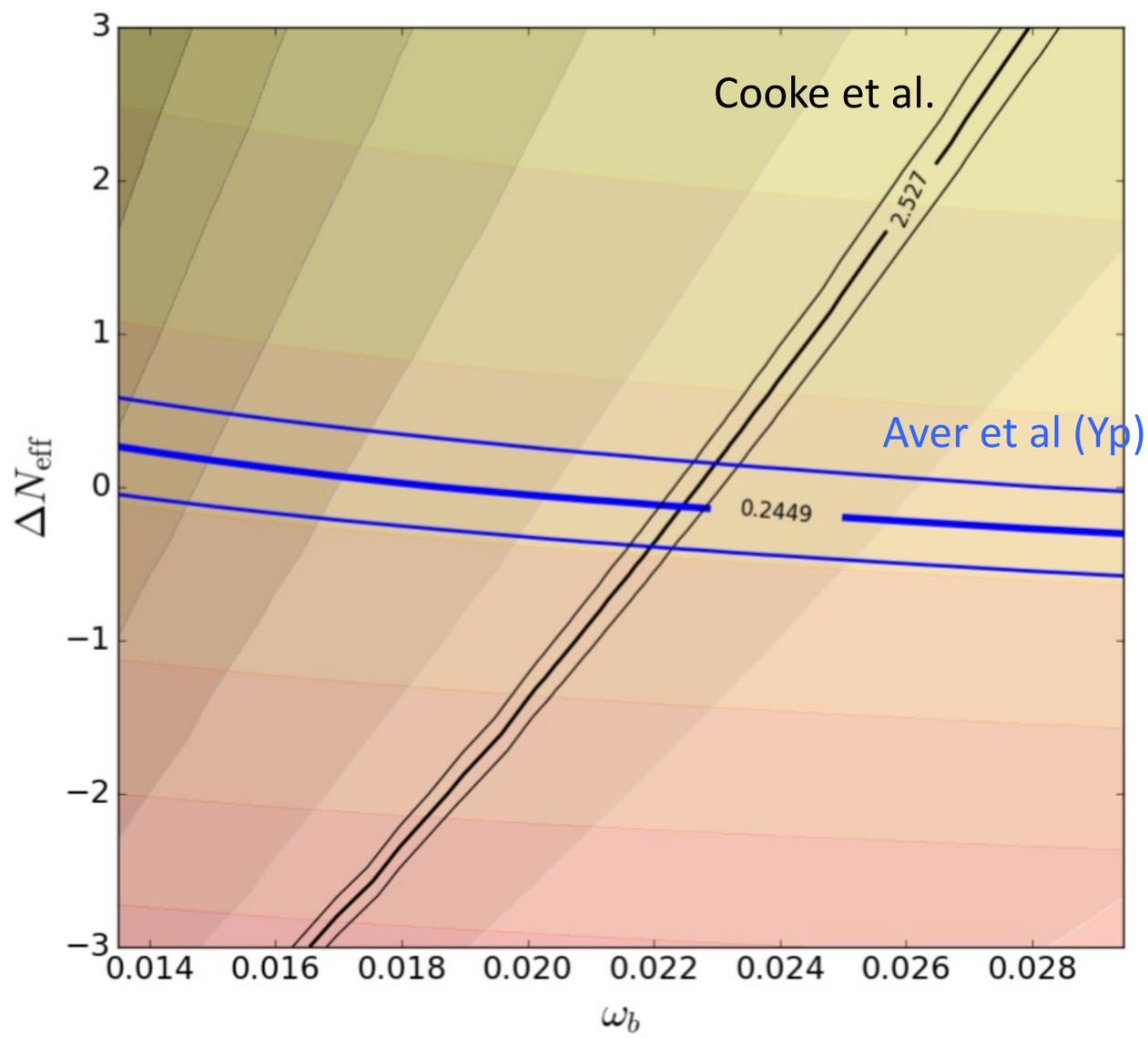


Λ CDM

Shonenberg et al 2019

Neff free

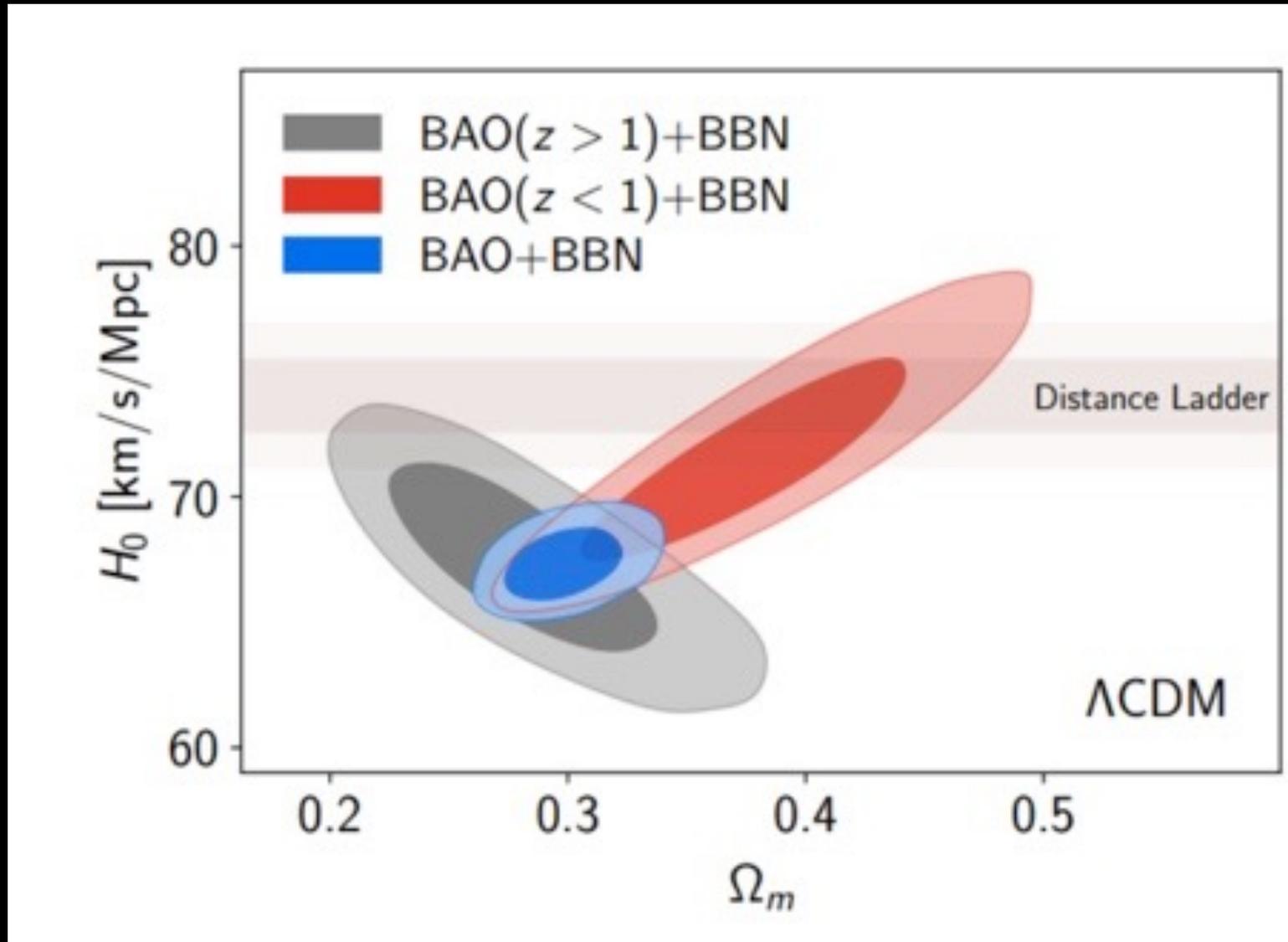
The length of the standard ruler is dictated by early time physics (BBN)



Deuterium

Helium

And again



Where is the problem?

Is it in any specific **data** set?

It is not in CMB data

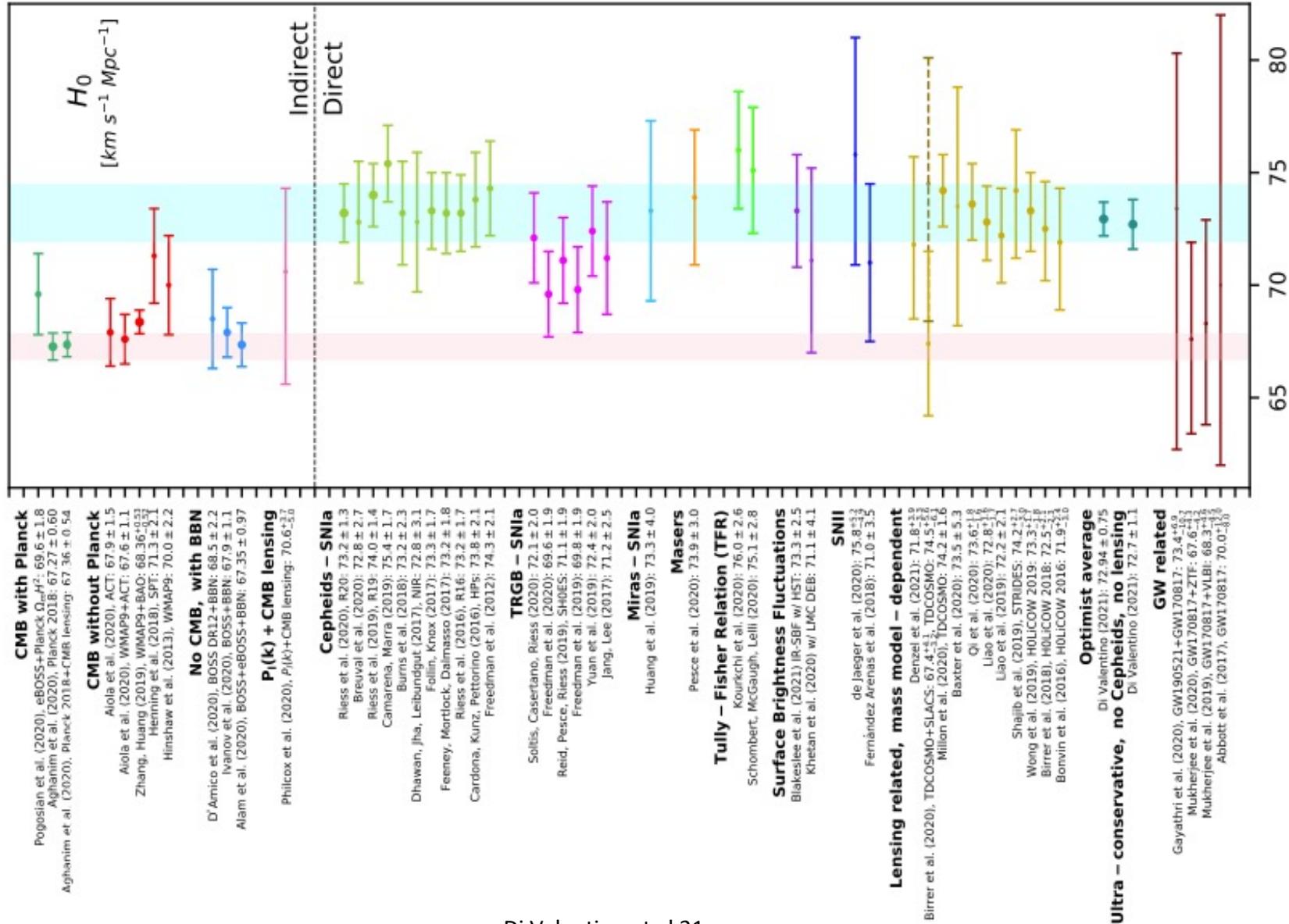
All early-Universe based determinations hover well below 70km/s/Mpc

Many groups reanalyzed SHoES data...

Several independent low z determinations hover above 70 km/s/Mpc

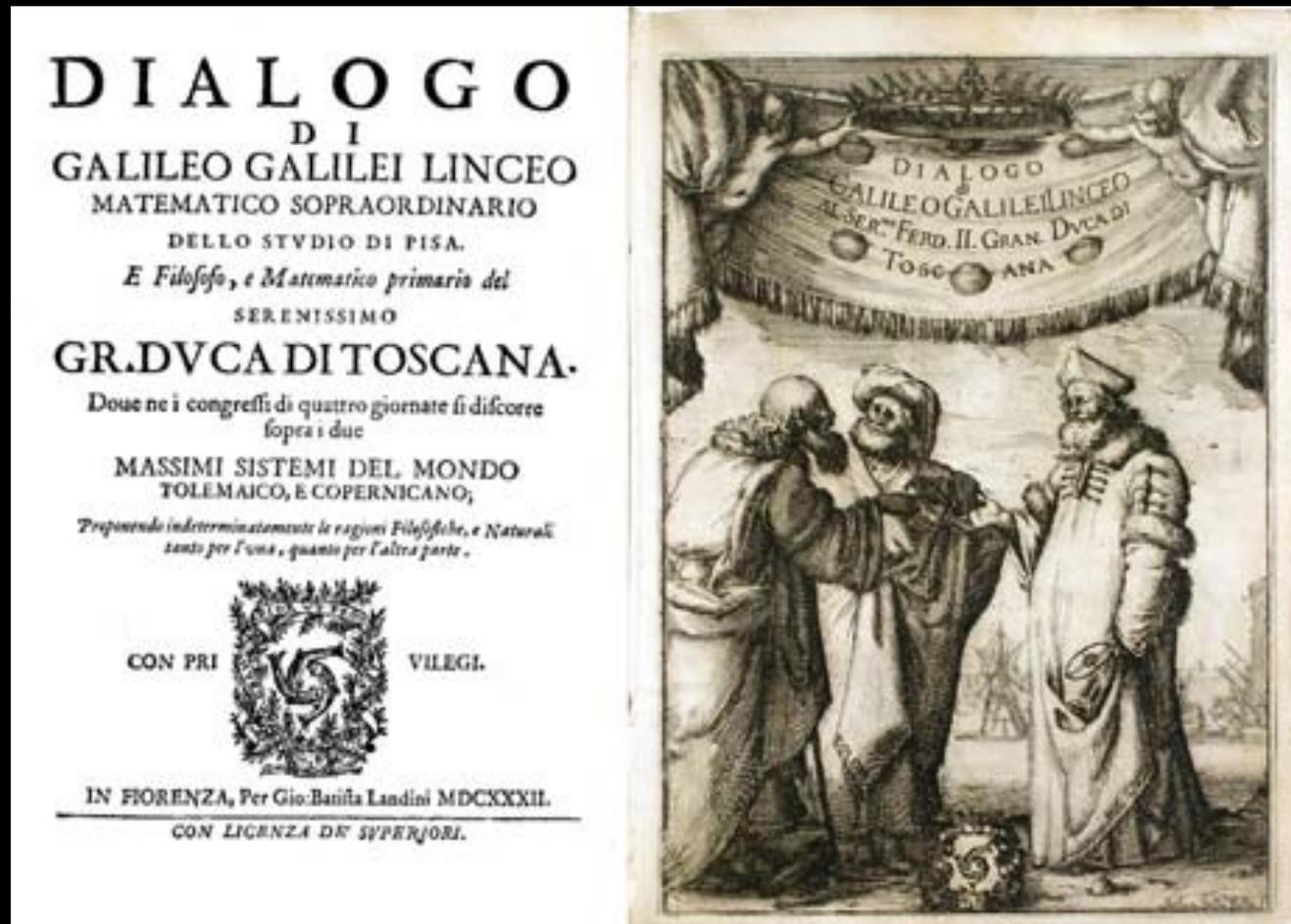
As time goes on seems less and less likely

Is it in any specific data set?



Where is the problem?

If not in the data then in the model...?



Where is the problem?

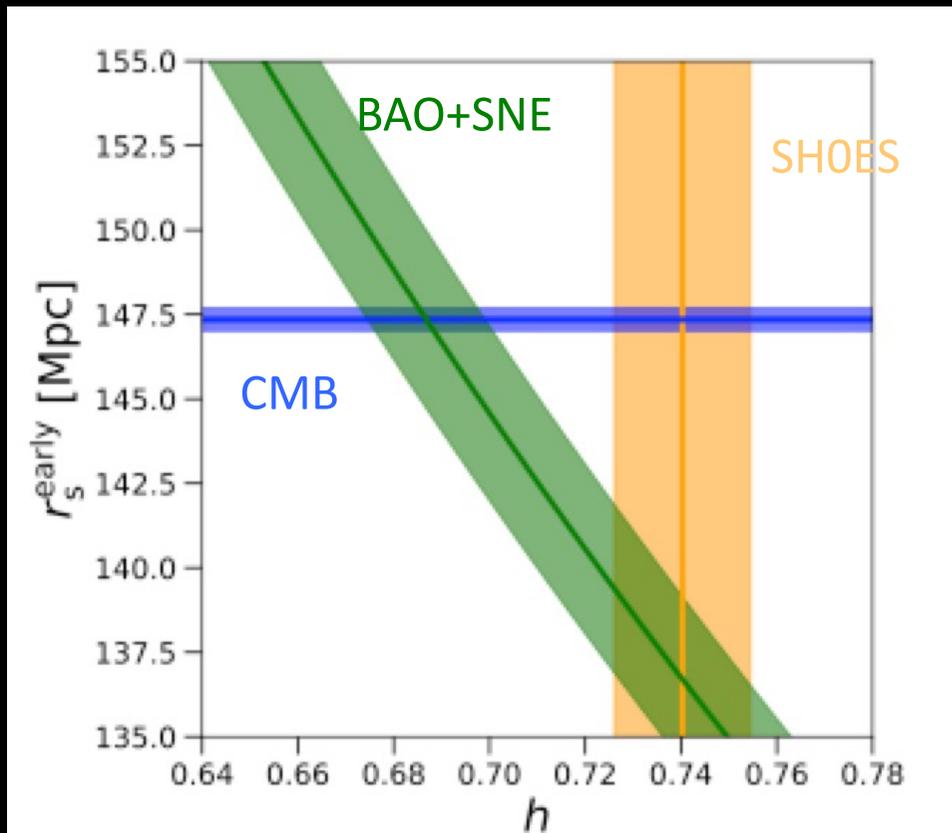
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Early-time measurements assume standard Λ CDM.
Effectively this yields r_d (the length of the standard ruler)

$$r_s(z_D) = \int_0^{\tau_D} c_s(\tau) d\tau$$

$z \sim 0$ measurements “do not do” assumptions about cosmology

$$= \int_0^{a_d} c_s \frac{da}{a^2 H(a)}$$



Shall we look
pre or after recombination?

Fig.J.L. Bernal

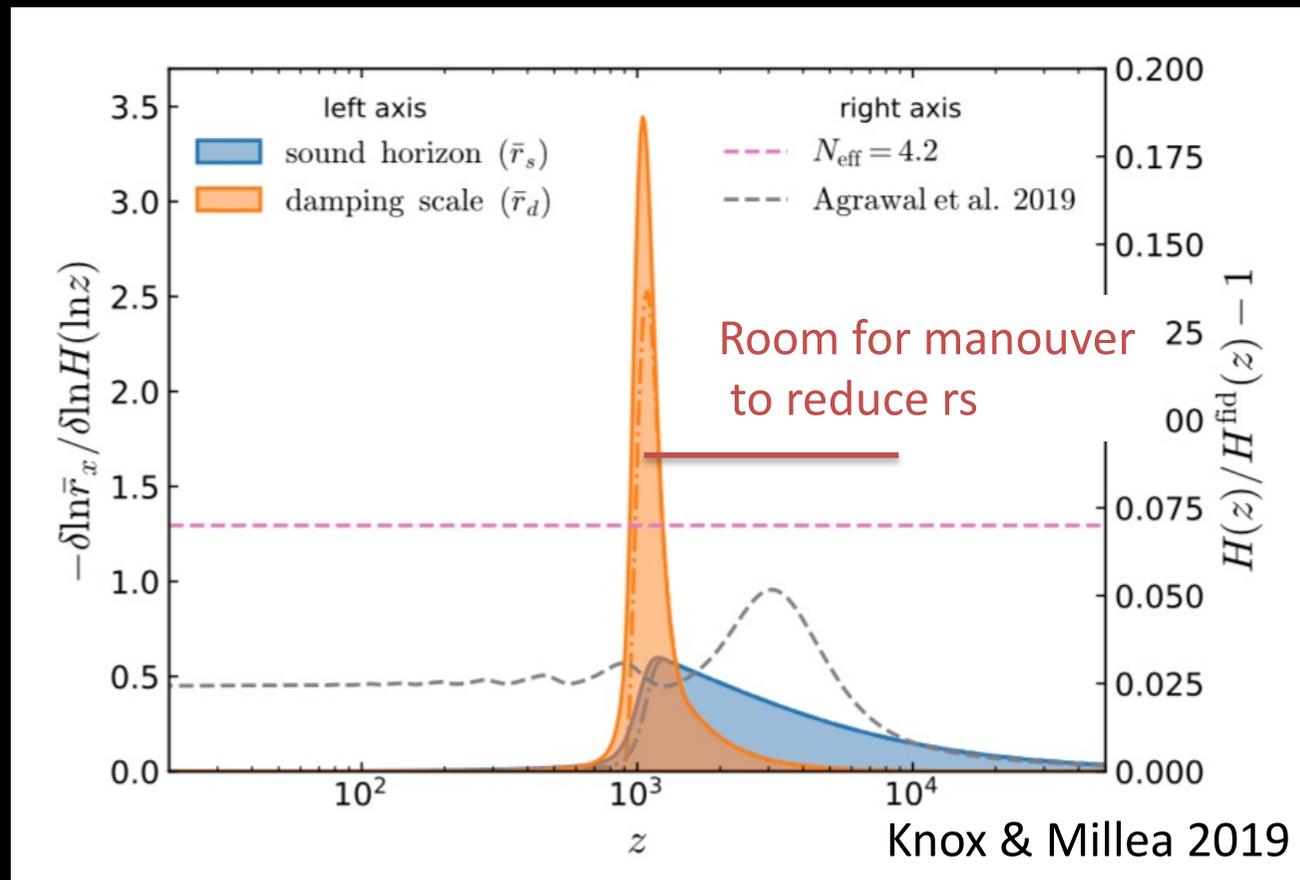
pre-recombination solutions

Modify the model right where we most like it

Decrease the sound horizon, by 7%
without wrecking havoc on damping tail... and everything else

$$r_s = \int_0^{t_d} c_s dt / a = \int_0^{a_d} c_s \frac{da}{a^2 H(a)}$$

A tall order



Reminds me of fine tuning

Ailor et al 2019

pre-recombination solutions

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Early dark energy... affects the damping tail (can look for signatures)

Change initial conditions

Extra components/ Extra interactions/Energy injection (localized!)

High T recombination

Change $H(z)$ \rightarrow change of inferred w_m with scale

These are not all equivalent!

Post recombination?

Including screening and modifications to GR etc.

My take: it's complicated as it would have to affect several different things at once, including time-delay distances

Increase the freedom of $H(z)$; Bernal, Raveri, Joudaki, Keeley...

The price is high:

many extra degrees of freedom (epicycles?) or hide it where there are no data

It is also very hard to change r_s by 7% one has to tinker with w_b (hard) , w_m (by $\sim 20-30\%$) without changing r_s/r_d in the CMB... and equality scale

It is also hard to just mess around with the standard ruler *as seen in BAO*

How much wiggle room is there? H(z)/H0 reconstruction

Λ CDM

CMB

$$r_d h = 99.1 \pm 0.9 \text{ Mpc}$$

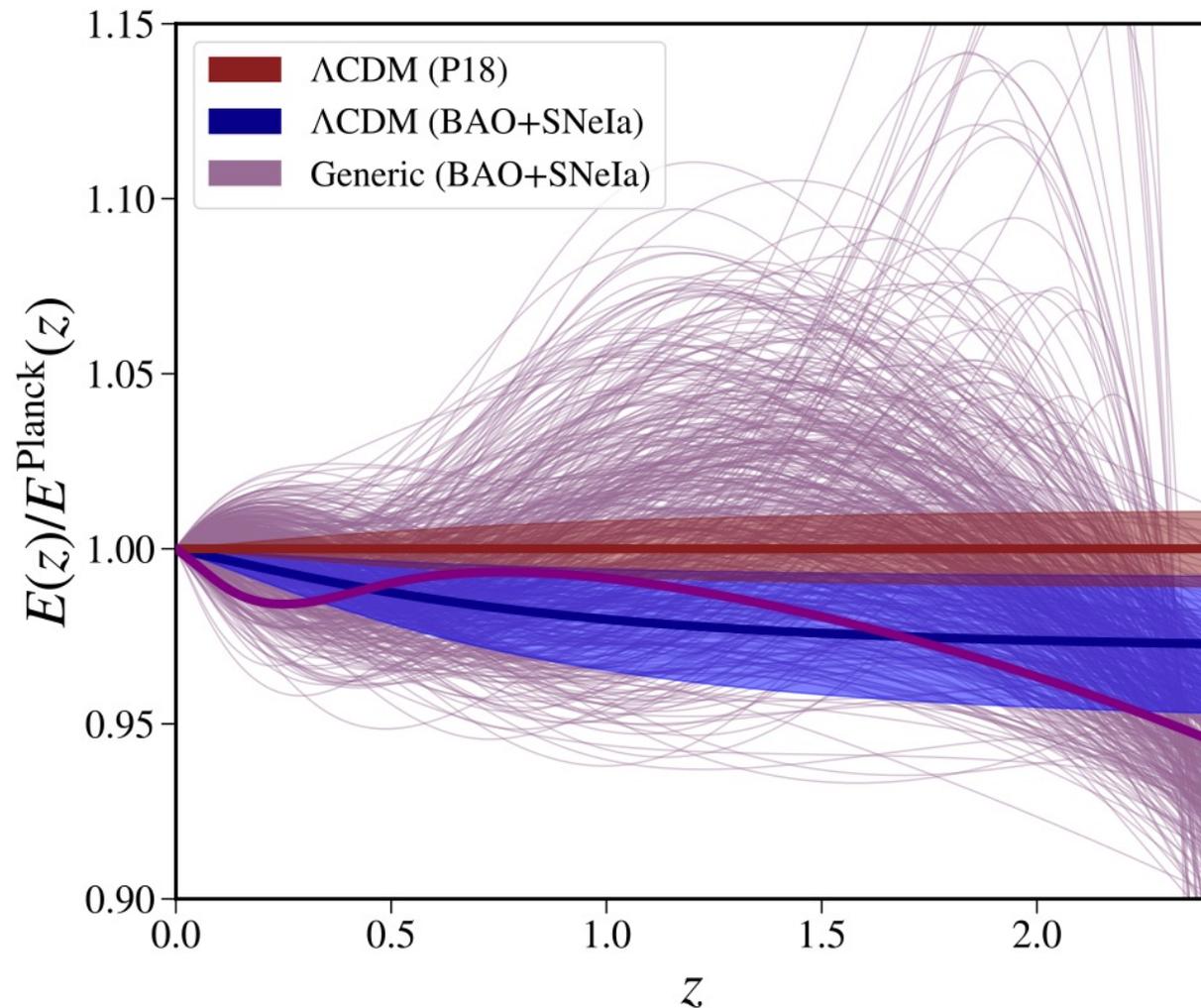
BAO+SNe

$$\Omega_M = 0.297 \pm 0.013$$

$$r_d h = 100.6 \pm 1.1 \text{ Mpc}$$

Generic reconstruction

$$r_d h = 100.2 \pm 1.2 \text{ Mpc}$$



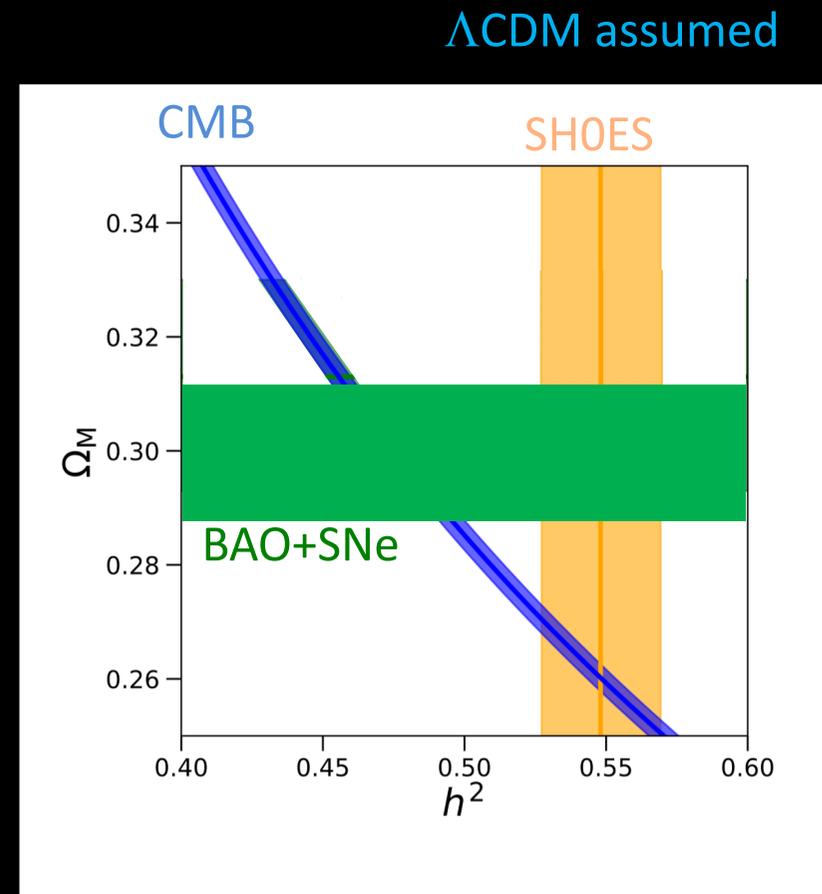
Bernal et al. 2102.05066

Beyond H0

This is not just a H_0 problem
or a r_s, r_d problem.

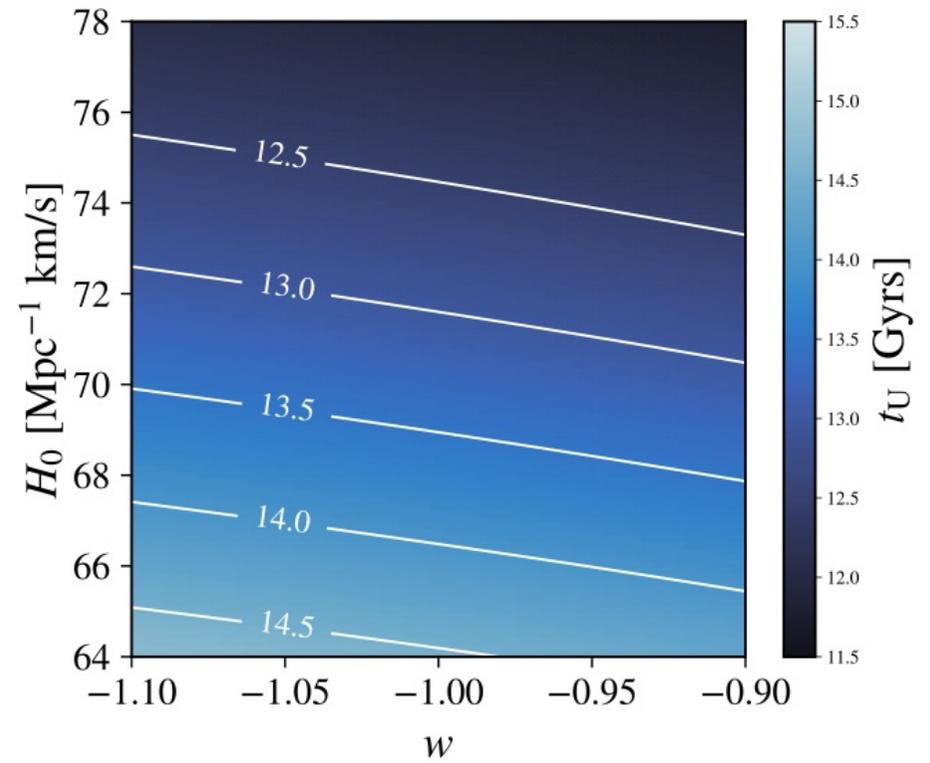
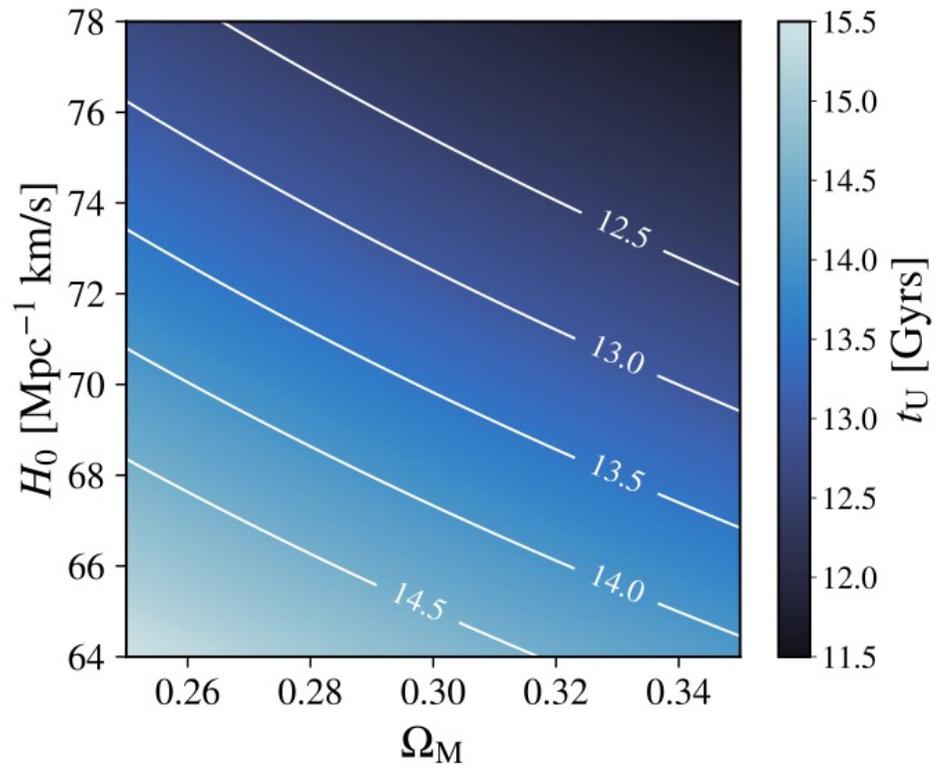
It is a Ω_m problem too

...And an age problem too

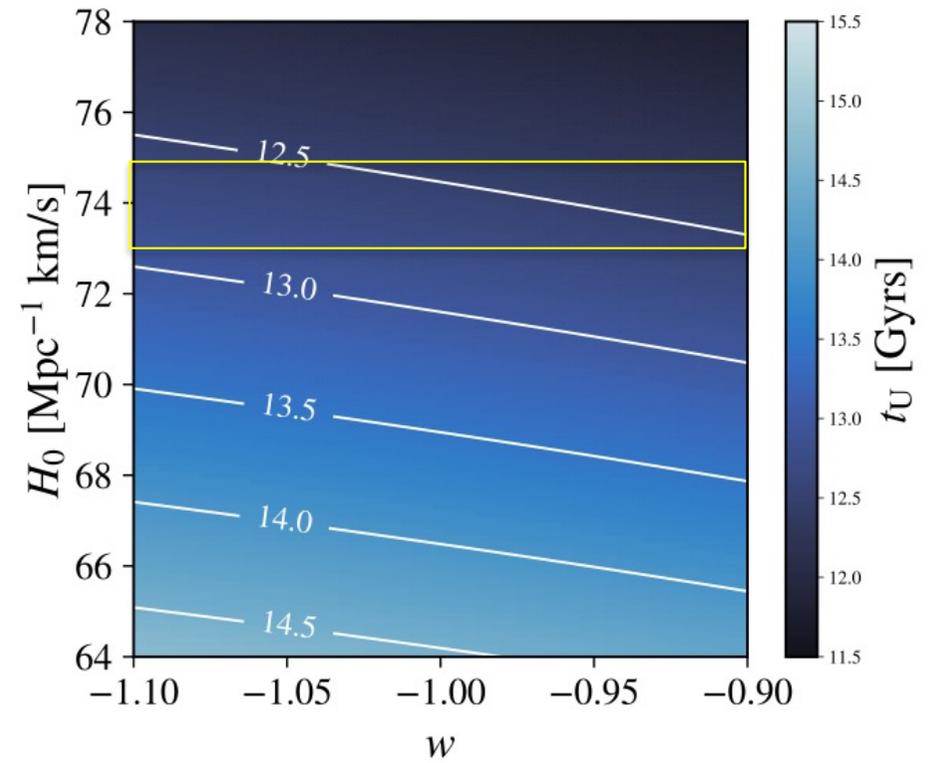
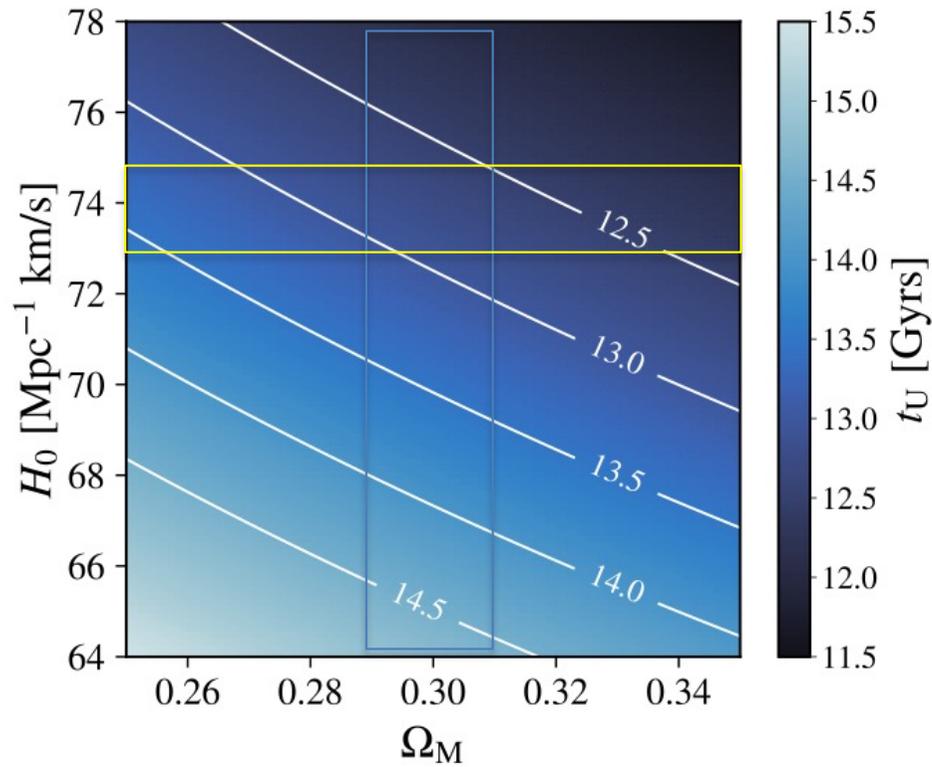


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Beyond H_0



Beyond H0

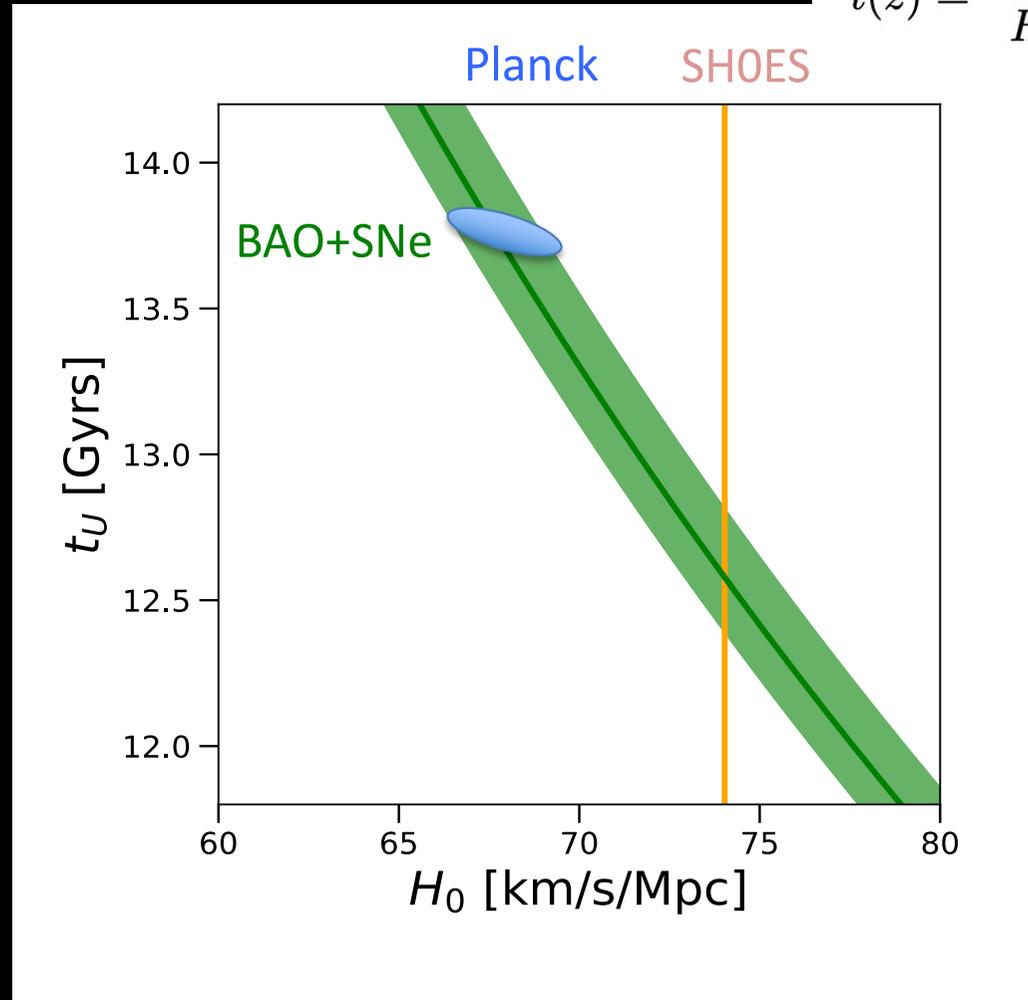


How old is the Universe anyway?

$$t(z) = \frac{977.8}{H_0} \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{(1+z')E(z')} \text{ Gyr.}$$

Early : high t_0
Late: low t_0

?



Stellar ages: a tool to measure the expansion rate

- Absolute stellar ages (clocks) at $z=0$ provide an estimate of the current expansion rate.

$$H_0 = \frac{A}{t} \int_0^{z_t} \frac{1}{1+z} \left[\Omega_{m,0}(1+z)^3 + (1 - \Omega_{m,0})(1+z)^{3(1+w)} \right]^{-1/2} dz$$



Relies on knowing other background cosmological parameters (or the expansion history “shape”)

“The local and distant Universe, stellar ages and H_0 ”
JCAP 2019 , Jimenez, Cimatti, Verde, Moresco, Wandelt

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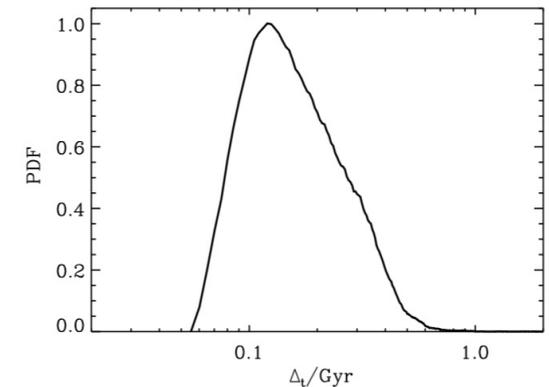
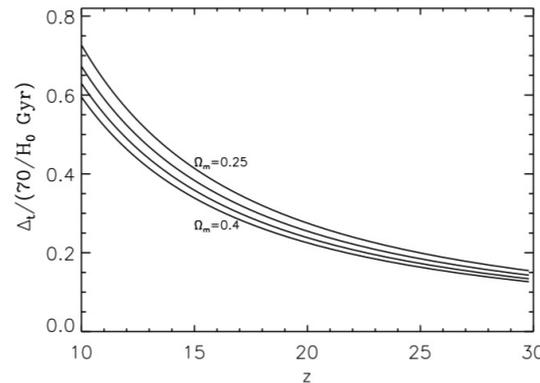
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Relies on knowing other background cosmological parameters
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Use $z_f=11$ but using $z_f=8$ does not change the results

Need also a way to connect t to t_U

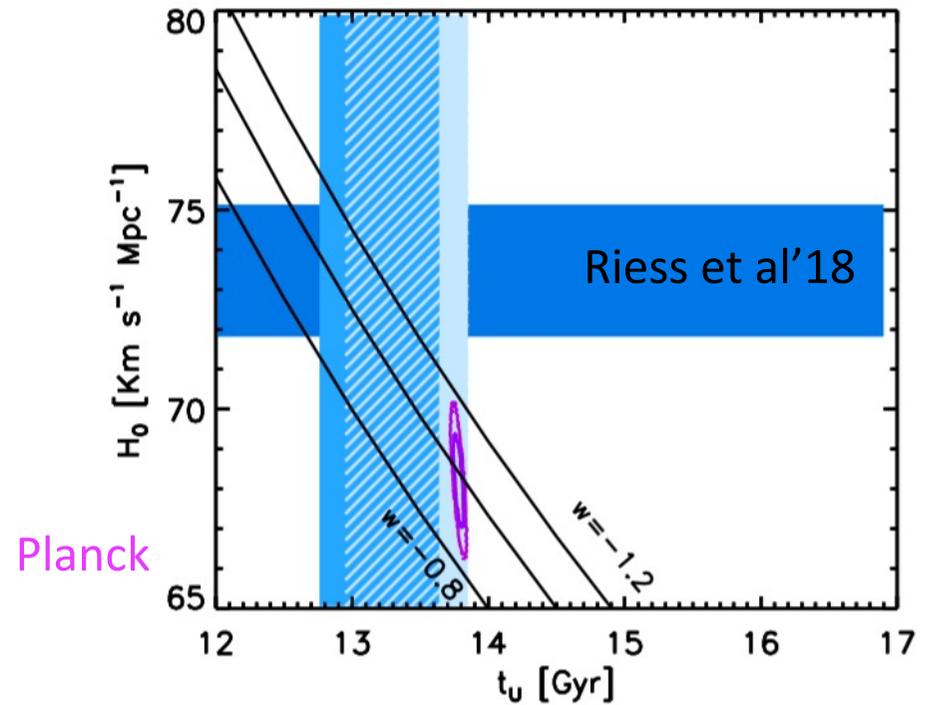
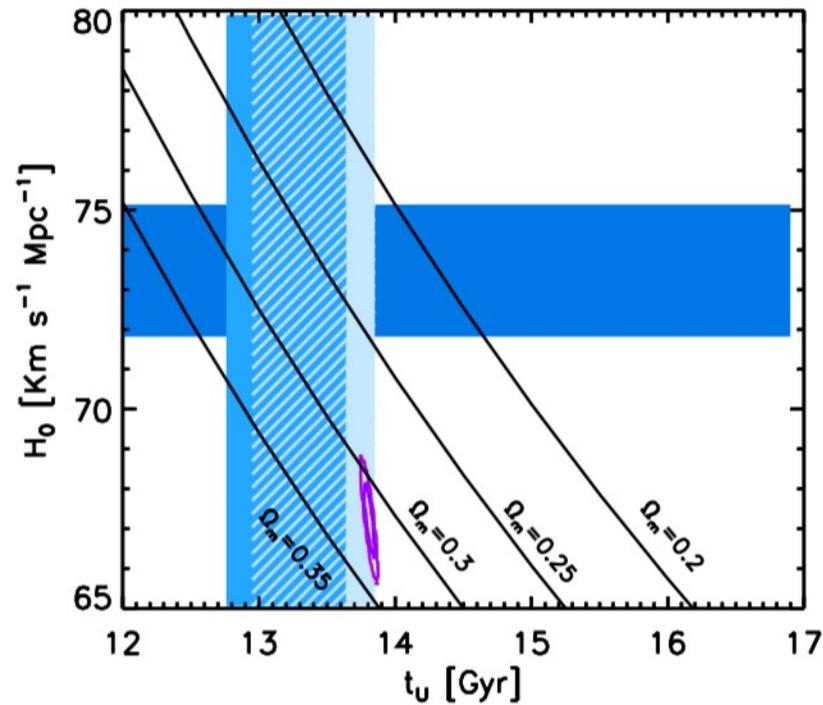
(the second step is not needed
for H_0 but for comparing
with t_U from CMB)



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Age of oldest stars observed locally --> age of the Universe

Proof of principle:



very-low-metallicity stars

HD140283 (Bond et al 2013)

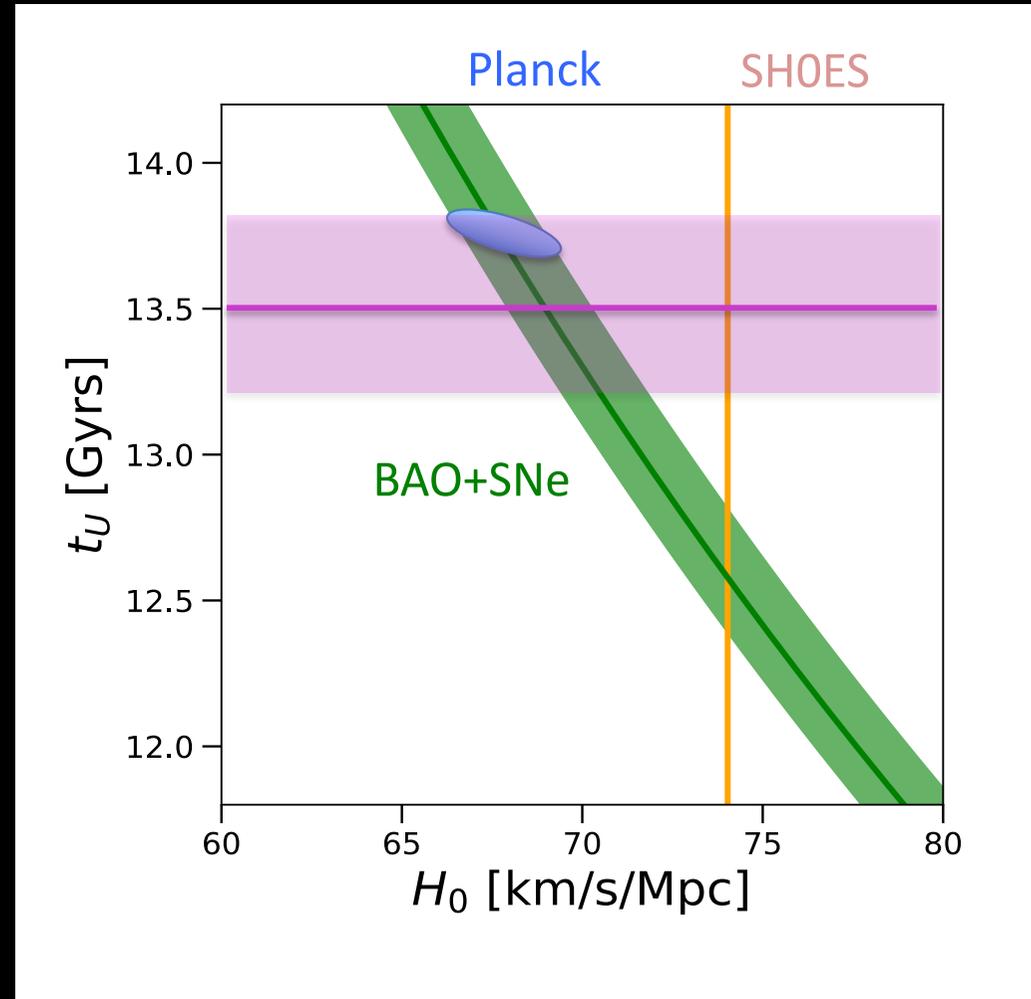
J18082002-5104378 A (Schlaufman et al 2018)

O'Malley et al '18 22 GC

Jimenez et al 2019

Age of oldest Globular clusters

Age of the Universe from re-analysis of Globular clusters ages marginalize over: metallicity, absorption, He fraction, distance, etc.



$t_U = 13.5 \pm 0.3$ Gy
22 GC

Early : high t_0
Late: low t_0

Λ CDM acts its age not its SHOES size...

Valcin et al. 2007.06594

Valcin et al. [2102.04486](#)

Looking for Cinderella...



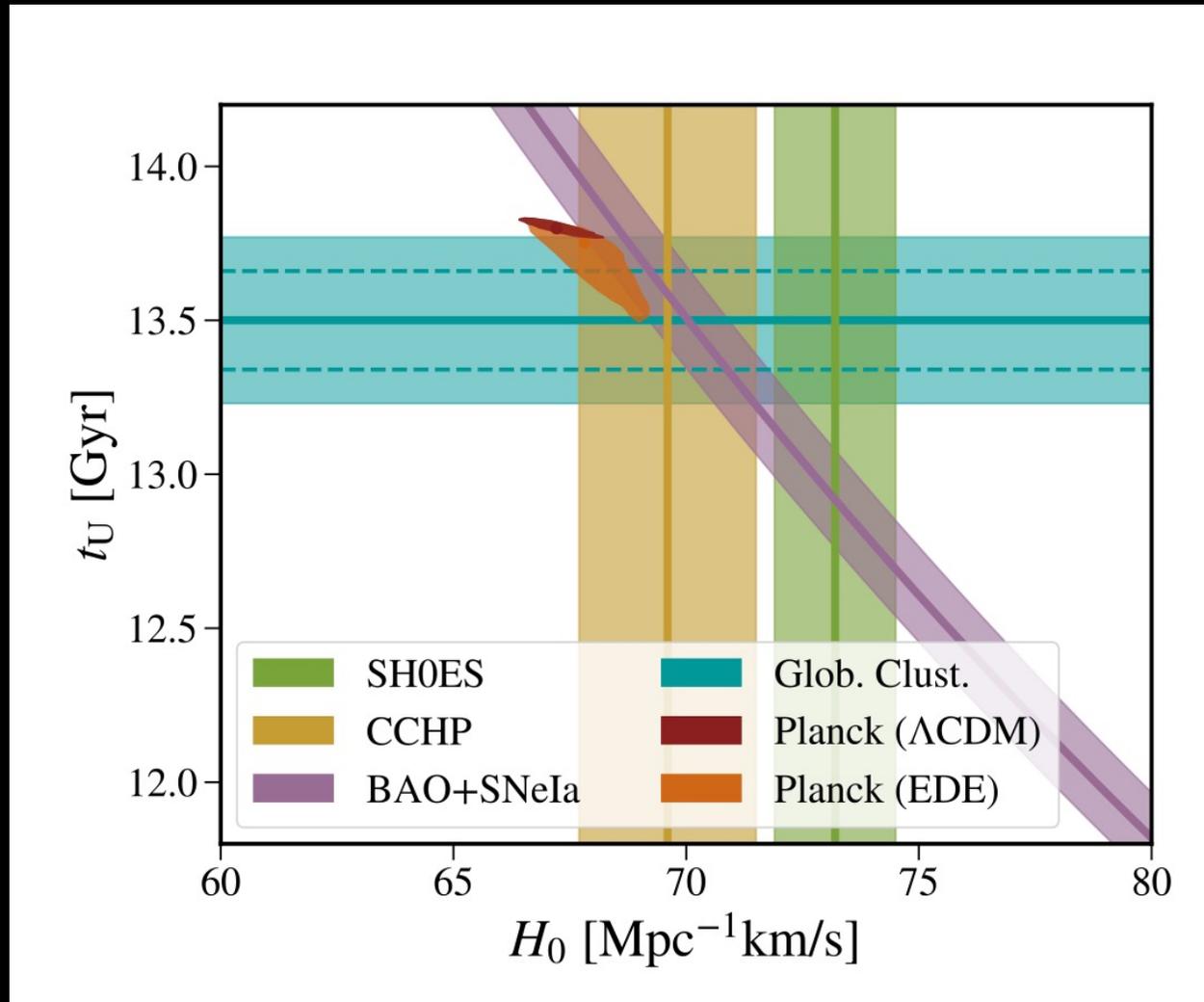
Cosmological
Model

SHOES

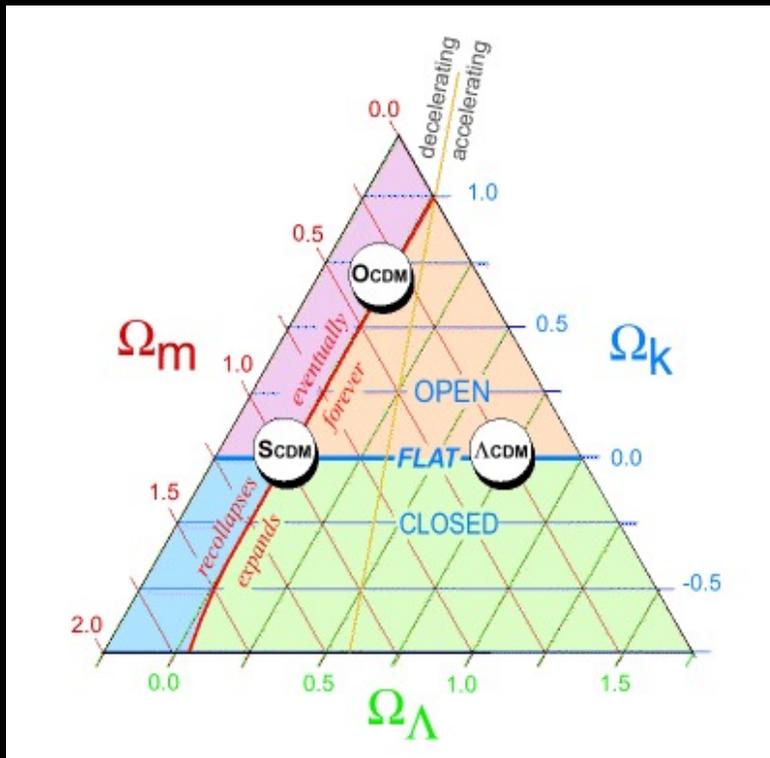
Looking for Cinderella

- **The bad:** $w < -1$, decaying dark matter,
- **The ugly:** neutrino interactions at early time, early dark energy-ish
- **The good:**.....?

Looking for Cinderella....



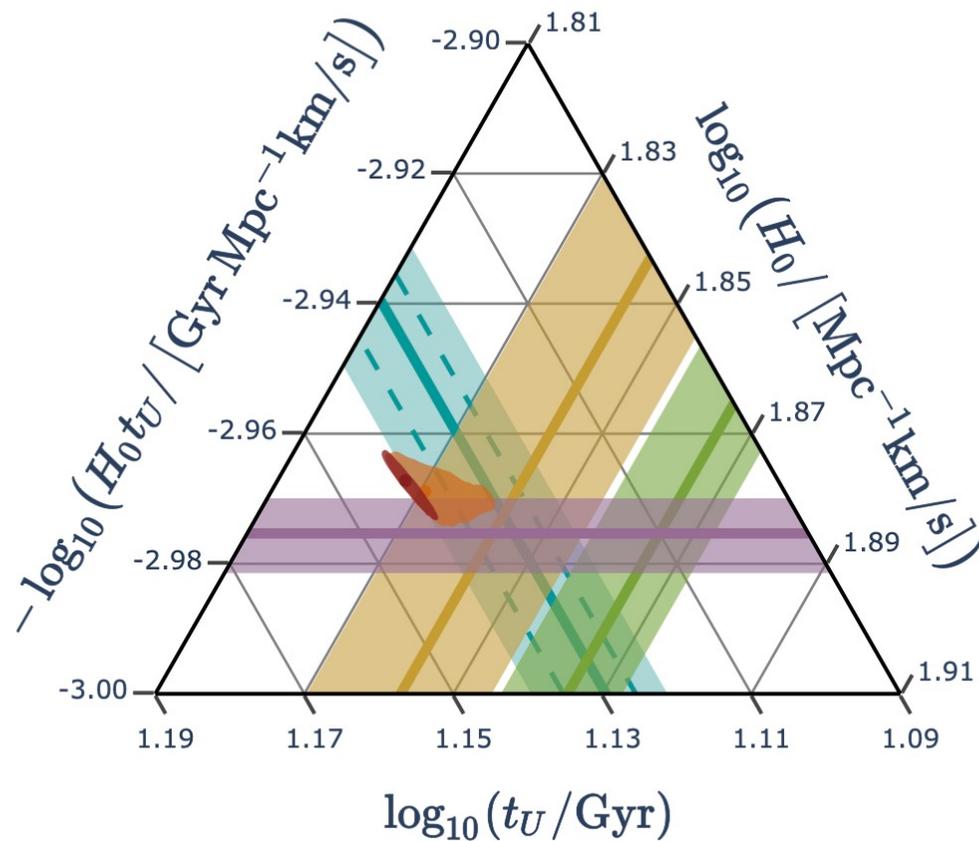
The original Cosmic triangle



Science Bahcall et al 1999

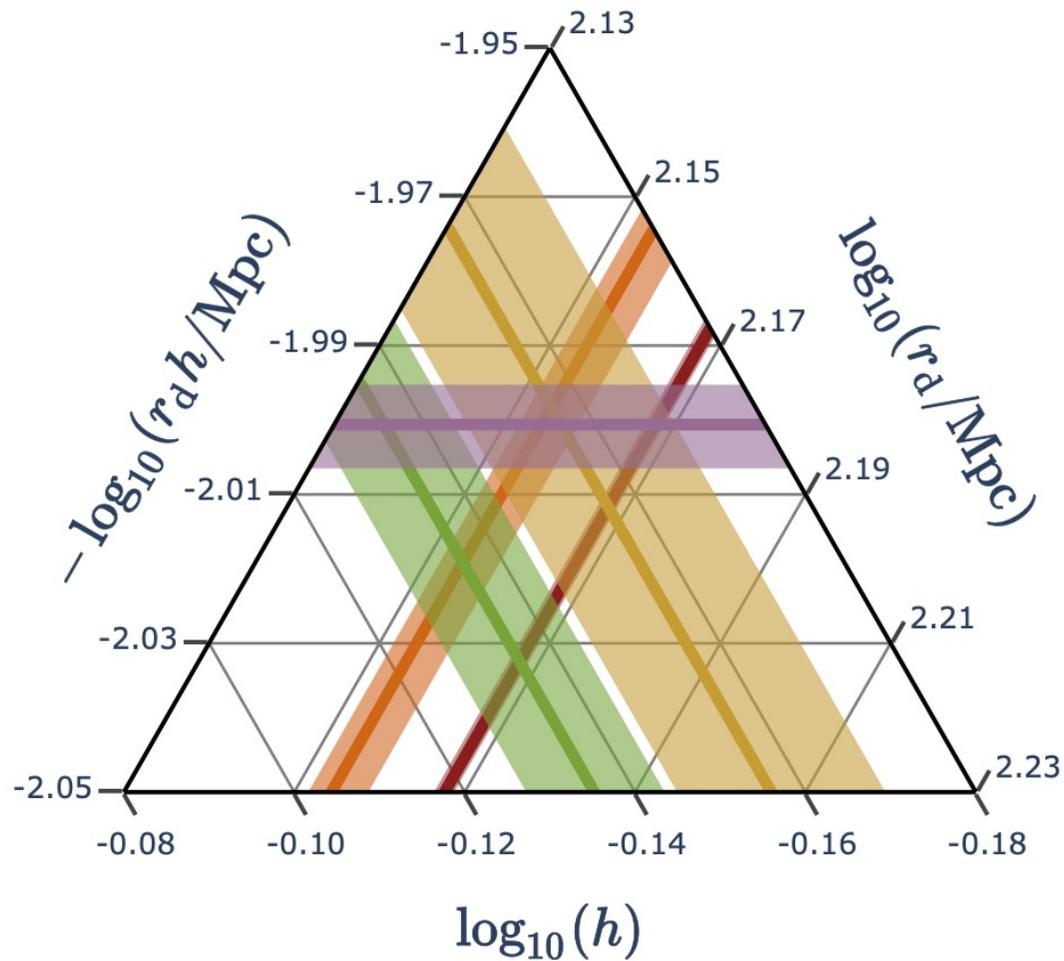
Now.. 22 years later... Back to the future...

The new cosmic triangles



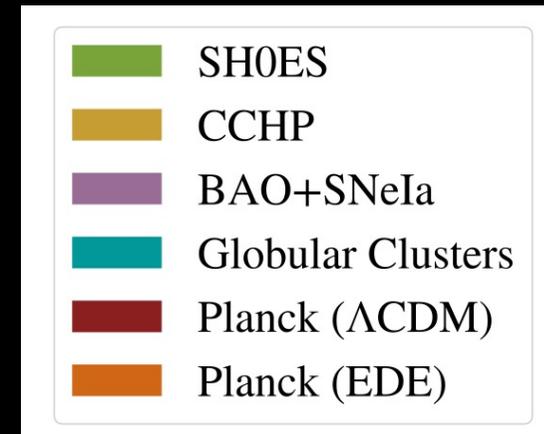
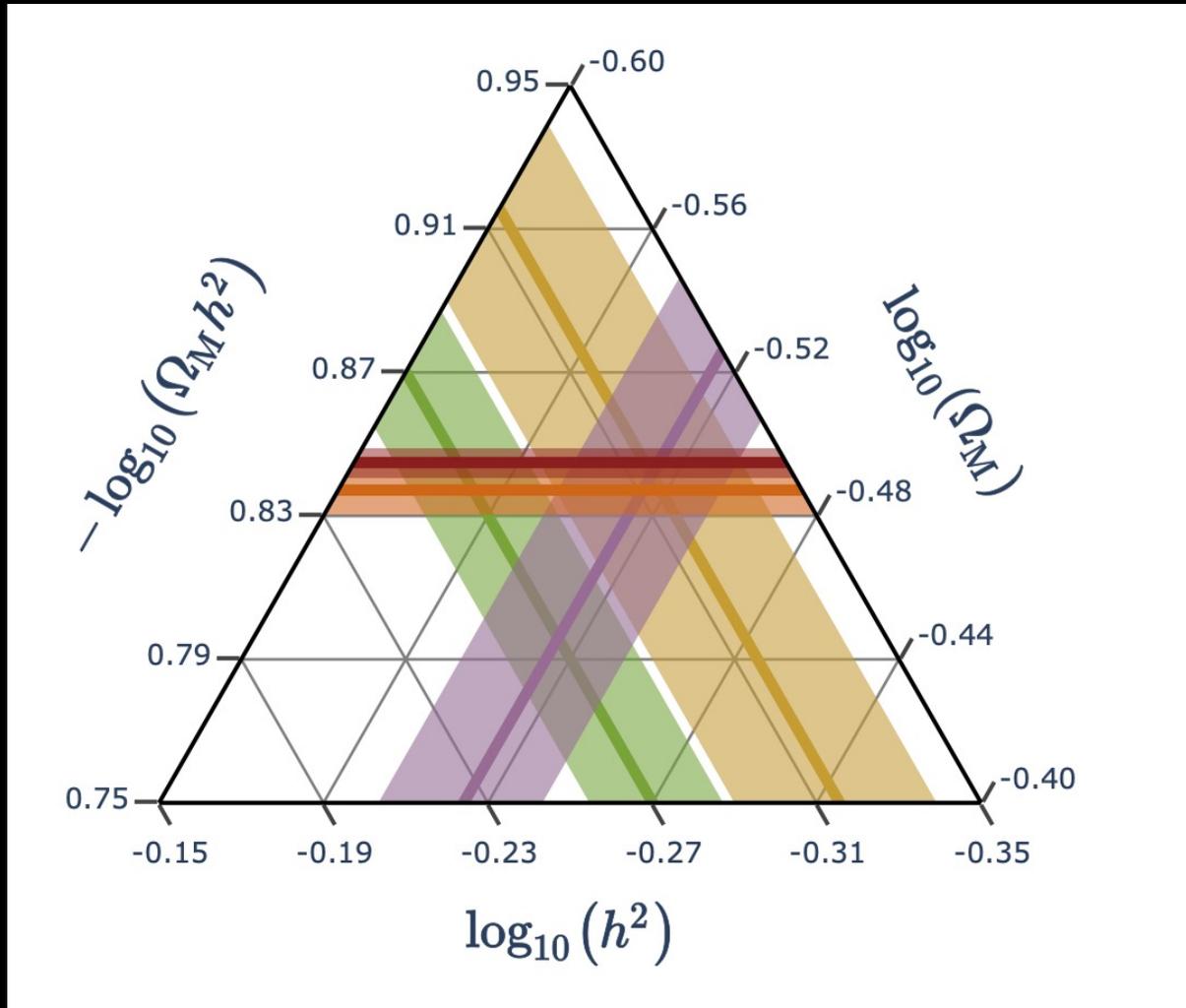
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Theoretical solutions....

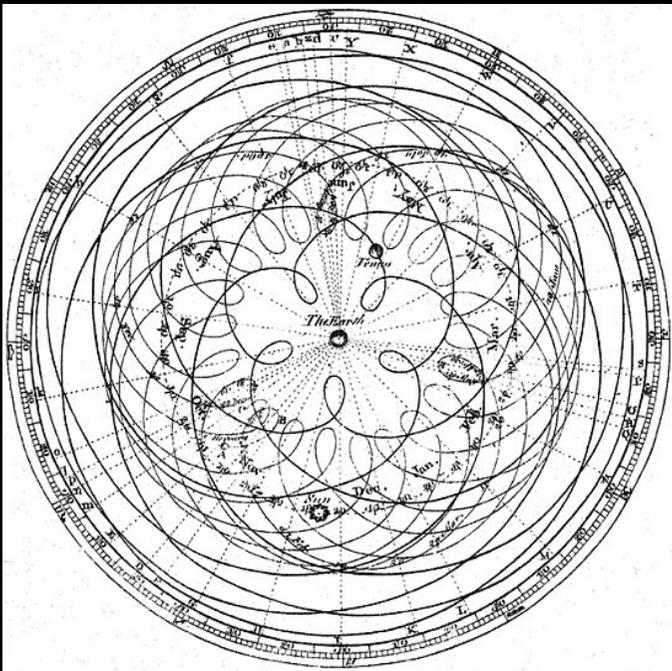
Should not break havoc where not needed: preserve the good agreement of LCDM with data
Should improve (or not worsen) other tensions

We should quantify improvement vs predictability (degrees of freedom)

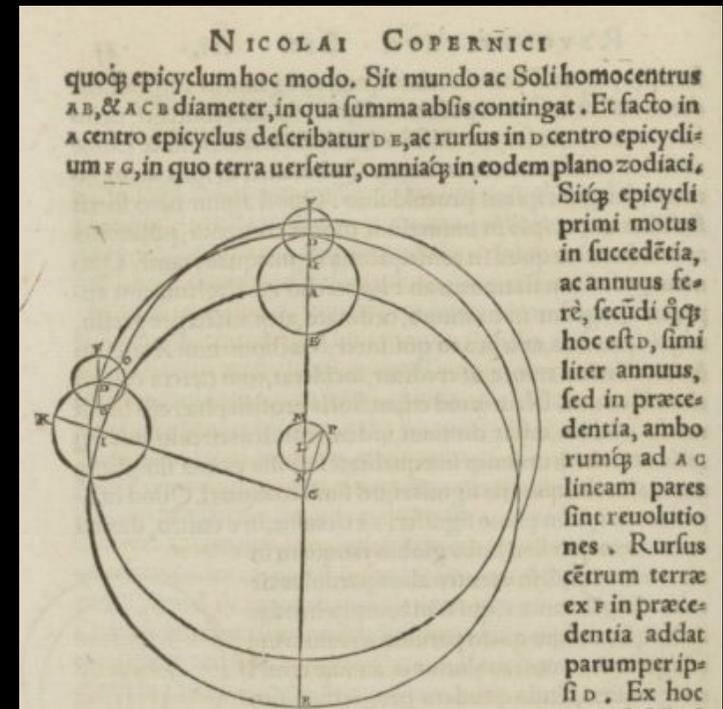
Parallelism with Λ

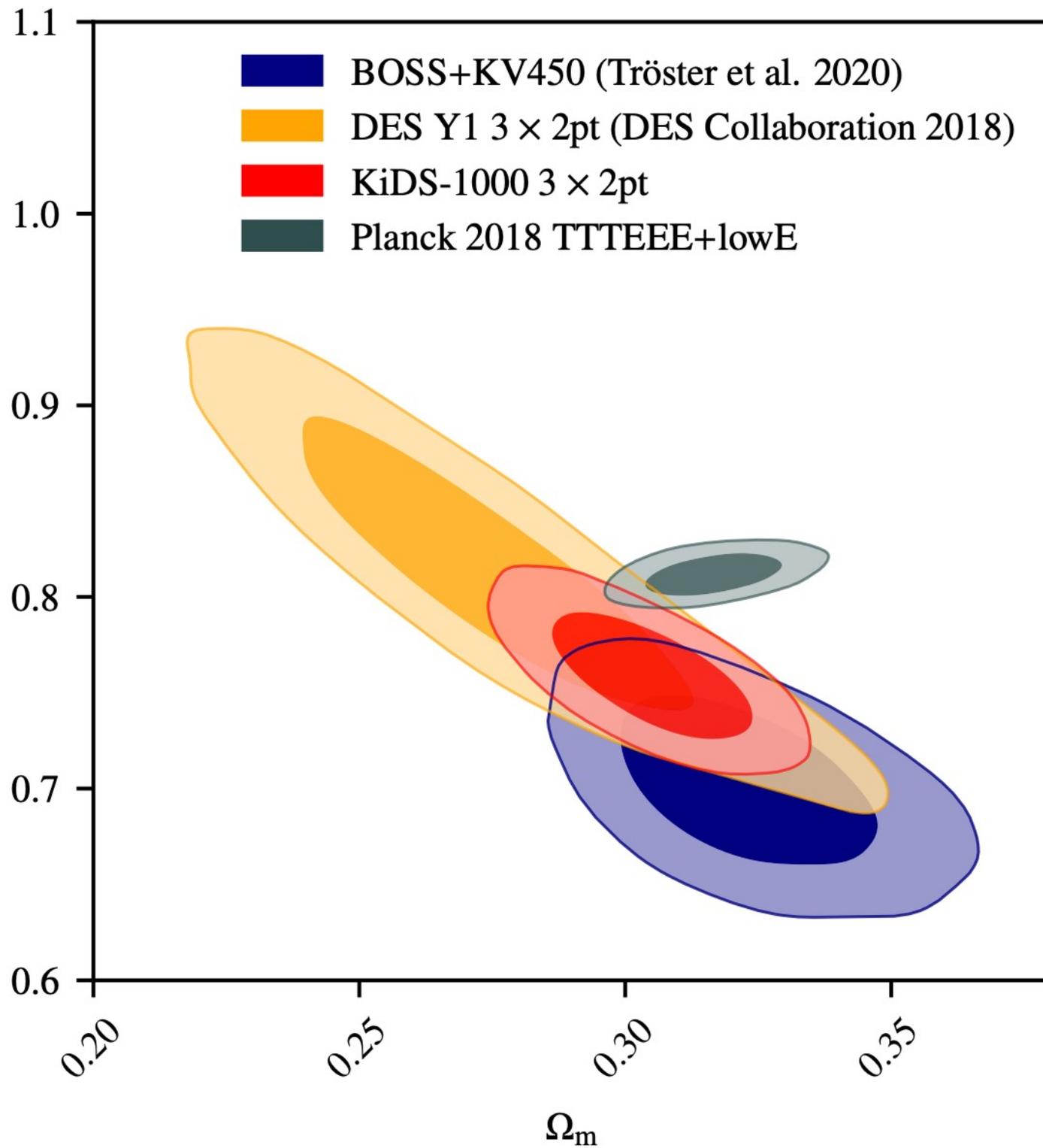
Model-dependent vs model independent approaches

At what point are we adding epicycles?



Cassini





Looking for Cinderella....

Discrepancy between model-dependent and model-independent determinations of H_0

If not in the data.... Then...in the model?

Boost expansion rate before recombination \rightarrow fixes the ladder

Low redshift solutions \rightarrow very limited wiggle room

AND the troubles go well beyond H_0 and distance ladders \rightarrow Matter density and age

Looking for Cinderella....

Age is insensitive to: dimming, screening, deviations from GR, distance measures...

If high t_0 is confirmed, models with high H_0 and standard low redshift physics are disfavoured.

Two possible scenarios : local and global

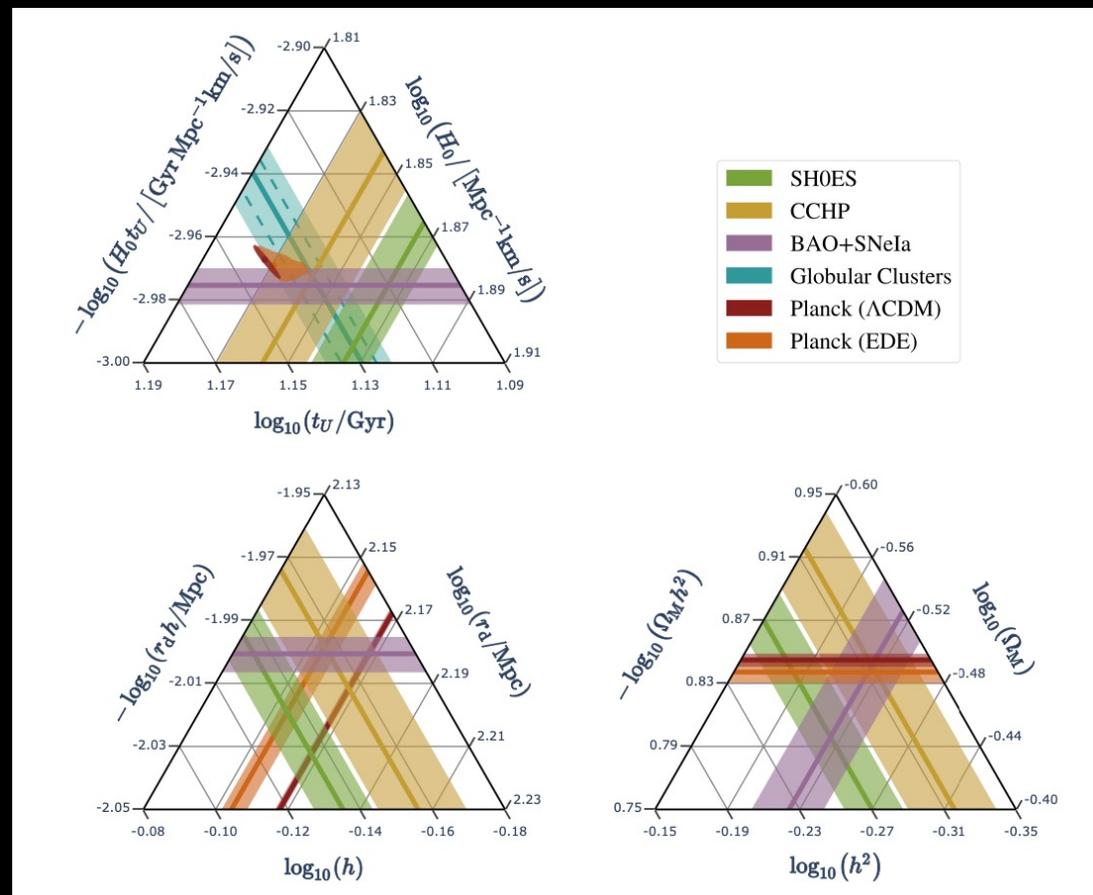


Local:
affect local H_0 measurements
(astrophysical or cosmological
e.g., screening)
leaving all else unchanged

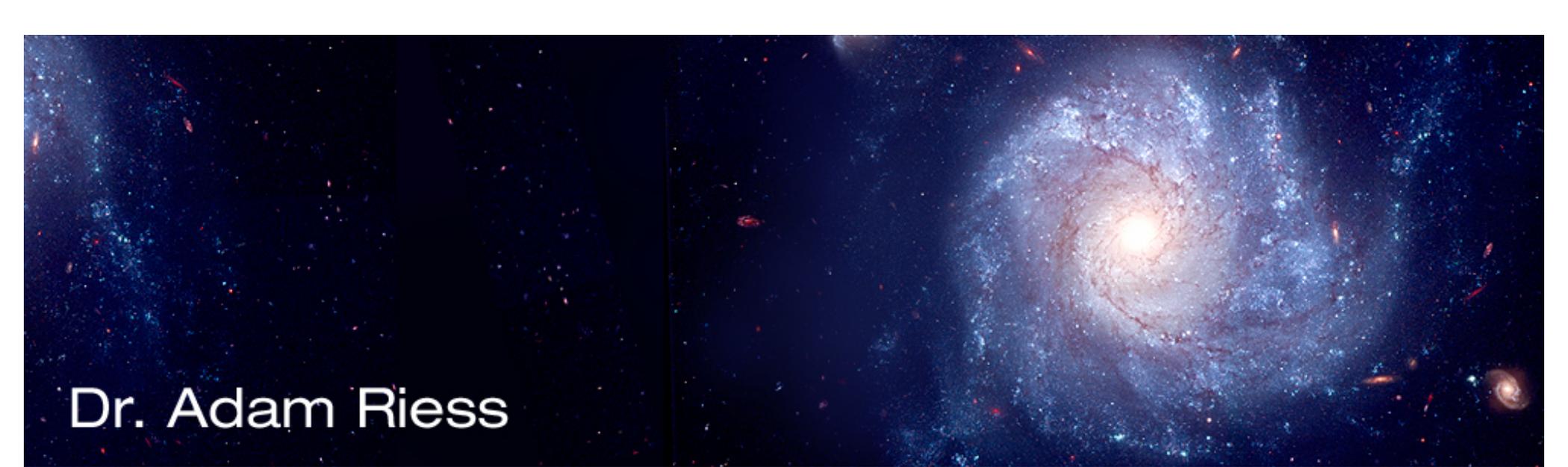
Global:
New physics affecting entire history
both early and late.
Impacts quantities well beyond H_0 .
Will show up in new cosmological
observations !

To conclude

I hope that the new cosmic triangles representation of the observational constraints will help discriminating between the two scenarios and help guide future efforts to find a solution to the Hubble troubles.



END



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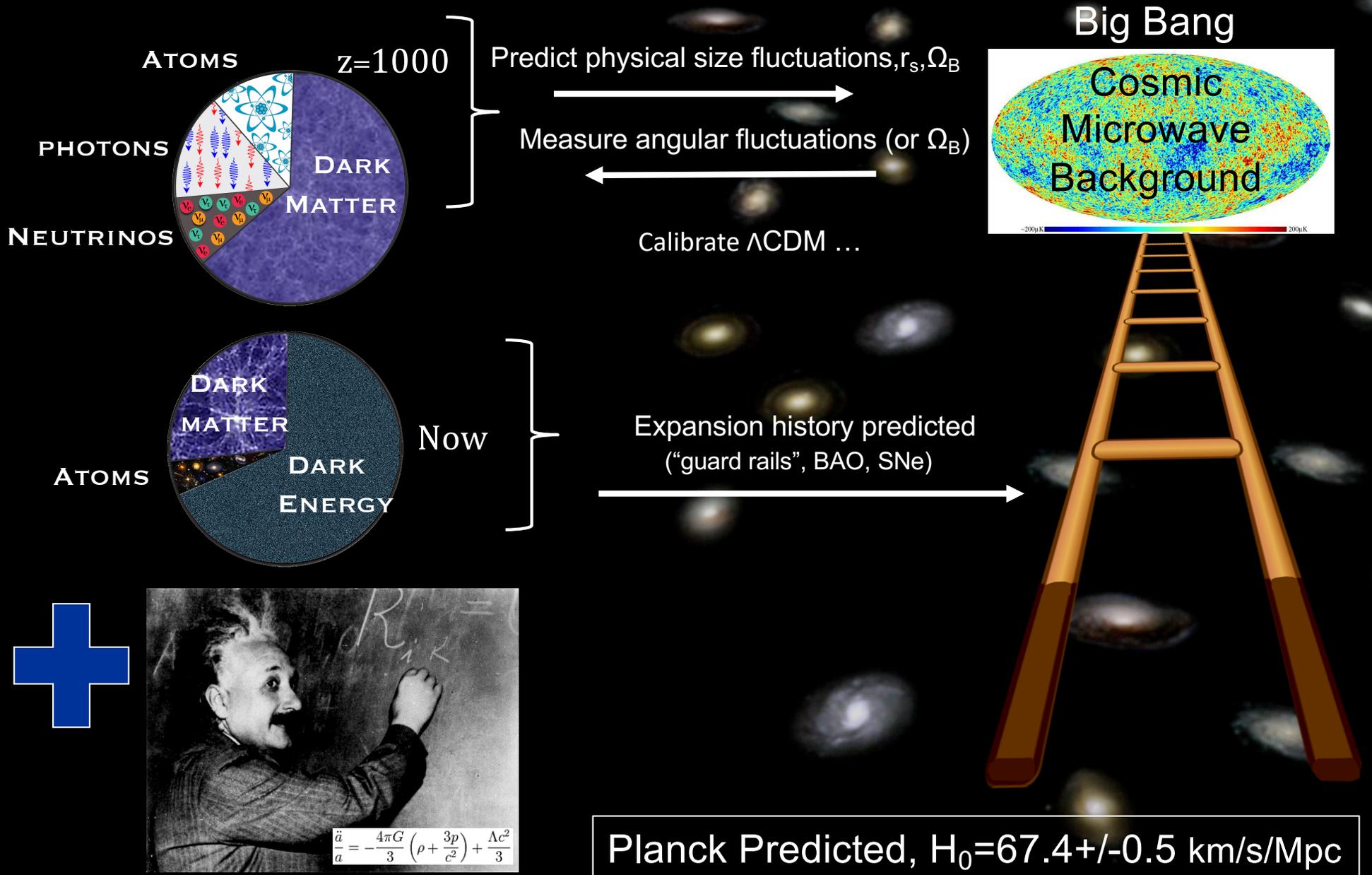
**NEW DETERMINATION OF THE
HUBBLE CONSTANT WITH GAIA EDR3,
FURTHER EVIDENCE OF EXCESS EXPANSION**

SH₀ES Team

Riess et al. 2021, ApJ Letters, 908, 6

Ultimate "End-to-end" test for Λ CDM, Predict and Measure H_0

Standard Model: (Vanilla) Λ CDM, 6 parameters + ansatz (w , N_{eff} , Ω_K , etc)



A Direct, Local Measurement of H_0 to percent precision

The SH_0ES Project (2005)

(Supernovae, H_0 for the dark energy Equation of State)

A. Riess, L. Macri, D. Scolnic, S. Casertano, A. Filippenko, W. Yuan, S. Hoffman, +

Measure H_0 to percent precision empirically by:

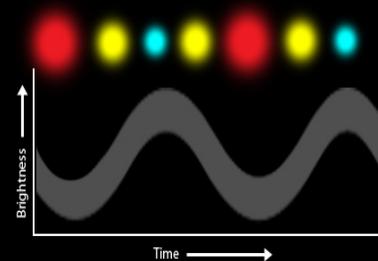
“Gold Standard” tools:

Geometry → Cepheids → SNe Ia

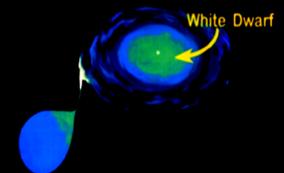
Multiple ways



Pulsating Stars,
 $10^5 L_{\odot}$, P-L relation



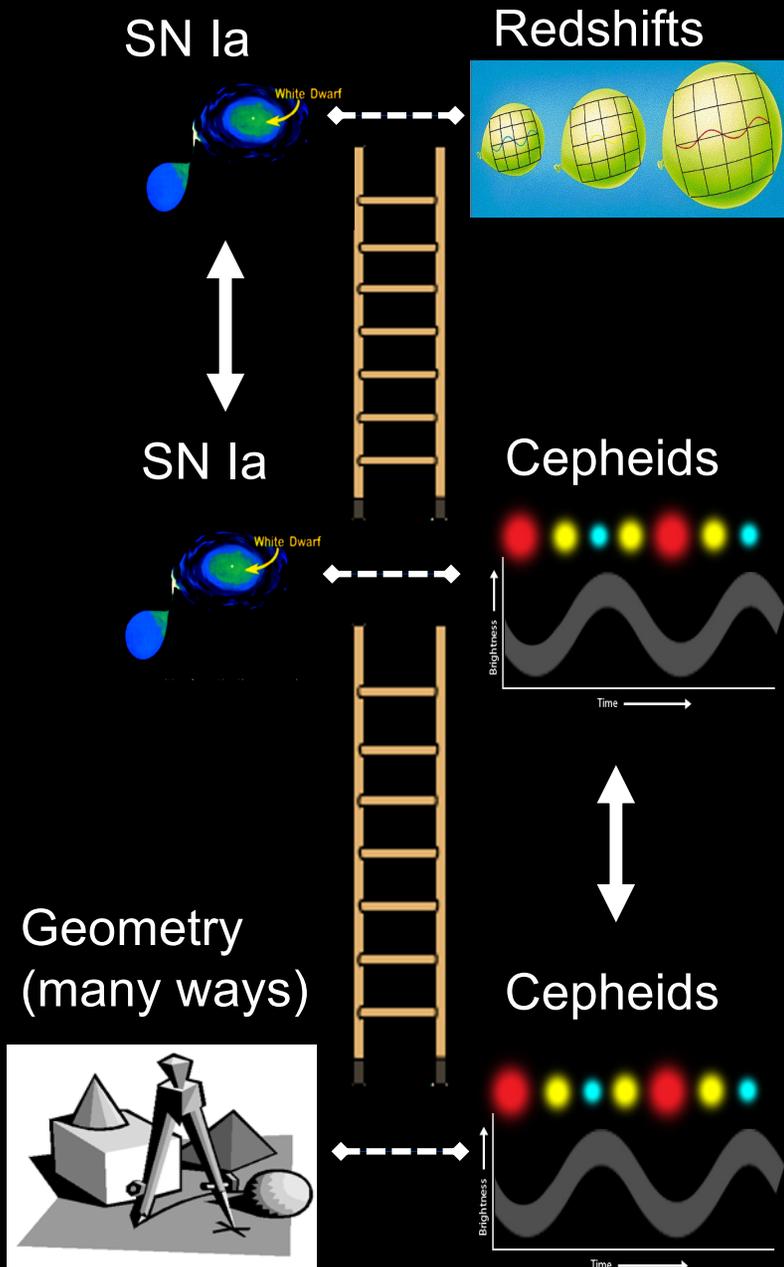
Exploding Stars,
 $10^9 L_{\odot}$, $\sigma \sim 5\%$



An explosion resulting from the thermonuclear detonation of a White Dwarf Star.

- Reduce systematics w/ consistent data along ladder and NIR
- Thorough propagation of statistical and systematic
- HST Cycle 11-28, 17 competed GO proposals, ~1000 orbits

Distance Ladders: Empirical & Model-free, Must be Consistent



Hubble Flow:
 $D \sim \text{Gpc}, z \sim 0.1$

Cross-calibrate:
 $D \sim 10\text{-}40 \text{ Mpc}$

Anchors:
 $D \sim \text{Kpc or Mpc}$

Nutrition Facts

Serving size 1 potato (148g/5.2oz)

Amount per serving

Calories **73**

% Daily Value*

Astrophysical modeling 0%

General Relativity <1%

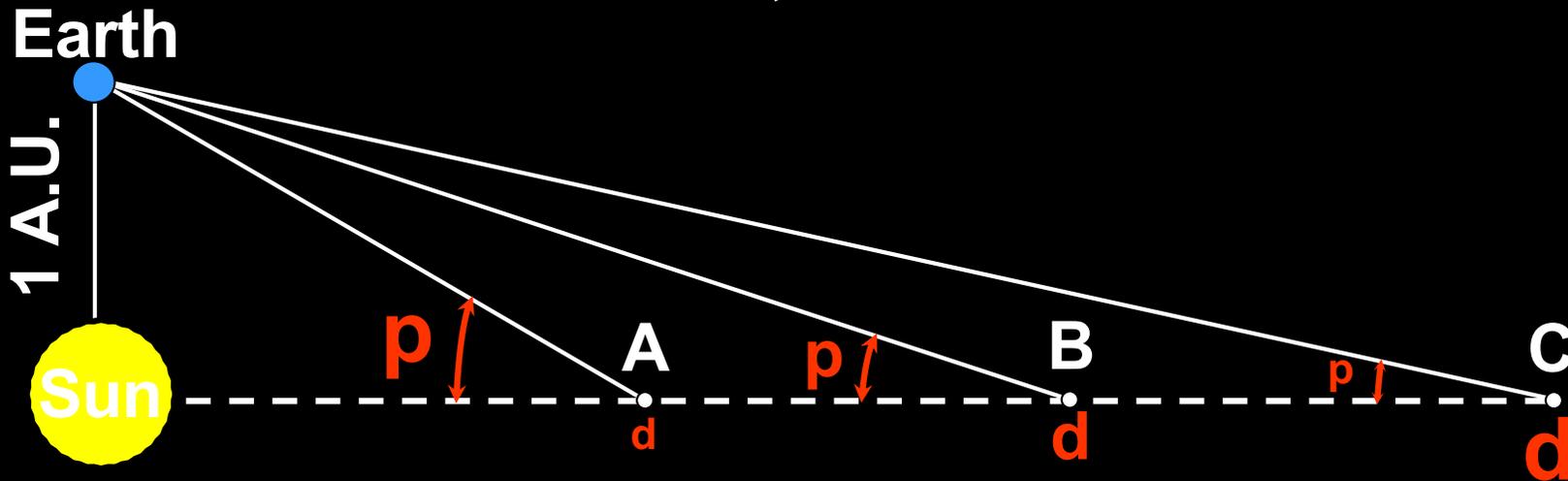
LCDM <1%

! WARNING

Same object types on different rungs must be standardized and measured consistently!

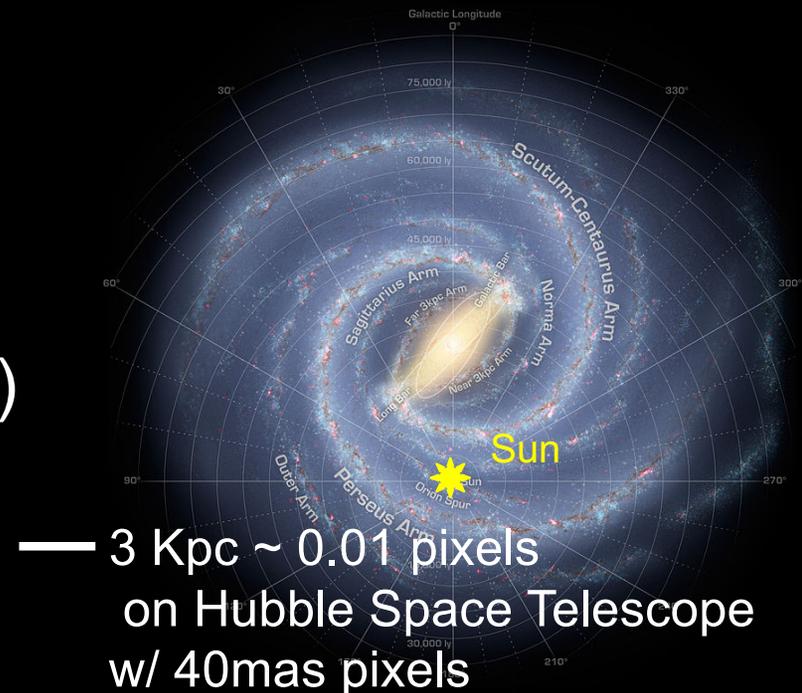
Step 1: Parallax in the Milky Way at Kiloparsec Distances

Stars are far, Parallax is small !



$$d \text{ (kpc)} = \frac{1}{p \text{ (milliarcsec)}}$$

Nearly all long-period ($P > 10$ days)
MW Cepheids $D > \text{kpc}$ ($p < \text{mas}$)



Extending Parallax with WFC3 Spatial Scanning (~2014)

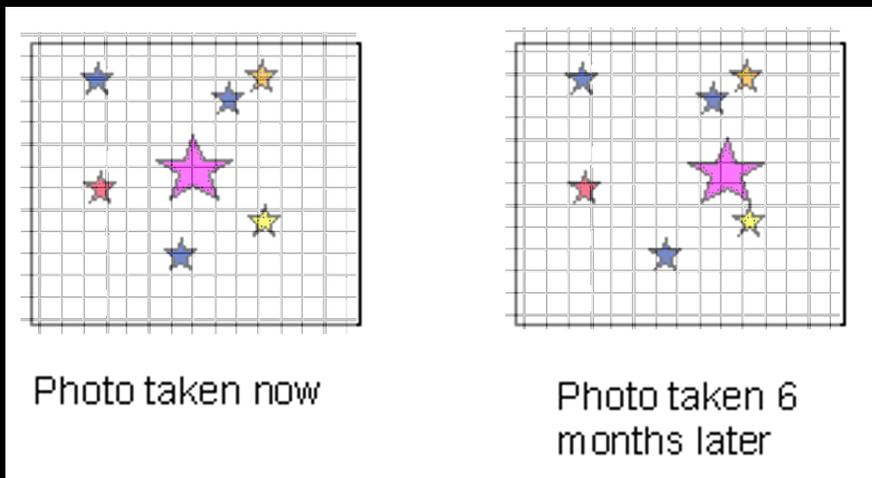
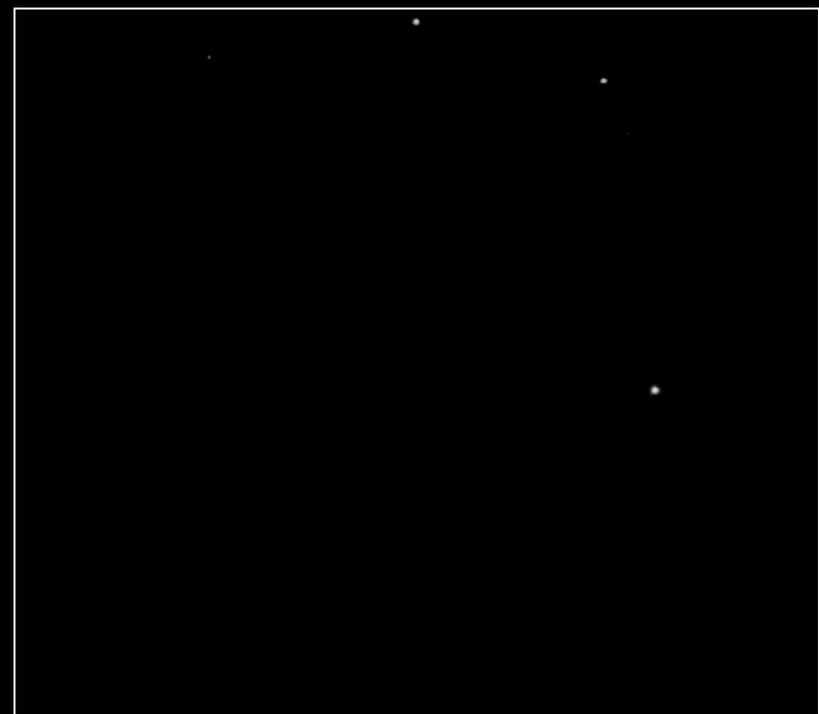
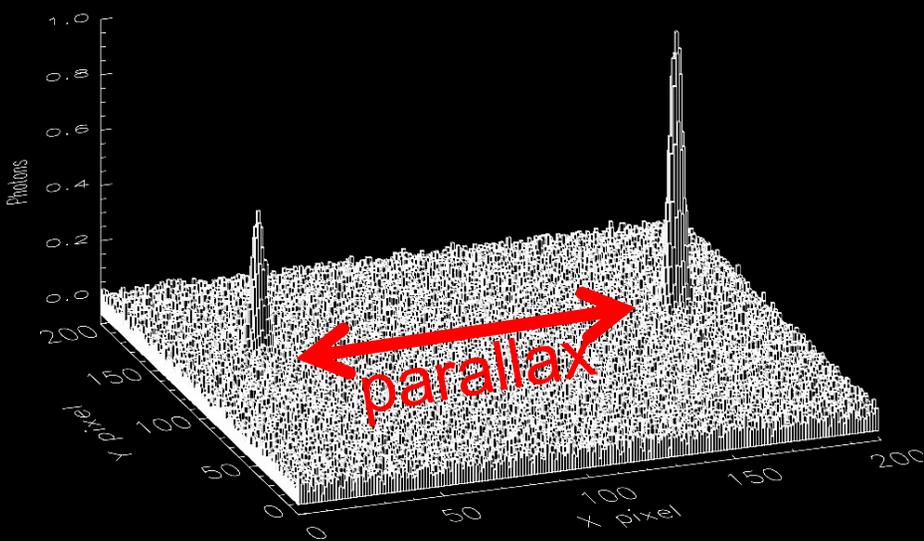


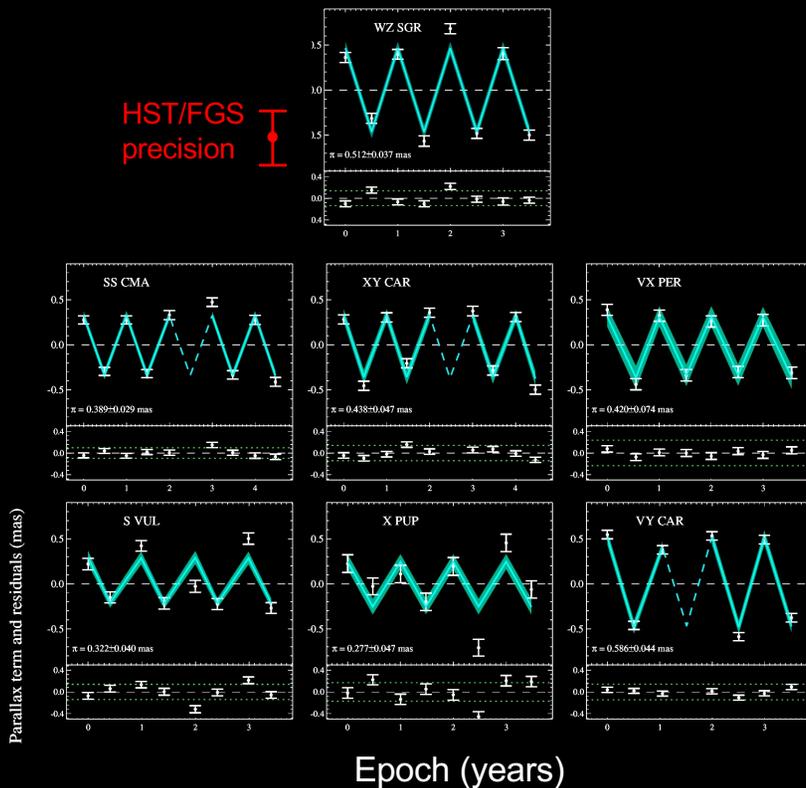
Image centroiding precision: $S_{\text{WFC3}} \sim 0.01 \text{ pix}$ WFC3: $\sim 1\sigma @ 3 \text{ kpc}$



New Tool: WFC3 Spatial scanning for long range parallaxes, photometry

Approach 1: HST Spatial Scanning

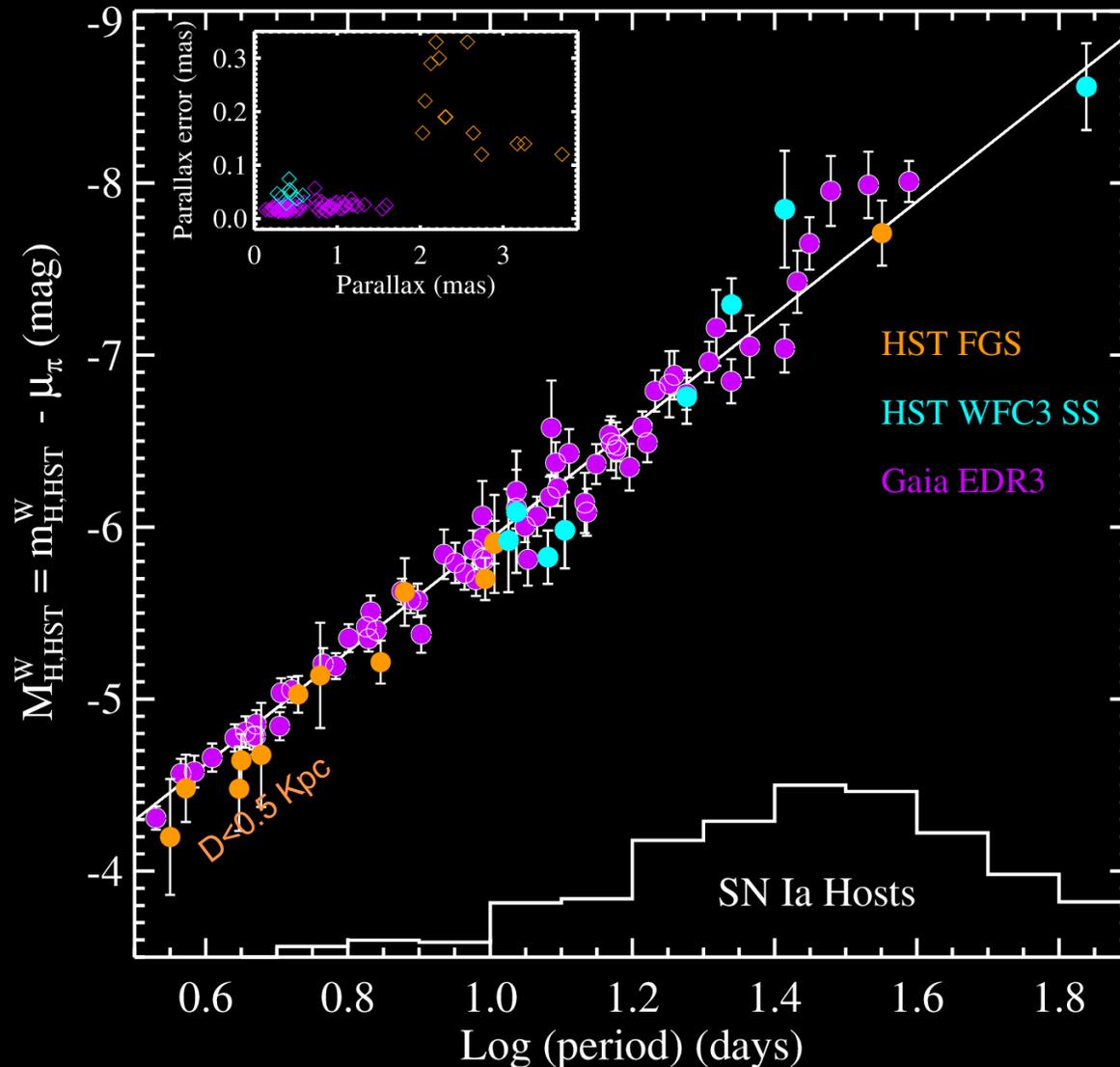
4 Years Later, 8 MW long-P Cepheid Parallaxes, 20-40 μas precision, $1.7 < D < 3.6$ Kpc, error in mean = 3.3%



Riess et al. (2018a), ApJ, 855, 136

Milky Way Cepheid P-L Relation, Now w/ HST photometry, Gaia EDR3!

Milky Way Cepheid Period-Luminosity Relation



Final Gaia Parallaxes
+ HST Photometry \rightarrow
 $H_0 \sim 0.4\%$

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Two advantages over
old HST FGS parallaxes
(Benedict+2007)

- 1) Periods > 10 days
- 2) HST photometry

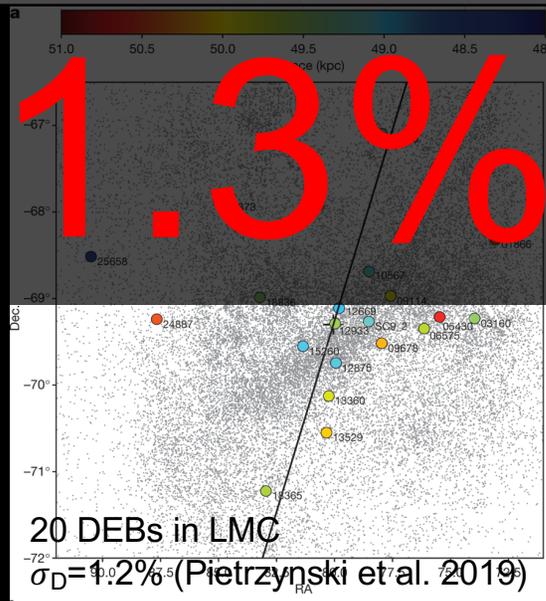
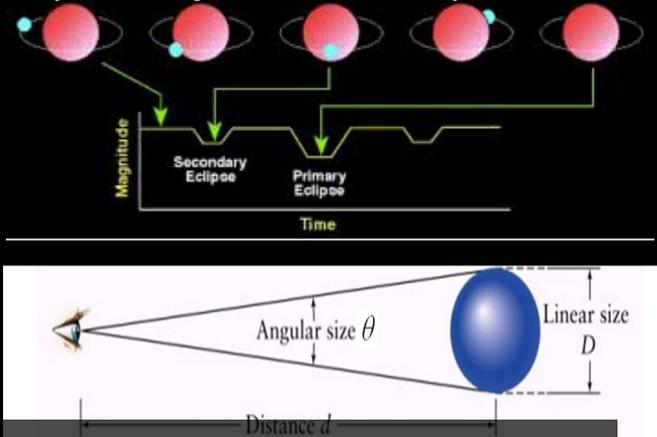
Three Sources of Geometric Distances to Calibrate Cepheids

Parallax in Milky Way (WFC3 SS, HST FGS, Gaia)



1.0%

Detached Eclipsing Binaries in LMC (Pietrzynski+2019)



1.3%

Masers in NGC 4258, Keplerian Motion (Reid+2019)



1.5%

Step 2: Cepheids to Type Ia Supernovae

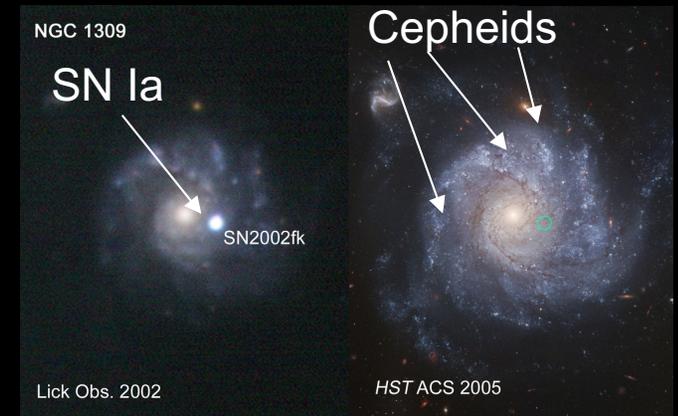
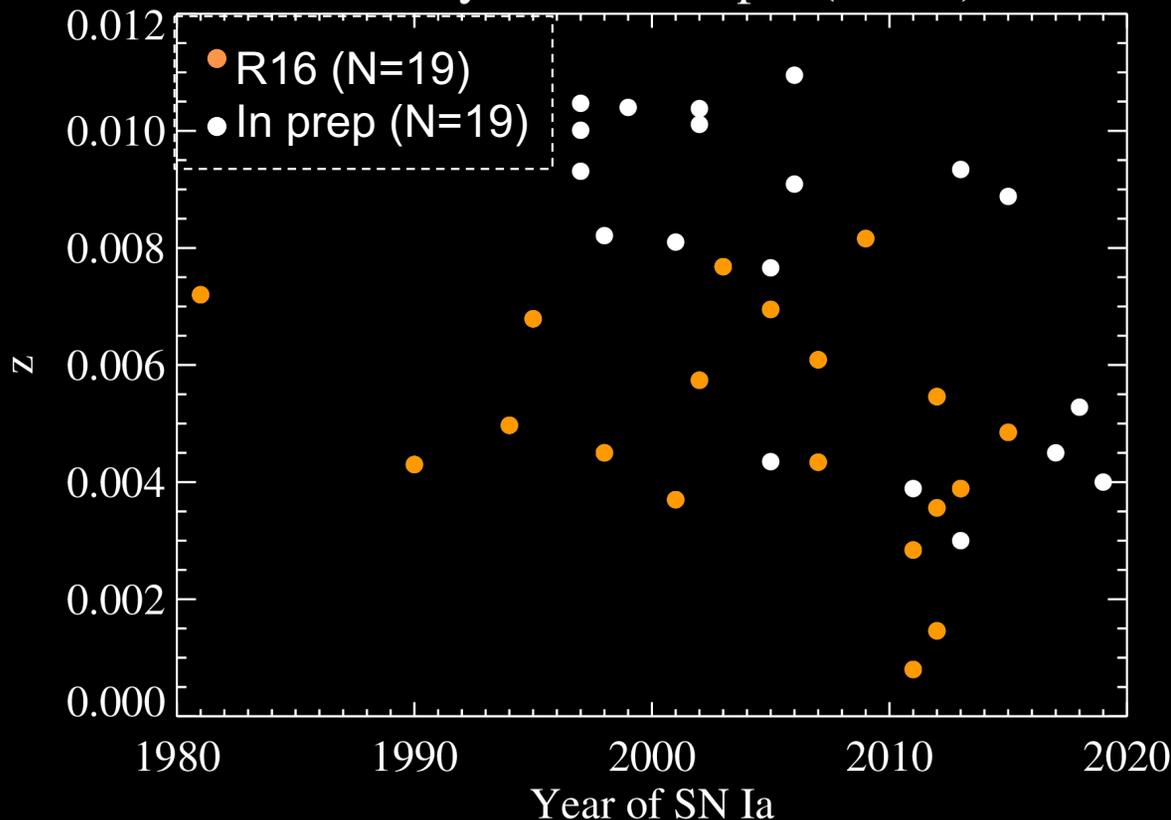
Number nearby SN Ia limits H_0 precision, $\sigma = \frac{6\%}{\sqrt{N}}$

SN Ia Requirements: $A_V < 0.5$, normal, pre-max, digital

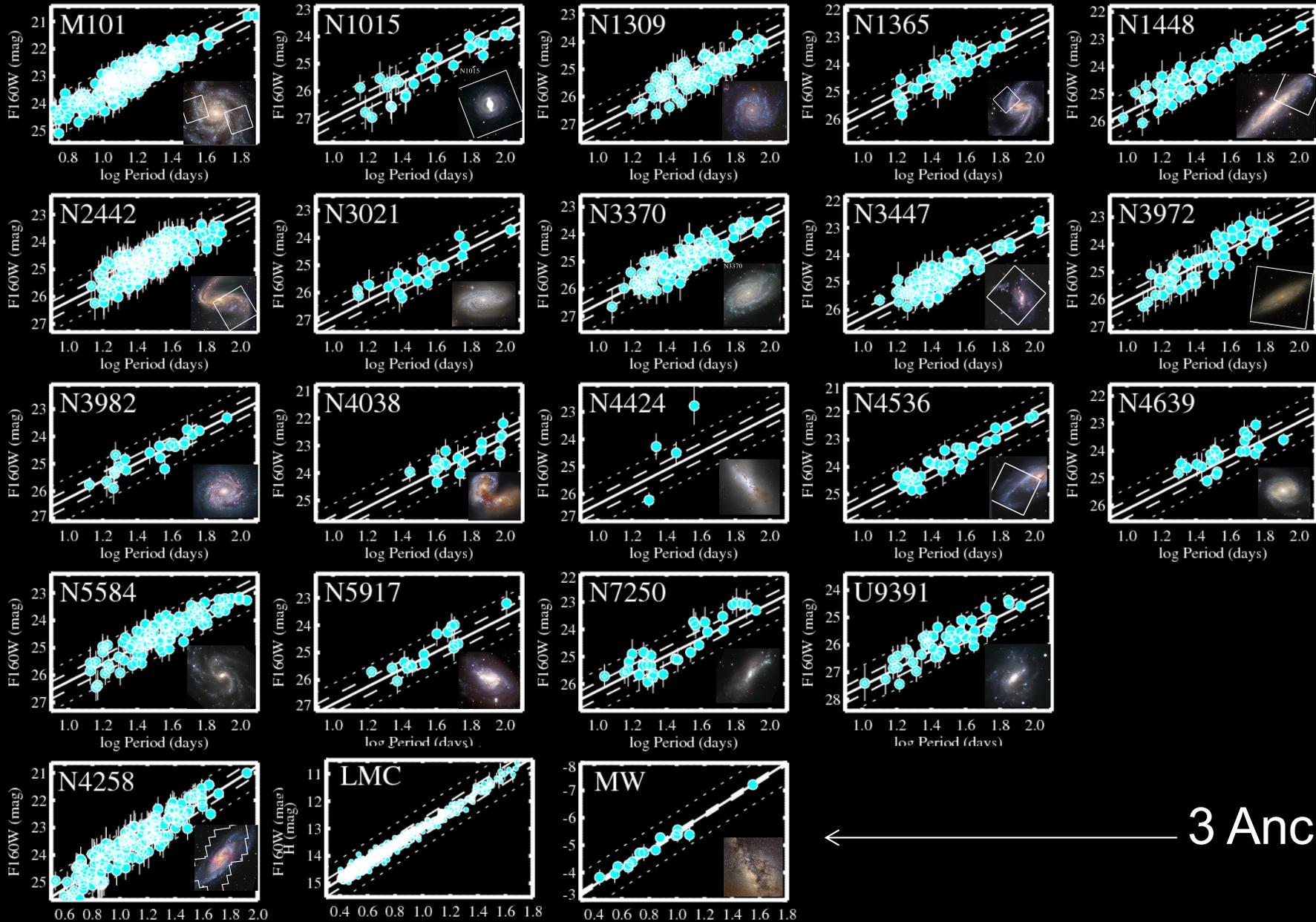
Host Requirements: Late-type, $z \leq 0.01$, not-edge on

2020 Complete sample (new ones @ 1.5/yr)

Nearby SN Ia Sample (N=38)



Cepheid V,I,H band Period-Luminosity Relationships: 19 hosts, 3 anchors



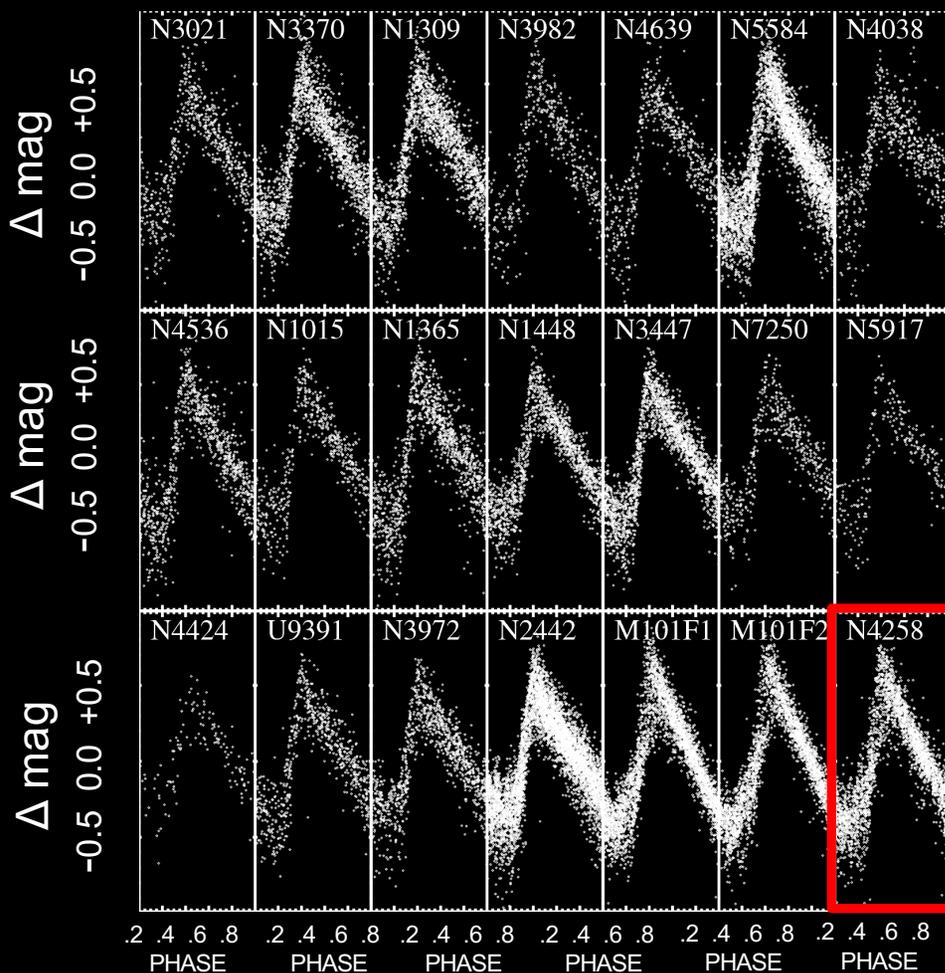
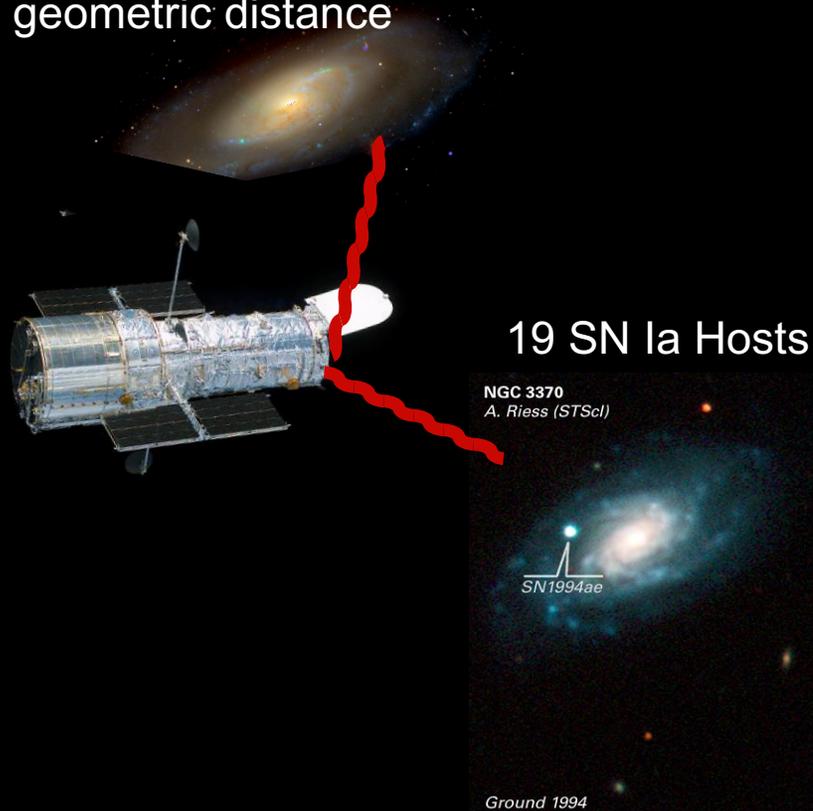
← 3 Anchors

Lower Systematics from *Differential* Flux Measurements

To reduce systematic errors: measure all Cepheids with same instrument, filters, similar metallicity, period range

ANCHORS: NGC 4258, MW, & LMC
geometric distance

Cepheid composite LC's, >2400

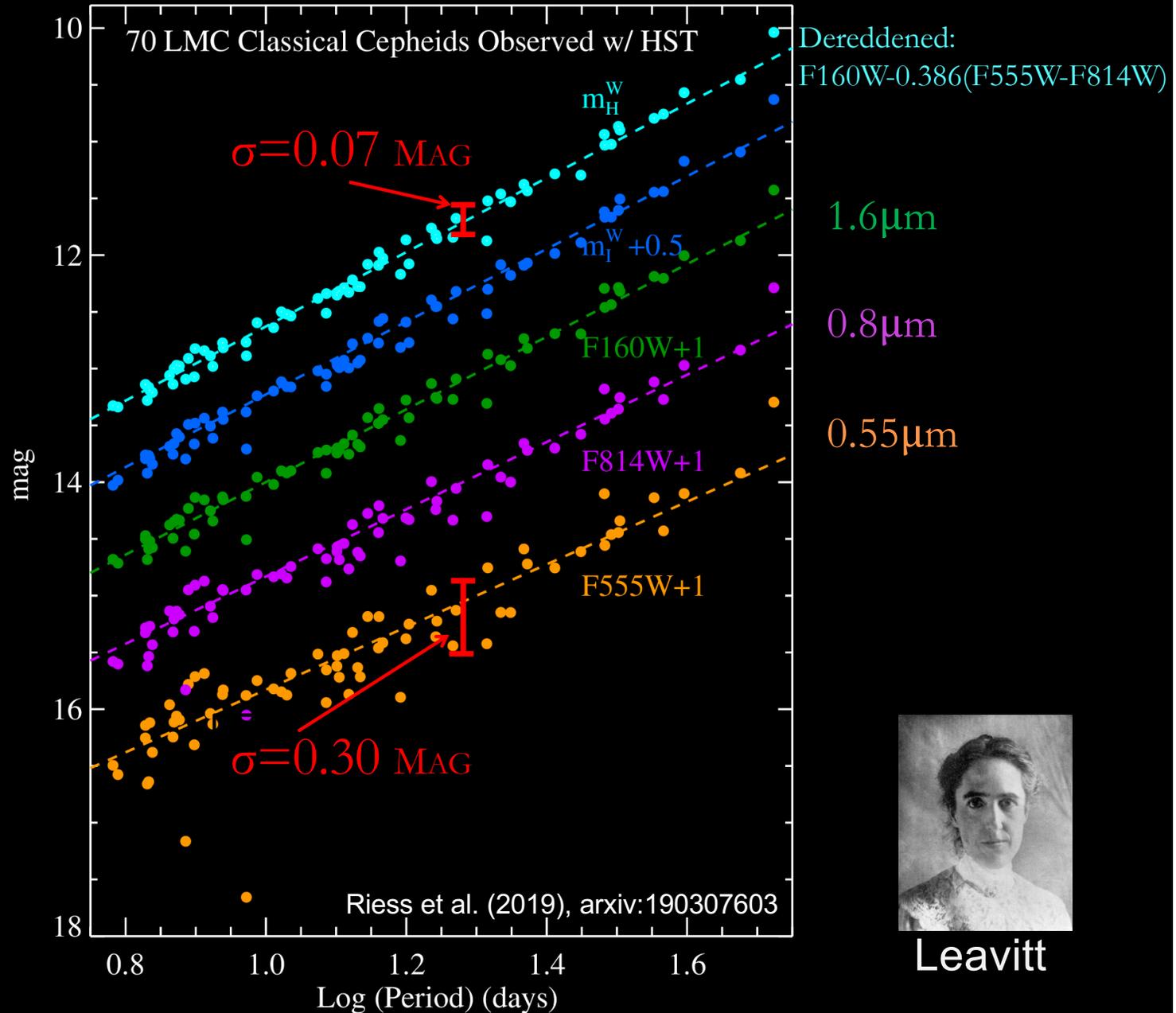


Lowering Systematics: Near-IR Cepheid Observations + HST, Now in LMC!

-Dependence on reddening laws
6x smaller
than optical

We use F160W-
band as primary
+F555W,F814W

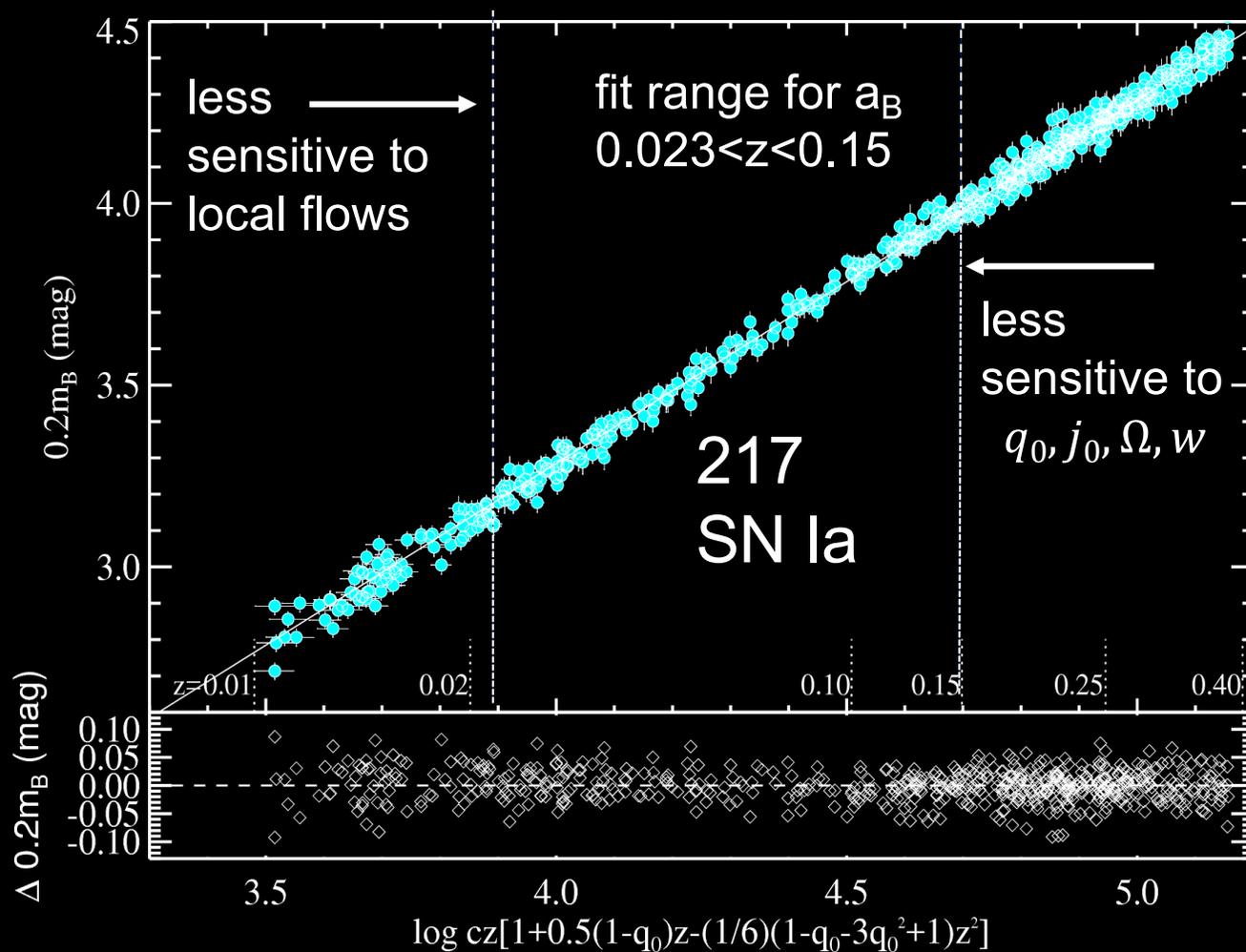
Key Project used
F555W and
F814W



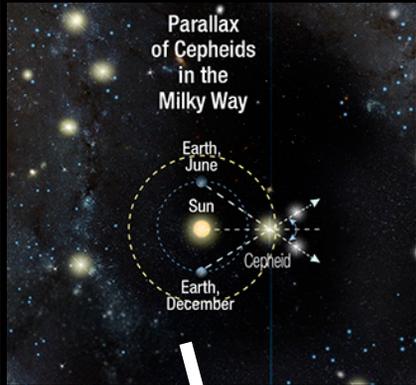
Leavitt

Step 3: Intercept of SN Ia Hubble Diagram: Distance vs Redshift

$$a_B = \log cz \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{2} [1 - q_0] z - \frac{1}{6} [1 - q_0 - 3q_0^2 + j_0] z^2 + O(z^3) \right\} - 0.2m_B^0 \leftarrow \text{Kinematic Intercept equation}$$

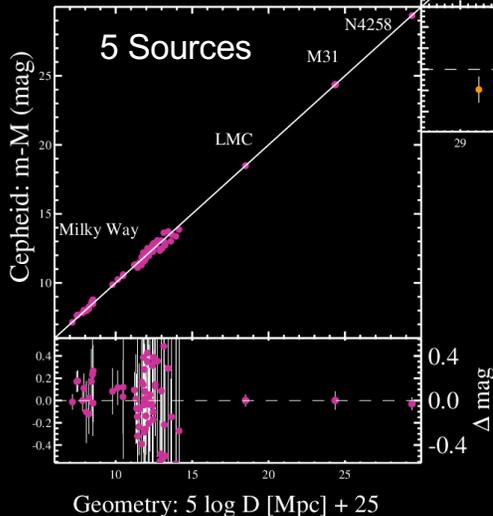


The Hubble Constant in 3 Steps: Present Data

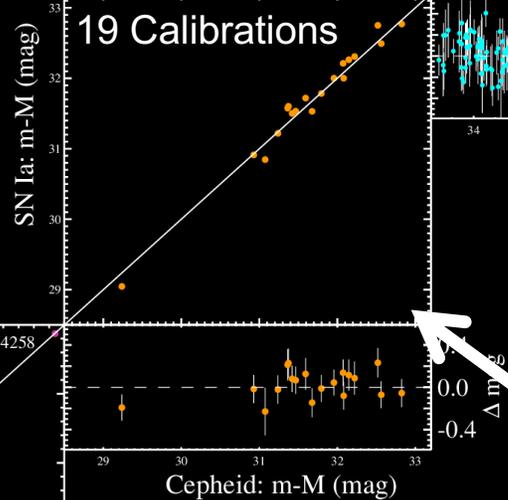


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Geometry → Cepheids

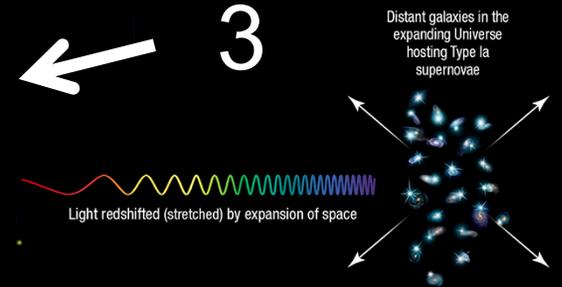
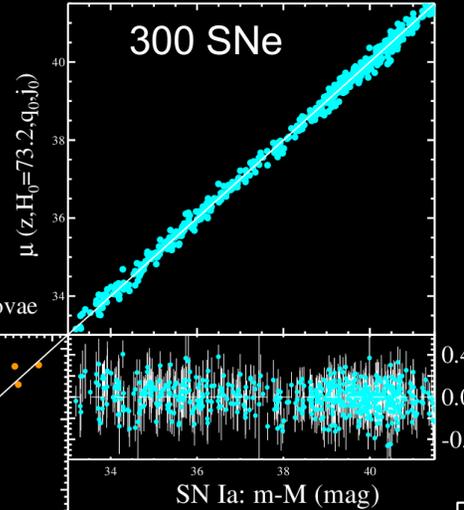


Cepheids → Type Ia Supernovae



2

Type Ia Supernovae → redshift(z)



$H_0 = 73.2 \pm 1.3$,
 $\text{Km s}^{-1} \text{Mpc}^{-1}$
 (Riess et al. 2021)

1.8% total uncertainty

Galaxies hosting Cepheids and Type Ia supernovae



4.2σ from CMB + ΛCDM !

*Simultaneous Fit: Retain interdependence of data and parameters

Robust? Seven Sources of Cepheid Geometric Calibration

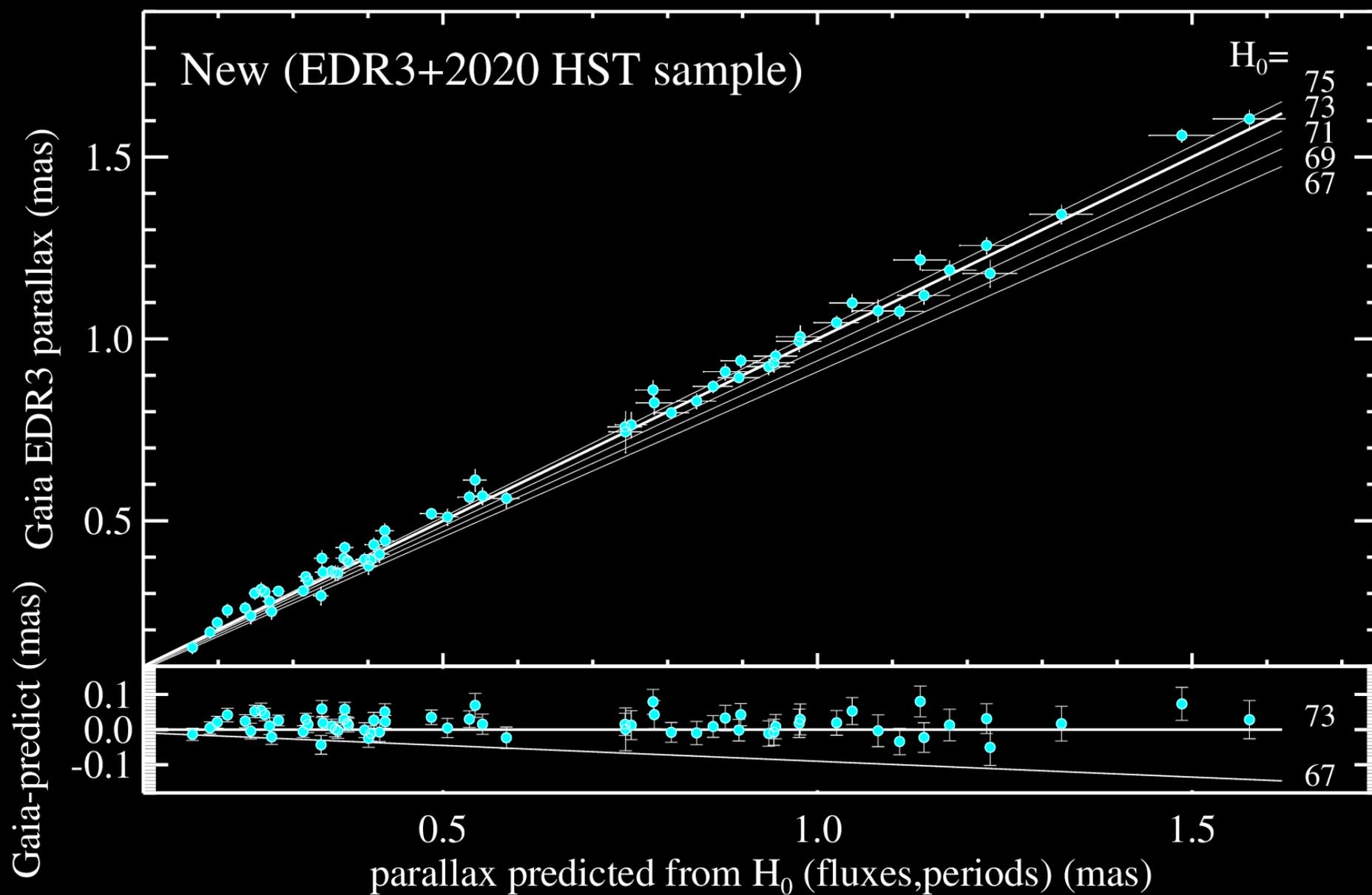
Independent Geometric Source	σ_D	H_0
75 Milky Way Parallaxes Gaia EDR3 par. + HST fluxes Riess+ 2020	1.0%	73.0
NGC 4258 H ₂ O Masers: Reid, Pesce, Riess 2019	1.5%	72.0
LMC 20 Detached Eclipsing Binaries: Pietrzynski+ 2019 + 70 HST LMC Cepheids: Riess+(2019)	1.3%	74.2
Milky Way 8 HST WFC3 SS Long P Parallaxes: Riess+ 2018	3.3%	75.7
Milky Way 10 HST FGS Short P Parallaxes: Benedict+2007 -- also Hipparcos (Van Leeuwen et al 2007)	2.2%	76.2
Milky Way Short P Cepheid Binary Gaia DR2 Companion Parallax: Breuval+20	3.8%	72.7
Milky Way Short P Cepheid Cluster Gaia DR2 Parallax: Breuval+20	3.2%	73.6

primary

checks

Consistent Results ($\leq 2\sigma$), *Independent Systematics*

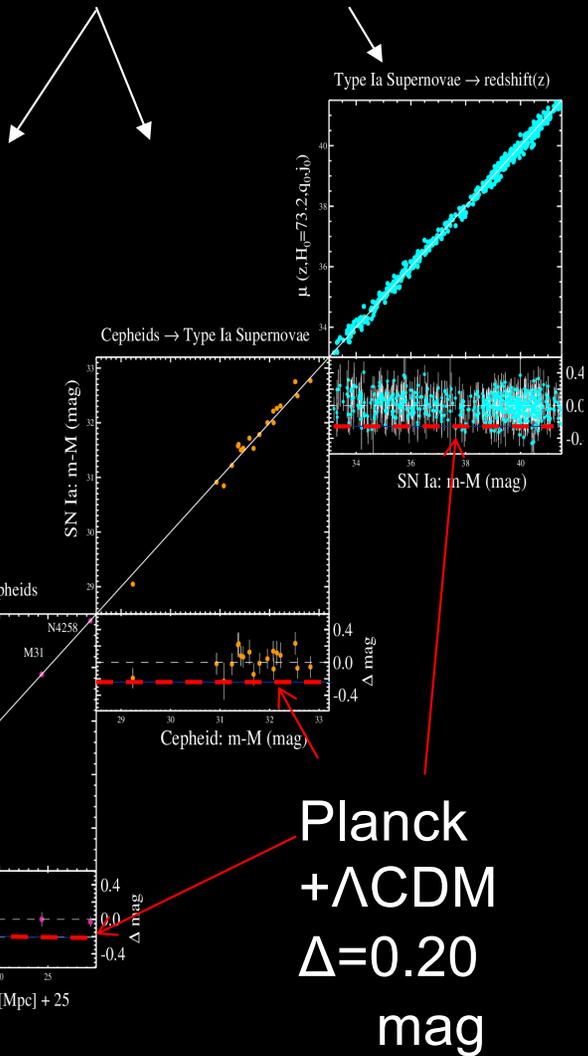
Gaia Improves: DR2 to DR3 plus more HST Photometry



Systematics? 23 Analysis Variants—we propagate variation to error

Best Fit:

$$5 \log H_0 = M_B^0 + 5a_B + 25$$



Analysis Variants	H_0
Best Fit (2021)	73.2
Reddening Law: LMC-like ($R_V=2.5$, not 3.3)	73.0
Reddening Law: Bulge-like (N15)	73.5
No Cepheid Outlier Rejection (normally 2%)	73.3
No Correction for Cepheid Extinction	74.8
No Truncation for Incomplete Period Range	74.2
Metallicity Gradient: None (normally fit)	73.6
Period-Luminosity: Single Slope	73.5
Period-Luminosity: Restrict to $P > 10$ days	73.2
Period-Luminosity: Restrict to $P < 60$ days	73.8
Supernovae $z > 0.01$ (normally $z > 0.023$)	73.3
Supernova Fitter: MLCS (normally SALT)	75.1
Supernova Hosts: Spiral (usually all types)	73.1
Supernova Hosts: Locally Star Forming	73.4
Optical Cepheid Data only (no NIR)	72.0

- Could we live in a giant void (9% in H_0)?
No, LSS Theory and SN Ia mag-z limit $\sigma \sim 0.6\%$ in H_0
[Odderskov et al. \(2016\)](#) , [Wu & Huterer \(2017\)](#), [Kenworthy, Scolnic, Riess 2019](#)
- Is HST WFC3-IR flux scale linear to 1%?
Yes, calibrated to $\sigma = 0.3\%$ in H_0 across 15 mag
[Riess, Narayan, Calamida 2019](#)
- Does Cepheid crowding compromise accuracy?
No, amplitude data confirms crowding estimate accuracy $\sim 2\%$
[Riess, Yuan, Casertano, Macri, Scolnic 2020](#)
- Is there a difference in SN Ia at ends of distance ladder?
No, correlations of Hubble residuals $< \sigma = 0.3\%$ in H_0
[Jones et al 2018](#)

FAQ: Cepheid physics different *locally* vs bit more distant?

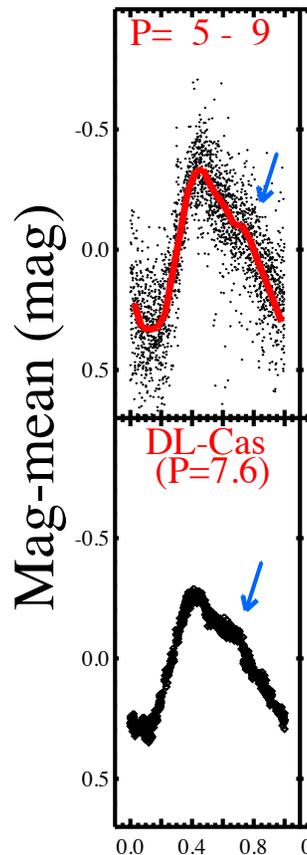
“Hertzsprung progression” (1926)—shape vs period (in prep)

-asymmetry (Fund.), “bump”, 2:1 resonance fundamental and 2nd overtone

-high amplitude “saw-tooth”, sinusoidal at $P > 40$ days

Bono et al 2000/02

In
SN Ia
Hosts



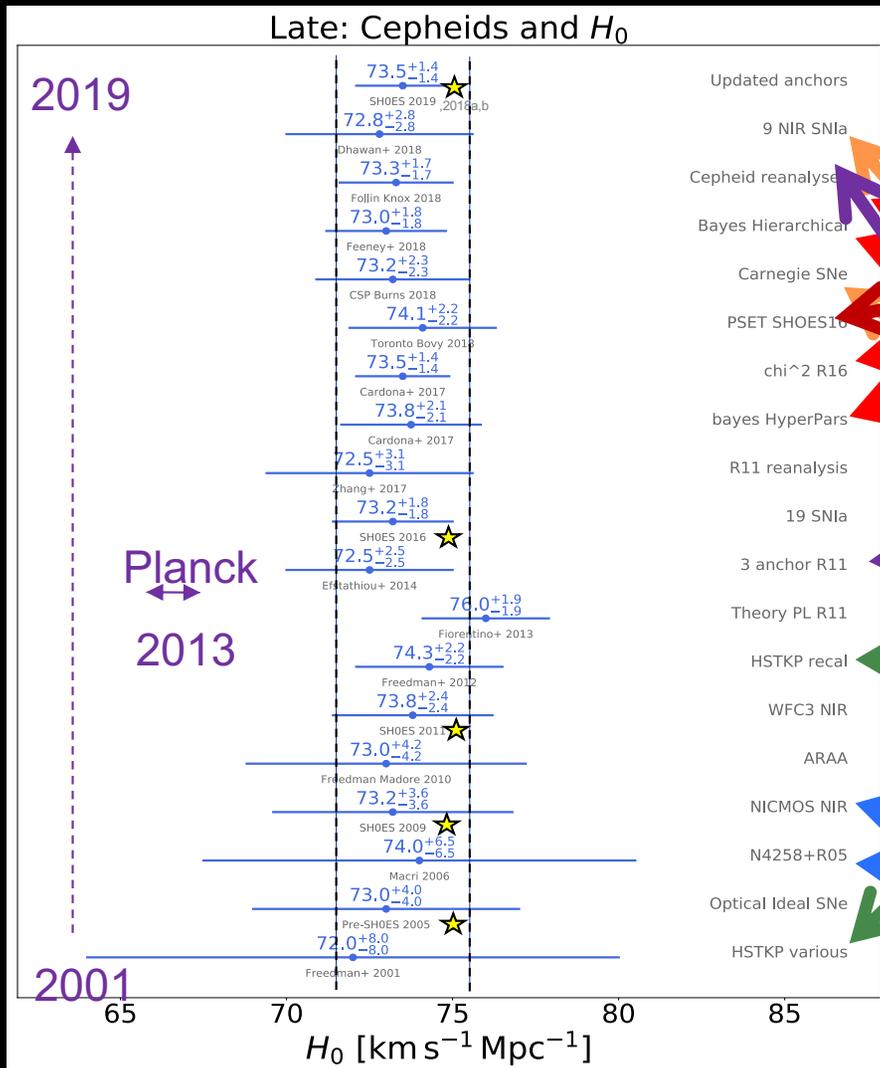
In
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Phase

FAQ: Only us? No, Cepheids+SNIa, widely replicated: 2001-19

Why Cepheids? Advantages: 1) longest-range 2) most calibrations 3) consistent photometry along ladder 4) most tested...

SH₀ES results (★) *cumulative* but compared to present... consistent



grad student problem set! (Toronto)

Different analyses

Different SNe, wavelength

"Planck People"

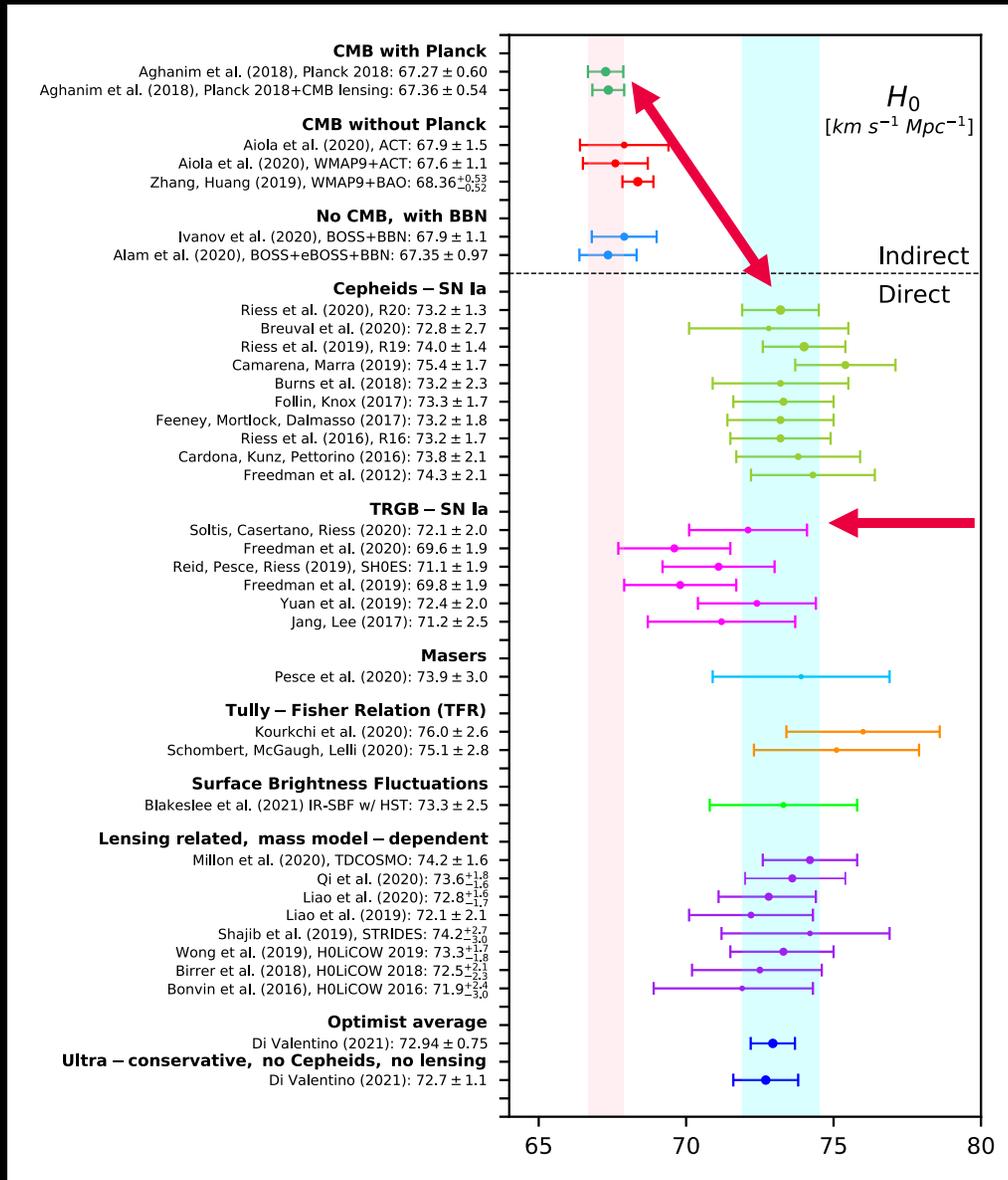
Different Team (KP), photometry, Cepheids, wavelengths

Different HST Instruments

NEW: Reanalysis of SH0ES at pixel level, different methods, 1% agreement
Araucaria: Javanmardi et al 2021, ApJ,

Others? The Hubble Constant Tension, Discrepancy, Problem, Crisis

Present Status*



KITP 2019 (Verde, Treu, Riess 2019)

“does not appear to depend on the use of any one method, team or source”

Early: 67-68, Late: 70-75

No Cepheids: 4.5-5.3 σ

No TRGB: 5.7-6.3 σ

No lens: 5.0 σ

No SN Ia: 4.9 σ

No Cepheids or TRGB: 5.3 σ

No Planck: 4.4-4.9 σ

No CMB: 4.0-4.5 σ

(Riess 2019, Nature Reviews)

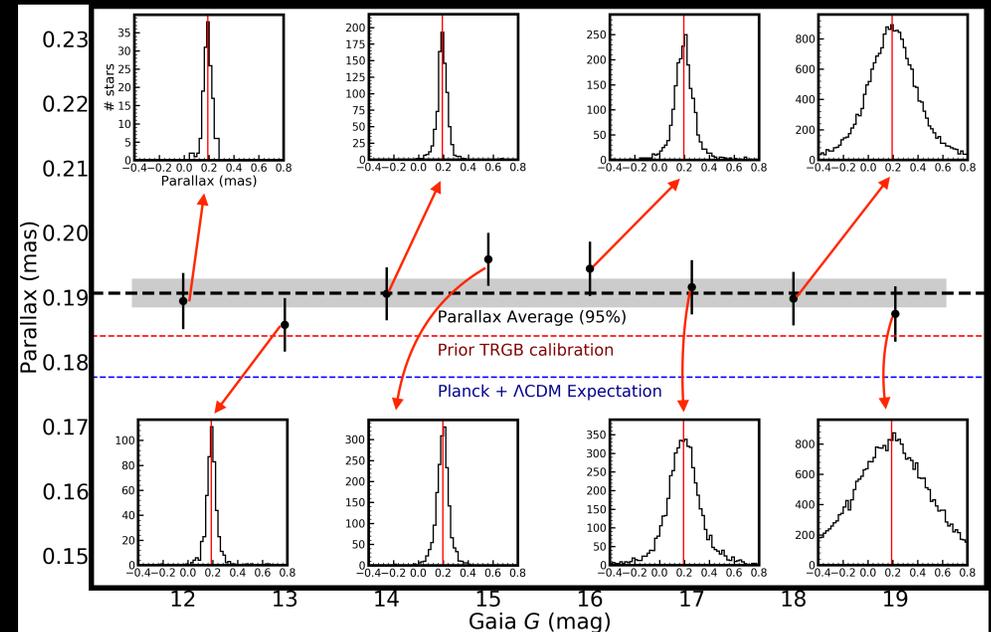
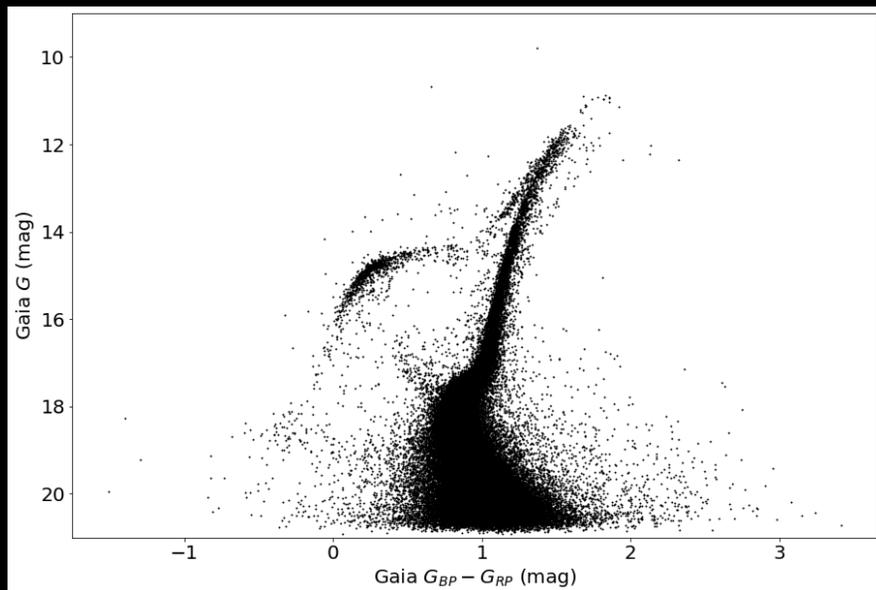
*Compilation: measures w/ $\sigma < 4\%$ from Di Valentino et al 2021

New: Gaia EDR3 Calibrates TRGB w/ Parallax of Omega Centauri

ω Centauri: biggest globular cluster, best *direct* MW TRGB

Soltis, Casertano, AGR, ApJ, 2021, 908, 5

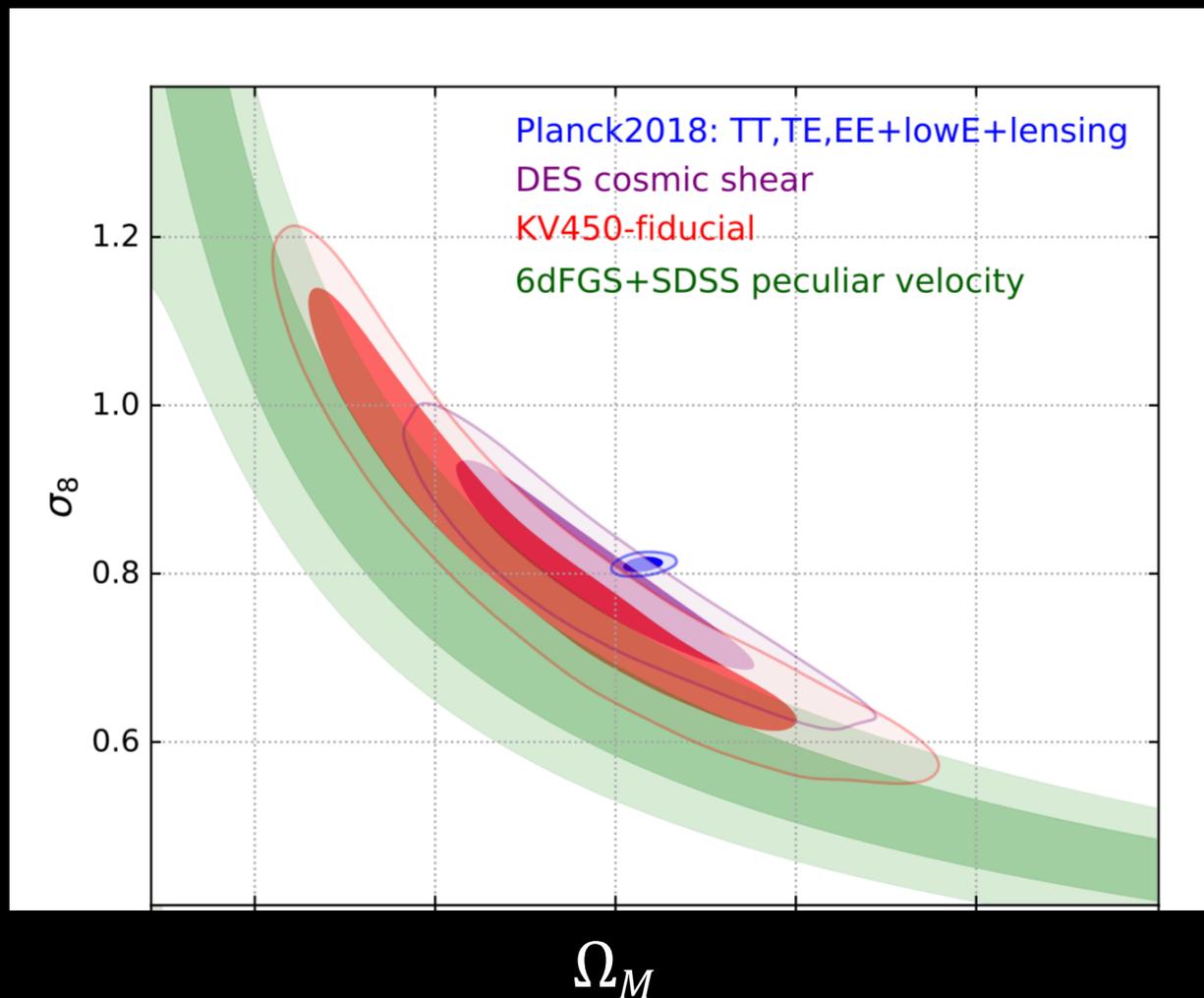
- 67,000 stars w/ tight position, motion locus in EDR3, sharp CMD, parallax independent of mag, color
- $\pi = 0.191 \pm 0.005$, w/ known apparent tip and MW extinction $\rightarrow M_I = -3.97 \pm 0.06$ mag, $H_0 = 72.1 \pm 2.0$ km/s/Mpc
- 4 Gaia studies, π good agreement (Maiz-Apellaniz+2021, Baumgardt et al 2019, Vasiliev+21), our σ in middle \rightarrow robust



Another Early vs Late Tension? Matter clumpiness, σ_8

RMS matter fluctuation, σ_8 , ($r=8 h^{-1}$ Mpc), 0.8 Early vs late divide

$\sim 3\sigma$ from lensing and peculiar velocities, independently



6dFGS+SDSS

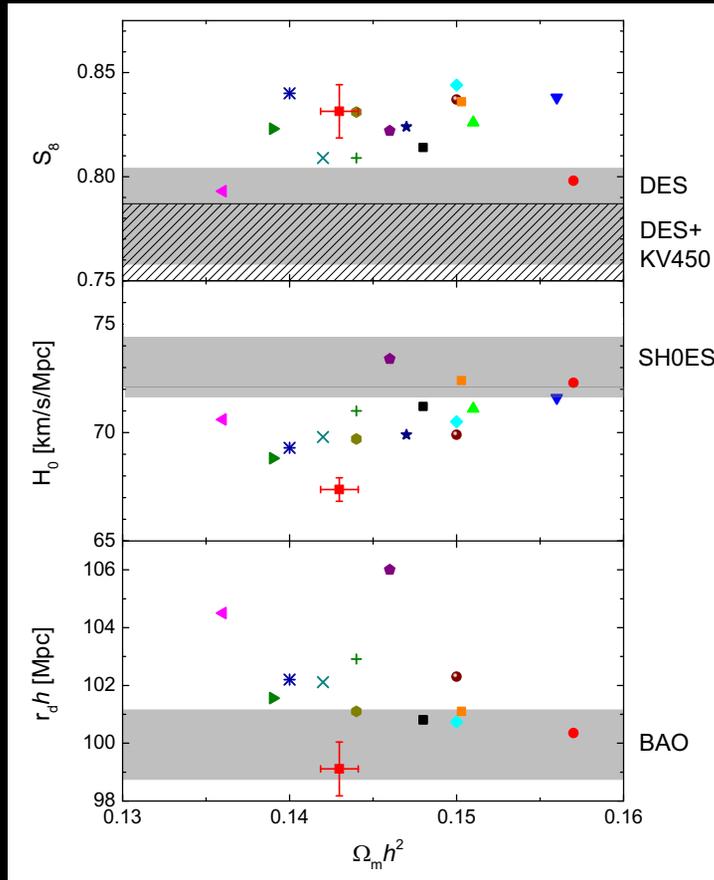
Said, K et al 2020,
MNRAS, 497, 1275

“...deviates by more than 3σ from the latest Planck CMB measurement. Our results favour ... a Hubble constant $H_0 > 70 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ or a fluctuation amplitude $\sigma_8 < 0.8$ or some combination of these.”

Cause Early vs Late Difference? New Physics Tempts, “Feign No Hypothesis”

Early dark energy, weird neutrinos, decaying dark matter?

NEW PHYSICS?



Jedamzik, Pogosian, Zhao, 2010.04158
Di Valentino et al (2021) for reviews

Worse: decaying dark matter, $w < -1$,
Swampland

Better: strong neutrino interactions,
early dark energy, evolving electron
mass,
early recombination, PMF

Best: <your idea here>

“The Hubble Hunter’s Guide”, Knox and Millea, 2019: “Most Likely”: Increase Expansion Rate Pre-recombination → reduce sound horizon by 5-8%
Mechanisms: Early DE or sterile (and/or self-interacting) neutrinos
Claims: not worse fit to CMB, should produce new CMB features, future

Believe Measurements Before Understanding Physics?

Don't sweep "problems" under the rug



"Problems" are often clues!

Avoid: "all surprises wrong"

~~Precession of Mercury~~

Solved!

~~Solar Neutrino Problem~~

Solved!

~~Missing Baryon Problem~~

Solved!

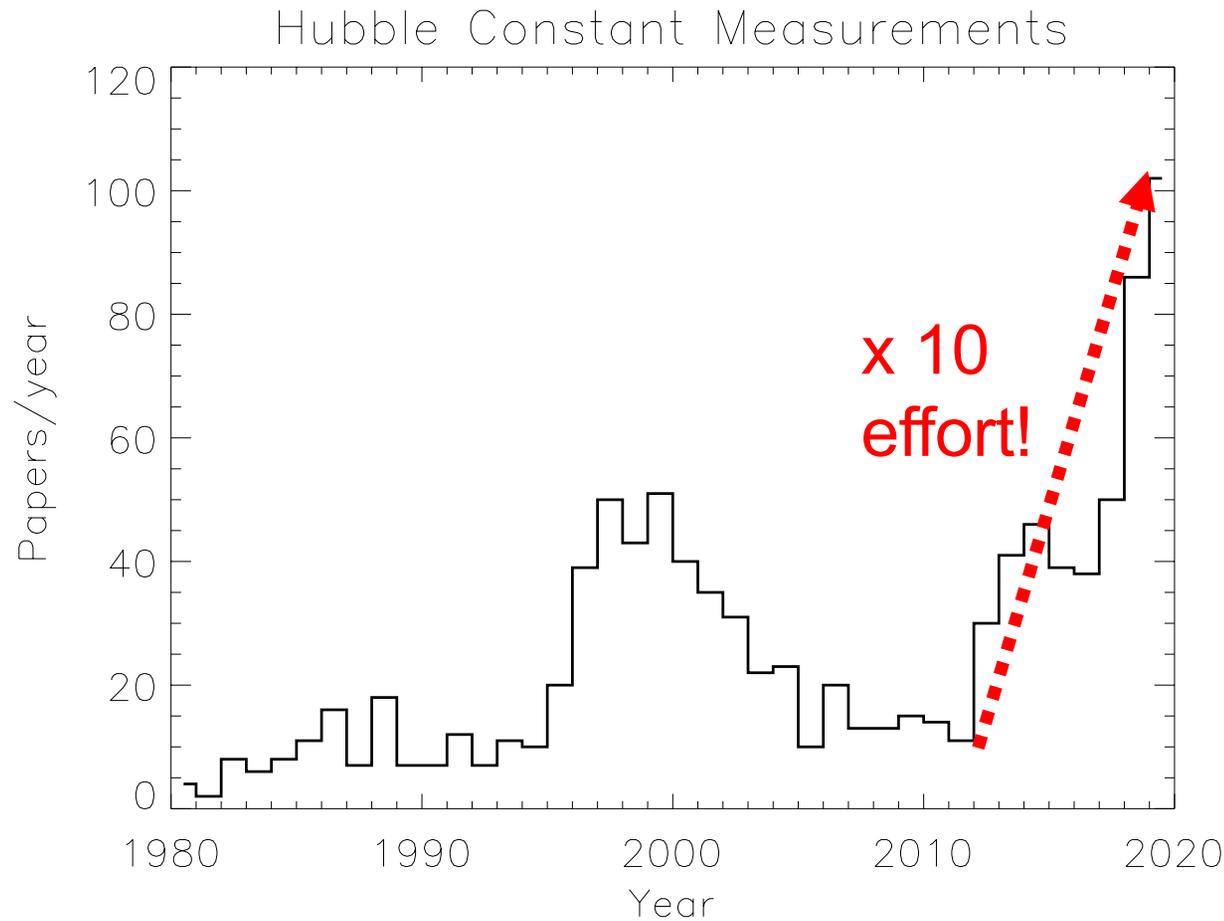
Lithium Problem

CMB Cold Spot

Flat rotation curves/
what/where is dark matter?

Accelerating Universe/
why Λ so small?

Can We Believe Explanation without hypothesis (*how*)?



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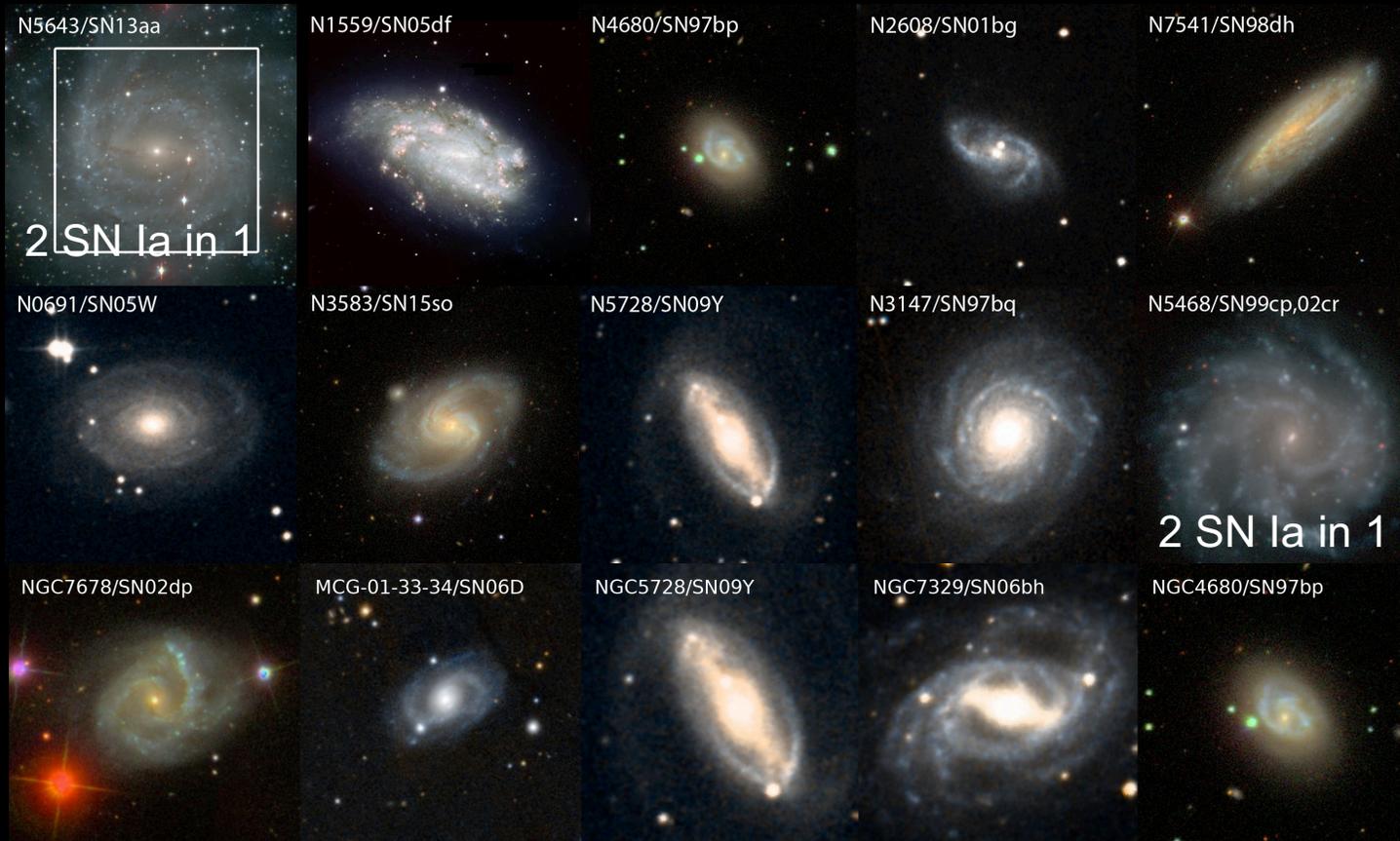
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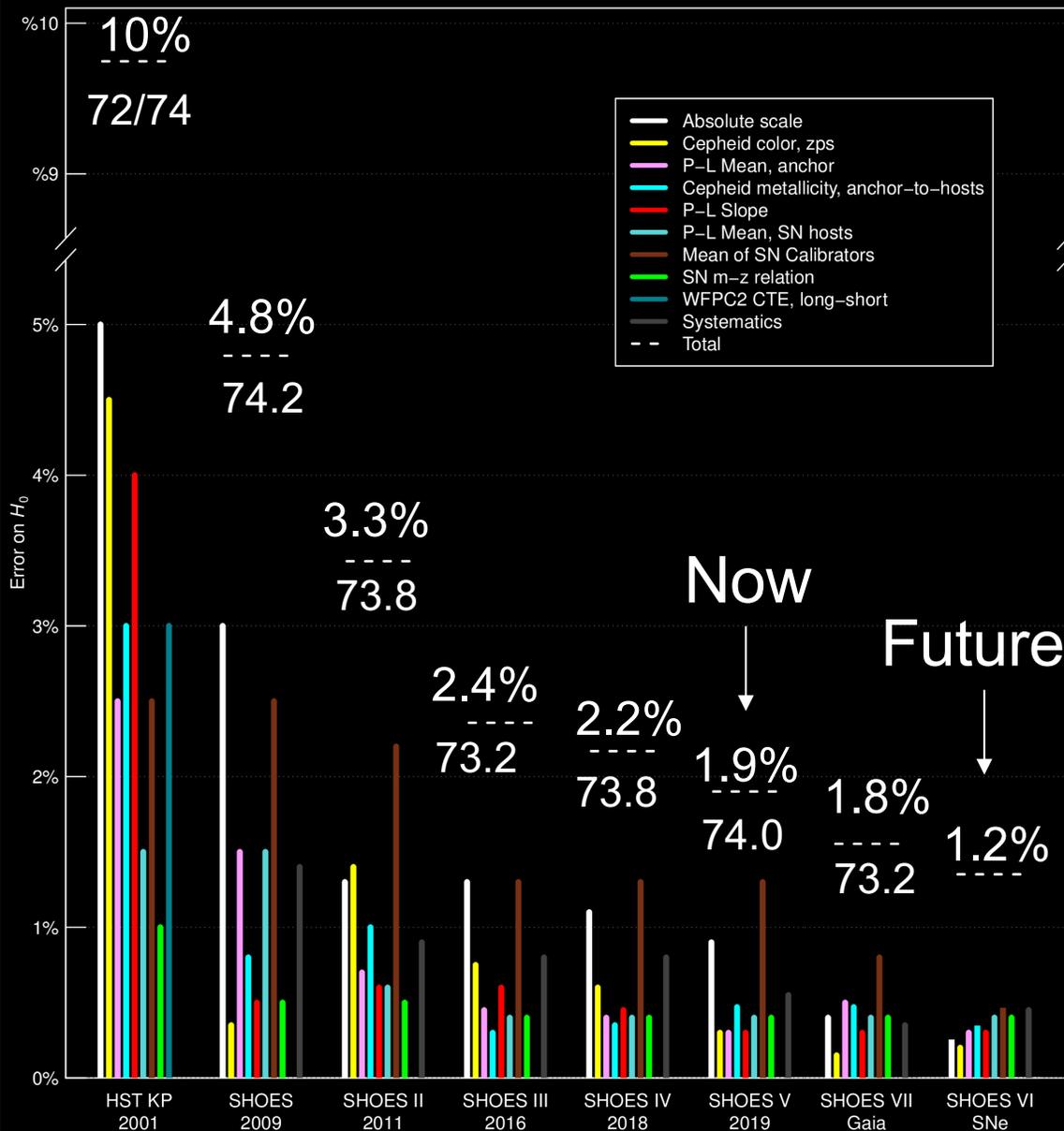
Big Playground: Lambda CDM is 95% dark, quantum gravity

Next Steps: Increasing Number of SN-Cepheid Calibrations

NEW SHOES Large HST Programs, Cycles 25,26,28
24 more Cepheid-SN Ia Calibrators underway,
to reach total=43, + Cepheids to Coma!
more Cepheid calibrations in NGC 4258



Future Prospects...



- **New low-z SN samples**
- **Doubling SN Calibrator sample, 19→40**
- **LIGO H_0 (Late Universe)**
- **DESI, LSST, WFIRST, Euclid → better $w(z)$**
- **Next generation CMB: signatures (e.g., EDE)**
- **Stay tuned...**

Final Thoughts

- Discrepancy is $\sim 5\sigma$ (4-6) σ (depending on combination)
No precise Late Universe measurements lower than any Early
- Appears robust, requires multiple catastrophic failures to avoid
- Very interesting! (unless your Bayesian prior on Λ CDM $> 5\sigma$ or willing to discard most data)
- Let's follow evidence, find the *how*, hopefully Universe more clever than we are *now*

Di Valentino et al 2021 ($\sigma < 4\%$)

