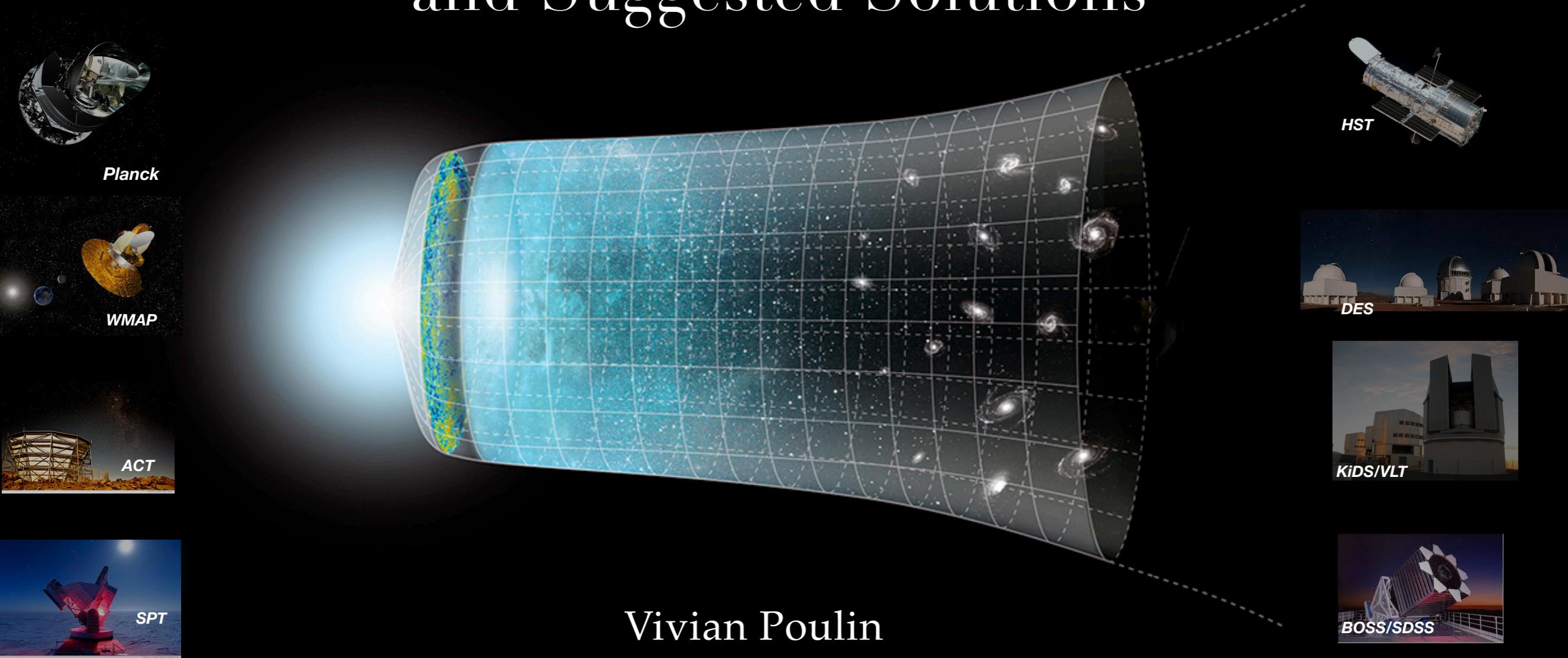


Status of the Hubble Tension and Suggested Solutions



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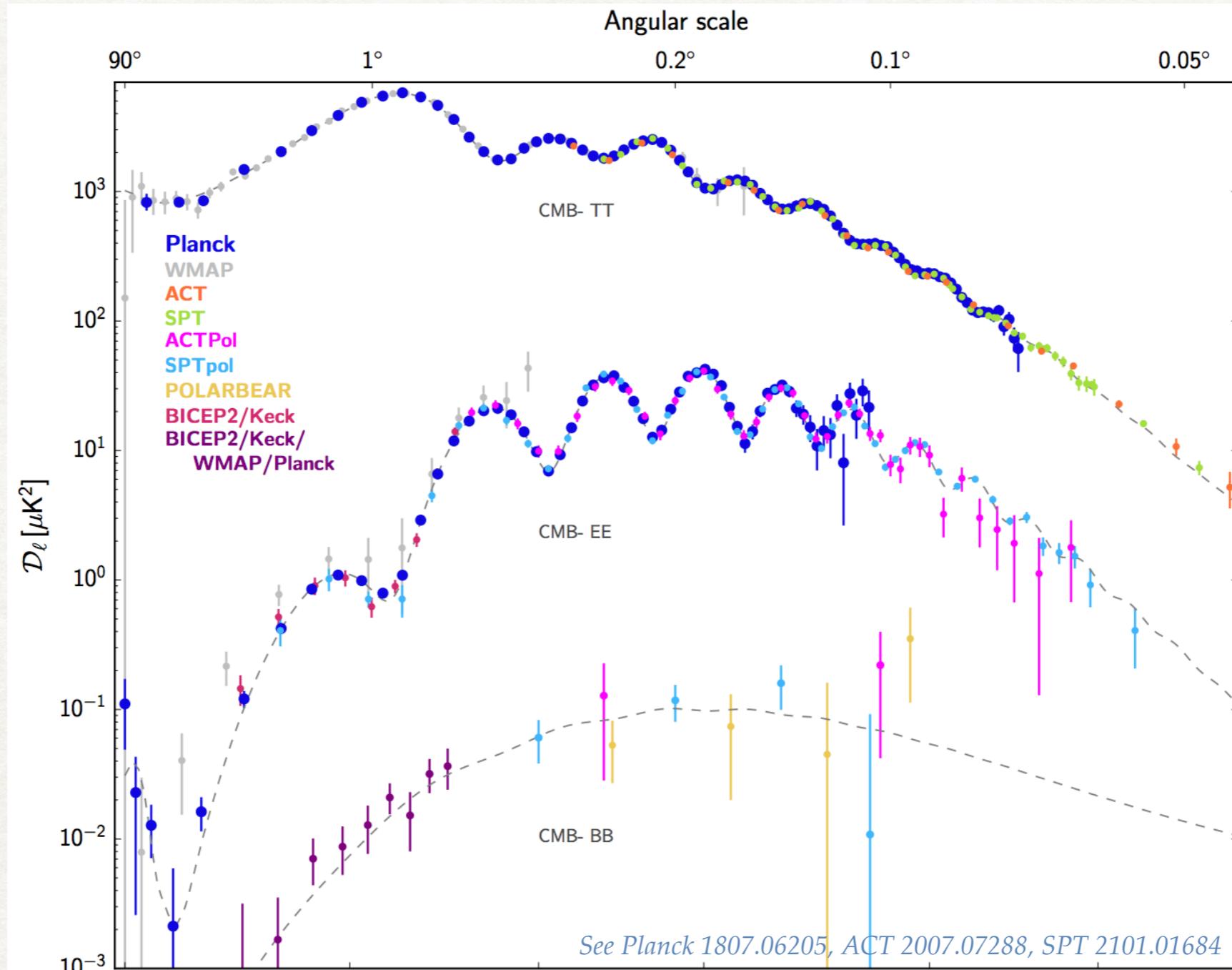
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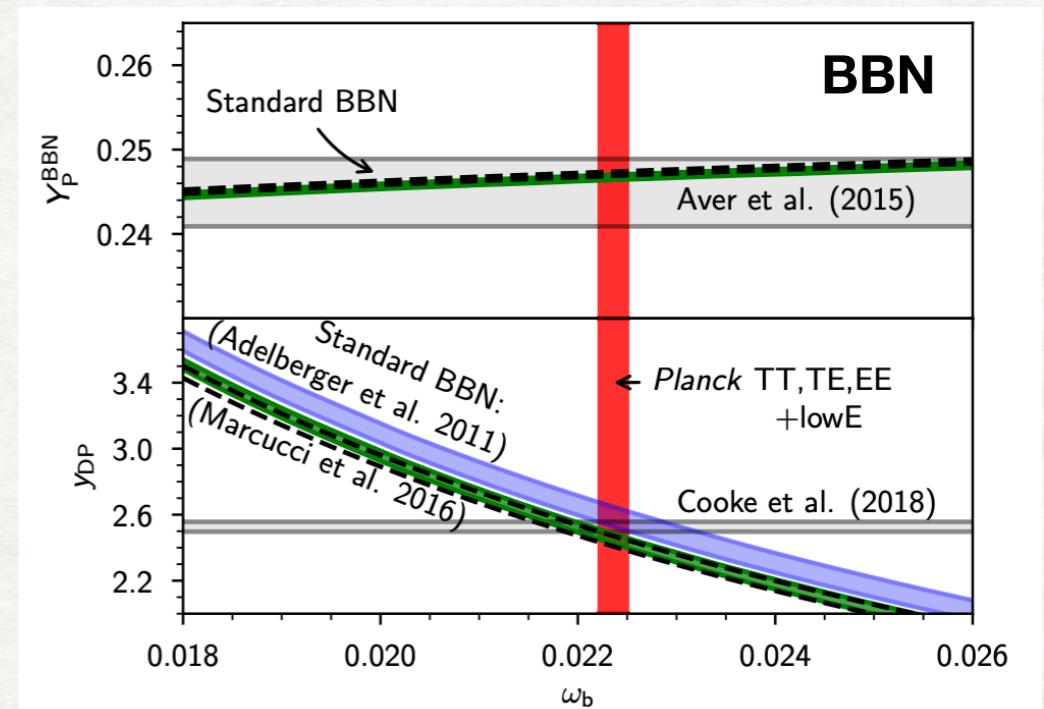
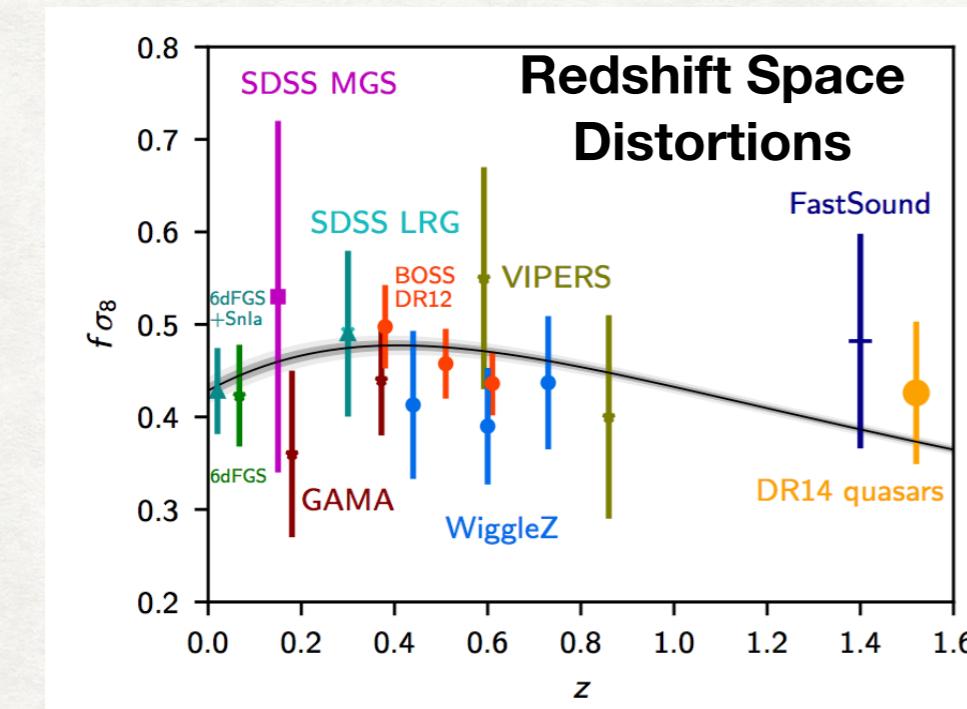
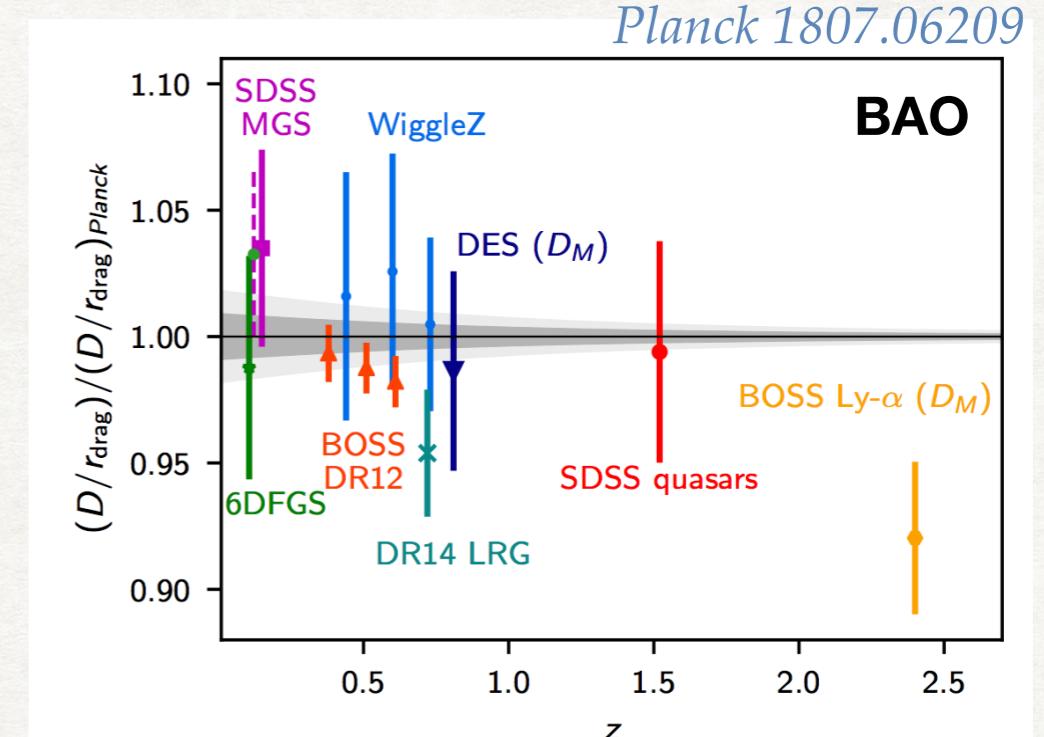
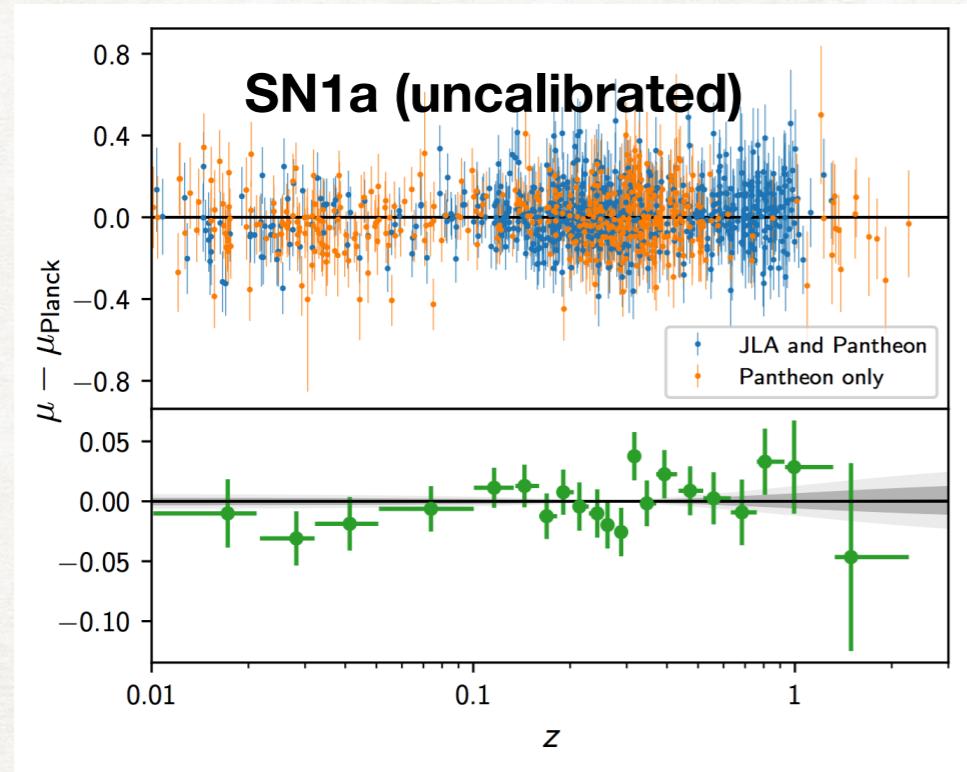
The Era of Precision Cosmology

Within Λ CDM, 2σ agreement between all CMB data!



- Snapshot of inhomogeneities in our universe **380 000 years after the Big Bang**
- Very sensitive probe of the early universe, in particular **the era of recombination**

The Era of Precision Cosmology



Talks by Andreu Font-Ribeira

- Λ CDM explains a wide variety of data (well-)within 1σ

A concordance model: Λ CDM

Astonishing success of Λ CDM Cosmology: GR+ Cosmological Principle

matter content
expansion rate H_0, Λ
star formation
Inflation

	Parameter	<i>Planck</i> alone	<i>Planck</i> + BAO	<i>Planck alone</i>
	$\Omega_b h^2$	0.02237 ± 0.00015	0.02242 ± 0.00014	0.6% precision
	$\Omega_c h^2$	0.1200 ± 0.0012	0.11933 ± 0.00091	1% precision
	$100\theta_{\text{MC}}$	1.04092 ± 0.00031	1.04101 ± 0.00029	0.03% precision
	τ	0.0544 ± 0.0073	0.0561 ± 0.0071	13% precision
	$\ln(10^{10} A_s)$	3.044 ± 0.014	3.047 ± 0.014	0.5% precision
	n_s	0.9649 ± 0.0042	0.9665 ± 0.0038	0.4% precision

Planck 1807.06209

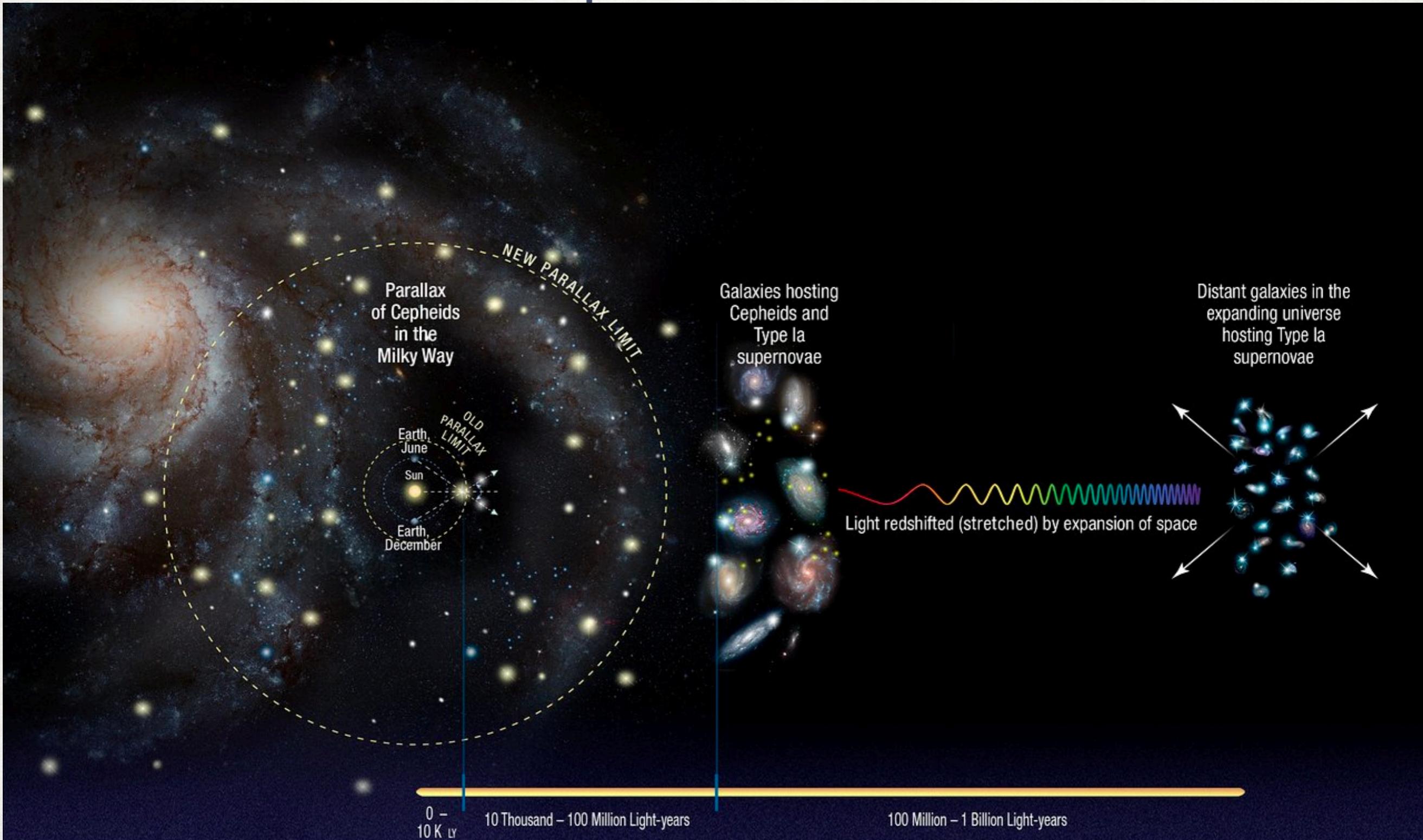
- There are additional predictions of Λ CDM to compare with observations (e.g.)

H_0	67.36 ± 0.54	67.66 ± 0.42
σ_8	0.8111 ± 0.0060	0.8102 ± 0.0060
$\sigma_8(\Omega_m/0.3)^{0.5}$	0.832 ± 0.013	0.825 ± 0.011
z_{re}	7.67 ± 0.73	7.82 ± 0.71
Age[Gyr]	13.797 ± 0.023	13.787 ± 0.020

- As the precision of data has increased, a certain number of “tensions” have emerged.

Are these the first signs of the true nature of DM and DE?

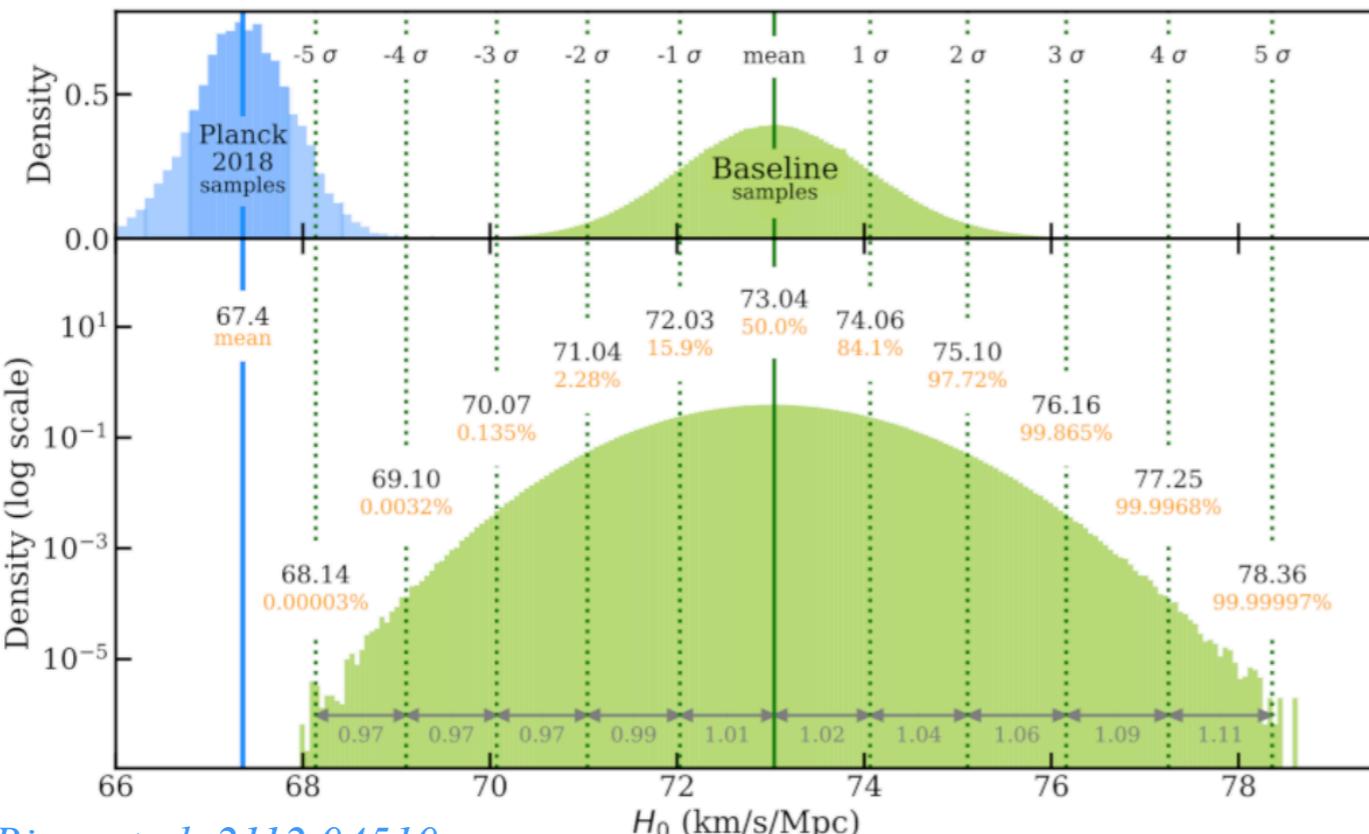
SH0ES: three steps to the Hubble constant



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The Hubble tension between SH0ES & *Planck*

Talk by Louise Breuval on Wednesday



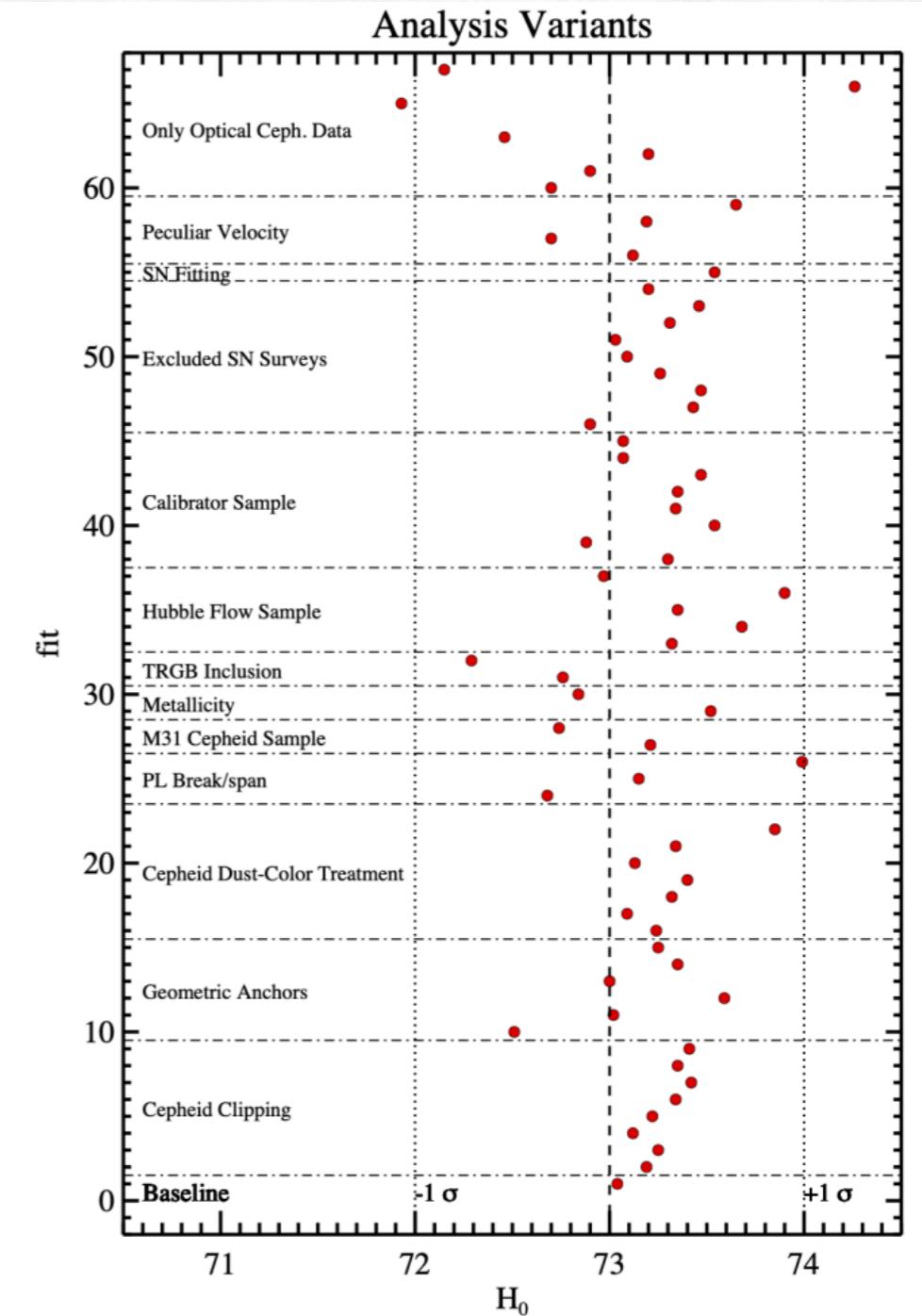
Riess et al. 2112.04510

- Now 42 cepheid-SN1a calibrators!

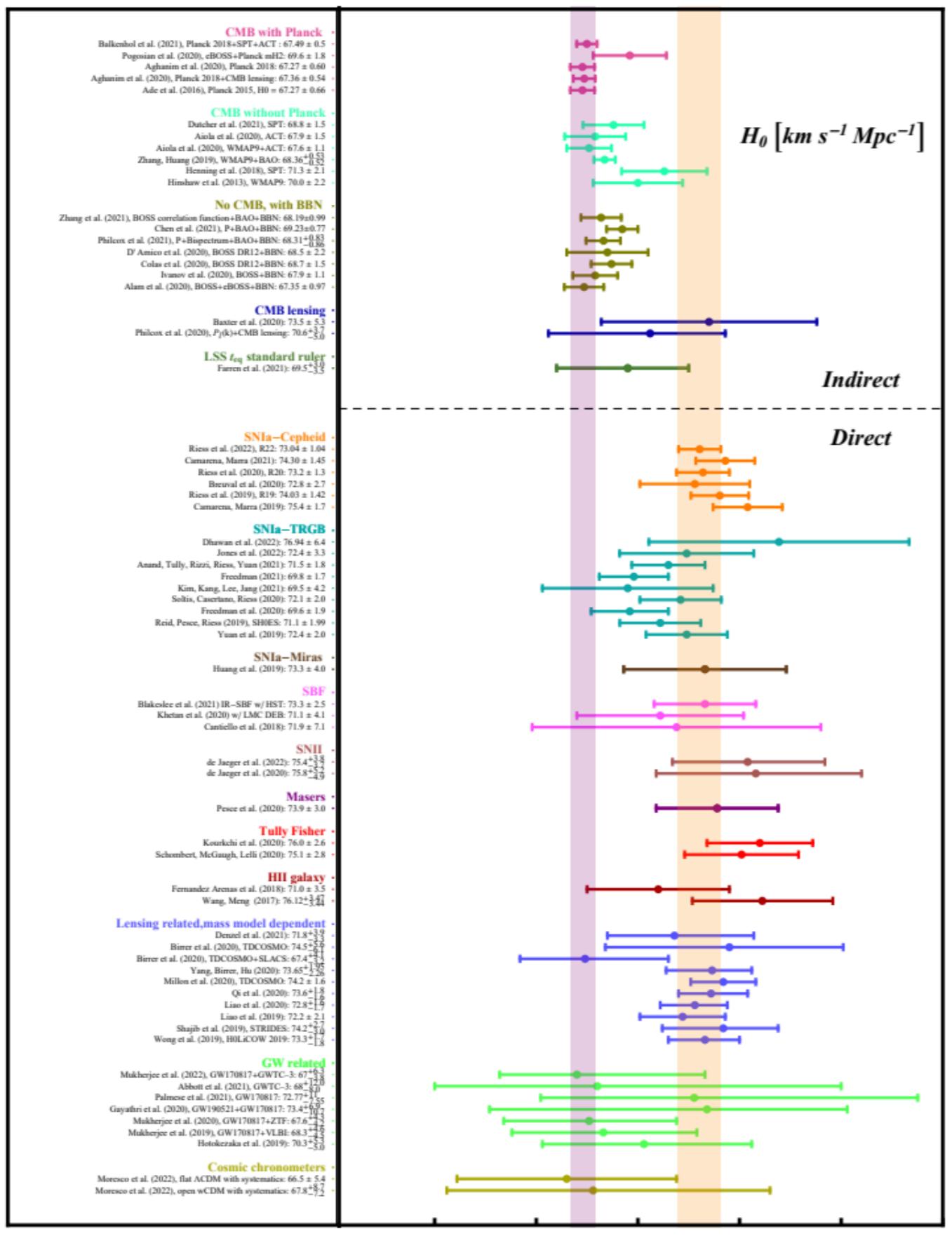
$$H_0(\Lambda\text{CDM}/\text{Planck}) = 67.4 \pm 0.06 \text{ km/s/Mpc}$$

$$H_0(\text{SH0ES}) = 73.04 \pm 1.04 \text{ km/s/Mpc}$$

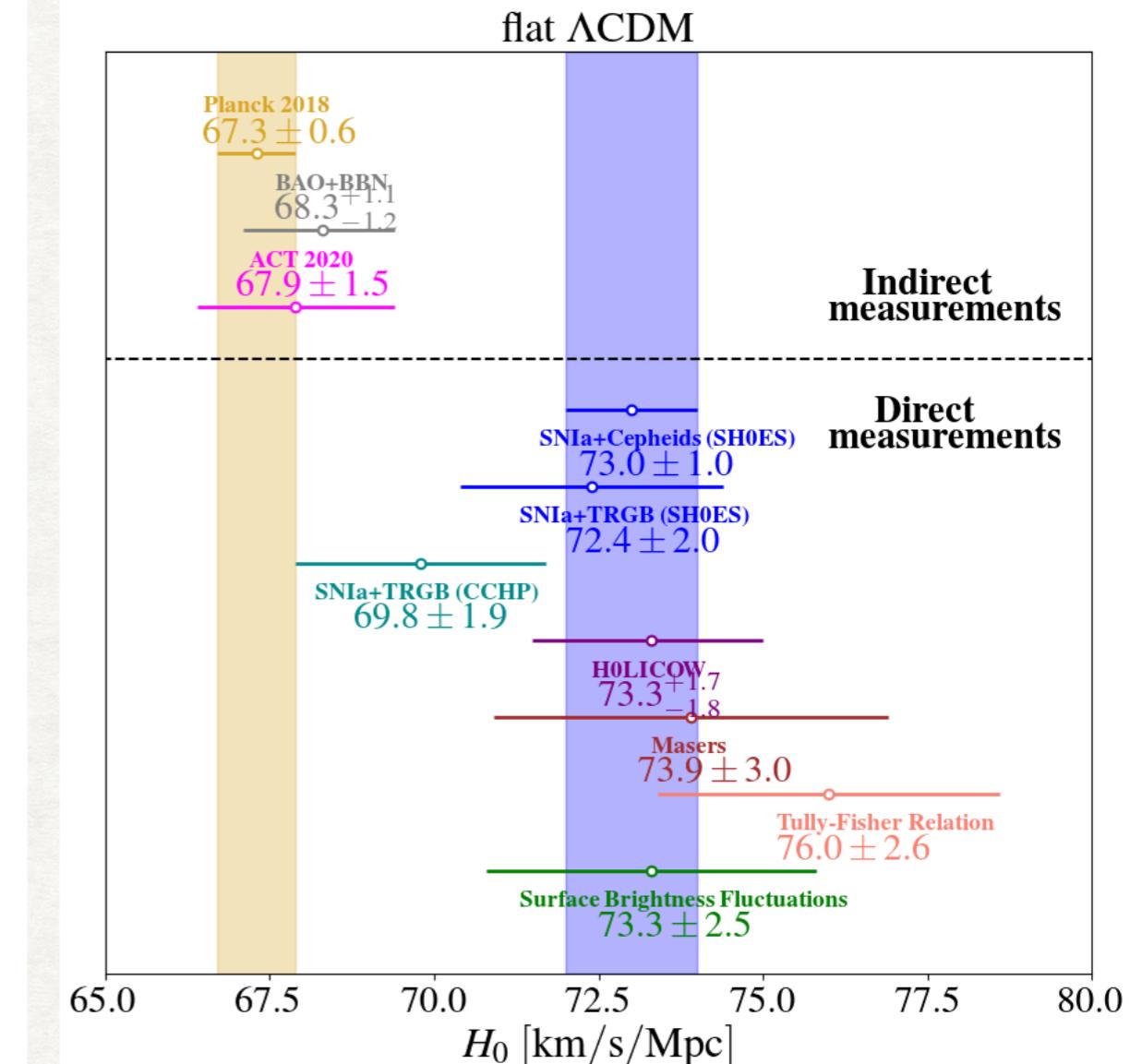
**There is a 5σ discrepancy between the SH0ES and *Planck* determination of the Hubble parameter
No (known) systematic error can explain the discrepancy**



The Hubble tension beyond SH0ES & Planck



Snowmass white paper 2203.06142



A summary of current measurements with
 $\Delta H_0 < 3\text{km/s/Mpc}$

Talk by Kenneth Wong on Tuesday

Talk by Soares-Santos on Tuesday

Systematics? A non-exhaustive list

See review Di Valentino++ 2103.01183 for all relevant references

- Systematic in SN1a?:

- Are SN1a correctly calibrated? multi-step process!
 - Test several calibration methods (e.g. Cepheids vs TRGB vs Miras).
 - Is their dust in the TRGB / Cepheid calibration?
 - Cepheid crowding?
 - Is there a bias in the peculiar velocity correction?
 - Is there a metallicity correction?
 - Is GAIA parallax incorrect?

Talk by Louise Breuval on Wednesday

Kenworthy++ 2204.10866

Cepheids alone: $H_0 = 73.1 \pm 2.5 \text{ km/s/Mpc}$

Freedman++ 1907.05922, Freedmann++2002.01550, Yuan++1908.00993, Efstathiou++ 2007.10716, Soltis++2012.09196, Freedman++ 2106.15656, Anand++ 2108.00007

- Are there different populations of SN1a between “cepheid-SN1a calibrator” and “Hubble flow” SN1a?

Rigault++ 1412.6501, Jones++1805.05911, Brout&Scolnic 2004.10206

- Do we live in a void? We would need a “ 5σ ” void with $\delta \simeq -0.8$ within 150Mpc.

At odds with measurements from SN1a at $z < \sim 2$.

Wu&Huterer 1706.09723, Kenworthy++ 1901.08681, Cai++ 2012.08292

- Recently assuming ALTB model: $\delta \approx -0.04$ up to 300 Mpc but still 3.8σ tension with SH0ES. Camarena++ 2205.05422

- Systematic in strongly-lensed quasars?

Talk by Kenneth Wong on Tuesday

- Are Lens profiles correctly modeled? Mass-sheet degeneracy! The “H0LiCOW” result could be explained by a cored density profile. TDCosmo + SLACS: favored by kinematic data but large errors.

Blum et al. 2001.07182, Birrer++ 2007.02941

- Is the cosmological principle wrong? What is the importance of back-reaction?

Colin++1808.04597, Heinesen&Buchert 2002.10831, Secrest++ 2009.14826

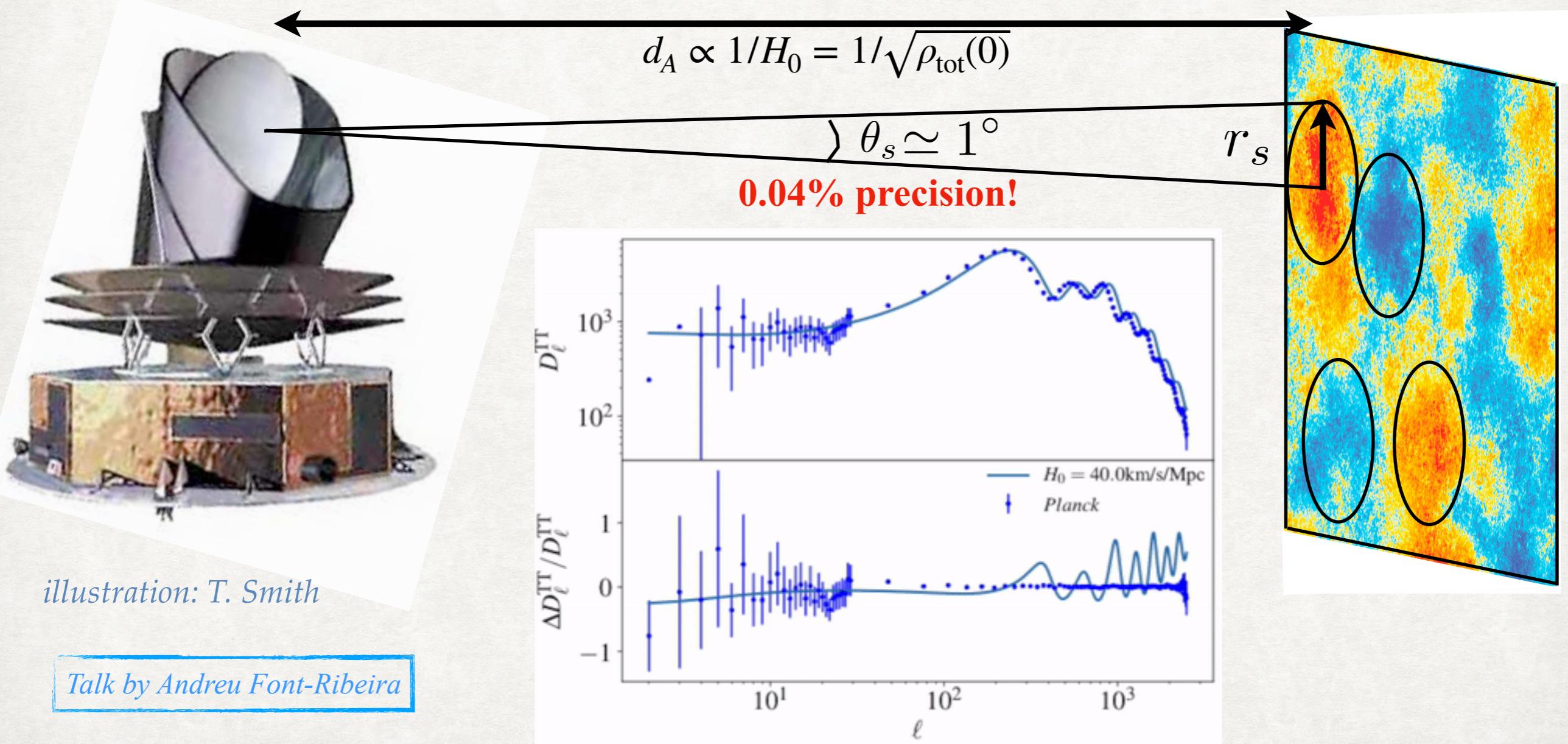
Experimental efforts are of utmost importance, but if it is new physics, it is essential to:

i) understand what causes this tension; ii) make predictions for other observables.

How does CMB data measure H_0 ?

- The ‘sound horizon’ r_s , a standard ruler in the sky: distance travelled by sound wave until recombination at z_* .
- Planck* measures θ_s and, given a model, can extract r_s .
- H_0 appears *only* in the angular diameter distance d_A .

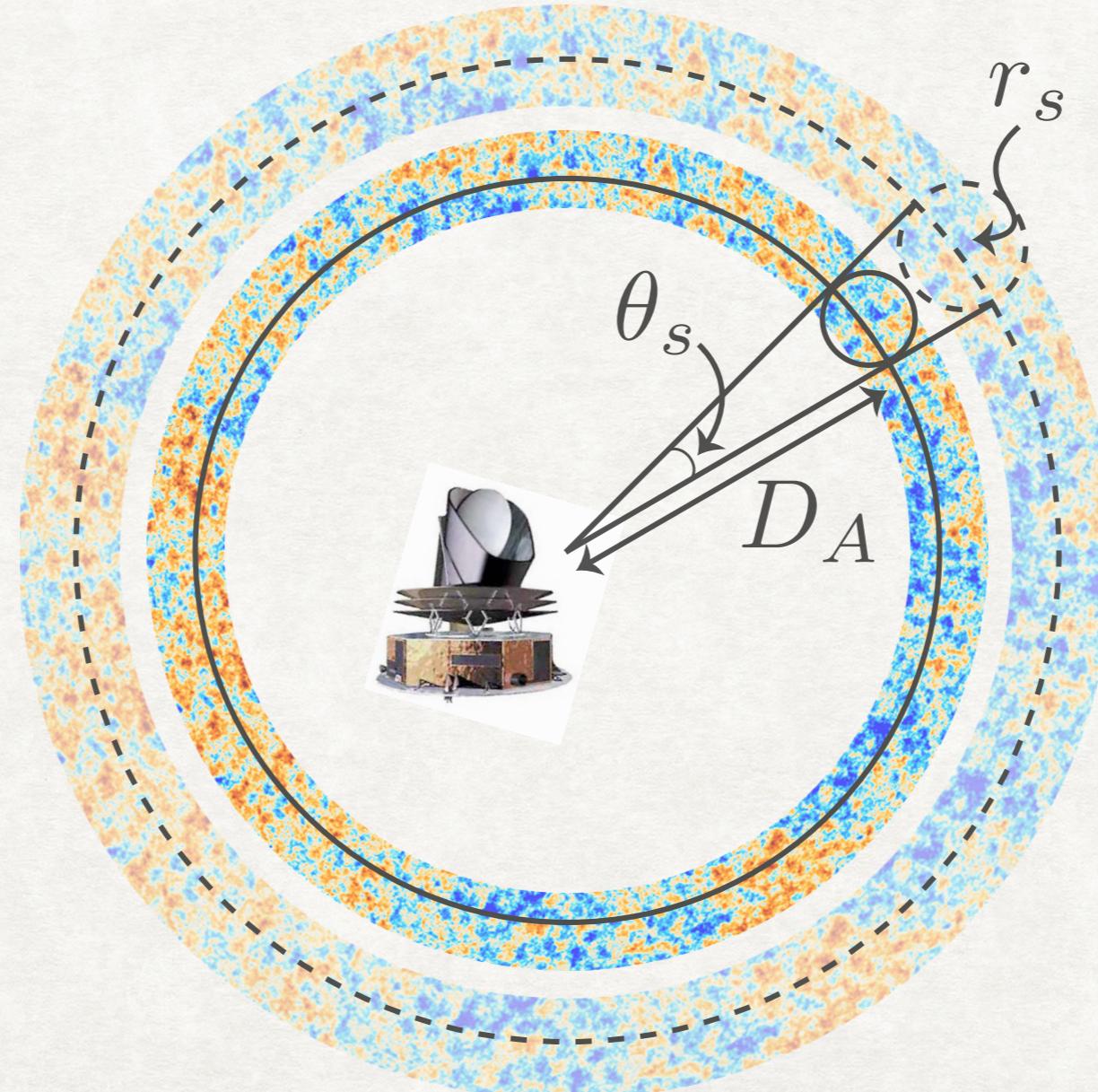
$$\theta_s \equiv \frac{r_s(z_*)}{d_A(z_*)} = \frac{\int_{\infty}^{z_*} dz c_s(z)/\sqrt{\rho_{\text{tot}}(z)}}{\int_0^{z_*} dz/\sqrt{\rho_{\text{tot}}(z)}}$$



How can we change the H_0 prediction?

- Either one breaks the relation $d_A(z_*) \propto 1/H_0$:
=> new physics at late times $z \sim 0 - 1$
- Or the CMB is closer to us, and one must decrease $r_s(z_*)$:
=> new physics at early times $z \sim 10^3 - 10^4$

$$\theta_s = \frac{r_s(z_*)}{d_A(z_*)} = \frac{\int_{\infty}^{z_*} dz c_s(z)/H(z)}{\int_0^{z_*} dz / H(z)}$$



The H_0 olympics: fairly ranking models

- We compare 17 different models suggested to resolve the Hubble tension.

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Late-Universe models	Dark Radiation models	Exotic Early Universe models
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CPL Dark Energy Emergent Dark Energy Generalized Emergent Dark Energy Decaying Dark matter to massless particles Decaying Dark matter to massive particles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free-streaming N_{eff} Self-Interacting N_{DR} Mixture of $N_{\text{eff}} + N_{\text{DR}}$ DM-DR interaction + N_{DR} Self interacting $\nu + N_{\text{eff}}$ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Dark Energy New Early Dark Energy Early modified Gravity Primordial magnetic fields Varying electron mass m_e Varying electron mass $m_e + \Omega_k$

- We differentiate:
 - i) a model **resolves the tension**: a model **gives a good fit** to all data combined with a prior on H_0 ;
 - ii) a model is **favored over Λ CDM with a prior** on H_0 ;
 - iii) a model is **favored over Λ CDM without a prior** on H_0 and **leads to a high H_0** .
- We use 3 simple metrics: **Gaussian tension metric** vs **Non-Gaussian Q_{DMAP}** vs **Bayesian-like approach with ΔAIC**

$$\frac{\bar{M}_b^{\text{CMB+BAO+SN1a}} - \bar{M}_b^{\text{SHOES}}}{\sqrt{\sigma_{\bar{M}_b^{\text{CMB+BAO}}}^2 + \sigma_{\bar{M}_b^{\text{SHOES}}}^2}}$$

$$Q_{\text{DMAP}} = \sqrt{\chi^2(\text{w/ SHOES}) - \chi^2(\text{no SHOES})}$$

i) simple to understand; ii) simple to implement; iii) representative

See Raveri&Hu 2018

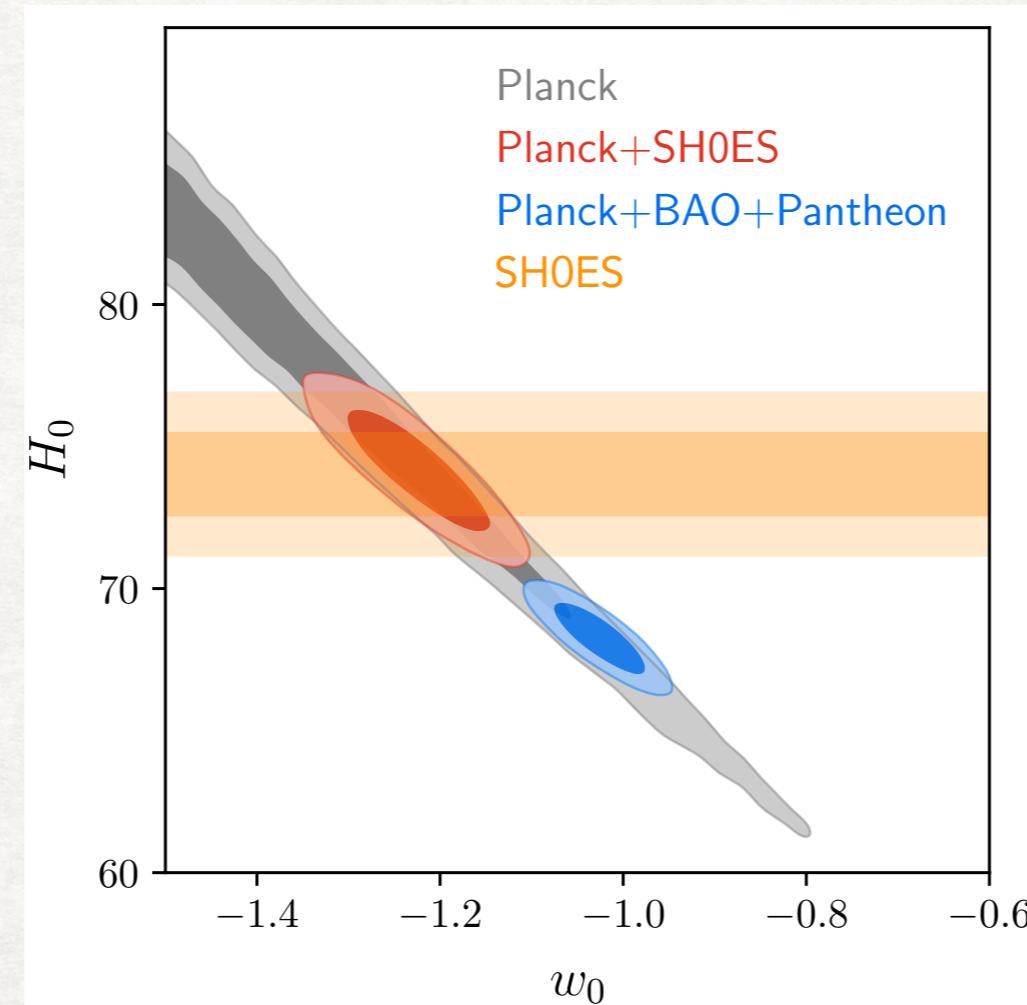
$$\Delta\text{AIC} = \Delta\chi^2 - 2\Delta N_{\text{params}}$$

Geometrical degeneracy in Planck!

- A higher H_0 can be compensated by a lower $H(z > 0)$ such as to keep $d_A(z_*)$ fixed

$$d_A(z_*) = \frac{1}{1+z_*} \int_0^{z_*} \frac{dz}{H(z)} = \frac{1}{1+z_*} \int_0^{z_*} \frac{dz}{100\sqrt{\omega_M(1+z)^3 + \Omega_{DE}(z)h^2}}$$

- ‘phantom dark energy’ $w < -1$, DE phase transition, DE-DM interaction, decaying/annihilating DM, and many more...
[\[http://arxiv/insert_your_favorite_model_here.com\]](http://arxiv/insert_your_favorite_model_here.com)
- Planck can easily accommodate a higher H_0 : problem with BAO and Pantheon



The true tension is with the SN1a magnitude!

Beenakker++ 2101.01372, Efstathiou 2103.08723

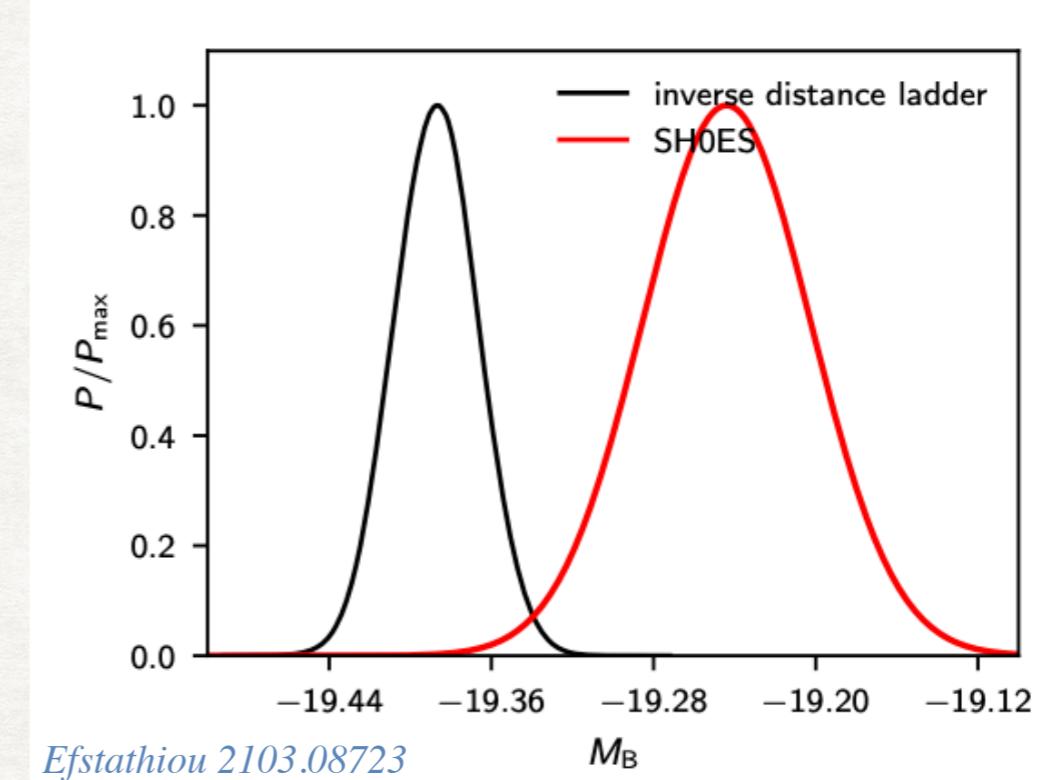
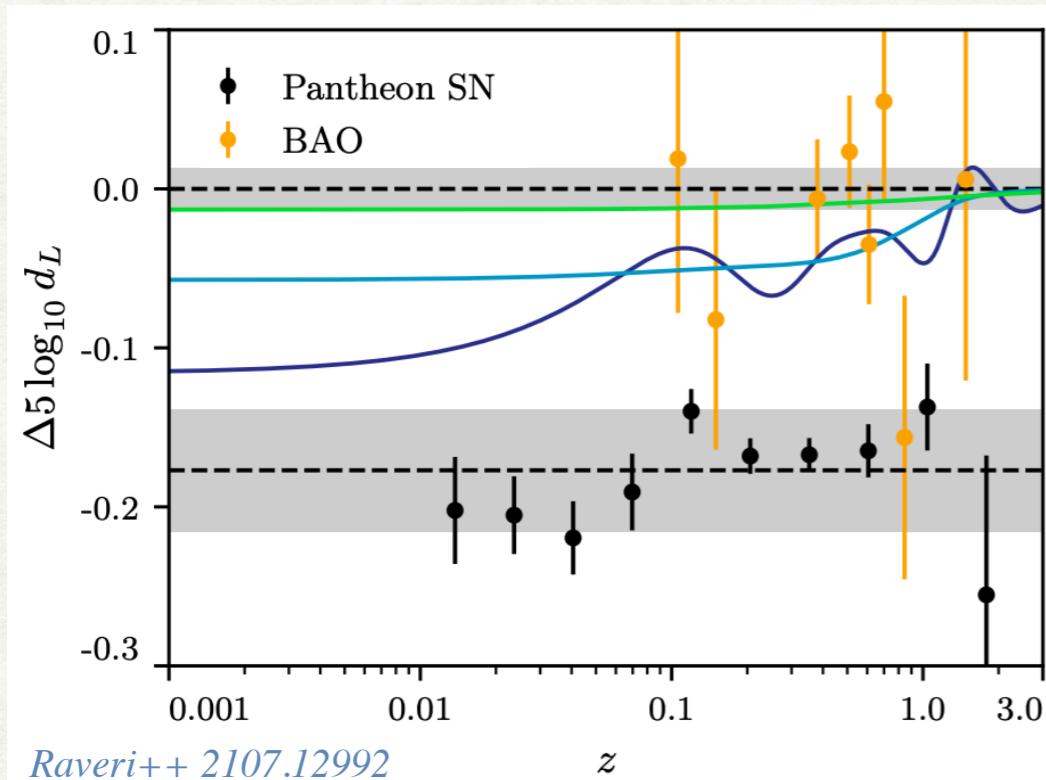
In GR: $D_A = D_L/(1+z)^2$; it is impossible to resolve the tension without changing calibration!

$$\theta_d(z)^\perp = \frac{r_s(z_{\text{drag}})}{D_A(z)}, \theta_d(z)^\parallel = r_s(z_{\text{drag}})H(z)$$

$$\mu(z) = 5\log_{10}D_L(z) + M_b$$

- $r_s(z_{\text{drag}})$ from *Planck*

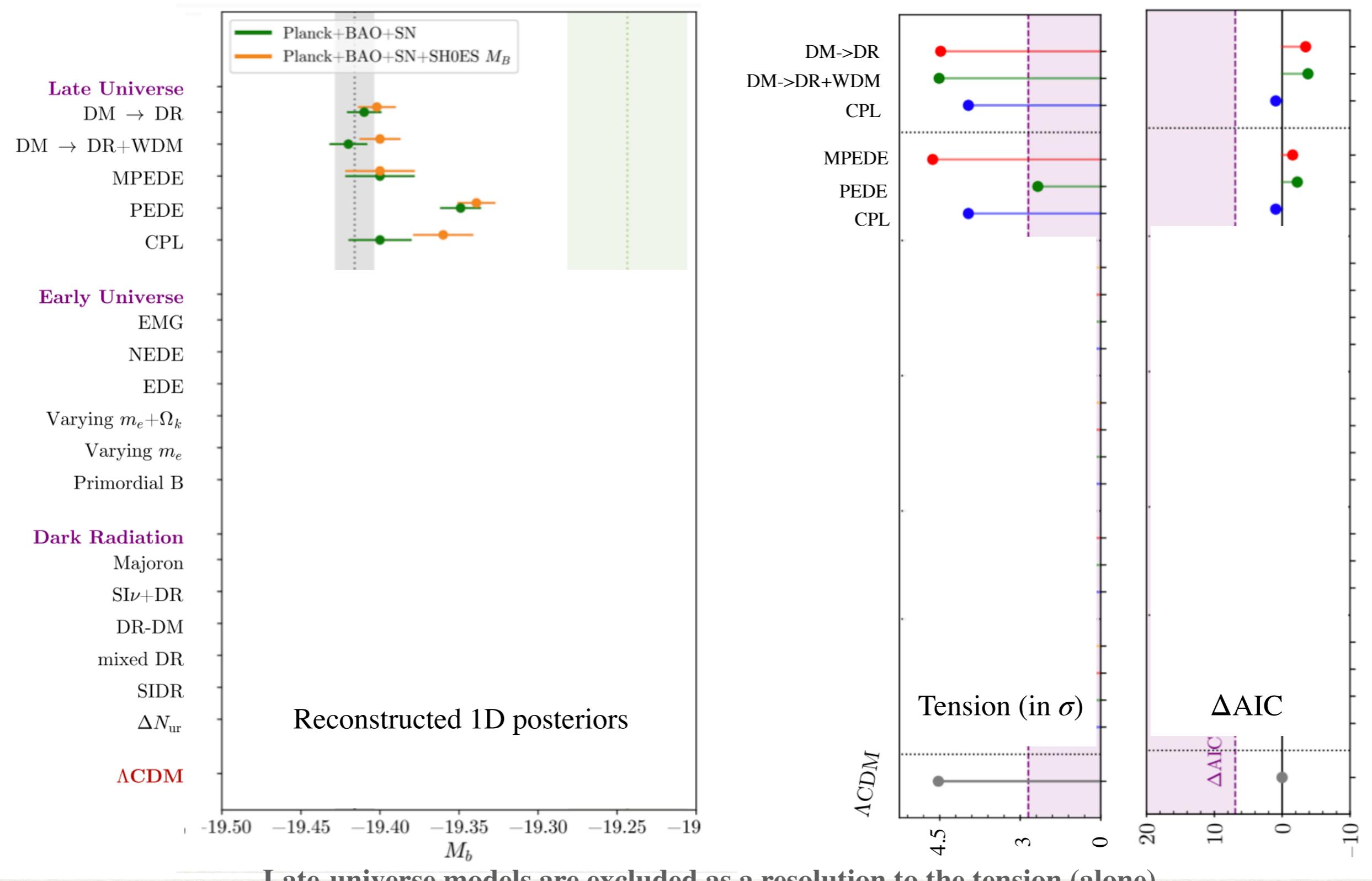
- Calibration constant from e.g. SH0ES.



- While some late-time solutions seem to resolve the ' H_0 -tension', they introduce a ' M_b -tension'.
- The question is: how to make the **inverse ladder calibration of Pantheon SN1a** compatible with SH0ES?

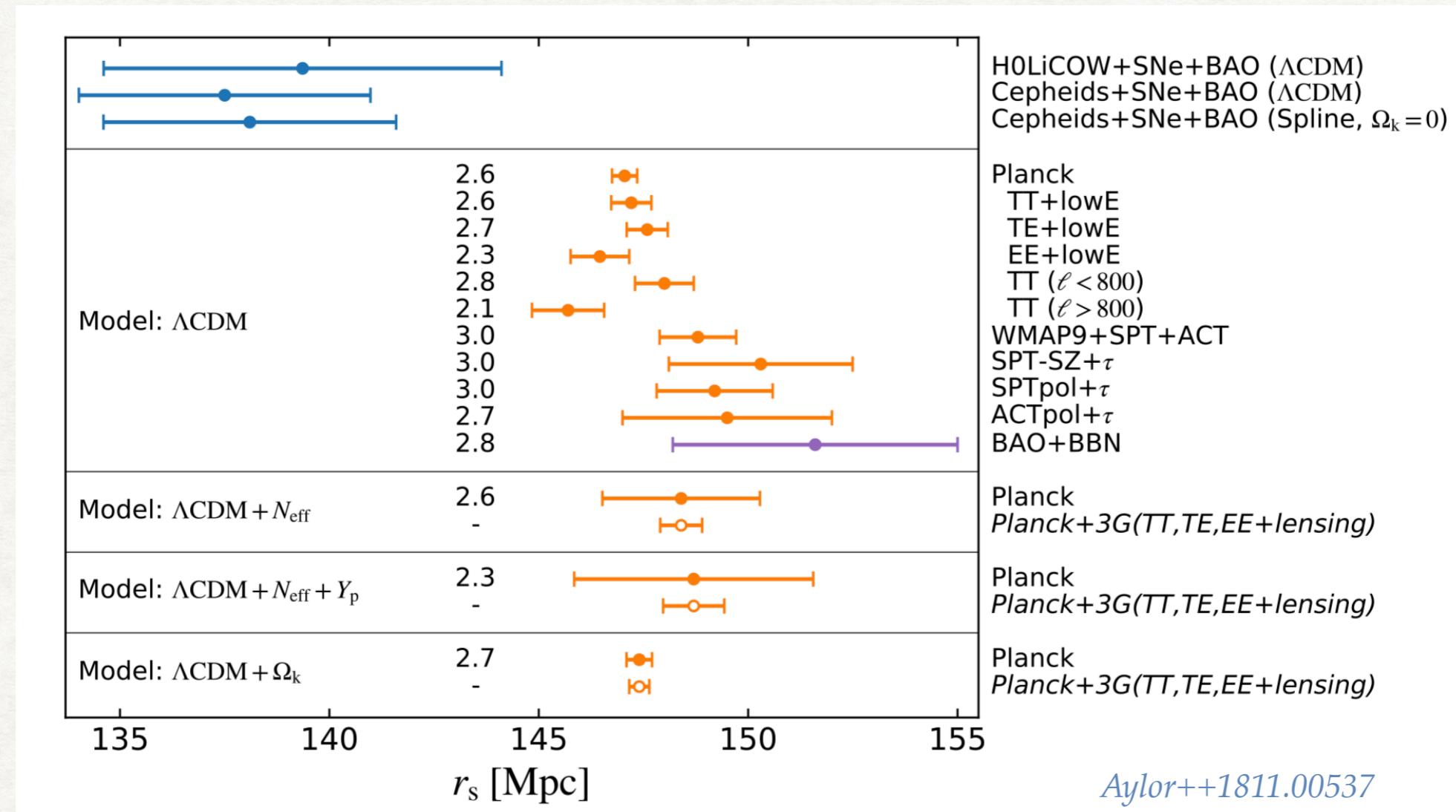
Status of “late-universe” modifications

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H_0 tension or r_s tension?

- One can deduce the co-moving sound horizon r_s from H_0 and BAO: CMB estimate must decrease by ~ 10 Mpc



affect z^* : modified recombination physics?

affect c_s : DM-photon scattering? DM-b scattering?

$$r_s = \int_{\infty}^{z^*} dz \frac{c_s(z)}{\sqrt{\rho_{\text{tot}}(z)}}$$

increase $\rho(z)$: Neff? Early Dark Energy?

Modified Gravity?

Knox & Millea 1908.03663

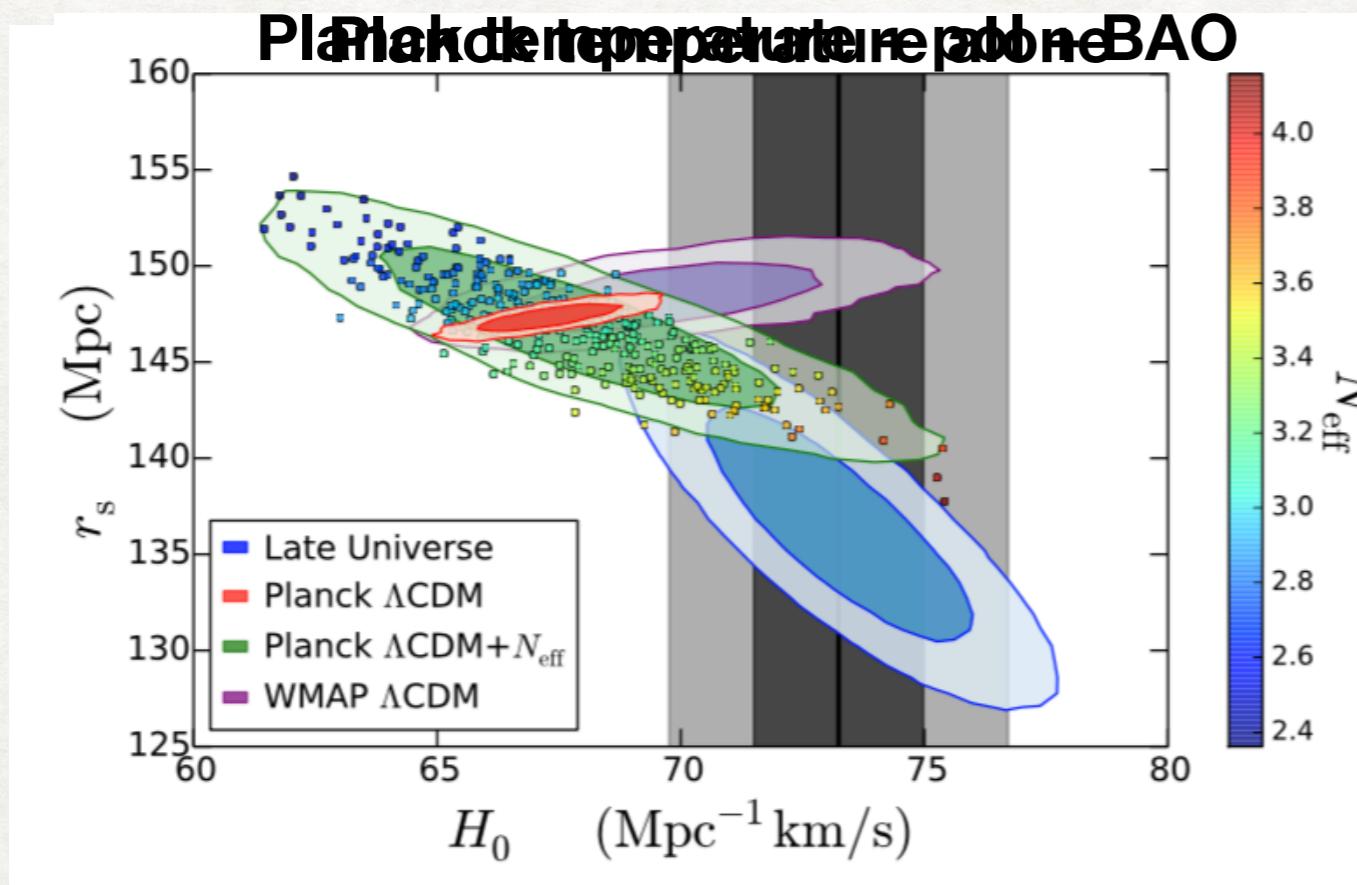
Extra-relativistic degrees of freedom N_{eff}

- Additional relativistic degrees of freedom can be parametrized by N_{eff} at the background level

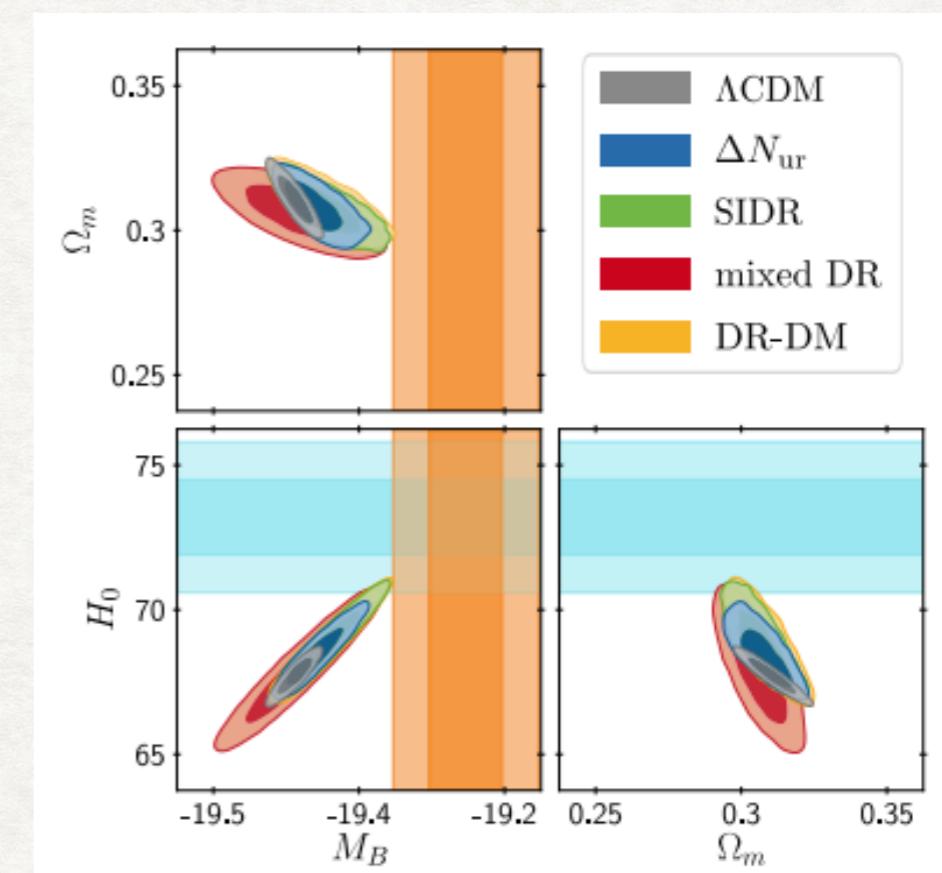
$$\rho_R = \rho_\gamma \left(1 + \frac{7}{8} \left(\frac{4}{11} \right)^{4/3} N_{\text{eff}} \right)$$

Talks by Yvonne Wong

- Standard Model neutrinos behave as *free-streaming radiation* since $T \sim 1 \text{ MeV}$ with $N_{\text{eff}} = 3.046$
- ΔN_{eff} (free-streaming) $\sim 0.5 - 1$ is needed: disfavored by *Planck* high- ℓ polarization and BAO



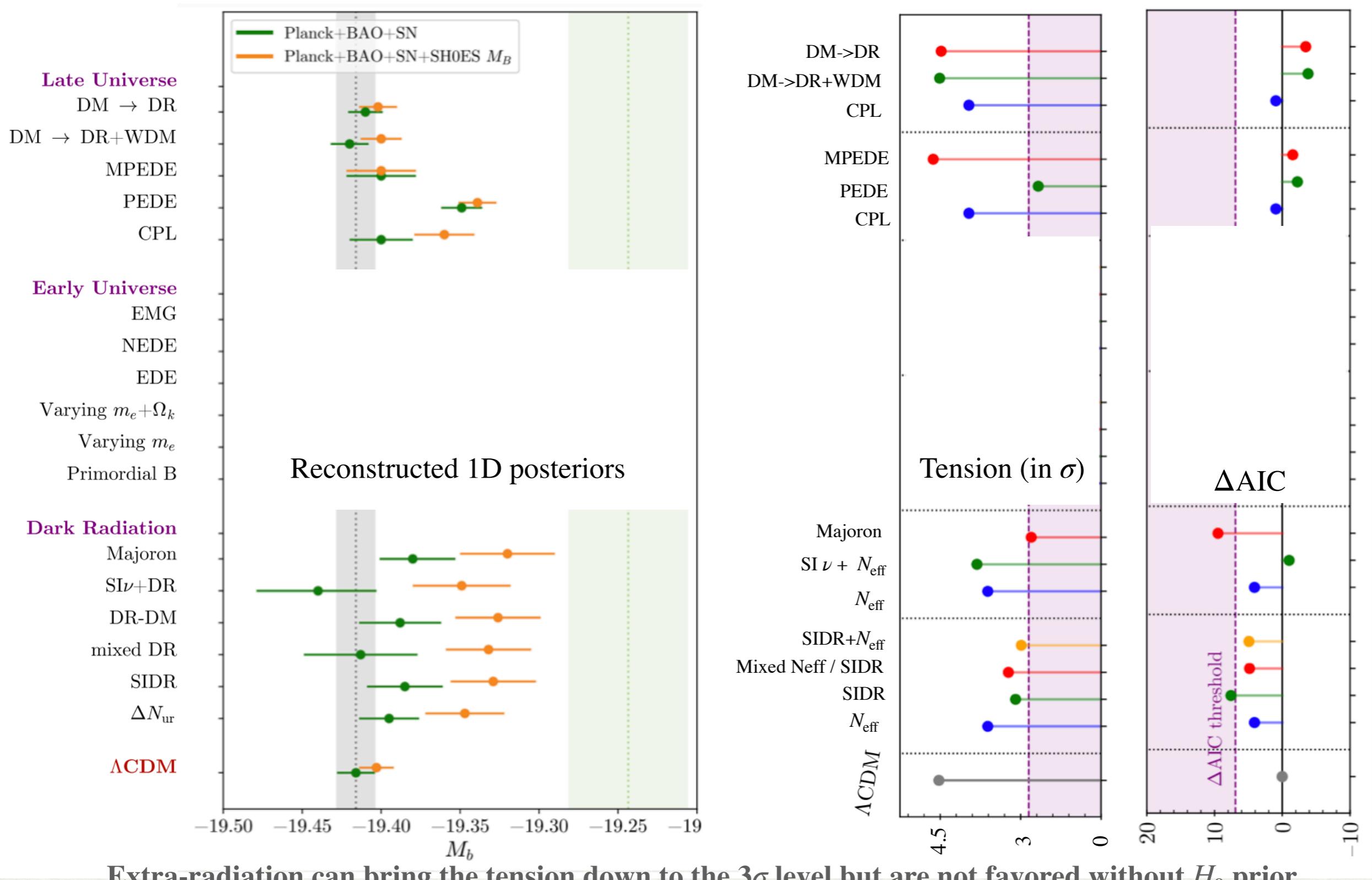
Bernal++ 1607.05617



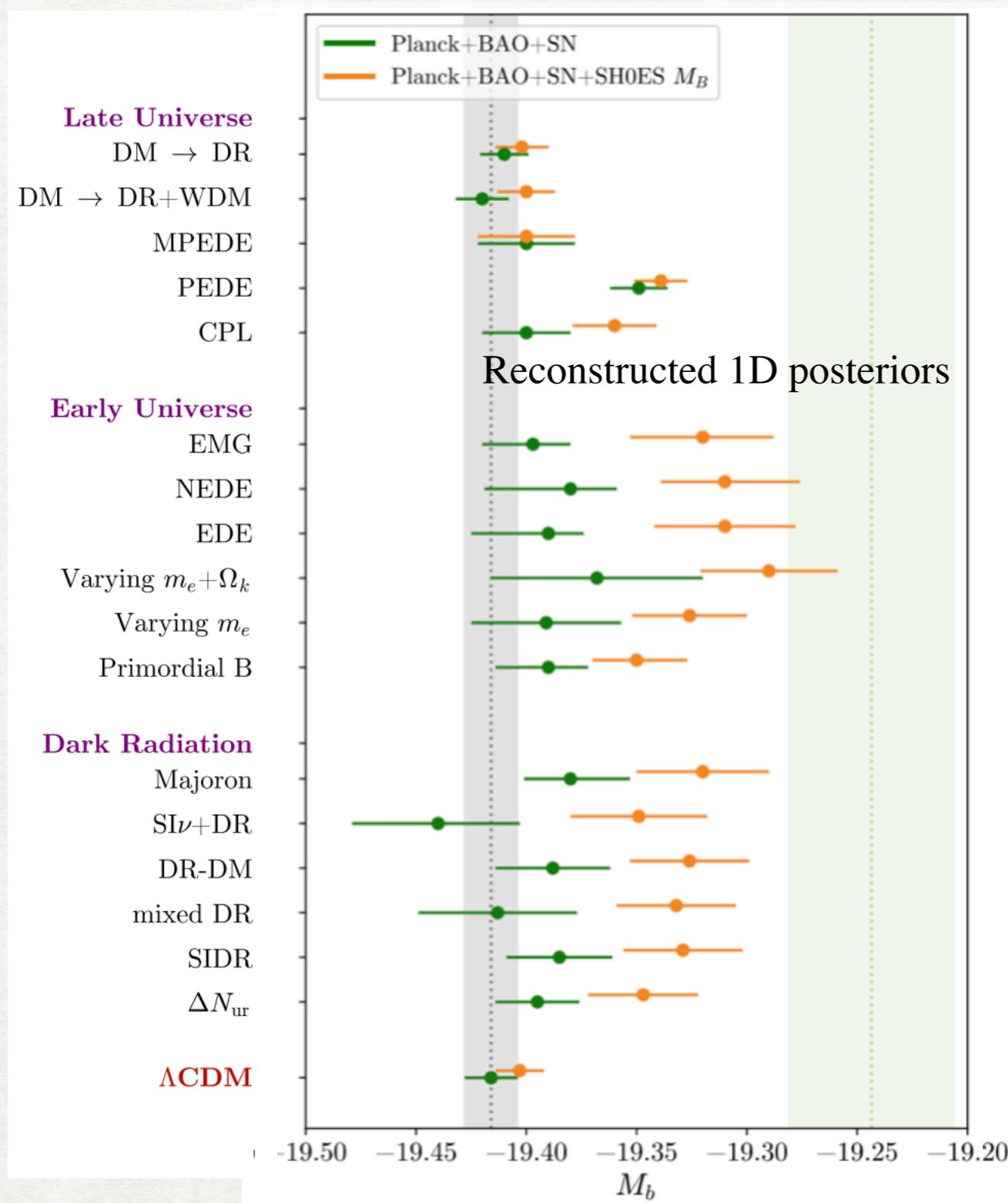
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- Reducing neutrino anisotropic stress (generated by free-streaming) only mildly affect the constraints.

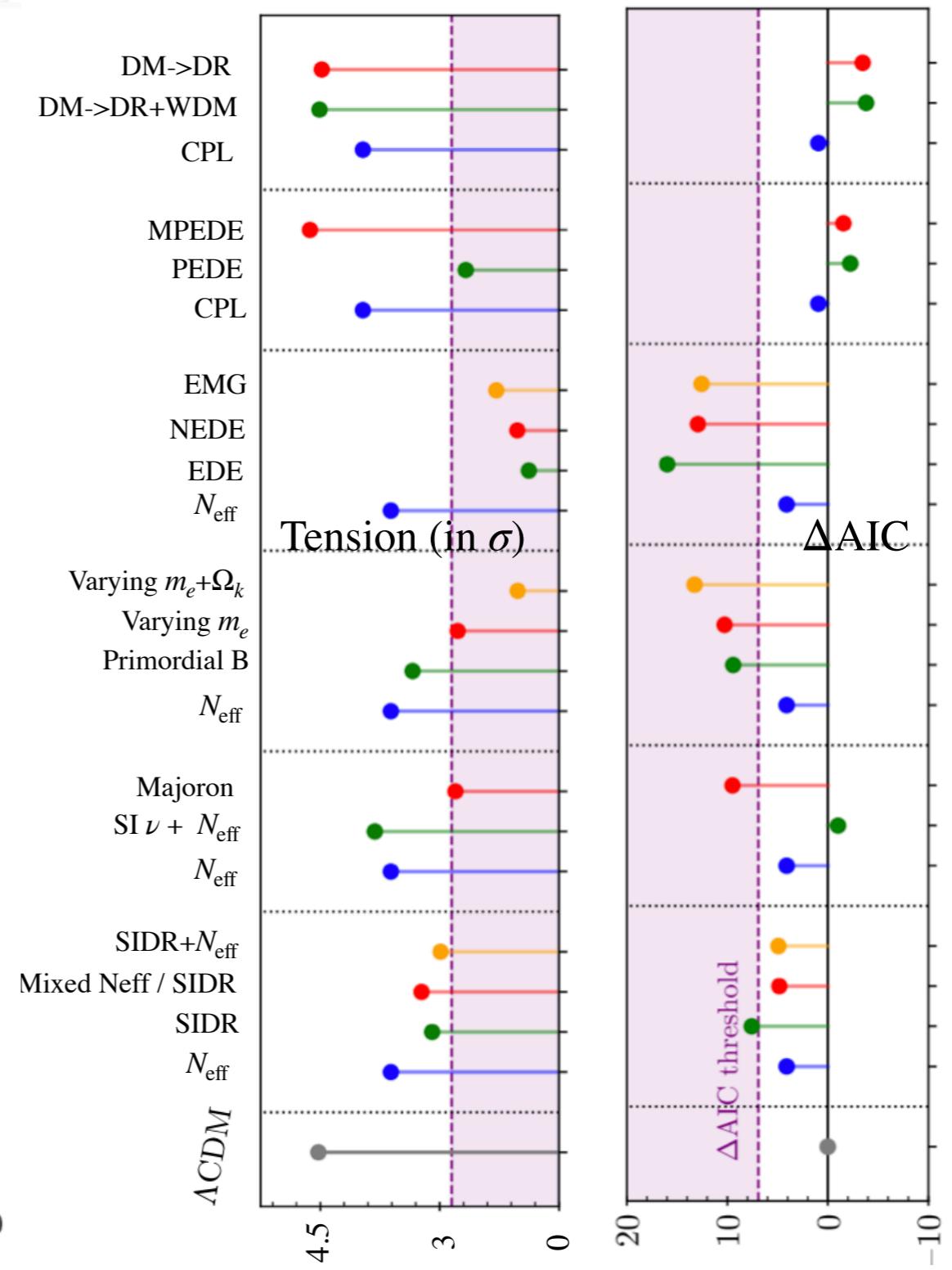
Status of “ N_{eff} –like” solutions



Status of “Early-Universe” solutions



EDE / EMG / $m_e + \Omega_k$ can bring the tension down to the 1.5-2 σ level but are not favored without H_0 prior



Early Dark Energy(s) & Modified Gravity

Not all have the same
level of success...

Early dark energy, the Hubble-parameter tension, and the string axiverse

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What is ‘Early Dark Energy’?

- Initially **slowly-rolling field** (due to Hubble friction) that later **dilutes faster than matter**

$$\ddot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} + \frac{dV_n(\phi)}{d\phi} = 0$$

$$\rho_\phi = \frac{1}{2}\dot{\phi}^2 + V_n(\phi), \quad P_\phi = \frac{1}{2}\dot{\phi}^2 - V_n(\phi)$$

- Oscillating (toy) potential:

$$V(\phi) = m^2 f^2 (1 - \cos(\phi/f))^n$$

VP++ 1806.10608 & 1811.04083; Smith++ 1908.06995

Murgia++ 2009.10733; Smith++ 2009.10740

- Perform ‘cycle-averaging’ over oscillations.

- Specified by $f_{\text{EDE}}(z_c)$, z_c , $w(n)$, $c_s^2(k, \tau)$

$$\begin{cases} z > z_c \Rightarrow w_n = 1 \\ z < z_c \Rightarrow w_n = (n-1)/(n+1) \end{cases}$$

$n = 1$: matter, $n = 2$: radiation, etc.

- First-order phase transition (NEDE model)

Niedermann & Sloth 1910.10739, 2006.06686, 2009.00006,

2112.00770; Freese & Winkler 2102.13655

- α -attractors: $V(\phi) = f^2 [\tanh(\phi/\sqrt{6\alpha}M_{\text{pl}})]$

Linder 1505.00815, Braglia++ 2005.14053

- Early MG: $(M_{\text{pl}}^2 + \xi\phi^2)R + \lambda\phi^4$
leads to a similar phenomenology if $\xi > 0$

Braglia++ 2011.12934

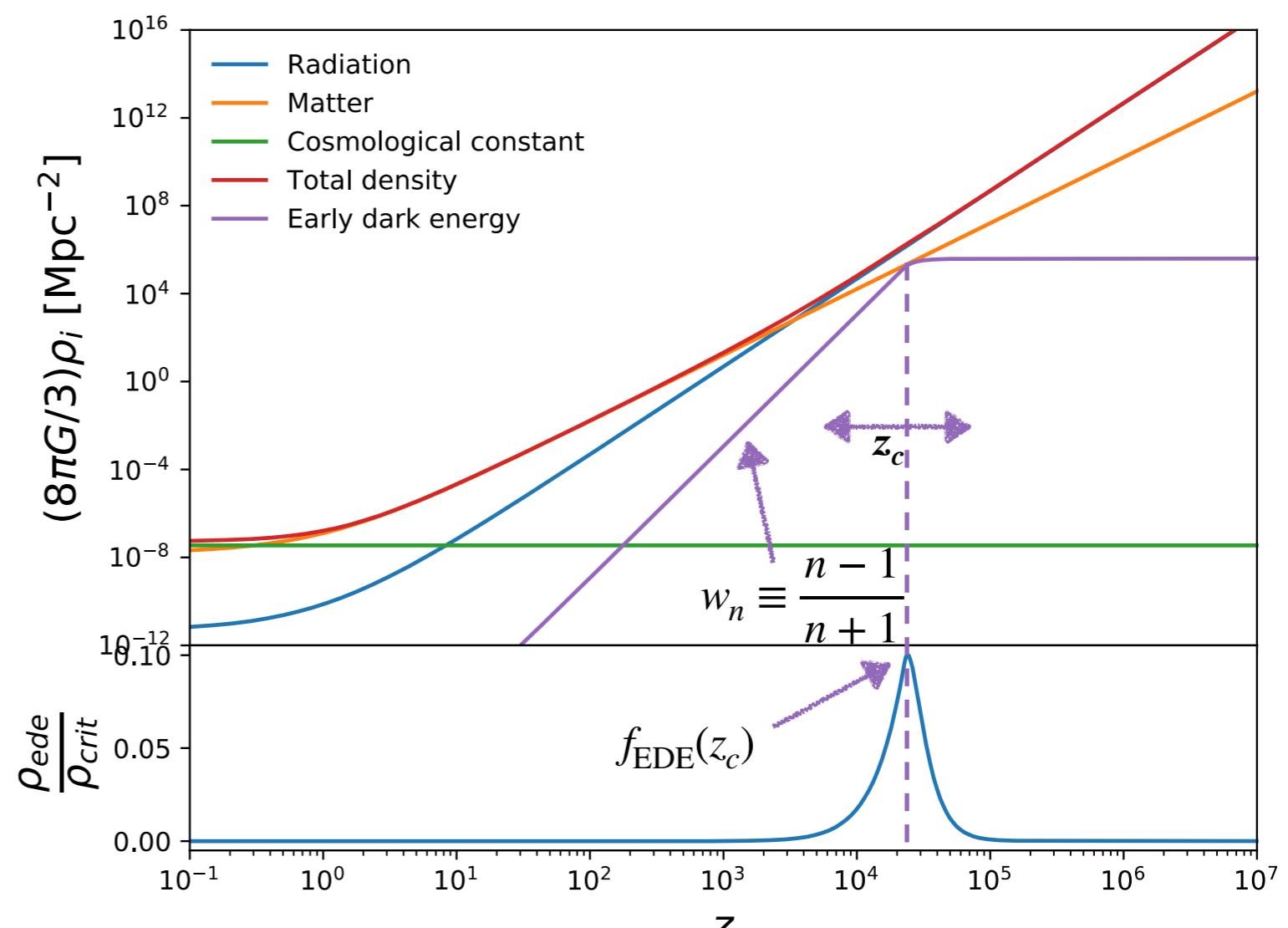
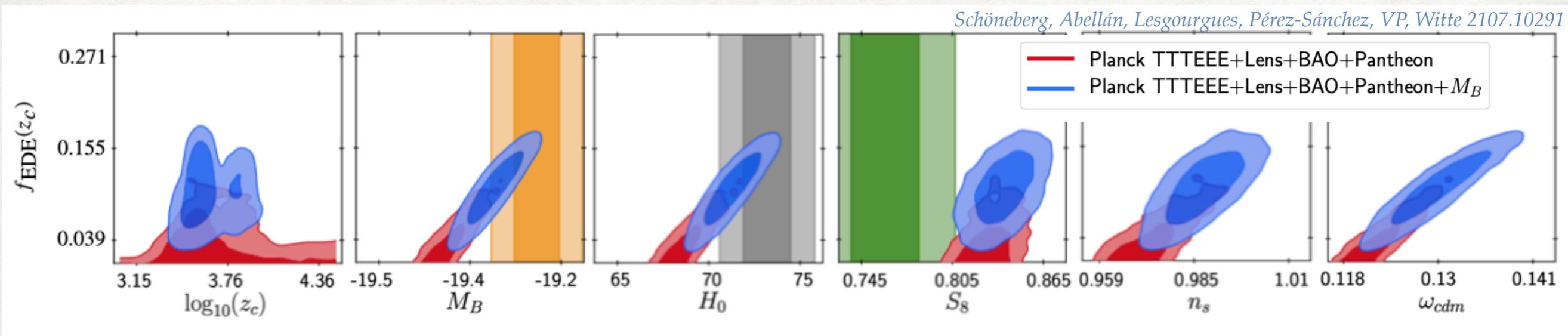


Fig by T. Karwal

EDE vs *Planck* data



- Without information from SH0ES: 95% C.L (best-fit). Beware of long tails! Statistics is NOT Gaussian.

$$f(z_c) < 0.08 \text{ (0.05)}, \quad H_0 < 70.6 \text{ (69.8) km/s/Mpc}$$

$$\Delta\chi^2 = \chi^2_{\Lambda\text{CDM}} - \chi^2_{\text{EDE}} \simeq -5.7$$

- Adding the M_b prior from SH0ES: tension is reduced to 1.5σ and EDE is detected at 3.5σ .

$$f(z_c) = 0.10 \text{ (0.12)} \pm 0.03$$

$$z_c = 4073 \text{ (3715)}^{+393}_{-838}$$

$$H_0 = 71.25 \text{ (71.6)} \pm 1.1 \text{ km/s/Mpc}$$

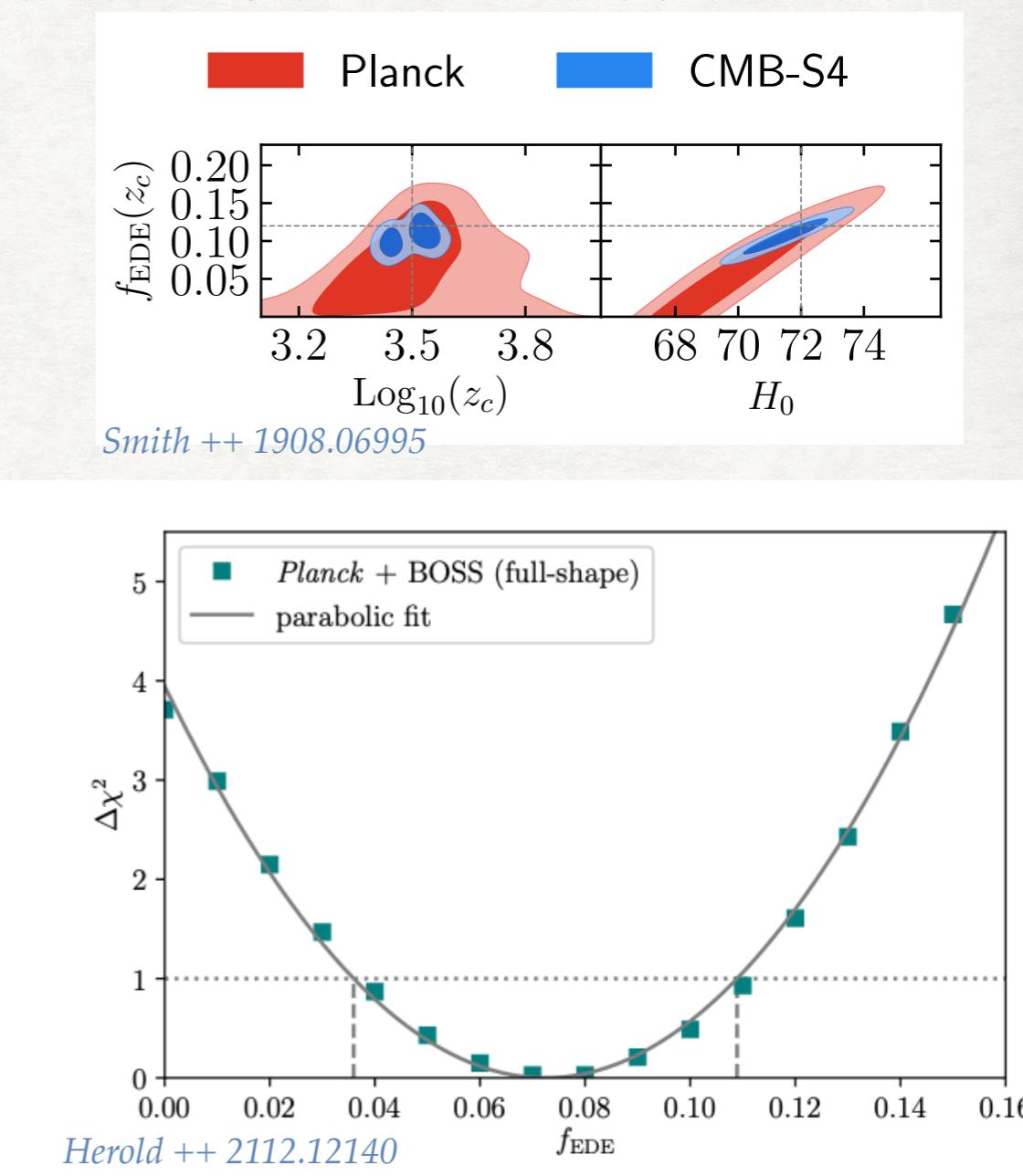
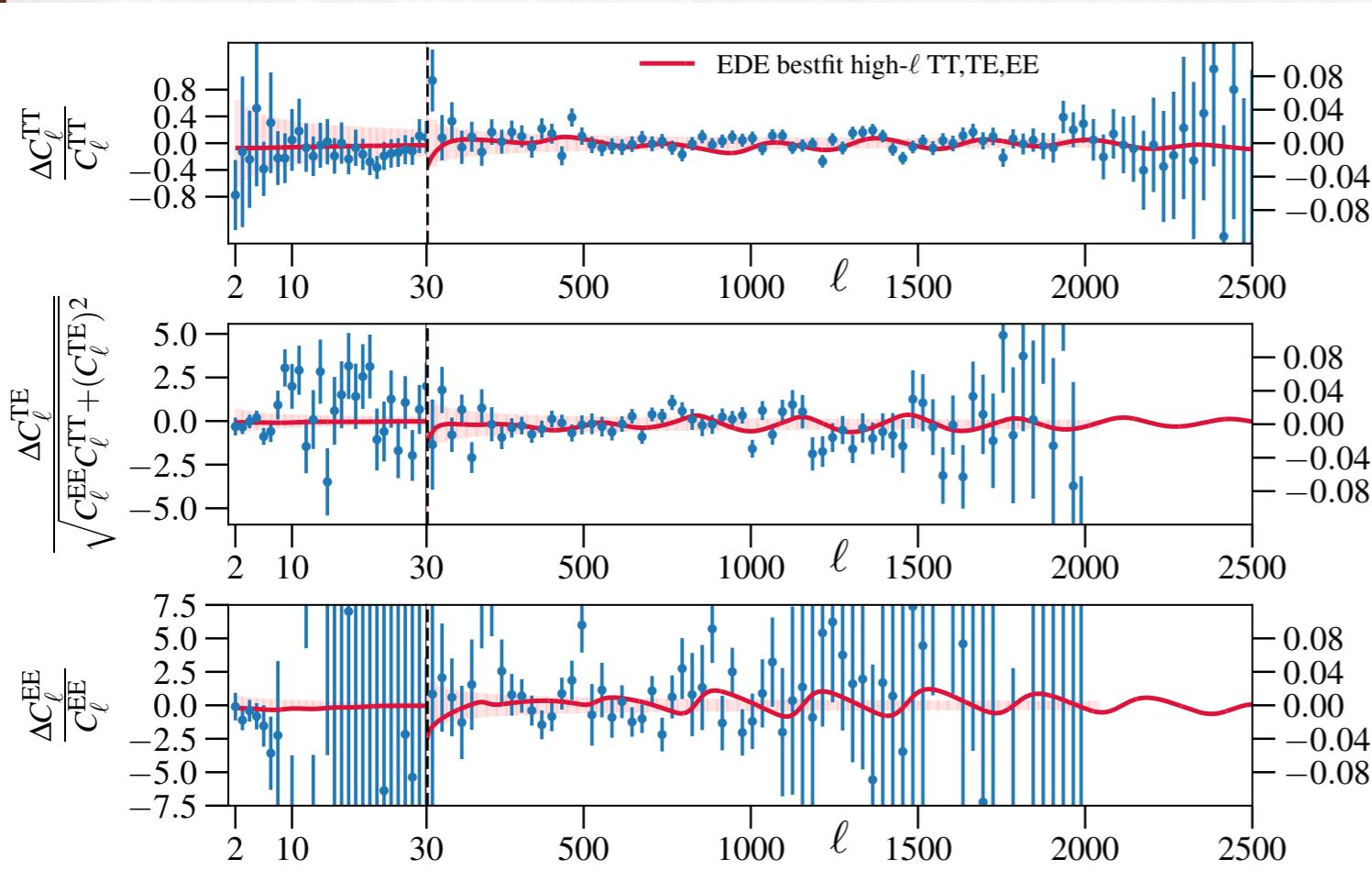
$$\Delta\chi^2 = \chi^2_{\Lambda\text{CDM}} - \chi^2_{\text{EDE}} \simeq -24.8$$

$$Q_{\text{DMAP}} \equiv \sqrt{\chi^2(\text{w/ SH0ES}) - \chi^2(\text{w/o SH0ES})} = 1.5\sigma$$

- Our results favor $f_{\text{axion}} \sim 0.1M_{\text{pl}}$ & $m \sim 10^{-28}$ eV, with $n \sim 3^{+0.18}_{-1}$ and disfavor pure power-law (large θ_i).
- Theoretical problem: the field becomes dynamical around z_{eq} : Fine-tuning ? Coincidence problem 2.0?
e.g. [Dodelson++astro-ph/0002360](#), [Griest astro-ph/0202052](#), [Kamionkowski++1409.0549](#), [Sakstein&Trodden 1911.11760](#), [Carrillo González++ 2011.09895](#)
- Observational problem: EDE cosmology has a higher ω_{cdm} and n_s : in tension with GC and WL surveys?

[Hill et al. 2003.07355](#), [Ivanov++ 2006.11235](#), [d'Amico++ 2006.12420](#) [Niedermann++ 2009.00006](#), [Smith++ 2009.10740](#), [Murgia++ 2009.10733](#)

EDE leaves a signature but too small for *Planck*



- *Planck* ‘alone’ cannot detect $f_{\text{EDE}}(z_{\text{eq}}) \sim 10\%$ & $H_0 = 72 \text{ km/s/Mpc}$: limits are biased!
- Analysis with profile likelihood indicates 2.5σ preference for EDE from *Planck* + BOSS!
- Future experiments (Simons Observatory, CMB-S4) could unambiguously detect EDE.

New CMB data at small scales

- ACT and SPT adds information at $\ell \sim 500 - 4000$ in TT,TE,EE. (SPT3G only TE,EE).

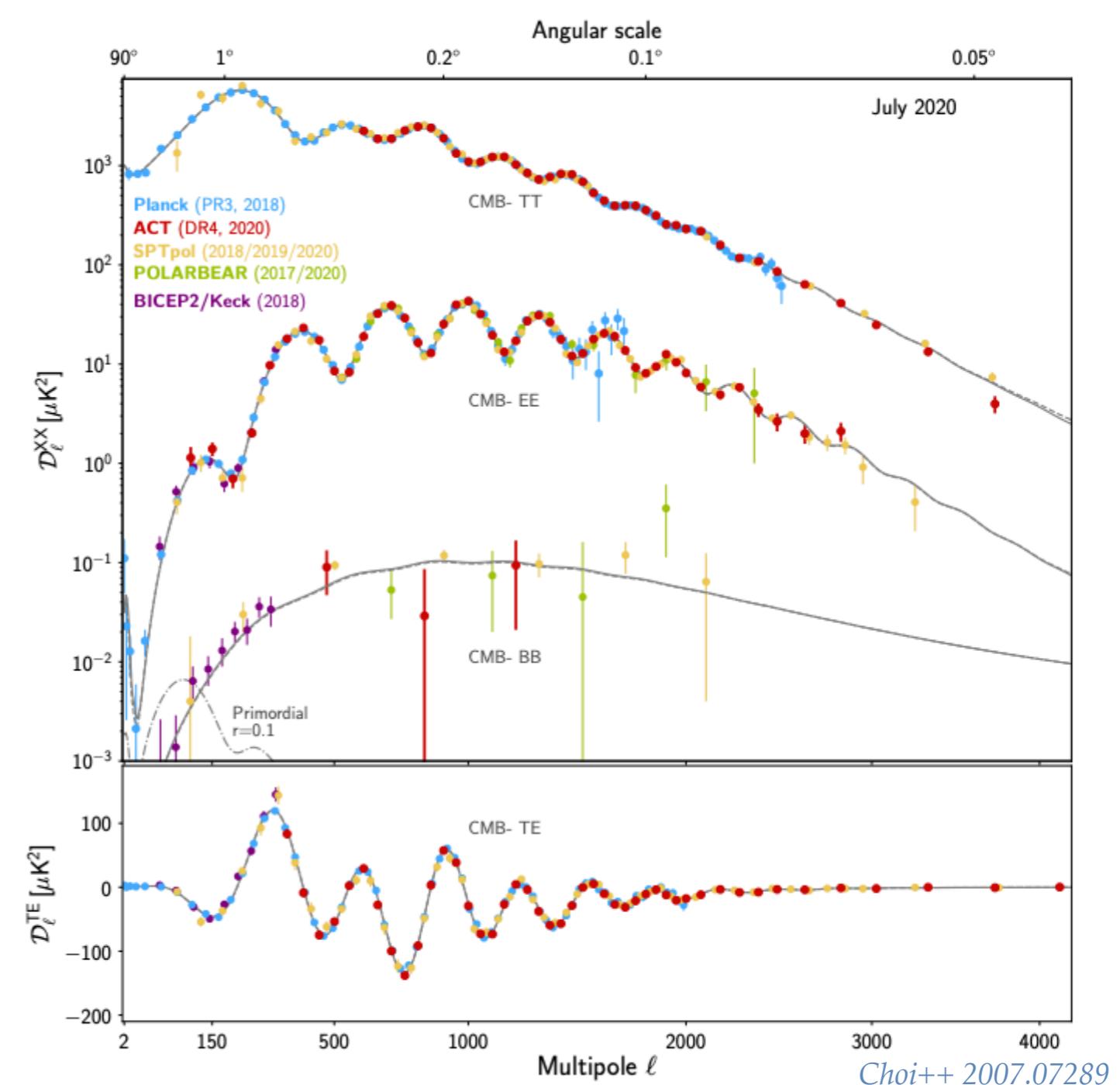
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The Atacama Cosmology Telescope (act.princeton.edu)

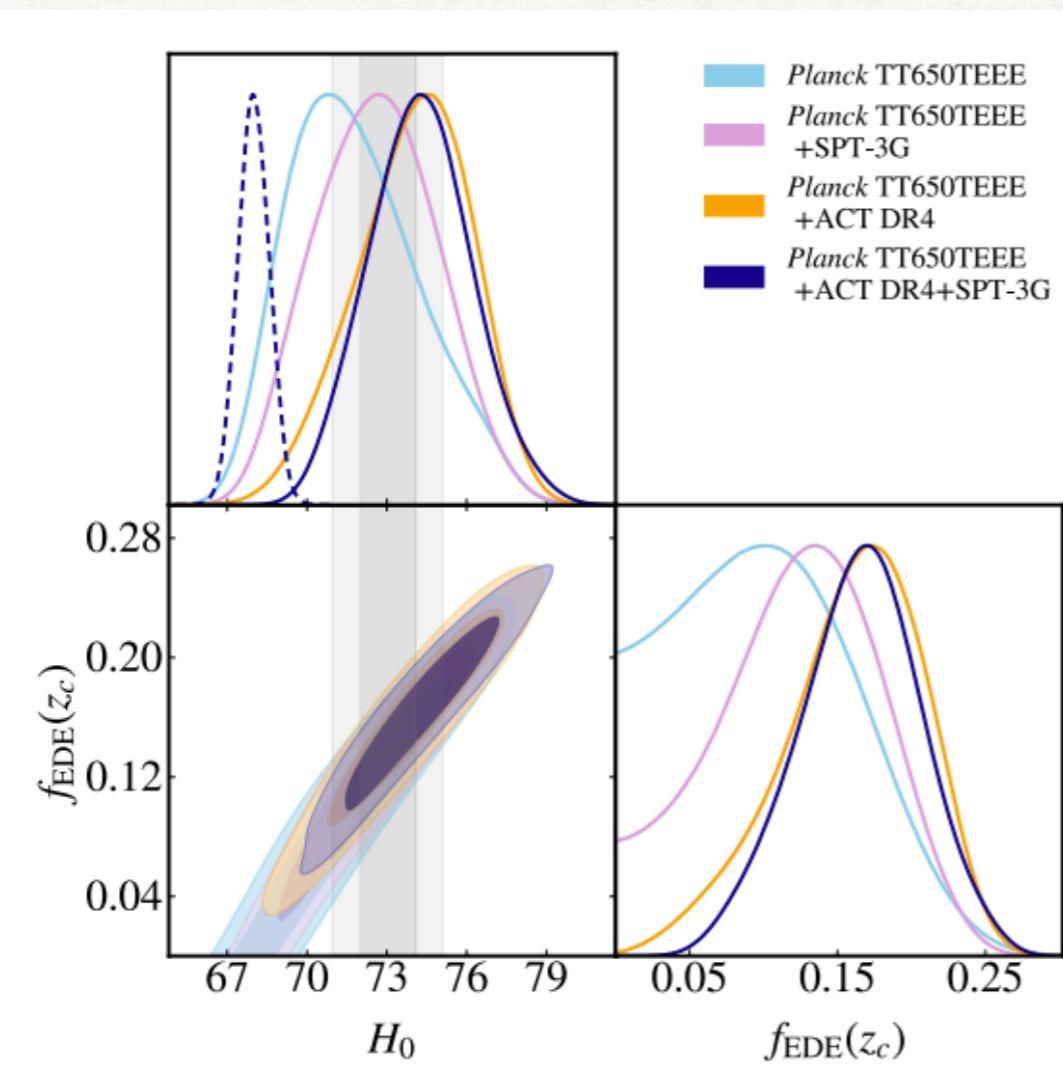


The South Pole Telescope (act.princeton.edu)



Consistency test: *Planck* vs WMAP+ACT+SPT

- *Planck*650TT \simeq WMAP



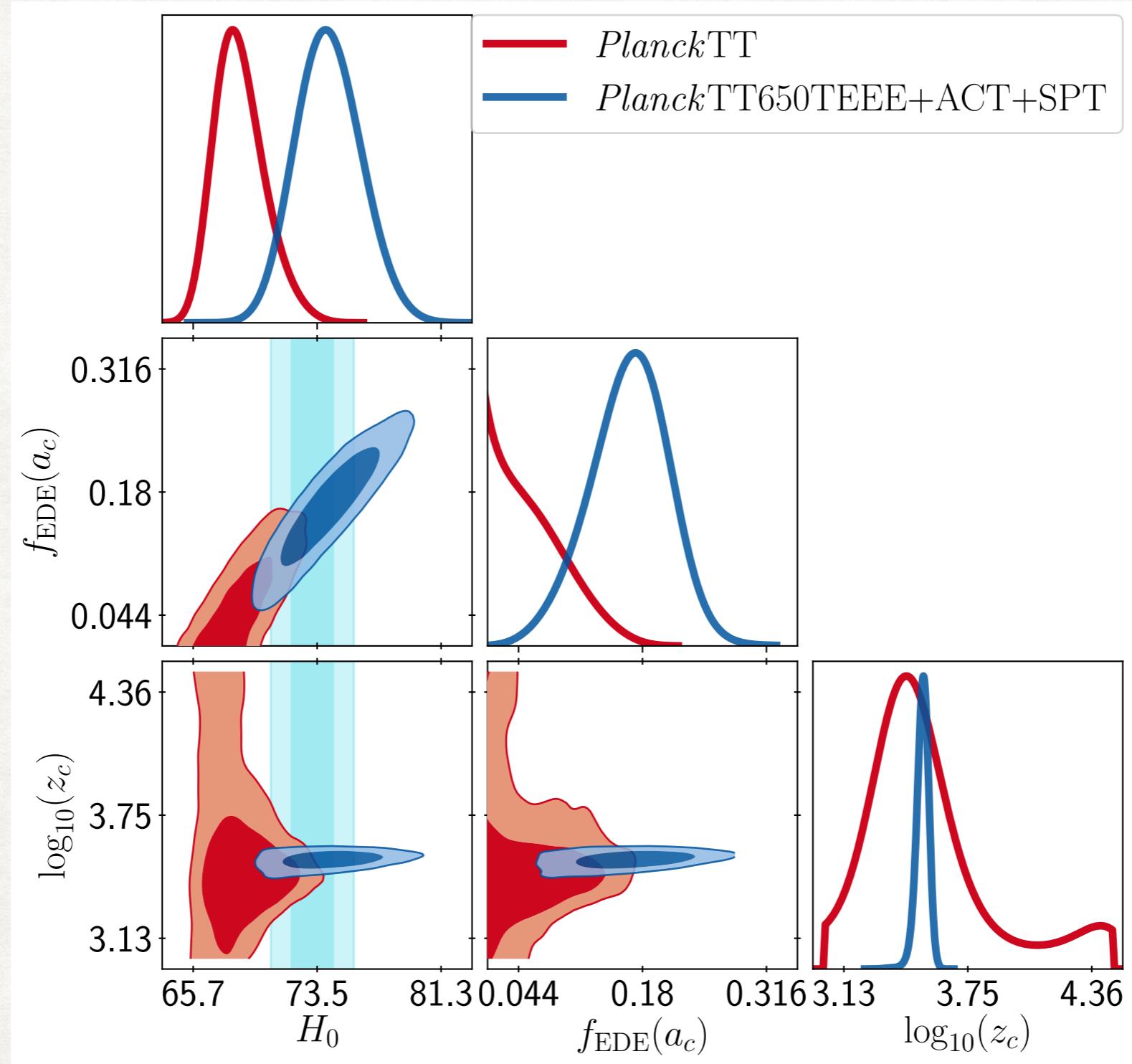
Smith, Lucca, VP++ 2202.09379

Model	Λ CDM	EDE
$f_{\text{EDE}}(z_c)$	—	$0.163(0.179)^{+0.047}_{-0.04}$
$\log_{10}(z_c)$	—	$3.526(3.528)^{+0.028}_{-0.024}$
θ_i	—	$2.784(2.806)^{+0.098}_{-0.093}$
m (eV)	—	$(4.38 \pm 0.49) \times 10^{-28}$
f (Mpl)	—	0.213 ± 0.035
H_0 [km/s/Mpc]	$68.02(67.81)^{+0.64}_{-0.6}$	$74.2(74.83)^{+1.9}_{-2.1}$
$100 \omega_b$	$2.253(2.249)^{+0.014}_{-0.013}$	$2.279(2.278)^{+0.018}_{-0.02}$
ω_{cdm}	$0.1186(0.1191)^{+0.0014}_{-0.0015}$	$0.1356(0.1372)^{+0.0053}_{-0.0059}$
$10^9 A_s$	$2.088(2.092)^{+0.035}_{-0.033}$	$2.145(2.146)^{+0.041}_{-0.04}$
n_s	$0.9764(0.9747)^{+0.0046}_{-0.0047}$	$1.001(1.003)^{+0.0091}_{-0.0096}$
τ_{reio}	$0.0510(0.0510)^{+0.0087}_{-0.0078}$	$0.0527(0.052)^{+0.0086}_{-0.0084}$
S_8	$0.817(0.821) \pm 0.017$	$0.829(0.829)^{+0.017}_{-0.019}$
Ω_m	$0.307(0.309)^{+0.008}_{-0.009}$	$0.289(0.287) \pm 0.009$
Age [Gyrs]	$13.77(13.78) \pm 0.023$	$12.84(12.75) \pm 0.27$
$\Delta\chi^2_{\text{min}}$ (EDE– Λ CDM)	—	-16.2
Preference over Λ CDM	—	99.9% (3.3σ)

- There is a 3.3σ preference for EDE with no residual tension with SH0ES.
- The preference is driven by *Planck* polarization and ACT data.
- $2.1\text{--}2.3\sigma$ S_8 -tension with KiDS-1000 and DESY3.

See also Hill et al. 2109.04451; VP, Smith & Bartlett 2109.06229; Moss et al. 2109.14848

PlanckTT vs PlanckTEEE+ACT+SPT



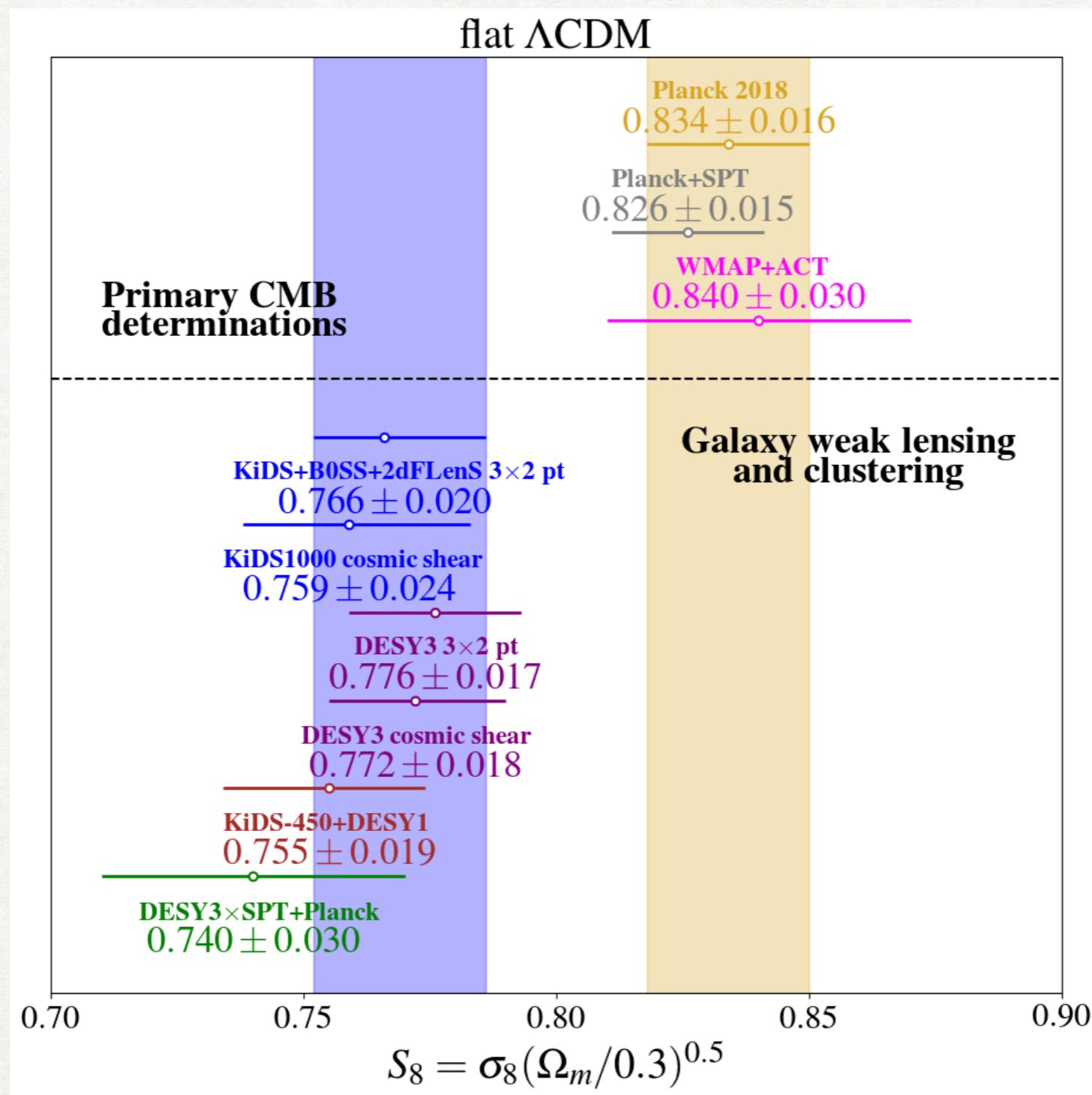
- (Small) tension between *PlanckTT* and *PlanckTEEE+ACT+SPT*?

The S_8 tension

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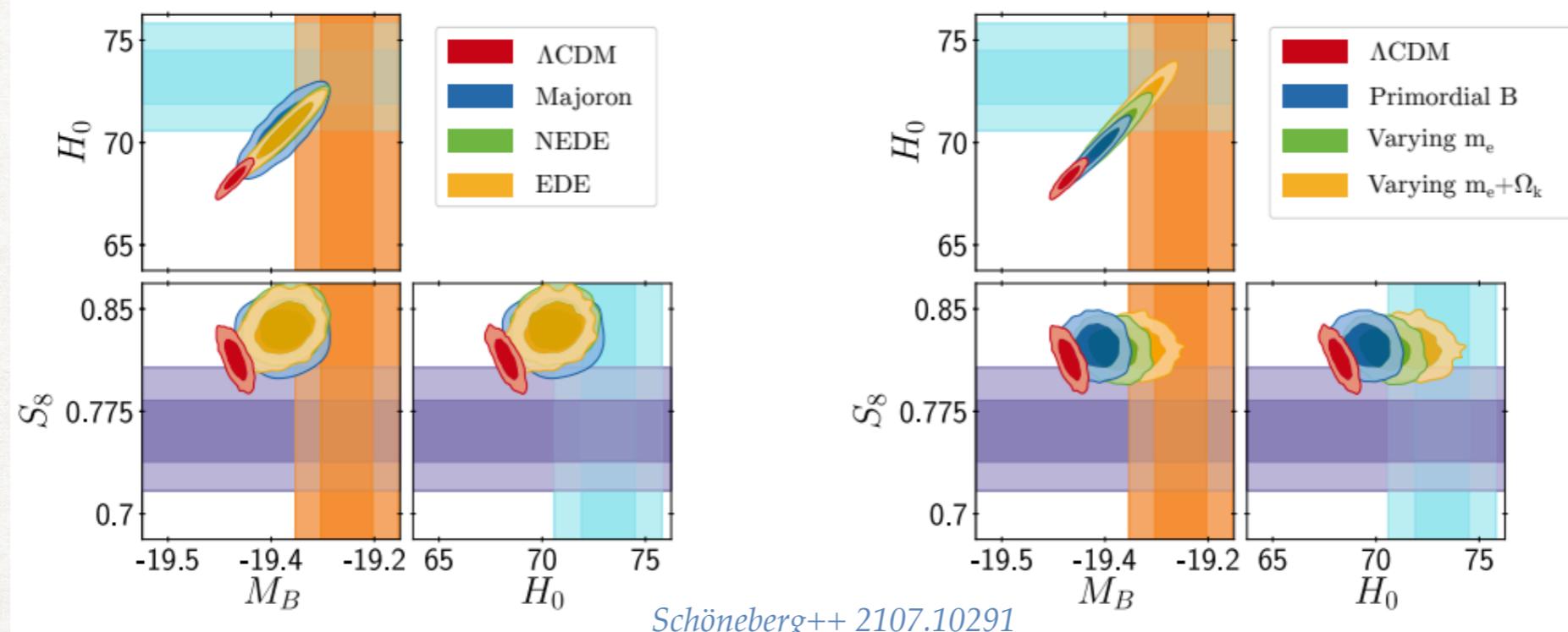
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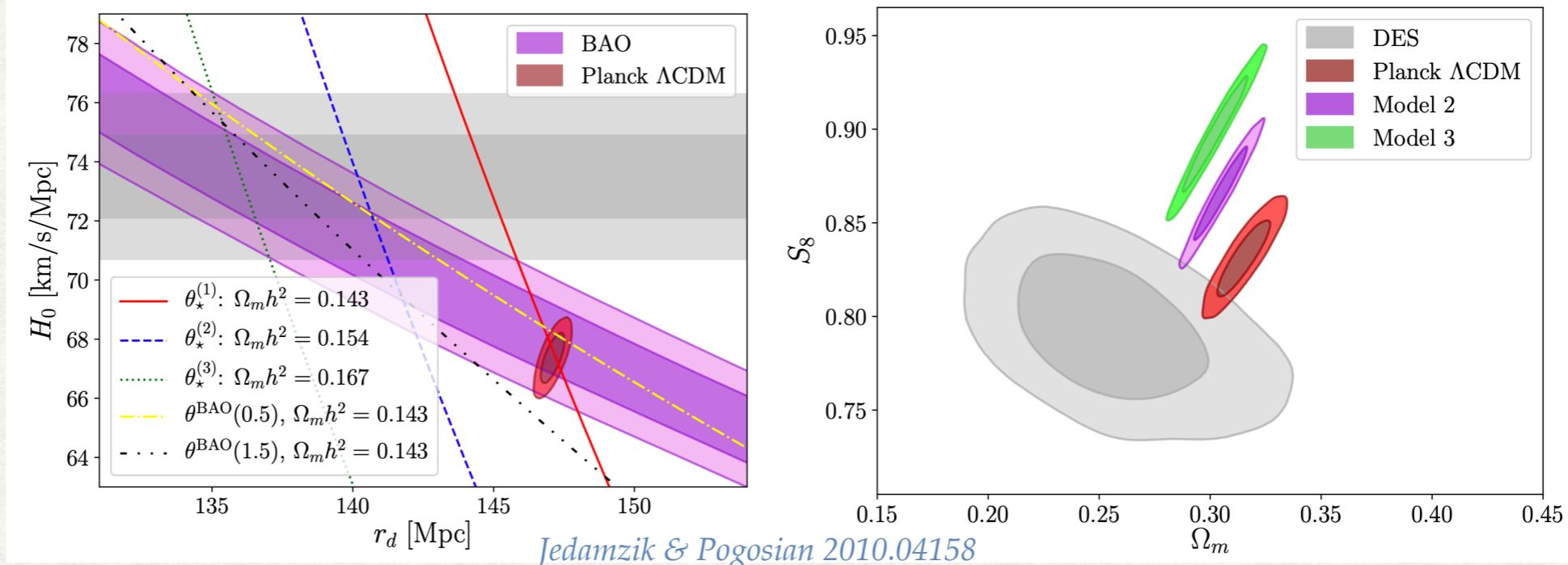


There is a $2-3\sigma$ tension between S_8 from WL x GC measurements and Planck

Early universe models cannot explain low S_8



- EDE (and other models) cannot explain both tensions! It requires some additional dynamics (DDM? ULA? DM/DR?).



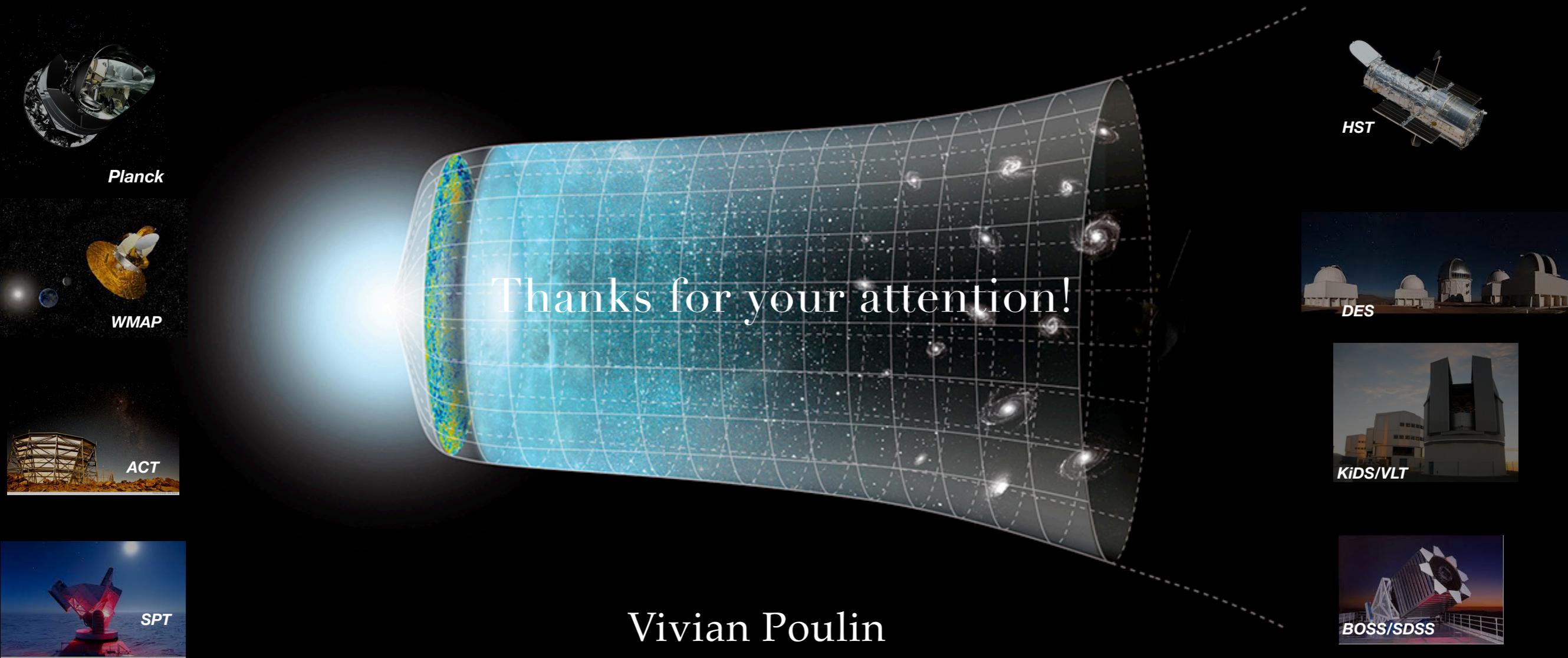
- Fitting CMB, H_0 and BAO with lower $r_s(z_{\text{rec}})$ requires higher ω_{cdm} : the S_8 tension increases! Very generic.

Barring systematic errors: no ‘concordance cosmology’ just yet

- Λ CDM explains CMB and BBN ($<2\sigma$), but there exists a $4-6\sigma H_0$ -tension and a $2-3\sigma \sigma_8$ -tension.
- Late-time models are excluded: one needs to adjust the CMB/BAO sound horizon r_s to match SH0ES calibration.
- N_{eff} and other Dark-radiation like models lead to $\sim 3\sigma$ tension, but are perhaps the best motivated models.
- “Exotic Early-Universe” (EDE / EMG / $m_e + \Omega_k$) models bring down to $\sim 1.5\sigma$ but do not explain S_8 .
==> A common solution must come from different sectors (DDM/ULA/DM-DR) or a more complexe dynamics.
- Future CMB experiments will tell! Hints of EDE from ACT to be confirmed with better data. Early-universe models lead to signatures that will be tested with SO / CMB-S4.

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- Some recent twist: “step-like” dark radiation can do slightly better than what was discussed here. [Alloni ++ 2111.00014](#)
 - The “mirror world”: a scaling symmetry involving a copy of the SM in the dark (at odds with BBN)
[Cyr-Racine++2107.13000](#)
 - The age of the Universe: Early-Universe models predict $t_u \sim 13$ Gyrs! Globular clusters $t_U = 13.5 \pm 0.027$ Gyr.
[Boylan-Kolchin++ 2103.15825, Bernal++ 2102.05066](#)
 - Effective field theory analysis of BOSS rules out EDE and other early-universe models?
[Hill et al. 2003.07355, Ivanov++ 2006.11235 , d'Amico++ 2006.12420 Niedermann++ 2009.00006, Smith++ 2009.10740, Philcox++ 2204.02984](#)

The challenge is immense but Λ CDM is purely parametric:
 H_0 and σ_8 -tensions could be the first signs of a rich dark sector!



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