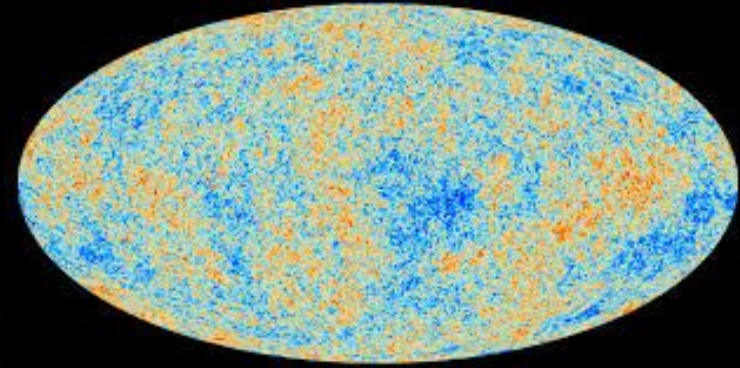


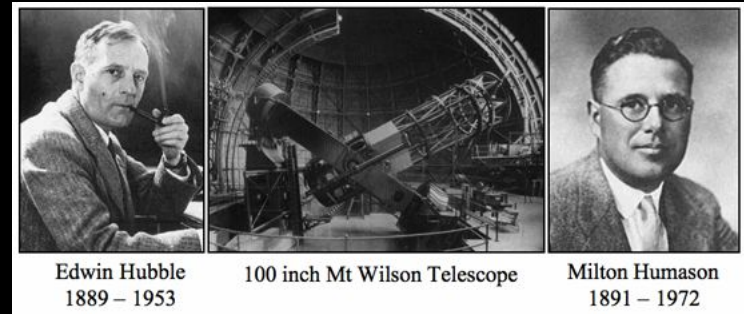
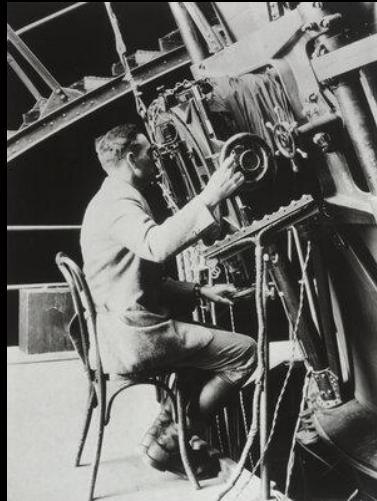
Lemaitre: Getting Hubble into trouble



Licia Verde
ICREA & ICCUB

The universe is expanding

- Since 1929



1927 Lemaitre solution of GR and predicts a distance–redshift relation



The Hubble-Lemaitre law $v = H_0 d$

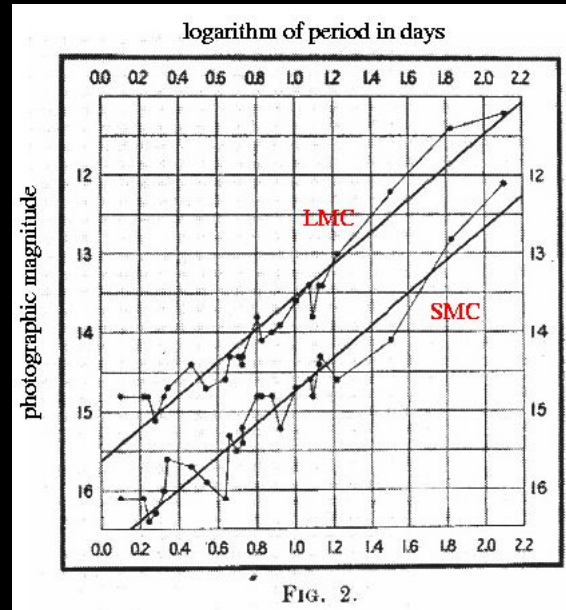


The Hubble “constant”

Measuring (recession) velocities is easy,
but measuring distances is hard

Getting Hubble into trouble...

Cepheids and Henrietta Swan Leavitt



Paper signed by Edward Pickering,
but in the first sentence...
"prepared by Miss Leavitt".

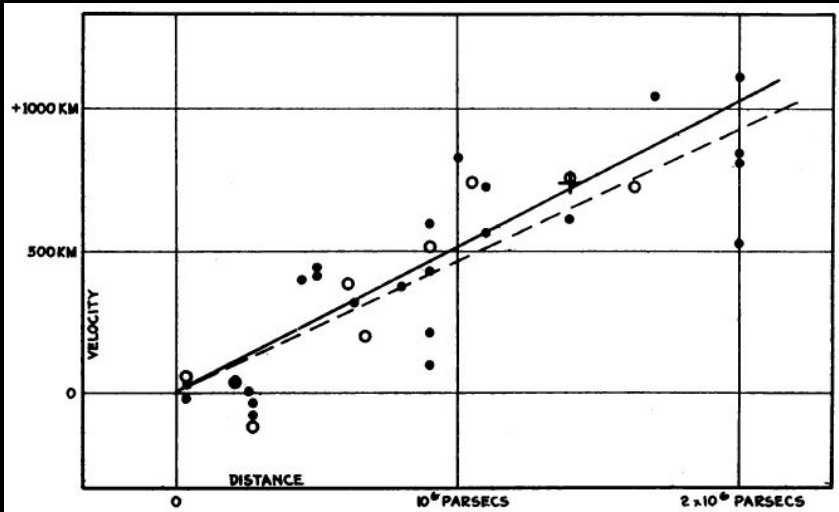
1912

Period luminosity relation



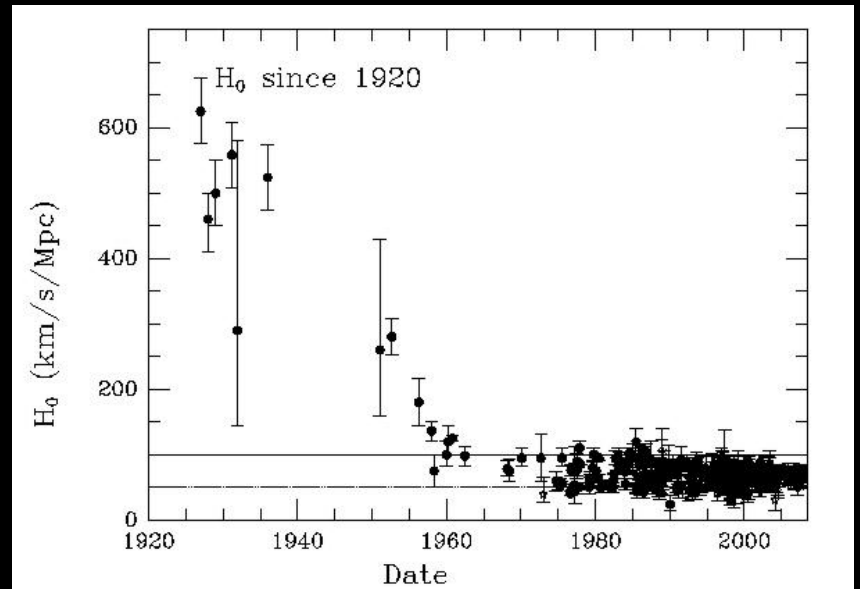
Hubble's plate

The expanding Universe



$$v = H_0 d$$

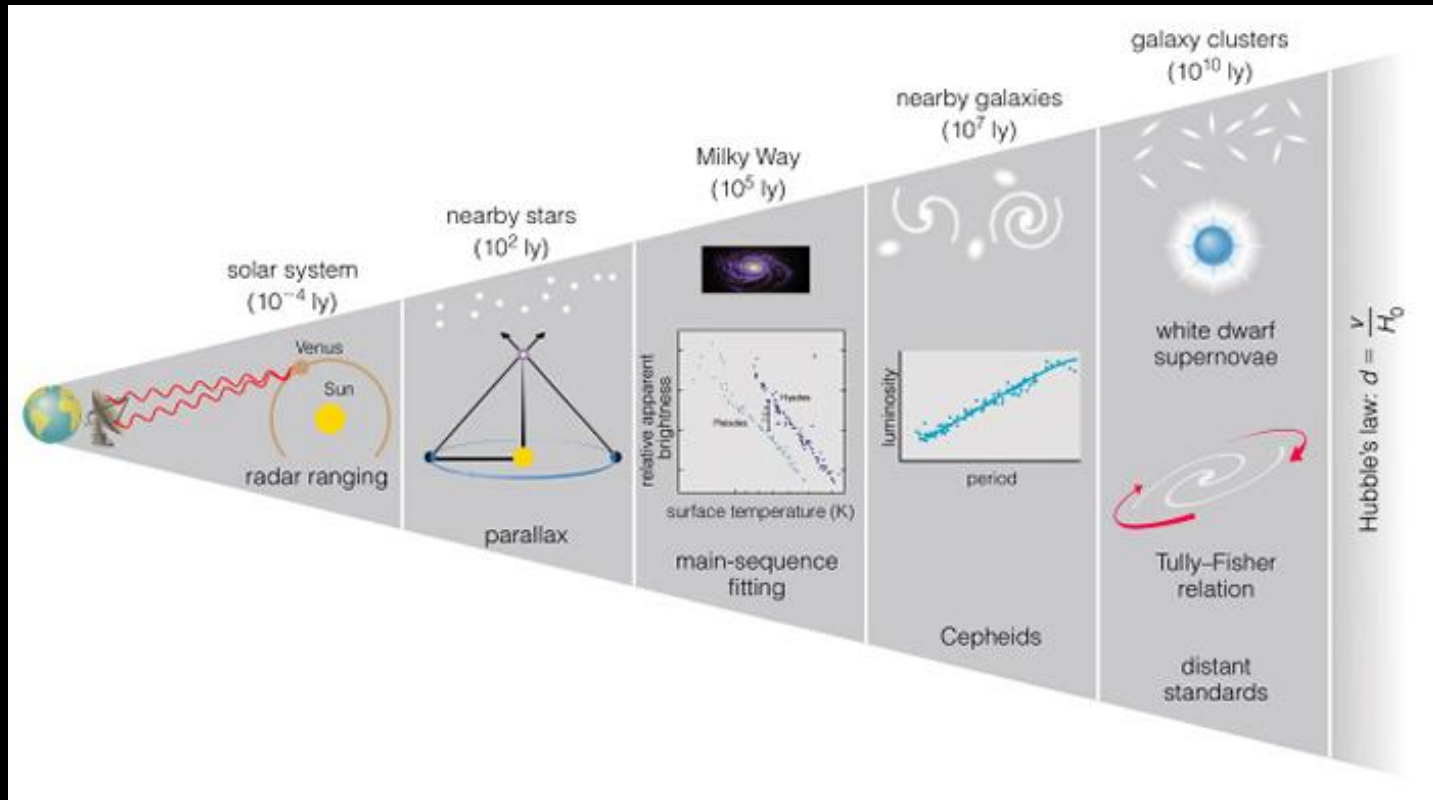
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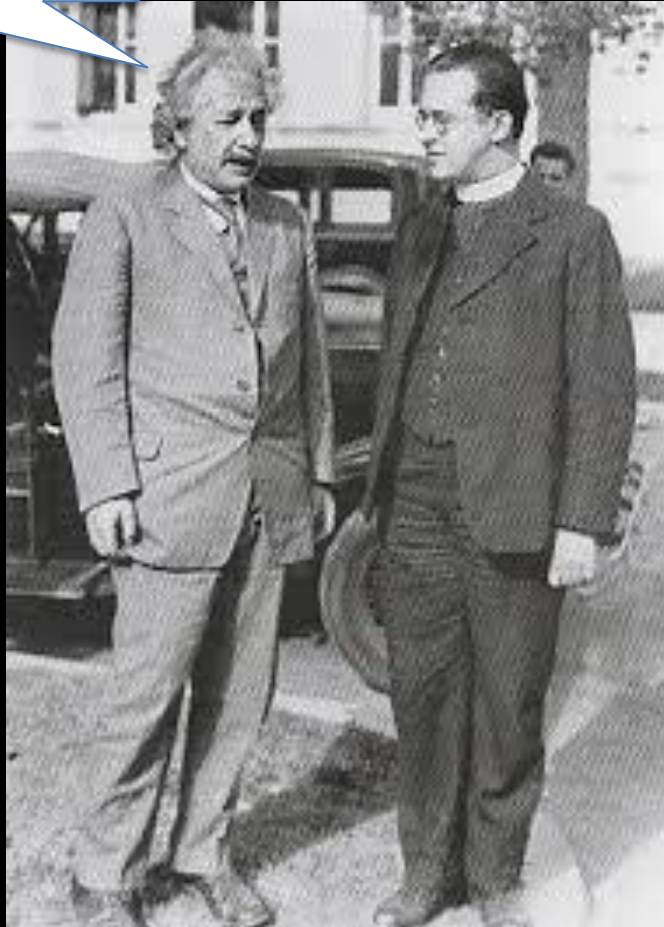
Get H this way

- Do what Lemaitre said,
- Do what it says on the can: distances vs redshifts

A cosmic distance ladder



"I have read your article.
Your calculations are correct,
but your physics is abominable"



Friedmann (who scooped Lemaitre) equations

$$H^2 = \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3}\rho - \frac{kc^2}{a^2}$$
$$\dot{H} + H^2 = \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3}\left(\rho + \frac{3p}{c^2}\right)$$

GR+ cosmological principle

Leap of faith here...

FLRW

Friedmann equations

$$\frac{H^2}{H_0^2} = \Omega_{0,R} a^{-4} + \Omega_{0,M} a^{-3} + \Omega_{0,k} a^{-2} + \Omega_{0,\Lambda}$$

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The cosmological parameters have appeared!

SPACETIME TELLS MATTER HOW TO MOVE;
MATTER TELLS SPACETIME HOW TO CURVE.

- JOHN ARCHIBALD WHEELER -

the “cosmology race”

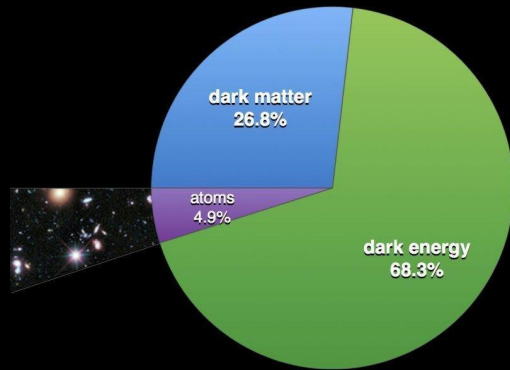
- Since then the development of cosmology could be summarized by the efforts to constrain cosmological parameters

The standard model of cosmology

The Λ CDM model (see M. Turner talk)

few cosmological parameters: “Just 6 numbers”

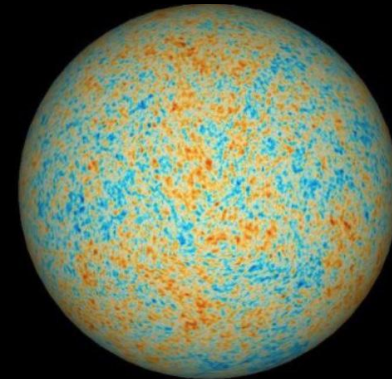
Composition, background evolution



@AstroKatie/Planck13

$\Omega_b, \Omega_c, \Omega_\Lambda, H_0,$

perturbations

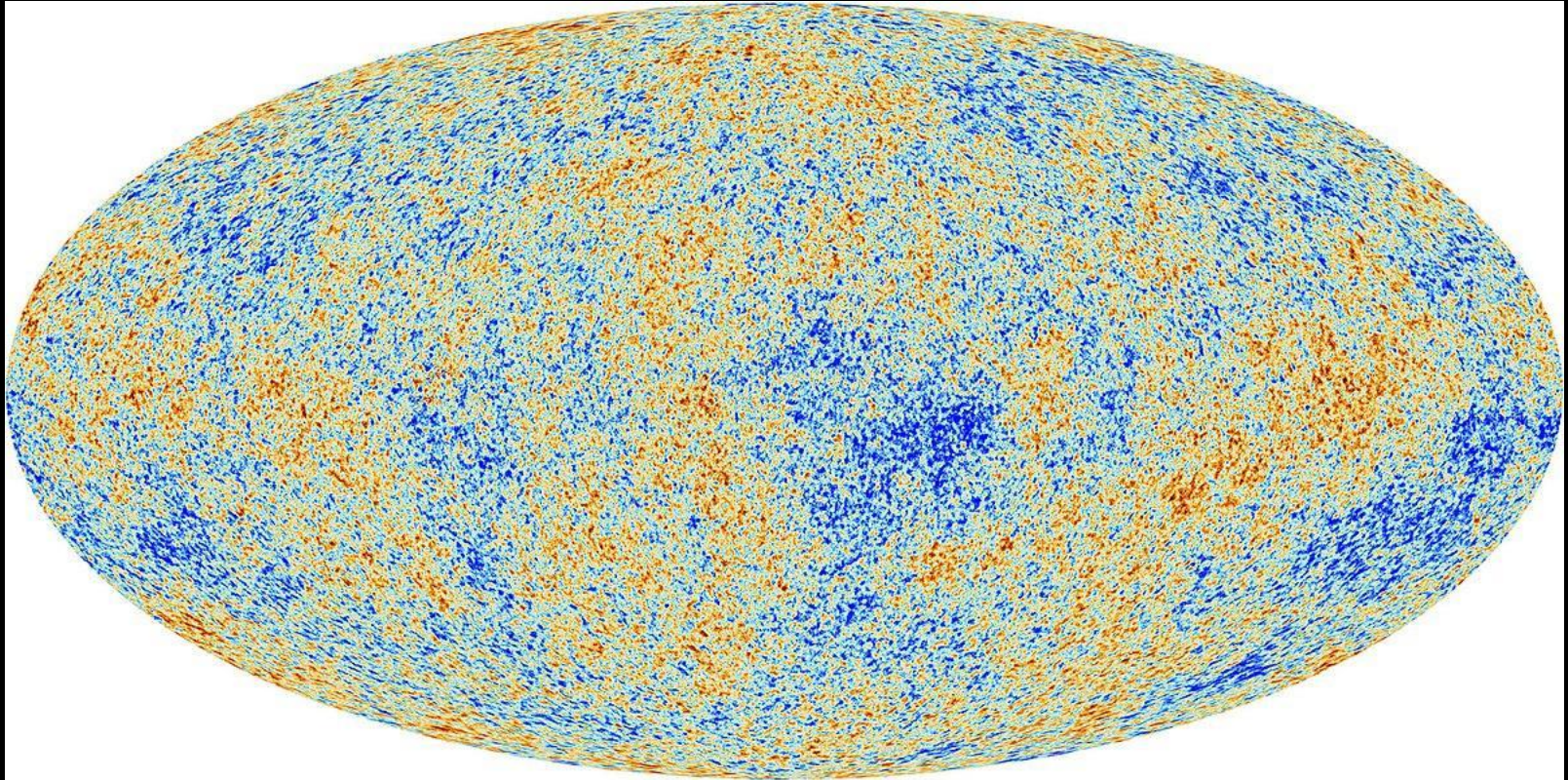


τ, A_s, n_s

....describe observations of the Universe
across some 14 billion years of evolution

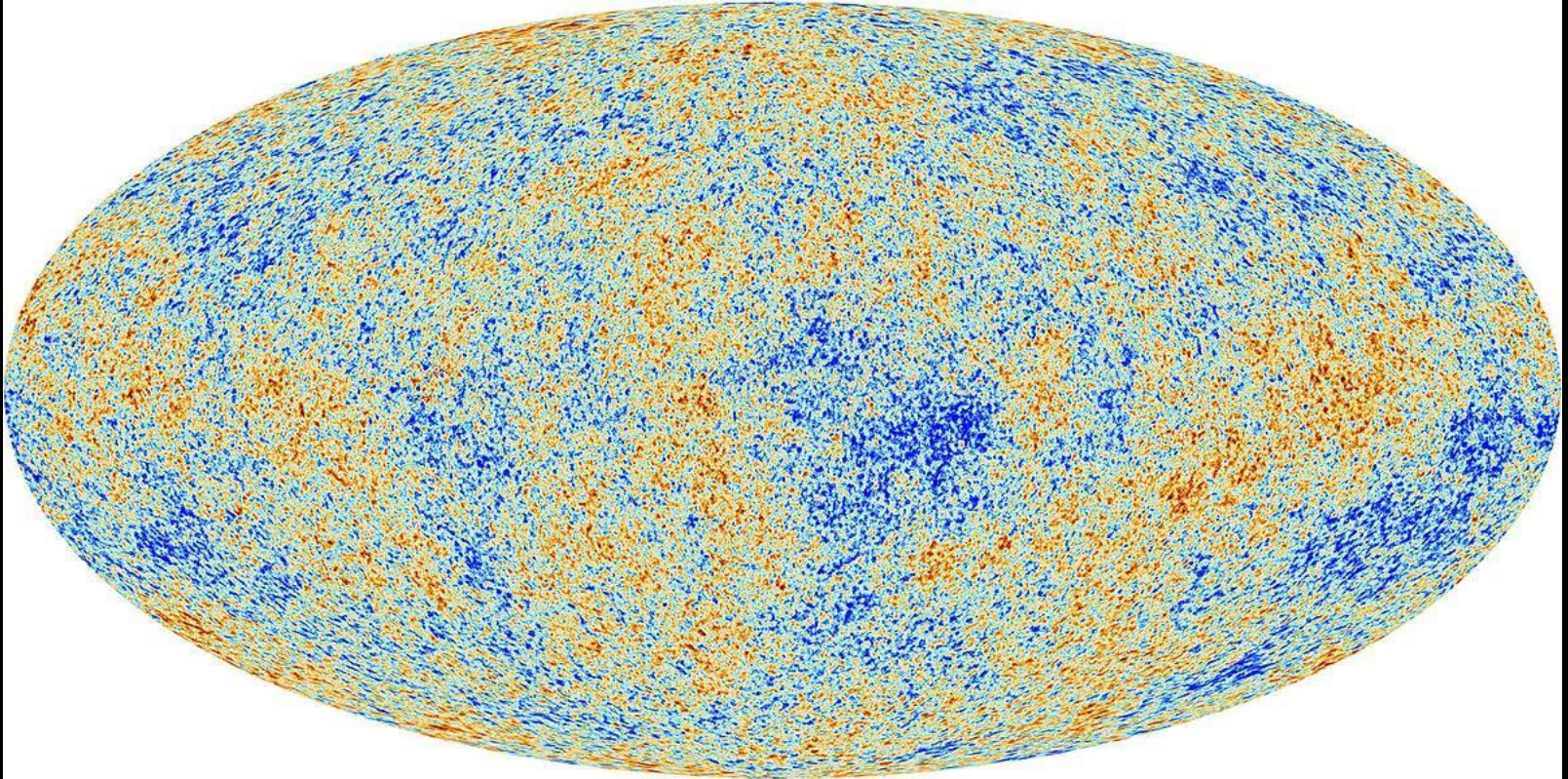
The model's parameters are now determined with % accuracy: Precision cosmology!

'Fiat Lux': Observations that gave us precision cosmology



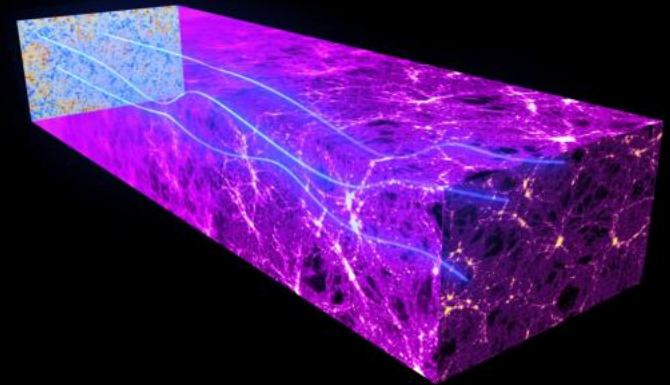
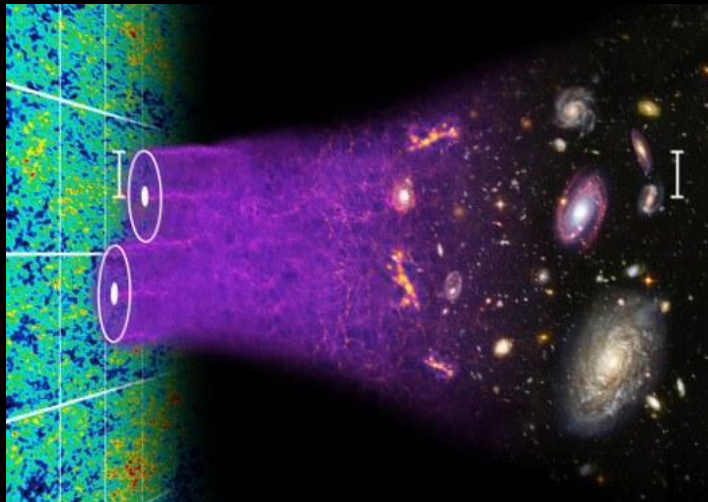
Planck CMB temperature map
This light is also polarized

“L’atom primitif”



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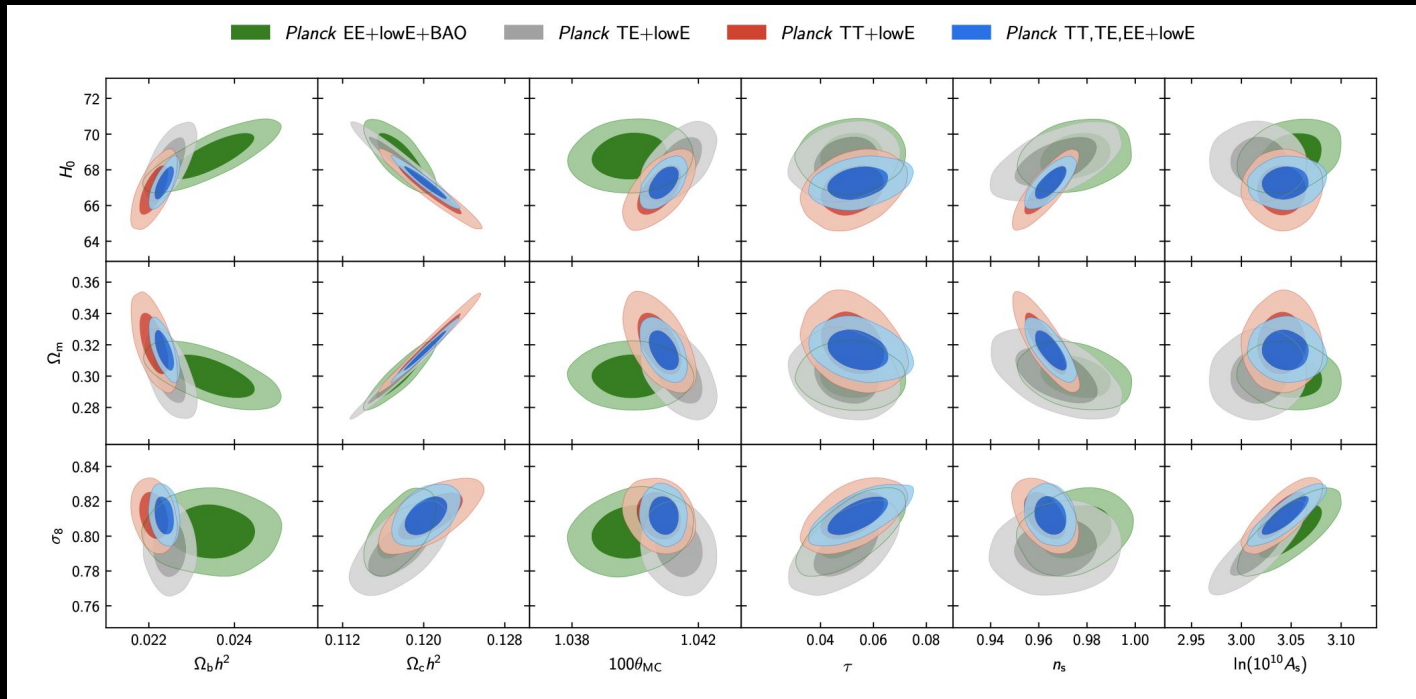
Large-scale structure (Galaxy surveys)



Precision cosmology

- Cosmology over the past three decades has moved from a *data-starved science* to a *data-driven science*
- Cosmology has entered the era of precision: precision cosmology
- As a result, Cosmology has a *standard model*. The *standard cosmological model* only needs few parameters to describe origin composition and evolution of the Universe
- Parameters values are measured with $\sim 1\%$ precision

Precision cosmology

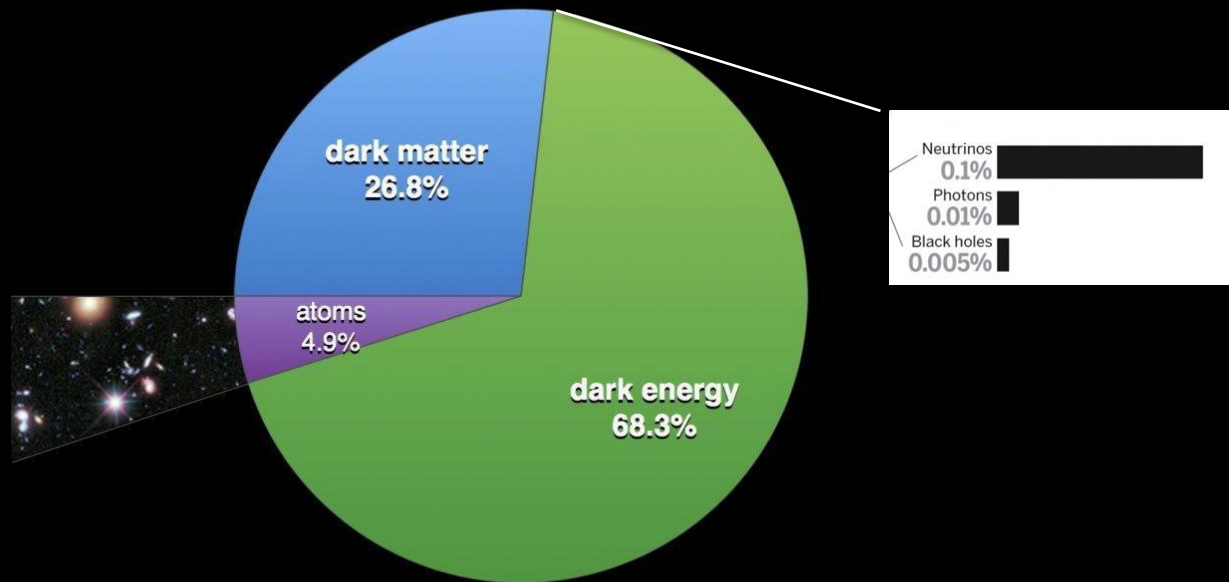


Planck 2018, and tight constraints on popular extensions to this model

CMB+DESI .. I'll spare you the dreaded triangle plots

More has been discovered about the large-scale structure and history of the visible cosmos in the last 20 years than in the whole of prior human history. (Tim Maudlin)

Never mind that the model is weird



@AstroKatie/Planck13

Ad hoc components?

Friedmann equations

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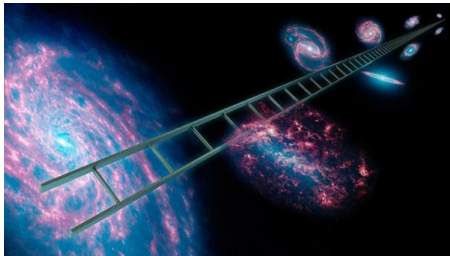
H is everywhere!

H_0 is everywhere..... and very special

- We measure (mostly) redshifts and angles, we think in distances....
- We even invented units of h . $H_0 = 100h$ km/s/Mpc
- H_0 is a KEY cosmological parameter

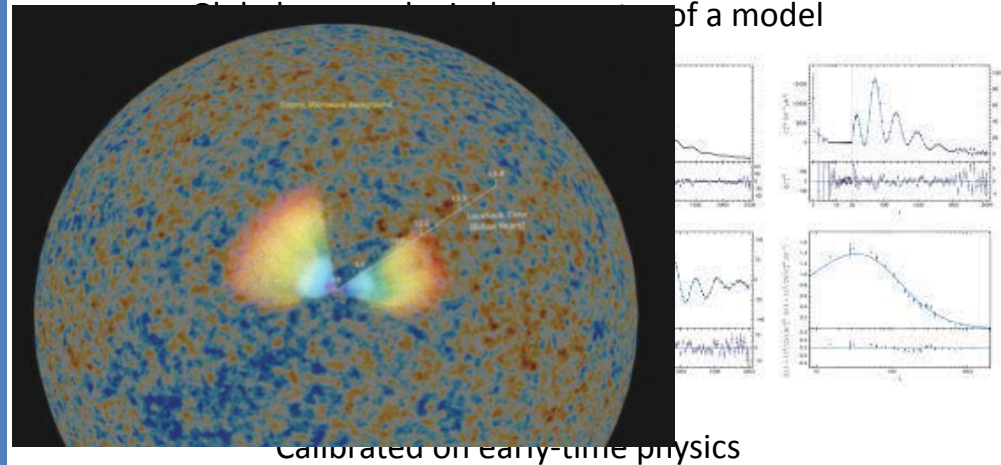
($z \lesssim 0.1$)

Present day expansion rate of the Universe
Recession velocity \rightarrow distance.



Cosmic distance ladder

Parallaxes
Cepheids
SNe
TRGB
SBF
Masers
Etc...

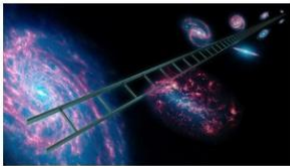


Two cosmic speedometers

A tale of two H's

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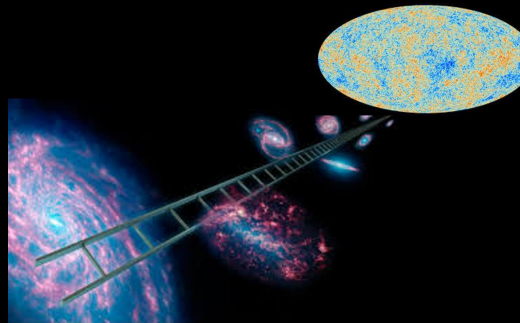


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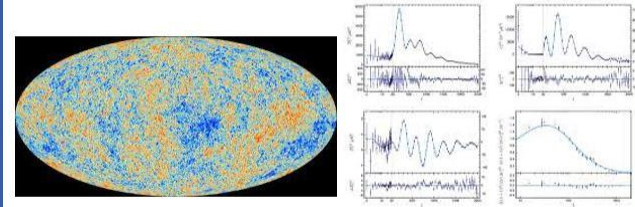
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A priori, these two numbers
do not have to coincide.

If they coincide
then.....



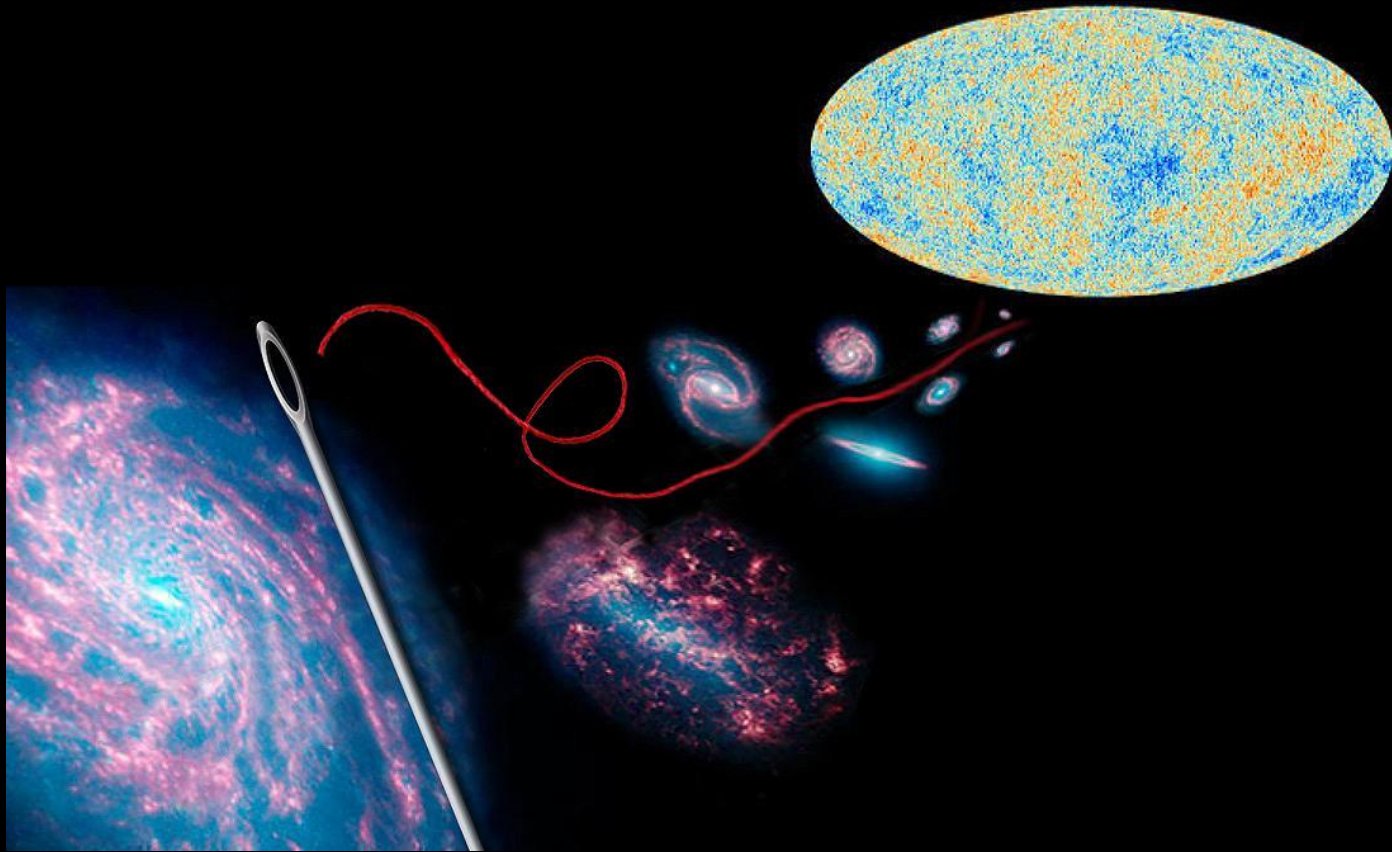
Global , cosmological parameter of a model



...the adopted cosmological model survives an extremely stringent test

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

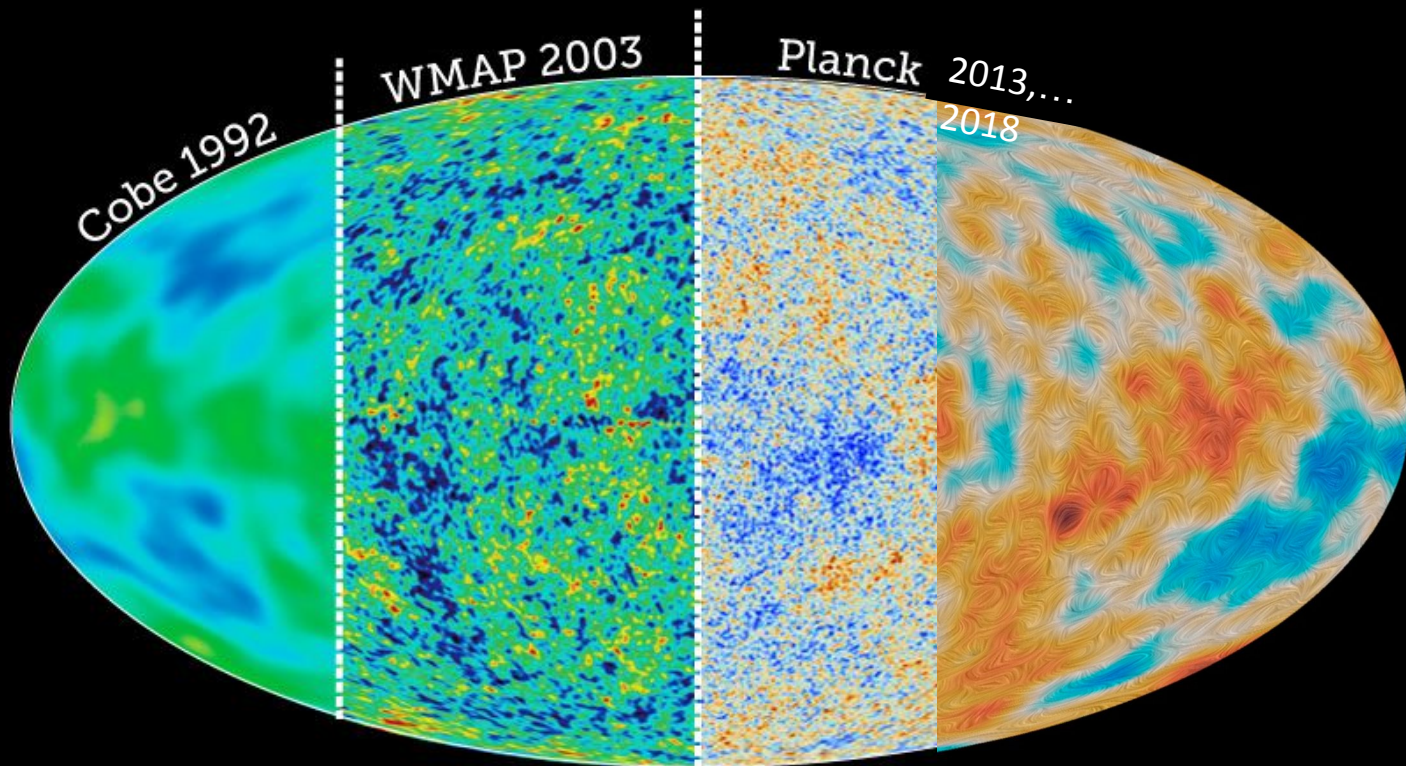
(quote by Adam Riess)



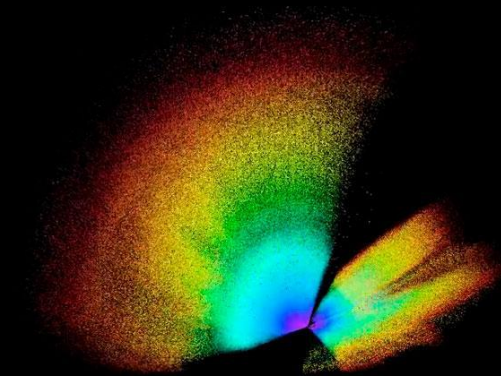
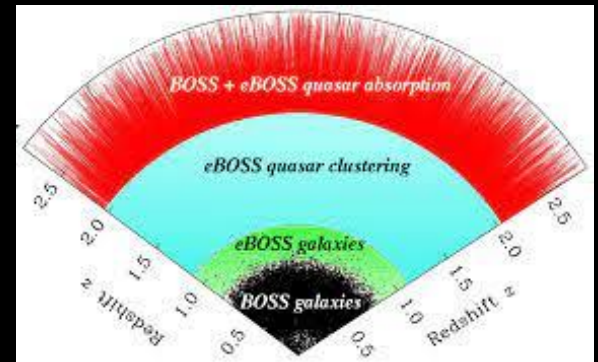
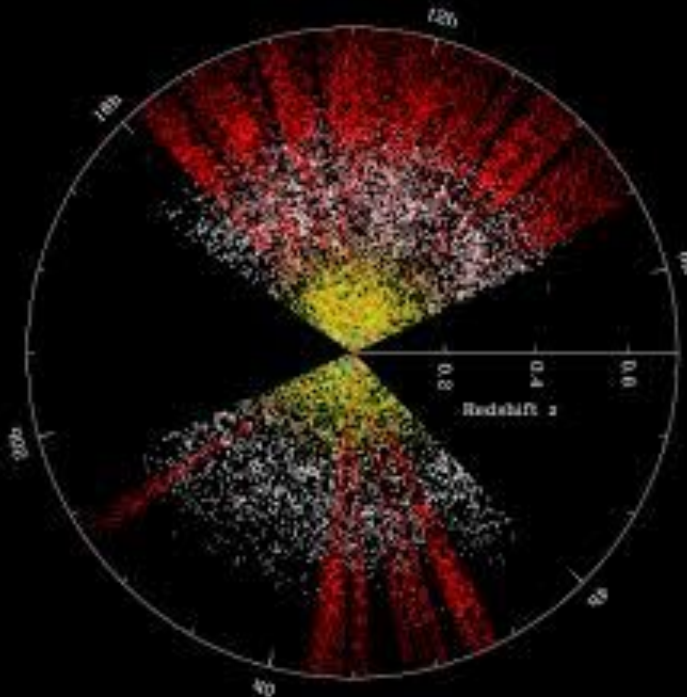
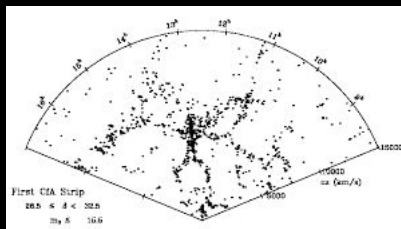
For almost 2 decades
these two H's agreed

What happened in these 2 decades?

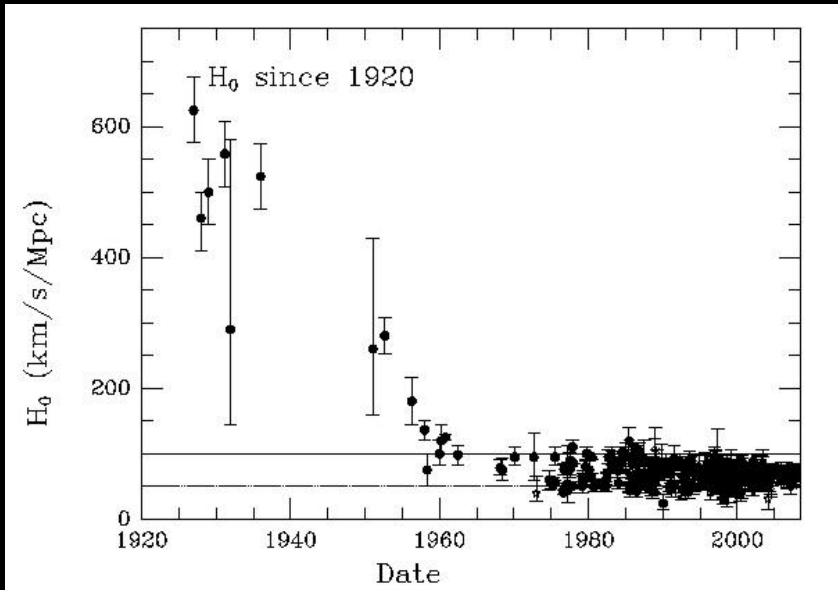
The Λ CDM model has survived unscathed an avalanche of data



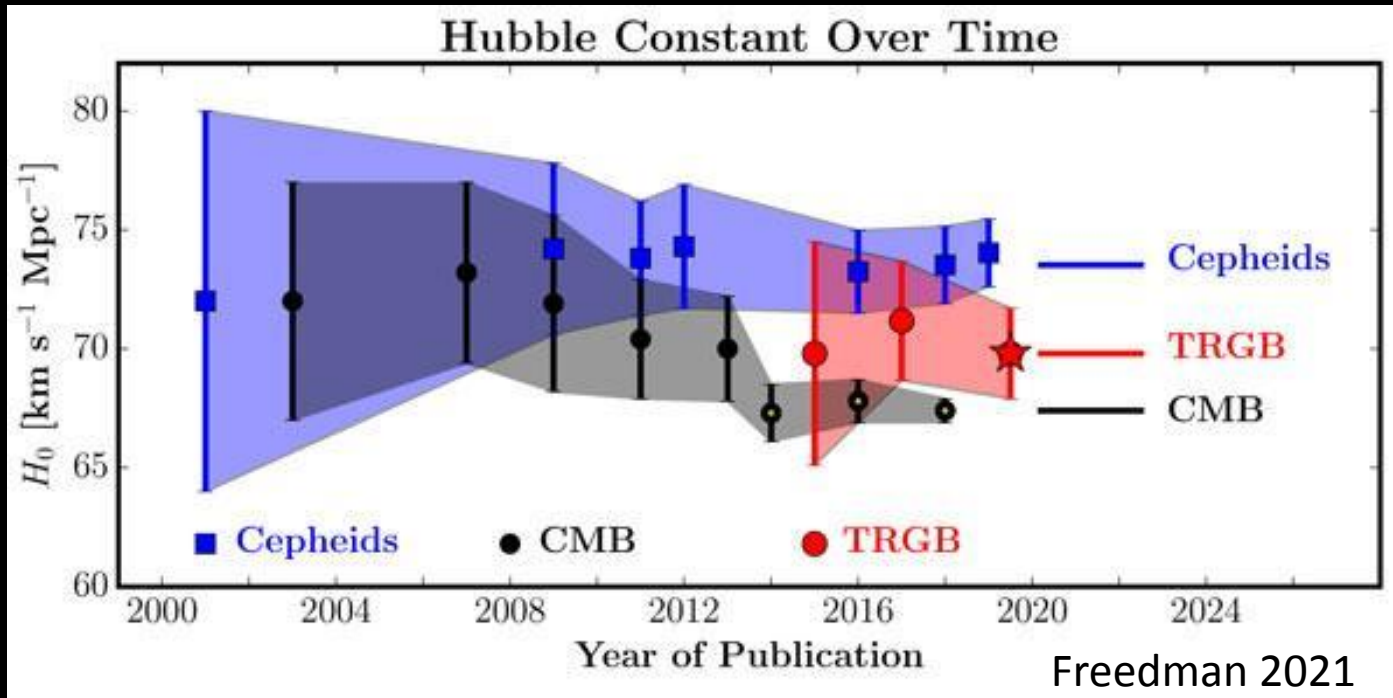
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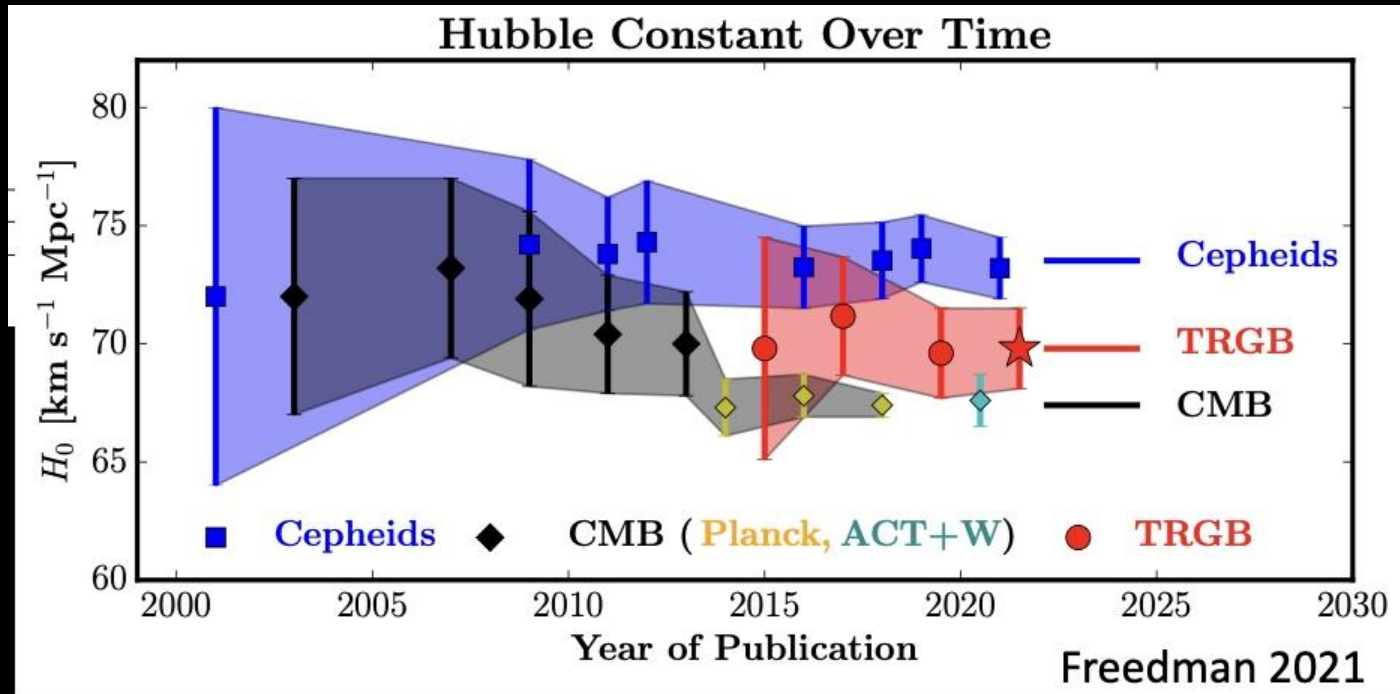
Then something happened....



Constant not constant



Constant not constant



What's going on?

There is no consensus

And in science consensus is the **starting point**

not Thatcher "consensus"...

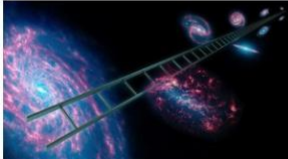
Has persisted for almost a decade

Likely important and insightful

“It’s foggy out there” (M. Turner)

A tale of two H's

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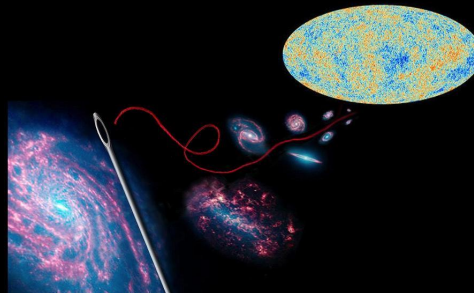


Cosmic distance ladder

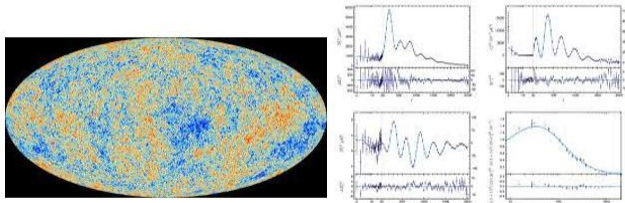
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- Etc...

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Global , cosmological parameter of a model



Four plots showing cosmological parameters: H_0 , Ω_m , Ω_b , and w . Each plot shows a distribution of values with a central peak and error bars.

...the adopted cosmological model survives an extremely stringent test

.....And if these two numbers do not coincide?

Errors in the data

Errors in the analysis

Errors in the model

We have been dwelling on this for a decade now

“Do you believe in the Hubble tension/crisis?”

“cannot swipe it under the carpet”

If there is a significant tension

observations should provide guardrails towards a

If there is no tension...

Observations provide an “envelope” around Λ CDM which enclose the

Standard Model for Cosmology 2.0

It is illustrative to consider the possibility that there is a tension (as lack of it sets an upper limit)

There are many H_0

Not all measurements measure directly the current expansion rate

Model dependent vs model independent

4 “families”

Direct distance ladder(s). W. Freedman Talk, A. Riess Talk.

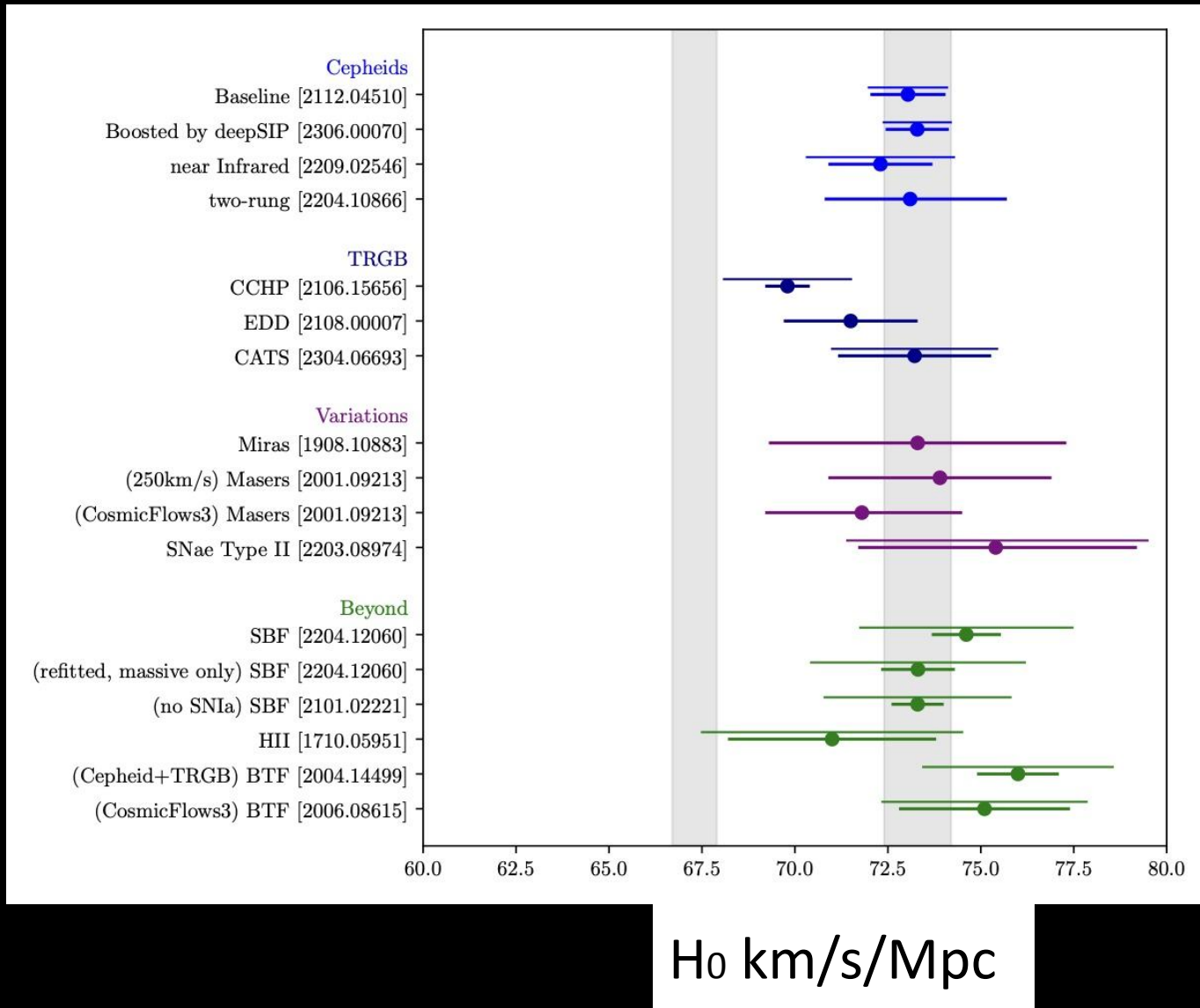
No ladder: single step Lensing time delays, standard sirens, Masers

Global parameter of the model/inverse distance ladder

Ages of cosmic objects (lookback time)

Each family has many H_0 determinations (internal consistency checks)

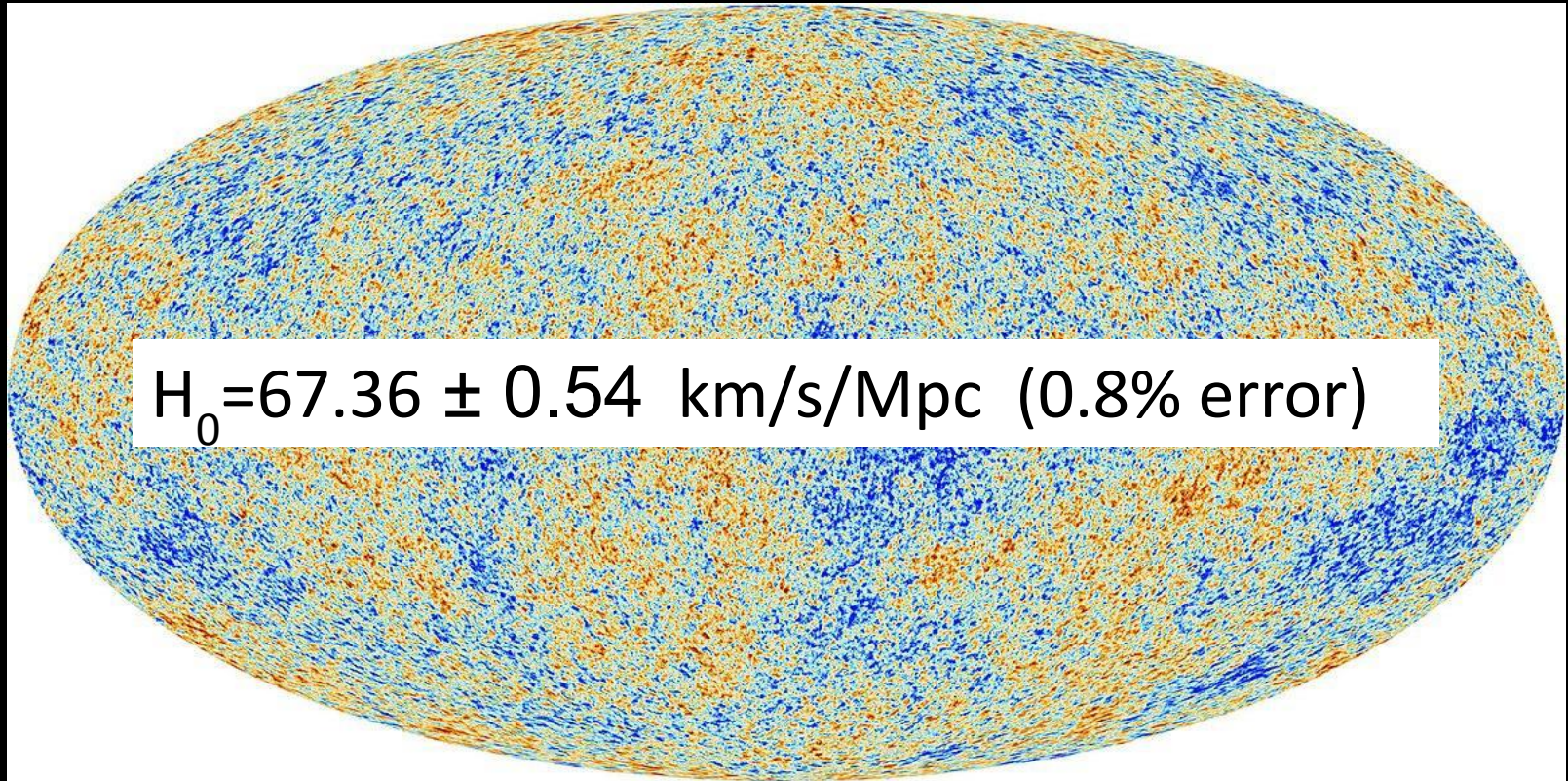
Zooming into the first family



H₀ km/s/Mpc

Non exhaustive

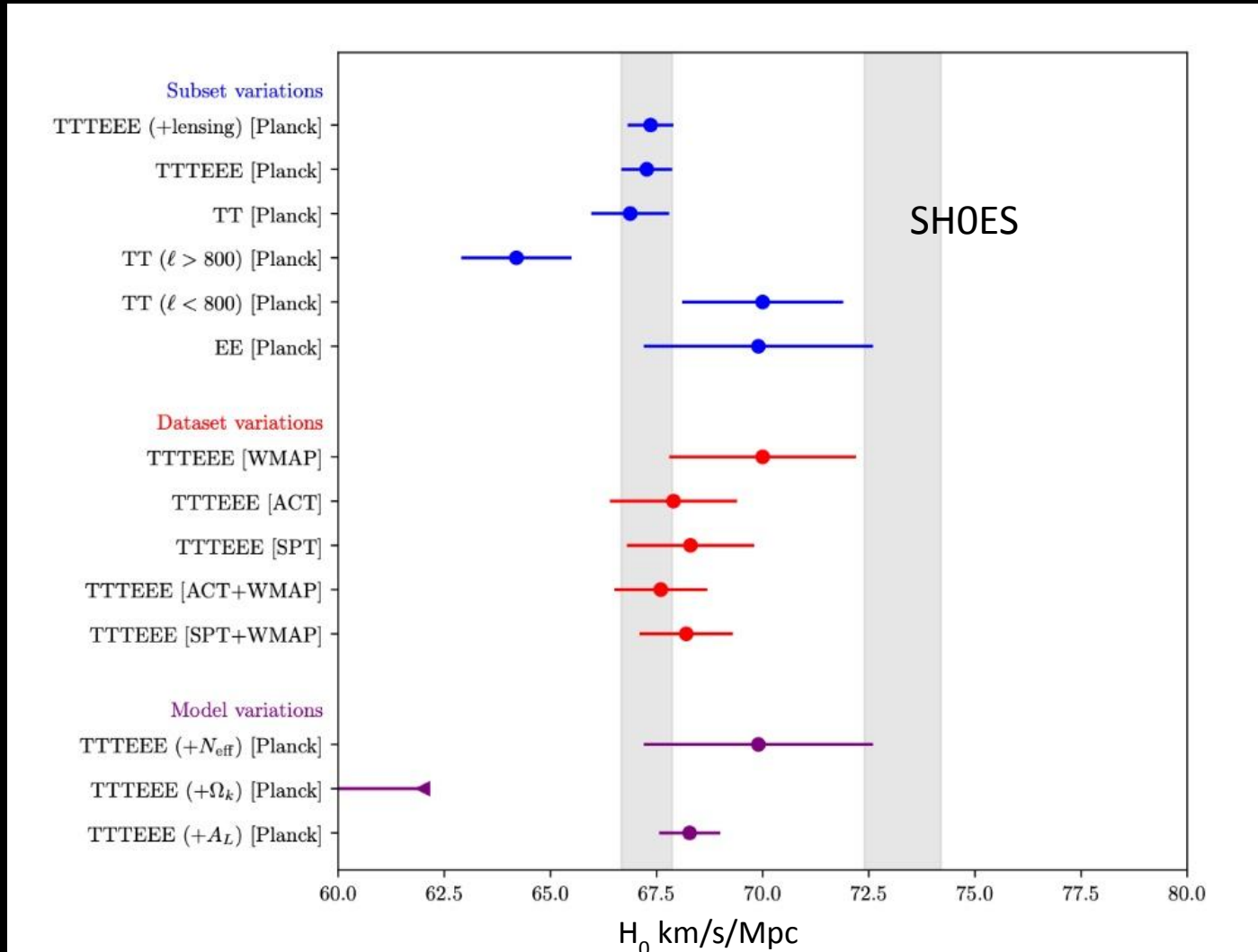
The echo of the bang of the “primeval atom”



Planck CMB temperature map
This light is also polarized

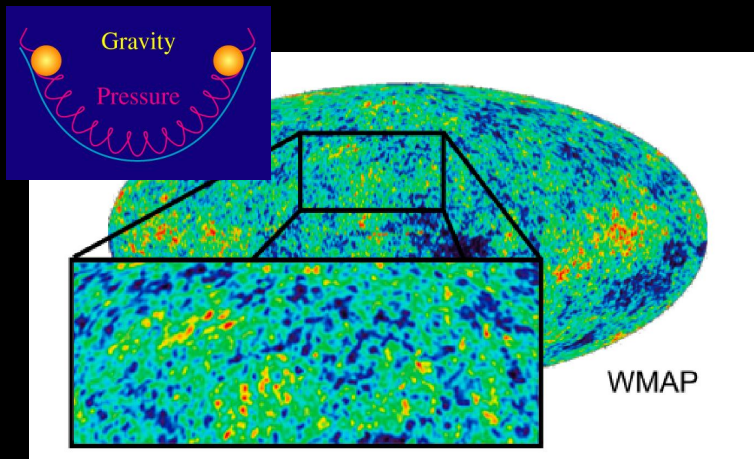
Fit model's parameters.... Get H_0

Dissecting CMB-only H_0



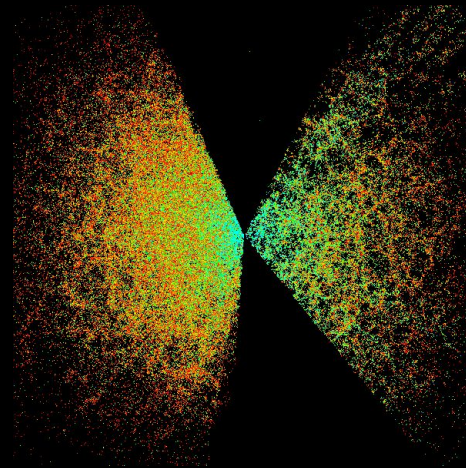
BAOs

Baryon acoustic oscillations



Observe photons

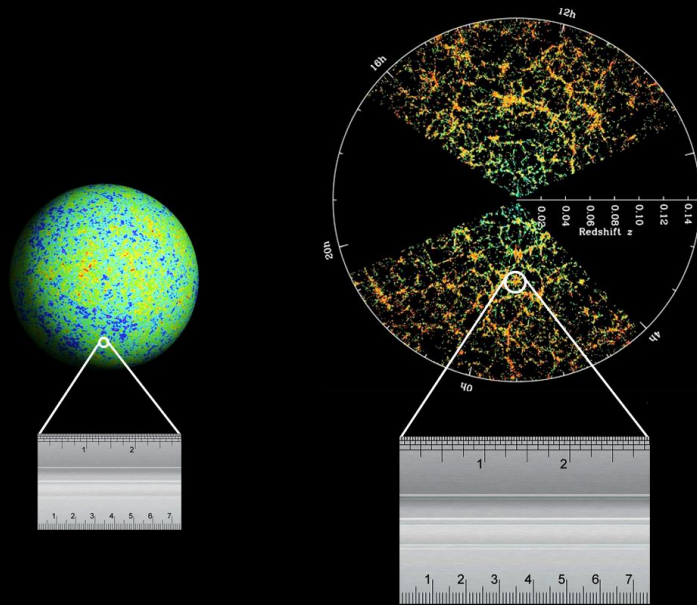
Photons coupled to baryons



“See” dark matter

As baryons are $\sim 1/6$ of the dark matter these baryonic oscillations leave some imprint in the dark matter distribution (gravity is the coupling)

A standard ruler (well... in 3d a standard bubble.. But ok)

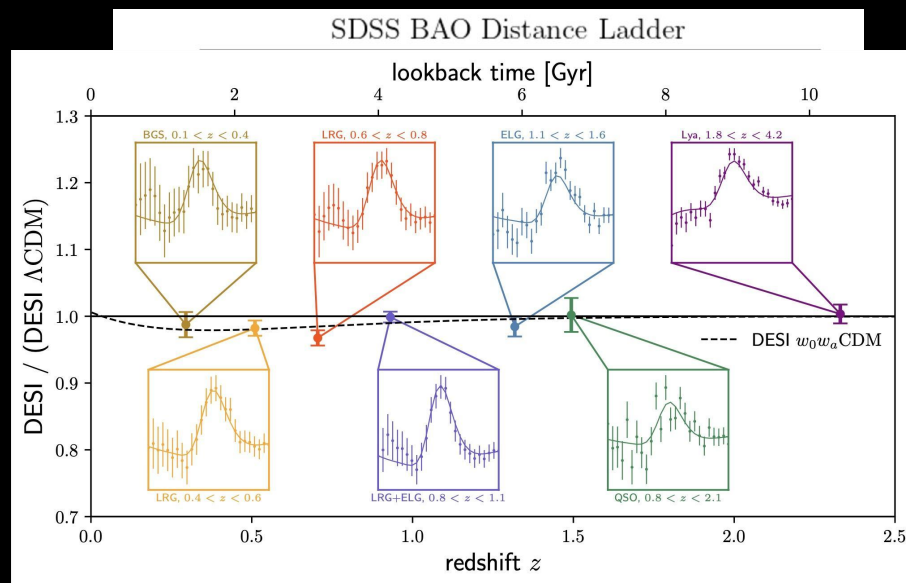
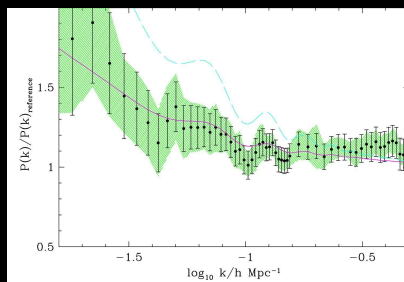
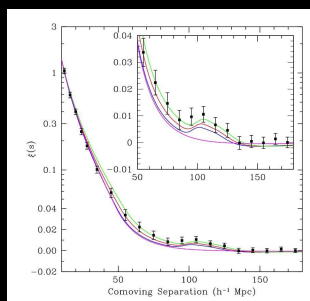


Effect is a “classic” AP

The ruler is the sound horizon at recombination (CMB), at radiation drag (LSS)
but it is the same ruler. Symbols: r_s or r_d

From detection to precision cosmology

- Detection in 2005 by SDSS and 2dFGRS





DARK ENERGY
SPECTROSCOPIC
INSTRUMENT

U.S. Department of Energy Office of Science

Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument

Five target classes
40 million redshifts
in 5 years

DESI (2021-2026)

3 million QSOs

Lya $z > 2.1$

Tracers $0.9 < z < 2.1$

16 million ELGs

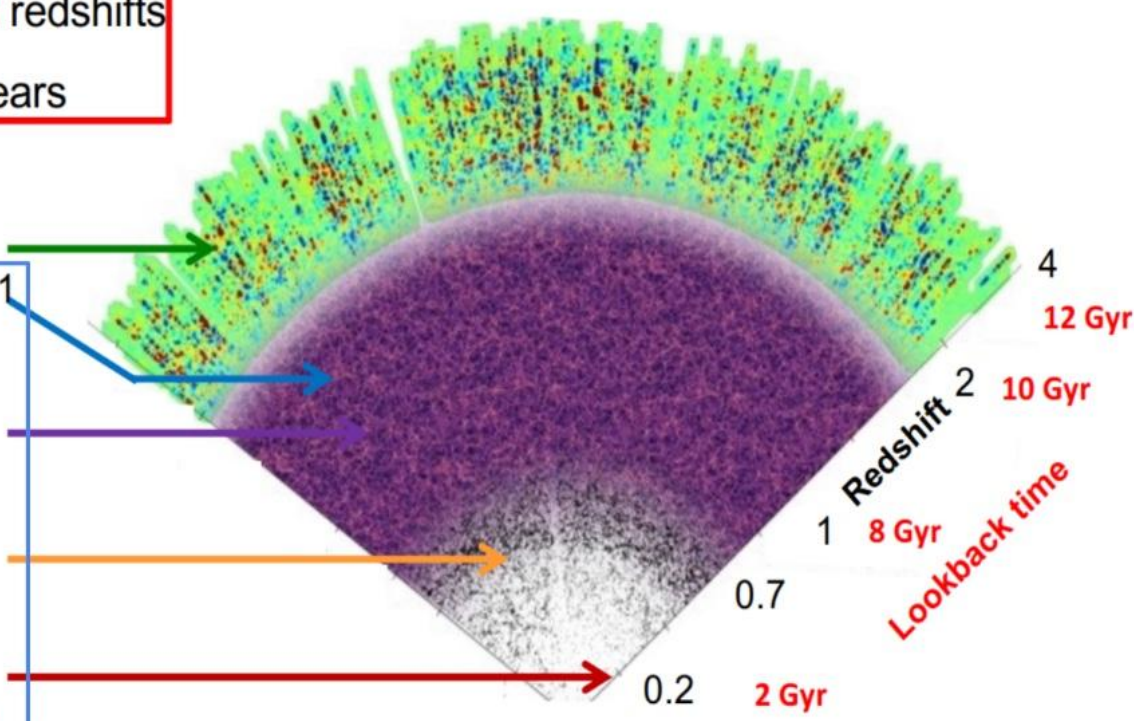
$0.6 < z < 1.6$

8 million LRGs

$0.4 < z < 1.0$

13.5 million
Brightest galaxies

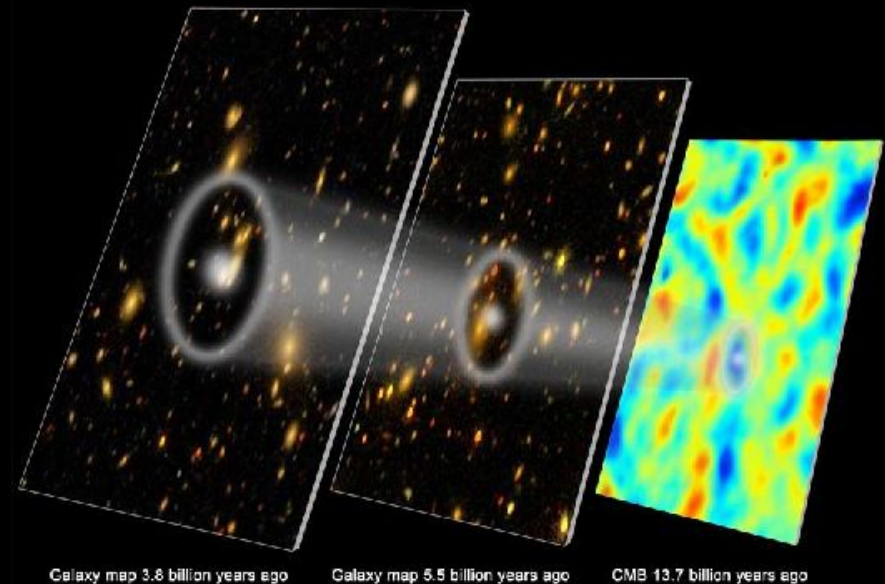
$0.0 < z < 0.4$



2024 data release: aggregate distance precision 0.52%. Cf all SDSS galaxy BAO (20 years) 0.64%

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. (sound horizon)
- Useful for:
 - Expansion history of the Universe
 - early Universe physics (well known) sets it



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

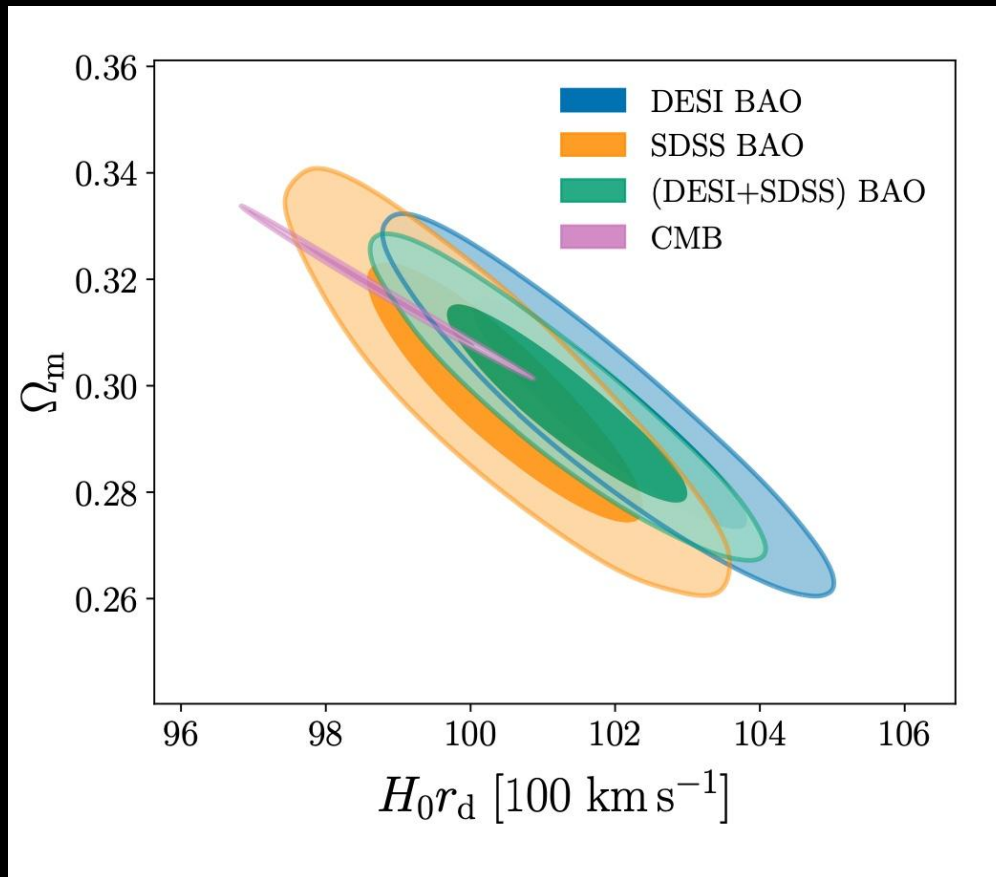
It should be evident that...

Since one measures only angles and redshifts...

If the standard ruler length is not known \rightarrow get expansion history $H/H_0 = E(z)$
 $\sim \Omega_m$

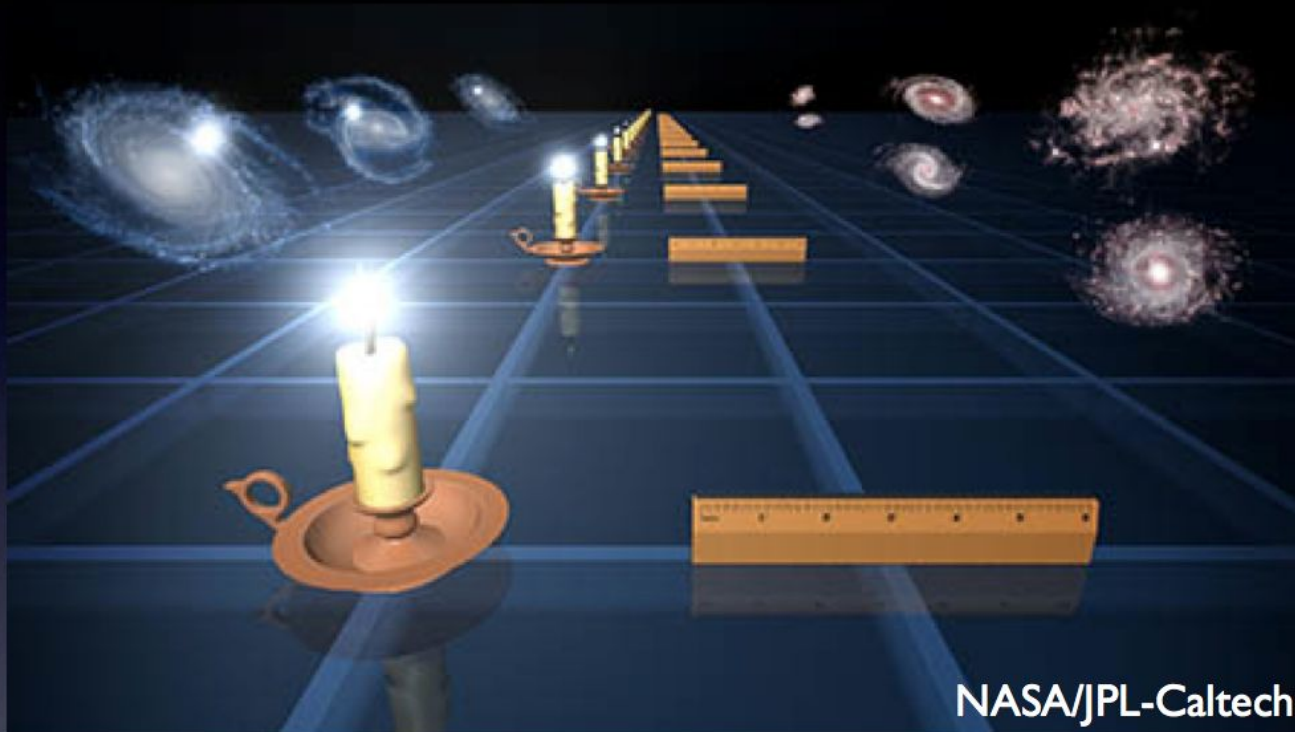
By marginalizing over the expansion history \rightarrow get $h r_d$ (the standard ruler in combination w/ h)

Without knowing the length of the standard ruler...



DESI collab. 2024, 2404.03002

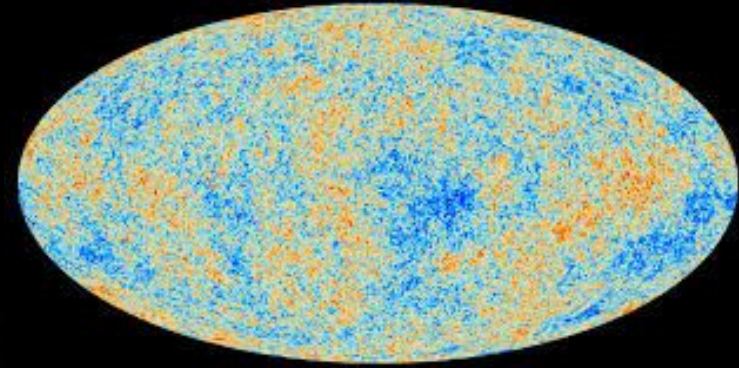
Standard candles & Standard rulers



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}

A truly Cosmological ladder

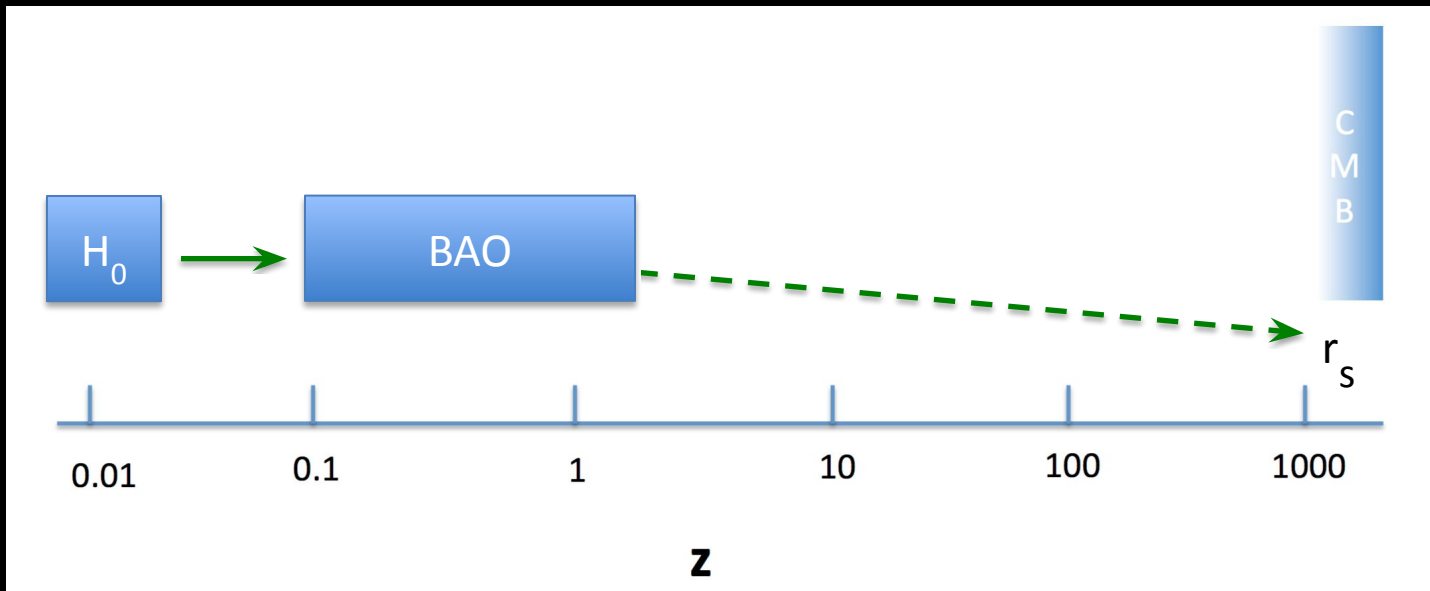


... Since about 2015

Direct and inverse cosmic distance ladder

- Cuesta et al 2015, Auborg et al 2015

Direct cosmic distance ladder

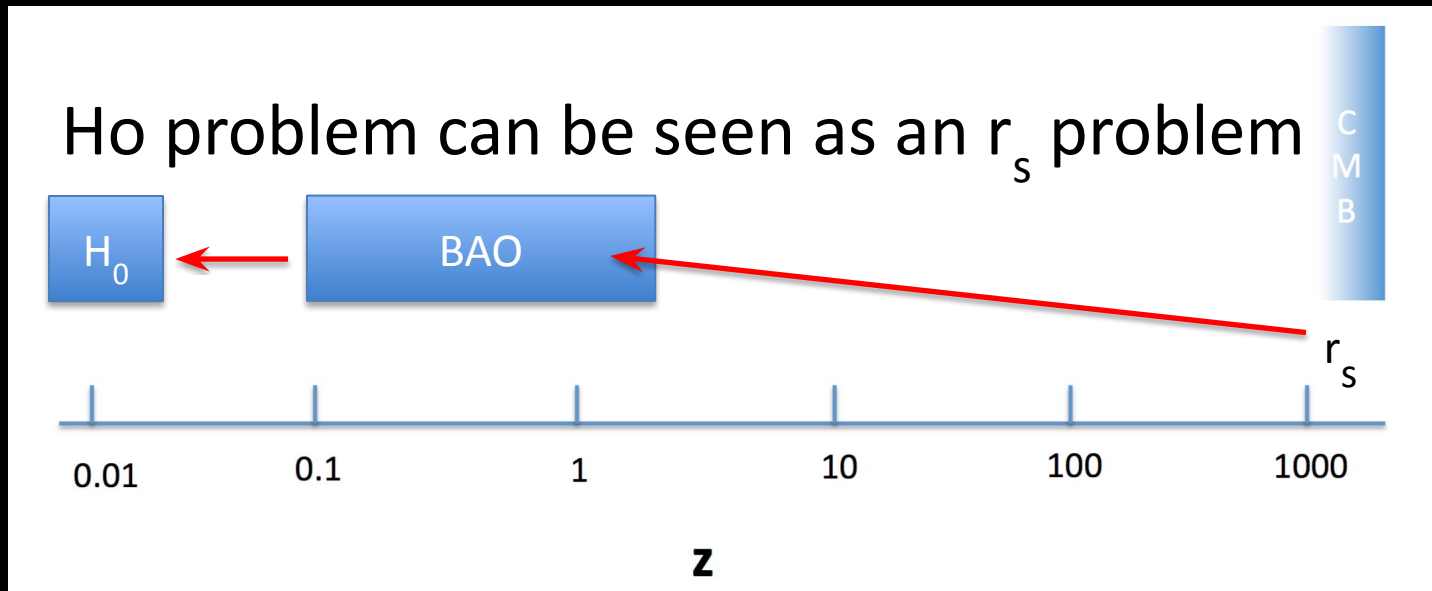


Direct and inverse cosmic distance ladder

- Cuesta et al 2015, Auborg et al 2015

Inverse cosmic distance ladder

DESI 2024+CMB (Planck +lensing+ACT): $H_0 = 67.97 \pm 0.38$ km/s/Mpc (0.55% error)



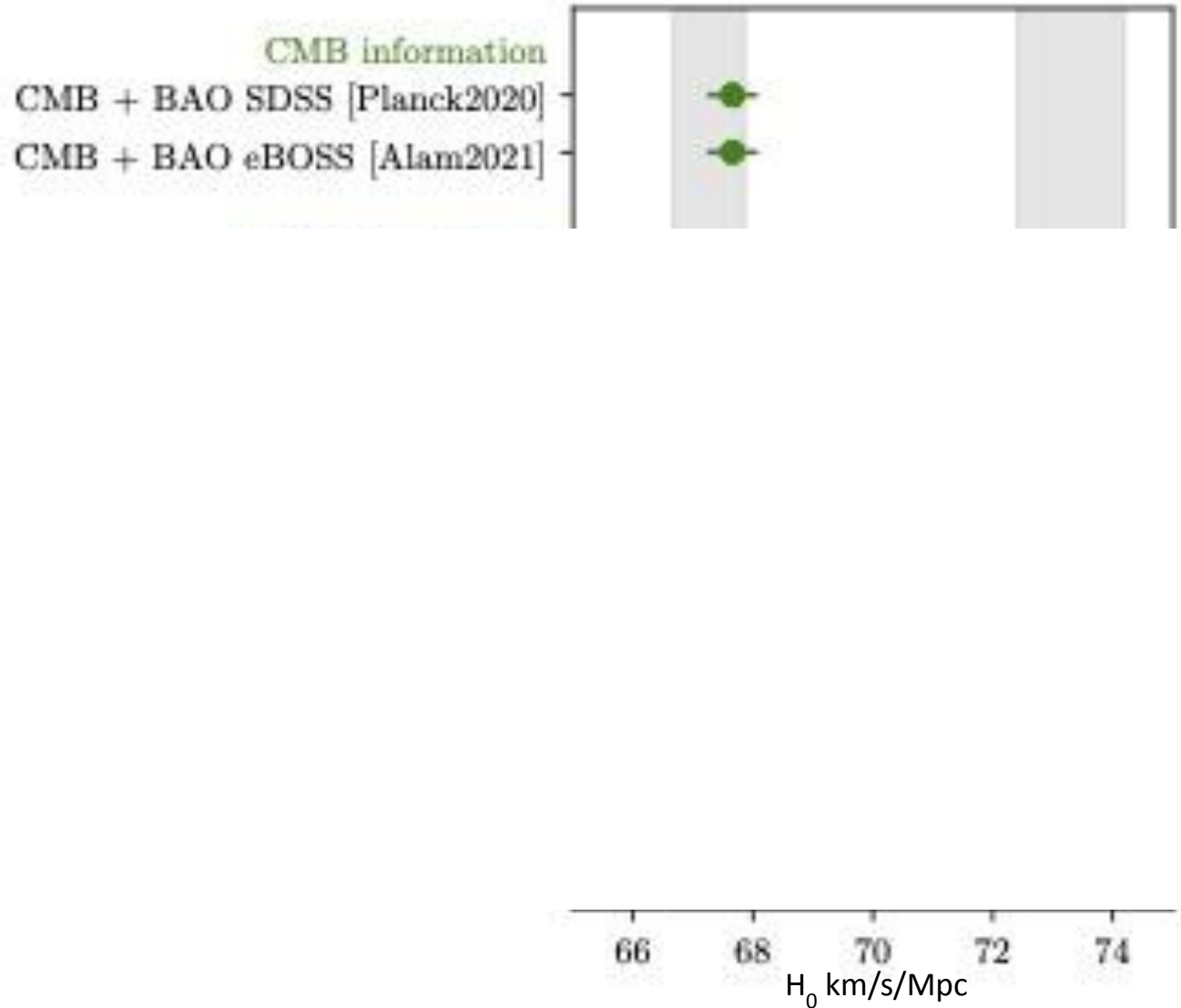
Here is where in Λ CDM or its simple variations the two ladders do not simply match

You can get $r_s(r_d)$ in (at least) 2 ways

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

- From CMB observations (given a cosmological model)
- Using (again) the equation above, a model for early Universe and a constraint on baryon density (e.g., BBN & light elements abundance). BAO give matter density (in LCDM).

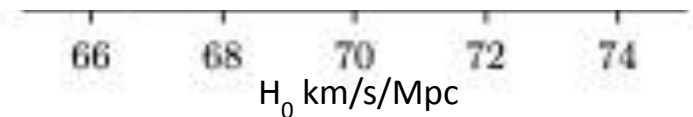
The inverse distance ladder



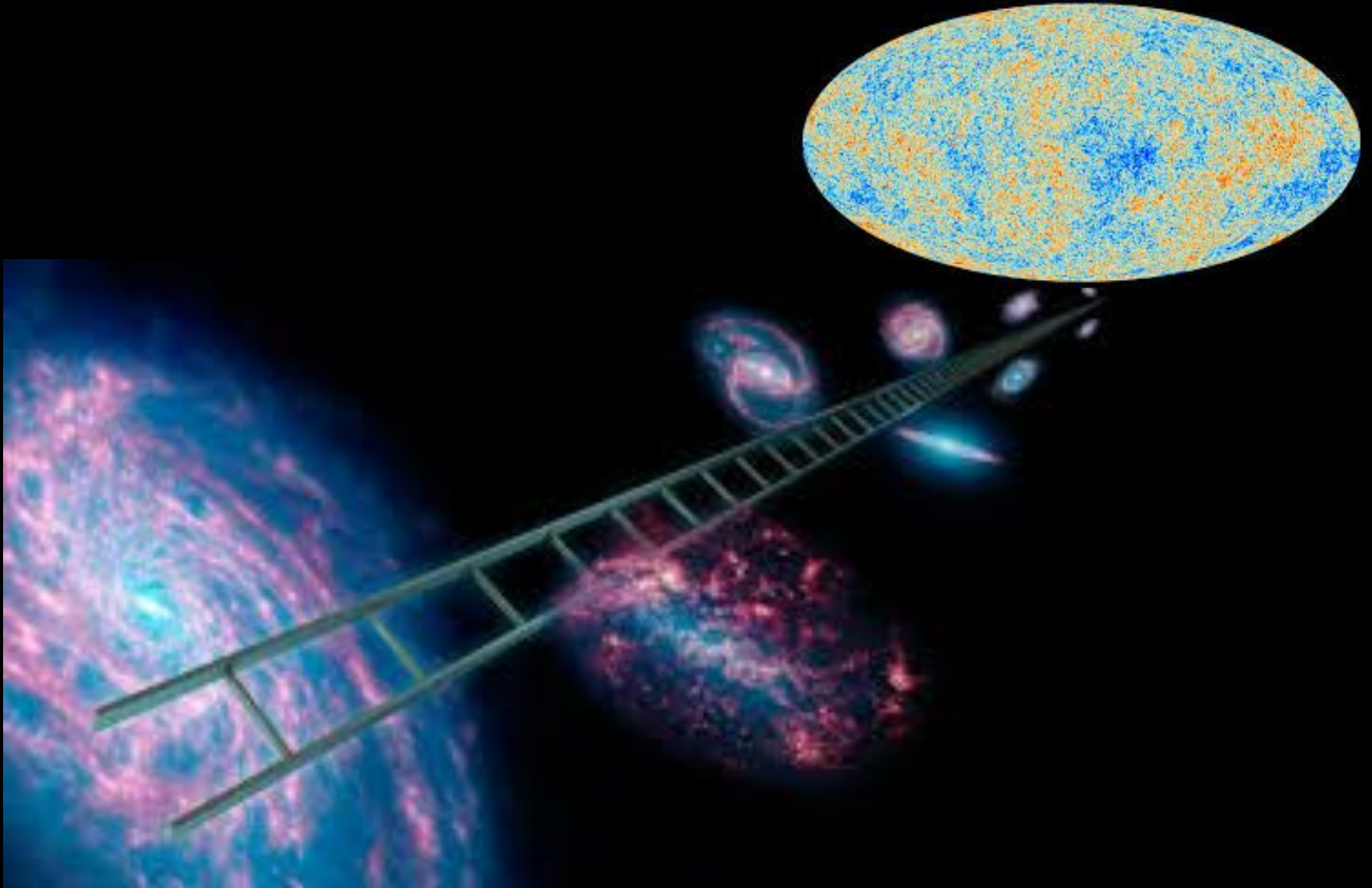
The inverse distance ladder



Bypass the CMB altogether



The H0 game: E2E test



Good ladders need 2 good anchor points



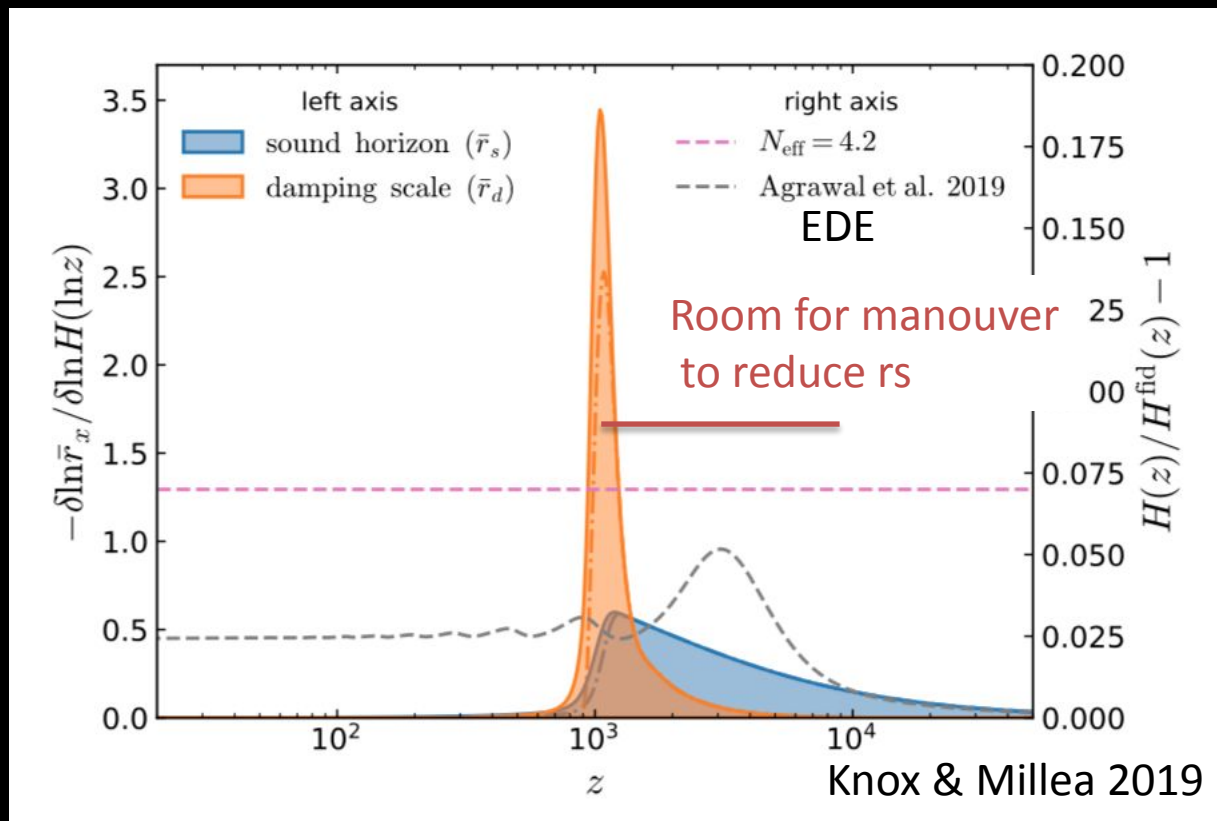
pre-recombination physics

Modify the model right where we most like it

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

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

A tall order

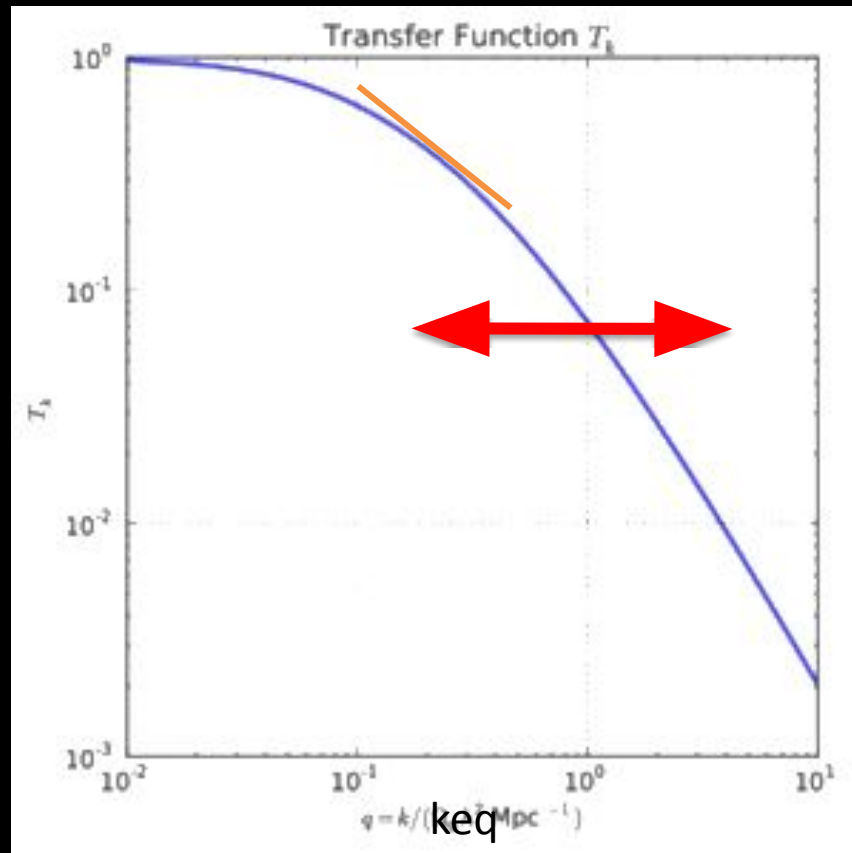


We effectively have one standard ruler for early-times “rs”

It would be good to get more...

Down memory lane...BBKS (not quite)

$$P(k) = T^2(k) (k/k_p)^{ns}$$



+ a wiggle (rd)
and suppression (Ω_b)
part

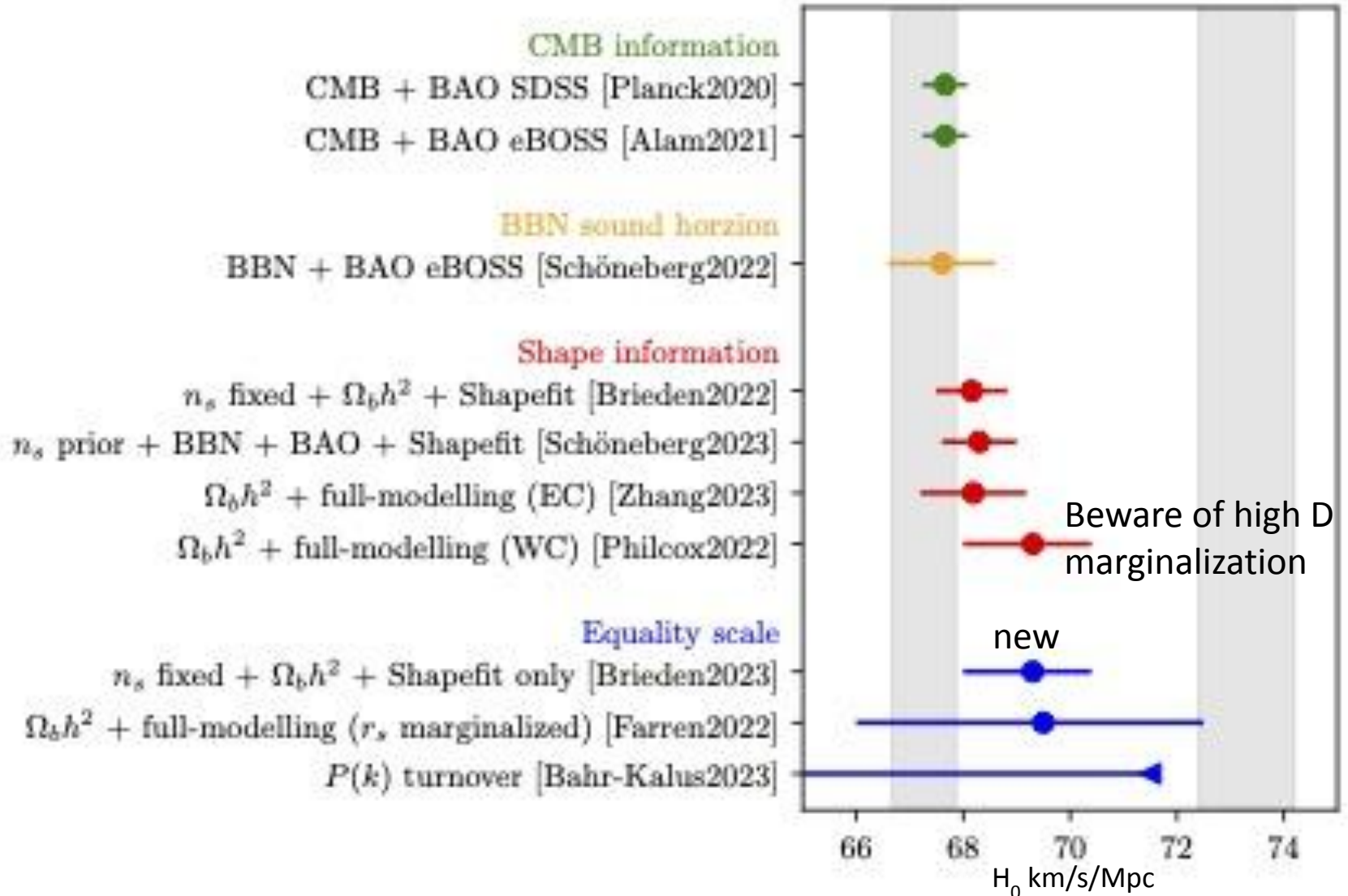
A speedometer at matter-radiation equality

Driven by $\Omega_m h^2$ And $\Omega_\gamma h^2$ and $\Omega_b h^2$

But BAO (uncalibrated and r_s -free) give me Ω_m

h

The inverse distance ladder



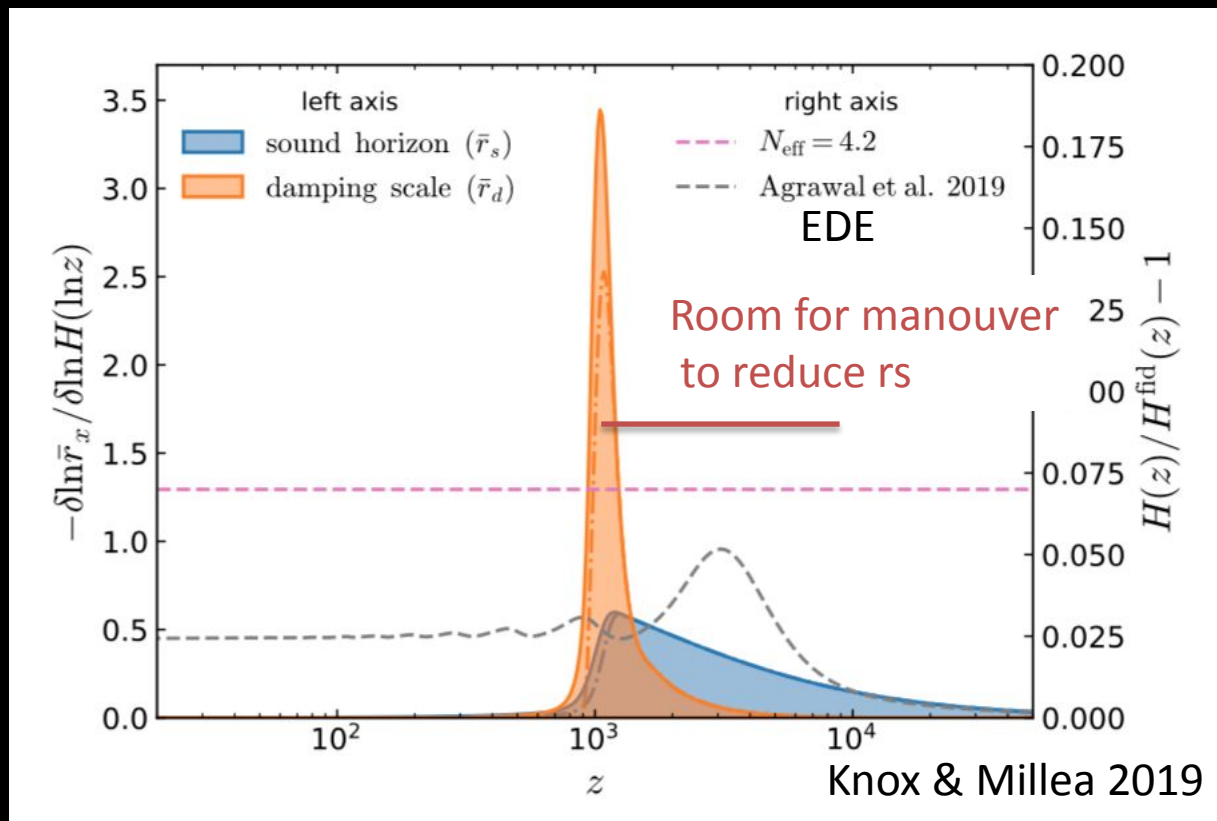
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Early Universe physics yields stubbornly H_0 in the 68km/s/Mpc camp

There is more than one “early” H_0

Systematics!



Increasingly unlikely

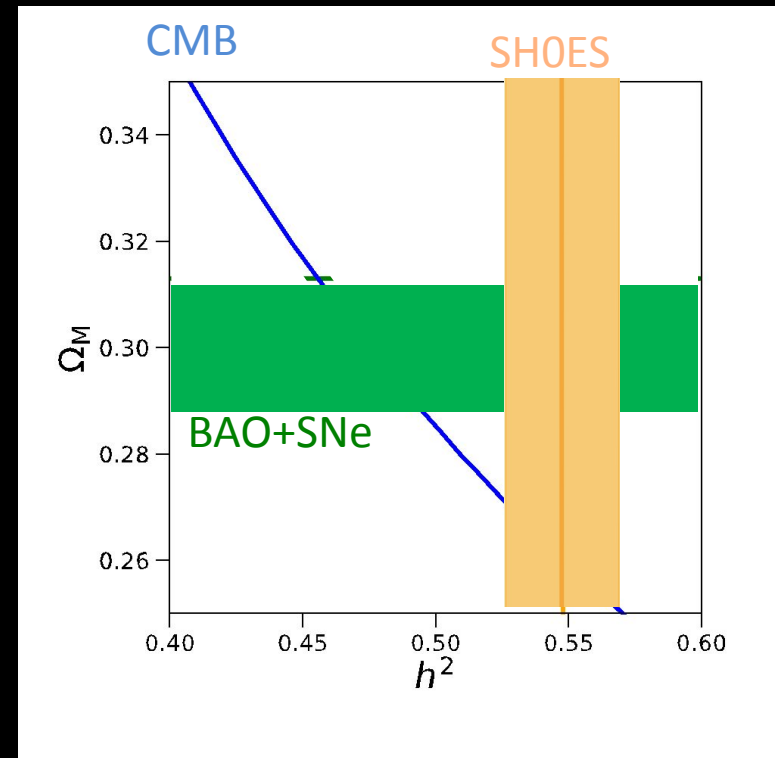
Beyond H0

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

Λ CDM assumed



Bernal et al . 2102.05066

Being in a tight spot

- Observations are VERY constraining
- Even within variations on the Λ CDM model we have several overconstrained systems

$\Omega_m, H_0, \Omega_m h^2$

$H_0, r_d h, r_d$

Age, H_0 , Age h

Equality scale, $\Omega_m h^2, H_0$

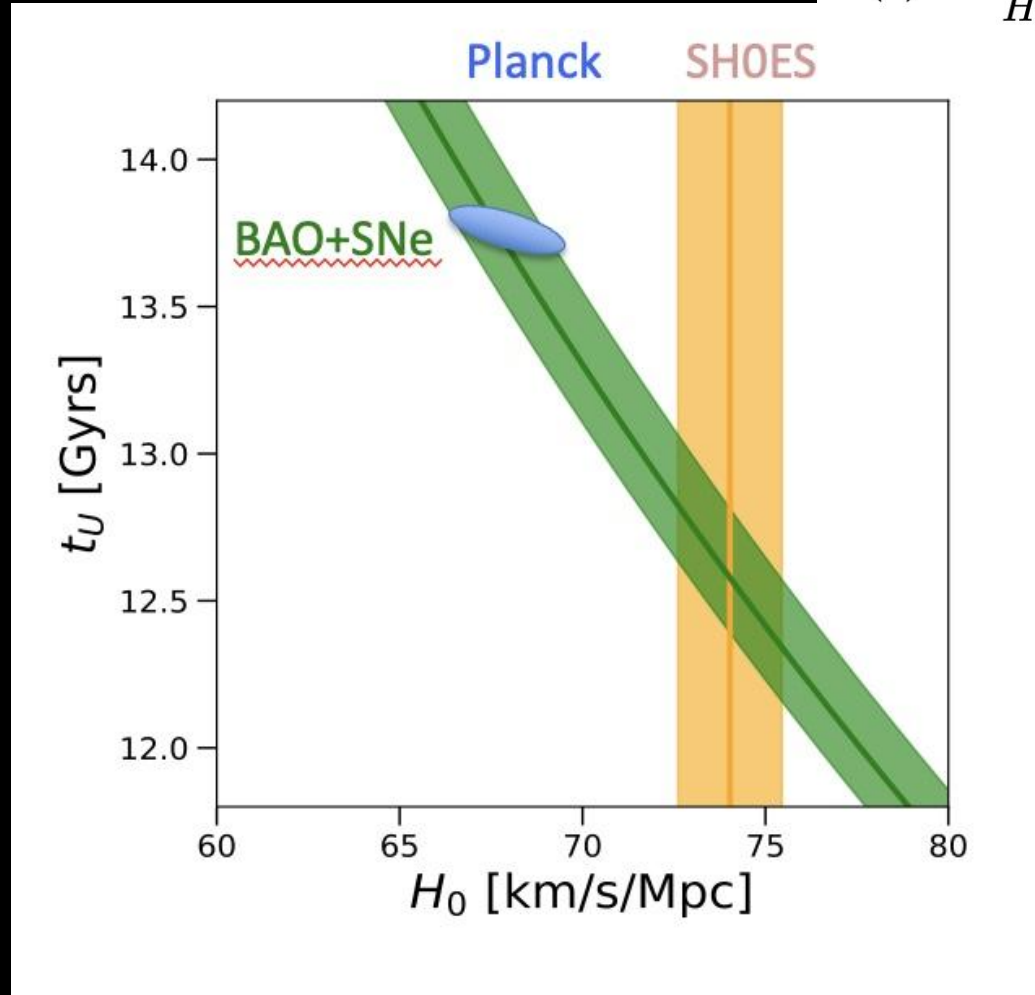
With each we test different observations and different aspects of the model.

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


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Stellar ages: a tool to measure the expansion rate

- Absolute stellar ages (clocks) at $z=0$ provide an estimate of the current expansion rate and t_0 for the oldest objects adding in formation time.

$$H_0 = \frac{A}{t} \int_0^{z_0} \frac{1}{1+z} \left[\Omega_{m,0}(1+z)^3 + (1-\Omega_{m,0})(1+z)^{3(1+w)} \right]^{-1/2} dz$$



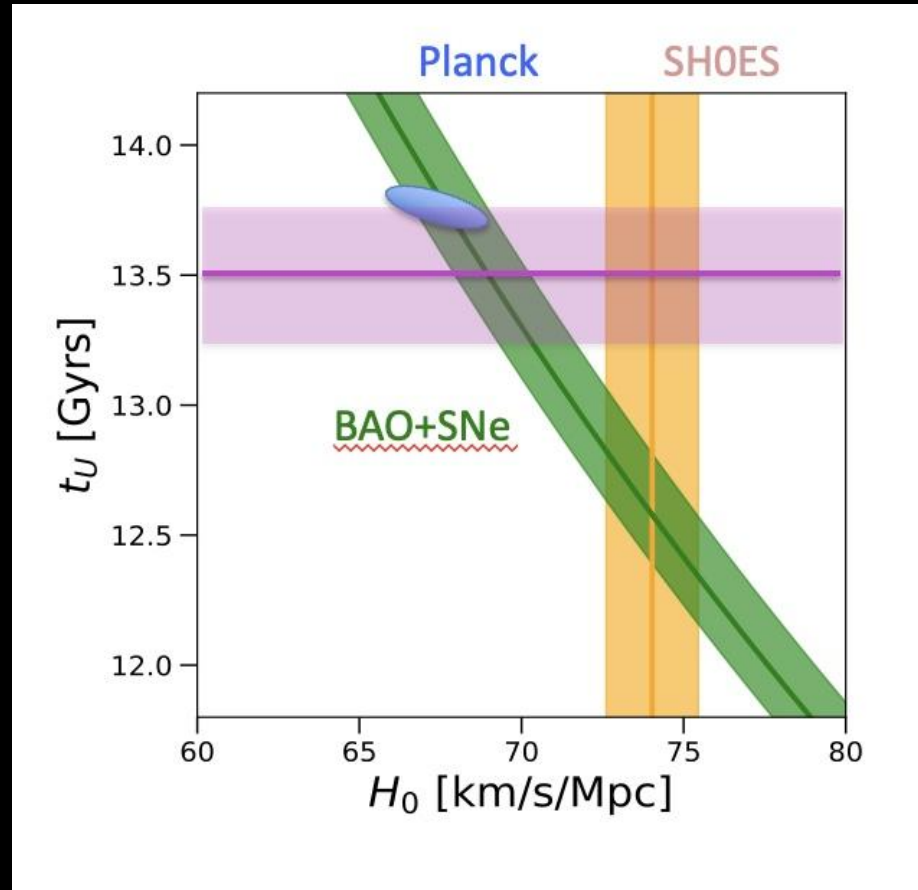
Relies on knowing other background cosmological parameters (or the expansion history “shape”)

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

Age of oldest Globular clusters

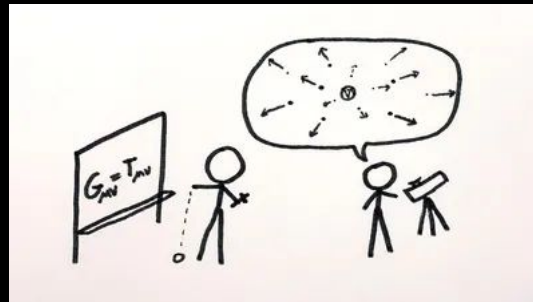
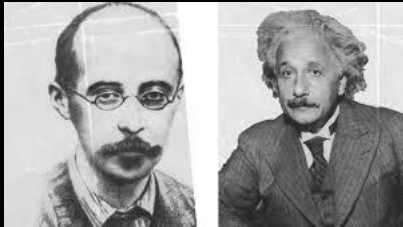
Age of the Universe from re-analysis of Globular clusters ages marginalize over: metallicity, absorption, He fraction, distance, etc.

Early : high t_0
Late: low t_0



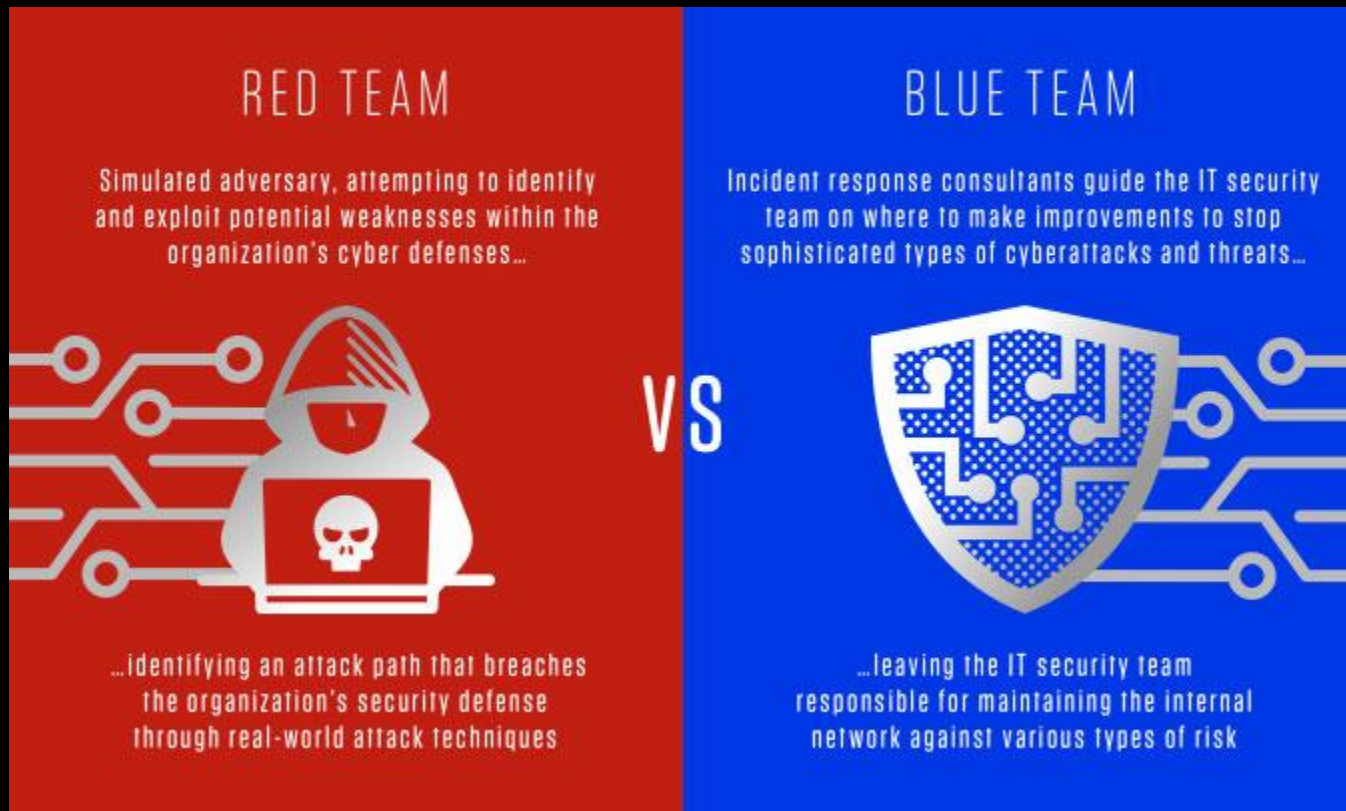
$t_U = 13.5 \pm 0.3$ Gy
22 GC

Lemaitre: getting Hubble into trouble



- Identifying the local distance-redshift relation H_0 with the global parameter of a model relies on many assumptions and a model
- The standard model of cosmology is likely an effective model with ad hoc components (dark matter, dark energy); a placeholder for a better model
- Tensions or inconsistencies can offer guardrails toward this better model
- Lack of inconsistencies produce “envelope” around Λ CDM

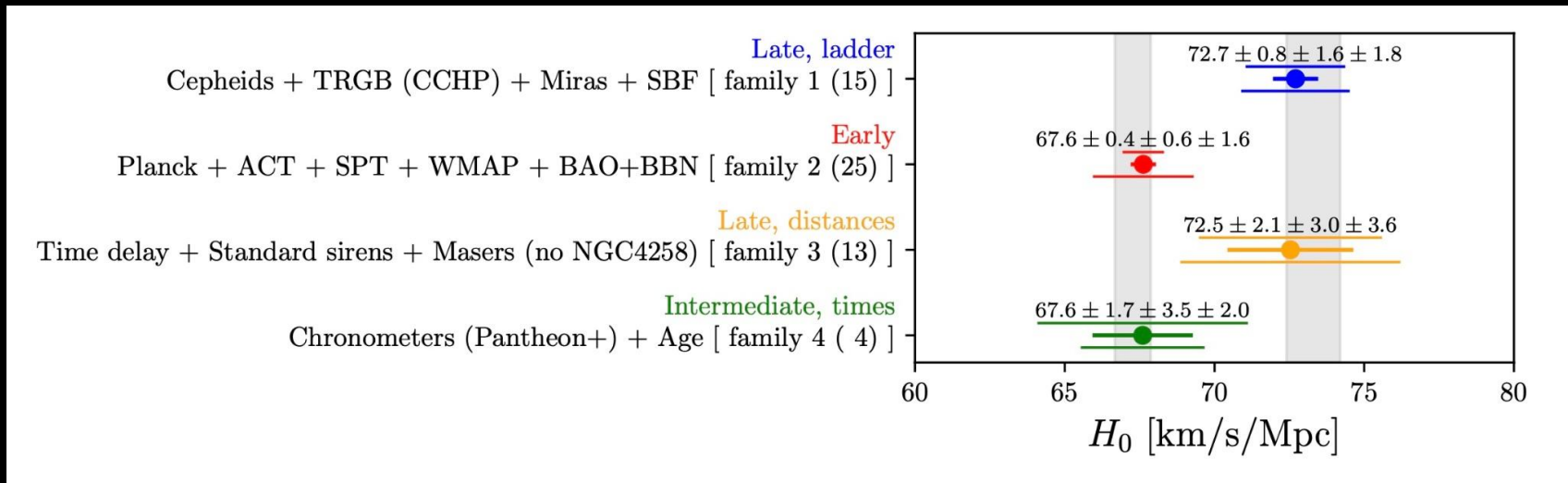
How to achieve consensus?



a comprehensive comparison of step-by-step results, ie a red teaming process, which can increase the community's confidence in all measurements.

The many H_0

Different families rely on **different physics**



Each family has several internal consistency checks

No consensus within family 1: redteaming!

If consensus can be reached, in combination, they can provide guardrails towards the SM of cosmology 2.0

Large-scale structure give more than one h

BAO give AP (minimal) an uncalibrated expansion history, (hence Ω_m) or an early-Universe calibrated H_0 .

Growth of structure give Ω_m

But the large-scales shape of the LSS power spectrum can also be used:
Information about matter-radiation equality

Data are in the can, wait for DESI papers...

Guardrails towards SM of Cosmology 2.0

Should not break havoc where not needed: preserve the good agreement of Λ CDM with data

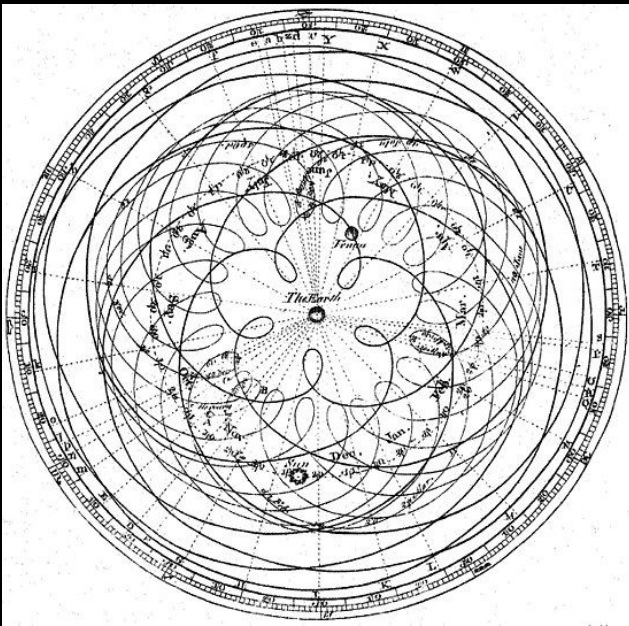
Should improve (or not worsen) other tensions, e.g. σ_8

Should quantify improvement vs predictability (degrees of freedom)

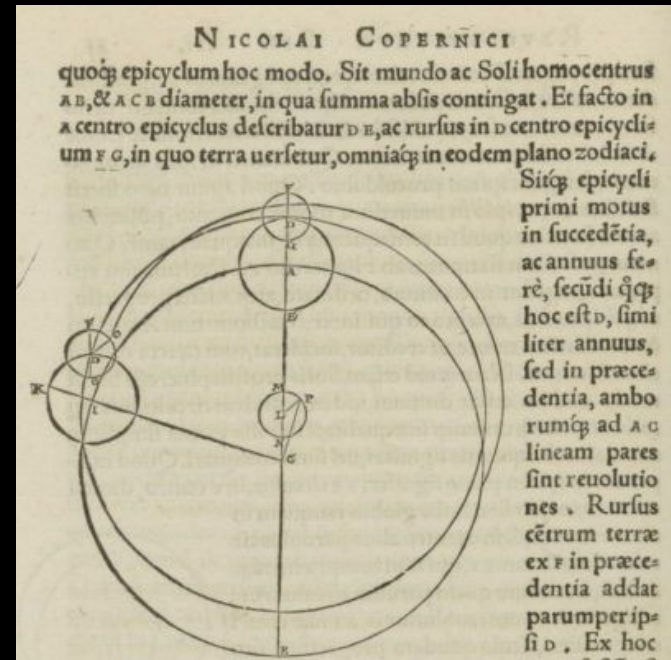
Parallelism with Λ

Model-dependent vs model independent approaches

At what point are we adding epicycles?



Cassini

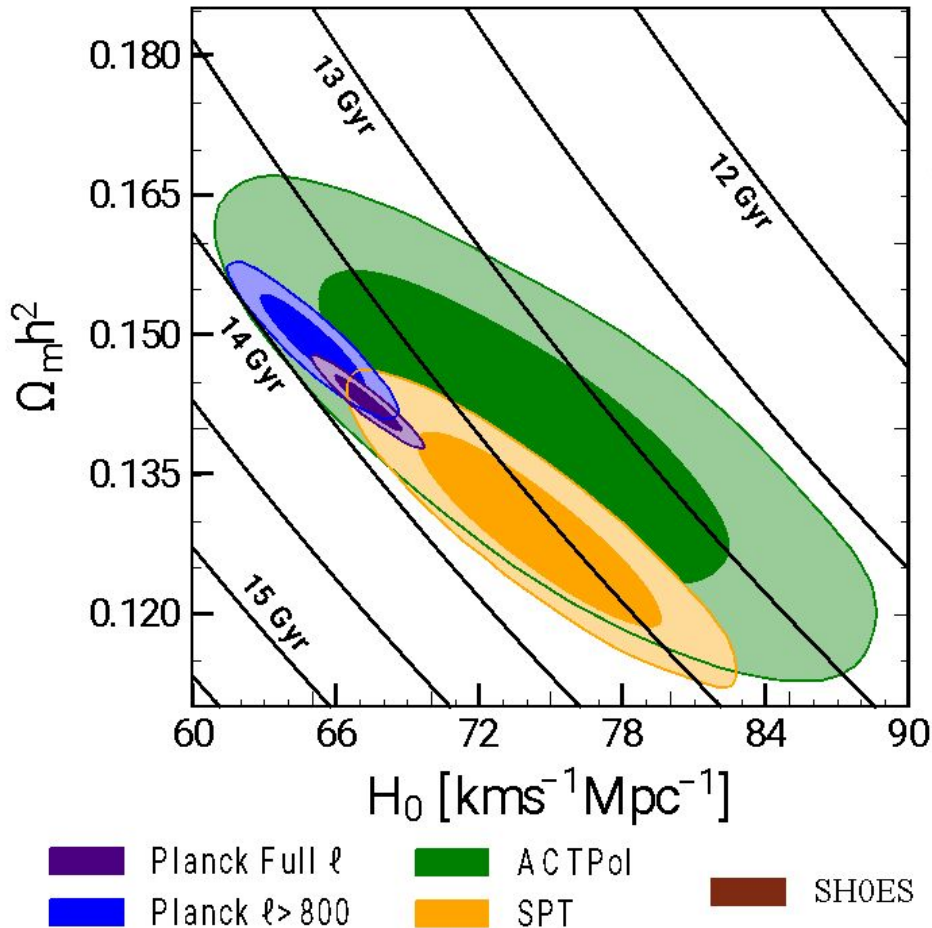


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The beauty of on-line meetings



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