

# Tensions in cosmology (from the perspective of Type Ia Supernovae)

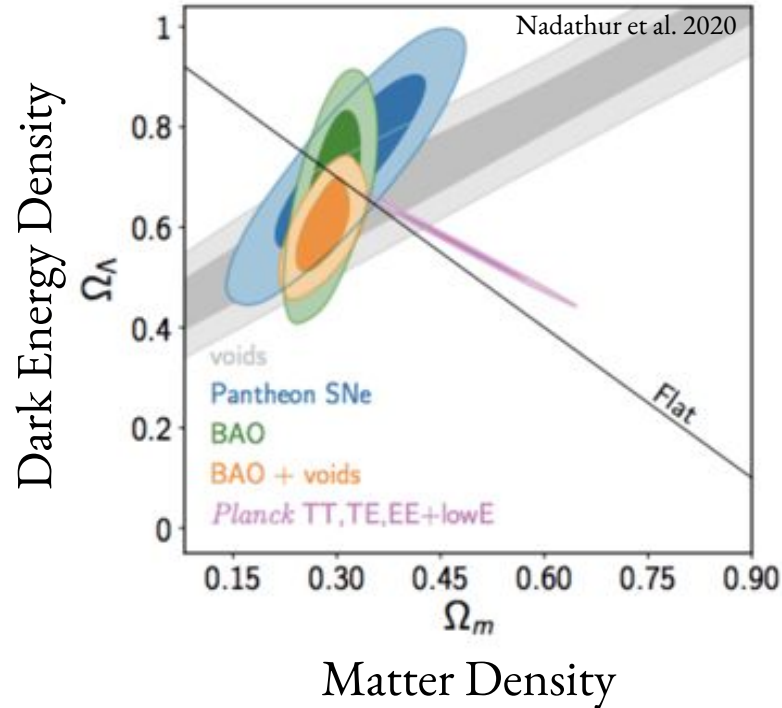
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$\Lambda$ CDM ‘concordance cosmology’



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## Does $\Lambda$ CDM stand up to the test?

- Hubble Constant *Crisis*  
The 'end-to-end' test doesn't pass.
- Also the S8 tensions/curiosity?

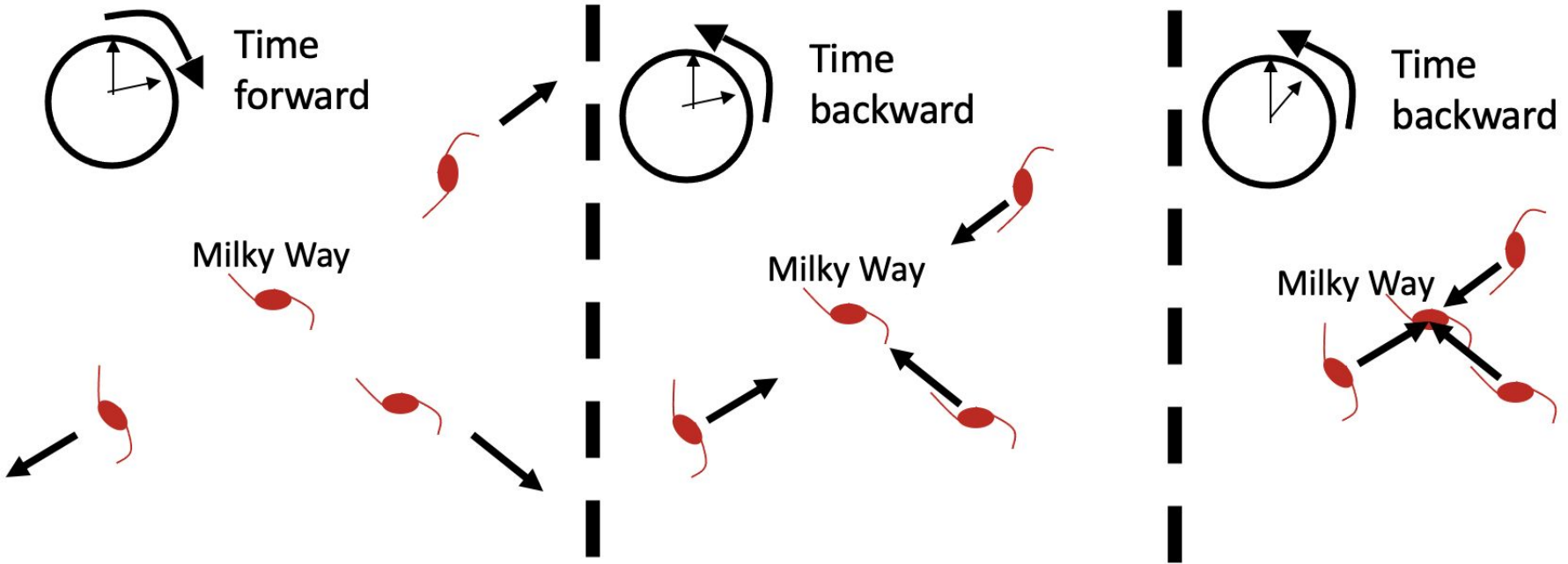
Expansion History

Today I will focus on two big issues:

**Part I:** The Hubble Constant ( $H_0$ )

**Part II:** The Cosmological Constant ( $\Lambda$ ), and potentially evolving/thawing dark energy.

# Nearby/Today's expansion rate of the universe $H_0$ (linear regime)

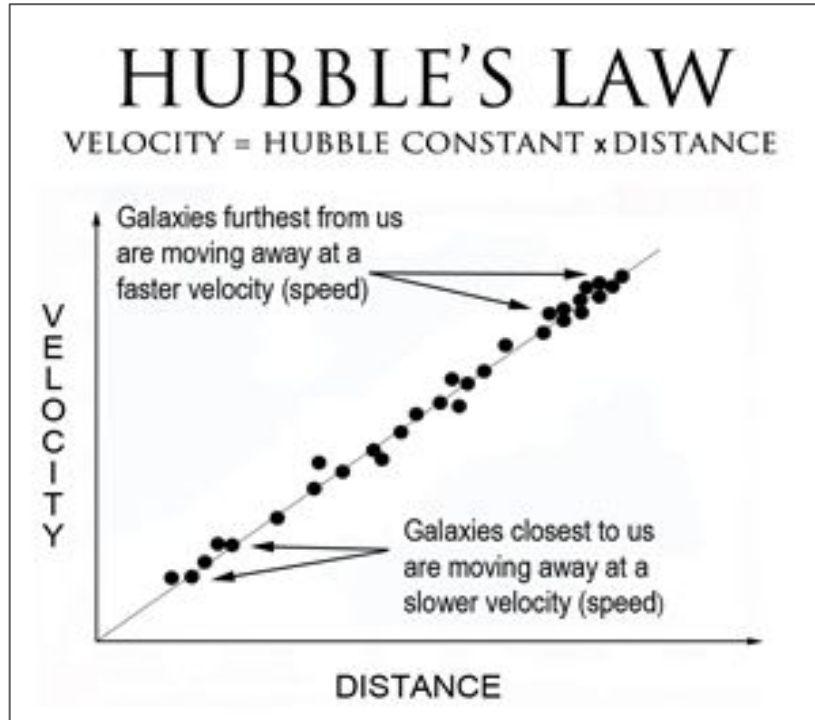


Hubble constant,  $H_0$ , gives the present expansion rate.



# The Cosmic Distance Ladder Method Tells us the Current Expansion Rate

$$v = H_0 \cdot d$$



Credit:  
astrobit

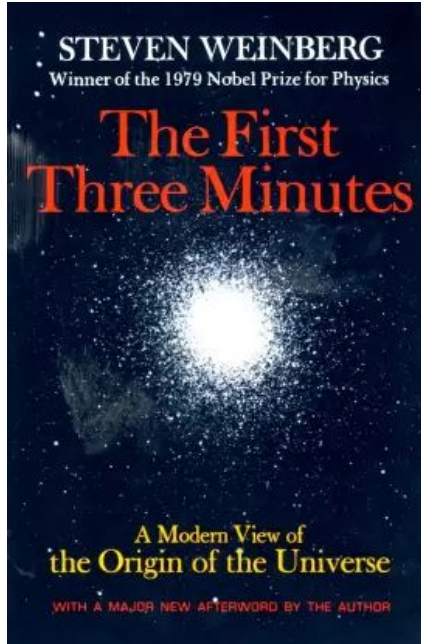
$H_0$  has units  $\text{km s}^{-1} \text{Mpc}^{-1}$   
or  
1/seconds

*$\rightarrow 1/H_0$  is a remarkably good approximation for the age of the universe.*

You need to know physical distances!

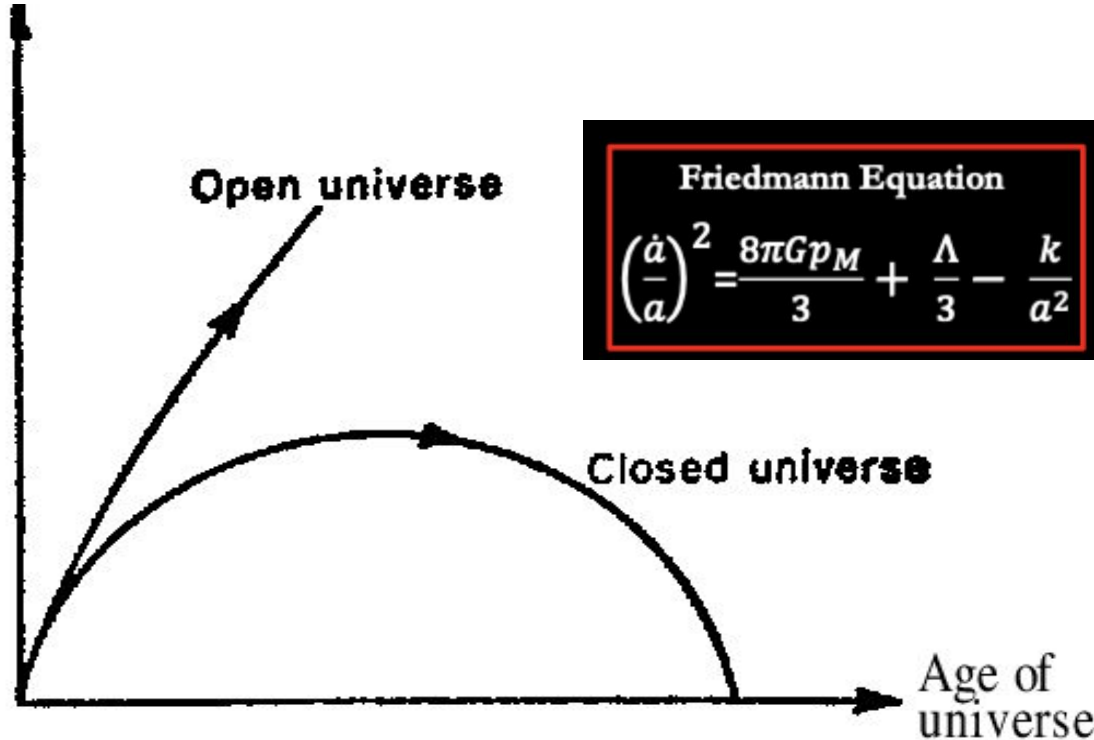
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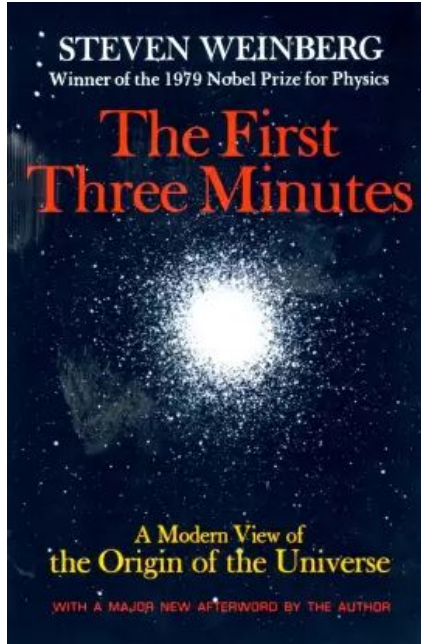
a



**Friedmann Equation**

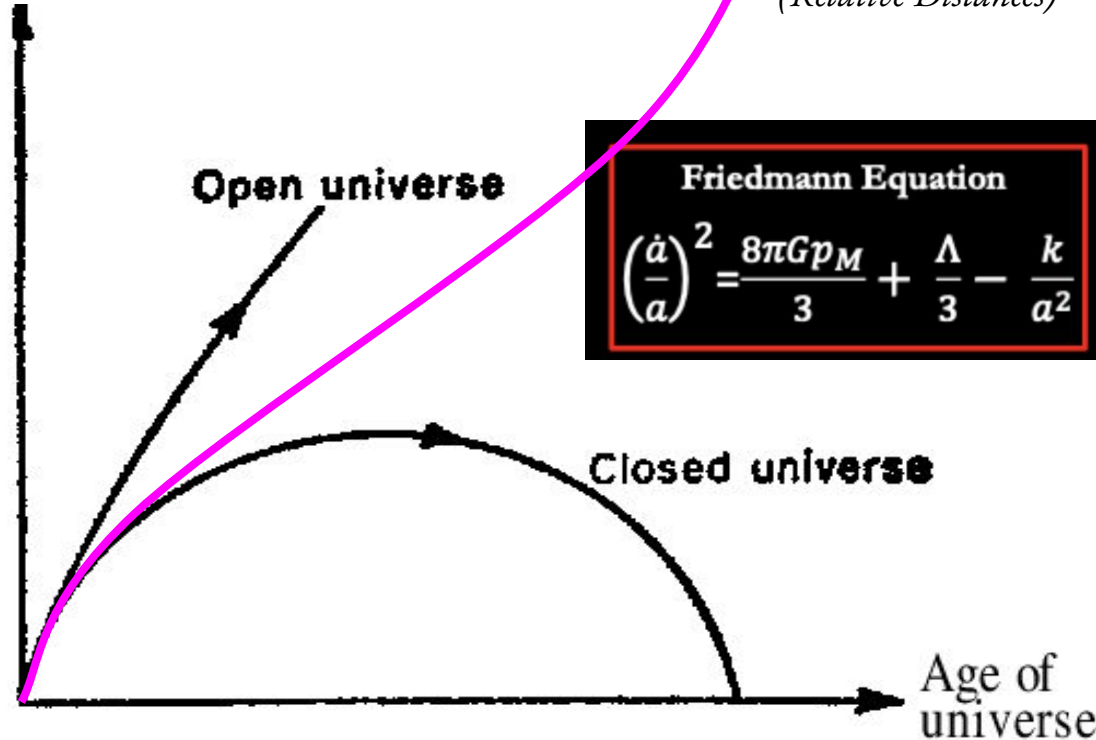
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Accelerating  
Universe



Type Ia  
Supernova  
(Relative Distances)

In summary, measuring both  $a$  and  $H_0$  tells us about

The fundamental composition of the universe

Matter (and dark matter) Density,

The Cosmological constant/Dark Energy,

Curvature (lesser extent but true),

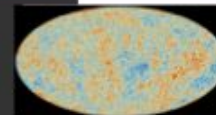
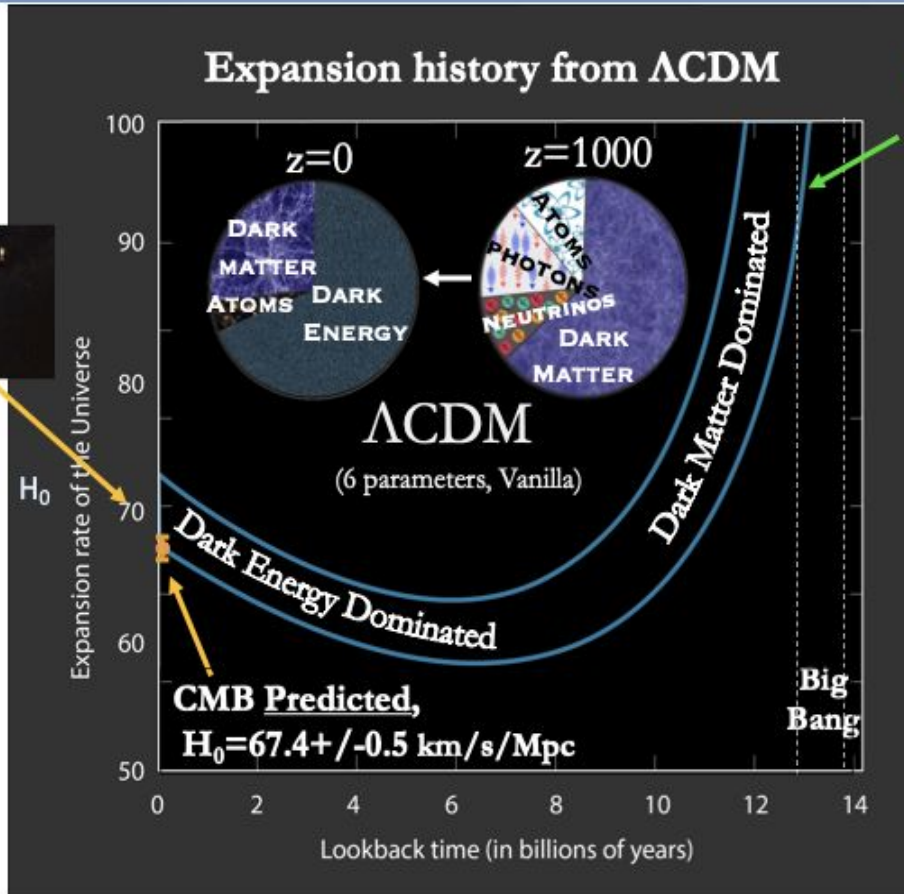
The age of the universe,

The fate of the universe,

And more

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Direct,  
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Big Bang  
Afterglow

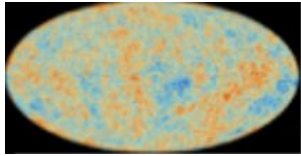
And ensuring end-to-end consistency is very important!

The New York Times

# symmetry

dimensions of particle physics

The 9 percent difference



# Measuring the distance to the CMB ( $D_{\text{cmb}}$ )

$$D_{\text{cmb}} = s/\theta$$

where  $s$  is the physical size and  $\theta$  is angular size of sound horizon

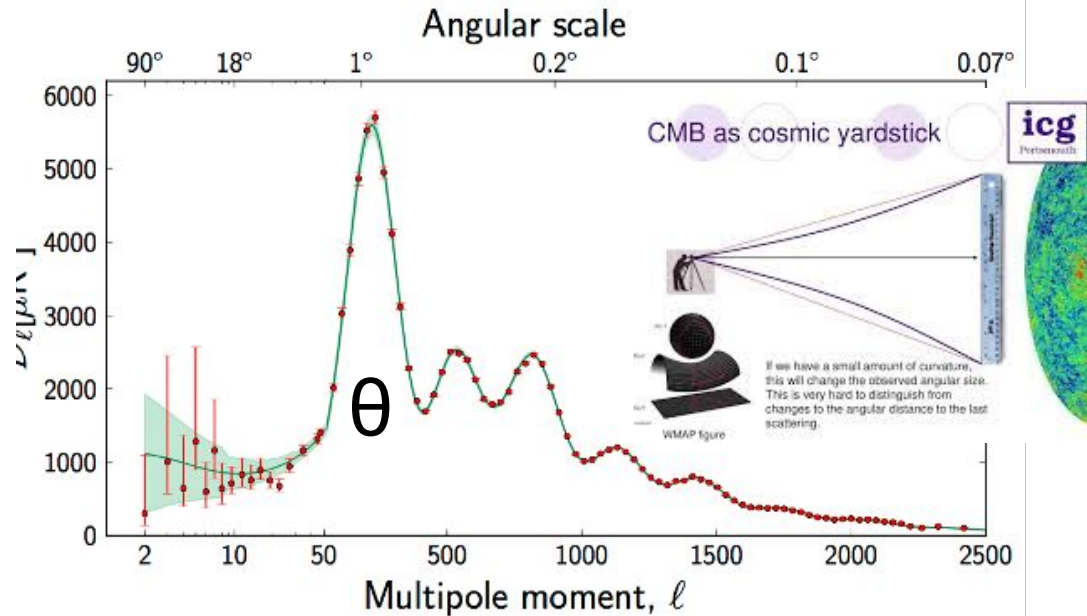
The physical size  $s$

$$s = \int_0^{t_{\text{rec}}} c_s (1+z) dt = \int_{z_{\text{rec}}}^{\infty} \frac{c_s dz}{H(z)}$$

Standard ruler

- Depends on

- Epoch of recombination
- Expansion of universe
- Baryon-to-photon ratio (through  $c_s$ )

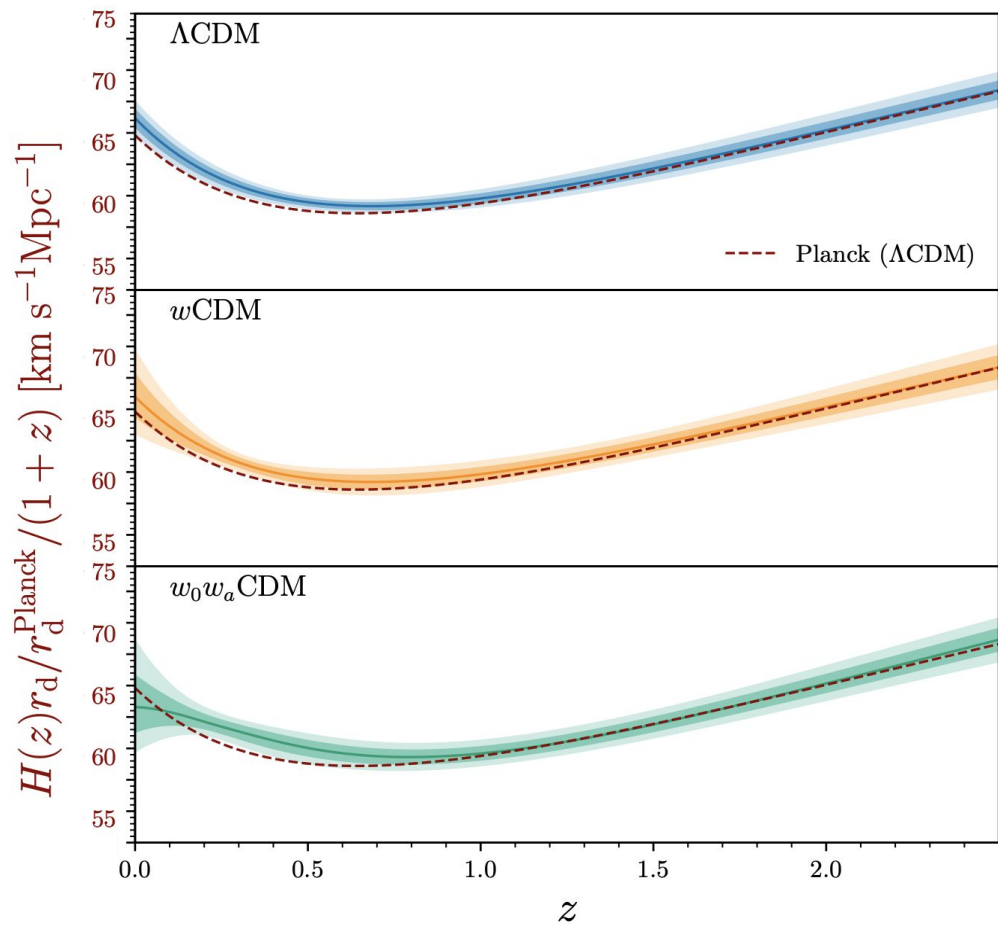


# Predicting $H_0$ From CMB/Planck Requires the assumption of a cosmological model

The black dashed line is anchored at  $z=1100$ .

$H_0$  is defined at  $z=0$

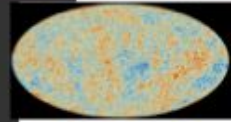
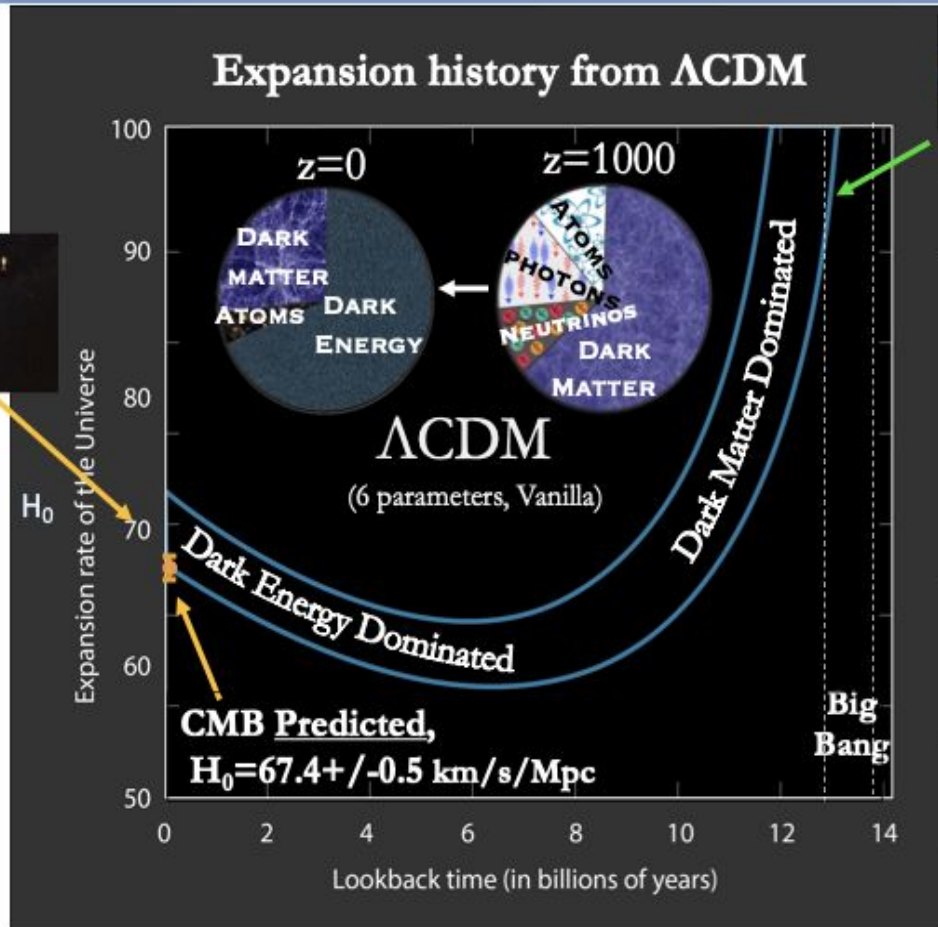
Constraints on the expansion history can come from Planck alone, but you can also combine with other probes of expansion history to constrain the shape of the curve. (see Camileri et al 2024)





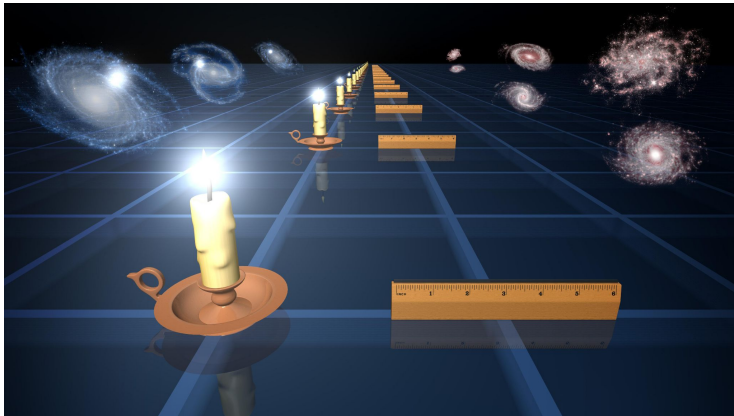
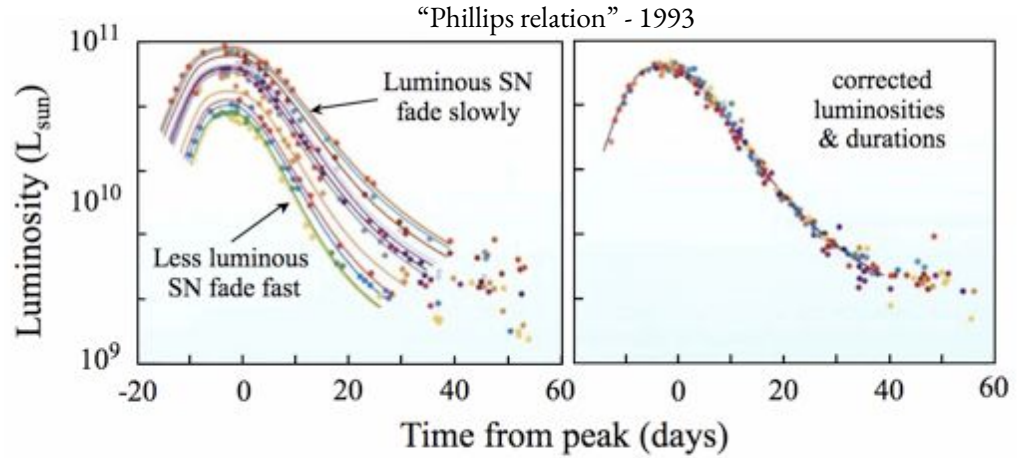
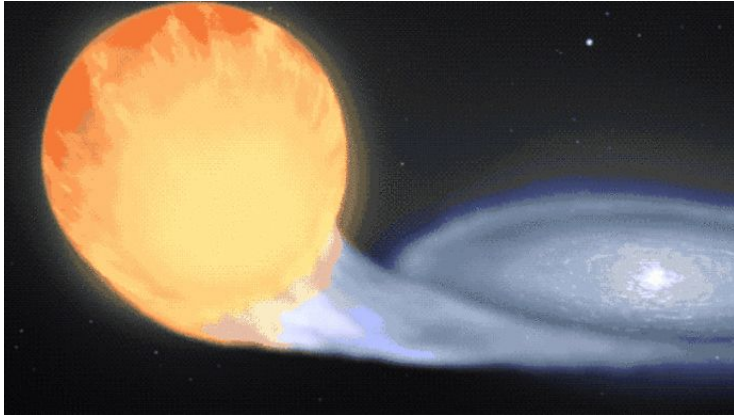
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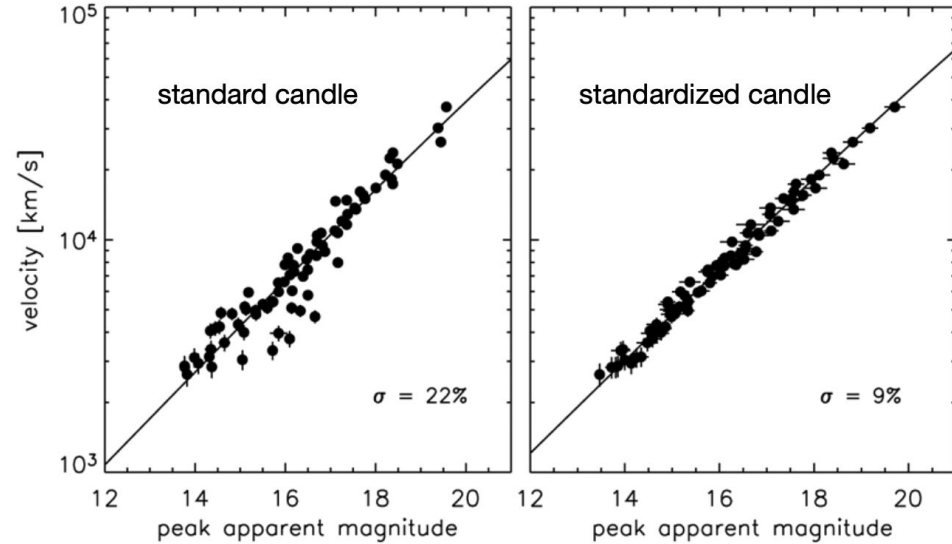
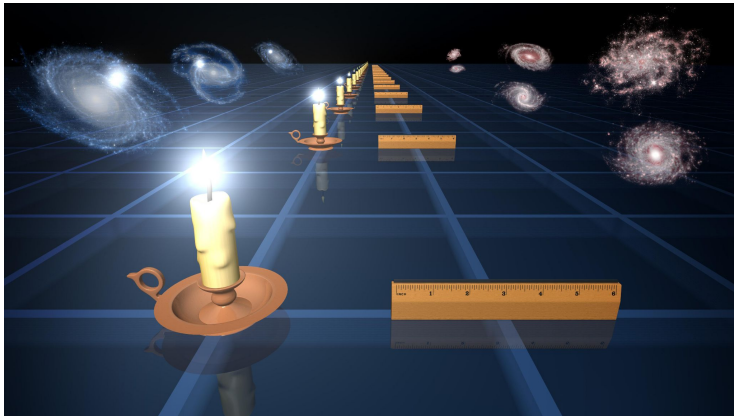
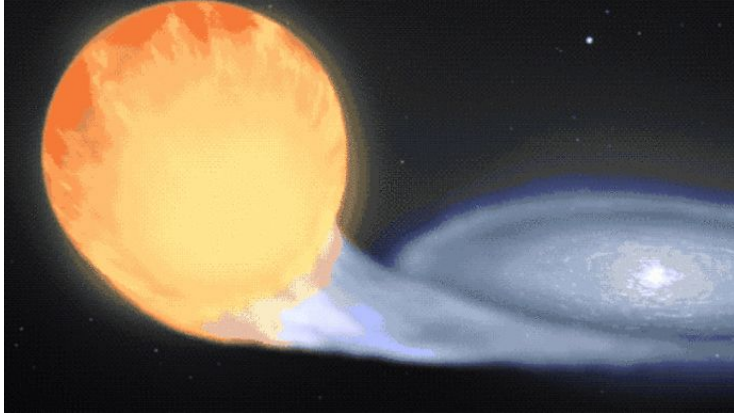
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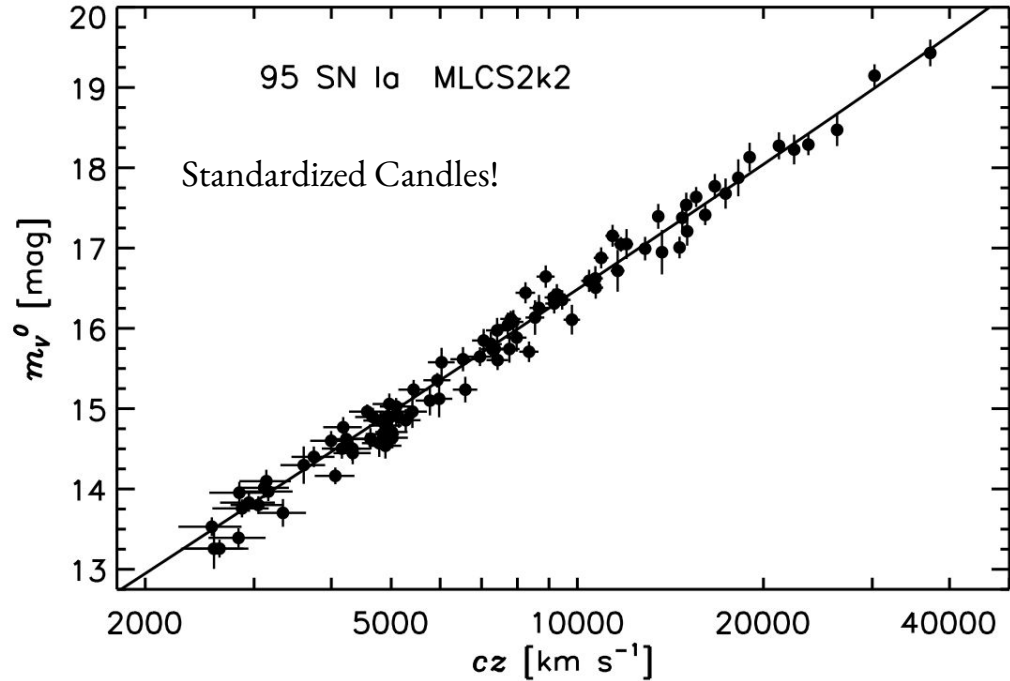
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# The straightforward answer to SNIa Evolution

Jha, Riess, Kirshner 2007



How do we know?

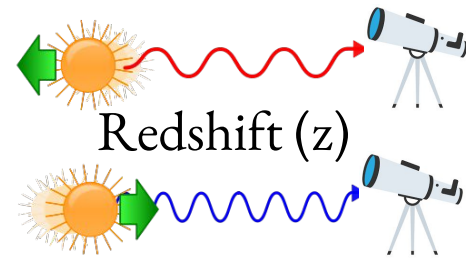
SNIa in the smooth 'Hubble Flow' are the key.

e.g. for  $0.02 < z < 0.1$ ,  $z_{\text{obs}} \sim z_{\text{cosmological}}$

We can compute relative distances with negligible dependence on cosmological parameters... (there is no  $H_0$  in this plot)

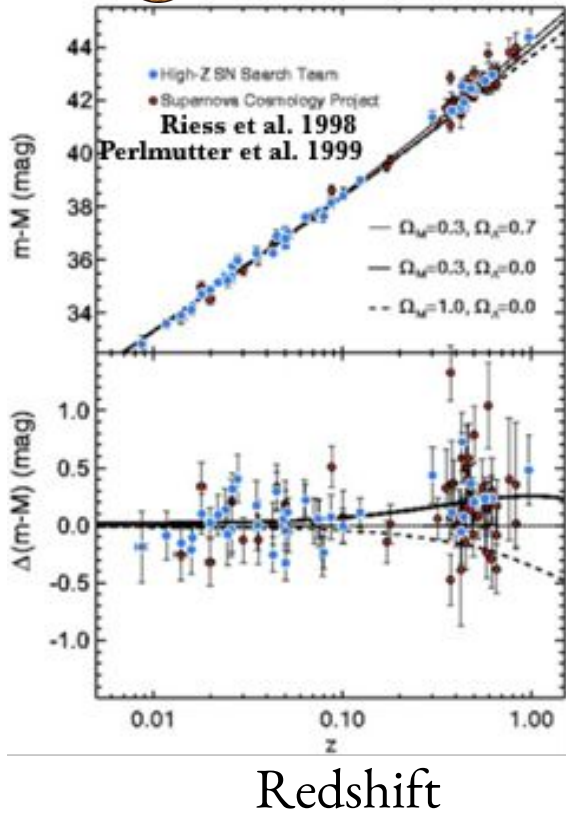
This Hubble Flow sample spans the full range of SNIa light curve parameters, host types (ages, masses etc).

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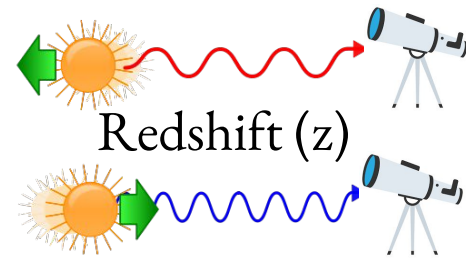
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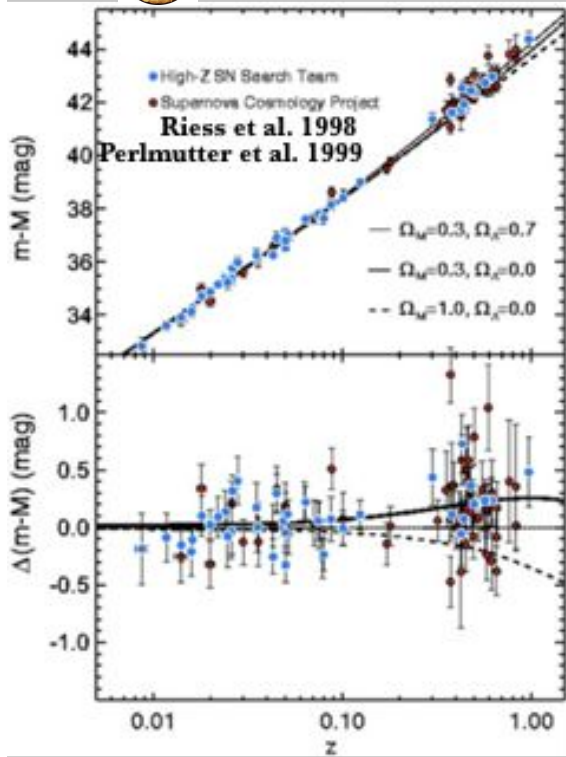
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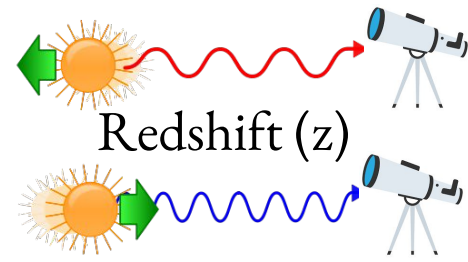


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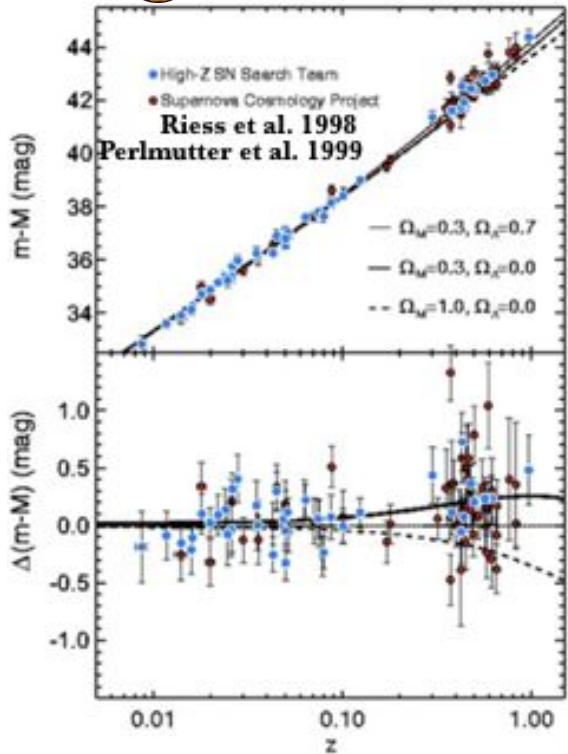
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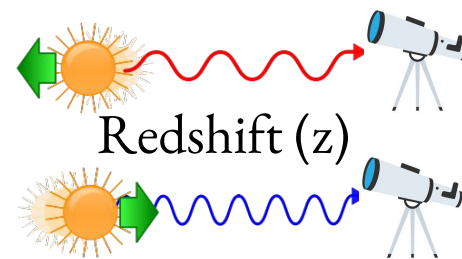
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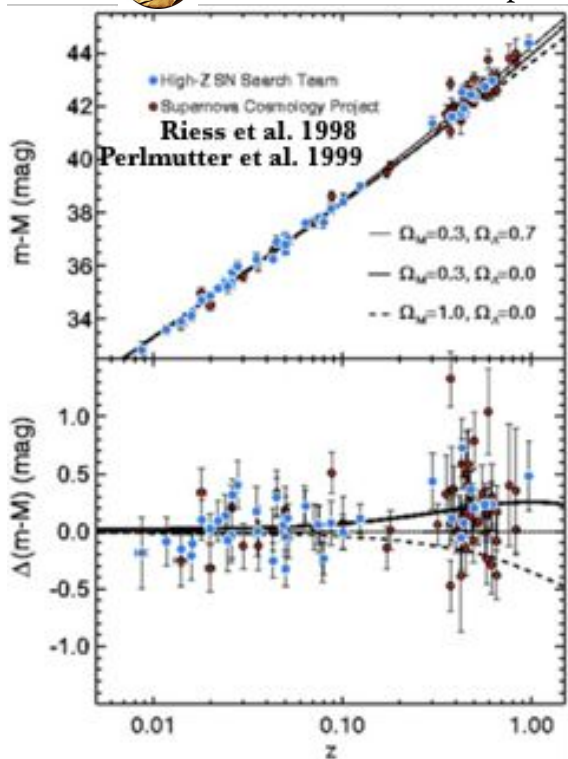
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$w_a$  = time varying dark energy

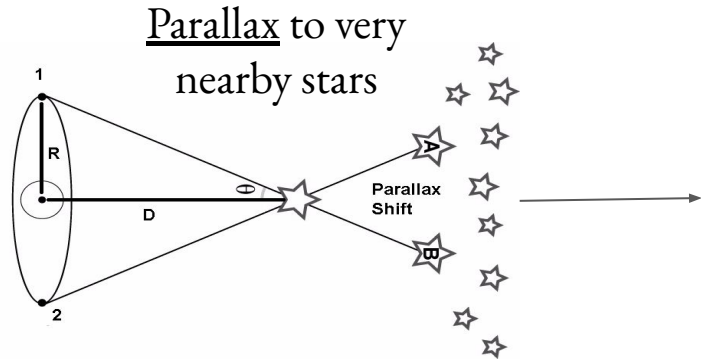


# However, Supernova Ia intrinsic luminosity is not known.

Thus far we have only discussed SNe Ia as a relative distance indicator.

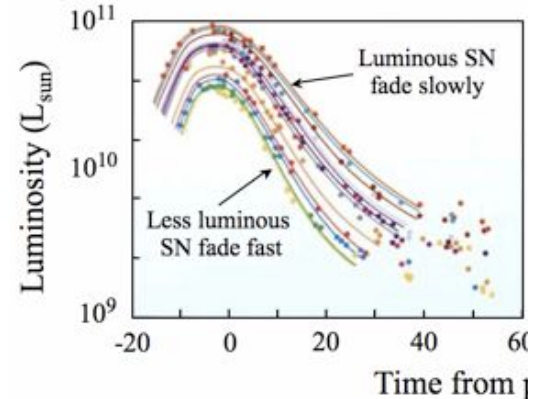
So we are forced to calibrate the SNe Ia to a physical distance scale.

Additionally, because SNe Ia are rare (1/gal/100y), we have to use an intermediary.



Some other distance indicator that is found ubiquitously

## Type Ia Supernovae



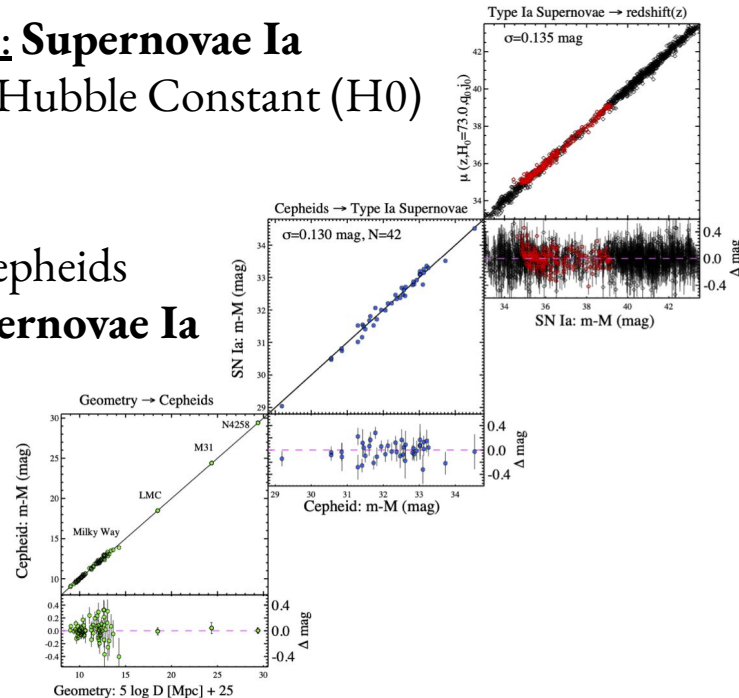
# A Direct, Local Measurement of $H_0$ , percent precision w/ HST

## The SH0ES Project (since 2005)

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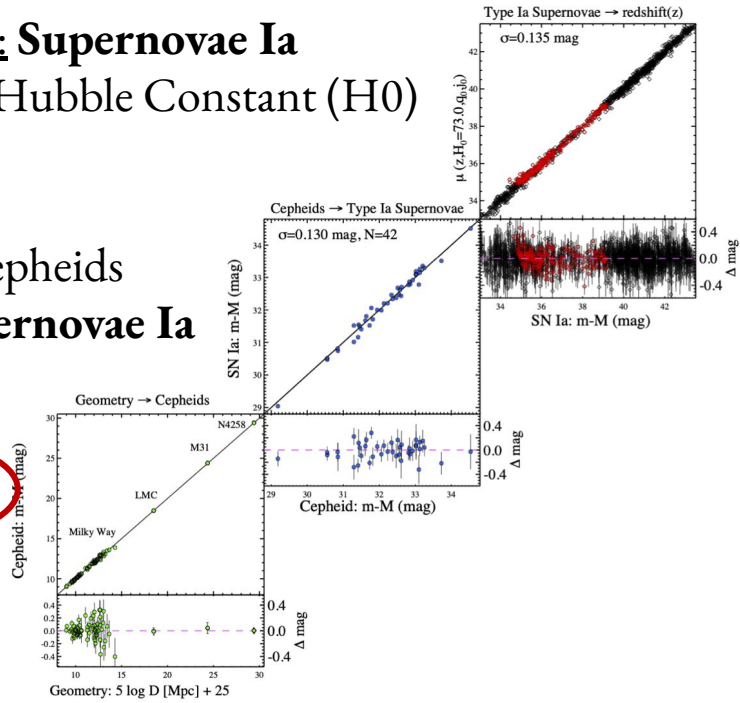
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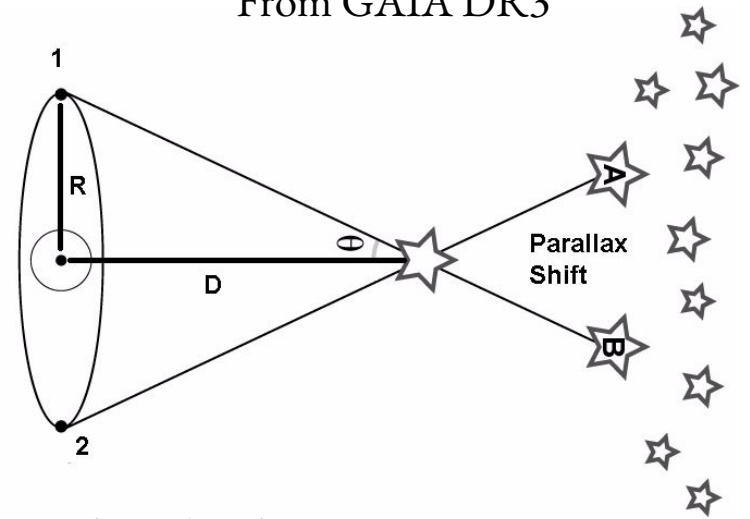
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Parallax to very nearby stars  
 From GAIA DR3



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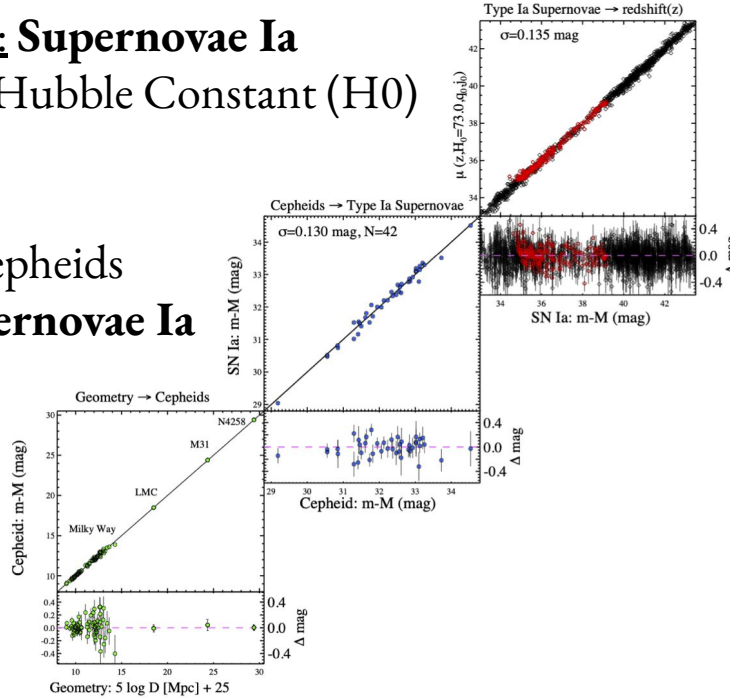
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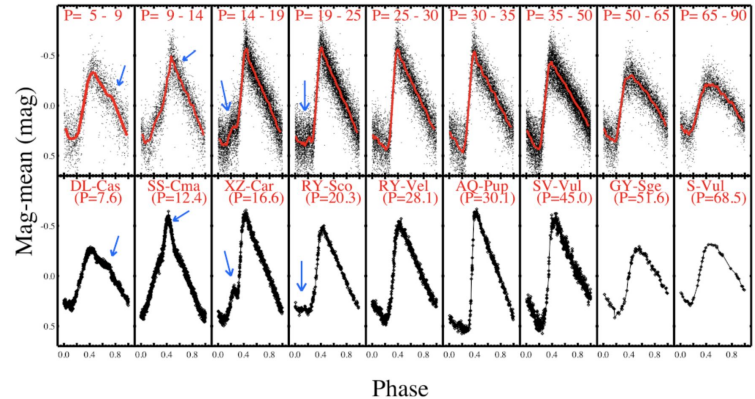
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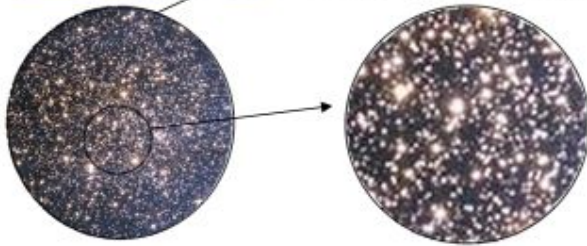
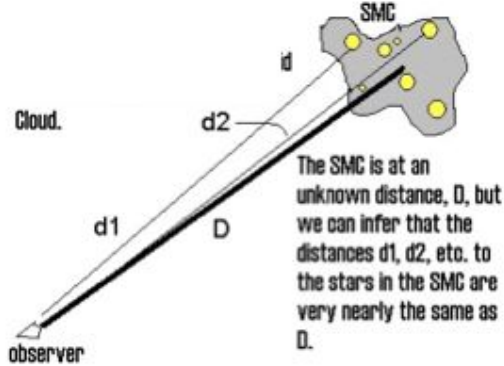
Cepheids exhibit a relation between their period and their luminosity



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# Henrietta Leavitt (1912) Discovers a Cosmic Yardstick

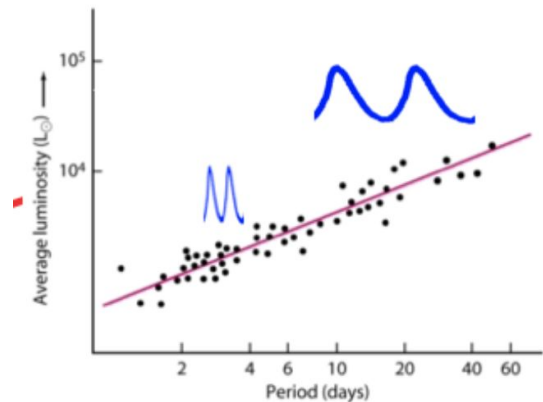


H.L. assumed stars in cloud at same distance  $\rightarrow$  brightness rank = luminosity rank.

1) Some of the *brightest* SMC stars brightness varied *cyclically* over days, weeks (like the Milky Way star  $\delta$  Cephei). So called these "Cepheids"

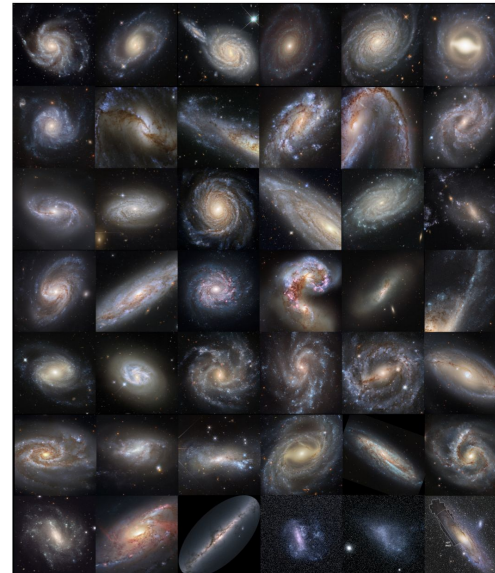
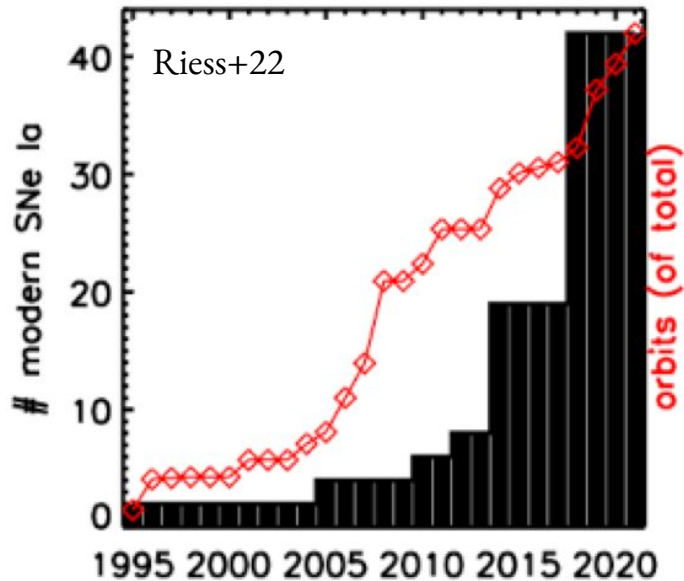
2) Slower they varied (i.e., longer Period), brighter (on average) they appeared. Since all roughly same distance, *luminosity depends on their period*.

Huge discovery!! Cepheid Variables could be used as a cosmic yardstick!



# SH0ES 2022, First Major Update Since 2016

- More than doubles SN calibrators from 19→42 and complete at  $z < 0.01$
- Now have an average of 2 photometric systems for each SN that is in a cepheid host (77 light curves in 42 SN in cepheid hosts)
- Cepheid calibrator SNe are analyzed simultaneously with Hubble flow SNe (including systematics)



# SH0ES HST Cepheids Have Low Systematics From

Differential Flux Measurements

and NIR Dust Insensitivity

All Cepheids between rungs,  
MW, LMC, N4258, SN hosts, w/  
same instrument (WFC3),  
and filters (F555W,F814W,F160W)

all anchors

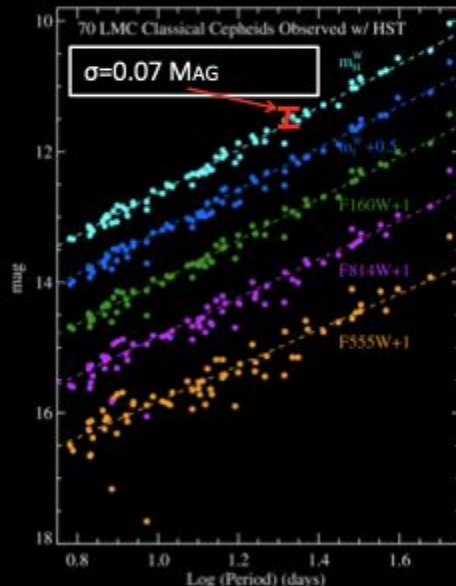


all SN Ia Hosts

Near Infrared=reduce dust &  
dependence on reddening laws 6x  
smaller than optical

Dereddened:

F160W-0.386(F555W-F814W)



1.6 $\mu$ m

0.8 $\mu$ m

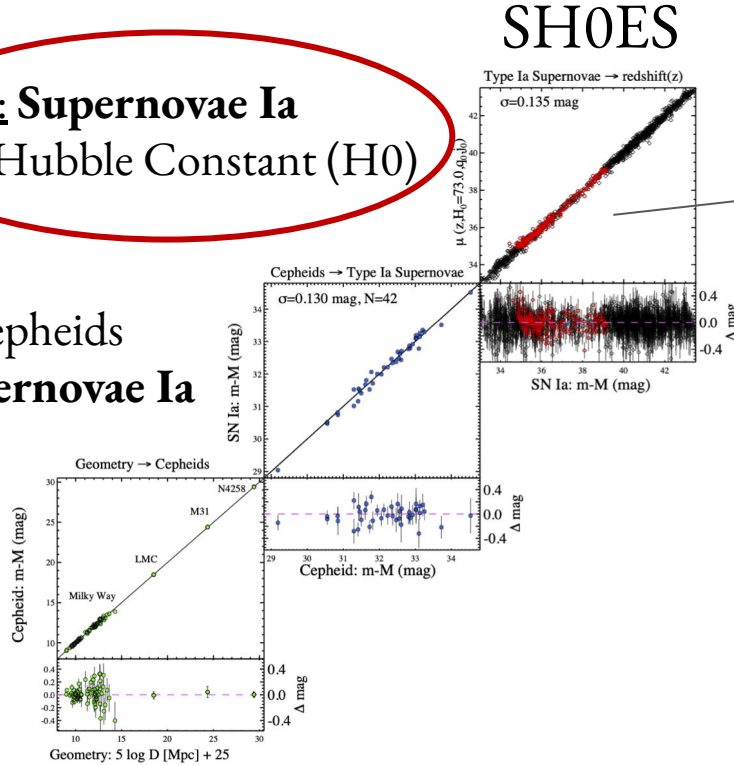
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Measure Supernovae out into the “Hubble Flow”

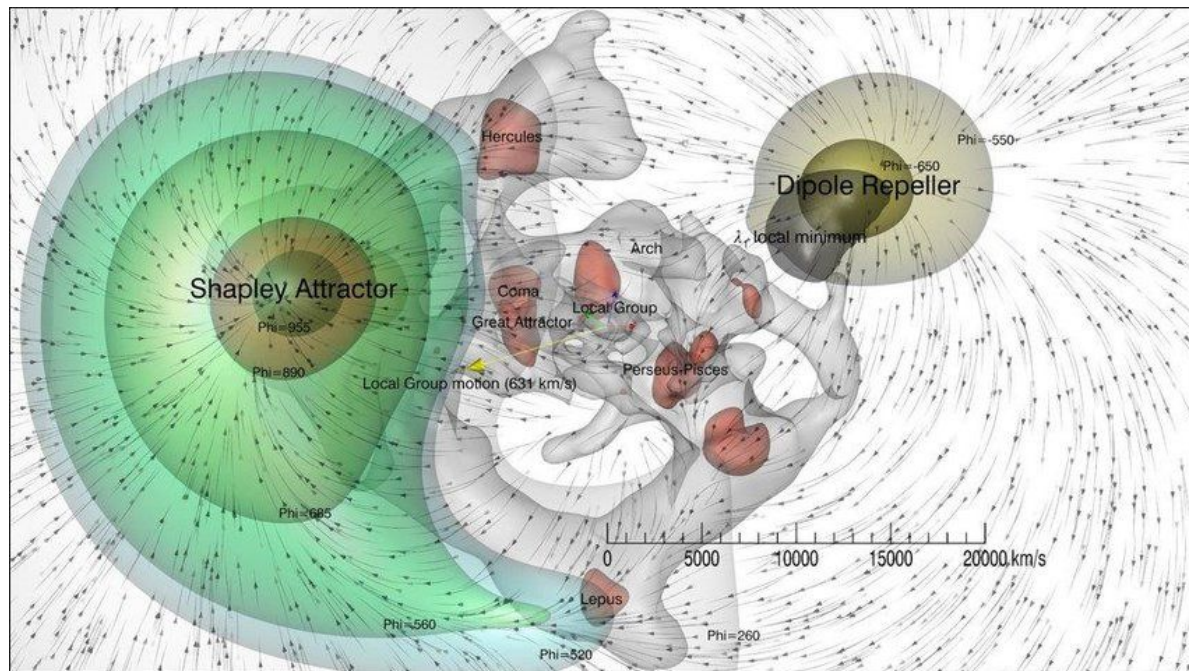
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Side note: Peculiar motions in the local universe make the 2-rung distance ladder imprecise.

Homogeneous and Isotropic rule doesn't hold in very local universe



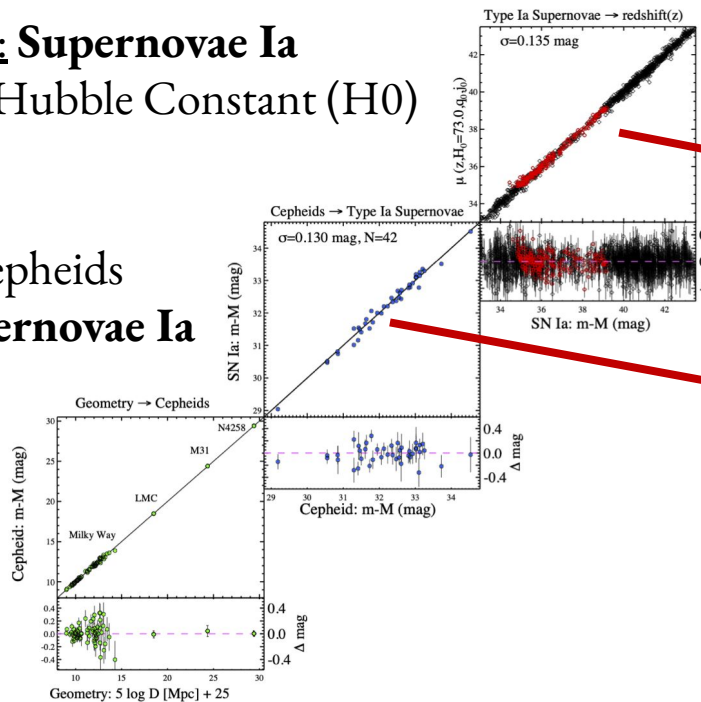
Credit: Tully et al.

# Recent work is the marriage of two teams - SH0ES and Pantheon+

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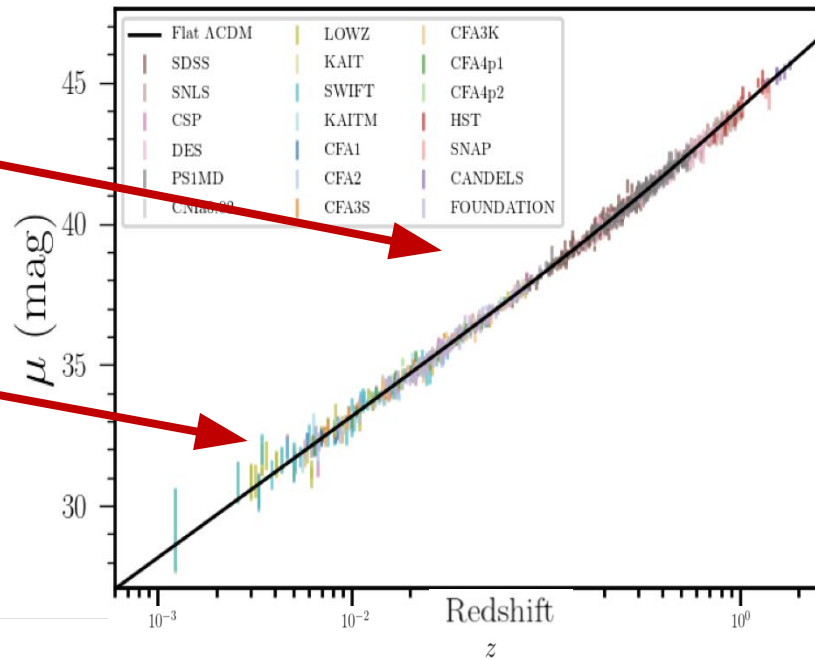
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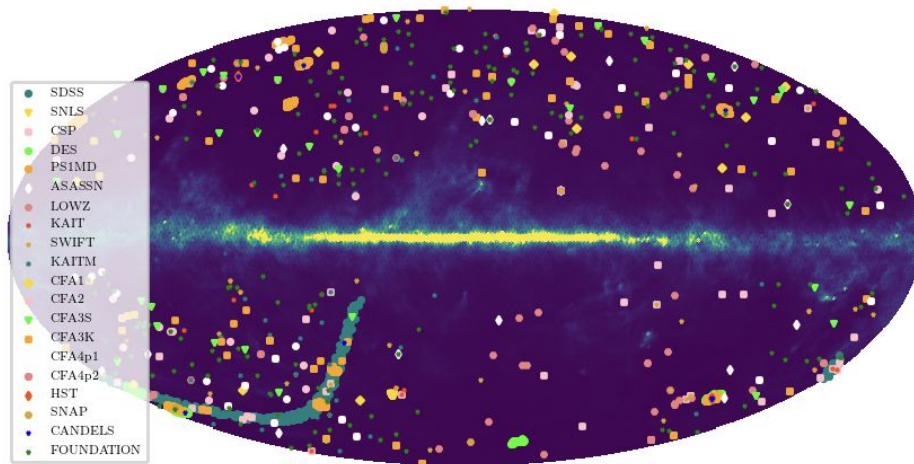
Pantheon+



**Brout+2022**

# Pantheon+

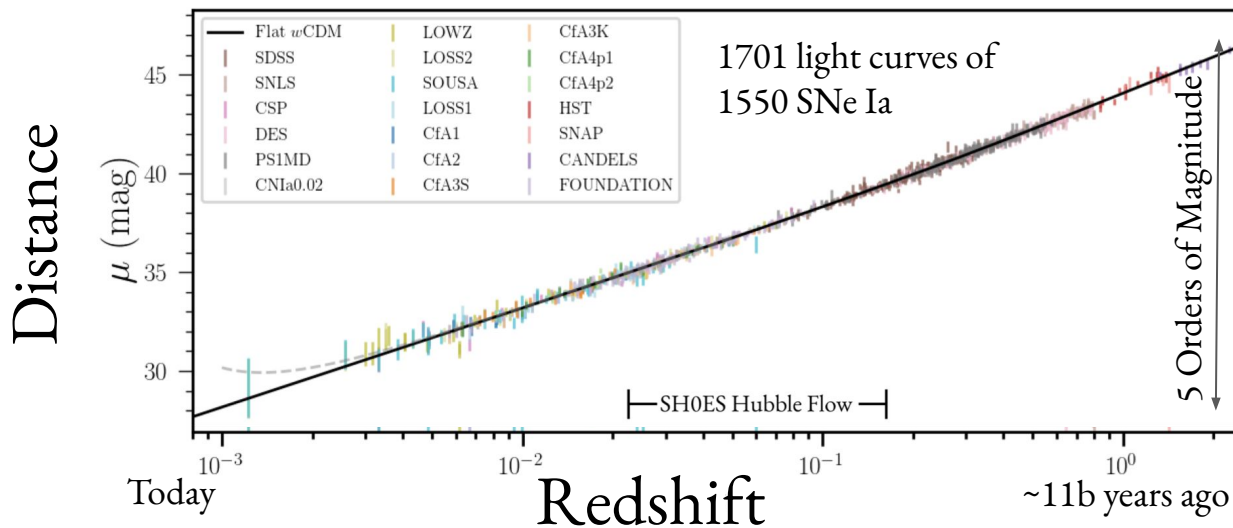
A compilation of the last 30 years  
of high quality SNe Ia.



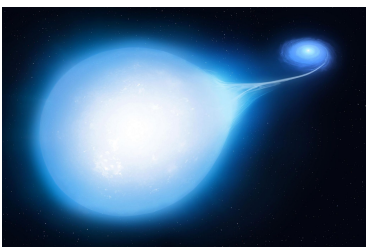
20 Different Photometric  
Systems (105 filters)

Recalibrated and SNIa  
model retrained

Numerous light curves from  
different telescopes of the  
same SN.



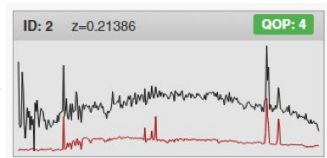
# Route to the SNIa Hubble Diagram - Improving at all steps



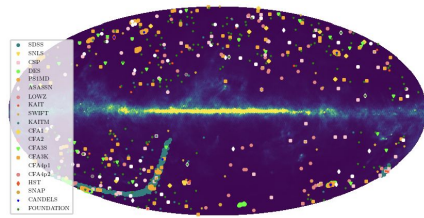
Model SN and host demographics  
(**Brout** & Scolnic 2020  
Popovic, **Brout** et al. 2021a/b)



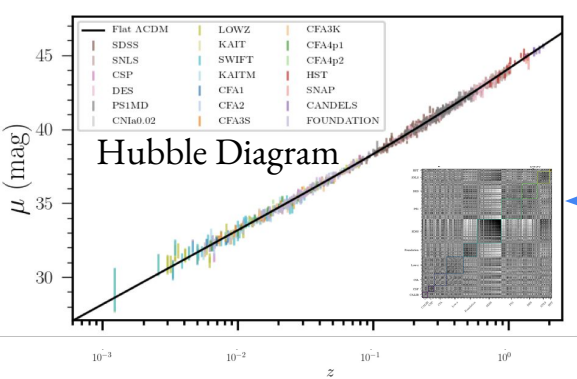
Model Survey strategy, cadence, selection, mismatch  
(Kessler, **Brout** et al. 2018)



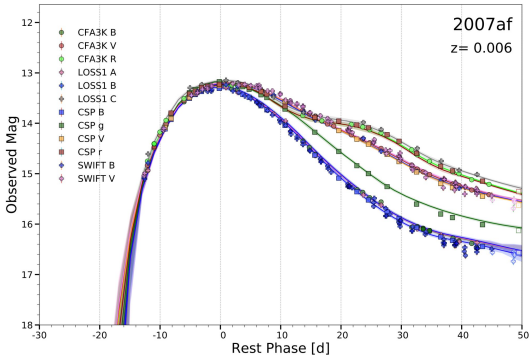
Get redshift and peculiar velocity  
(e.g. Carr, ..., **Brout**+2021, Peterson, ..., **Brout**+2021)



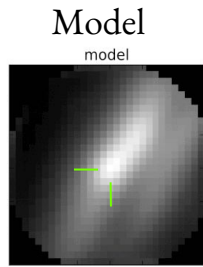
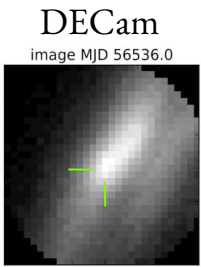
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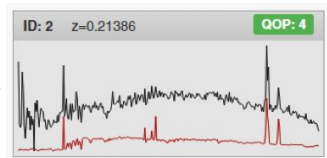
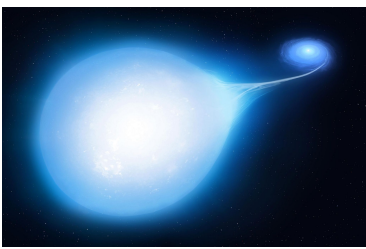


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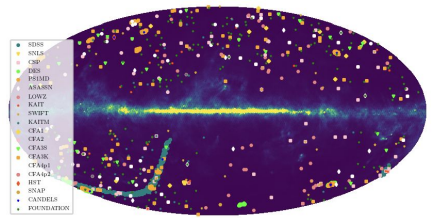


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# Route to the SNIa Hubble Diagram - Improving at all steps



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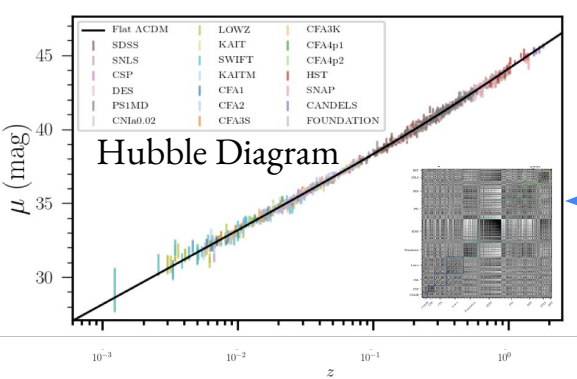


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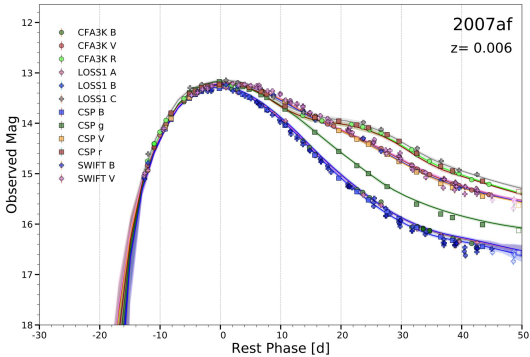


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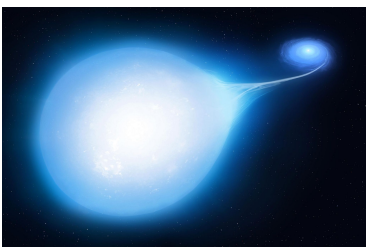
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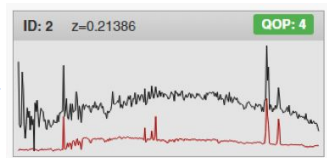
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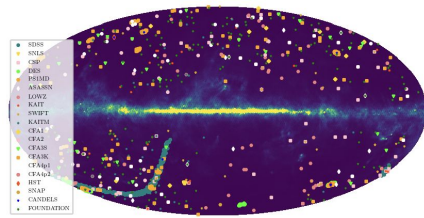
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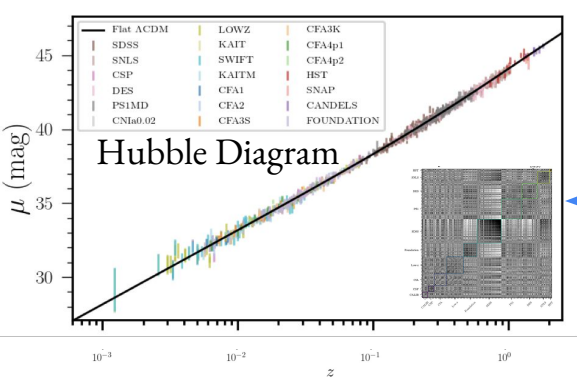
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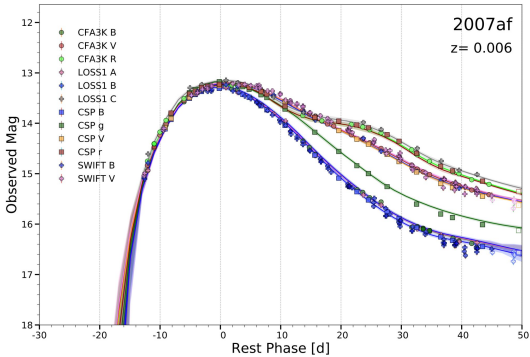
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Model

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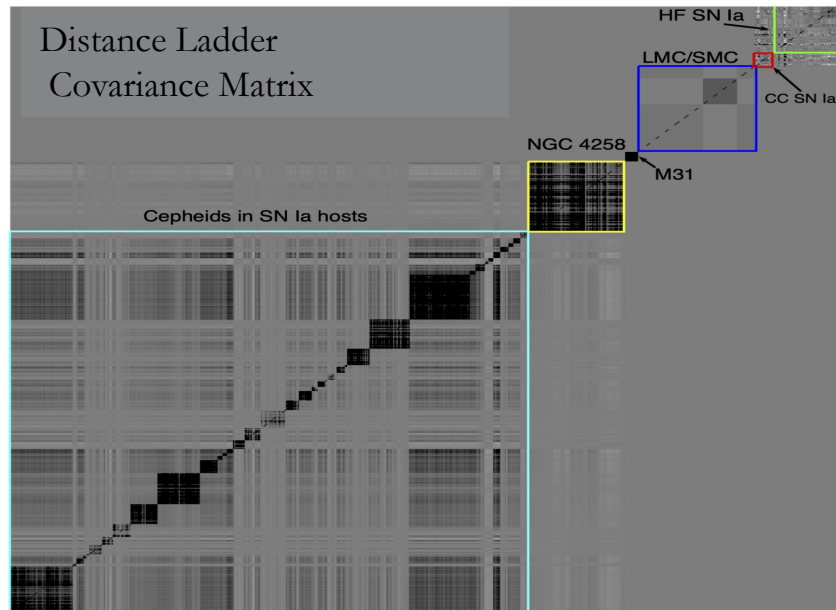
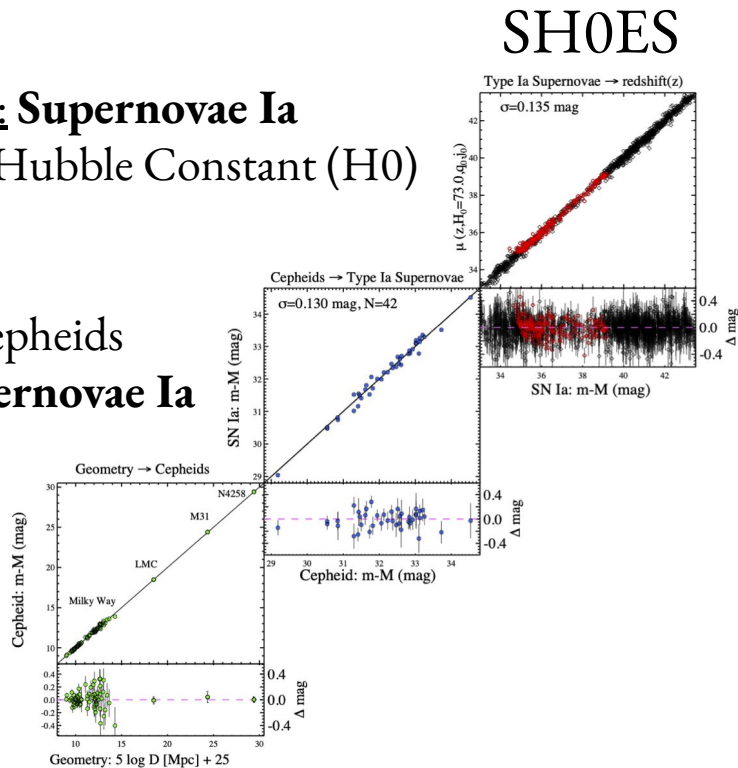


# Recent work is the marriage of two teams - SH0ES and Pantheon+

3rd: **Supernovae Ia**  
→ Hubble Constant ( $H_0$ )

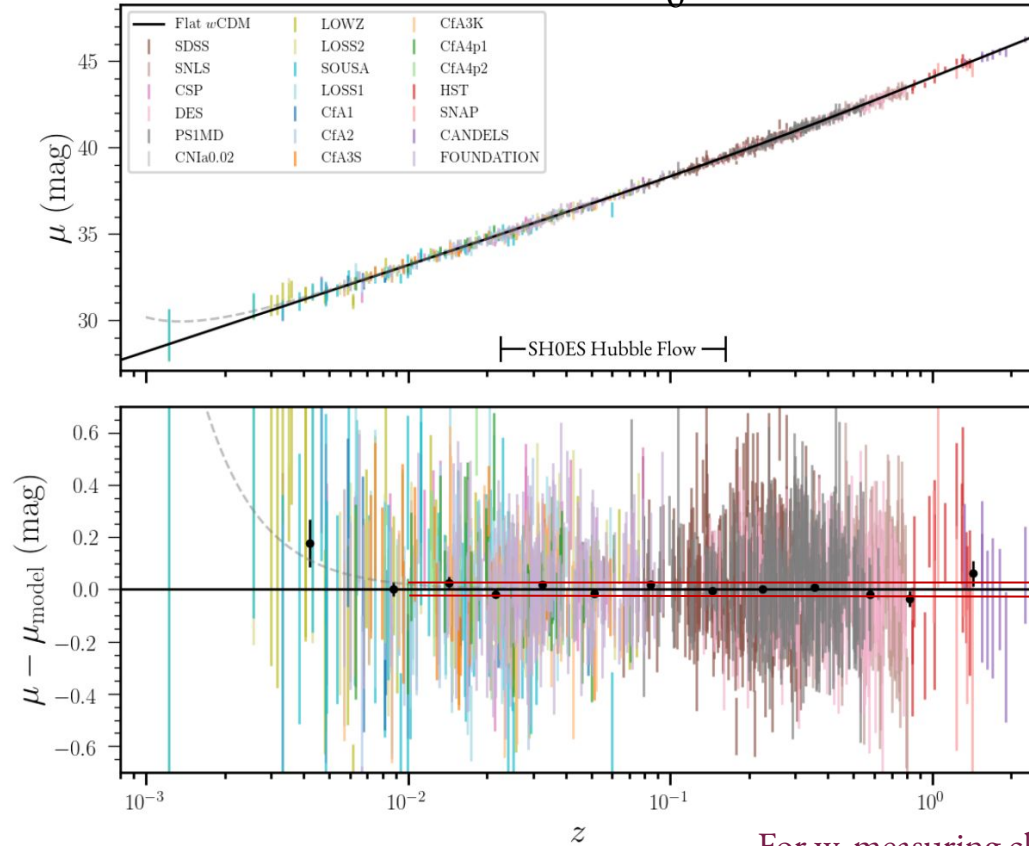
2nd: **Cepheids**  
→ **Supernovae Ia**

1st: **Geometry**  
→ **Cepheids**



Accounts for covariant systematics  
\*between\* rungs!

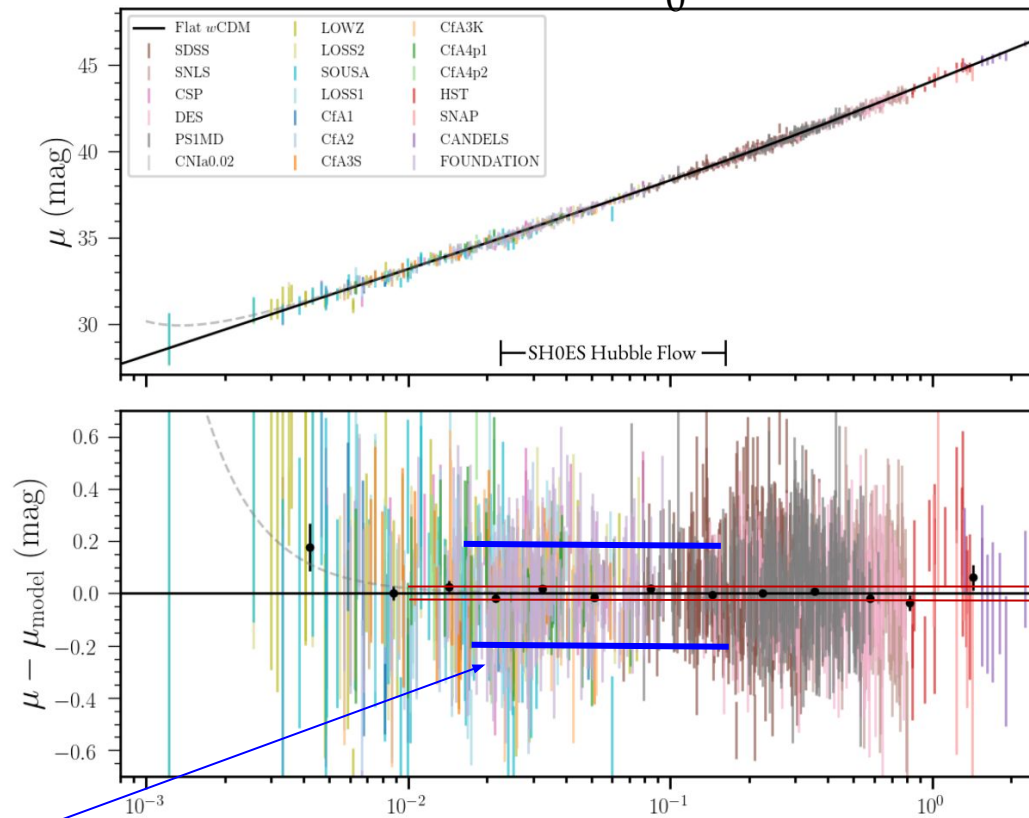
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For  $w$ , measuring changes of **0.02 mag** over  $\Delta z$  of **1.0**



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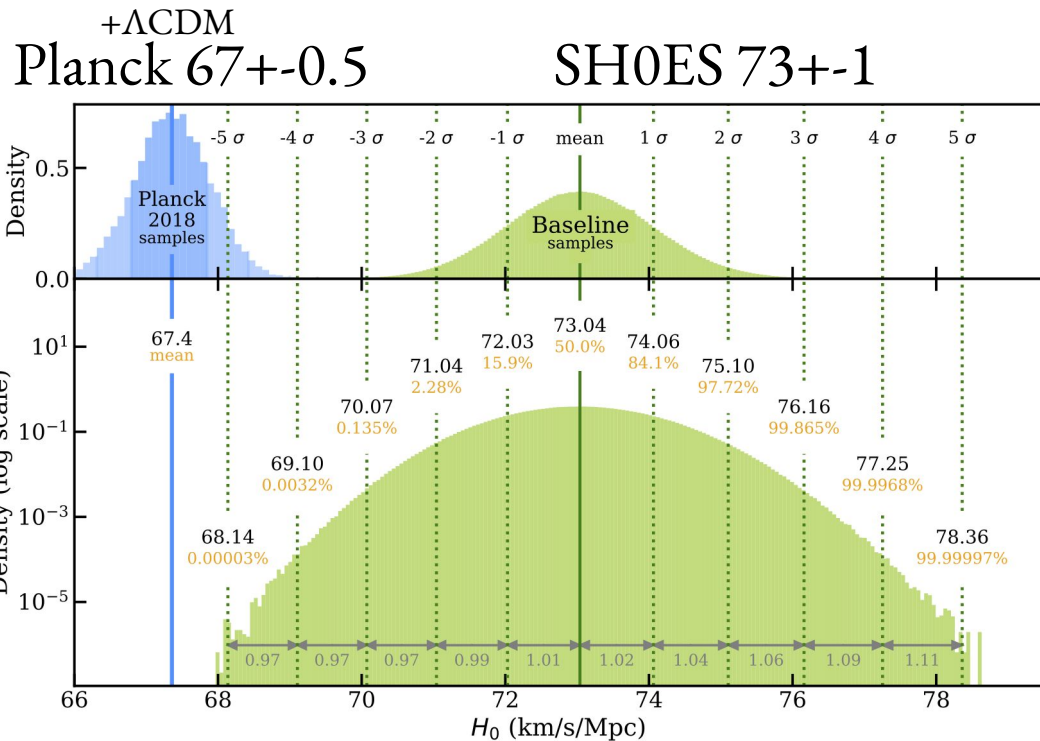
For  $w$ , measuring changes of **0.02 mag** over  $\Delta z$  of **1.0**

For  $H_0$ , the 'Hubble tension' is **0.20 mag** over  $\Delta z$  of **0.1**

$H_0$

Dark Energy and Dark Matter

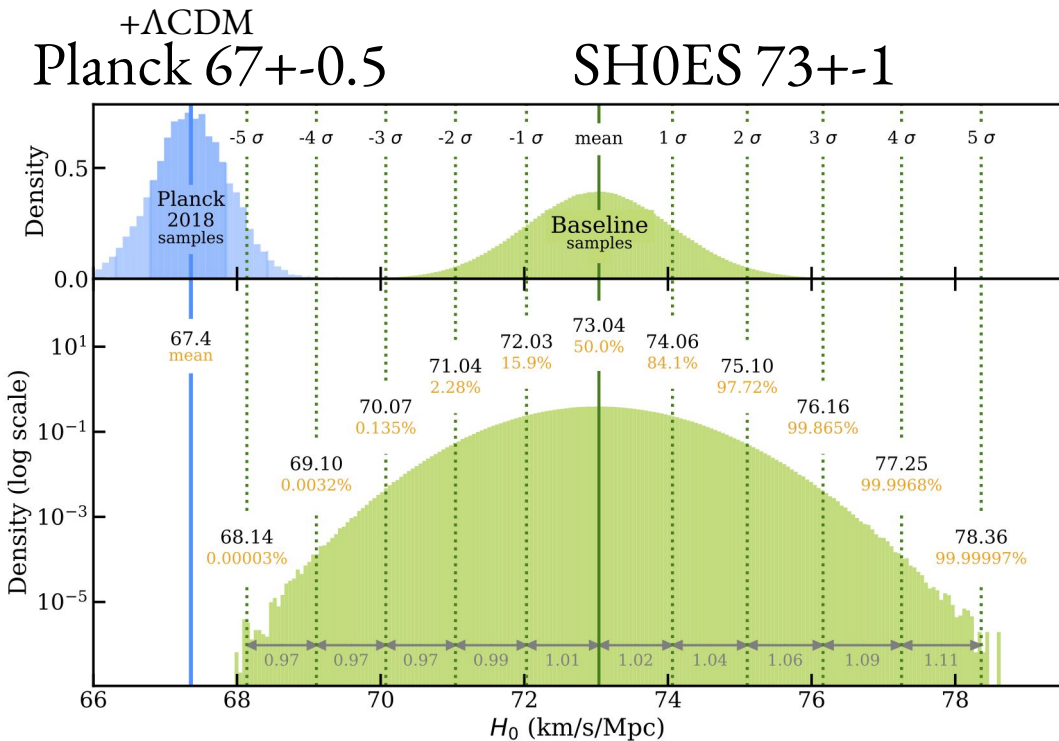
# SH0ES reaches 5sigma



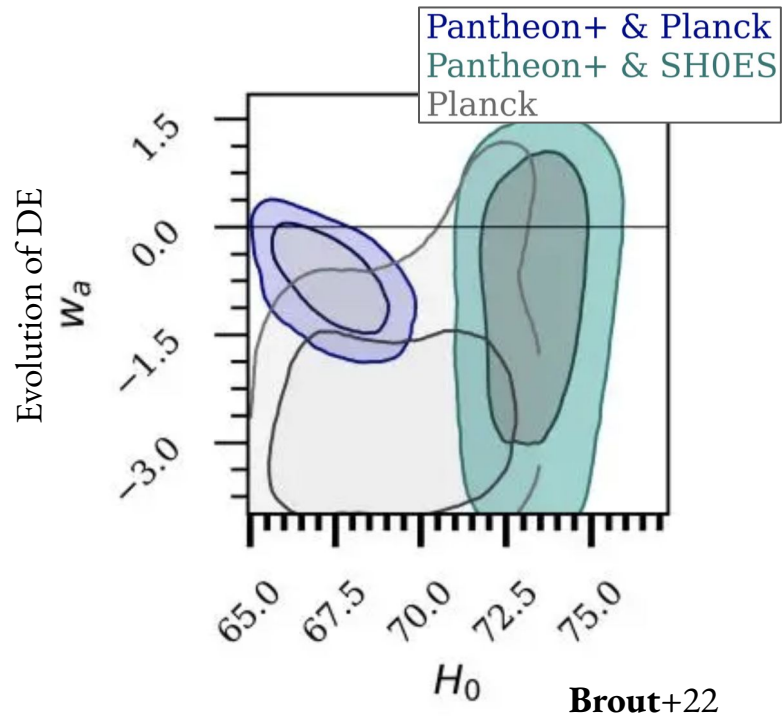
Riess, Yuan, Macri, Scolnic, **Brout**+21

# SH0ES reaches 5sigma

# Pantheon+ beyond $\Lambda$ CDM

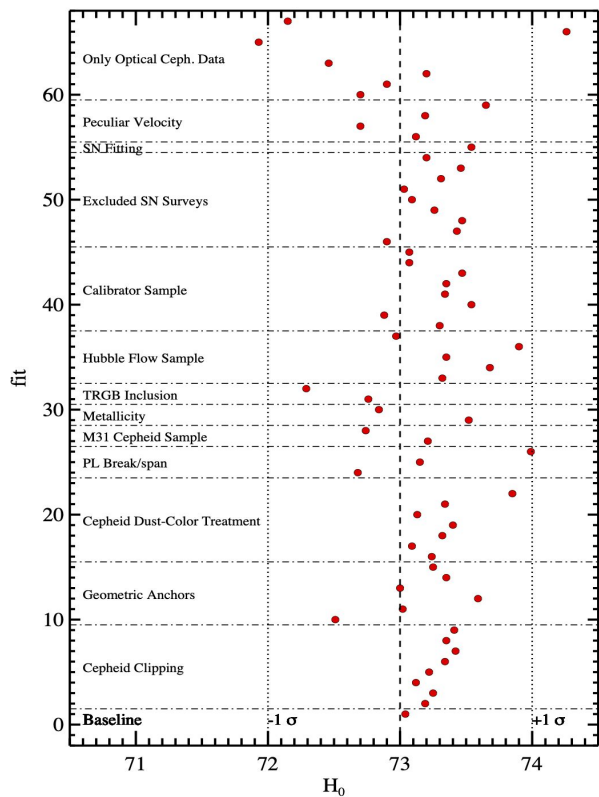


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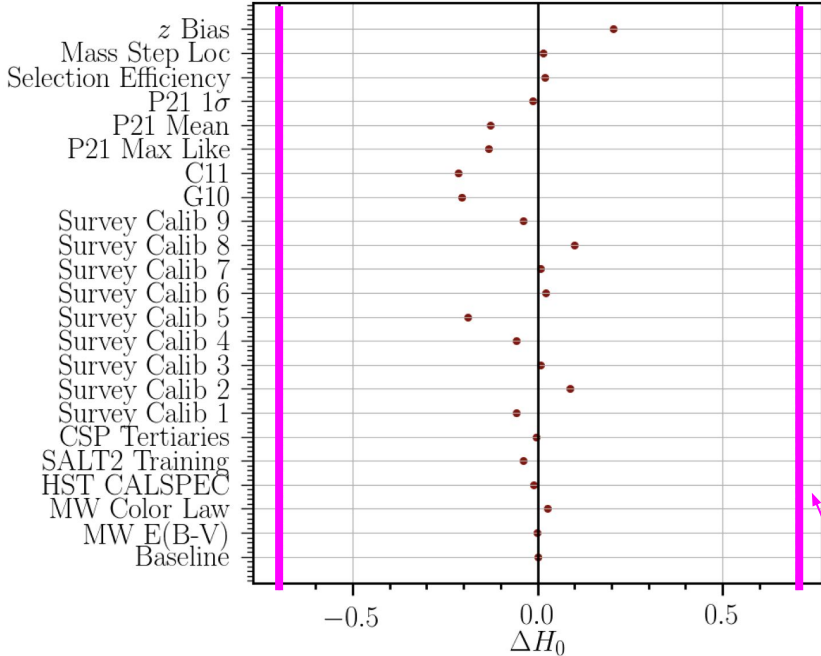


# We looked at everything that the community has raised over last 5 years.

## 70+ SHOES Analysis Variants (Riess+22)

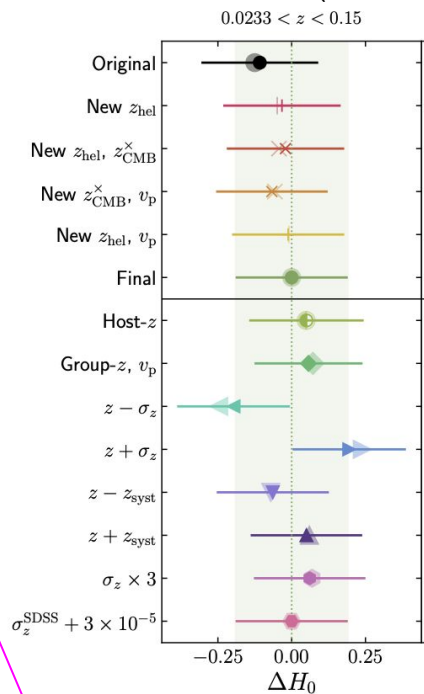


## SN $H_0$ Systematics (Brout+22)



Reported SN uncertainty  
on  $H_0$

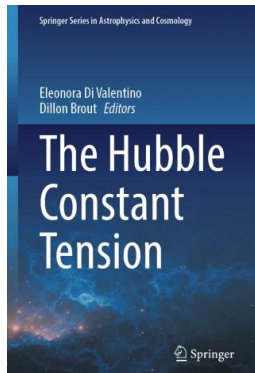
## Redshifts (Carr+22)



Bottom line: it's very hard to get below 72.5 without throwing out data or adding new tensions...

We (and the community) have done many cross-checks by using novel/independent samples.

I have compiled a database of recent papers addressing systematics.



HO Tension/SH0ES Result in Perspective: Table

**Table of Cross-checks and Tests of Components of SH0ES Distance Ladder**

Author	Year/Journal	Cross-checked/reproduced/substituted (or claim made if conflicting)	Comment/Followup Analyses	Result	Link
<b>Geometry</b>					
Breuval	2020/ASA	Gaia Parallax photometric and color variability	Uses Open Cluster parallax and binary comparison parallax instead of Cepheid parallaxes	$73.0 \pm 1.9$	<a href="https://arxiv.org/pdf/2006.08763.pdf">https://arxiv.org/pdf/2006.08763.pdf</a>
Pisec	2020/ApJL	Gaia, Parallax, Cepheids, SNe, basically everything	1 rung independent distance ladder using Megamaser geometry (no Gaia, no parallax)	$73.9 \pm 3.0$	<a href="https://arxiv.org/abs/2001.09213">https://arxiv.org/abs/2001.09213</a>
Riess	2018/ApJ	Cepheid Parallaxes before Gaia	Parallaxes from Spatial Scanning of HST 8 Cepheids	Yields $H_0=75$ w/ rest of 2016 ladder	<a href="https://ui.adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2018ApJ...855..136R/abstract">https://ui.adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2018ApJ...855..136R/abstract</a>
Grosznewagen	2018/ASA	Gaia	different derivation of Gaia parallax offset	$76 \pm 1.3$	<a href="https://arxiv.org/pdf/1808.05796.pdf">https://arxiv.org/pdf/1808.05796.pdf</a>
Benadict	2007/AJ	Cepheid Parallaxes before Gaia	Parallaxes from the FGS on HST of 9 Cepheids	Yields $H_0=76$ w/ rest of 2016 ladder	<a href="https://ui.adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2007AJ...133..181B/abstract">https://ui.adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2007AJ...133..181B/abstract</a>
<b>Cepheids</b>					
Molinaro	2023/MNRAS	Gaia Parallax offset, Cepheid metallicity term	New low metal MW Cepheid sample, finds Gaia offset, $-22^{+1.4}$ consistent with SH0ES $(-14^{+1.5})$ and metallicity term $-0.23^{+0.10}$ (SH0ES $-0.22^{+0.05}$ )	consistent Gaia and metallicity values	<a href="https://ui.adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2023MNRAS.520.4154M/abstract">https://ui.adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2023MNRAS.520.4154M/abstract</a>
Bhardwaj	2023/Submitted	Cepheid Metallicities	new spectra, metallicity term consistent with SH0ES	$\text{gamma}=-0.31 \pm 0.07$	<a href="https://arxiv.org/abs/2309.03263">https://arxiv.org/abs/2309.03263</a>
Riess	2023/ApJ	JWST: Crowding, dust, very strong tests	JWST eliminates crowding. Measures at 2.7 microns so dust $\sim 0$ .	Excellent agreement in PL relation	<a href="https://arxiv.org/abs/2307.15806">https://arxiv.org/abs/2307.15806</a>
Breuval	2023/ApJ	Distance to M33 by many methods compared to SH0ES Cepheid	RR Lyrae, TRGB, Miras, JAGB, ground-based Cepheids	agreement in mean to $< 0.05$ mag among many methods	<a href="https://ui.adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2023ApJ...951..118B/abstract">https://ui.adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2023ApJ...951..118B/abstract</a>
		TRGB Standardization process: Peculiar Velocities.	Tip contrast ratio improves tip calibration. Shifts in $H_0$ come from tip standardization, SN		

<https://djbrou.t.github.io/SH0ESrefs.html>



# The Tension is Hard to Avoid: Not Exclusive to one method/dataset...

Measurements that depend on physical scales set in the early universe

Direct Measurements of  $H_0$  determined locally

**CMB (Planck)**

**CMB (No Planck)**

**No CMB, with BBN**

**CMB Lensing**

**Parallax+Cepheids+SN Ia**

**Replace Cepheids with TRGB**

**Replace Cepheids with Miras**

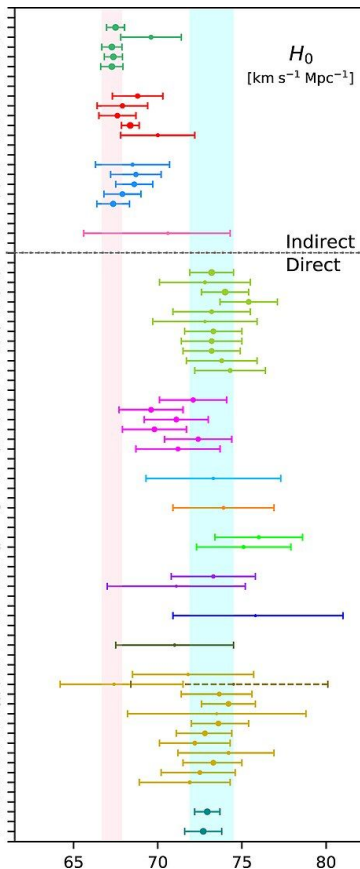
**Masers Only!**

**Tully-Fisher Relation → Different SNe Ia**  
**Surface Brightness Fluctuations → Different SNe Ia**

**Replace SNIa with SNIi**

**Strong Lensing**

- CMB with Planck**
- Balkenhol et al. (2021), Planck 2018+SPT+ACT:  $67.49 \pm 0.53$
- Pogosian et al. (2020), eBOSS+Planck  $D_H$ :  $69.6 \pm 1.8$
- Aghanim et al. (2020), Planck 2018+CMB lensing:  $67.36 \pm 0.54$
- Ade et al. (2016), Planck 2015,  $H_0 = 67.27 \pm 0.66$
- CMB without Planck**
- Dutcher et al. (2021), SPT:  $68.8 \pm 1.5$
- Niela et al. (2020), ACT:  $67.9 \pm 1.5$
- Aiola et al. (2020), WMAP9+ACT:  $67.6 \pm 1.1$
- Zhang, Huang (2019), WMAP9+BAO:  $68.36 \pm 0.52$
- Hirshauer et al. (2013), WMAP9:  $70.0 \pm 2.2$
- No CMB, with BBN**
- D'Amico et al. (2020), BOSS DR12+BBN:  $68.5 \pm 2.2$
- Colas et al. (2020), BOSS DR12+BBN:  $68.7 \pm 1.5$
- Philcox et al. (2020),  $P+BAO+BBN$ :  $68.6 \pm 1.1$
- Ivanov et al. (2020), BOSS+BBN:  $67.9 \pm 1.1$
- Alam et al. (2020), BOSS+eBOSS+BBN:  $67.35 \pm 0.97$
- $P(k)$  + CMB lensing**
- Philcox et al. (2020),  $P(k)$ +CMB lensing:  $70.6 \pm 0.5$
- Cepheids – SNIa**
- Riess et al. (2020), R20:  $73.2 \pm 1.3$
- Breuval et al. (2020):  $72.8 \pm 2.7$
- Riess et al. (2019), R19:  $74.0 \pm 1.4$
- Camarena, Marín (2019):  $75.4 \pm 1.7$
- Burns et al. (2018):  $73.2 \pm 2.3$
- Dhawan, Jha, Leibundgut (2017), NIR:  $72.8 \pm 3.1$
- Follin, Knox (2017):  $73.3 \pm 1.7$
- Feeney, Mortlock, Dalmaso (2017):  $73.2 \pm 1.8$
- Riess et al. (2016), R16:  $73.2 \pm 1.7$
- Cardona, Kunz, Pettorino (2016), HFS:  $73.8 \pm 2.1$
- Freedman et al. (2012):  $74.3 \pm 2.1$
- TRGB – SNIa**
- Soltis, Casertano, Riess (2020):  $72.1 \pm 2.0$
- Freedman et al. (2020):  $69.6 \pm 1.9$
- Reid, Pesce, Riess (2019), SH0ES:  $71.1 \pm 1.9$
- Freedman et al. (2019):  $69.8 \pm 1.9$
- Yuan et al. (2019):  $72.4 \pm 2.0$
- Jang, Lee (2017):  $71.2 \pm 2.5$
- Miras – SNIa**
- Huang et al. (2019):  $73.3 \pm 4.0$
- Masers**
- Pesce et al. (2020):  $73.9 \pm 3.0$
- Tully – Fisher Relation (TFR)**
- Kourkchi et al. (2020):  $76.0 \pm 2.6$
- Schombert, McGaugh, Lelli (2020):  $75.1 \pm 2.8$
- Surface Brightness Fluctuations**
- Blakeslee et al. (2021) IR-SBF w/ HST:  $73.3 \pm 2.5$
- Khetan et al. (2020) w/ LMC DEB:  $71.1 \pm 4.1$
- SNIi**
- de Jaeger et al. (2020):  $75.8 \pm 2.3$
- HII galaxies**
- Fernández Arenas et al. (2018):  $71.0 \pm 3.5$
- Lensing related, mass model – dependent**
- Denzel et al. (2021):  $71.8 \pm 2.3$
- Birrer et al. (2020), TDCOSMO+SLACS:  $67.4 \pm 1.3$ , TDCOSMO:  $74.5 \pm 1.3$
- Yang, Birrer, Hu (2020),  $H_0 = 73.65 \pm 1.86$
- Milton et al. (2020), TDCOSMO:  $74.2 \pm 1.6$
- Baxter et al. (2020):  $73.5 \pm 5.3$
- Qi et al. (2020):  $73.6 \pm 1.7$
- Liao et al. (2020):  $72.8 \pm 1.7$
- Liao et al. (2019):  $72.2 \pm 2.7$
- Shajib et al. (2019), STRIDES:  $74.2 \pm 2.1$
- Wong et al. (2019), HOLICOW 2019:  $73.3 \pm 1.7$
- Birrer et al. (2018), HOLICOW 2018:  $72.5 \pm 1.7$
- Bonvin et al. (2016), HOLICOW 2016:  $71.9 \pm 1.3$
- Optimistic average**
- Di Valentino (2021):  $72.94 \pm 0.75$
- Ultra – conservative, no Cepheids, no lensing**
- Di Valentino (2021):  $72.7 \pm 1.1$

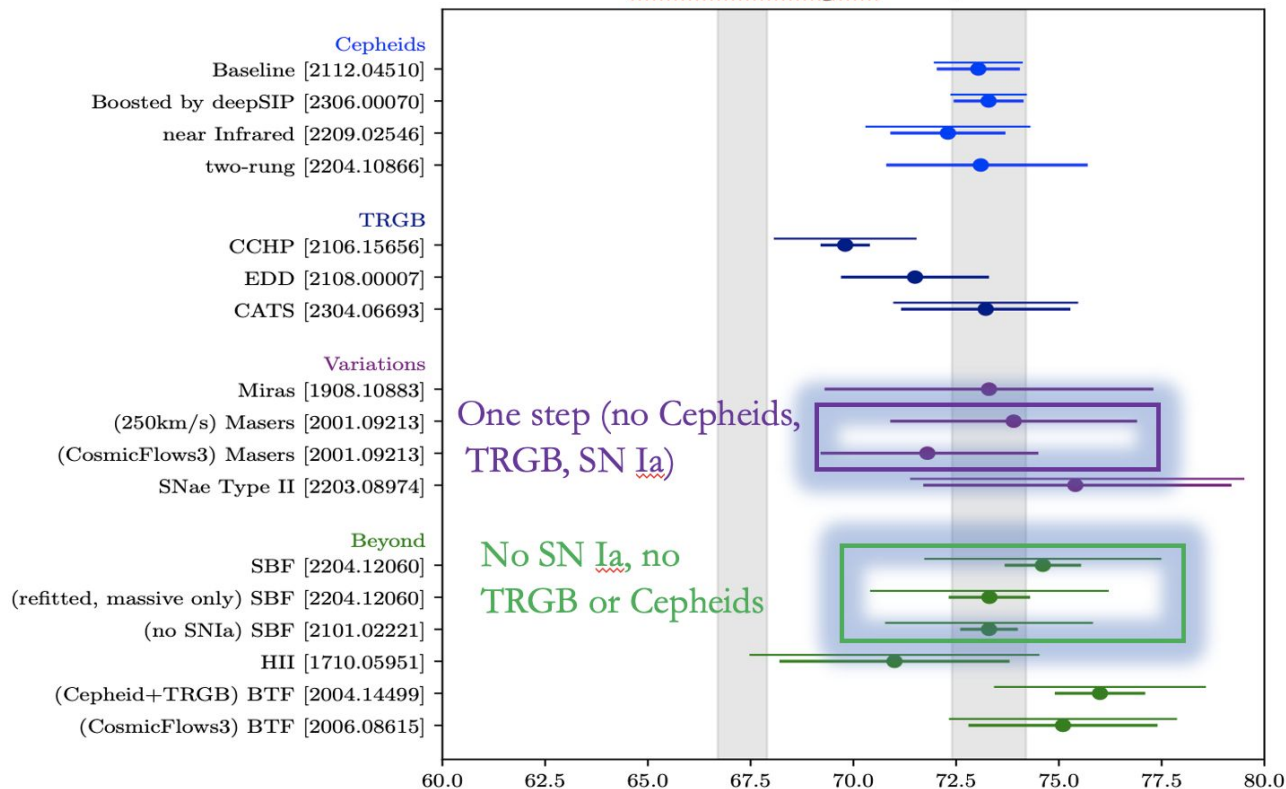


Credit: Eleonora DiValentino (co-editor on  $H_0$  book)

# Do $H_0$ measurements that use TRGB agree with SH0ES?

Yes.

Verde, Schonenberg, Gil-Marin, ARAA 2023

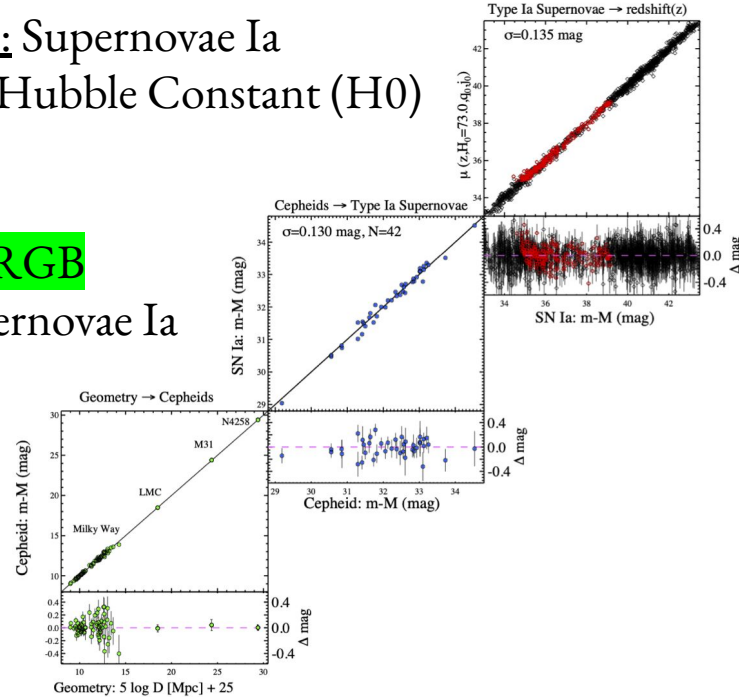


# Tip of the Red Giant Branch from Freedman et al. 2019 achieves

3rd: Supernovae Ia  
→ Hubble Constant ( $H_0$ )

2nd: TRGB  
→ Supernovae Ia

1st: Geometry  
→ Cepheids

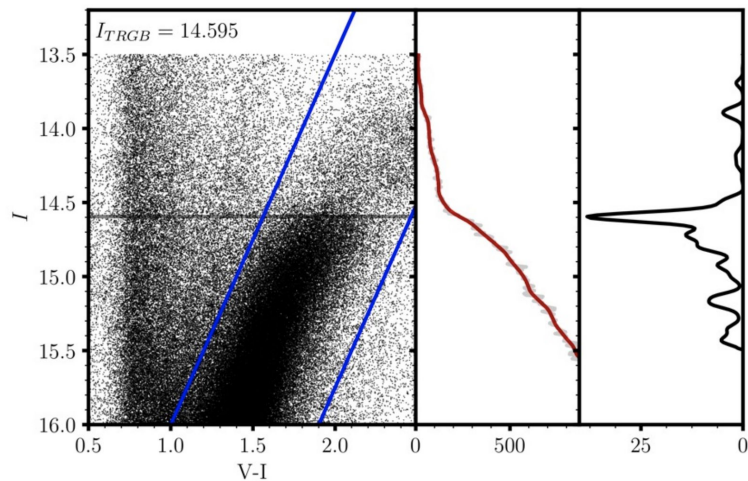


BUT REMEMBER CONSISTENCY ACROSS THE RUNGS IS KEY!



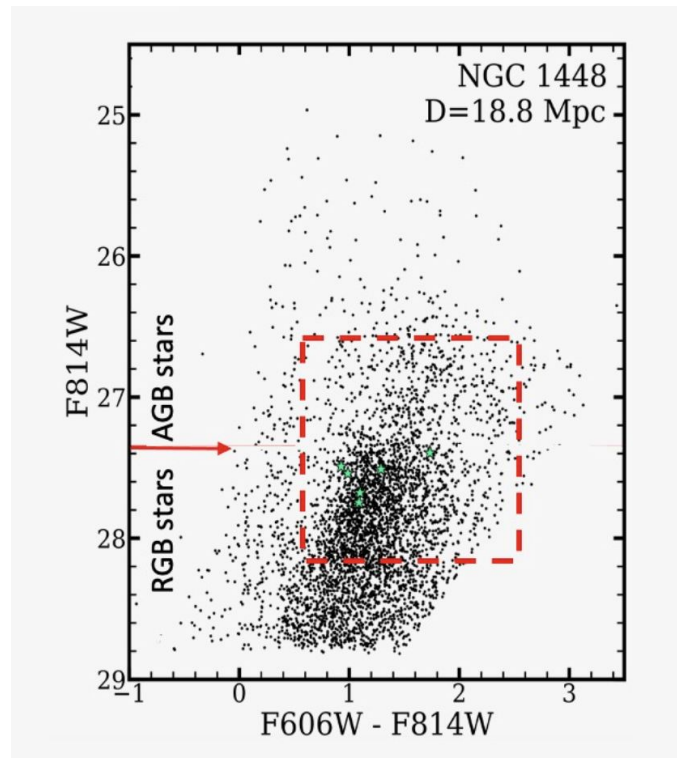
# TRGB measurements are difficult to replicate across rungs

First Rung (LMC)



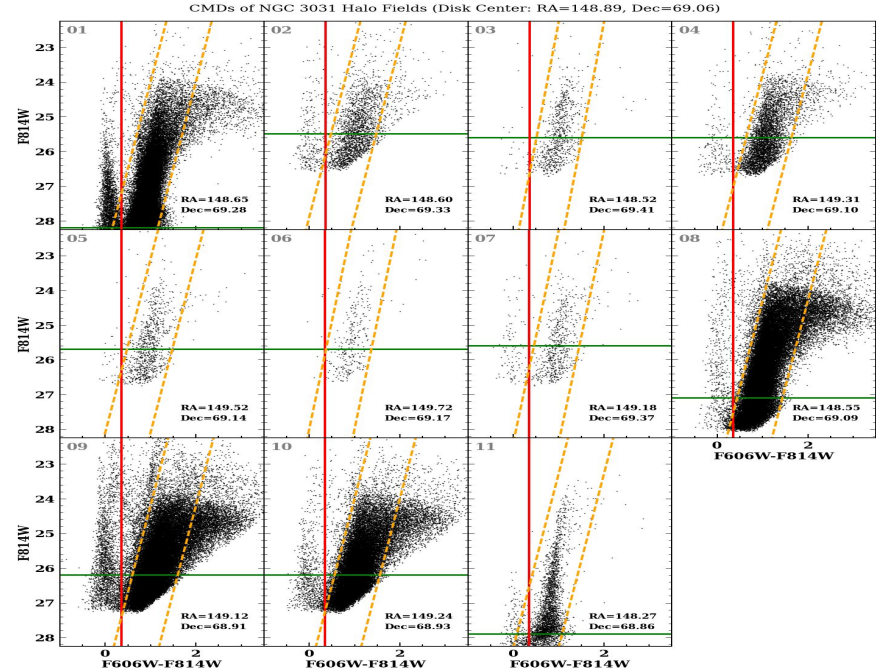
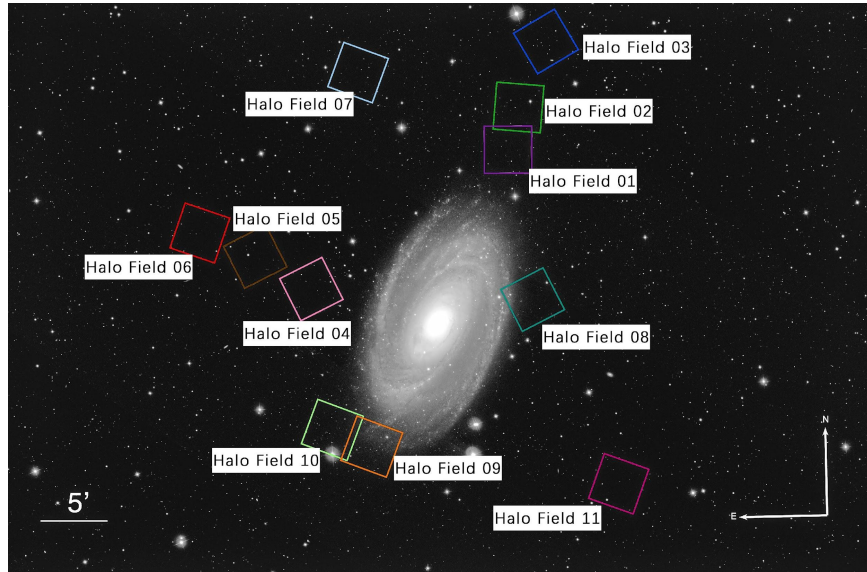
At High SNR this isnt too hard...

Second Rung (NGC1448)



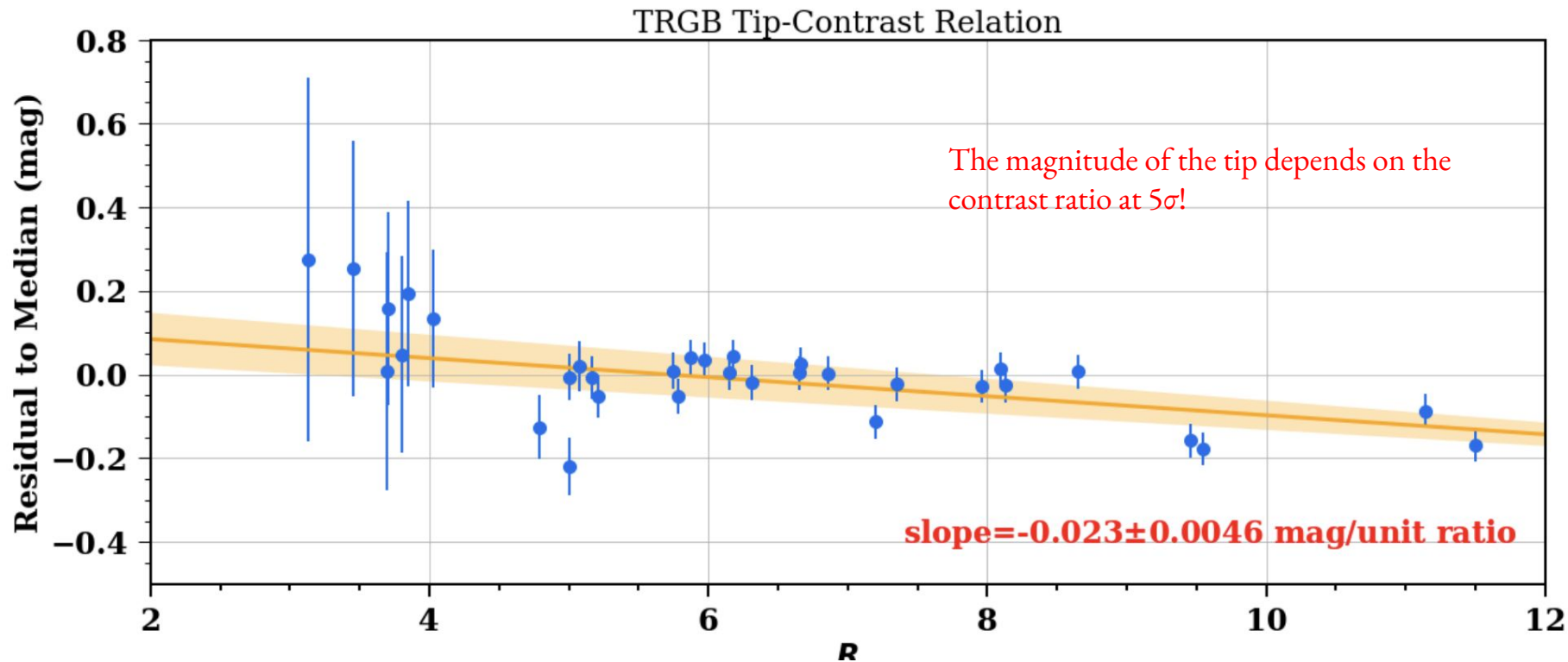
But at lower SNR measuring a noisy tip is hard!

# Do $H_0$ measurements that use TRGB agree with SH0ES?



‘CATS’ Team. Wu et al. 2023


CATS found TRGB standardizable candle, empirical,  $5\sigma$  relation between tip magnitude and contrast, 'TCR' relation



# Where does SH0ES - CCHP difference come from? More on SN side.

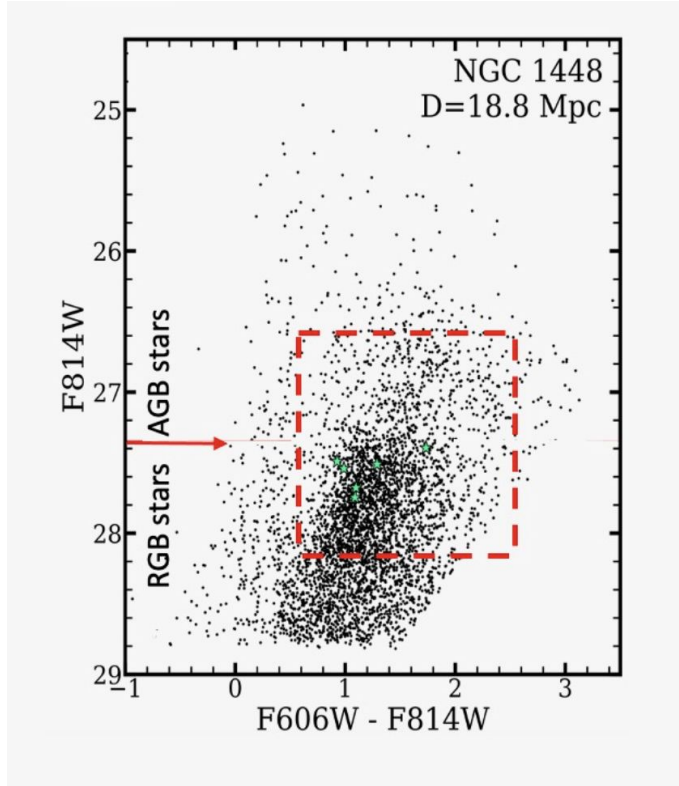
Term	$\Delta$ CCHP
	(km/s/Mpc)
SN Related	
1. Include SN 2021pit,2021rhu,2007on	0.6
2. No TRGB detected in N5584,N3021,N1309,N3370	0.0
3. Peculiar Flows (Pantheon+)	0.4
4. Hubble Flow Surveys (Pantheon+)	1.1
<b>SN subtotal</b>	<b>2.0</b>
TRGB Related	
5. Fiducial TRGB Calibration/Tip-Contrast Relation	1.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.4</b>

Inconsistency in survey calibration from 2nd to 3rd rungs

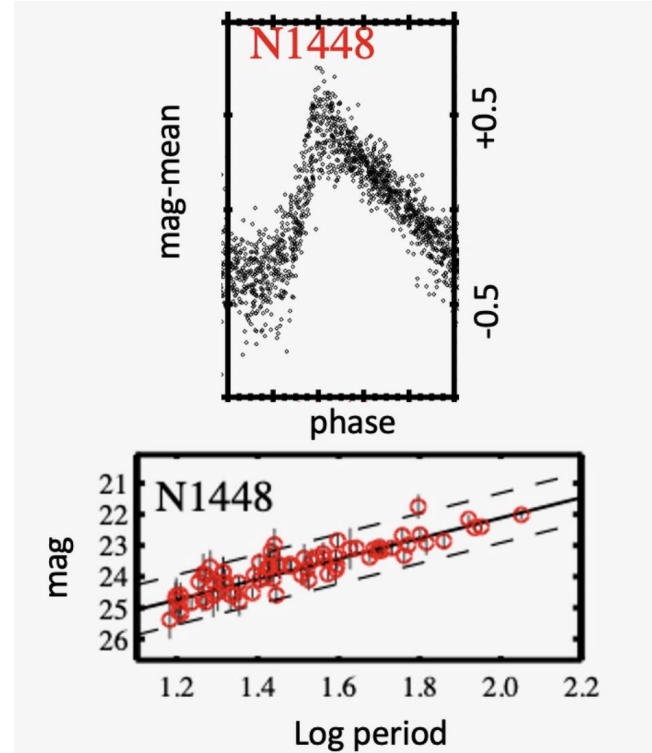


# Comparison of TRGB and Cepheids in same 2nd rung galaxy

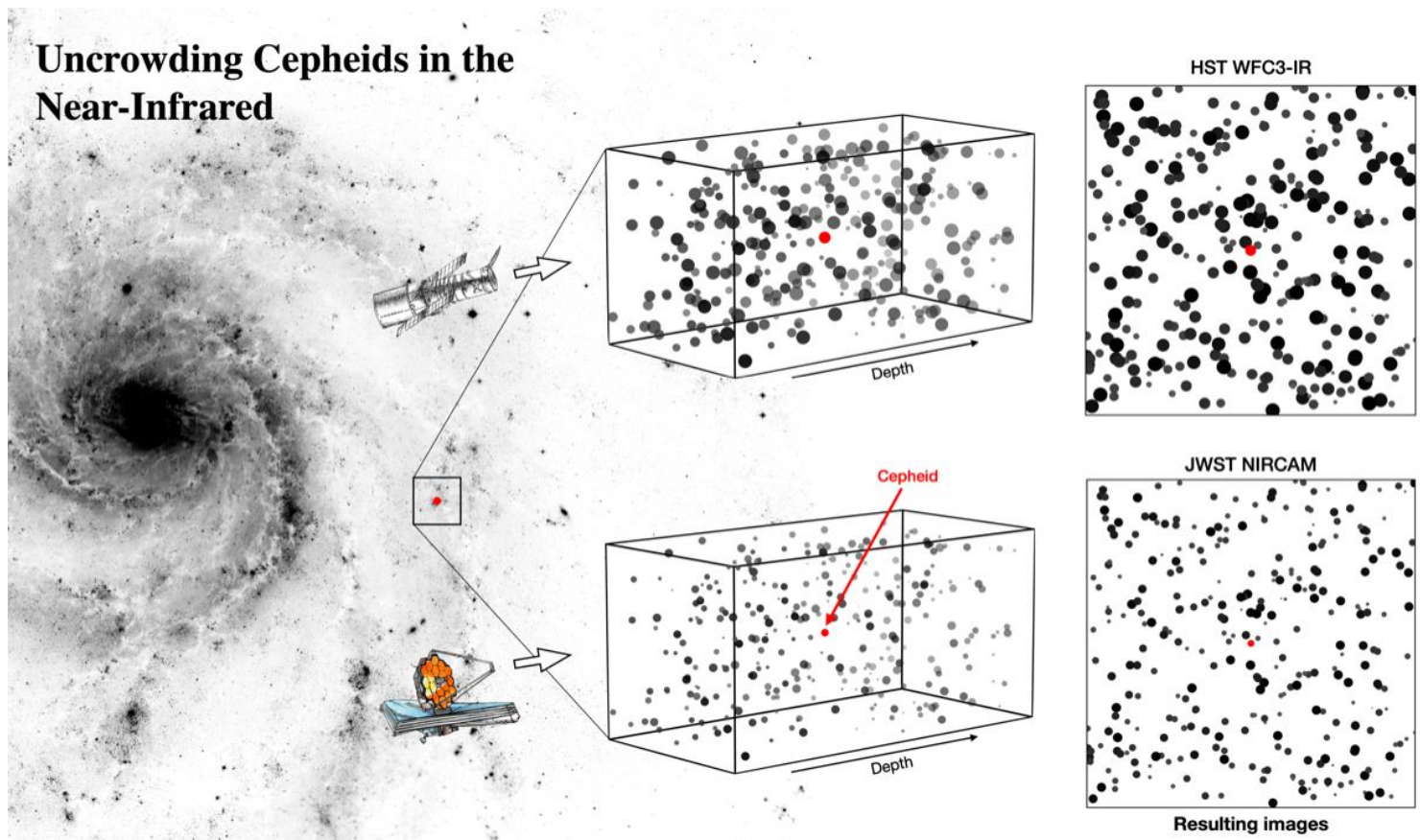
TRGB Second Rung (NGC1448)



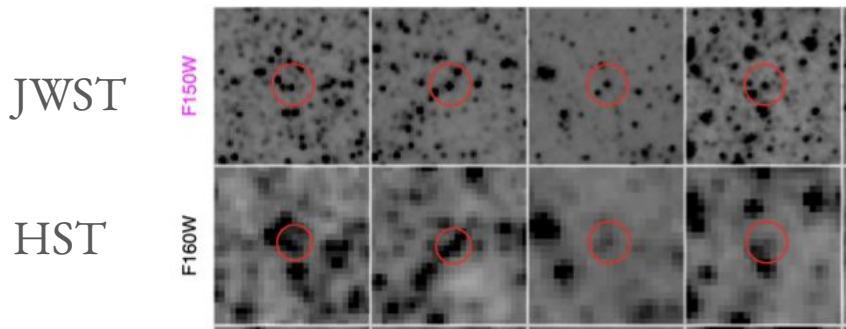
Cepheids Second Rung (NGC1448)



# What JWST can do? Systematic checks of HST Cepheid measurements.



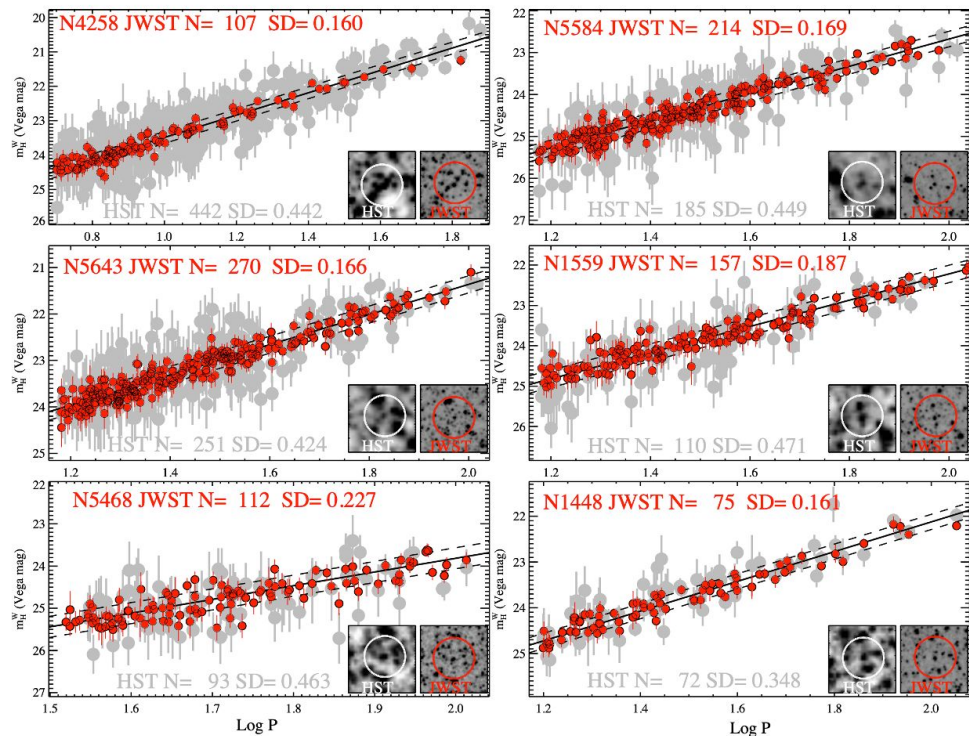
# Is Cepheid Crowding an Issue?



JWST scatter 2.5 times less than HST at 1.5 microns, excellent agreement of intercepts

arXiv:2307.15806, arXiv: 2401.04773

Rules out distance-dependent HST crowding error needed to solve tension at 8.3sigma.



Riess et al. 2024

# Important Public Service Announcement About JWST Results

JWST is still in the realm of systematic checks.

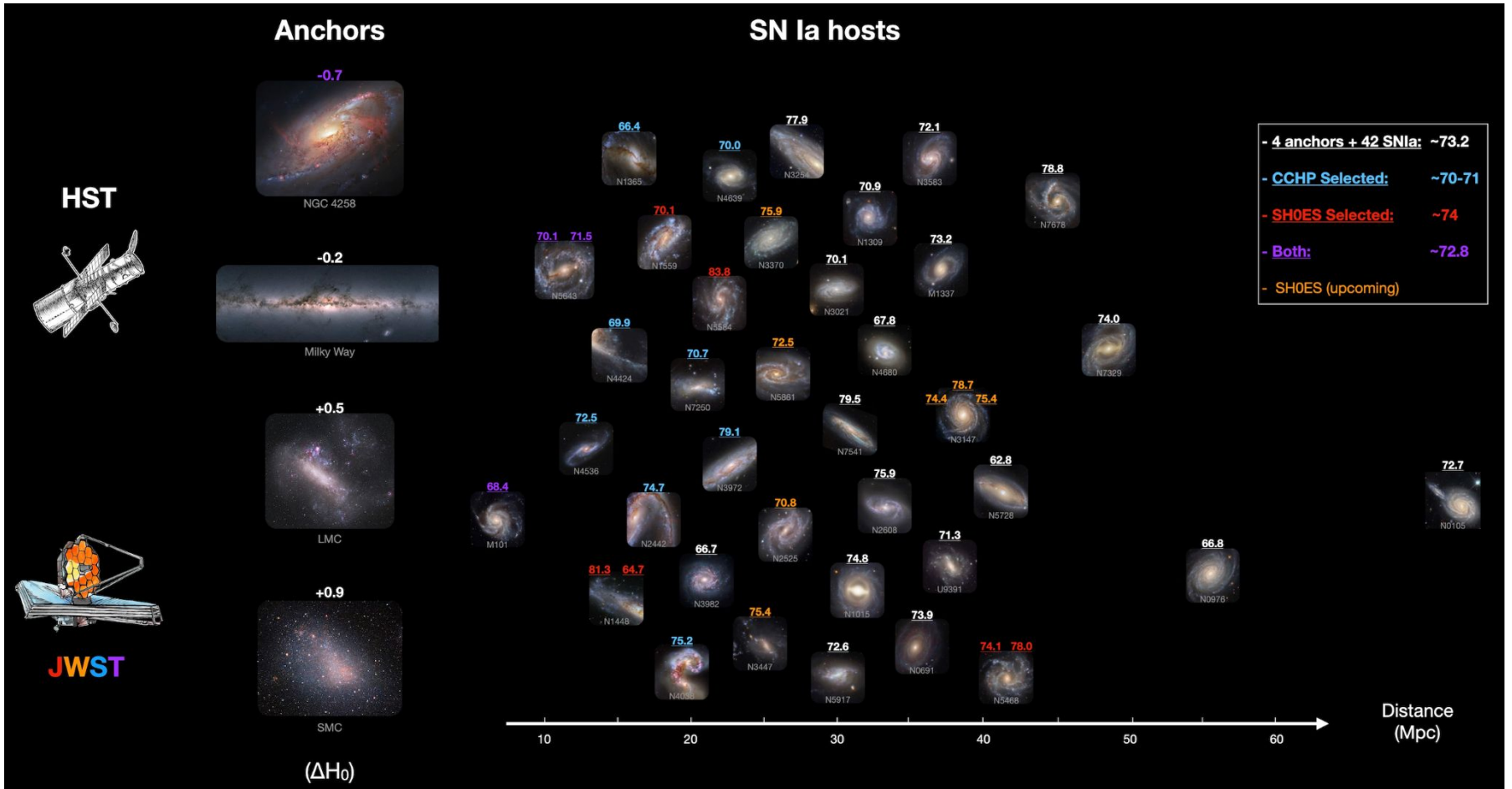
Programs do not have enough data to make compelling independent measurements of  $H_0$ .

If neglect SN scatter, programs with one anchor, small SN sample+luck → spuriously low/high  $H_0$ .

We must be patient for fair samples...



# JWST has one anchor and small SN Ia samples. Not yet ready for H0 Primetime...



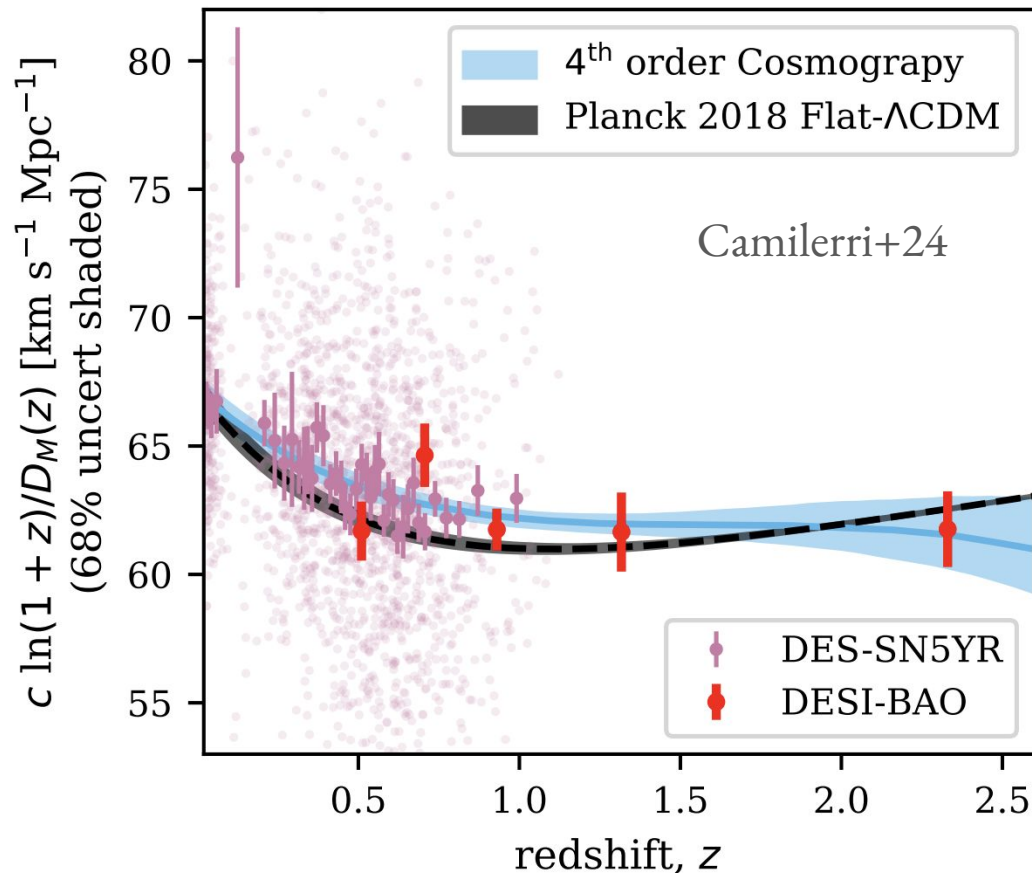
# SNe dont allow for any late time expansion history to solve H0.

Instead of calibrating SN distances with ladder...

Combine SNe with BAO (*and the early universe constraint on sound horizon from CMB*)

$$H_0 = 67.19^{+0.66}_{-0.64} \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

Strong constraints on late-time physics causing H0 tension. Leads us to examine physics models that can change sound horizon (early universe).



# In summary, if real, where should we be looking?

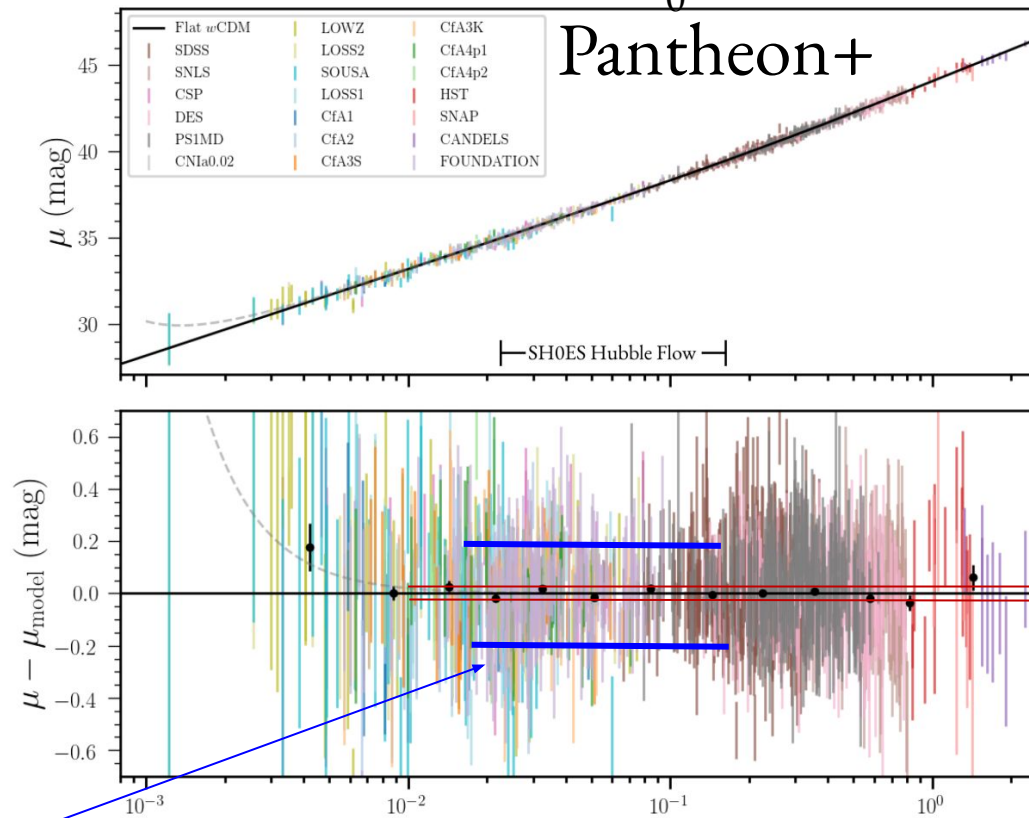
- *Wu & Huterer 17, Dhawan, **Brout**+20, Benevento, Hu,+20, **Brout**+22* suggest that late universe physics (e.g. decaying dark matter, evolving dark energy, or local voids/fluctuations) are strongly constrained by SNe and unlikely.
- Inverse distance ladder measurements giving low  $H_0$  also push us to consider models that modify early time physics affecting the sound horizon (though there is some evidence from *Philcox+23* that this may not be early enough).
- But, intriguing significant claims of “Early Dark Energy” in *Simon+22, Hill+20, Poulin+19, Agrawal+19, Lin+19, Smith+19* that must be scrutinized.

Today I will focus on two big issues:

**Part I:** The Hubble Constant ( $H_0$ )

**Part II:** The Cosmological Constant ( $\Lambda$ ), and potentially evolving/thawing dark energy.

# SNe Ia are used for Hubble Constant $H_0$ and Dark Energy $w$



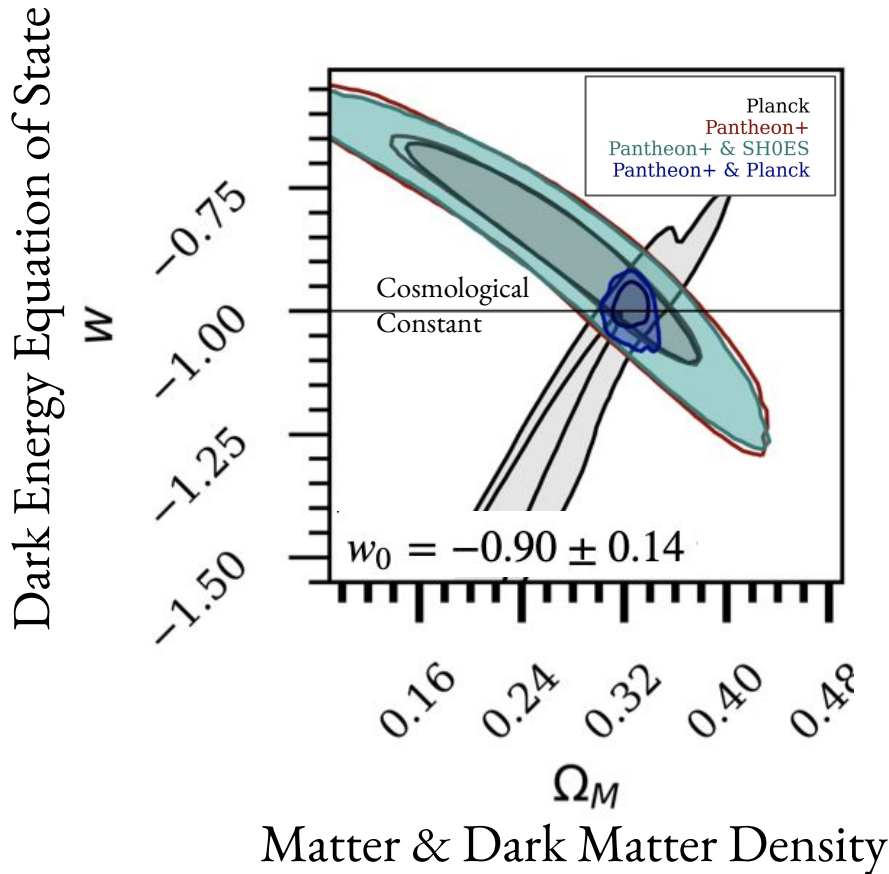
$H_0$

For  $w$ , measuring changes of **0.02 mag** over  $\Delta z$  of **2.0**

Dark Energy and Dark Matter

For  $H_0$ , the 'Hubble tension' is **0.20 mag** over  $\Delta z$  of **0.1**

# Pantheon+ has measured cosmology and pushed on the error floor



- Incorporates over 115 sources of systematic uncertainty *and not dominated by systematics!*
- Figure of merit 2x better than Pantheon (2018)
- Consistent with cosmological constant when examining wCDM (including with CMB).
- Data and likelihoods available publicly and now widely used.

$$d_L(z) = (1+z) c \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{H_0 \sqrt{\Omega_M (1+z')^3 + \Omega_\Lambda (1+z')^{3(1+w)}}$$

Matter + Dark Matter      Dark Energy      Equation of State

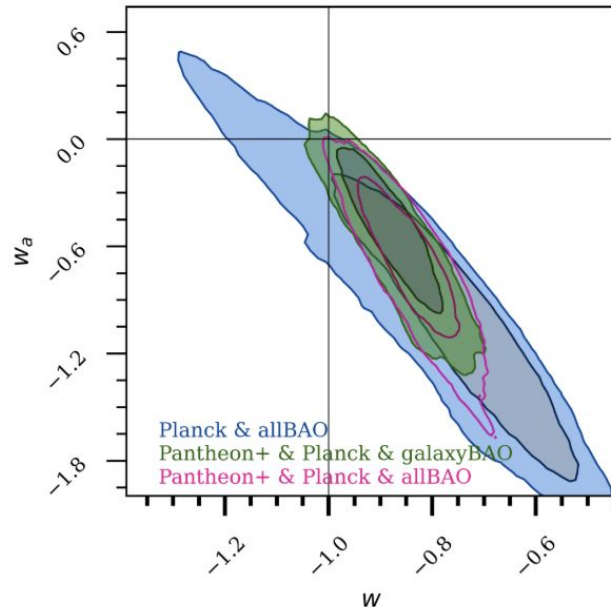
If  $w = -1$ , DE is cosmological constant (constant energy density)

$w_a$  = time varying dark energy

## 2.3 Sigma Significance of Evolving/Thawing Dark Energy ( $w_a$ )

When combining with CMB and SDSS Baryon Acoustic Oscillations (galaxy and quasar).

$$\text{Flat-}w_0w_a\text{CDM} \quad \left| \quad \left[ \Omega_M(1+z)^3 + (1-\Omega_M)(1+z)^{3(1+w_0+w_a)} e^{-3w_a z/(1+z)} \right]^{1/2} \right.$$



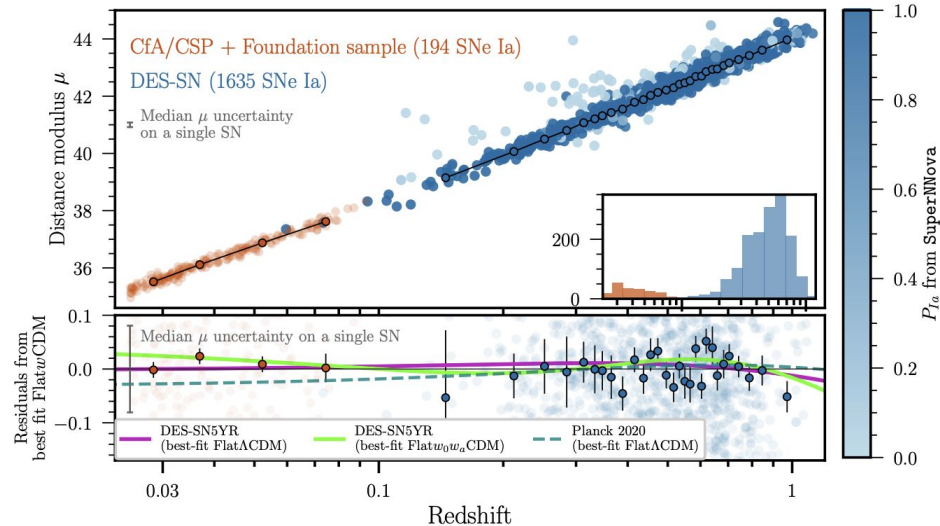
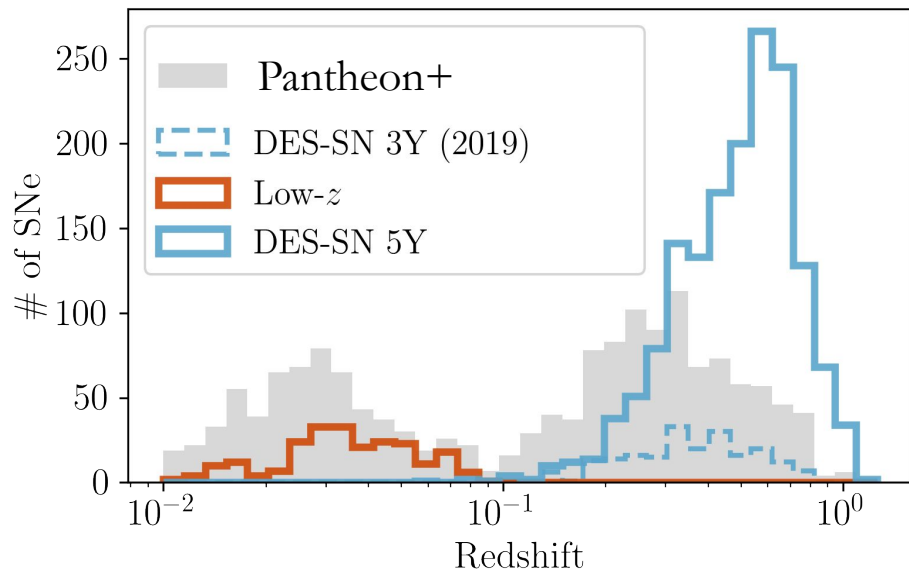
# The Dark Energy Survey Supernova Sample is independent high- $z$ sample, can check dark energy signal..



~1600 “Photometrically-classified” Type Ia SNe



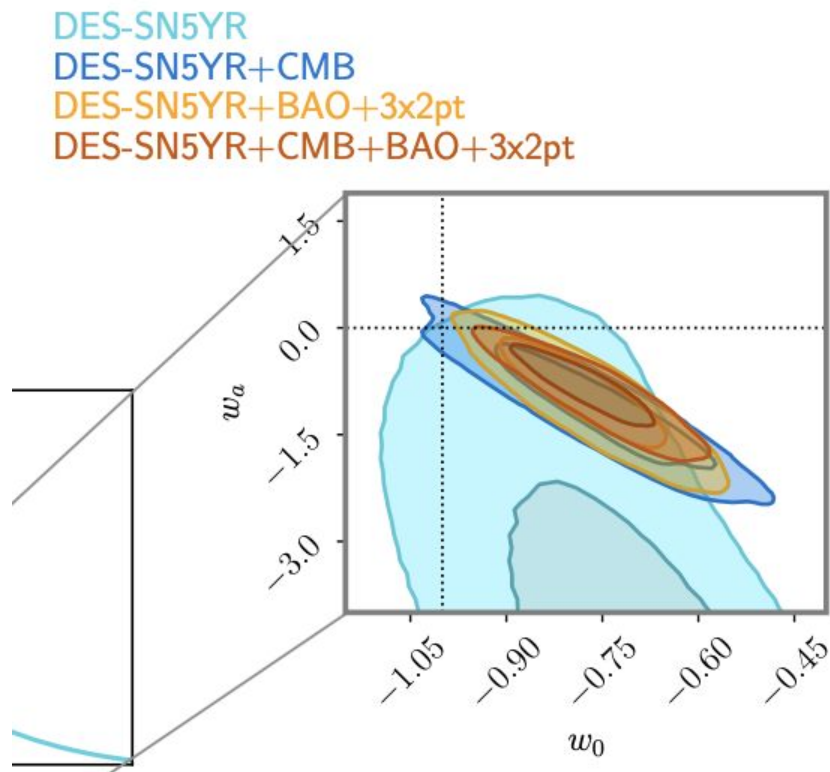
Vincenzi et al. (2024),

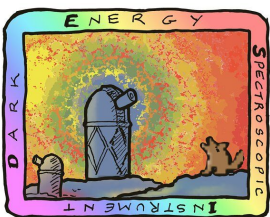


Contains 80% of all high-redshift SNe ever discovered.



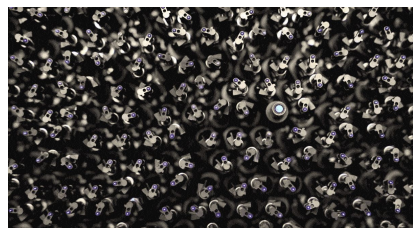
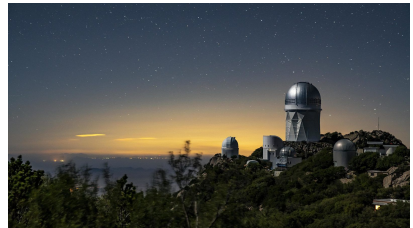
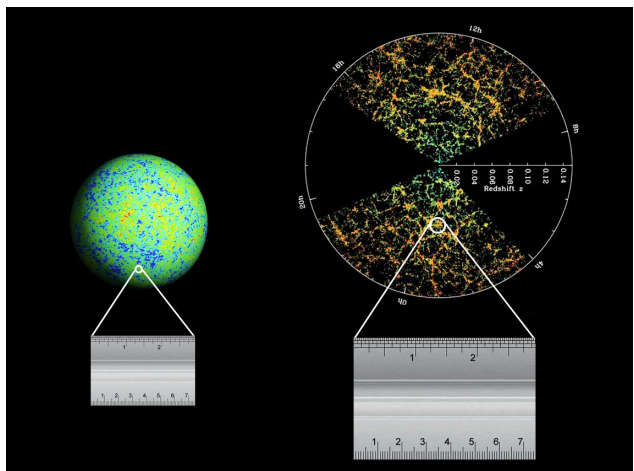
## 2.5 Sigma $w_a$ when combining the DES supernovae with CMB, SDSS BAO, and DES Weak Lensing.





# DARK ENERGY SPECTROSCOPIC INSTRUMENT

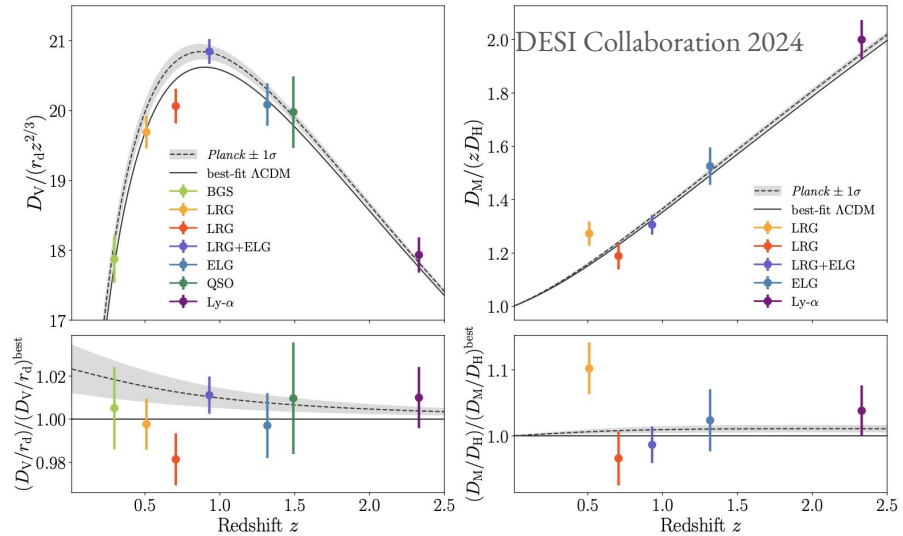
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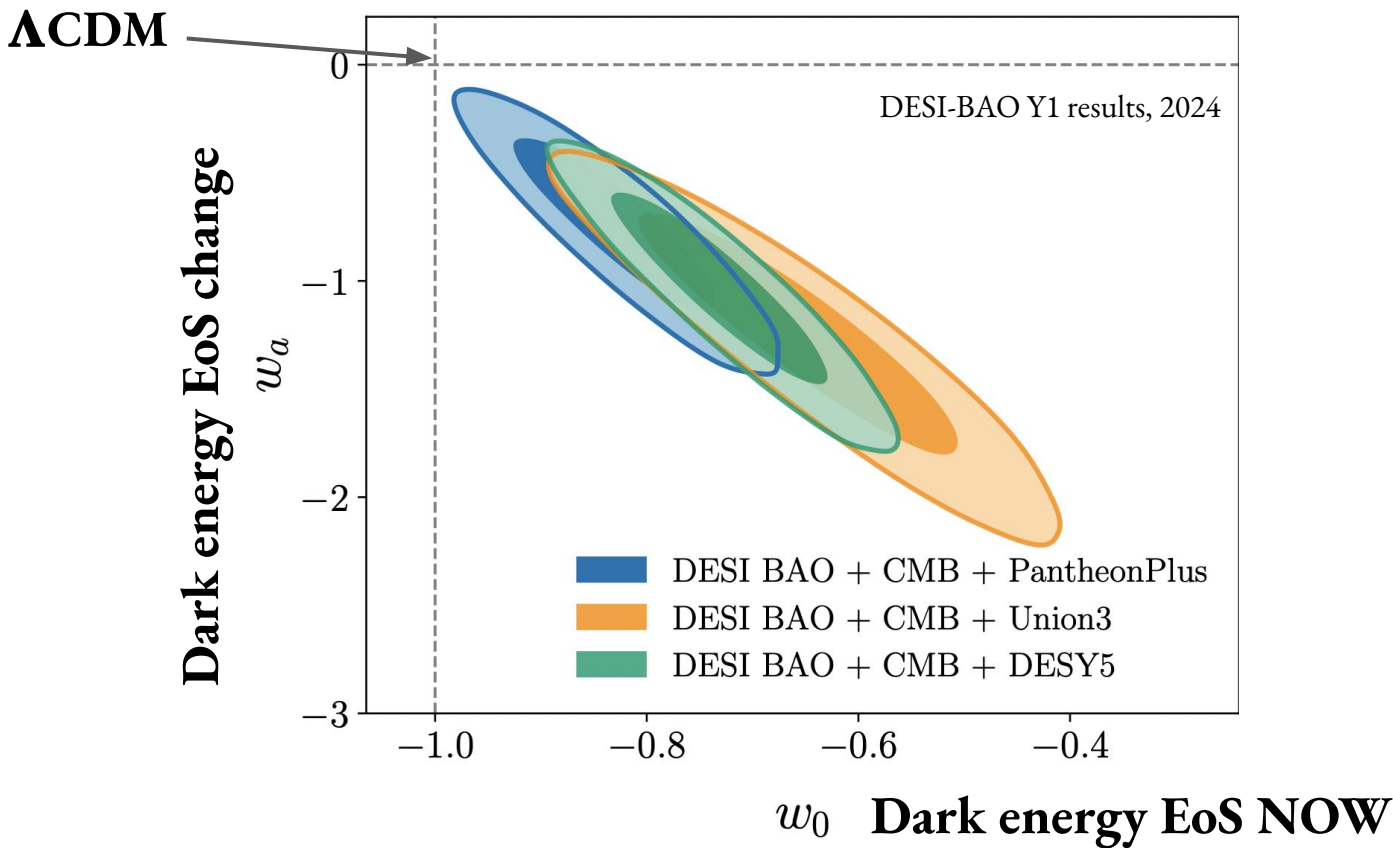
Next-gen BAO measurement.

Doubled the 20-year SDSS dataset in a single year (>5million galaxies).

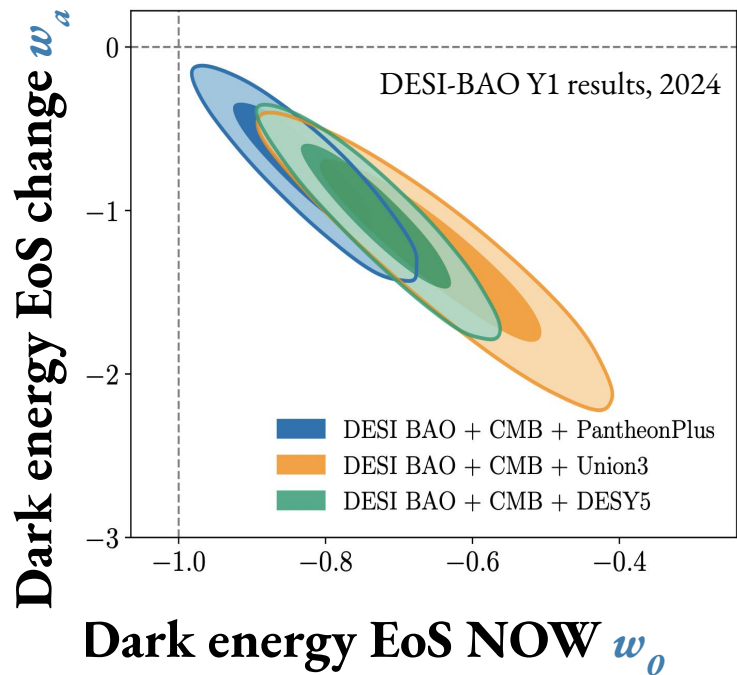
7 Galaxy samples at different redshifts provide measurements of angular diameter distance.



With DES, even stronger signal (2.5-3.9sigma) in same direction, showing here combination with DESI BAO Y1



# SN Complementary Datasets and Analyses



	Spectroscopic SN Ia sample	Photometric SN Ia sample
Simulation-based method	<b>Pantheon+</b>	<b>DES-5YR</b>
Bayesian Hierarchical method (“UNITY”)	<b>Union3</b>	

Other similarities/differences:

- Similar low- $z$  samples, but DES-5y has smaller subset
- DES-5yr  $\sim$ independent high- $z$  sample
- Union3 more lax on quality cuts (particularly high- $z$ )
- Union3 data not public

# Summary of Evidence for “Evolving Dark Energy”

We have

*Two* high redshift SNIa datasets: Pantheon+ and DES

*Two* completely different SNIa analysis pipelines: Pantheon+ (Forward Model) and Union3 (BHM)

*Two* independent BAO datasets: SDSS and DESI

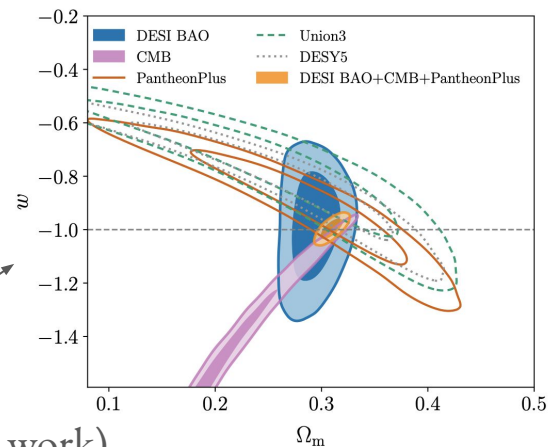
If we exclude any single probe (SN, BAO, CMB), the significance persists.

→ I.e. the preference is not coming from any single probe.

Caveats:

The intersection of SN, BAO, and Planck in  $w$ CDM is still  $w=-1$

We still need to swap low redshift SN datasets to truly confirm (ongoing work).

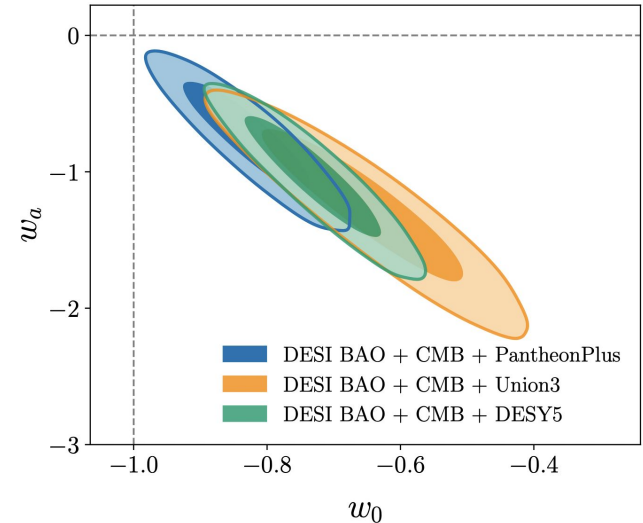
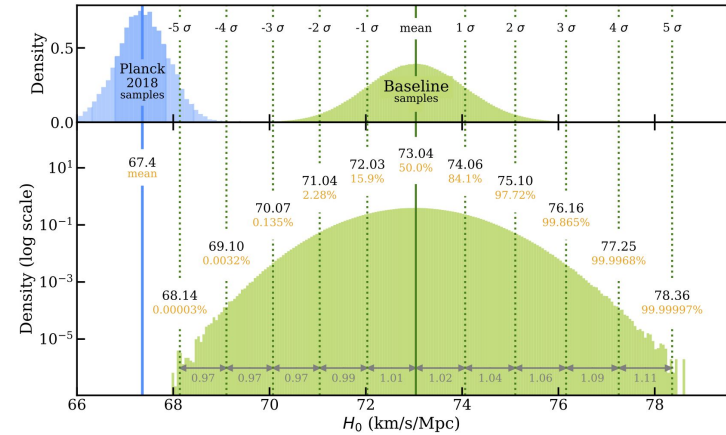


# Final thoughts:

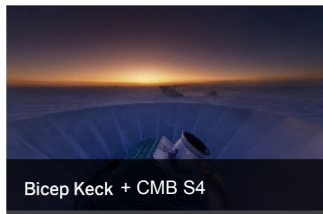
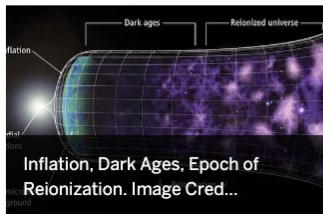
- ❑ The distance ladder remains extremely robust, fully publicly available, and well tested by the community.
- ❑ Strong supernova constraints on expansion history largely rule out late-time exotic physics to explain the hubble tension.
- ❑ Numerous recent experiments when combined are giving hints of a model of dark energy that could be more complicated than LCDM.
- ❑ If this is the case, all bets are off for  $H_0$ ...



Thank you



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