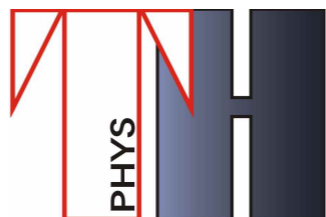


# $H_0$ tension: cracks in standard cosmology?

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*30<sup>th</sup> June 2020*



# Overview

- Measuring  $H_0$ 
  - Standard candles
  - Standard rulers
- Origin of discrepancy
  - Systematics?
  - New physics?
- Modifying  $\Lambda$ CDM
  - Types of solutions
  - Example case:  $N_{\text{eff}}$
  - What will a solution look like?
- Outlook (is there any hope?)

# A growing tension

- A question that has plagued cosmologist for decades:

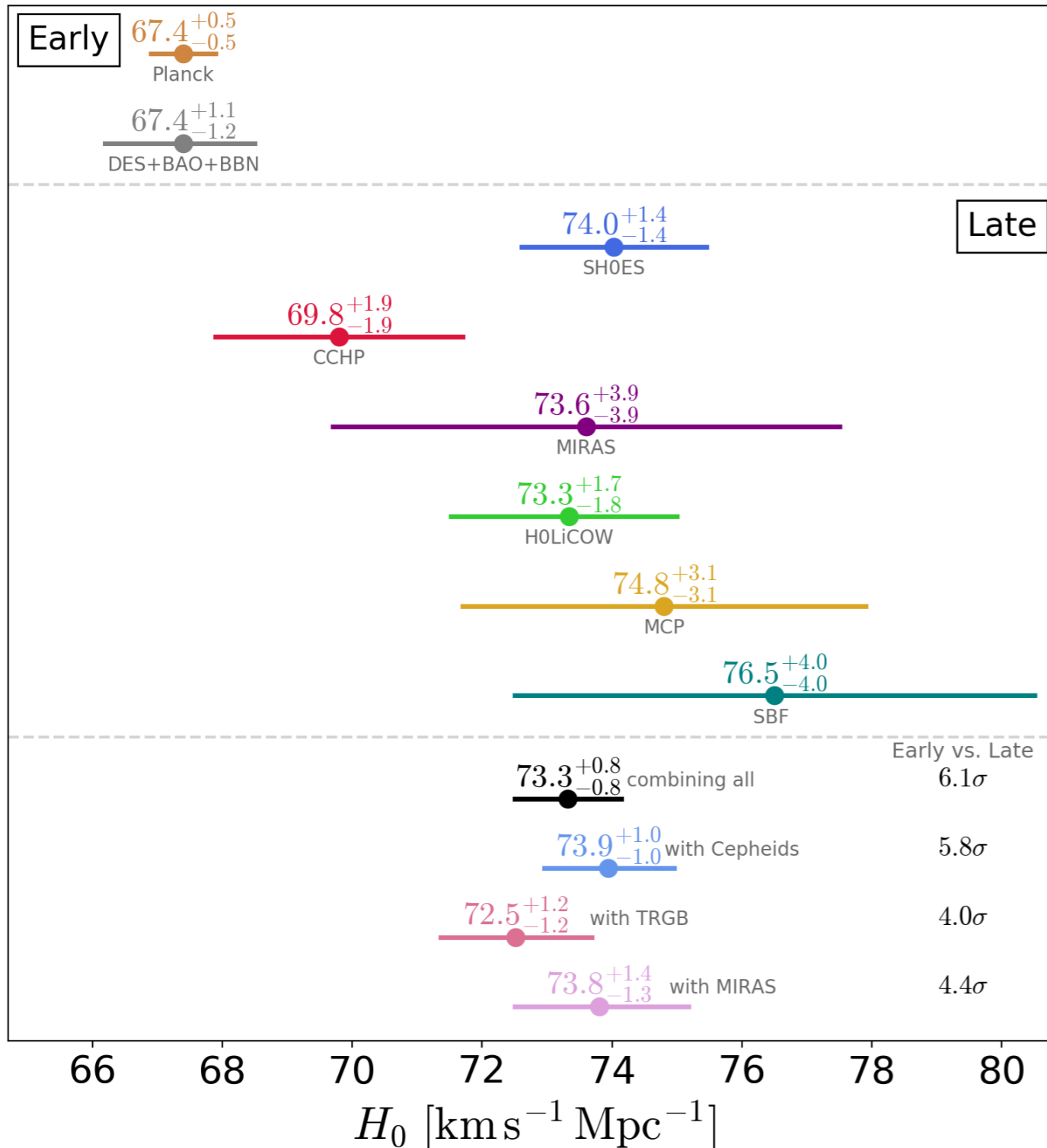
*How fast is the universe expanding?*

- There are two main ways to answer this: local measurements (supernovae), and early-universe measurements (CMB)
- In a consistent cosmological model, we would expect to find the same answer...
- ... but early-time and late-time measurements do not agree

*How bad is it?*

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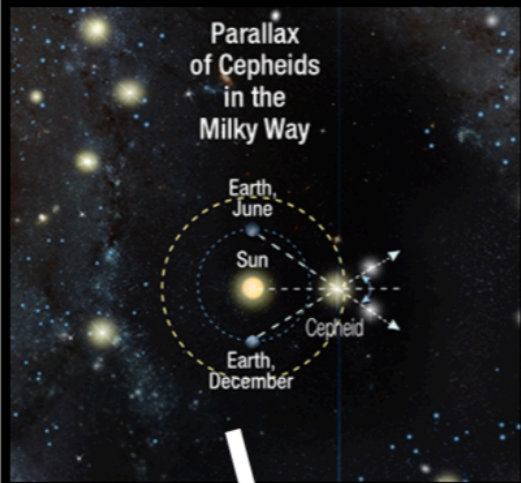


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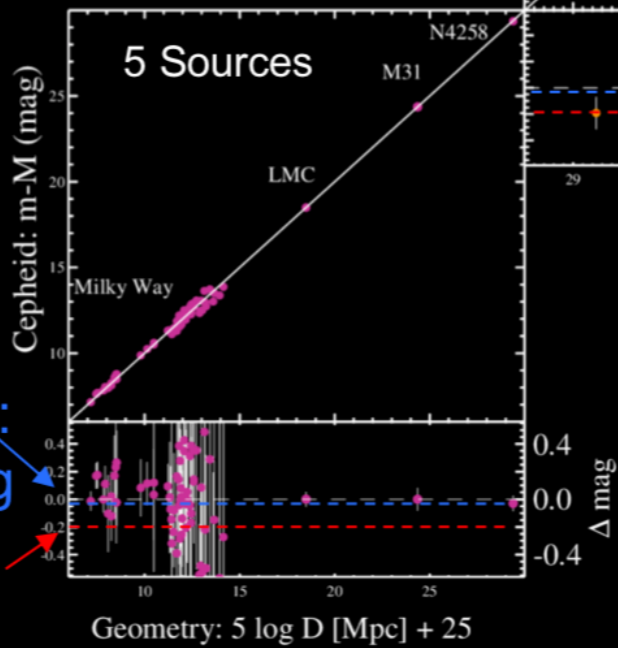


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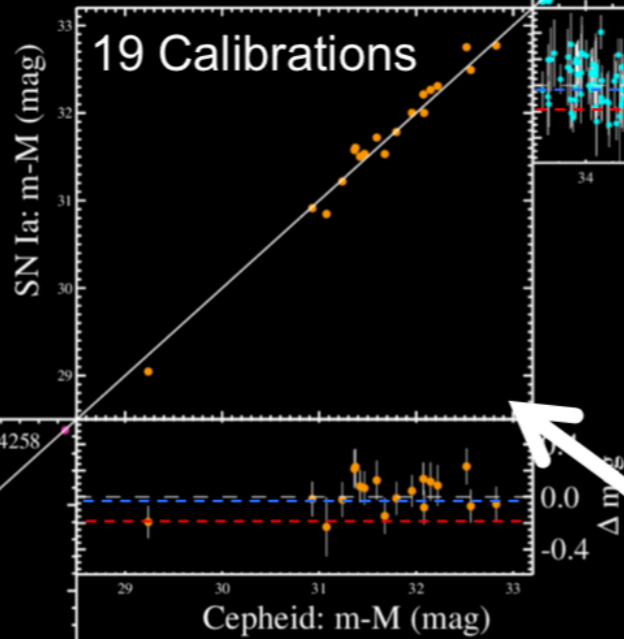


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Geometry → Cepheids



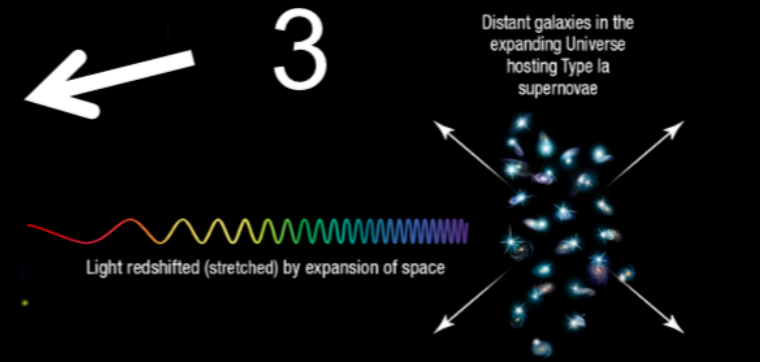
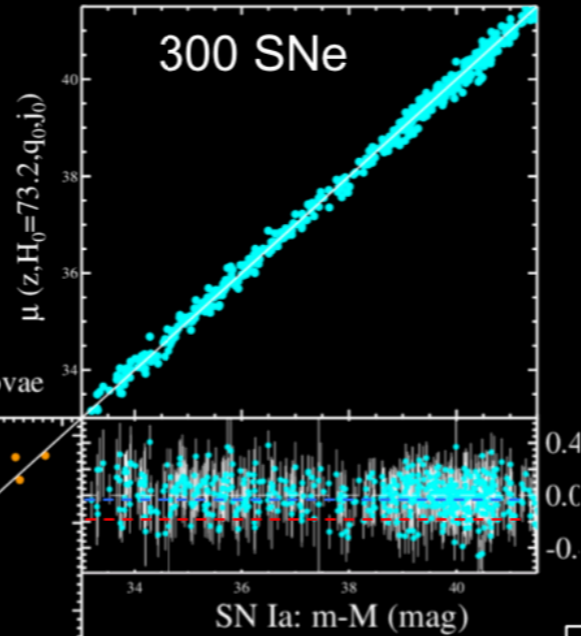
Cepheids → Type Ia Supernovae



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Slide by A. Riess (July 2019)

Type Ia Supernovae → redshift(z)



3

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

$H_0 = 74.0 \pm 1.4$ ,  
 $\text{Km s}^{-1} \text{Mpc}^{-1}$   
 (Riess et al. 2019)

1.9% total uncertainty

4.4 $\sigma$  from CMB +  $\Lambda$ CDM!

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## *Forward distance ladder: Geometry – Cepheids – Supernovae*

1. Measure geometric distances to calibrate Cepheids

Construct Period - Luminosity - Distance relation

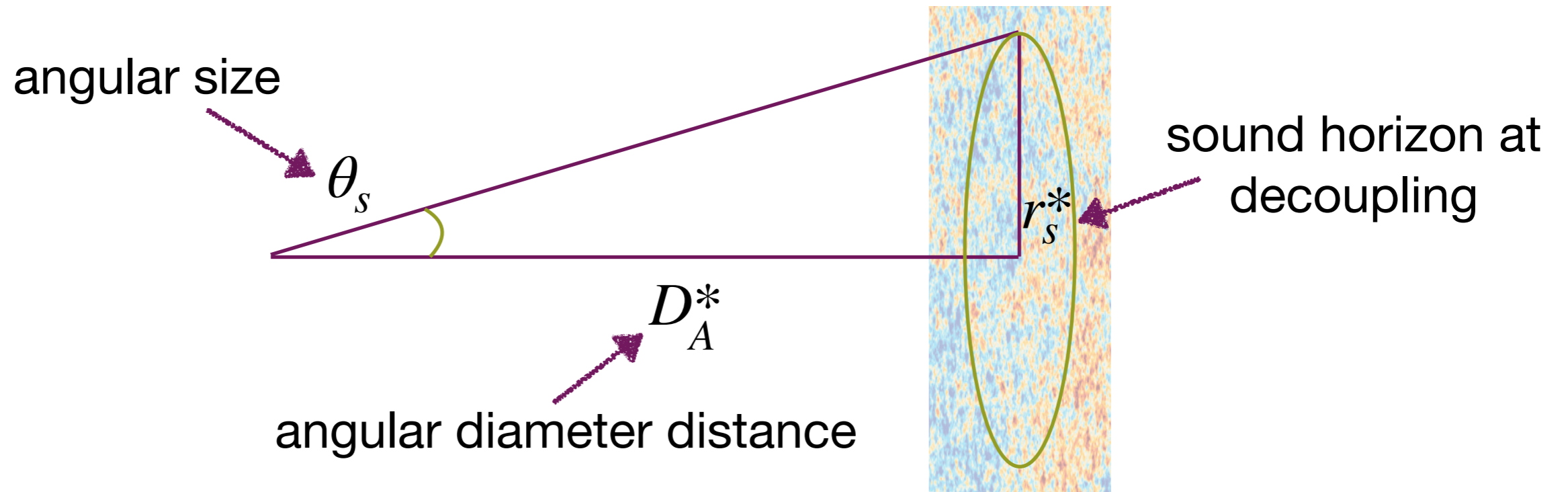
2. Observe Cepheids in galaxies that also host supernovae

Use previous relation to get SN luminosity - distance ruler

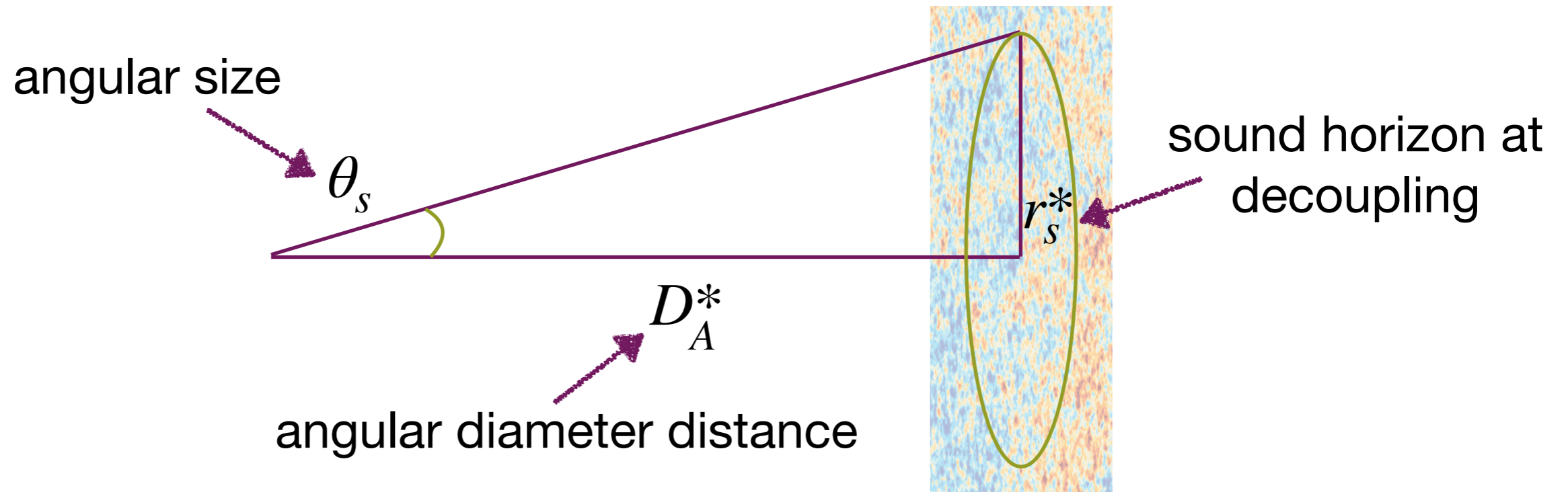
3. Observe more distant supernova in the Hubble flow

Use calibrated ruler to get distance, construct Hubble diagram

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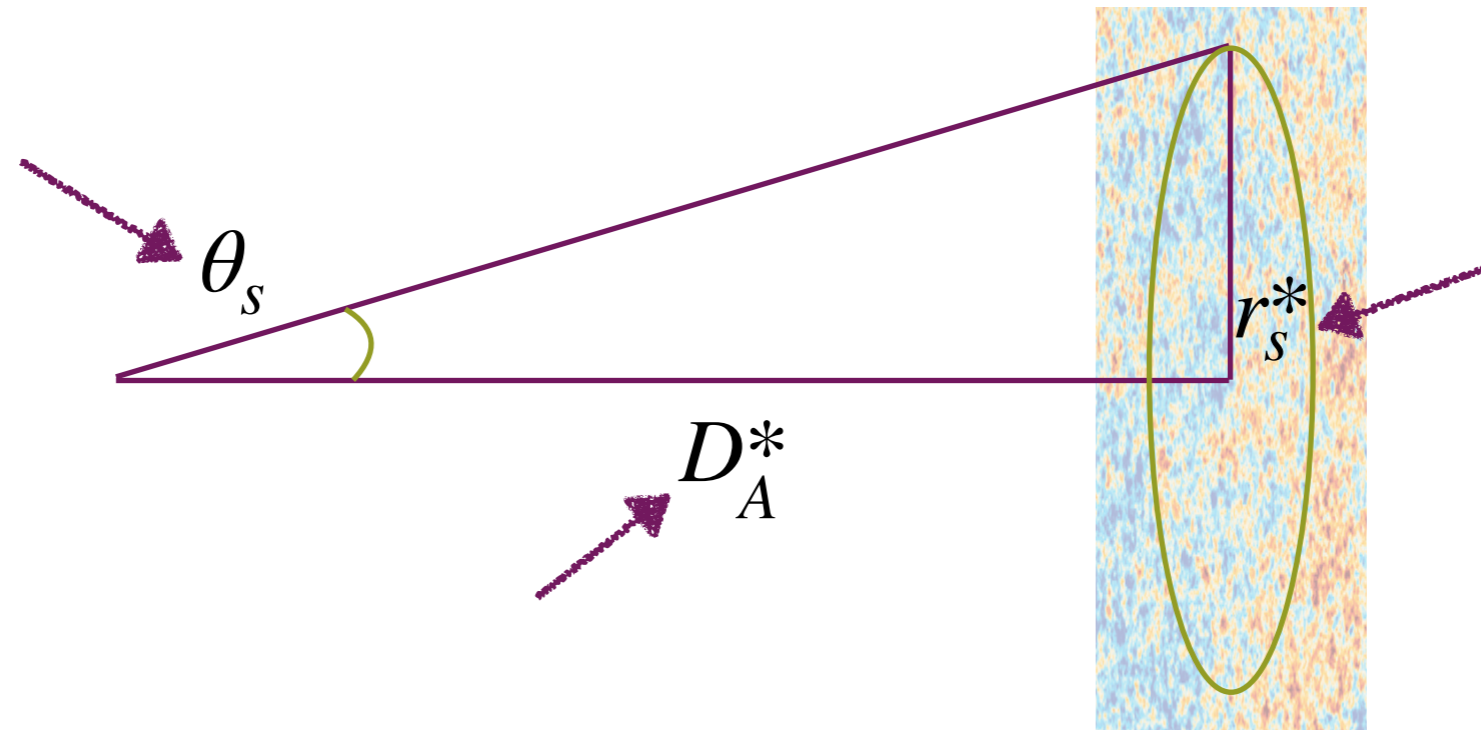


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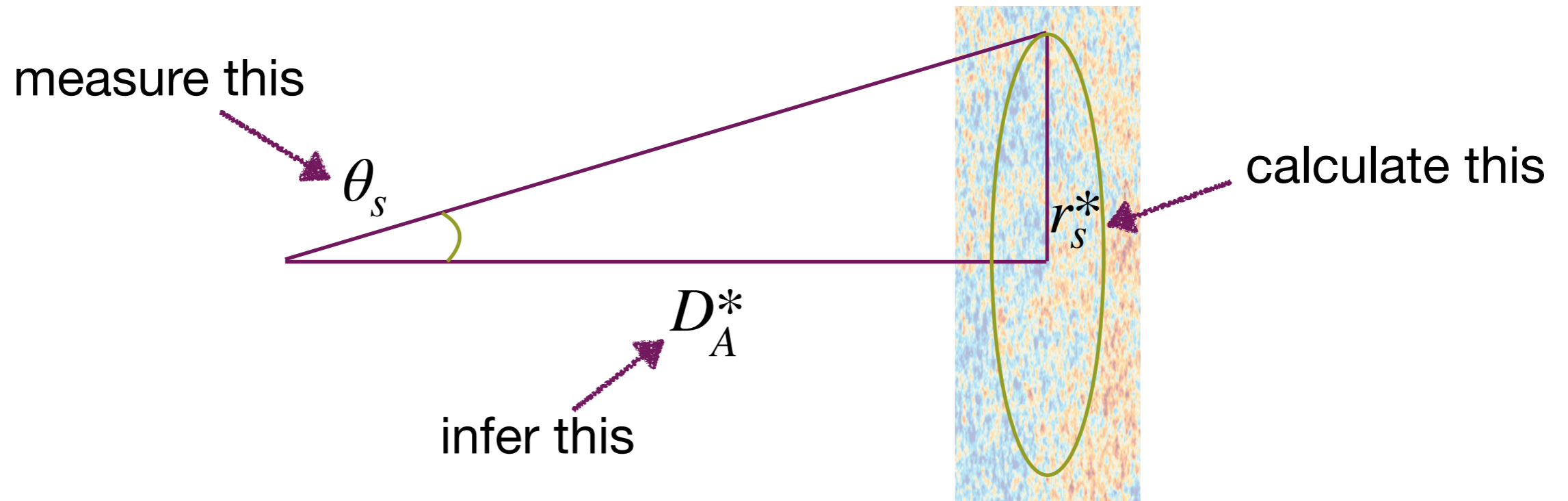


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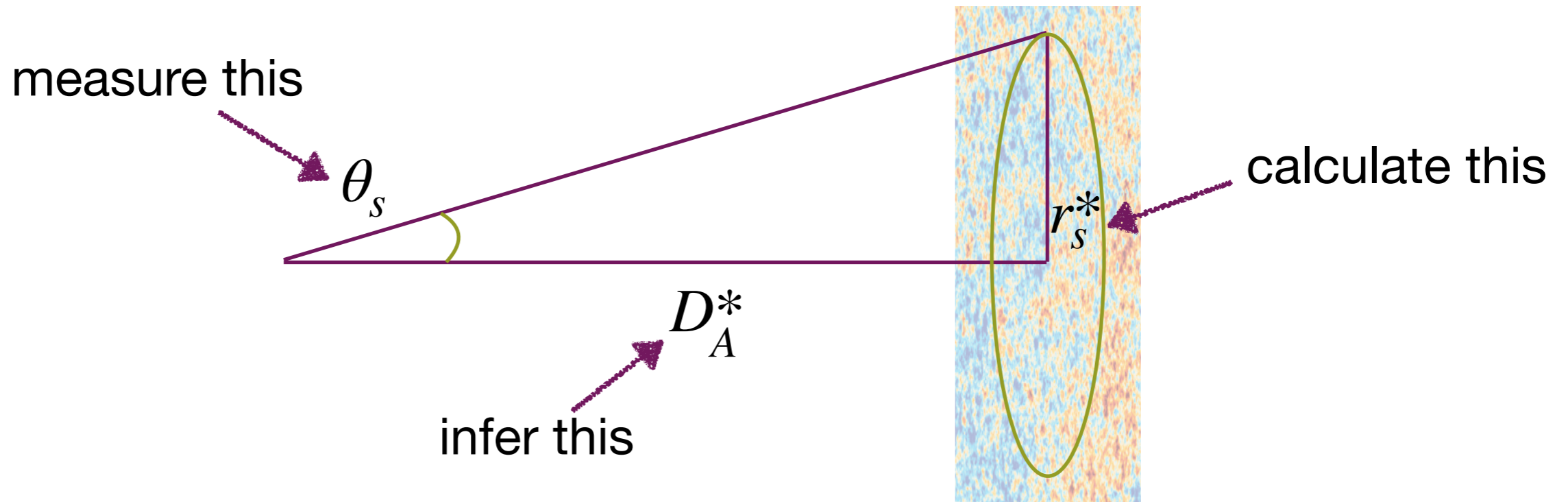
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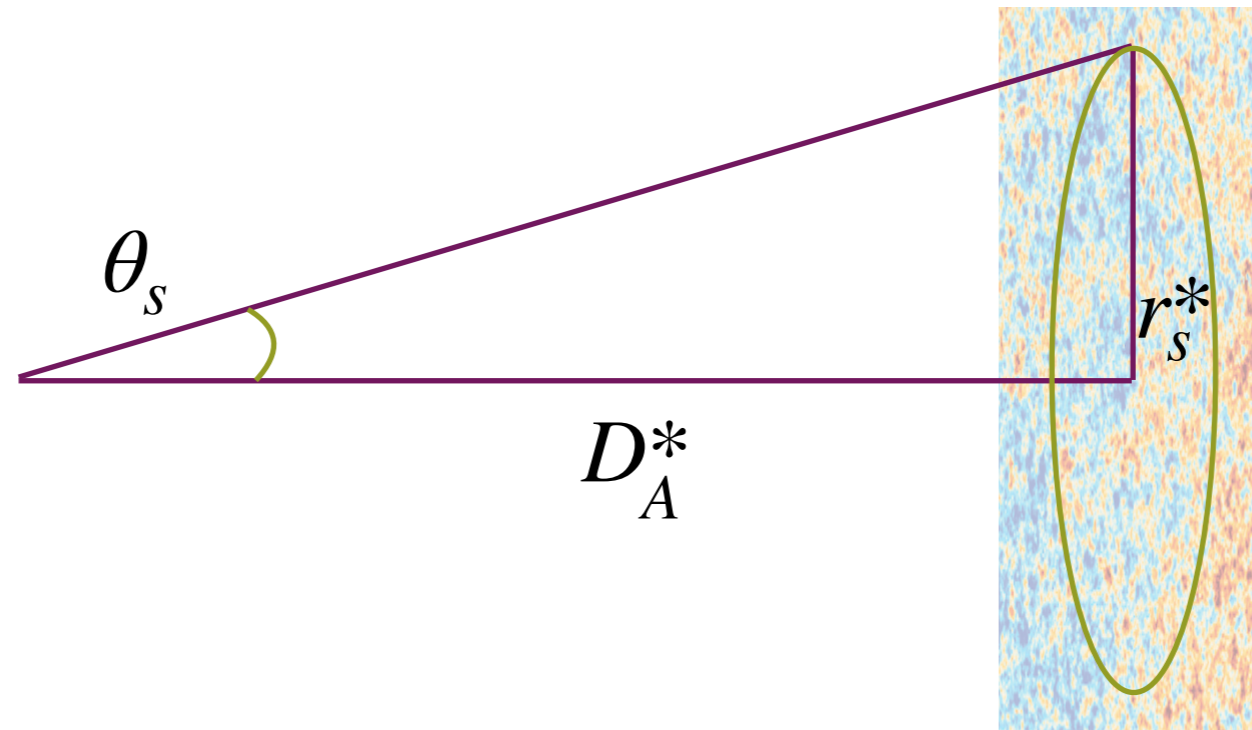
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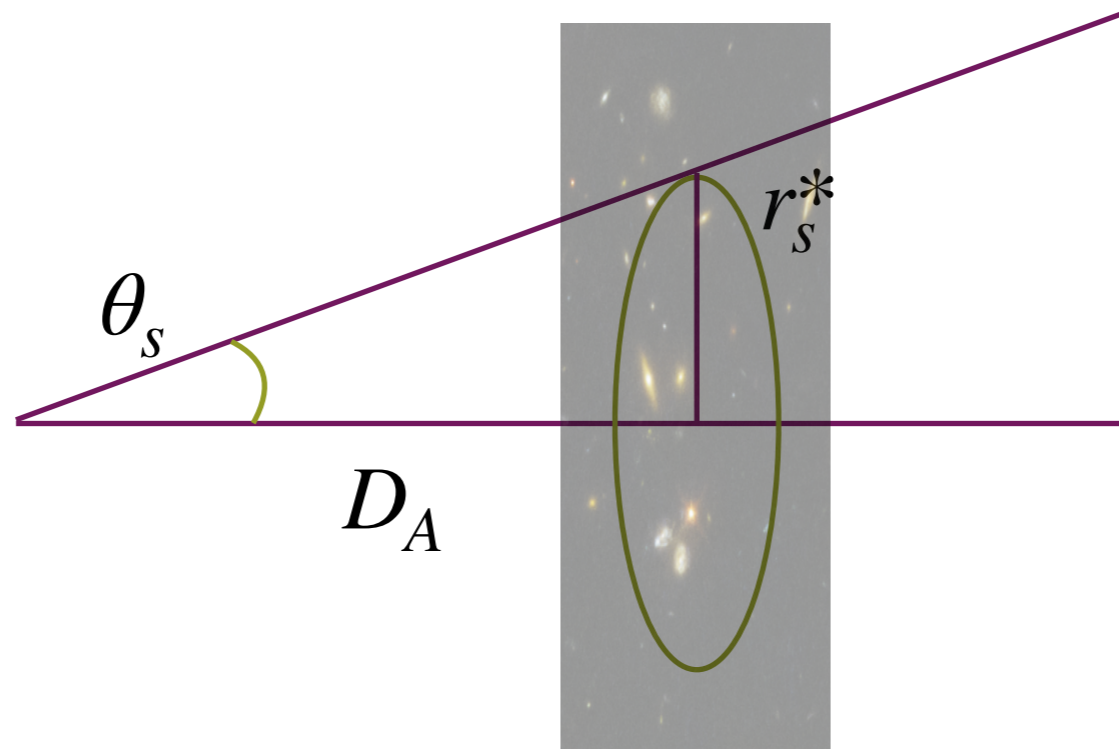
$$D_A^* = \int_0^{z^*} \frac{dz}{H_0 \sqrt{\Omega_M(1+z)^3 + \Omega_\Lambda(z)}}$$

using  $\Lambda$ CDM in late universe,  
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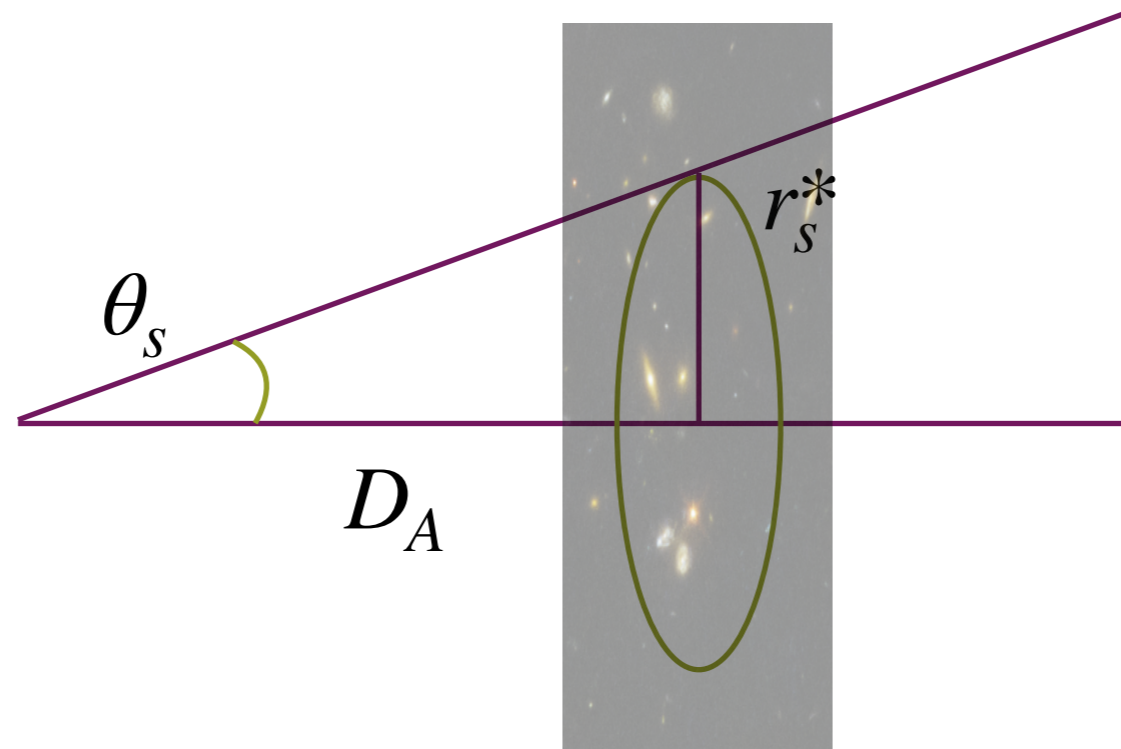
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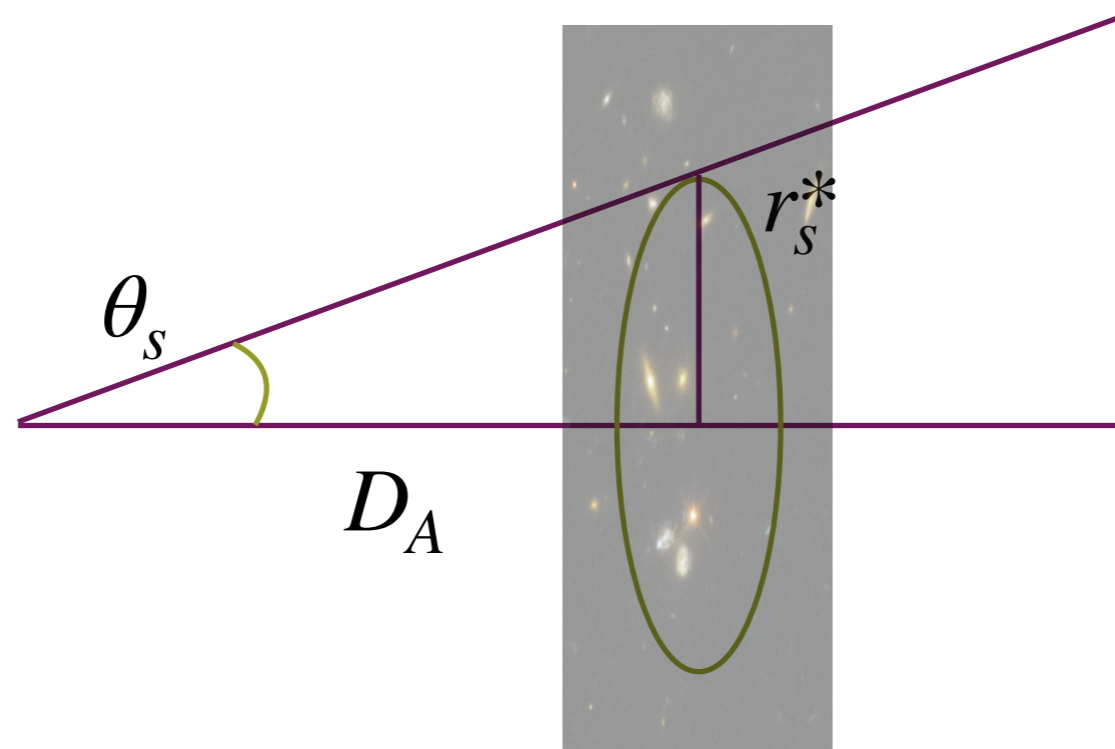


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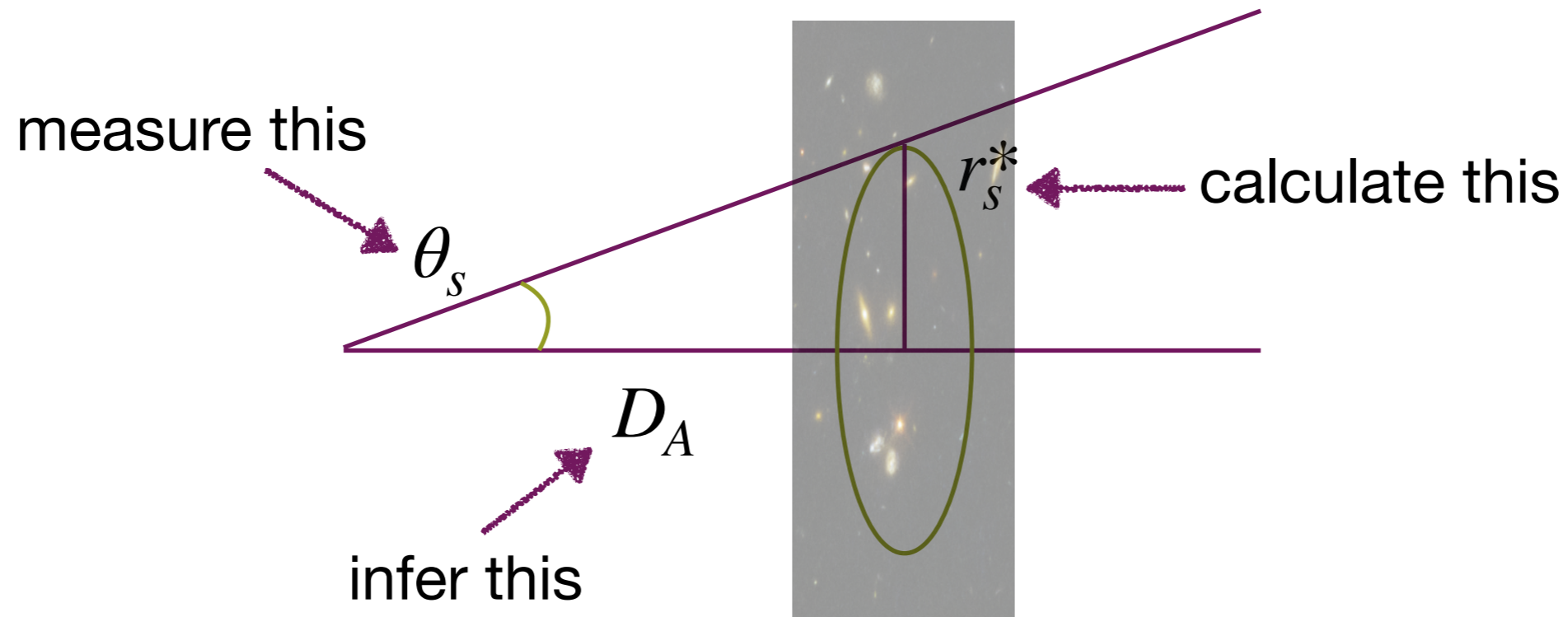
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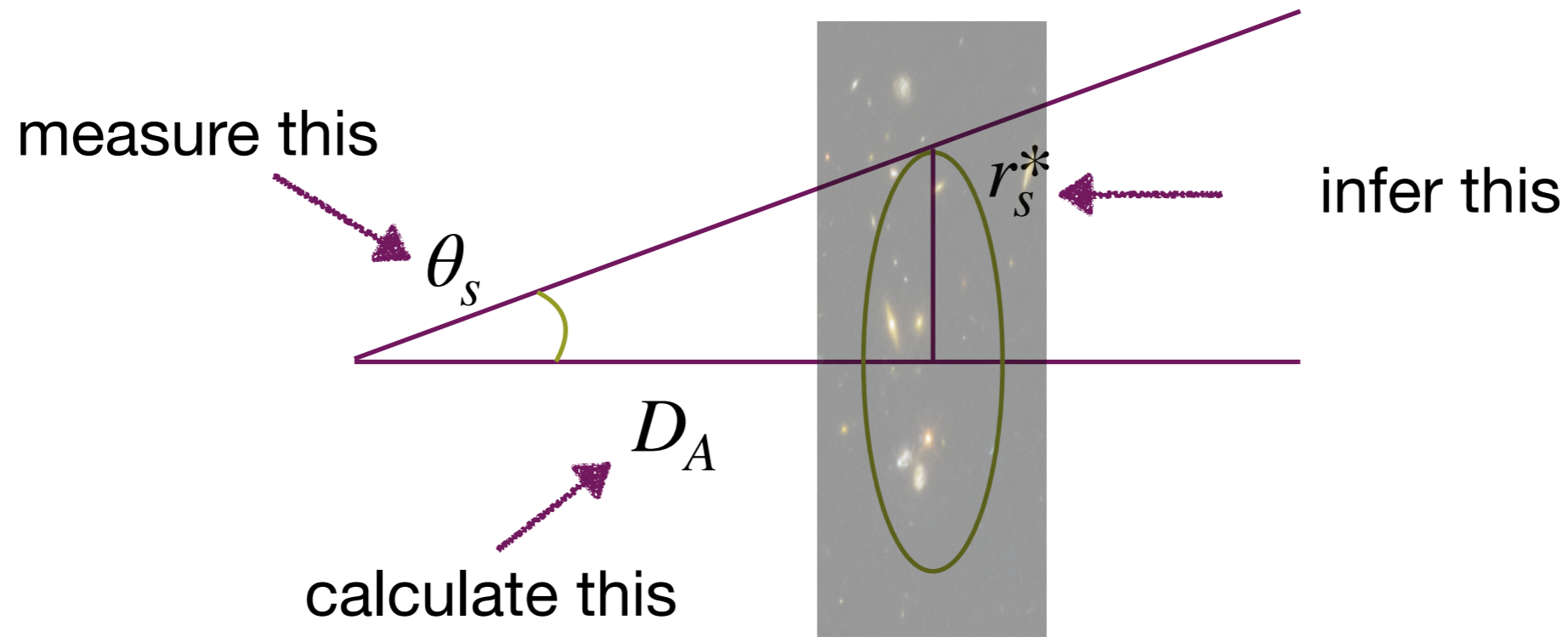
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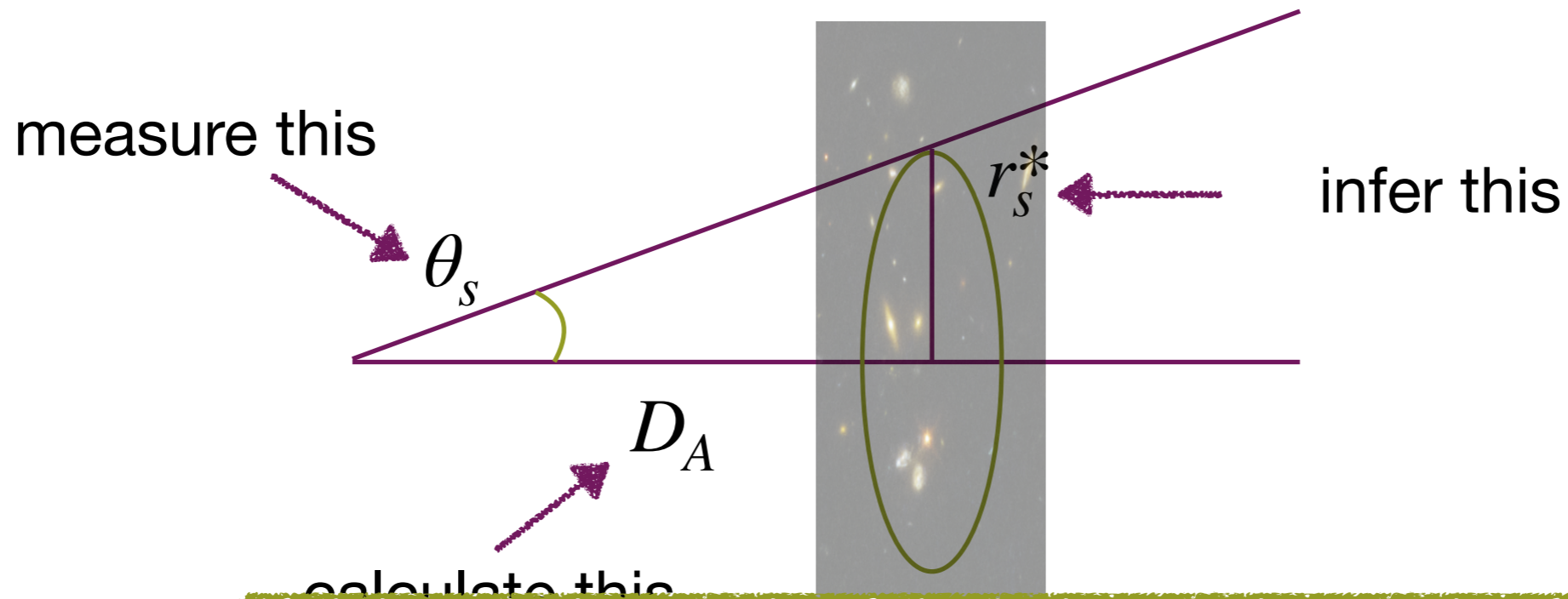
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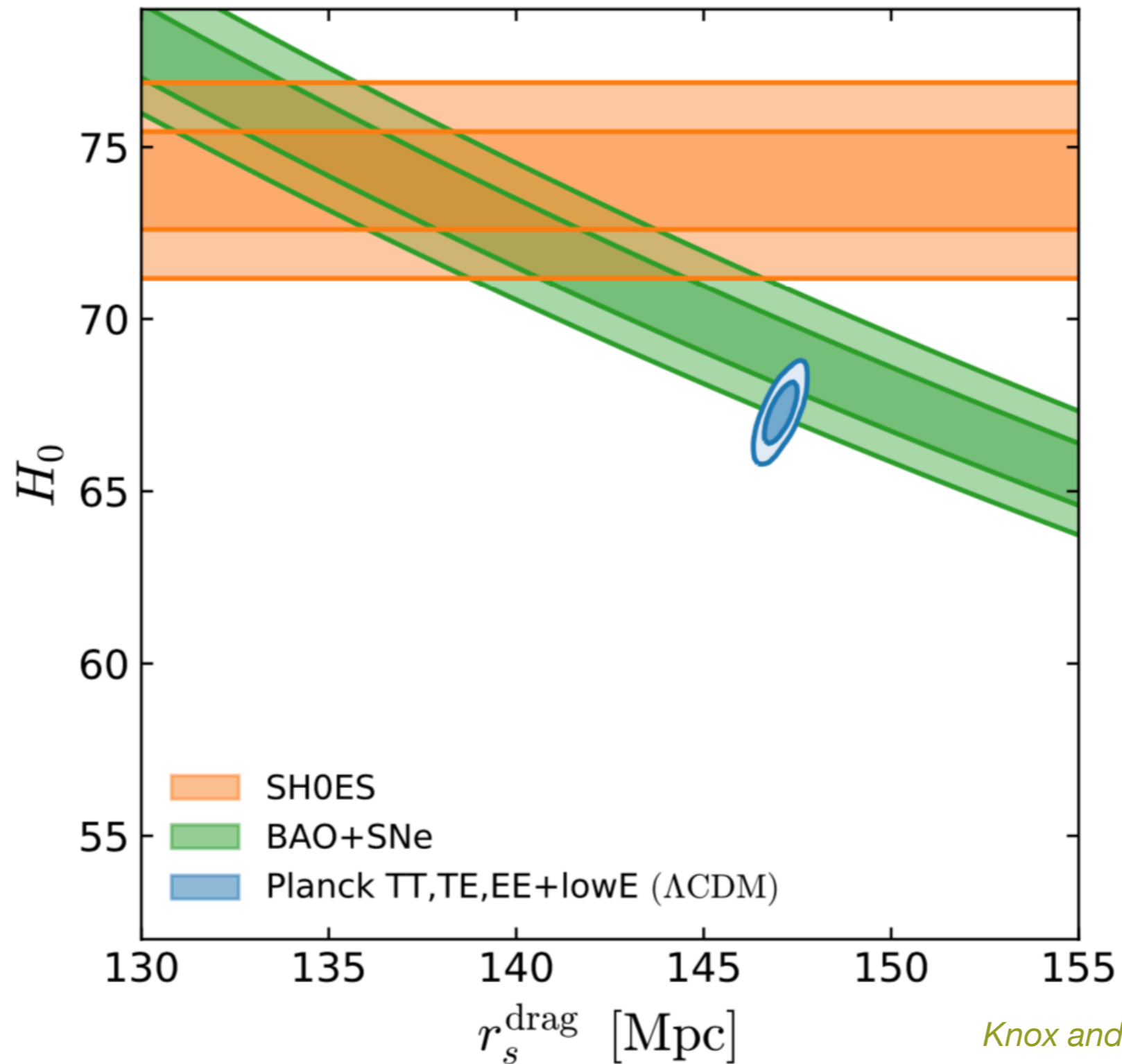
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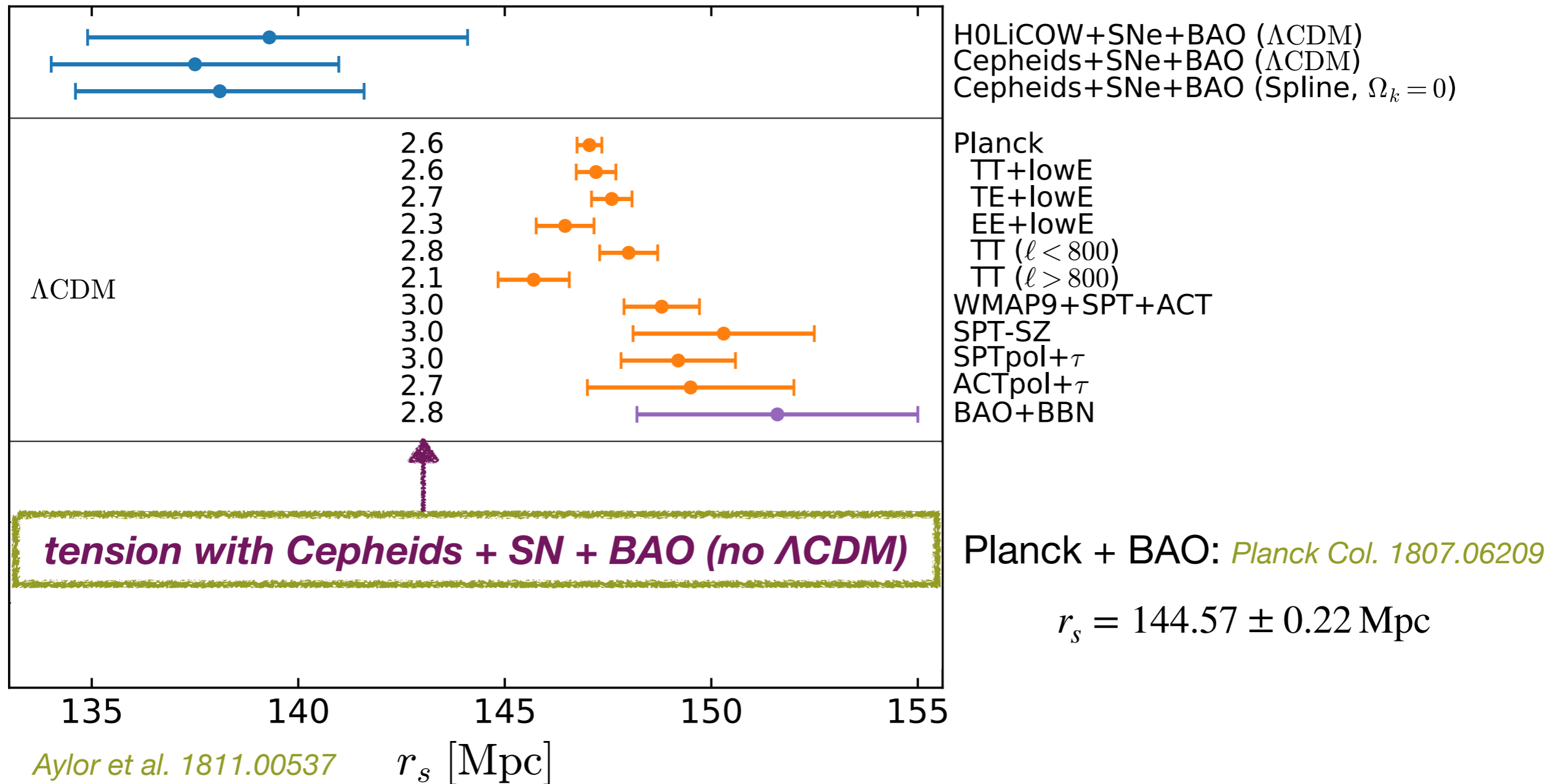
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## COSMO'19 POLL:

- Systematics in supernovae ~85%
- Systematics in Planck ~1%
- New physics ~10%
- ~~Statistical fluke~~ ~4% not sure

# Problems with supernovae?

Problem with geometry?

	Independent Geometric Source	$\sigma$	$H_0$
NEWER	NGC 4258 H <sub>2</sub> O Masers: Humphreys et al 2013, Riess et al 2016 Reid et al. (2019) in prep	<del>2.6%</del> 1.5%	<del>72.3</del> ~72.0
	LMC 20 Late Detached Eclipsing Binaries: Pietzrynski et al. 2019 +70 HST LMC Cepheids Riess et al (2019)	1.3%	74.2
NEW NEW	Milky Way 10 HST FGS Short P Parallaxes: Benedict et al. 2007 --also Hipparcos (Van Ieeuwen et al 2007)	2.2%	76.2
	Milky Way 8 HST WFC3 SS Long P Parallaxes: Riess et al. 2018	3.3%	75.7
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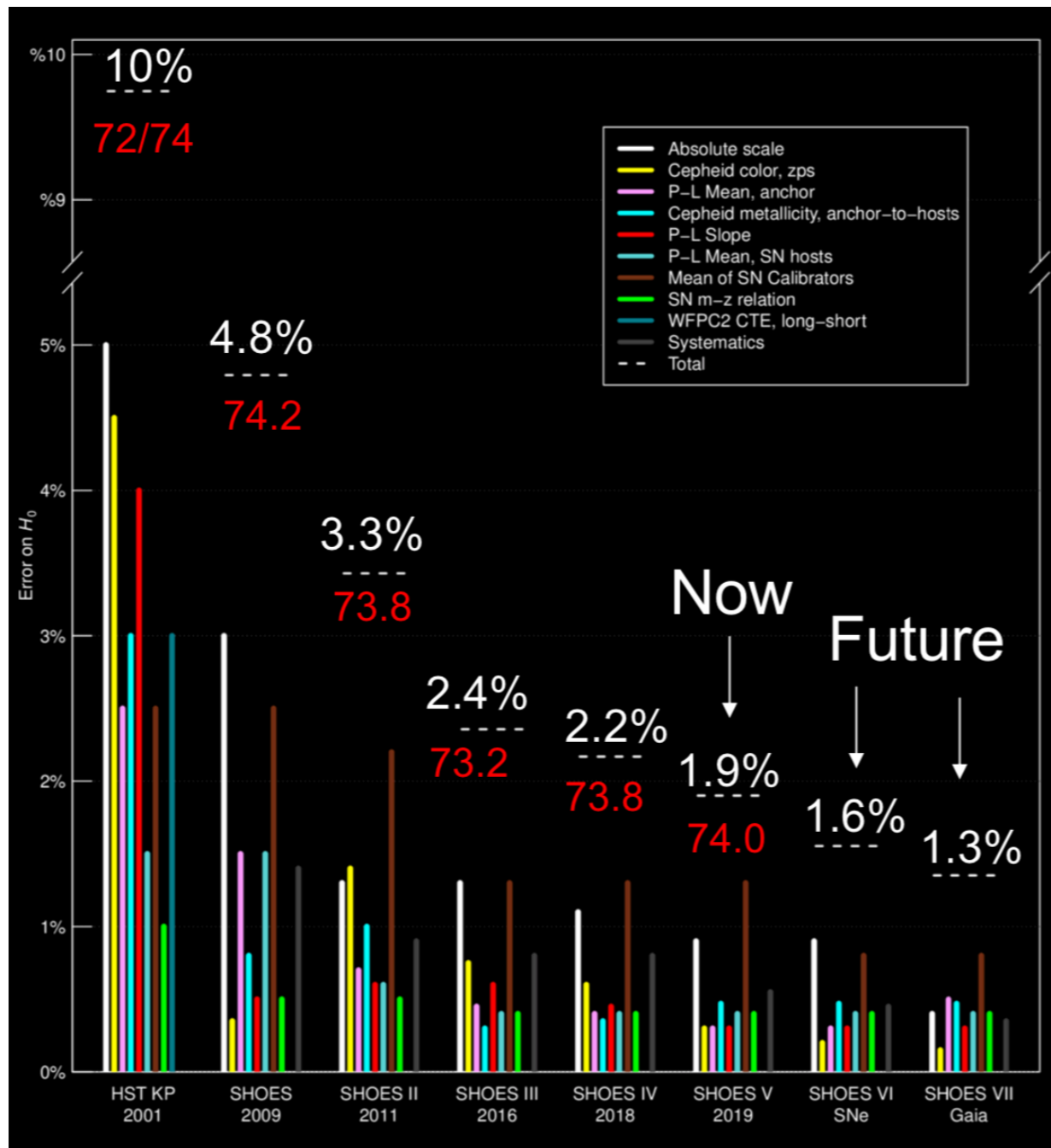
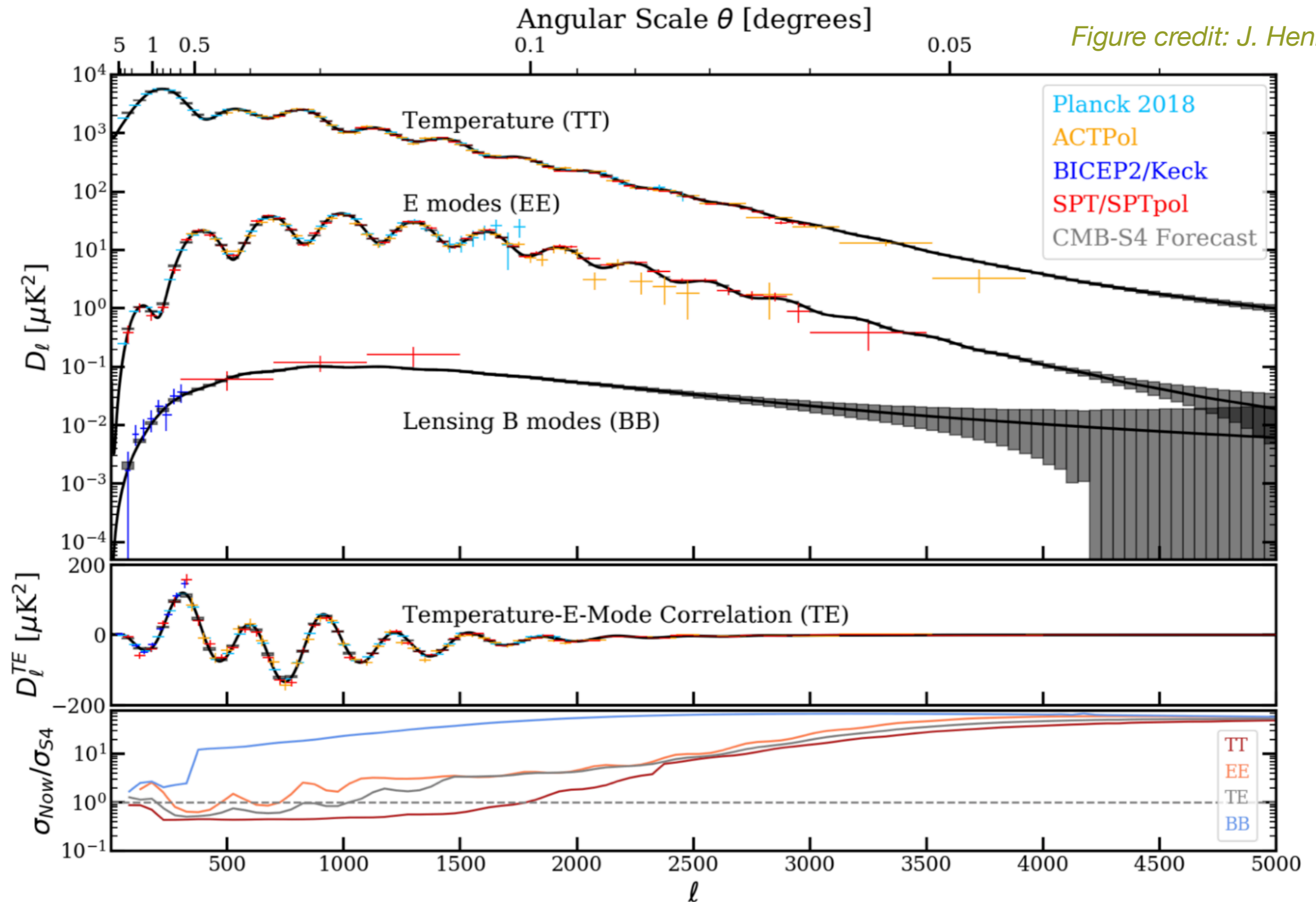


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- Reanalysis by independent groups find same result
- Changing assumptions on Cepheids barely effect  $H_0$   
(Follin and Knox 1707.01175)
- Reduction of supernovae not independently cross-checked
- It is not only supernovae: quasar time delays, megamasers, and surface brightness fluctuations all find similar  $H_0$  values

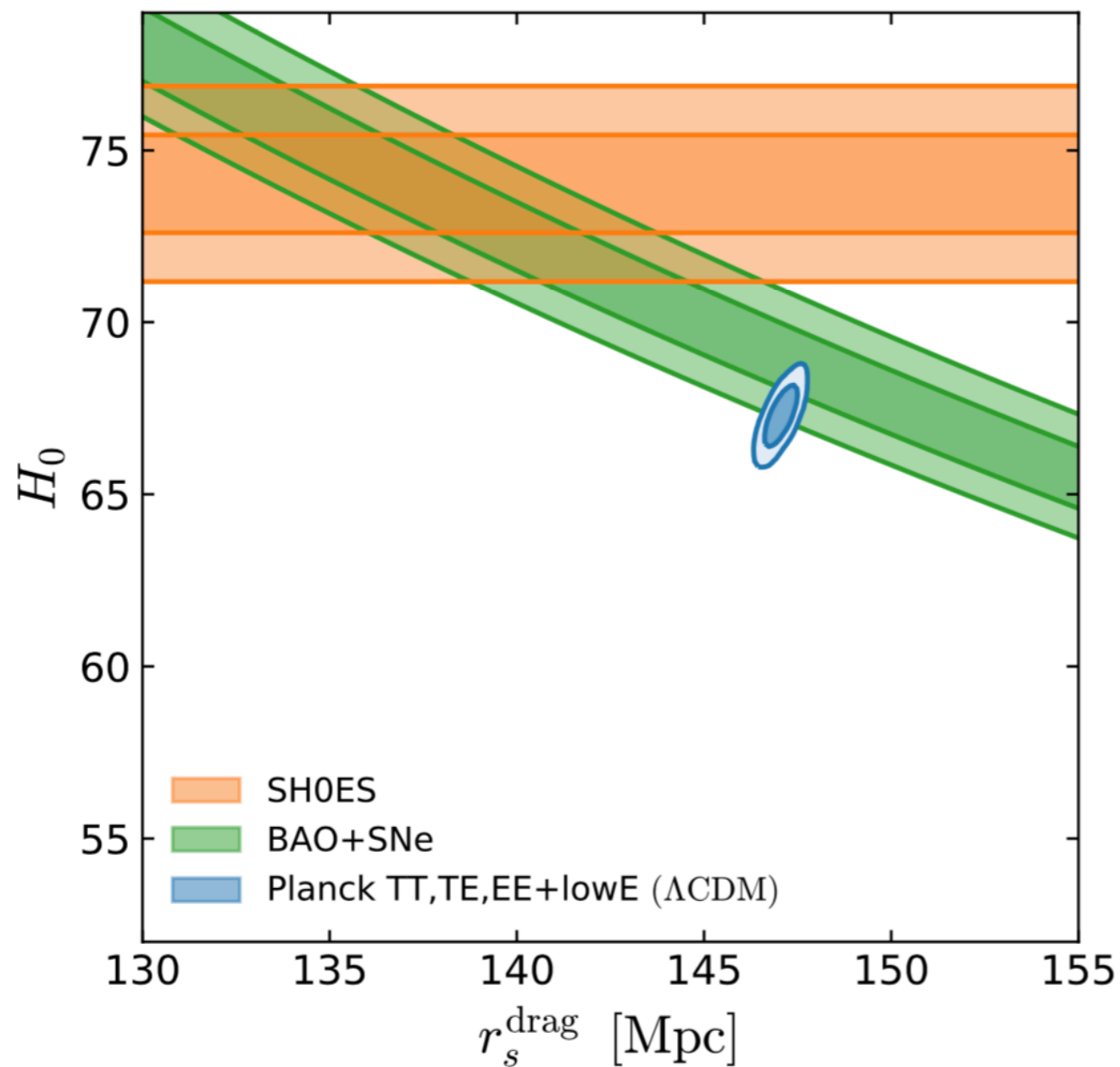
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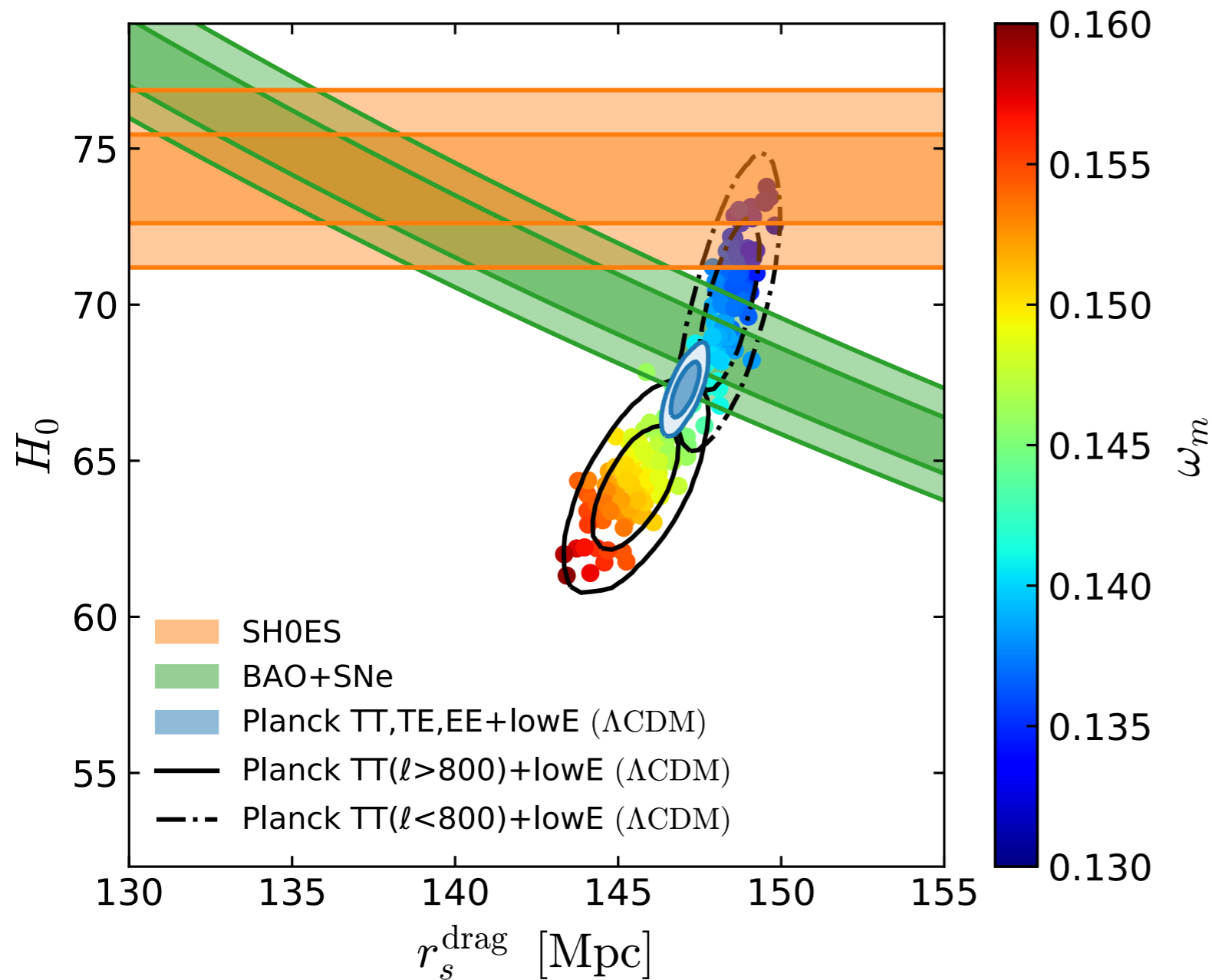
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# Problems with $\Lambda$ CDM?

*“Once you eliminate the impossible, whatever remains, no matter how improbable, must be the truth.” - Sherlock Holmes*

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- **Early universe solutions:** for a fixed  $\theta_s$ , decrease  $r_s^*$  to decrease  $D_A^*$  and increase  $H_0$  (change recombination or pre-recombination physics, without messing up the CMB)
- **Late universe solutions:** for a fixed  $r_s^*$  and  $D_A^*$ , change  $D_A(z < z^*)$  to allow for higher  $H_0$  (decrease energy density between  $0 < z < z^*$ )

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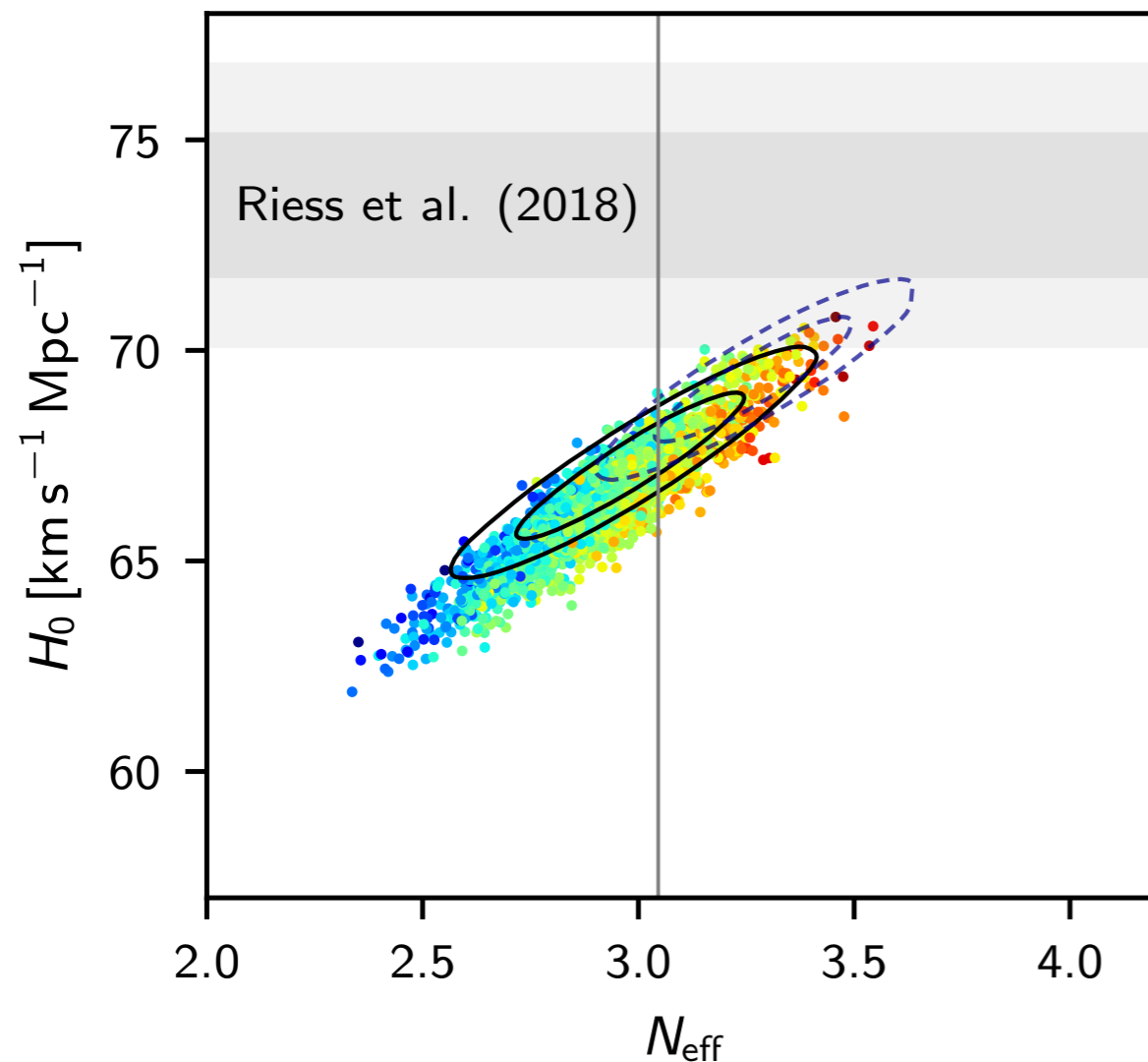
- Extra relativistic species in the early universe are predicted by many extensions to the Standard Model (N-Naturalness, Twin Higgs, etc)
- Increase  $N_{\text{eff}} \rightarrow$  increase  $\rho_{\text{R}} \rightarrow$  decrease  $r_s^* \rightarrow$  increase  $H_0$

$$\rho_{\text{R}} = \rho_{\gamma} \left( 1 + \frac{7}{8} \left( \frac{4}{11} \right)^{4/3} N_{\text{eff}} \right) \rightarrow H^2(z) = \frac{8\pi G}{3} (\rho_{\text{R}} + \rho_{\text{M}}) \rightarrow r_s^* = \int_{z^*}^{\infty} dz \frac{c_s^*}{H(z)}$$

- To fully solve the tension we need  $N_{\text{eff}} \sim 3.5 - 4.0$   
(*Bernal et al. 1607.05617*)

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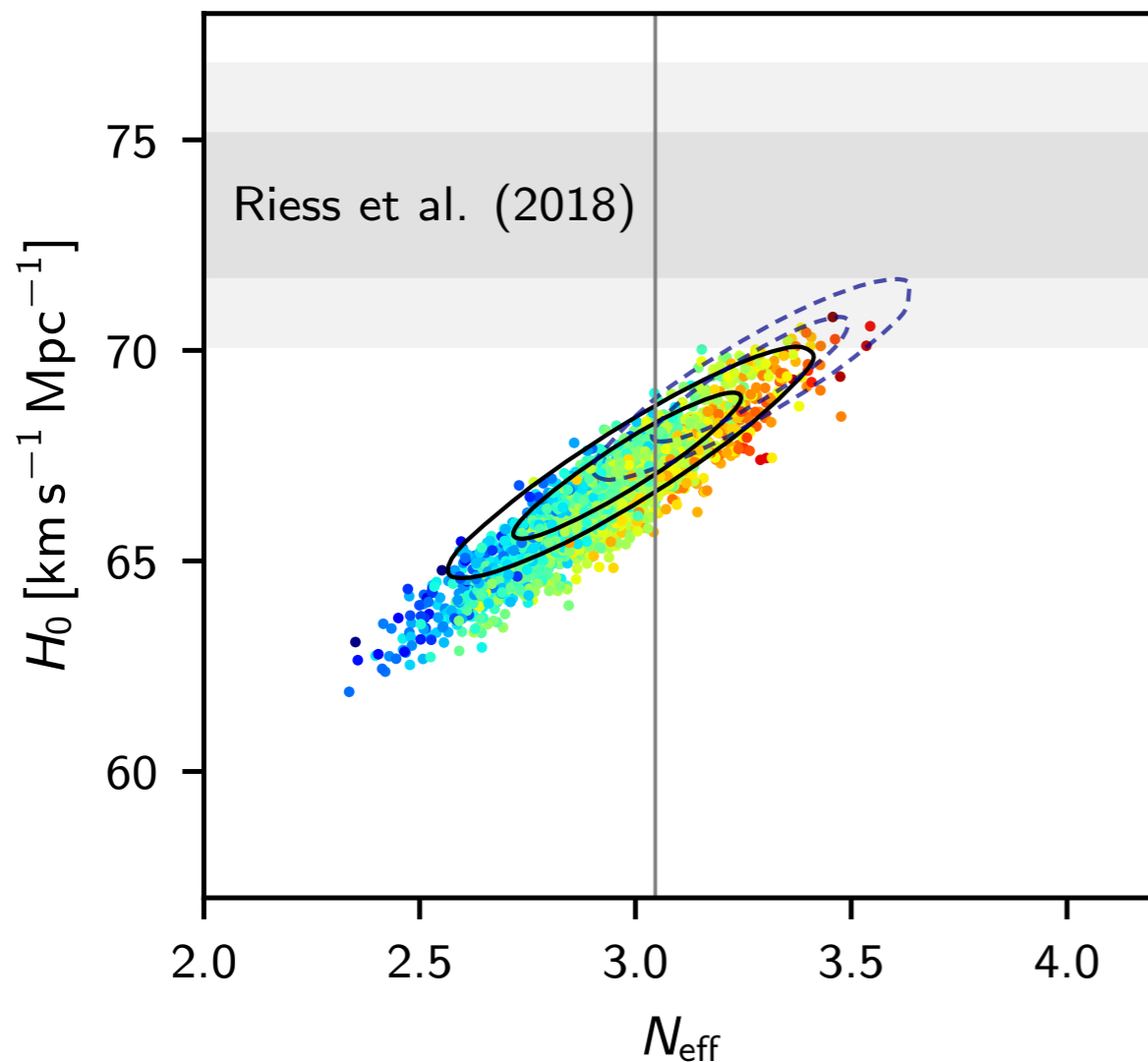
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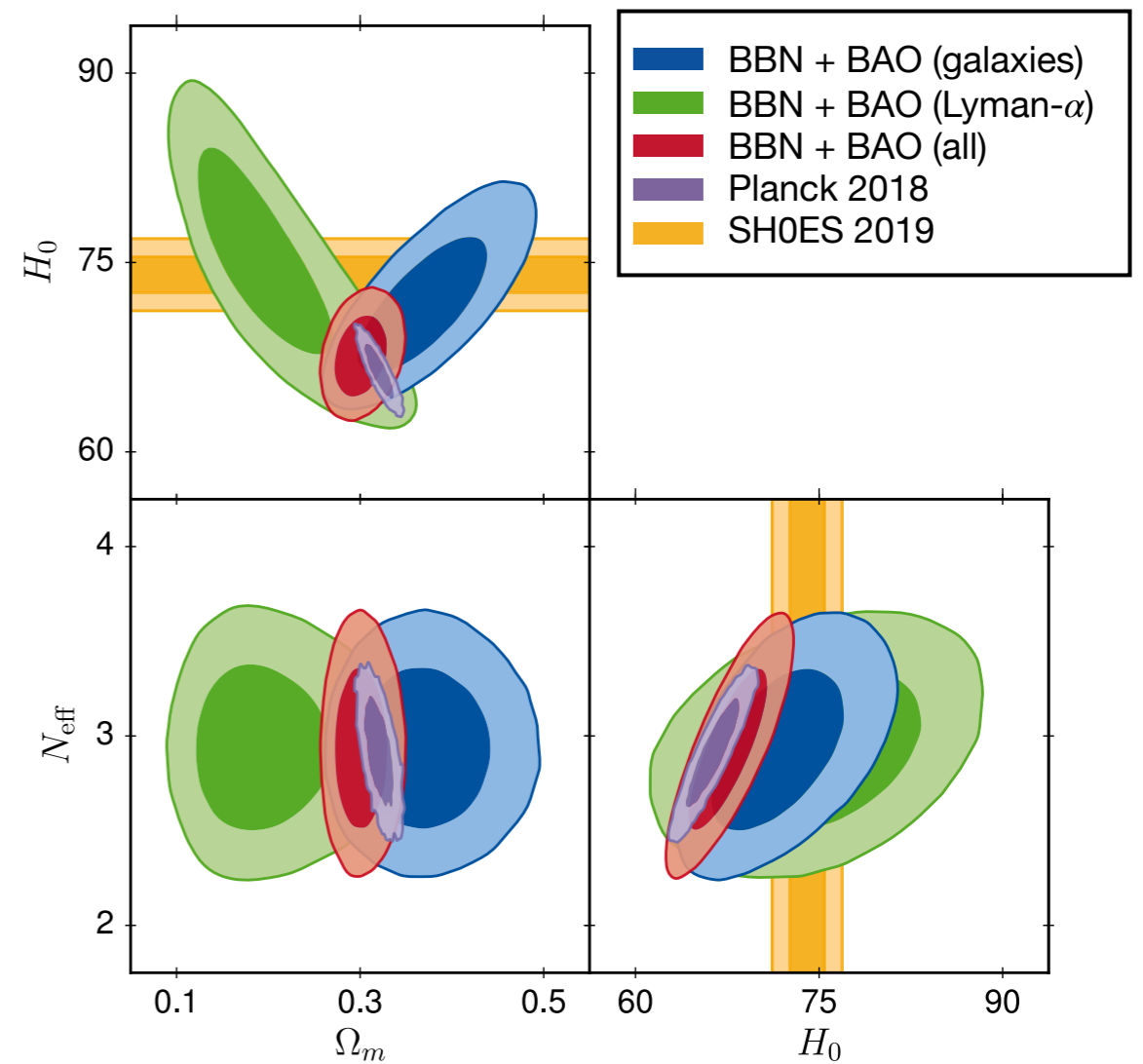
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BAO+BBN data disfavour  $N_{\text{eff}}$  as a solution (still  $2.6\sigma$  tension) already at the background level



*Schöneberg, Lesgourgues, DCH 1907.11594*

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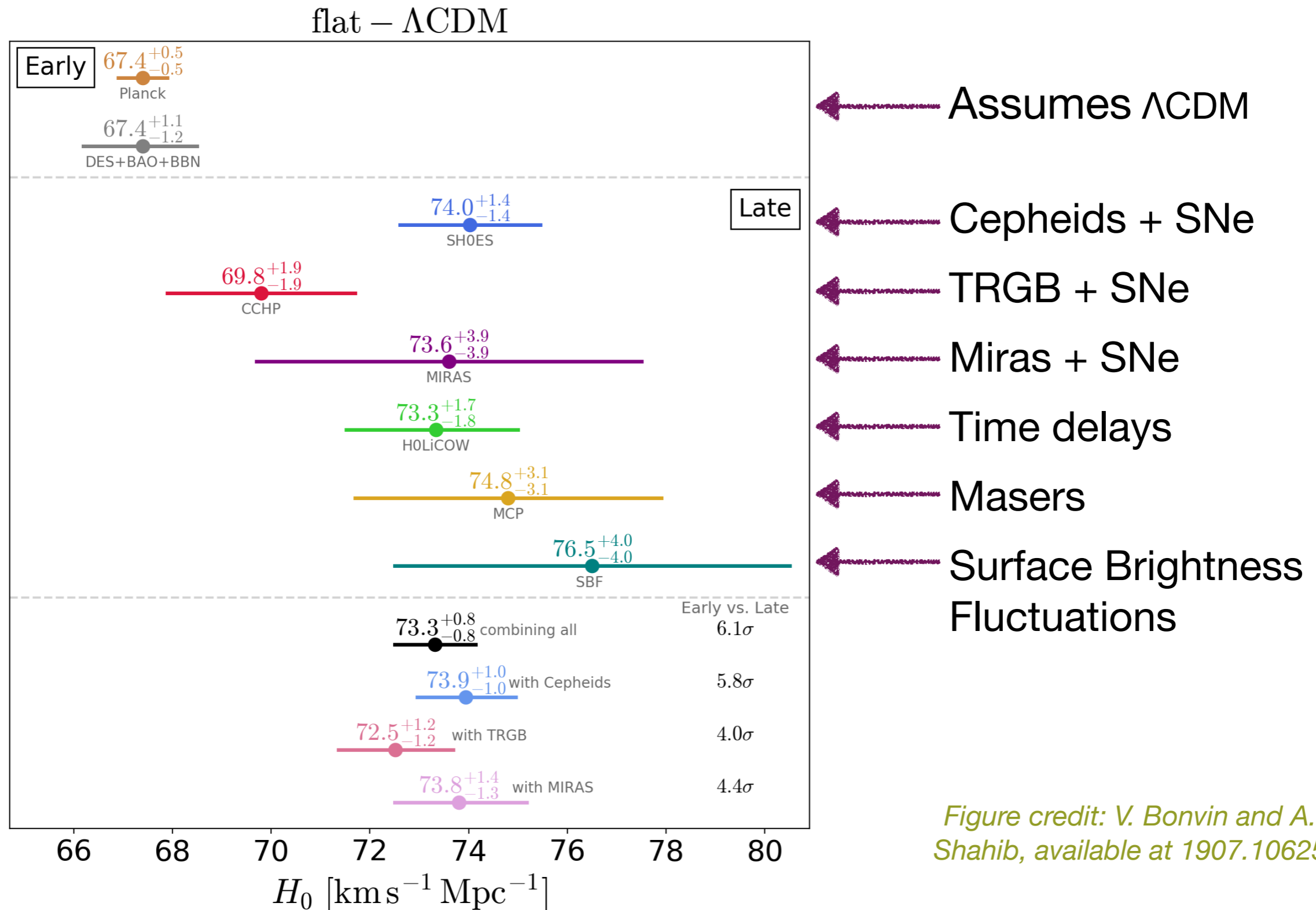
# Current status

- All proposed solutions have drawbacks
- We have yet to identify a complete solution that fits all cosmological data and is physically well-motivated
- Model building is challenging: highly precise CMB measurements are well-fit by  $\Lambda$ CDM, but BAO+SN push us to an early-universe solution
- But we have some hints as to what a solution will look like

# How to build a solution

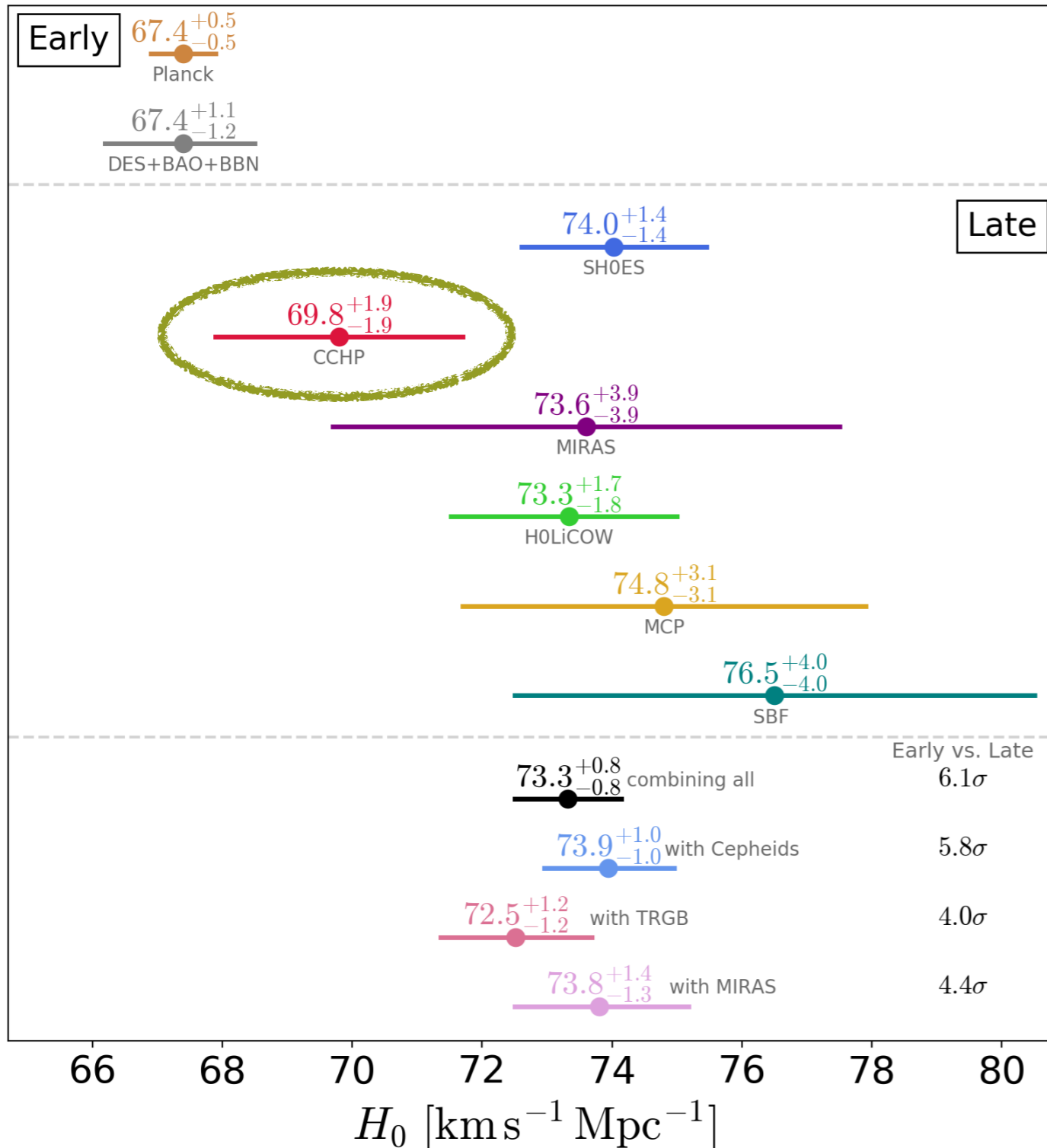
- Solutions should be thought of in terms of the  $r_s^* - H_0$  plane
- Most likely solution will imply a reduction of conformal time to recombination, lowering  $r_s^*$
- Promising avenue: increasing  $H(z)$  with additional components (perhaps just prior to recombination)
- New models must be compatible with CMB, BAO, and SN data
- Any solution should not make other tensions worse
- Will a solution be related to the  $\ell < 800$  vs  $\ell > 800$  discrepancy?

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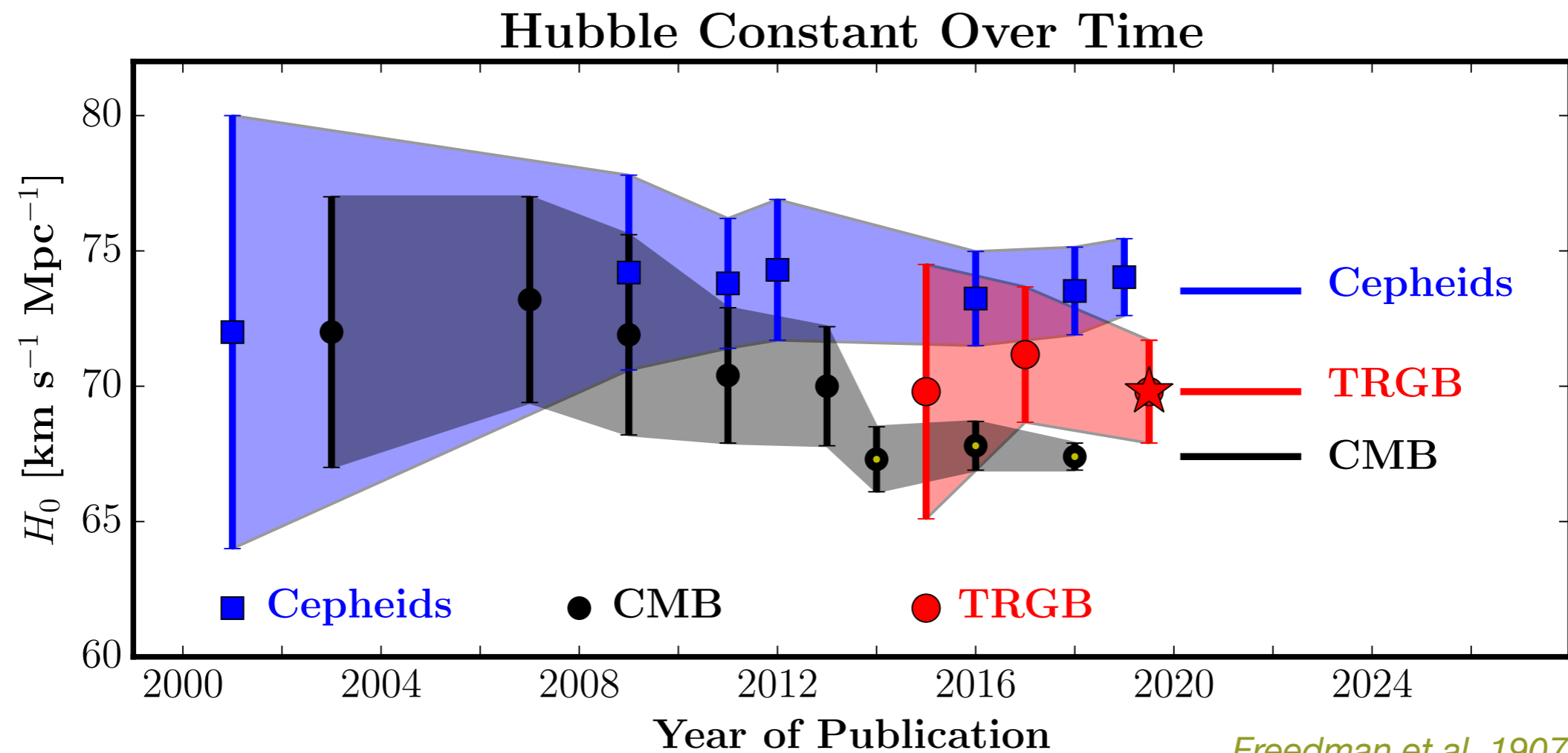
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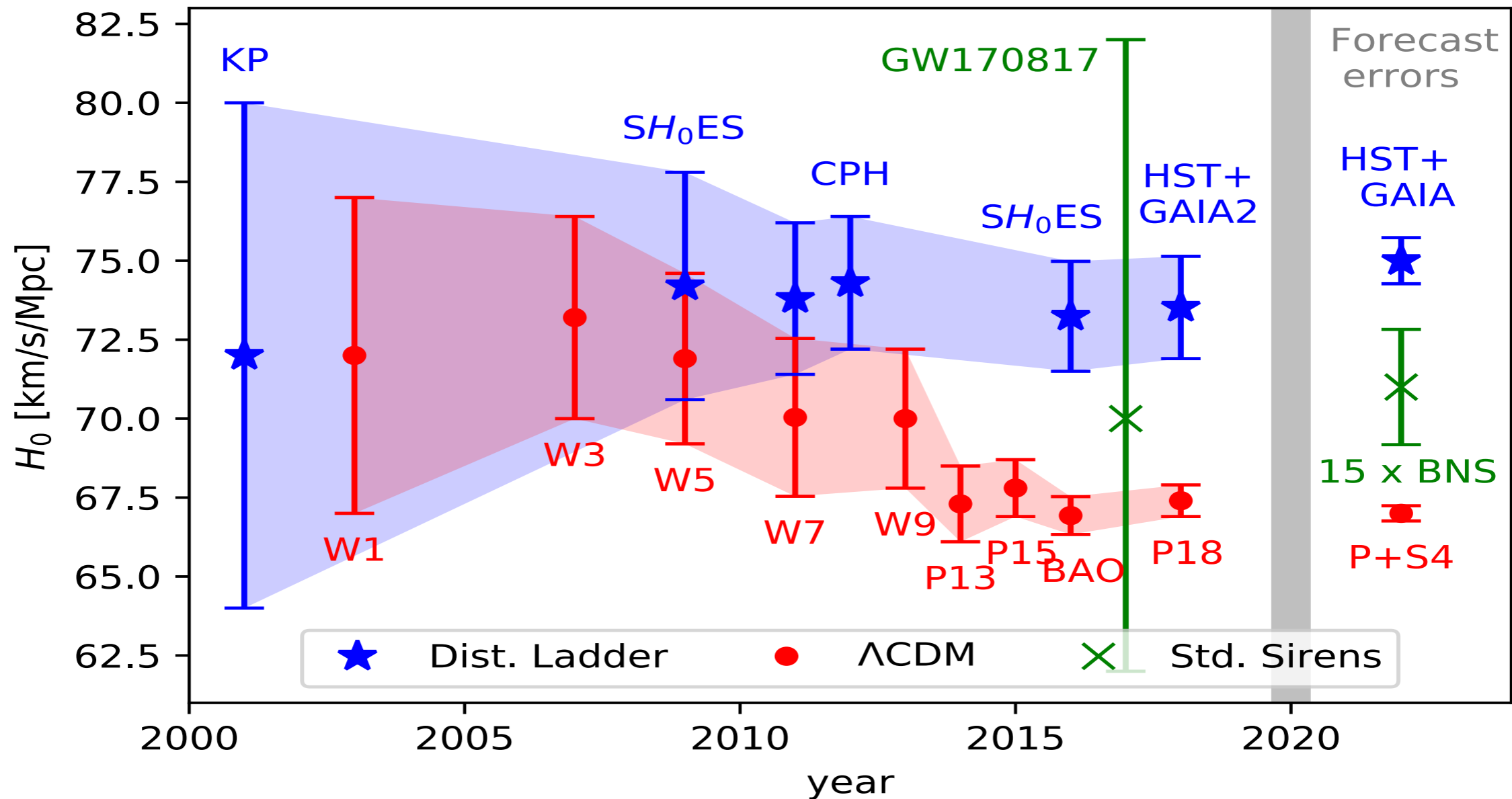
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*Freedman et al. 1907.05922*

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Future cosmological missions will reach greater precision.**

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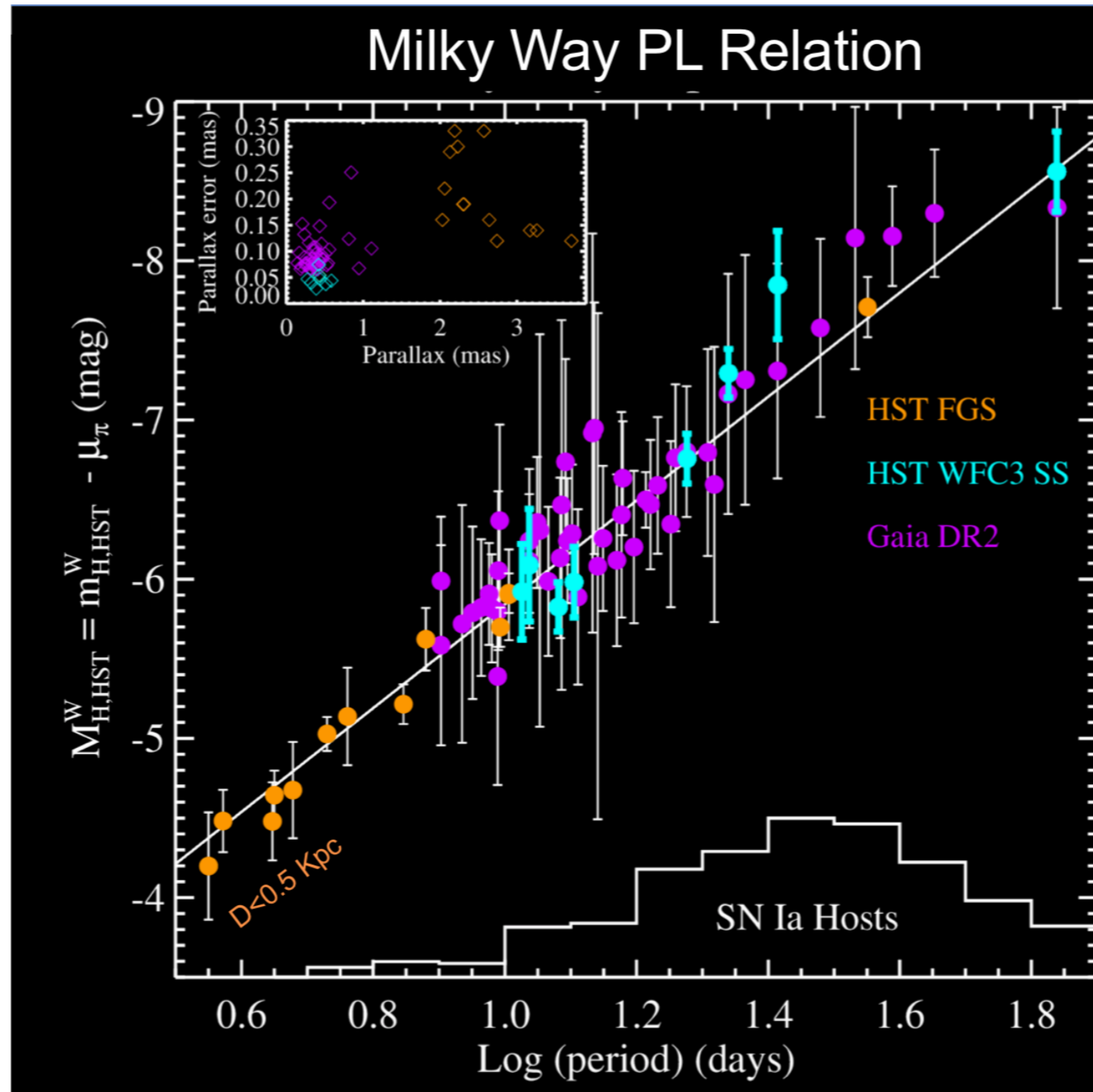
- Increasingly precise measurements are uncovering cracks in  $\Lambda$ CDM
- Tension between early and late time measurements now at  $4.5\sigma$
- No clear evidence for systematics in any measurement
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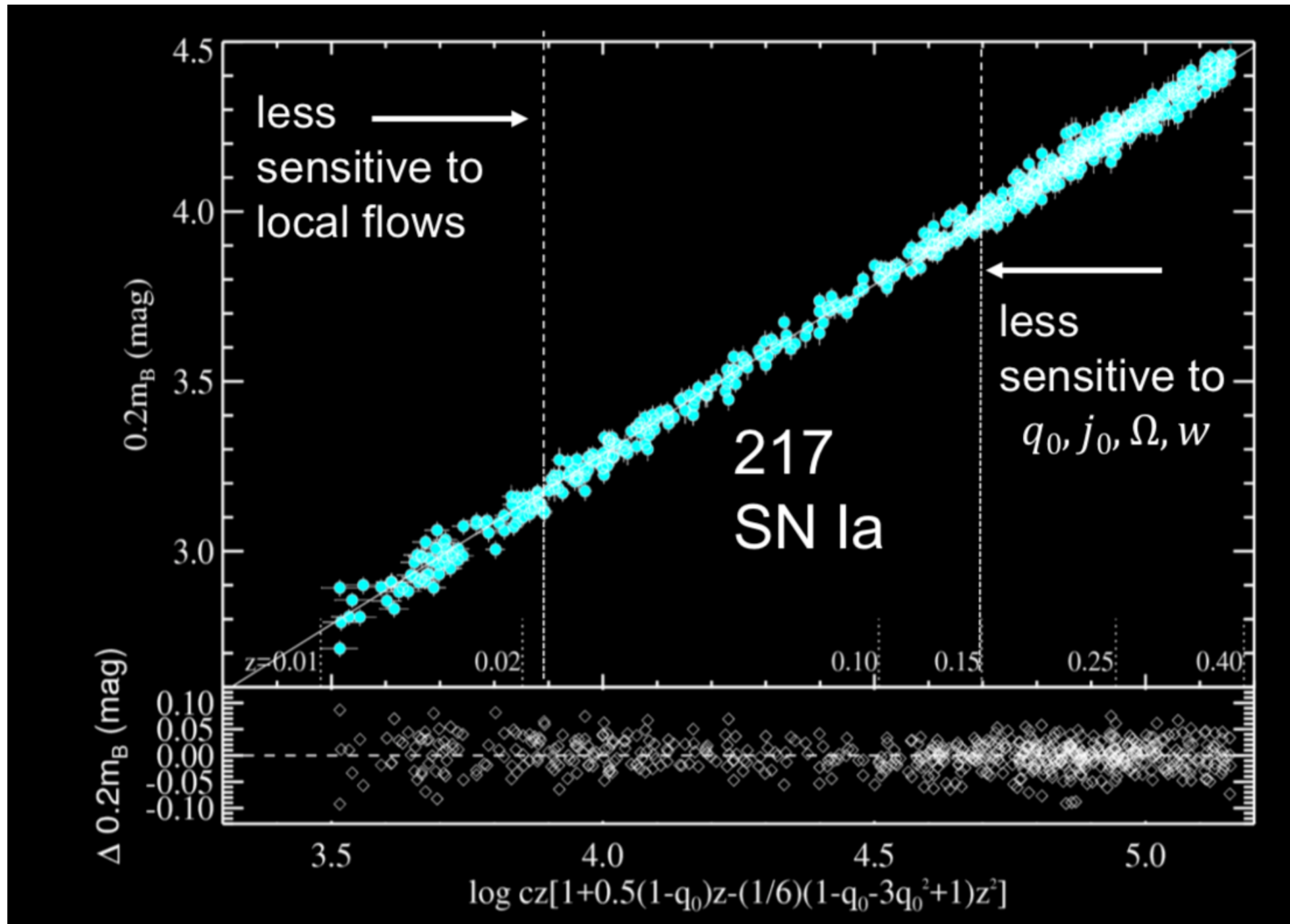
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<http://www.eso.org/sci/meetings/2020/H0/program.html>*

# Cepheid P-L relation



# Hubble Flow



# Systematics in supernovae

Analysis Variants	$H_0$
Best Fit (R16, w/ HST, Gaia , R18=73.53 )	74.03
Reddening Law: LMC-like ( $R_V=2.5$ , not 3.3)	73.89
Reddening Law: Bulge-like (N15)	74.40
No Cepheid Outlier Rejection (normally 2%)	74.32
No Correction for Cepheid Extinction	75.72
No Truncation for Incomplete Period Range	75.08
Metallicity Gradient: None (normally fit)	74.51
Period-Luminosity: Single Slope	74.34
Period-Luminosity: Restrict to $P > 10$ days	74.24
Period-Luminosity: Restrict to $P < 60$ days	74.60
Supernovae $z > 0.01$ (normally $z > 0.023$ )	74.16
Supernova Fitter: MLCS (normally SALT)	75.91

# Independent Cepheid Tests

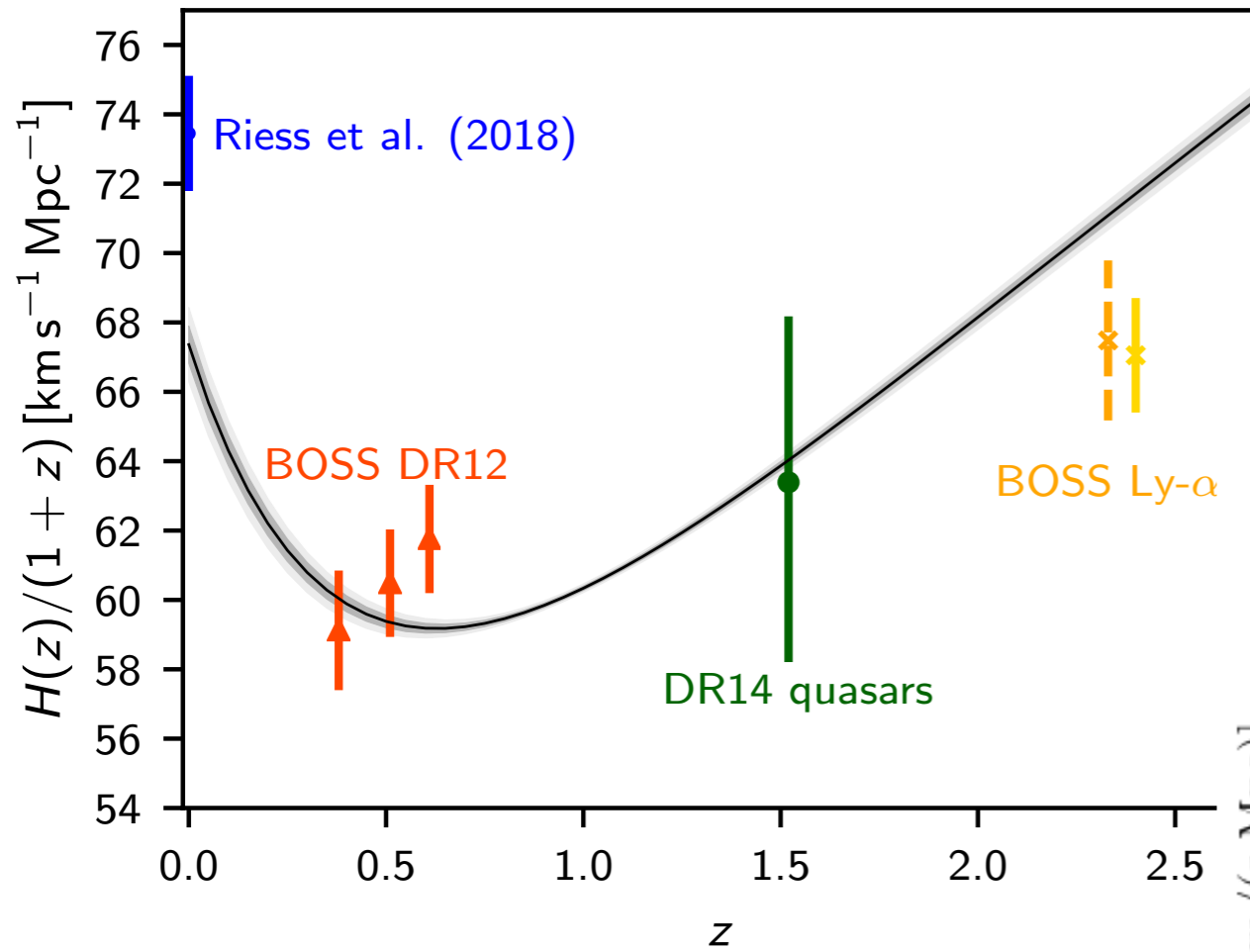
## Summary of Follin and Knox 1707.01175

What they tried: loosened up assumptions about Cepheid modelling:

- let dust spectral dependence be uncertain
- let it vary from host galaxy to host galaxy
- introduced a large amount of freedom in Cepheid period-magnitude relation

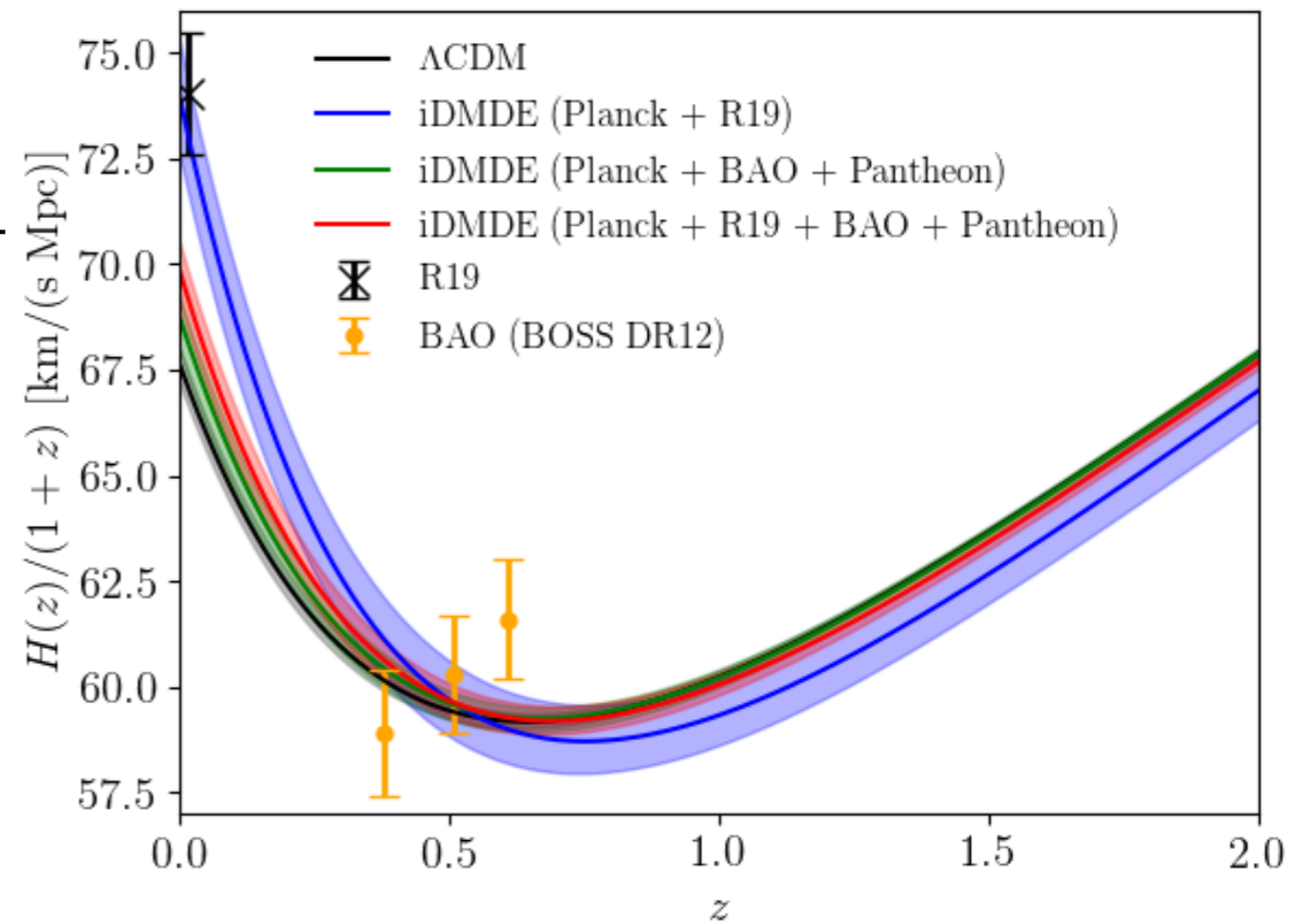
Conclusion: doing the above had very little impact on  $H_0$  central value, and only slightly increased the uncertainty

# H(z)

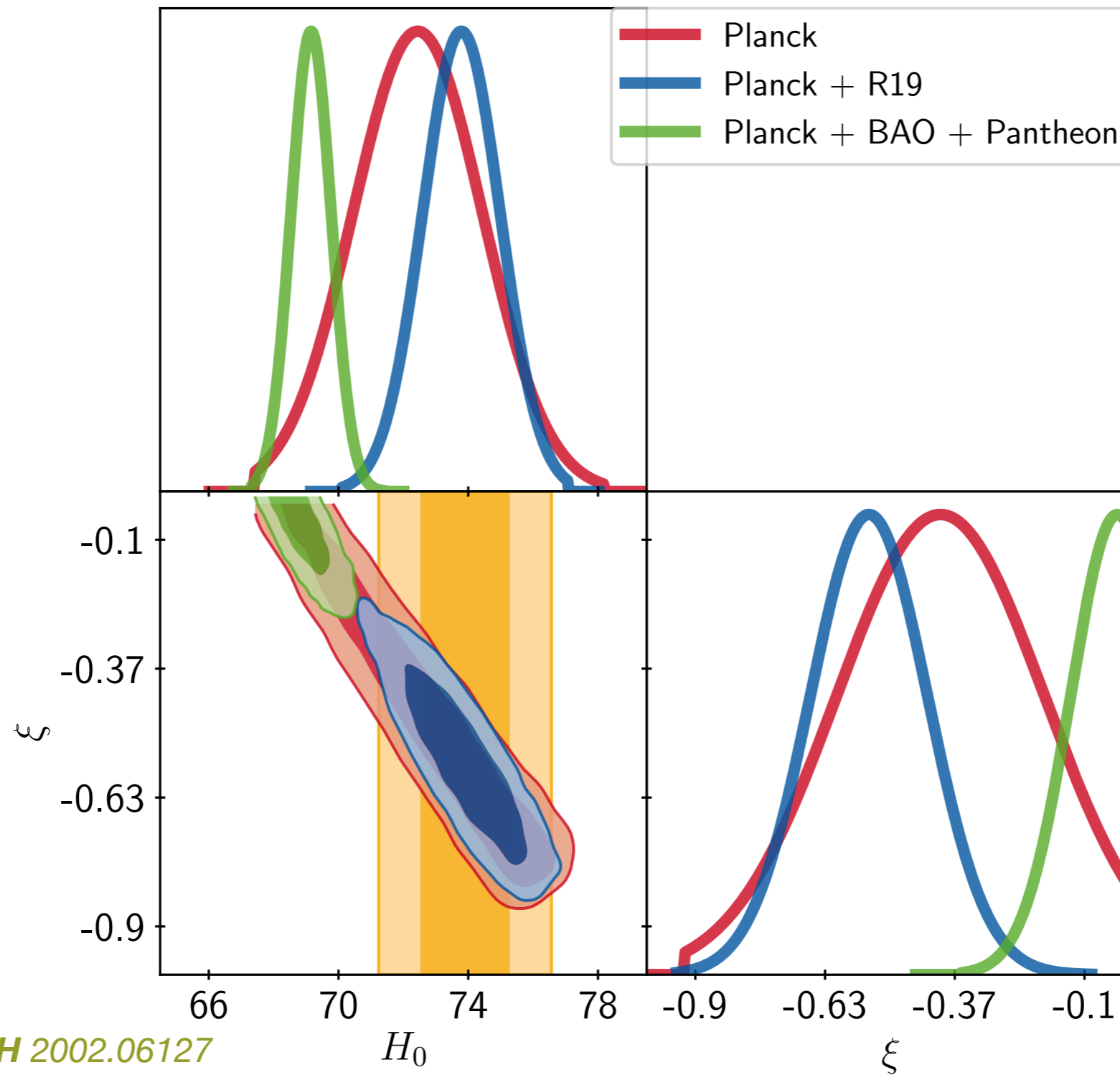


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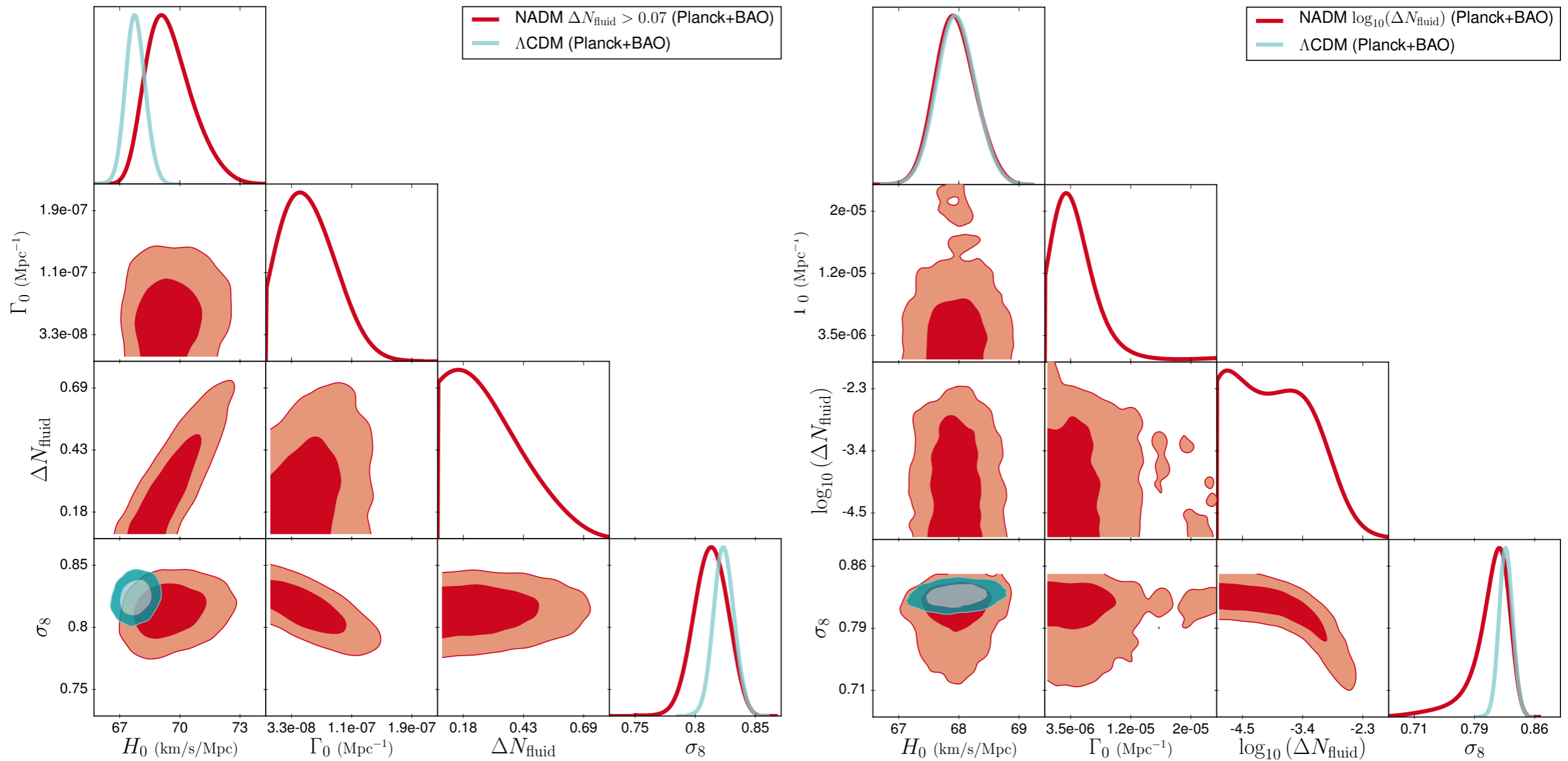


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