



THE SHOES PROJECT AND THE ACCELERATING UNIVERSE

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OUTLINE

- **Introduction**
- How to measure the expansion rate to $\sim 1\%$
- Cosmological probes of the expansion
- New Physics in the dark sector?
- Next steps

UNITS...

- I've done my best to remove astronomical units from this version of my talk; however, a few might appear...
- $1 L_{\odot} \sim 10^{26} \text{ W}$, “luminosity”; “flux” $\rightarrow \text{W m}^{-2}$
- $1 R_{\odot} \sim 10^9 \text{ m}$
- $1 M_{\odot} \sim 10^{30} \text{ kg}$
- $1 \text{ Mpc} \sim 10^{22} \text{ m} \sim 3 \cdot 10^6 \text{ ly}$
- “Magnitude” = $-2.5 \log_{10} (\text{flux}) + C$
 - In mag: Vega $\equiv 0$; Sun ≈ -25 ; stars in this talk $\approx +25$
 - In flux: Vega $\equiv 1$; Sun $\approx 10^{10}$; stars in this talk $\approx 10^{-10}$

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO...

- What was the “consensus view” of the Universe around 1921?
- Age of the Universe (Earth):
 - $\gtrsim 1$ Gyr from radioactive dating (e.g. Boltwood 1907)
- Size of the Universe
 - The Milky Way is the entire Universe ($D=4-20 \cdot 10^{20}$ m)
 - Composed of stars and “nebulae” (elliptical, spiral, etc.)
 - Rotating, but no expansion or contraction
 - Thus, Einstein’s Λ in 1917

THE GREAT DISCOVERIES OF 1912

- Vesto Slipher obtains the first spectrum of a “spiral nebula”
 - Andromeda: $v = -297 \pm 10$ km/s (modern value: -300 ± 4 km/s)
- He observes many more nebulae over next few years
- Most velocities are positive (receding) and much larger than the velocities of stars
- What is the reason for these “red shifts”?

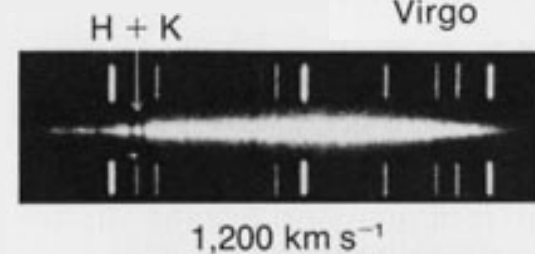
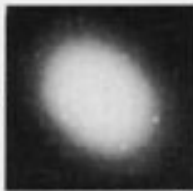


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THE RADIAL VELOCITY OF THE ANDROMEDA NEBULA

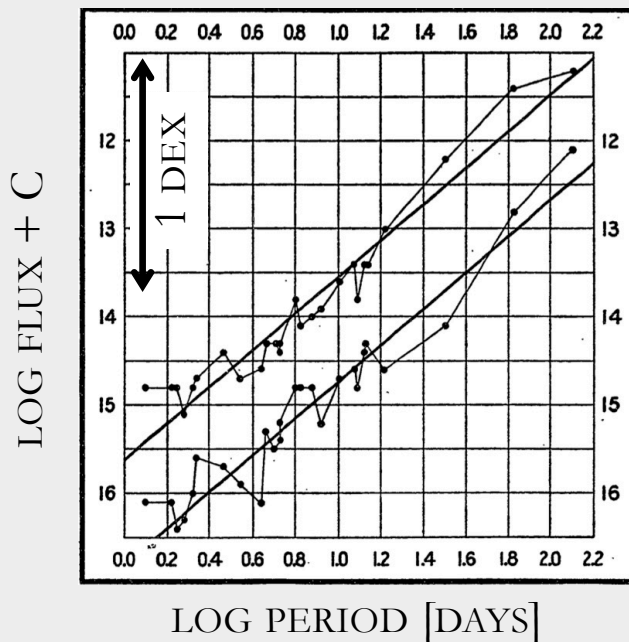
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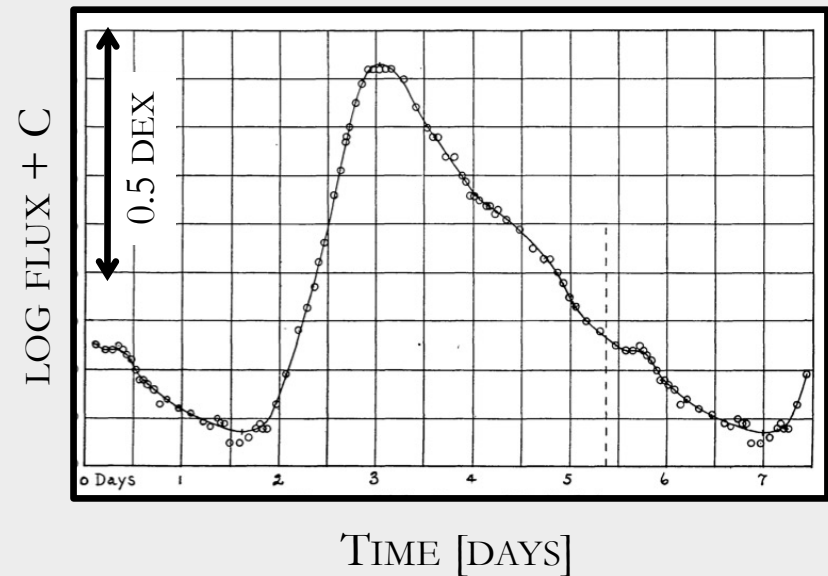
THE GREAT DISCOVERIES OF 1912

- Henrietta Swan Leavitt discovers a relation between the periods and luminosities of “Cepheid variables”
 - Nature of variability was unknown at the time; not binaries...
- Cepheids become a “standard candle”: $D^2 = L / 4\pi f$

LEAVITT (1912)

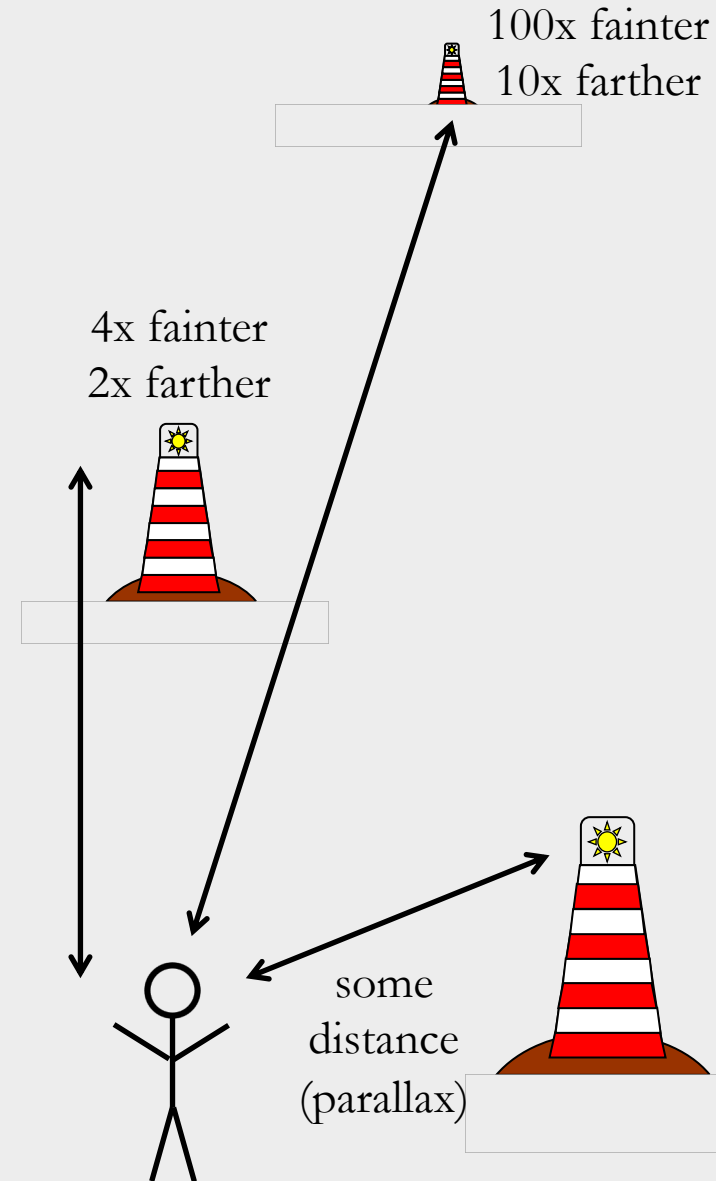


STEBBINS (1908)



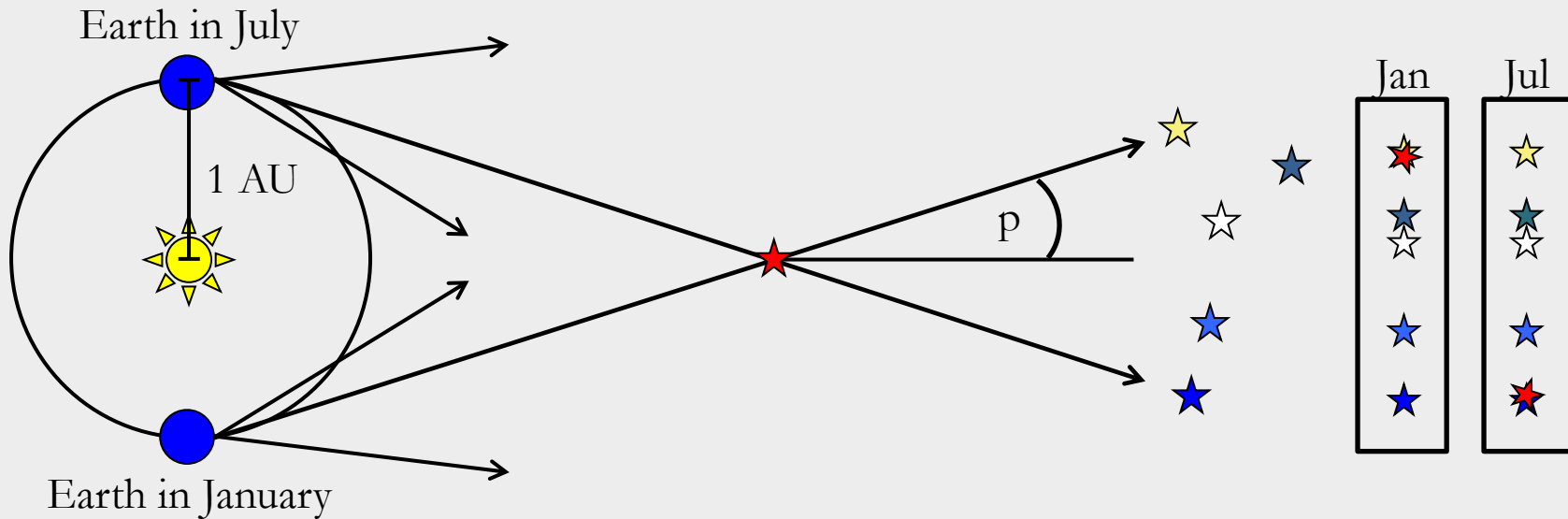
STANDARD CANDLES

- If we know that members of some class of stars have the same luminosity, then we can use their *relative* fluxes to estimate *relative* distances
- We need to know the *absolute* distance to at least one of these stars, which we can measure via parallax



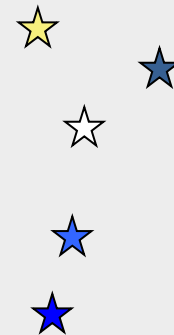
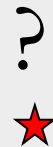
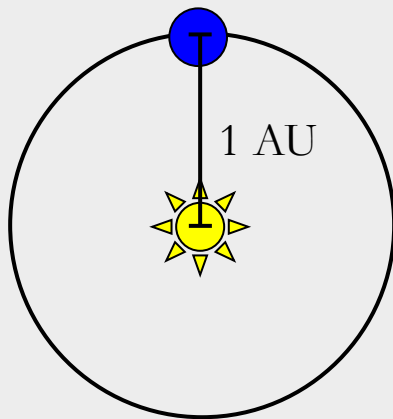
PARALLAX

- In 1838, Friedrich Bessel first measured the distance to a star using a method known as “parallax.”



PARALLAX

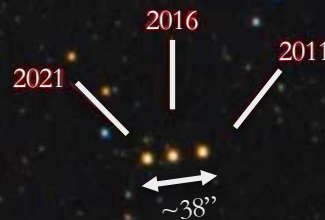
- Question for the group: how would you identify a star that may be reasonably closer to you than others?



PROPER MOTION

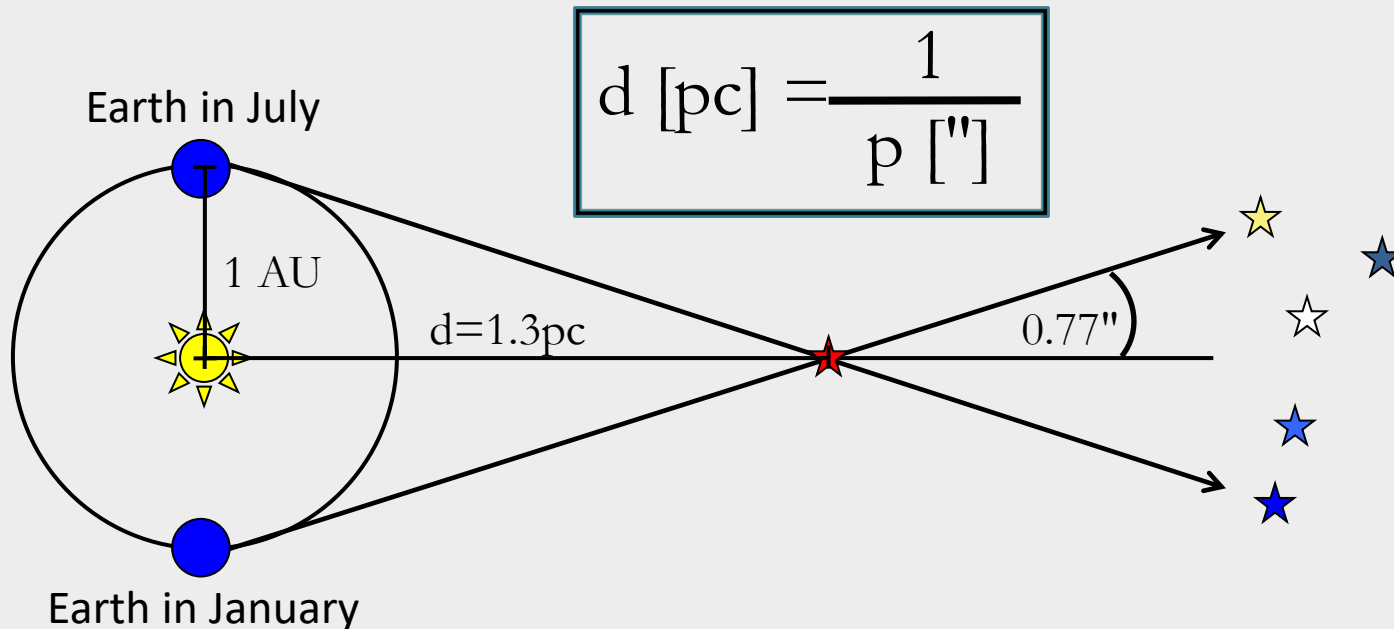
- If stars move at similar speeds through space, then those closer to us will appear to move faster across the sky (*proper motion*)
 - 1 arc-second ["] = $1/3600$ deg $\sim 5 \times 10^{-6}$ rad

Proxima Centauri



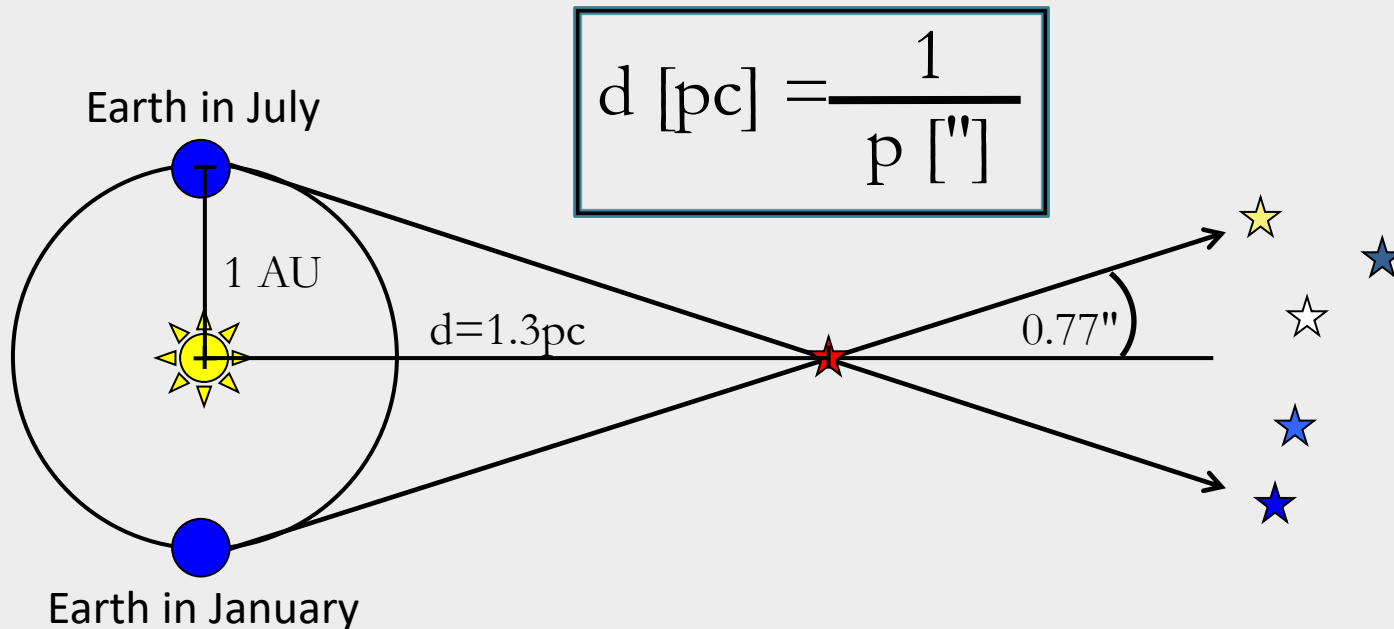
PARALLAX

- If we can measure:
 - The distance between the Sun and the Earth (1 AU)
 - The angle subtended by the apparent motion of a star
- Then use trigonometry to solve for its distance



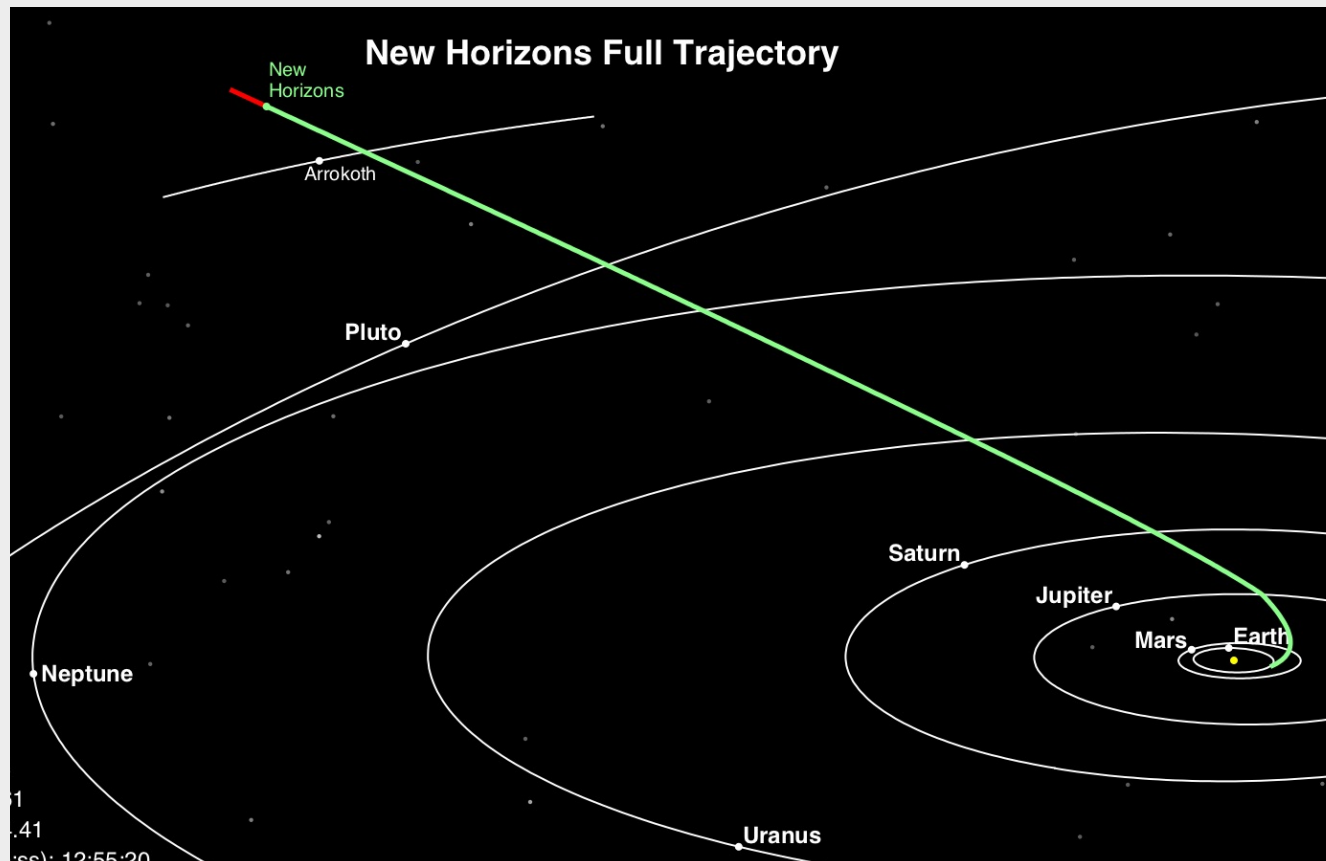
PARALLAX

- Why in 1838? Parallax angle is *very* small ($\sim 0.04\%$ angular diameter of Moon) and required mechanical devices
- That's $\sim 80\times$ smaller than the resolution of the human eye and about the size the of the “blur” imposed by the Earth’s atmosphere on telescopic images



PARALLAX

- The parallax angle grows larger if we measure it using a wider baseline... how about one image from Earth and the other one from New Horizons (45 AU away)?

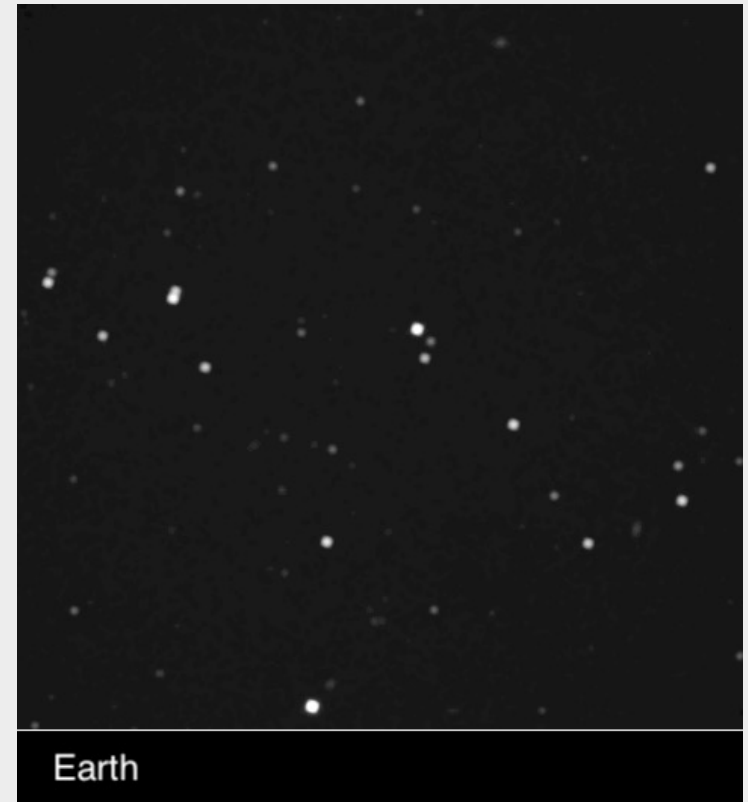


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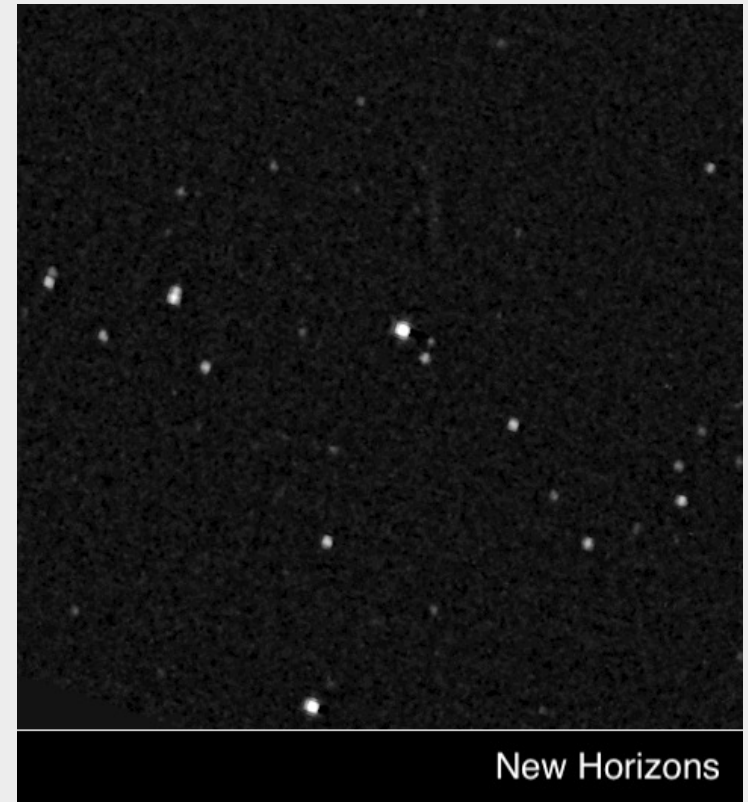
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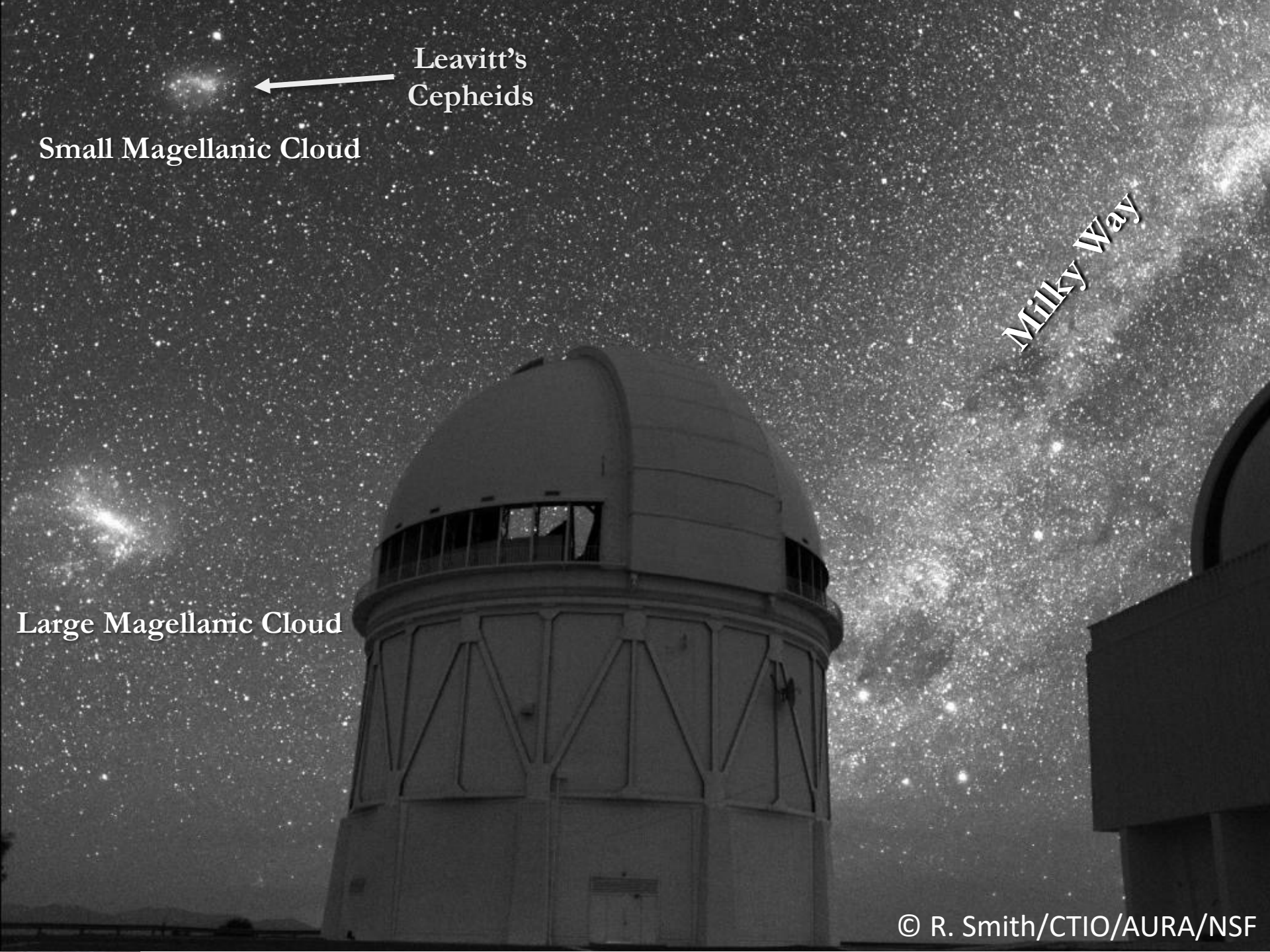
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Proxima Centauri



Wolf 359



Leavitt's
Cepheids



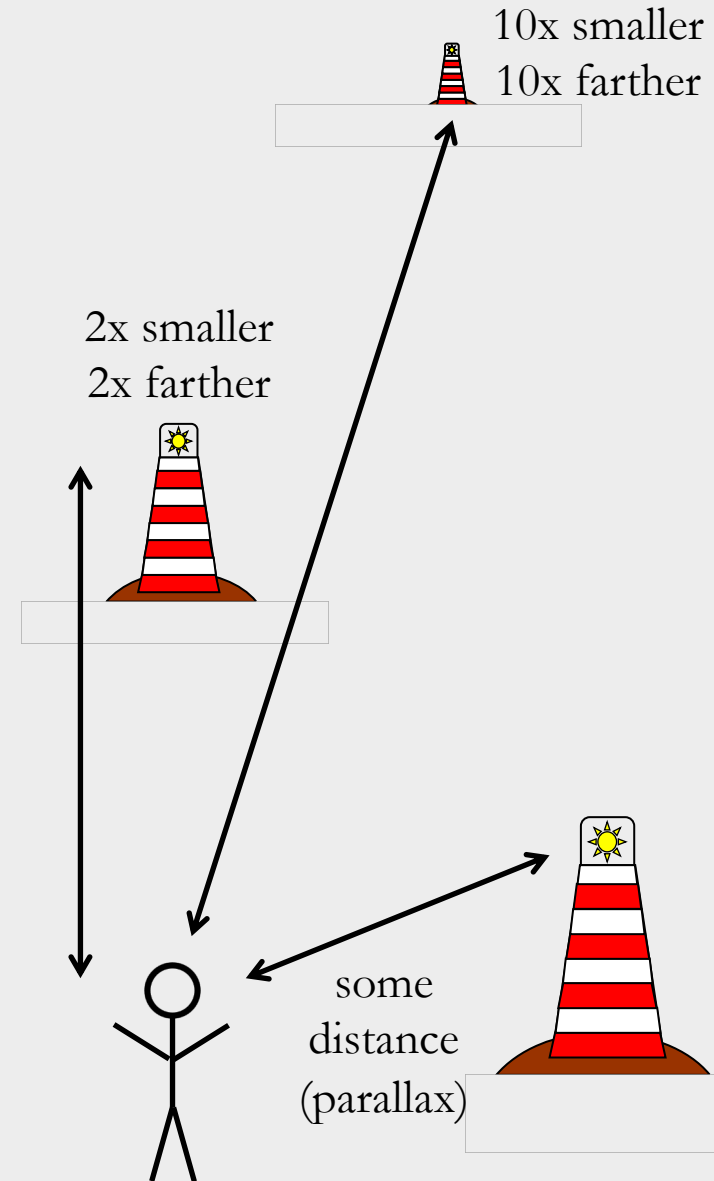
Small Magellanic Cloud

Milky Way

Large Magellanic Cloud

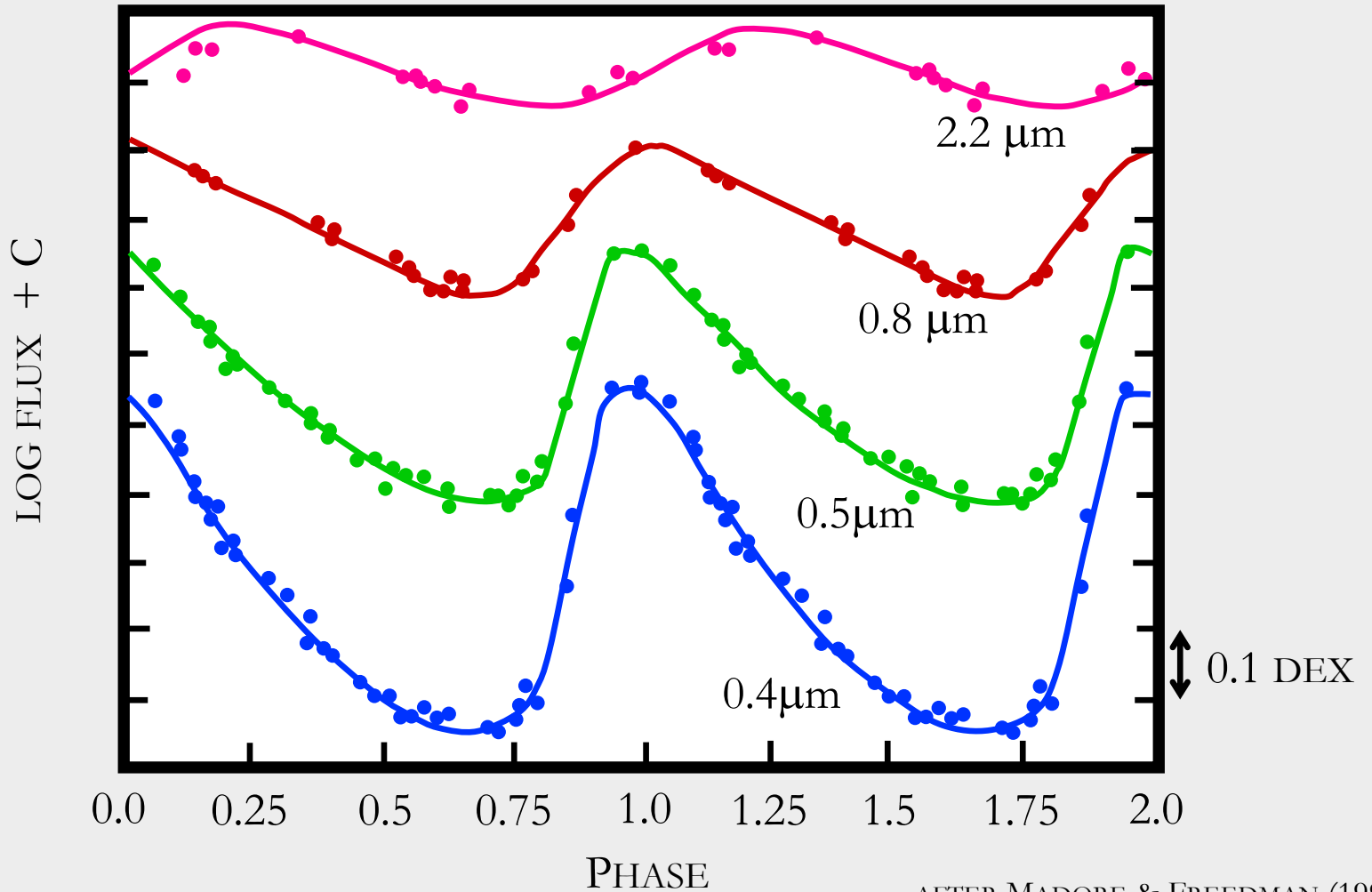
STANDARD CANDLES (AND RULERS!)

- Note also that (in this crude analogy) the angular size of the lighthouses can also be used as a distance indicator (assuming they were all built to the same specs)
- We refer to such techniques as “standard rulers”



“LIGHT CURVE” OF A CEPHEID

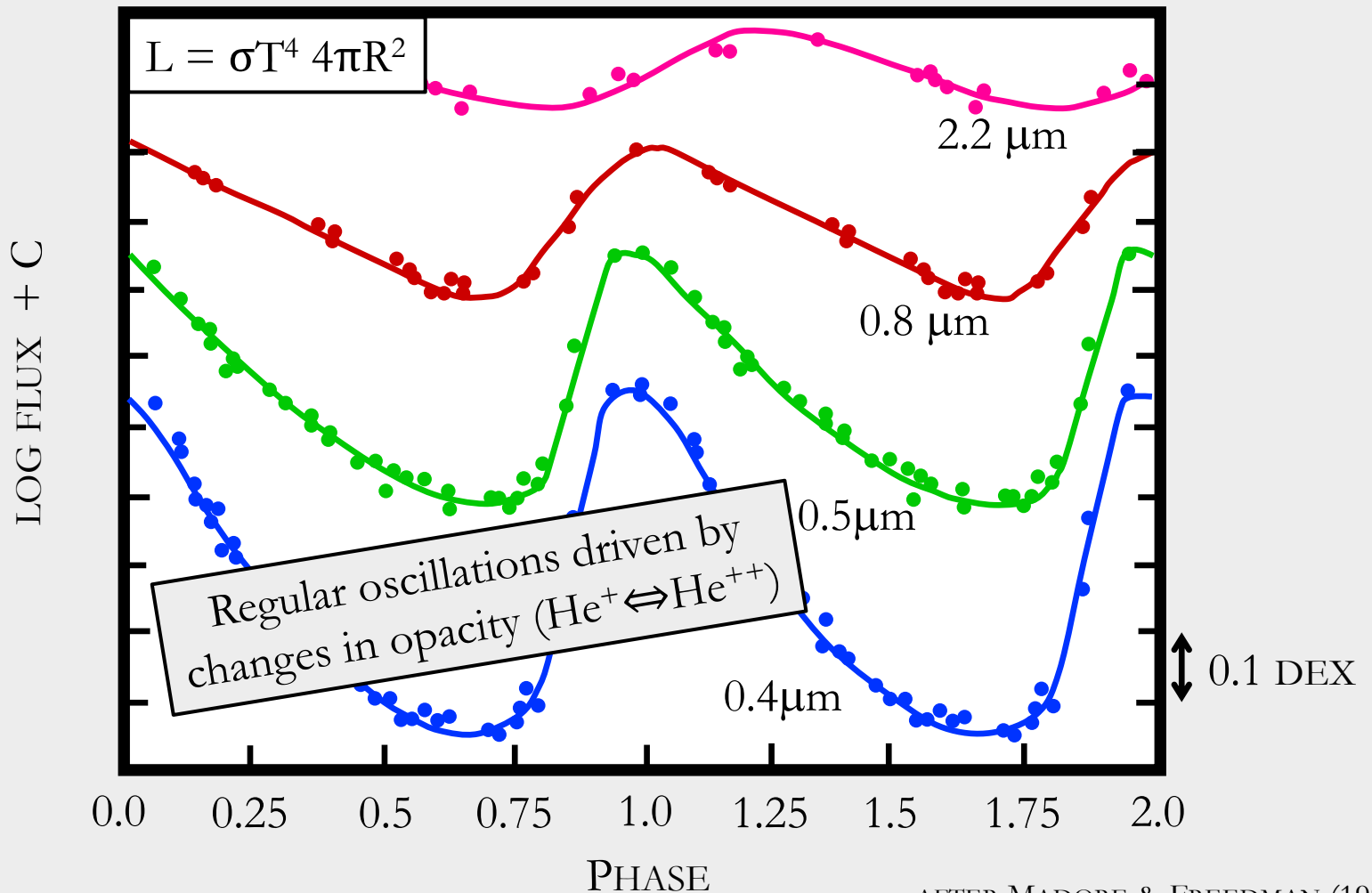
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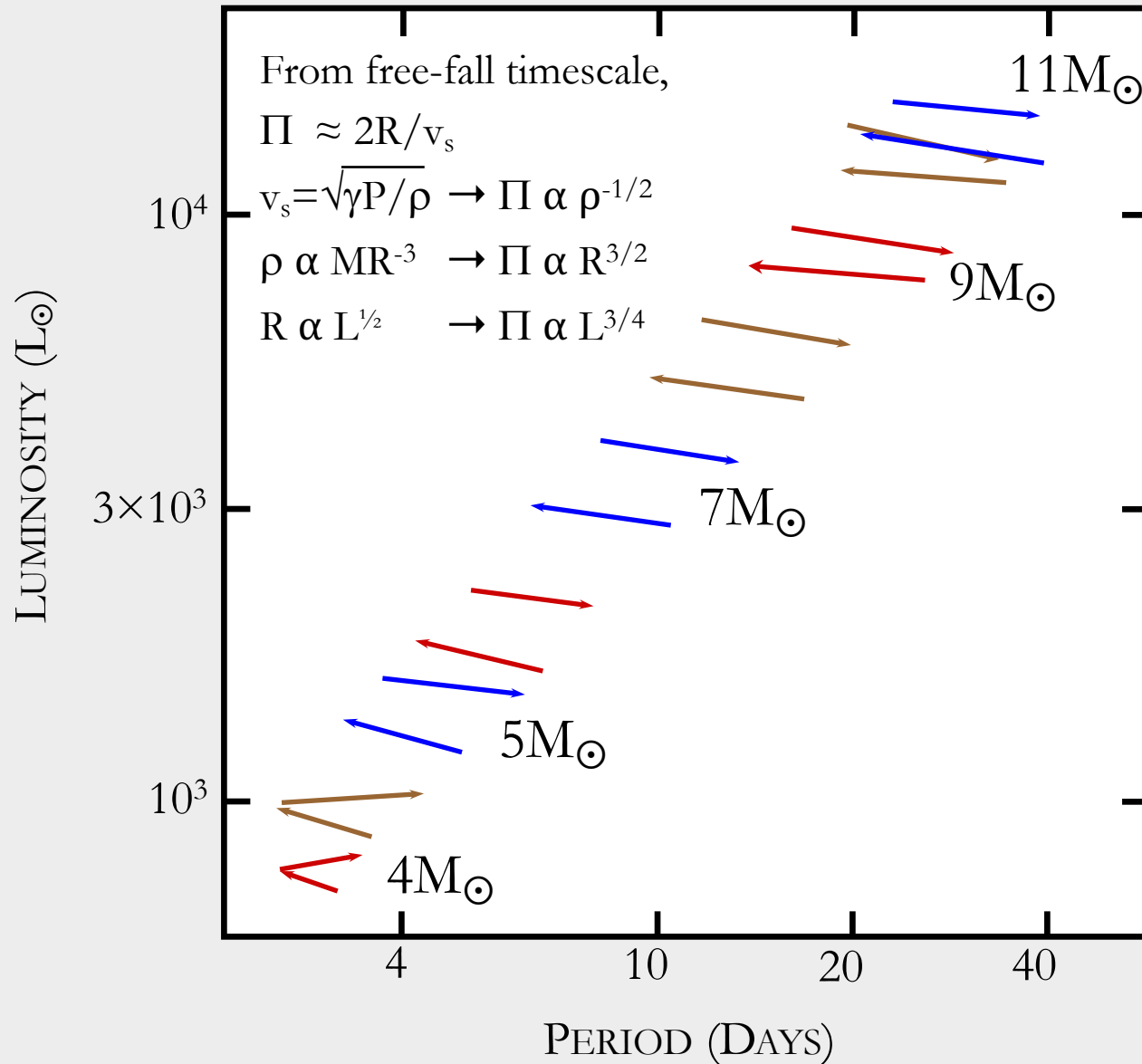
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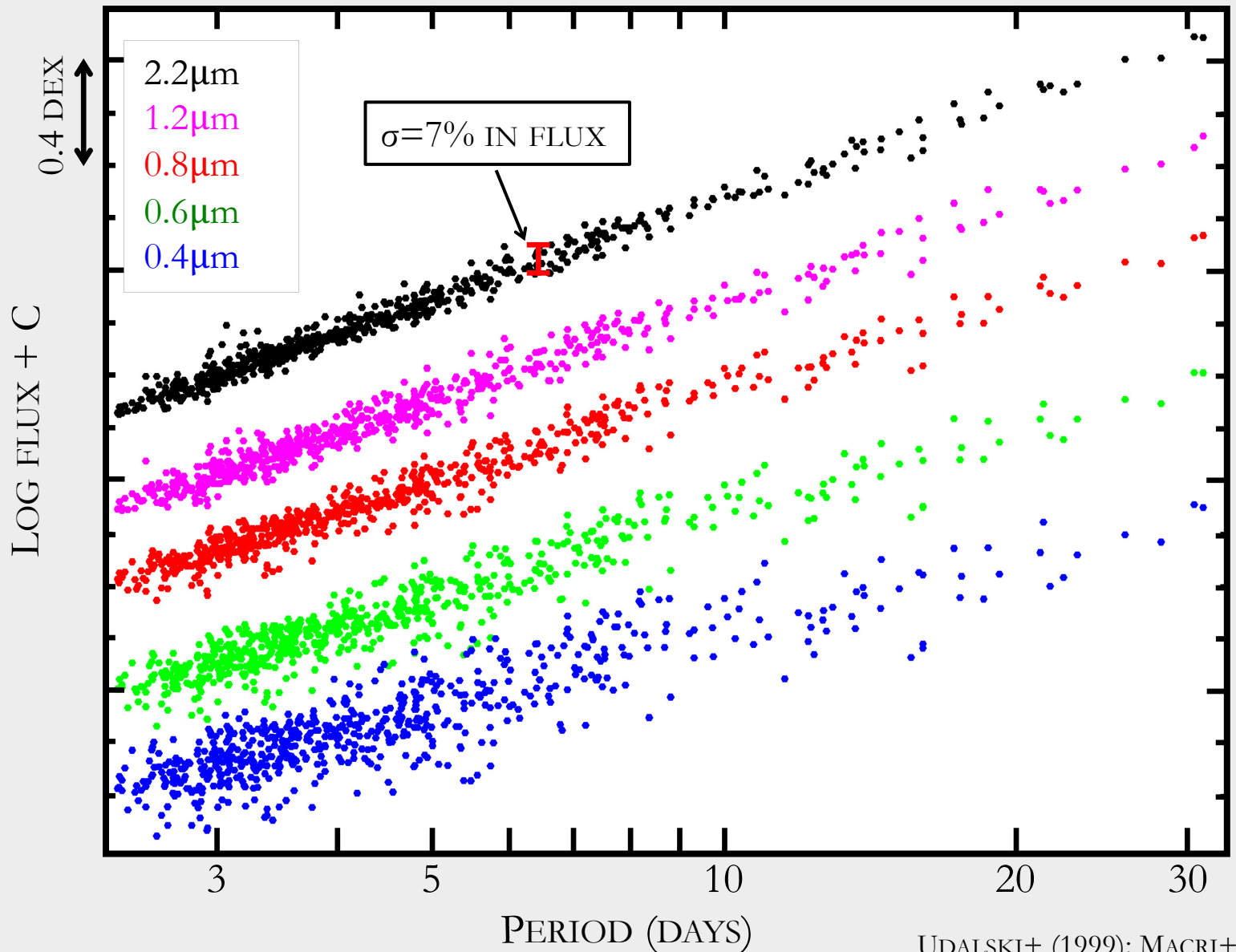


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THEORETICAL P-L RELATION



“LEAVITT LAW” IN THE LMC

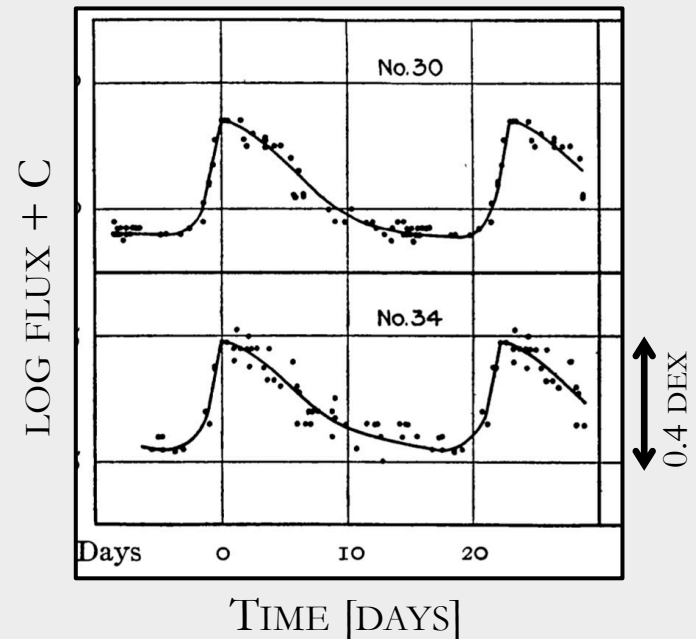


1925: HUBBLE & CEPHEIDS

- Edwin Hubble discovers Cepheids within “spiral nebulae”
 - These nebulae are $\sim 10\times$ farther than the Magellanic Clouds
- The Universe becomes much larger... and full of “galaxies”!

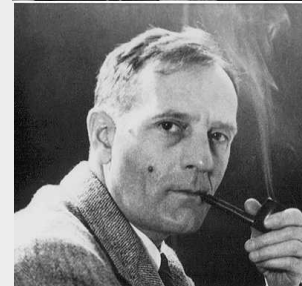
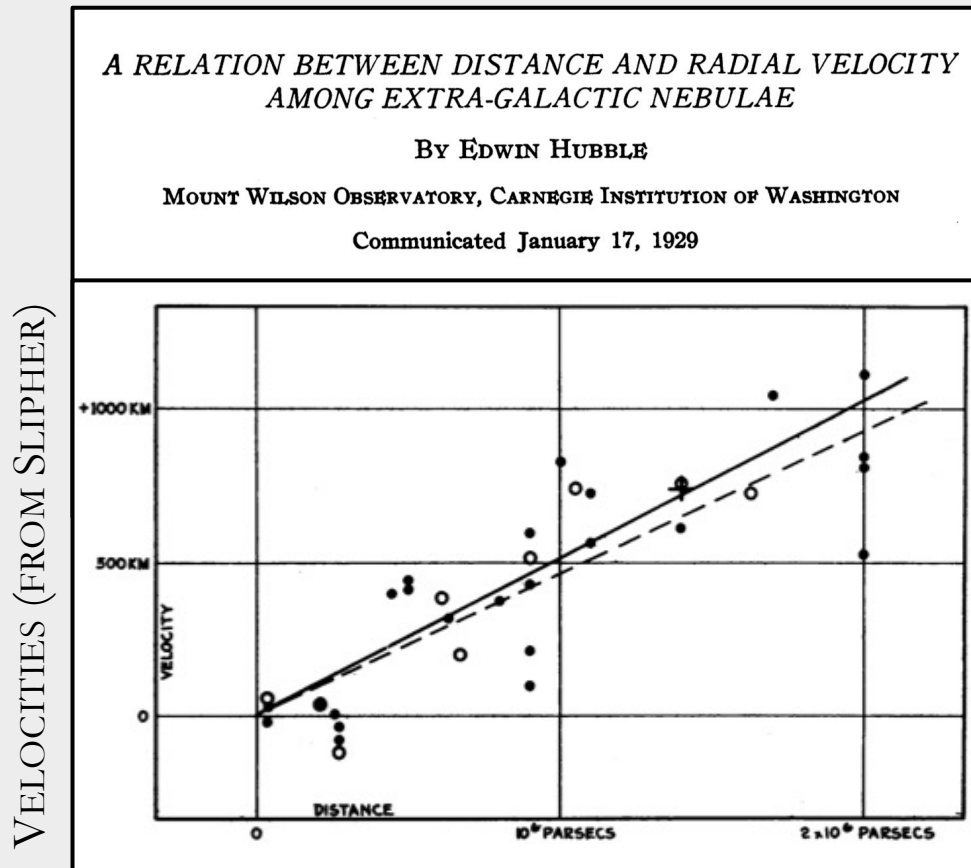


Light curves of Cepheids
in Messier 33



1924-1929: AN EXPANDING UNIVERSE

- Lundmark (1924), Lemaître (1927) and Hubble (1929) find relations between the distances to “nebulae” and Slipher’s velocities: evidence for an expanding Universe



1924-1929: AN EXPANDING UNIVERSE

- We now refer to this relation as the “Hubble-Lemaître Law”:

$$V = H_0 D$$

- Note that the “Hubble constant”, H_0 , has units of s^{-1} , so the age of the Universe is

$$t_0 \approx 1/H_0$$

- Hubble (1929): $t_0 \sim 2 \text{ Gyr}$ “ $\pm 10\%$ ” [not quite...]

H_0 & COSMOLOGY

- The expansion of a homogeneous and isotropic Universe can be described by a Friedmann-Lemaître-Robertson-Walker cosmology, using parameters that describe:

- Expansion rate, or Hubble constant:

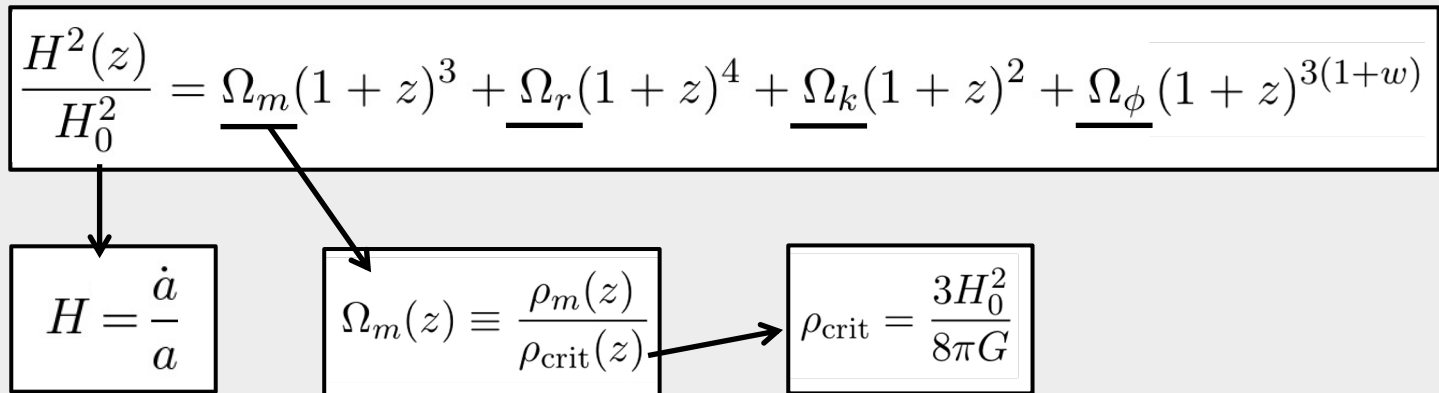
- a : scale factor (today = 1; Big Bang = 0)

$$H = \frac{\dot{a}}{a}$$

- Global geometry (open, flat or closed)
- Composition of the Universe
 - Density of atomic & dark matter, photons, neutrinos, etc.
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H_0 & COSMOLOGY

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$$\frac{H^2(z)}{H_0^2} = \Omega_m(1+z)^3 + \Omega_r(1+z)^4 + \Omega_k(1+z)^2 + \Omega_\phi(1+z)^{3(1+w)}$$


The diagram illustrates the relationship between the Friedmann equation and its components. Arrows point from the terms in the equation to their definitions:

- $H = \frac{\dot{a}}{a}$
- $\Omega_m(z) \equiv \frac{\rho_m(z)}{\rho_{\text{crit}}(z)}$
- $\rho_{\text{crit}} = \frac{3H_0^2}{8\pi G}$

- Ω_m : matter (baryonic+dark)
- Ω_r : relativistic species
- Ω_k : curvature
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- Ω_ϕ : dark energy (Ω_Λ)

- $z = v/c$

- w : equation of state parameter of dark energy, $P = w \rho c^2$

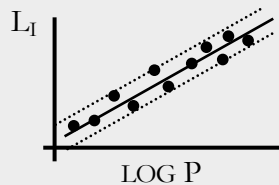
- if $w = -1$, then dark energy becomes the “cosmological constant” Λ

OUTLINE

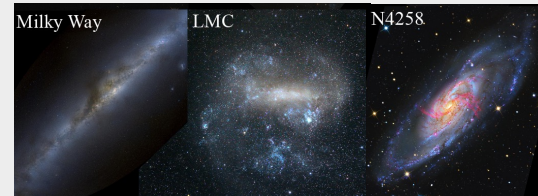
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STEPS TO THE HUBBLE CONSTANT

$$H_0 = v/D$$



"ANCHOR"
GALAXIES



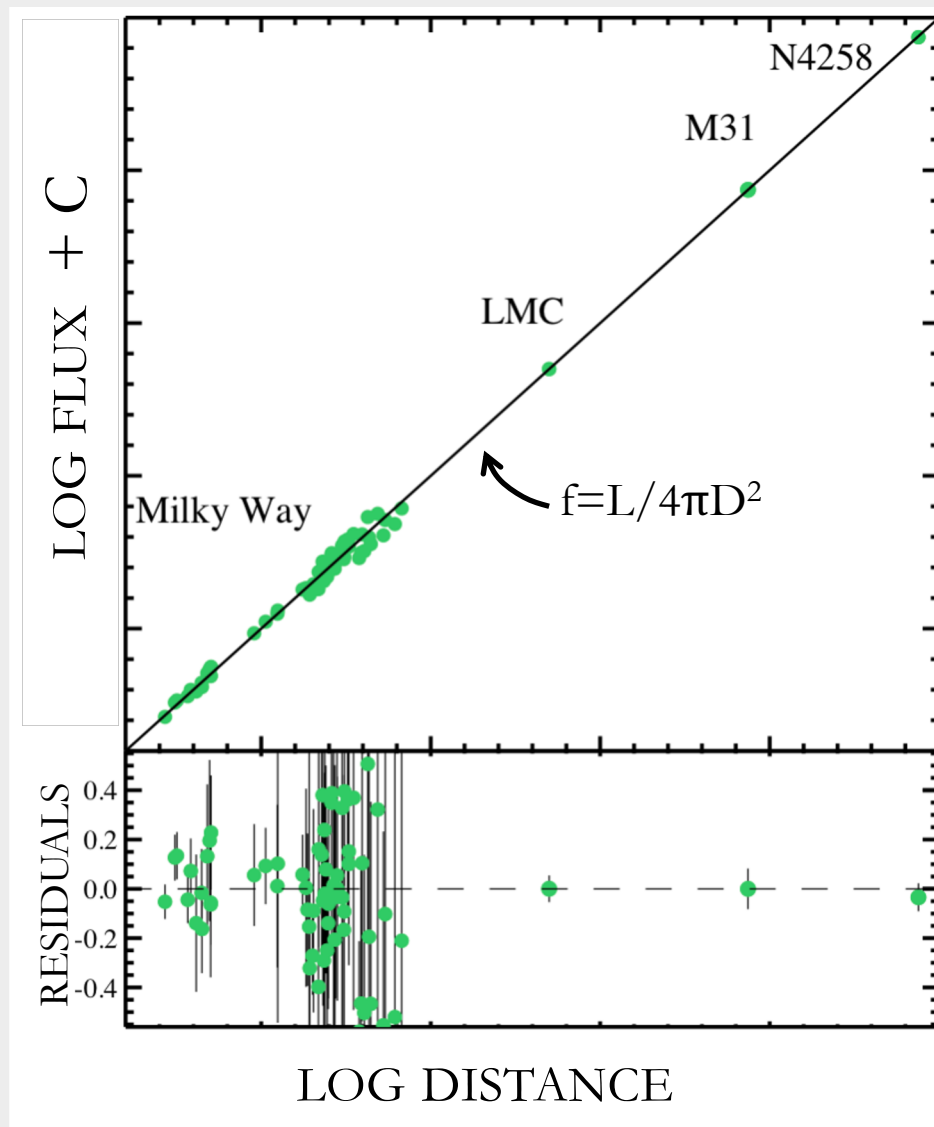
WELL-CHARACTERIZED
CEPHEID SAMPLES

ACCURATE & PRECISE
DISTANCES

CEPHEID LUMINOSITIES

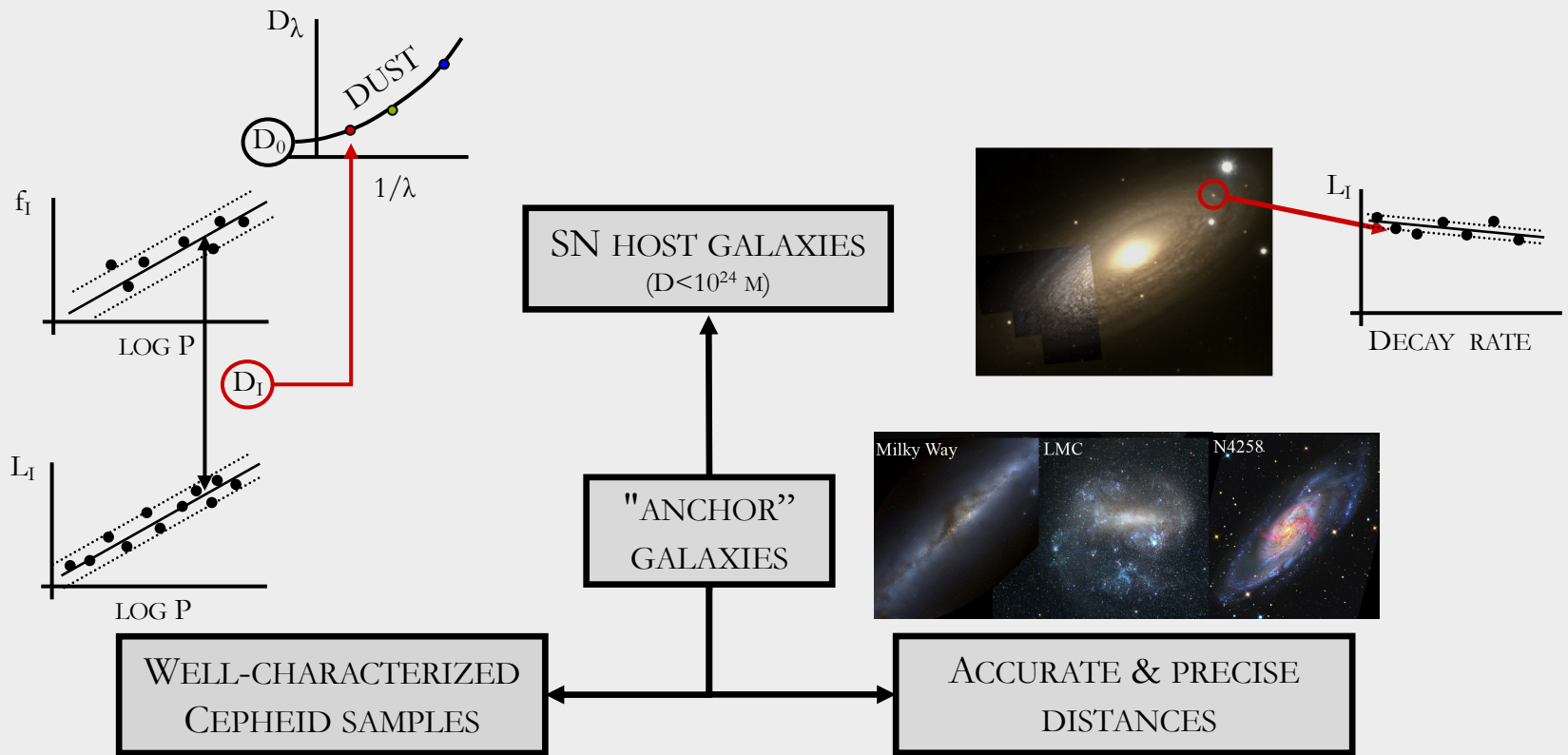
- Absolute calibration: several independent geometrical methods
- Trigonometric parallaxes to 75 Cepheids within the Milky Way
 - Sample will further increase and improve thanks to the ongoing *Gaia* mission
- Distance to the Large Magellanic Cloud (>1000 Cepheids)
 - Based on tight relation between flux density per unit angular area and surface temperature of stars
- Distance to the galaxy Messier 106 (>600 Cepheids)
 - Based on near-Keplerian motions of water maser clouds orbiting supermassive black hole at galaxy center

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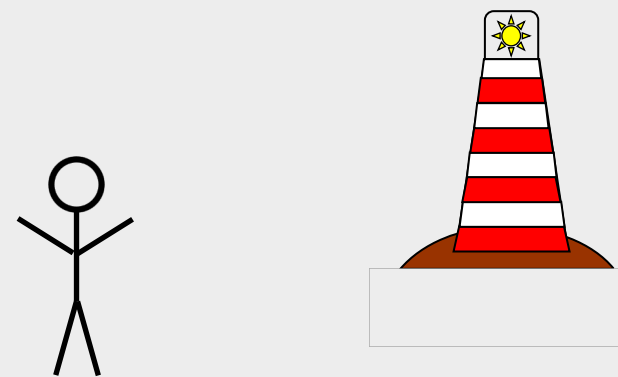
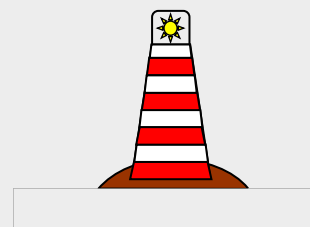
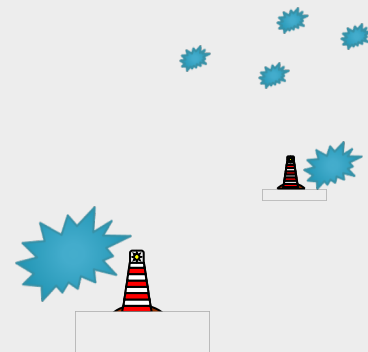
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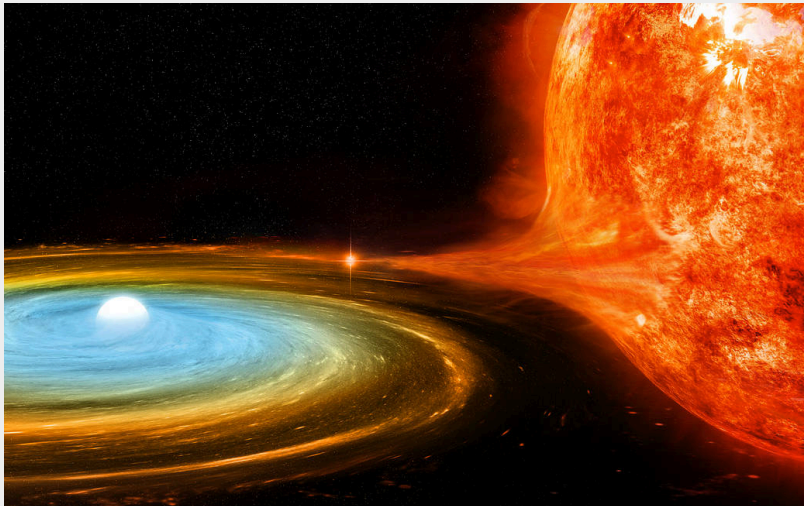
COMPLICATIONS...

- As the ocean “expands”, all islands are moving randomly at small speeds
- These “peculiar motions” become irrelevant at larger distances → measure the expansion rate using the farthest islands
- Lighthouses become too dim to be useful, but (thankfully!) nuclear explosions go off in some of the islands...

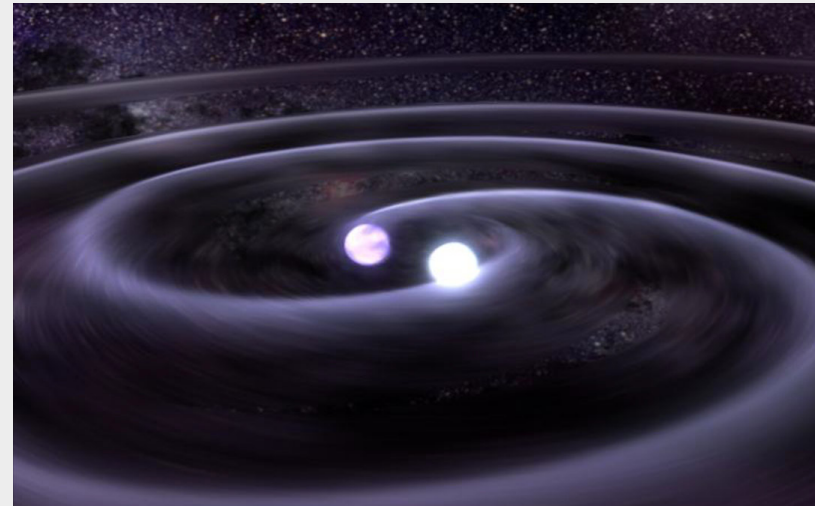


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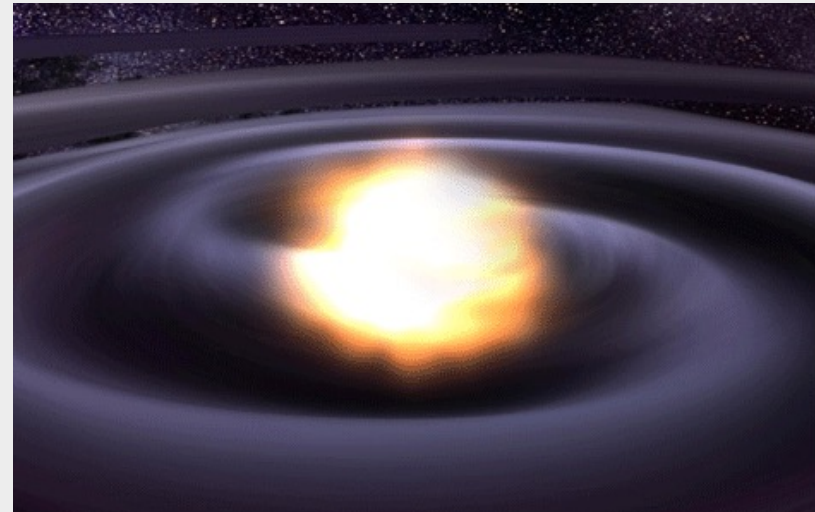
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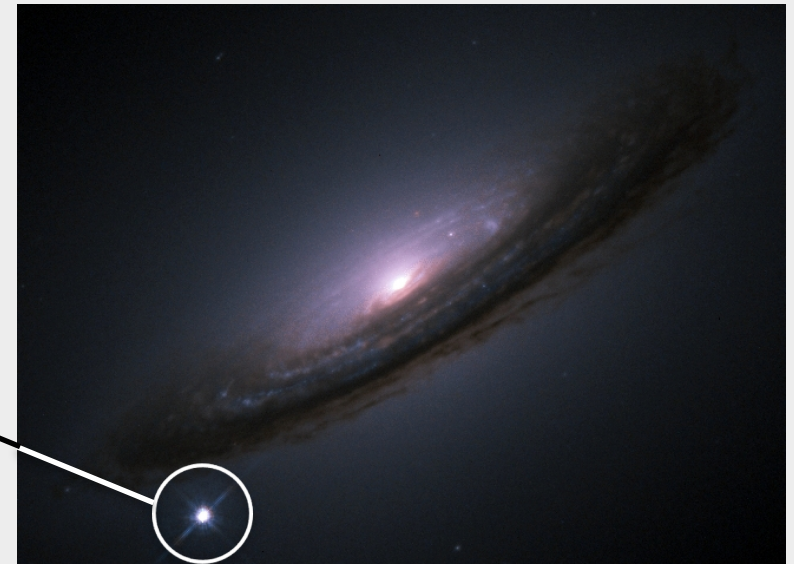
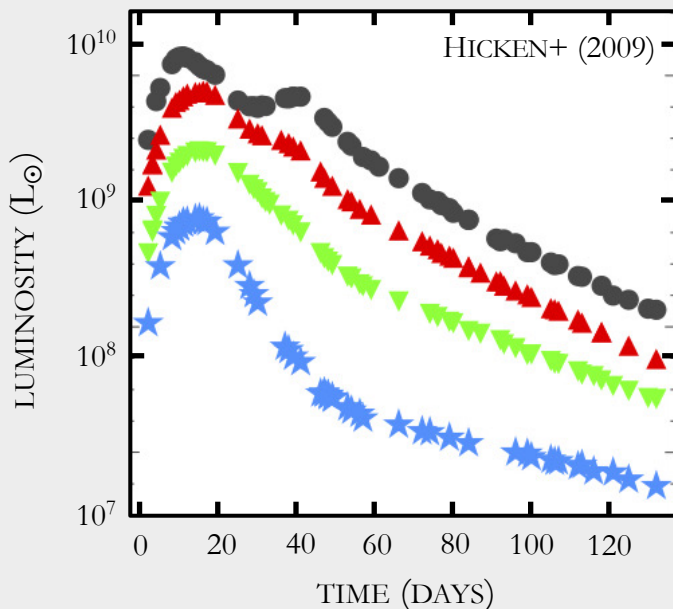
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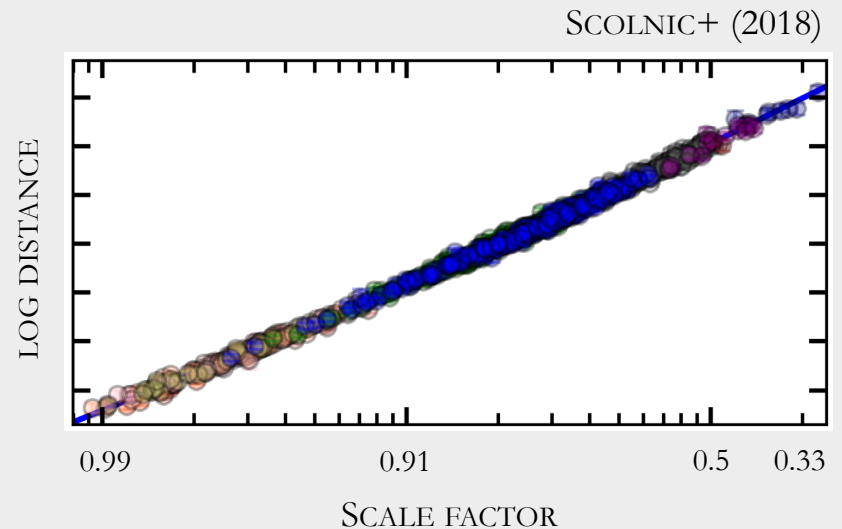
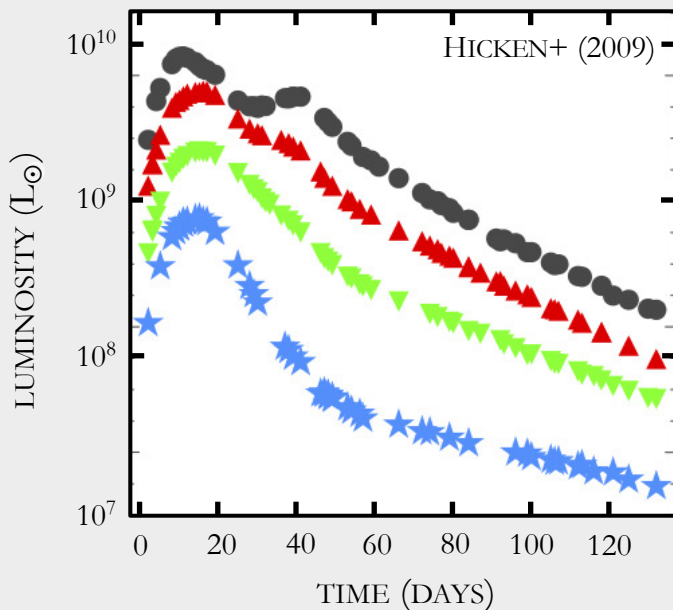
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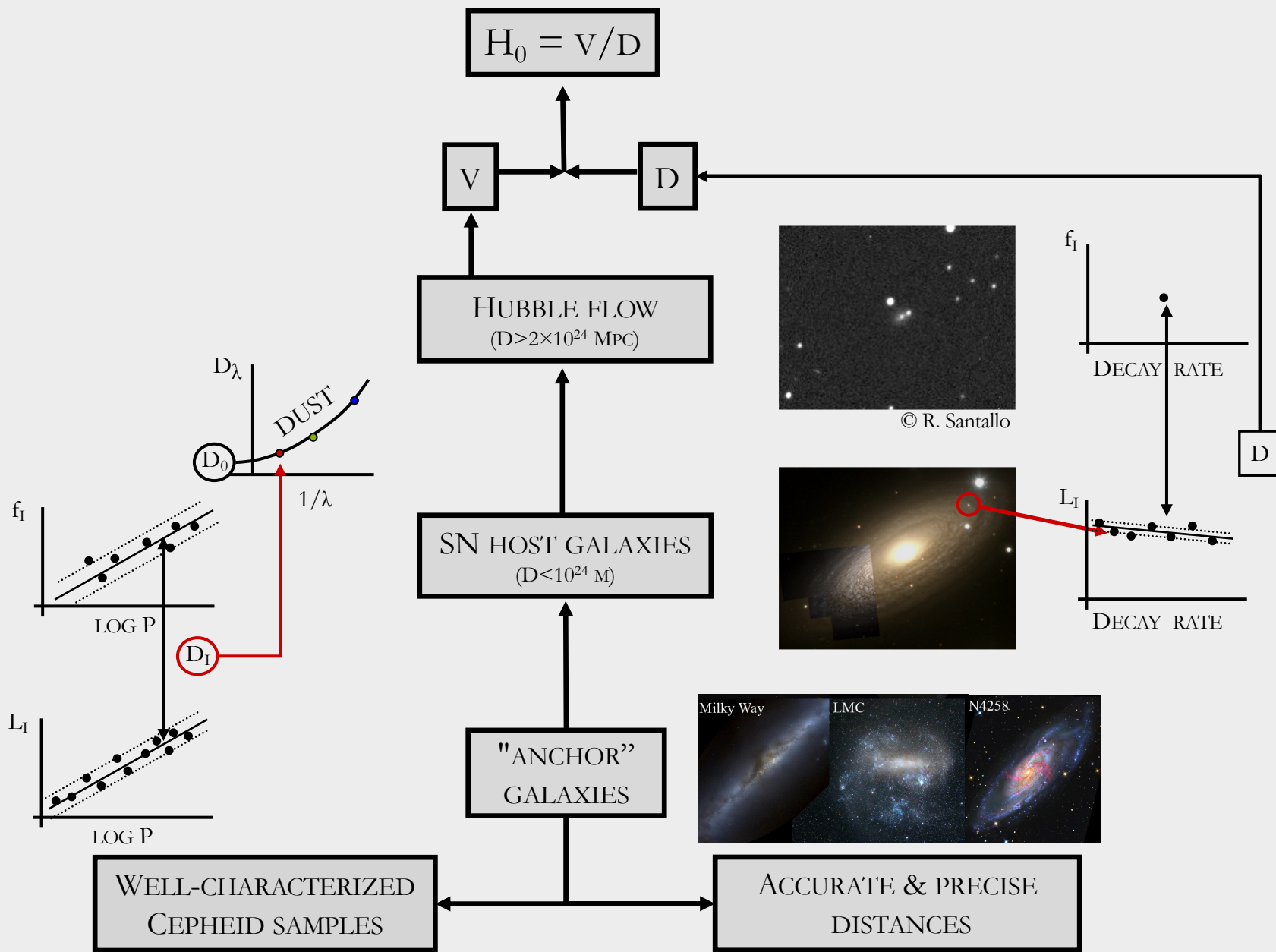


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 - Only geometric distance indicators
 - Milky Way (π 's): HST+*Hipparcos* (Benedict+2007; v. Leeuwen+2007)
 - NGC 4258 (masers): $D=7.54$ Mpc $\pm 3\%$ (Humphreys+ 2008)
 - Only modern & ideal SNe Ia ($N = 2 \rightarrow 6$)
 - Photoelectric or CCD photometry; low reddening; observed pre-max
 - Single telescope (HST) & cameras, focusing on near-infrared (less affected by interstellar dust & variations in chem abundance)
 - Optical: second & third-gen cameras
 - Near-infrared: first-gen camera
- Results: $\sigma(H_0)=4.8\%$ (Riess, Macri+ 2009)

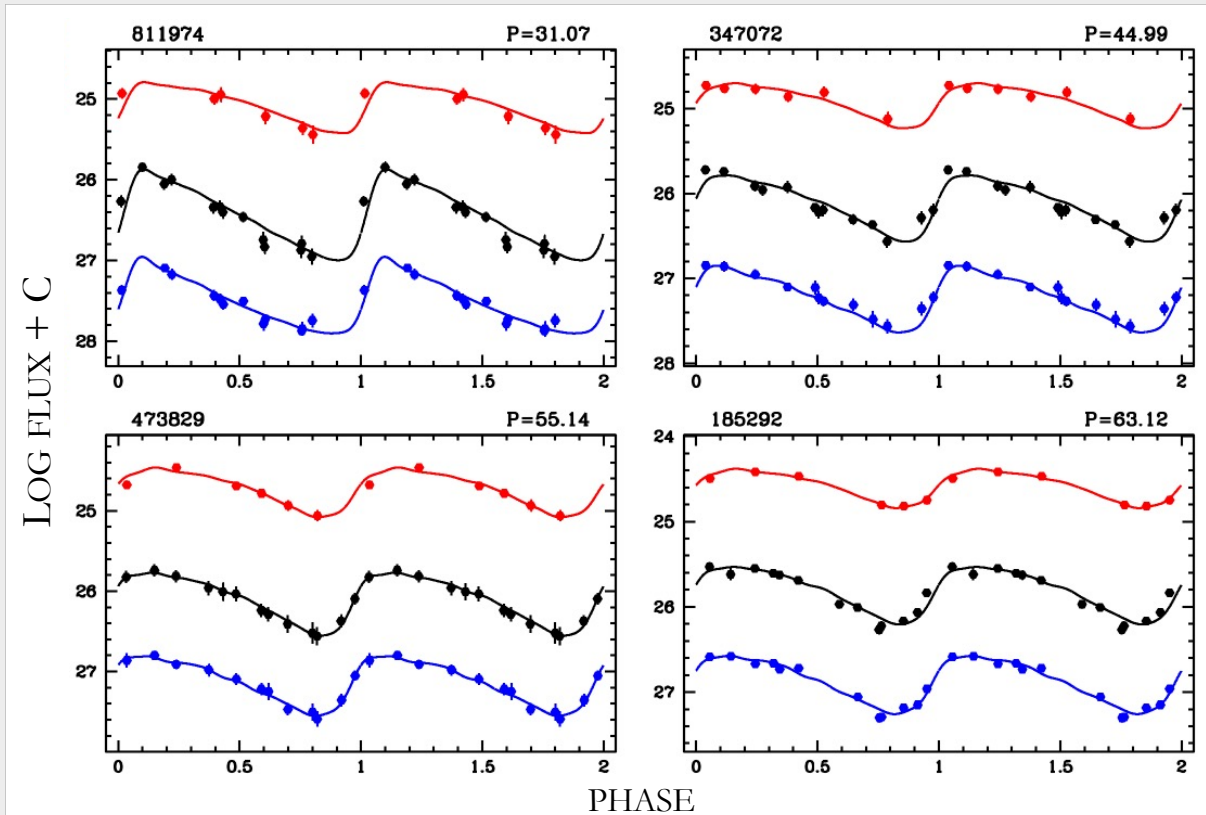
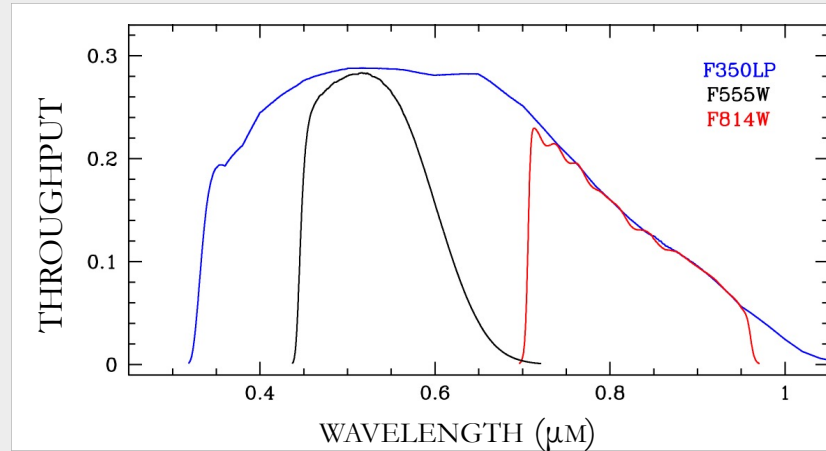
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 - LMC (eclipsing binaries): $D=50$ kpc $\pm 2.2\%$ (Pietrzynski+ 2013)
 - NGC 4258 (masers): $D=7.54$ Mpc $\pm 2.6\%$ (Humphreys+ 2013)
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SH0ES ANCHORS & SN HOST GALAXIES



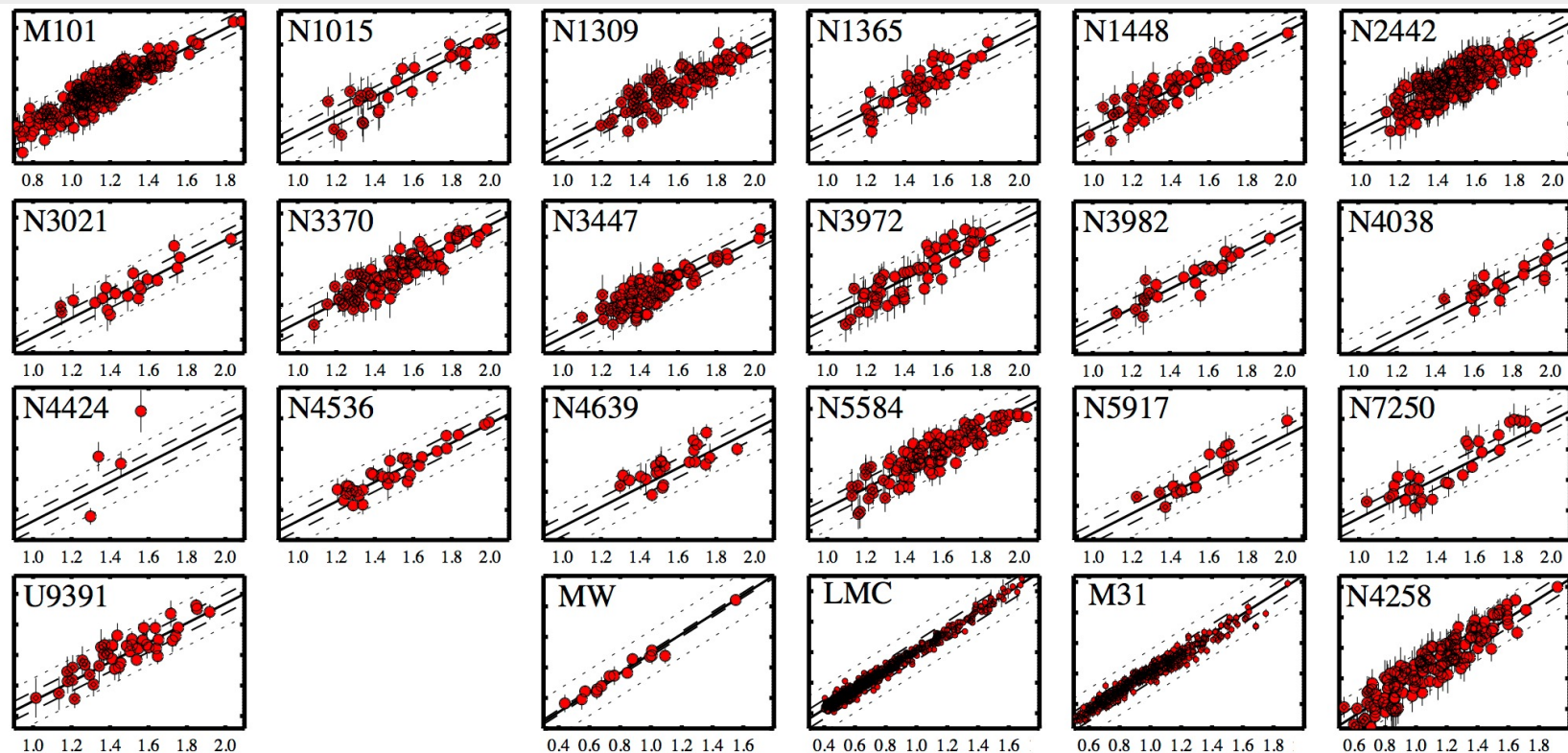
SH₀ES HST/WFC3 PHOTOMETRY



“LEAVITT LAWS” IN SH₀ES GALAXIES

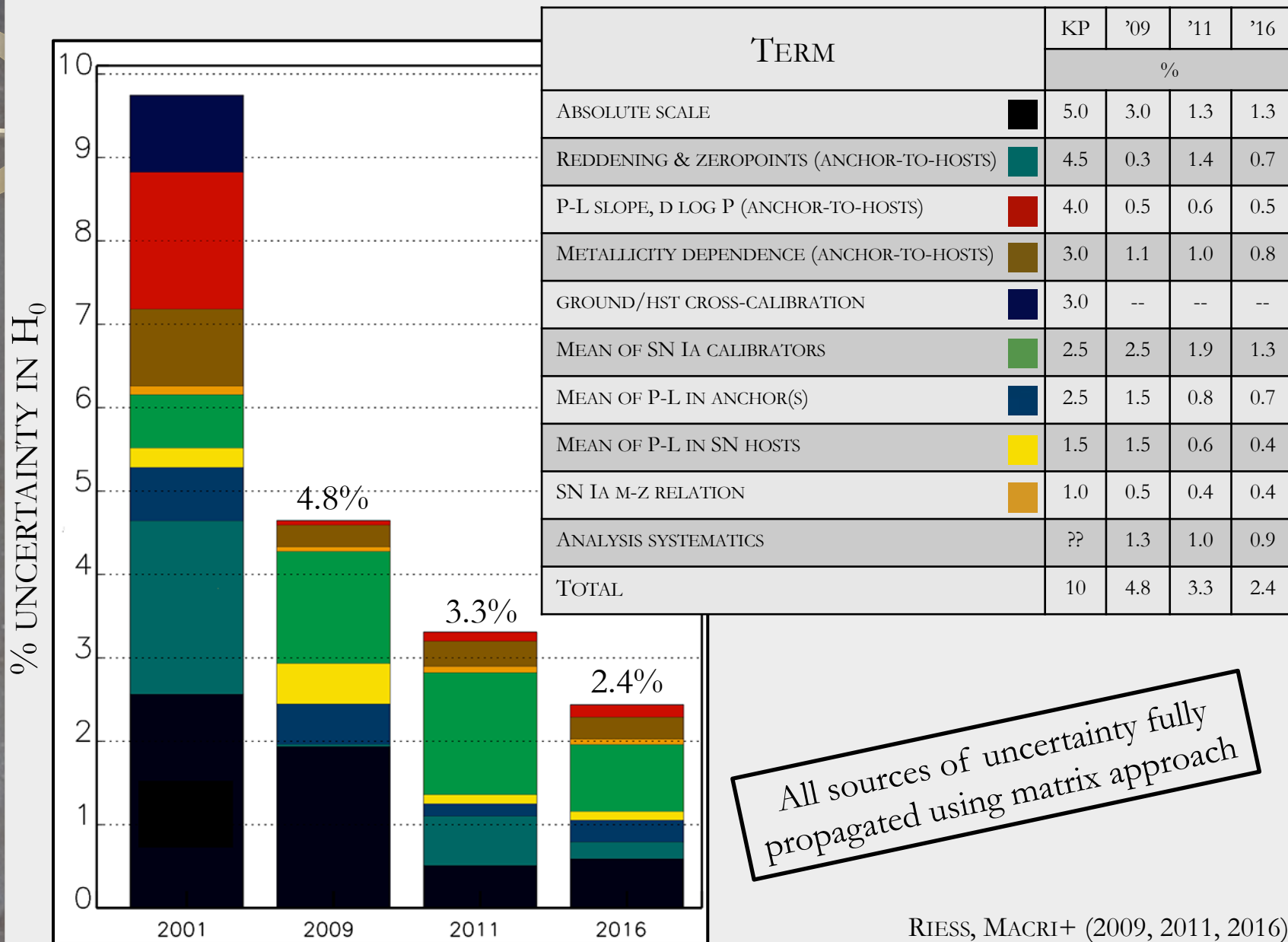
2300 Cepheids with homogeneous near-infrared photometry
enable a 2.4% determination of H₀

LOG FLUX + C



LOG PERIOD [DAYS]

ERROR BUDGET FOR H_0



All sources of uncertainty fully propagated using matrix approach

PERFORM SIMULTANEOUS FIT TO RETAIN INTERDEPENDENCE OF DATA AND PARAMETERS

Measurements

Cepheids in SN hosts

Cepheids in Anchors

SN Ia

Geometric Distance Priors

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Free Parameters

Absolute Host Distances

ΔD (N4258)

Cepheid Luminosity

ΔD (LMC)

ΔD (M31)

P-L slope (P>10 days)

SN Ia Luminosity

Metallicity, Cepheid

Zeropoint, LMC

P-L slope (P<10 days)

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mu_{0,1} \\ \dots \\ \mu_{0,18} \\ \Delta \mu_{N4258} \\ M_{H,1}^W \\ \Delta \mu_{LMC} \\ \mu_{M31} \\ b \\ M_B^0 \\ Z_W \\ \Delta z_p \\ b_l \end{pmatrix}$$

Error Matrix

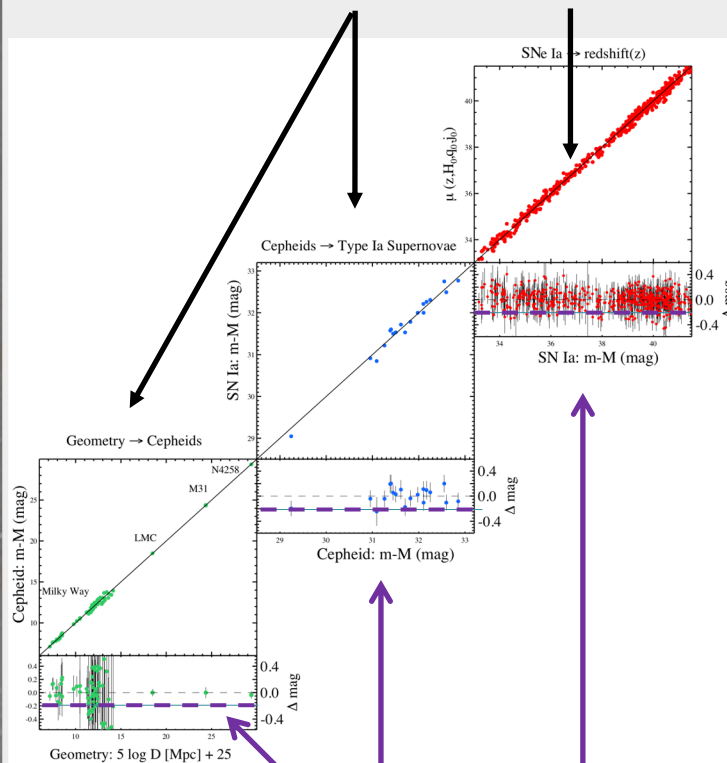
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$$5 \log H_0 = M_B^0 + 5a_B + 25$$

23 ANALYSIS VARIANTS, PROPAGATE VARIATION TO ERROR

Best Fit:

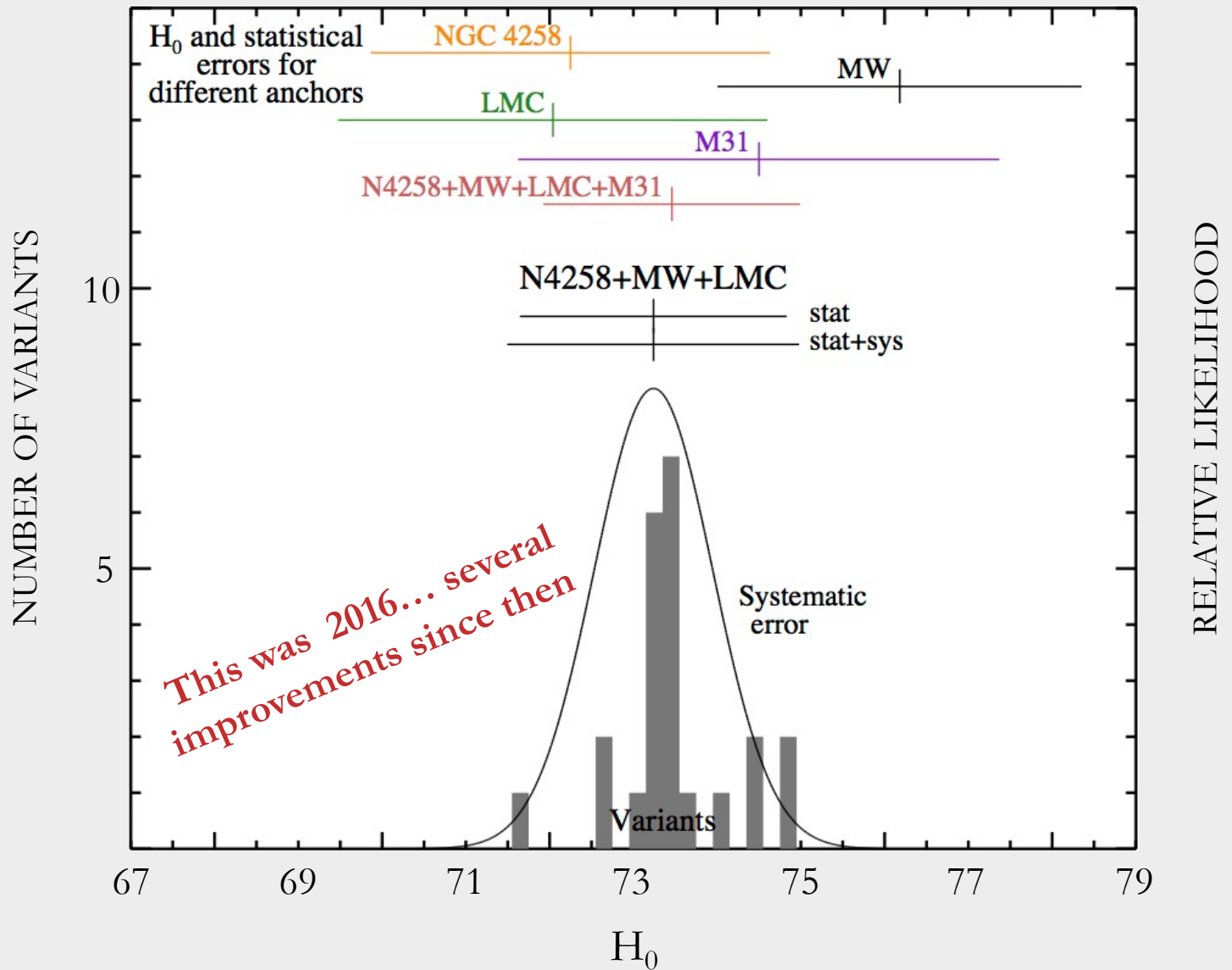
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Planck + Λ CDM
 $\Delta = 0.20 \text{ mag}$

Analysis Variants	H_0
Best Fit (2019)	73.5
Reddening Law: LMC-like ($R_V=2.5$, not 3.3)	73.4
Reddening Law: Bulge-like (N15)	73.9
No Cepheid Outlier Rejection (normally 2%)	73.8
No Correction for Cepheid Extinction	75.2
No Truncation for Incomplete Period Range	74.6
Metallicity Gradient: None (normally fit)	74.0
Period-Luminosity: Single Slope	73.8
Period-Luminosity: Restrict to $P > 10$ days	73.7
Period-Luminosity: Restrict to $P < 60$ days	74.1
Supernovae $z > 0.01$ (normally $z > 0.023$)	73.7
Supernova Fitter: MLCS (normally SALT)	75.4
Supernova Hosts: Spiral (usually all types)	73.6
Supernova Hosts: Locally Star Forming	73.8
Optical Cepheid Data only (no NIR)	72.0

INCLUSION OF “ANALYSIS SYSTEMATICS”



THE SH₀ES PROJECT

- Started in 2005 by Riess, Macri & collaborators to reduce uncertainty in H_0 (10% at the time) by using:
 - Only geometric distance indicators
 - Milky Way (parallaxes): HST+*Hipparcos* → HST+*Gaia* (Riess+2021)
 - LMC (eclipsing binaries): $D=50$ kpc $\pm 1.1\%$ (Pietrzynski+ 2019)
 - NGC 4258 (masers): $D=7.58$ Mpc $\pm 1.5\%$ (Reid, Pesce & Riess 2019)
 - Only modern & ideal SNe Ia ($N = 2 \rightarrow 6, 8, 19$)
 - Photoelectric or CCD photometry; low reddening; observed pre-max
 - Single telescope (HST) & cameras, focusing on near-infrared (less affected by interstellar dust & variations in chem abundance)
 - Optical: \rightarrow third- & fourth-gen cameras
 - Near-infrared \rightarrow second-gen cameras
- Current uncertainty in SH₀ES ladder: 1.8%

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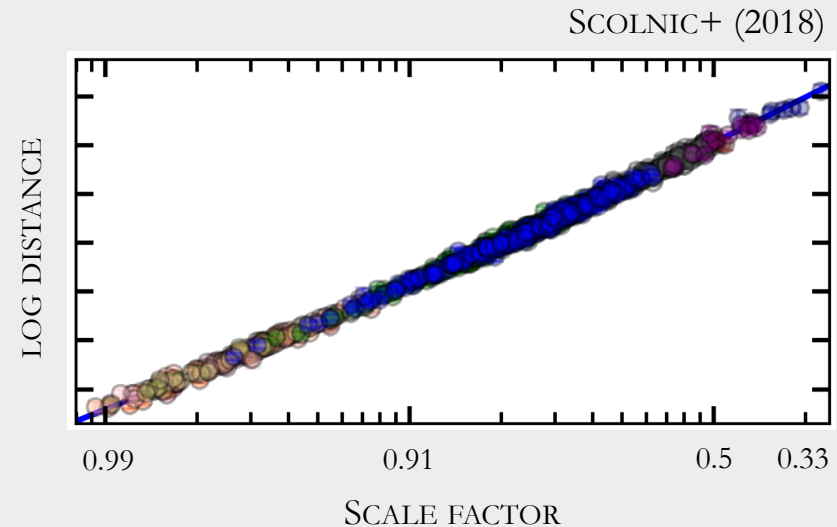
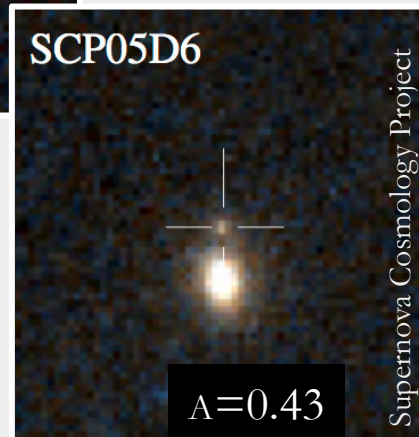
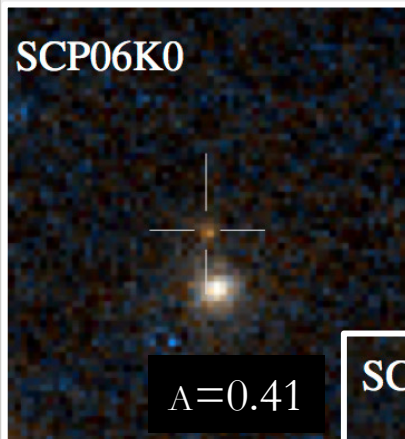
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COSMOLOGICAL PROBES

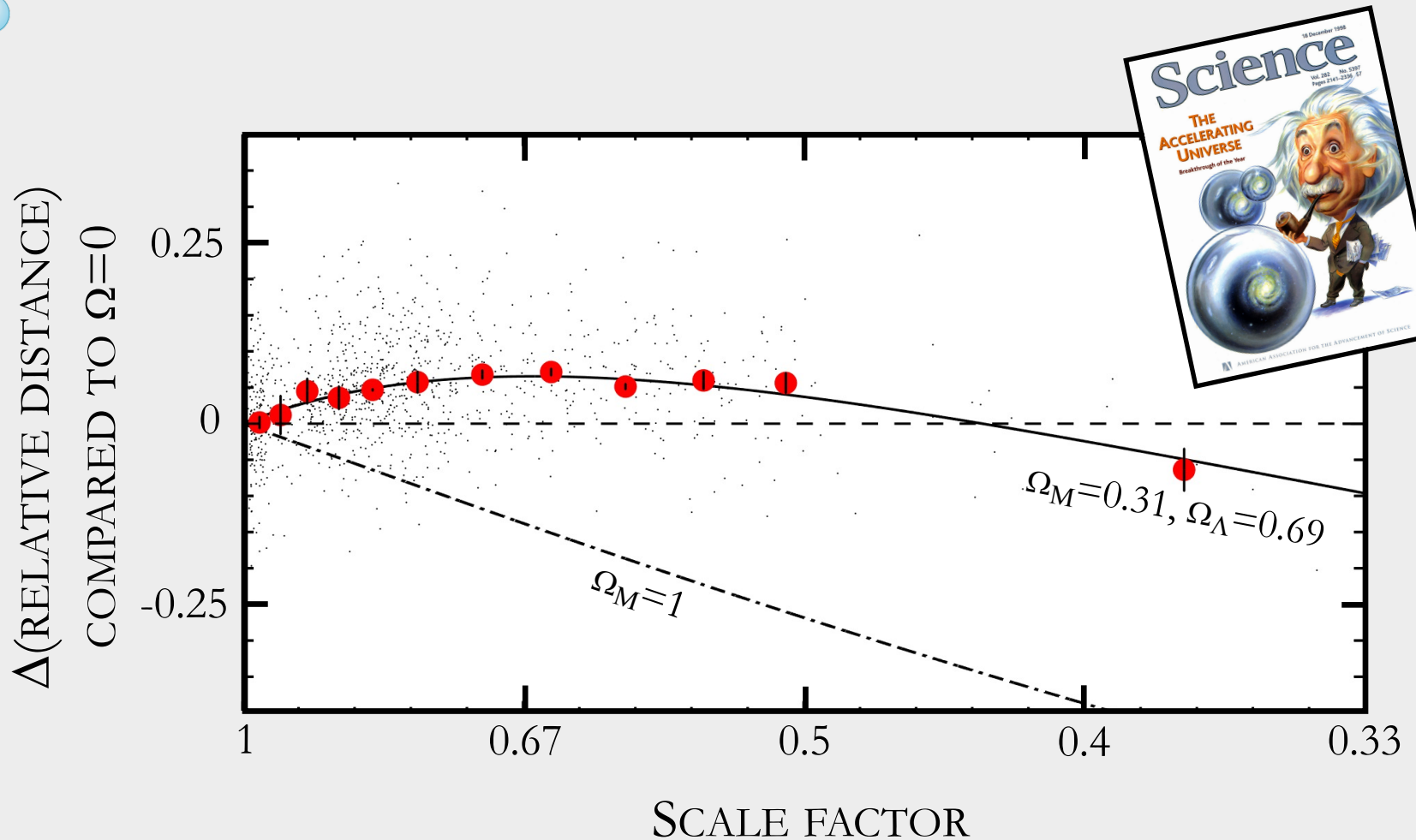
- ✓ Hubble constant
- White-dwarf supernovae
- Cosmic microwave background anisotropies
- Baryon acoustic oscillations
- Others (weak gravitational lensing, clusters of galaxies)
- Each one constrains different cosmological parameters
→ combine as many probes as possible

WHITE-DWARF SUPERNOVAE

- Peak luminosity of white-dwarf SNe = $3.9 \times 10^9 L_{\odot}$ ($\pm 2.5\%$)
- Trace expansion of the Universe for ~ 10 Gyr (75% of its age)
 - Using *Hubble* and the largest ground-based telescopes



SNE IA: UNIVERSE DOMINATED BY DARK ENERGY & DARK MATTER

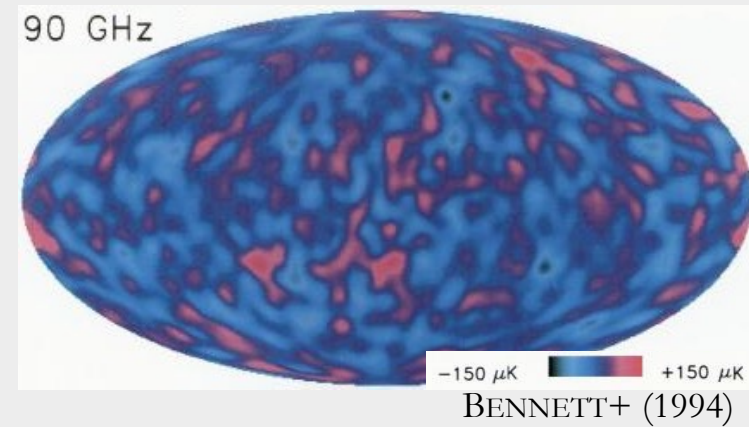
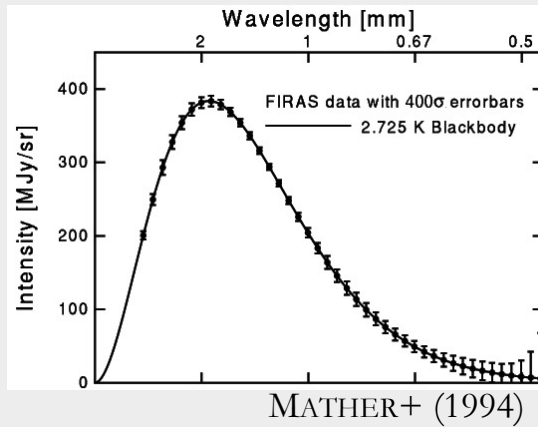


COSMIC MICROWAVE BACKGROUND

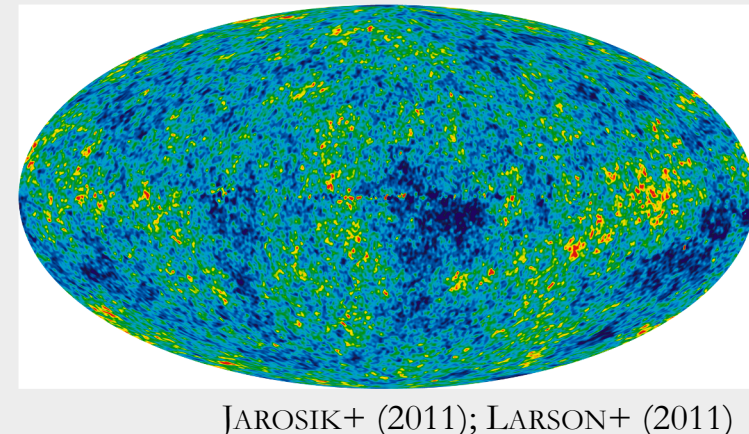
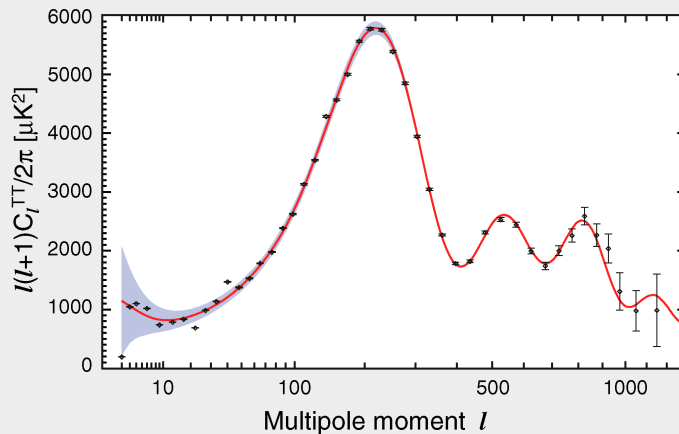
- Primordial gas of Big Bang is completely ionized
 - Coupling of photons & electrons via Compton scattering
- Initial density fluctuations
 - Dark matter begins to collapse
 - Photon-baryon fluid undergoes acoustic oscillations
- $\sim 379,000$ yrs later... $e^- + p^+ \rightarrow H + \gamma$
 - Photons decouple and can now travel freely
- Density fluctuations \rightarrow temperature “anisotropies”
 - Angular power spectrum \leftrightarrow cosmological parameters

COSMIC MICROWAVE BACKGROUND

- 1994: COBE → CMB blackbody & detection of anisotropy

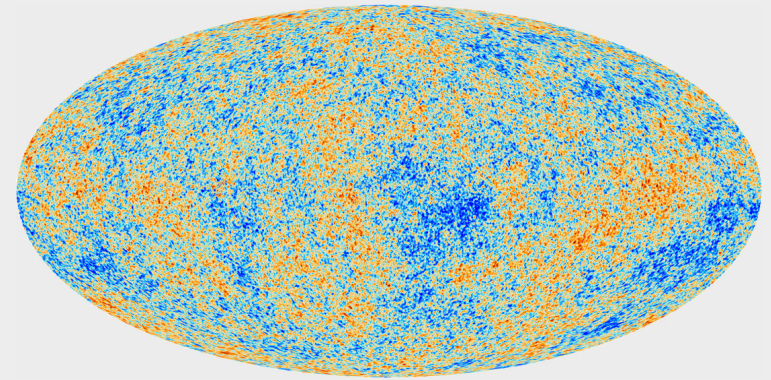
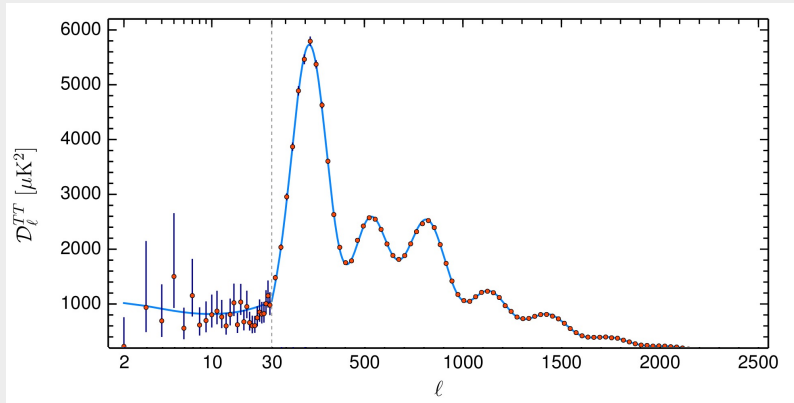


- 2002: WMAP → angular power spectrum of anisotropies



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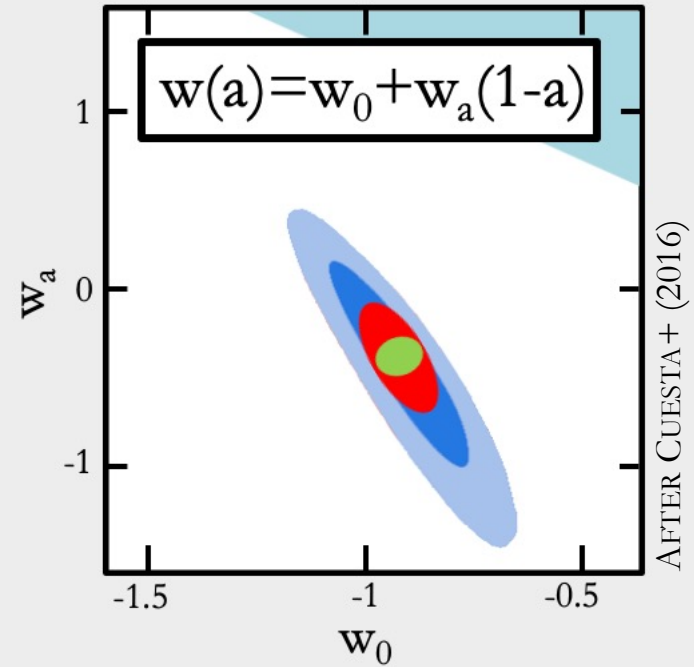
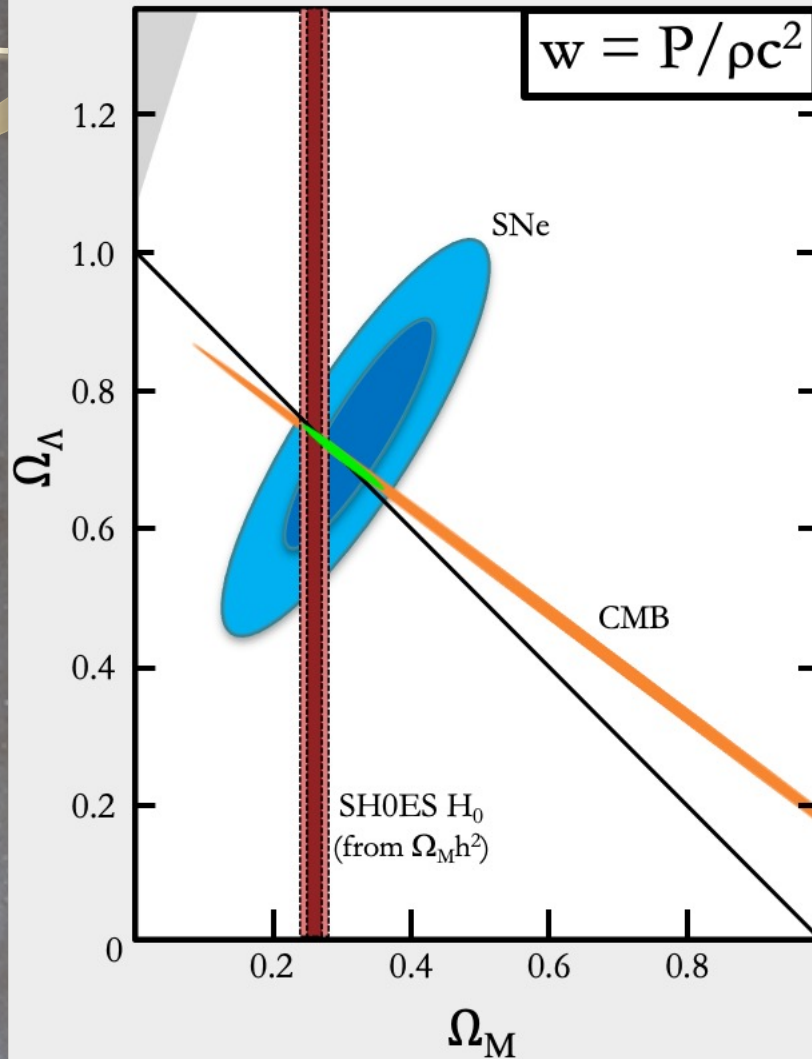
- 2013: Planck → angular power spectrum of T & polarization



PLANCK COLLABORATION (2020)

- CMB anisotropies probe many critical cosmological parameters
 - Baryon density ($\times H_0^2$)
 - Dark matter density ($\times H_0^2$)
 - Overall geometry of Universe
 - Time of recombination
 - Dark energy negligible at that time ($a \approx 1/1090$)

COMBINING THE CONSTRAINTS

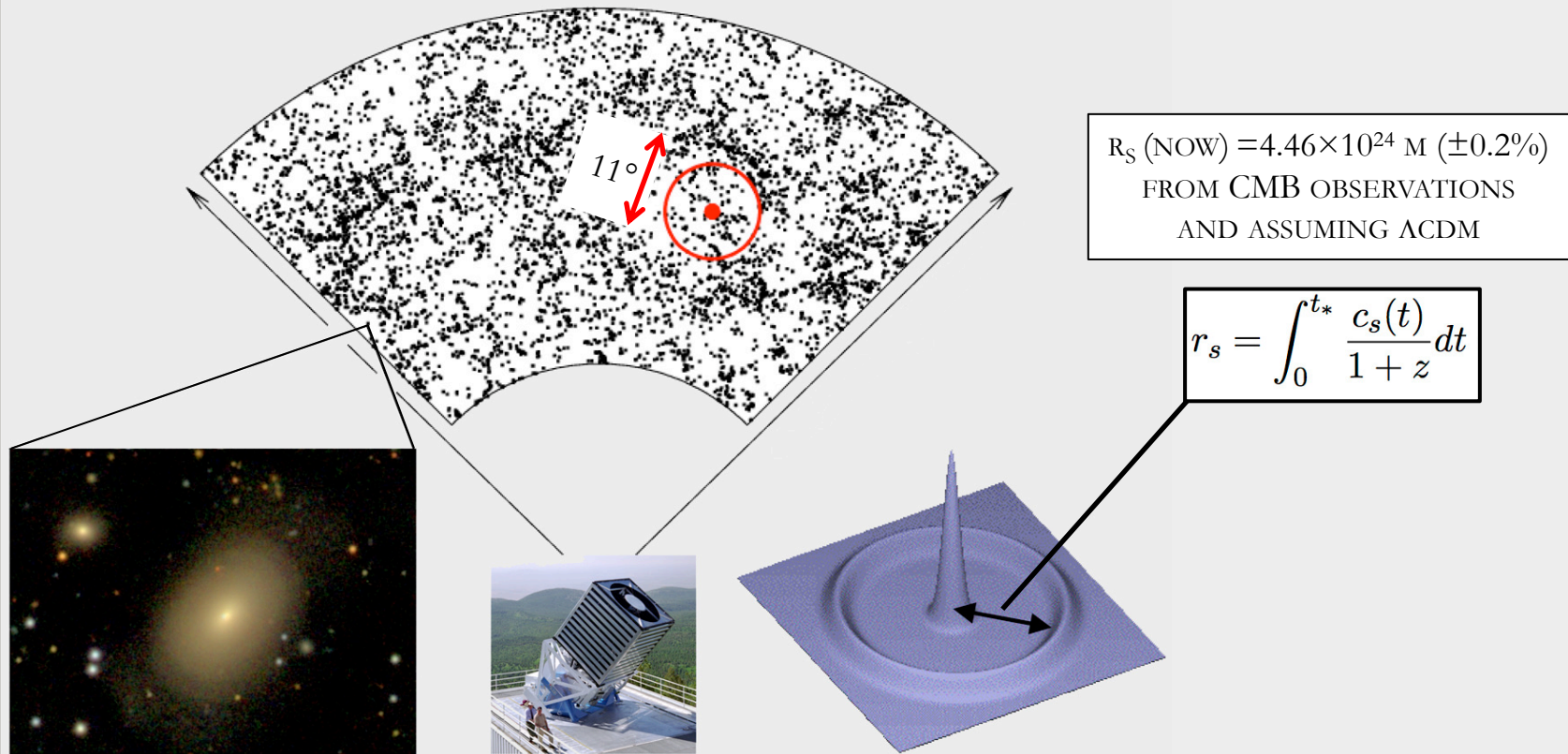


Coupled with additional
priors (such as H_0)

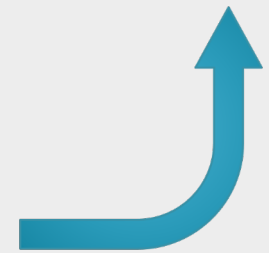
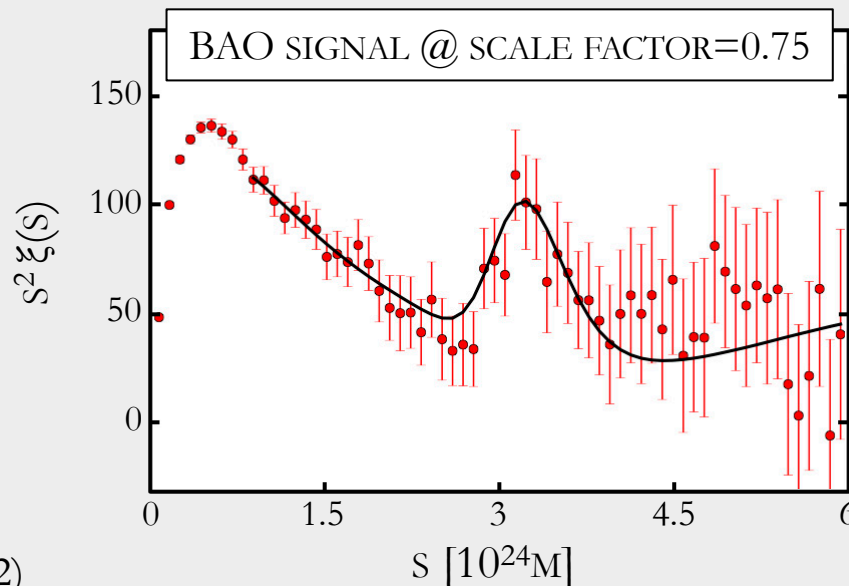
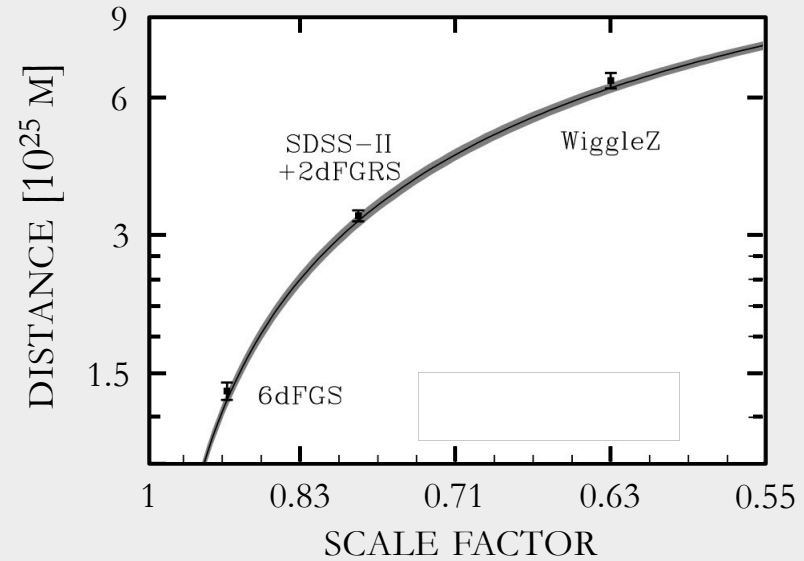
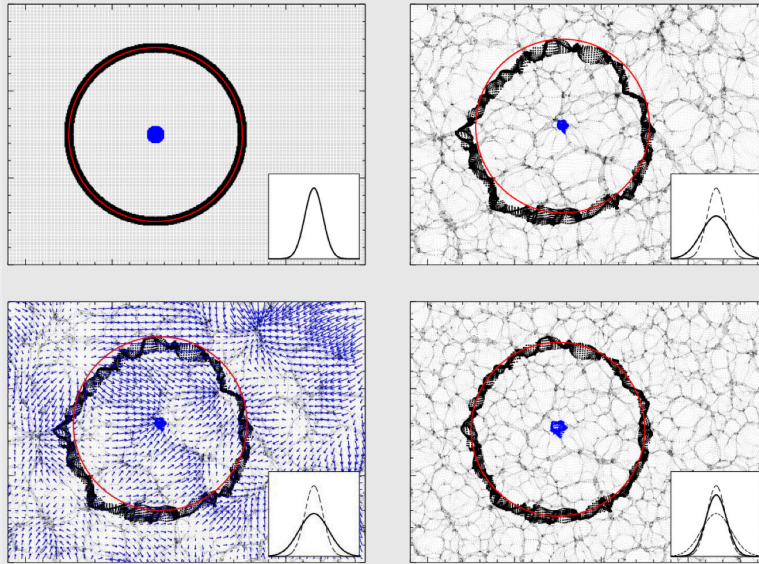
- **C16:** $w_0 \pm 0.18$; $w_a \pm 0.6$
- **DES:** $w_0 \pm 0.08$; $w_a \pm 0.3$
- **LSST:** $w_0 \pm 0.05$; $w_a \pm 0.1$

BARYON ACOUSTIC OSCILLATIONS

PRIMORDIAL SOUND WAVES IN BARYON-PHOTON PLASMA
FROZEN AS DENSITY WAVES AT RECOMBINATION

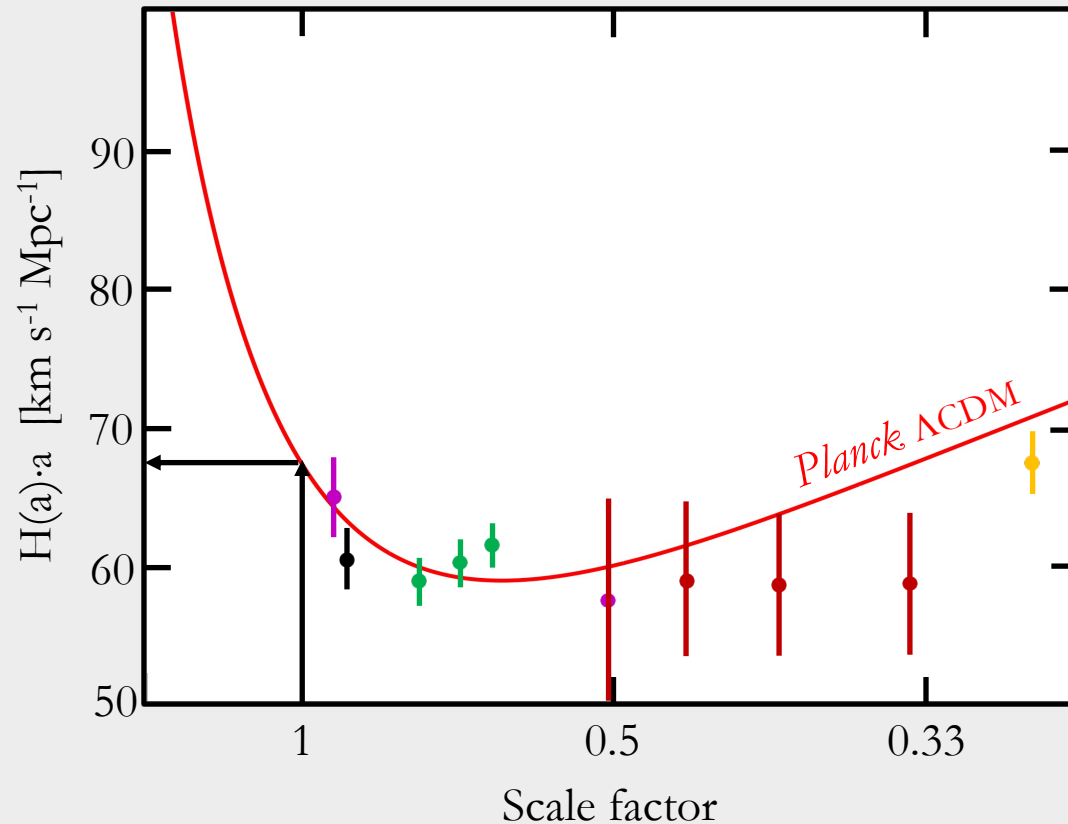


BAO PEAK AS “STANDARD RULER”



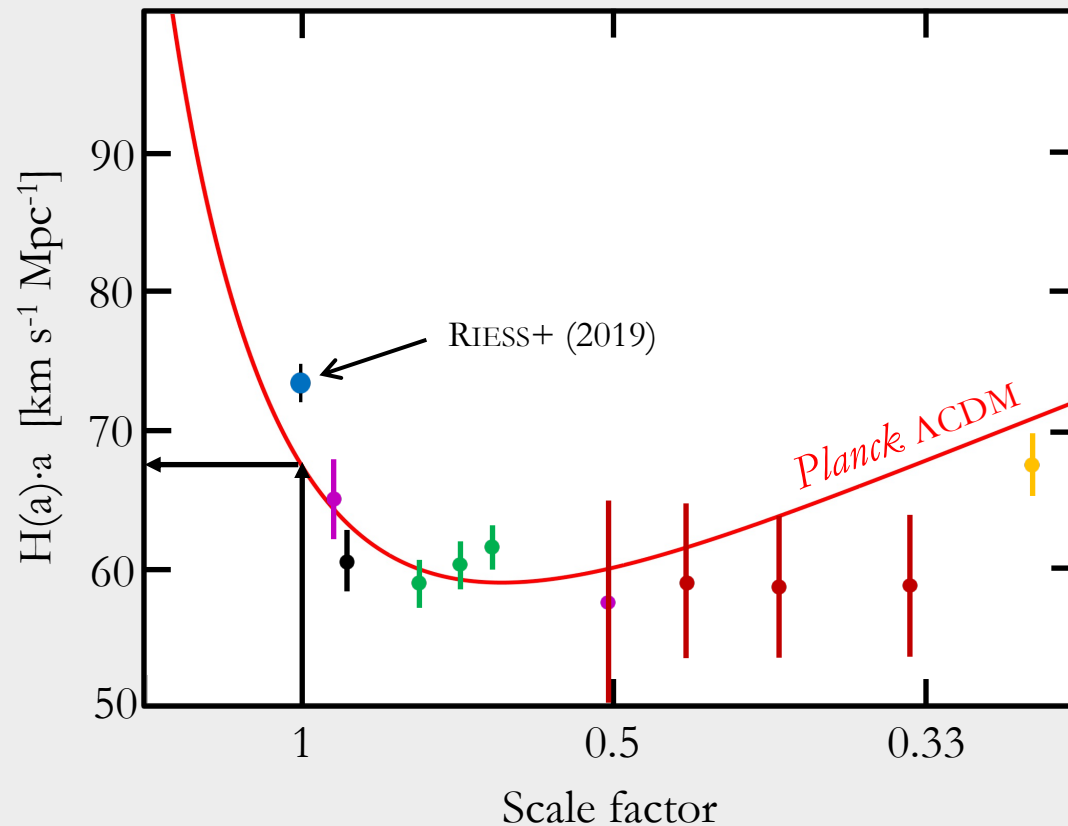
H(a) VIA BAO

- BAO (calibrated via CMB) can map H(a)
- Can be used to predict H_0 for an *assumed* cosmology

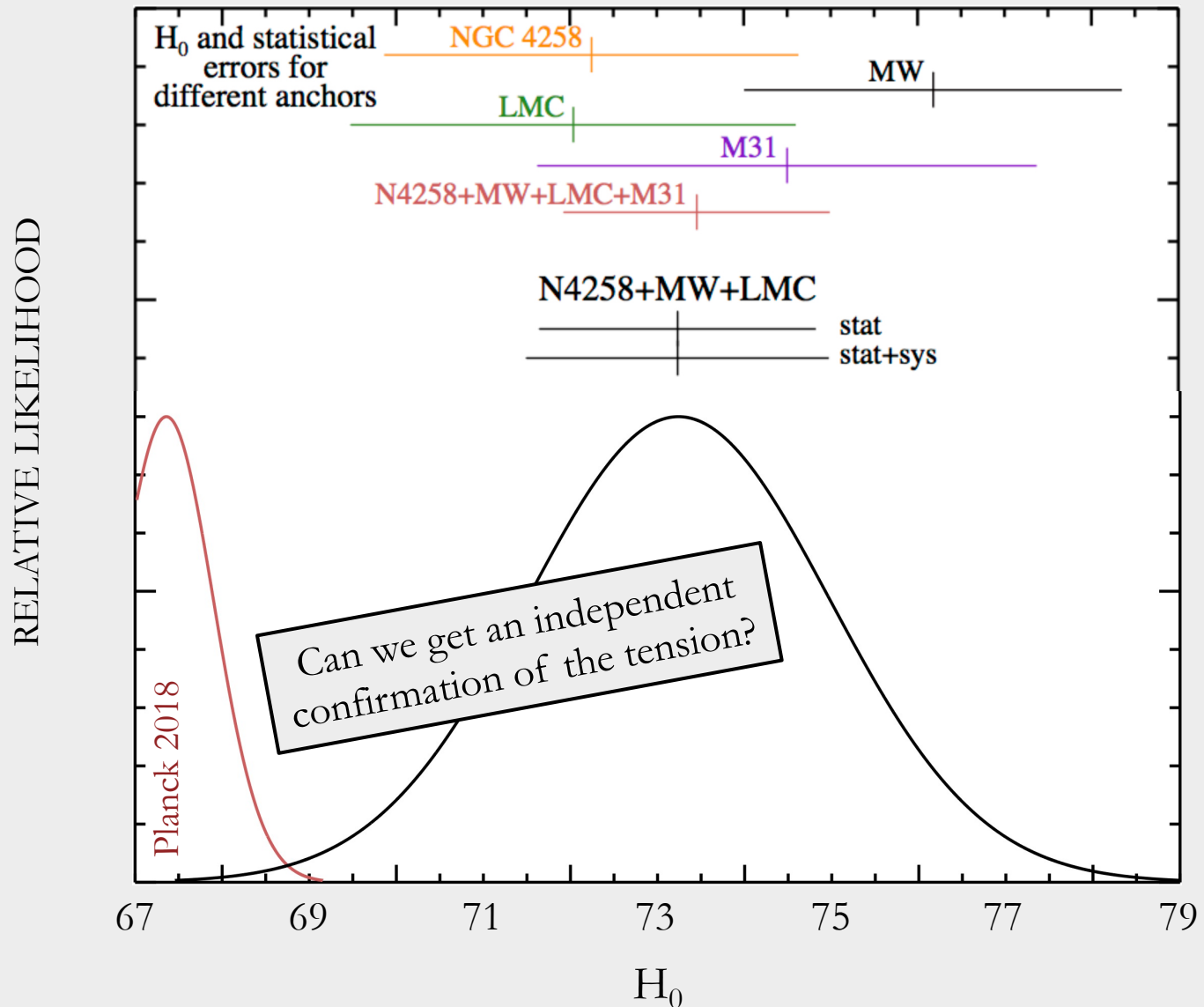


H(A) VIA BAO

- Compare predicted H_0 for an *assumed* cosmology against local measurement (Cepheids + Supernovae)
- Difference: systematic error(s) or “New Physics”?

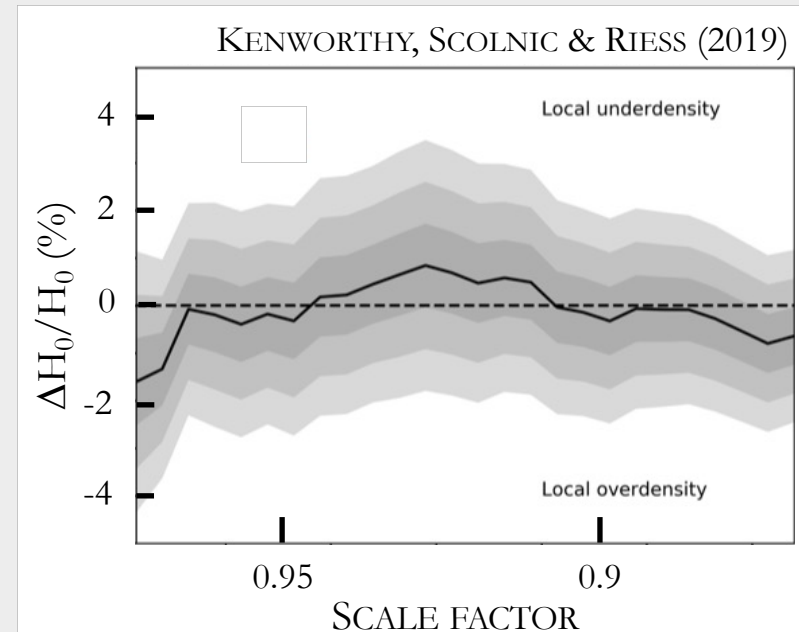
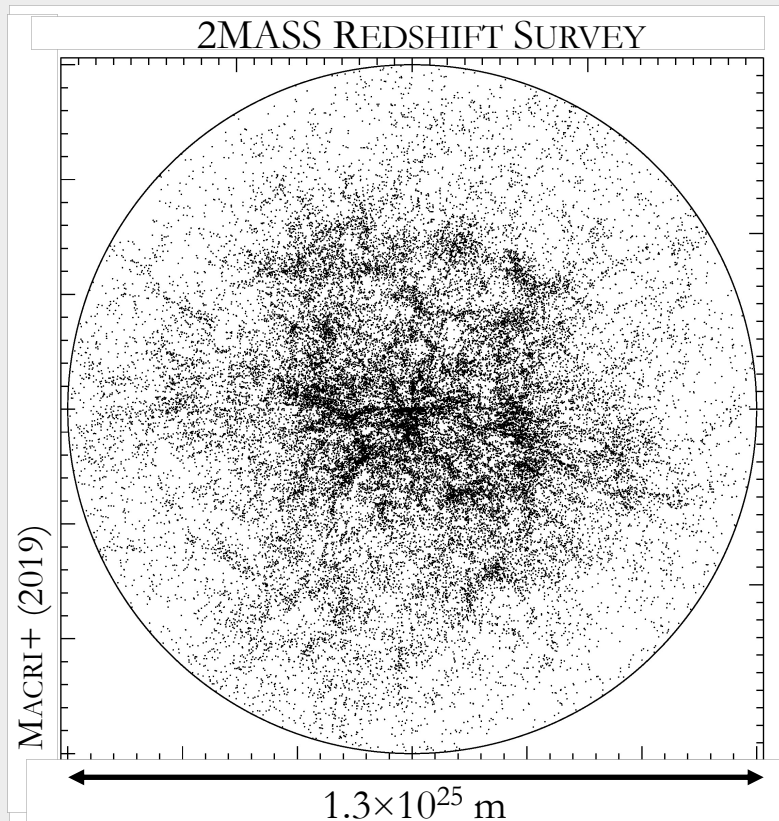


THE “HUBBLE TENSION” CIRCA 2018



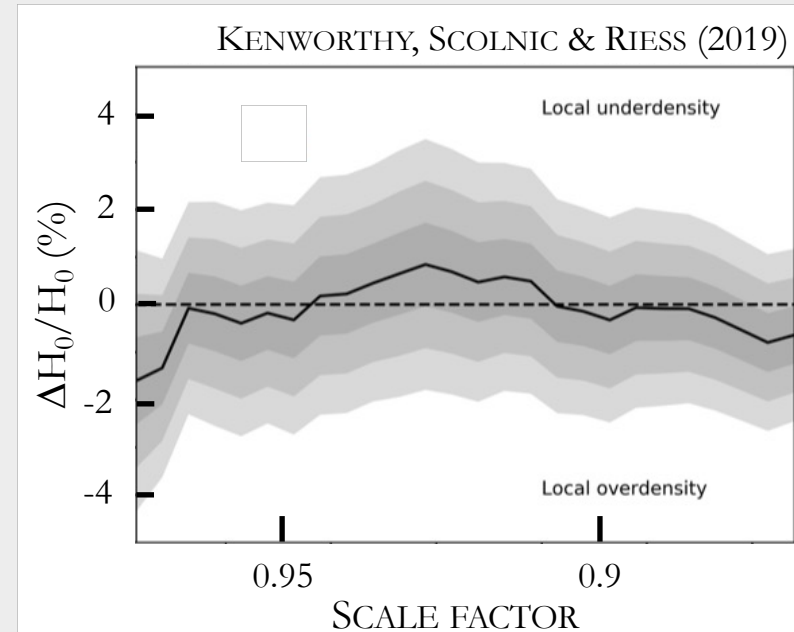
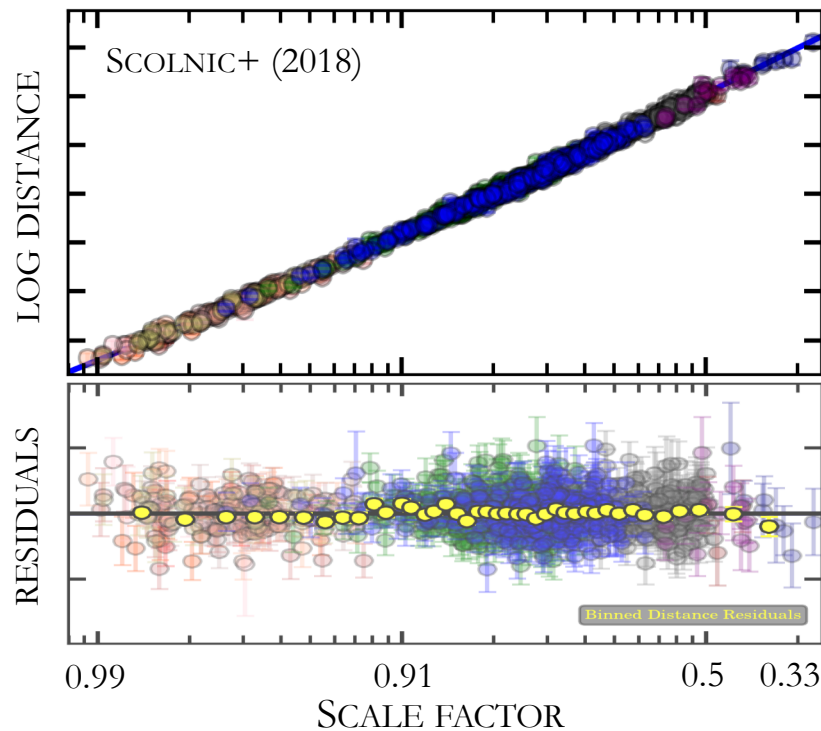
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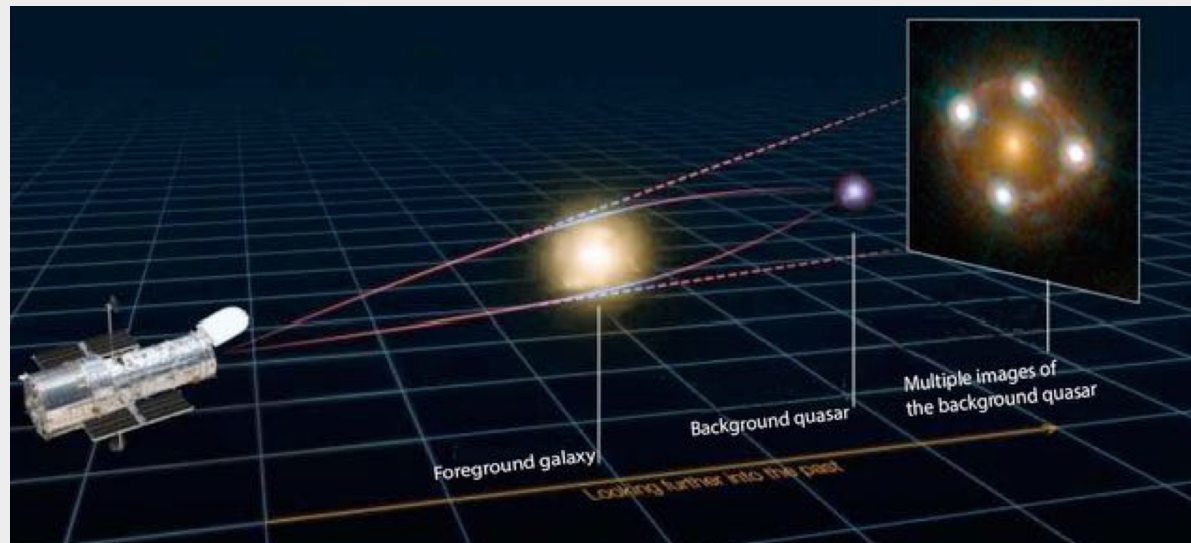
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H_0 FROM GRAVITY

- “Time delay cosmography”
 - Photons from a distant (variable) quasar travel paths of different length through a gravity well along the line of sight

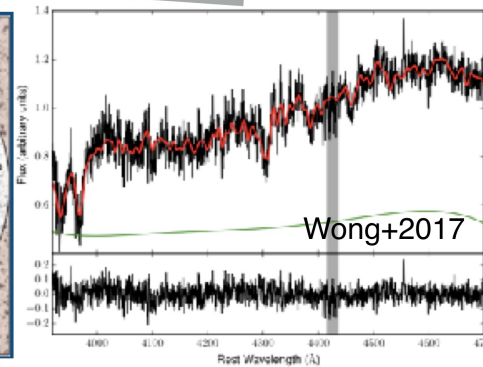
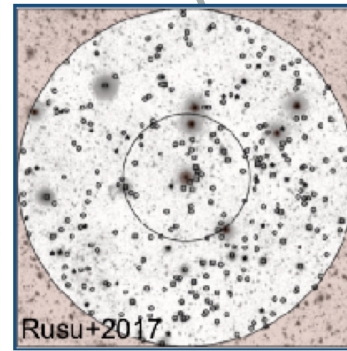
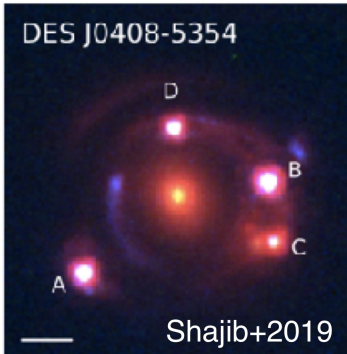
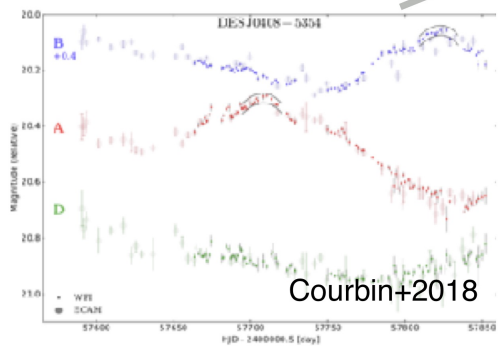


$$D_{\Delta t} \propto \frac{D_d D_s}{D_{ds}} \propto \frac{\Delta t}{\delta\Psi} \propto \frac{1}{H_0}$$

TIME-DELAY COSMOGRAPHY

- Requires substantial amount of careful observations from ground and space, with detailed modelling

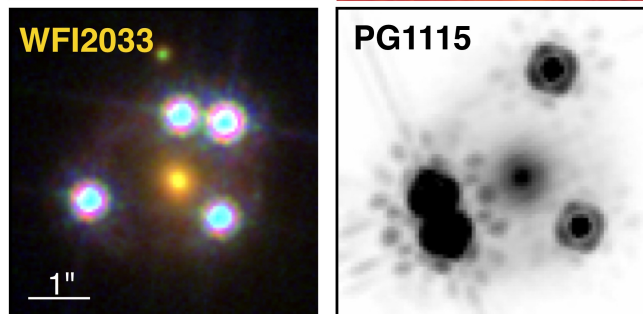
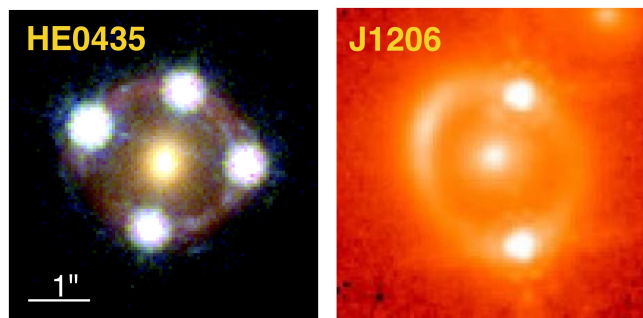
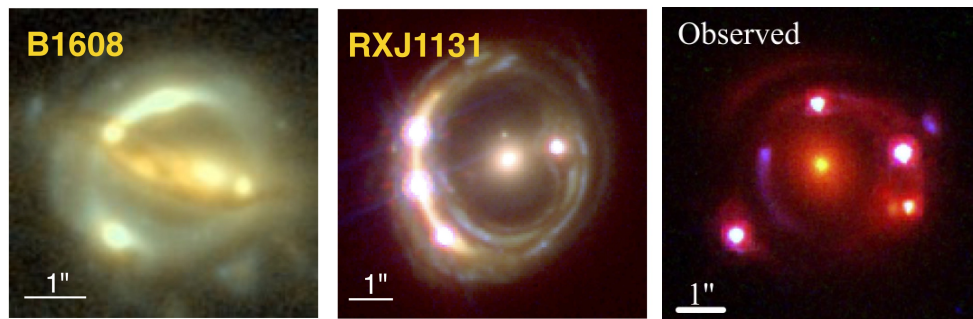
$$D_{\Delta t} = \frac{c\Delta t}{\Delta\Psi} (1 - \kappa_{\text{ext}})$$



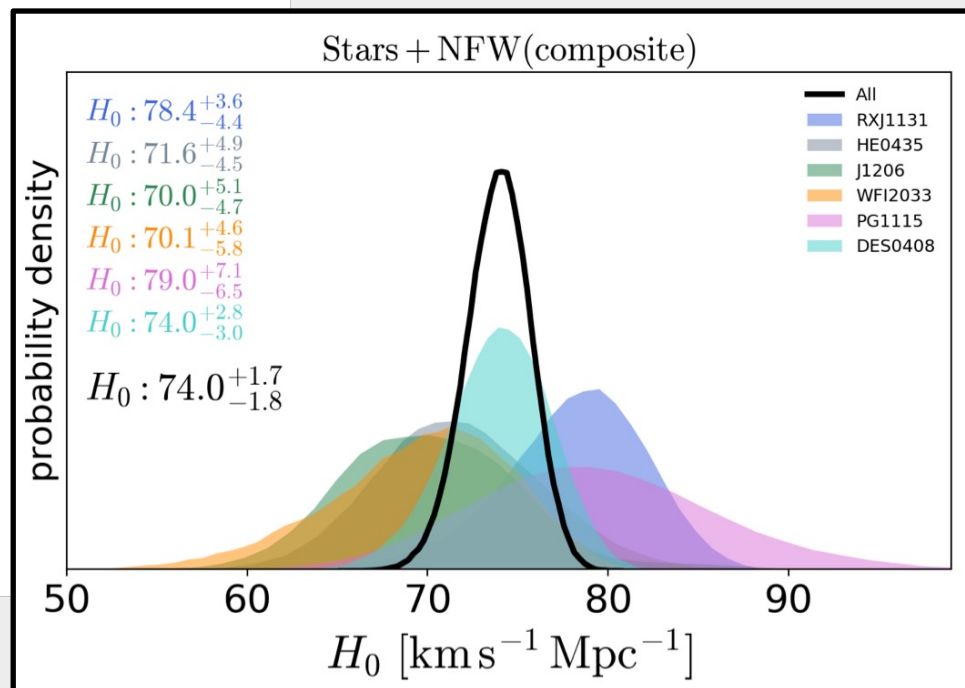
- Time delay measurement
- Estimate of line-of-sight effects
- High resolution imaging of the lens
- Kinematics

TIME-DELAY COSMOGRAPHY

- Yields completely independent (and blinded!) results



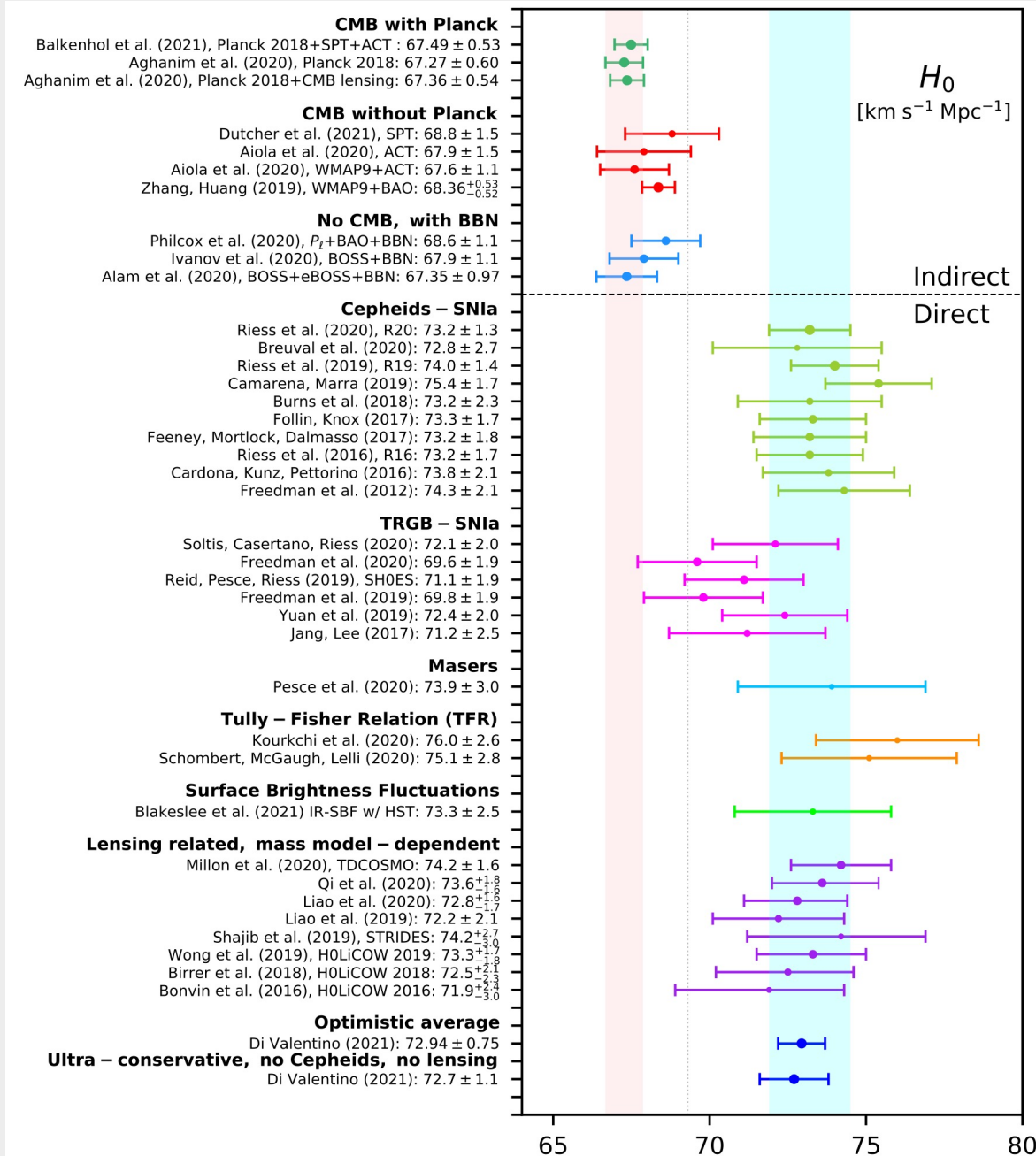
MILLON+2020, ARXIV:1912.08027



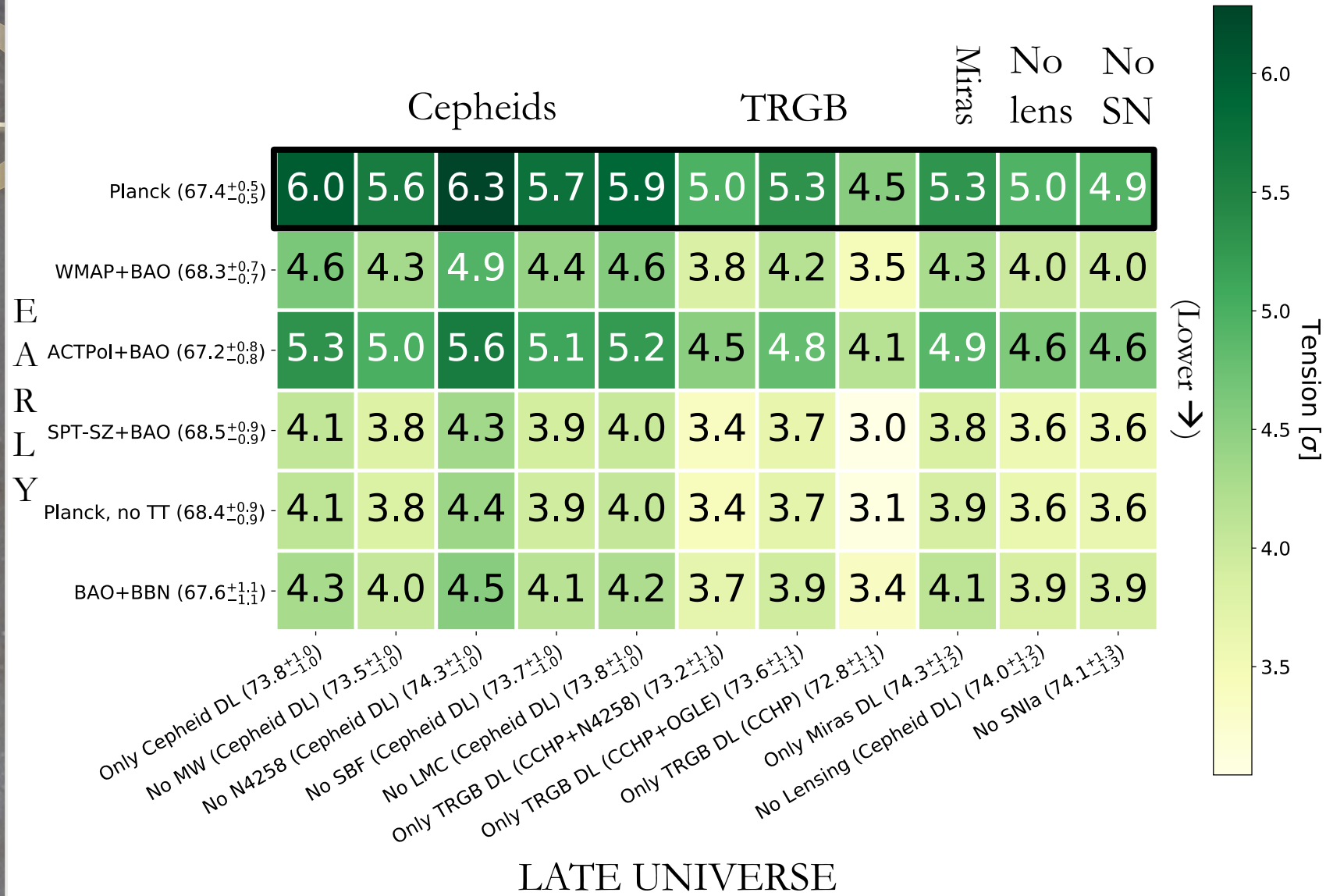
RECENT ESTIMATES OF H_0

- Gravitational time-delays (H0LICOW+STRIDES)
 - 7 lenses, blinded analysis: $H_0=74.0\pm 1.8 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ (Millon+2020, arXiv:1912.08027)
- Maser-based distances in the Hubble Flow (MCP)
 - 5 hosts beyond N4258: $H_0=73.9\pm 3.0 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ (Pesce+2020, arXiv:2001.09213)
- Tip of the Red Giant Branch
 - *Gaia* parallax, ω Cen: $H_0=72.0\pm 2.0 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ (Soltis+, arXiv:2012.09196)
 - LMC + HST/OGLE: $H_0=72.4\pm 1.9 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ (Yuan+2019, arXiv:1908.00993)
- Miras
 - $H_0=73.3\pm 4.0 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ (Huang+2020, arXiv:1908.10883)

RECENT HIGH-PRECISION H_0 MEASUREMENTS



SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DISCREPANCY

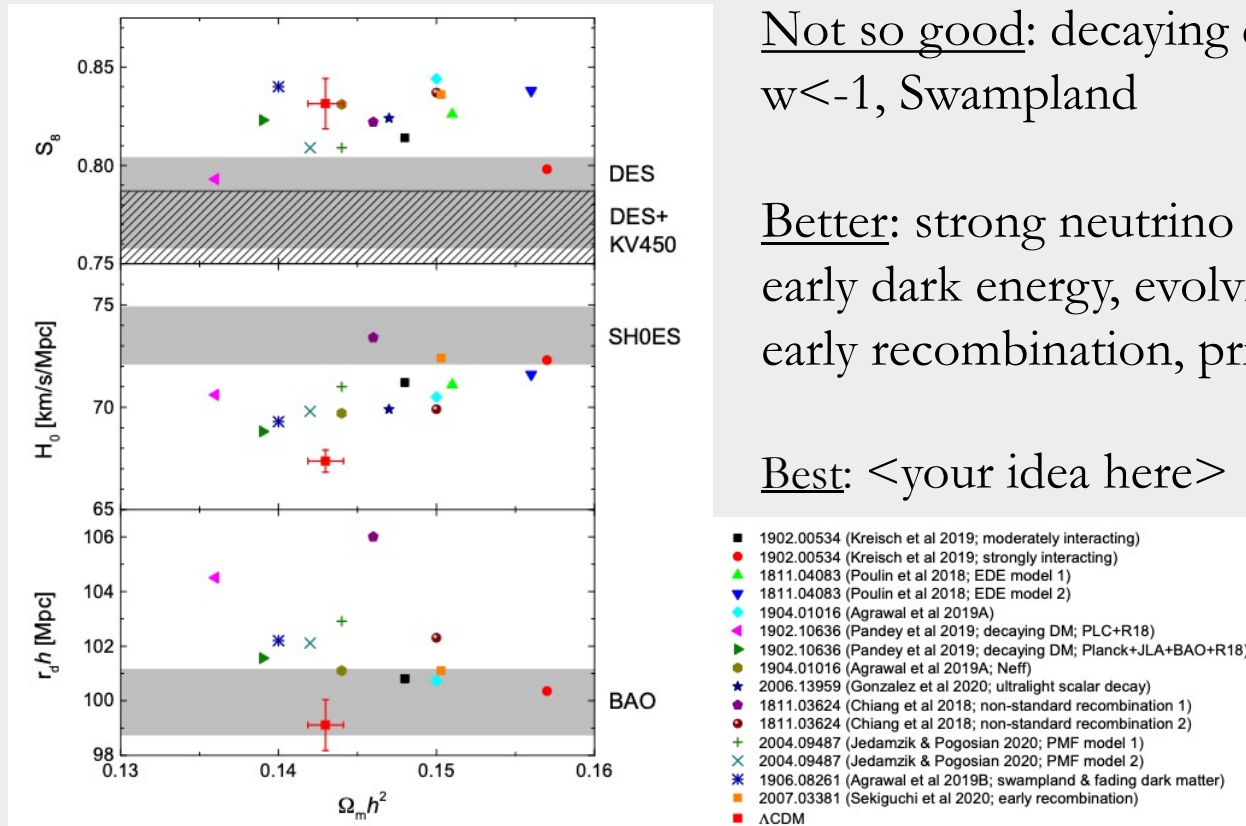


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Not so good: decaying dark matter, $w < -1$, Swampland

Better: strong neutrino interactions, early dark energy, evolving e^- mass, early recombination, primordial B fields

Best: <your idea here>

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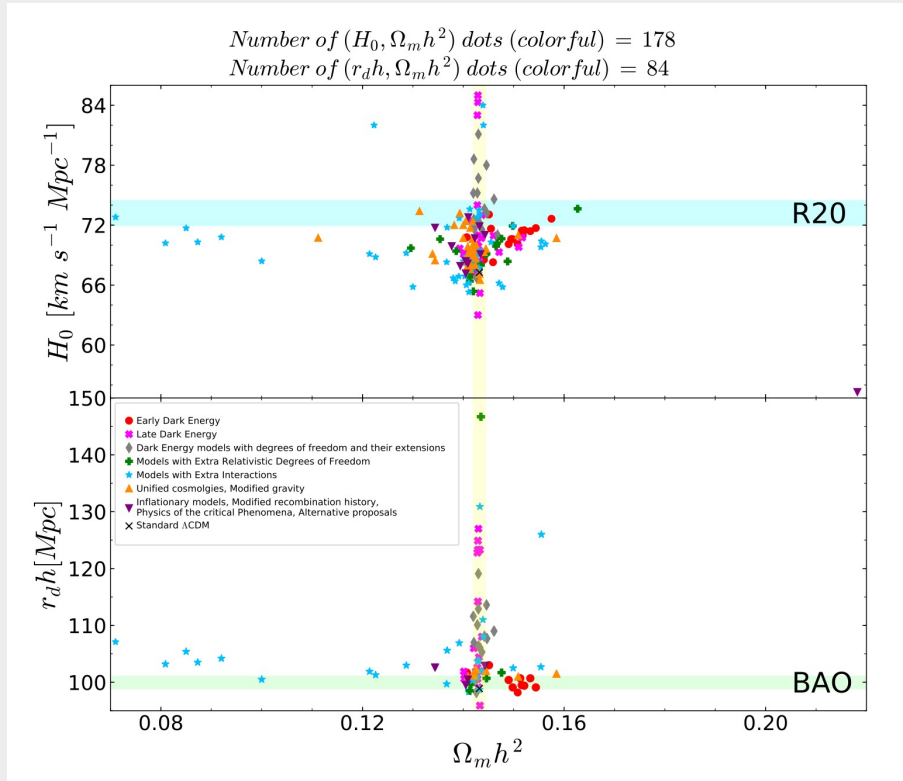
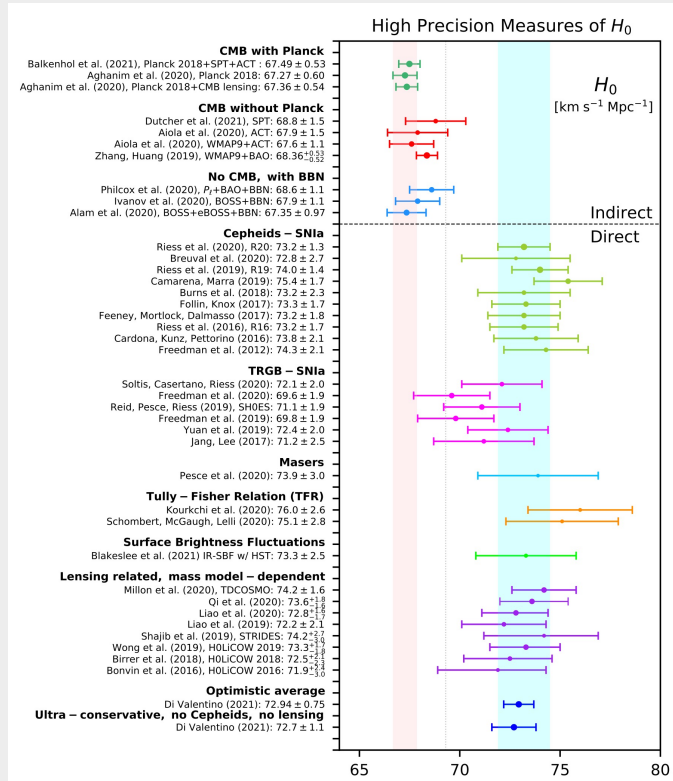
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SPECIFIC HYPOTHESES NEEDED

- Present data provides formidable challenge!
 - “It’s New Physics”—constrained precise $H(z)$ data, CMB
 - “It’s Systematics”—many measures, many independent rungs, duplicate measurements, Copernican principle
 - IMHO: Data too good for non-specific claims or nit-picking; there is a “signal” that demands specific, testable explanation
- Reasons for optimism:
 - New data: LIGO, DESI, *Roman*, *Rubin*, Euclid, JWST, Simons, S4
 - New clues: Early-vs-late σ_8 , CMB high- l , BBN?
 - Big Playground: Λ CDM is 95% dark, quantum gravity

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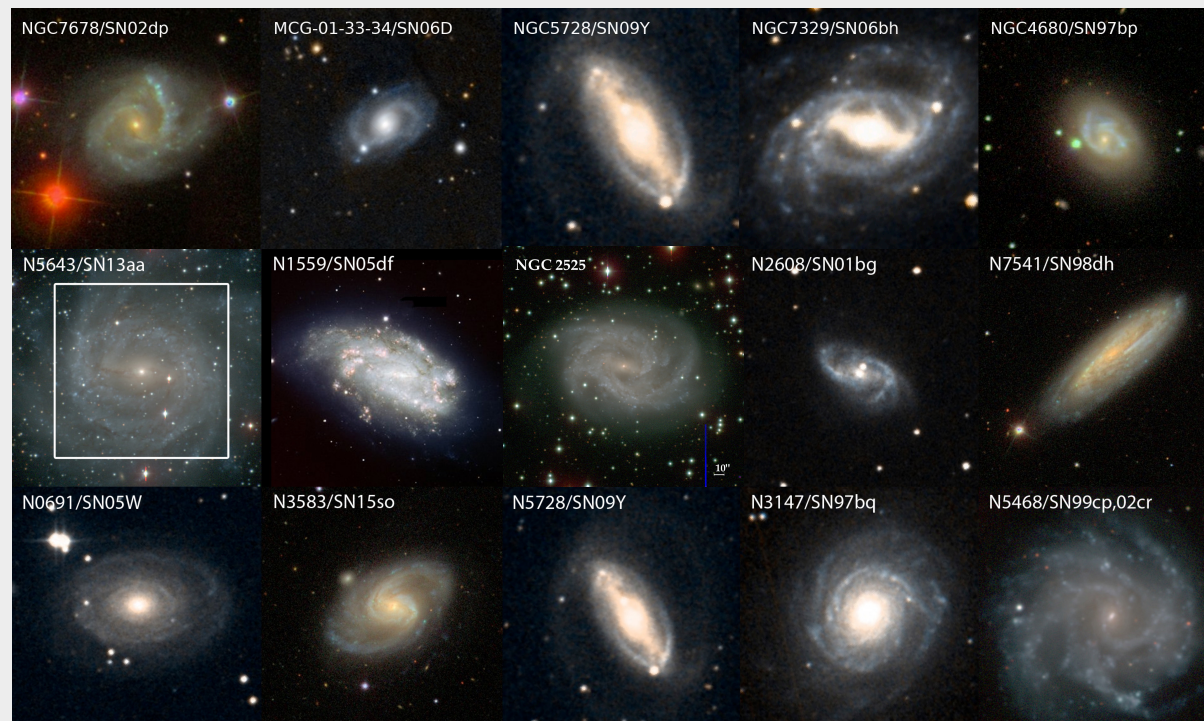
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H_0 TO $\sim 1.4\%$

- HST + *Gaia* parallaxes to Milky Way Cepheids
 - “Spatial scanning” technique: $D = 0.5 \rightarrow 4$ kpc
- HST photometry for all observations
 - Milky Way and Large Magellanic Cloud
- 1% distance to LMC (eclipsing binaries)
 - $N=8 \rightarrow 20$, improved absolute calibration of technique
- Cepheid distances to more hosts of SNe Ia
 - Ongoing HST observations: $N = 19 \rightarrow 40$
- Improved understanding of Cepheid systematics
 - Detailed chemical abundances of Magellanic Cloud Cepheids

ONGOING HUBBLE OBSERVATIONS

- Cepheid searches in 20 additional hosts of SNe Ia
 - Some hosted 2 SNe $\rightarrow N=40$
- Mira search in nearest 4 of those hosts
 - Consistency check of Cepheid Distance Scale



SUMMARY

- SH₀ES project: calibration of modern, high-quality SNe Ia using Cepheids in the near-infrared
 - $H_0 = 73.2 \pm 1.3 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$; $\sigma(H_0) = 10\% \rightarrow 1.8\%$
 - 4.2σ discrepancy wrt Λ CDM \rightarrow New Physics in dark sector?
- Goal: $\sigma(H_0) = 1.4\%$ later this year
 - *HST*+*Gaia* parallaxes to Milky Way Cepheids
 - 40 Cepheid distances to nearby SNe Ia
- The discrepancy is quite robust ($4-6\sigma$), regardless of the combination of cosmological probes used