

# Probing the standard model of Cosmology and its fundamental hypothesis: state-of-art and forecasts

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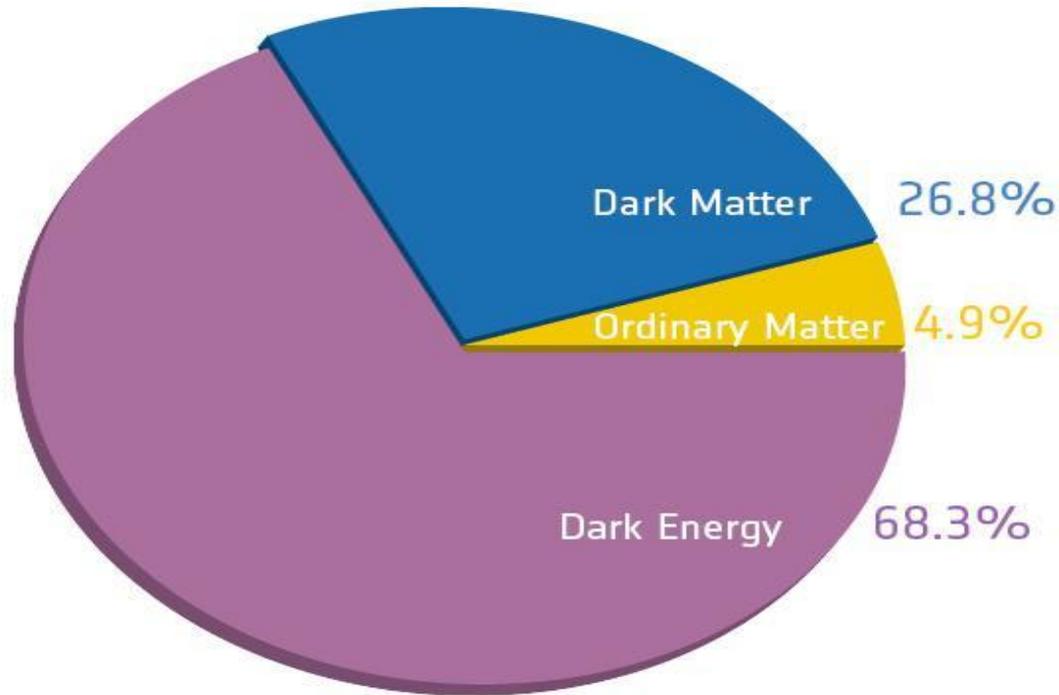


# Outline

- The standard model of Cosmology (SCM)
- We have a SCM, but do we *really* understand the cosmos?
- Observational tests of the SCM foundations
  - Testing the cosmological Principle with observational data
  - Null tests of the standard model with current and future observations
  - Miscellaneous stuff
- Concluding remarks and perspectives

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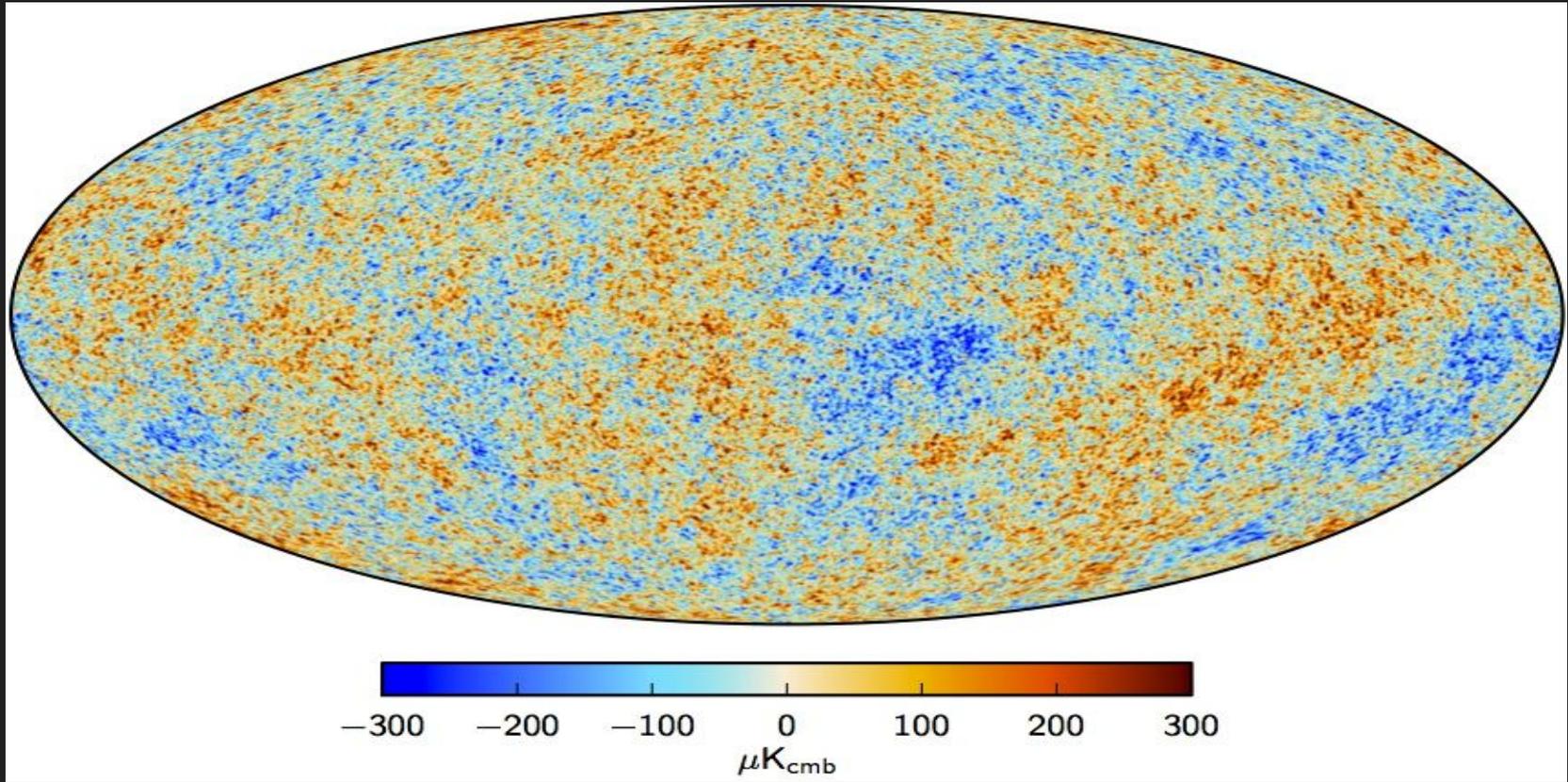


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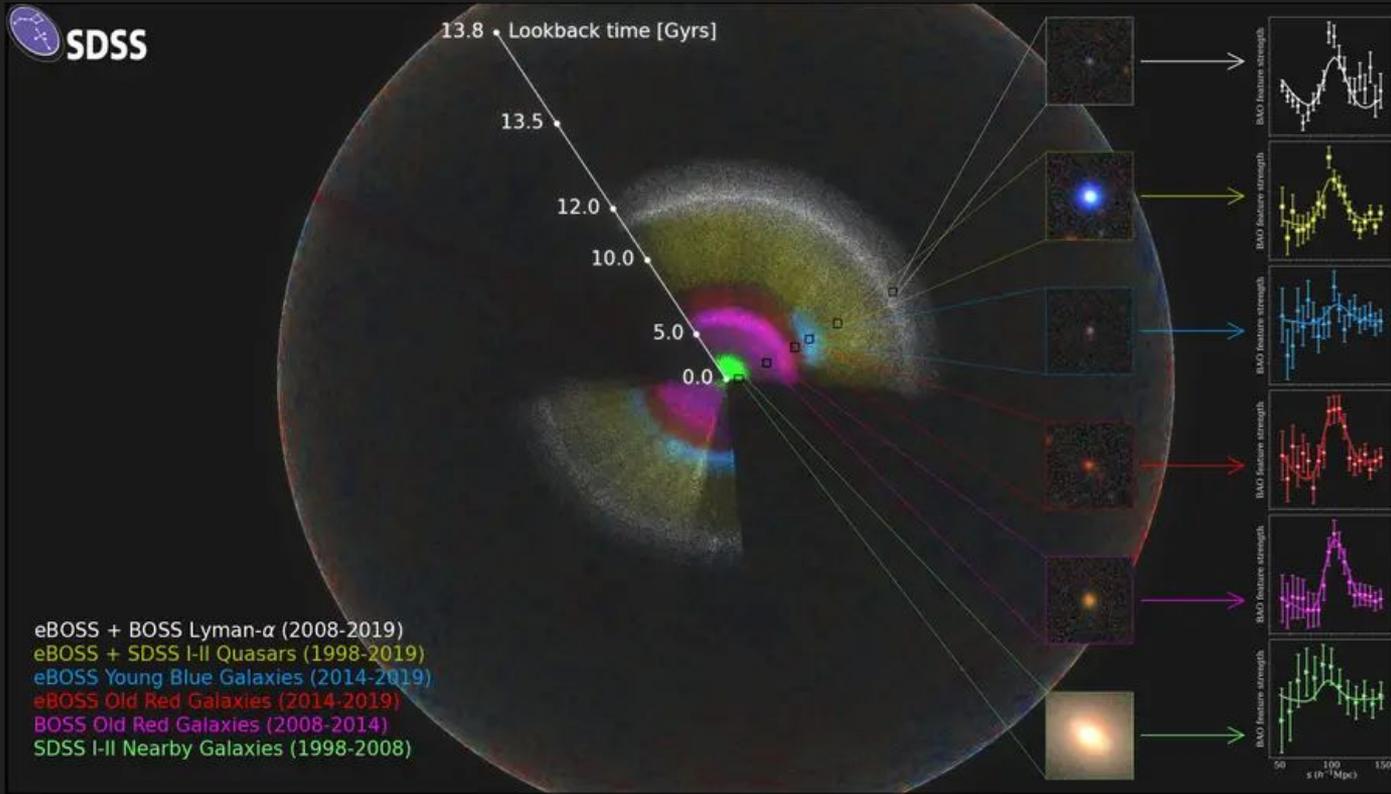
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# The Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB)



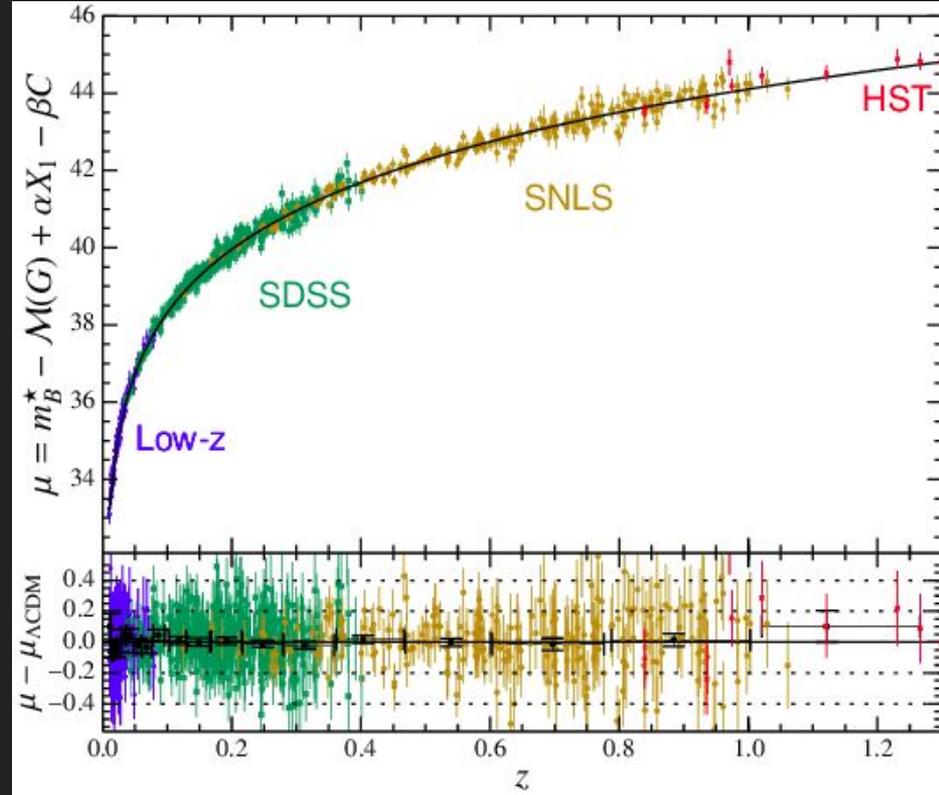
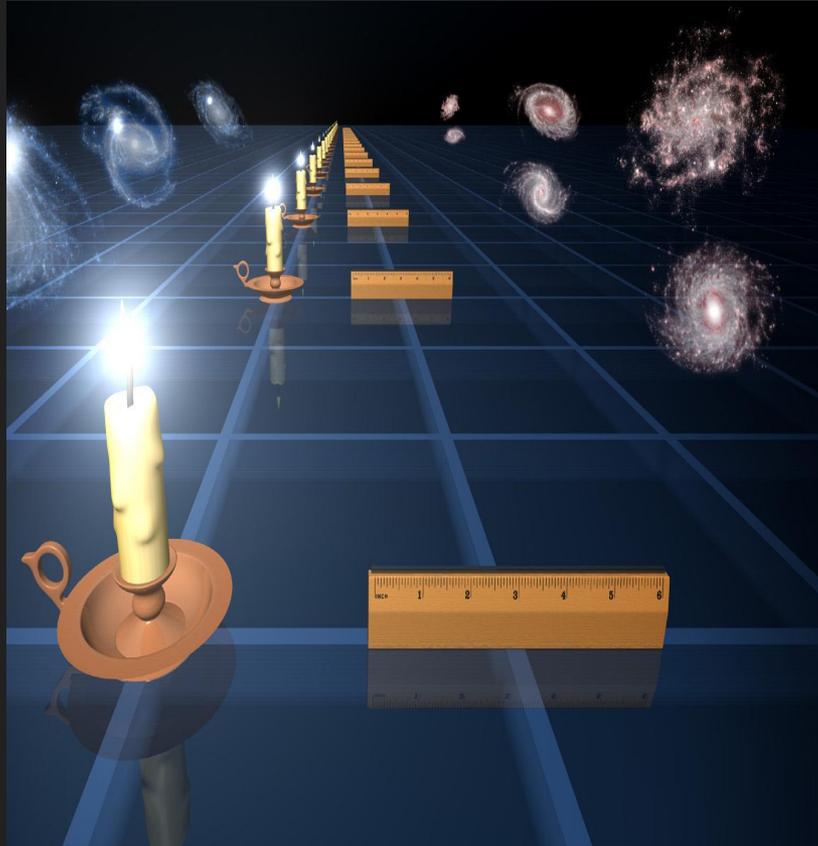
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# The galaxy distribution in the large-scale structure of the Universe



Credits:  
Anand Raichoor/EPFL,  
Ashley Ross/Ohio State University, and the SDSS Collaboration

# The distance to Type Ia Supernovae (SNe)



**But what is the  $\Lambda$ CDM model *really* about?**

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- Cold Dark Matter:
  - Only gravitational interaction
  - not directly seen, only indirect detection through light deviation - gravitational lensing phenomenon
  - Needed to explain spiral galaxy rotation curve, and large-scale structure
  - Main candidates: weakly interacting massive particles (WIMPs) like axions (not yet detected)
  - no evidence for neutrinos (hot dark matter, relativistic), alternative gravity models like *Mond* (modified newtonian dynamics) and *MACHOs* (massive compact halo objects)

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- Dark energy:
  - exotic component behaving like a perfect fluid with negative equation of state ( $P = wp, w < 0$ )
  - dominates the energy budget of the Universe in the last 3 billion years (*why just now?? Cosmic coincidence problem*)
  - Best candidate today: Cosmological Constant  $\Lambda$ , where  $w=-1$
  - $\Lambda$  associated with vacuum density energy. However, if  $\Lambda =$  vacuum, we have 120 orders of magnitude between cosmological observations and quantum field theory predictions (!!!)
  - main  $\Lambda$  alternatives: quintessence fields, dynamical dark energy, modified gravity models like  $f(R)$ , Gauss-Bonnet etc.

# Accelerated Expansion of the Universe

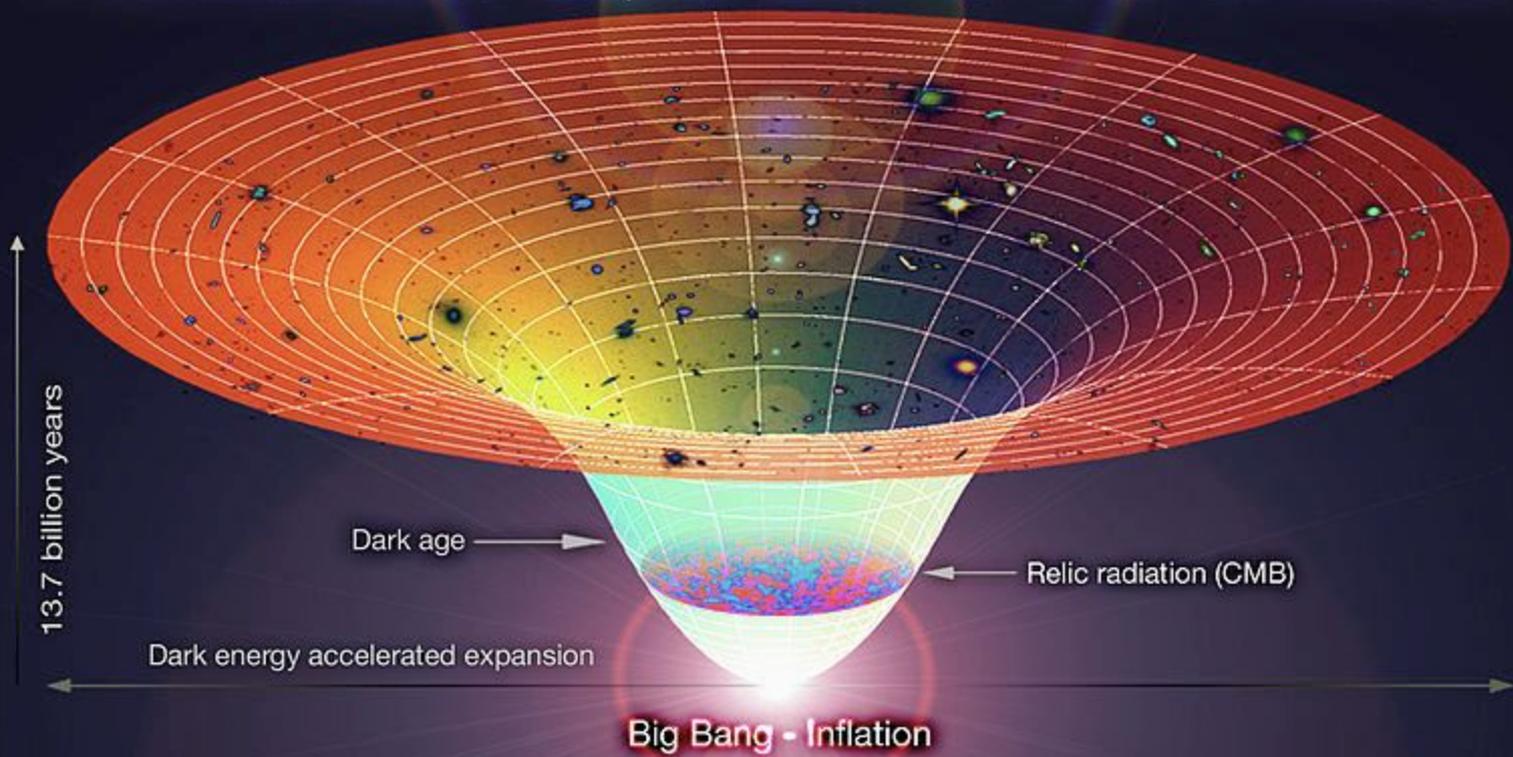


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- Inflation (?): developed independently by Alan Guth, Paul Steinhardt, Andrei Lide and Alexey Starobinsky, it comprises an early Universe mechanism aiming at solving the following problems
  - horizon problem: why do CMB temperature anisotropies exhibit such similar temperature if they are not in causal contact?
  - curvature problem: why does the Universe today seem flat?
  - homogeneity problem: why is the Universe today statistically homogeneous and isotropic?
  - topological defects and magnetic monopole: where are they??Alternative models: bouncing models, string gas etc

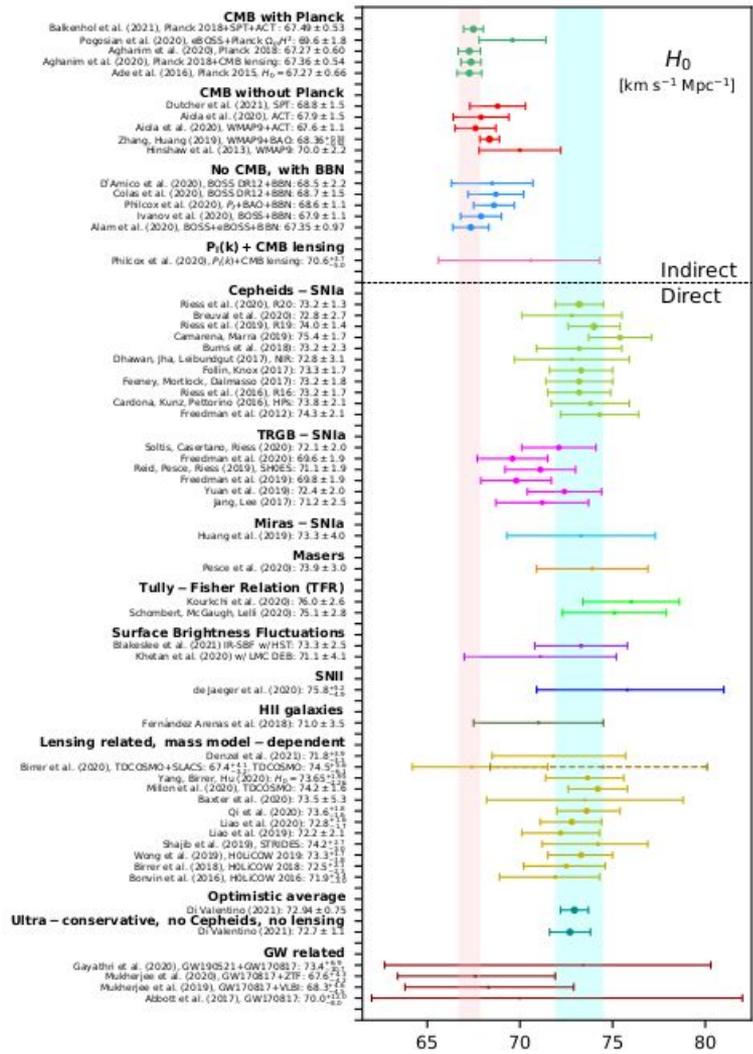
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We shall revisit the **fundamental pillars** which the CM is based upon

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  - No preferred directions and positions in the large-scale Universe

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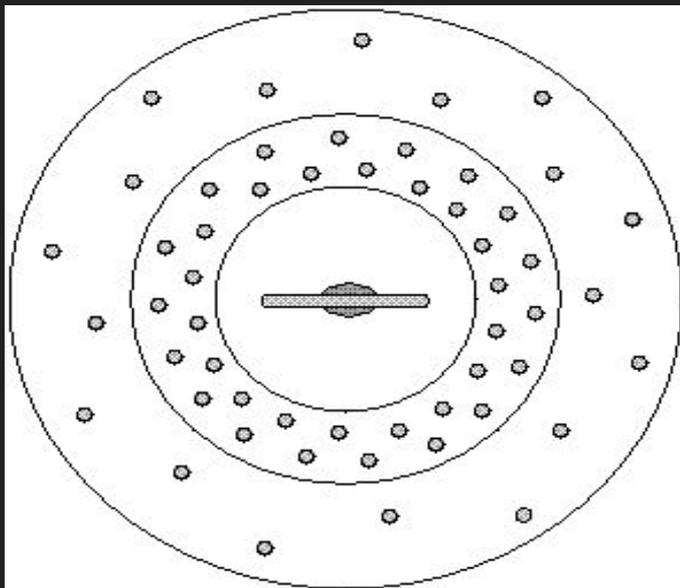
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**NO CP = NO FLRW UNIVERSE = NO CONCORDANCE MODEL!**

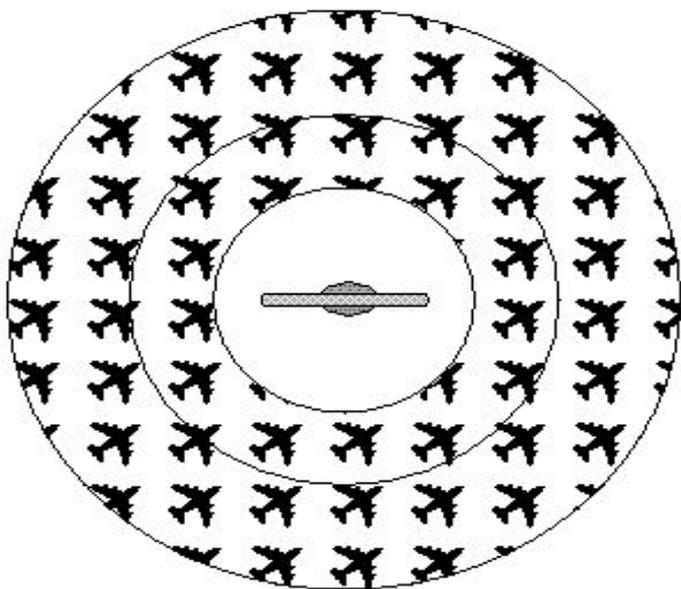
## **Part I:**

# **Testing the cosmological principle with cosmological observations**

# A cartoon vision of the CP



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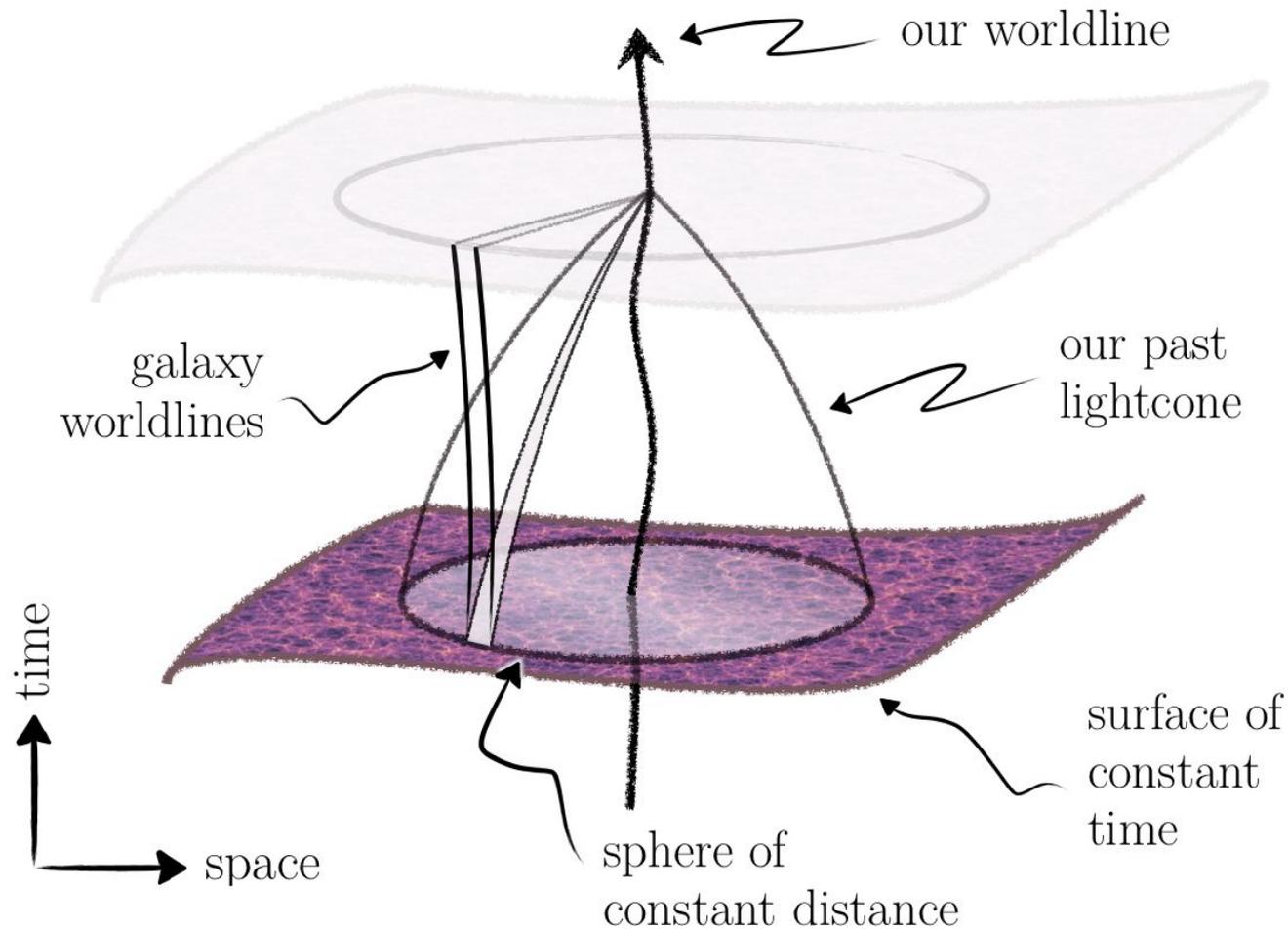
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Note: Consistency tests of statistical homogeneity are possible:

- \* FLRW metric consistency relation (Clarkson, Bassett and Lu 2008)
- \* Determination of a scale of homogeneity in source counts using fractal dimension (Pietronero 1987)



From: Clarkson  
2012

[arxiv:1204.5505](https://arxiv.org/abs/1204.5505)

see also  
Clarkson &  
Maartens 2010;  
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See also **CB+ MNRAS2017, MNRAS2018** for analysis using low- $z$  galaxy counts in infrared, **CB+ MNRAS2017b** for galaxy clusters, **CB+ ApJ2015, Andrade+ PRD2017, ApJ2018** for SNe, **Andrade+ MNRAS2019** for GRBs

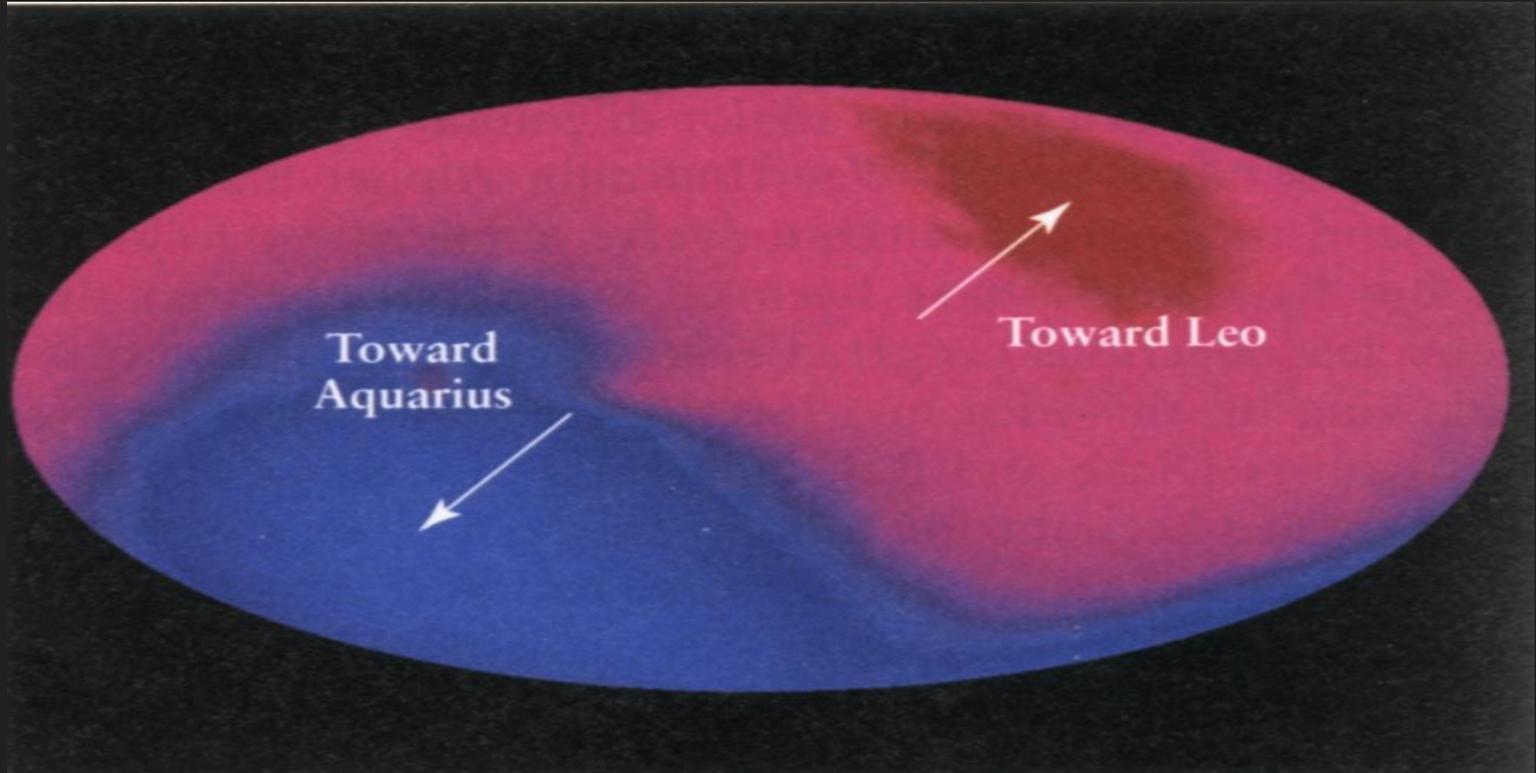
# The dipole anisotropy of radio counts

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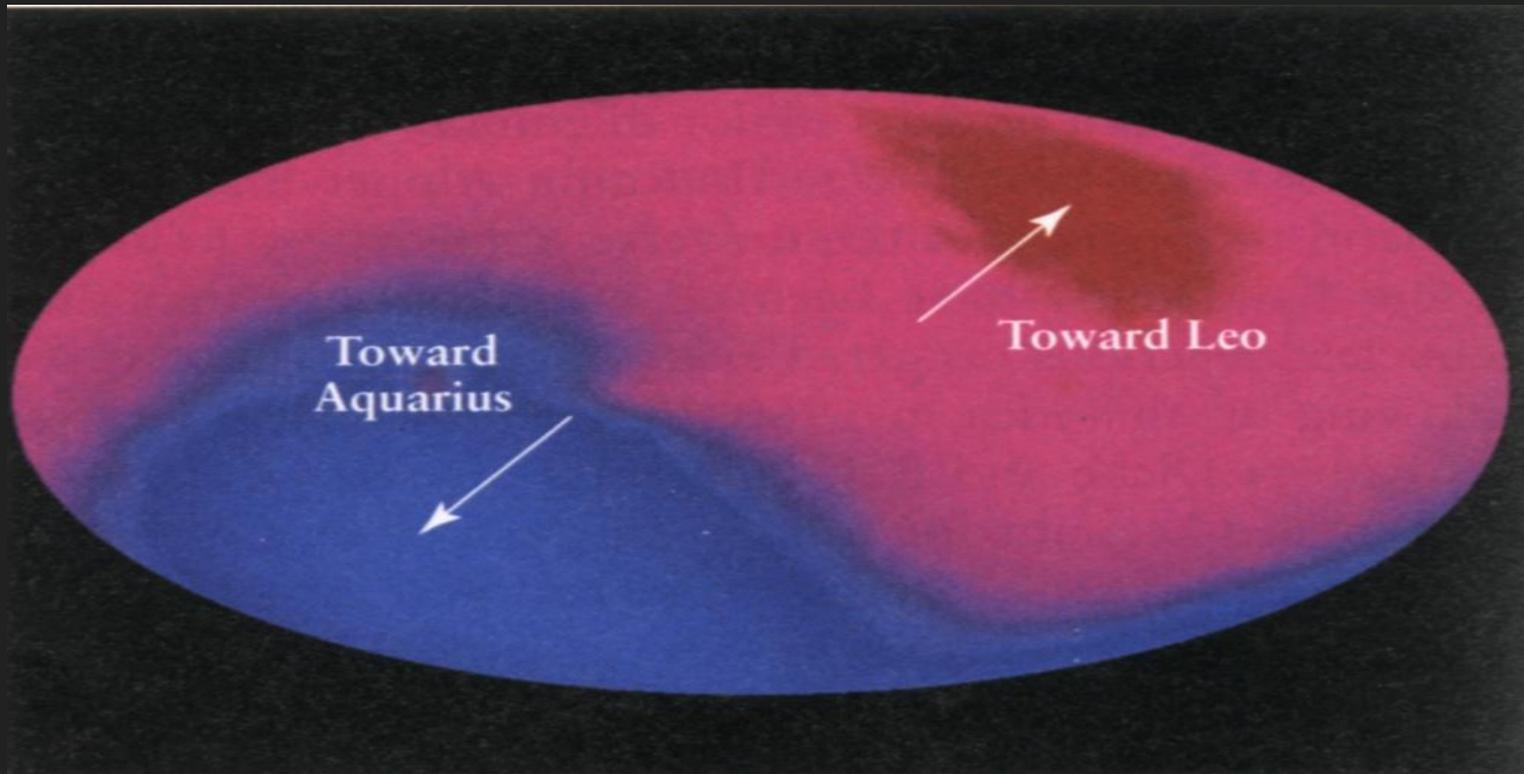
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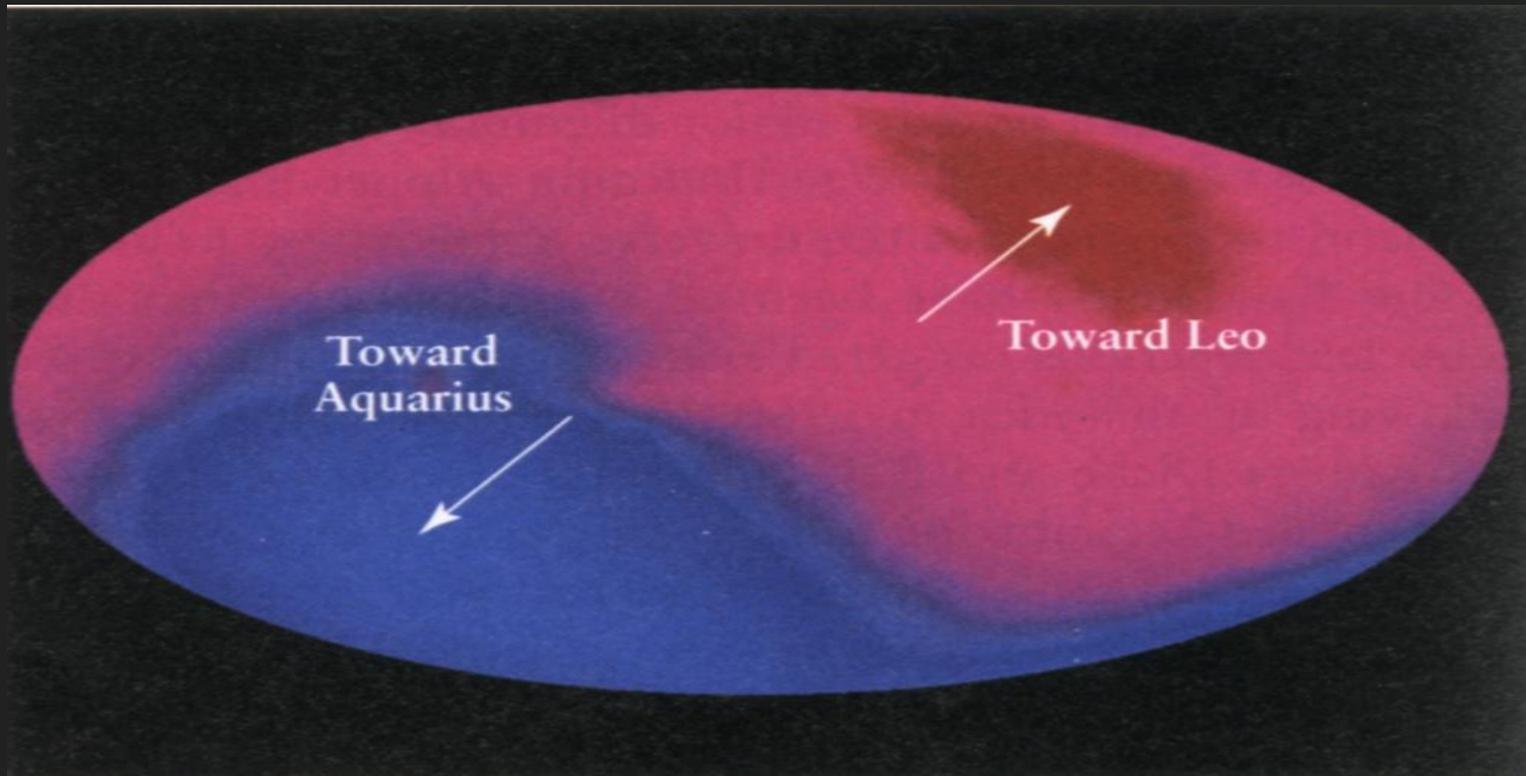


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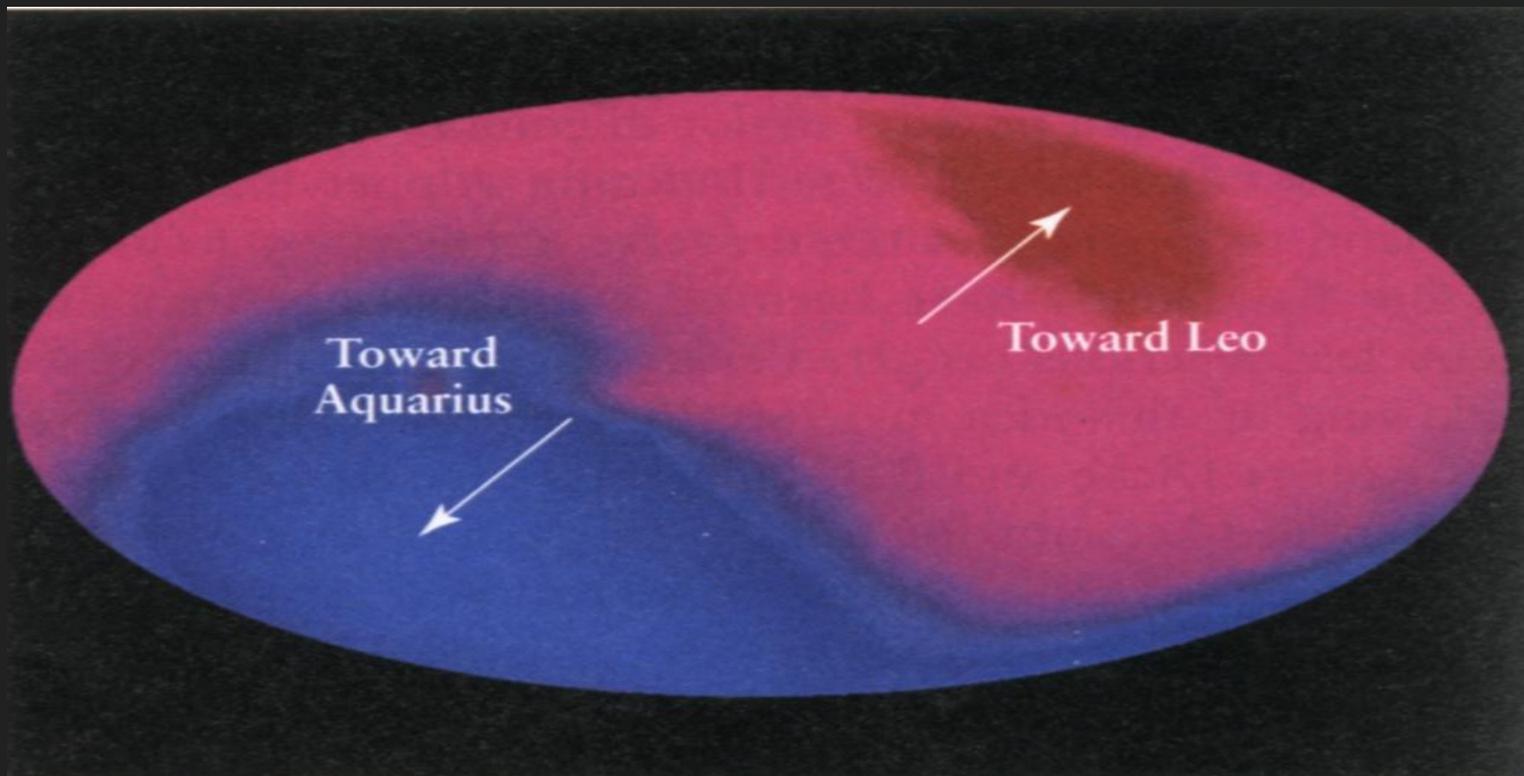
**The dipole anisotropy in the CMB**

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$$v \simeq 369 \text{ km/s}$$

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Can we detect this dipole in number counts?

## On the expected anisotropy of radio source counts

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**Summary.** If the standard interpretation of the dipole anisotropy in the microwave background radiation as being due to our peculiar velocity in a homogeneous isotropic universe is correct, then radio-source number counts must show a similar anisotropy. Conversely, determination of a dipole anisotropy in those counts determines our velocity relative to their rest frame; this velocity must agree with that determined from the microwave background radiation anisotropy. Present limits show reasonable agreement between these velocities.

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$$A = 0.00462$$

$$\alpha = 0.76, x = 1.0, \beta = 0.00123$$

# Observational data: sample construction I

- Two largest large-sky radio catalogues currently available:  
**NVSS (NRAO VLA Sky Survey @ 1400 MHz)** vs. **TGSS (TIFR GMRT Sky Survey @ 150 MHz)**
- Both survey probe the entire sky down to the southernmost declinations  
(**DEC > -40deg for NVSS, DEC > -53deg for TGSS**)
- Flux threshold selected

$$100 < S_{\text{TGSS}} < 5500 \text{ mJy} \quad f_{\text{sky}} \simeq 0.687; N_{\text{tot}} = 233,395$$

$$20 < S_{\text{NVSS}} < 1000 \text{ mJy} \quad f_{\text{sky}} = 0.657; N_{\text{tot}} = 253,313$$

# Observational data: sample construction II

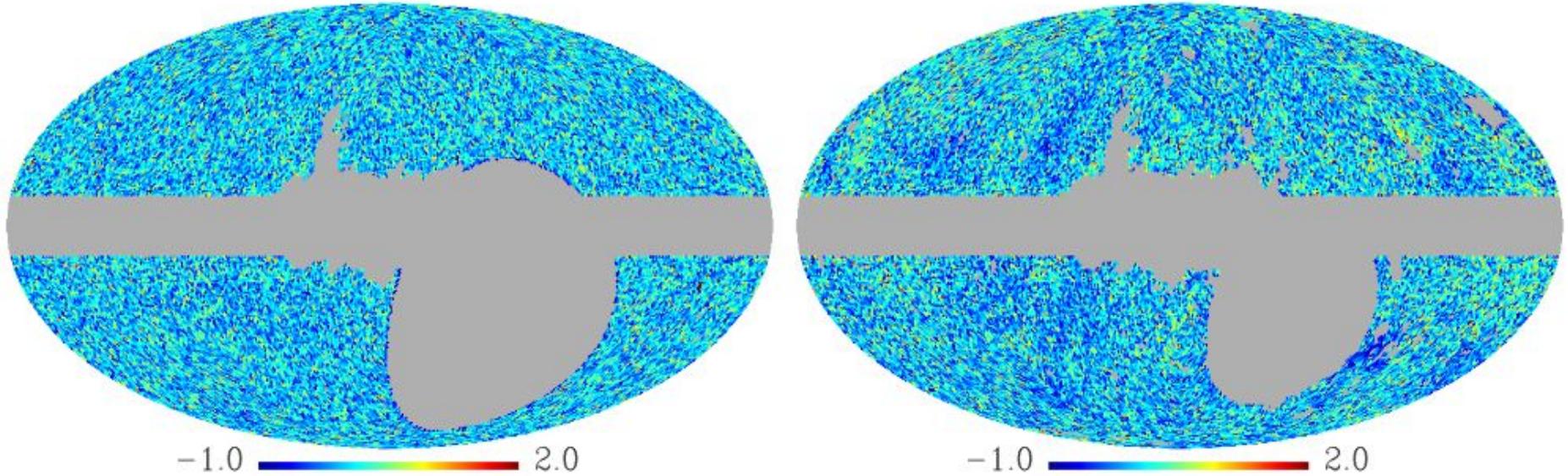
We further cleaned both catalogues as follows:

- Removal of large rms noise pixels (**10mJy/beam**) - only for TGSS sample
- Elimination of galactic plane ( **$|b| < 10\text{deg}$** )
- Elimination of pixels **within 1deg** of local radio sources and local clusters
- Regions whose **radio galactic foreground emission exceeds  $T=50\text{mK}$**  according to the Haslam map (Haslam et al. 1982)

# Data Analysis

- **Hemispherical comparison estimator** to look for a preferred direction - assigned to the **radio dipole**
- Source count maps produced with **HEALPix** package as well (Nside=64)
- Compare **real x mock count maps** produced with **flask code** with a fiducial power spectrum from **CAMB sources**
- $n(z)$  distribution for the radio sources following **SKADS**,  $b(z)$  follows Nusser & Tiwari 2016:  $b(z) = 1.6 + 0.7z + 0.35z^2$
- Also verified how do **flux density errors** and **flux calibration** affect the dipole

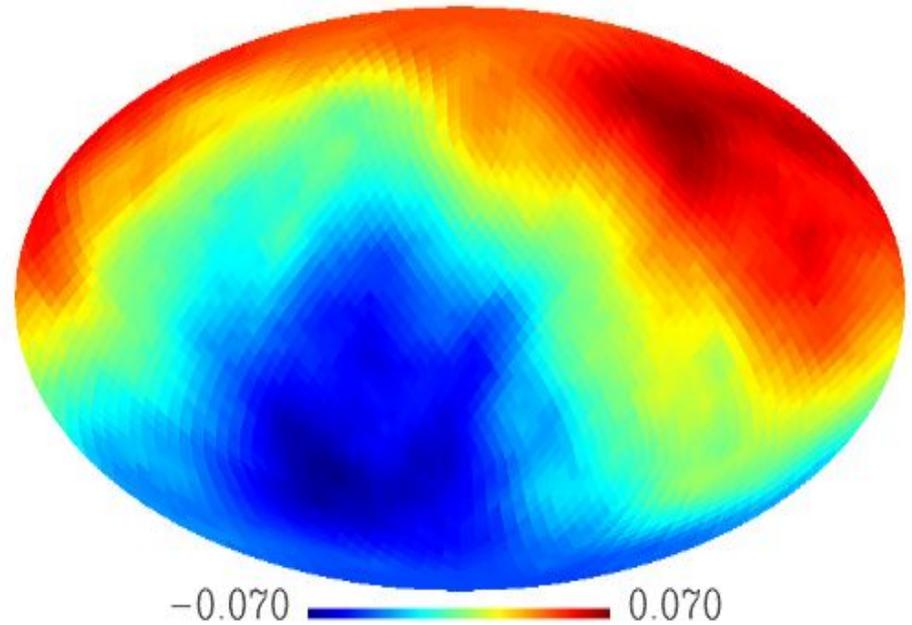
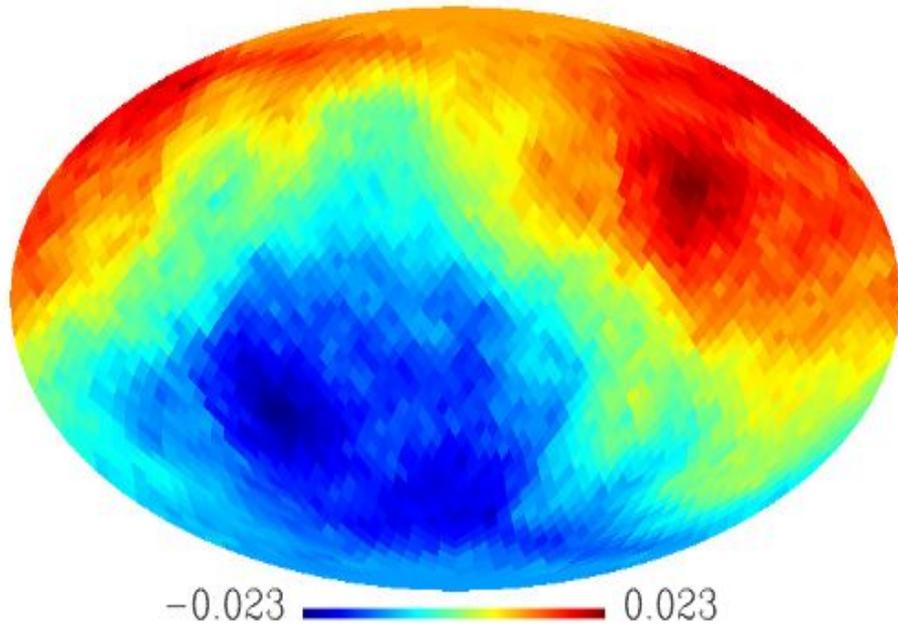
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**NVSS (left) versus TGSS (right)**

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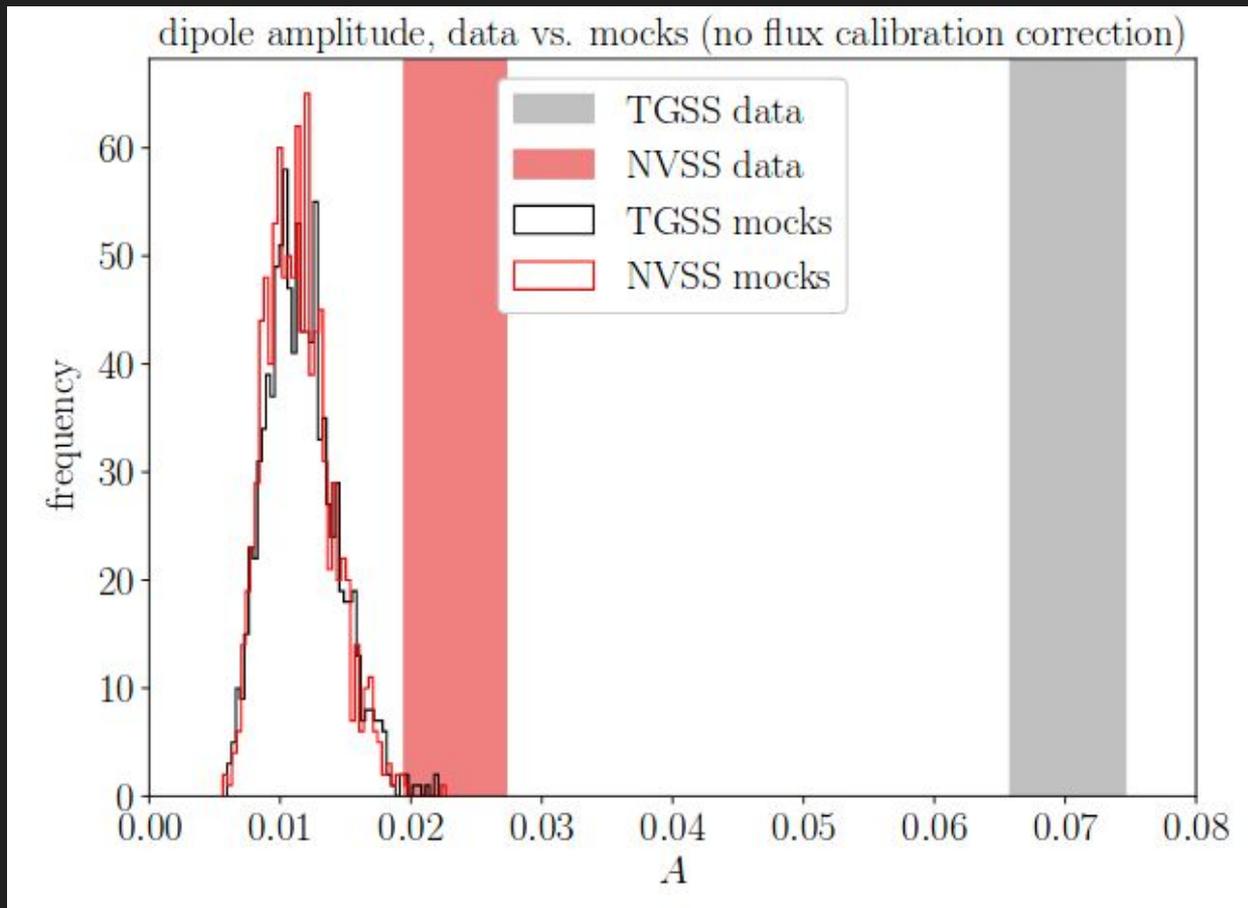
**Direction is consistent with CMB, amplitude is much higher!**

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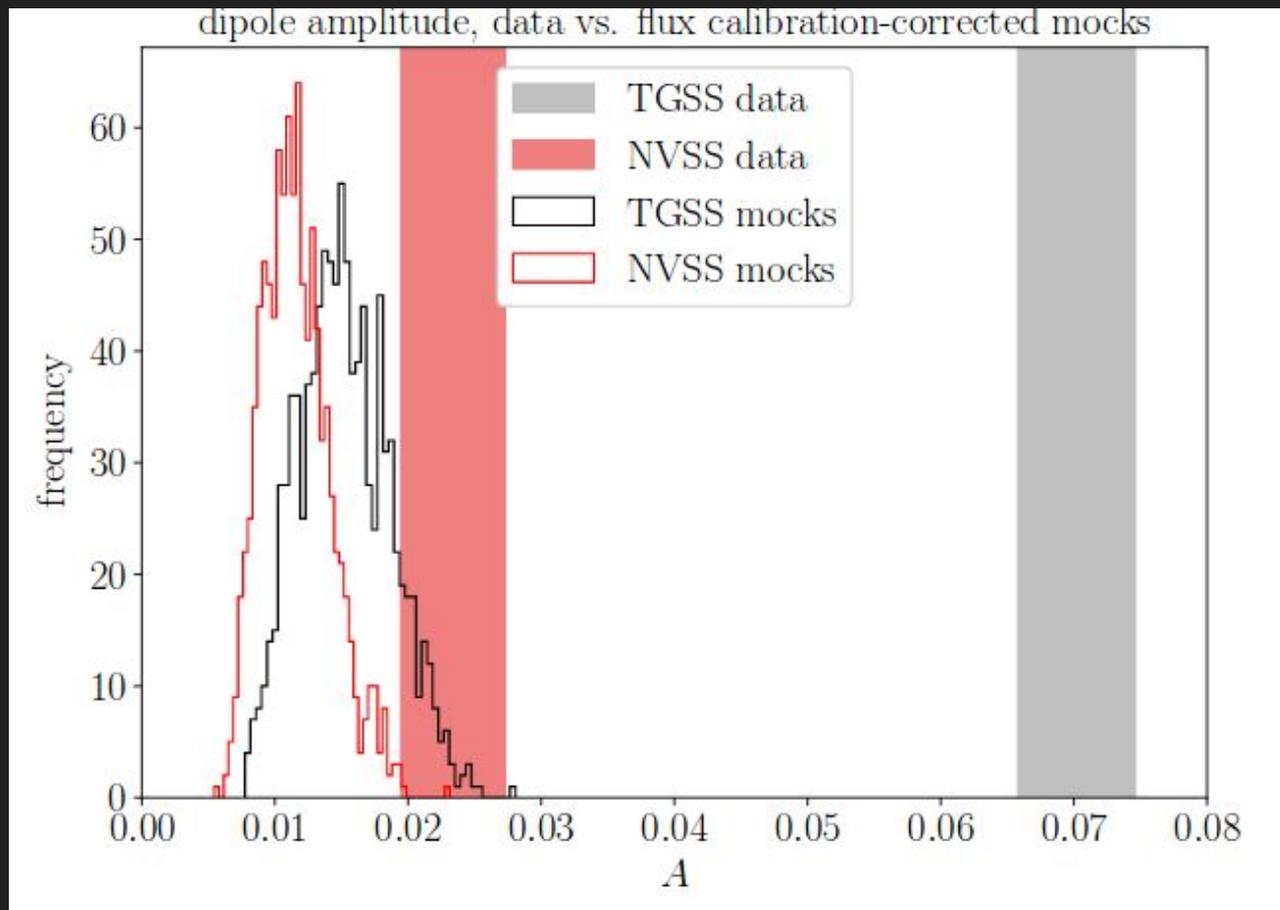
Survey	Flux range (mJy)	$A_{\text{obs}}$	$(l, b)$	ref.
TGSS	$100 < S < 5000$	$0.070 \pm 0.004$	$(243.00^\circ \pm 12.00^\circ, 45.00^\circ \pm 3.00^\circ)$	This work
NVSS	$20 < S < 1000$	$0.023 \pm 0.004$	$(253.12^\circ \pm 11.00^\circ, 27.28^\circ \pm 3.00^\circ)$	This work
	$S > 20$	$0.021 \pm 0.006$	$(244.69^\circ \pm 27.00^\circ, 41.18^\circ \pm 29.00^\circ)$	[9]
	$20 < S < 1000$	$0.021 \pm 0.005$	$(252.22^\circ \pm 10.00^\circ, 42.74^\circ \pm 9.00^\circ)$	[10]
NVSS	$S > 15$	$0.027 \pm 0.005$	$(213.99^\circ \pm 20.00^\circ, 15.30^\circ \pm 14.00^\circ)$	[11]
(other work)	$S > 25$	$0.019 \pm 0.005$	$(248.47^\circ \pm 19.00^\circ, 45.56^\circ \pm 9.00^\circ)$	[12]
	$S > 20$	$0.010 \pm 0.005$	$(256.49^\circ \pm 9.00^\circ, 36.25^\circ \pm 11.00^\circ)$	[13]
	$S > 20$	$0.012 \pm 0.005$	$(253.00^\circ, 32.00^\circ)$	[17]
	$S > 10$	$0.019 \pm 0.002$	$(253.00^\circ \pm 2.00^\circ, 28.71^\circ \pm 12.00^\circ)$	[16]

Direction is quite right, **but the amplitude is much higher!**

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# What happens in smaller angular scales?

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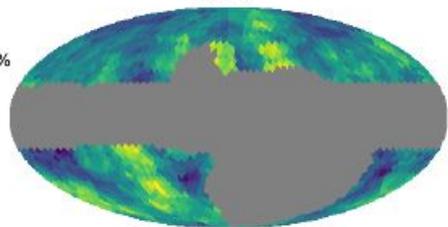
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# Observational data and estimator

- **Data:** Again we use the NVSS sample at  $20 < S < 1000 \text{ mJy}$ , the mask built in Bengaly et al 2018 - minus an anomalous region within 5deg of  $(l,b)=(207.13,-17.84)$  - and mock realisations following the same prescription as well
- **Estimator:**
  - we draw patches in the sky of 15,20,25,30 deg size and compute the source count variance inside it;
  - patches with 10, 20 or 30% masked pixels are eliminated
  - **ANOVA test** - variance between patches/variance within patches  $> 1$  indicates exact isotropy
  - a local variance map comparing variance of data x variance of mocks (see Alonso et al. 2014; Akrami et al. 2014)

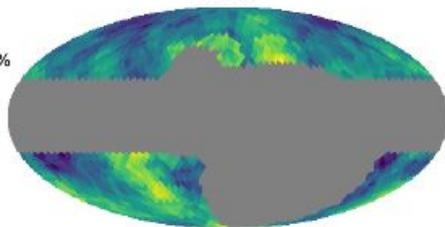


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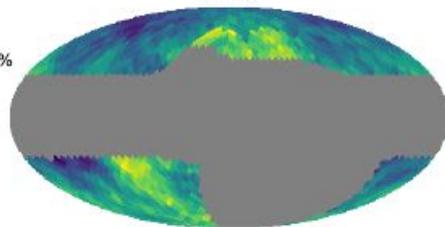
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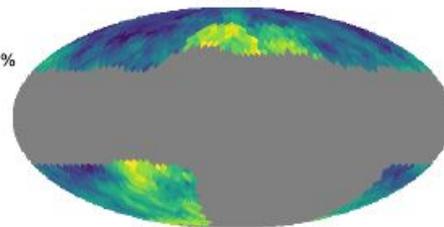
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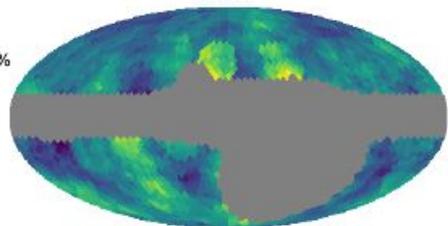
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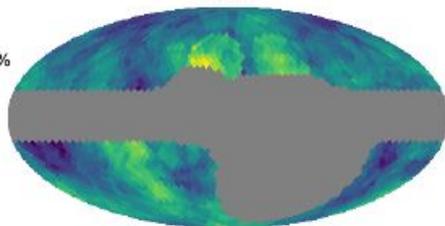
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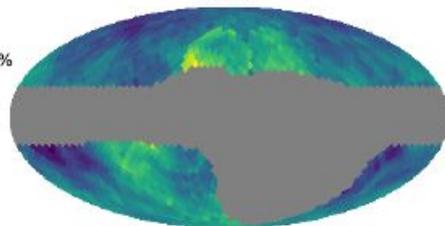
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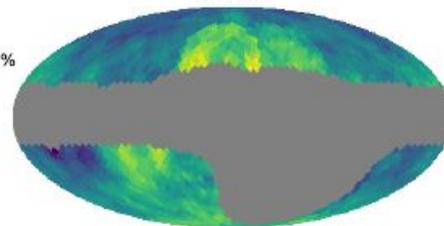
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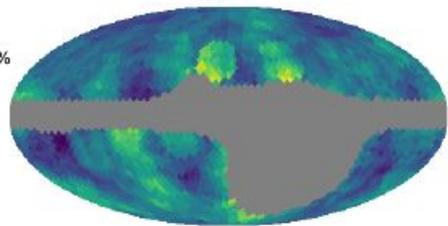
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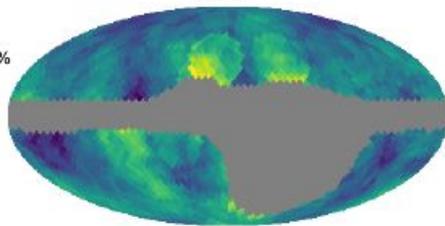
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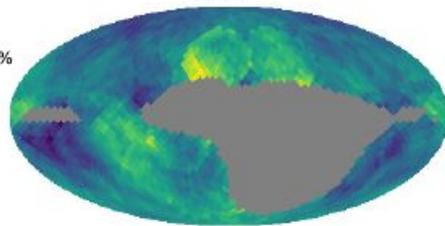
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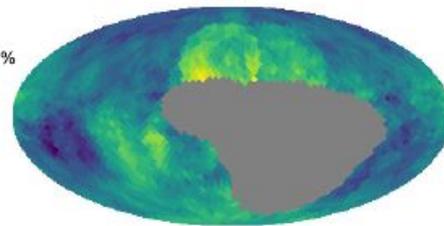
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# Conclusions

- **No evidence against statistical isotropy** in NVSS source counts at scales smaller than 25 degree
- **Only the NVSS dipole seems to be anomalous, not smaller scales. This was confirmed in later analysis** (Dolfi+ 2019; Ghosh+ 2019, Siewert+ 2020)
- In contrast with TGSS counts that are anomalous at  $>10\text{deg}$ . **Flux calibration** seems to be the main issue in TGSS (Ghosh+ 2019)
- Large dipole anisotropy also seen in mid-IR AGNs (Secret+ 21, Singal 21)
- **SKA** will be able to perform a **precision test of cosmic isotropy** (CB+ 19)

# The scale of cosmic homogeneity with SDSS-IV DR16 QSOs

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# How can we probe the homogeneity scale?

- Homogeneity cannot be directly tested - consistency tests are possible
- A practical test: compute the fractal dimension of the spatial distribution of cosmic objects (Pietronero 1987, Coleman & Pietronero 1992)
- We expect  $D_2 \rightarrow 3$  if the Universe is statistically homogeneous - thus indistinguishable from a random distribution. In smaller scales, the Universe is lumpier, thus  $D_2 < 3$
- The scale where  $D_2 \approx 3$  is considered the scale of cosmic homogeneity. Absence of such transition scale would hint at a departure of the CP



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# THE FRACTAL STRUCTURE OF THE UNIVERSE - CORRELATIONS OF GALAXIES AND CLUSTERS AND THE AVERAGE MASS DENSITY

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# Method and data analysis

- We use the latest release (DR16) of SDSS-IV QSOs
- We bin the data into two ranges: [2.2,2.4] and [2.5,3.2], comprising ~19k objects each
- We compute the integral correlation and fractal dimension of QSOs spatial distribution following

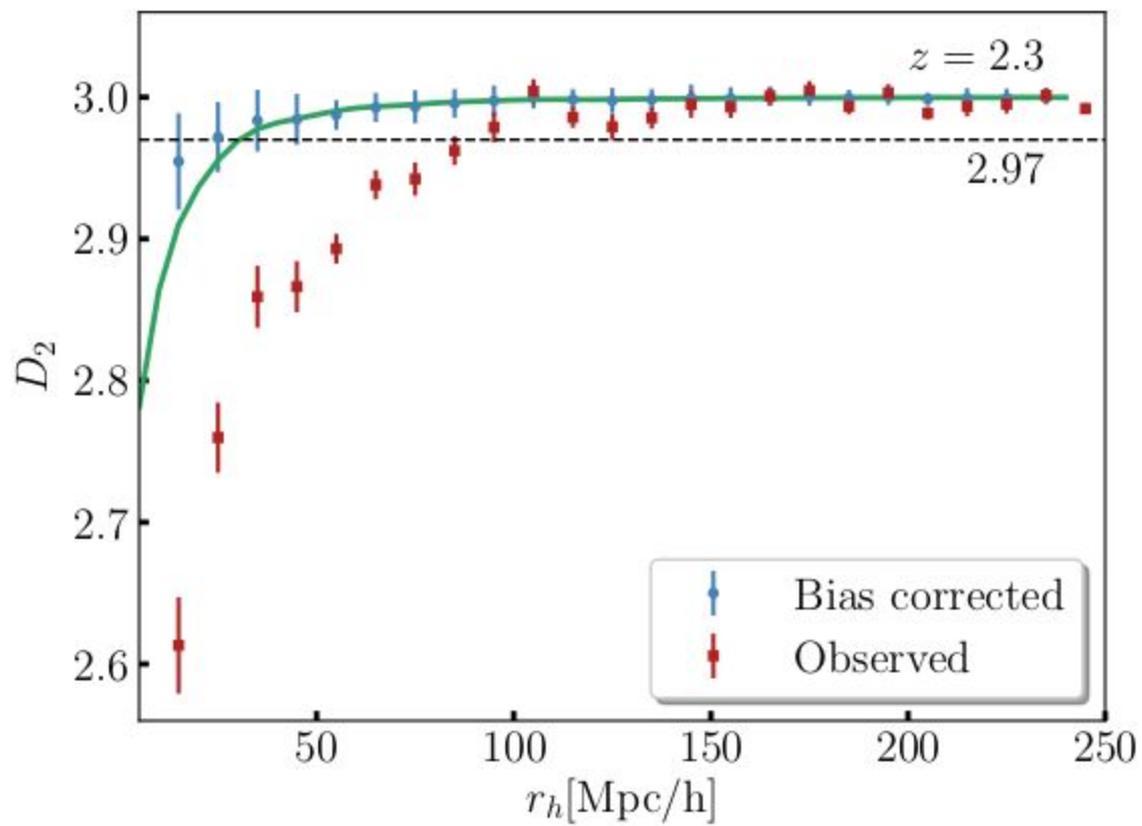
$$\mathcal{N}(< r) \equiv \frac{\sum_{\rho=0}^r DD(\rho)}{\sum_{\rho=0}^r RR(\rho)} \quad D_2(r) \equiv \frac{d \ln \mathcal{N}(< r)}{d \ln r} + 3 .$$

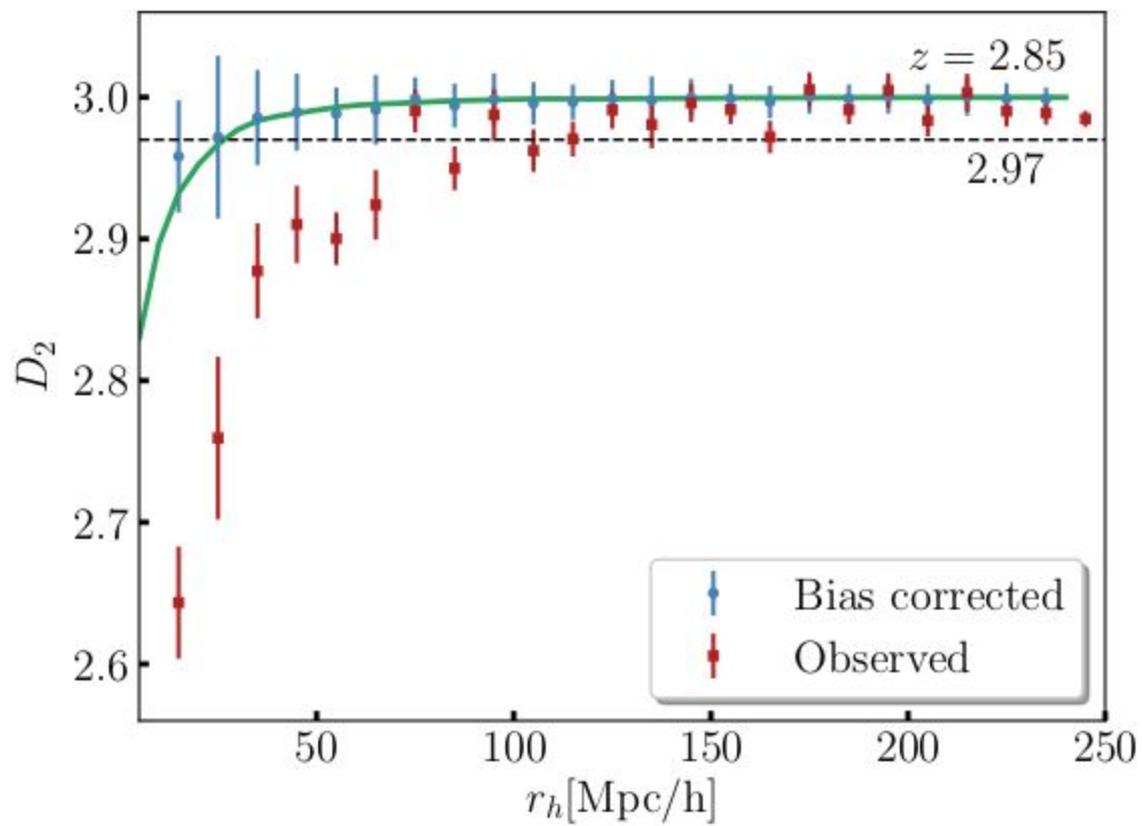
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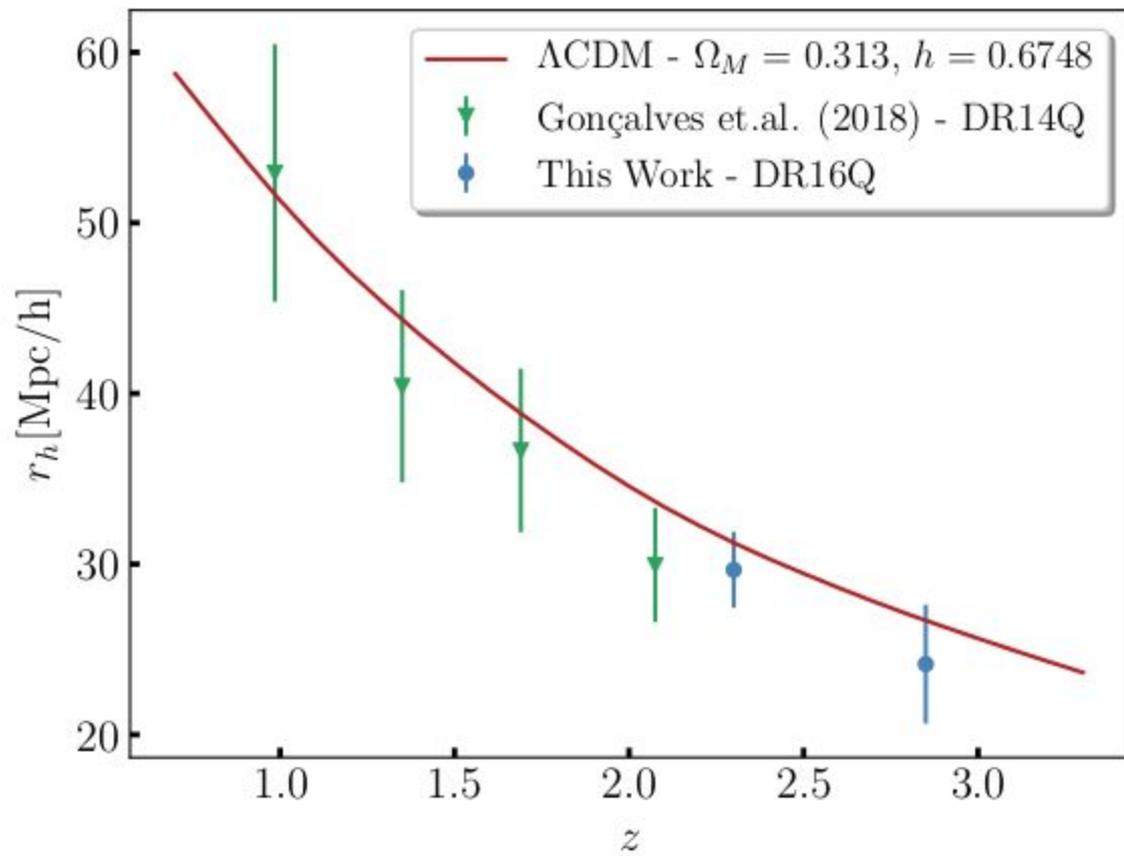
- We compare the observational results with theoretical predictions of the SCM

$$\mathcal{N}_{\text{th}}(< r, \bar{z}) = \frac{3}{4\pi r^3} \int_0^r (1 + \xi(s, \bar{z})) 4\pi s^2 ds \quad D_2^{\text{th}}(r) \equiv \frac{d \ln \mathcal{N}_{\text{th}}(< r)}{d \ln r} + 3$$

Obs: we de-bias the observational D2 according to  $D_2^{\text{m}}(r) = \frac{D_2^{\text{q}}(r) - 3}{b^2} + 3 ,$







## **Part II:**

**Null tests of the standard model with current  
and future observations**

# Om diagnostic: a null test of the flat LCDM

CB, Clarkson, Kunz, Maartens  
**Phys. Dark Univ. 33 (2021) 100856,**  
e-Print: 2007.04879 [astro-ph.CO]

# Work outline

- We produce **H(z) simulations** following next-gen surveys specs: **Euclid, DESI, SKA intensity mapping band 1 and 2 (SKA B1 and B2)**

- **Null tests of the flat LCDM model** - violations of these conditions rule out the SCM

$$E(z) = H(z)/H_0 \quad \mathcal{O}_m(z) \equiv \frac{E(z)^2 - 1}{(1+z)^3 - 1} = \Omega_m$$

$$\mathcal{L}_m(z) \equiv 3(1+z)^2 [1 - E(z)^2] + 2z(3 + 3z + z^2)E(z)E'(z) = 0$$

- We reconstruct  $E(z)$  using a non-parametric method called **Gaussian Processes**, as available the **GaPP code** (Seikel+ 12, <https://github.com/astrobengaly/GaPP>)
- We also simulate  $H(z)$  **assuming other models** to assess the test performance

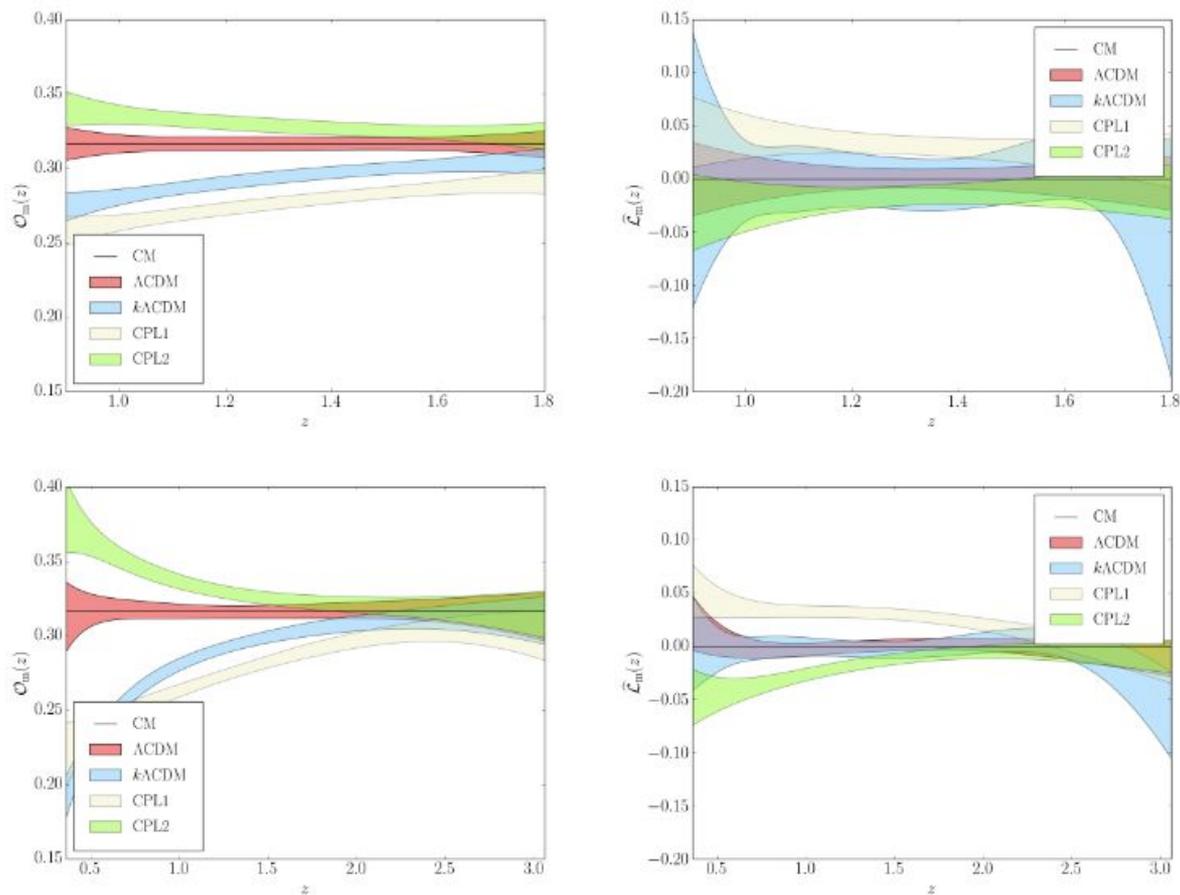


FIG. 1.  $\mathcal{O}_m$  (left) and  $\mathcal{L}_m$  (right) null tests, for Euclid-like (top) and SKA-like B1 (bottom) surveys. Shaded regions show 5 $\sigma$  ( $\mathcal{O}_m$ ) and 3 $\sigma$  ( $\mathcal{L}_m$ ) CL for the reconstructed mean.  $\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_m(z) \equiv \mathcal{L}_m(1+z)^{-6}$  is used rather than  $\mathcal{L}_m$  to improve visualisation.

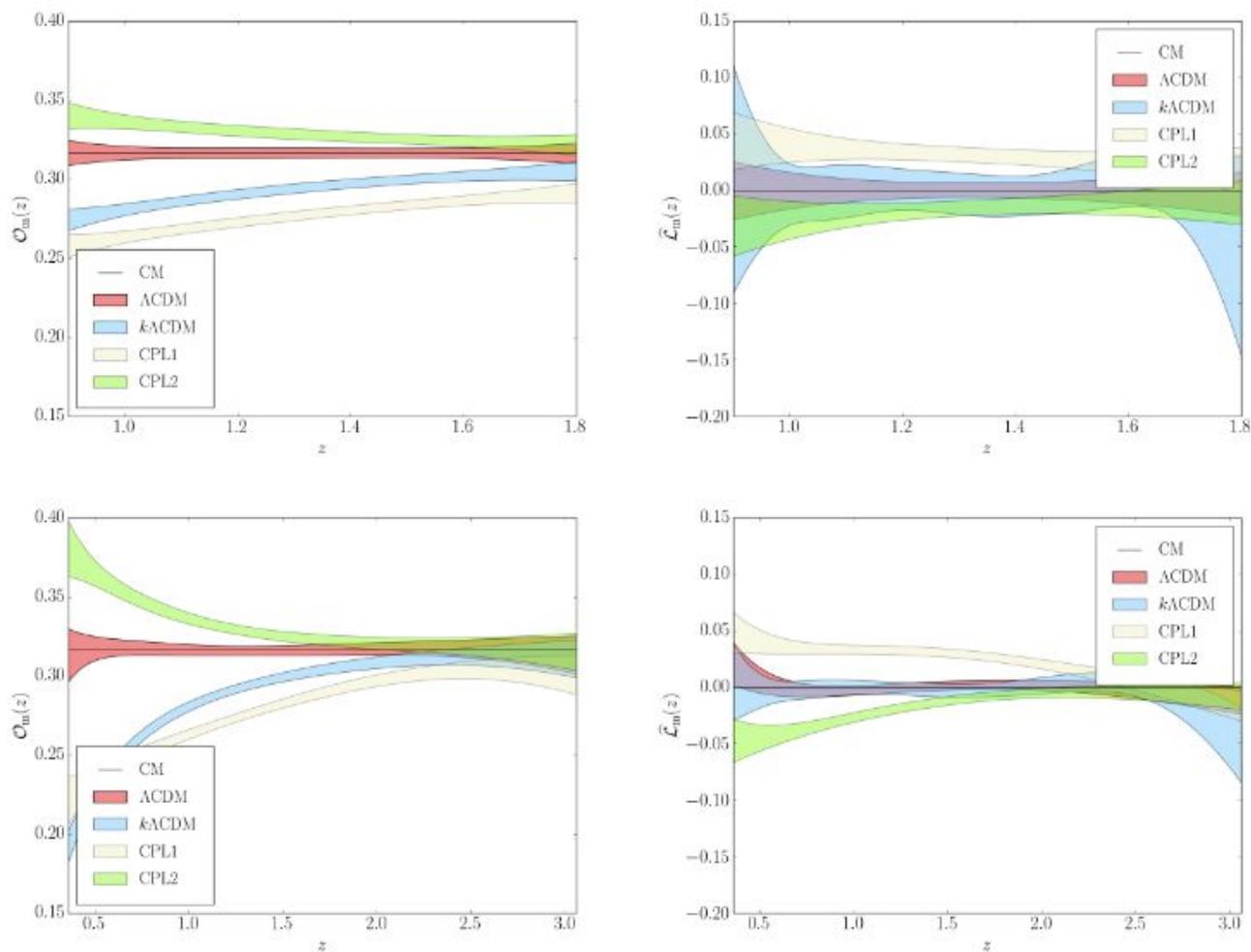


FIG. 2. Same as Fig. 1, but with  $H(z)$  measurement uncertainties reduced by 30%.

# **A model-independent test of the speed of light variability with cosmological observations**

**Gabriel Rodrigues, CB**

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# Data and method

- The angular diameter distance is given by  $D_A(z) = \frac{1}{(1+z)} \int_0^z \frac{cdz}{H(z)}$

- Therefore, differentiating the equation above w.r.t the redshift reads

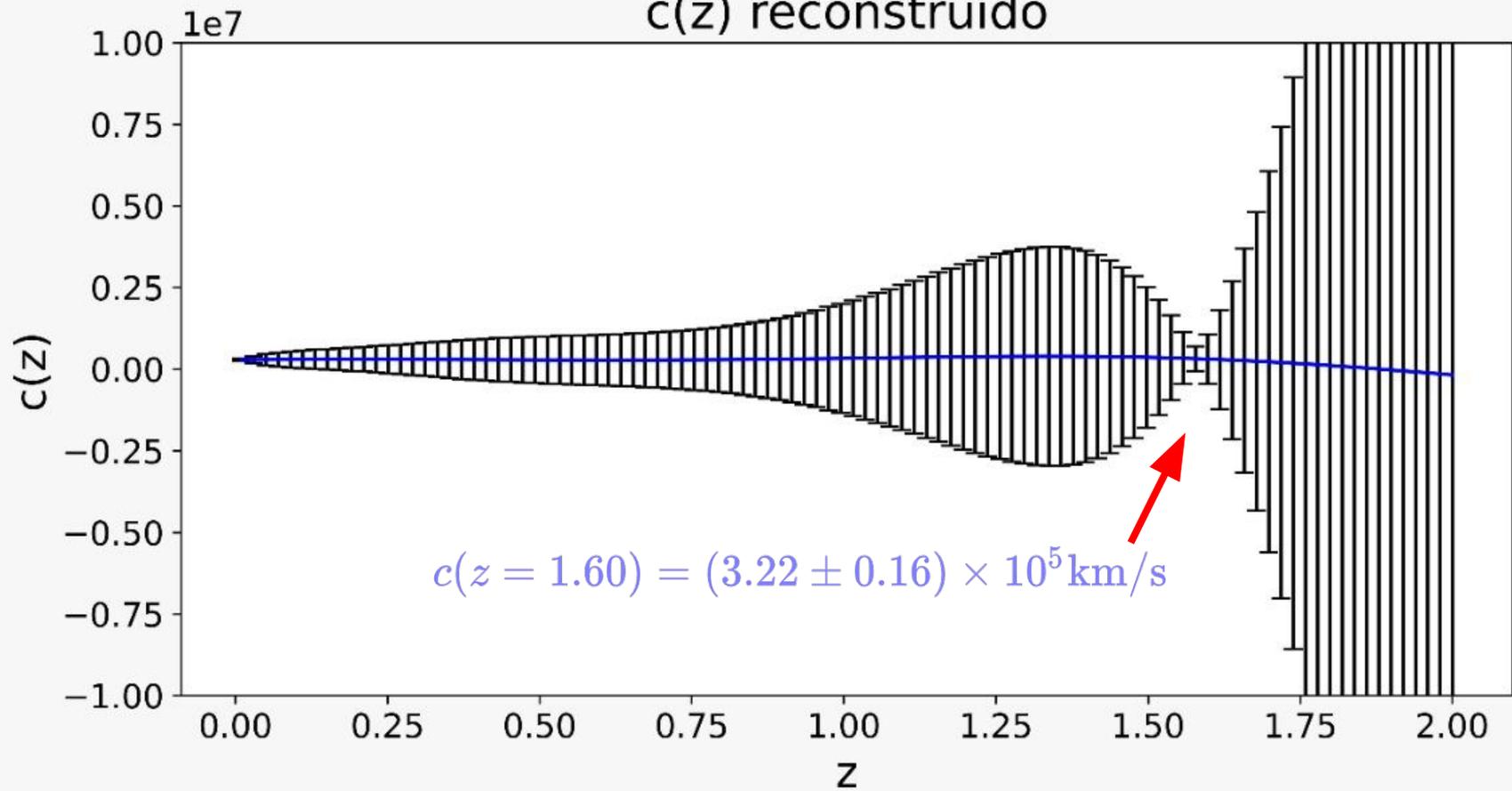
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} [(1+z)D_A(z)] = \frac{c(z)}{H(z)}$$

- We can obtain  $c(z)$  where the angular diameter distance reaches a maximum, so that

$$c(z_M) = D_A(z_M)H(z_M)$$

- We will measure  $c(z)$  using **Pantheon SNe** (converting  $DL(z)$  into  $DA(z)$  via **distance duality relation**), and **cosmic clocks  $H(z)$  measurements** from galaxy age and radial bAO measurements. **Gaussian Processes** will be deployed for numerical reconstruction again

# c(z) reconstruido



# Miscellaneous stuff

- We found that **Euclid and SKA** will be able to **measure  $H_0$  at almost percent-level precision**, and **probe cosmic acceleration with  $(5-7)\sigma$  cl** in a **model-independent way**  
(CB, Clarkson, Maartens JCAP 2020; CB MNRAS 2020)
- We found **no evidence for a hotter Universe** that could solve cosmological tensions using  **$T(z)$  measurements from clusters** (CB, Gonzalez, Alcaniz EPJC 2020), and **no evidence for SN absolute magnitude evolution** (Sapone, Nesseris, CB PDU 2021)
- Measurements of the **angular scale of homogeneity (model-independent!)** with **SDSS-IV DR16 LRG** in **good agreement with predictions from the SCM** (Andrade+ in prep.)

**Concluding remarks and perspectives**

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- **Current radio continuum observations** can only probe the Cosmological Principle, **with limited precision**. Surveys like **EMU, LOFAR, SKA** shall enormously improve these results
- **The spatial distribution of SDSS-IV DR16 QSOs** exhibits a **characteristic scale of cosmic homogeneity** in agreement with the foundations of the standard model
- Future redshift surveys such as **Euclid and SKA** can perform null tests of the standard model with **unprecedented precision without any prior assumption** about the underlying Cosmology
- As for data available today, we are able to measure the speed of light with **5% precision** at  $z=1.58$ , and confirm the FLRW assumption at a 2

## Take-home message:

We are living an **exciting and transformational era in Cosmology**, where we can determine **cosmological parameters** and the **fundamental assumptions of Cosmology with percent-level precision!**

**Obrigado!**

Complimentary slides

# **Delta diagnostic: a null test of the cosmic acceleration**

**CB, Gonzalez, Von Marttens, Alcaniz**

(In prep - **ALL RESULTS ARE PRELIMINARY!**)

# Work outline

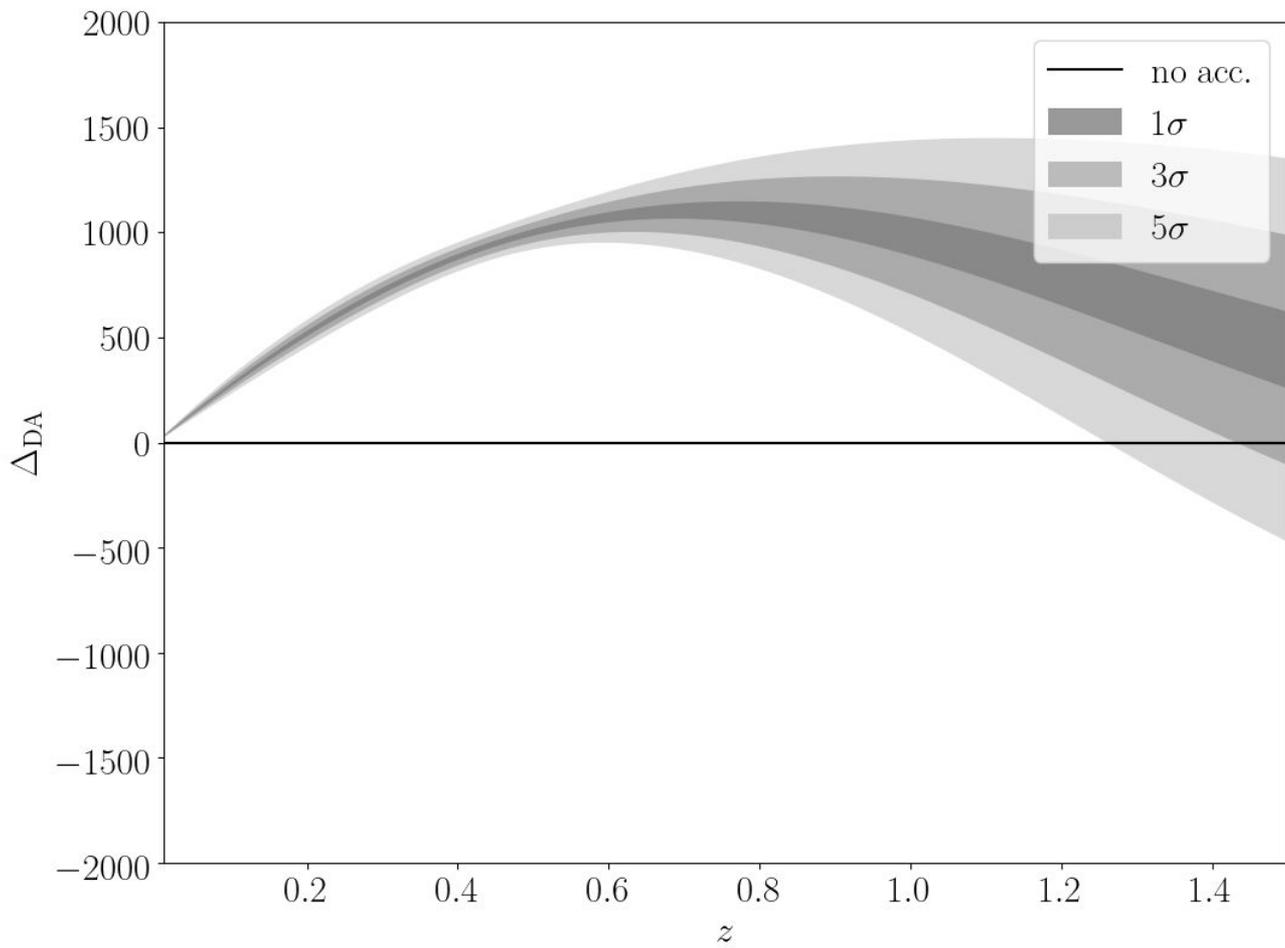
- Although  $\Lambda$ CDM provides a good fit for observations, it is crucial to assess the evidence for cosmic acceleration in a model-independent way - regardless assumptions on DE/MG

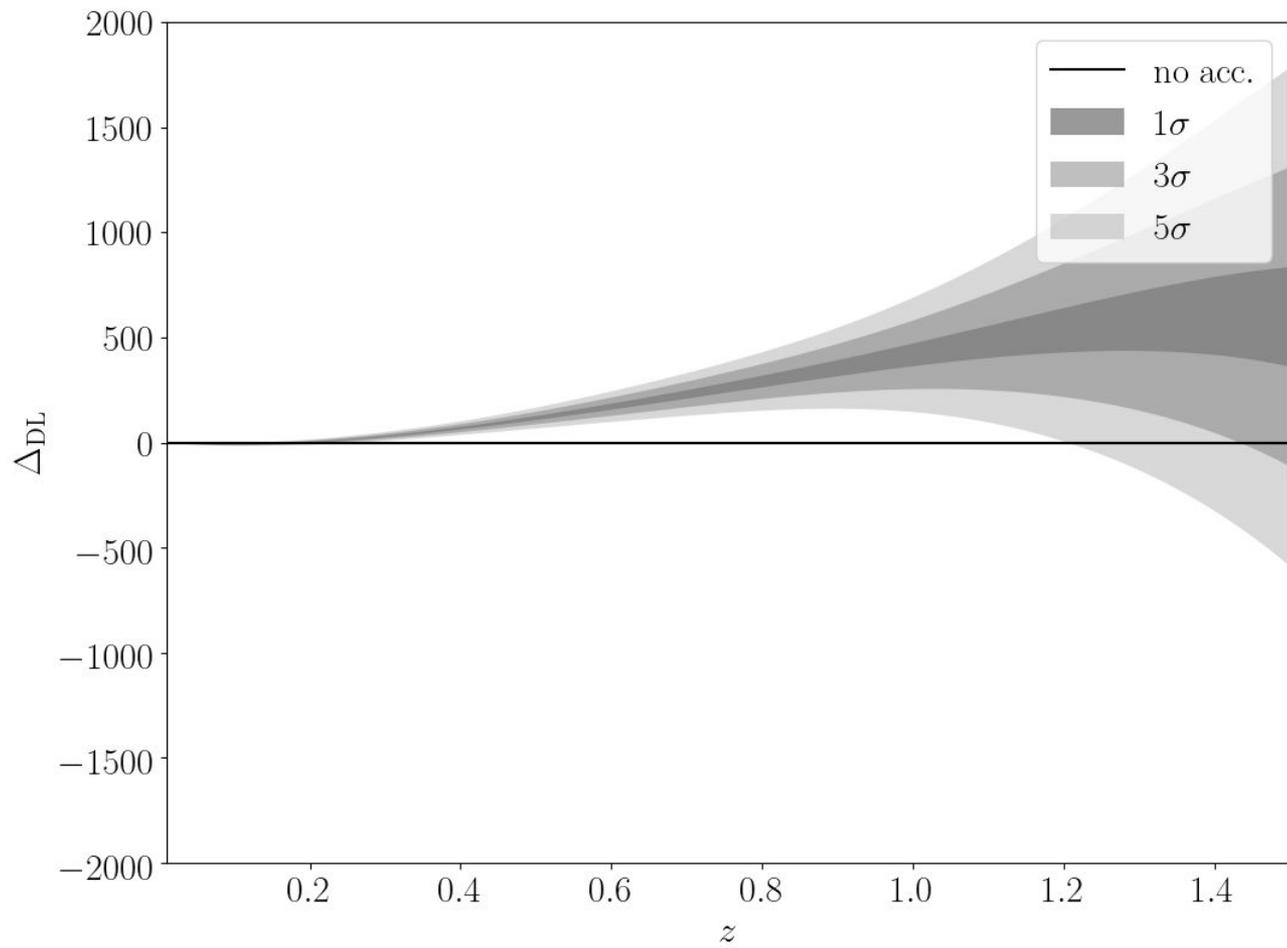
- A null test for cosmic acceleration (Seikel & Schwarz 08)

$$\log E(z) = \int_0^z \frac{(1+q(z'))}{1+z'} \quad E(z) \geq (1+z) \quad \forall q(z) \geq 0$$

Therefore  $D_C(z) \leq (c/H_0) \log(1+z)$  if the Universe never accelerated

- Delta diagnostic:  $\Delta \equiv O_{\text{obs}}(z) - O_{q \geq 0}(z) \geq 0$  ( $O_{\text{obs}}$  = DA, DL, H(z) etc)
- We perform this test with SNe and transversal BAO mode using the GP reconstruction from GaPP



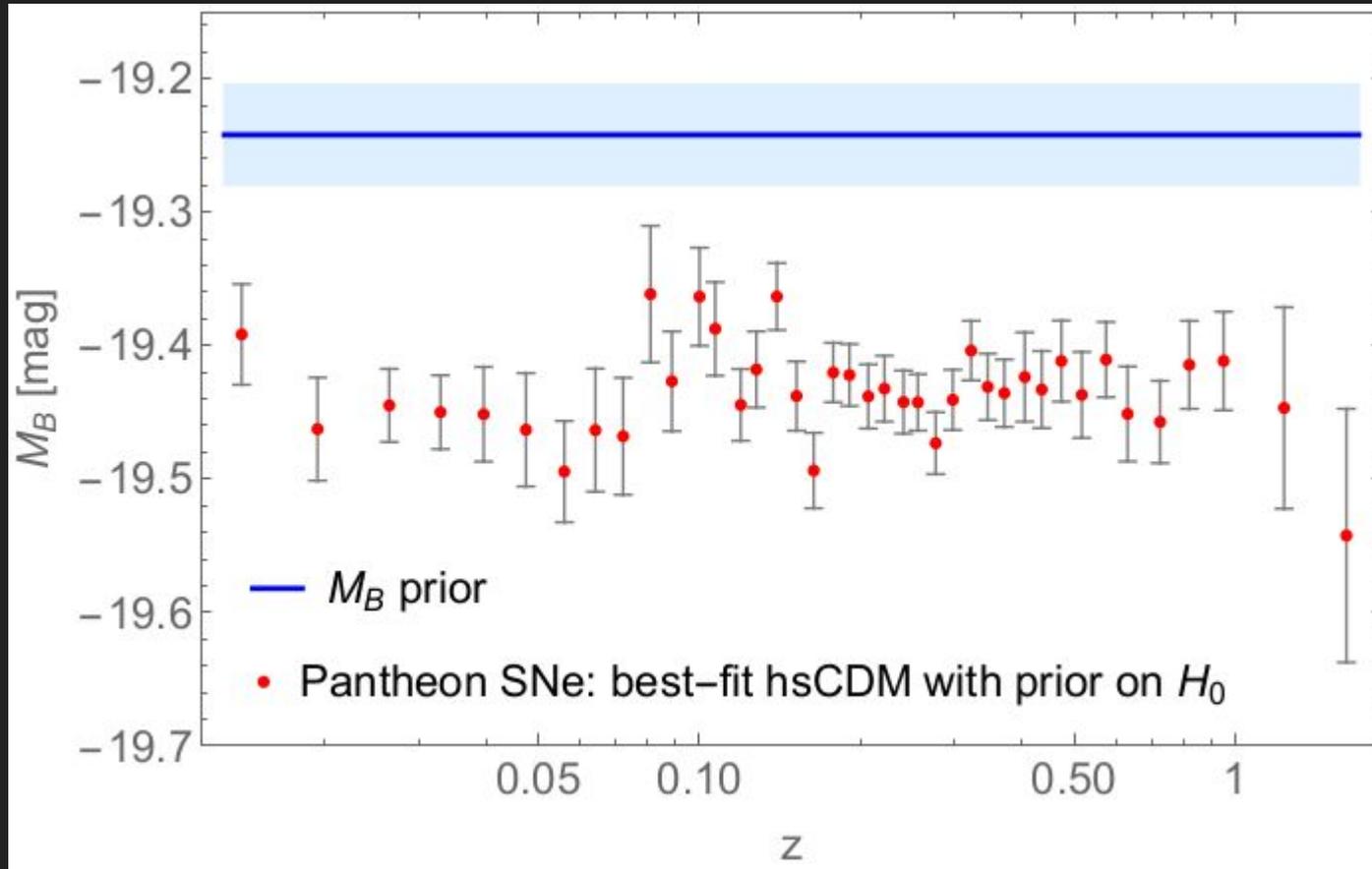


## **Part II:**

**Probing the current temperature of the CMB and  
the absolute magnitude of SNe**

# Motivation

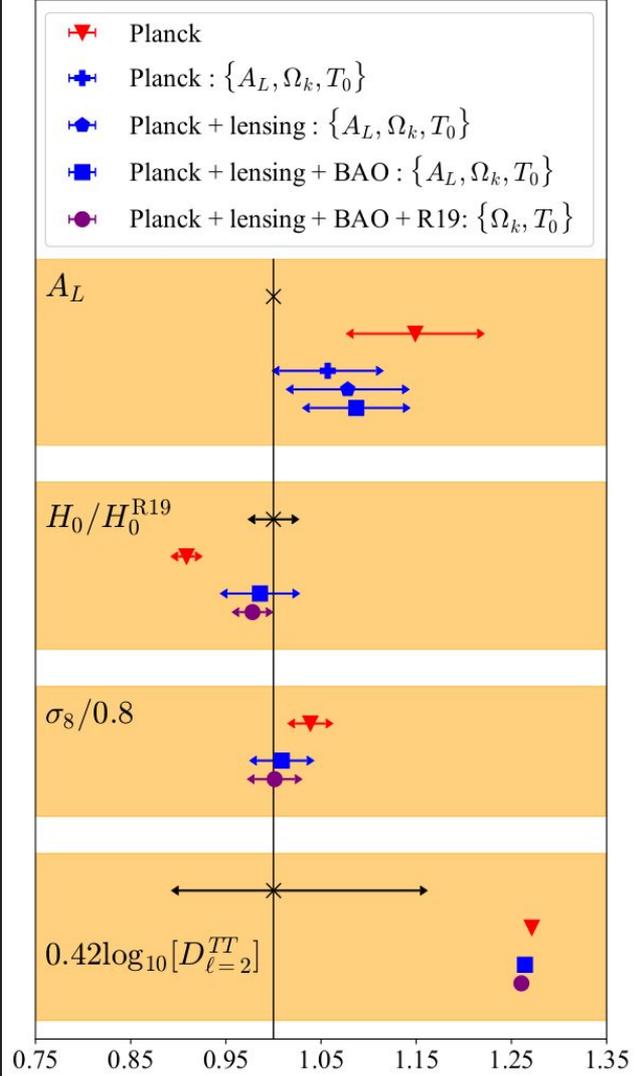
- We know that the CMB behaves as a nearly perfect black body with  $T_0 = 2.73\text{K}$ . FIRAS measured this value with extremely high precision 3 decades ago:  $T_0 = 2.72548 \pm 0.00057$  ( $1\sigma$ )
- We also know that the SNe can be used as reliable standardisable candles
- However...
  - A hotter and open Universe is able to solve the  $H_0$  and  $\sigma_8$  tension, besides some CMB features i.e. the low quadrupole power (Bose and Lombriser 2021)
  - Pantheon SNe absolute magnitude is not compatible with SH0ES measurement ( $3.8\sigma$ - $4.4\sigma$ ) - strongly related to the  $H_0$  tension. (Camarena and Marra 2021)
- We shall revisit the  $T_0$  measurements and the constancy of  $M_{\text{abs}}$  - departures from standard values may hint at new physics!



Credits: Camarena  
and Marra

MNRAS 504 (4),  
5164-5171 (2021)

Credits: Bose and Lombriser  
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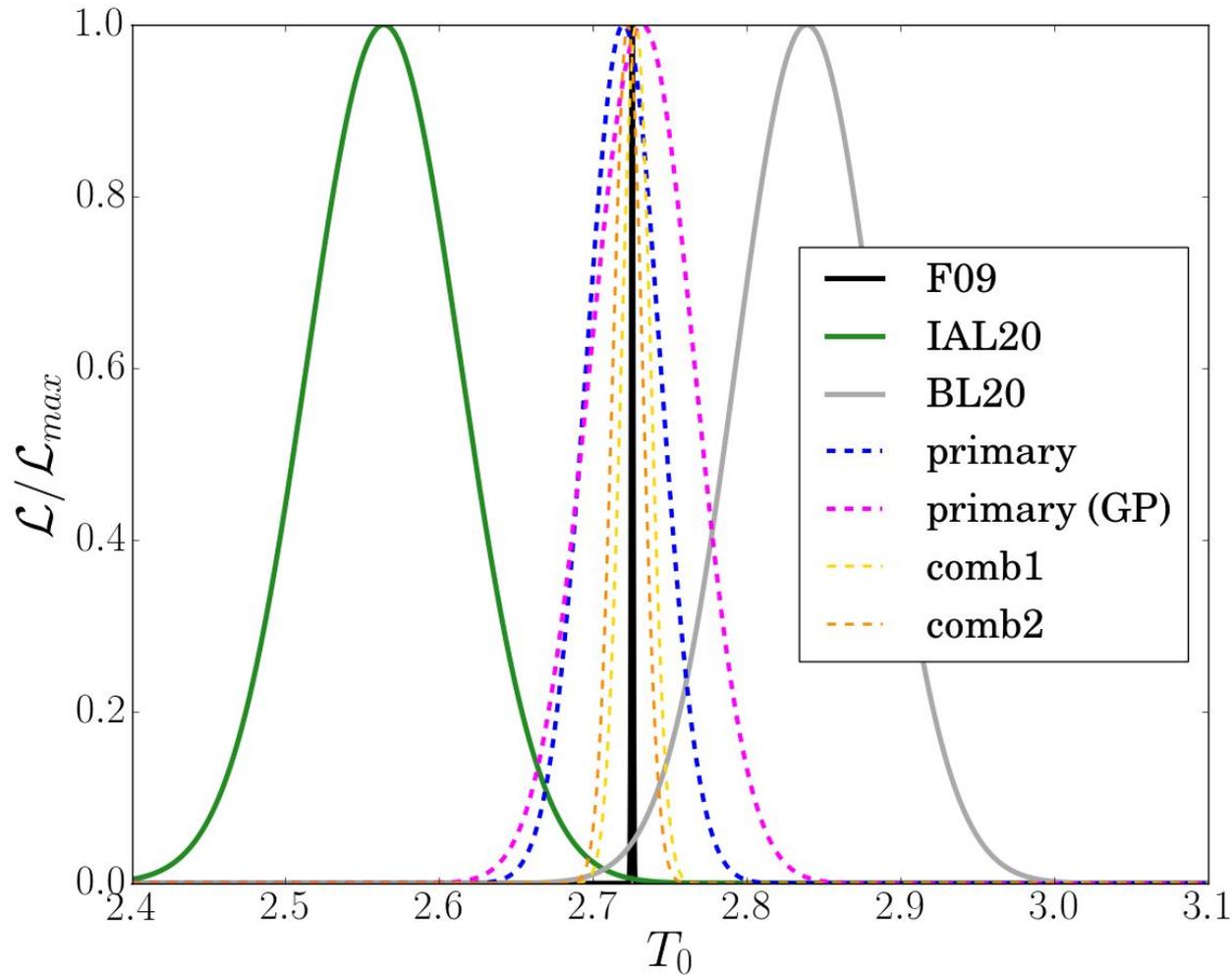
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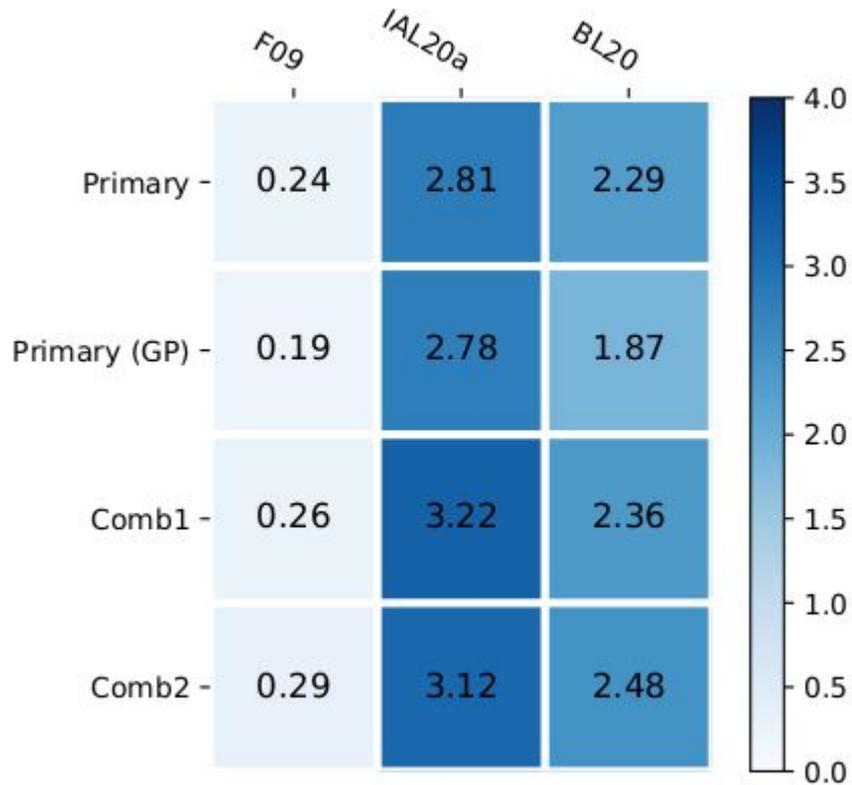
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- We compare our measurements with those in the literature
  - $T_0 = 2.72548 \pm 0.00057$  (F09)
  - $T_0 = 2.564 \pm 0.050$  (IAL20)
  - $T_0 = 2.839 \pm 0.046$  (BL20)

$$\mathcal{T} = \frac{|T_{0,exp1} - T_{0,exp2}|}{\sqrt{\sigma_{exp1}^2 + \sigma_{exp2}^2}}$$





Discrepancy between  
different T0 measurements

CB, Gonzalez, Alcaniz

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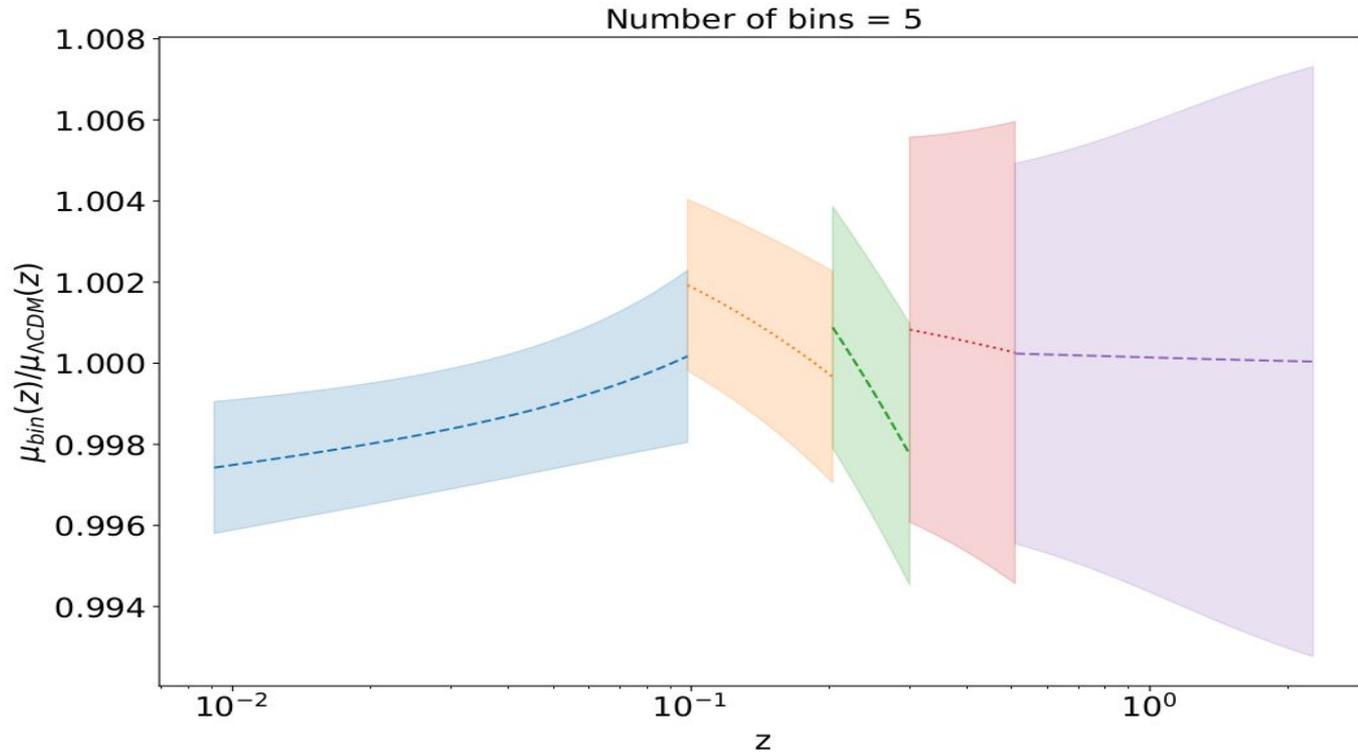
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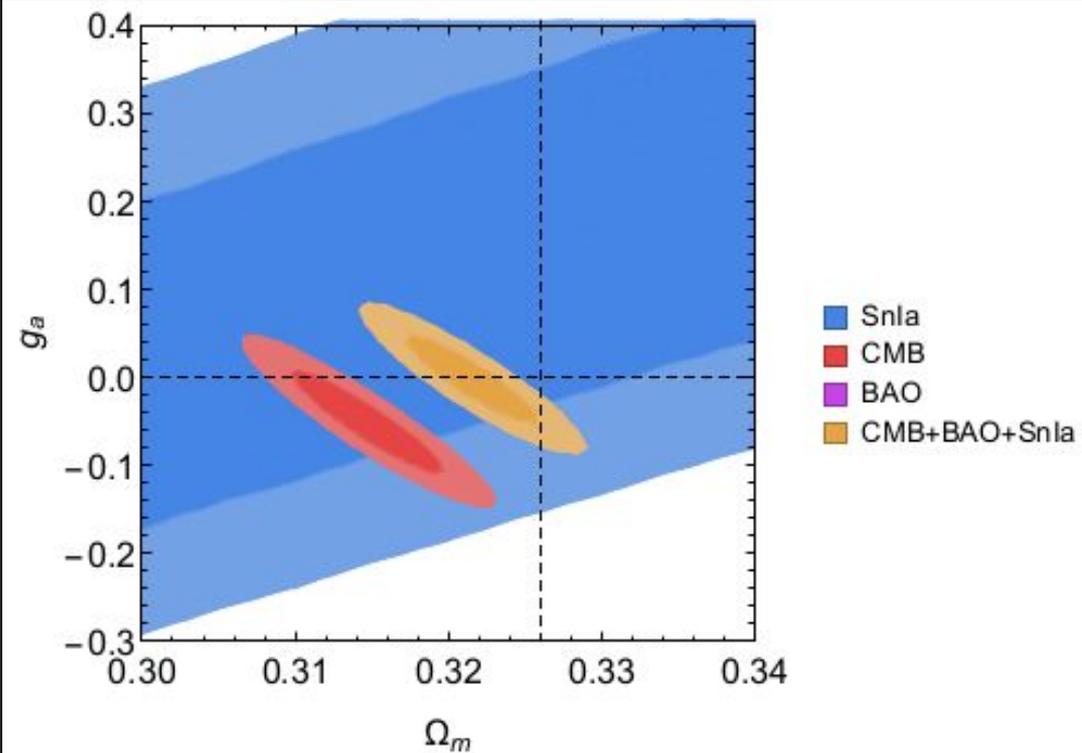
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- **Goal:** Measure the **Mabs of Pantheon SNe** compilation using several approaches:
  - Direct Mabs fit in different redshift bins
  - different parametrisations of  $M(z) = M_0 + M_1 * f(z)$
  - modified gravity:  $M(z) = M_0 + (15/4)\log(G_{\text{eff}}/G_n)$ ,  $G_{\text{eff}}/G_n = 1 + g_a[z/(1+z)]^n$
  - LTB model



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	$\mathcal{M}_0$	$\mathcal{M}_1$	$\Omega_{m,0}$	$\alpha$	$\chi^2_{\min}$
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<b>M1</b>	$-1.194 \pm 0.020$	$0.061 \pm 0.381$	$0.299 \pm 0.064$	-	1025.6
<b>M2</b>	$-1.190 \pm 0.013$	$-0.474 \pm 0.177$	$0.032 \pm 0.069$	-	1024.9
<b>M3</b>	$-1.192 \pm 0.016$	$0.031 \pm 0.462$	$0.311 \pm 0.188$	1	1025.6
<b><math>\overline{\text{M3}}</math></b>	$-1.195 \pm 0.012$	$1.204 \pm 0.055$	1	1	1025.9
<b>M4</b>	$-1.193 \pm 0.570$	$0.001 \pm 0.579$	$0.298 \pm 0.287$	-1	1025.6

TABLE II: The best fit values for model 1 (**M1**), model 2 (**M2**), model 3 (**M3**) and model 4 (**M4**) allowing the absolute magnitudes  $\mathcal{M}_0$  and  $\mathcal{M}_1$  free. The model 3 ( **$\overline{\text{M3}}$** ) refers to **M3** where we fix  $\Omega_{m,0} = 1$ . The results have been obtained assuming flatness and fixing the dark energy equation of state  $w = -1$ .  **$\Lambda$**  refers to the  $\Lambda$ CDM model.

# Conclusions

- We found no evidence for a hotter Universe that could solve H0 tension, and neither for evolution of SNe absolute magnitude
- However, the H0 and Mabs tensions still linger...
- Some possible solutions include:
  - a rapid Geff transition at  $z < 0.01$  (Marra and Perivolaropoulos 21)
  - w-Mabs phantom transition at  $z < 0.1$  (Aletras, Kazantzidis and Perivolaropoulos PRD 2021)
  - see more at Perivolaropoulos and Skaras review (e-Print: [2105.05208](https://arxiv.org/abs/2105.05208))

## **Part IV:**

**Cosmology: A search for two numbers revisited.  
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## Cosmology: A search for two numbers

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- Goal: forecast the constraints on  $H_0$  and  $q_0$  using  $H(z)$  data mimicking these surveys using a model-independent approach  
**CB, Clarkson, Maartens, JCAP2020, CB MNRAS2020**

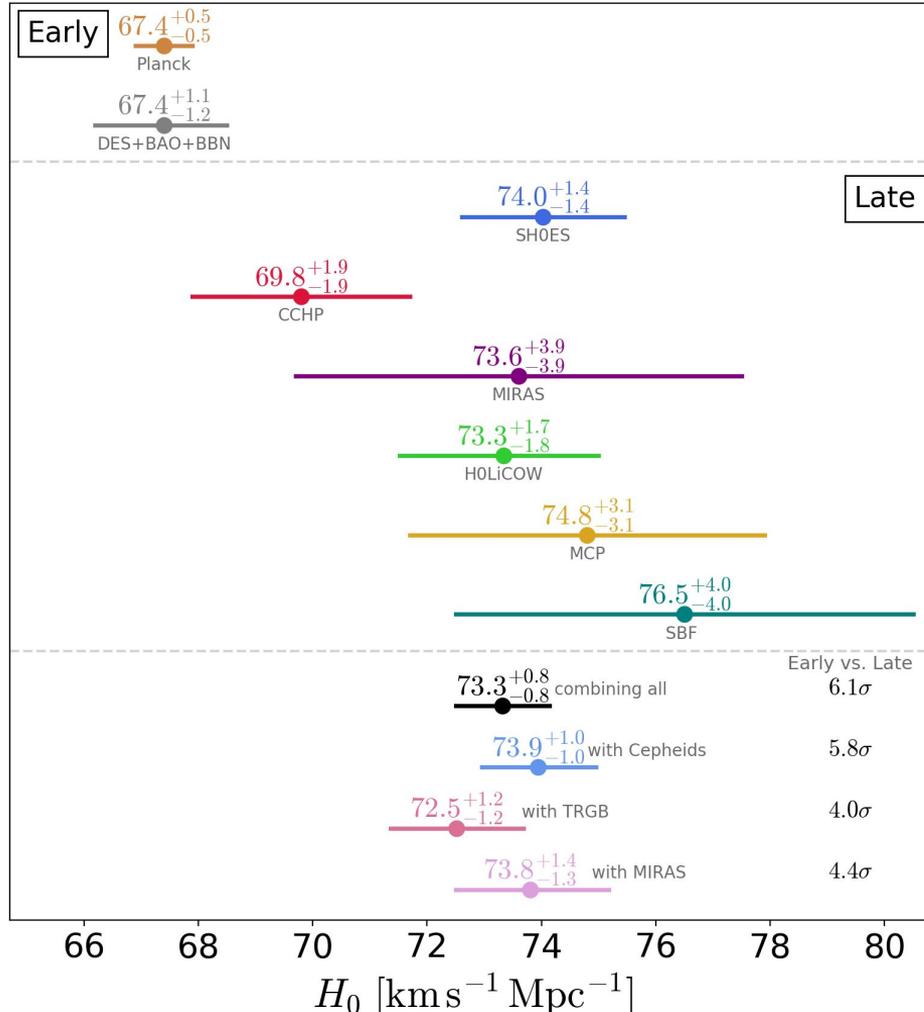
# The first number: $H_0$

CB, Clarkson, Maartens

**JCAP 05 (2020) 053**

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# flat – $\Lambda$ CDM



There is a persisting tension between early and late-Universe measurements of  $H_0$ ; Alternative dark energy models, or local underdensities, cannot easily solve this tension

Credits: Vivien Poulin  
<http://arxiv.org/abs/1907.10625>

# Part IIa: The $H_0$ tension with next-gen surveys

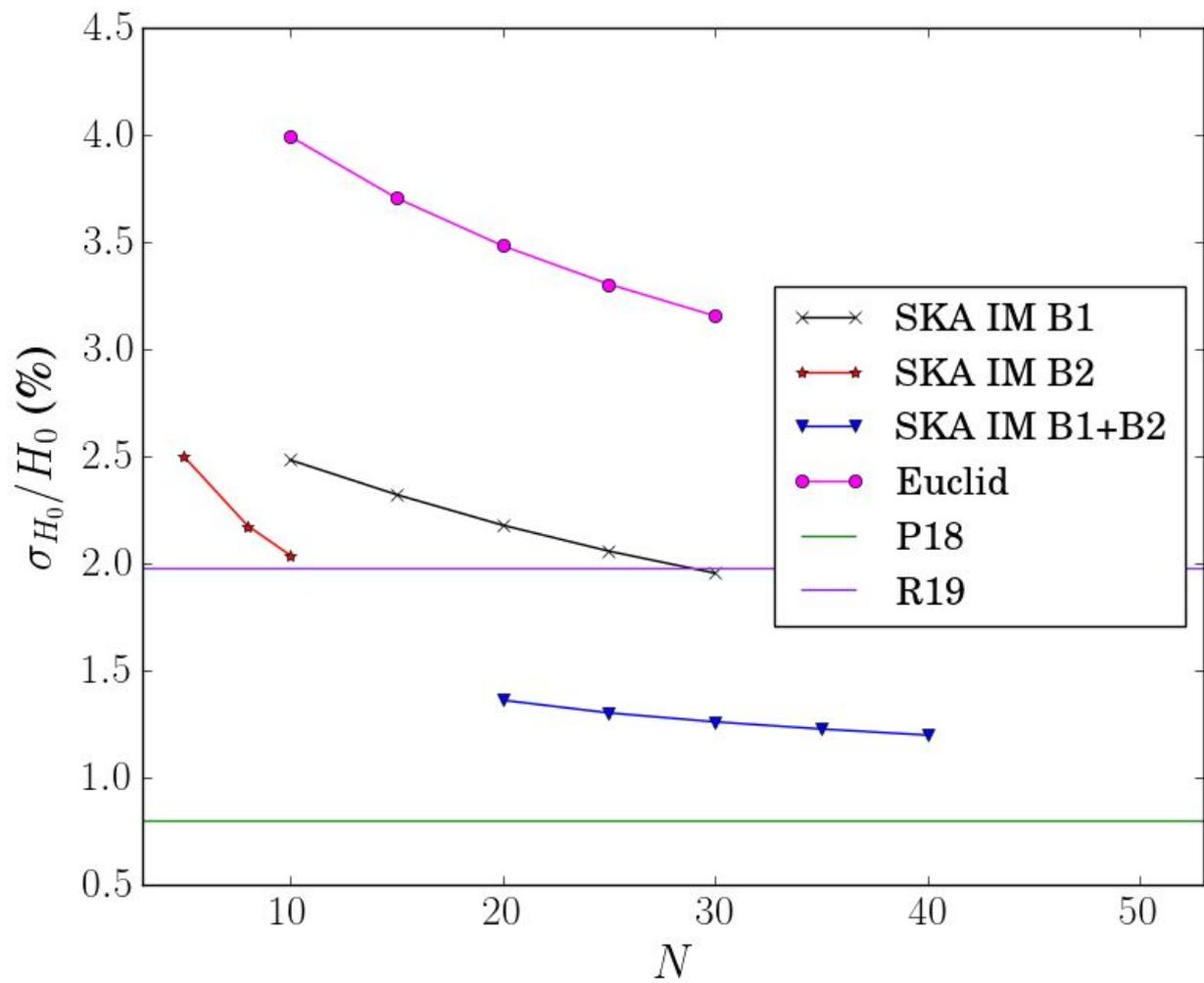
- How well can we measure  $H_0$  with future redshift surveys like **SKA and Euclid**?
- **Model-independent approaches**, as those based on **non-parametric reconstructions**, can tell  $H_0$  **regardless** of the cosmological model assumed
- If we can measure  $H_0$  down to a few per cent, **we can tell early- and late-Universe  $H_0$  values apart at  $\sim 5\sigma$**  and **solve this tension**

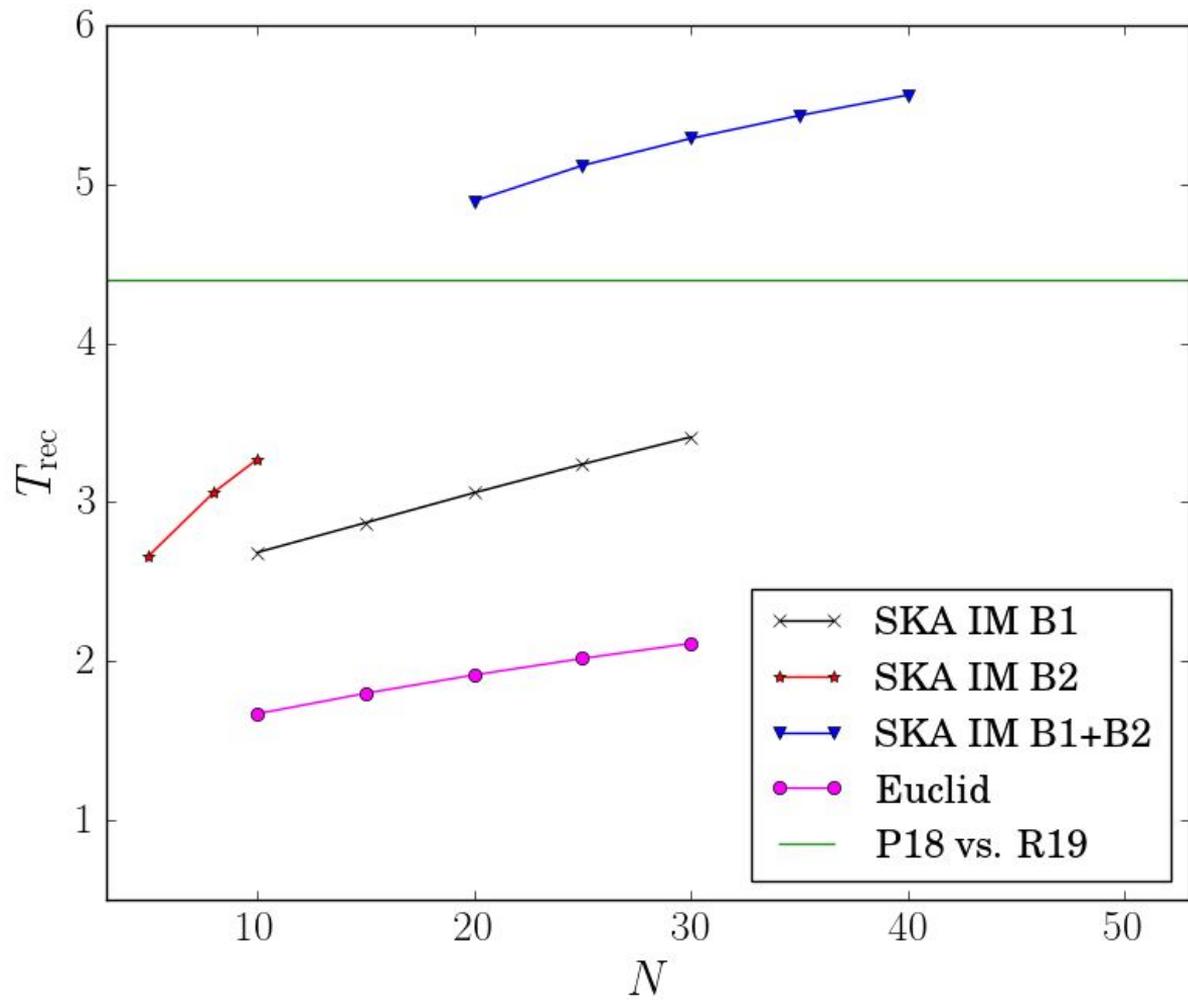
# Work Outline

- **Simulate  $H(z)$  data** following **Euclid-** and **SKA-like (B1 and B2)** surveys, with uncertainties taken from SKA1 red book (arxiv:1811.02743)
- Fiducial model based on **Planck 2018 flat  $\Lambda$ CDM best-fit**
- Rather than forecasting  $H_0$  uncertainty using eg Fisher Matrix, we perform a **non-parametric regression over the  $H(z)$  data points** all the way to  $H(z=0)$  using **Gaussian Processes GaPP code**  
<https://github.com/carlosandrepaes/GaPP>  
Seikel, Clarkson & Smith JCAP 1206 (2012) 036

# The method

- **Gaussian Processes (GP):** “A Gaussian Process is a collection of random variables, any finite number of which have (consistent) joint gaussian distributions”
- In other words: GP consists on a **distribution of functions** rather than a **distribution of values**
- We will look for a function that best describes the data, and then extrapolate it to different ranges. **A model-independent approach**





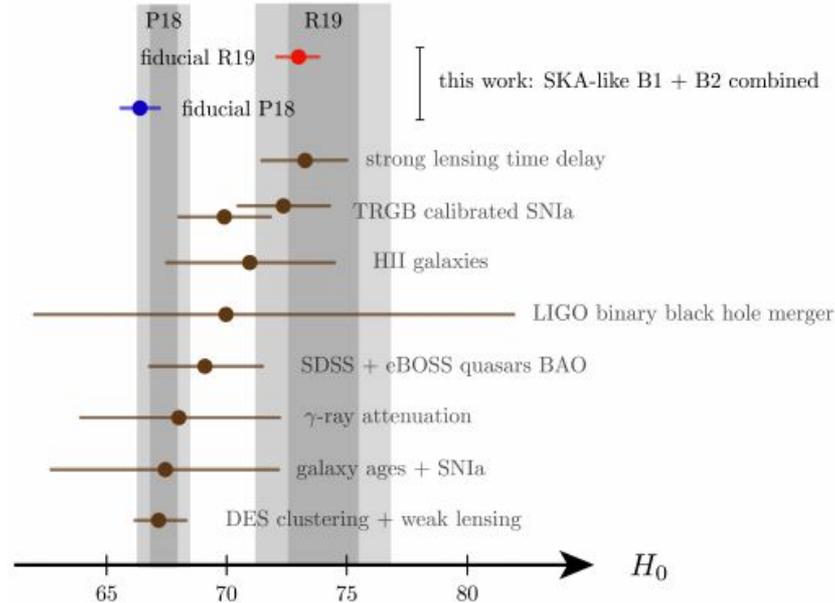


FIG. 3. Compilation of  $H_0$  measurements, with  $1\sigma$  error bars, shown against  $1\sigma$  (darker) and  $2\sigma$  (lighter) error bands for P18 (left) and R19 (right). From bottom to top: DES clustering + weak lensing [37]; galaxy ages + SNIa [19];  $\gamma$ -ray attenuation [35]; SDSS + eBOSS quasars BAO (direct estimate of  $H_0$ ) [18]; LIGO binary black hole merger GW170817 [39]; HII galaxies [36]; TRGB calibrated SNIa [7, 8]; strong lensing time delay [6]. Our GP-reconstructed estimates for SKA-like B1+B2 combined are: (fiducial P18, in blue) and (fiducial R19, in red), where the dots indicate the reconstructed  $H_0^{\text{P18}}$  and  $H_0^{\text{R19}}$ .

**The second number: q0**

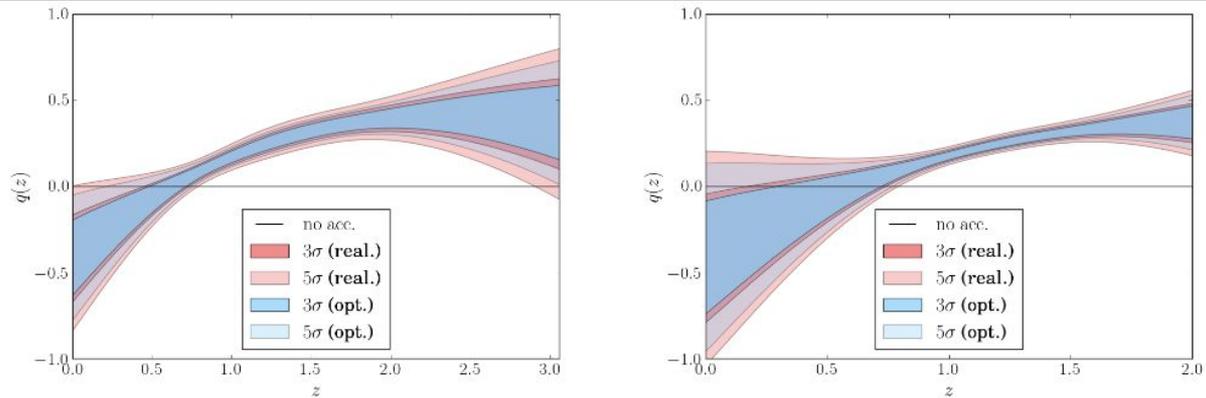
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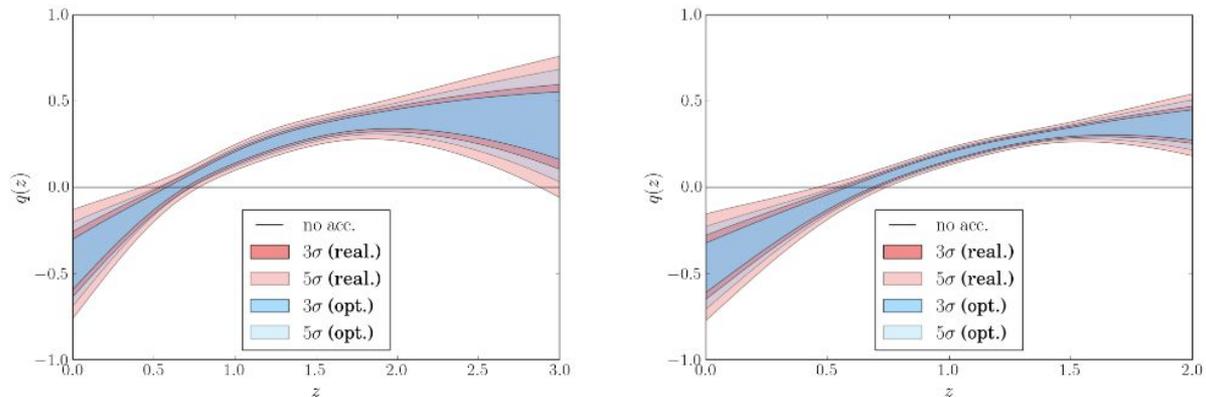
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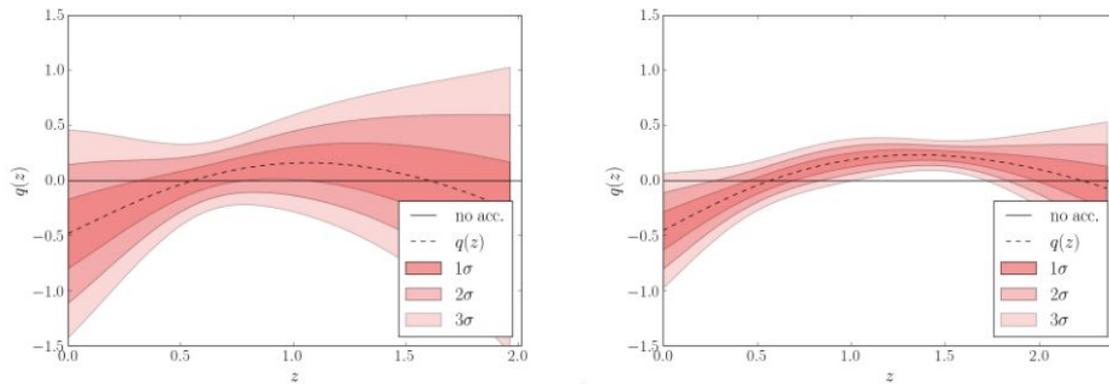
- How well can we measure  $q_0$  with future redshift surveys like **SKA and Euclid**?
- Again, we rely on a **non-parametric analysis using GP** to reconstruct  $q(z)$  all the way to  $z=0$  using  $q(z) = (1+z)(H'/H)-1$  using the simulated  **$H(z)$  measurements for Euclid and SKA-like surveys**
- We can check how **strong is the evidence for current cosmic acceleration**, and so underpin the concordance model



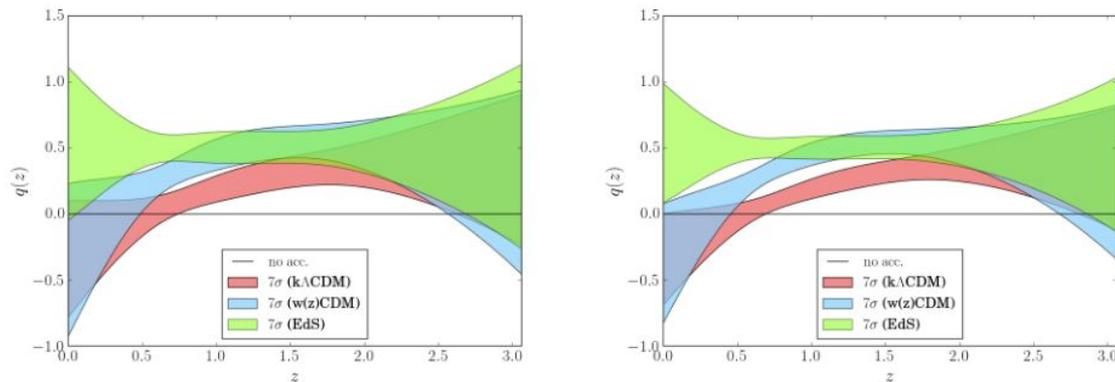
**Figure 1.** Left panel: Gaussian-process reconstructed  $q(z)$  following Eqs. (6) and (7) for a SKA-like B1 survey assuming the realistic ( $N_1 = 10$  and  $N_2 = 5$ , in blue) and optimistic ( $N_1 = 20$  and  $N_2 = 10$ ), in red) specifications. The darker (lighter) shaded curves provide the  $3\sigma$  ( $5\sigma$ ) confidence levels. The black line denotes shows the non-accelerated threshold at  $q_0 = 0$ . Right panel: Same as the left panel, but valid for an Euclid-like survey.



**Figure 2.** Same as Fig. 1, but including the SKA-like B2 data points.



**Figure 3.** The reconstructed  $q(z)$  curves, and their 1, 2 and  $3\sigma$  uncertainties using real  $H(z)$  data from CC (left) and CC combined with BAO measurements from galaxy surveys like SDSS and WiggleZ (right).



**Figure 4.** The reconstructed  $q(z)$  curves (in  $7\sigma$ ) for SKA-like B1 and B2 surveys combined assuming the  $k\Lambda$ CDM (red),  $w(z)$ CDM (blue) and EdS (green) models. The left plot displays the results for a realistic survey specification ( $N_1 = 10$  and  $N_2 = 5$ ), and the right plot for an optimistic one ( $N_1 = 20$  and  $N_2 = 10$ ).

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- Euclid can measure  $H_0$  with  $\sim 3\%$  precision; SKA B1 and B2 alone can measure it with  $\sim 2\%$ , but B1+B2 combined can reach almost  $\sim 1\%$  precision
- 30  $H(z)$  measurements of SKA B1+B2 **can tell early and late-Universe  $H_0$  values apart at  $\sim 5\sigma$**  - thus pinpoint one of the  $H_0$  values and help solving this tension
- Euclid and SKA B1 can quantify the evidence for cosmic acceleration at **3 and  $5\sigma$  alone -  $7\sigma$  if combined with SKA B2**
- All these analyses tell us how well can we search for these two numbers with future observations **without assuming dark energy a priori**