

Cosmological Tensions Lecture 3

How (not) to solve the Hubble tension?

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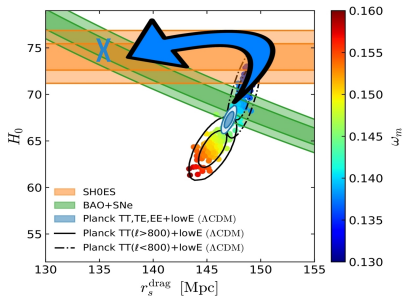


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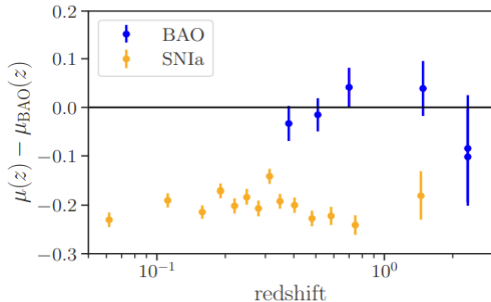


What does the Hubble tension really mean?

Reminder: beyond the simplest CMB vs SH0ES interpretation, it is a tension between BAO (r_s) and SNIa (M_B) calibrators



Knox & Millea, PRD 101 (2020) 043533



Tutusaus, Kunz & Favre, 2311.16862

So we need to change either or both r_s and/or M_B !

A naïve first approach: CMB vs SH0ES

Introduce new physics such that a higher H_0 needed to keep θ_s fixed
 \implies Most extensions reduce tension by enlarging errors – no simple extension where H_0 high from CMB alone (in most cases H_0 lower)!

Table 5. Constraints on standard cosmological parameters from *Planck* TT,TE,EE+lowE+lensing when the base- Λ CDM model is extended by varying additional parameters. The constraint on τ is also stable but not shown for brevity; however, we include H_0 (in $\text{km s}^{-1}\text{Mpc}^{-1}$) as a derived parameter (which is very poorly constrained from *Planck* alone in the Λ CDM+ w_0 extension). Here α_{-1} is a matter isocurvature amplitude parameter, following PCP15. All limits are 68 % in this table. The results assume standard BBN except when varying Y_P independently (which requires non-standard BBN). Varying A_L is not a physical model (see Sect. 6.2).

Parameter(s)	$\Omega_b h^2$	$\Omega_c h^2$	$100\theta_{MC}$	H_0	n_s	$\ln(10^{10} A_s)$
Base Λ CDM	0.02237 ± 0.00015	0.1200 ± 0.0012	1.04092 ± 0.00031	67.36 ± 0.54	0.9649 ± 0.0042	3.044 ± 0.014
r	0.02237 ± 0.00014	0.1199 ± 0.0012	1.04092 ± 0.00031	67.40 ± 0.54	0.9659 ± 0.0041	3.044 ± 0.014
$dn_s/d \ln k$	0.02240 ± 0.00015	0.1200 ± 0.0012	1.04092 ± 0.00031	67.36 ± 0.53	0.9641 ± 0.0044	3.047 ± 0.015
$dn_s/d \ln k, r$	0.02243 ± 0.00015	0.1199 ± 0.0012	1.04093 ± 0.00030	67.44 ± 0.54	0.9647 ± 0.0044	3.049 ± 0.015
$d^2 n_s/d \ln k^2, dn_s/d \ln k$	0.02237 ± 0.00016	0.1202 ± 0.0012	1.04090 ± 0.00030	67.28 ± 0.56	0.9625 ± 0.0048	3.049 ± 0.015
N_{eff}	0.02224 ± 0.00022	0.1179 ± 0.0028	1.04116 ± 0.00043	66.3 ± 1.4	0.9589 ± 0.0084	3.036 ± 0.017
$N_{\text{eff}}, dn_s/d \ln k$	0.02216 ± 0.00022	0.1157 ± 0.0032	1.04144 ± 0.00048	65.2 ± 1.6	0.950 ± 0.011	3.034 ± 0.017
Σm_ν	0.02236 ± 0.00015	0.1201 ± 0.0013	1.04088 ± 0.00032	$67.1^{+1.7}_{-0.67}$	0.9647 ± 0.0043	3.046 ± 0.015
$\Sigma m_\nu, N_{\text{eff}}$	0.02221 ± 0.00022	$0.1179^{+0.0027}_{-0.0030}$	1.04116 ± 0.00044	$65.9^{+1.8}_{-1.6}$	0.9582 ± 0.0086	3.037 ± 0.017
$m_{\nu_{\text{sterile}}}, N_{\text{eff}}$	$0.02242^{+0.00014}_{-0.00016}$	$0.1200^{+0.0032}_{-0.0029}$	$1.04074^{+0.00033}_{-0.00029}$	$67.11^{+0.63}_{-0.79}$	$0.9652^{+0.0045}_{-0.0056}$	$3.050^{+0.014}_{-0.016}$
α_{-1}	0.02238 ± 0.00015	0.1201 ± 0.0015	1.04087 ± 0.00043	67.30 ± 0.67	0.9645 ± 0.0061	3.045 ± 0.014
w_0	0.02243 ± 0.00015	0.1193 ± 0.0012	1.04099 ± 0.00031	...	0.9666 ± 0.0041	3.038 ± 0.014
Ω_K	0.02249 ± 0.00016	0.1185 ± 0.0015	1.04107 ± 0.00032	$63.6^{+2.1}_{-2.3}$	0.9688 ± 0.0047	$3.030^{+0.017}_{-0.015}$
Y_P	0.02230 ± 0.00020	0.1201 ± 0.0012	1.04067 ± 0.00055	67.19 ± 0.63	0.9621 ± 0.0070	3.042 ± 0.016
Y_P, N_{eff}	0.02224 ± 0.00022	$0.1171^{+0.0042}_{-0.0049}$	1.0415 ± 0.0012	$66.0^{+1.7}_{-1.9}$	0.9589 ± 0.0085	3.036 ± 0.018
A_L	0.02251 ± 0.00017	0.1182 ± 0.0015	1.04110 ± 0.00032	68.16 ± 0.70	0.9696 ± 0.0048	$3.029^{+0.018}_{-0.016}$

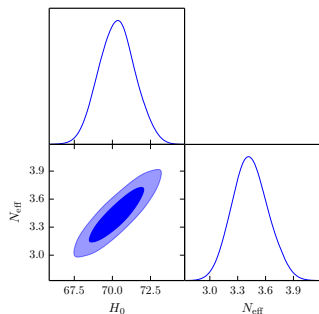
A naïve first approach: CMB vs SH0ES

$$\theta_s = \frac{r_s}{d_A(z_*)} = \frac{\int_{z_*}^{\infty} dz' c_s(z')/H(z')}{\int_0^{z_*} dz''/H(z'')}$$

Early-time new physics

Decreases r_s , then H_0 increases to decrease $d_A(z_*)$ proportionally

Prototype: $N_{\text{eff}} > 3.046$

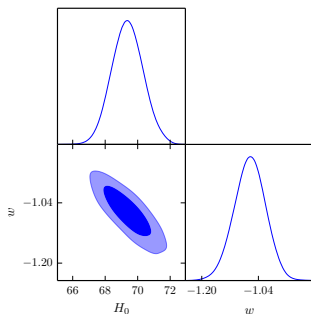


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Late-time new physics

Keeps r_s and $d_A(z_*)$ fixed, but $d_A(z < z_*)$ and thus $H(z < z_*)$ change so H_0 is higher

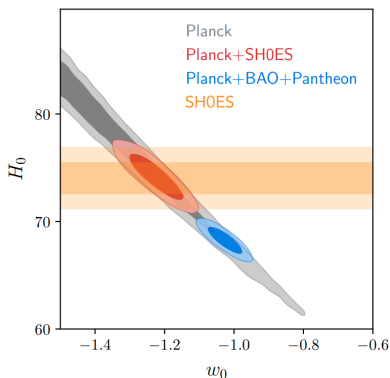
Prototype: $w < -1$



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The problem with late-time modifications

BAO and cosmographic SNeIa data (which help break the geometrical degeneracy) don't want huge late-time modifications to Λ CDM \rightarrow really need to go and fix that sound horizon!



Credits: Vivian Poulin

Keeping θ_s fixed necessary but not sufficient condition for a good model!

Three important scales and angles

Sound horizon at recombination:

$$r_s = \int_{z_*}^{\infty} dz \frac{c_s(z)}{H(z)} \implies \theta_s = \frac{r_s}{d_A(z_*)}$$

Sound horizon at equality:

$$r_s^{\text{eq}} = \int_{z_{\text{eq}}}^{\infty} dz \frac{c_s(z)}{H(z)} \implies \theta_s^{\text{eq}} = \frac{r_s^{\text{eq}}}{d_A(z_*)}$$

Damping scale:

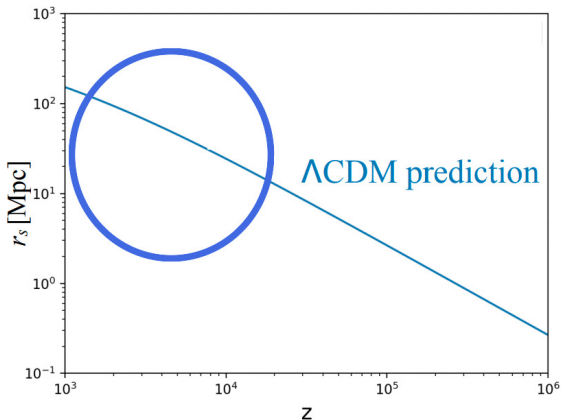
$$r_d = \sqrt{\int_0^{\eta_*} d\eta \frac{1}{6(1+R)n_e\sigma_T a} \left[\frac{R^2}{1+R} + \frac{8}{9} \right]} \implies \theta_d = \frac{r_d}{d_A(z_*)}$$

Any good model has to keep θ_s , θ_d , θ_s^{eq} fixed!

Back to the sound horizon

Which knobs do we need to play around with to reduce r_s ?

$$r_s = \int_{z_*}^{\infty} dz \frac{c_s(z)}{H(z)} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{8\pi G}} \int_{z_*}^{\infty} dz \frac{c_s(z)}{\sqrt{\rho_{\text{tot}}(z)}}$$

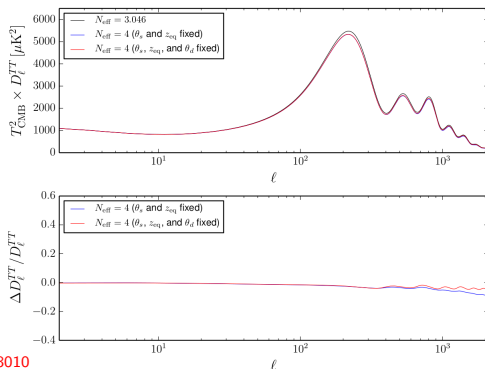


Increasing the pre-recombination expansion rate

Simplest possibility: effective number of relativistic species $N_{\text{eff}} > 3.044$ (free-streaming dark radiation)

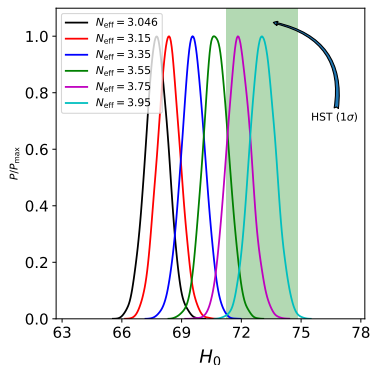
$$\rho_r = \rho_\gamma \left[1 + \frac{7}{8} \left(\frac{4}{11} \right)^{\frac{4}{3}} N_{\text{eff}} \right]$$

Effect on CMB (increase ω_c and h to keep θ_s fixed, Y_p to keep θ_d fixed)

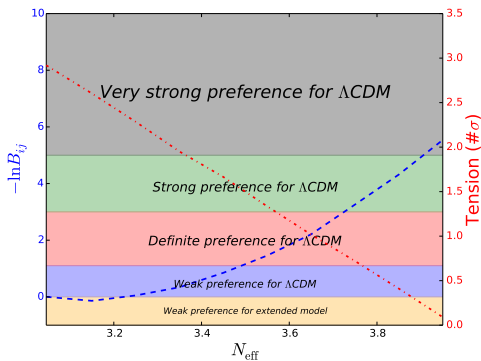


Why free-streaming dark radiation fails

Need $N_{\text{eff}} \gtrsim 4$ to fully solve the tension, completely inconsistent with θ_d (disfavored by *Planck* high- ℓ polarization data)



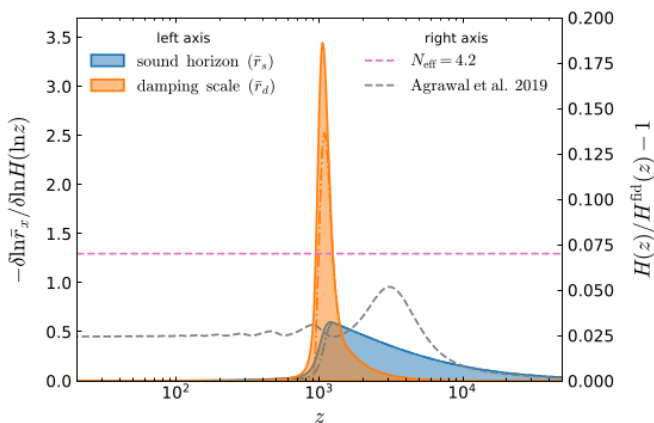
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Possible extensions: self-interacting DR, free-streaming plus self-interacting DR, DR-DR scattering, DR-DM scattering,...

A key difficulty

How do r_s and r_d respond to changes in $H(z)$ before recombination?



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For N_{eff} , $\delta r_d / r_d \sim 1/2 \delta r_s / r_s \implies 1/2$ is the problem!

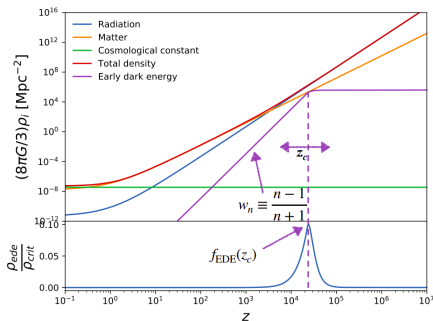
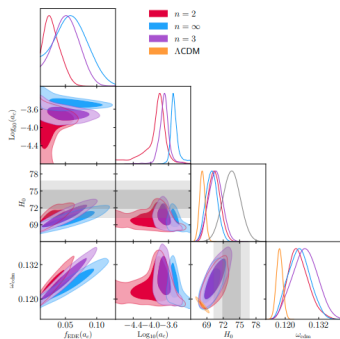
Early dark energy

Scalar field initially frozen (Hubble friction), then dilutes faster than matter

$$V_n(\phi) \propto (1 - \cos \phi)^n, \quad \ddot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} + \frac{dV_n(\phi)}{d\phi} = 0$$

Effective equation of state:

$$w(z > z_c) \approx -1 \quad w(z > z_c) \approx (n-1)/(n+1) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 1$$



Poulin et al., PRL 122 (2019) 221301 (left); Credits: Tanvi Karwal & Vivian Poulin (right)

Variants of EDE

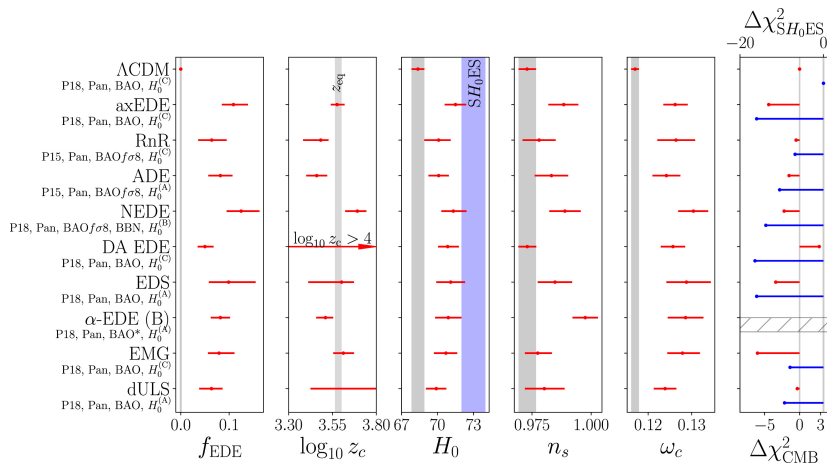
Many EDE-like models now exist in the literature! See reviews Poulin, Smith & Karwal,

PDU 42 (2023) 101348; Kamionkowski & Riess, ARNPS 73 (2023) 153



Credits: Marc Kamionkowski & Vivian Poulin

Status of EDE models

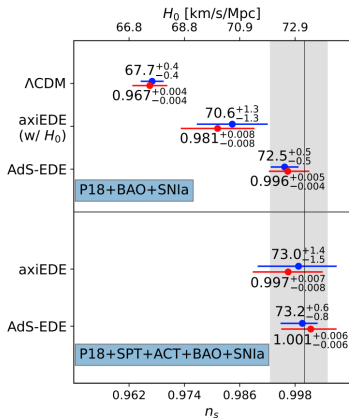
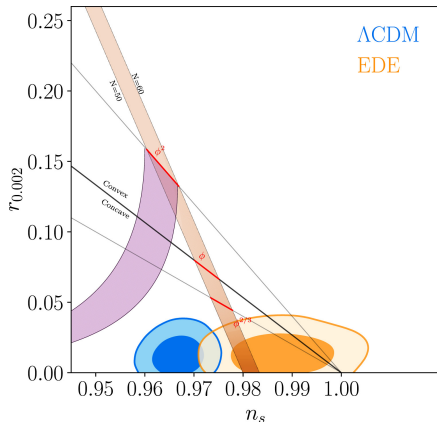


Poulin, Smith & Karwal, PDU 42 (2023) 101348

Interesting model not shown here: AdS-EDE

Implications for inflation

Return of the Harrison-Zel'dovich-Peebles spectrum ($n_s = 1$)? θ_d increase when keeping θ_s fixed can be partially compensated by increasing n_s



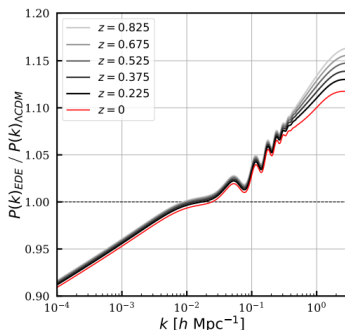
Poulin, Smith & Karwal, PDU 42 (2023) 101348 (left); Ye, Jiang & Piao, PRD 106 (2022) 103528 (right)

Is it too premature to perform inflationary model selection?

Potential problems with EDE

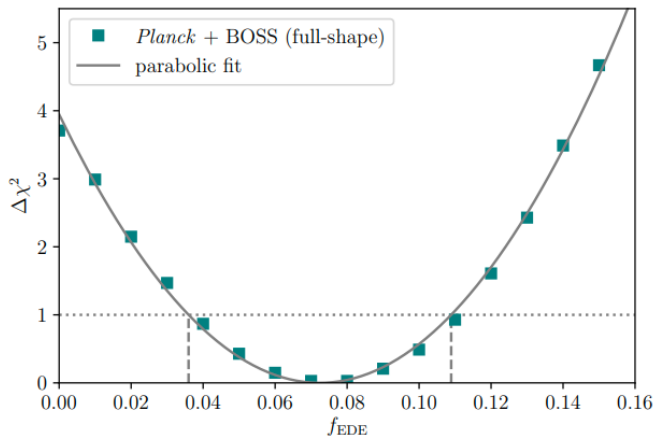
- does not completely absorb shift in θ_d
- requires higher value of $\omega_c \rightarrow$ predicts excess power on small scales (worsens S_8 tension?)
- not preferred by *Planck* CMB data alone
- new coincidence and fine-tuning problems?
- vanilla potential hard to construct theoretically?

Parameter	Λ CDM	EDE (high ω_c)	EDE (low ω_c)
$100\omega_b$	2.253	2.253	2.253
ω_c	0.1177	0.1322	0.1177
H_0 [km/s/Mpc]	68.21	72.19	72.19
τ	0.085	0.072	0.072
$\ln(10^{10} A_s)$	3.0983	3.0978	3.0978
n_s	0.9686	0.9889	0.9889
f_{EDE}	—	0.122	0.122
$\log_{10} z_c$	—	3.562	3.562
θ_i	—	2.83	2.83
n	—	3	3



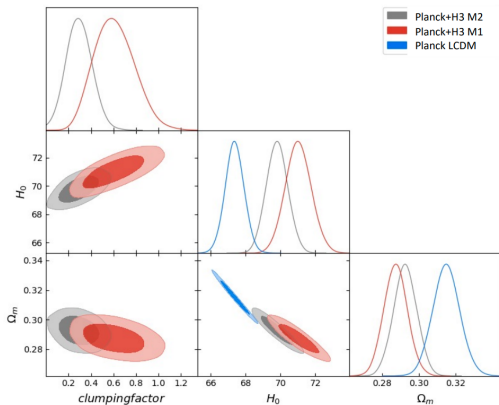
Prior volume effects at play?

Bayesian constraints on f_{EDE} are potentially affected by prior volume effects \rightarrow useful to look at frequentist methods (e.g. profile likelihood)



Early recombination from primordial magnetic fields

PMF lead to small-scale (\sim kpc) inhomogeneities in baryon density (clumping) $\rightarrow \langle n_e^2 \rangle > \langle n_e \rangle^2 = \langle n_e^2 \rangle_{\text{hom}} \rightarrow$ earlier recombination

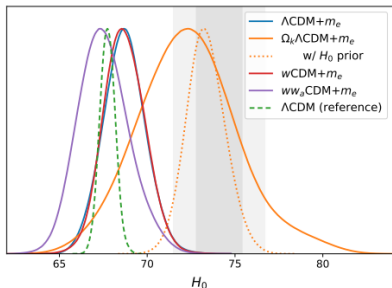


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Clumping factor $b \equiv (\langle n_b^2 \rangle - \langle n_b \rangle^2) / \langle n_b \rangle^2$

Early recombination from varying electron mass

Higher m_e at recombination makes recombination occur earlier ($B \propto m_e$)
 Requires small shifts in ω_b and ω_m which can be reabsorbed by $\Omega_K < 0$



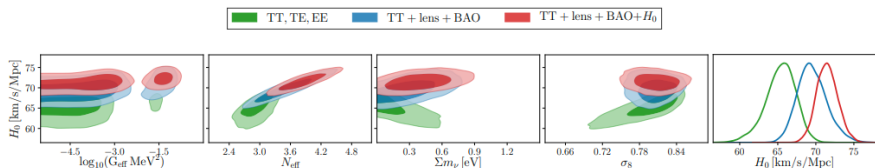
Model	ΔN_{param}	M_B	Gaussian Tension	Q_{DMAP} Tension	$\Delta\chi^2$	ΔAIC	One test passed
ΛCDM	0	-19.416 ± 0.012	4.4σ	4.5σ	0.00	0.00	X X
ΔN_{nr}	1	-19.395 ± 0.019	3.6σ	3.8σ	-6.10	-4.10	X X
SIDR	1	-19.385 ± 0.024	3.2σ	3.3σ	-9.57	-7.57	✓ ✓ ●
mixed DR	2	-19.413 ± 0.036	3.3σ	3.4σ	-8.83	-4.83	X X
DR-DM	2	-19.388 ± 0.026	3.2σ	3.1σ	-8.92	-4.92	X X
SI ν +DR	3	$-19.440^{+0.037}_{-0.039}$	3.8σ	3.9σ	-4.98	1.02	X X
Majoron	3	$-19.380^{+0.027}_{-0.021}$	3.0σ	2.9σ	-15.49	-9.49	✓ ✓ ●
primordial B	1	$-19.390^{+0.018}_{-0.034}$	3.5σ	3.5σ	-11.42	-9.42	✓ ✓ ●
varying m_e	1	-19.391 ± 0.034	2.9σ	2.9σ	-12.27	-10.27	✓ ✓ ●
varying $m_e + \Omega_k$	2	-19.368 ± 0.048	2.0σ	1.9σ	-17.26	-13.26	✓ ✓ ●
EDE	3	$-19.390^{+0.016}_{-0.035}$	3.6σ	1.6σ	-21.98	-15.98	✓ ✓ ●
NEDE	3	$-19.380^{+0.023}_{-0.040}$	3.1σ	1.9σ	-18.93	-12.93	✓ ✓ ●
EMG	3	$-19.397^{+0.017}_{-0.023}$	3.7σ	2.3σ	-18.56	-12.56	✓ ✓ ●
CPL	2	-19.400 ± 0.020	3.7σ	4.1σ	-4.94	-0.94	X X
PEDE	0	-19.349 ± 0.013	2.7σ	2.8σ	2.24	2.24	X X
GPEDE	1	-19.400 ± 0.022	3.6σ	4.6σ	-0.45	1.55	X X
DM \rightarrow DR+WDM	2	-19.420 ± 0.012	4.5σ	4.5σ	-0.19	3.81	X X
DM \rightarrow DR	2	-19.410 ± 0.011	4.3σ	4.5σ	-0.53	3.47	X X

Sekiguchi & Takahashi, PRD 103 (2021) 083507 (left); Schöneberg *et al.*, Phys. Rept. 984 (2022) 1

Key point for success: $\sigma_T \propto m_e^{-2}$ breaks $\delta r_d / r_d \sim 1/2 \delta r_s / r_s$ scaling
 $\rightarrow \theta_d$ virtually unchanged!

Strongly interacting neutrinos

Free-streaming neutrinos lead to phase shift $\theta_{\text{peak}} \sim \theta_s + 0.6(\rho_\nu/\rho_\gamma)$
Neutrino interactions (4-point with strength G_{eff}) suppress/delay
free-streaming: fixed θ_{peak} requires higher θ_s at fixed $r_s \rightarrow$ higher H_0 !



Kreisch, Cyr-Racine & Doré, PRD 101 (2020) 123505

Solution requires $N_{\text{eff}} \sim 4$, $M_\nu \sim 0.4 \text{ eV}$, $G_{\text{eff}} \sim 10^{-2} \text{ MeV}^2$

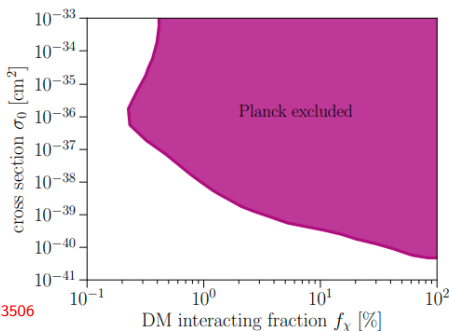
Problem: tension with BBN and laboratory constraints, completely excluded by *Planck* high- ℓ polarization (again problem with damping), disagreement with BAO due to unchanged r_s

Majoron variant (light mediator) solves part of these problems

Sound speed reduction?

$$c_s^2 = \frac{1}{3(1+R)}, \quad R = \frac{3\rho_b}{4\rho_\gamma} \rightarrow R = \frac{3(\rho_b + \rho_x)}{4\rho_\gamma}?$$

Problem: x tightly coupled to b leads to even-odd peak modulation

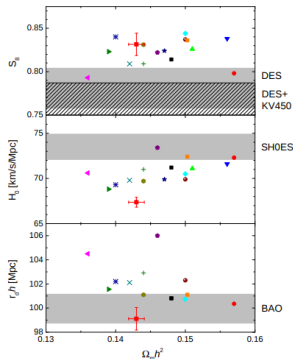
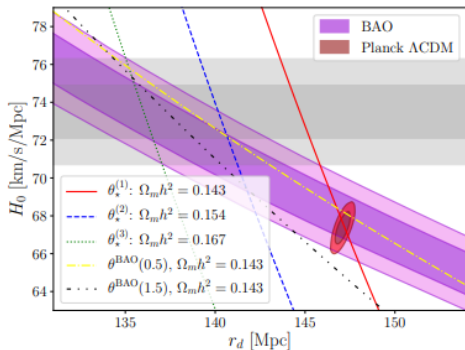


Boddy *et al.*, PRD 98 (2018) 123506

Non-standard DM- γ and/or DM- b interactions can change $c_s(z) \rightarrow$
problem: allowed cross-section too small to lead to any visible effect!

Generic problems for early-time modifications

Reducing r_s without touching ω_m can never fully resolve the Hubble tension – higher (lower) ω_m run in tension with WL/LSS (BAO) data



Jedamzik, Pogosian & Zhao, *Commun. Phys.* 4 (2021) 123

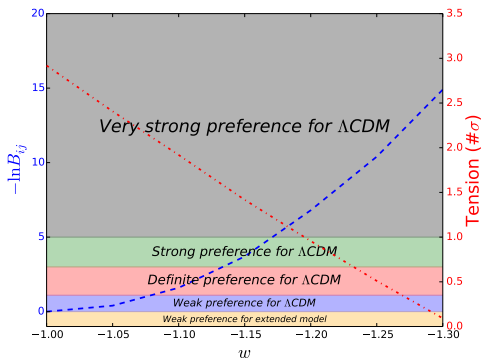
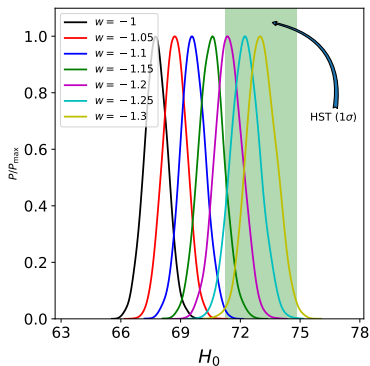
All promising early-time modifications worsen S_8 tension (more tomorrow)

Late-time modifications?

- Late-time wiggles?
Possible *very much in principle*, unlikely physically and statistically
- Confusion sowing?
Extremely likely that new late-time physics confuses ω_b and ω_m
(would be in very strong tension with BBN and polarization)
- Distance-duality relation violation?
Only fixes BAO and SNeIa, doesn't fix low H_0 from CMB, cannot explain high H_0 from time delays, challenging for model-building
- Post-recombination evolution of r_s ?
Not impossible, but would lead to large (potentially unobserved?) bulk velocities, disfavored by success of BAO reconstruction

How extreme should late-time modifications be?

Need $w \sim -1.3$ to fully solve the tension, completely inconsistent with BAO and cosmographic SNeIa data



Vagnozzi, PRD 102 (2020) 023518

Late-time modifications: interacting dark energy

Throw in all remotely credible modifications to dark energy ($w \neq -1$, time-varying w , interactions with dark matter,...) *at the same time*

$$\dot{\rho}_c + 3H\rho_c = -(\dot{\rho}_{\text{de}} + 3H(1 + w_{\text{de}})\rho_{\text{de}}) = \xi H\rho_{\text{de}}$$

Parameters	Planck	Planck + R19	Planck + lensing	Planck + BAO	Planck + Pantheon	All19
$\Omega_b h^2$	0.0224 ± 0.0002	0.0224 ± 0.0002	0.0224 ± 0.0002	0.0224 ± 0.0001	0.0224 ± 0.00012	0.0224 ± 0.0001
$\Omega_c h^2$	$0.132^{+0.005}_{-0.012}$	$0.133^{+0.006}_{-0.012}$	$0.133^{+0.006}_{-0.012}$	$0.134^{+0.007}_{-0.012}$	$0.134^{+0.006}_{-0.012}$	$0.132^{+0.006}_{-0.012}$
ξ	<0.248	<0.277	<0.258	<0.295	<0.295	<0.288
w	$-1.59^{+0.18}_{-0.33}$	-1.26 ± 0.06	$-1.57^{+0.19}_{-0.32}$	$-1.10^{+0.07}_{-0.04}$	$-1.08^{+0.05}_{-0.04}$	$-1.12^{+0.05}_{-0.04}$
H_0 (km/s/Mpc)	>70.4	74.1 ± 1.4	$85.0^{+10.0}_{-5.0}$	$68.8^{+1.1}_{-1.5}$	68.3 ± 1.0	69.8 ± 0.7
σ_8	0.88 ± 0.08	$0.80^{+0.06}_{-0.04}$	0.87 ± 0.08	0.75 ± 0.05	$0.76^{+0.05}_{-0.04}$	$0.76^{+0.06}_{-0.04}$
S_8	0.74 ± 0.04	0.78 ± 0.03	0.74 ± 0.04	0.79 ± 0.03	0.80 ± 0.03	$0.79^{+0.03}_{-0.02}$
ln B	-1.3	5.6	-1.6	-4.5	-5.2	-2.7
Strength	Positive (Λ CDM)	Very strong (ξp CDM)	Positive (Λ CDM)	Strong (Λ CDM)	Very strong (Λ CDM)	Positive (Λ CDM)

Di Valentino, Melchiorri, Mena & Vagnozzi, PRD 101 (2020) 063502

At best $H_0 \approx 70 \pm 1$: BAO and cosmographic SNela very unforgiving!

Late-time modifications: Λ_s CDM

Sign-switching cosmological constant:

$$\Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda_s = \Lambda_{s,0} \text{sgn}(z_{\dagger} - z)$$

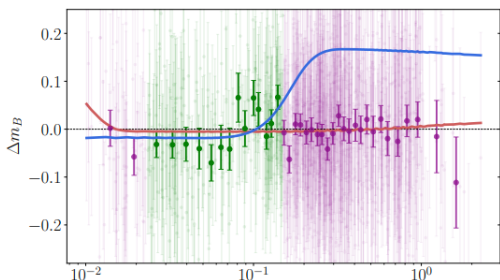
Data set	CMB+Pan		CMB+Pan+Ly- α		CMB+Pan+BAO	
	Λ CDM	Λ_s CDM	Λ CDM	Λ_s CDM	Λ CDM	Λ_s CDM
$10^2 \omega_b$	2.240 ± 0.015	2.241 ± 0.014	2.242 ± 0.013	2.241 ± 0.015	2.242 ± 0.013	2.235 ± 0.014
ω_c	0.1197 ± 0.0012	0.1196 ± 0.0011	0.1193 ± 0.0009	0.1196 ± 0.0011	0.1193 ± 0.0009	0.1206 ± 0.0010
$100\theta_s$	1.04191 ± 0.00029	1.04190 ± 0.00028	1.04191 ± 0.00029	1.04190 ± 0.00029	1.04194 ± 0.00028	1.04180 ± 0.00030
$\ln(10^{10} A_s)$	3.047 ± 0.015	3.041 ± 0.014	3.047 ± 0.014	3.040 ± 0.015	3.047 ± 0.015	3.040 ± 0.014
n_s	0.9662 ± 0.0042	0.9668 ± 0.0040	$0.9669^{+0.0039}_{-0.0036}$	0.9668 ± 0.0041	0.9665 ± 0.0037	0.9644 ± 0.0037
τ_{reio}	0.0556 ± 0.0075	0.0533 ± 0.0075	0.0560 ± 0.0069	0.0528 ± 0.0077	0.0561 ± 0.0076	0.0515 ± 0.0073
z_{\dagger}	—	> 1.80 (95% CL)	—	$2.21^{+0.16}_{-0.38}$	—	> 2.13 (95% CL)
M_B [mag]	-19.421 ± 0.014	$-19.363^{+0.021}_{-0.0093}$	-19.418 ± 0.011	-19.349 ± 0.028	-19.418 ± 0.012	-19.387 ± 0.015
Ω_m	0.3129 ± 0.0071	$0.2940^{+0.0120}_{-0.0093}$	0.3110 ± 0.0053	0.2899 ± 0.0097	0.3109 ± 0.0056	0.3039 ± 0.0058
ω_m	0.1427 ± 0.0011	0.1427 ± 0.0010	0.1424 ± 0.0008	0.1426 ± 0.0010	0.1424 ± 0.0009	0.1436 ± 0.0010
H_0 [km/s/Mpc]	67.55 ± 0.53	$69.68^{+0.77}_{-1.40}$	67.68 ± 0.40	$70.17^{+0.96}_{-1.10}$	$67.69^{+0.38}_{-0.43}$	$68.74^{+0.49}_{-0.55}$
t_0 [Gyr]	13.79 ± 0.02	$13.65^{+0.06}_{-0.04}$	13.79 ± 0.02	$13.62^{+0.09}_{-0.03}$	13.79 ± 0.02	$13.71^{+0.03}_{-0.02}$
σ_8	$0.8111^{+0.0056}_{-0.0063}$	$0.8167^{+0.0059}_{-0.0067}$	0.8104 ± 0.0060	0.8182 ± 0.0066	0.8101 ± 0.0063	0.8167 ± 0.0062
S_8	0.828 ± 0.013	0.809 ± 0.015	0.825 ± 0.010	0.804 ± 0.014	0.825 ± 0.011	0.822 ± 0.010
$-2 \ln \mathcal{L}_{\text{max}}$	3807.24	3805.00	3819.36	3806.88	3819.26	3819.06
$\ln \mathcal{Z}$	-1937.82	-1938.02	-1944.53	-1939.75	-1944.51	-1944.76
$\Delta \ln \mathcal{Z}$	0	0.20	4.78	0	0	0.25

Arkuru et al., arXiv:2307.10899

At best $H_0 \approx 70 \pm 1$: BAO and cosmographic SNeIa very unforgiving!

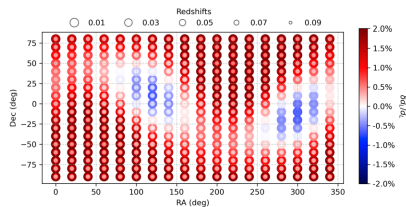
Local structure to the rescue?

“Hubble bubble” of required magnitude excluded by SNeIa



Camarena *et al.*, CQG 39 (2022) 184001

Accounting for Laniakea worsens the tension?



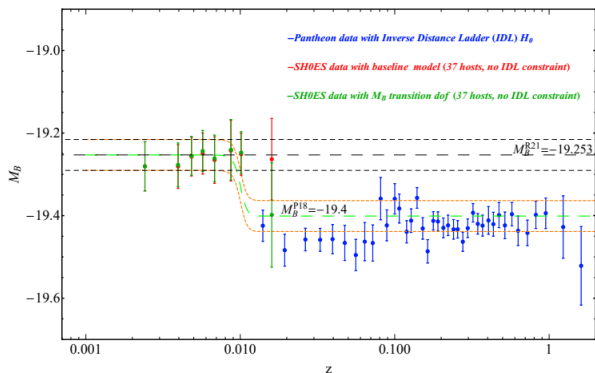
Giani, Howlett, Said, Davis, Vagnozzi, arXiv:2311.00215

Local structure does not seem to help, but can actually make things worse!

Transitions in the SNe Ia absolute magnitude

Transition of $\Delta M_B \sim -0.2$ around $z \sim 0.01$ could solve the tension See Marra

& Perivolaropoulos, PRD 104 (2021) L021303

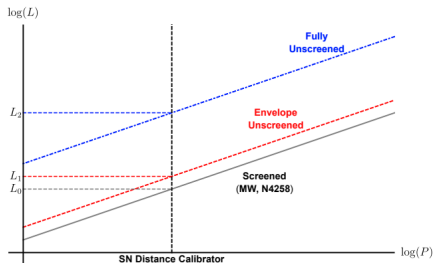
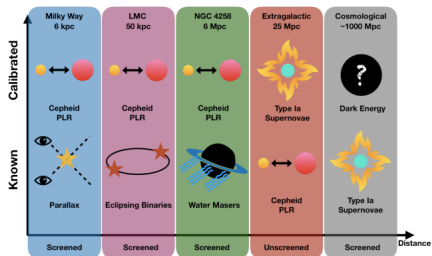


Perivolaropoulos & Skara, Universe 8 (2022) 502

$G_{\text{eff}}/G_N \sim 0.9$ at $z \gtrsim 0.01$, due to modified gravity? Transition ~ 70 Myrs ago \rightarrow dinos disappeared 65 Myrs ago?!?!? see Perivolaropoulos, Universe 8 (2022) 263

Cepheid miscalibration due to screened fifth forces

New gravitational physics can screen a fraction of the Cepheids and therefore bias the SNeIa calibration

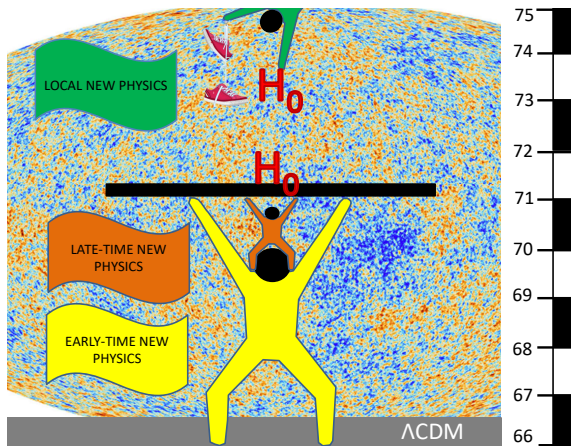


Desmond, Jain & Sakstein, PRD 100 (2019) 043537

This works also for the TRGB (but not for time delays, at least not in an obvious way) See Desmond & Sakstein, PRD 102 (2020) 023007

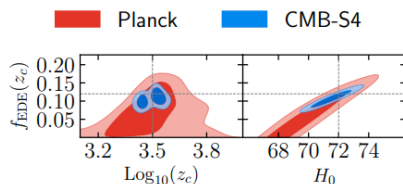
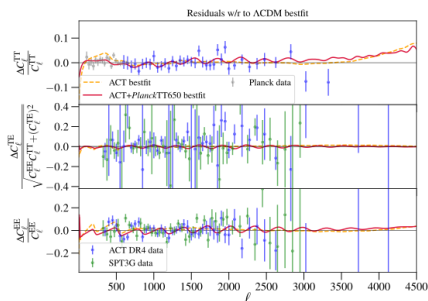
Combining new physics at different times?

Solution may ultimately require a combination of early-time, late-time, and local new physics



The good news

Upcoming CMB data should detect proposed early-time modifications at very high significance



Poulin, Smith & Karwal, PDU 42 (2023) 101348 (left); Smith & Poulin, PRD 101 (2020) 063523 (right)

In 10 years, either we'll know one of these models is close to the truth, or we won't be talking about any one of them anymore!

Next lecture

8 December, 10:00-10:50

*Is the Hubble tension the only
problem with Λ CDM?*

Go check out “Betteridge’s law” ...