### Hubble troubles

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### Constant not constant



### "The SHoE(S) that fits one pinches another"

#### Quote adapted from Carl Jung



## Tip of the red giant branch



Electron-Degenerate Helium Core Mass-Luminosity Relation

From B. Madoore

### **Distance scale**



### The Hubble Constant in 3 Steps: Present Data







### Baryon acoustic oscillations (BAO) as a Standard ruler

- Physics: sound waves in early Universe propagate until radiation and matter decouple
- Imprints a scale standard ruler
- Key Observable. rd (sound horizon)
- Useful for:
  - geometry of Universe (Dark Energy equation of state, or modifications to GR)
  - early Universe physics (well known) sets it



CMB and early universe physics in LCDM constrain the standard ruler length to 0.2%

# Standard candles & Standard rulers

Type-Ia SNe measure relative distances, since there is large uncertainty on the absolute magnitude M of a fiducial SN NASA/JPL-Caltech

BAOs measure absolute distances, but depend on the value of sound horizon rdrag

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# Ho problem can be seen as an rs problem



Bernal et al 2016

# Ho problem can be seen as an rs problem (again)



# HO: Threading a needle from the other side of the Universe (quote by Adam Riess)

# Good ladders need 2 good anchor points



### Is there a problem?

Yes

Even George E. now agrees.

How much of a problem is cosmological-model dependent

### Where is the problem?

### Systematics!



Increasingly unlikely

### Working hypothesis: early vs late



But there is not much wiggle room in the middle!

Bernal e tal 2016, Aylor et al 2017

### Where is the problem?

Is it in any specific **data** set? (keeping the standard  $\Lambda$ CDM context)

Early: For a while some people put the blame on Planck....

BUT H0(Early) does not budge if you take Planck (or CMB data) out completely (even for Neff-extended models Shonenberg et al 2019)

Before works which dropped Planck used instead WMAP+ACT/SPT.



### Aside: if not Lya BAO, use SNe



The length of the standard ruler is dictated by early time physics (BBN)

### And again



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### Where is the problem?

Is it in any specific **data** set?

It is not in CMB data

All early-Universe based determinations hoover well below 70km/s/Mpc

Many groups reanalized SHoES data...

Several independent low z determinations hoover above 70 km/s/Mpc

As time goes on seems less and less likely

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Early-time measurements assume standard  $\Lambda$ CDM. Effectively this yields rd (the length of the standard ruler)

$$r_s(z_D) = \int_0^{\tau_D} c_s(\tau) d\tau$$

z ~0 measurements "do not do" assumptions about cosmology



$$= \int_0^{a_{\rm d}} c_{\rm s} \frac{da}{a^2 H(a)}$$

Shall we look pre or after recombination?

### pre-recombination solutions

Modify the model right where we most like it

$$r_{s} = \int_{0}^{t_{\rm d}} c_{\rm s} dt / a = \int_{0}^{a_{\rm d}} c_{\rm s} \frac{da}{a^{2} H(a)}$$

A tall order

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### pre-recombination solutions

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Early dark energy... affects the damplig tail (can look for signatures)

Change initial conditions

Extra components/ Extra interactions/Energy injection (localized!)

**High T recombination** 

Change  $H(z) \rightarrow$  change of inferred wm with scale

### These are not all equivalent!

### Post recombination?

Including screening and modifications to GR etc.

My take: it's complicated as it would have to affect several different things at once, including time-delay distances

Increase the freedom of H(z); Bernal, Raveri, Joudaki, Keeley... The price is high: many extra degrees of freedom (epicycles?) or hide it where there are no data

It is also very hard to change rs by 7% one has to tinker with wb (hard) , wm (by ~20-30%) without changing rs/rd in the CMB... and equality scale

It is also hard to just mess around with the standard ruler as seen in BAO

### How much wiggle room is there? H(z)/H0 reconstruction

 $\Lambda \text{CDM}$ 





### **Beyond HO**

#### $\Lambda \text{CDM}$ assumed

This is not just a H0 problem or a  $r_{s_{j}} r_{d}$  problem.

It is a  $\Omega_{\rm m}$  problem too

...And an age problem too



Bernal et al . 2102.05066

### How old is the Universe anyway?

 $t(z) = rac{977.8}{H_0} \int_0^z rac{{\mathrm d} z'}{(1+z')E(z')} \, {\mathrm Gyr}_z$ Planck **SHOES** 14.0 **BAO+SNe** 13.5 *t*<sub>U</sub> [Gyrs] 12.5 -12.0 -65 70 75 60 80  $H_0$  [km/s/Mpc]

Early : high  $t_0$ Late: low  $t_0$ 

D. Valcin

### Back to the 90ies

The Universe can't be younger than the oldest objects it contains

- Example: old halo stars, globular clusters
- But.. Detemining accurately the absolute age of these objects has his own



### Age of oldest Globular clusters

Age of the Universe from re-analysis of Globular clusters ages marginalize over: metalicity, absorption, He fraction, distance, etc.



 $\Lambda \mathsf{CDM}$  acts its age not its SH0ES size...

Valcin et al. 2007.06594 Valcin et al. <u>2102.04486</u>

# Looking for Cinderella....



## Looking for Cinderella

• The bad: w<-1, decaying dark matter,

• The ugly: neutrino interactions at early time, early dark energy-ish

• The good:....?

### Looking for Cinderella....



### The original Cosmic triangle



Science Bahcall et al 1999

Now.. 22 years later... Back to the future...

### The new cosmic triangles





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### The new cosmic triangles





### Theoretical solutions....

Should not break havoc where not needed: preserve the good agreement of LCDM with data Should improve (or not worsen) other tensions

> We should quantify improvement vs predictability (degrees of freedom) Parallelism with  $\Lambda$ .....

> > Model-dependent vs model independent approaches

At what point are we adding epicycles?



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Cassini

### Looking for Cinderella....

Discrepancy between model–dependent and model -independent determinations of H<sub>0</sub>

If not in the data.... Then...in the model?

Boost expansion rate before recombination  $\rightarrow$  fixes the ladder Low redshift solutions  $\rightarrow$  very limited wiggle room

AND the troubles go well beyond  $H_0$  and distance ladders- $\rightarrow$  Matter density and age

### Looking for Cinderella....

Age is insensitive to: dimming, screening, deviations from GR, distance measures...

If high  $t_U$  is confirmed, models with high  $H_0$  and standard low redshift physics are disfavoured.

Two possible scenarios : local and global

Local:

affect local H<sub>0</sub> measurements (astrophysical or cosmological e.g., screening) leaving all else unchanged Global:

New physics affecting entire history both early and late. Impacts quantities well beyond H<sub>0.</sub>

Will show up in new cosmological observations !

### To conclude

I hope that the new cosmic triangles representation of the observational constraints will help discriminating between the two scenarios and help guide future efforts to find a solution to the Hubble troubles.



Bernal et al 2021

### END