

Anchors no more

Using peculiar velocities to constrain H_0 and the primordial Universe without calibrators¹

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Distances in Cosmology

→ Measuring distances in an expanding Universe is particularly difficult!

$$d_L = \sqrt{\frac{L}{4\pi F}},$$

$$\mu = m - M = 5 \log_{10}(d_L/1\text{Mpc}) + 25$$

Distance ladder

- At each rung corresponds a distance measurements
- The calibrated combination of all the rungs let you measure up to the top of the ladder

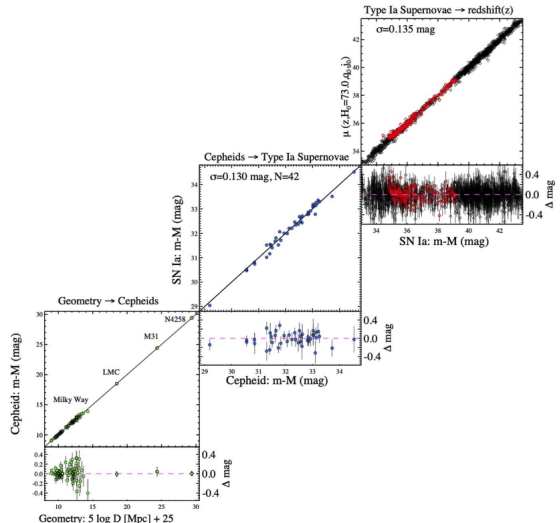


Figure: Credits: SH0ES team

Standard candle and distance anchors

→ Objects having the same intrinsic brightness

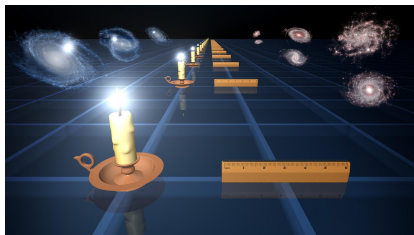


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Leavitt's cepheids relation (1912)

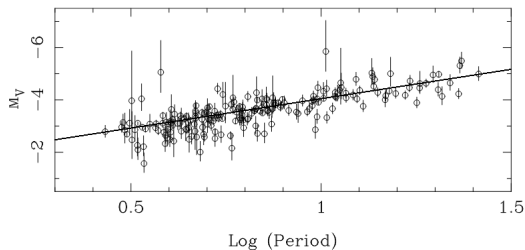


Figure: Leavitt's relation in the V band for a sample of 452 Galactic cepheids. Credits: M.A.T. Groenewegen, 2018.

→ We can use cepheids as distance anchors for Type Ia Supernovae (SNe Ia)

Hubble tension

Many possible cause

- The cosmological model?
- Unknown systematics affecting early-time observations?
- Unknown systematics affecting late-time observations?
- Unknown systematics affecting both?
- Problem with the distance anchors?

We need new independent methods!

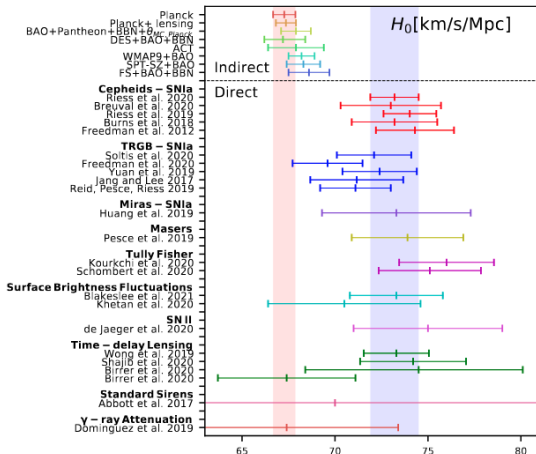


Figure: Credits: E. Di Valentino, 2020

Let's introduce the tools

$$\log(\mathcal{L}) = -\frac{1}{2} \left[\Delta\mu_n C_{mn}^{-1} \Delta\mu_m + \log(\det C_{mn}) + k \log(2\pi) \right]$$

$$\Delta\mu_L^i = \begin{cases} \mu^i + \delta M - \mu_{\text{ceph}}^i, & i \in \text{Cepheid hosts} \\ \mu^i + \delta M - \mu_{\text{model}}^i(z_i), & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\mu_{\text{model}}^i = 5 \log \left(\frac{d_L(z_i, \mathbf{n}_i)}{\text{Mpc}} \right) + 25 \quad (1)$$

where, at low z :

$$d_L(z, \mathbf{n}) \simeq \bar{d}_L(z) \left[1 + \frac{(1+z)^2}{H(z)\bar{d}_L(z)} \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{v}_{\odot} - \mathbf{v}(z, \mathbf{n})) \right],$$

with

$$\bar{d}_L(z) = \frac{1+z}{H_0} \int_0^z \frac{dz}{\sqrt{\Omega_m(1+z)^3 + 1 - \Omega_m}}$$

and

$$\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{v}(z, \mathbf{n}) = \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{v}^{(\text{bulk})} + n^i (\alpha_{ij} + \gamma \delta_{ij}) n^j,$$

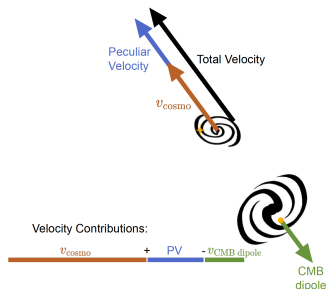


Figure: Credits: 2110.03487

Covariances

$$C_{mn} = C_{mn}^{(e)} + C_{mn}^{(v),\text{disp}} + C_{mn}^{(v)},$$

where:

- $C_{mn}^{(e)} \rightarrow$ error covariance of the SNe where the peculiar velocity contribution is subtracted
- $C_{mn}^{(v),\text{disp}} = B_{mn} \sigma_{\text{disp}}^2 \delta_{mn}$,
- $C_{mn}^{(v)} = \frac{B_{mn}}{2\pi^2} \frac{D_1(z_m)}{D_1^2(0)} \frac{D_1(z_n)}{D_1^2(0)} \left[\frac{H(z_m)f(z_m)}{(1+z_m)} \right] \left[\frac{H(z_n)f(z_n)}{(1+z_n)} \right] \int dk W_{mn}(k) \mathcal{Z}(k, z_m, z_n) P_\delta(k, 0) D_u^2(k\sigma_u) E(\sigma_8),$

with:

$$D_u(k\sigma_u) = \text{sinc}(k\sigma_u)$$

$$E(\sigma_8) = e^{-k(a_1(\sigma_8)+a_2(\sigma_8)k+a_3(\sigma_8)k^2)}.$$

$$\begin{cases} a_1(\sigma_8) = (-0.817 + 3.198 \sigma_8) \text{ Mpc}/h \\ a_2(\sigma_8) = (0.877 - 4.191 \sigma_8) \text{ Mpc}^2/h^2 \\ a_3(\sigma_8) = (-1.199 + 4.629 \sigma_8) \text{ Mpc}^3/h^3. \end{cases}$$

Bel et al. (2019)

veloce: the velocity power spectrum covariance emulator

Problem

Computationally expensive $\rightarrow$ half million evaluations of the integral for Pantheon+ at each step of the MCMC

Solution

- Emulator based on CosmoPower-JAX
- Median performance at the sub-percent level
- Likelihood and sampling in JAX
- Sample the posterior in no more than 1 hour
- With standard approach ~ 25 years
 $\rightarrow$ speed-up greater than 10^5



Mock dataset results

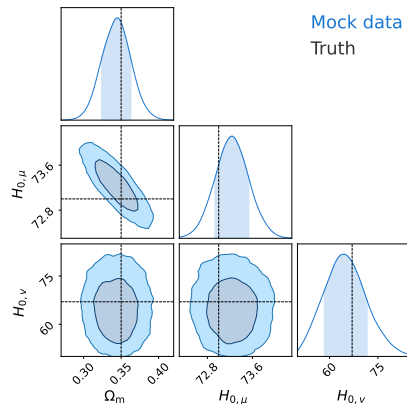


Figure: Fiducial: $H_{0,\mu} = 73$ km/s/Mpc,

$H_{0,v} = 67$ km/s/Mpc, $\Omega_m = 0.35$

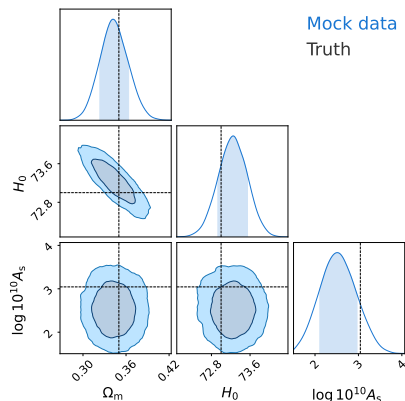


Figure: Impose $H_{0,\mu} = H_{0,v}$, but vary $\log 10^{10} A_s$

N-body simulation results

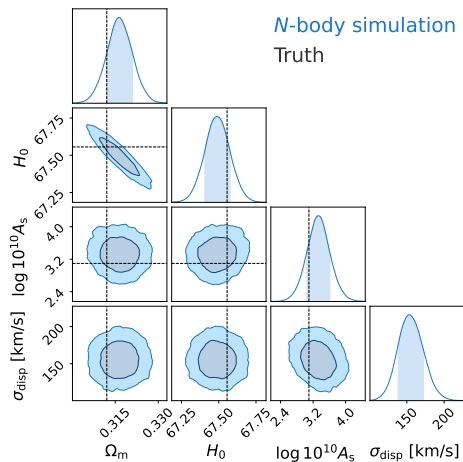
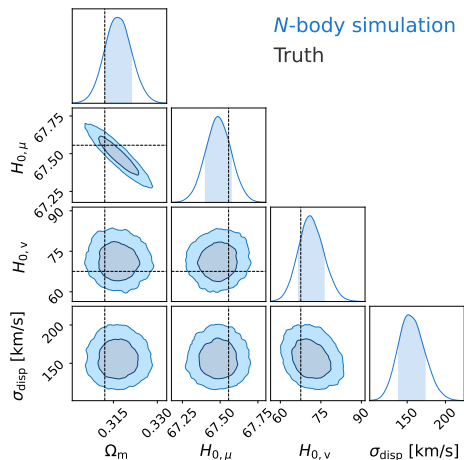


Figure: Fiducial: $H_{0,\mu} = H_{0,v} = 67.556$ km/s/Mpc,
 $\Omega_m = 0.312046$, $\log 10^{10} A_s = 3.098$

Figure: Sampling over $\log 10^{10} A_s$

N-body simulation results: no anchors!

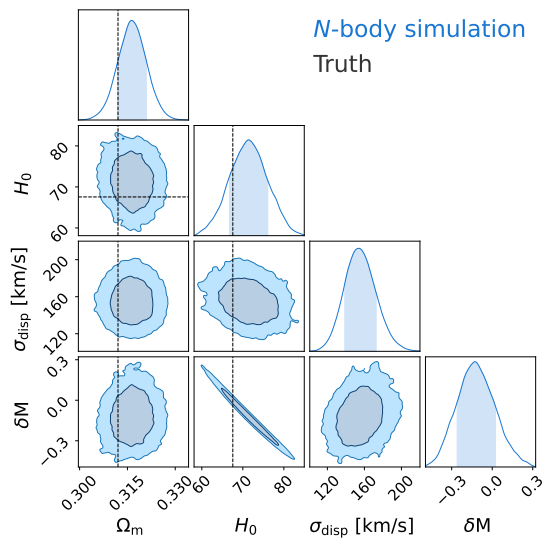


Figure: Simulation 'without cepheids'

Pantheon+ results

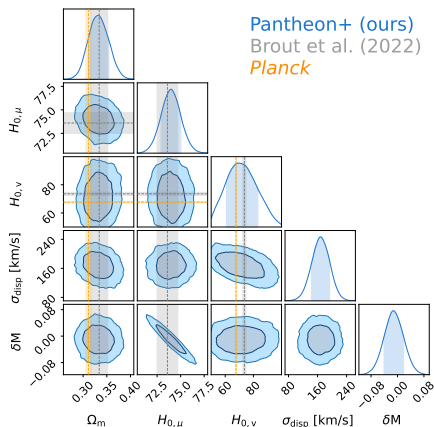


Figure: $H_{0,\mu} = 74.0 \pm 1.0$,

$$H_{0,v} = 72.0^{+12.0}_{-11.0}, \Omega_m = 0.33 \pm 0.02,$$

$$\sigma_{\text{disp}} = 169 \pm 25$$

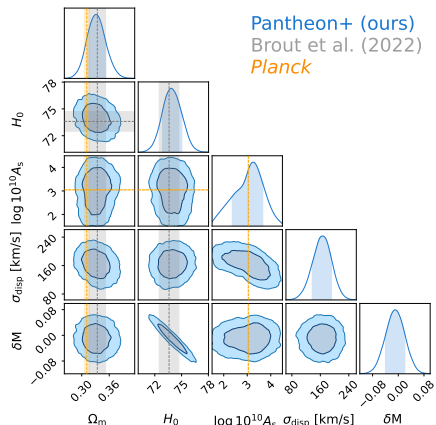


Figure: $H_{0,\mu} = H_{0,v} = 73.9 \pm 1.0$,

$$A_s = 3.1^{+0.5}_{-0.8}, \Omega_m = 0.33 \pm 0.02,$$

$$\sigma_{\text{disp}} = 165^{+26}_{-28}$$

Pantheon+ results: no anchors!

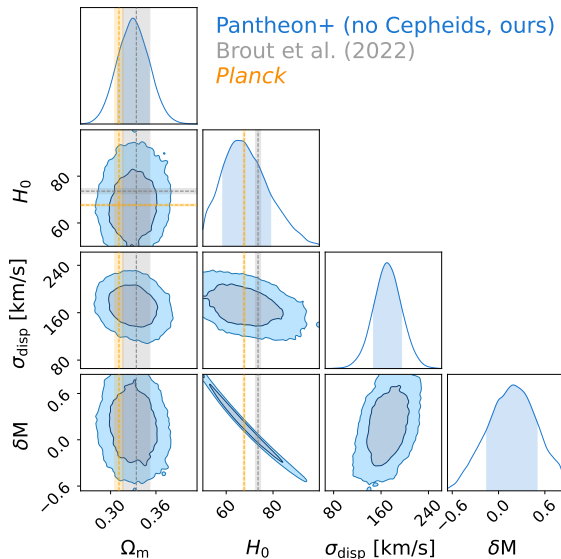


Figure: $67.7^{+11.3}_{-9.2}$ km/s/Mpc

Conclusions

Bright future for peculiar velocity surveys

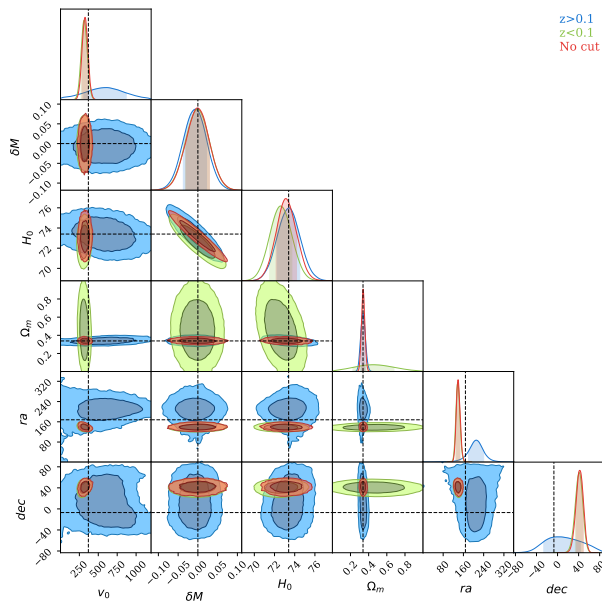
- It is possible to constrain cosmological parameters
- We created an efficient and differentiable routine $\rightarrow$ `veloce` package
- We validated our results with mock, N -body simulations and applied to Pantheon+
- We showed it is possible to constrain H_0 without anchors

Next steps

- Applying our routine to other datasets (ZTF, LSST)
- Considering vorticity power spectrum

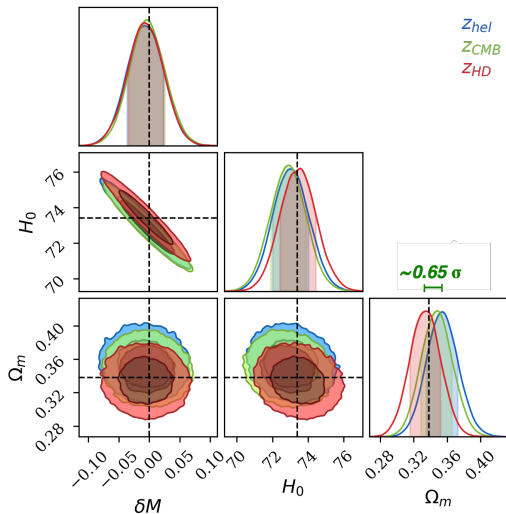
Thanks for your attention!

Low-z vs high-z supernovae



- High-z Snae constrain cosmological parameters
- Low-z Snae determine dipole

Peculiar velocities in Pantheon+



- Vorticity is neglected
- 'Ad hoc' $\mathbf{v}_{bulk}$ within $R = 200h^{-1}\text{Mpc}$

Pantheon+SH0ES

<https://github.com/PantheonPlusSH0ES/DataRelease>

- 1701 SNe lightcurves → 77 Cepheid hosts

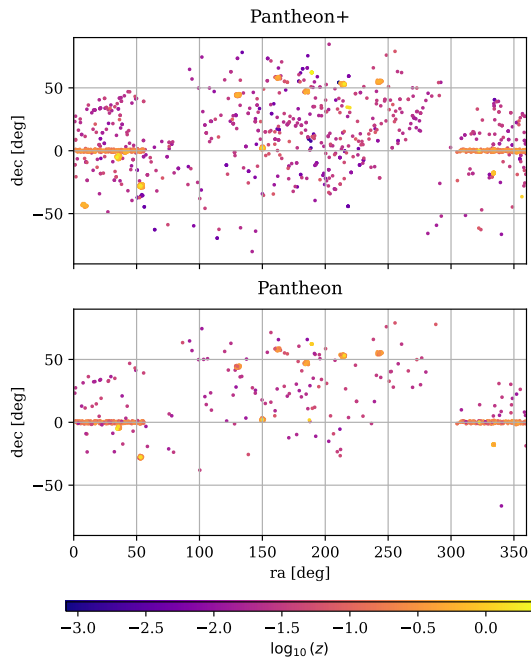
$$\mu = 5 \log_{10}(D_L/1\text{Mpc}) + 25 = 5 \log_{10} D_L + M$$

- Covariances (statistical + systematics)
- z_{hel} : Heliocentric Redshift
- z_{CMB} : CMB Corrected Redshift
- z_{HD} : Hubble Diagram Redshift (with CMB and v_{pec} corrections)

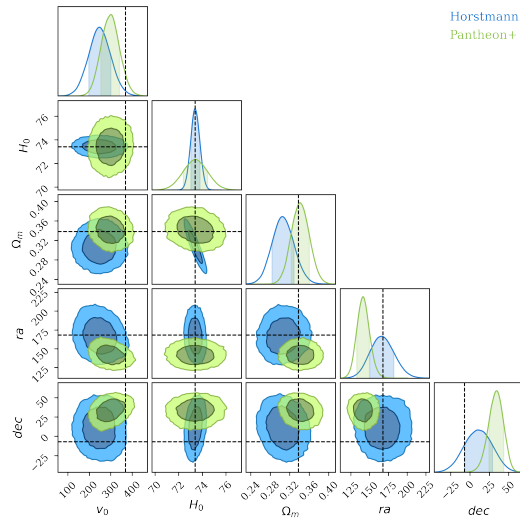
About redshift

- At very low z , SNe have correlated velocities which will reduce the dipole amplitude
- Higher z_{cut} , the less SNe in the sample and the smaller their contribution to the dipole

z_{cut}	Pantheon+ without Cepheids	Cepheid hosts	Pantheon
No cut	1624	77	1048
0.005	1615	50	1048
0.01	1576	7	1046
0.0175	1468	2	1010
0.025	1312	0	976
0.0375	1126	0	915
0.05	1054	0	890
0.1	960	0	837



Comparison with Pantheon



- Validity check
- For Pantheon v_0 is 2.4σ smaller
- Pantheon **roughly** agrees with Planck dipole and 'our' dipole

z_{cut}	Pantheon+	Pantheon
0.01	1576	1046

Figure: Thanks to N. Horstmann arXiv:2111.03055

Pantheon+ and friends

- [Pantheon+](#) 1701 SNe Ia (77 cepheid hosted)
- [DES Y5](#) 1635 SNe Ia *at higher z*
- [ZTF DR2.5](#) with ~ 3000 SNe Ia *coming soon*
- [CF4](#) 55877 galaxies gathered into 38065 groups
- [Euclid](#) test of homogeneity and isotropy

How to define $\mathbf{v}_{pec}$

In term of redshift:

$$cz = H_0 r + \hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{v}_{pec},$$

where $\mathbf{v}_{pec} = \mathbf{v}_G + \mathbf{v}_R$,

with: $\mathbf{v}_G = -\nabla v$, $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_R = 0$

We define divergence θ and vorticity ω :

$$\theta = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}_G \quad (2)$$

$$\omega = \nabla \times \mathbf{v}_R \quad (3)$$

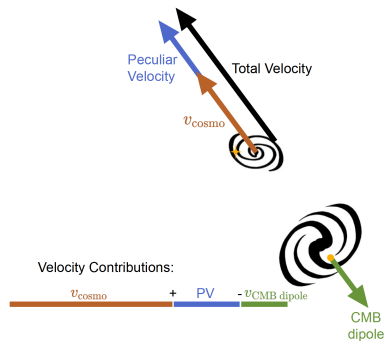
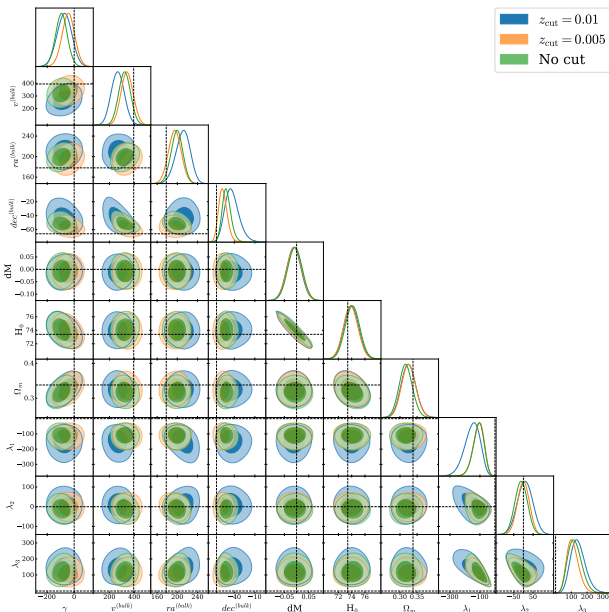


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The low multipoles in the Pantheon+SH0ES data (2403.17741)



Modeling source velocity as:

$$\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{n}(t_0 - t(z)), t_0) = \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{v}^{\text{(bulk)}} + n^i (\alpha_{ij} + \gamma \delta_{ij}) n^j,$$

with α_{ij} symmetric traceless tensor.

- Monopole, dipole, quadrupole are detected and of similar amplitude

- Dipole consistent with CF4

(Watkins et al., 2023)

and aligned with Shapley Supercluster

(ra,dec)=(200°, -30°)