

Observational tests of the fundamental hypotheses of Cosmology

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A little bit about myself..

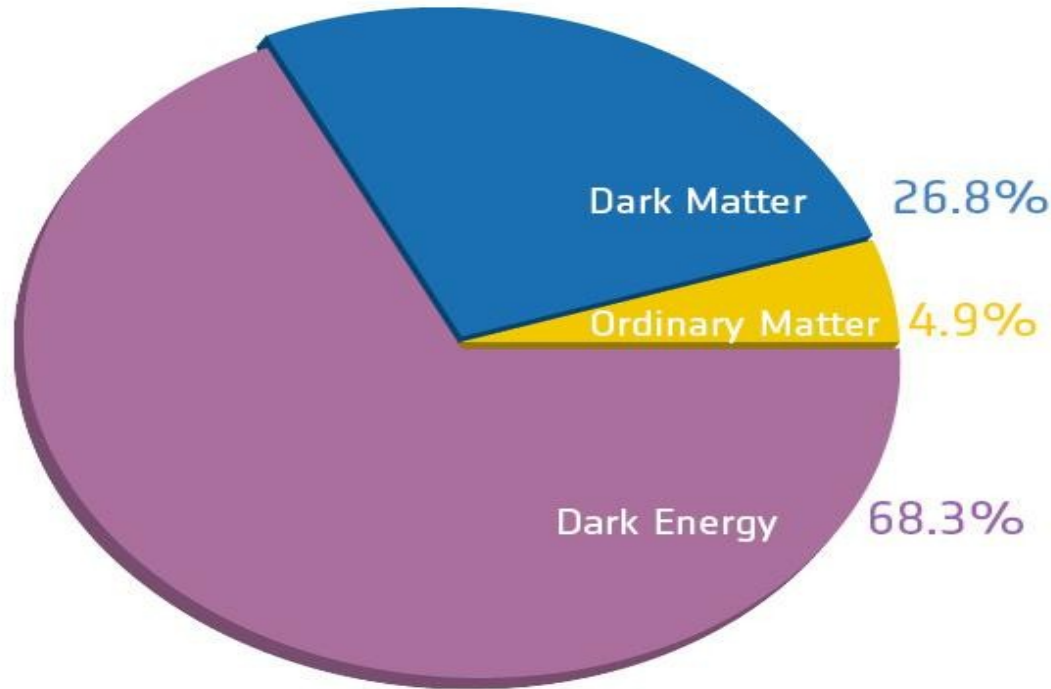
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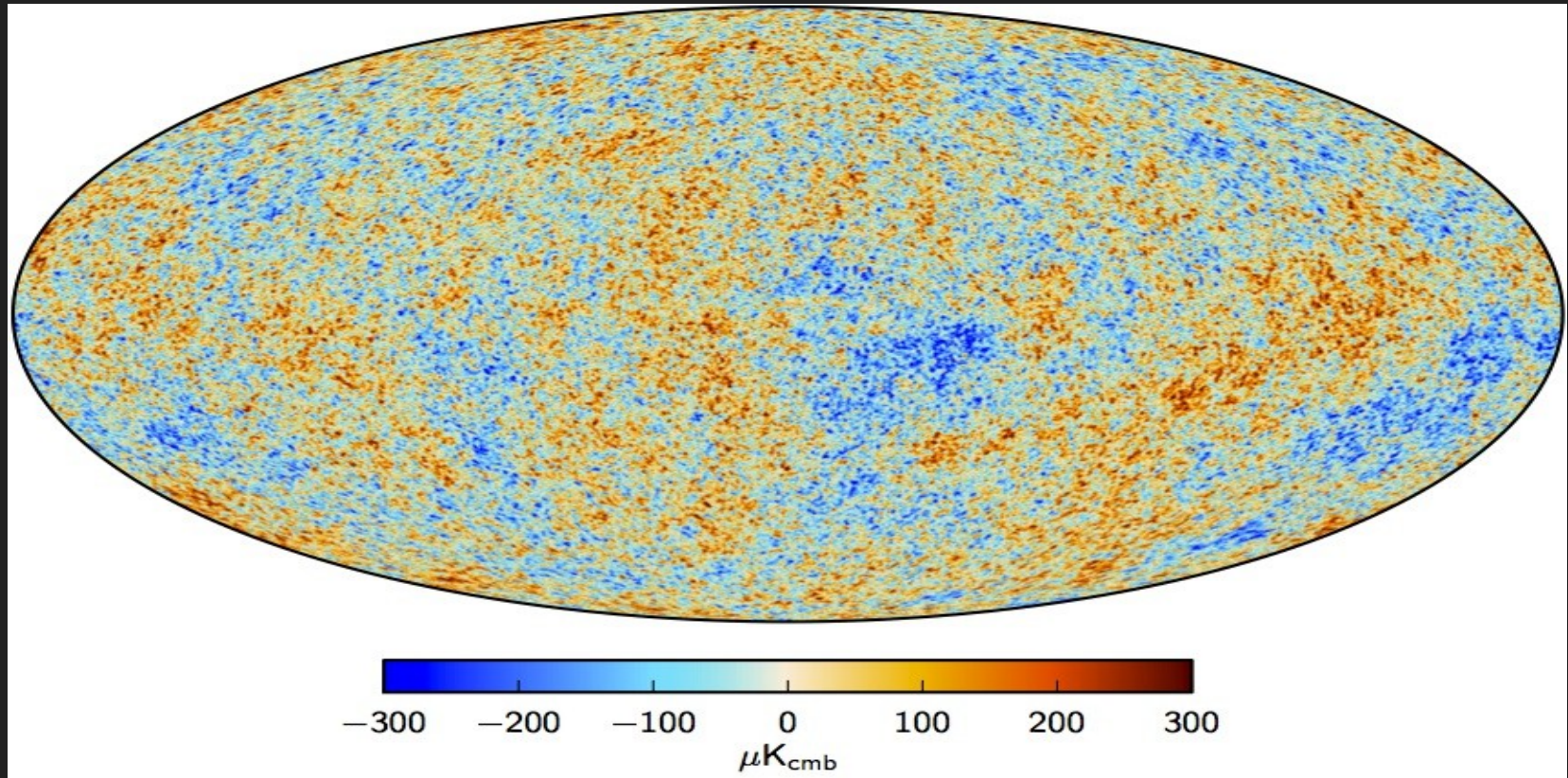


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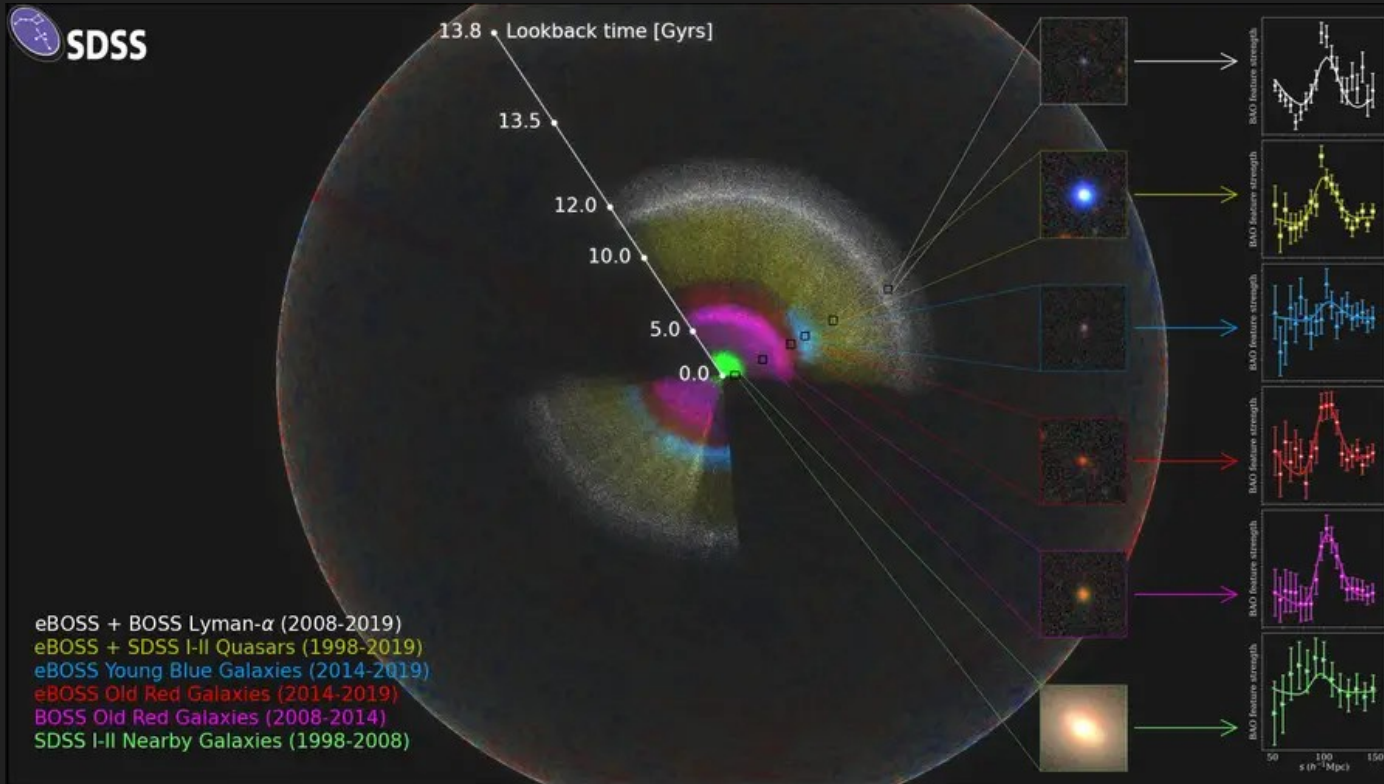
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The Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB)



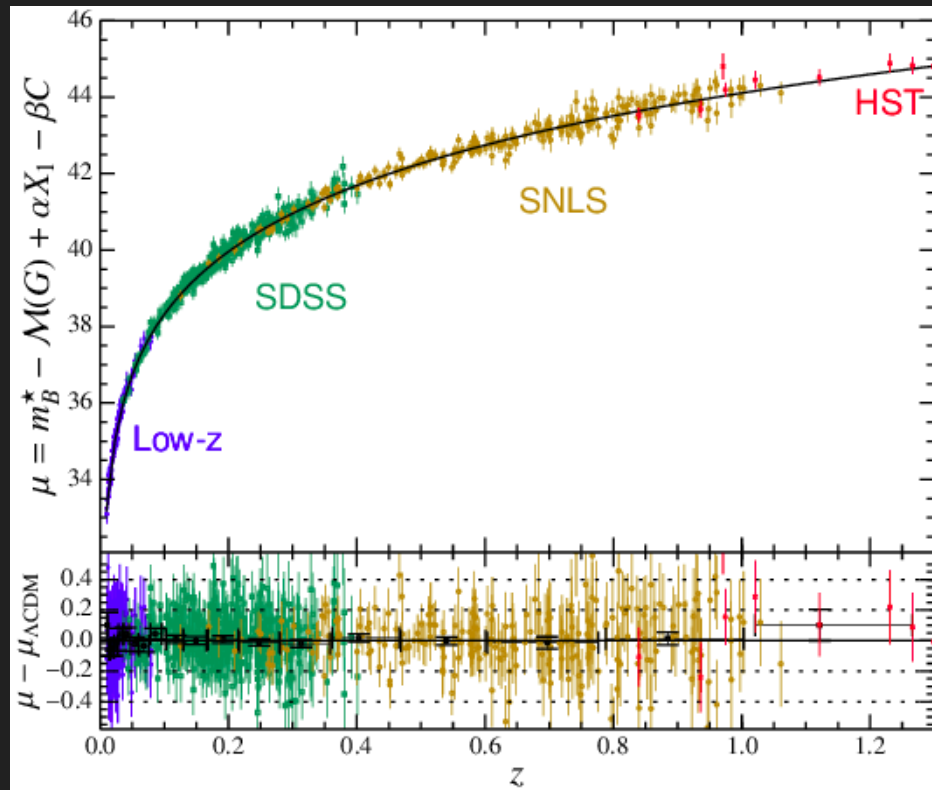
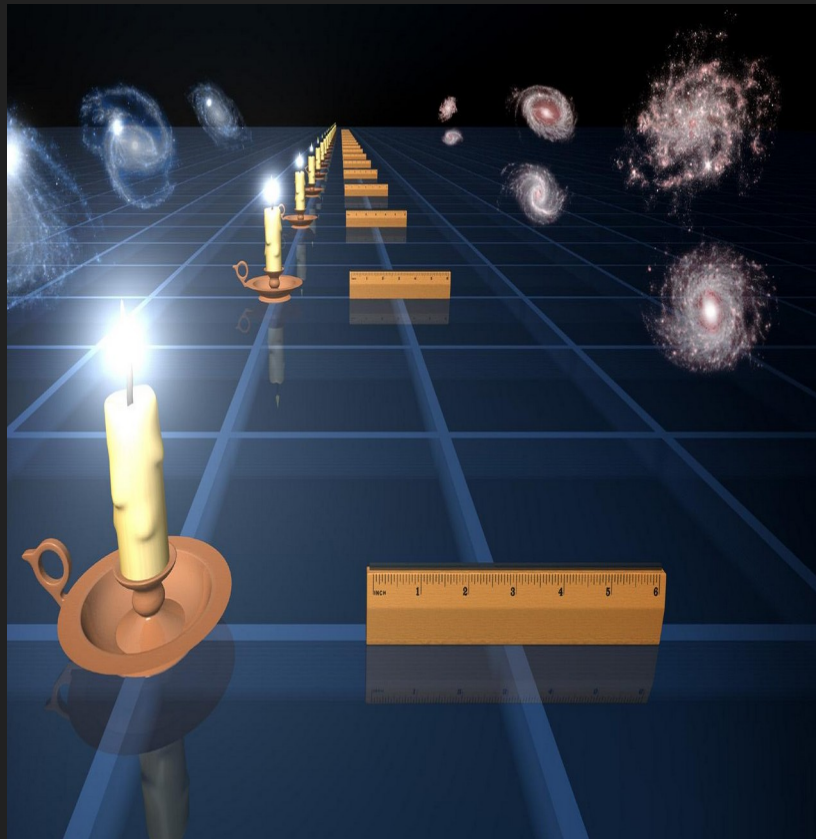
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The galaxy distribution in the large-scale structure of the Universe



Credits:
Anand
Raichoor/EPFL,
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The distance to Type Ia Supernovae (SNe)



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

Accelerated Expansion of the Universe

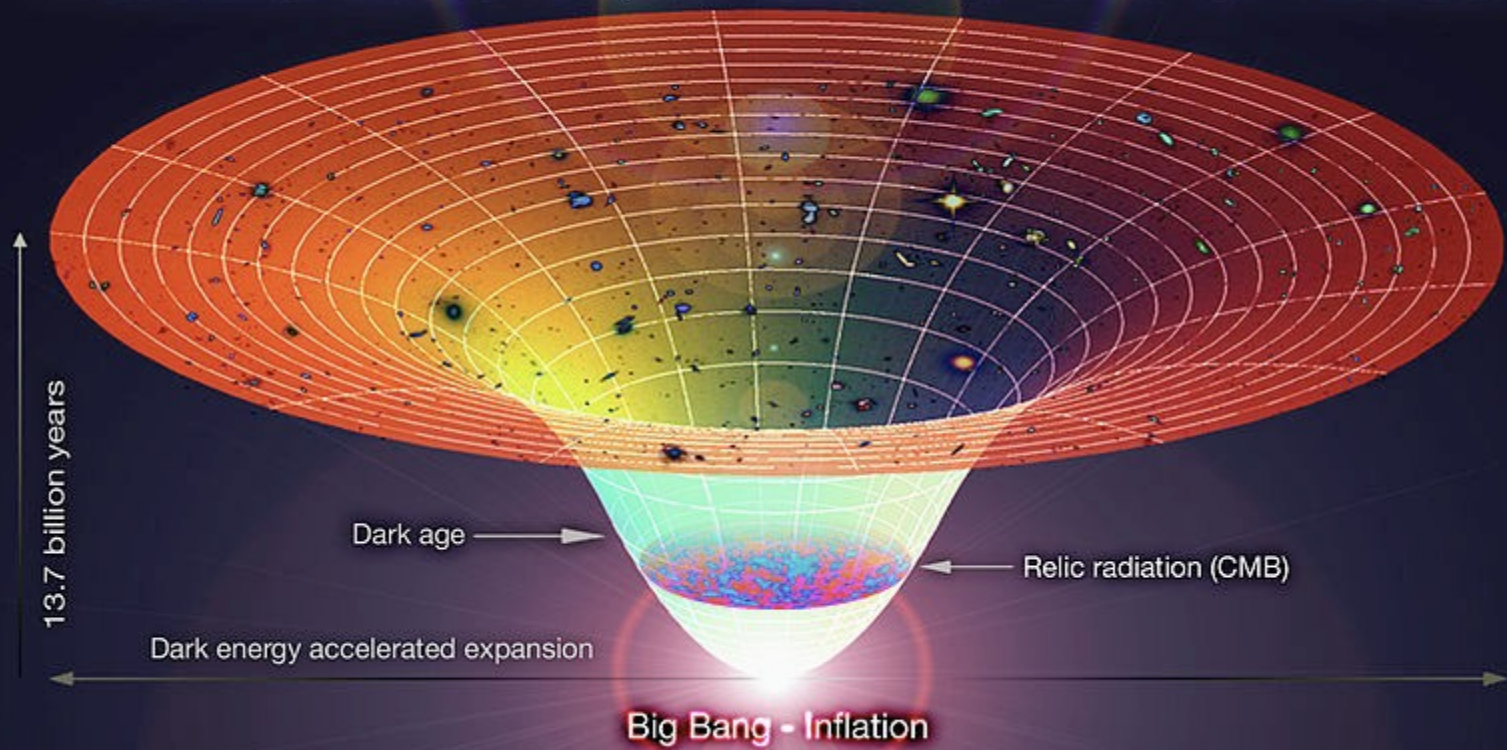
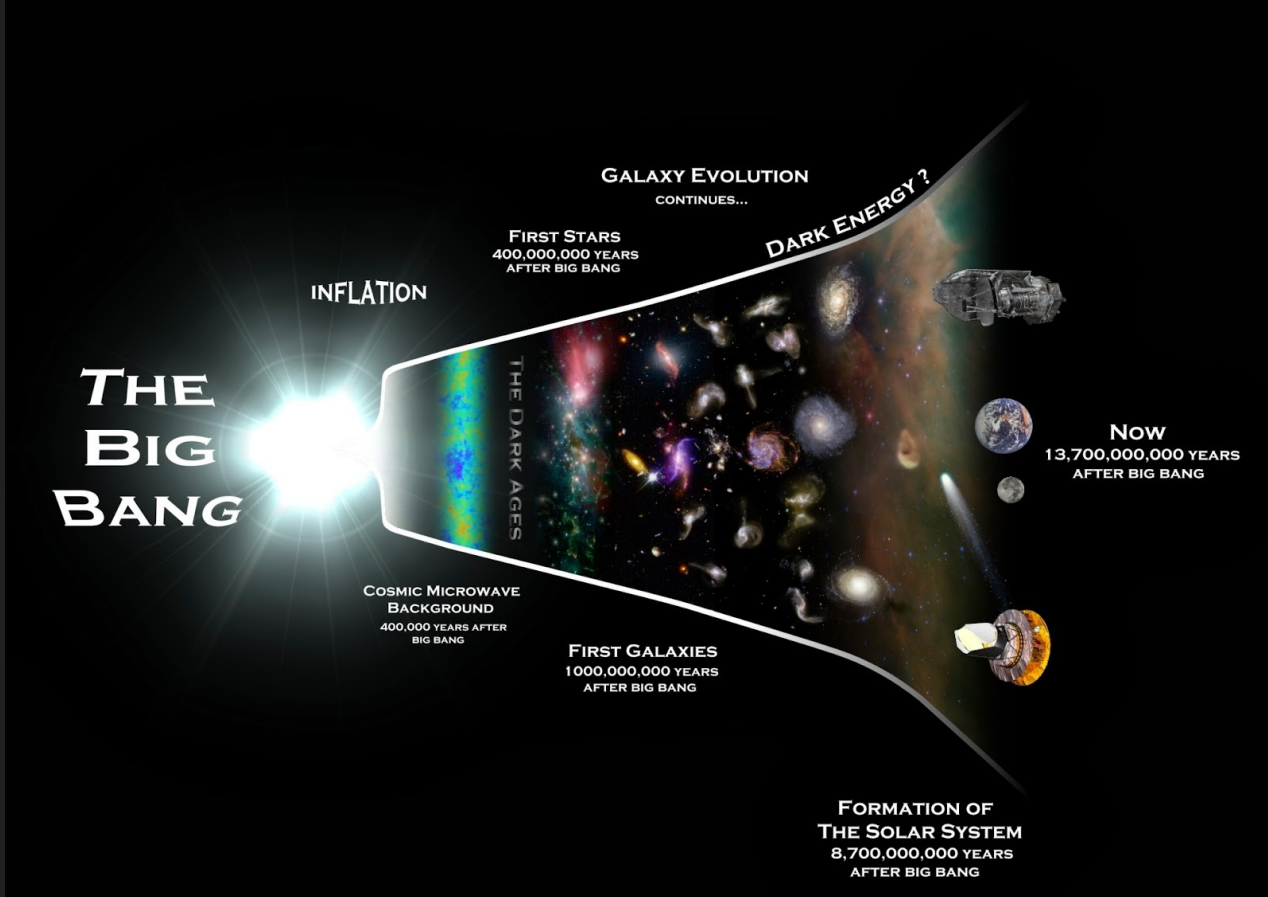


Image: Coldcreation

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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



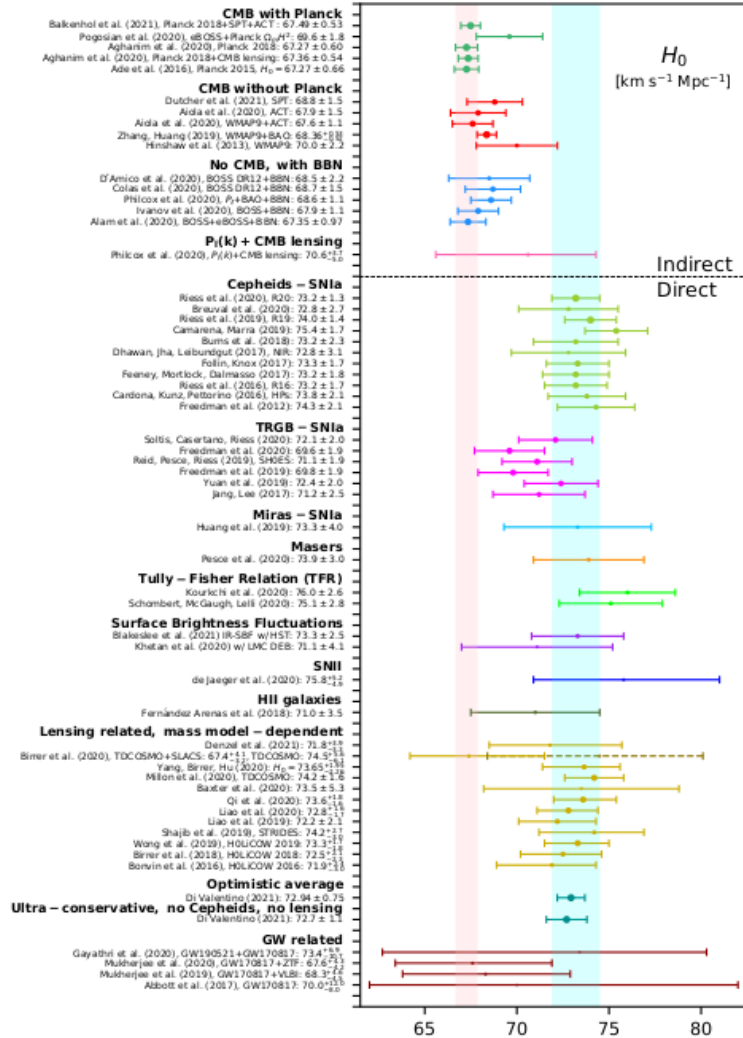
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We shall revisit the **fundamental pillars** which the CM is based upon

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 - **FLRW metric**
 - No preferred directions and positions from this scale onwards ($r > 100 \text{Mpc}$)

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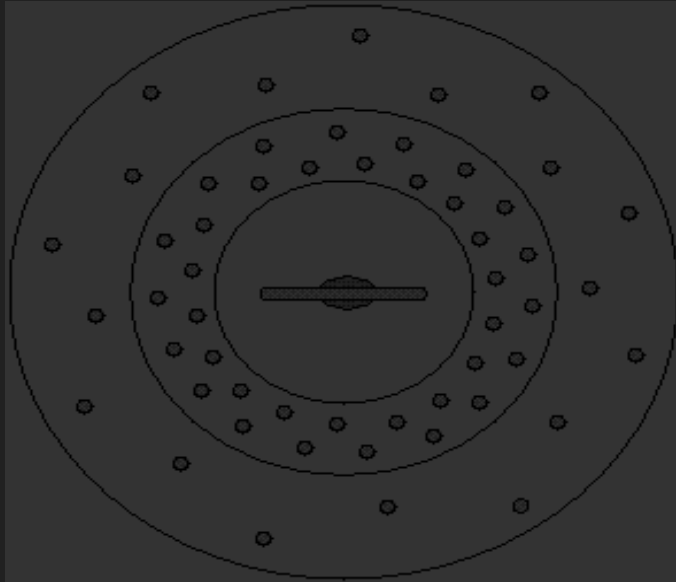
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NO CP = NO FLRW UNIVERSE = NO CONCORDANCE MODEL!

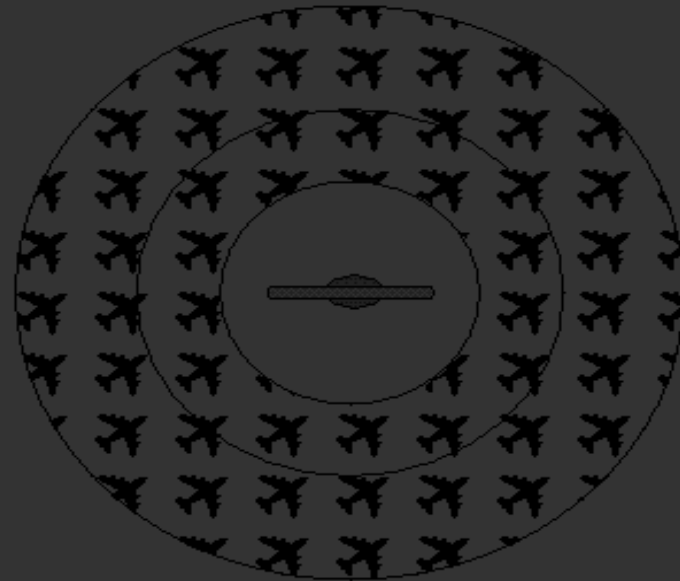
Part I:

**Testing the cosmological principle with
cosmological observations**

A cartoon vision of the CP



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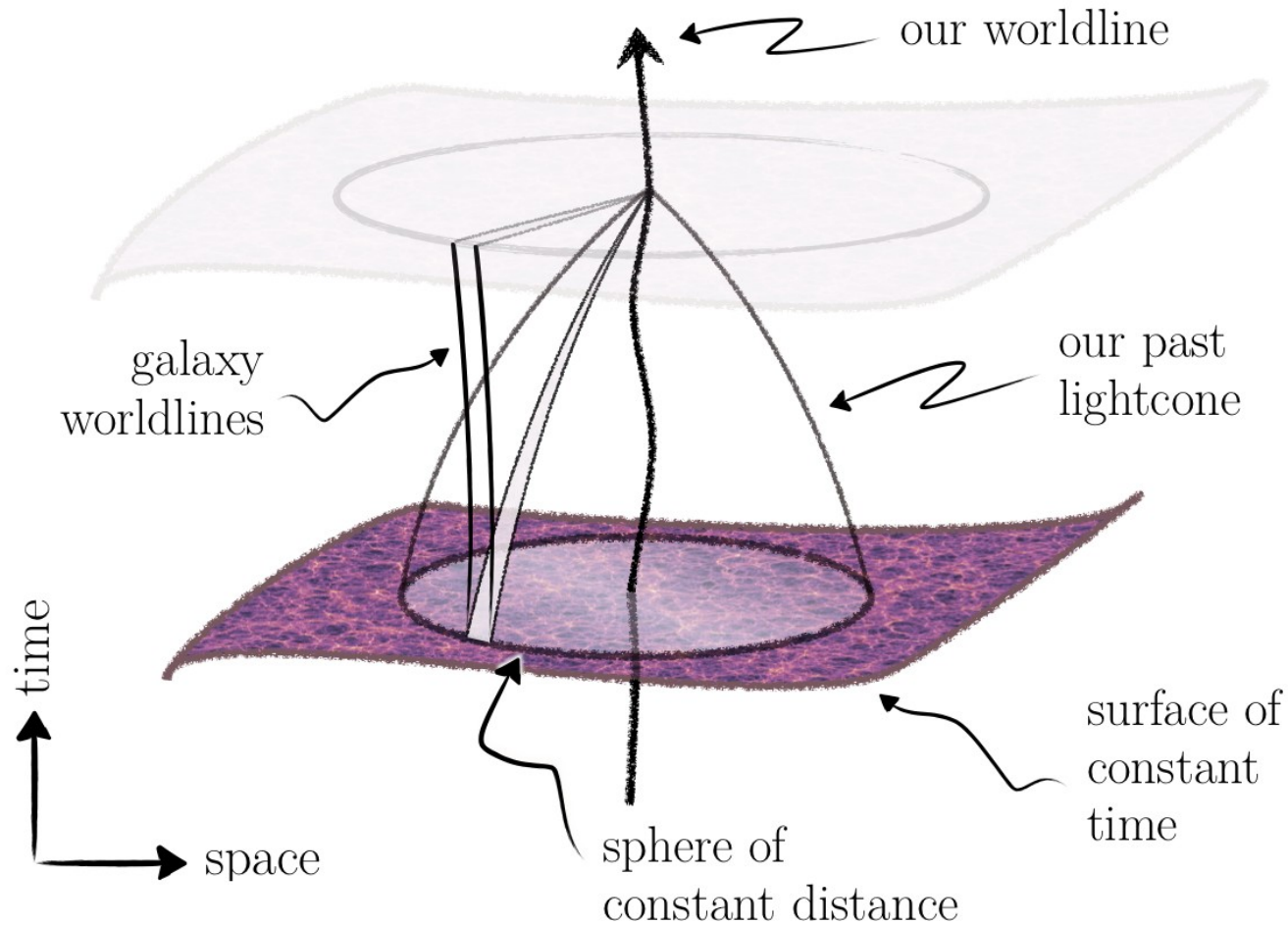
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Note: Consistency tests of statistical homogeneity are possible:

- * 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

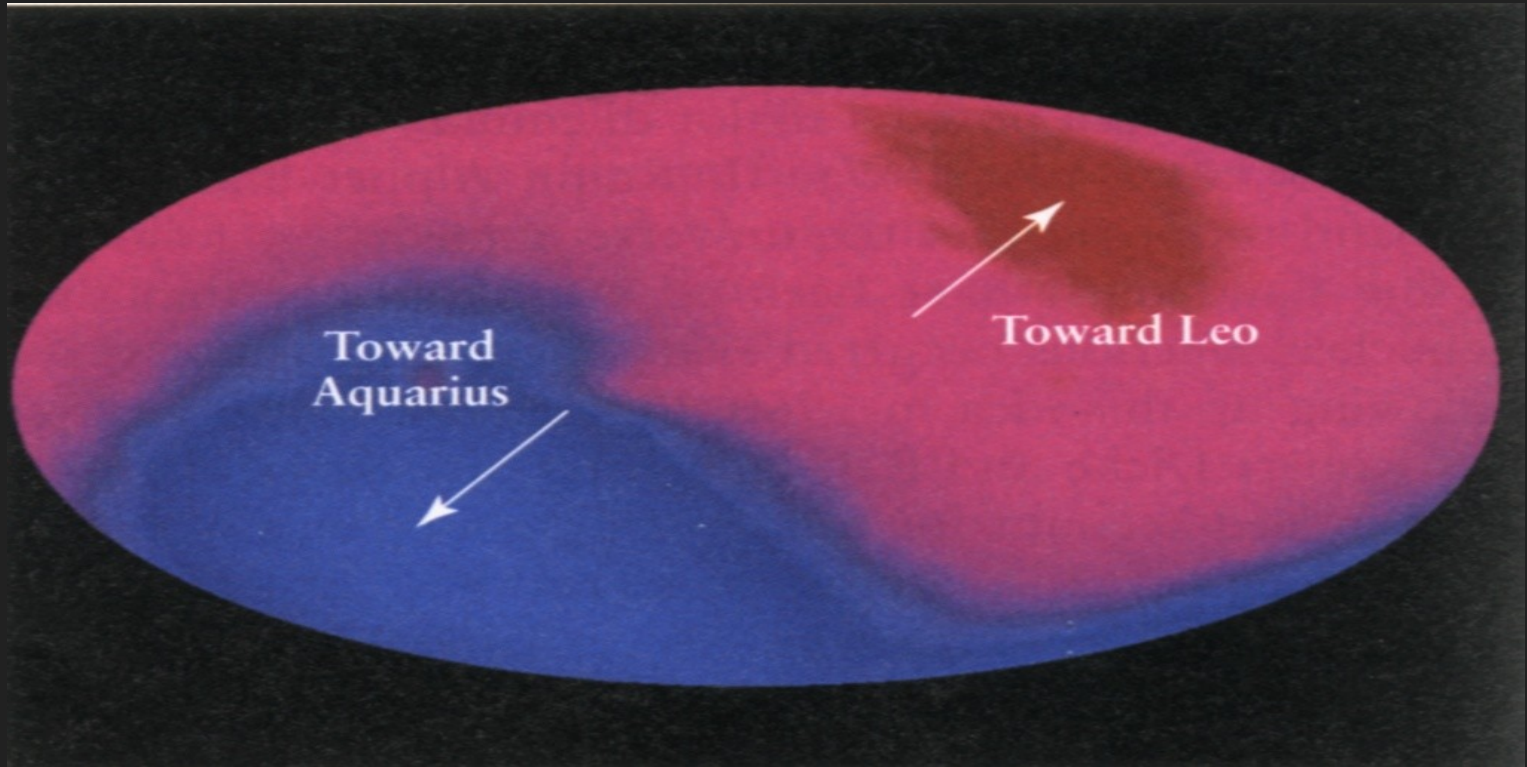
The dipole anisotropy of radio counts

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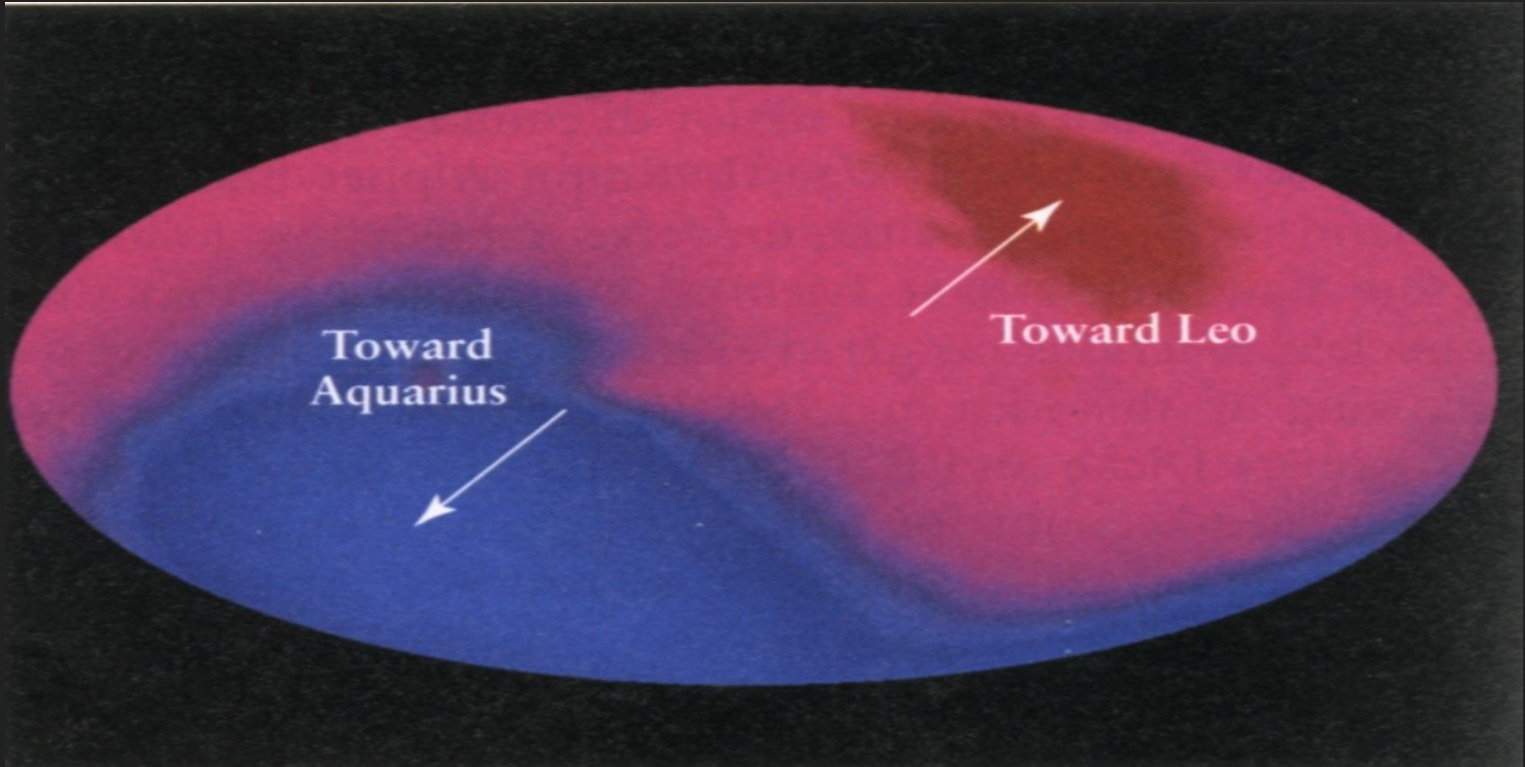
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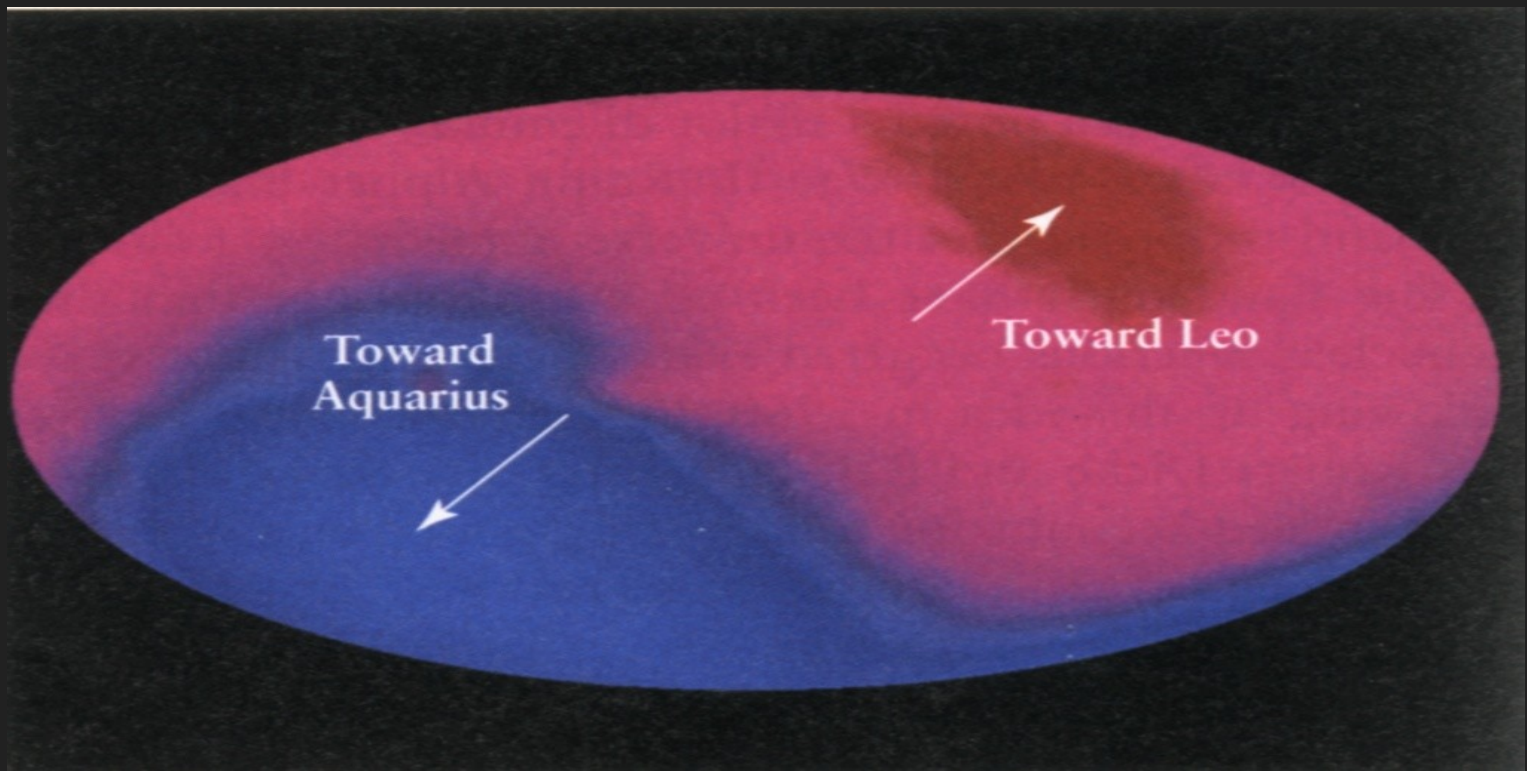


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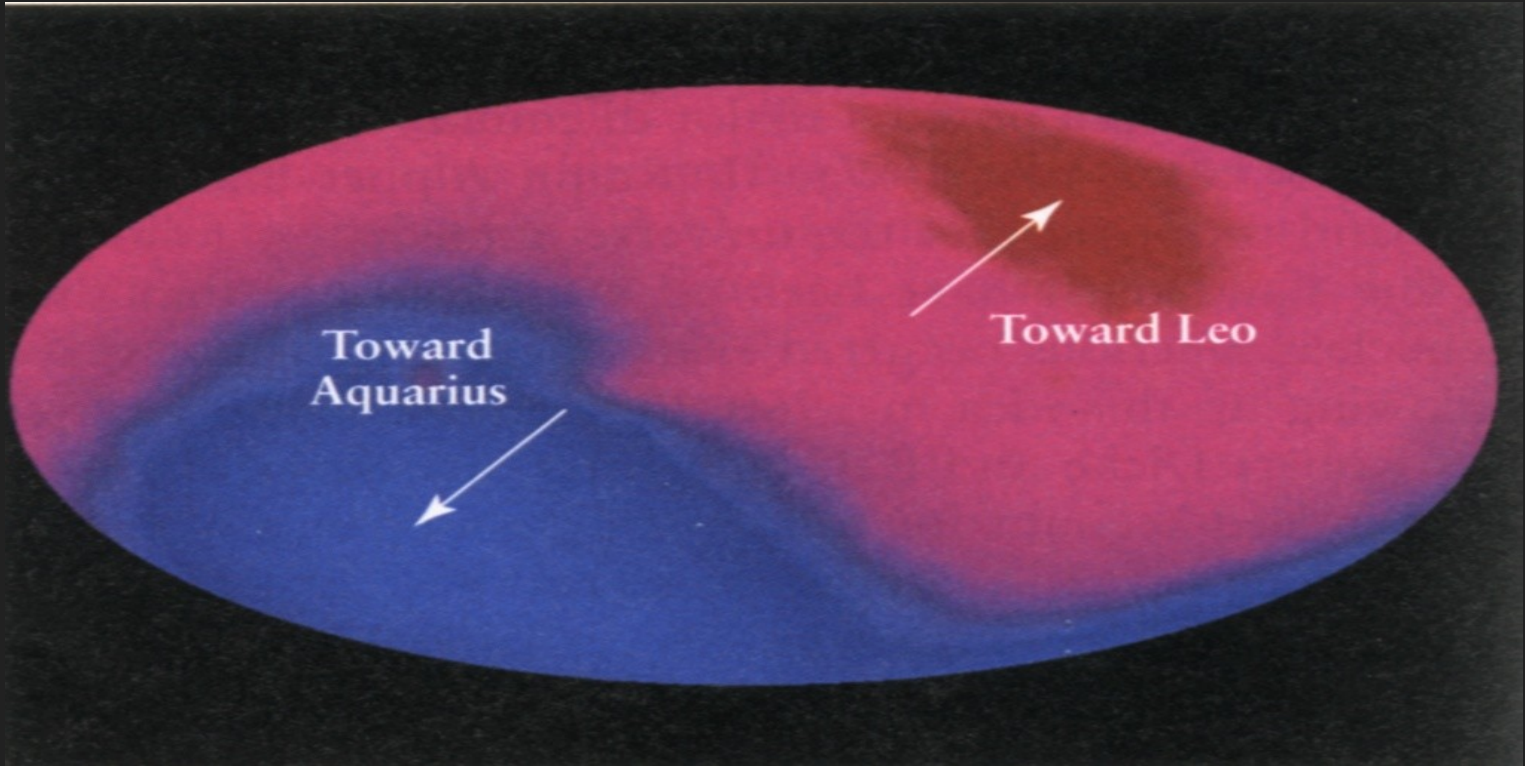
The dipole anisotropy in the CMB

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$$v \simeq 369 \text{ km/s} \quad (l, b) = (264^\circ, 48^\circ)$$

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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

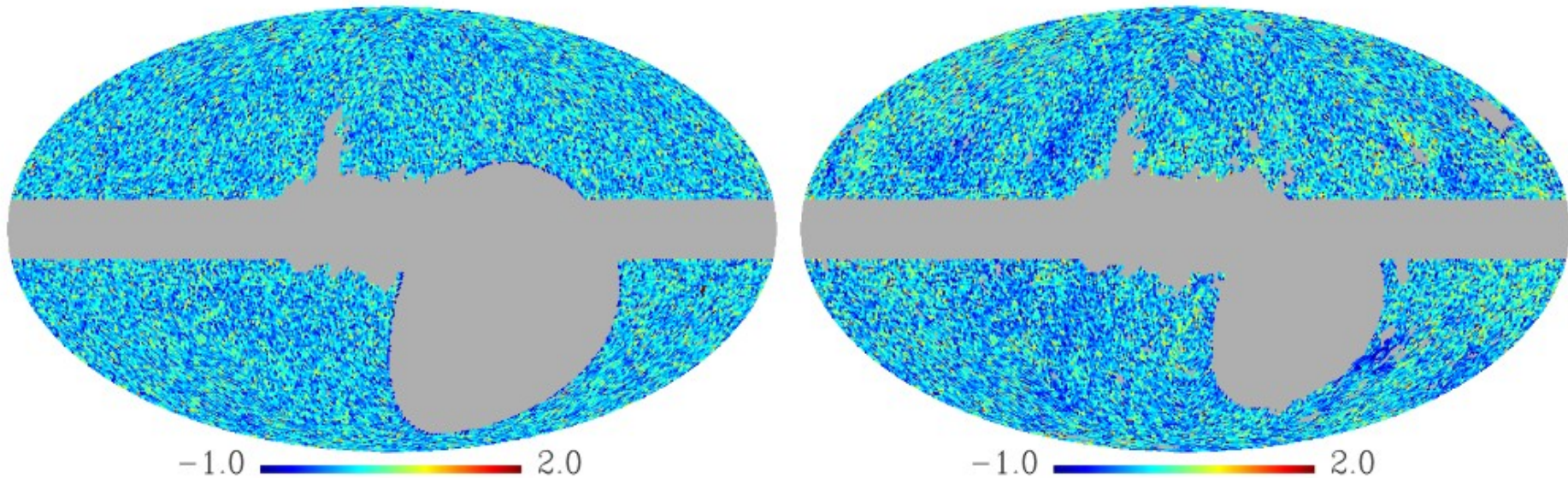
We further cleaned both catalogues as follows:

- 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

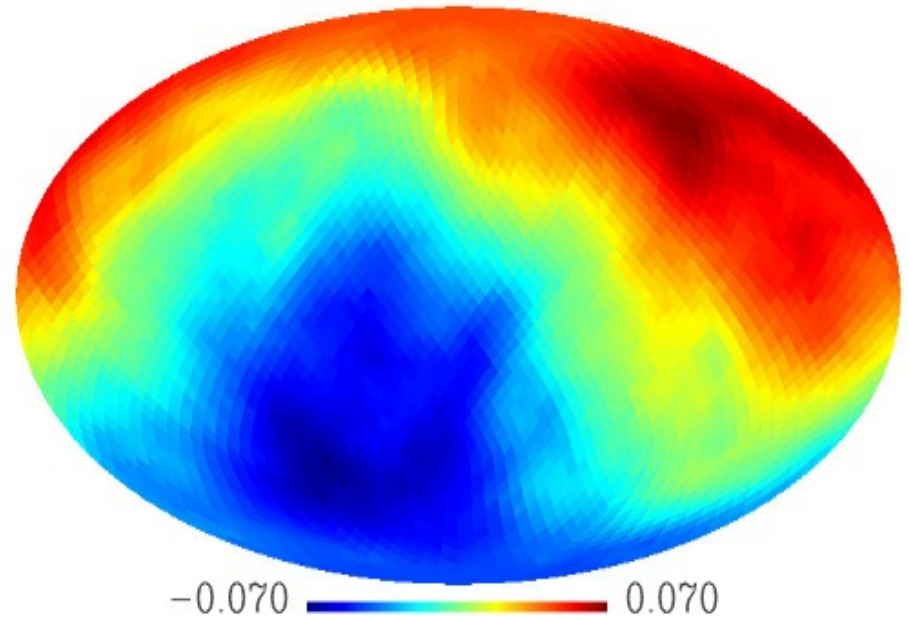
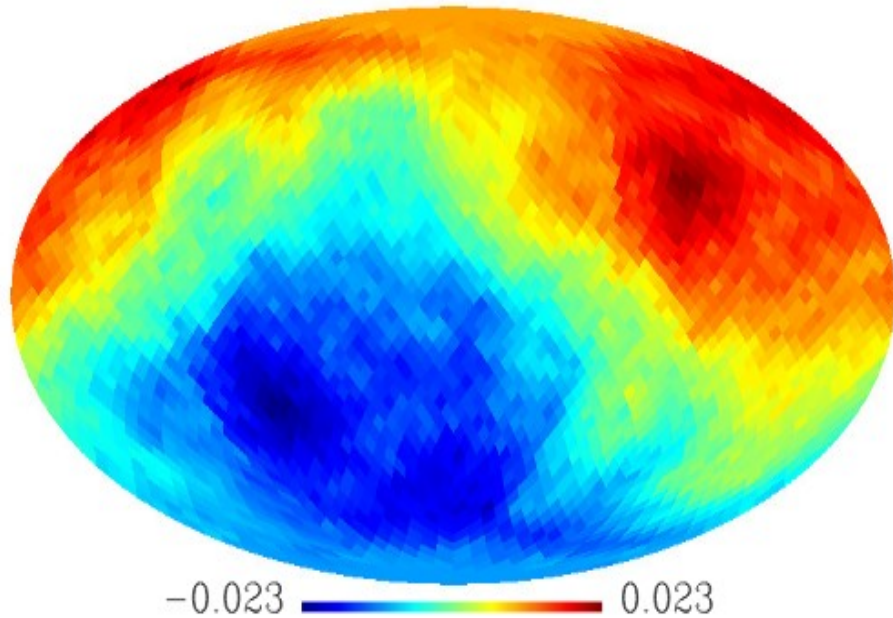
Observational data: number counts



NVSS (left) versus TGSS (right)

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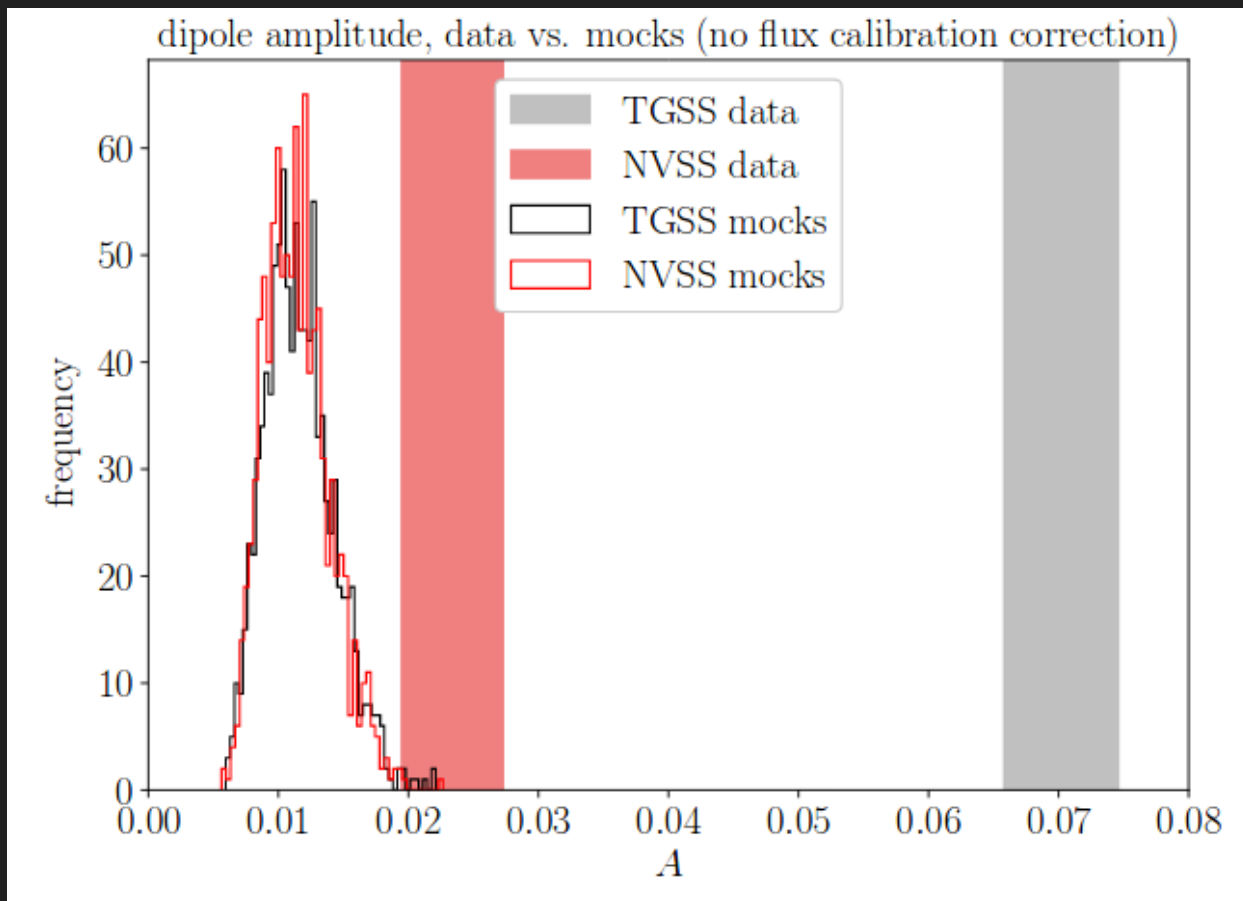
NVSS (left) versus TGSS (right) dipole
Direction is consistent with CMB, **amplitude is much higher!**

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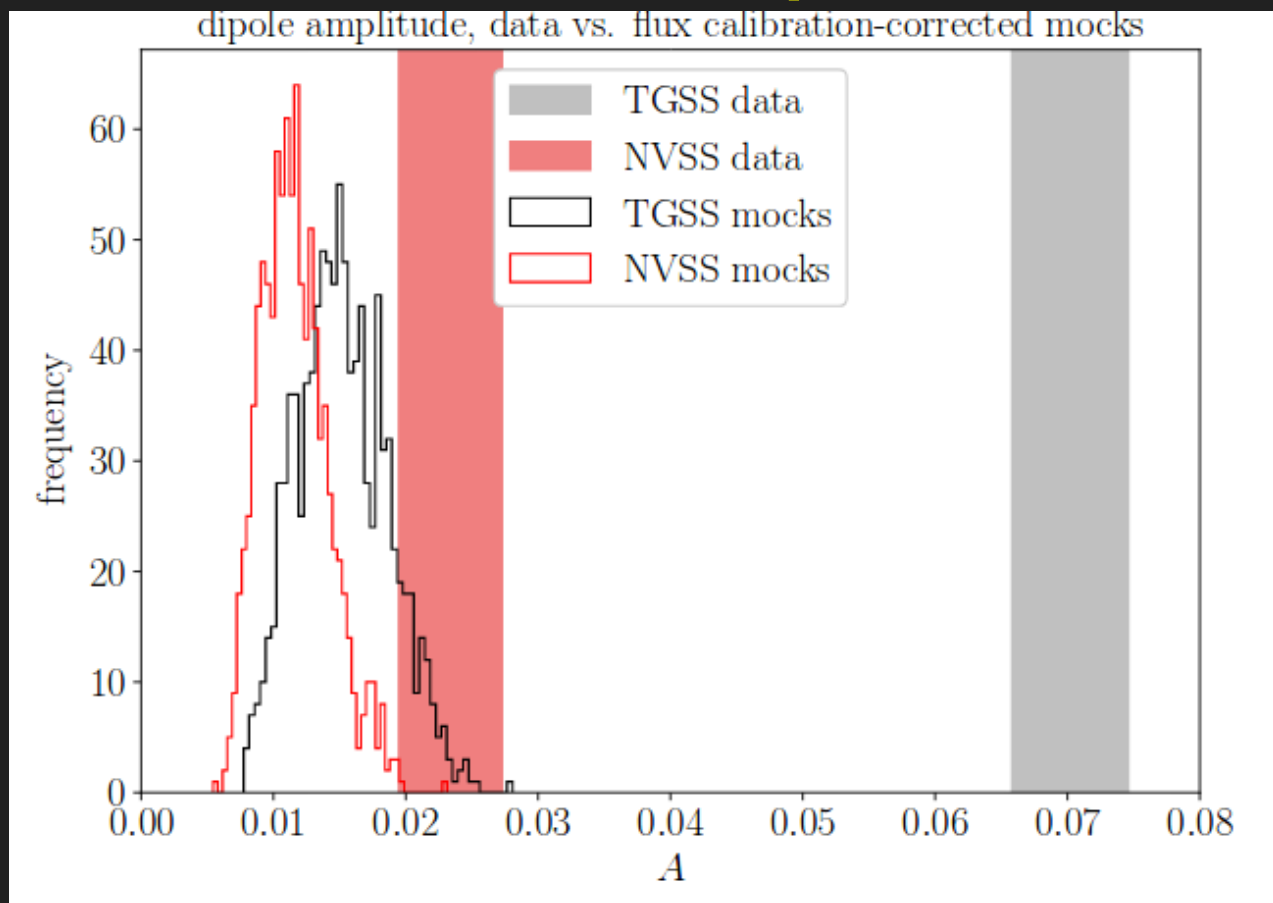
Survey	Flux range (mJy)	A_{obs}	(l, b)	ref.
TGSS	$100 < S < 5000$	0.070 ± 0.004	$(243.00^\circ \pm 12.00^\circ, 45.00^\circ \pm 3.00^\circ)$	This work
NVSS	$20 < S < 1000$	0.023 ± 0.004	$(253.12^\circ \pm 11.00^\circ, 27.28^\circ \pm 3.00^\circ)$	This work
	$S > 20$	0.021 ± 0.006	$(244.69^\circ \pm 27.00^\circ,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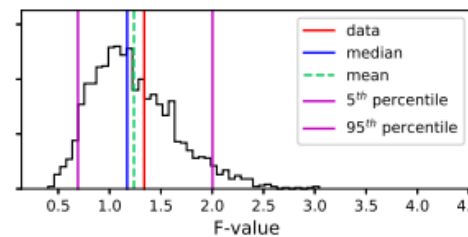
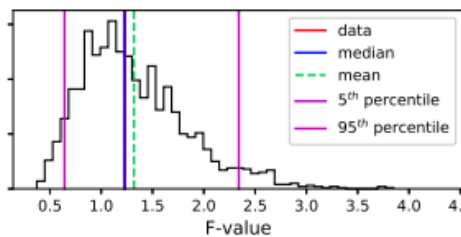
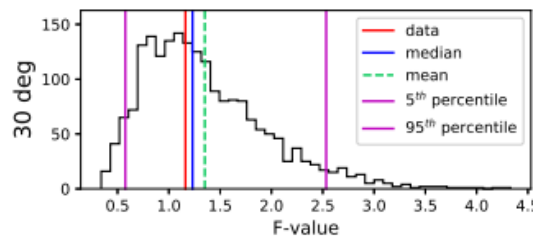
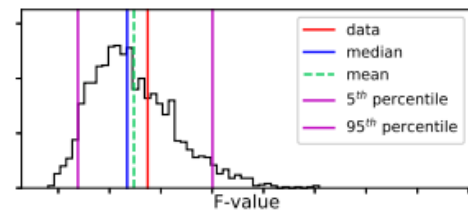
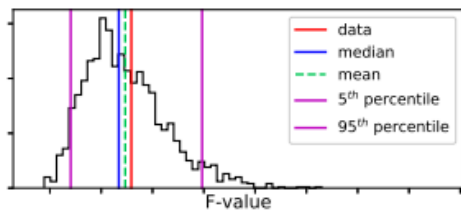
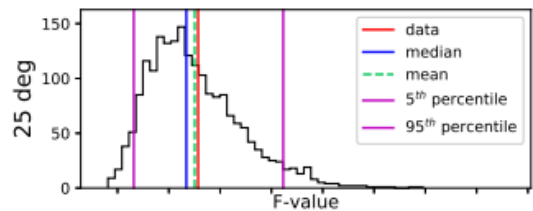
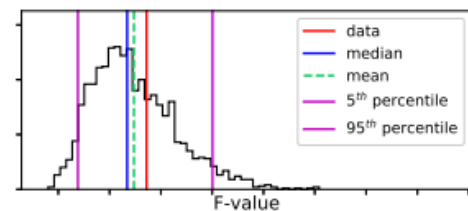
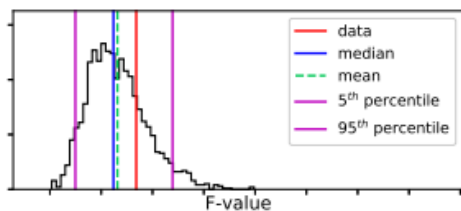
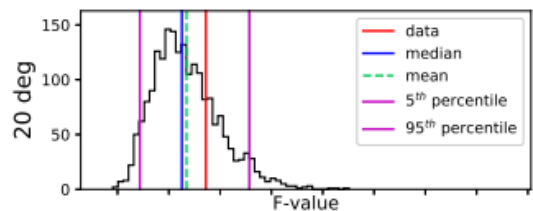
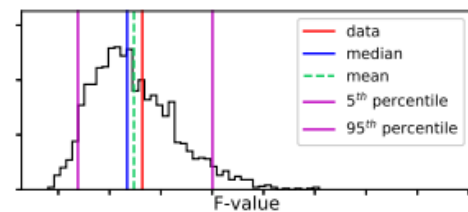
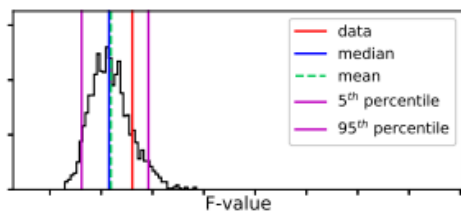
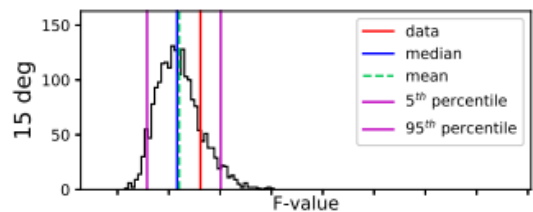
Observational data and estimator

- **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 5 deg of $(l, b) = (207.13, -17.84)$ - and mock realisations following the same prescription as well
- **Estimator:**
 - we draw patches in the sky of $15, 20, 25, 30 \text{ deg}$ 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 \times variance of mocks (see Alonso et al. 2014; Akrami et al. 2014)

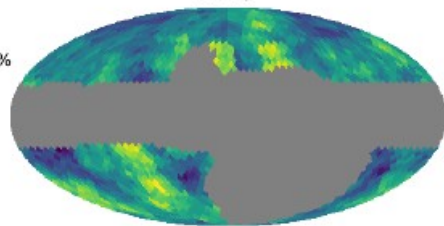
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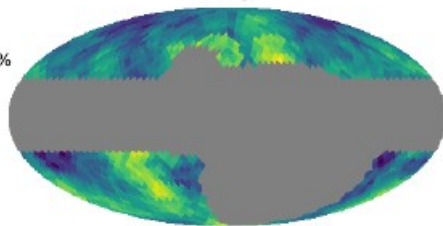


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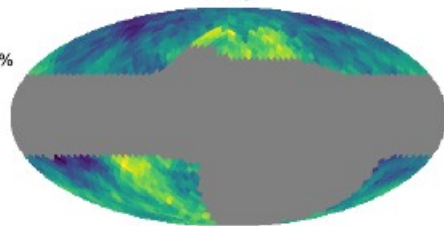
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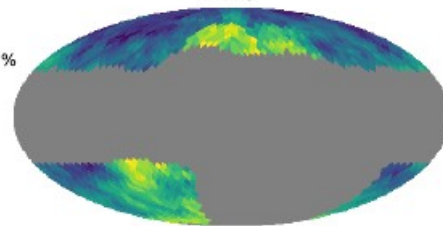
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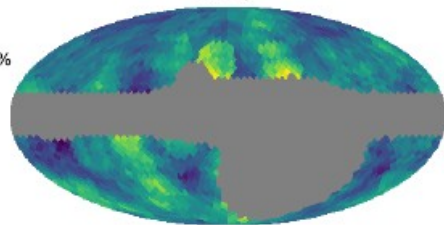
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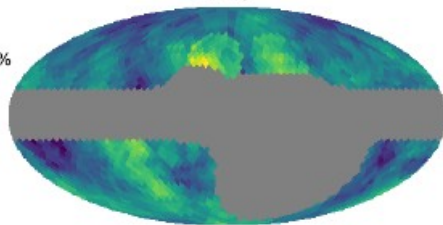
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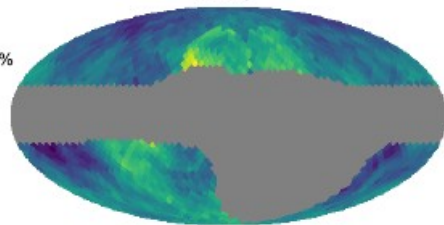
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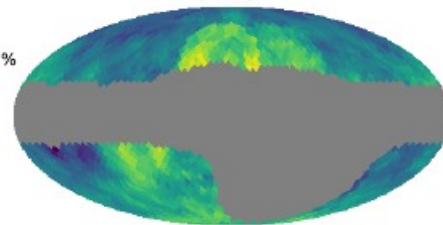
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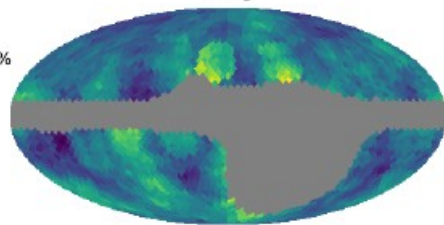
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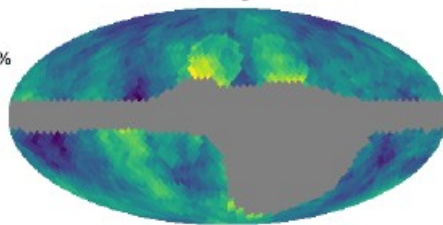
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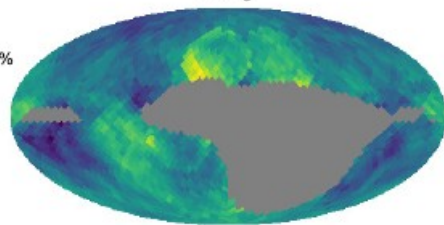
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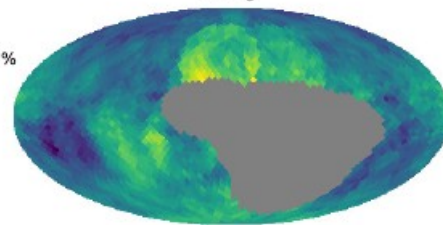
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Conclusions

- **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 (Secrest+ 21, Singal 21)
- **What SKA can tell about the radio dipole?**

What about the future in radio?

CB, Siewert, Schwarz, Maartens

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See also:

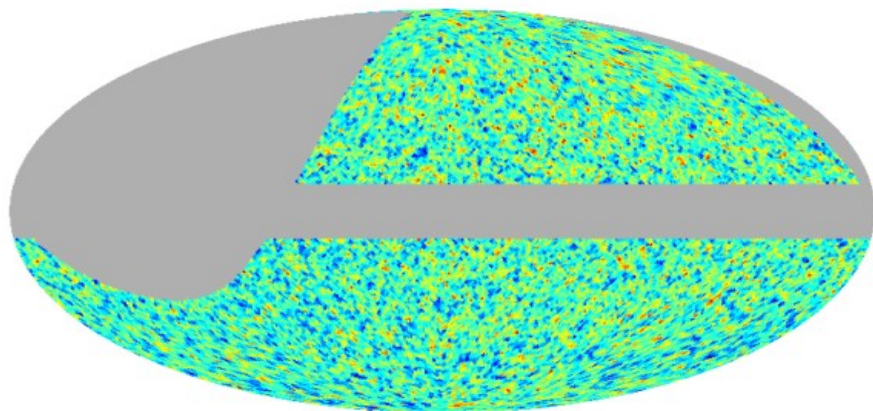
SKA1 red book, PSAP 37 (2020) e007

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SKA radio continuum forecasts: prescription

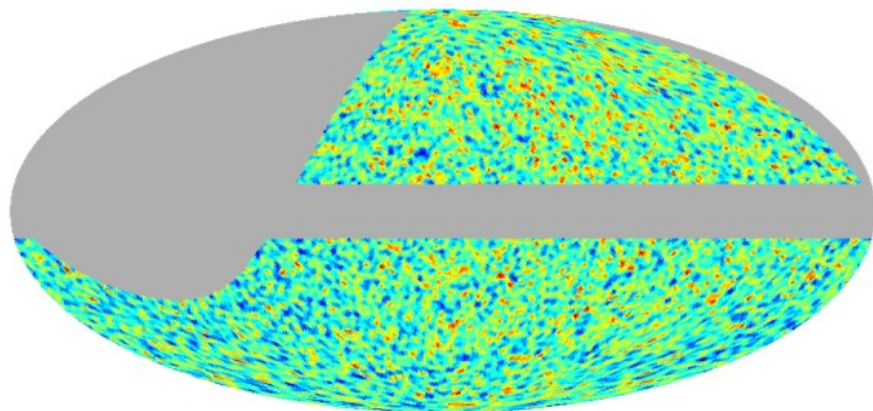
- **SKA1 specs:** ~20000 sq. degrees, $S > 10 \mu\text{Jy}$ and $S > 20 \mu\text{Jy}$;
SKA2 specs: ~25000 sq. degrees, $S > 1 \mu\text{Jy}$ and $S > 5 \mu\text{Jy}$
- $n(z)$, $s(z)$ and $b(z)$ taken from Alonso et al. 2015 (**LF code**)
- Planck 2015 best fit as fiducial power spectrum (**CAMB**)
- Number count mocks: lognormal realisations using **flask code** (Xavier et al 2016)
- Full and $z > 0.5$ sample - the latter suppresses local structures

$S > 1\mu\text{Jy}$



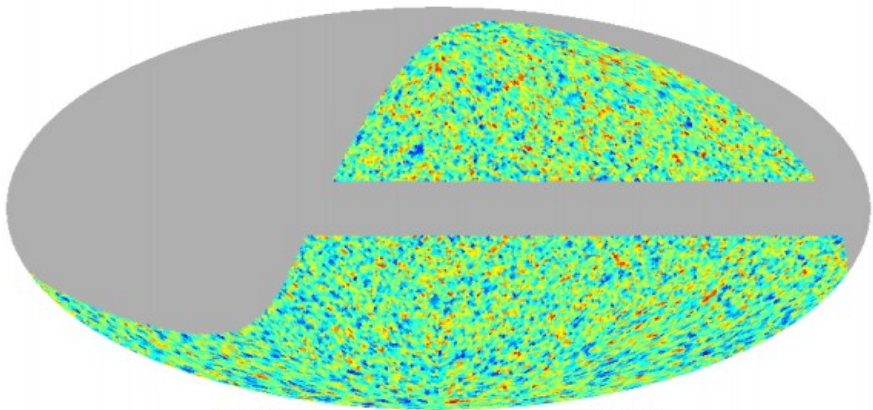
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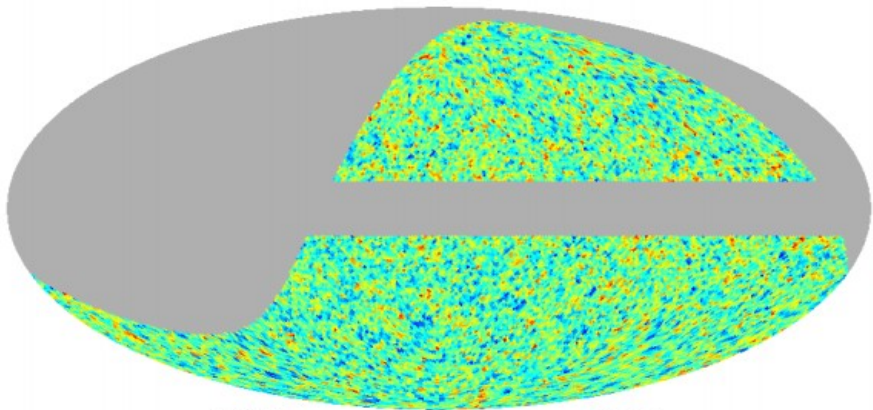
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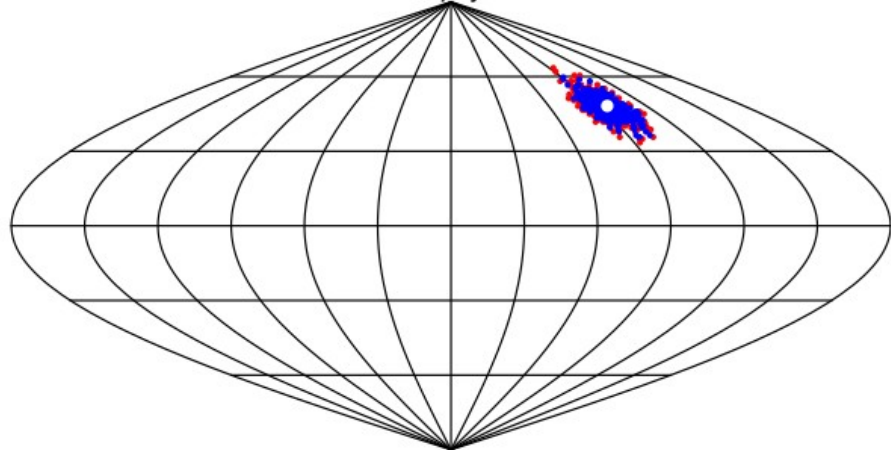
SKA radio continuum forecasts: estimator

We estimate the kinematic dipole signal from the mocks following

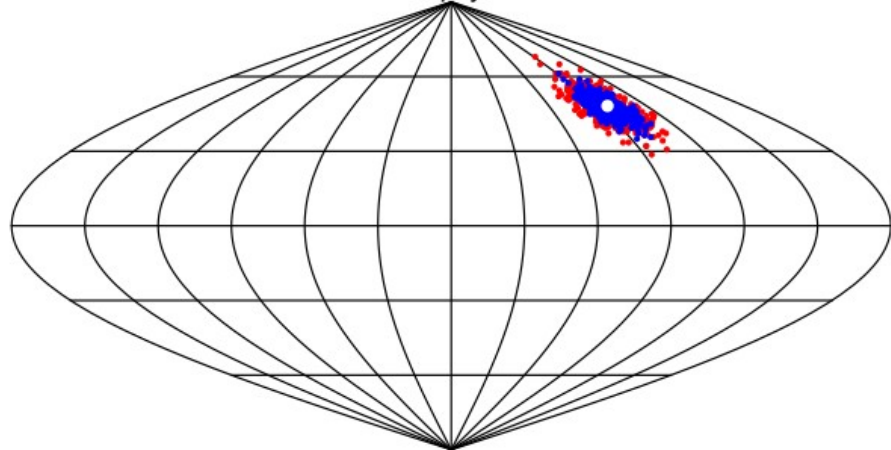
$$\min \sum_p \frac{[N_p(\mathbf{n}, >S) - \bar{N}(>S) (1 + A \cos \theta_p)]^2}{\bar{N}(>S) (1 + A \cos \theta_p)}$$

p stands for the p -th pixel ($p=1, \dots, 49152$) - sky divided in 49152 directions (Healpix Nside=64 grid)

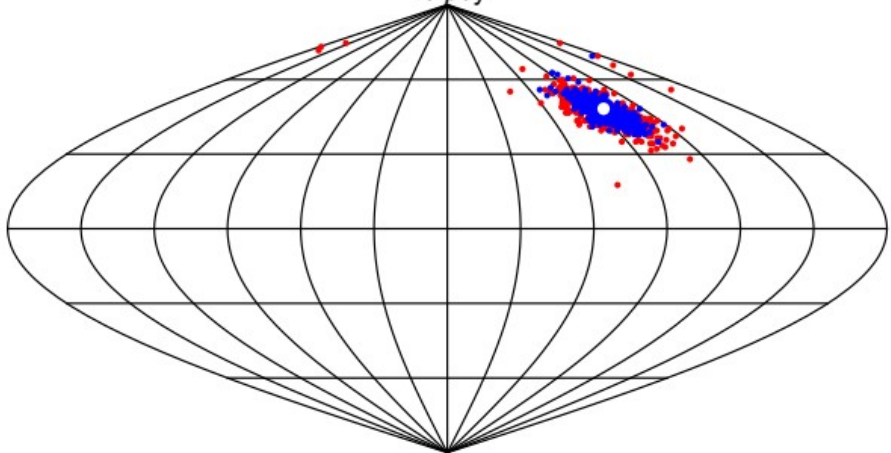
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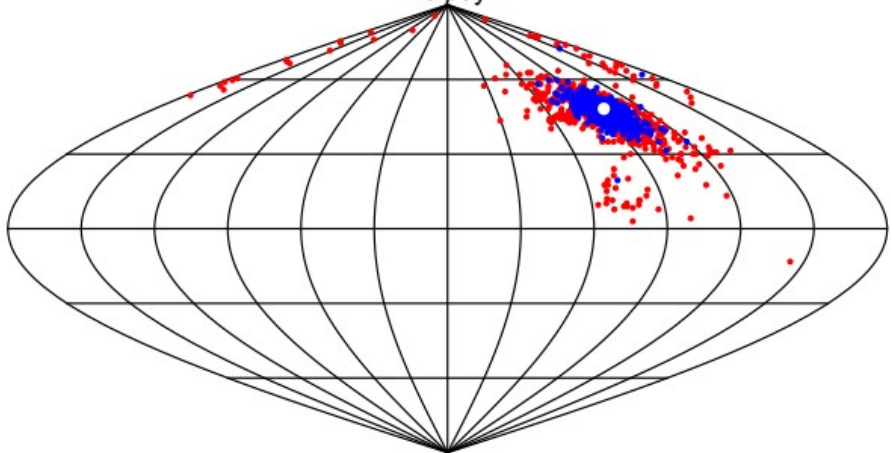
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10 μJy



20 μJy



Sample	N_{tot} (10^9)	$S >$ (μJy)	l (deg)	b (deg)	A (10^{-3})
full	2.37	1.0	264.87 ± 6.47	47.42 ± 4.33	4.64 ± 0.33
$z \geq 0.5$	2.07	1.0	264.64 ± 5.57	47.37 ± 3.67	4.64 ± 0.30
full	0.72	5.0	265.15 ± 8.43	47.29 ± 5.58	4.67 ± 0.44
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full	0.18	20.0	263.86 ± 25.08	45.50 ± 12.89	4.93 ± 1.03
$z \geq 0.5$	0.15	20.0	265.49 ± 8.65	46.83 ± 4.64	4.65 ± 0.45
fiducial	–		264.02	48.25	4.62

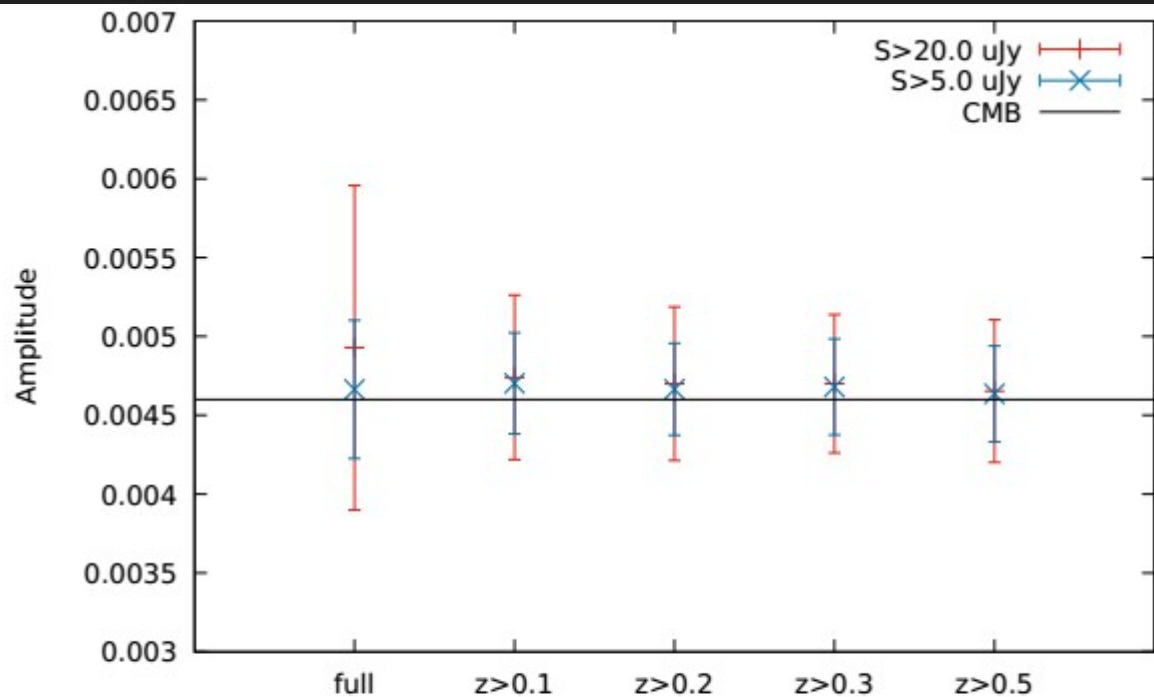


Figure 5. Constraints on the kinematic dipole amplitude as a function of lower cut in redshift for the realistic SKA1 and SKA2 simulations. The results become more stable from $z_{\text{cut}} > 0.1$ onward since the most strongly clustered structures are eliminated at this redshift range.

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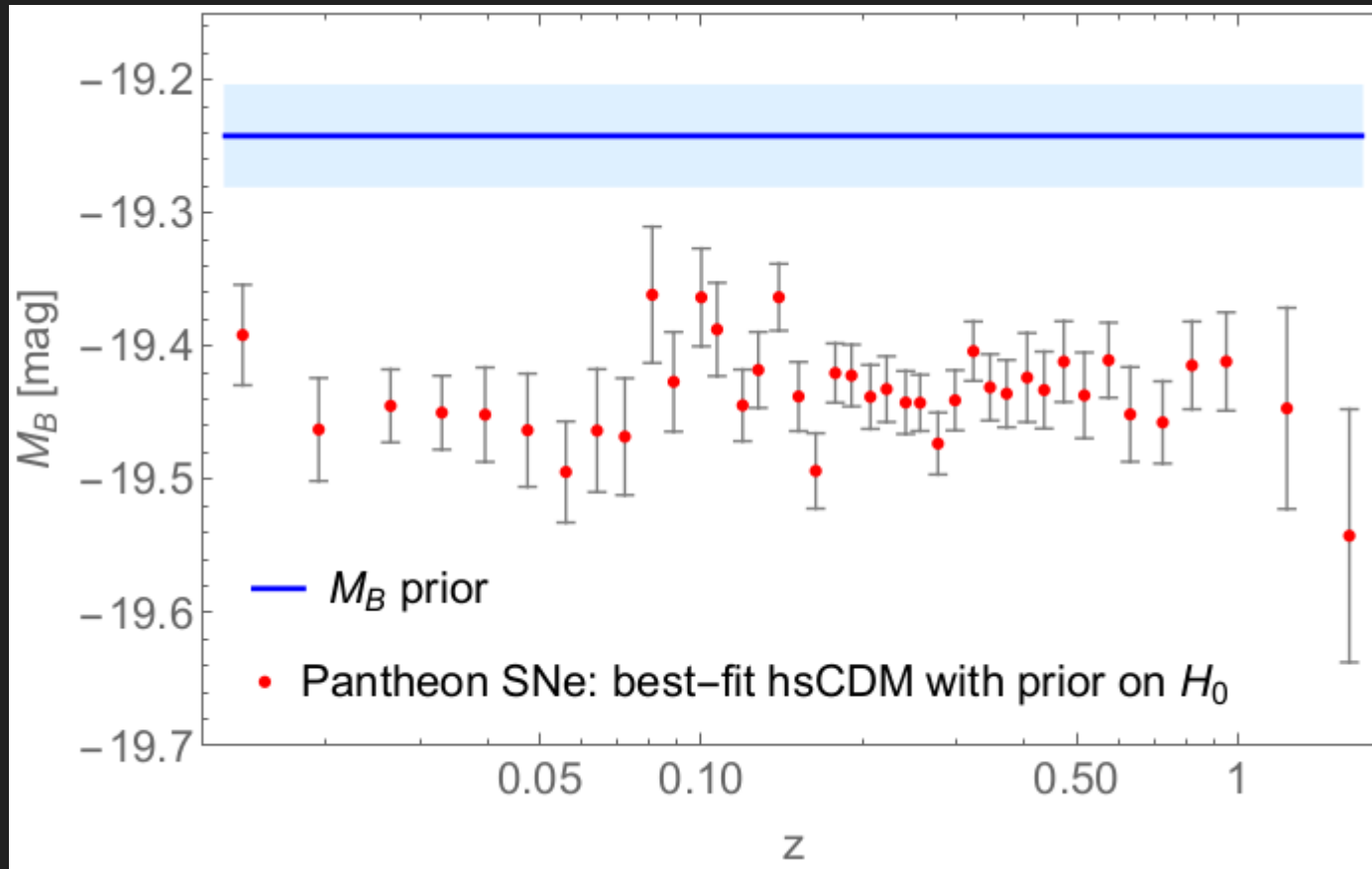
- SKA can constrain the dipole direction to a **~8-10 degrees**, and dipole amplitude down to **$\sigma_{\Delta v}/v < 10\%$** . **Huge improvement from current surveys like NVSS and TGSS**
- Direction constraints **MUCH IMPROVED** when local structure is suppressed
- SKA will also be able to detect the **relativistic aberration** (Pant, Rotti, CB, Maartens JCAP2019)
- SKA will deliver a **precision test of the fundamental hypothesis of Cosmology** using radio continuum observations

Part II:

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

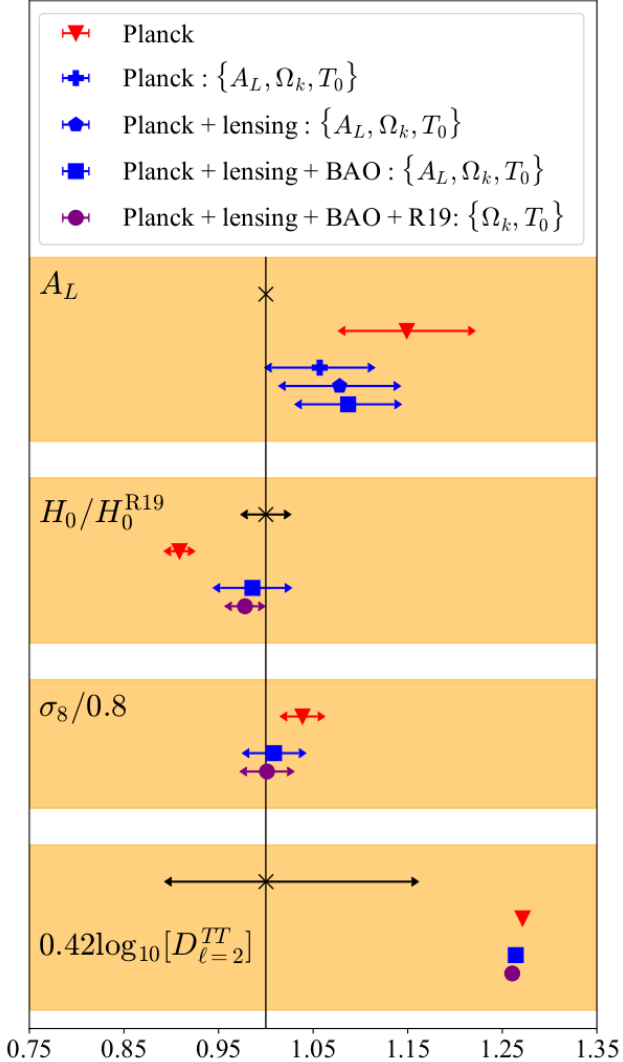
Motivation

- 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: $T_0 = 2.72548 \pm 0.00057$ (1σ)
- 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 σ_8 tension, besides some CMB features i.e. the low quadrupole power (Bose and Lombriser 2021)
 - Pantheon SNe absolute magnitude is not compatible with SHOES measurement (3.8σ - 4.4σ) - strongly related to the H_0 tension. (Camarena and Marra 2021)
- We shall revisit the T_0 measurements and the constancy of M_{abs} - departures from standard values may hint at new physics!



Credits: Camarena
and Marra
MNRAS 504 (4),
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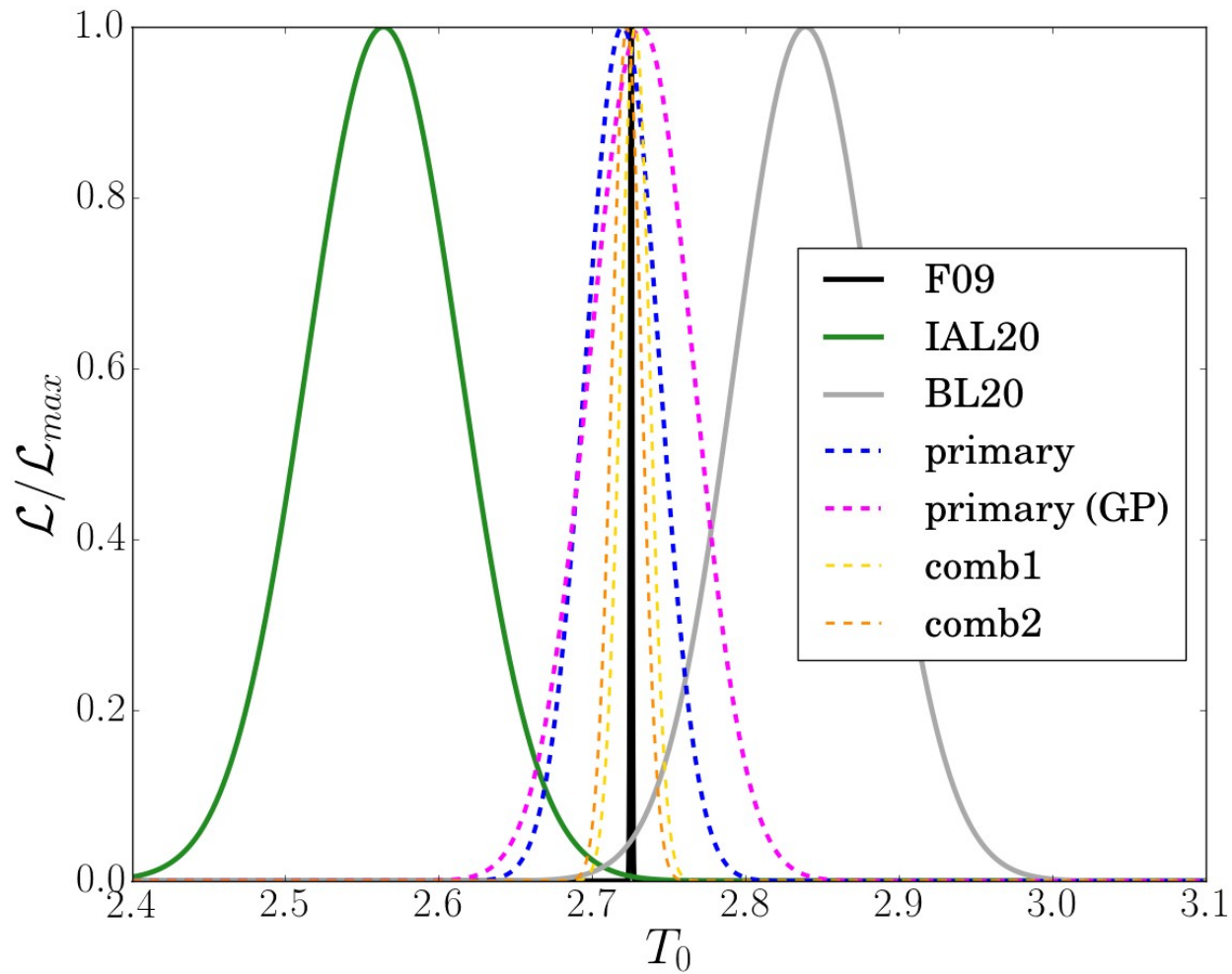
- We compare our measurements with those in the literature

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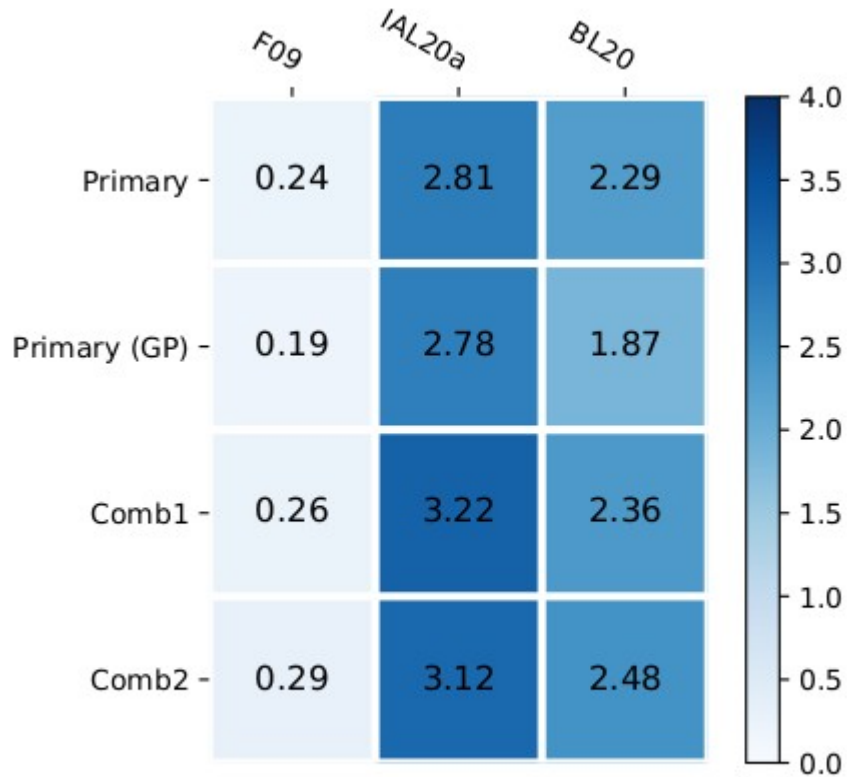
$$T_0 = 2.564 \pm 0.050 \text{ (IAL20)}$$

$$T_0 = 2.839 \pm 0.046 \text{ (BL20)}$$

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



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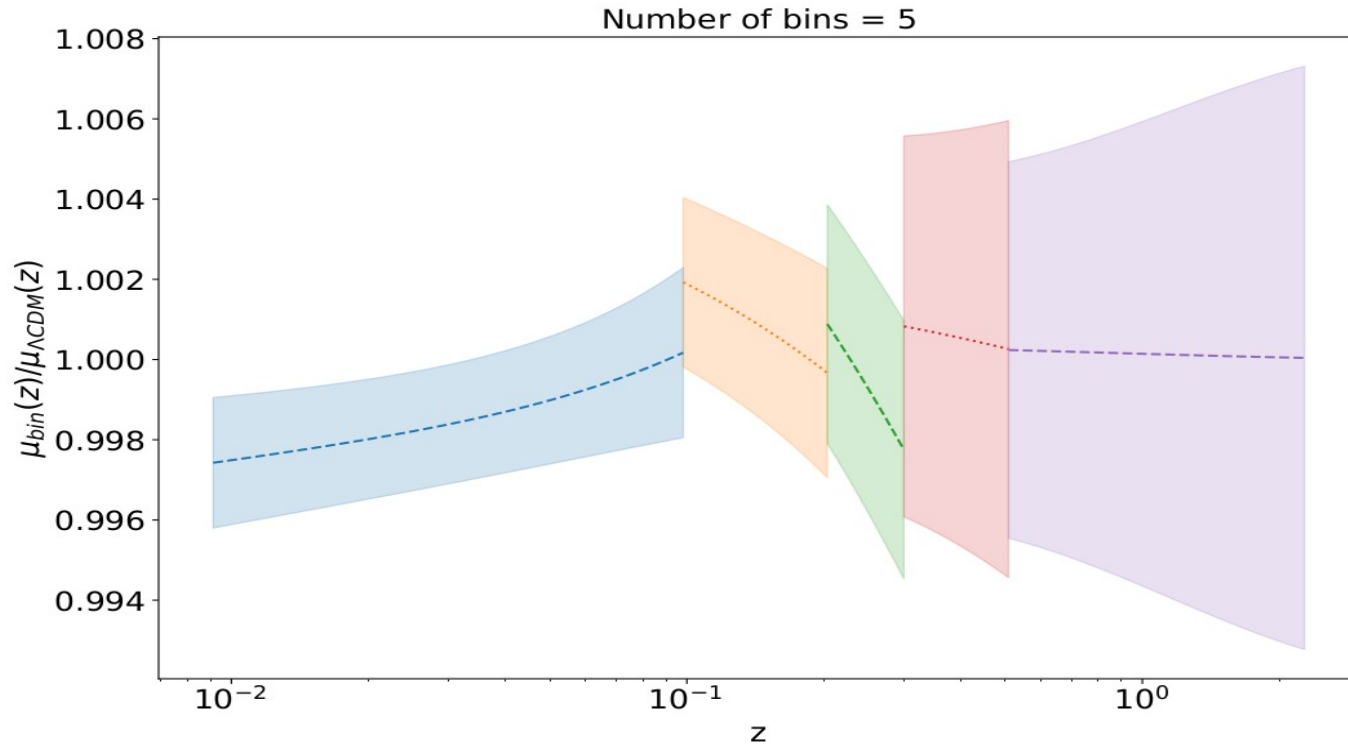
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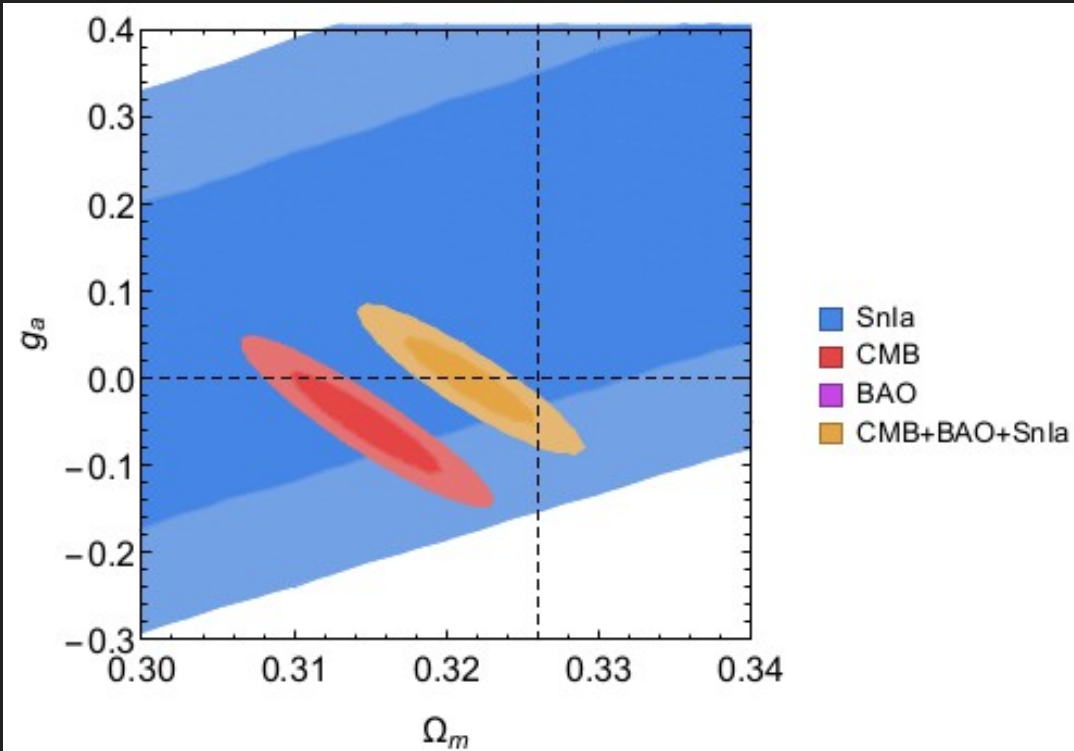
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- **Goal:** Measure the **Mabs of Pantheon SNe** compilation using several approaches:
 - Direct Mabs fit in different redshift bins
 - different parametrisations of $M(z) = M_0 + M_1 * f(z)$
 - modified gravity: $M(z) = M_0 + (15/4)\log(G_{\text{eff}}/G_n)$,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





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	\mathcal{M}_0	\mathcal{M}_1	$\Omega_{m,0}$	α	χ^2_{\min}
Λ	-1.191 ± 0.011	0	0.299 ± 0.022	-	1025.6
M1	-1.194 ± 0.020	0.061 ± 0.381	0.299 ± 0.064	-	1025.6
M2	-1.190 ± 0.013	-0.474 ± 0.177	0.032 ± 0.069	-	1024.9
M3	-1.192 ± 0.016	0.031 ± 0.462	0.311 ± 0.188	1	1025.6
$\overline{\text{M3}}$	-1.195 ± 0.012	1.204 ± 0.055	1	1	1025.9
M4	-1.193 ± 0.570	0.001 ± 0.579	0.298 ± 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 $w = -1$. Λ refers to the Λ CDM model.

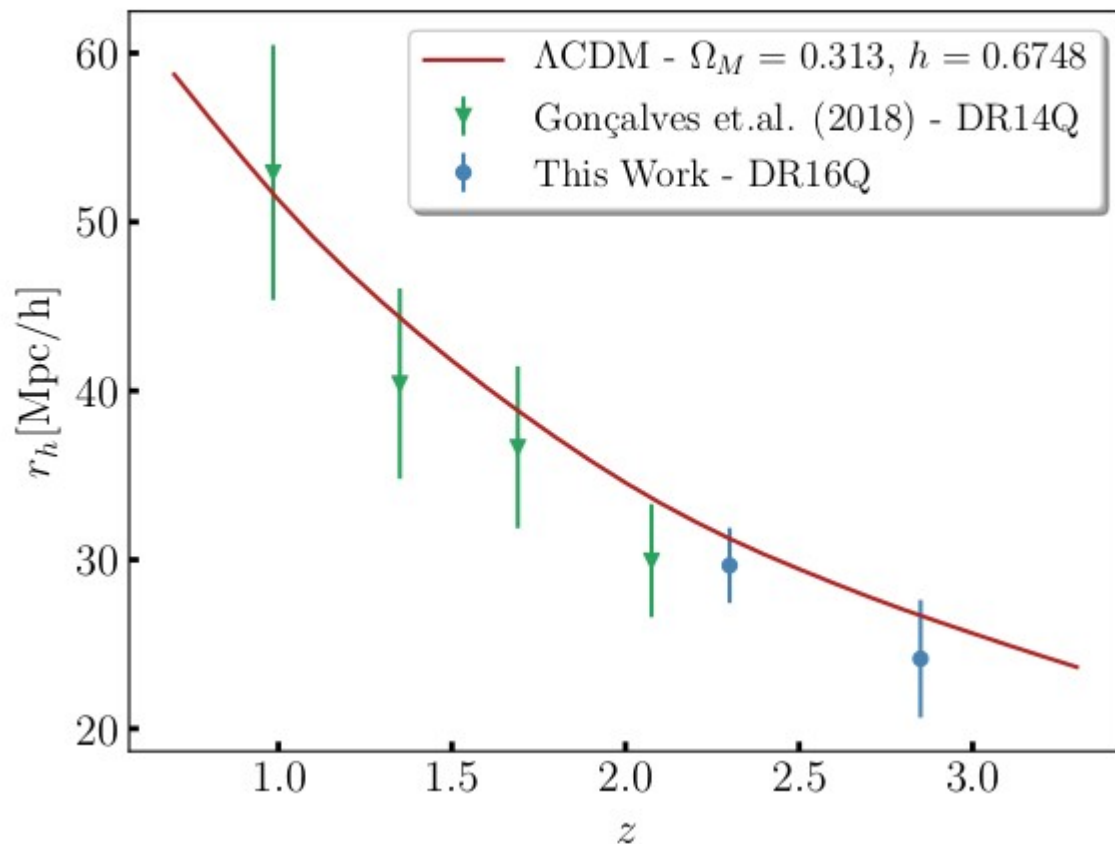
Conclusions

- 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))

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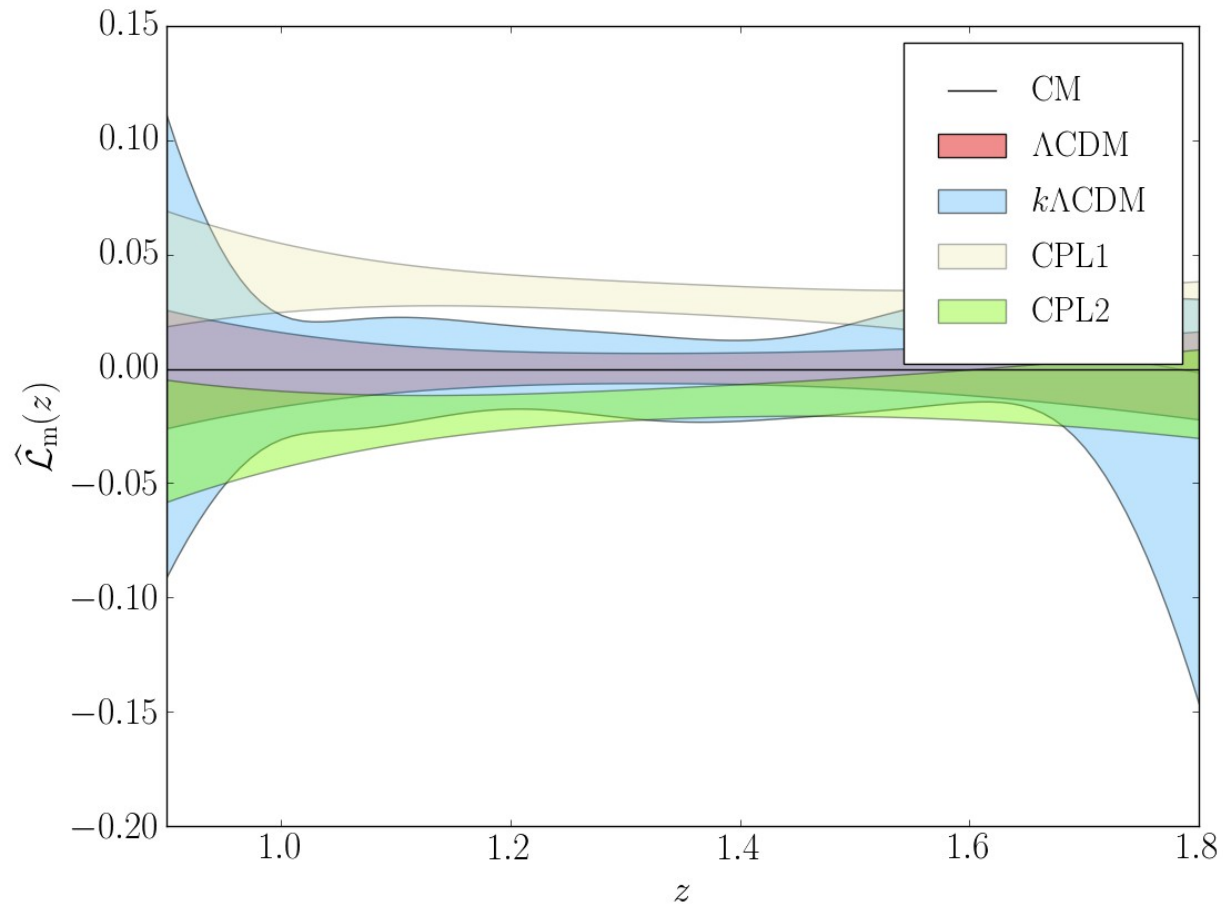
- We verified that **cosmic variance due to incomplete sky coverage** can ease the H_0 tension - **from 4.4 down to (2.7-3.0) σ** at the most extreme cases (**CB JCAP 2016; CB, Andrade, Alcaniz EPJC 2019**)
- We found that the **2D distribution of SDSS-III LRG (Gonçalves+ MNRAS 2018a)** and **3D distribution of SDSS-IV QSOs (Gonçalves+ MNRAS 2018b; Gonçalves+ JCAP 2021)** does exhibit a **characteristic scale of homogeneity**, as predicted by the Cosmological Principle
- We found that **Euclid and SKA** will be able to **measure H_0 at almost percent-level precision, probe cosmic acceleration with (5-7) σ cl**, and **null tests of the CM at a (3-5) σ cl** - ALL model-independent tests!
(**CB, Clarkson, Maartens JCAP 2020; CB MNRAS 2020; CB, Clarkson, Kunz and Maartens PDU accepted yesterday (!) 2021**)

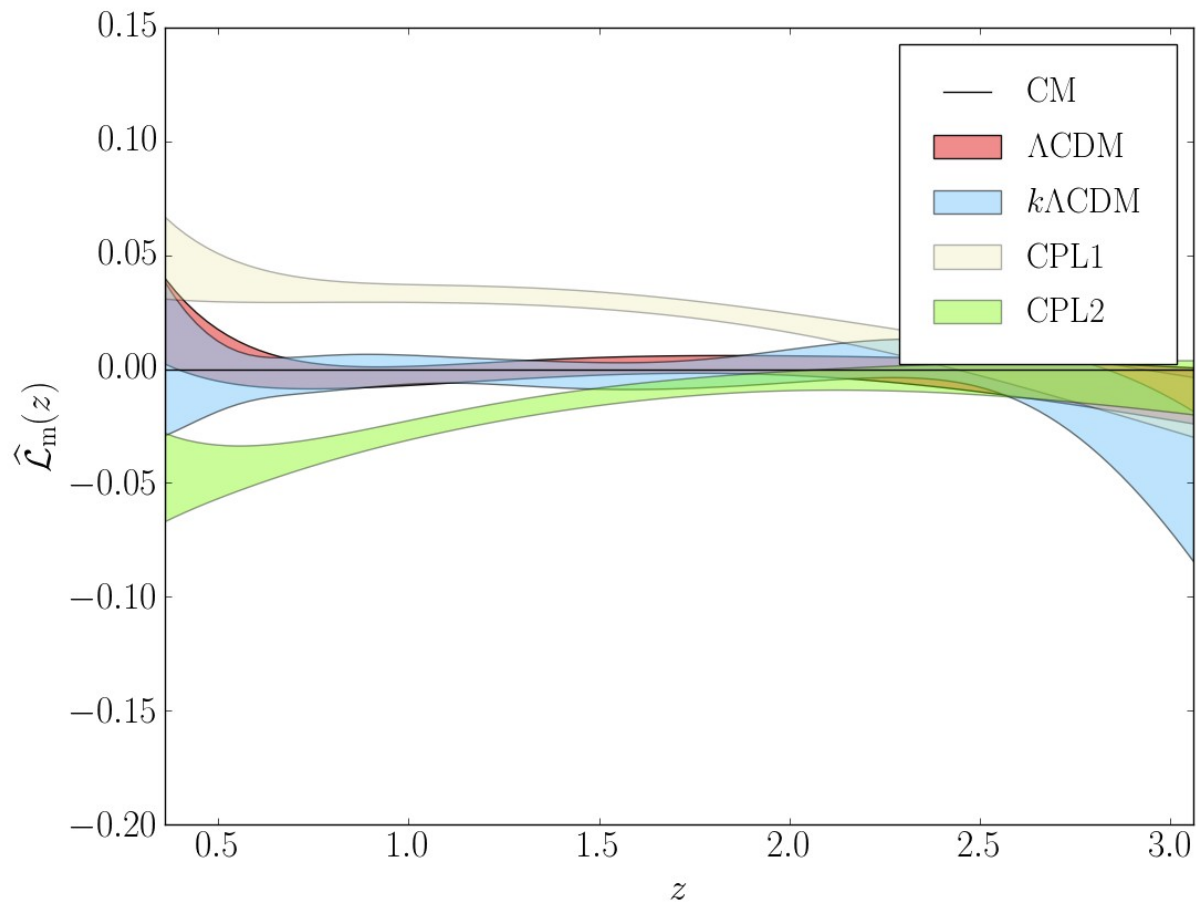


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- Current SN and radio count observations can probe the Cosmological Principle, **but with limited precision**. Future surveys like **SKA** will **enormously improve the quality of these tests**
- **No evidence for new physics** probing two important quantities in Cosmology, i.e. the **CMB current temperature** and **SNe absolute magnitude**
- Future redshift surveys such as **Euclid and SKA** can measure H_0 and q_0 with unprecedented precision **without any prior assumption** about the underlying Cosmology
- **Future plans:**
 - can we detect the **homogeneity scale in galaxy clusters?**
 - model-independent tests of **cosmic curvature**
 - model-independent tests of **cosmic acceleration with transversal BAO-only**
 - deploying **machine learning** to test the foundations of Cosmology
(CB, Dantas, Casarini and Alcaniz in prep.)

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!**

Thanks!
Obrigado!

Complimentary slides

Part III:

**Cosmology: A search for two numbers revisited.
What can future redshift surveys tell about them?**

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Cosmology: A search for two numbers

Precision measurements of the rate of expansion and the deceleration of the universe may soon provide a major test of cosmological models

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CB, Clarkson, Maartens, JCAP2020, CB MNRAS2020

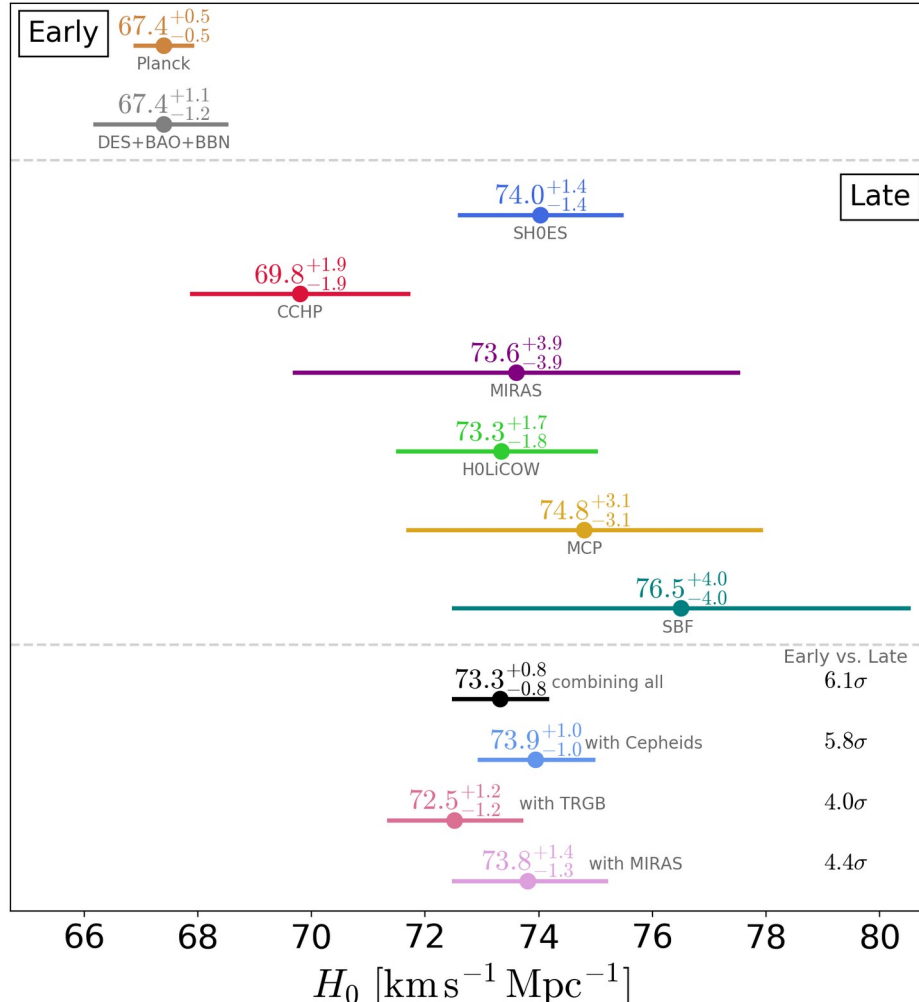
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flat – Λ CDM



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

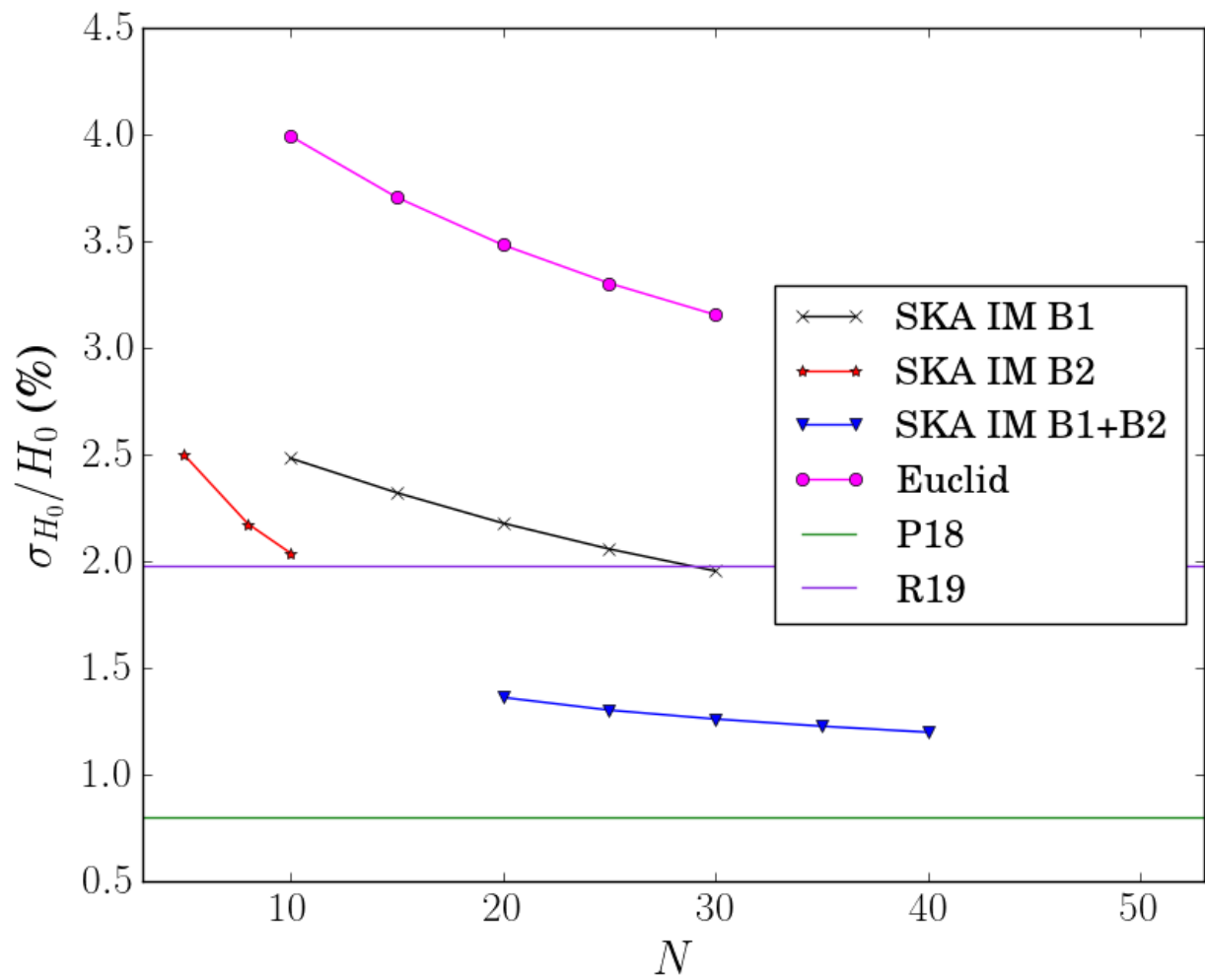
- How well can we measure H_0 with future redshift surveys like **SKA and Euclid**?
- **Model-independent approaches**, as those based on **non-parametric reconstructions**, can tell H_0 **regardless** of the cosmological model assumed
- If we can measure H_0 down to a few per cent, **we can tell early-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

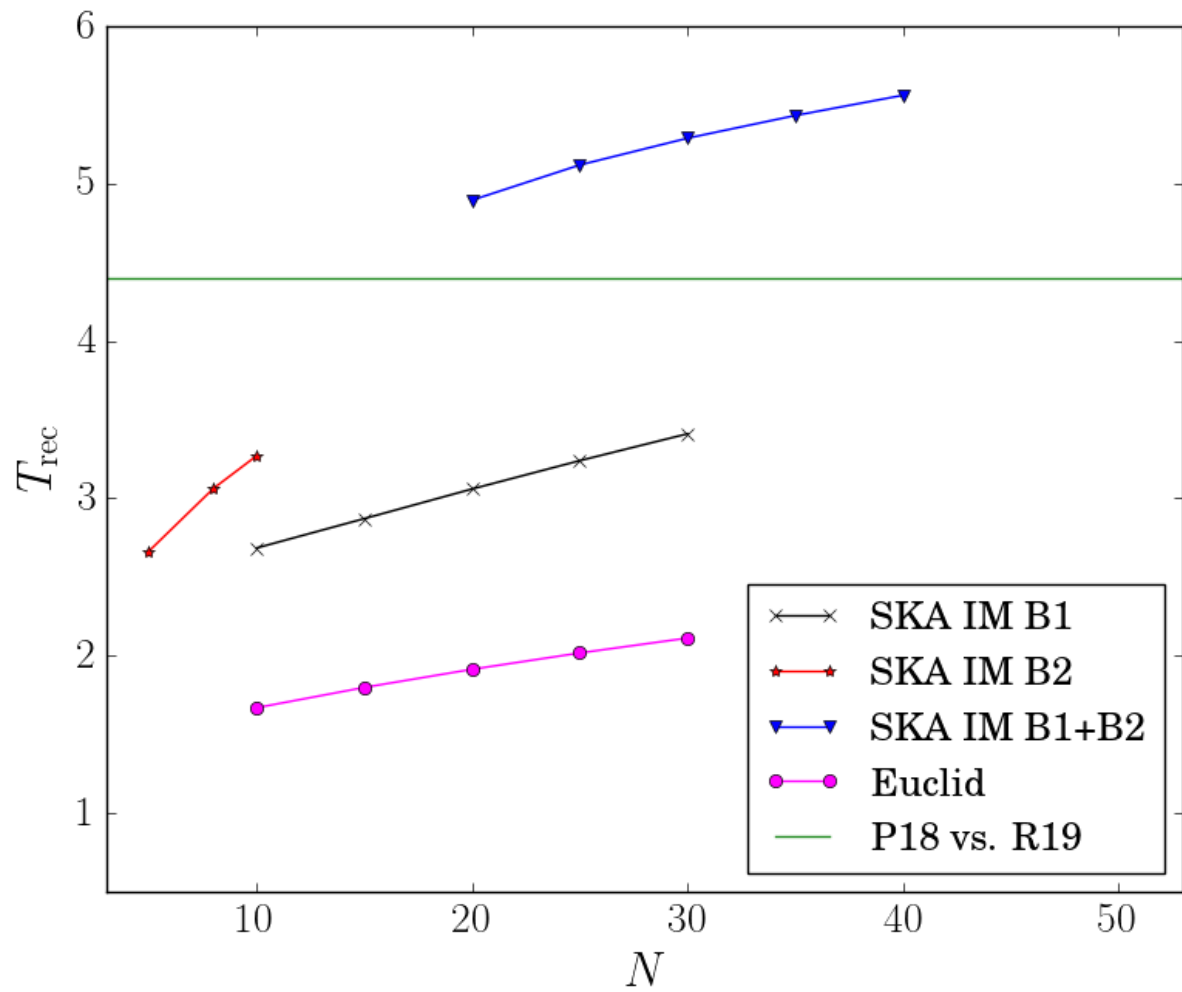
Work Outline

- **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 Λ 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**





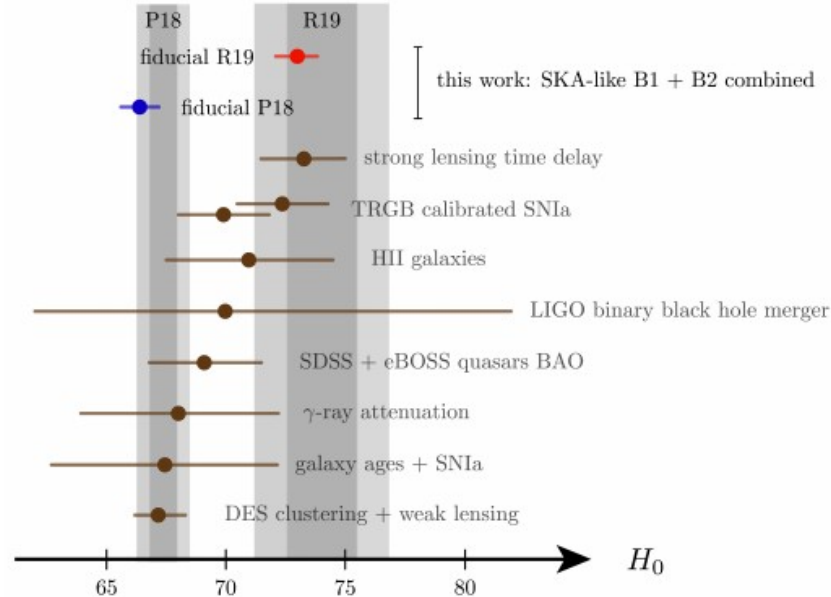


FIG. 3. Compilation of H_0 measurements, with 1σ error bars, shown against 1σ (darker) and 2σ (lighter) error bands for P18 (left) and R19 (right). From bottom to top: DES clustering + weak lensing [37]; galaxy ages + SNIa [19]; γ -ray attenuation [35]; SDSS + eBOSS quasars BAO (direct estimate of H_0) [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^{P18} and H_0^{R19} .

The second number: q_0

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Part IIa: The H0 tension with next-gen surveys

- 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

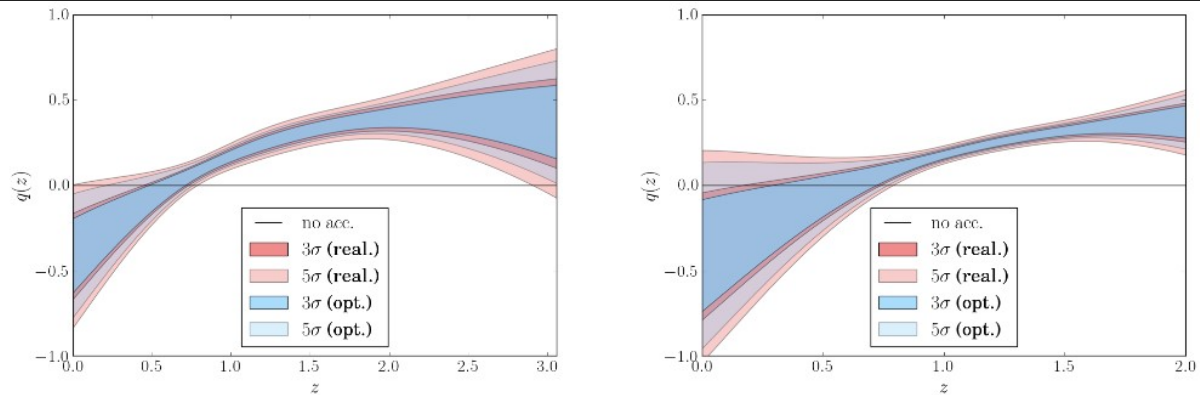


Figure 1. Left panel: Gaussian-process reconstructed $q(z)$ following Eqs. (6) and (7) for a SKA-like B1 survey assuming the realistic ($N_1 = 10$ and $N_2 = 5$, in blue) and optimistic ($N_1 = 20$ and $N_2 = 10$), in red) specifications. The darker (lighter) shaded curves provide the 3σ (5σ) confidence 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.

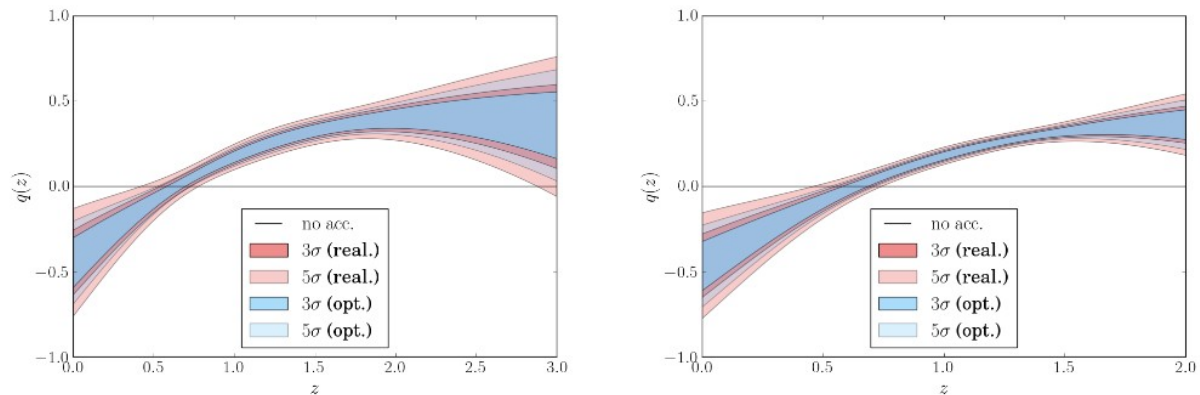


Figure 2. Same as Fig. 1, but including the SKA-like B2 data points.

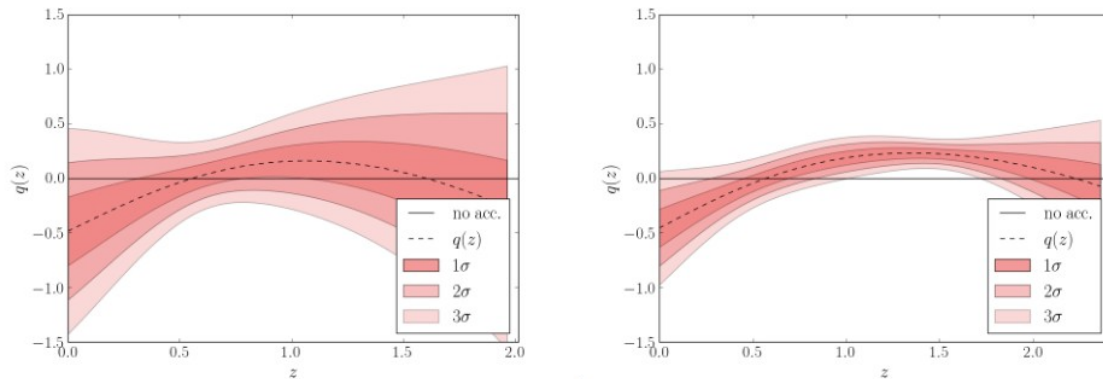


Figure 3. The reconstructed $q(z)$ curves, and their 1, 2 and 3σ uncertainties using real $H(z)$ data from CC (left) and CC combined with BAO measurements from galaxy surveys like SDSS and WiggleZ (right).

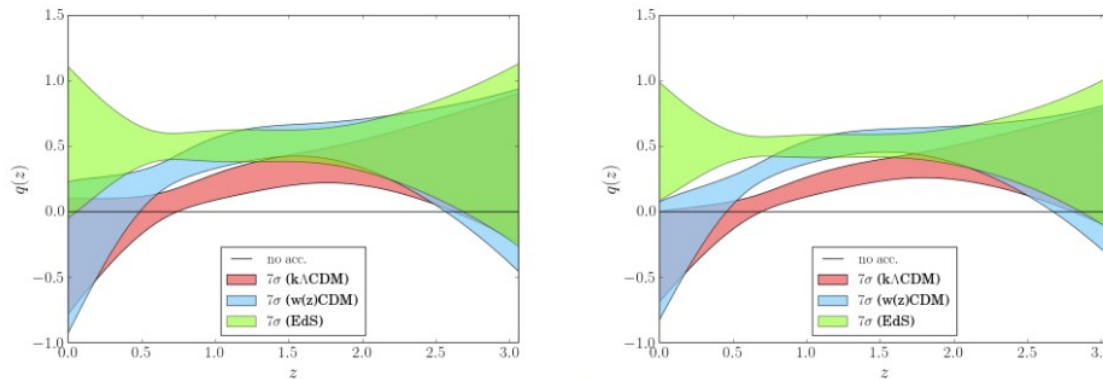


Figure 4. The reconstructed $q(z)$ curves (in 7σ) for SKA-like B1 and B2 surveys combined assuming the $k\Lambda$ CDM (red), $w(z)$ CDM (blue) and EdS (green) models. The left plot displays the results for a realistic survey specification ($N_1 = 10$ and $N_2 = 5$), and the right plot for an optimistic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