

# Teleparallel Cosmology

## From theory to observational constraints

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# Outline

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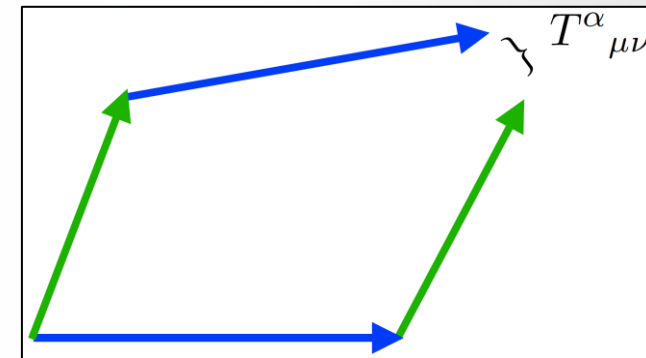
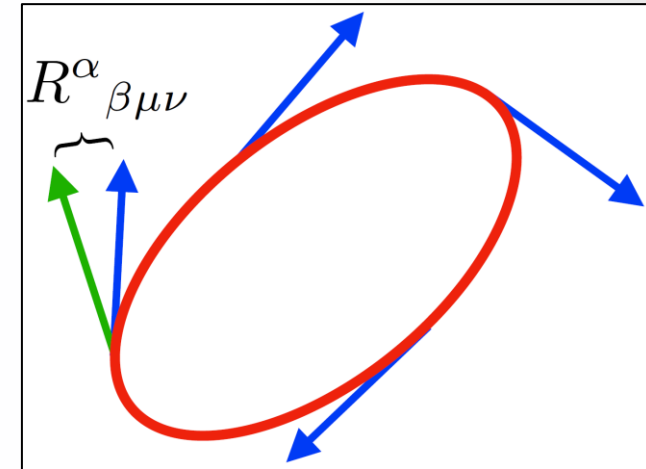
- **Standard gravity** and the motivation for modified gravity
- **Modified Gravity** through other branches of physics
- The **Teleparallel Gravity** (TG) formalism
- **$f(T)$  cosmology** observations
- **Model-independent cosmology**
- **Teleparallel Horndeski Gravity**
- Concluding Remarks

Why do we need modifications  
to standard cosmology?

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# Introduction

- Einstein 1915: **General Relativity (GR)**  
**Energy-momentum** source of curvature  
**Levi-Civita connection**: Zero Torsion, Metricity
- Einstein 1928: **Teleparallel Equivalent of GR (TEGR)**  
**Energy-momentum** source of torsion  
**Teleparallel connection**: Zero Curvature, Metricity



arXiv:1903.06830

# Fundamental Physics

## Standard Model of Particle physics + GR

mass	$\approx 2.2 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 1.28 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	$\approx 173.1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	0	$\approx 124.97 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
charge	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	0
spin	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0
	<b>u</b> up	<b>c</b> charm	<b>t</b> top	<b>g</b> gluon	<b>H</b> higgs
	<b>d</b> down	<b>s</b> strange	<b>b</b> bottom	<b><math>\gamma</math></b> photon	
	<b>e</b> electron	<b><math>\mu</math></b> muon	<b><math>\tau</math></b> tau	<b>Z</b> Z boson	
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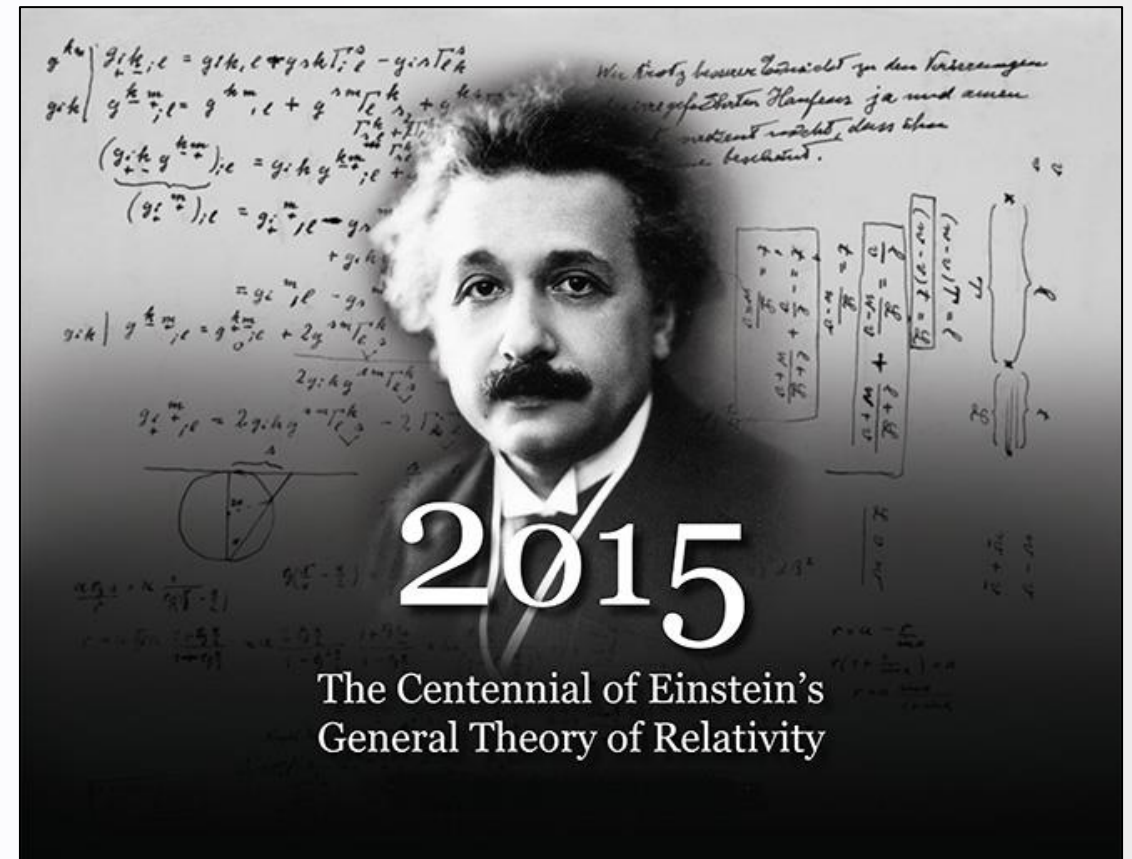
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**LEPTONS** (left side of the lepton section)

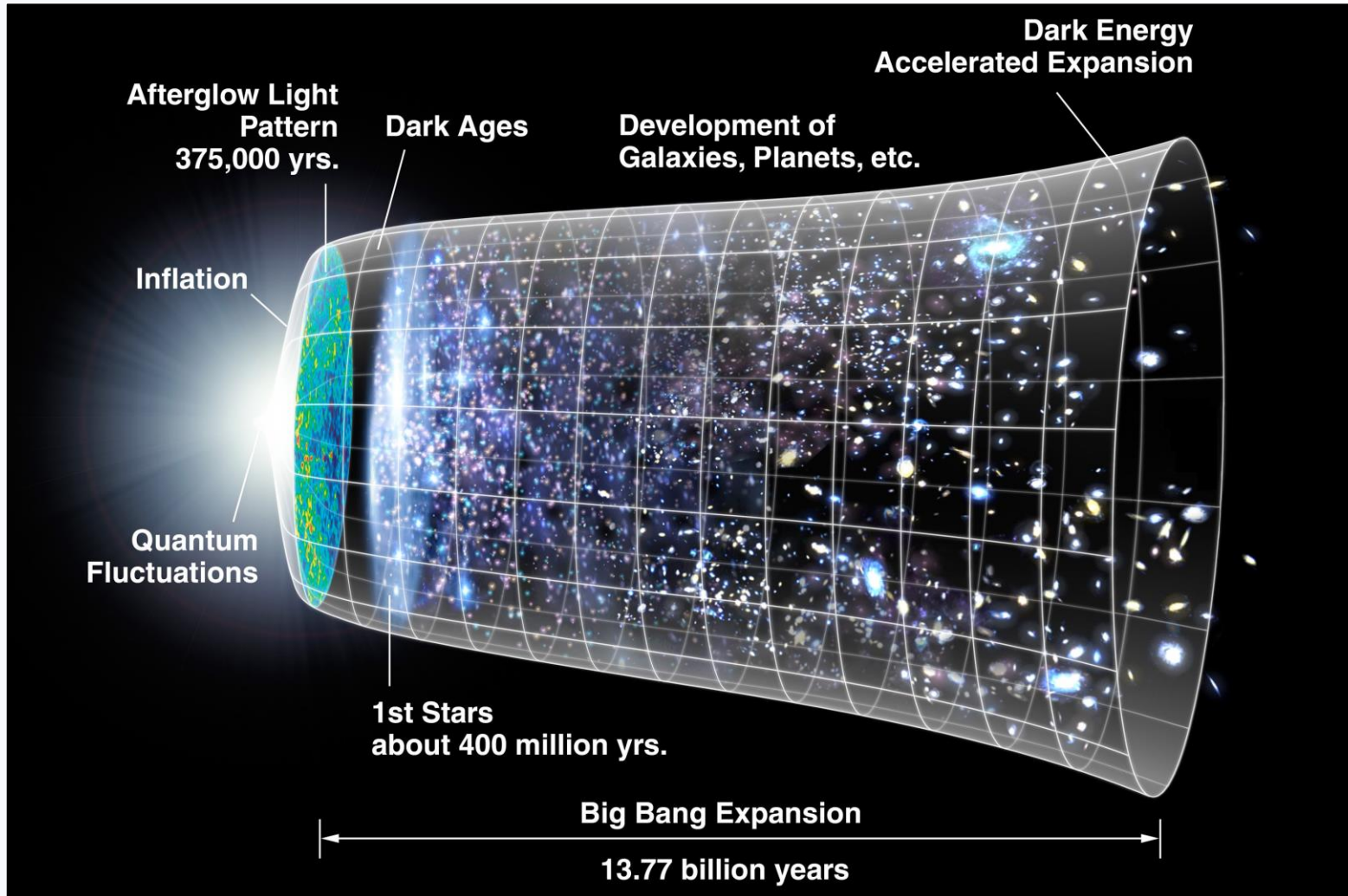
**GAUGE BOSONS VECTOR BOSONS** (right side of the boson section)

**SCALAR BOSONS** (right side of the higgs section)

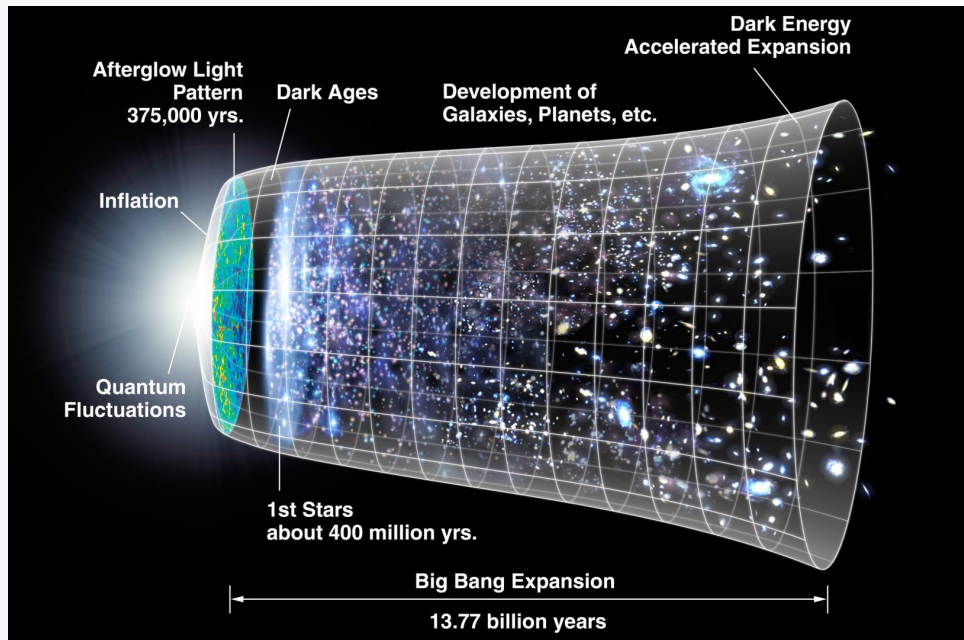
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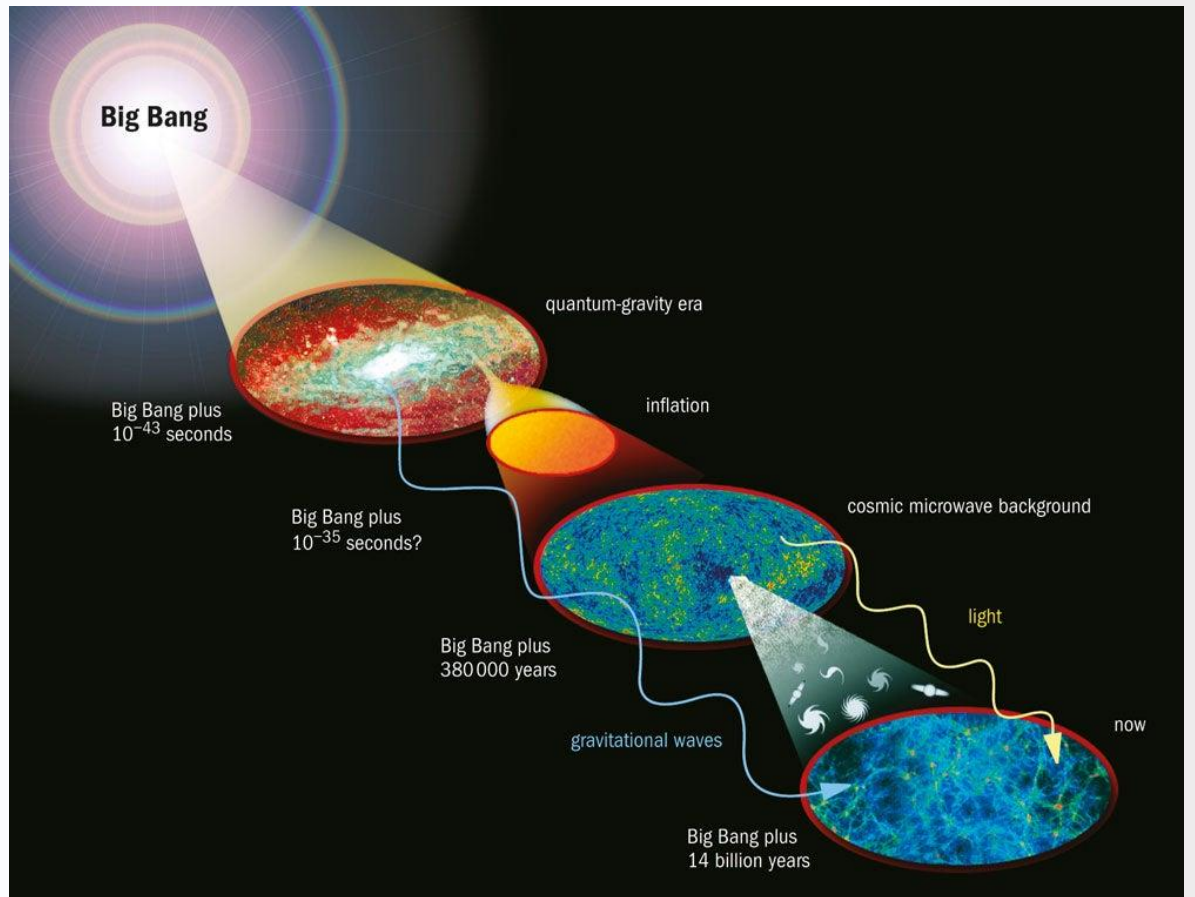
# Cosmological History



# Can we describe the early universe?



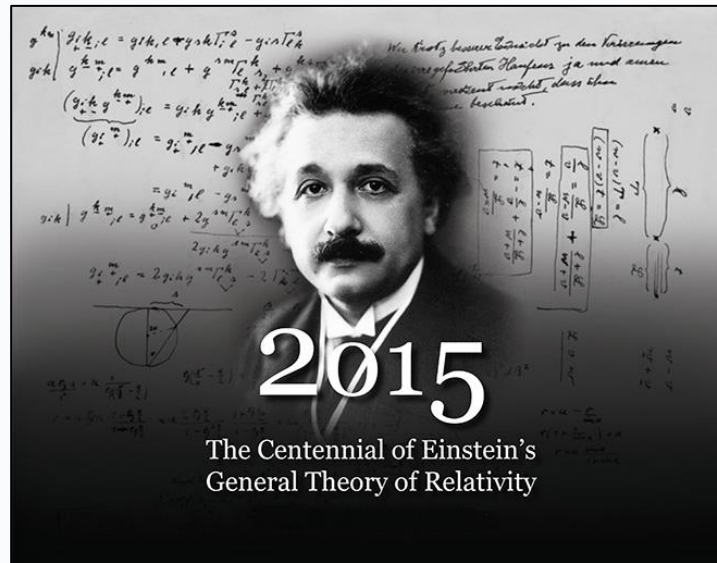
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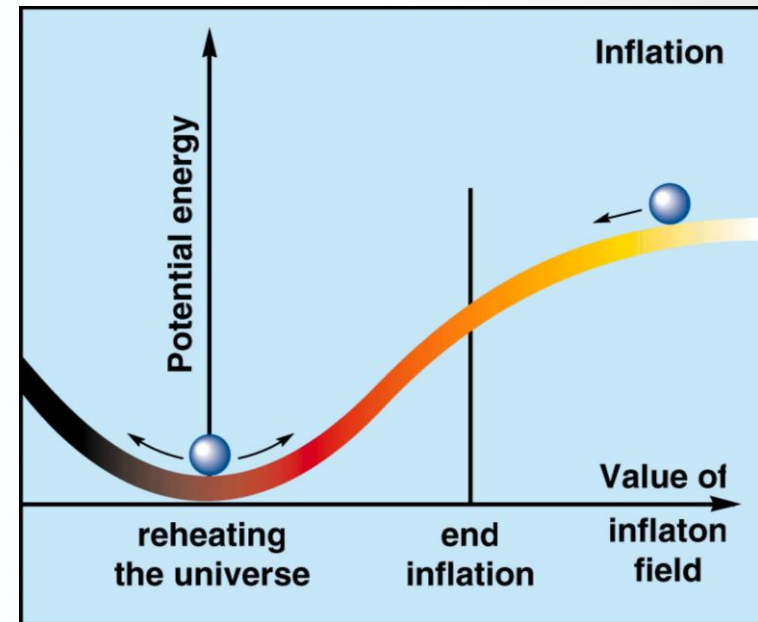
# Adding Inflation

mass charge spin	$2.2 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ $\frac{2}{3}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ <b>u</b> up	$1.28 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ $\frac{2}{3}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ <b>c</b> charm	$173.1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ $\frac{2}{3}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ <b>t</b> top	0 0 1 <b>g</b> gluon	$124.97 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ 0 0 <b>H</b> higgs
<b>QUARKS</b>	$4.7 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ $-\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ <b>d</b> down	$96 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ $-\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ <b>s</b> strange	$4.18 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ $-\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ <b>b</b> bottom	0 0 1 $\gamma$ photon	<b>SCALAR BOSONS</b>
<b>LEPTONS</b>	$0.511 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$ <b>e</b> electron	$105.66 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\mu$ muon	$1.7768 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\tau$ tau	$91.19 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ 0 1 <b>Z</b> Z boson	<b>GAUGE BOSONS</b> VECTOR BOSONS
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arXiv:astro-ph/9906497



# General Relativity and Standard Modifications

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- Einstein 1915 – **GR**:

$$S = \frac{1}{16\pi G} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} [\mathcal{R}] + \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \mathcal{L}_m(g_{\mu\nu}, \psi)$$

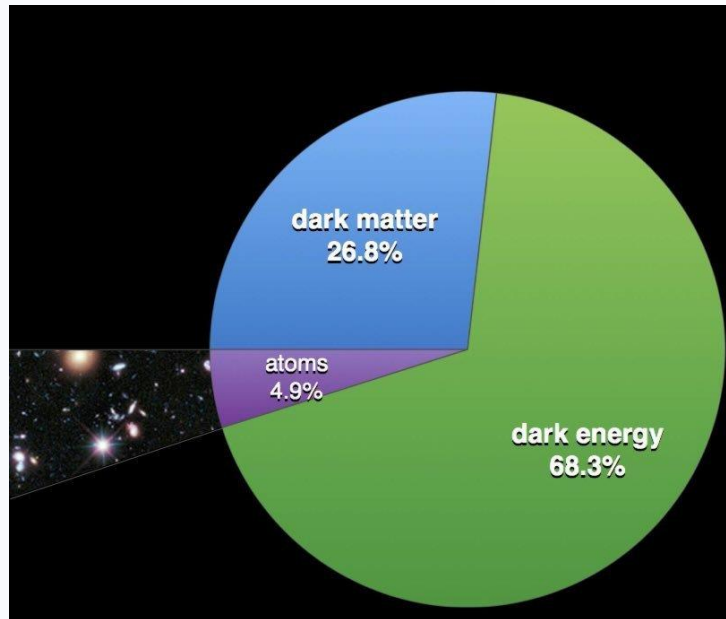
$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{R}_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{R} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\text{with } T_{\mu\nu} := \frac{2}{\sqrt{-g}} \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}_m}{\delta g_{\mu\nu}}$$

# Late-time reasons for modified gravity

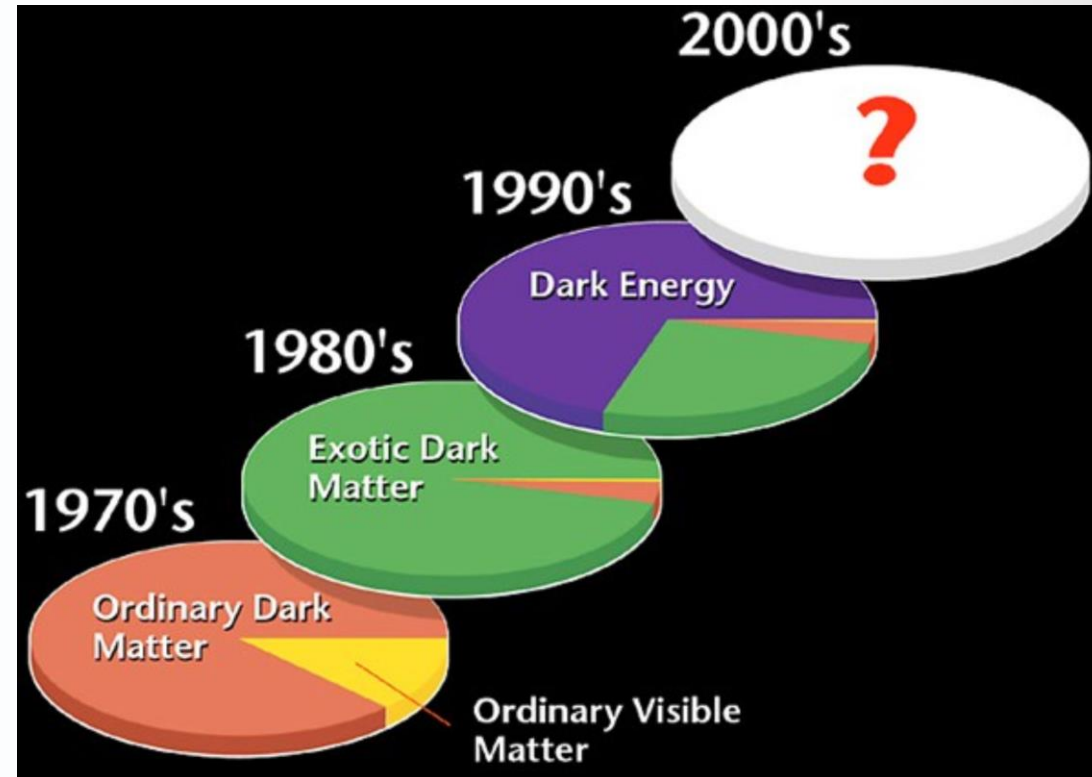
**Galactic Dynamics**: Flat rotation curve problem

**Dark Energy**: Late-time acceleration



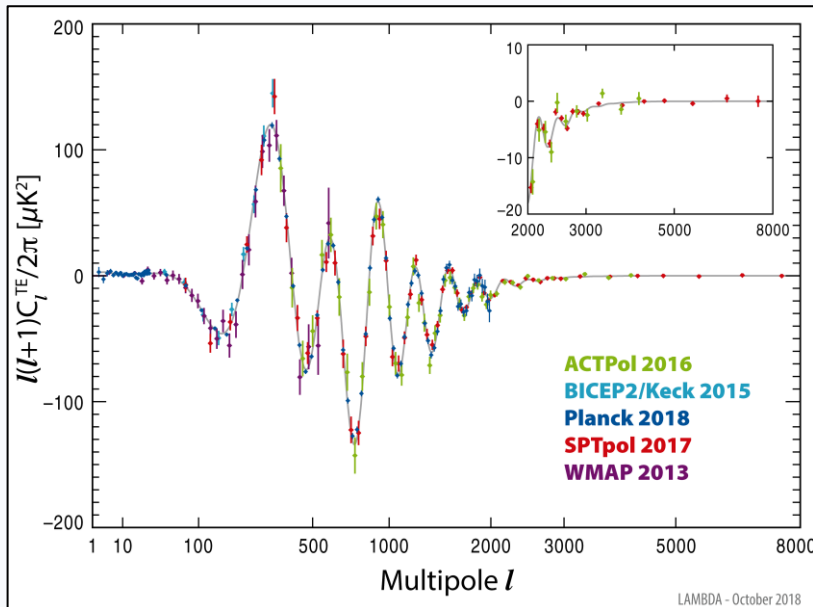
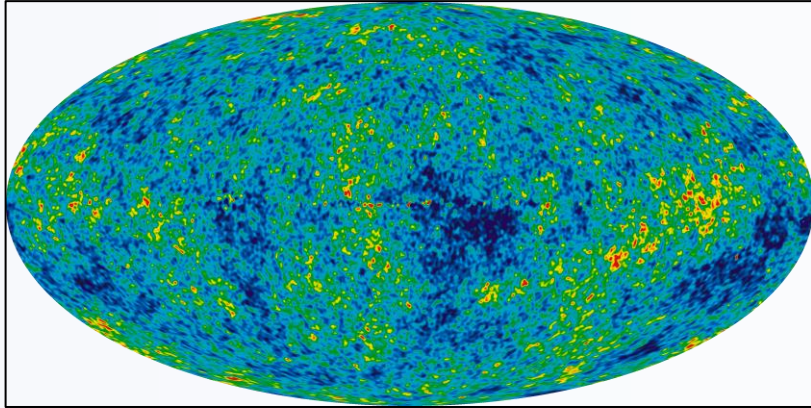
Planck Collaboration

Energy budget of the universe over the decades



WMAP Science Team

# Modified Matter I



## Dark Matter Detection Attempts:

2000 – MACHO: **MACHO** microlensing

2010 – DAMA/LIBRA: **WIMP** particle interactions

2014-2016 – LUX: **WIMP** particle interactions

2015 – The **Axion** Dark Matter eXperiment (ADMX)

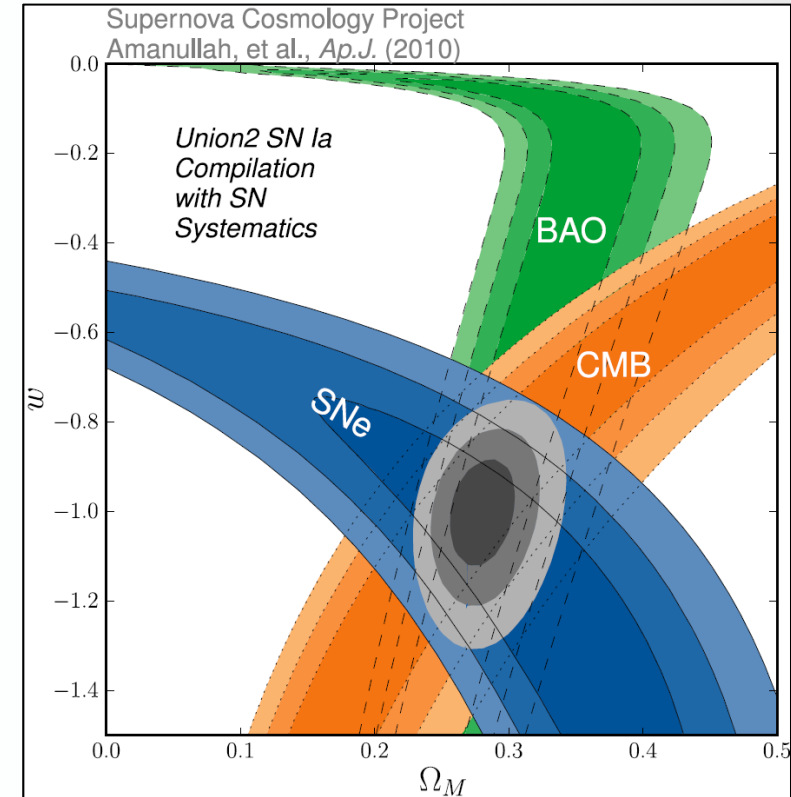
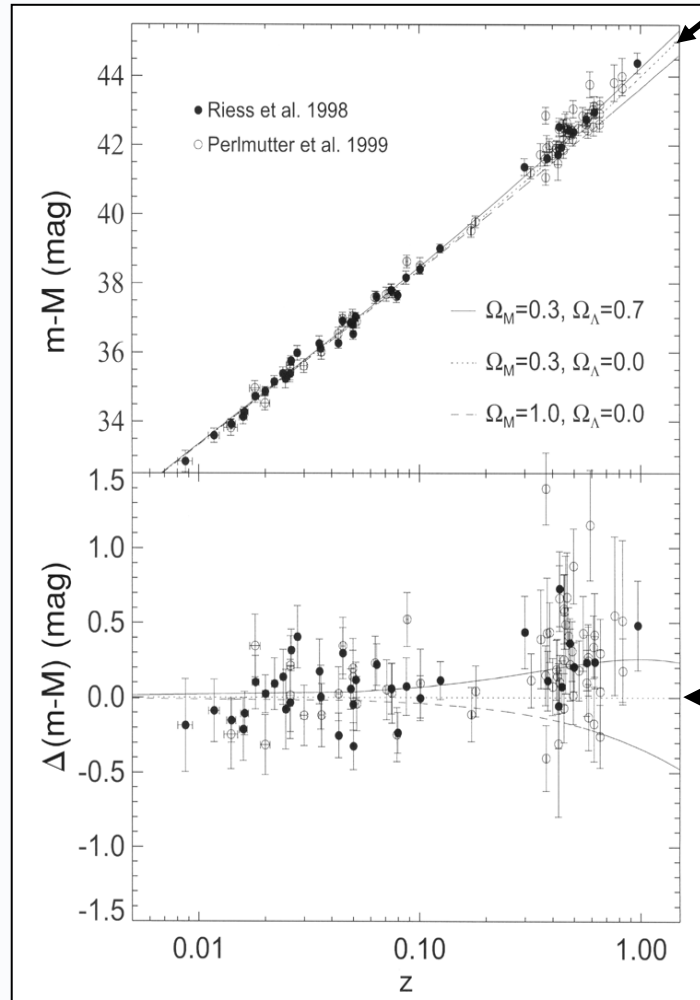
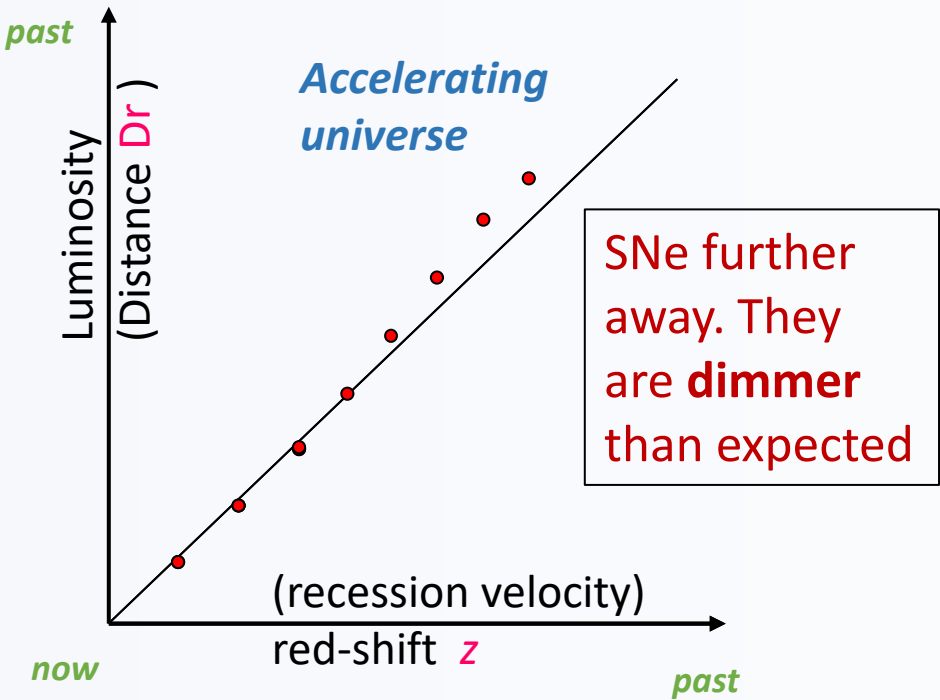
2016 – IceCube: **Sterile neutrinos**

2016 – LHC: **Supersymmetric particles**

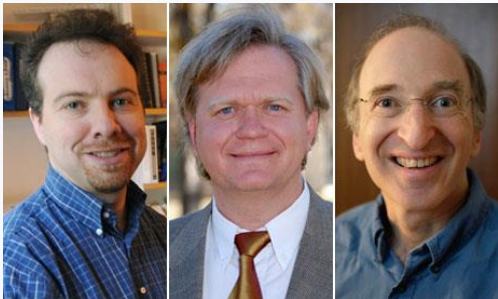
2017 – **AN AIS** Experiment



# Dark Energy as the cosmological constant



$w_{DE} = -1.03 \pm 0.03$

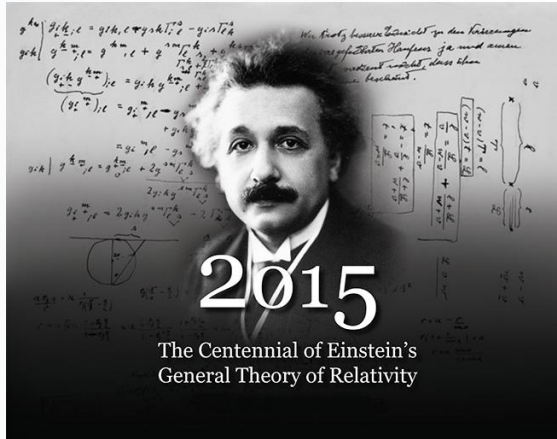


2011 Nobel Prize in Physics

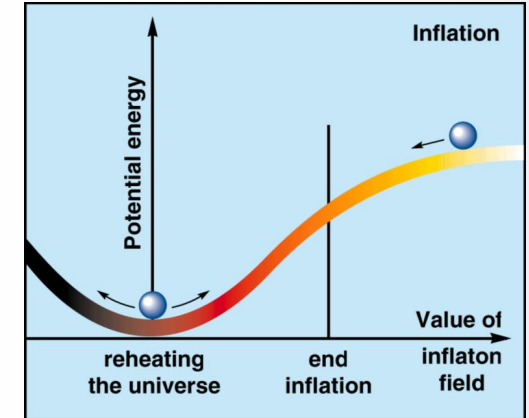
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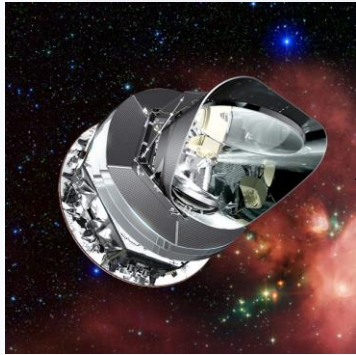
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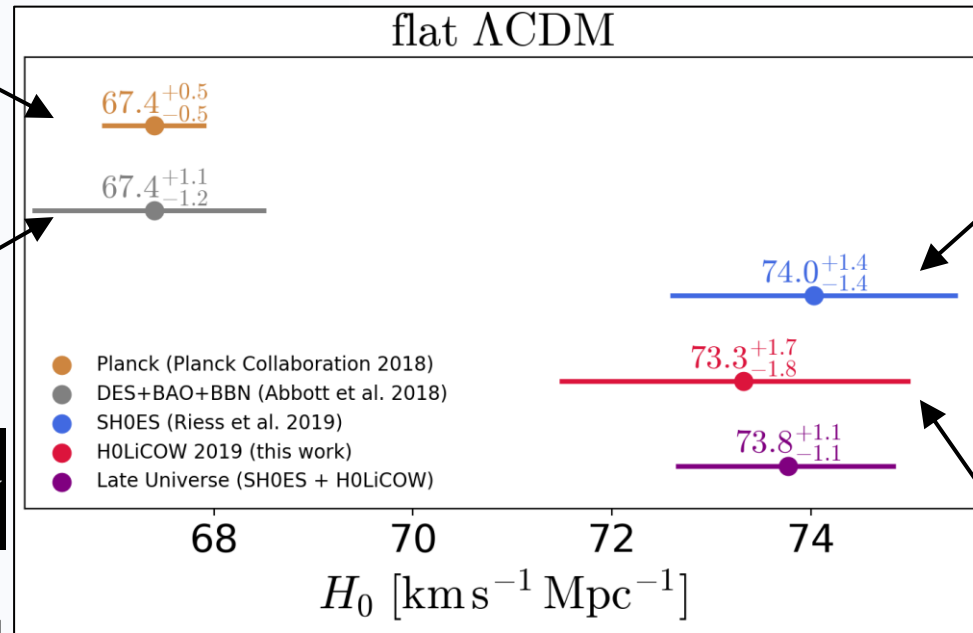
# The $H_0$ Tension



Planck Mission  
(predictions from  
the CMB)

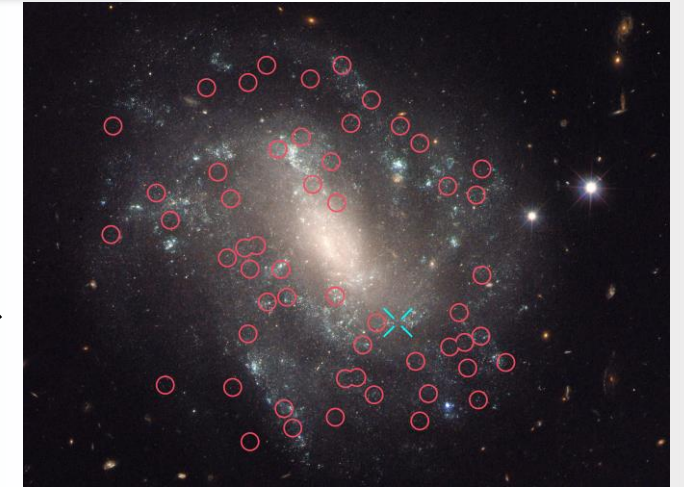


(visible and near-infrared survey)

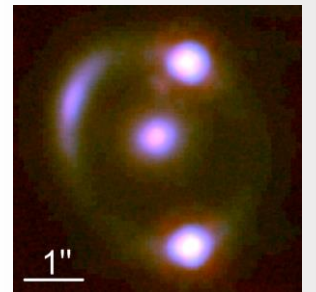
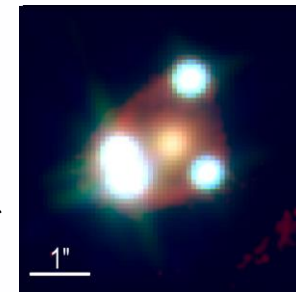


Wong et al. MNRAS 498, 1 (2020)

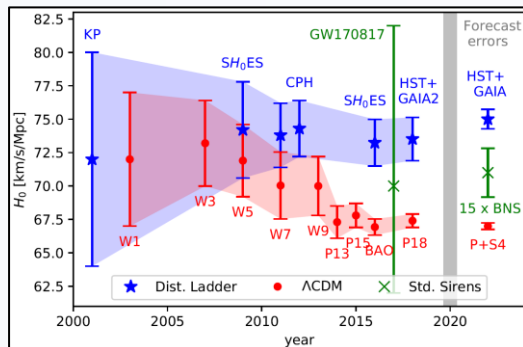
**5.3 $\sigma$  tension**



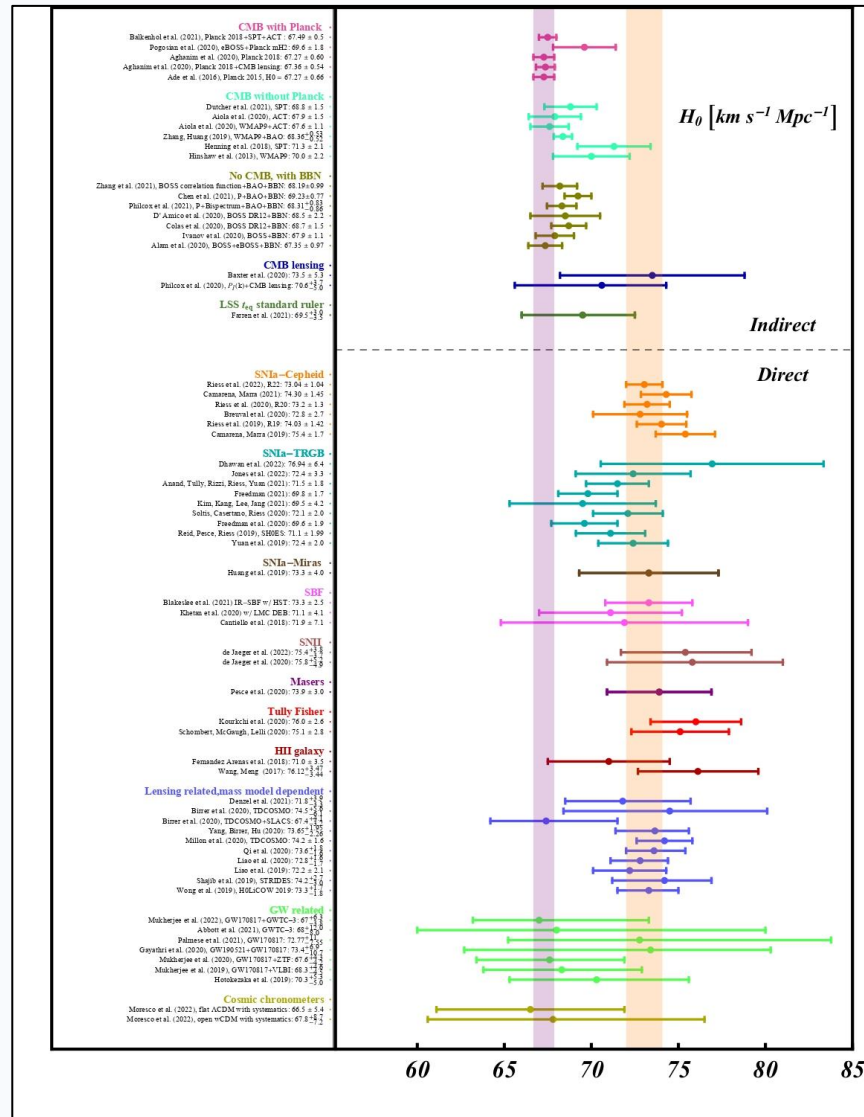
The SHOES Project (calibrated with  
Cepheid variables)



H0LiCOW (strong lensing -  
cosmography)

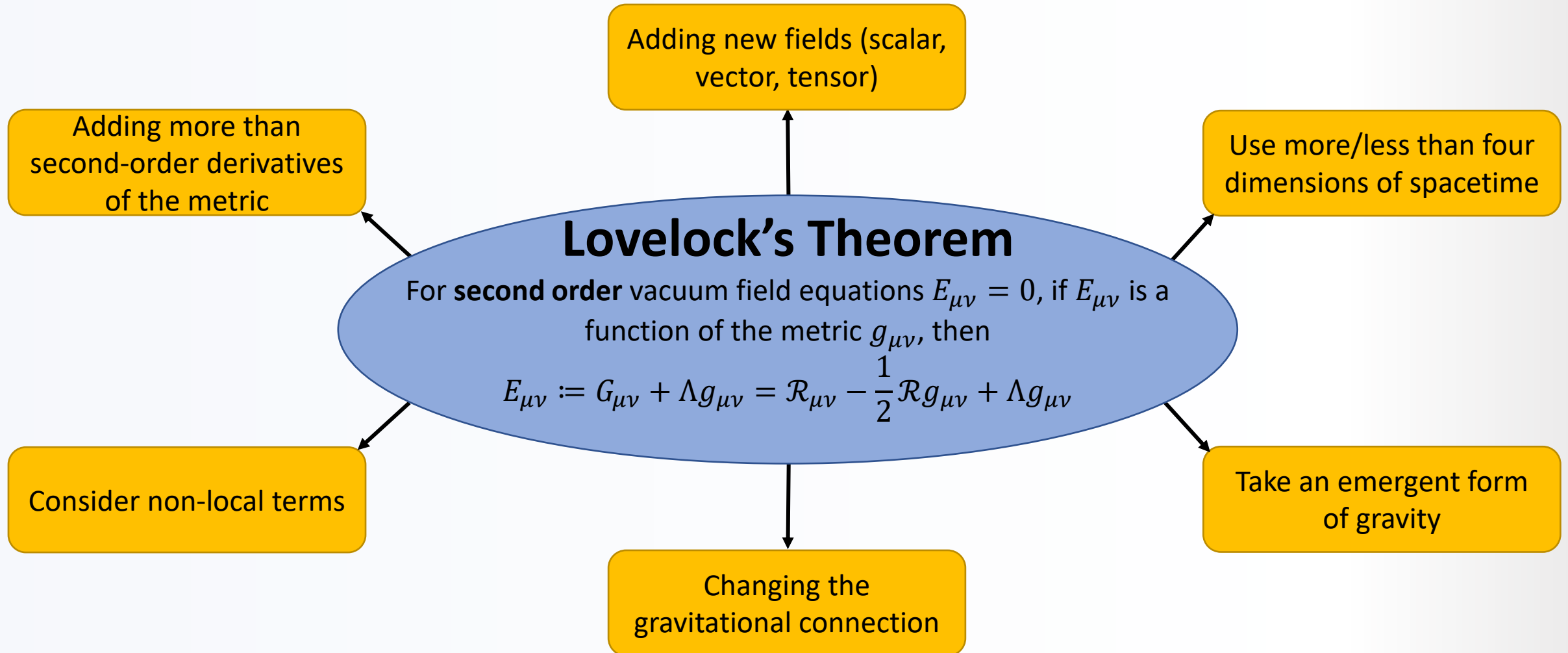


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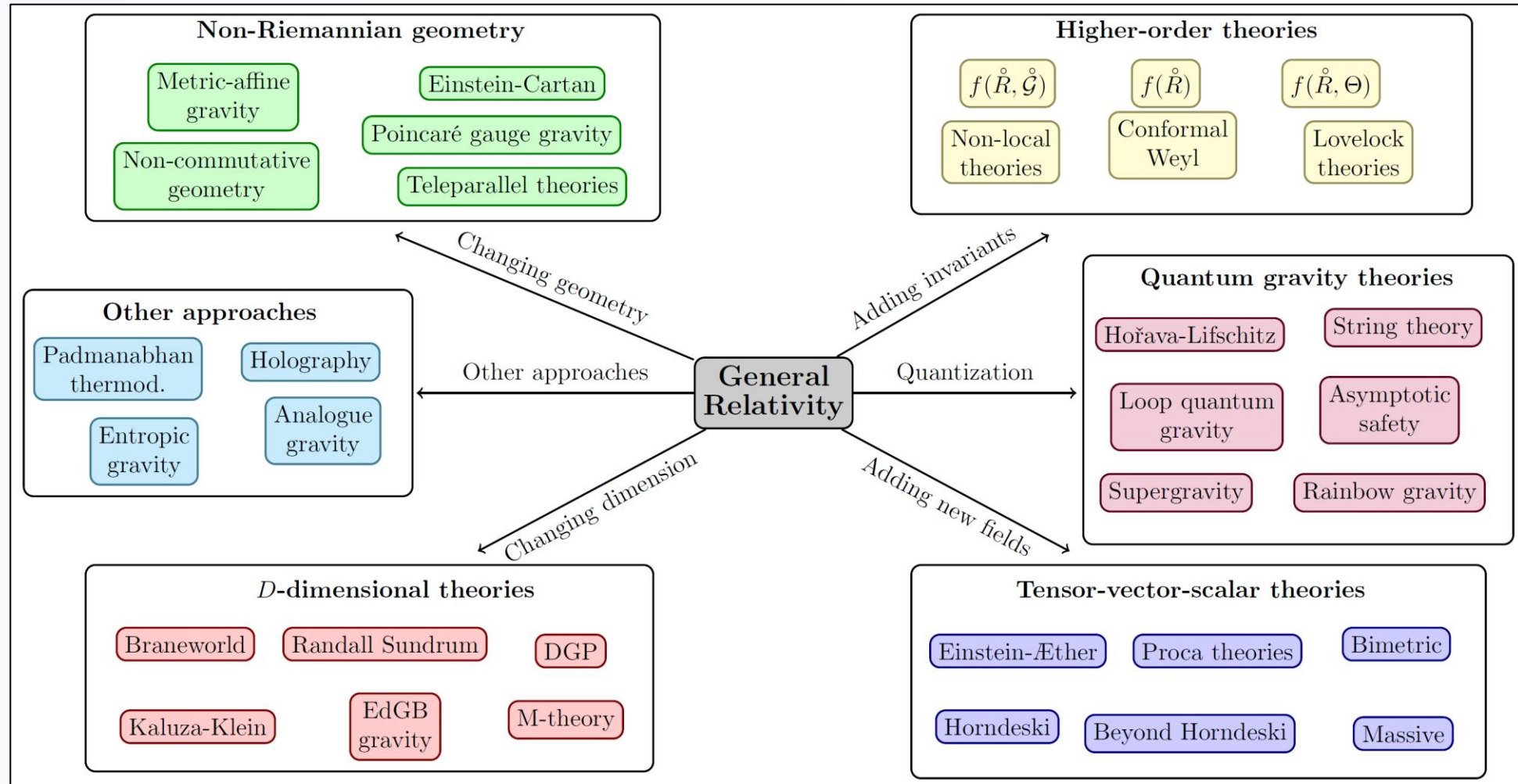
Di Valentino et al. CQG, 38 (15) (2021)  
Cosmology Intertwined, JHEAp. 2204, 002 (2022)

# Modified Gravity through Lovelock's Theorem





# The Modified Gravity Landscape



What inspiration can we get  
from other branches of physics?

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# Inspiration from Particle Physics

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- **Gauge Principle**: Replace **global symmetries** by **local ones**
- **Group generators** produce compensating **fields**
- This results in the **standard model forces**

## Can we apply this to gravity?

# Gauge theory of gravity

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- Formulating a **gauge theory of gravity (1956 onwards)**
- Starting from **special relativity (SR)**
  - Applying **Yang-Mills theory** to **SR**
  - Result is **Poincaré gauge theory** (**curvature** and **torsion** appear as field strengths)
- **Torsion** is the **field strength** of the **translation group**

# Modified Gauge Gravity

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- One can always **modify gravity** (supergravity, conformal, metric affine,...)
- In all of them, **torsion** is related to the **gauge structure** of the theory
- Here, torsion opens the possibility of having a **quantum theory** of gravity

# Modifying Gravity

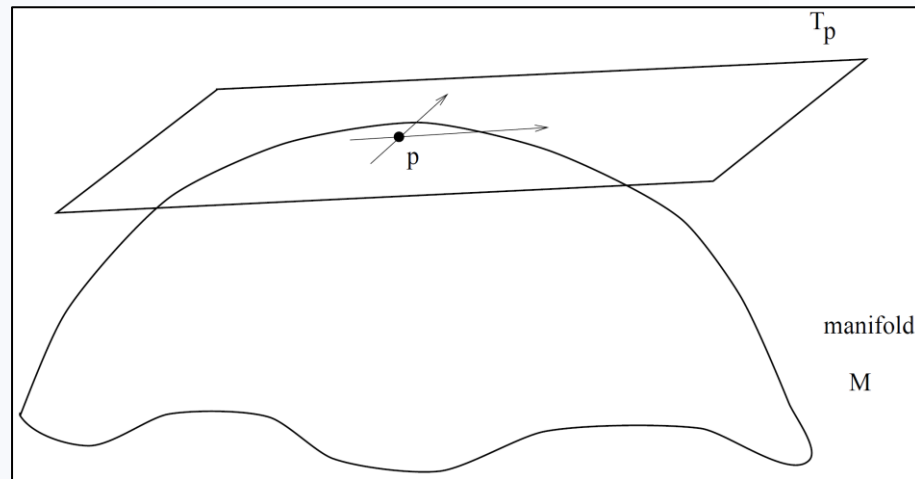
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- **Accelerating Universe (1998)**: Thousands of works in modified gravity ( $f(\mathcal{R})$ , Horndeski, Galileon, Lovelock, massive, Weyl,...)
- These are almost all **curvature-based**
- Can we **modify gravity** using **torsion**?

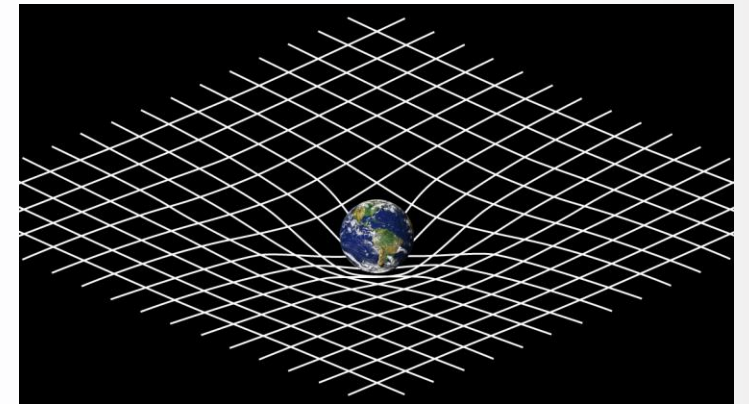
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# Rethinking the connection

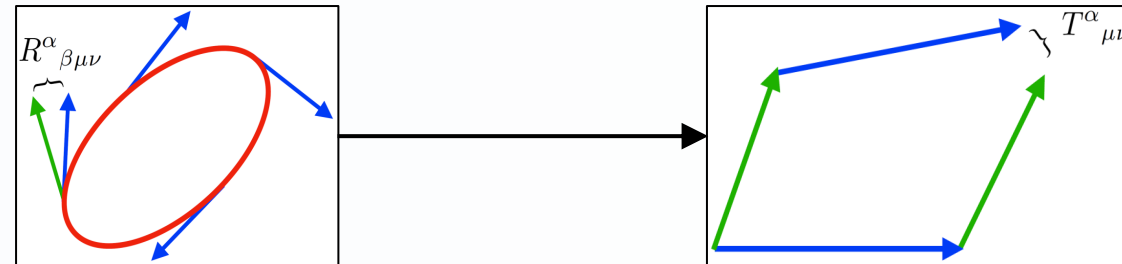
*Spacetime tells matter how to move; matter tells spacetime how to curve*



John Archibald Wheeler



Connection of gravity: **Curvature** is a property of the **connection**, not of the **spacetime**



# The Teleparallel Equivalent of GR (TEGR)

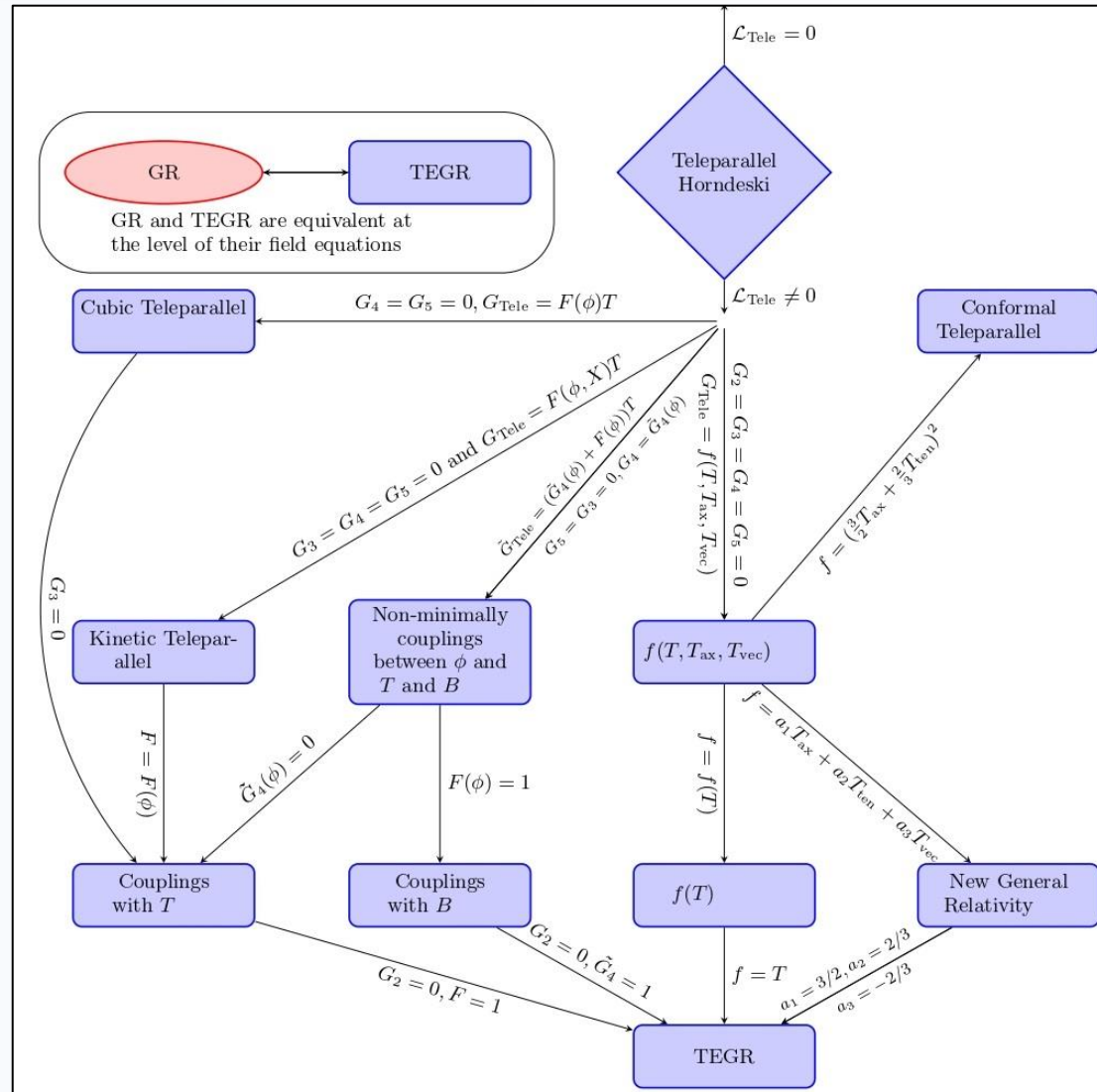
- **TEGR**: This is the simplest torsional theory of gravity
- Tetrad ( $e^a{}_\mu$ ): Relate the tangent space ( $g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{ab} e^a{}_\mu e^b{}_\nu$ )
- Use the **teleparallel connection** ( $\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\sigma = e_a{}^\sigma \partial_\nu e^a{}_\mu + e_a{}^\sigma \omega^a{}_{\nu\mu}$ ) instead of the **Levi-Civita connection** (Christoffel symbols)
- **Torsion tensor**: Measures torsion ( $T^\sigma{}_{\mu\nu} = \Gamma_{\nu\mu}^\sigma - \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\sigma$ )
- TEGR Action:

$$S = -\frac{1}{16\pi G} \int d^4x e [T]$$

$$\text{where } T \equiv \frac{1}{4} T^{\rho\mu\nu} T_{\rho\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} T^{\rho\mu\nu} T_{\nu\mu\rho} - T_{\rho\mu}{}^\rho T^{\nu\mu}{}_\nu$$



# Modified Teleparallel Gravity



Bahamonde et al. RoPP 86 026901 (2023)  
[arXiv:2106.13793]

# Modified Teleparallel Gravity

- **Curvature-Torsion Relation:**  $\mathcal{R} = -T + B$

$$B \propto \nabla^\mu T^\lambda_{\lambda\mu}$$

- **$f(T)$  Gravity:** Inspire by  $f(\mathcal{R})$  gravity

$$S = \frac{1}{16\pi G} \int d^4x e[-T + f(T)] + S_{\text{mat}}$$

- Taking a flat (**FLRW**) cosmology:  $g_{\mu\nu} = \text{diag}(-1, a(t)^2, a(t)^2, a(t)^2)$
- **Friedmann equations:**

$$H^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \rho_m - \frac{f(T)}{6} + \frac{T}{3} f_T$$
$$\dot{H} = -\frac{4\pi G(\rho_m + p_m)}{1 - f_T - 2T f_{TT}}$$

$$T = 6H^2$$
$$= 6 \left( \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2$$

# $f(T)$ Effective Dark Energy

- Interpreting the modification to TEGR as a **dark fluid**

$$8\pi G \rho_{DE} := T f_T - \frac{f}{2}$$
$$8\pi G (p_{DE} + \rho_{DE}) := -\dot{H}(f_T + 2T f_{TT})$$

- The **effective Equation-of-State** (EoS) turns out to be

$$\omega_{DE} := \frac{p_{DE}}{\rho_{DE}} = -1 + (1 + \omega) \frac{(f - T - 2T f_T)(f_T + 2T f_{TT})}{(1 - f_T - 2T f_{TT})(f - 2T f_T)}$$

# Scalar Perturbations

- **$f(T)$  gravity** leaves imprints at the **perturbative level**

$$e^0_{\mu} = \delta^0_{\mu}(1 + \psi), e^i_{\mu} = \delta^i_{\mu}a(1 - \phi) \Rightarrow ds^2 = (1 + 2\psi)dt^2 - a^2(1 - 2\phi)\delta_{ij}dx^i dx^j$$

- **Matter over-density perturbations** also contribute through

$$\delta_m = \frac{\delta\rho_m}{\rho_m}$$

- **Matter perturbation evolution** equation

$$\ddot{\delta}_m + 2H\dot{\delta}_m + 4\pi G_{\text{eff}}\rho_m\delta_m = 0$$

Identifying the **effective gravitational constant**

$$G_{\text{eff}} = \frac{G_N}{1 + f_T}$$

What do observations tell us  
about modified teleparallel  
gravity?

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# $f(T)$ Gravity Models

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## Popular models of $f(T)$ gravity

1. Power-law Model:  $f_1(T) = \alpha_1(T)^{b_1}$
2. Linder Model:  $f_2(T) = \alpha_2 T_0 \left(1 - e^{-b_2 \sqrt{T/T_0}}\right)$
3. Exponential Model:  $f_3(T) = \alpha_3 T_0 \left(1 - e^{-b_3 T/T_0}\right)$

# Observational Data and Priors

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- Cosmic Chronometers (CC): Spectroscopic dating and **independent of cosmological models** ( $z \sim 2$ )
- Supernovae Type Ia (SN): **Pantheon Sample**
- Baryonic Acoustic Oscillations: **Acoustic perturbations** in early Universe plasma
- $\Delta\alpha/\alpha$  from Quasar Absorption lines: Keck (K) observatory, VLT (V), 21 literature measurements (N) and Oklo nuclear reactor (O)

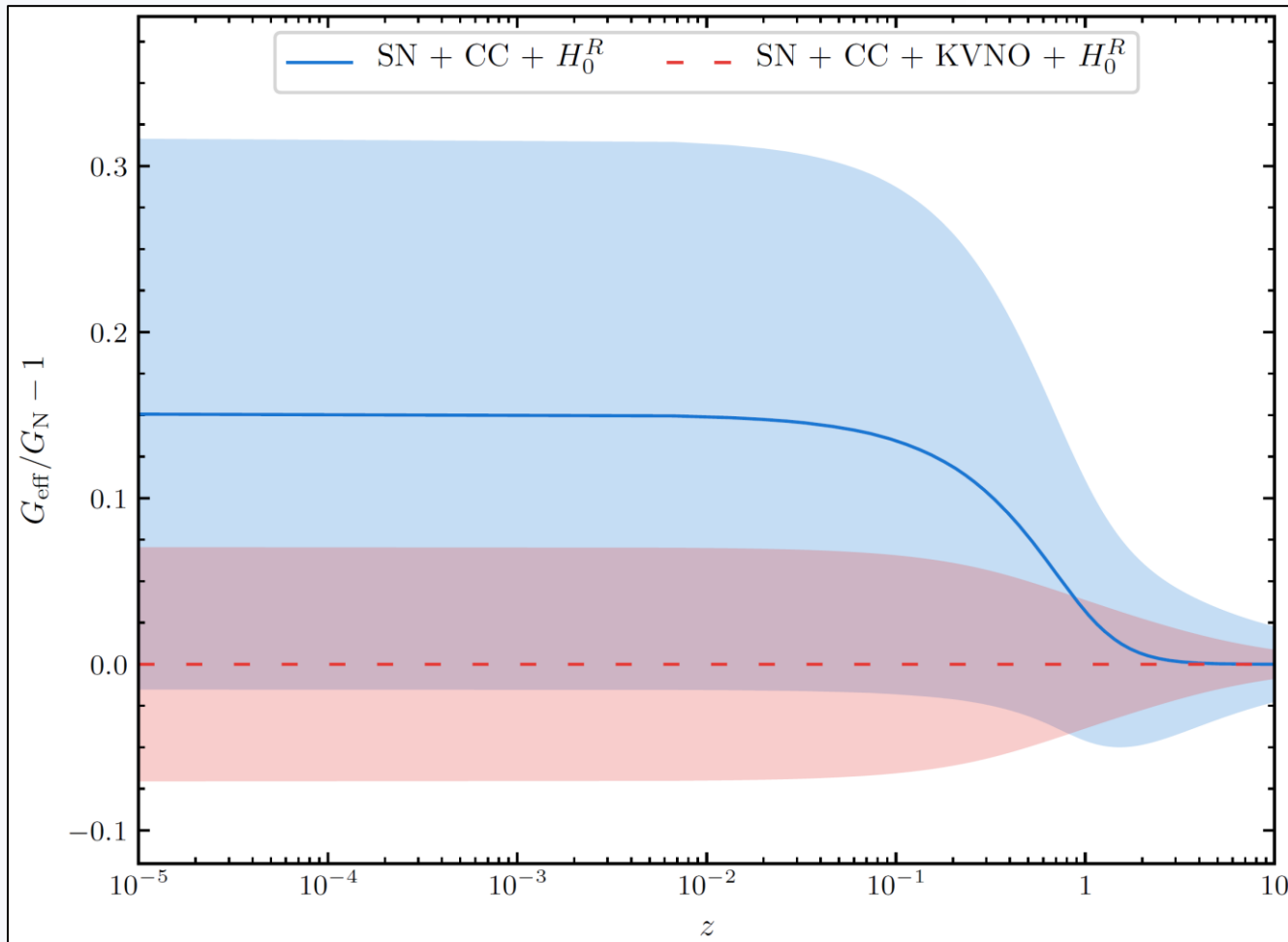
# $H_0$ Priors

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- SHOES Survey [R19]: Riess et al. (2019) mainly using **Cepheid** calibrated **SNe Ia**  $\rightarrow H_0^{\text{R19}} = 74.03 \pm 1.42 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$
- Tip of the Red Giant Branch [TRGB]: Freedman et al. (2019) reports  $H_0^{\text{TRGB}} = 69.8 \pm 1.9 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$
- H0licow [HW]: Based on **strong lensing**  $\rightarrow H_0^{\text{HW}} = 73.3 \pm 1.8 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$



# $f_1(T)$ Model



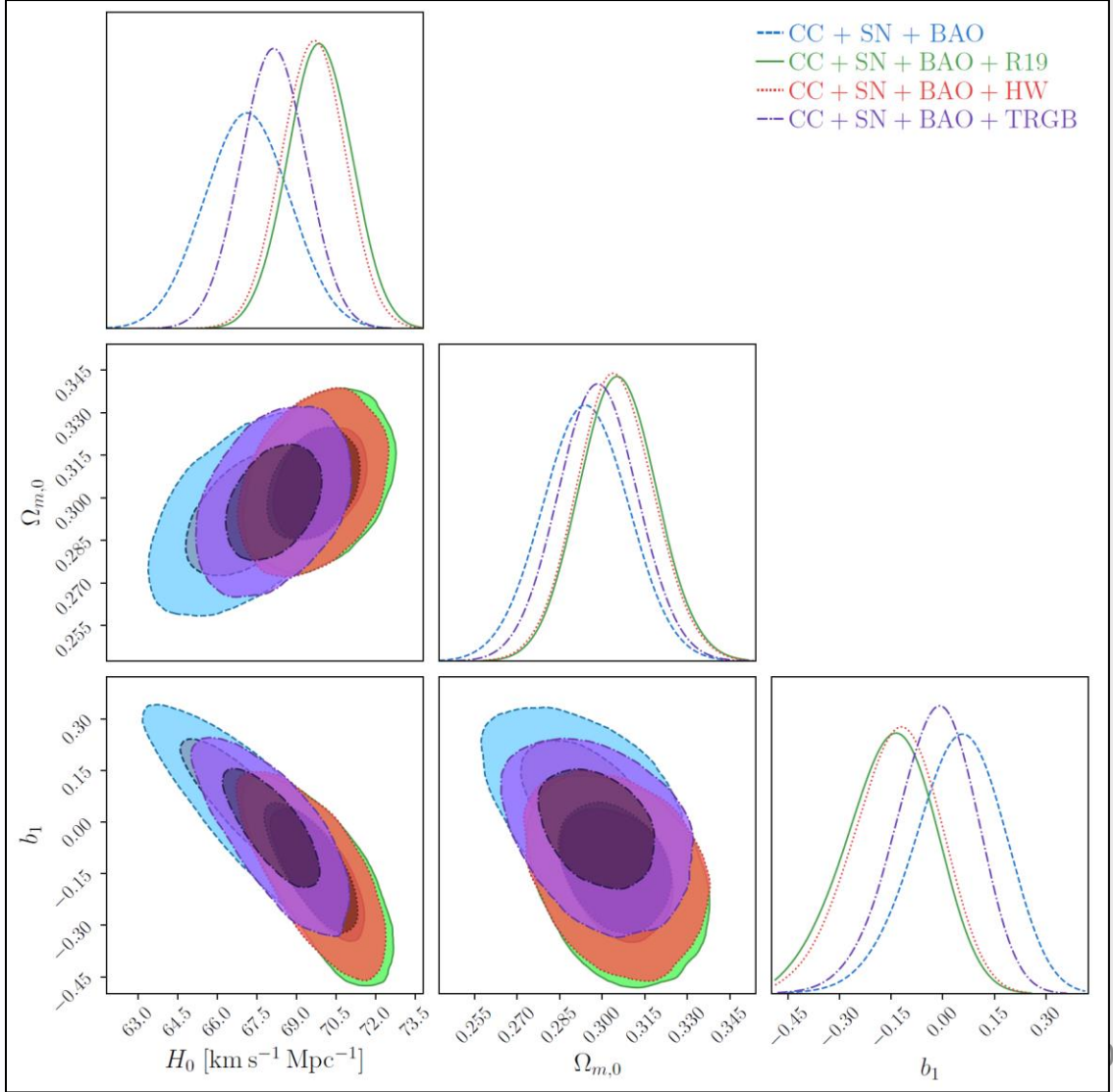
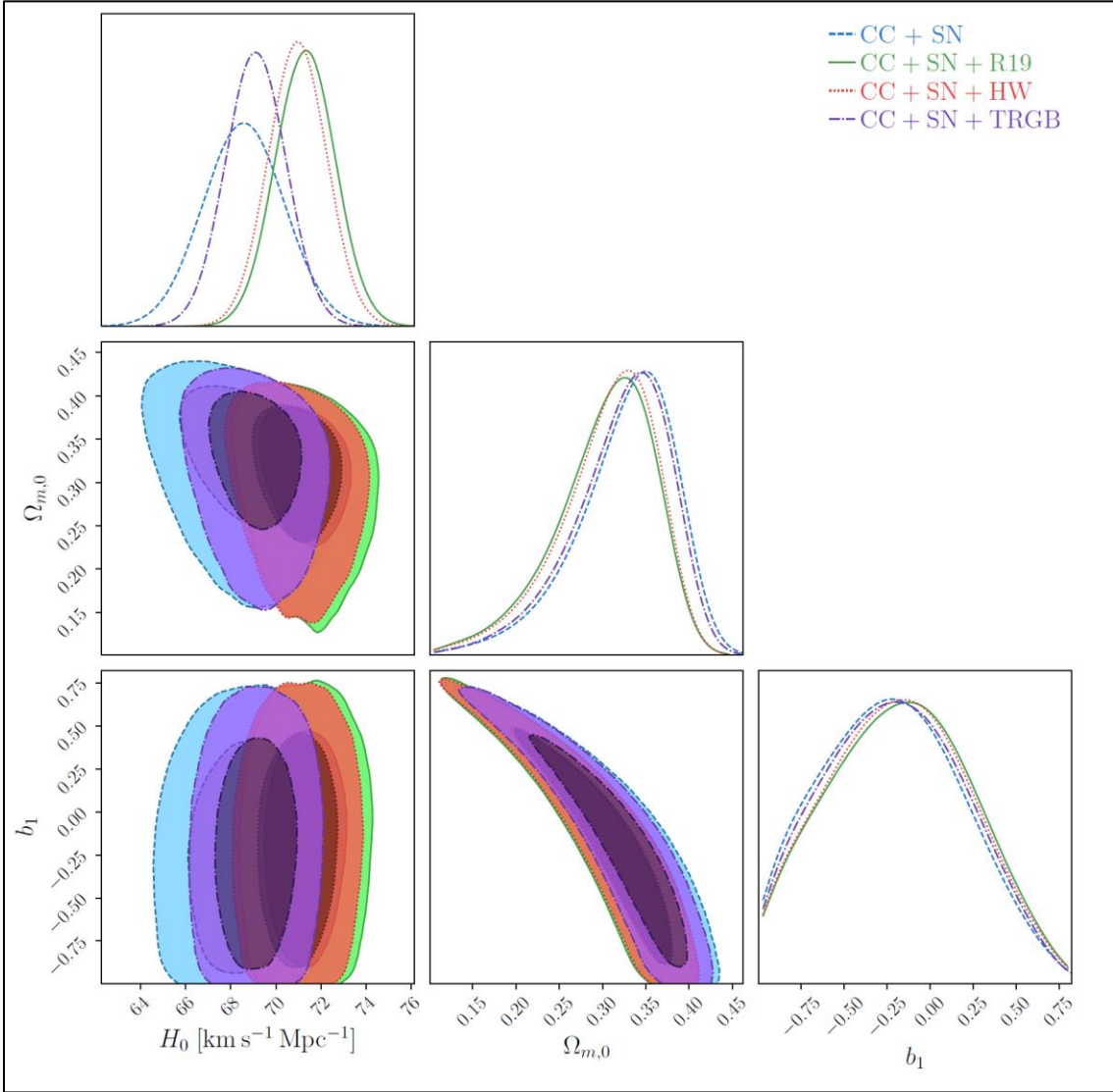
Model:  $f_1 = \alpha_1 T^{b_1}$

where  $\alpha_1 = (6H_0^2)^{1-b_1} \frac{1-\Omega_0^m}{2b_1-1}$

$$G_{\text{eff}}(z \simeq 0) \simeq G_N$$

Jackson Levi Said et al. JCAP 11, 047 (2020)

# Precision Cosmology Constraints for $f_1$ CDM



# Results for $f_1$ CDM

Data Sets	$H_0$ [km s <sup>-1</sup> Mpc <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\Omega_{m,0}$	$b_1$	$\Delta$ AIC	$\Delta$ BIC
CC+SN	$68.5 \pm 1.8$	$0.350^{+0.045}_{-0.064}$	$-0.22^{+0.41}_{-0.48}$	1.45	6.43
<b>CC+SN+R19</b>	<b><math>71.3^{+1.3}_{-1.4}</math></b>	<b><math>0.326^{+0.045}_{-0.065}</math></b>	<b><math>-0.13^{+0.40}_{-0.50}</math></b>	<b>1.51</b>	<b>6.50</b>
CC+SN+HW	$71.0 \pm 1.3$	$0.329^{+0.045}_{-0.062}$	$-0.16^{+0.41}_{-0.48}$	1.51	6.50
CC+SN+TRGB	$69.1^{+1.4}_{-1.3}$	$0.344^{+0.045}_{-0.063}$	$-0.20^{+0.42}_{-0.47}$	1.87	6.85
<b>CC+SN+BAO</b>	<b><math>67.1 \pm 1.6</math></b>	<b><math>0.294 \pm 0.015</math></b>	<b><math>0.06 \pm 0.13</math></b>	<b>1.68</b>	<b>6.68</b>
CC+SN+BAO+R19	$69.9 \pm 1.2$	$0.305^{+0.014}_{-0.013}$	$-0.14^{+0.12}_{-0.13}$	0.56	5.56
CC+SN+BAO+HW	$69.7 \pm 1.2$	$0.304^{+0.014}_{-0.012}$	$-0.12^{+0.12}_{-0.13}$	0.89	5.89
CC+SN+BAO+TRGB	$68.1 \pm 1.2$	$0.298 \pm 0.014$	$-0.01^{+0.11}_{-0.12}$	2.00	7.00

$$\text{AIC} = 2k - 2 \ln L$$

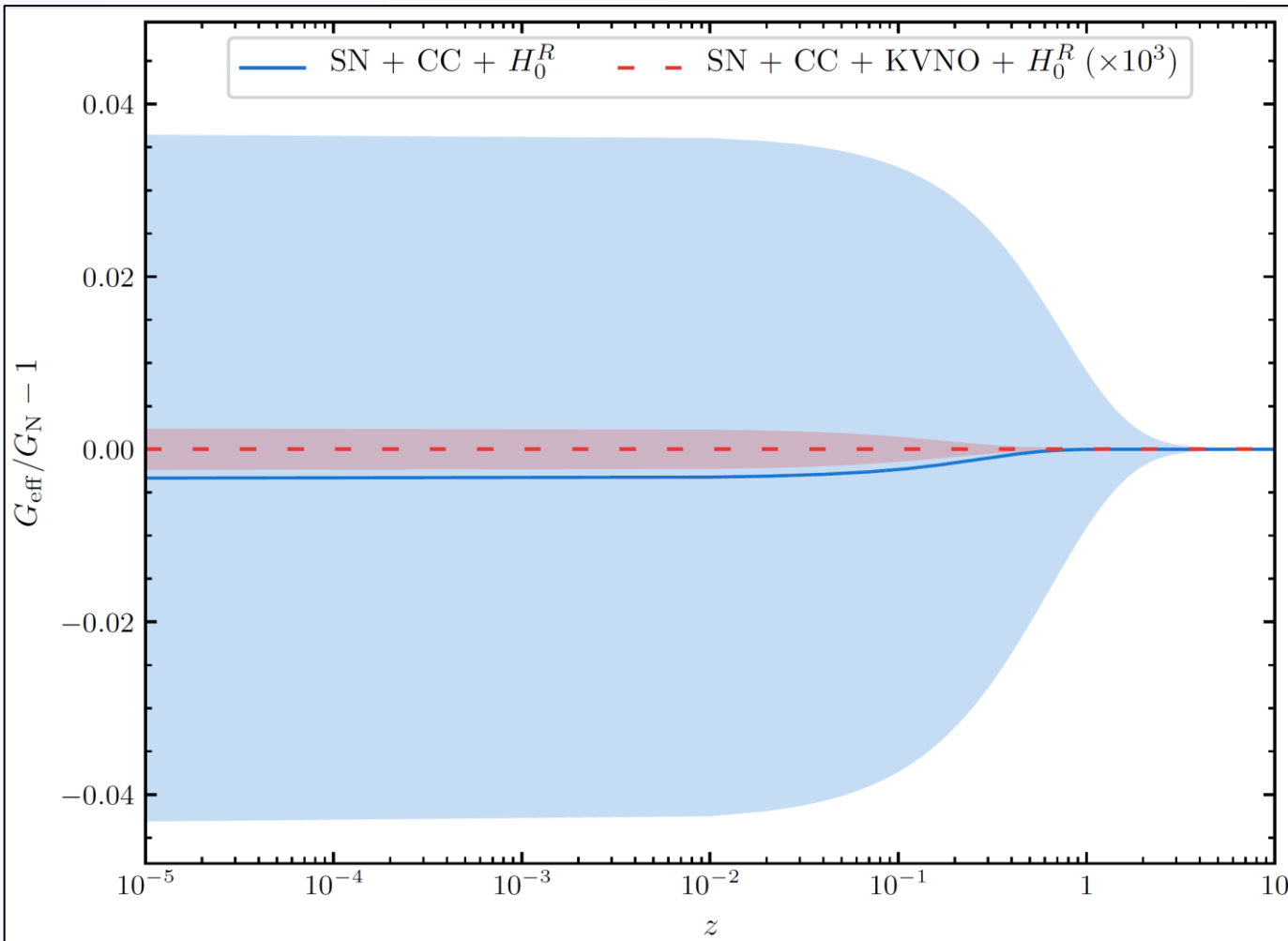
Number of  
Model parameters

Maximum likelihood

$$\text{BIC} = k \ln n - 2 \ln L$$

Number of  
points in a data set

# $f_2(T)$ Model

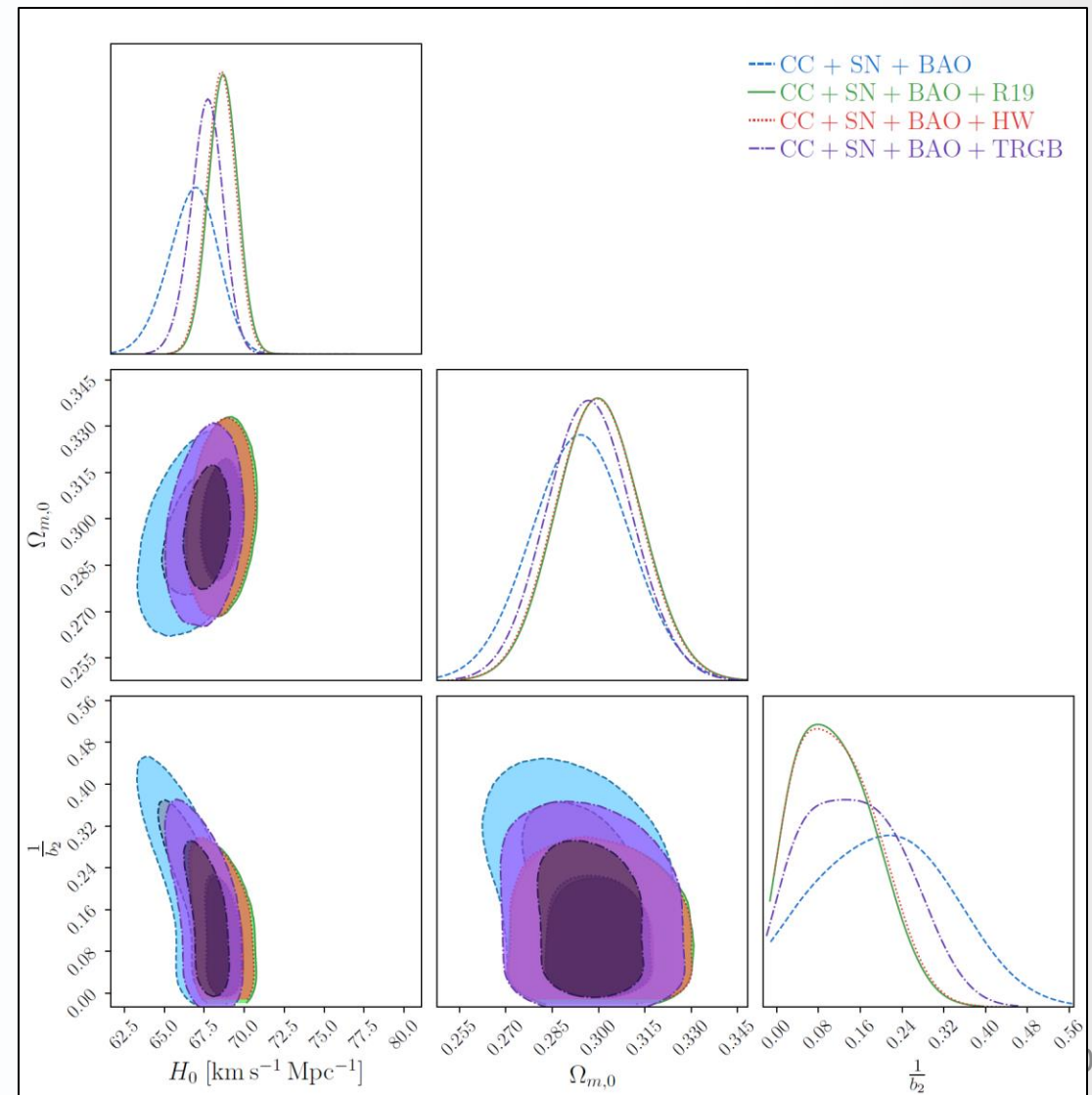
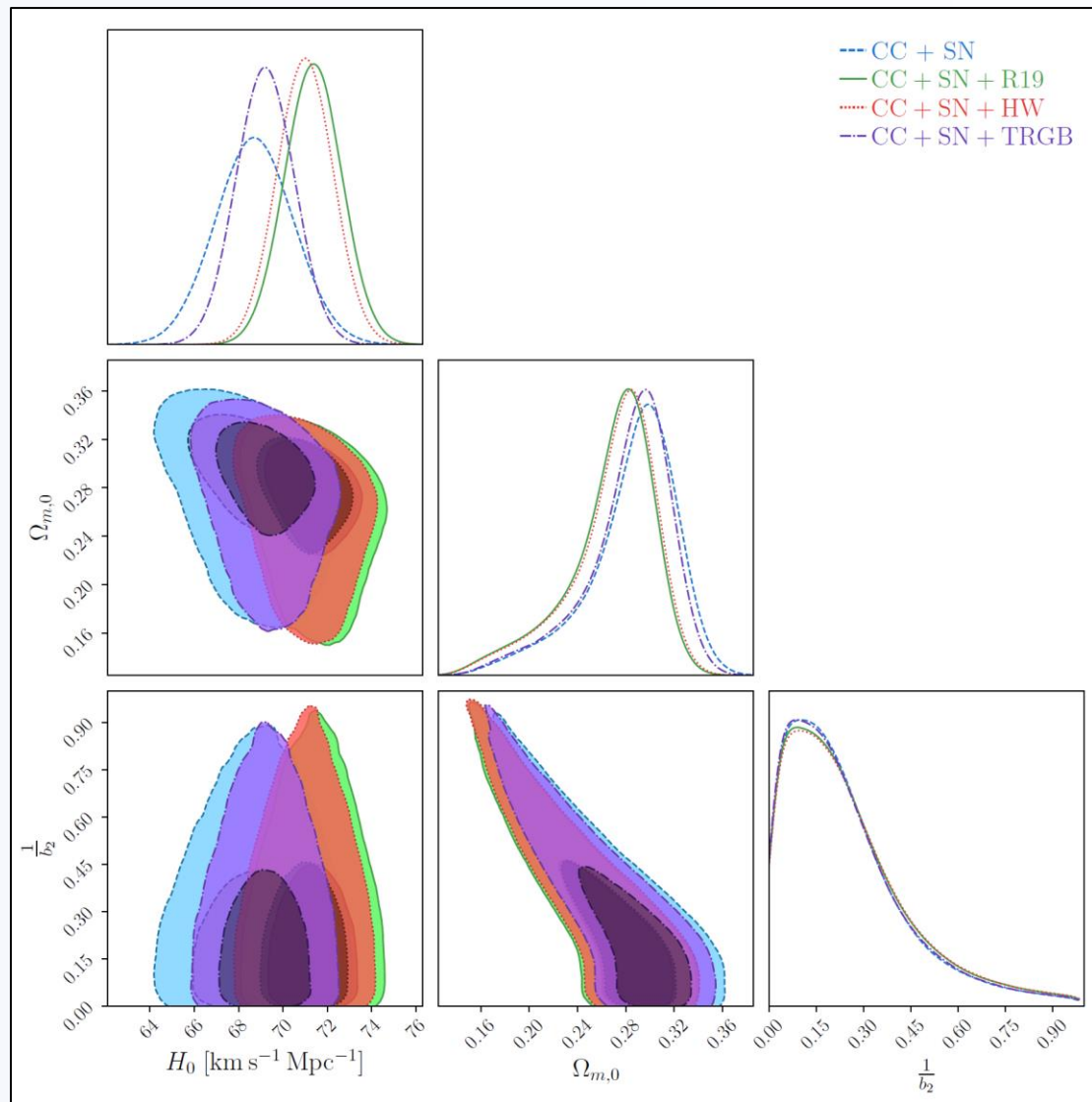


Model:  $f_2 = \alpha_2 T_0 \left( 1 - \text{Exp} \left[ -b_2 \sqrt{T/T_0} \right] \right)$

where  $\alpha_2 = -\frac{1 - \Omega_0^m}{1 - (1 + b_2)e^{-b_2}}$

$G_{eff}(z \simeq 0) \simeq G_N$

# Precision Cosmology Constraints for $f_2$ CDM



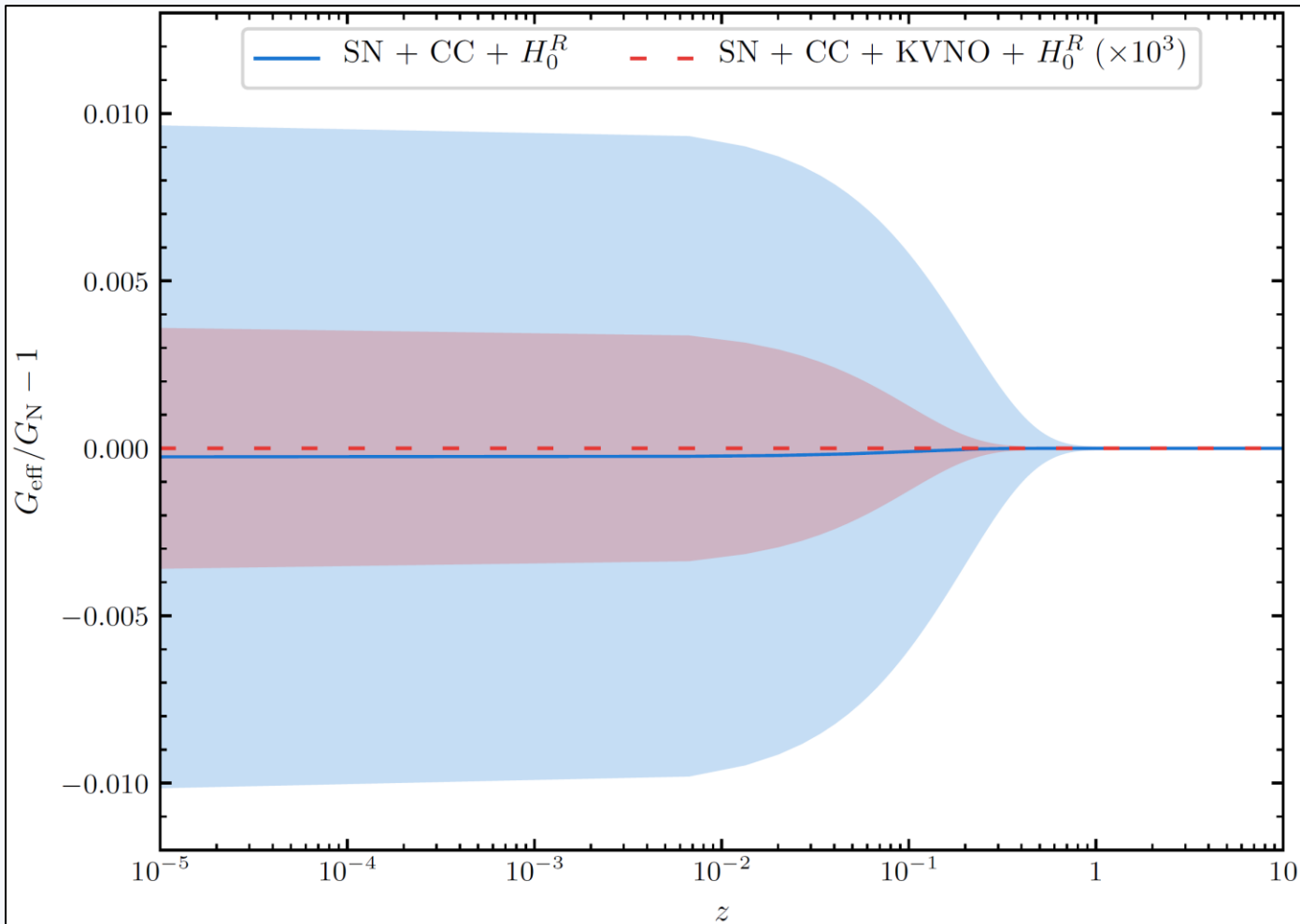
# Results for $f_2$ CDM

Data Sets	$H_0$ [km s <sup>-1</sup> Mpc <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\Omega_{m,0}$	$1/b_2$	$\Delta$ AIC	$\Delta$ BIC
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# $f_3(T)$ Model

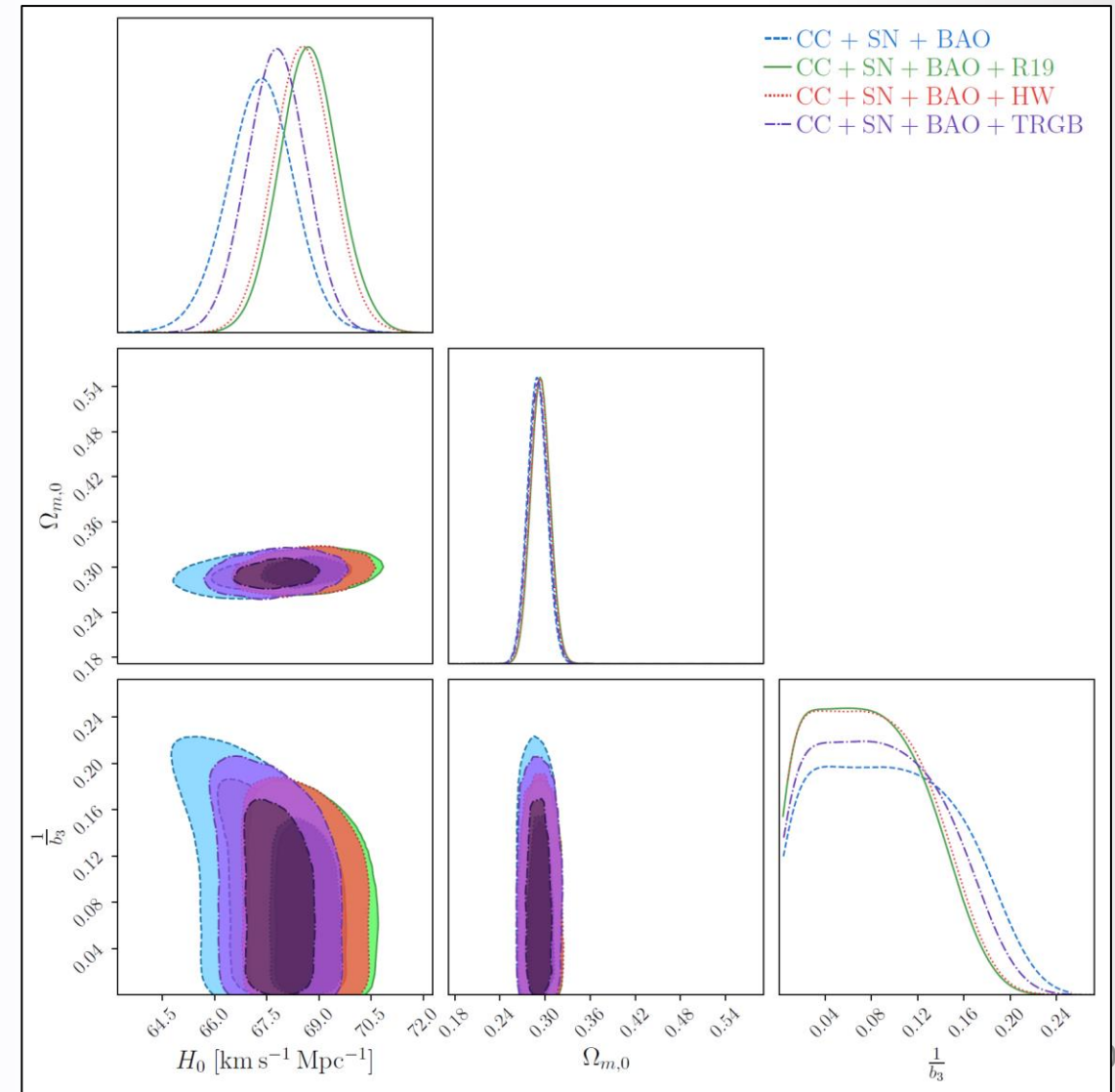
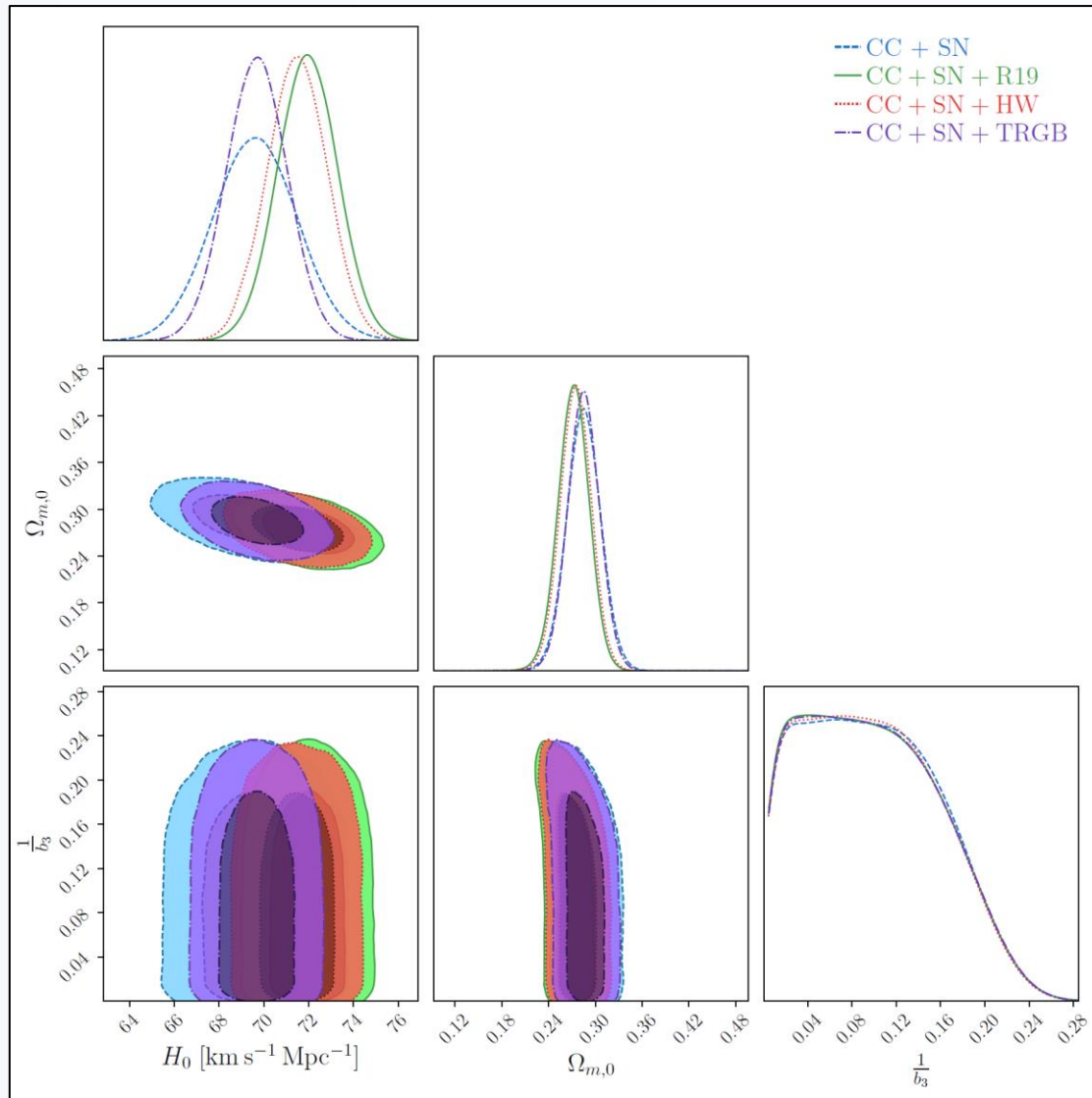


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where  $\alpha_3 = \frac{1 - \Omega_0^m}{-1 + (1 + 2b_3)e^{-b_3}}$

$$G_{eff}(z \simeq 0) \simeq G_N$$

# Precision Cosmology Constraints for $f_3$ CDM





# Results for $f_3$ CDM

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Can we do this in a model-  
independent way?

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# Gaussian Processes Regression

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- The covariance function contains **non-physical hyperparameters**  $\theta$  which define the distribution  $k(\theta, x, x')$
- Iterating over these values using **Bayesian inference** (or others) can produce better hyperparameters
- The result is a (physics) **model independent reconstruction** of the behavior of some parameter
- This is superior to regular fitting because it is nonparametric and so **assumes no physical model** whatsoever

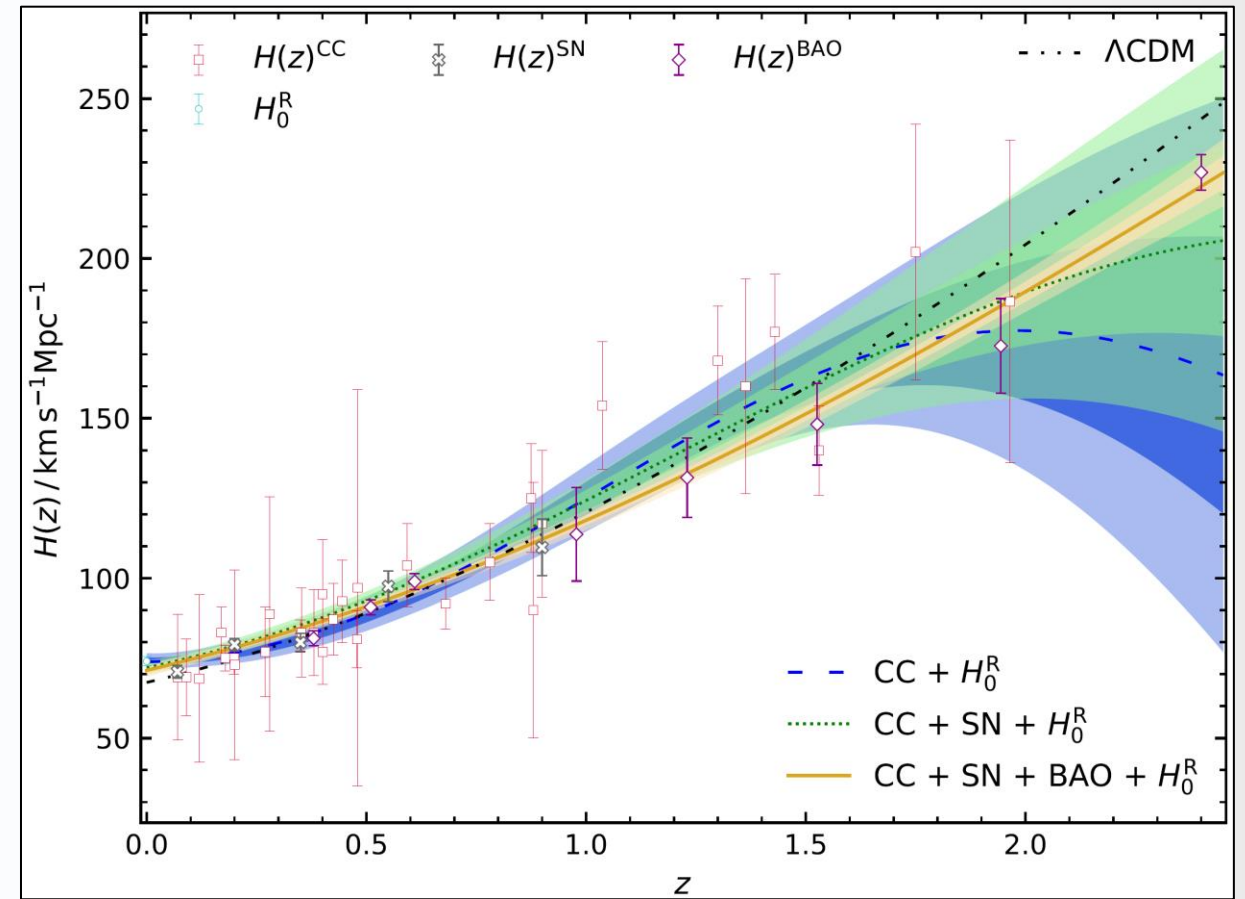
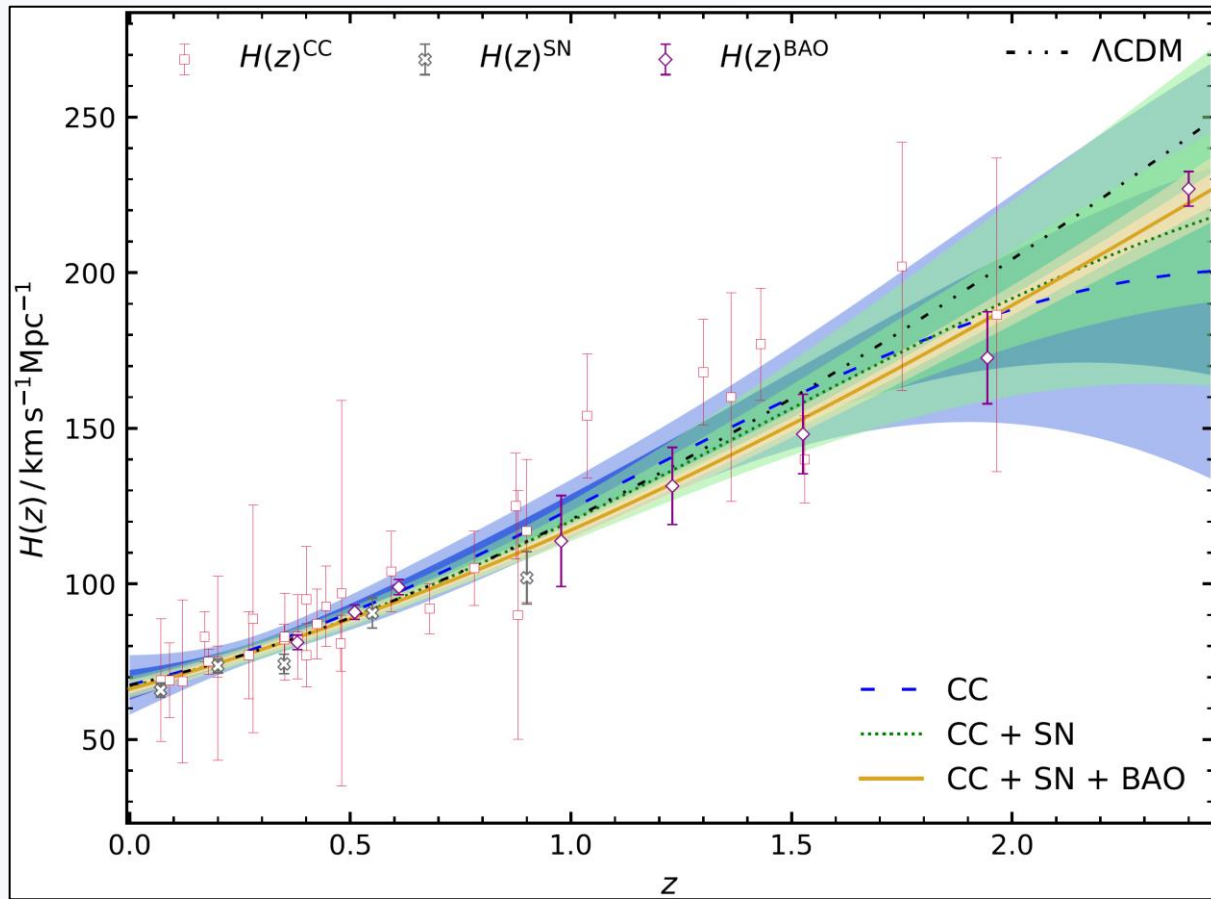
# The Covariance Functions

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Squared Exponential (Gaussian):

$$k(x, x') = \sigma_f^2 \text{Exp} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{x - x'}{l_f} \right)^2 \right]$$

# Square Exponential $H_0$ GP



$$H_0 = 67.539 \pm 4.772 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

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$$H_0 = 71.180 \pm 1.025 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

# Square Exponential Covariance for $H_0$

Distance (in  $\sigma$  units) between the  $H_0$  arguments: 
$$d(H_{0,i}, H_{0,j}) = \frac{H_{0,i} - H_{0,j}}{\sqrt{\sigma_i^2 + \sigma_j^2}}$$

Data set(s)	$H_0$ [km s <sup>-1</sup> Mpc <sup>-1</sup> ]	$d(H_0, H_0^{\text{R19}})$	$d(H_0, H_0^{\text{TRGB}})$	$d(H_0, H_0^{\text{HW}})$
CC	67.539 ± 4.772	-1.304	-0.441	-1.133
<b>CC+<math>H_0^{\text{R}}</math></b>	<b>73.782 ± 1.374</b>	<b>-0.126</b>	<b>1.711</b>	<b>0.217</b>
CC+SN	67.001 ± 1.653	-3.225	-1.118	-2.617
CC+SN+ $H_0^{\text{R}}$	72.022 ± 1.076	-1.128	1.026	-0.622
<b>CC+SN+BAO</b>	<b>66.197 ± 1.464</b>	<b>-3.841</b>	<b>-1.513</b>	<b>-3.113</b>
CC+SN+BAO+ $H_0^{\text{R}}$	71.18 ± 1.025	-1.628	0.645	-1.046

# Boundary Conditions

$\Lambda$ CDM (or  $f(T) = \Lambda$ ) works at late cosmological times

This implies that

$$f_T(z \simeq 0) \simeq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f(z \simeq 0) = 6H_0^2(\Omega_{m_0} - 1)$$

Briffa et al. CQG 38 055007 (2020)

$$S = \frac{1}{16\pi G} \int d^4x e[-T + \mathbf{f}(T)] + S_{\text{matter}}$$

# Propagating $f(T(z))$

- The Friedmann equation contains  $f_T$  which **need to be eliminated** finite difference methods
- Using a **central differencing** approach (error  $\sim \mathcal{O}(\Delta z^2)$ ), we can assume

$$f'(z_i) \simeq \frac{f(z_{i+1}) - f(z_{i-1}))}{z_{i+1} - z_{i-1}}$$

- Therefore, we can remove the  $f_T(T) = f'(z)/T'(z)$

$$H^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \rho_m - \frac{f(T)}{6} + \frac{T}{3} f_T$$

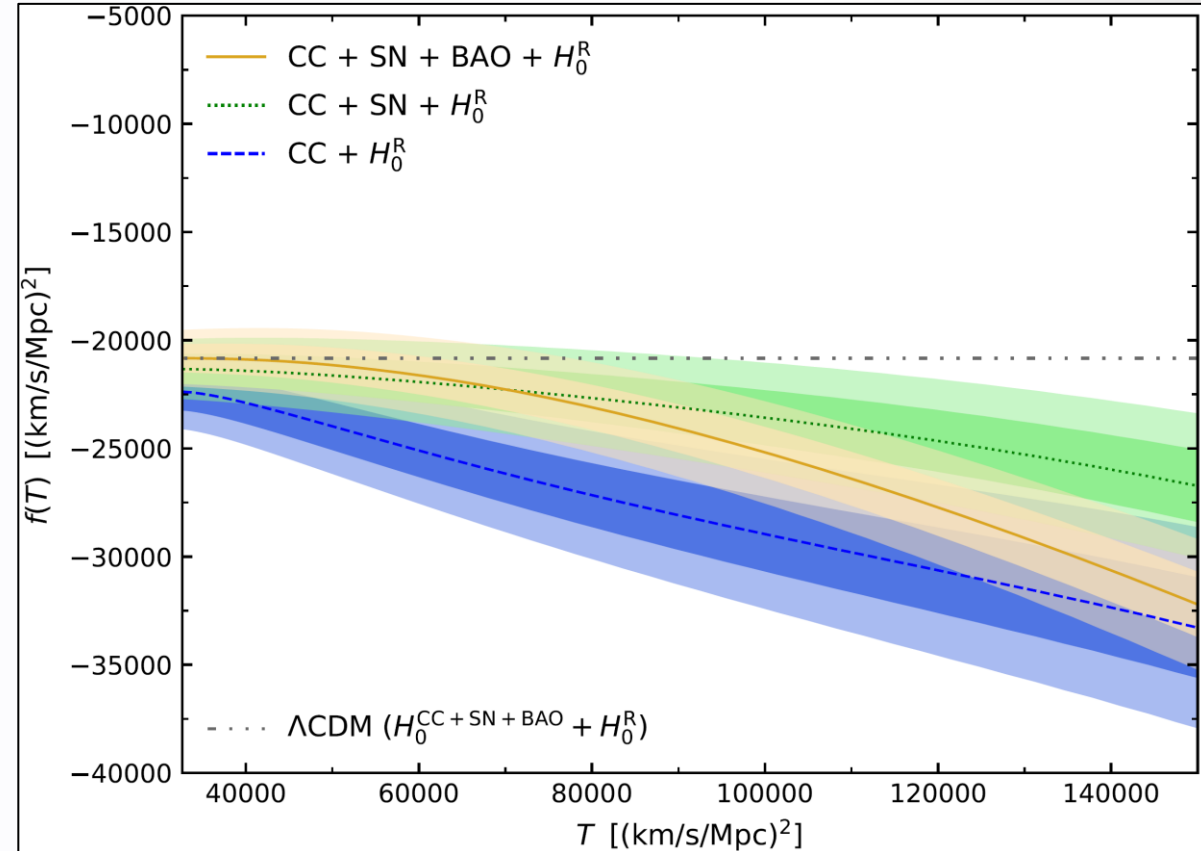
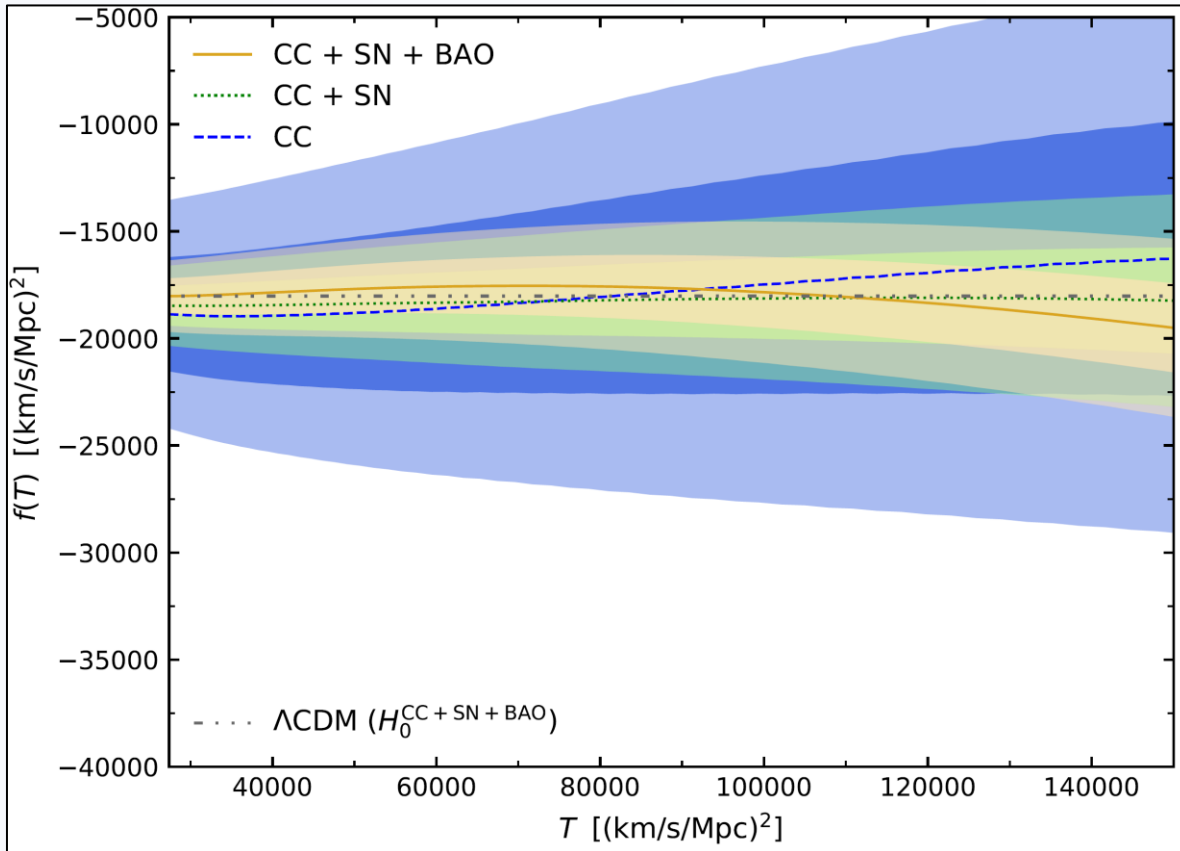
- This then gives a **propagation equation**

$$f(z_{i+1}) = f(z_{i-1}) + 2(z_{i+1} - z_{i-1}) \frac{H'(z_i)}{H(z_i)} \left( 3H(z_i)^2 + \frac{f(z_i)}{2} - 3H_0^2 \Omega_{m_0} (1 + z_i)^3 \right)$$

- Using **forward differencing**, we can produce a second boundary condition

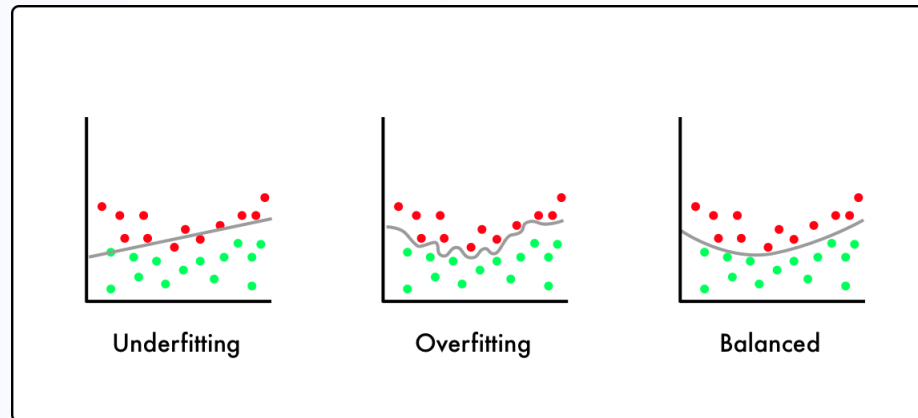


# Square Exponential $f(T)$ GP

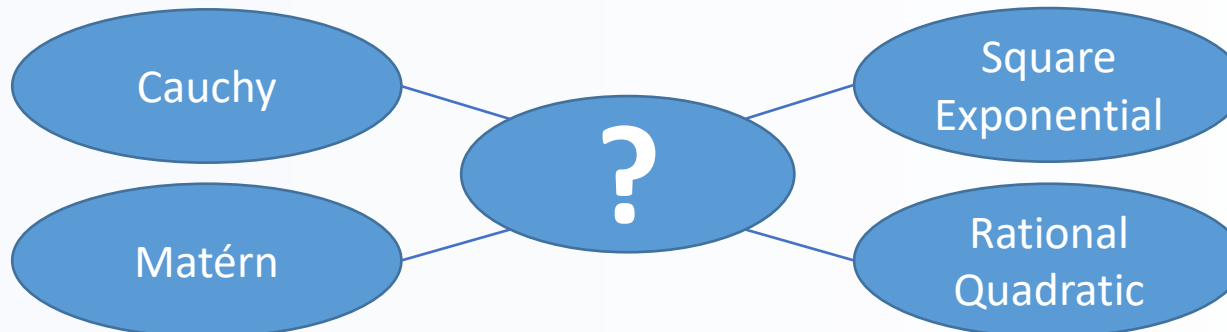


# Open Problems with GP Reconstructions

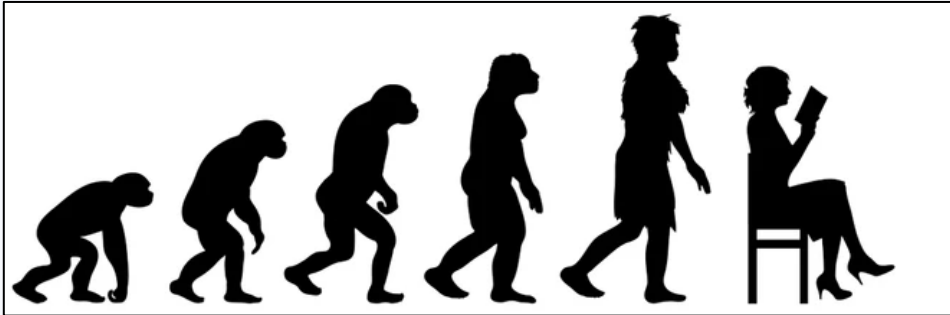
- **Overfitting at origin**: GP is very prone to overfitting for small data sets, which is especially pronounced at the origin, i.e. Hubble constant



- **Kernel Selection Problem**: There is no natural kernel for cosmology



# Genetic Algorithms (GAs)



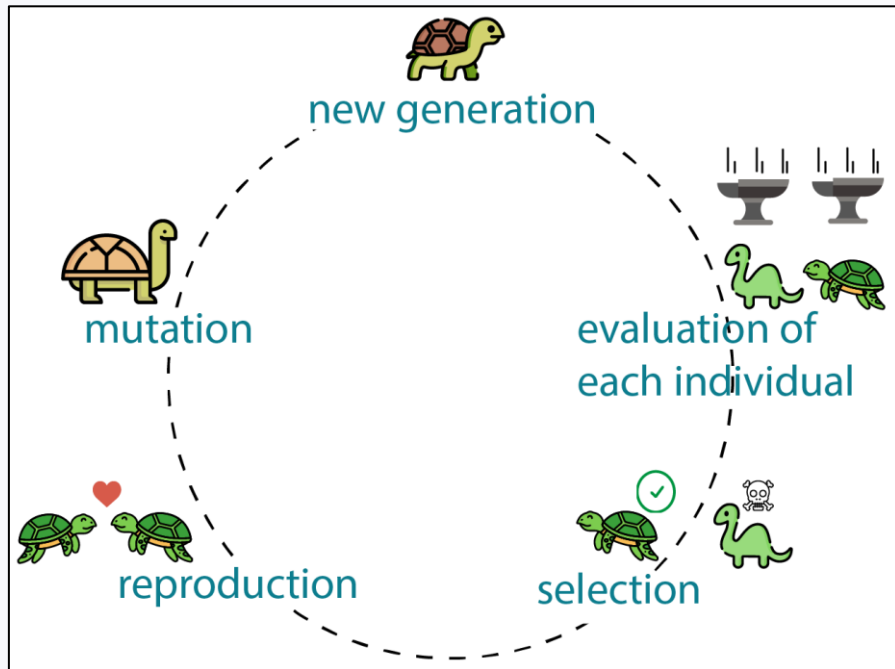
**Fitness function:** Score to characterize the performance of each generation (BIC inspired)

$$\mathcal{F} = \ln \mathcal{L} - \frac{k_{\text{eff}} \ln N}{2}$$

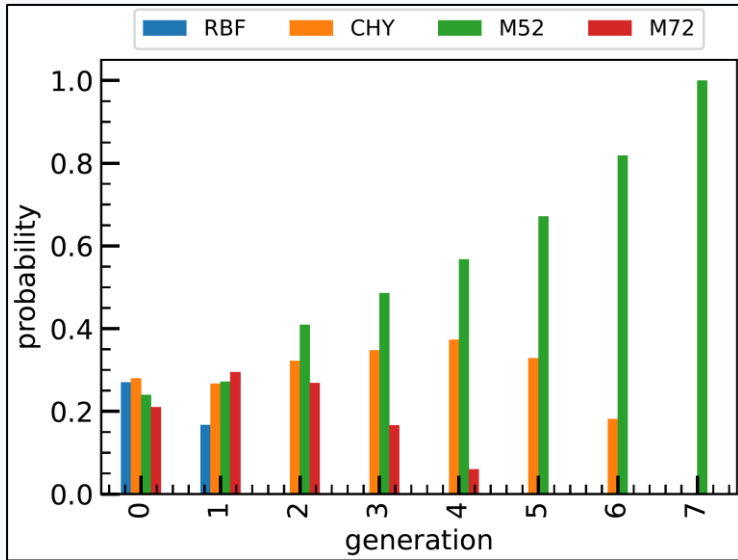
**Selection:** Population that will survive

**Crossover:** Inheritance of kernels

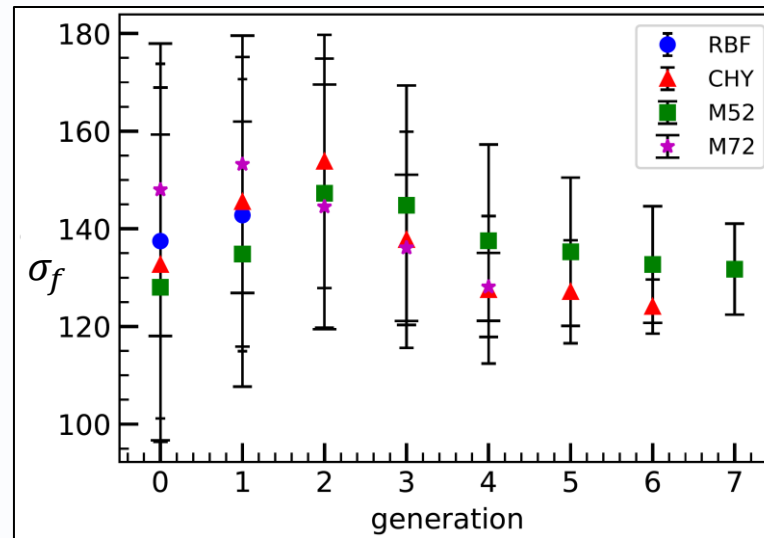
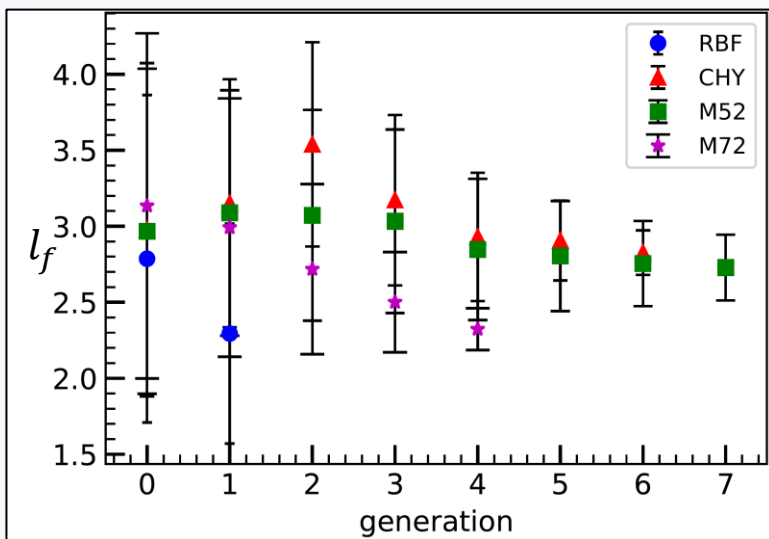
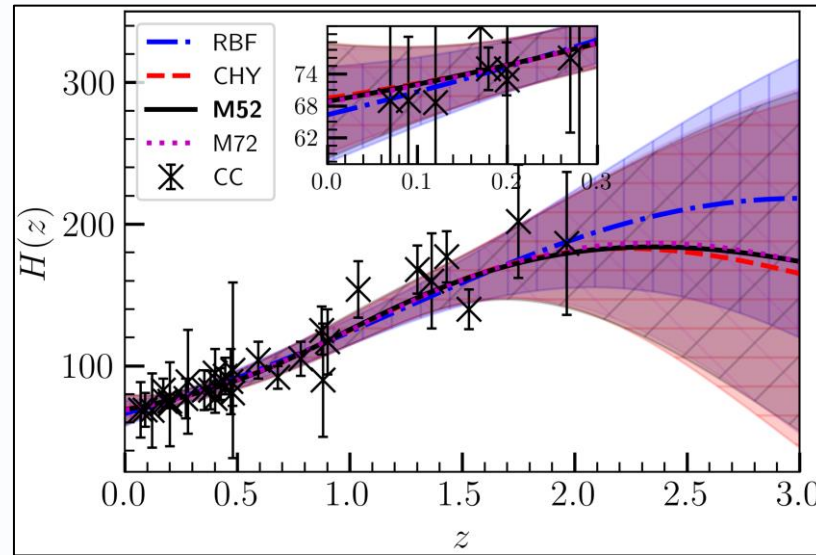
**Mutation:** Changes in addition to crossover



# Genetic Algorithms (GAs)



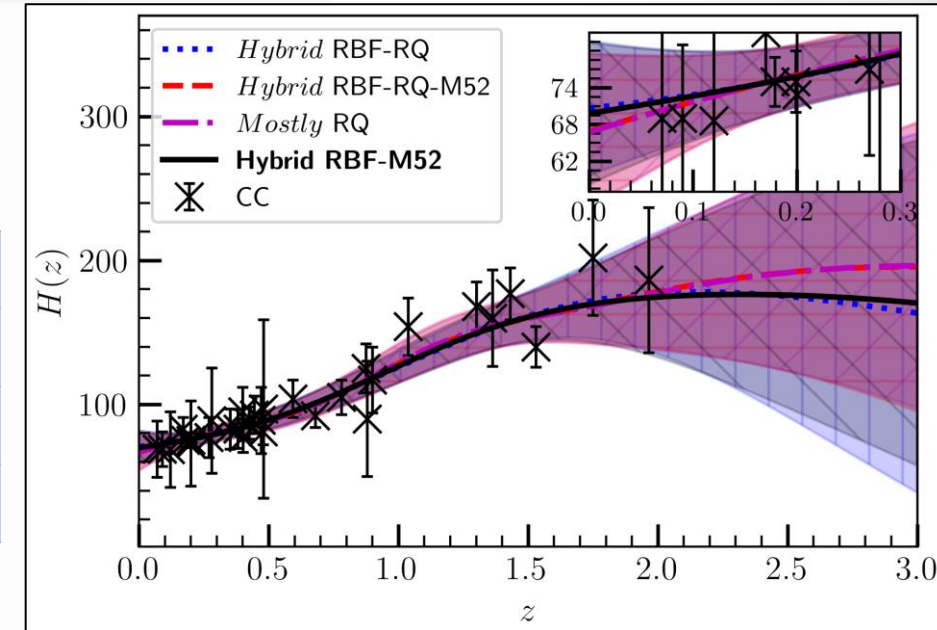
CC dataset



# Trials for GAs

Trial	Population size	Selection rate	Mutation rate	No. of generations	Best fitness
1	$10^4$	0.5	0.15	$10^1$	-143.5
2	$10^4$	0.3	0.30	$10^1$	-148.5
3	$10^3$	0.1	0.10	$10^2$	-143.4
4	$10^3$	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.50</b>	<b><math>10^2</math></b>	<b>-141.8</b>

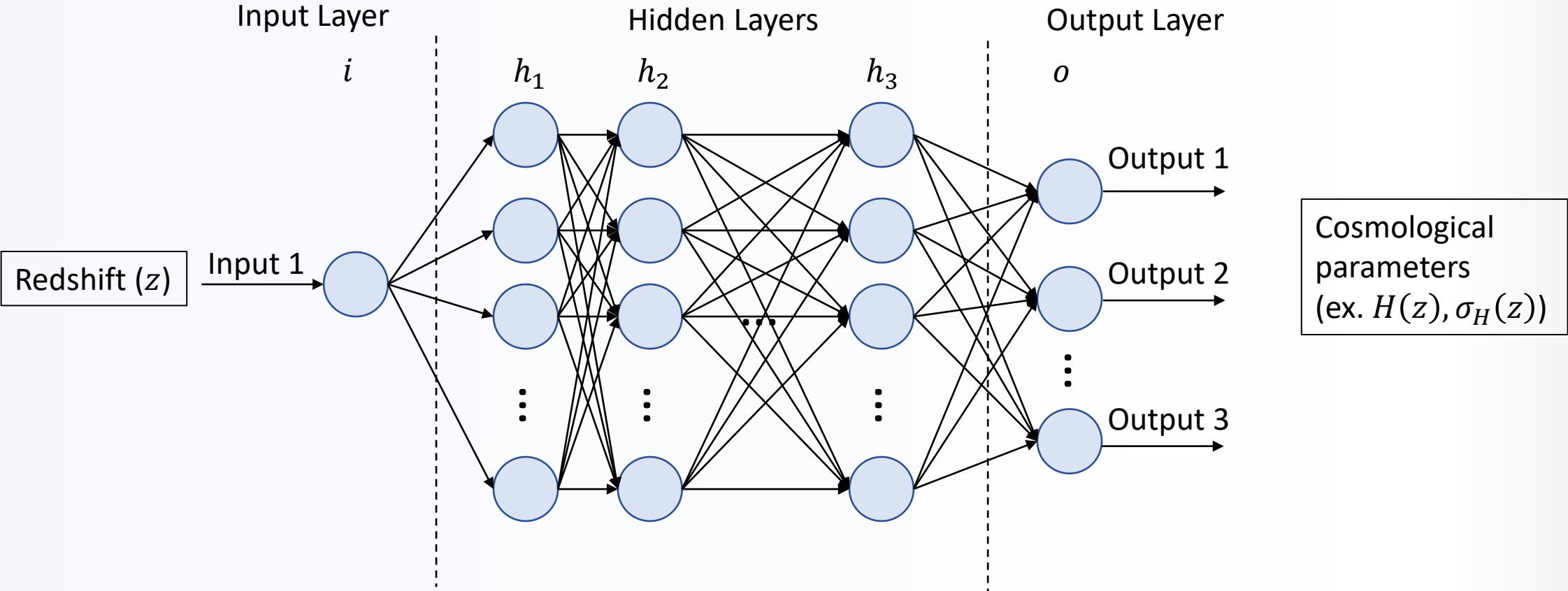
Kernel	$H_0$	$\ln \mathcal{L}$	$\chi$	fitness	Penalty
<i>Hybrid</i> RBF-RQ	$70.6 \pm 5.5$	-131.49	13.1	-143.5	12.0
<i>Hybrid</i> RBF-RQ-M52	$66.9 \pm 6.3$	-131.38	12.0	-148.5	17.2
<i>Mostly</i> RQ	$66.7 \pm 6.4$	-131.36	11.7	-143.4	12.0
<b><i>Hybrid</i> RBF-M52</b>	<b><math>69.8 \pm 5.8</math></b>	<b>-131.48</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>-141.8</b>	<b>10.3</b>



$$\text{Penalty} = \frac{k_{\text{eff}} \ln N}{2}$$

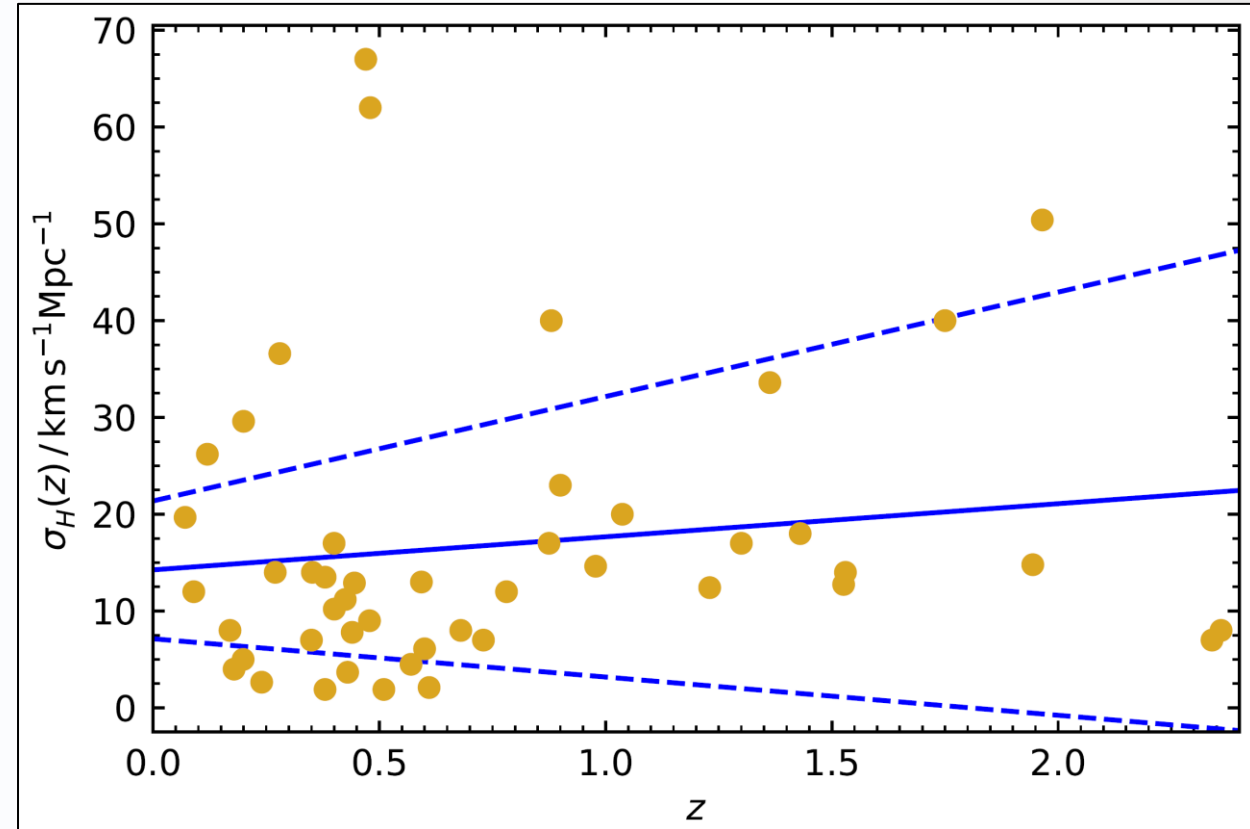
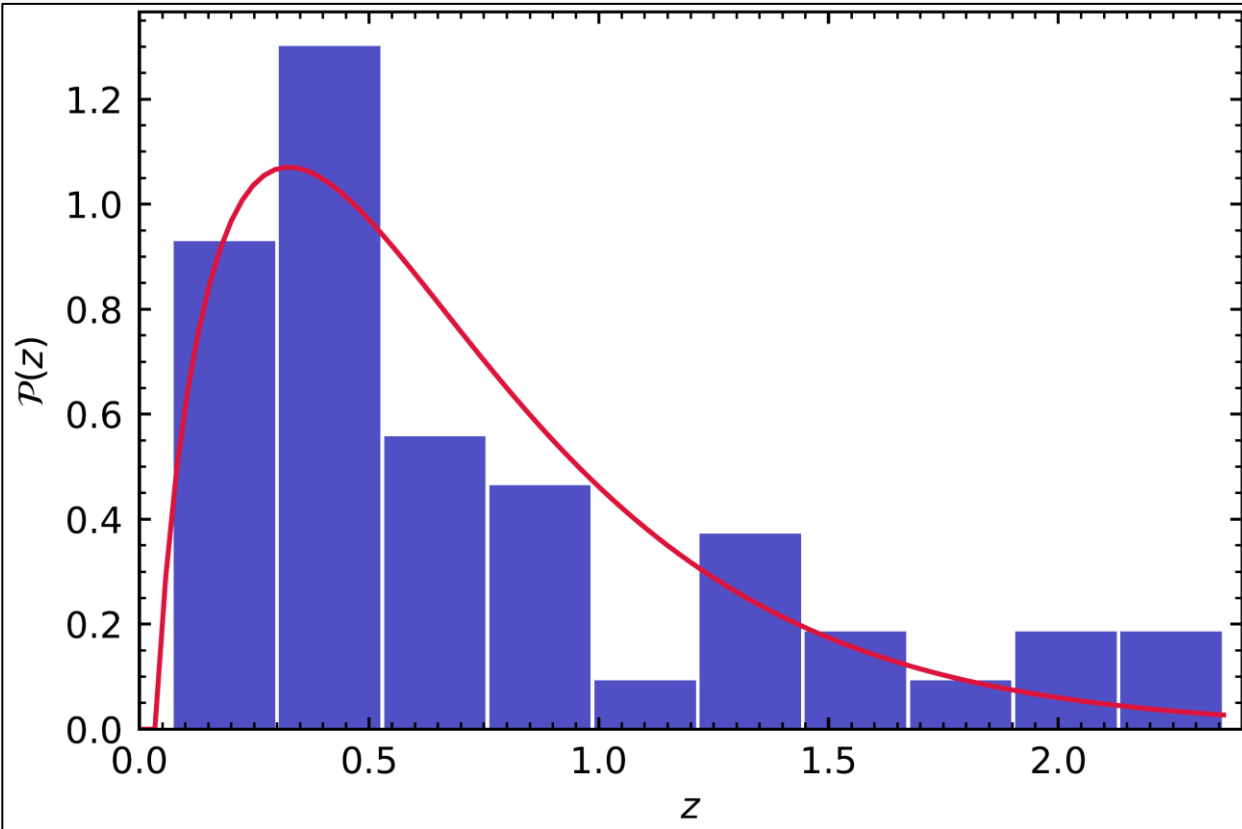
Bernardo et al. JCAP 08, 027 (2021)

# Artificial Neural Networks (ANNs)



# Training Data for the ANN

CC+BAO dataset



This observes the gamma distribution:

$$\mathcal{P}(z, \alpha, \lambda) = \frac{\lambda^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} z^{\alpha-1} e^{-\lambda z}$$

**Mean:**  $\sigma_H = 14.25 + 3.42z$   
**Upper error:**  $\sigma_H = 21.37 + 10.79z$   
**Lower error:**  $\sigma_H = 7.14 - 3.95z$

# Designing the ANN

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- **Risk** – Optimizes the **number of hidden layers and neurons** in an ANN

$$\text{risk} = \sum_{i=1}^N (\text{Bias}_i^2 + \text{Variance}_i) = \sum_{i=1}^N \left( [H_{\text{Obs}}(z_i) - H_{\text{pred}}(z_i)]^2 + \sigma_H^2(z_i) \right)$$

- **Loss** – Balances the **number of iterations** a system needs to predict the observational data

1. **L1** (Least absolute deviation)

$$\text{L1} = \sum_{i=1}^N |H_{\text{Obs}}(z_i) - H_{\text{pred}}(z_i)|$$

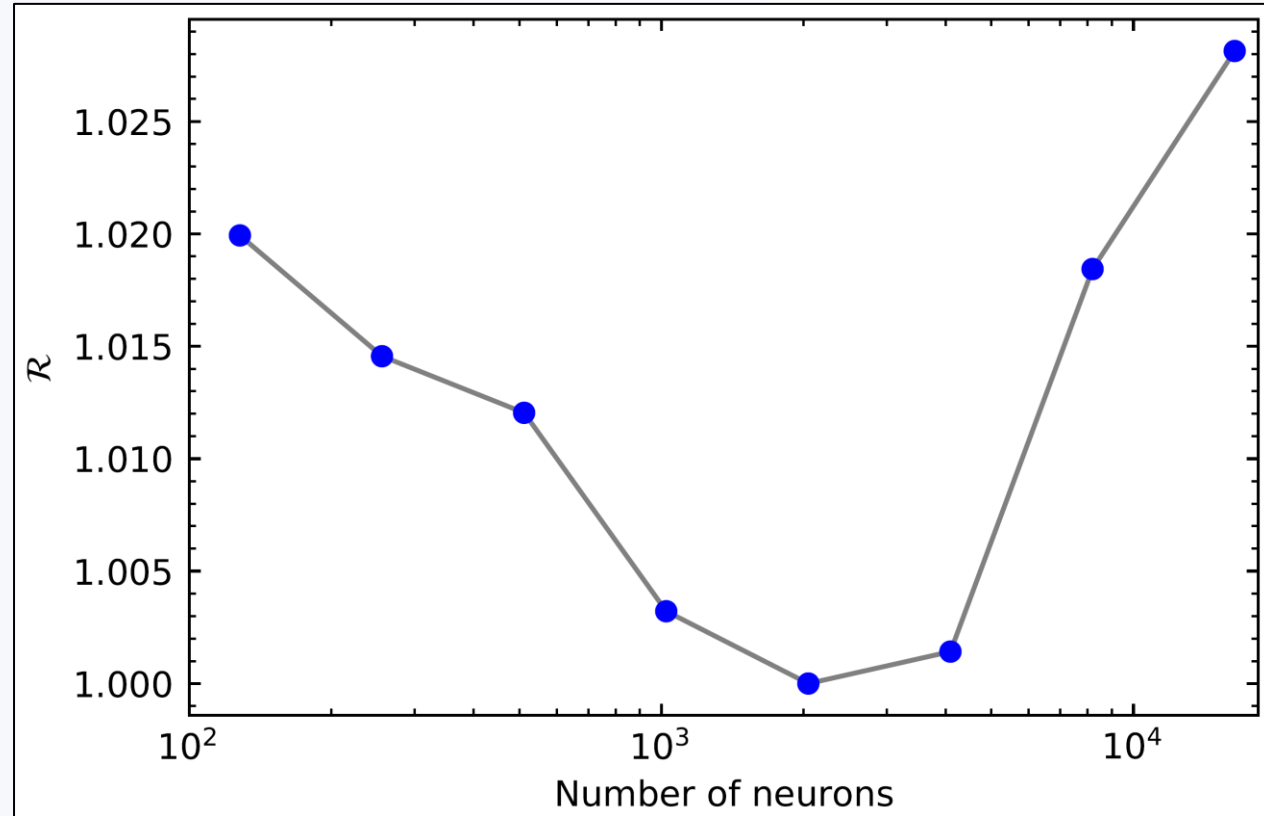
2. Smoothed L1 (**SL1**)

3. Mean Square Error (**MSE**)

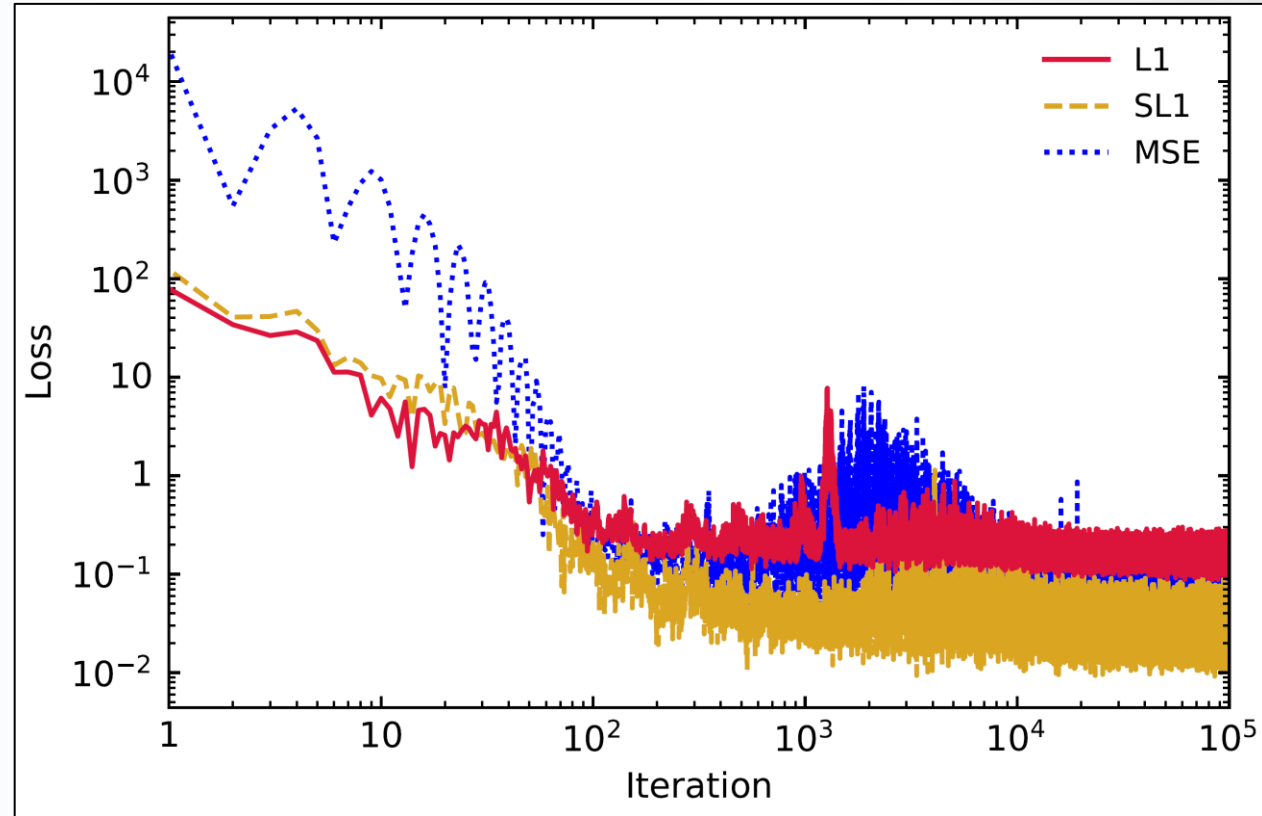
$$\text{MSE} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left( H_{\text{Obs}}(z_i) - H_{\text{pred}}(z_i) \right)^2$$



# Building the ANN

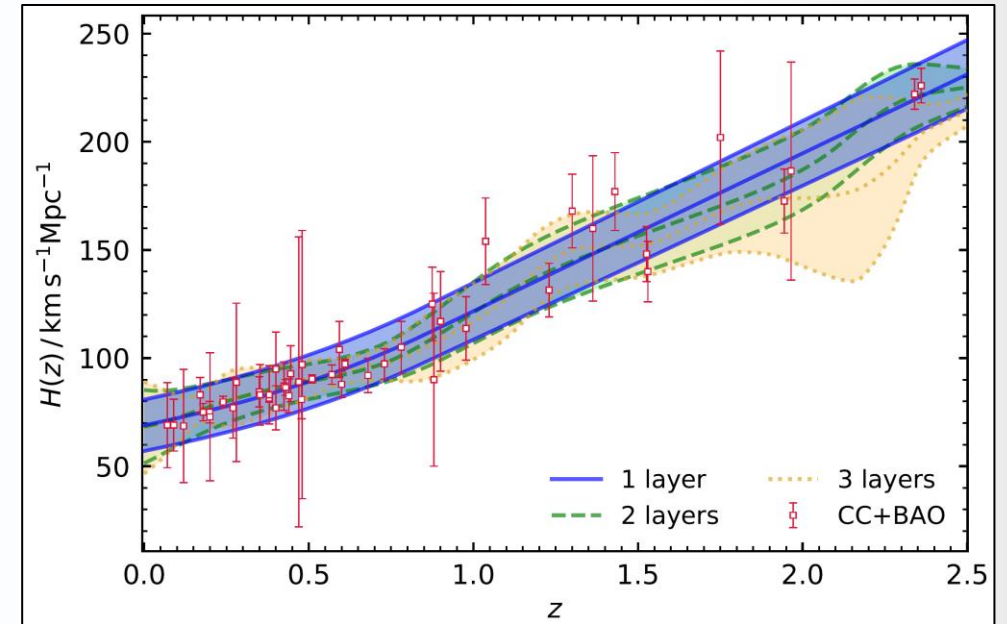
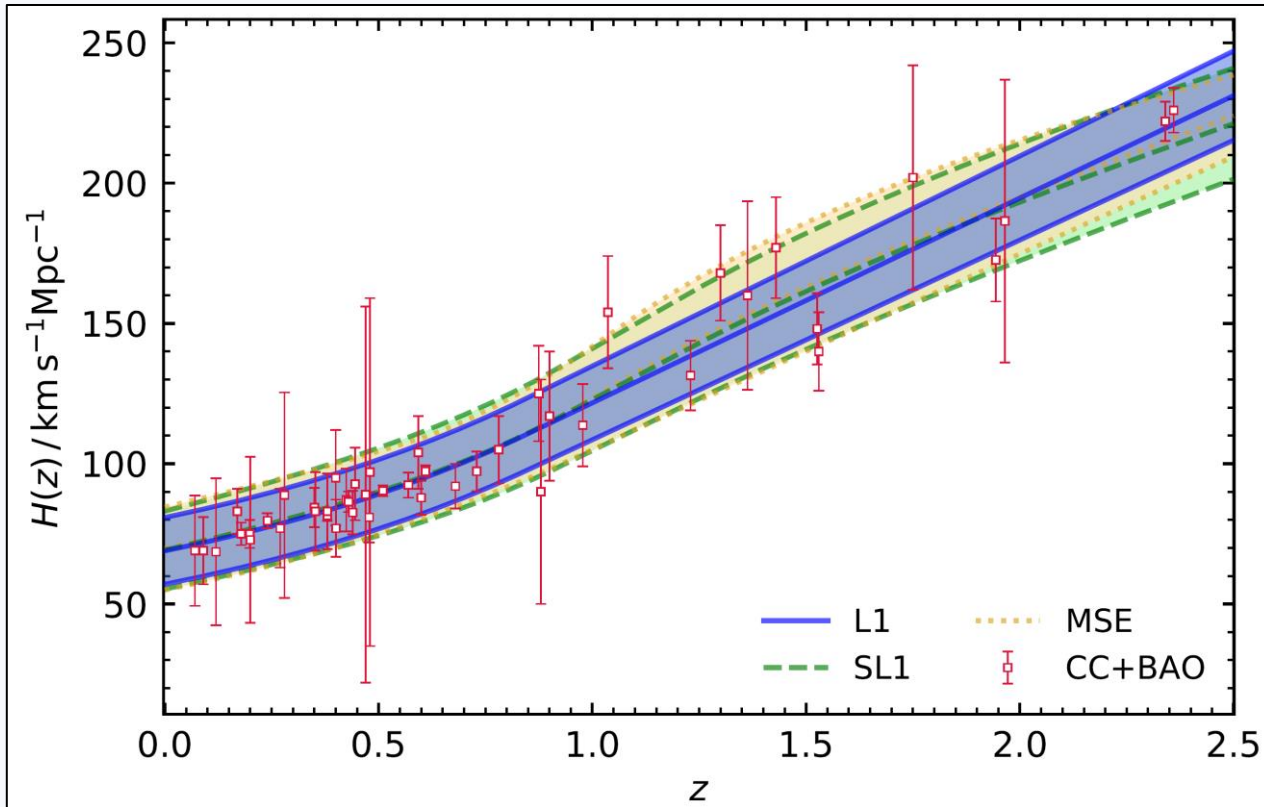


Risk function for **one layer** (*number of neurons* =  $2^n$   
 $n \in \{7, \dots, 14\}$ )



Dialektopoulos et al. JCAP 02, 023 (2022)

# Using the ANN



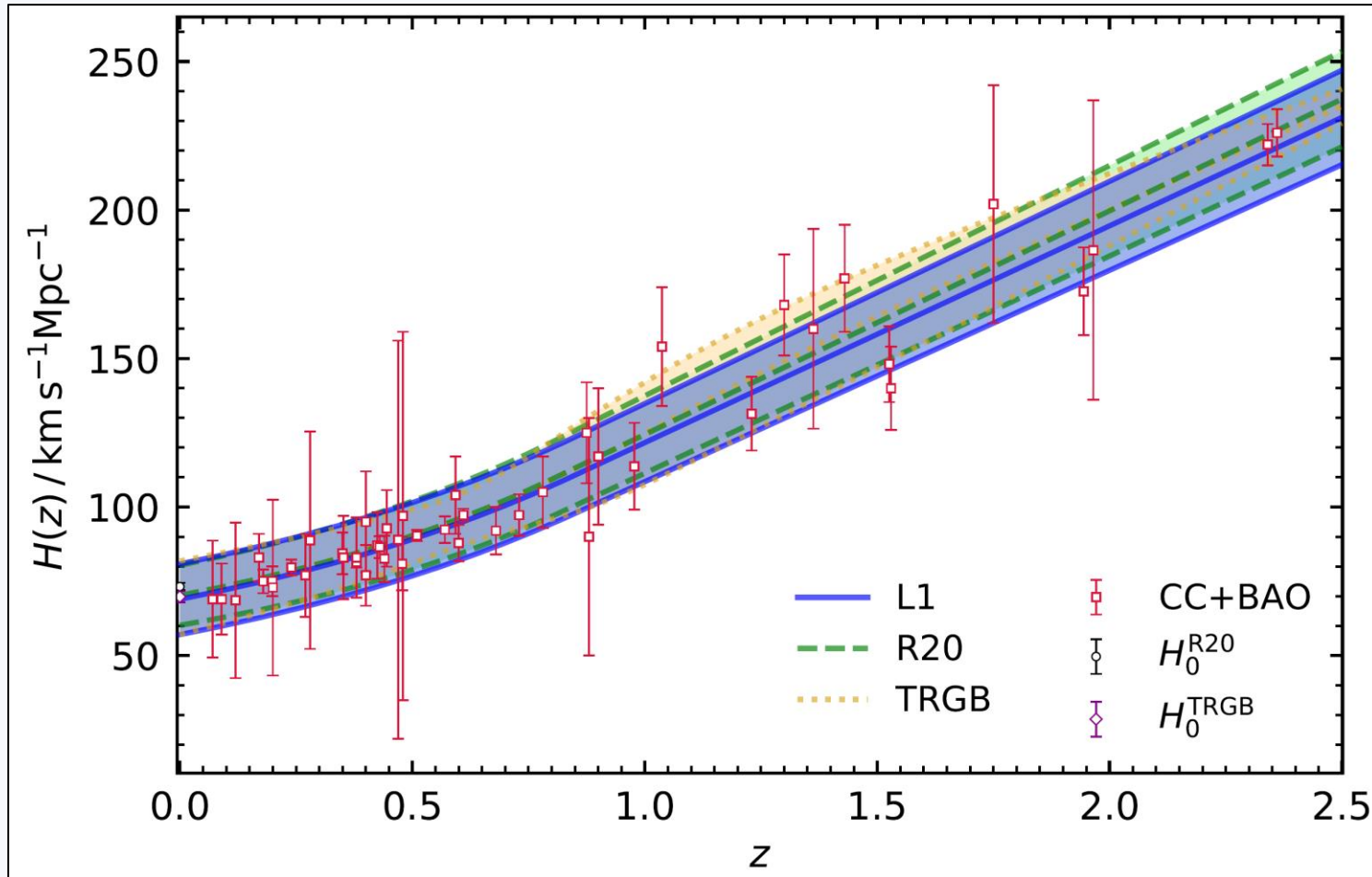
One layer is preferred

**MSE:**  $H_0 = 69.76 \pm 14.82 \text{ km s}^{-1}\text{Mpc}^{-1}$

**L1:**  $H_0 = 68.93 \pm 11.90 \text{ km s}^{-1}\text{Mpc}^{-1}$

**SL1:**  $H_0 = 69.18 \pm 13.92 \text{ km s}^{-1}\text{Mpc}^{-1}$

# What about priors?



Priors:

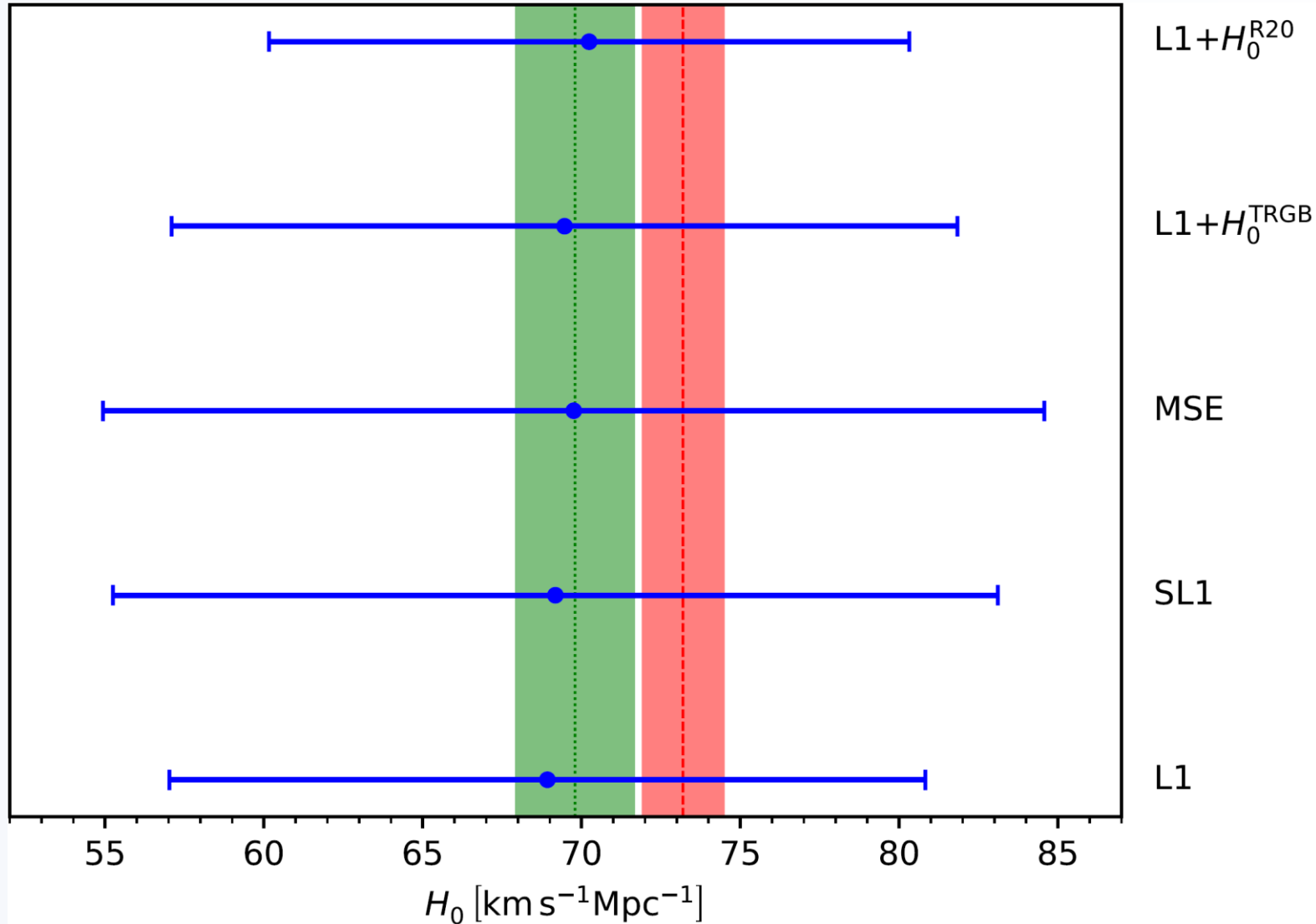
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# Whisker Plot of Results



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What about gravitational  
waves?

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# Horndeski Gravity

**Horndeski Gravity**: Produces the most **general second-order theory** that contains only **one scalar field** (in **standard gravity**)

$$S = \frac{1}{16\pi G} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} [\mathcal{L}_2 + \mathcal{L}_3 + \mathcal{L}_4 + \mathcal{L}_5]$$

where

$$\mathcal{L}_2 = G_2(\phi, X)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_3 = G_3(\phi, X) \square \phi$$

$$\mathcal{L}_4 = G_4(\phi, X) \mathcal{R} + G_{4,X}(\phi, X) [(\square \phi)^2 - \phi_{;\mu\nu} \phi^{;\mu\nu}]$$

$$\mathcal{L}_5 = G_5(\phi, X) \mathcal{G}_{\mu\nu} \phi^{;\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{6} G_{5,X}(\phi, X) [(\square \phi)^3 + 2\phi_{;\mu}{}^\nu \phi_{;\nu}{}^\alpha \phi_{;\alpha}{}^\mu - 3\phi_{;\mu\nu} \phi^{;\mu\nu} \square \phi]$$



# Teleparallel Horndeski Gravity (TeleDeski)

- **TeleDeski Goal**: What is the **TG analog** of **Horndeski theory**?
- **Conditions**: (i) Field equations must be **second-order**; (ii) terms **cannot be parity-violating**; (iii) contributions can be at most **quadratic in torsion**
- **Extra contribution**:  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{Tele}} = G_{\text{Tele}}(\phi, X, T, T_{Ax}, T_{vec}, I_2, J_i)$  [ $I_2$  - linear coupling with matter,  $J_i$  - quadratic coupling with matter]

# Tensor Perturbations

- Taking **tensor perturbations** for **tetrads fields**

$$e^0{}_{\mu} = \delta_{\mu}^0, e^i{}_{\mu} = \delta_{\mu}^i + \frac{1}{2} \delta_{\mu}^j \delta^{ki} h_{jk} \Rightarrow ds^2 = dt^2 - a^2(\delta_{ij} + h_{ij})dx^i dx^j$$

- Produces a **gravitational wave propagation equation** (GWPE)

$$\ddot{h}_{ij} + (3 + \alpha_M)H\dot{h}_{ij} - (1 + \alpha_T)\frac{k^2}{a^2}h_{ij} = 0$$

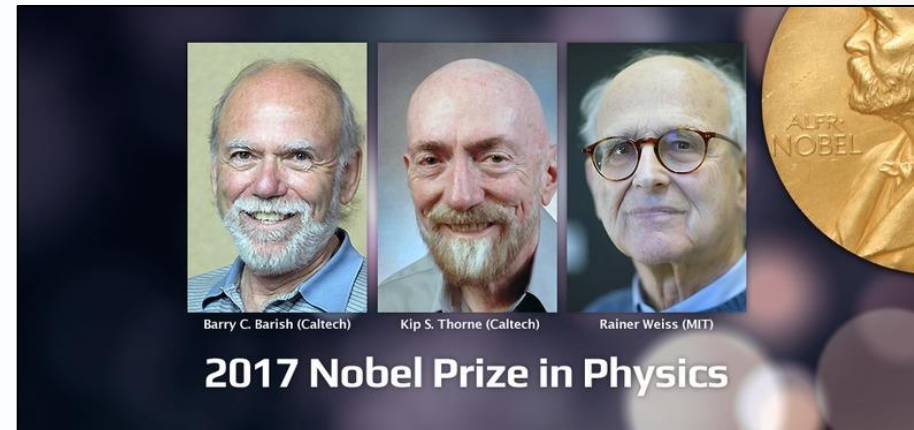
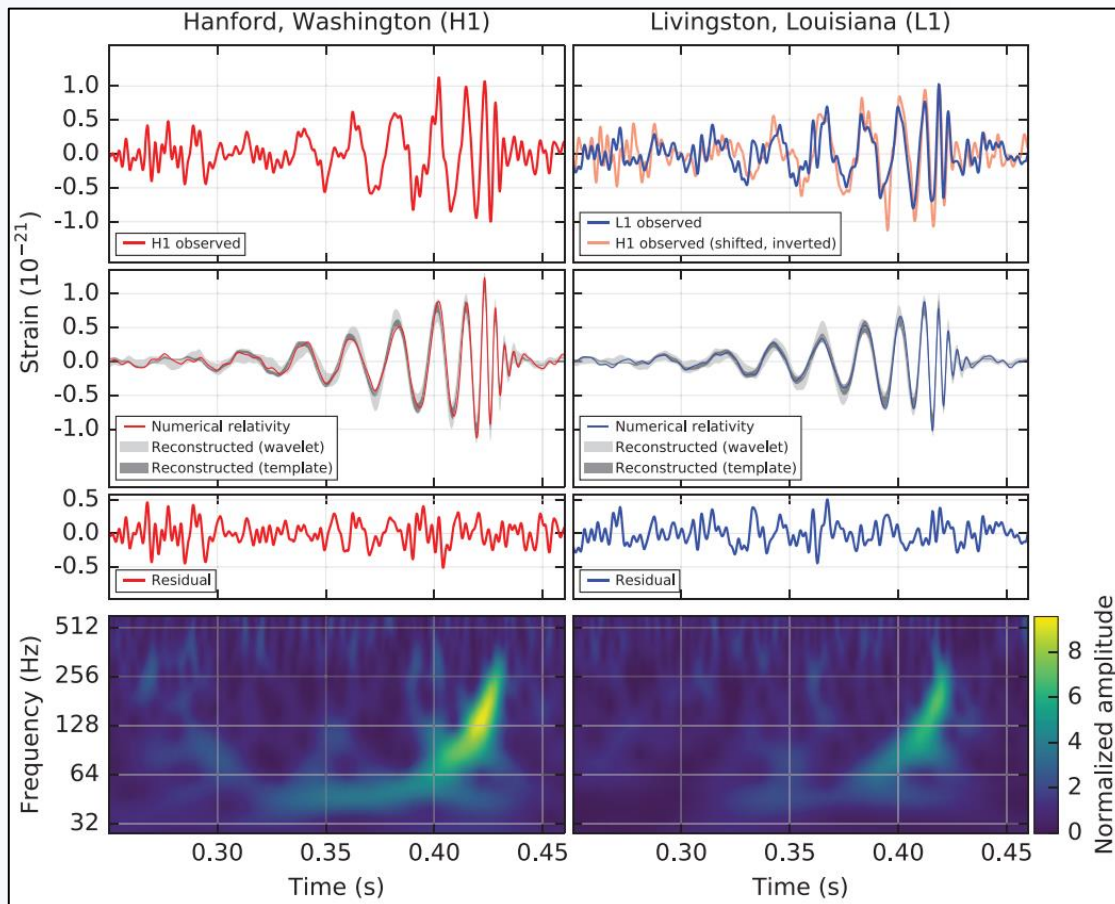
in the Fourier domain

- $\alpha_T = c_T^2 - 1$  is the **tensor excess speed** and  $\alpha_M = \frac{1}{HM_*^2} \frac{dM_*^2}{dt}$  is the **Planck mass run rate** ( $M_*^2$  is the effective **Planck mass**)



# GW Observations

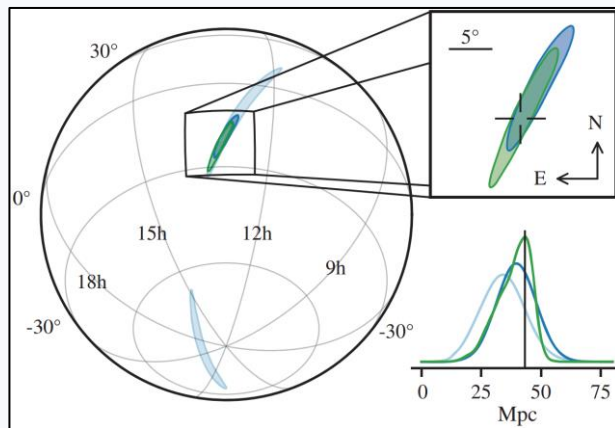
Can we use **GW observations** to detect **modified gravity**?



# The Era of Multi-messenger Astronomy

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LIGO-Virgo localization



Virgo observatory

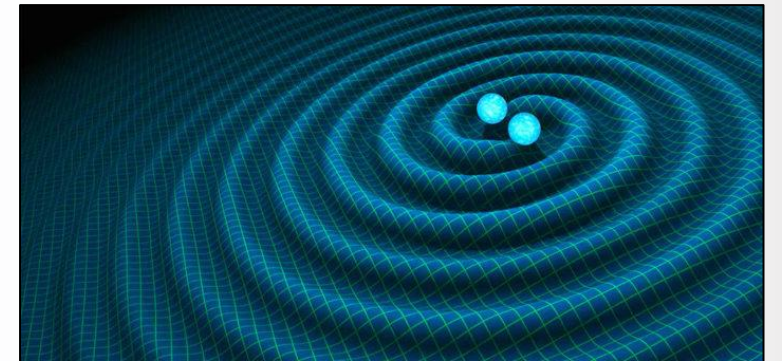
$$M_{\text{Tot}} = 2.74^{+0.04}_{-0.01} M_{\odot}$$

$$\Delta T = 1.7 \text{ s}$$

$$c_T = c^{+7 \times 10^{-16}}_{-3 \times 10^{-15}}$$

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Fermi Telescope



# GWs in TeleDeski

$$\ddot{h}_{ij} + (3 + \alpha_M)H\dot{h}_{ij} - (1 + \alpha_T)\frac{k^2}{a^2}h_{ij} = 0$$

- **TeleDeski GWPE:**

$$\alpha_T = \frac{2X}{M_*^2} \left( 2G_{4,X} - 2G_{5,\phi} - G_{5,X}(\ddot{\phi} - \dot{\phi}H) - 2G_{\text{Tele},J_8} - \frac{1}{2}G_{\text{Tele},J_5} \right) = 0$$

where  $M_*^2 = 2 \left( G_4 - 2XG_{4,X} + XG_{5,\phi} - \dot{\phi}XHG_{5,X} + 2XG_{\text{Tele},J_8} + \frac{1}{2}XG_{\text{Tele},J_5} - G_{\text{Tele},T} \right)$

- **Running Planck mass:** Continues to observe  $\alpha_M = \frac{1}{HM_*^2} \frac{dM_*^2}{dt}$

- **New possibilities:** Opens new possibilities for reviving Horndeski gravity

Bahamonde et al. PRD 101, 084060 (2020)

# Conclusion

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- **TG offers an interesting alternative** to traditional ways to modify gravity
- TG satisfies a number of preliminary **observational tests**, and offers a more consistent picture of modified gravity
- TG is compatible with novel methods being developed in conjunction with **machine learning**

# CosmoVerse: Join our Working Groups

The screenshot shows the website for COST Action CA21136, 'Addressing observational tensions in cosmology with systematics and fundamental physics (CosmoVerse)'. The page is in the 'Working Groups and Membership' section. It features a table of three working groups, each with a number, title, and leader. Below the table is an 'Apply' button and a note about the application process. On the right, there is an 'Action Details' sidebar with information about the MoU, CSO approval date, start and end dates, and a link to the project website. Below that, it lists 'How can I participate?' with two bullet points: 'Read the Project Description [MoU](#)' and 'Inform the Main Proposer/Chair of your interest ([email](#))'.

**Working Groups and Membership**

Number	Title	Leader
1	Observational Cosmology and systematics	Dr Radoslaw WOJTAK
2	Data Analysis in Cosmology	Prof Agnieszka POLLO
3	Fundamental Physics	Dr Noemi FRUSCIANTE

Express your interest to join any of the working groups by applying below.

*It is required to have an e-COST profile to submit your application. If needed, [create it first](#), and then click 'Apply'.*

[Apply](#)

**Action Details**

- MoU - 050/22
- CSO Approval date - 27/05/2022
- Start date - 21/10/2022
- End date - 20/10/2026
- <https://cosmoversetensions.eu/>

**How can I participate?**

- Read the Project Description [MoU](#)
- Inform the Main Proposer/Chair of your interest ([email](#))

[www.cost.eu/actions/CA21136](http://www.cost.eu/actions/CA21136)

# Thank You

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