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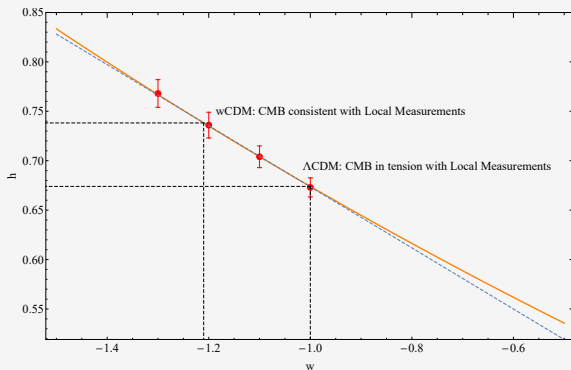
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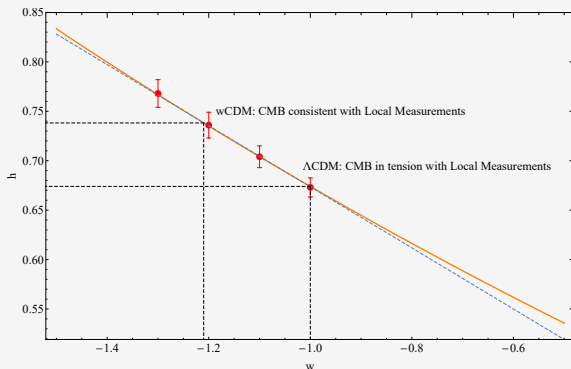
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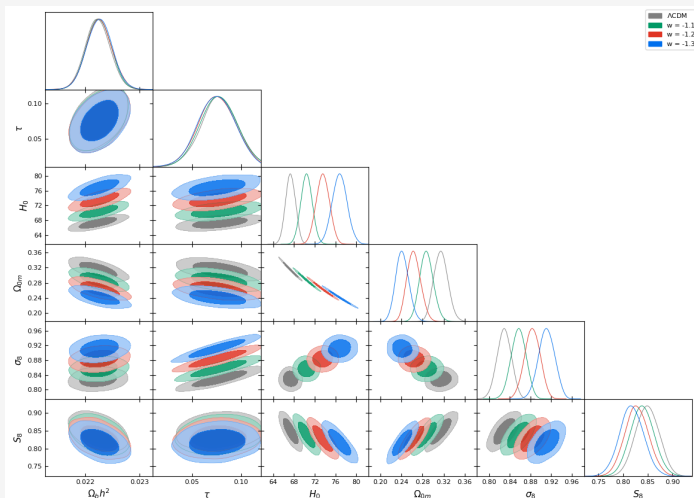
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-1.2	0.265	0.735	$0.263^{+0.012}_{-0.014}$	$0.736 \pm 0.013$	11267.132	0.616
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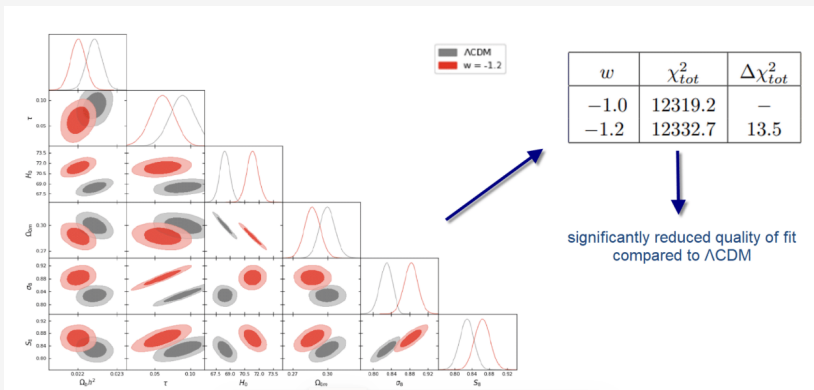


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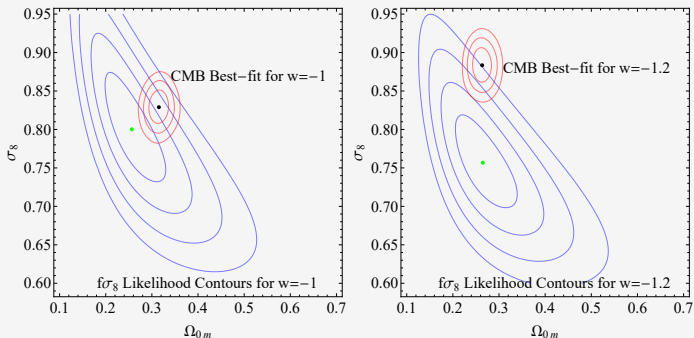


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$$M(z) = M_C + \Delta M \Theta(z - z_t) \quad (6)$$

where  $\Theta$  is the Heaviside step function,  $M_C = -19.24$  is the SnIa absolute magnitude calibrated by Cepheids at  $z < 0.01$  and  $\Delta M, \Delta w$  are parameters to be fit by the data.

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where in the last equality a constant  $w$  was assumed and  $z_p$  is a pivot redshift which may be assumed equal to the present time or equal to the transition time  $z_t$ .

- And the Hubble expansion rate  $h(z) \equiv H(z)/100 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$  takes the form

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where  $\omega_m \equiv \Omega_{om}h^2 = 0.143$ ,  $\omega_r \equiv \Omega_{or}h^2 = 4.64 \times 10^{-5}$  and  $h = h_{CMB} = 0.674$ .

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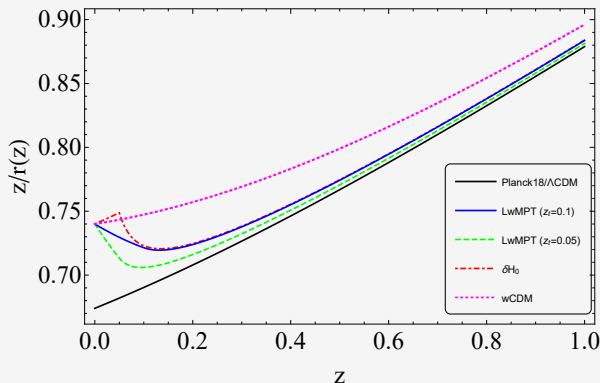
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$$\Delta w = \frac{\text{Log}(h^2 - \omega_m) - \text{Log}(h_{local}^2 - \omega_m)}{3\text{Log}(1 + z_t)} \quad (11)$$

where  $h = h_{CMB} = 0.674$  and  $\omega_m = \Omega_{om}h^2 = 0.143$  as implied by the first condition and for consistency with the CMB anisotropy spectrum.

# Comparing comoving distance forms

We compare the form of the comoving distance  $r(z)$  predicted in the context of the  $LwMT$  model  $r_w(z)$  with other proposed  $H(z)$  deformations for the resolution of the Hubble tension that produce the same CMB anisotropy spectrum as Planck18/ $\Lambda$ CDM while at the same time predict a Hubble parameter equal to its locally measured value  $h(z=0) = h_{local}$ .



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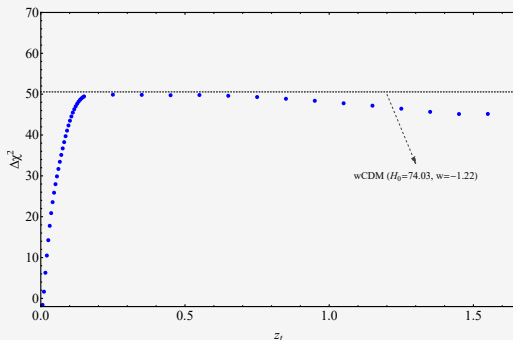


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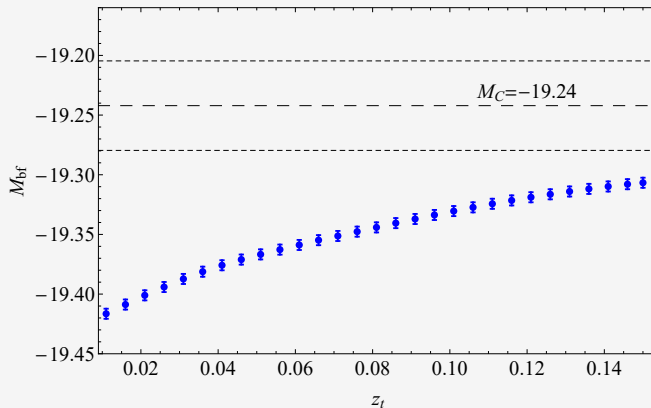
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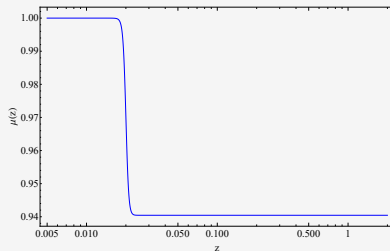
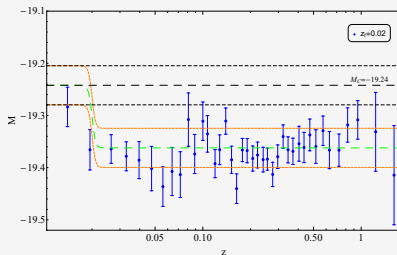
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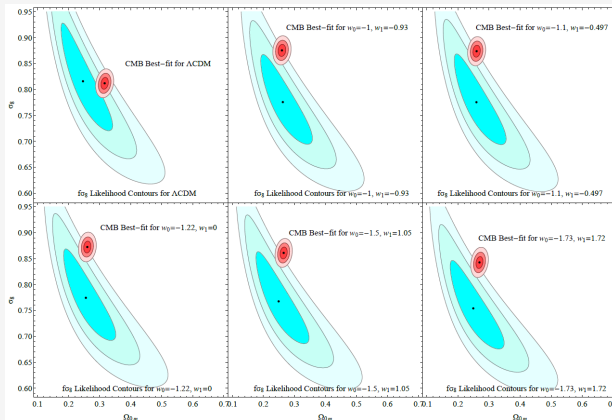
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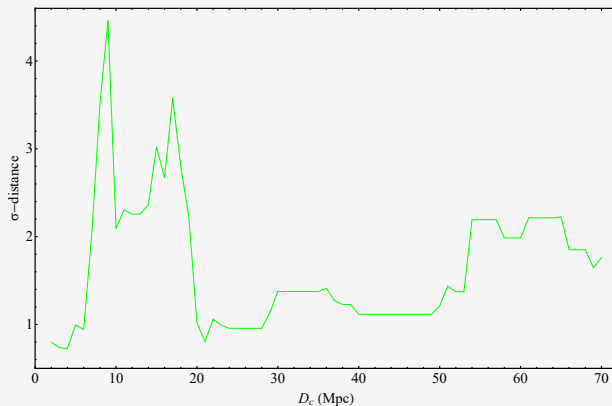
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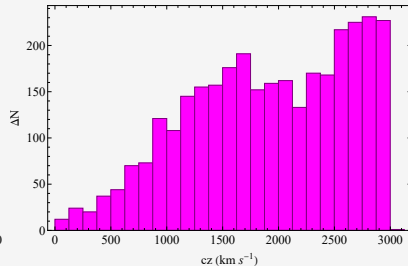
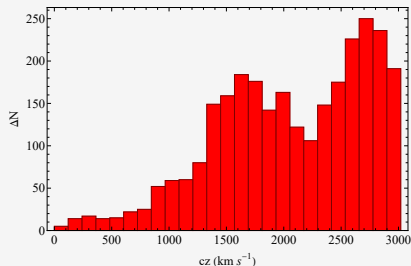
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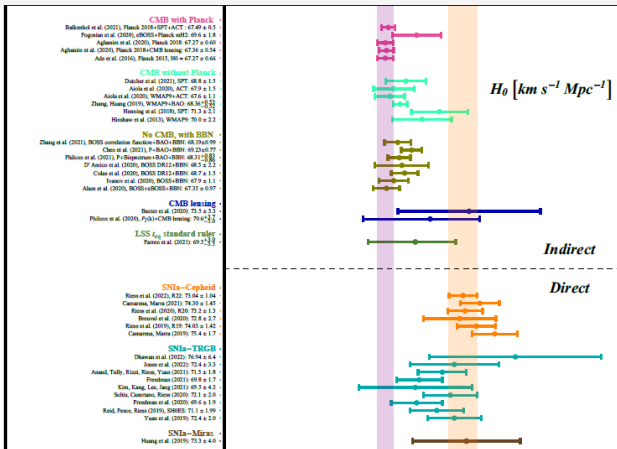
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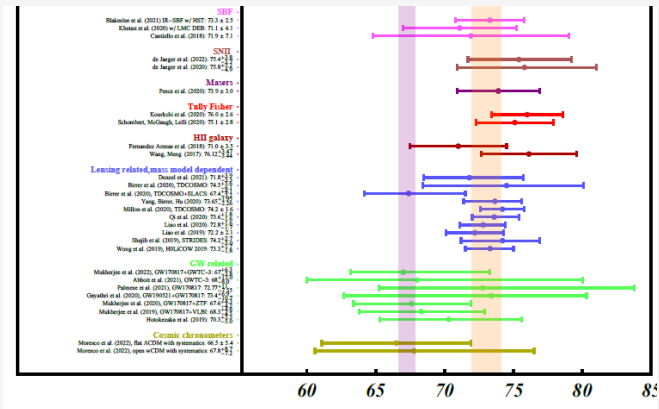
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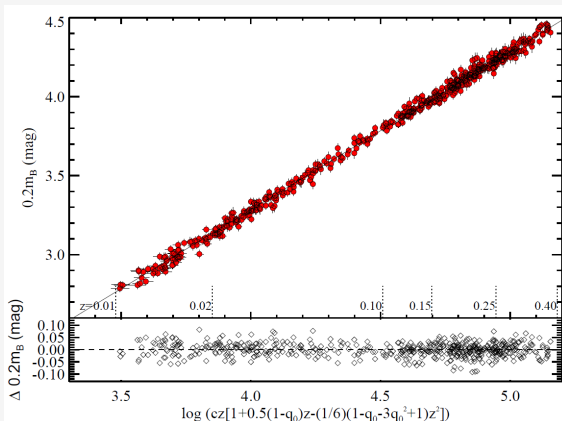


# SHoES distance ladder

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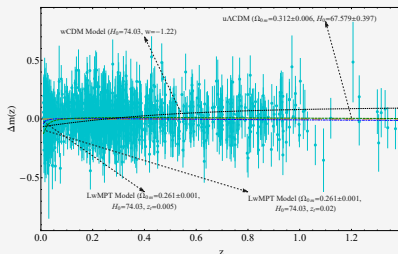
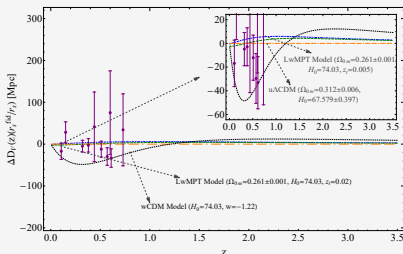
$$\alpha_B = \log cz \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{2}(1 - q_0)z - \frac{1}{6}(1 - q_0 - 3q_0^2 + j_0)z^2 + O(z^3) \right] - 0.2m_B^0 \quad (25)$$

and can give us  $H_0$  via  $\log H_0 = 0.2M_B^0 + \alpha_B + 5$ .



# Fitting LwMT to cosmological data

- We show the difficulty of the smooth  $H(z)$  deformation models that address the Hubble tension in fitting the BAO and SnIa data. We show the BAO and SnIa data (residuals from the best fit  $\Lambda$ CDM) along with the best fit residuals for the  $w$ CDM and LwMT models.



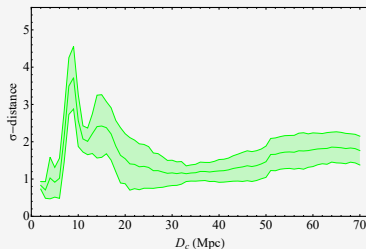
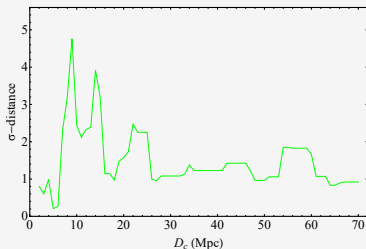
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- By demanding that  $\frac{\chi_{o,min}^2}{N_o} = 1$  we fix the scatter to  $\sigma_s = 0.077$ , where  $\chi_{o,min}^2$  is the minimized value of  $\chi^2$  for the full sample and  $N_o$  is the number of data points of the full sample.
- We thus find the best fit values of the parameters  $s_j$  and  $b_j$ , ( $j = 0, 1, 2$ ).
- We then evaluate the  $\Delta\chi_{kl}^2(D_c)$  of the best fit of each subsample  $k$  with respect to the likelihood contours of the other subsample  $l$ . Using these values we also evaluate the  $\sigma$ -distances ( $d_{\sigma,kl}(D_c)$  and  $d_{\sigma,lk}(D_c)$ ) and conservatively define the minimum of these  $\sigma$ -distances as,

$$d_{\sigma}(D_c) \equiv \text{Min} [d_{\sigma,12}(D_c), d_{\sigma,21}(D_c)] \quad (26)$$

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In order to make sure that our results are not biased due to not taking into account the uncertainties in the galactic distances we have repeated the analysis using Monte Carlo simulations of 100 samples with randomly varying galaxy distances. The distance to each galaxy in each random sample varied randomly with a Gaussian distribution with mean equal to the measured distance and standard deviation equal to the corresponding  $1\sigma$  error. The results of this analysis are shown in the following figure,



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These are the best fit  $\log M_B - \log v_{\text{rot}}$  lines for selected galactic subsamples superimposed with the datapoints. The difference between the two lines for  $D_c = 9\text{Mpc}$  and  $D_c = 17\text{Mpc}$  is evident even though their slopes are very similar.

