The H₀ tension





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 H_0 tension Riess etal (2019): $H_0 = 74.03 \pm 1.42 \text{ km/s/Mpc}$ (1.9% measurement) Planck (2019): $H_0 = 67.44 \pm 0.58 \text{ km/s/Mpc}$ (0.9% measurement) Discrepant by 6.59 km/s/Mpc ($\approx 10\%$ discrepancy, or 4.3 σ) As Adam Riess emphasises this is not a small discrepancy.



















H_0 in extensions to ACDM

Model	Planck TTTEEE	Planck TTTEEE+BAO
ACDM	67.44 ± 0.58	67.69 ± 0.42
$\Lambda CDM + m_{\nu}$	66.8 ± 1.2	67.8 ± 0.6
$\Lambda CDM + N_{\nu}$	66.4 ± 1.6	67.4 ± 1.2
$\Lambda CDM + m_{\nu} + N_{\nu}$	$66.1^{+1.9}_{-1.6}$	67.5 ± 1.2
$\Lambda CDM + m_{str} + N_{\nu}$	67.1 ± 0.7	$67.89^{+0.45}_{-0.69}$
ΛCDM+Ω _k	56 ± 4	67.9 ± 0.7
$\Lambda CDM + w_0 + w_a$		64.9 ± 2.1
$\Lambda CDM + n_{run}$	67.25 ± 0.60	67.66 ± 0.45

There is not even a *hint* of movement towards the SH0ES value of H₀







Summary (part I)

□ The CMB results for base ∧CDM are *totally* secure

- No evidence for any new physics from CMB including high multipole polarization spectra observed by ACT
- Inverse distance ladder (supernovae+BAO) gives low H₀ (68 ± 1 km s⁻¹ Mpc⁻¹) independent of nature of dark energy, dark matter and their interactions. No evidence for any new physics at late times.
- Recent LUNA results on d(p, γ)³He reaction rate improve consistency between Planck, big bang nucleosynthesis and observed deuterium abundance. *No evidence for any new physics at early times.*





Period [days]



Problems with the distance anchors:

Geometric distance distance (20 detached eclipsing binaries) to LMC:

 $\mu_{LMC} = 18.477 \pm 0.026 \text{ mag}$ (Pietrzynski et al 2019) (1)

Geometric distance to maser galaxy NGC4258:

 $\mu_{N4258} = 29.397 \pm 0.033 \text{ mag}$ (Reid etal 2019) (2)

Nevertheless, if I use LMC Cepheids from Riess et al (70 Cepheids with HST photometry) and 4258 Cepheids from Riess etal (2016) and fix μ_{LMC} to (1), I infer a distance modulus to NGC 4258 of

 $\mu_{N4258} = 29.220 \pm 0.029$

which is discrepant with (2) by 3.5σ .

 $(\Delta \mu = 0.18 \text{ mag})$









The SHOES degeneracy

Assume that crowded HST magnitudes are biased by a constant offset δa relative to resolved ground based photometry:

$$m = m_{Riess} - \delta a$$

In such a model, the offset term will *cancel* if the NGC 4258 anchor is used to calibrate the Cepheid PL relations of the SN host galaxies.

The offset term will *not cancel* if one uses local resolved calibrators, i.e. LMC, Milky Way or M31. On this model, these local calibrators will ALL lead to biased values of H_0 .

This is the **SHOES degeneracy**.

no PL offset (standard analysis)

with PL offset (SHOES degeneracy)





Is there any evidence for such an effect?



TRGB Freedman etal 2019 $H_0 = 69.8 \pm 0.8$ (stat) ± 1.7 (sys) km/s/Mpc

BUT -- many of the systematic errors are common to the TRGB and Cepheid measurements (SN mags, anchor distances etc). So my claim is that these measurements are discrepant.

For galaxies in common between Riess etal and Freedman etal:



Calibration difference for blue points is $\mu_{TRGB} - \mu_{Cepheid(LMC)} = 0.14 \pm 0.02$ (7 σ) !

The differences in H₀ between Riess etal and Freedman etal reflect differences in local calibration. For example, using the Pantheon SN magnitudes



There is clearly a difference in the LMC calibrations of the TRGB and Cepheid distance scales.



 μ_{4258}

Summary (part II)

- □ Differences in the distance ladder measurements of H_0 are caused by differences in local calibration.
- These differences should be resolved on short timescale, therefore establishing definitively whether the Hubble tension exists.





Period [days]

Gravitational lens time delays: Wong etal, 2020, MNRAS, 498, 1420.



but Birrer etal arXiv:2007.02941



From Freedman etal 2020, ApJ 891, 57.



Inverse distance ladder

$$H^{2}(z) = H^{2}_{f} [A(1+z)^{3} + B + Cz + D(1+z)^{\epsilon}]$$



$$r_d = \int_{z_d}^{\infty} \frac{c^2}{3} \left[1 + \frac{3\rho_b}{4\rho_\gamma} \right]^{-1} \frac{dz}{H(z)}$$



Abbott etal 2018 MNRAS 480, 3879

A precise H₀ estimate from DES Y1 [clustering and weak lensing], BAO and D/H

$$H_0 = 67.4 \pm 1.2 \text{ km/s/Mpc}$$

Classes of variable stars

Туре	Period	Population Type
Long period variables (LPVs)	100-700 days	1,11
Classical Cepheids	1-50 days	1
W Virginis stars	2-45 days	Ш
RR Lyrae stars	1.5-24 hours	Ш
δ Scuti stars	1-3 hours	1
β Cephei stars	3-7 hours	1
ZZ Ceti stars	100-1000 seconds	I



H₀ revisited

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		all Cepheids		outliers removed	
galaxy	matches	$\langle \Delta m angle$	$\langle \Delta C \rangle$	$\langle \Delta m angle$	$\langle \Delta C \rangle$
N4536	28	-0.114 ± 0.057	0.153	-0.069 ± 0.062	0.153
N4639	17	-0.071 ± 0.100	0.091	-0.071 ± 0.100	0.091
N3370	51	-0.105 ± 0.055	0.146	-0.090 ± 0.055	0.145
N3982	12	-0.178 ± 0.090	0.092	-0.081 ± 0.094	0.092
N3021	13	$+0.120 \pm 0.146$	0.196	$+0.120 \pm 0.146$	0.196
N1309	16	-0.087 ± 0.091	0.330	-0.087 ± 0.091	0.330
N5584	65	-0.028 ± 0.049	0.039	$+0.001 \pm 0.051$	0.038
N4038	11	-0.239 ± 0.153	0.109	-0.239 ± 0.153	0.109
N4258	73	-0.217 ± 0.055	0.145	-0.020 ± 0.062	0.143
$(m_{H}^{W})_{ m R16} \;\; = \;\; (m_{H}^{W})_{ m R11} + \langle \Delta m angle, \qquad \qquad \langle \Delta m angle \;\; = \;\; -0.051 \pm 0.025,$					0.025,

 $(V-I)_{\mathrm{R16}} = (V-I)_{\mathrm{R11}} + \langle \Delta C \rangle, \qquad \langle \Delta C \rangle = 0.14 \pm 0.03,$

 $\delta H_0 \approx 1.8 \text{ km/s/Mpc}$ from photometry (systematic)

From Hoffmann etal 2016 ApJ, 830, 10.





Possibilities:

- Difference between anchors is an unusual statistical fluctuation.
- Systematics in one or both geometrical anchor distances.
- Metallicity (population) differences between LMC and SN host Cepheids
- Offset between PL normalization for resolved Cepheid photometry and crowded (SN host) Cepheid photometry