# H(z) remastered

exploring new avenues to constrain the expansion history of the Universe



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Hubble (1929)





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#### 2019. The Great debate – season 2: 100 years after

 $H_0 = 67.4 \pm 0.5 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ 

Planck collab. (2018)

 $H_0 = 74.03 \pm 1.42 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ 

Riess et al. (2019)



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## Hubble parameter measurements

## **Cosmic chronometers**

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- basic idea
- how to apply the method & systematics involved
- results
- cosmological applications

## The basic idea

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#### **Cosmic chronometers in a nutshell**

$$H(z) = \frac{\dot{a}}{a} = -\frac{1}{1+z} \frac{dz}{dt}$$
Jimenez & Loeb (2002)

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# How to apply the method

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The selection criterion is **crucial** to ensure the purity of the sample:

- most massive galaxies
- no sign of on-going star formation

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### A step further in the method

$$H(z) = -\frac{1}{1+z}A(Z,SFH)\frac{dz}{dD4000_n}$$

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In all analyses, the results are fully compatible within errorbars

dD4000 more stable than dage





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### Addressing systematics 2: rejuvenation

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- UV flux

- emission lines

- colors (e.g. NUVrJ)

- H/K ratio

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#### <u>CONs</u>

homogeneity of the sample should be handled accurately

relies on metallicity prior/estimate

SPS model dependency should be assessed carefully

## The results

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### H(z) – state of art



- **SDSS MGS+LRGs, zCOSMOS-20k, UDS, GDDS, GOODS-S, K20, and more**: more than 11000 massive and passive galaxies in the range 0.15<z<1.4 (Moresco et al. 2012a)

- **SDSS BOSS DR9**: more than 130000 massive and passive galaxies in the range 0.2<z<0.8 *Moresco et al.* (2016a)

- **high-z ETGs**: most massive and passive ETGs (30 galaxies) from literature in the range 1.4<z<2.2 *Moresco* (2015)

Metallicity estimate from literature (when available) or estimated directly on high-SNR stacked spectra

Accurate selection combining photometric, spectroscopic (and eventually morphological) criteria, selecting the purest sample of cosmic chronometers

#### **Stacked spectra: an example**



Moresco et al. (2012a)

### **Main results**

- 8 measurements at 0.15<z<1.4
- precision ~5% at z~0.2 including systematic errors
- precision ~12% across the entire redshift range
- direct and robust (6 $\sigma$ ) evidence of the accelerated expansion
- new path to discriminate alternative cosmologies
- 5 H(z) measurements at 0.3<z<0.5
- precision of ~6% at z~0.4, once averaged
- mapping a **crucial redshift range** to probe the transition between accelerated and decelerated expansion
- test case (<30 galaxies) to show the potential of this approach at high z (e.g. Euclid)
- improved cosmological constraints (~5% for  $\Omega_m$  and w<sub>0</sub>)

BOSS

high-z

# **Cosmological applications**

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### **Estimating the Hubble parameter**

- fitting D4000(z) relation of SDSS ETGs
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70 75

50 55 60 65

3

2.5

2

1.5

0.5

0

-0.5

50 55

χ<sup>2</sup> [normalized]

80

11.

4-6--

11

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- $H_0$  as extrapolation of H(z=0)
- multi-task Gaussian process to combine probes
- cosmology-independent estimate



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90 95

80 85

H<sub>a</sub> [km Mpc<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>]

joint  $\chi^2$ 

Haridasu et al. (2018)

Moresco et al. (2011)

60 65 70

75

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#### **Cosmological constraints**



 $^{-0}$ 

-0.

 $H(z) [km s^{-1} Mpc^{-1}]$ 

Fractional difference

-0.2

-0.4

0

0.5

1

1.5

0

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ó 1 Redshift

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#### **Cosmological constraints**









 $WMAP5+H_{0}(Freedman2001)$   $WMAP5+H_{0}(Riess2011)$   $WMAP5+H_{0}(Riess2011)+CC$   $WMAP5+H_{0}(Riess2011)+CC simulated 5\% error$ 

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WMAP5+H<sub>0</sub>(Riess2011)+CC simulated 2.5% error

### Combining with (and challenging) standard probes

Each probe is more sensible to some parameter

Constraining power comparable to the one of BAO (CC+Sne ~ CC+Sne+BAO)

Combining probes maximizes accuracy





#### Mapping the transition redshift

Analysis of the full datasets provides the first cosmologyindependent evidence of transition redshift with high confidence

 $z_t = 0.4 \pm 0.1$ 





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### **Combining expansion and growth**

Idea firstly proposed by Linder (2017): joint constraints on expansion and growth to disentangle models

First observational approach

Small tension of present data with Planck (2015), which may be solved by relaxing some parameters of the flat  $\Lambda$ CDM model





Moresco & Marulli (2017)

### Independent constraint on H<sub>0</sub>

It is also possible to use the ages of the oldest objects in the Universe to constrain  $t_{U}$ , and hence  $H_{0}$ , in an independent way



### Independent constraint on H<sub>0</sub>



# Conclusions

- Basics of "cosmic chronometer" approach, as complementary technique to constrain cosmological parameters
- Fundamental steps of the CC approach: selection criterion, age estimate, differential approach, analysis of systematics
- Main strength: direct and cosmology independent estimate of H(z) → ideal framework to test cosmological models
- Analysis:
  - ~11000 ETGs at 0.15<z<1.4, 8 new H(z) measurements at a precision of</li>
    5-12% across the entire range
  - ~30 ETGs at z>1.4, **2 new H(z) measurements** pushing the limit **to z~2**
  - ~130000 ETGs at 0.2<z<0.8, 5 new H(z) measurements mapping the transition redshift between accelerated and decelerated expansion
- Importance of cosmic chronometers (in combination with other probes) to obtain competitive constraints on cosmological parameters w.r.t standard probes
- CC can be used to set constraints on  $H_0$ , by extrapolating it to z=0

# **Backup slides**

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### **Results on the SDSS-extended catalog**

- precision ~5% at z~0.2 including systematic errors
- precision ~12% across the entire redshift range
- consistent results with different SPS models
- EdS model discarded at  $7\sigma$
- direct and robust (6σ) evidence of the accelerated expansion
- new path to discriminate alternative cosmologies



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# Moving to higher redshifts



- 2 new H(z) points, for the first time at z~2
- test case (<30 galaxies) to show the potential of this approach at high z (e.g. Euclid)
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