#### An overview of cosmological tensions -Addressing systematics and fundamental physics solutions

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#### Main take away message

#### Why care about the Hubble constant?

Adam Riess (2019): " $H_0$  is the ultimate end-to-end test for  $\Lambda$ CDM"

- The H<sub>0</sub> tension is more than just a tension between CMB and the SH0ES measurement
- Its also a tension between the inverse distance ladder and high-z measurements
- We are very far from a solution!



## Why do we need modifications to standard cosmology?

#### General Relativity and Concordance Cosmology

#### $\Lambda$ CDM action:

$$S = \frac{1}{16\pi G} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} [\mathcal{R} - 2\Lambda] + \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \mathcal{L}_m(g_{\mu\nu}, \psi)$$



Einstein 1915: General Relativity (GR) Energy-momentum source of curvature Levi-Civita connection: Zero Torsion, Metricity



**Standard model** of particle physics: SU(3) × SU(2) × U(1)



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## Early Universe Concordance Cosmology





Cosmic inflation Pros: Horizon and flatness problems Cons: Fine-tuning

#### Anomalies and problems:

- The Lithium problem
- Hints of a closed Universe
- Large angular scale anomalies in the CMB
- Anomalously strong ISW effect
- Cosmic dipoles (cosmological principle)
- Lyman- $\alpha$  forest BAO anomalies
- Cosmic birefringence
- Discordance in dark matter abundance at smaller scales

## Late Universe Concordance Cosmology



#### Anomalies and problems:

- Cold dark matter problems (core-cusp, missing satellites, satellite plane alignment)
- Dark energy in fundamental physics
- Oscillations of best-fit parameters across the sky
- Baryonic Tully-Fisher Relation



**Requirements:** Dark matter Dark energy

$$S = \frac{1}{16\pi G} \int d^4 x \sqrt{-g} [\mathcal{R} - 2\Lambda] + \int d^4 x \sqrt{-g} \mathcal{L}_m(g_{\mu\nu}, \psi)$$

#### The Hubble Tension



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#### **Cosmic Tensions**



Indirect measures predict  $H_0$  using  $\Lambda$ CDM

$$r_{s} = \int_{z_{\rm LS}}^{\infty} \frac{c_{s}(z',\rho_{b})}{H(z')} \,\mathrm{d}z'$$

Direct measures estimate  $H_0$  using astrophysics

$$d_L(z) = (1+z) \int_0^z \frac{\mathrm{d}z'}{H(z')}$$

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#### Cosmic Tensions: CMB

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#### Cosmic Tensions: BBN



#### Cosmic Tensions: SHOES Result





#### Cosmic Tensions: Tip of the Red Giant Branch



#### Cosmic Tensions in recent years





#### What are possible solutions?

#### Attempts at a solution

Model	$\Delta N_{ m param}$	$M_B$	Gaussian Tension	$Q_{\rm DMAP}$ Tension		$\Delta \chi^2$	$\Delta AIC$		Finalist	The	e H <sub>0</sub> Oly What t
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$\Delta N_{ m ur}$	1	$-19.395 \pm 0.019$	$3.6\sigma$	$3.8\sigma$	X	-6.10	-4.10	X	X		2018 +
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mixed DR	2	$-19.413 \pm 0.036$	$3.3\sigma$	$3.4\sigma$	X	-8.83	-4.83	X	X		measu
DR-DM	2	$-19.388 \pm 0.026$	$3.2\sigma$	$3.1\sigma$	X	-8.92	-4.92	X	X	3.	Does tl
$SI\nu + DR$	3	$-19.440\substack{+0.037\\-0.039}$	$3.8\sigma$	$3.9\sigma$	X	-4.98	1.02	X	X		better
Majoron	3	$-19.380^{+0.027}_{-0.021}$	$3.0\sigma$	$2.9\sigma$	$\checkmark$	-15.49	-9.49	$\checkmark$	√ ②		
primordial B	1	$-19.390\substack{+0.018\\-0.024}$	$3.5\sigma$	$3.5\sigma$	X	-11.42	-9.42	$\checkmark$	√ ③		
varying $m_e$	1	$-19.391 \pm 0.034$	$2.9\sigma$	$2.9\sigma$	$\checkmark$	-12.27	-10.27	$\checkmark$	V 🐠		
varying $m_e + \Omega_k$	2	$-19.368 \pm 0.048$	$2.0\sigma$	$1.9\sigma$	$\checkmark$	-17.26	-13.26	$\checkmark$	√ 🌖		
EDE	3	$-19.390\substack{+0.016\\-0.035}$	$3.6\sigma$	$1.6\sigma$	$\checkmark$	-21.98	-15.98	$\checkmark$	√ ②		
NEDE	3	$-19.380\substack{+0.023\\-0.040}$	$3.1\sigma$	$1.9\sigma$	$\checkmark$	-18.93	-12.93	$\checkmark$	√ ®		
EMG	3	$-19.397\substack{+0.017\\-0.023}$	$3.7\sigma$	$2.3\sigma$	$\checkmark$	-18.56	-12.56	$\checkmark$	√ ②		
CPL	2	$-19.400 \pm 0.020$	$3.7\sigma$	$4.1\sigma$	X	-4.94	-0.94	X	X		
PEDE	0	$-19.349 \pm 0.013$	$2.7\sigma$	$2.8\sigma$	$\checkmark$	2.24	2.24	X	X		
GPEDE	1	$-19.400 \pm 0.022$	$3.6\sigma$	$4.6\sigma$	X	-0.45	1.55	X	X		
$\rm DM \rightarrow \rm DR + \rm WDM$	2	$-19.420 \pm 0.012$	$4.5\sigma$	$4.5\sigma$	X	-0.19	3.81	X	X		
$\rm DM \rightarrow \rm DR$	2	$-19.410 \pm 0.011$	$4.3\sigma$	$4.5\sigma$	X	-0.53	3.47	X	X		

#### mpics:

L.	What tension does a model have with
	the SH0ES result using a baseline Planck
	2018 + BAO + Pantheon best fit?
2.	How does the inclusion of the SH0ES

rement impact this fit?

3.	Does this inclusion make the best fit
	better than $\Lambda$ CDM or worse?

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#### Early vs local measurement approaches



$$\theta_{s} = \frac{r_{s}(z_{\text{LS}})}{D_{A}(z_{\text{LS}})} = \frac{\int_{z_{\text{LS}}}^{\infty} c_{s}(z,\rho_{b}) H^{-1}(z') dz'}{\int_{0}^{z_{\text{LS}}} H^{-1}(z') dz'}$$

#### Early-Universe new physics (r<sub>s</sub>)

- Considering the angular size of the sound horizon

$$\theta_{\rm s} \sim \frac{r_{\rm s}}{1/H(z_{\rm late})} \sim r_{\rm s} H_0$$

By decreasing  $r_s$ , we can increase  $H_0$ , or so one would expect

#### Late-Universe new physics (D<sub>A</sub>)

Keep early Hubble evolution unchanged and modify latetime evolution of H(z)

This is very difficult to do provided BAO, SnIa and CC data

#### Late-Universe new physics

Possible late-Universe solutions with new physics (that give high  $H_0$  values with CMB):

- Graduated Dark Energy Akarsu, Ö., Barrow, J. D., Escamilla, L. A., and Vazquez, J. A. 2020
- Late-time interacting dark sector Gariazzo, S., Di Valentino, E., Mena, O., and Nunes, R. C. 2022
- Decaying dark matter Vattis, K., Koushiappas, S. M., Loeb, A 2020
- Decaying dark energy Li, X., Shafieloo, A., Sahni, V., and Starobinsky, A. A. 2019
- Negative dark energy density Poulin V., Boddy, K. K., Bird, S., and Kamionkowski, M 2018
- Phenomenologically Emergent Dark Energy Li, X., and Shafieloo, A. 2020
- Running vacuum models Sola J., Gomez-Valent, A., and de Cruz Perez, J. 2017

BAO constrain  $\theta_s \sim r_s H_0$ , anchoring  $r_s$  (early Universe) leaves few options for inferring  $H_0$ 

## Early-Universe new physics

#### **Early-Universe physics concept:**

- Fix  $\theta_s$  (CMB peaks unchanged) so that  $r_s \sim 1/H_0$ -
- Lower  $r_s$  which will increase pre-CMB expansion rate
- Do not change  $D_A \propto 1/H_{\text{Late}}(z)$ , so modifications in the late Universe are not needed



## Early Universe Dark Energy (EDE)

- **Motivation**: Decrease the sound horizon by an early Universe dark component that is active up to roughly matter-radiation equality
- EDE continuity equation implies energy evolution  $\rho_{\rm EDE}(a) = \rho_{\rm EDE,0} \ e^{3 \int_a^1 [1+w_{\rm EDE}(a)] da/a}$ This defines the **EDE density parameter**  $f_{\rm EDE} = \rho_{\rm EDE}/\rho_{\rm Crit}$
- This can be parametrized through the EoS  $1 \pm w_{c}$

$$w_{\text{EDE}}(a) = \frac{1 + w_f}{1 + (a_c/a)^{3(1+w_f)}} - 1$$

• The critical scale factor sets the scale for EDE:

 $a \ll a_c \rightarrow \text{cosmic expansion with } w_{\text{EDE}} \rightarrow -1$  $a \gg a_c \rightarrow \text{Dilutes as } a^{-3(1+w_f)}$ Example:  $V(\phi) = \phi^{2n} \Rightarrow w_f = (n-1)/(n+1)$ 



## EDE Models

• Axion-like EDE (axEDE):

$$V = m^2 f^2 \left[ 1 - \cos\left(\frac{\phi}{f}\right) \right]^n$$

• Rock 'n Roll EDE (RnR EDE):

$$V = V_0 \left(\frac{\phi}{M_{\rm Pl}}\right)^{2n} + V_{\Lambda}$$

• Acoustic EDE (ADE):

+ 
$$w_{\text{ADE}} = \frac{1 + w_f}{\left[1 + (a_c/a)^{3(1+w_f)/p}\right]^p}$$

• New EDE (NEDE):

$$V(\psi,\phi) = \frac{\lambda}{4}\psi^4 + \frac{1}{2}\beta M^2\psi^2 - \frac{1}{3}\alpha M\psi^3 + \frac{1}{2}m^2\phi^2 + \frac{1}{2}\gamma\phi^2\psi^2$$

• EDE coupled to DM (EDS):

$$V(\phi, a) = V(\phi) + \rho_{\rm DM}(a)$$

•  $\alpha$  -attractors EDE ( $\alpha$  -EDE):

$$V = \Lambda + V_0 \frac{(1+\beta)^{2n} \tanh(\phi/\sqrt{6\alpha}M_{\rm Pl})^{2p}}{\left[1+\beta \tanh(\phi/\sqrt{6\alpha}M_{\rm Pl})\right]^{2n}}$$



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### The problem with EDE



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#### Modified Gravity through Lovelock's Theorem



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### The Modified Gravity Landscape



# What about other tensions on the rise?

## $S_8$ Tension



# How can machine learning help?

#### 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

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{2} &= G_{2}(\phi, X) \\ \mathcal{L}_{3} &= G_{3}(\phi, X) \Box \phi \\ \mathcal{L}_{4} &= G_{4}(\phi, X)R + G_{4,X}(\phi, X) \big[ (\Box \phi)^{2} - \phi_{;\mu\nu} \phi^{;\mu\nu} \big] \\ \mathcal{L}_{5} &= G_{5}(\phi, X) G_{\mu\nu} \phi^{;\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{6} G_{5,X}(\phi, X) \big[ (\Box \phi)^{3} + 2\phi_{;\mu}^{\ \nu} \phi_{;\nu}^{\ \alpha} \phi_{;\alpha}^{\ \mu} - 3\phi_{;\mu\nu} \phi^{;\mu\nu} \Box \phi \big] \end{aligned}$$

#### Example classes of models

**Quintessence models** 

$$G_2 = X - V(\phi), G_3 = C,$$
  
 $G_4 = 1/2, G_5 = 0$ 

Background equations:

$$3H^{2} = \rho + \frac{\dot{\phi}^{2}}{2} + V(\phi)$$
  
2  $\dot{H} + 3H^{2} = -p - \frac{\dot{\phi}^{2}}{2} + V(\phi)$   
 $\ddot{\phi} + 3H \dot{\phi} + V'(\phi) = 0$ 

Equation of State parameter:

$$w_{\phi} = \frac{\dot{\phi}/2 - V}{\dot{\phi}/2 + V}$$

Designer Horndeski models

$$G_2 = K(X), G_3 = G(X),$$
  
 $G_4 = 1/2, G_5 = 0$ 

Background equations:

$$3H^{2} = \rho - K(X) + 2XK_{X} + 3H\dot{\phi}^{2}G_{X}$$
  

$$2\dot{H} + 3H^{2} = -p - K(X) + 2X\ddot{\phi}G_{X}$$
  

$$\ddot{\phi}[\dot{\phi}(3H(G_{XX}\dot{\phi}^{2} + G_{X}) + K_{XX}\dot{\phi}) + K_{X}]$$

$$+ 3 \dot{\phi} \left( G_X \dot{H} \dot{\phi} + 3 G_X H^2 \dot{\phi} + H K_X \right) = 0$$

Equation of State parameter:  $w_{\phi} = -1 + \frac{J\sqrt{2X} \left(H^2 - H_0^2(1 - \Omega_m)\right)}{3H_0^4 \Omega_m(1 - \Omega_m)} - \frac{2J\sqrt{2X} (\dot{\phi}K_X + 3H \ \dot{\phi}^2 G_X)(1 + z)HH'}{9H_0^4 \Omega_m(1 - \Omega_m)}$ where  $J = \dot{\phi}K_X + 3H \ \dot{\phi}^2 G_X$ Levi Said, FLAG 2024 - 28 of 42

### Artificial Neural Networks (ANNs)



## Designing the ANN

<u>Risk</u> – Optimizes the number of hidden layers and neurons in an ANN

$$\operatorname{risk} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} (\operatorname{Bias}_{i}^{2} + \operatorname{Variance}_{i}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left( \left[ H_{Obs}(z_{i}) - H_{pred}(z_{i}) \right]^{2} + \sigma_{H}^{2}(z_{i}) \right)$$



- Loss Balances the number of iterations a system needs to predict the observational data
  - 1. L1 (Least absolute deviation)

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

- 2. Smoothed L1 (SL1)
- 3. Mean Square Error (MSE)

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



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#### Using the ANN



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#### **Quintessence Models**







$$V(\phi) = \dot{H} + 3H^2 - \frac{\rho - p}{2} \\ \dot{\phi}^2 = -2\dot{H} - (\rho - p)$$

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#### Designer Horndeski Models



# Using machine learning to probe systematics

#### **SNal Distances**



#### ANN-Driven constraints on $M_B$



#### A possible late-time transition of $M_B$



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## What are we doing in CosmoVerse?

#### CA21136 CosmoVerse







**Main Challenge:** Understand the nature of cosmic tensions and probe possible solutions using novel statistical approaches and fundamental physics



CosmoVerse@Krakow 2024

CosmoVerse@Lisbon 2023

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#### CA21136 CosmoVerse – Current Activities



#### CA21136 CosmoVerse - 2025



CosmoVerseWorkshop@Naples 2025 – 21-23 May



#### CosmoVerse@Istanbul 2025 – 24-26 June

## Thank You







