

# Numerical Cosmology 3

## Teleparallel Gravity – Observational constraints

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# Modified Teleparallel Gravity

- What modifications of GR/TEGR are physically meaningful?

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

- Take the following

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

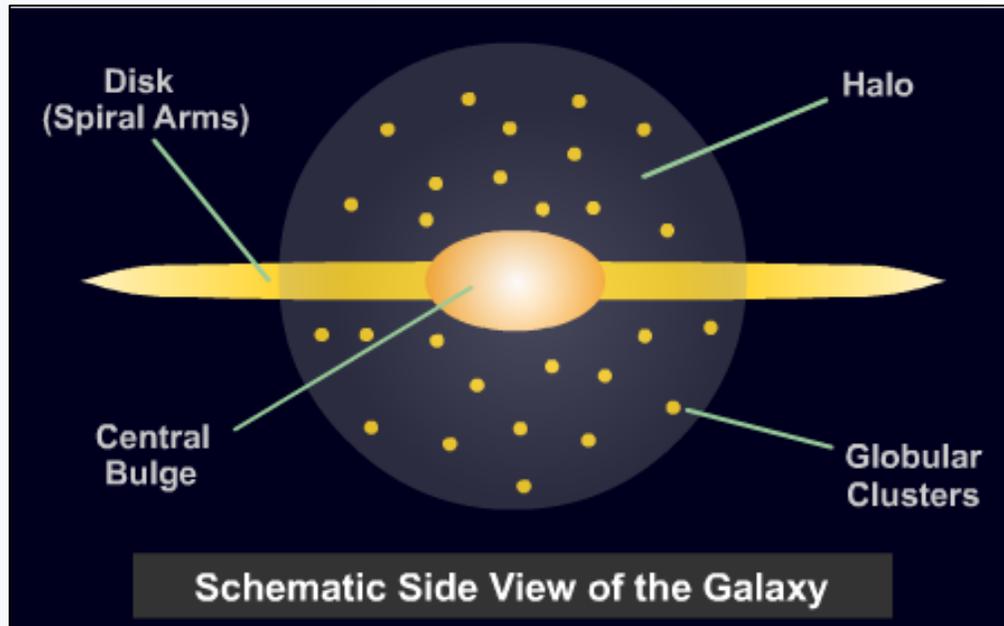
- **$f(T, B)$  gravity:**  $S = \frac{1}{16\pi G} \int d^4x e [-T + f(T, B)] + S_{\text{mat}}$

Flat FLRW Cosmology

$$\begin{aligned} T &= 6H^2 \\ B &= 6(3H^2 + \dot{H}) \\ \mathcal{R} &\equiv -T + B = 6(2H^2 + \dot{H}) \end{aligned}$$

# Galactic Scale Physics

Can cosmologically motivated models produce new galactic physics?



- **Disk surface brightness distribution**

$$\Sigma(R) = \Sigma_0 e^{-R/\beta_d}$$

where  $\Sigma_0$  is the central surface brightness and  $\beta_d$  is the disk scale length

- **Bulge surface brightness spherical distribution** (de Vaucouleurs)

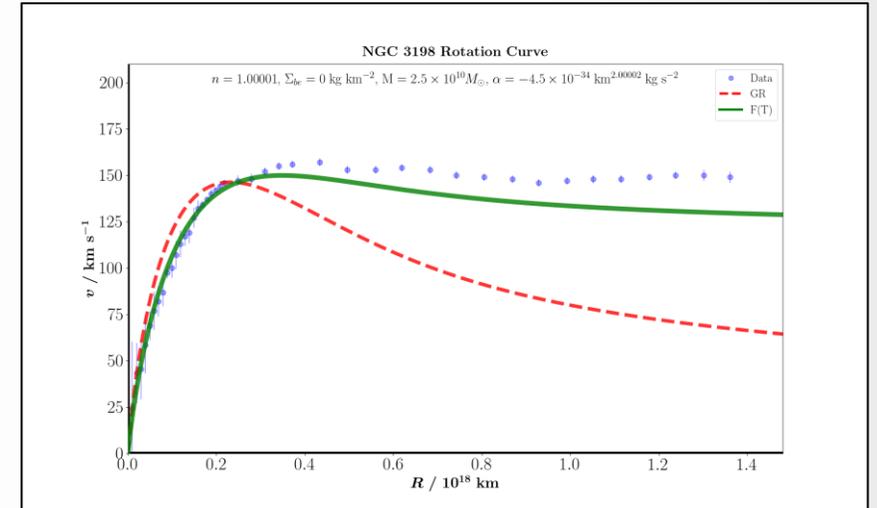
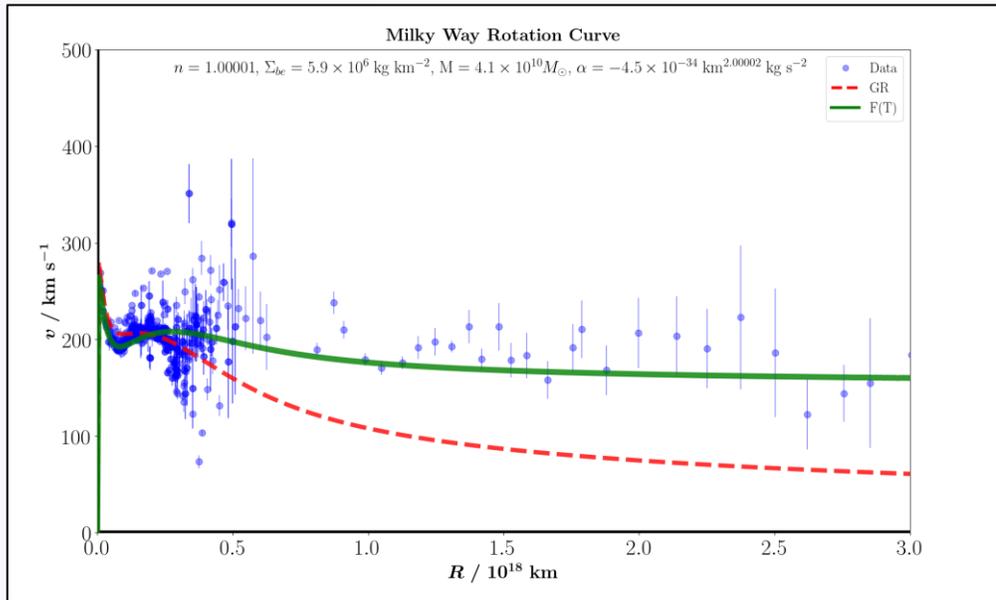
$$\Sigma_b(R) = I_e \text{Exp} \left[ -7.6695 \left( \left( \frac{R}{R_e} \right)^{1/4} - 1 \right) \right]$$

where  $I_e$  is the surface brightness at  $R_e$ , and  $R_e$  is the isophote radius

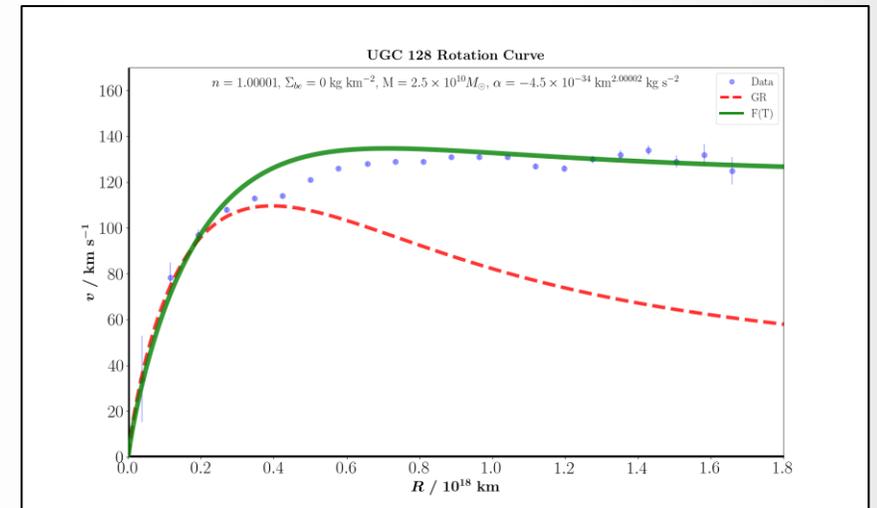
# Galactic Scale Physics

$$f(T) = \alpha T^n$$

Barred  
Spiral  
Galaxy



Low Surface  
Brightness  
Galaxy



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How do these theories beyond general relativity fare in cosmology?

# Local Expansion Data

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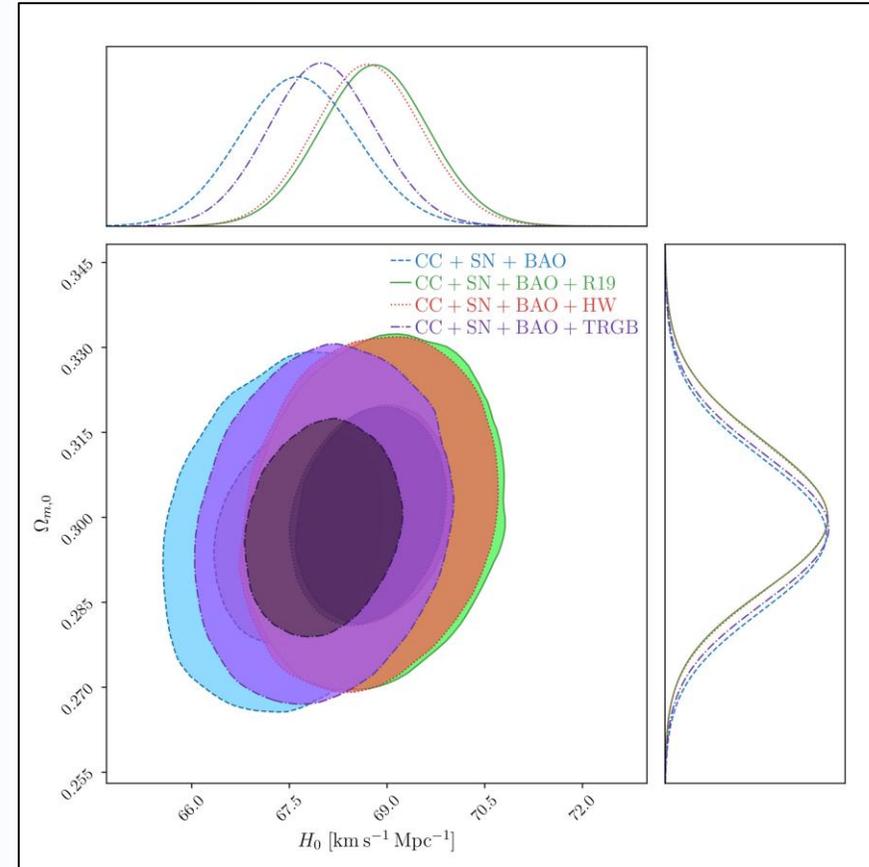
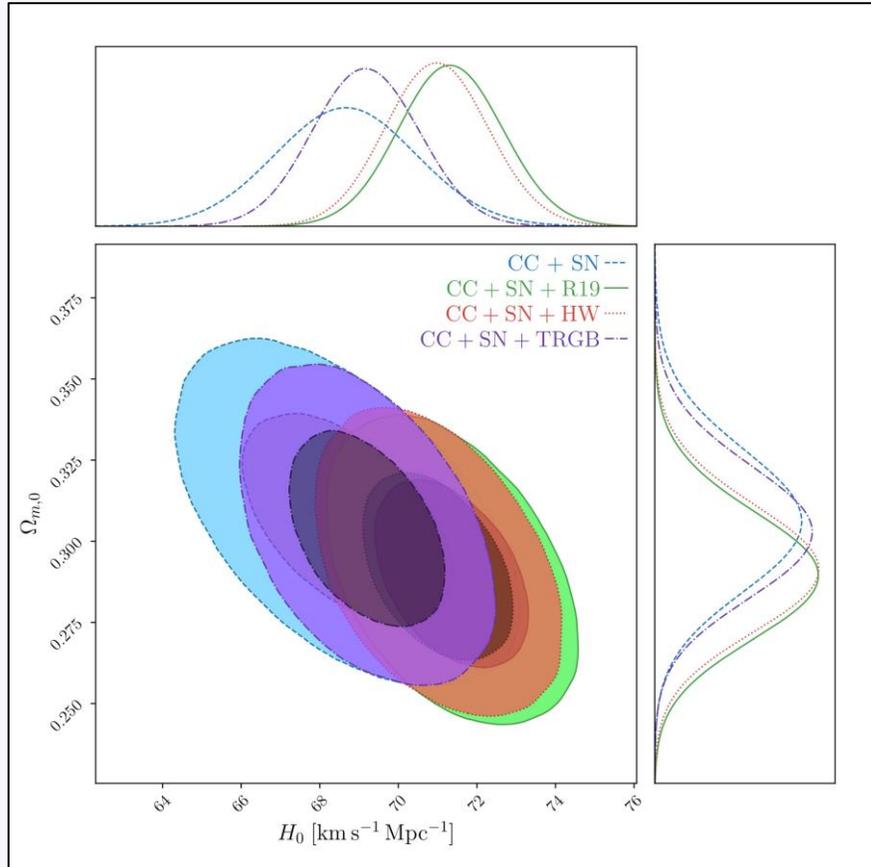
- Cosmic Chronometers (CC): Spectroscopic dating and **independent of cosmological models** ( $z \sim 2$ )
- Type Ia supernovae (SN): **Pantheon+ Sample** - 1701 light curves of 1550 Type Ia supernovae
- Baryonic Acoustic Oscillations (BAO): 2D data from **SDSS** for  $z < 2.4$

# $H_0$ Priors

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- Planck Collaboration (18):  **$\Lambda$ CDM Model dependent**  $\rightarrow H_0^{\text{P18}} = 67.4 \pm 0.5 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$
- SHOES Survey [ $H_0^{\text{R}}$ ]: Based on **geometry and Cepheid variables**  $\rightarrow H_0^{\text{R}} = 74.03 \pm 1.42 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$
- 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  $\rightarrow H_0^{\text{HW}} = 73.3 \pm 1.8 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$

# $\Lambda$ CDM Cosmology



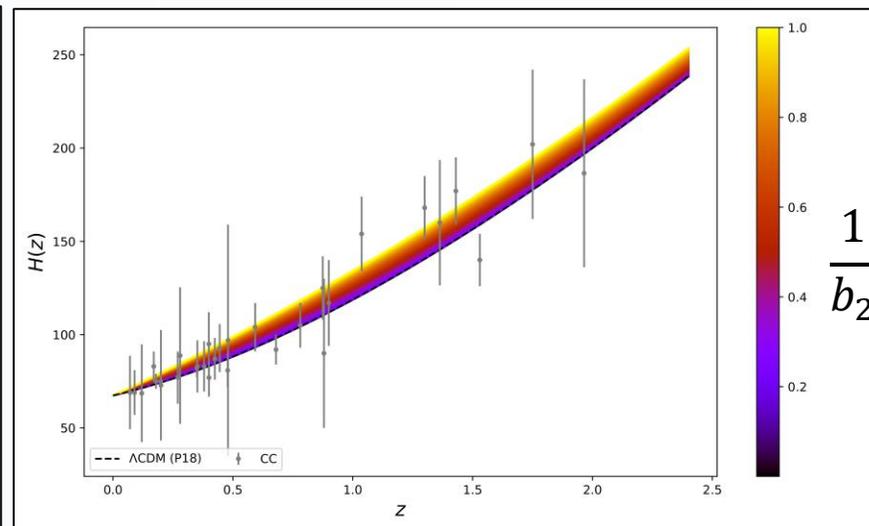
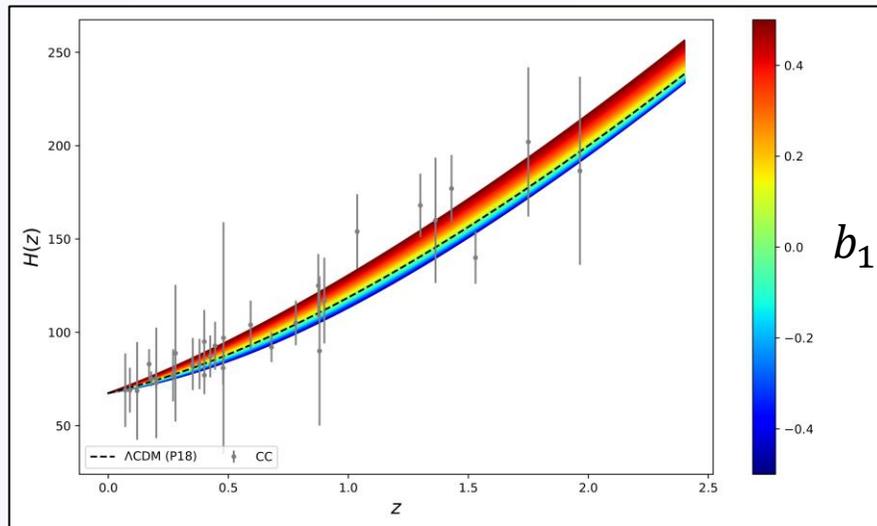
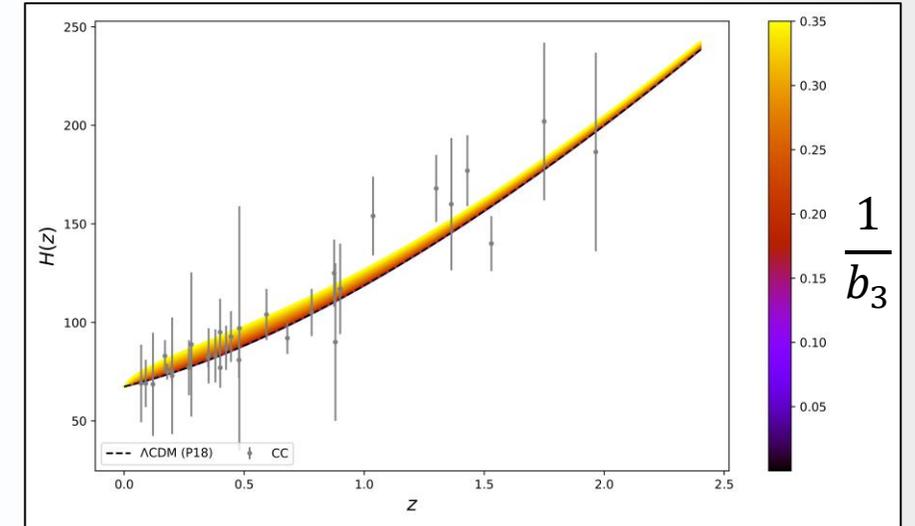
# $\Lambda$ CDM Constraints

Data Sets	$H_0$ (km/s/Mpc)	$\Omega_{m,0}$	$\chi_{\min}^2$	AIC	BIC
CC+ SN	$68.7 \pm 1.8$	$0.306^{+0.022}_{-0.021}$	1041.49	1047.49	1062.44
CC + SN + R19	$71.3^{+1.4}_{-1.3}$	$0.290^{+0.019}_{-0.020}$	1046.32	1052.32	1067.27
CC + SN + HW	$71.0 \pm 1.3$	$0.291^{+0.020}_{-0.019}$	1044.99	1050.99	1065.94
CC + SN + TRGB	$69.2 \pm 1.4$	$0.303^{+0.021}_{-0.020}$	1041.69	1047.69	1062.64
CC + SN + BAO	$67.63 \pm 0.90$	$0.297 \pm 0.013$	1057.46	1063.46	1078.45
CC + SN + BAO + R19	$68.81^{+0.82}_{-0.84}$	$0.300 \pm 0.013$	1068.30	1074.30	1089.30
CC + SN + BAO + HW	$68.70 \pm 0.83$	$0.300^{+0.014}_{-0.013}$	1066.03	1072.03	1087.03
CC + SN + BAO + TRGB	$67.98^{+0.85}_{-0.81}$	$0.298 \pm 0.013$	1058.56	1064.56	1079.56

# $f(T)$ Cosmological Models

$f(T)$  models:

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



$$\alpha_1 = (6H_0^2)^{1-p} \frac{1 - \Omega_{M,0}}{2p - 1}$$

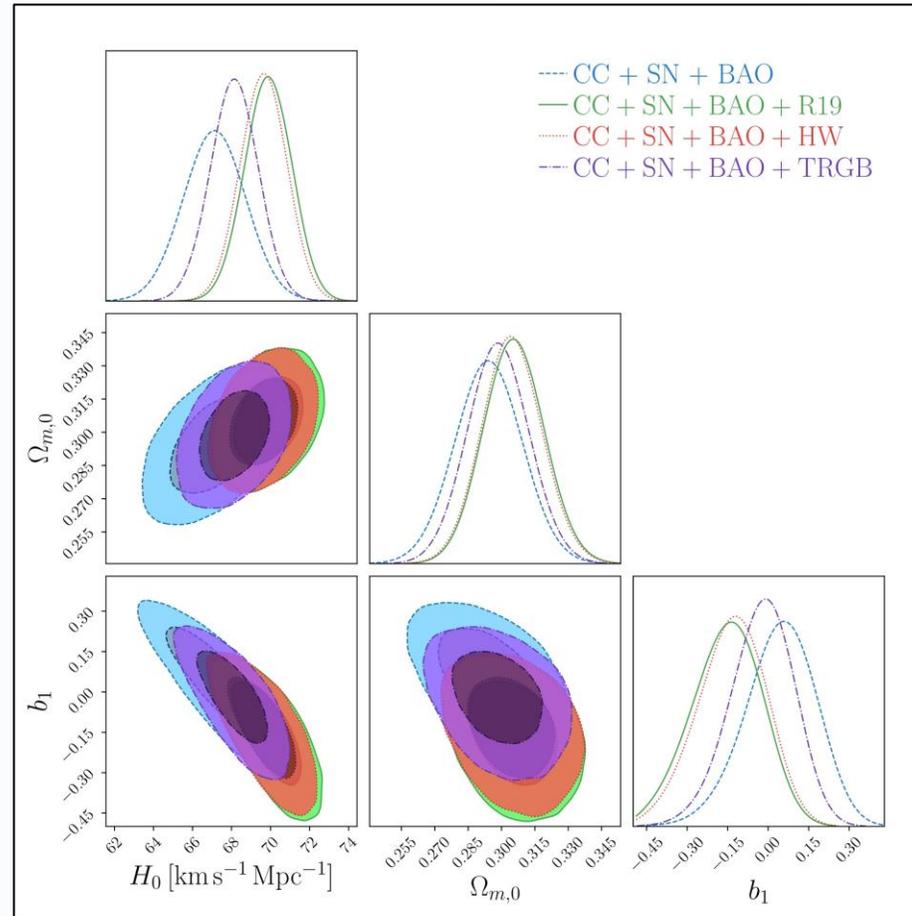
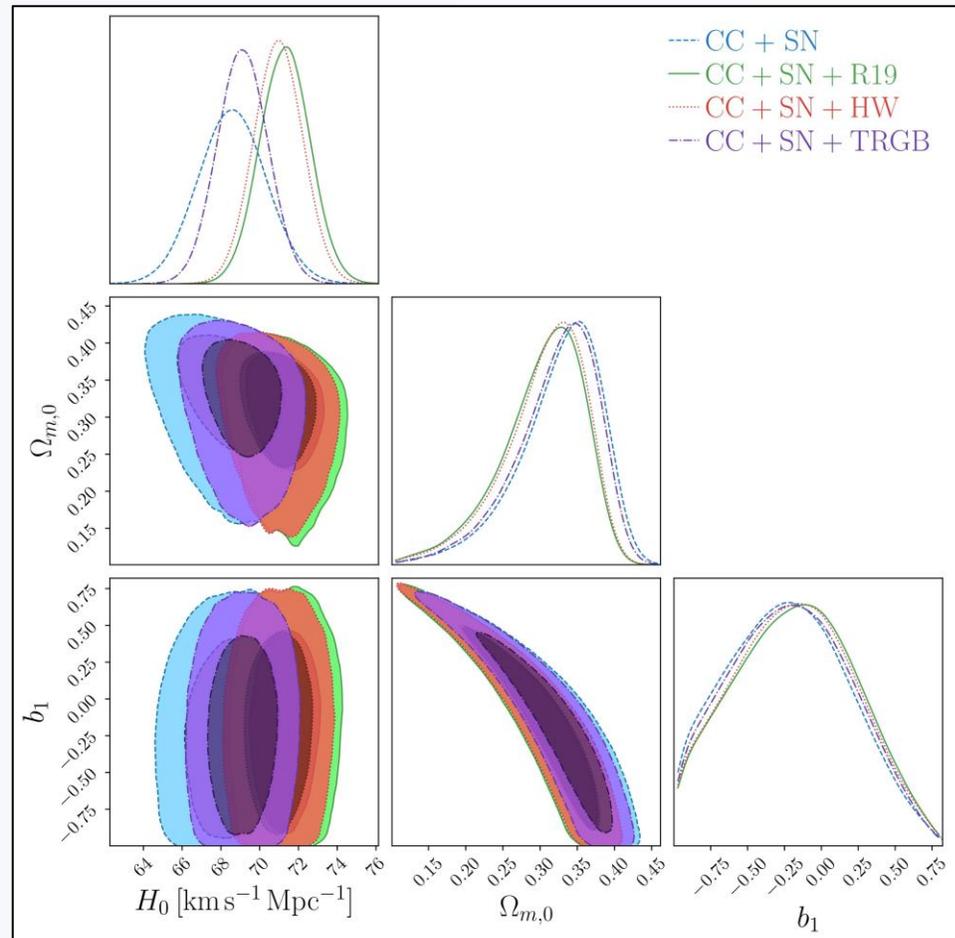
$$\alpha_2 = \frac{1 - \Omega_{M,0}}{1 - (1 - p)e^p}$$

$$\alpha_3 = \frac{1 - \Omega_{M,0}}{1 - (1 - 2p)e^p}$$

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# $f_1$ CDM Posteriors

Power-law:  $f_1(T) = \alpha_1(T)^{b_1}$



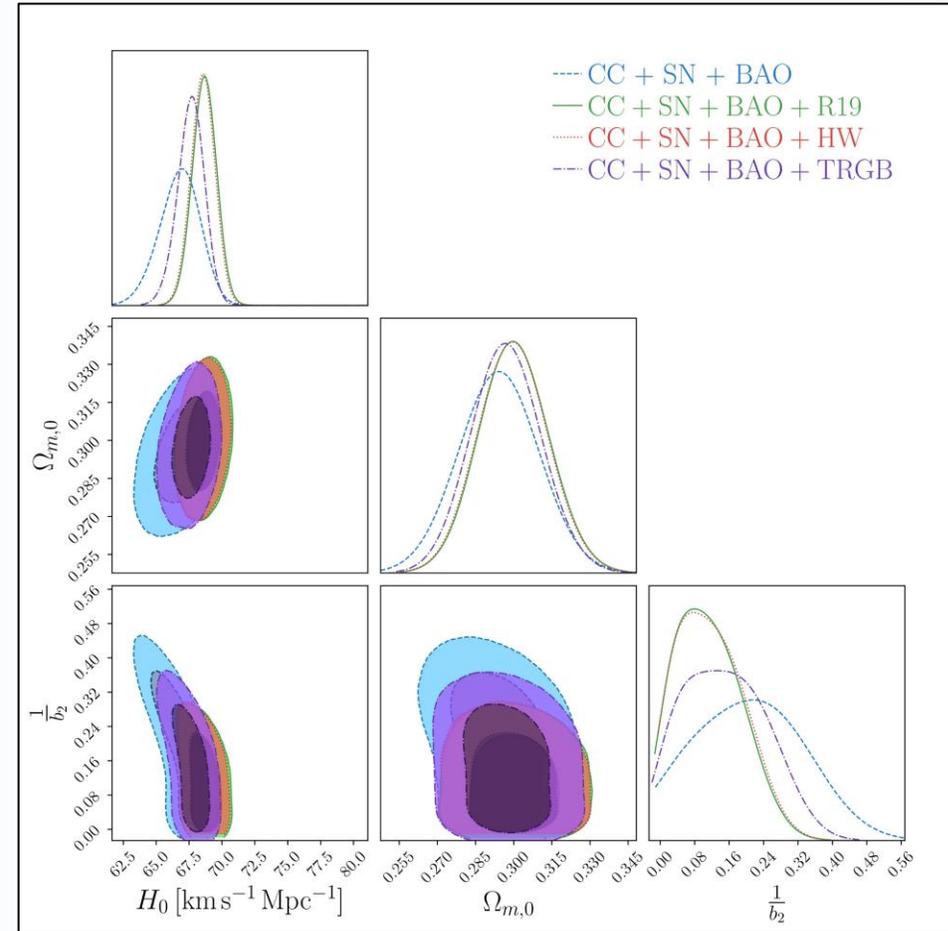
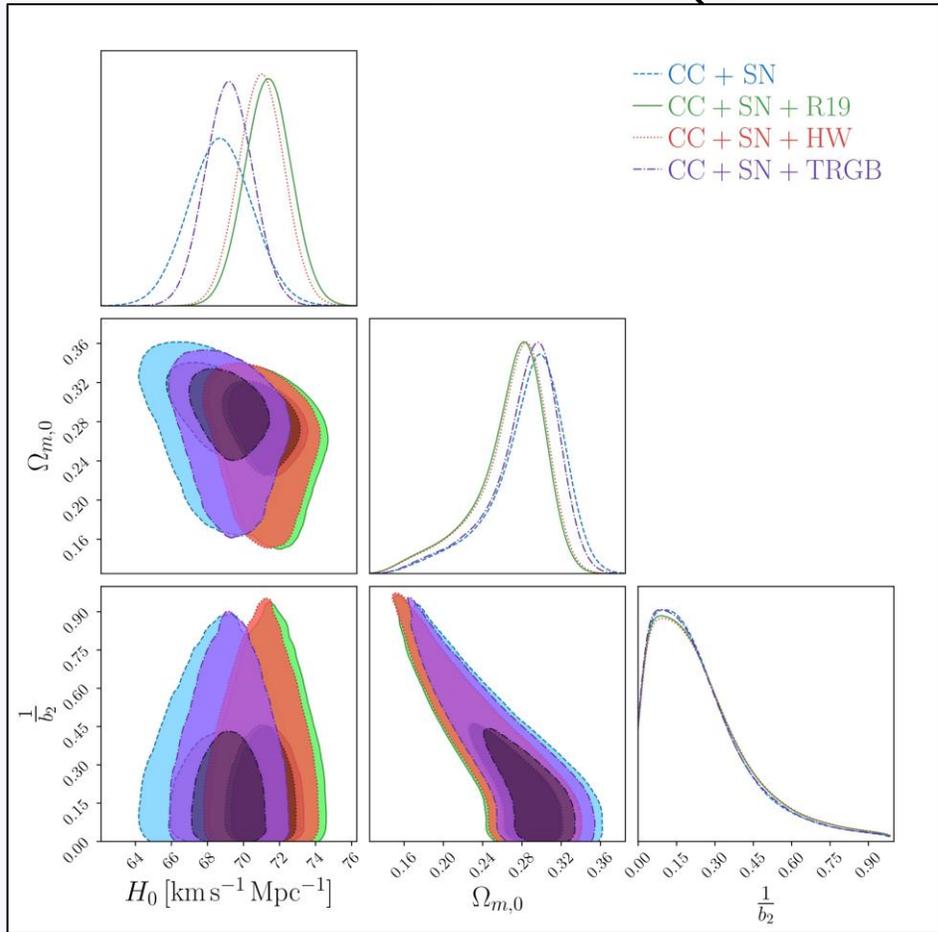
# $f_1$ CDM Constraints

Power-law:  $f_1(T) = \alpha_1(T)^{b_1}$

Data Sets	$H_0$ [km/s/Mpc]	$\Omega_{m,0}$	$b_1$	$M$	$\chi^2_{\min}$	AIC	BIC	$\Delta$ AIC	$\Delta$ BIC
CC + SN	$68.5 \pm 1.8$	$0.350^{+0.045}_{-0.064}$	$-0.22^{+0.41}_{-0.48}$	$-19.390^{+0.053}_{-0.055}$	1040.94	1048.94	1068.88	1.45	6.43
CC + SN + R19	$71.3^{+1.3}_{-1.4}$	$0.326^{+0.045}_{-0.065}$	$-0.13^{+0.40}_{-0.50}$	$-19.314^{+0.039}_{-0.038}$	1045.83	1053.83	1073.77	1.51	6.50
CC + SN + HW	$71.0 \pm 1.3$	$0.329^{+0.045}_{-0.062}$	$-0.16^{+0.41}_{-0.48}$	$-19.324^{+0.038}_{-0.037}$	1044.50	1052.50	1072.44	1.51	6.50
CC + SN + TRGB	$69.1^{+1.4}_{-1.3}$	$0.344^{+0.045}_{-0.063}$	$-0.20^{+0.42}_{-0.47}$	$-19.375 \pm 0.040$	1041.55	1049.55	1069.49	1.87	6.85
CC + SN + BAO	$67.1 \pm 1.6$	$0.294 \pm 0.015$	$0.06 \pm 0.13$	$-19.435 \pm 0.047$	1057.13	1065.13	1085.13	1.68	6.68
CC + SN + BAO + R19	$69.9 \pm 1.2$	$0.305^{+0.014}_{-0.013}$	$-0.14^{+0.12}_{-0.13}$	$-19.359^{+0.035}_{-0.034}$	1066.87	1074.87	1094.87	0.56	5.56
CC + SN + BAO + HW	$69.7 \pm 1.2$	$0.304^{+0.014}_{-0.012}$	$-0.12^{+0.12}_{-0.13}$	$-19.366^{+0.035}_{-0.033}$	1064.92	1072.92	1086.92	0.89	5.89
CC + SN + BAO + TRGB	$68.1 \pm 1.2$	$0.298 \pm 0.014$	$-0.01^{+0.11}_{-0.12}$	$-19.407 \pm 0.036$	1058.56	1066.56	1086.56	2.00	7.00

# $f_2$ CDM Posteriors

Linder:  $f_2(T) = \alpha_2 T_0 \left( 1 - e^{-b_2 \sqrt{T/T_0}} \right)$



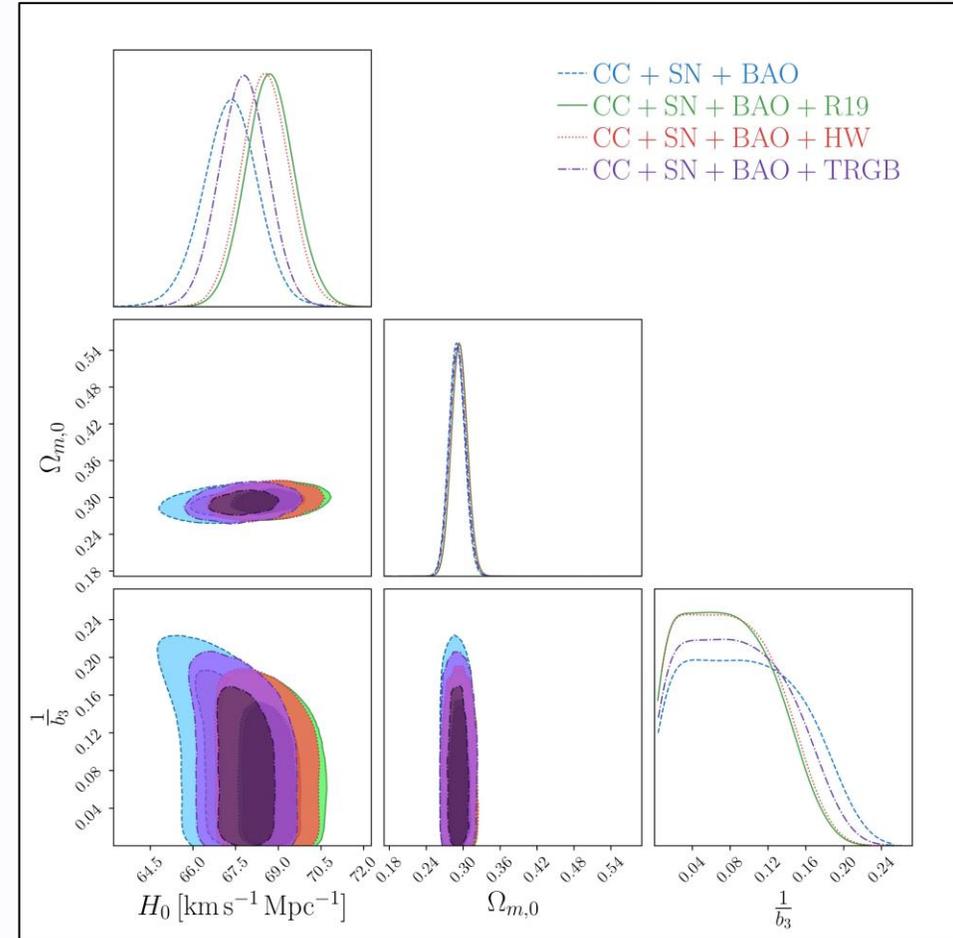
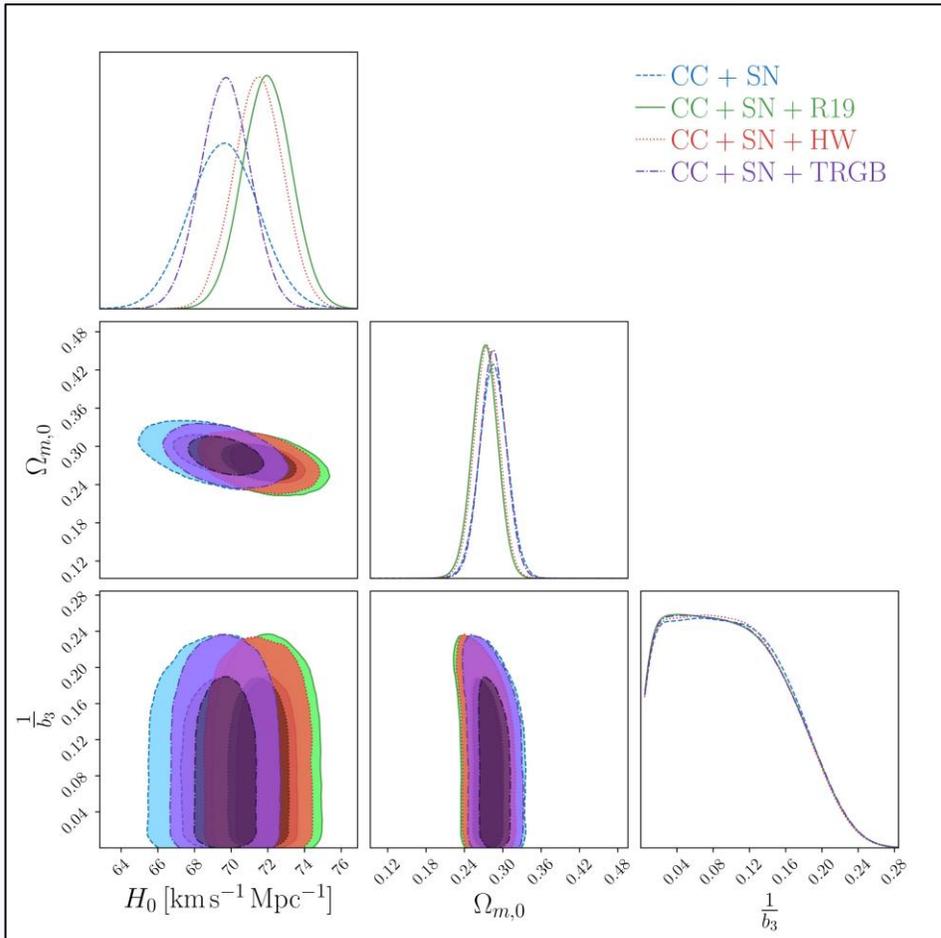
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Linder:  $f_2(T) = \alpha_2 T_0 \left( 1 - e^{-b_2 \sqrt{T/T_0}} \right)$

Data Sets	$H_0$ [km/s/Mpc]	$\Omega_{m,0}$	$\frac{1}{b_2}$	M	$\chi^2_{\min}$	AIC	BIC	$\Delta$ AIC	$\Delta$ BIC
CC + SN	$68.7^{+1.8}_{-1.7}$	$0.298^{+0.031}_{-0.035}$	$0.101^{+0.227}_{-0.098}$	$-19.43^{+0.57}_{-0.47}$	1041.49	1049.49	1069.43	2.00	6.98
CC + SN + R19	$71.4 \pm 1.3$	$0.283^{+0.027}_{-0.036}$	$0.088^{+0.252}_{-0.086}$	$-19.28^{+0.50}_{-0.51}$	1046.32	1054.32	1074.25	2.00	6.99
CC + SN + HW	$71.0^{+1.3}_{-1.2}$	$0.285^{+0.027}_{-0.036}$	$0.096^{+0.245}_{-0.093}$	$-19.37^{+0.45}_{-0.34}$	1044.99	1052.99	1072.93	2.00	6.99
CC + SN + TRGB	$69.2 \pm 1.3$	$0.296^{+0.028}_{-0.035}$	$0.088^{+0.239}_{-0.085}$	$-19.36^{+0.36}_{-0.37}$	1041.69	1049.69	1069.62	2.00	6.99
CC + SN + BAO	$66.9^{+1.5}_{-1.6}$	$0.294 \pm 0.016$	$0.22^{+0.12}_{-0.15}$	$-19.38^{+0.22}_{-0.35}$	1056.52	1064.62	1084.52	1.06	6.06
CC + SN + BAO + R19	$68.71^{+0.88}_{-0.96}$	$0.300 \pm 0.014$	$0.079^{+0.098}_{-0.064}$	$-19.35^{+0.19}_{-0.24}$	1068.31	1076.31	1096.31	2.00	7.00
CC + SN + BAO + HW	$68.58^{+0.89}_{-0.92}$	$0.300^{+0.013}_{-0.014}$	$0.076^{+0.105}_{-0.060}$	$-19.389^{+0.045}_{-0.047}$	1066.03	1074.03	1094.03	2.00	7.00
CC + SN + BAO + TRGB	$67.7 \pm 1.0$	$0.297 \pm 0.014$	$0.128^{+0.111}_{-0.099}$	$-19.46^{+0.37}_{-0.26}$	1058.47	1066.47	1086.47	1.90	6.90

# $f_3$ CDM Posteriors

Exponential:  $f_3(T) = \alpha_3 T_0 (1 - e^{-b_3 T/T_0})$



# $f_3$ CDM Constraints

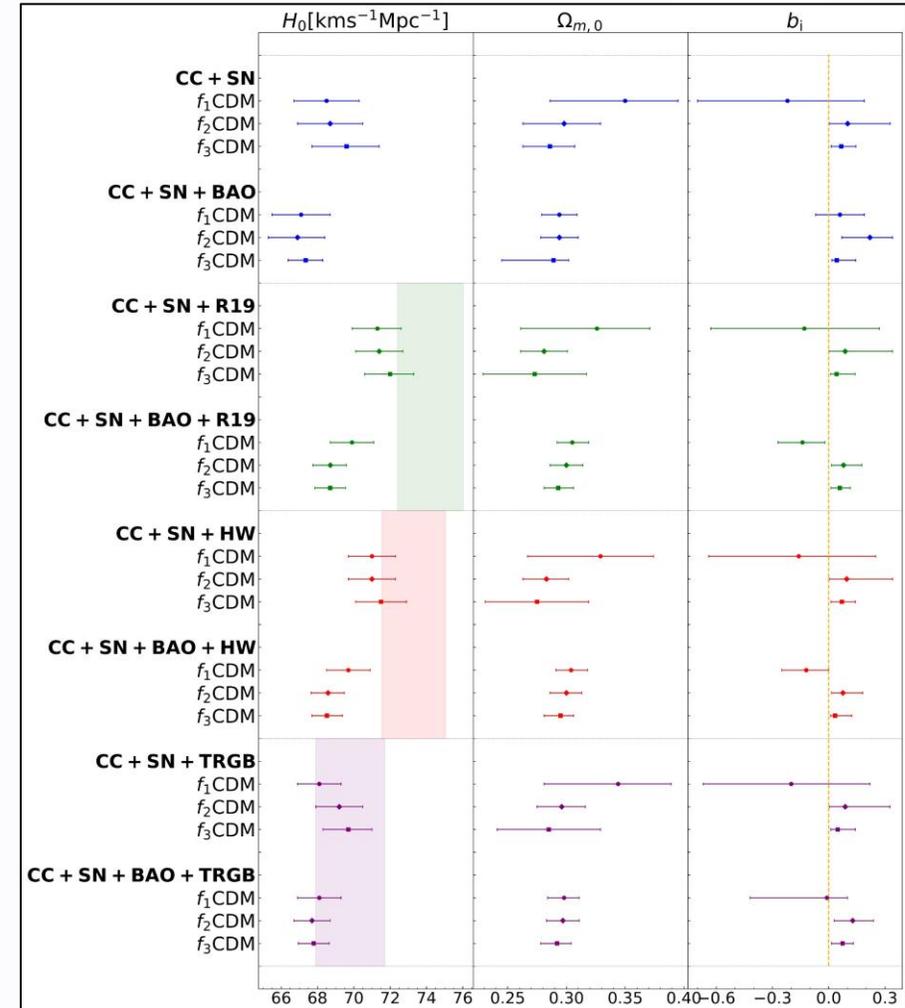
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Data Sets	$H_0$ [km/s/Mpc]	$\Omega_{m,0}$	$\frac{1}{b_3}$	$M$	$\chi^2_{\min}$	AIC	BIC	$\Delta$ AIC	$\Delta$ BIC
CC + SN	$69.6^{+1.8}_{-1.9}$	$0.286^{+0.021}_{-0.023}$	$0.067^{+0.078}_{-0.054}$	$-19.367^{+0.053}_{-0.056}$	1045.04	1053.04	1072.97	5.55	10.53
CC + SN + R19	$72.0^{+1.3}_{-1.4}$	$0.273 \pm 0.020$	$0.042^{+0.099}_{-0.032}$	$-19.302^{+0.037}_{-0.039}$	1048.16	1056.16	1076.10	3.84	8.82
CC + SN + HW	$71.5 \pm 1.4$	$0.275^{+0.019}_{-0.020}$	$0.070^{+0.072}_{-0.058}$	$-19.317^{+0.039}_{-0.038}$	1047.06	1055.07	1075.01	4.08	9.06
CC + SN + TRGB	$69.7^{+1.3}_{-1.4}$	$0.285^{+0.020}_{-0.021}$	$0.048^{+0.094}_{-0.037}$	$-19.366 \pm 0.040$	1045.04	1053.04	1072.98	5.36	10.34
CC + SN + BAO	$67.35^{+0.94}_{-0.97}$	$0.289 \pm 0.013$	$0.043^{+0.101}_{-0.026}$	$-19.441^{+0.032}_{-0.031}$	1060.55	1068.55	1088.55	5.09	10.09
CC + SN + BAO + R19	$68.70^{+0.84}_{-0.85}$	$0.293^{+0.013}_{-0.012}$	$0.059^{+0.056}_{-0.047}$	$-19.397^{+0.029}_{-0.028}$	1071.71	1079.71	1099.71	5.41	10.41
CC + SN + BAO + HW	$68.52^{+0.85}_{-0.82}$	$0.295^{+0.011}_{-0.014}$	$0.034^{+0.089}_{-0.024}$	$-19.401^{+0.028}_{-0.029}$	1069.03	1077.03	1097.03	4.99	9.10
CC + SN + BAO + TRGB	$67.79 \pm 0.85$	$0.292^{+0.012}_{-0.014}$	$0.074^{+0.057}_{-0.059}$	$-19.425^{+0.027}_{-0.030}$	1061.78	1069.78	1089.78	5.21	10.21

# $f(T)$ Cosmology Comparison

$f(T)$  models:

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



# 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 perturbation evolution** equation  $\left(\delta_m = \frac{\delta\rho_m}{\rho_m}\right)$ :

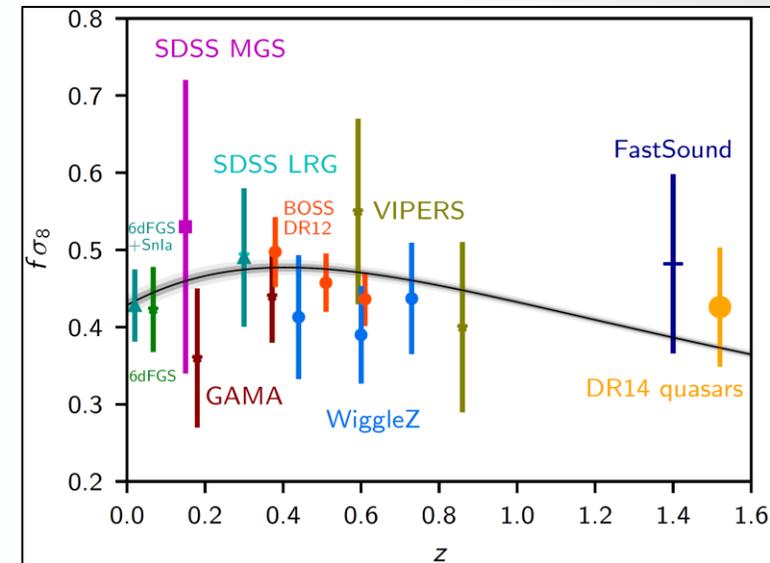
$$\ddot{\delta}_m + 2H\dot{\delta}_m + 4\pi G_{\text{eff}}\rho_m\delta_m = 0$$

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

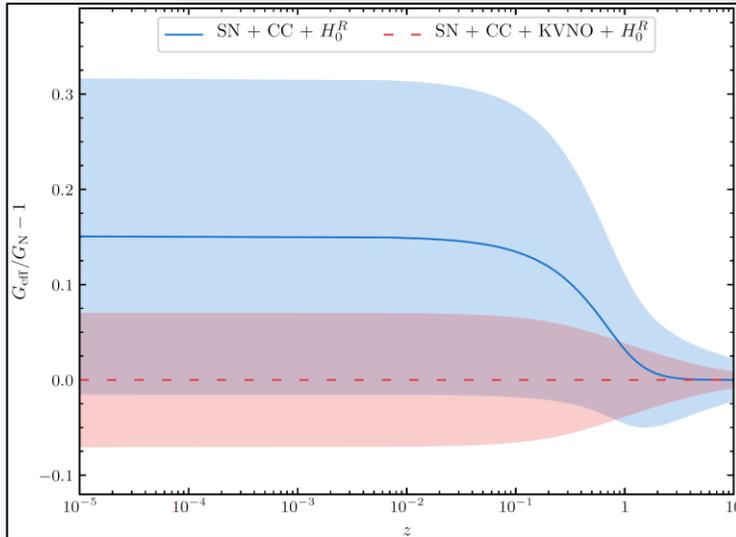
- Using the **structure function and mass fluctuation metrics**

$$f(z) = \frac{d \ln \delta(z)}{d \ln a} \quad \sigma_8(z) = \sigma_{8,0} \frac{\delta(z)}{\delta_0}$$

We can define the growth rate measure  $f\sigma_8(z)$

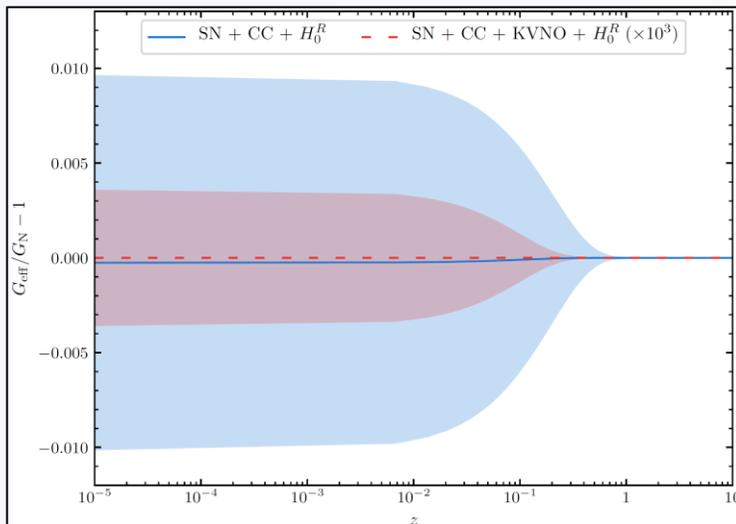
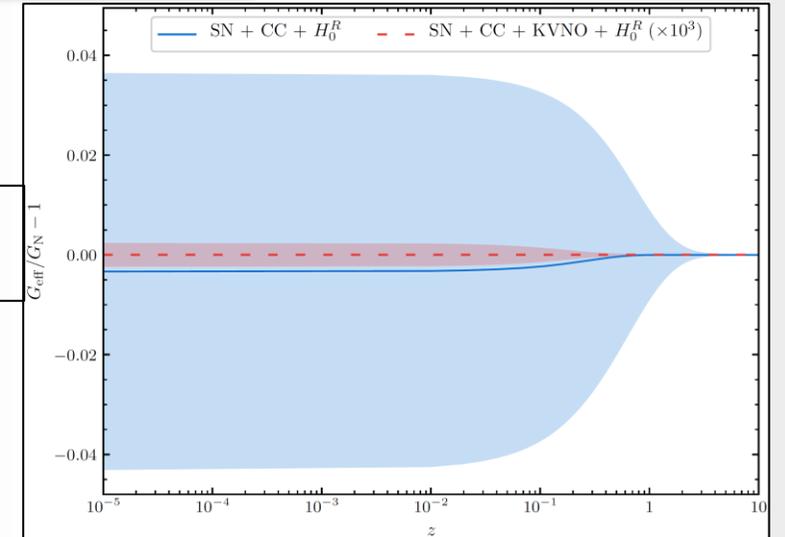


# $G_{eff}$ Constraints



$$f_1(T) = \alpha_1(T)^{b_1}$$

$$f_2(T) = \alpha_2 T_0 \left(1 - e^{-b_2 \sqrt{T/T_0}}\right)$$

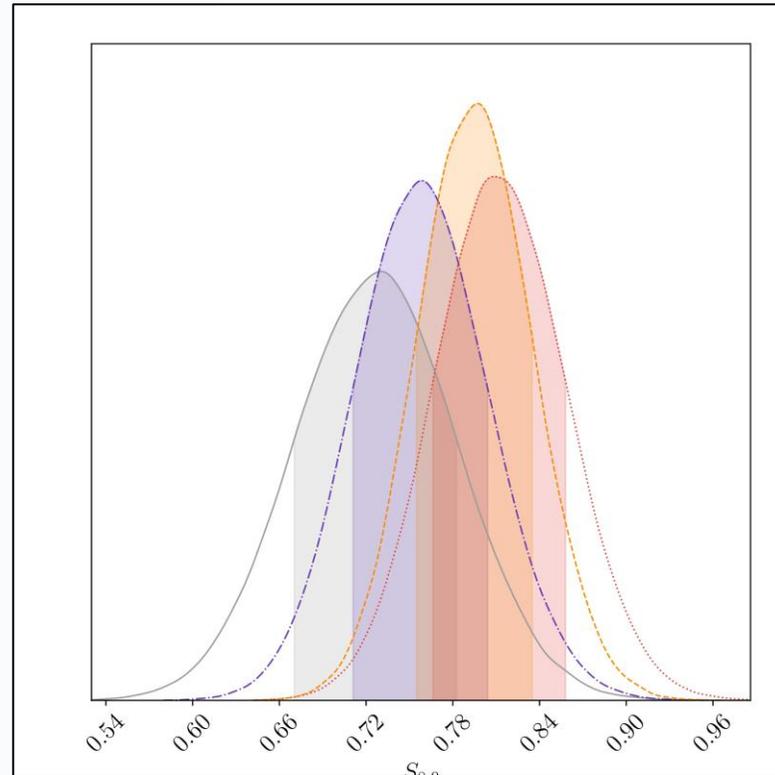
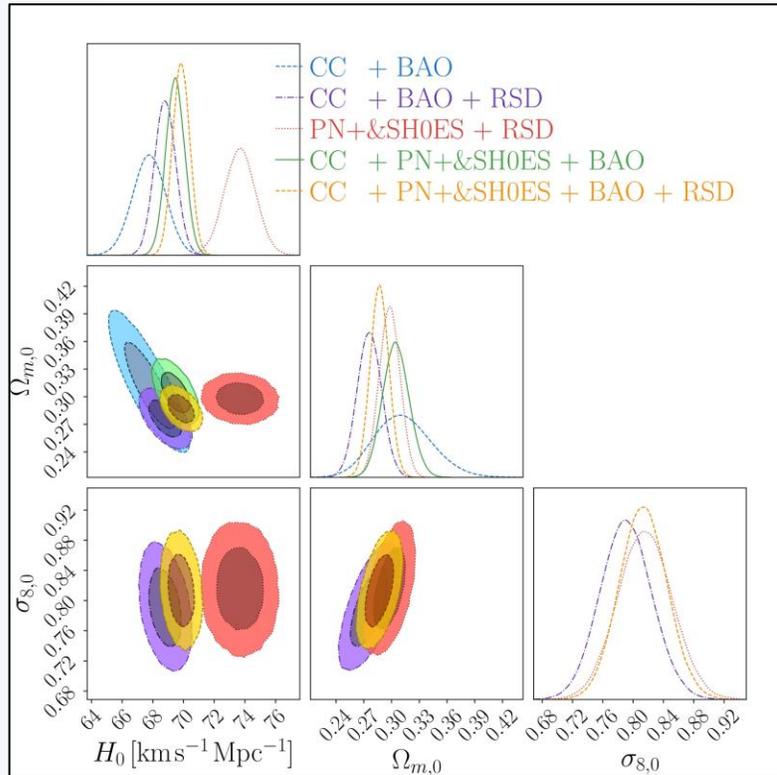


$$f_3(T) = \alpha_3 T_0 \left(1 - e^{-b_3 T/T_0}\right)$$

$\Delta\alpha/\alpha$  data

- Keck Observatory (K) and Very Large Telescope [VLT] (V): Measuring quasar absorption lines
- 21 New Measurements (N): Collected in arXiv:1709.02923
- Oklo nuclear reactor (O)

# $\Lambda$ CDM Growth



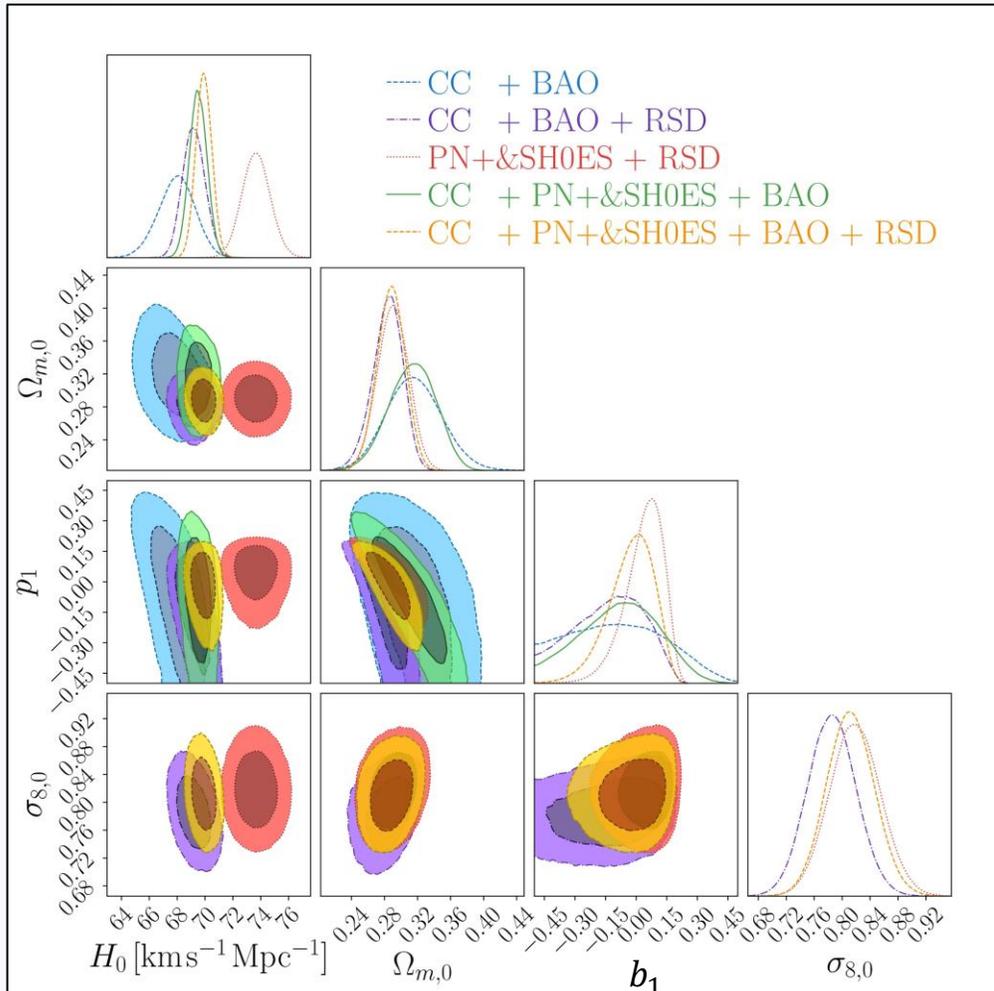
Model	$S_{8,0}$
— RSD	$0.729^{+0.053}_{-0.059}$
- - - CC + BAO + RSD	$0.758^{+0.046}_{-0.047}$
..... PN+ & SH0ES + RSD	$0.809^{+0.050}_{-0.042}$
- - - CC + PN+ & SH0ES + BAO + RSD	$0.797^{+0.038}_{-0.042}$

$$S_8 = \sigma_{8,0} \sqrt{\Omega_{m,0}/0.3}$$

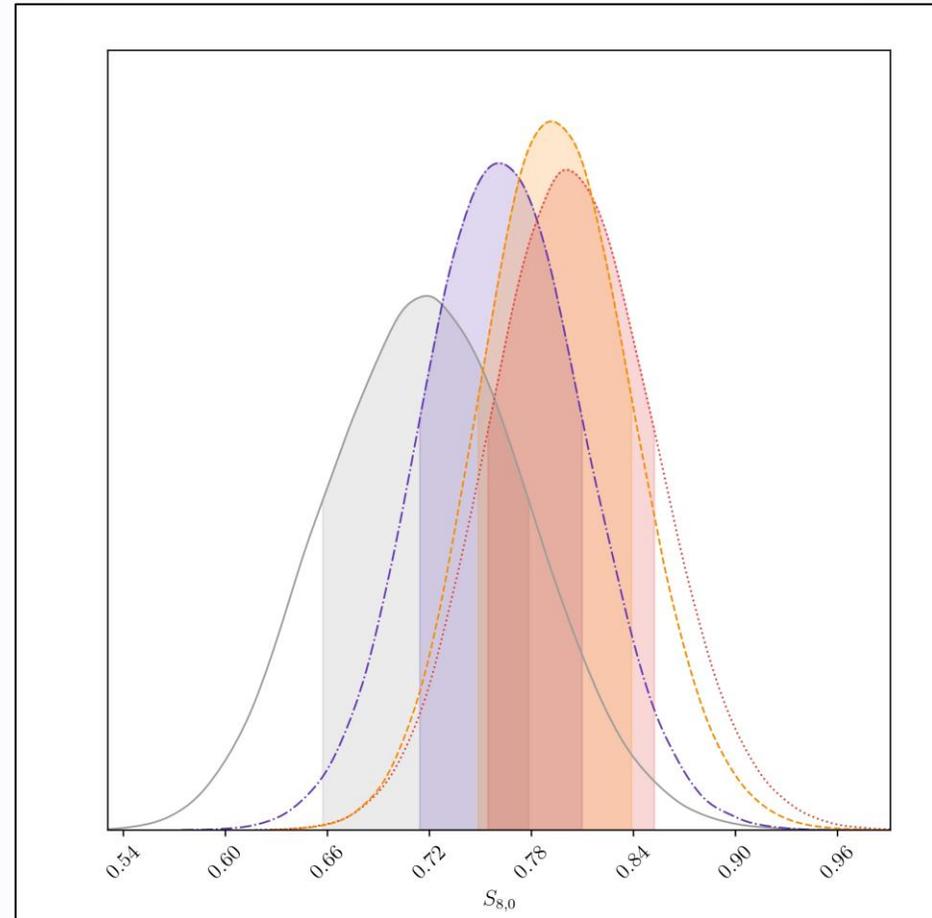
**Redshift Space Distortion (RSD) data:**  
 Spatial distortion of distribution of galaxies  
 (eBOSS, WiggleZ, GAMA, VIPERS, 2dFGRS)

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# $f_1$ CDM Growth Constraints



$$f_1(T) = \alpha_1(T)^{b_1}$$



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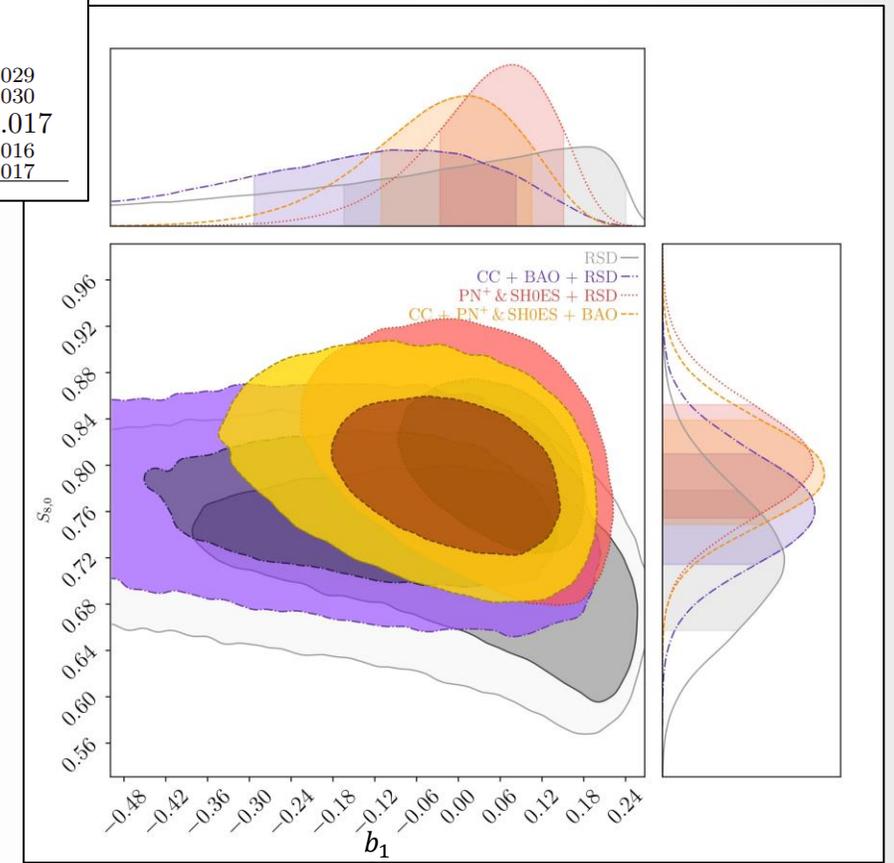
# $f_1$ CDM Growth Constraints

Data sets	$H_0$ [km s <sup>-1</sup> Mpc <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\Omega_{m,0}$	$b_1$	$\sigma_{8,0}$	$M$
CC + BAO	68.1 <sup>+1.2</sup> <sub>-1.4</sub>	0.314 <sup>+0.034</sup> <sub>-0.033</sub>	-0.09 <sup>+0.24</sup> <sub>-0.30</sub>	—	—
CC + BAO + RSD	69.17 ± 0.81	0.287 <sup>+0.016</sup> <sub>-0.020</sub>	-0.09 <sup>+0.17</sup> <sub>-0.102</sub>	0.785 ± 0.035	—
PN <sup>+</sup> & SH0ES + RSD	73.7 ± 1.0	0.290 <sup>+0.019</sup> <sub>-0.018</sub>	0.076 <sup>+0.075</sup> <sub>-0.19</sub>	0.817 <sup>+0.037</sup> <sub>-0.035</sub>	-19.252 <sup>+0.029</sup> <sub>-0.030</sub>
CC + PN <sup>+</sup> & SH0ES + BAO	69.45 <sup>+0.69</sup> <sub>-0.58</sub>	0.316 <sup>+0.028</sup> <sub>-0.029</sub>	-0.06 <sup>+0.19</sup> <sub>-0.22</sub>	—	-19.375 ± 0.017
CC + PN <sup>+</sup> & SH0ES + BAO + RSD	69.90 ± 0.58	0.289 <sup>+0.016</sup> <sub>-0.018</sub>	0.014 <sup>+0.091</sup> <sub>-0.125</sub>	0.810 <sup>+0.036</sup> <sub>-0.033</sub>	-19.367 <sup>+0.016</sup> <sub>-0.017</sub>

Data sets	$S_{8,0}$
— RSD	0.718 <sup>+0.061</sup> <sub>-0.060</sub>
---CC + BAO + RSD	0.761 <sup>+0.049</sup> <sub>-0.046</sub>
.....PN <sup>+</sup> & SH0ES + RSD	0.801 <sup>+0.052</sup> <sub>-0.046</sub>
---CC + PN <sup>+</sup> & SH0ES + BAO + RSD	0.792 <sup>+0.047</sup> <sub>-0.043</sub>

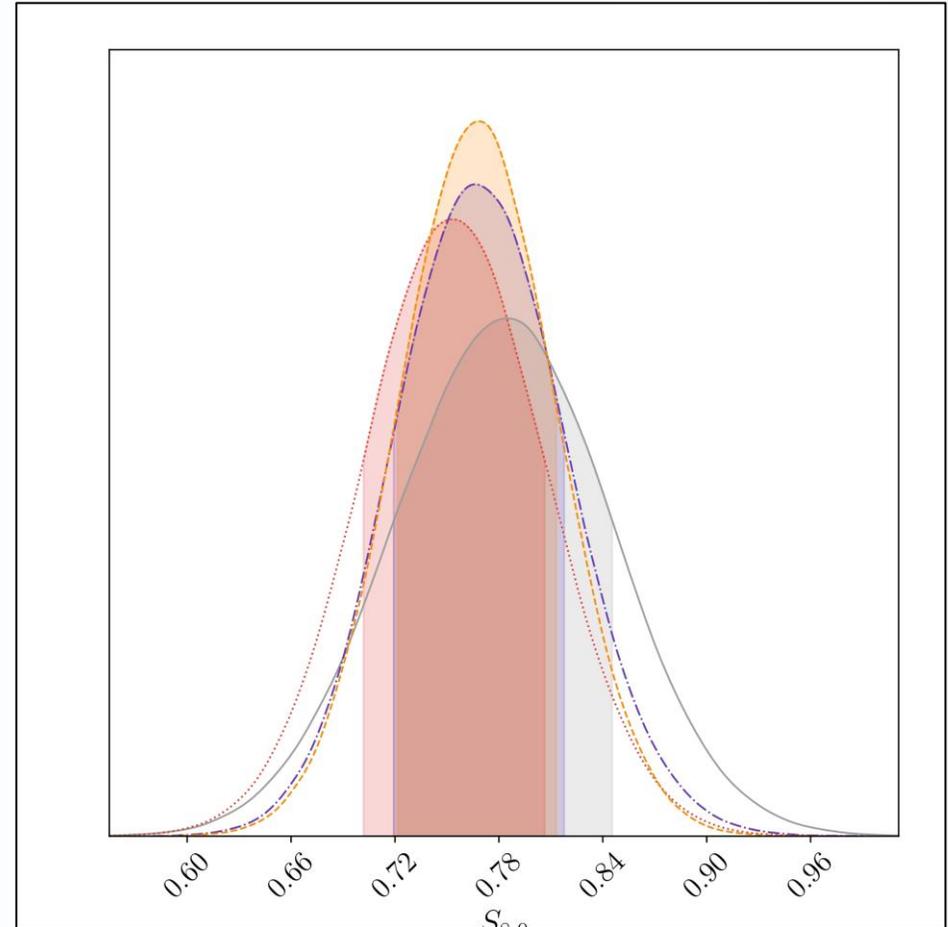
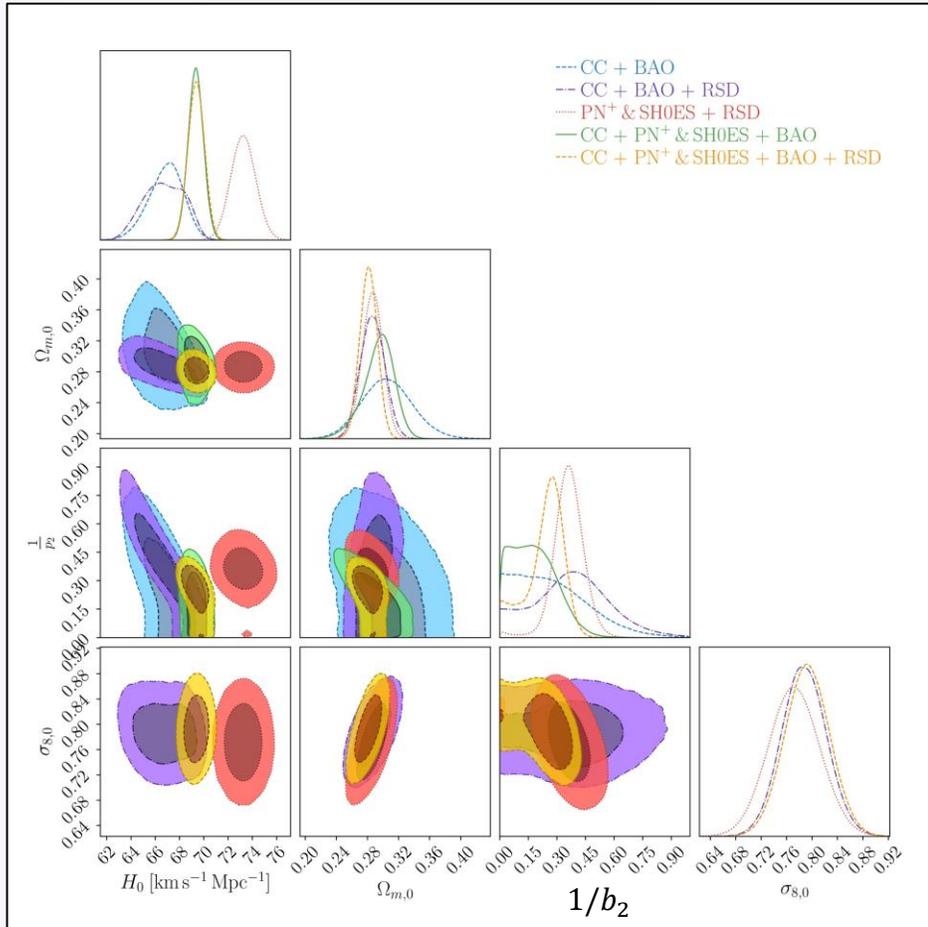
$$f_3(T) = \alpha_3 T_0 (1 - e^{-b_3 T/T_0})$$

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# $f_2$ CDM Growth Posteriors

$$f_2(T) = \alpha_2 T_0 \left(1 - e^{-b_2 \sqrt{T/T_0}}\right)$$

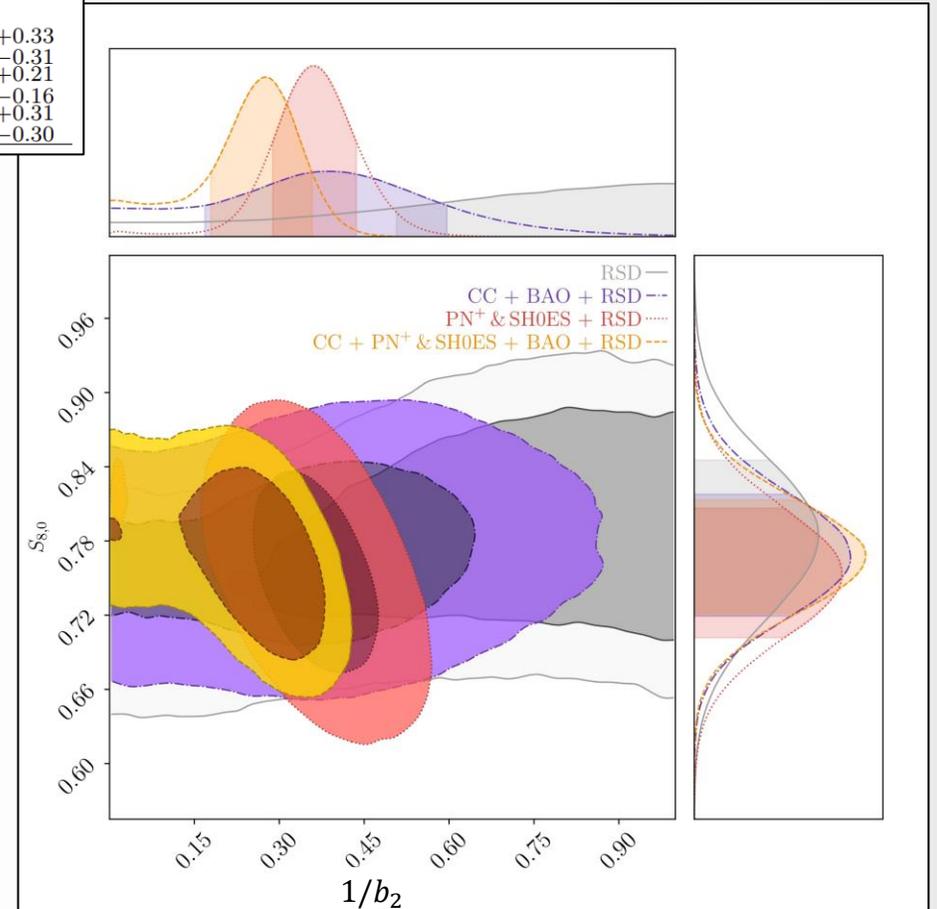


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# $f_2$ CDM Growth Constraints

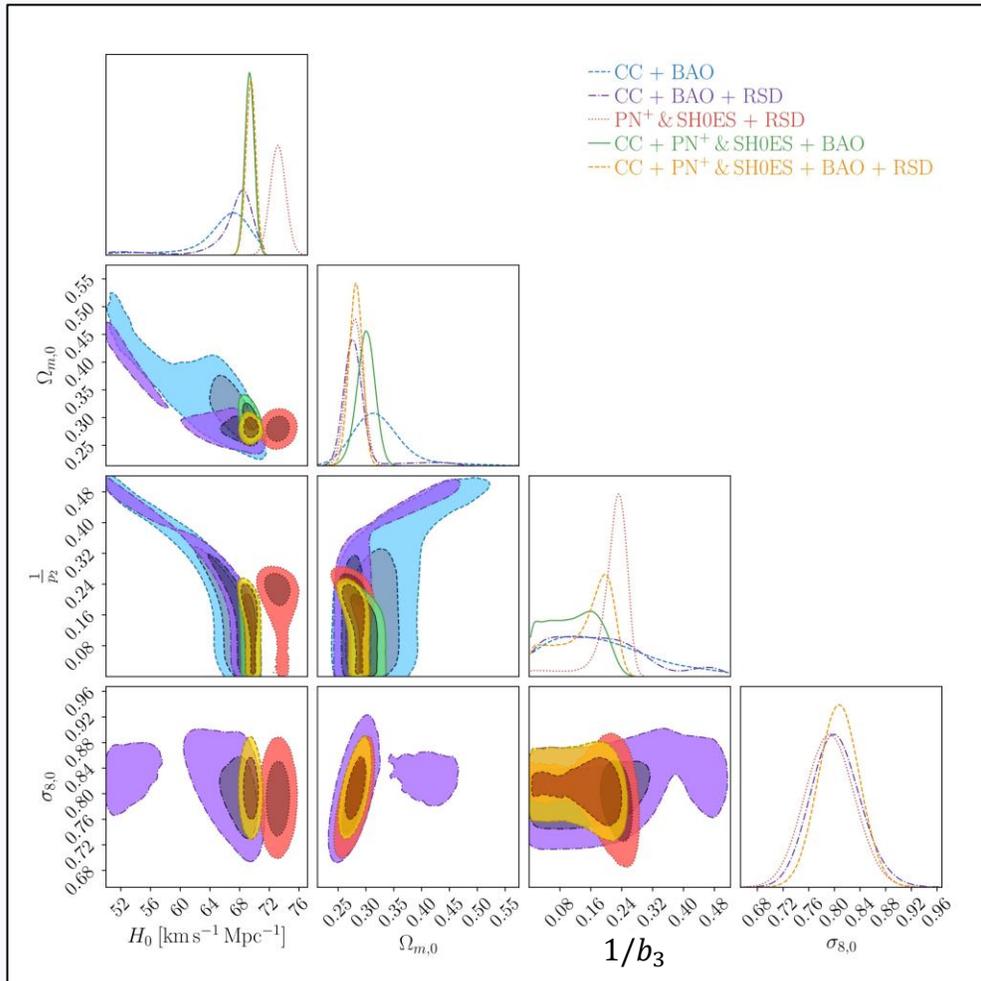
Data Sets	$H_0$ [km s <sup>-1</sup> Mpc <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\Omega_{m,0}$	$1/b_2$	$\sigma_{8,0}$	M
CC + BAO	$67.2^{+1.2}_{-1.6}$	$0.302^{+0.035}_{-0.030}$	$0.00^{+0.37}_{-0.00}$	—	—
CC + BAO + RSD	$66.5^{+2.2}_{-1.3}$	$0.286^{+0.016}_{-0.015}$	$0.39^{+0.21}_{-0.22}$	$0.784^{+0.038}_{-0.032}$	—
PN <sup>+</sup> & SH0ES + RSD	$73.2 \pm 1.0$	$0.287 \pm 0.013$	$0.359^{+0.077}_{-0.071}$	$0.770^{+0.042}_{-0.039}$	$-19.26^{+0.33}_{-0.31}$
CC + PN <sup>+</sup> & SH0ES + BAO	$69.35^{+0.61}_{-0.63}$	$0.299^{+0.017}_{-0.021}$	$0.167^{+0.080}_{-0.154}$	—	$-19.40^{+0.21}_{-0.16}$
CC + PN <sup>+</sup> & SH0ES + BAO + RSD	$69.38^{+0.67}_{-0.68}$	$0.282 \pm 0.011$	$0.275^{+0.083}_{-0.096}$	$0.793 \pm 0.035$	$-19.37^{+0.31}_{-0.30}$

Data sets	$S_{8,0}$
— RSD	$0.784^{+0.061}_{-0.065}$
--- CC + BAO + RSD	$0.765^{+0.052}_{-0.046}$
..... PN <sup>+</sup> & SH0ES + RSD	$0.753^{+0.054}_{-0.051}$
--- CC + PN <sup>+</sup> & SH0ES + BAO + RSD	$0.768^{+0.045}_{-0.046}$

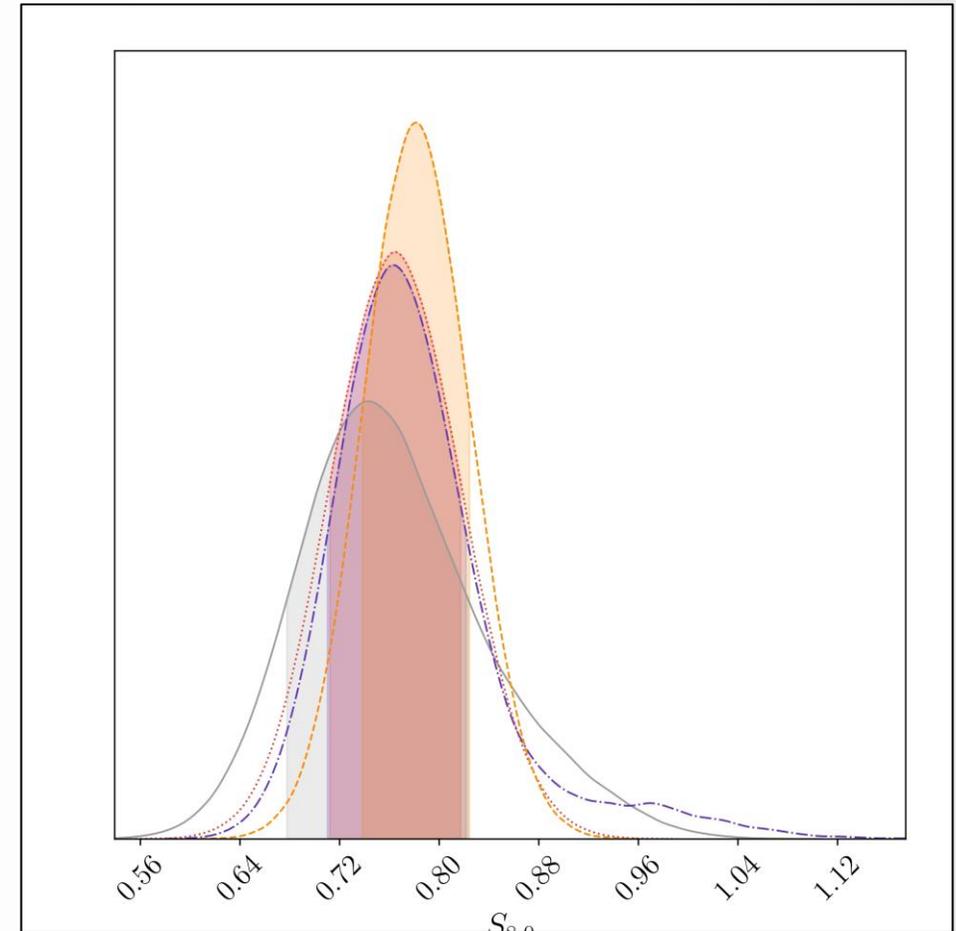


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# $f_3$ CDM Growth Constraints



$$f_3(T) = \alpha_3 T_0 (1 - e^{-b_3 T/T_0})$$

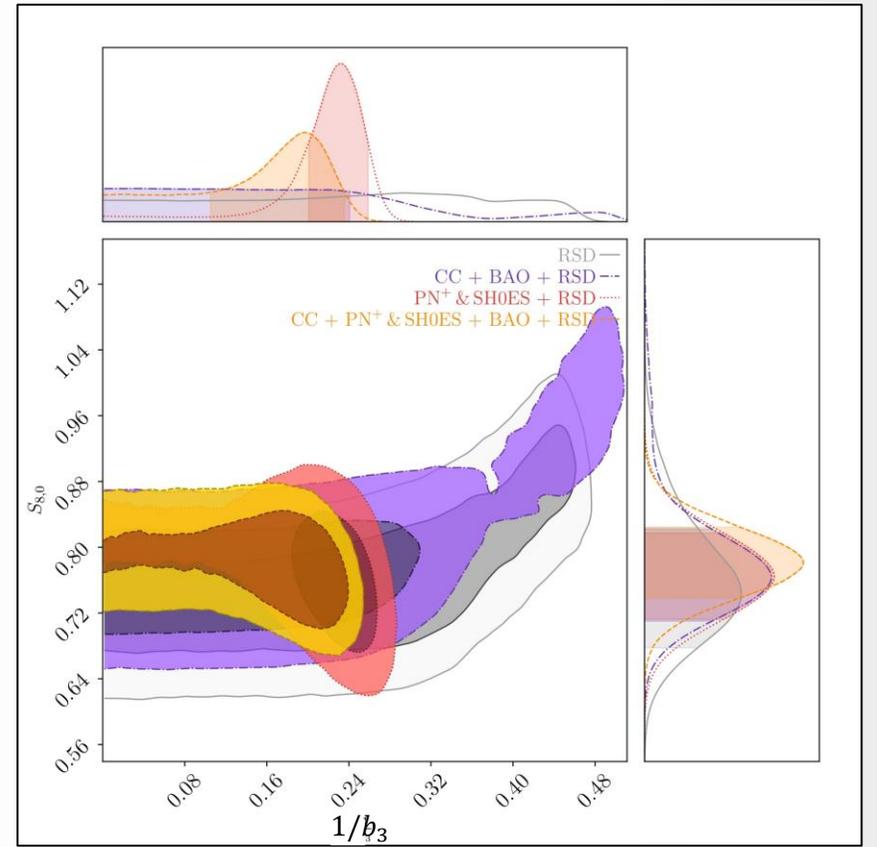


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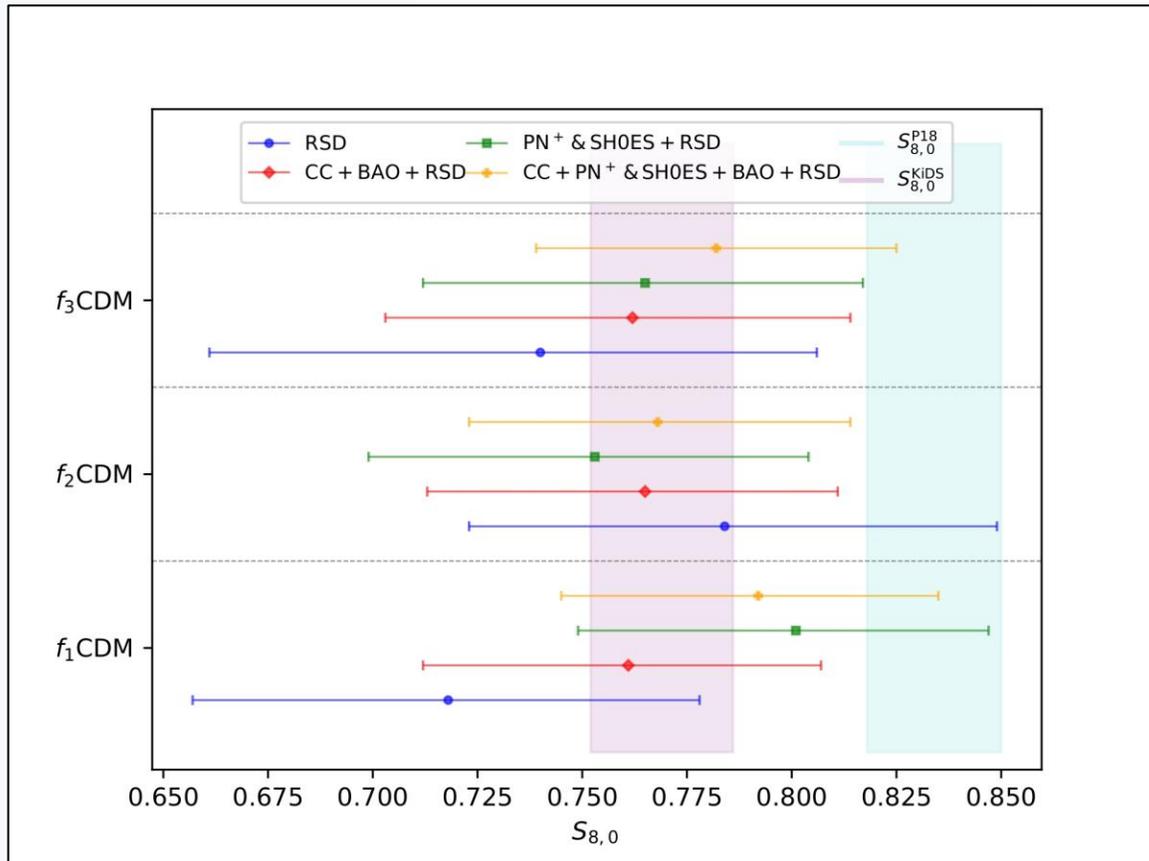
# $f_3$ CDM Growth Constraints

Data Sets	$H_0$ [km s <sup>-1</sup> Mpc <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\Omega_{m,0}$	$1/b_3$	$\sigma_{8,0}$	$M$
CC + BAO	$67.5^{+1.7}_{-2.3}$	$0.311^{+0.039}_{-0.034}$	$0.058^{+0.182}_{-0.056}$	—	—
CC + BAO + RSD	$68.6^{+1.3}_{-1.9}$	$0.276^{+0.016}_{-0.015}$	$0.026^{+0.214}_{-0.025}$	$0.798^{+0.040}_{-0.036}$	—
PN <sup>+</sup> & SH0ES + RSD	$73.2^{+1.0}_{-1.1}$	$0.280^{+0.014}_{-0.015}$	$0.232^{+0.027}_{-0.031}$	$0.793^{+0.038}_{-0.039}$	$-19.25 \pm 0.11$
CC + PN <sup>+</sup> & SH0ES + BAO	$69.34^{+0.65}_{-0.64}$	$0.300^{+0.017}_{-0.016}$	$0.160^{+0.029}_{-0.126}$	—	$-19.34^{+0.24}_{-0.31}$
CC + PN <sup>+</sup> & SH0ES + BAO + RSD	$69.54^{+0.64}_{-0.66}$	$0.282 \pm 0.012$	$0.197^{+0.038}_{-0.092}$	$0.807 \pm 0.032$	$-19.38^{+0.20}_{-0.19}$

Data Sets	$S_{8,0}$
— RSD	$0.744^{+0.079}_{-0.066}$
--- CC + BAO + RSD	$0.762^{+0.059}_{-0.052}$
..... PN <sup>+</sup> & SH0ES + RSD	$0.765^{+0.053}_{-0.052}$
--- CC + PN <sup>+</sup> & SH0ES + BAO + RSD	$0.782 \pm 0.043$



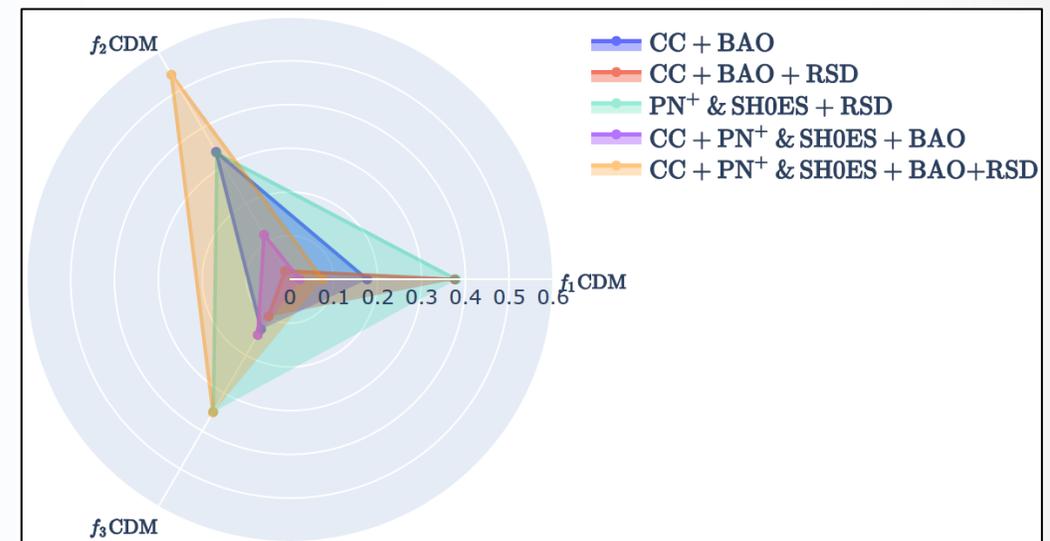
# $f_3$ CDM Growth Constraints



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## $f(T)$ models:

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



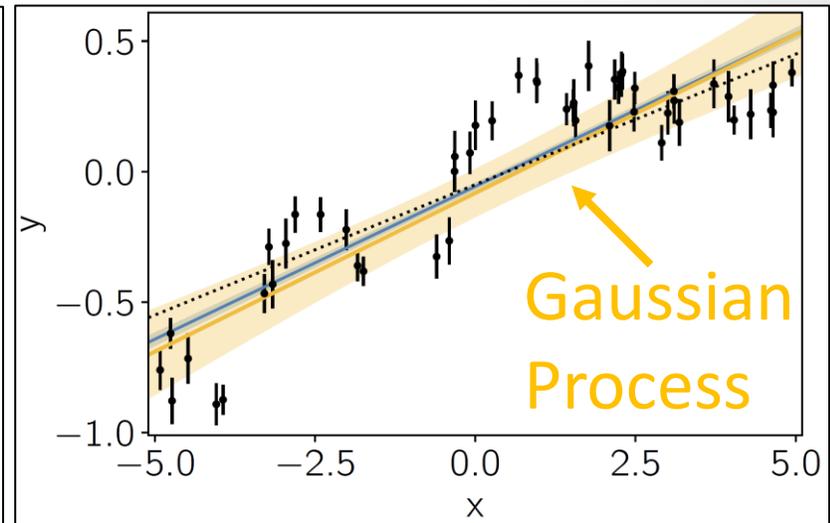
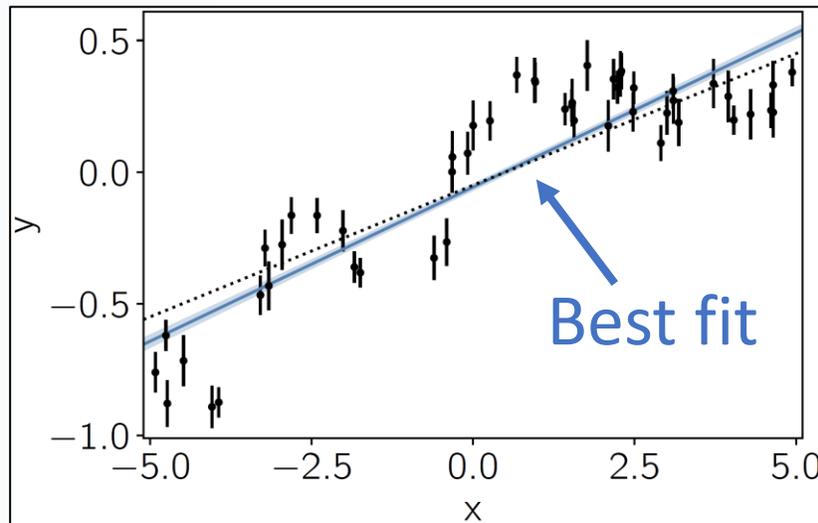
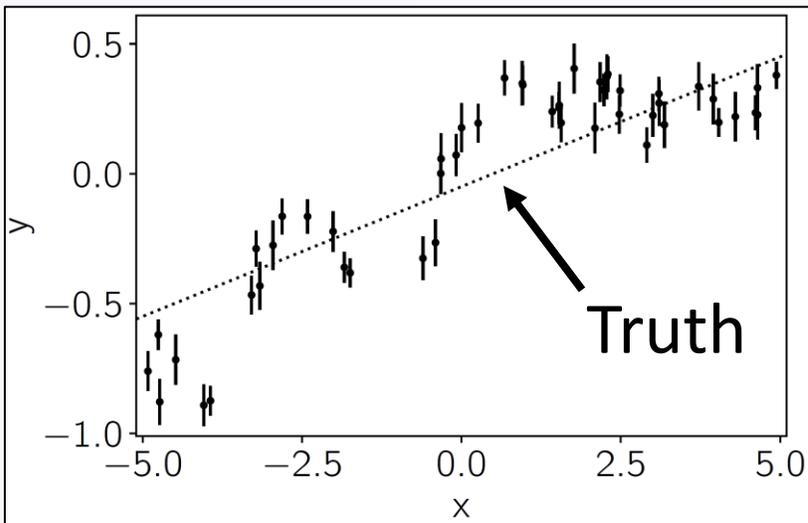
Is there a model independent way of performing background analyses?

# What about Gaussian Processes?

Definition: A GP is a stochastic (random) process where any finite subset is a **multivariate Gaussian distribution** with mean  $\mu(x)$  and covariance  $k(x, x')$

Setting the each  $\mu(x)$  to zero, the **covariance function** can be used to **learn the behavior** that produced the data points

$$y(x_i) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \text{Exp} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{x_i - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right]$$



# 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)**

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

- **Cauchy**

$$k(x, x') = \frac{\sigma_f^2 l_f}{(x - x')^2 + l_f^2}$$

- **Matérn**

$$\begin{aligned} k(x, x') \\ &= \sigma_f^2 \left( 1 + \frac{\sqrt{3}|x - x'|}{l_f} \right) \text{Exp} \left[ -\frac{\sqrt{3}|x - x'|}{l_f} \right] \end{aligned}$$

- **Rational quadratic**

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

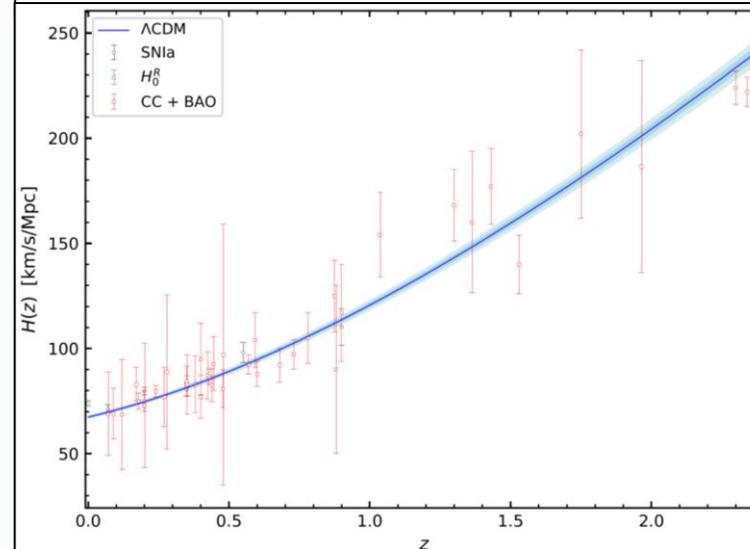
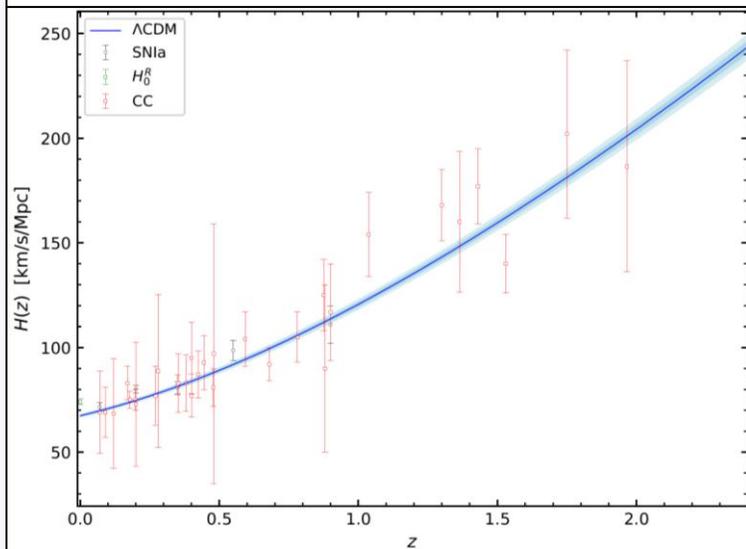
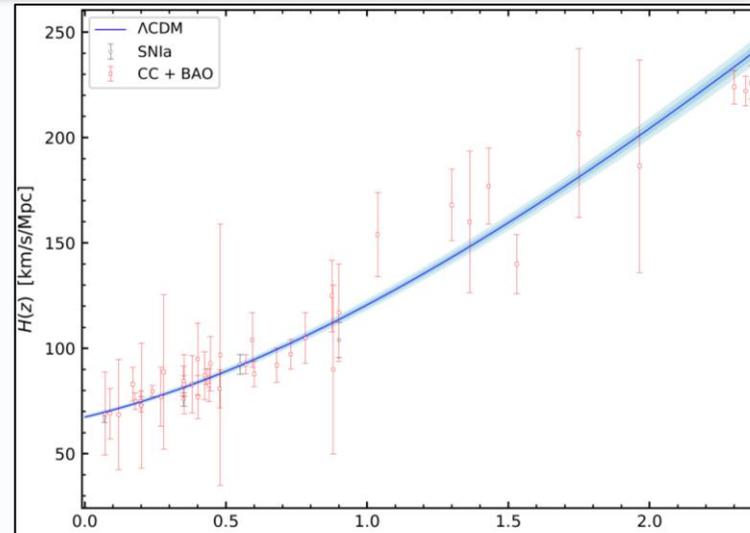
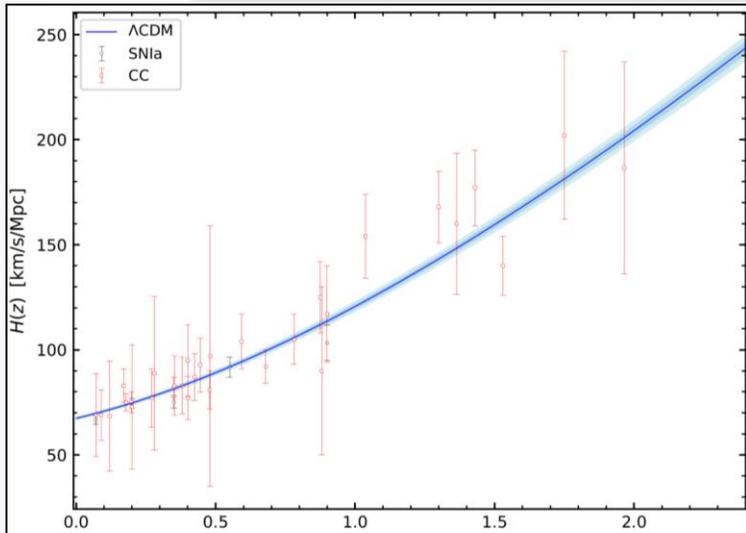
# $H_0$ Priors

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- Planck Collaboration (18):  $\Lambda$ CDM Model dependent  $\rightarrow H_0 = 67.4 \pm 0.5 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$
- SHOES Survey [ $H_0^R$ ]: Riess et al. (2019) calibrated with **Cepheid variables**  $\rightarrow H_0 = 74.03 \pm 1.42 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$
- Tip of the Red Giant Branch [TRGB]: Freedman et al. (2019) reports  $H_0 = 69.8 \pm 1.9 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$
- H0licow [HW]: Based on strong lensing  $\rightarrow H_0 = 73.3 \pm 1.8 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$

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

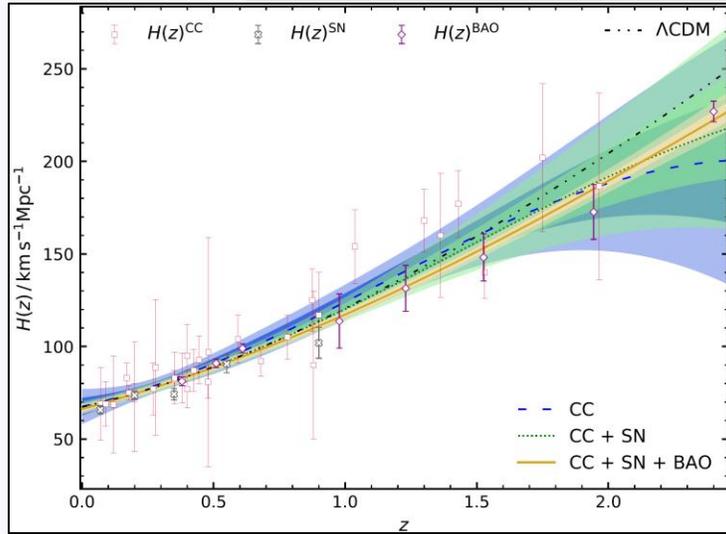
# Hubble Data ( $H(z)$ )



$\Lambda$ CDM using  
Planck  
parameters

# Square Exponential $H_0$ GP

GaPP code from  
Seikel et al. (2012)



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

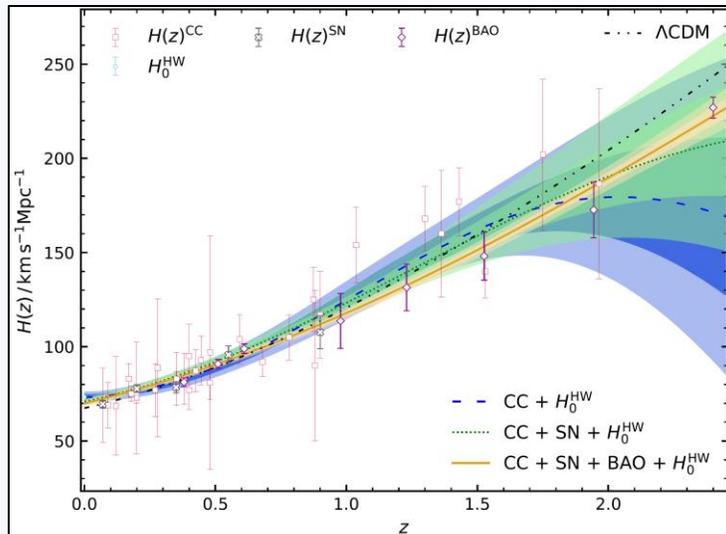
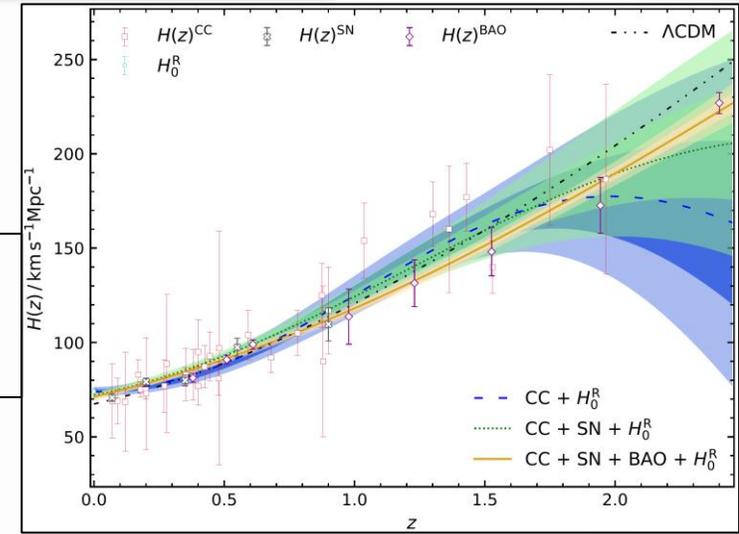
$$H_0 = 66.001 \pm 1.653 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

$$H_0 = 66.197 \pm 1.464 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

$$H_0 = 73.782 \pm 1.374 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

$$H_0 = 72.022 \pm 1.076 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

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



$$H_0 = 69.604 \pm 1.756 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

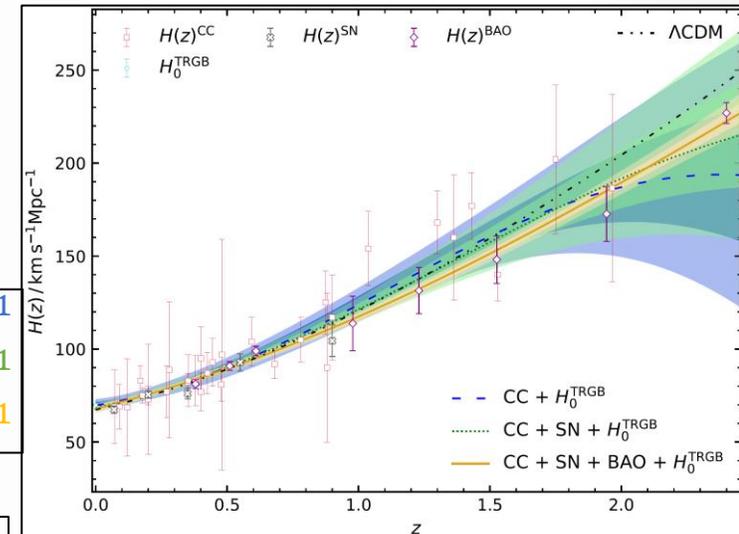
$$H_0 = 68.468 \pm 1.221 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

$$H_0 = 67.811 \pm 1.147 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

$$H_0 = 72.966 \pm 1.664 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

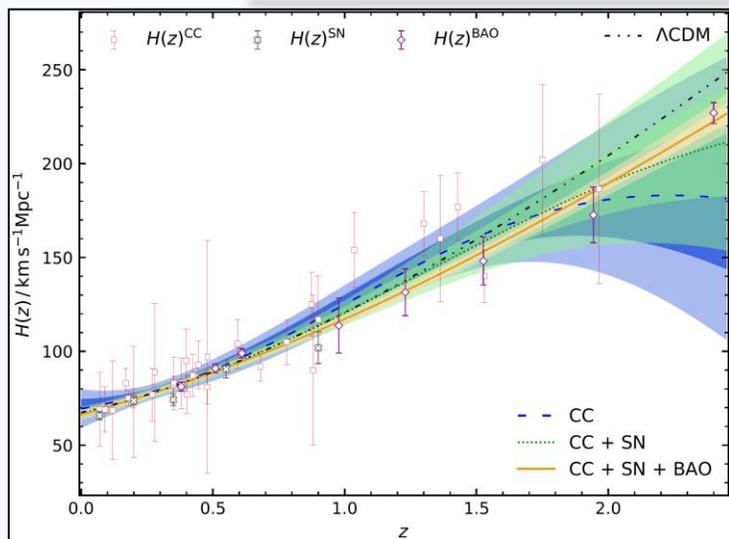
$$H_0 = 70.850 \pm 1.199 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

$$H_0 = 69.911 \pm 1.128 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$



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# Cauchy $H_0$ GP



$$H_0 = 69.396 \pm 5.186 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

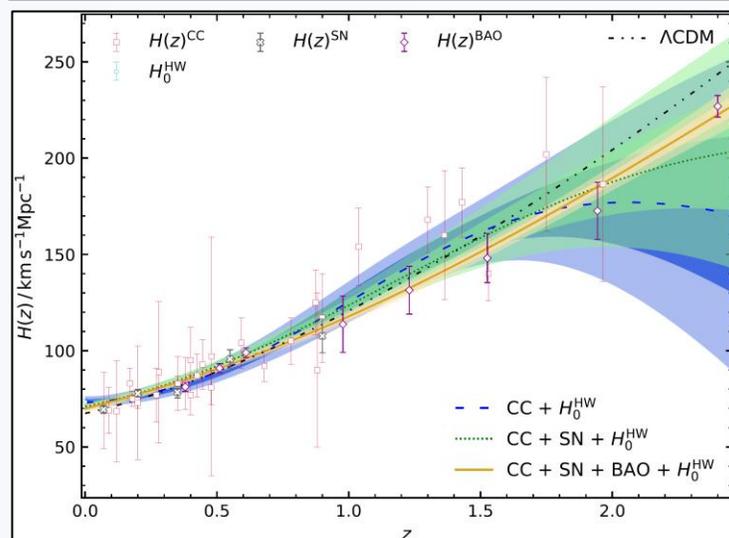
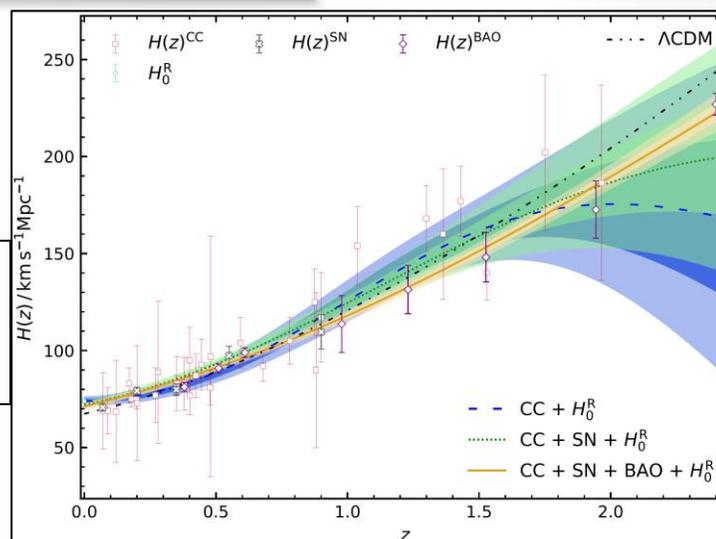
$$H_0 = 67.082 \pm 1.682 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

$$H_0 = 66.179 \pm 1.472 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

$$H_0 = 73.802 \pm 1.376 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

$$H_0 = 72.056 \pm 1.083 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

$$H_0 = 71.166 \pm 1.028 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$



$$H_0 = 69.695 \pm 1.760 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

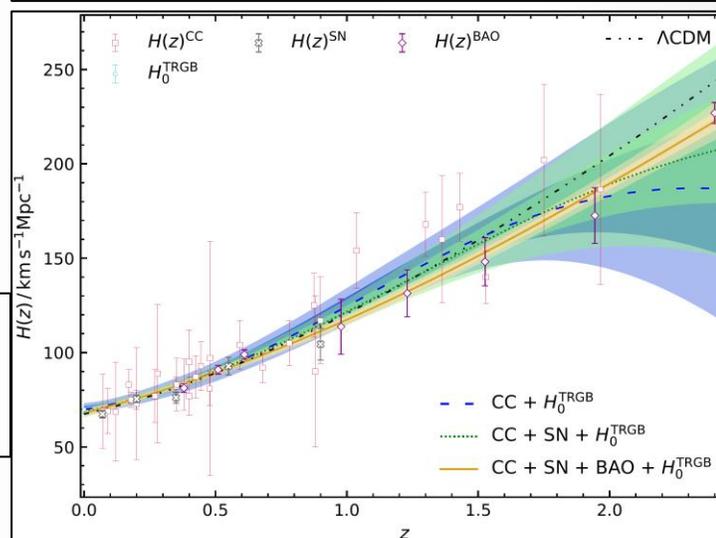
$$H_0 = 68.508 \pm 1.233 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

$$H_0 = 67.796 \pm 1.151 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

$$H_0 = 73.003 \pm 1.667 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

$$H_0 = 70.892 \pm 1.209 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

$$H_0 = 69.895 \pm 1.132 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$



# Square Exponential Covariance for $H_0$

Data set(s)	$H_0$	$d(H_0, H_0^R)$	$d(H_0, H_0^{\text{TRGB}})$	$d(H_0, H_0^{\text{HW}})$	$d(H_0, H_0^{\text{Planck18}})$
CC	$67.539 \pm 4.772$	-1.304	-0.441	-1.133	0.029
CC+SN	$67.001 \pm 1.653$	-3.225	-1.118	-2.617	-0.231
CC+SN+BAO	<b><math>66.197 \pm 1.464</math></b>	<b>-3.841</b>	<b>-1.513</b>	<b>-3.113</b>	<b>-0.778</b>
CC+ $H_0^R$	<b><math>73.782 \pm 1.374</math></b>	<b>-0.126</b>	<b>1.711</b>	<b>0.217</b>	<b>4.364</b>
CC+SN+ $H_0^R$	$72.022 \pm 1.076$	-1.127	1.027	-0.622	3.897
CC+SN+BAO+ $H_0^R$	$71.180 \pm 1.025$	-1.628	0.645	-1.046	3.316
CC+ $H_0^{\text{TRGB}}$	$69.604 \pm 1.756$	-1.960	-0.076	-1.491	1.208
CC+SN+ $H_0^{\text{TRGB}}$	$68.468 \pm 1.221$	-2.970	-0.594	-2.264	0.810
CC+SN+BAO+ $H_0^{\text{TRGB}}$	$67.811 \pm 1.147$	-3.407	-0.903	-2.623	0.328
CC+ $H_0^{\text{HW}}$	$72.966 \pm 1.664$	-0.486	1.262	-0.138	3.204
CC+SN+ $H_0^{\text{HW}}$	$70.850 \pm 1.199$	-1.711	0.471	-1.155	2.656
CC+SN+BAO+ $H_0^{\text{HW}}$	$69.911 \pm 1.128$	-2.272	0.051	-1.628	2.036

# Cauchy Covariance for $H_0$

Data set(s)	$H_0$	$d(H_0, H_0^R)$	$d(H_0, H_0^{\text{TRGB}})$	$d(H_0, H_0^{\text{HW}})$	$d(H_0, H_0^{\text{Planck18}})$
CC	$69.396 \pm 5.186$	-0.862	-0.073	-0.713	0.383
CC+SN	$67.082 \pm 1.682$	-3.157	-1.078	-2.562	-0.181
CC+SN+BAO	<b><math>66.179 \pm 1.472</math></b>	<b>-3.839</b>	<b>-1.512</b>	<b>-3.114</b>	<b>-0.786</b>
CC+ $H_0^R$	<b><math>73.802 \pm 1.376</math></b>	<b>-0.115</b>	<b>1.719</b>	<b>0.226</b>	<b>4.374</b>
CC+SN+ $H_0^R$	$72.056 \pm 1.083$	-1.106	1.040	-0.605	3.905
CC+SN+BAO+ $H_0^R$	$71.166 \pm 1.028$	-1.634	0.638	-1.052	3.294
CC+ $H_0^{\text{TRGB}}$	$69.695 \pm 1.760$	-1.917	-0.041	-1.452	1.254
CC+SN+ $H_0^{\text{TRGB}}$	$68.508 \pm 1.233$	-2.937	-0.575	-2.239	0.833
CC+SN+BAO+ $H_0^{\text{TRGB}}$	$67.796 \pm 1.151$	-3.410	-0.909	-2.628	0.316
CC+ $H_0^{\text{HW}}$	$73.003 \pm 1.667$	-0.469	1.276	-0.122	3.221
CC+SN+ $H_0^{\text{HW}}$	$70.892 \pm 1.209$	-1.683	0.489	-1.132	2.670
CC+SN+BAO+ $H_0^{\text{HW}}$	$69.895 \pm 1.132$	-2.277	0.043	-1.634	2.016

# Can we test $\Lambda$ CDM with the GP reconstructions?

- The  $\Lambda$ CDM **Friedmann equation** for a **dark fluid**  $w(z)$  is

$$E^2(z) := \left( \frac{H(z)}{H_0} \right)^2 = \Omega_{m,0}(1+z)^3 + \Omega_{\Lambda,0} \text{Exp} \left[ 3 \int_0^z \frac{1+w(z')}{1+z'} dz' \right]$$

- Solving for  $\Omega_{m,0}$  ( $w(z) = -1$ ) we can define

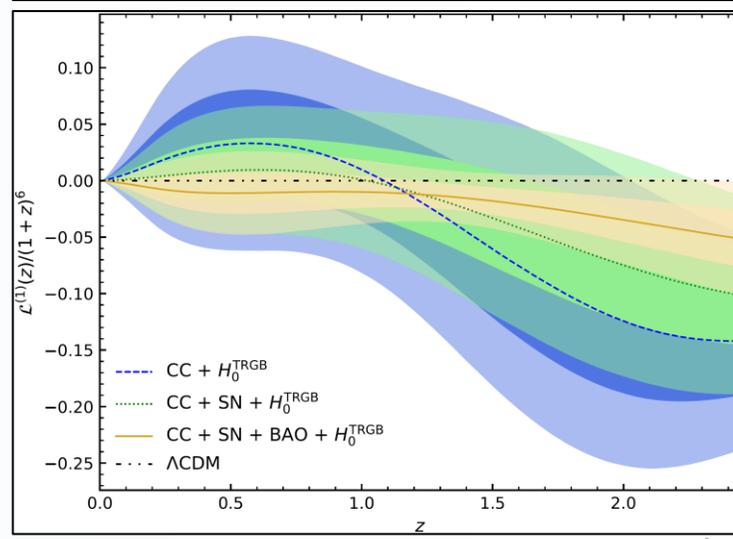
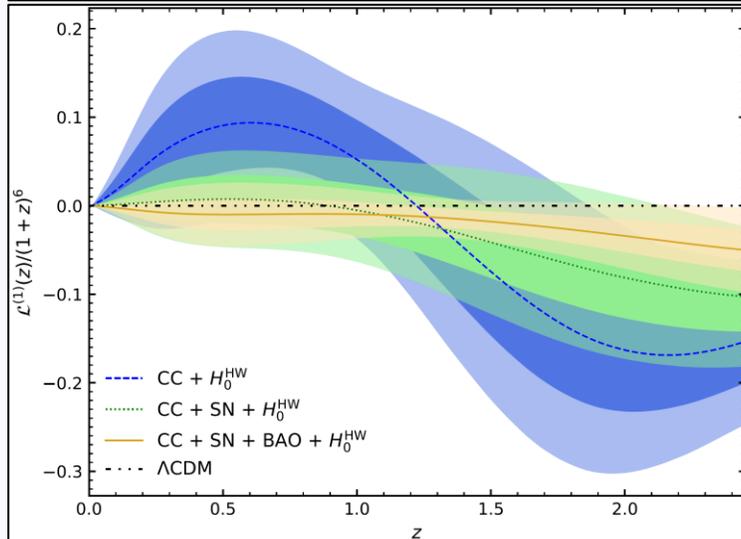
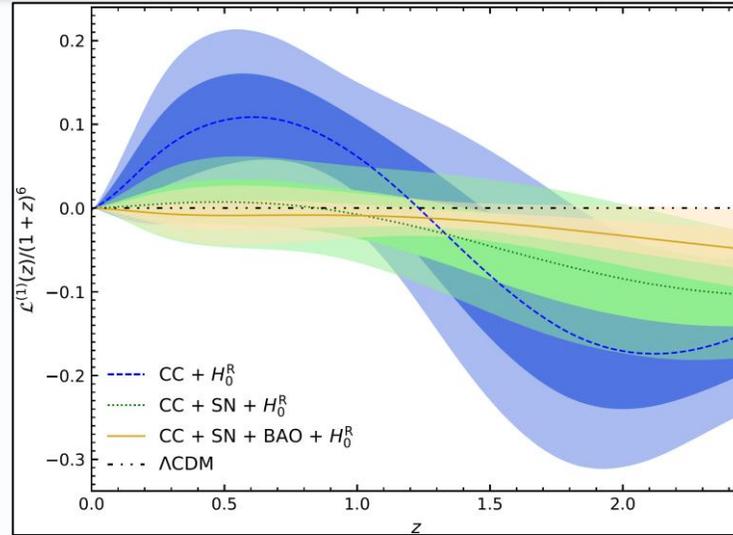
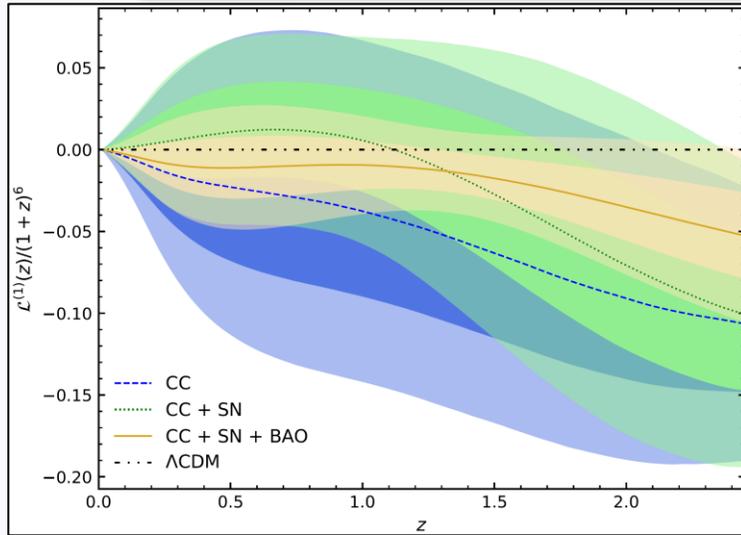
$$\mathcal{O}_m^{(1)}(z) := \frac{E^2(z) - 1}{z(3 + 3z + z^2)}$$

- Therefore we can define the **diagnostic test**

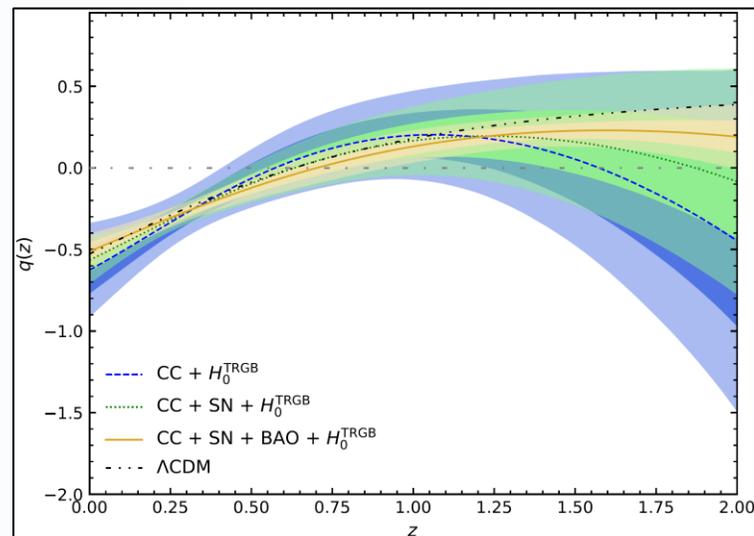
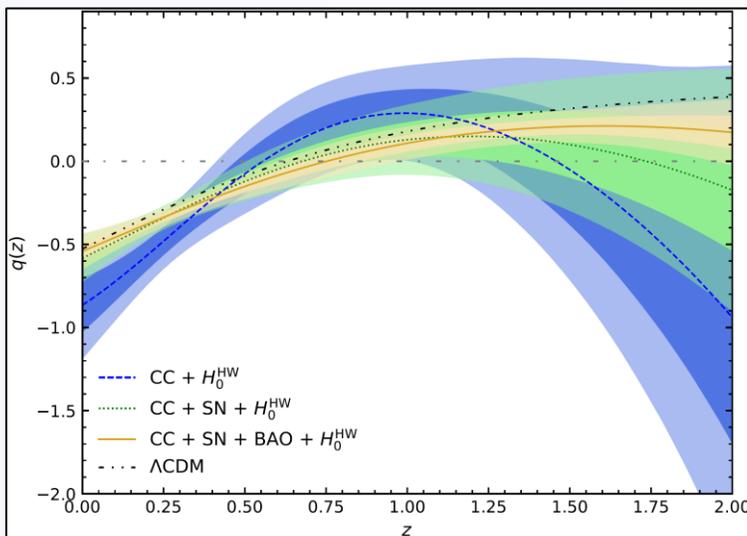
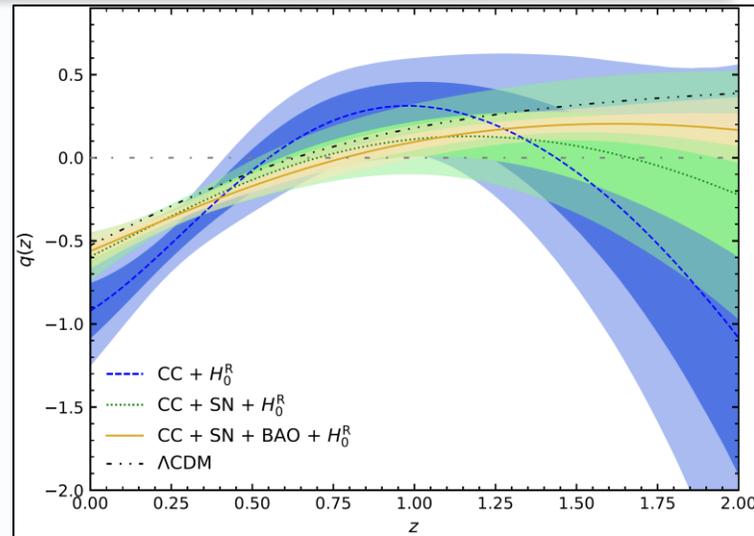
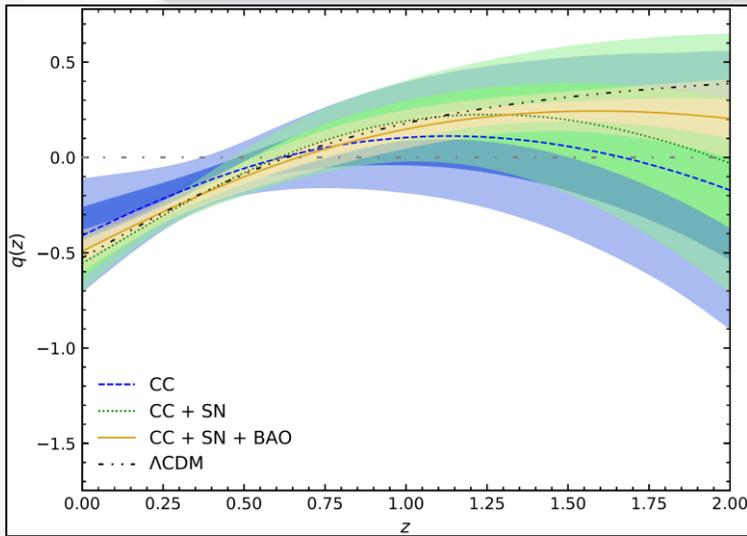
$$\mathcal{L}^{(1)}(z) := \frac{d\mathcal{O}_m^{(1)}}{dz} = 3(1 - E^2(z))(1+z)^2 + 2z(3 + 3z + z^2)E(z)E'(z)$$

- **For  $\Lambda$ CDM:**  $\mathcal{O}_m^{(1)}(z) = \Omega_{m,0}$  and  $\mathcal{L}^{(1)}(z) = 0$

# Diagnostic Tests of $\Lambda$ CDM



# Square Exponential $q(z)$ GP

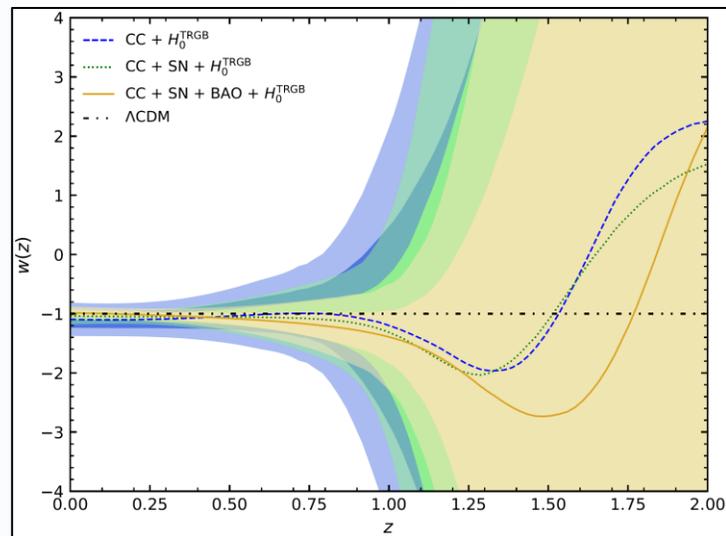
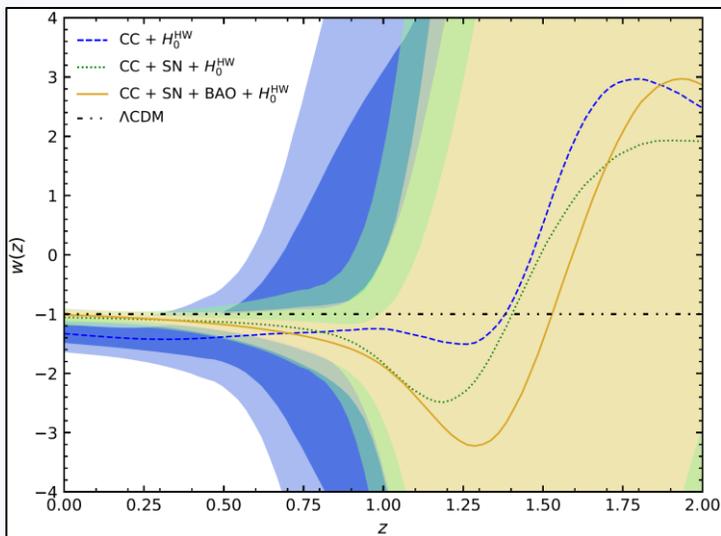
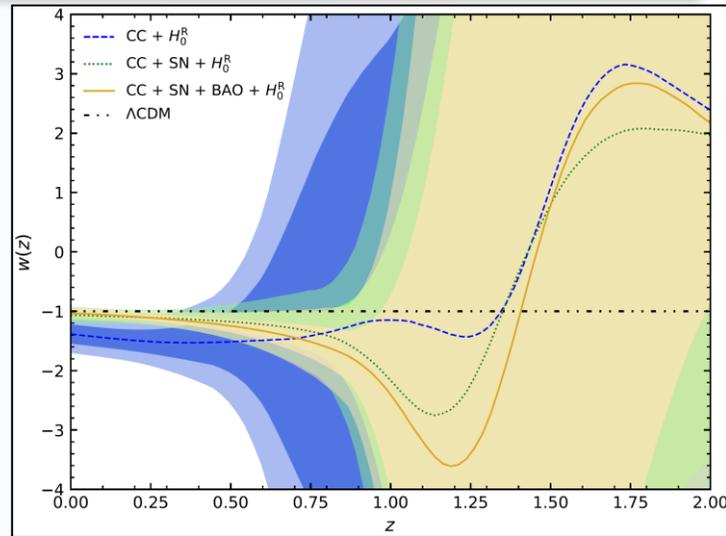
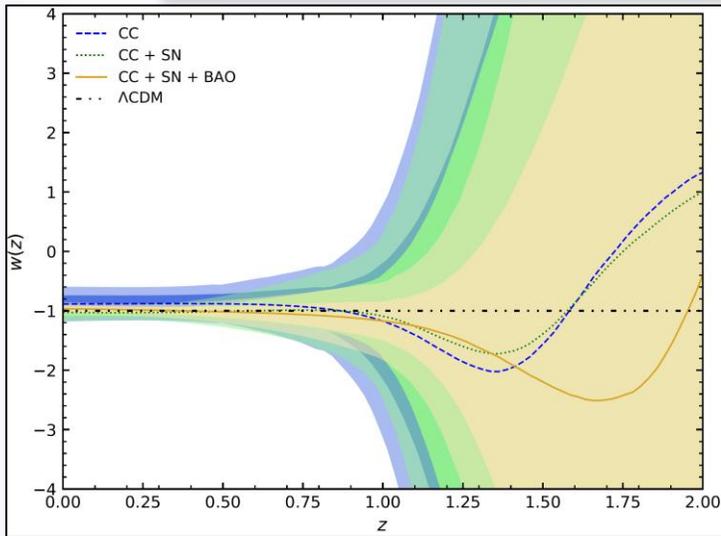


# What does this say about the transition redshift

Data set(s)	Square exponential	Cauchy	Matérn	Rational quadratic
CC	$0.616^{+na}_{-0.136}$	$0.572^{+0.267}_{-0.118}$	$0.591^{+na}_{-0.129}$	$0.553^{+0.211}_{-0.110}$
CC+SN	<b><math>0.607^{+0.132}_{-0.084}</math></b>	<b><math>0.600^{+0.132}_{-0.087}</math></b>	<b><math>0.605^{+0.131}_{-0.089}</math></b>	<b><math>0.598^{+0.133}_{-0.088}</math></b>
CC+SN+BAO	$0.667^{+0.095}_{-0.075}$	$0.658^{+0.105}_{-0.081}$	$0.659^{+0.108}_{-0.082}$	$0.664^{+0.101}_{-0.079}$
CC+ $H_0^R$	$0.551^{+0.112}_{-0.079}$	$0.540^{+0.114}_{-0.082}$	$0.546^{+0.115}_{-0.082}$	$0.528^{+0.114}_{-0.082}$
CC+SN+ $H_0^R$	$0.702^{+0.246}_{-0.112}$	$0.687^{+0.268}_{-0.114}$	$0.694^{+0.263}_{-0.116}$	$0.679^{+na}_{-0.114}$
CC+SN+BAO+ $H_0^R$	<b><math>0.783^{+0.107}_{-0.088}</math></b>	<b><math>0.770^{+0.119}_{-0.095}</math></b>	<b><math>0.772^{+0.123}_{-0.097}</math></b>	<b><math>0.783^{+0.118}_{-0.095}</math></b>
CC+ $H_0^{TRGB}$	$0.573^{+0.165}_{-0.096}$	$0.552^{+0.161}_{-0.099}$	$0.564^{+0.167}_{-0.102}$	$0.537^{+0.159}_{-0.098}$
CC+SN+ $H_0^{TRGB}$	$0.633^{+0.149}_{-0.091}$	$0.624^{+0.148}_{-0.094}$	$0.629^{+0.148}_{-0.094}$	$0.622^{+0.148}_{-0.094}$
CC+SN+BAO+ $H_0^{TRGB}$	$0.703^{+0.099}_{-0.079}$	$0.693^{+0.109}_{-0.085}$	$0.695^{+0.112}_{-0.087}$	$0.699^{+0.106}_{-0.084}$
CC+ $H_0^{HW}$	$0.556^{+0.120}_{-0.083}$	$0.544^{+0.122}_{-0.085}$	$0.551^{+0.124}_{-0.087}$	$0.531^{+0.121}_{-0.085}$
CC+SN+ $H_0^{HW}$	$0.679^{+0.196}_{-0.104}$	$0.666^{+0.197}_{-0.107}$	$0.671^{+0.200}_{-0.108}$	$0.661^{+0.201}_{-0.107}$
CC+SN+BAO+ $H_0^{HW}$	$0.752^{+0.106}_{-0.085}$	$0.740^{+0.116}_{-0.091}$	$0.743^{+0.119}_{0.094}$	$0.745^{+0.113}_{-0.091}$

$Z_t$

# Square Exponential $w(z)$ GP



# Propagating $f(T(z))$ with GP data

- The Friedmann equation contains  $f_T$  which **need to be** 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

# Boundary Conditions

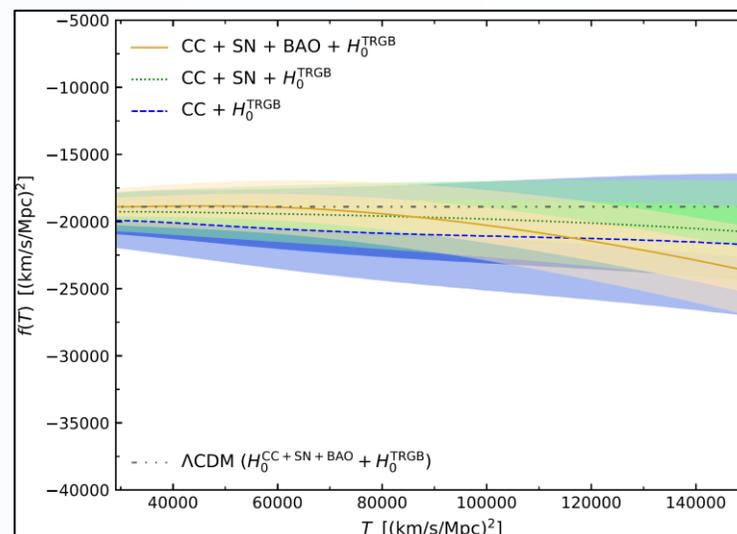
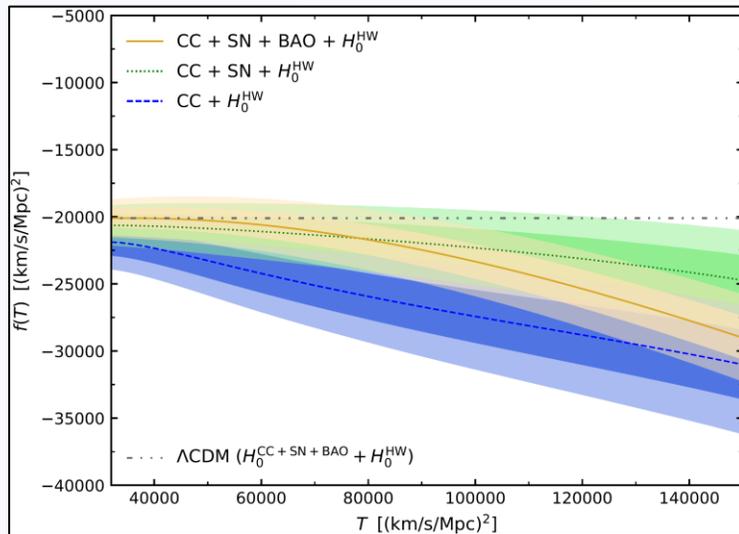
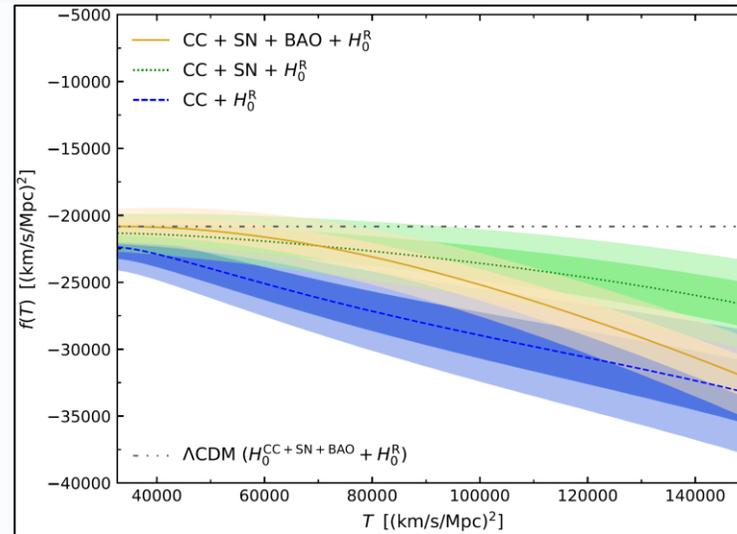
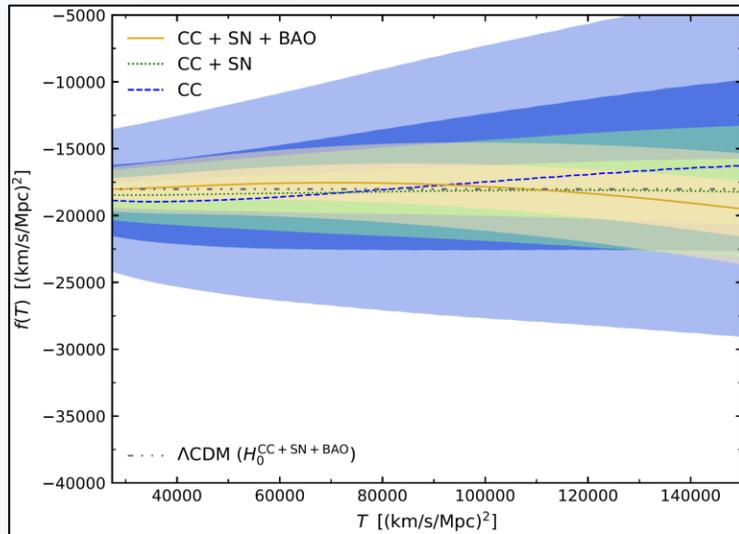
$\Lambda$ CDM (or  $f(T) = \Lambda$ ) works at late cosmological times

This implies that

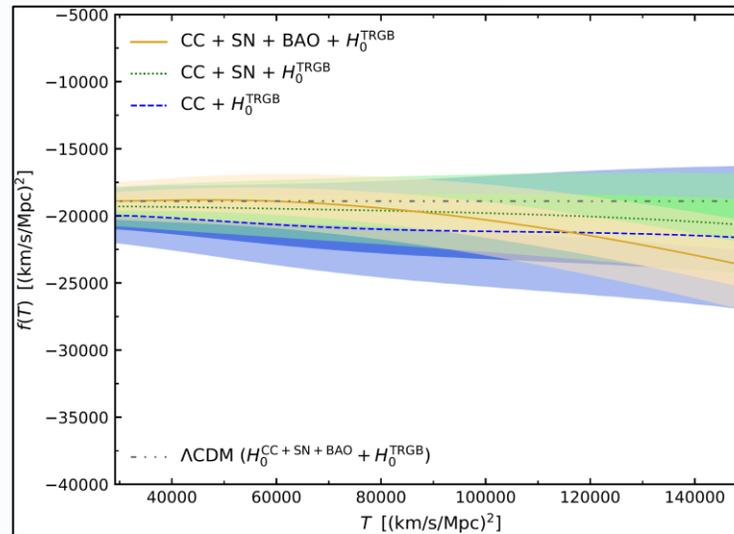
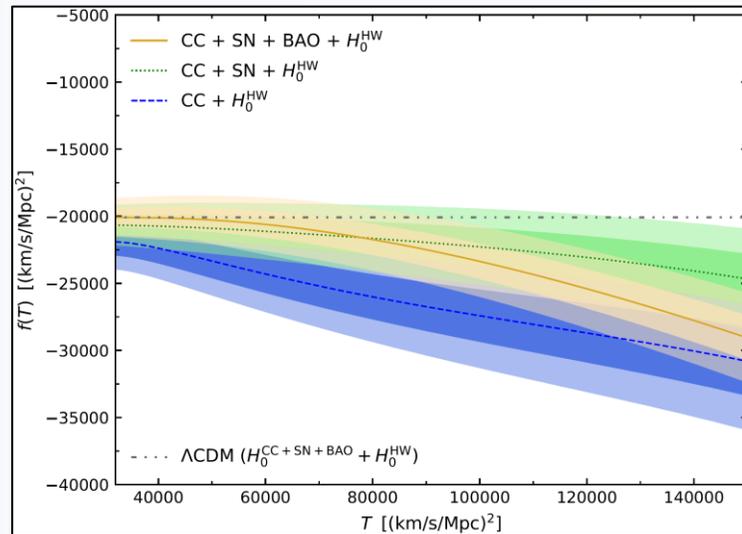
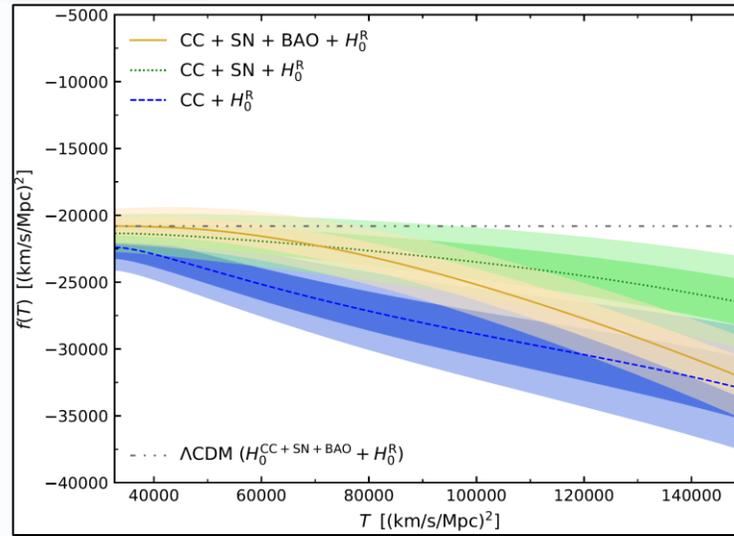
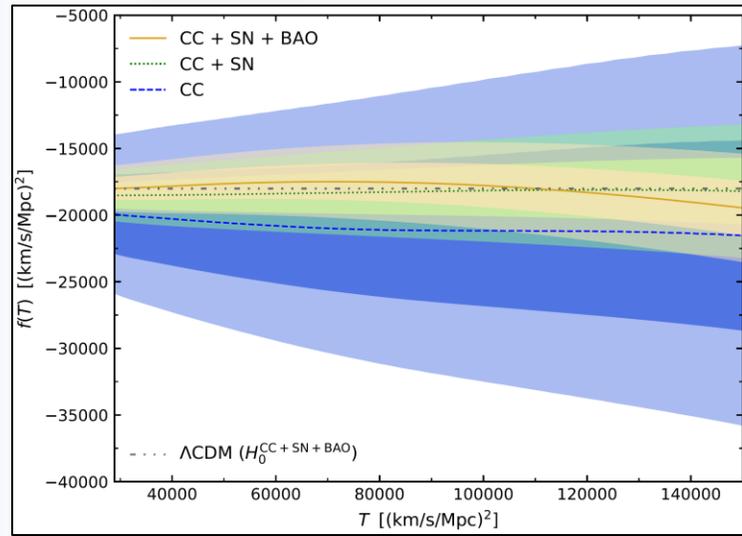
$$f_T(z \simeq 0) \simeq 0$$

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

# Square Exponential $f(T)$ GP

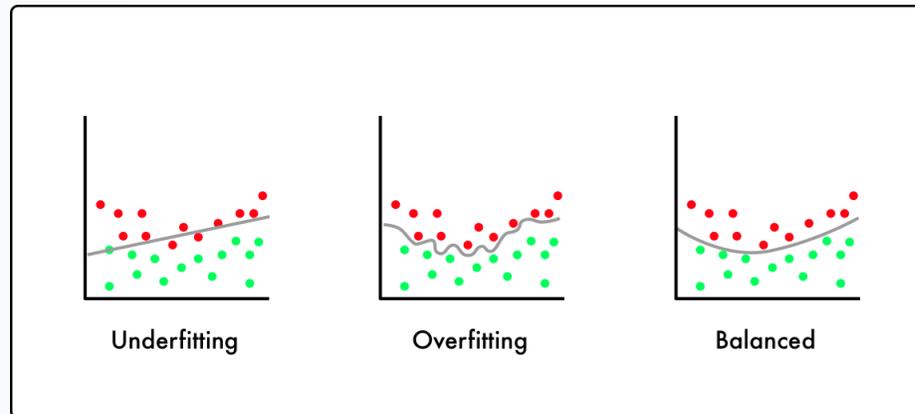


# Cauchy $f(T)$ GP

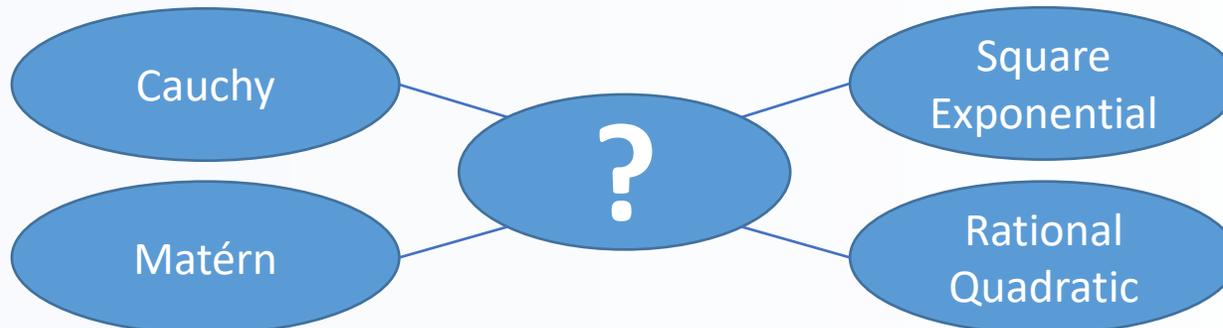


# Open Problems with GP Reconstructions

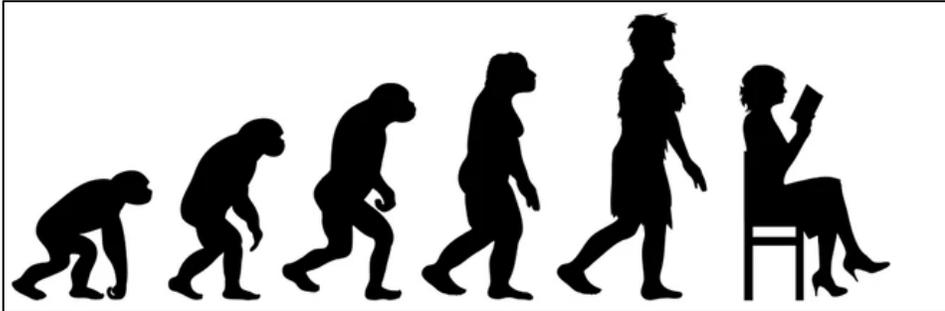
- **Overfitting at origin**: GP is very prone to overfitting for small data sets, which is especially pronounced at the origin, i.e. Hubble constant



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



# Genetic Algorithms (GAs)



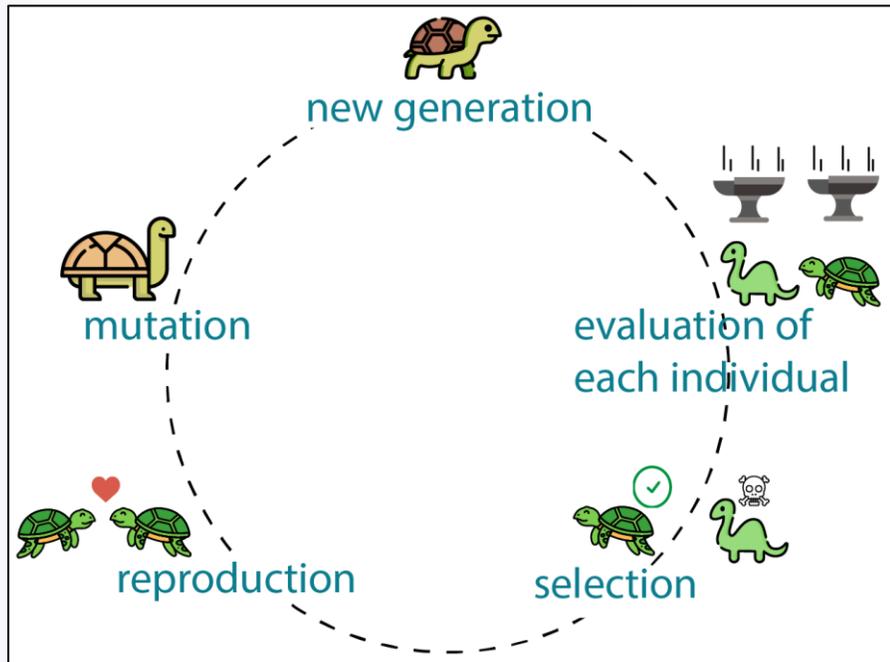
**Fitness function:** Score to characterize the performance of each generation (BIC inspired)

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

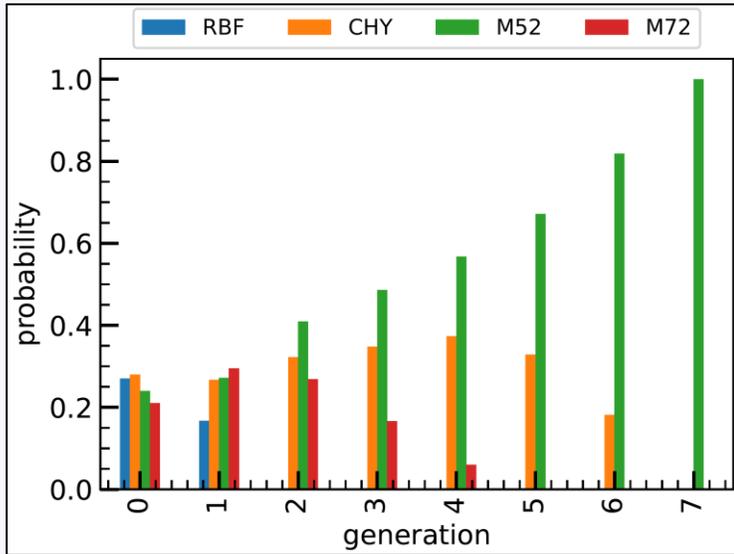
**Selection:** Population that will survive

**Crossover:** Inheritance of kernels

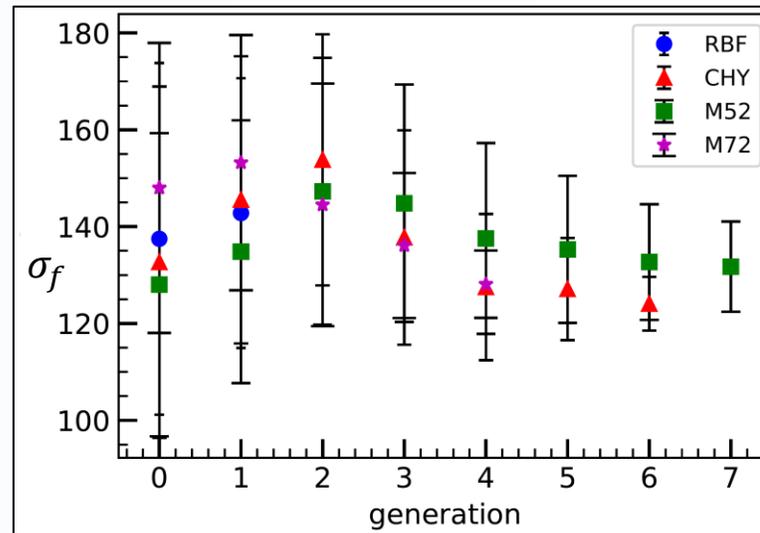
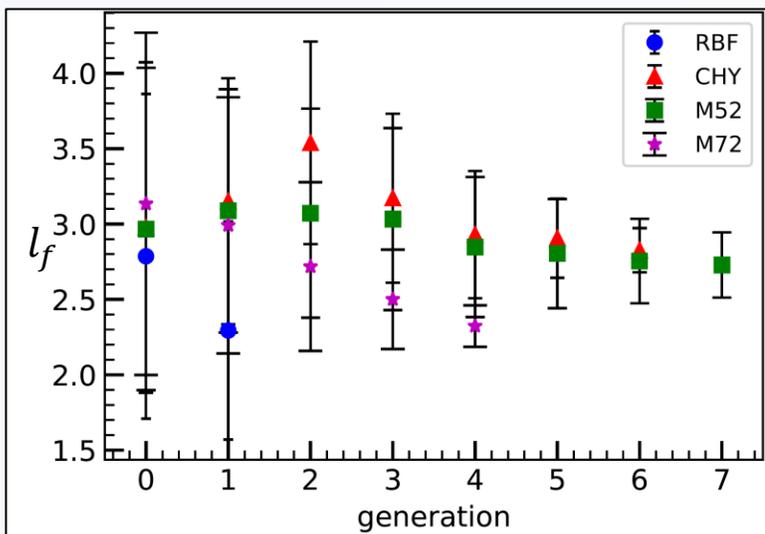
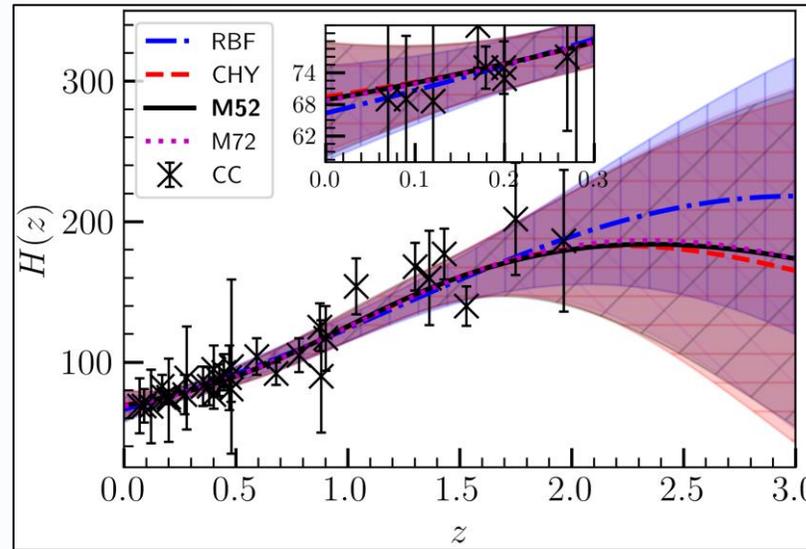
**Mutation:** Changes in addition to crossover



# Genetic Algorithms (GAs)



CC dataset

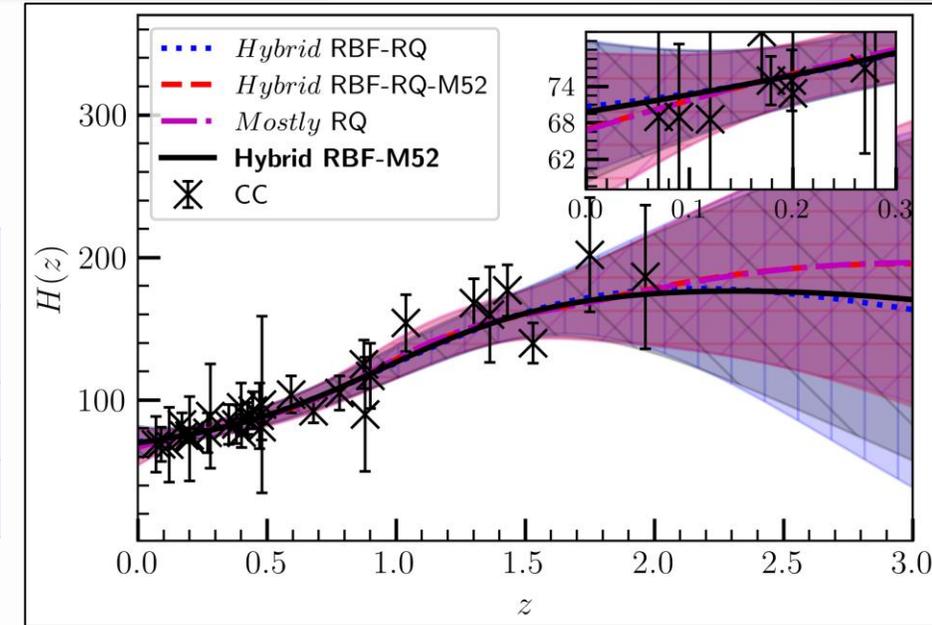


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# Trials for GAs

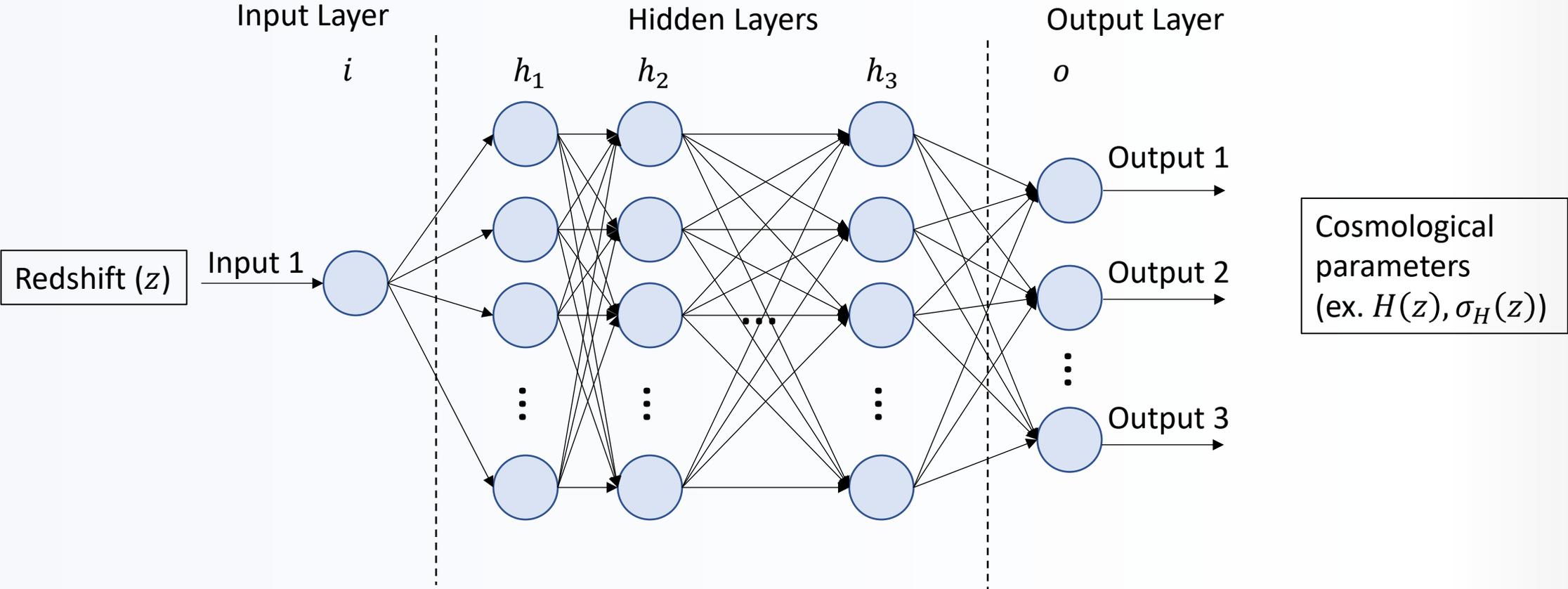
Trial	Population size	Selection rate	Mutation rate	No. of generations	Best fitness
1	$10^4$	0.5	0.15	$10^1$	-143.5
2	$10^4$	0.3	0.30	$10^1$	-148.5
3	$10^3$	0.1	0.10	$10^2$	-143.4
4	$10^3$	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.50</b>	<b><math>10^2</math></b>	<b>-141.8</b>

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>



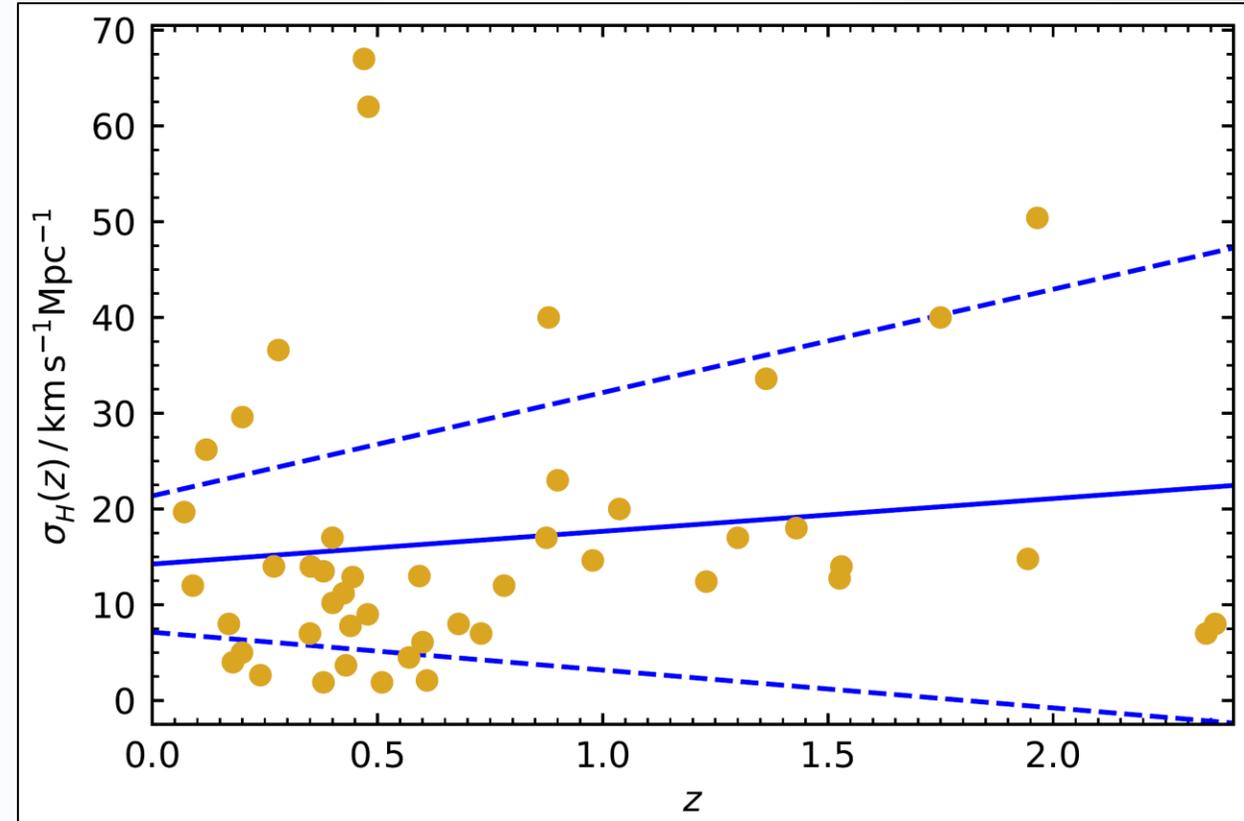
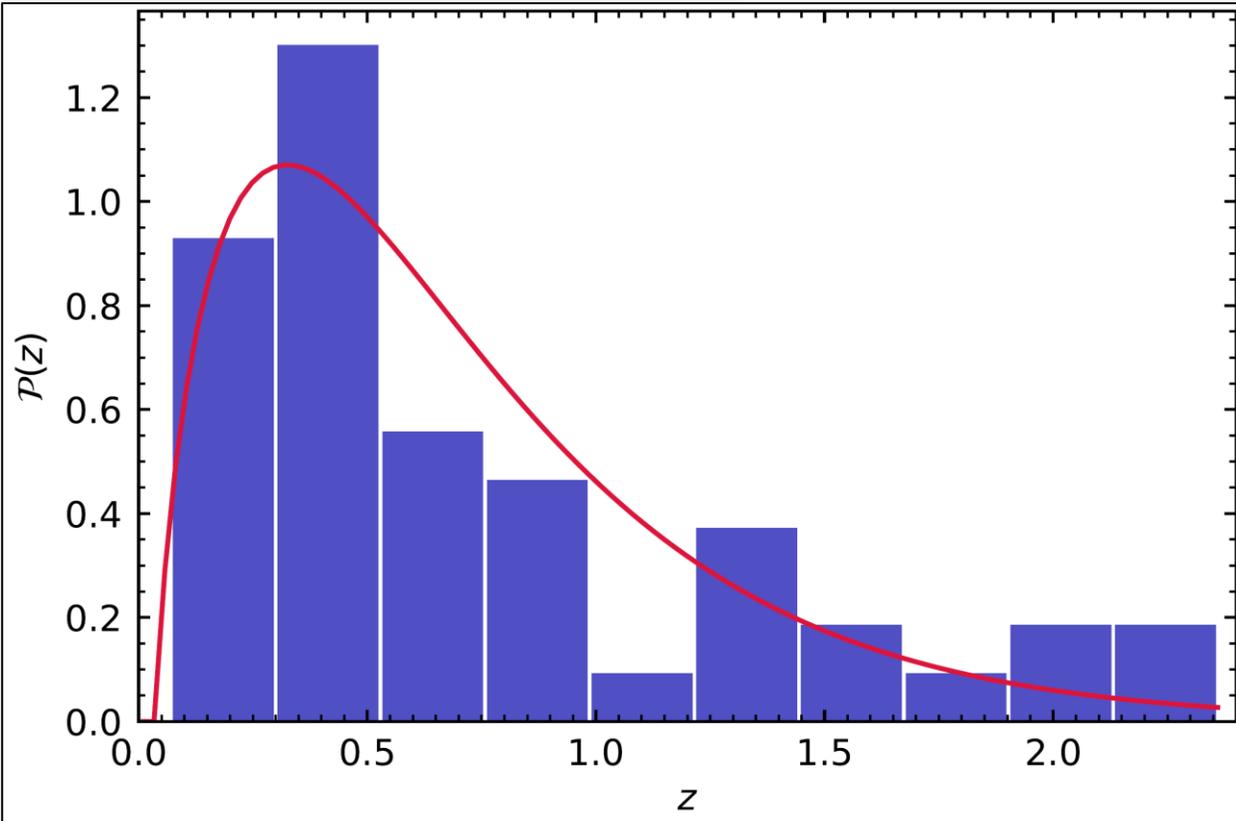
$$\text{Penalty} = \frac{k_{\text{eff}} \ln N}{2}$$

# Artificial Neural Networks (ANNs)



# Training Data for the ANN

CC+BAO dataset



This observes the gamma distribution:

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

**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

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

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

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

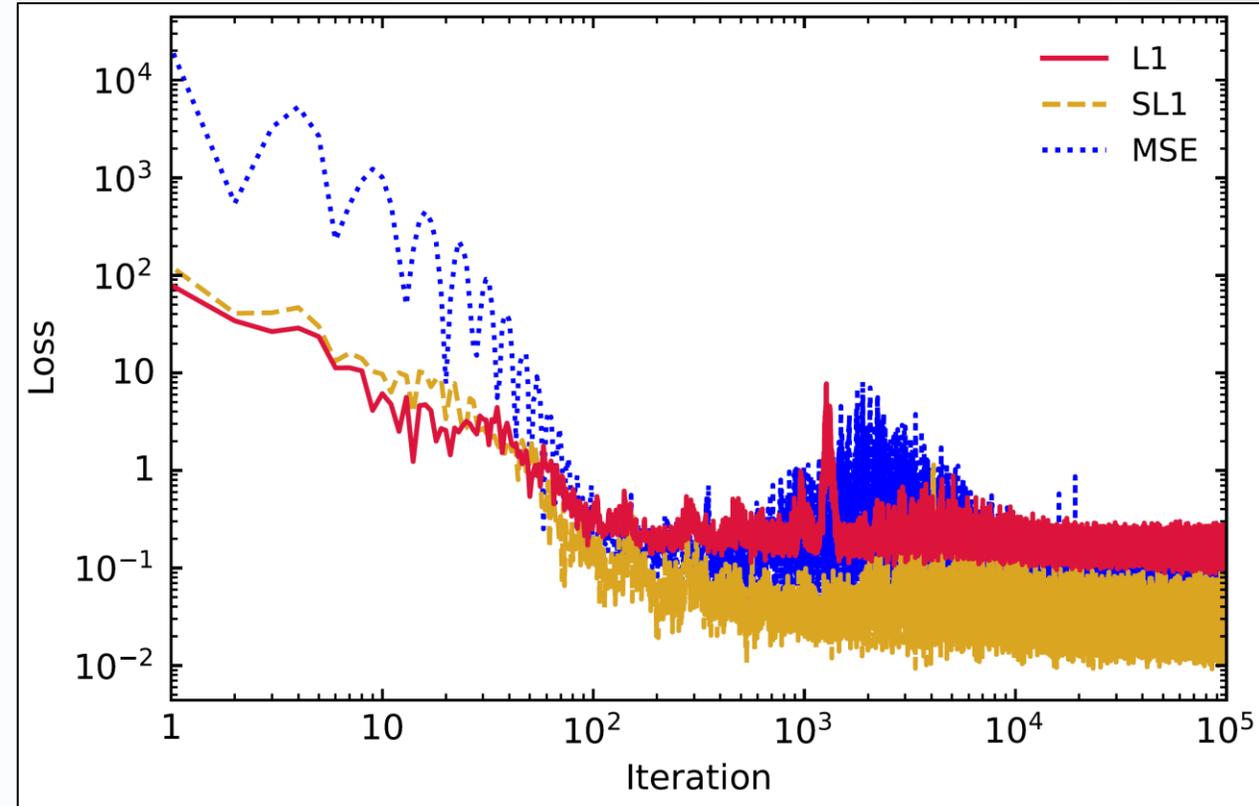
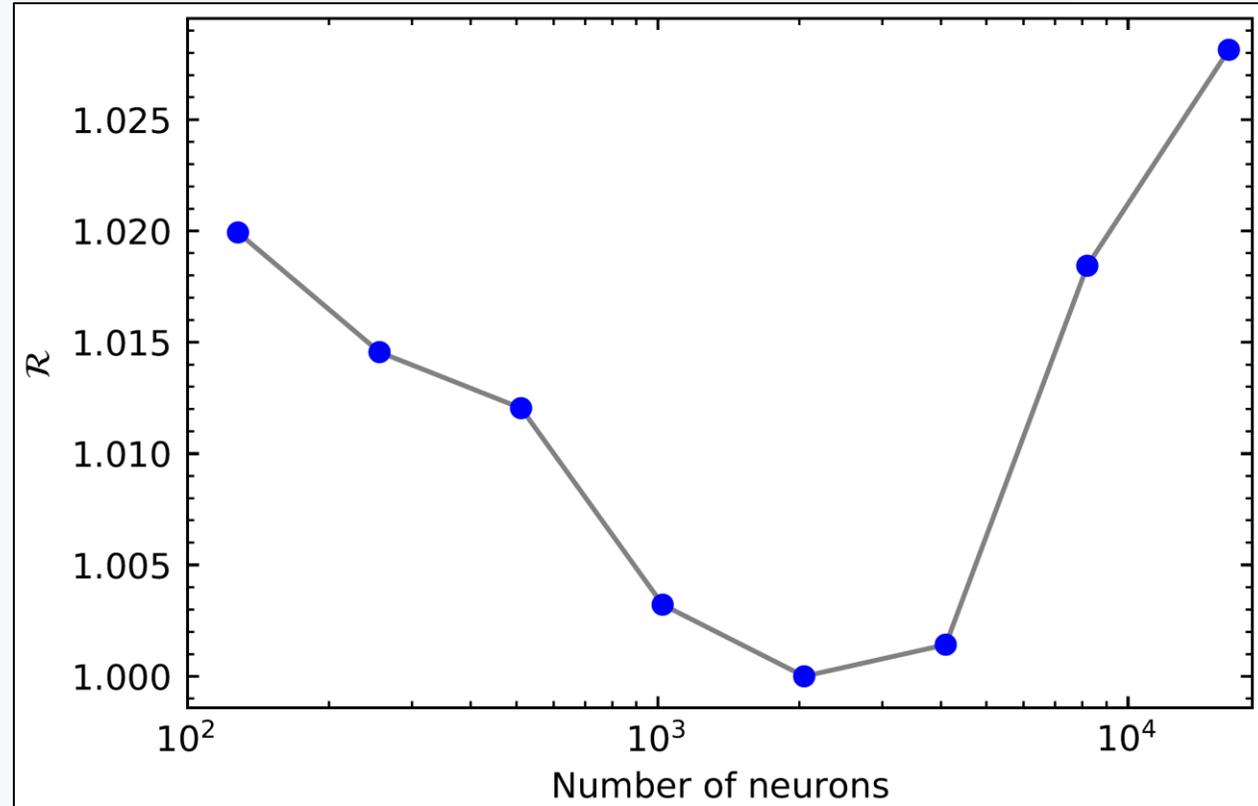
$$\text{L1} = \sum_{i=1}^N |H_{Obs}(z_i) - H_{pred}(z_i)|$$

2. Smoothed L1 (**SL1**)

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

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

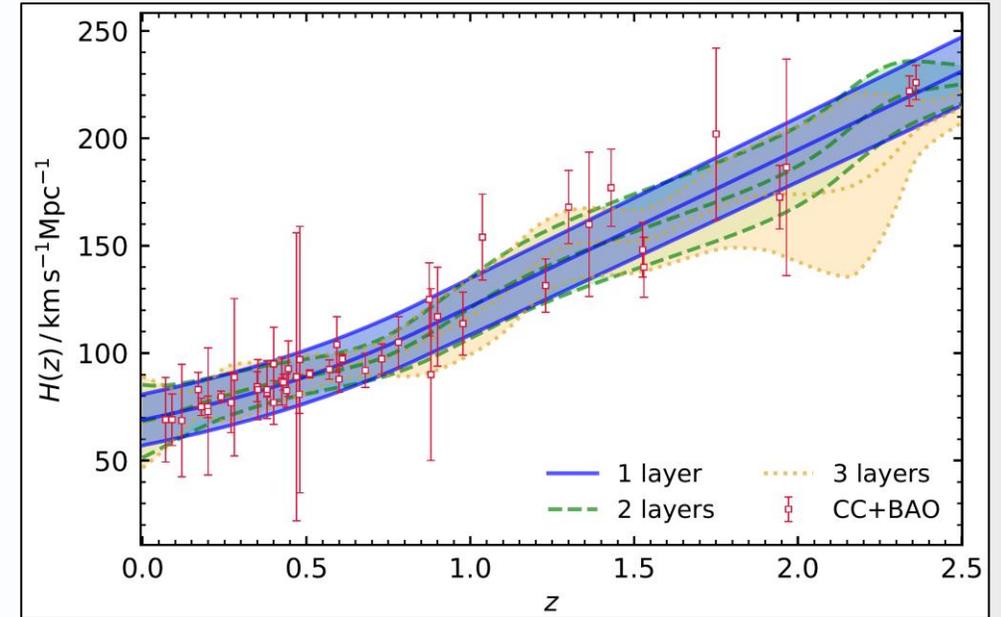
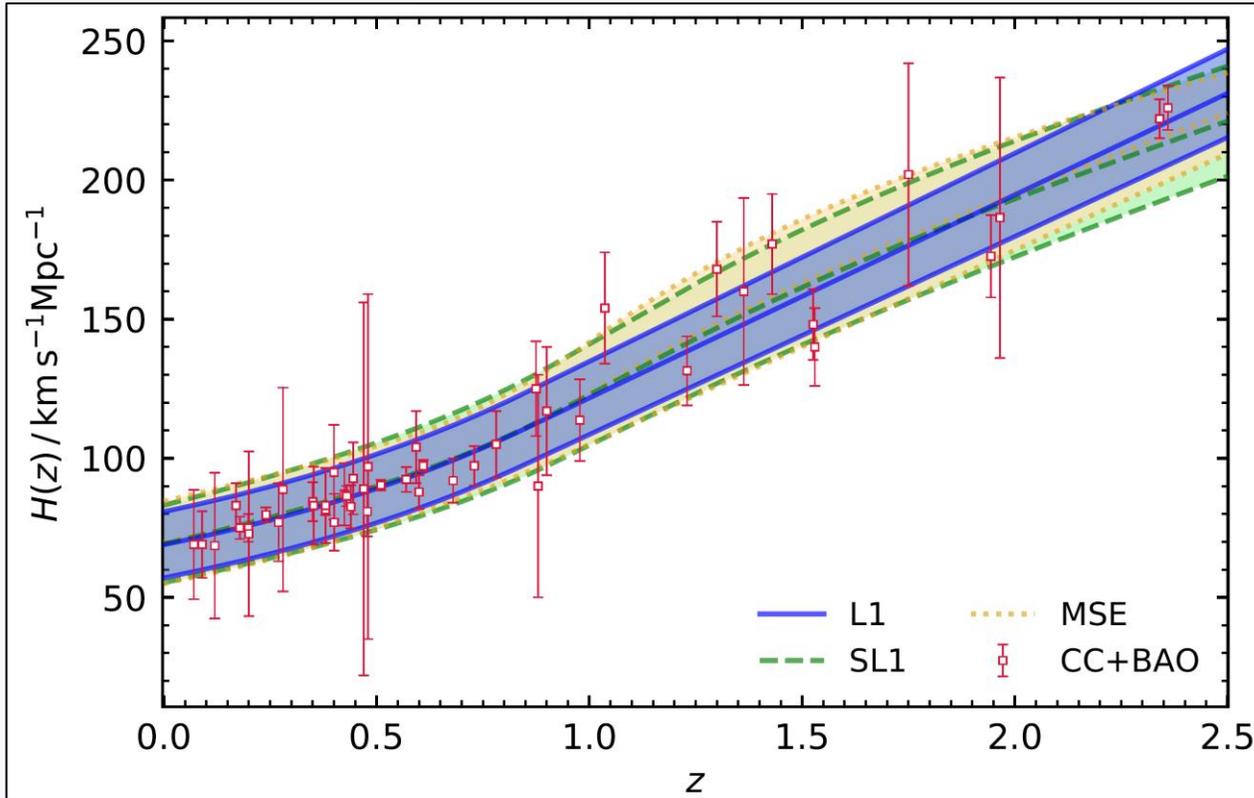
# Building the ANN



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

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# Using the ANN



**One layer is preferred**

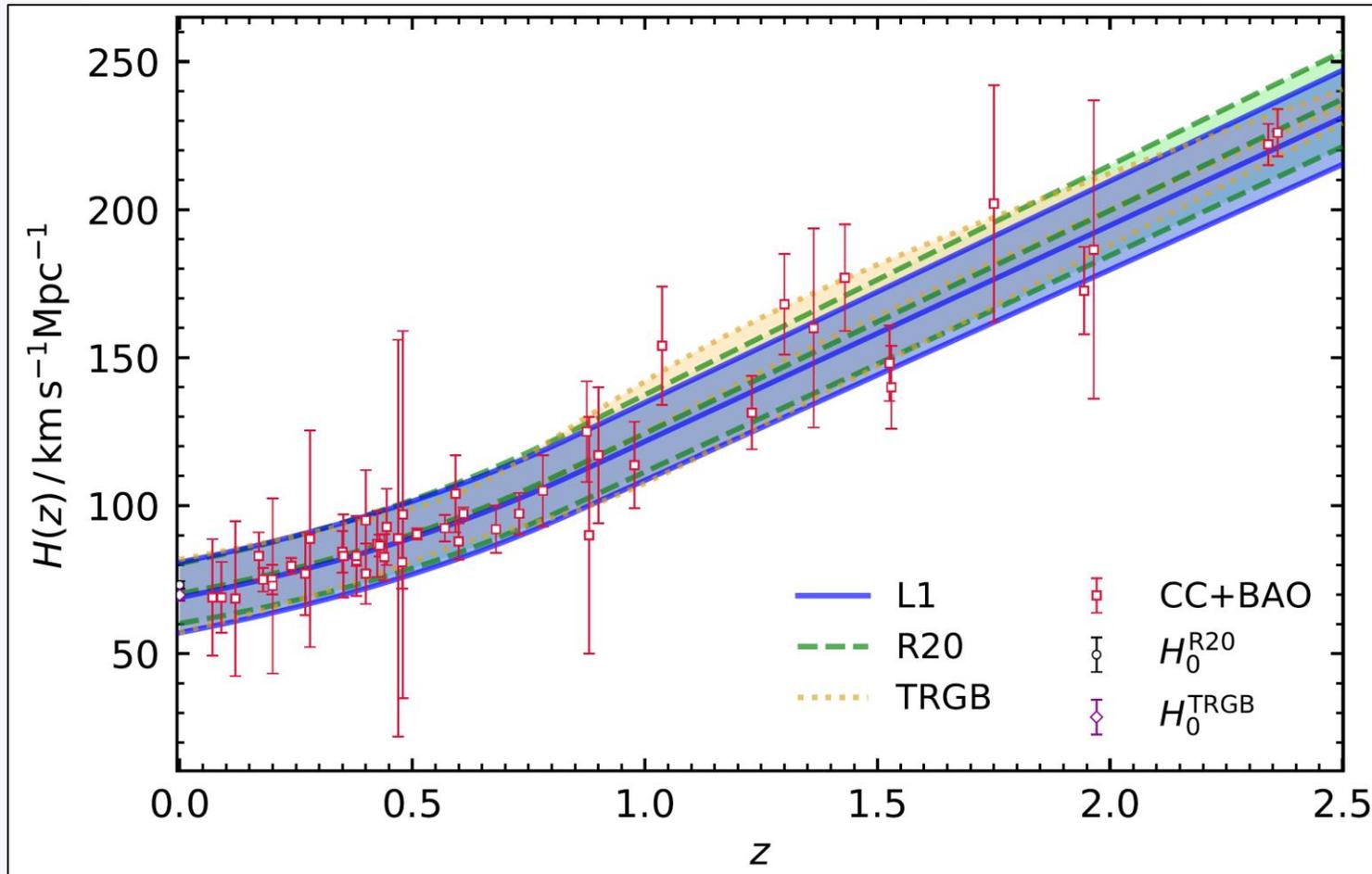
**MSE:**  $H_0 = 69.76 \pm 14.82 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{Mpc}^{-1}$

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

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

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# What about priors?



Priors:

$$H_0^{R20} = 73.2 \pm 1.3 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

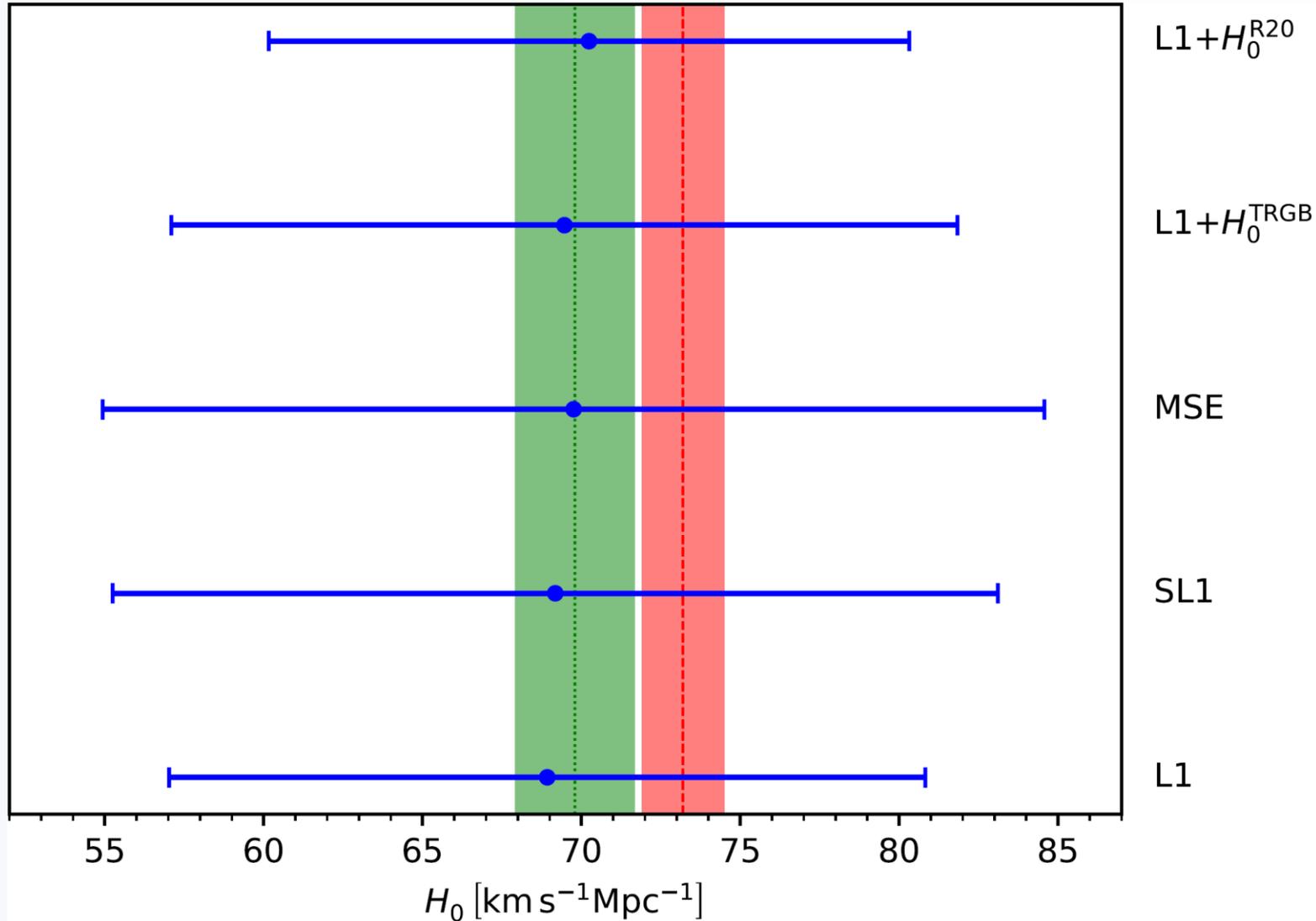
$$H_0^{TRGB} = 69.8 \pm 1.9 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

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# Whisker Plot of Results



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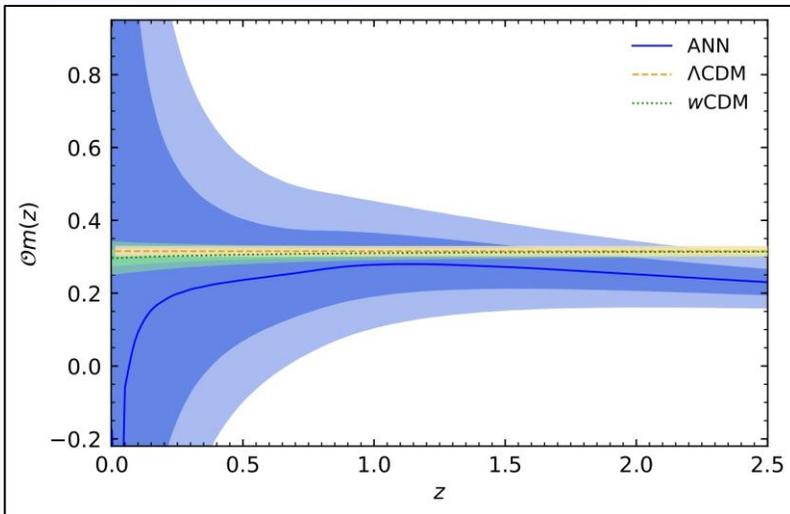
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# Diagnostic Testing on $\Omega_m$

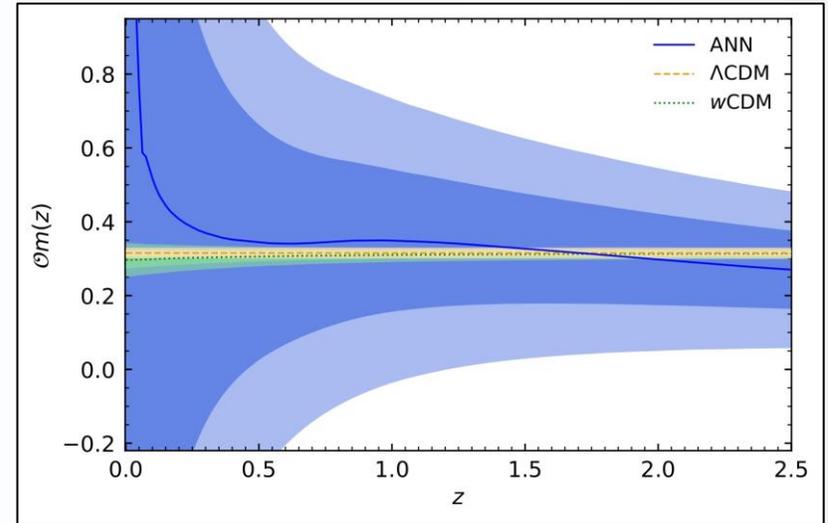
Null Testing:

$$\mathcal{O}m(z) = \frac{(H(z)/H_0)^2 - 1}{(1+z)^3 - 1} \xrightarrow{\Lambda\text{CDM}} \Omega_{m,0}$$



SHOES prior

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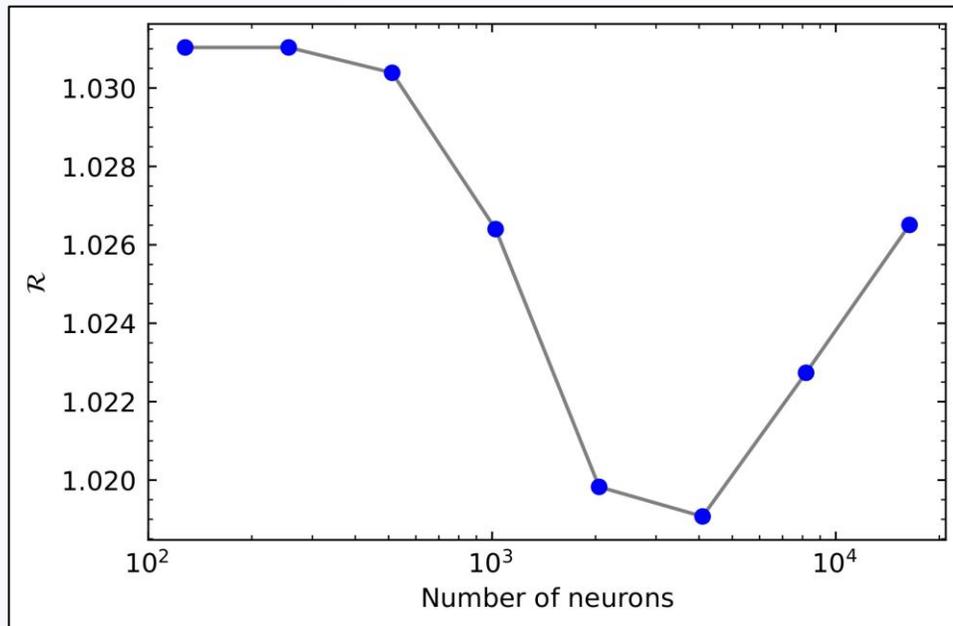


TRGB prior

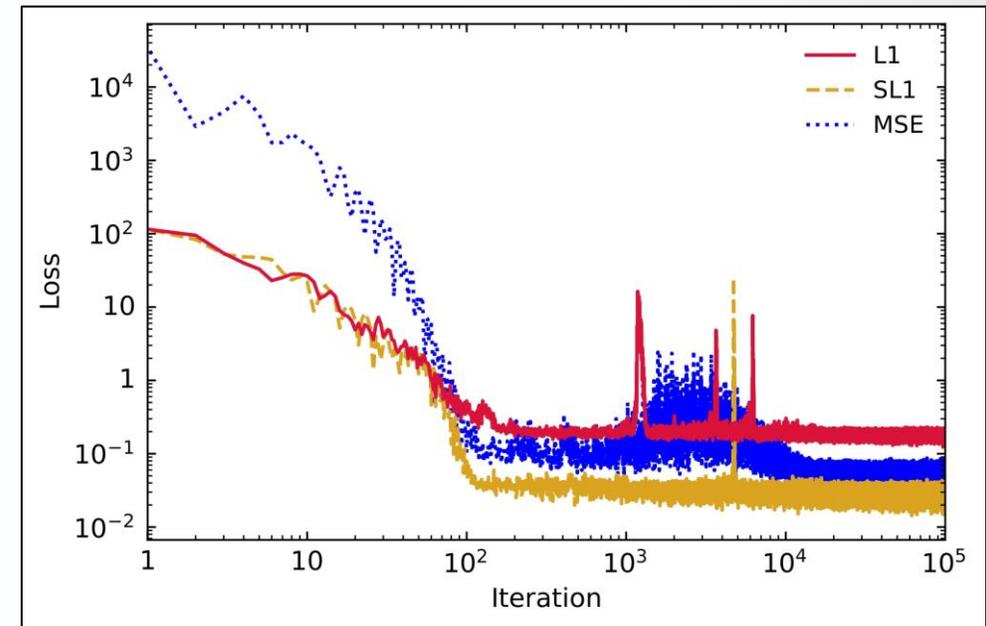
# ANN Design for $f\sigma_8$ Reconstruction

Matter perturbation evolution:

$$\delta_m''(a) + \left( \frac{3}{a} + \frac{H'(a)}{H(a)} \right) \delta_m'(a) - \frac{3}{2} \frac{\Omega_m(a)}{a^2} \rho_m \delta_m(a) = 0$$



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# Reconstructing $f\sigma_8$ using ANNs

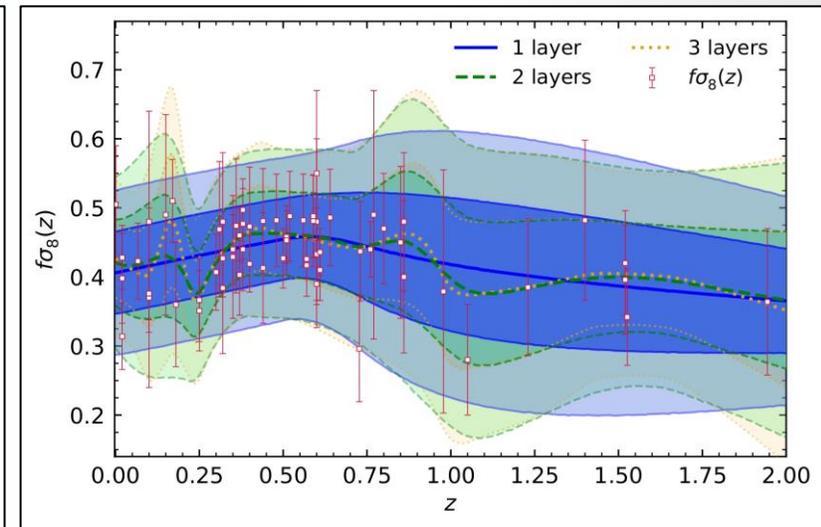
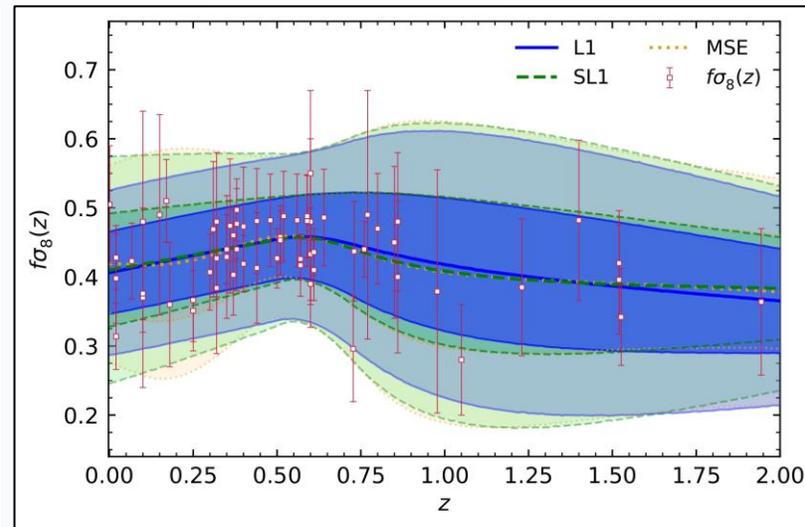
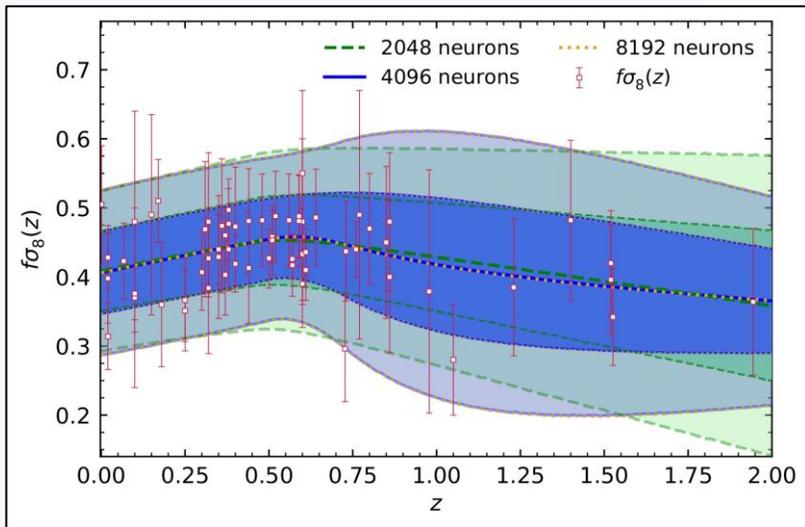
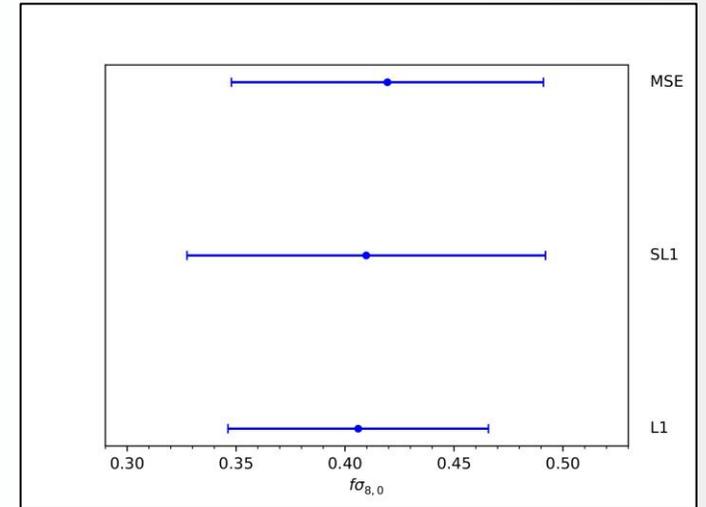
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**Structure and matter fluctuation equations:**

$$f(z) = \frac{d \ln \delta(z)}{d \ln a} \quad \sigma_8(z) = \sigma_{8,0} \frac{\delta(z)}{\delta_0}$$

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# Conclusion and Prospects

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- **Cosmological observations** indicate that we may need to re-visit our **gravitational foundations**
- **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 can fix problems in **traditional modified gravity**

# Thank You

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