Model Independent Methods for Cosmological Inference

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Era of Precision Cosmology

We try to reconstruct and understand the dynamics of the universe and properties of its constituents using various measurements and statistical techniques. Phenomenological and then theoretical works can follow to place constraints on suggested models and their parameters.

Baryon density

Dark Matter: density and characteristics

FLRWZ

Neutrino species, mass and radiation density

Dark Energy: density, model and parameters

Curvature of the Universe

Initial Conditions: Form of the Primordial Spectrum and Model of Inflation and its Parameters

Epoch of reionization

Hubble Parameter and the Rate of Expansion

What do we do?

- There are various reconstruction approaches, parametric and non-parametric.
- There have been many phenomenological and theoretical models proposed (recently, to alleviate tensions).

Reconstruction \rightarrow Phenomenology \rightarrow Theory

- There have been continuous attempts looking for systematics in various data.
- These models/reconstructions can be very different.
 How do we compare them?

Consistency of a proposed model and the data:

Frequentist Approach:

Assuming a proposed model, the probability of the observed data must not be insignificant. Best is to do large number of careful simulations based on a well defined covariance error-matrix.

Bayesian Approach:

Priors and simplicity of the proposed model *also* matters (in model comparison)

Chi square analysis plays a crucial role in calculation of the likelihood in both approaches

Why things are more complicated than what we think...

Likelihood

We are interested to calculate the probability of the observed data given the model.

$$\chi^{2} = \sum_{i}^{N} (\mu_{i}^{t} - \mu_{i}^{e})^{T} Cov^{-1} (\mu_{i}^{t} - \mu_{i}^{e})$$

$$P(\chi^2;N) = \frac{2^{-N/2}}{\Gamma(N/2)} \chi^{N-2} e^{-\chi^2/2}$$

$$Prob(\chi^2;N) = \int_{\chi^2}^\infty P(\chi^2;N) d\chi'^2.$$



When data is uncorrelated



What if the exact form of the error matrix is not known?



e.g. The case of Type la supernovae

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Likelihood and Model Fitting

When number of data points is more than ~30 one can use relative chi square for likelihood analysis and N, number of free parameters of the fitting function, will become the degrees of freedom.

$$\chi^{2} = \sum_{i}^{N} (\mu_{i}^{t} - \mu_{i}^{e})^{T} Cov^{-1} (\mu_{i}^{t} - \mu_{i}^{e})$$

In likelihood estimation:

$$\chi^{2} \longrightarrow \Delta \chi^{2}$$
$$\Delta \chi^{2} = \chi^{2} - \chi^{2}_{best}$$

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Bayesian Analysis

- Bayesian approach provides the means to incorporate prior knowledge in data analysis.
- Bayes' s law states that the posterior probability is proportional to the product of the likelihood and the prior probability.

Posterior probability and the priors:

Likelihood

Prior probability

$$p(x|d) = \frac{p(d|x)p(x)}{p(d)}$$

Posterior probability

Normalization factor

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Bayesian Evidence and Model Selection

• Bayesian evidence: Integral of (likelihood)x(prior) over the parameter space: $Z = \int L(\theta)\pi(\theta)d\theta$

• Bayes factor: Ratio of the evidence of the two models: $\Delta \log Z = \log Z(M_1) - \log Z(M_2)$

Supports Model 1 over Model 2 when $\Delta log Z$ have a positive value

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How reliable are 1 these scales?



Standard Model of Cosmology

Universe is Flat Let's solve Hubble tension with evolving DE! Universe is Isotropic Universe is Homogeneous Dark Energy is Lambda (w=-1) Power-Law primordial spectrum (n s=const) Dark Matter is cold All within framework of FLRW

Tensions in the Standard Model

It is not only about H0 and CMB





DESI-Y1 (2024), arXiv:2404.03002



Phenomenologically Emergent Dark Energy (PEDE)



No Dark Energy in the past and it acts as an emergent phenomena:

Allows lower rate of expansion in the past and higher rate of expansion at late times

$$\Omega_{\rm DE}(z) = \Omega_{\rm DE,0} \times \left[1 - \tanh\left(\log_{10}(1+z)\right)\right]$$

$$\begin{split} w(z) &= -\frac{1}{3\ln 10} \times \frac{1 - \tanh^2 \left[\log_{10}(1+z)\right]}{1 - \tanh \left[\log_{10}\left(1+z\right)\right]} - 1 \\ &= -\frac{1}{3\ln 10} \times \left(1 + \tanh \left[\log_{10}\left(1+z\right)\right]\right) - 1. \end{split}$$

Li and Shafieloo, ApJ Lett 2019

Generalized Emergent Dark Energy (GEDE)

$$\widetilde{\Omega}_{\rm DE}(z) = \Omega_{\rm DE,0} \frac{1 - \tanh\left(\Delta \times \log_{10}\left(\frac{1+z}{1+z_t}\right)\right)}{1 + \tanh\left(\Delta \times \log_{10}(1+z_t)\right)}$$

-Has one degree of freedom for DE sector

$$w(z) = -\frac{\Delta}{3\ln 10} \times \left(1 + \tanh\left(\Delta \times \log_{10}\left(\frac{1+z}{1+z_t}\right)\right)\right) - 1.$$

6 $\Delta = -1$ $\Delta = 0 (\Lambda CDM)$ 5 $\Delta = 1$ (PEDE) $\Delta = 10$ 4 3 Ż 2 0 -1 0.4 0.6 0.2 0.8 0.0 1.0 $\Omega_{m,0}$

 $\Omega_{\rm DE}(z_t) = \Omega_{m,0}(1+z_t)^3$

-LCDM and PEDE are both included at special limits

$$\Delta = 0$$

 $\Delta = 1$

Li and Shafieloo, ApJ 2020 (arXiv:2001.05103)

Generalized Emergent Dark Energy (GEDE)

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Planck 2018+BAO+R19	7.9
Planck 2018+JLA	-0.2
Planck 2018+Pantheon	-0.9
Planck 2018+BAO+JLA+R19	6.1
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Full analysis using various combination of the data

$\Delta \log Z$	Evidence against M_1
0 to 1	Negligible
1 to 3	Positive
3 to 5	Strong
> 5	Very strong

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Current tensions allow us to find models statistically better (?) than LCDM but are all tensions resolved?

Model Comparison: Bayesian evidence analysis in strong support of emergent dark energy

No!

W. Yang, et al, PRD 2021 [arXiv:2103.03815]

True for any successful evolving DE model!

Distribution of Bayesian Evidence:

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On The Distribution of Bayesian Evidences

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ABSTRACT

We look at the distribution of the Bayesian evidence for mock realizations of supernova and baryon acoustic oscillation data. The ratios of Bayesian evidences of different models are often used to perform model selection. The significance of these Bayes factors are then interpreted using scales such as the Jeffreys or Kass & Raftery scale. First, we demonstrate how to use the evidence itself to validate the model, that is to say how well a model fits the data, regardless of how well other models perform. The basic idea is that if, for some real dataset a model's evidence lies outside the distribution of evidences that result when the same fiducial model that generates the dataset is used for the analysis, then the model in question is robustly ruled out. Further, we show how to assess the significance of a hypothetically computed Bayes factor. We show that the range of the distribution of Bayes factors can greatly depend on the models in question and also the number of data points in the dataset.

Key words: dark energy - cosmological parameters - methods: statistical

Keeley and Shafieloo, MNRAS 2022

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Data with worse quality

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See also:

Starkman et al, arXiv:0811.2415 Jenkins & Peacock, MNRAS 2011; Nesseris & Garcia-Bellido, JCAP 2013; Joachimi et al., A&A 2021;

Model Validation

Bayesian evidence approach is solid but only can find the better model among the candidates (or less wrong model/ranking models) Importance of Model Validation

$\Delta \log Z > 3$	PEDE consistent	PEDE ruled-out
ΛCDM consistent	6	994
ΛCDM ruled-out	0	0
$\Delta \log Z > 5$	PEDE consistent	PEDE ruled-out
ΛCDM consistent	89	911
ΛCDM ruled-out	0	0

Conventional Bayesian Evidence Approach

Both models are wrong! Point 4

→When true model is unknown, finding a statistical anchor is not trivial

→One can attempt using reliable non-parametric/model independent reconstructions

Koo, Keeley, Shafieloo, L'Huillier, JCAP 2022

Iterative Smoothing Method

- The non-parametric method to reconstruct the distance modulus and expansion history of the universe Shafieloo et al. 2006, 2018; Shafieloo. 2007; Shafieloo & Clarkson 2010
- Starts from initial guess of distance modulus, but generates model-independent reconstruction of distance modulus with lower χ^2 value after numerous iterations

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_{n+1}(z) = \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_n(z) + \frac{\delta \boldsymbol{\mu}_n^T \cdot \mathbf{C}^{-1} \cdot \boldsymbol{W}(z)}{\mathbf{1}^T \cdot \mathbf{C}^{-1} \cdot \boldsymbol{W}(z)} \quad (\mathbf{C}: \text{ Covariance matrix of the data})$$
$$\mathbf{1}^T = (1, \cdots, 1), \boldsymbol{W}_i(z) = \exp\left(-\frac{\ln^2(\frac{1+z}{1+z_i})}{2\Delta^2}\right), \delta \boldsymbol{\mu}_n|_i = \boldsymbol{\mu}_i - \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_n(z_i) \quad (\Delta: \text{ Smoothing width})$$

$$\chi_n^2 = \boldsymbol{\delta \mu_n}^T \cdot \mathbf{C}^{-1} \cdot \boldsymbol{\delta \mu_n}$$

- Derive the **likelihood distribution** function $P(\Delta \chi^2)$ (for a large number of data realizations), where $\Delta \chi^2 = \chi^2_{smooth} \chi^2_{best-fit}$, when the true model is assumed Koo et al. 2021, JCAP, 03, 034
- χ^2_{smooth} : χ^2 of the converged reconstruction using smoothing method
- $\chi^2_{\text{best-fit}}$: Best-fit χ^2 of the correct model fits the data

Testing Models based on Likelihood Distribution

- $P(\Delta \chi^2)$ have no dependence on the true model and depends only on the covariance matrix of the data \rightarrow One $\Delta \chi^2$ for given confidence (Ruler) _{Koo et al. 2021, JCAP, 03, 034}
- The model being tested is ruled out if the $\Delta \chi^2$ value is lower than the ruler



Likelihood distributions exclude both models



95% CL	PEDE consistent	PEDE ruled-out	
ACDM consistent	2	82	
ΛCDM ruled-out	0	916	
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99% CL ACDM consistent	PEDE consistent 14	PEDE ruled-out 193	

Non-parametric reconstruction and Model Validation

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One can design robust statistical approaches for model validation

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Iterative smoothing validation approach

Koo, Keeley, Shafieloo, L'Huillier, JCAP 2022

Application of model validation

Ruling Out New Physics at Low Redshift as a solution to the H0 Tension



Exploring an **extensive** physical space with Crossing functions for validation (Chebyshev polynomials) Keeley and Shafieloo, Phys. Rev. Lett, 2023

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Even in such extensive physical space, inference on H0 is not consistent with SH0ES.

Keeley and Shafieloo, Phys. Rev. Lett, 2023

Application of model validation

Isn't it suspicious that nothing works?!



maybe there are some systematics somewhere?

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Validation of a large number of models can hints towards systematic

(Present) Lets talk about tensions again...

Standard Model of Cosmology

On Importance of Universe is Flat non-parametric Universe is Isotropic and Model Independent Universe is Homogeneous Reconstruction Dark Energy is Lambda (w=-1) Power-Law primordial spectrum (n s=const) When we don't know Dark Matter is cold what to look for! All within framework of FLRW Point 5

Let's Reconstruction Leads the way! Point 5 Model Independent Reconstruction of Primordial Spectrum



Figure 4. Reconstruction of the shape of the primordial power spectrum in 16 bands after marginalising over the Hubble constant, baryon and dark matter densities, and the redshift of reionization.







Beyond Power-Law: there are some other models consistent to the data.



Individual likelihoods comparison						
Individual	Baseline	WWI-a	WWI-b	WWI-c	WWI-d	WWI′
likelihood		$\Delta_{\mathrm{DOF}} = 4$	$\Delta_{\mathrm{DOF}} = 4$	$\Delta_{\mathrm{DOF}} = 4$	$\Delta_{\mathrm{DOF}} = 4$	$\Delta_{ m DOF}=2$
TT	761.1	762	761.9	762.8	762.8	762.4
lowT	15.4	8.2	13.4	12.1	13	10.2
Total	778.1	772.1 (-6)	777 (-1.1)	777 (-1.1)	778.4(0.3)	775 (-3.1)
EE	751.2	748.8	747.2	748.6	750.2	746.8
lowTEB	10493.6	10490	10495.6	10492.4	10495.7	10492.2
Total	11248.8	11241.8 (-7)	11246.2 (-2.6)	11244.5 (-4.3)	11249.3(0.5)	11242.3 (-6.5)
TTTEEE	2431.7	2432.7	2422.6	2427.8	2421.7	2426.5
lowTEB	10497	10490.8	10495.1	10493.4	10495.3	10492.7
Total	12935.6	12929.5 (-6.1)	12924.2 (-11.4)	12927.6 (-8)	12923.4 (-12.2)	12925.2 (-10.4)
TT	764.5	763.6	762.2	764.4	762.9	762.8
EE	753.9	754.8	750.5	750.8	750.8	751
TE	932	933.4	928.7	929.2	927	928.8
lowTEB	10498.4	10490.4	10495.8	10493.7	10495.6	10492.4
BKP	41.6	42	42	42.6	41.8	42.9
Total	12997	12991 (-6)	12985.9 (-11.1)	12987.2 (-9.8)	12985(-12)	12985.1 (-11.9)
TTTEEE	2431.7	2432.8	2421.4	2426.7	2421	2425.7
lowTEB	10498.5	10490.5	10495.5	10493.6	10495.8	10492.6
BKP	41.6	42	42.7	42	41.9	42.5
Total	12978.3	12971.3 (-7)	12967.3 (-11)	12968.6 (-9.7)	12965 (-13.3)	12968.6 (-9.7)
TT (bin1)	8402.1	8404.1	8403.9	8405.2	8402.1	8401.9
lowT	15.4	8.3	13.3	11.9	13.2	10.3
Total	8419.6	8414.7 (-4.9)	8419.5 (-0.1)	8419.8 (0.2)	8418.1 (-1.5)	8414.4 (-5.2)
TTTEEE (bin1)	24158.2	24158.6	24149	24155	24148.4	24151.5
lowTEB	10497.6	10490.3	10493.4	10493.6	10495.3	10492.7
Total	34661.9	34655.3 (-6.6)	34650.5 (-11.4)	34654.4 (-7.5)	34649.5 (-12.4)	34650.6 (-11.3)

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Whipped Inflation

Hazra, Shafieloo, Smoot, JCAP 2013 Hazra, Shafieloo, Smoot, Starobinsky, JCAP 2014A Hazra, Shafieloo, Smoot, Starobinsky, JCAP 2014B Hazra, Shafieloo, Smoot, Starobinsky, Phys. Rev. Lett 2014 Hazra, Shafieloo, Smoot, Starobinsky, JCAP 2016 Hazra et al, JCAP 2018 Debono, Hazra, Shafieloo, Smoot, Starobinsky, MNRAS 2020 Hazra, Paoletti, Debono, Shafieloo, Smoot, Starobinsky, JCAP 2021



Forms of PPS and Effects on the Background Cosmology

- Flat Lambda Cold Dark Matter Universe (LCDM)
 with power–law form of the primordial spectrum
- It has 6 main parameters.

 $C_l = \sum G(l,k)P(k)$

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obs

 $P(k) = A_{\rm s} \left[\frac{k}{k}\right]^{n_{\rm s}-1}$

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Forms of PPS and Effects on the Background Cosmology

Cosmological parameter estimation with free form
 primordial power spectrum

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Direct Reconstruction of the Primordial Spectrum

Modified Richardson-Lucy Deconvolution

→ Iterative algorithm.
 → Not sensitive to the initial guess.
 → Enforce positivity of P(k).
 [G(l,k)] is positive definite and C₁ is positive]

$$C_\ell = \sum_i G_{\ell k_i} P_{k_i}$$

 $Q_{\ell} = \sum_{i} (C_{\ell'}^{\mathrm{D}} - C_{\ell'}^{\mathrm{T}(i)}) COV^{-1}(\ell, \ell'),$

$$P_{k}^{(i+1)} - P_{k}^{(i)} = P_{k}^{(i)} \times \left[\sum_{\ell=2}^{\ell=900} \widetilde{G}_{\ell k}^{\mathrm{un-binned}} \left\{ \left(\frac{C_{\ell}^{\mathrm{D}} - C_{\ell}^{\mathrm{T}(i)}}{C_{\ell}^{\mathrm{T}(i)}} \right) \, \tanh^{2} \left[Q_{\ell} (C_{\ell}^{\mathrm{D}} - C_{\ell}^{\mathrm{T}(i)}) \right] \right\}_{\mathrm{un-binned}} \\ + \sum_{\ell_{\mathrm{binned}} > 900} \widetilde{G}_{\ell k}^{\mathrm{binned}} \left\{ \left(\frac{C_{\ell}^{\mathrm{D}} - C_{\ell}^{\mathrm{T}(i)}}{C_{\ell}^{\mathrm{T}(i)}} \right) \, \tanh^{2} \left[\frac{C_{\ell}^{\mathrm{D}} - C_{\ell}^{\mathrm{T}(i)}}{\sigma_{\ell}^{\mathrm{D}}} \right]^{2} \right\}_{\mathrm{binned}} \right], \quad (1)$$

Shafieloo & Souradeep PRD 2004 ; Shafieloo et al, PRD 2007; Shafieloo & Souradeep, PRD 2008; Nicholson & Contaldi JCAP 2009 Hamann, Shafieloo & Souradeep JCAP 2010 Hazra, Shafieloo & Souradeep PRD 2013 Hazra, Shafieloo & Souradeep JCAP 2013 Hazra, Shafieloo & Souradeep JCAP 2014

Theoretical Implication: Importance of the Features in the primordial spectrum



Hazra, Shafieloo, Souradeep, JCAP 2019 Keeley et al, MNRAS 2020

Background Cosmological Parameters and PPS

We use the reconstructed PPS for parameter estimation, similar to what we do with PL.



One spectrum to cure them all: looking for signature from early Universe to solve major anomalies and tensions in cosmology





Curvature and A_lens anomalies



Hazra, Antony, Shafieloo : JCAP 2022



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Addressing Majour Anomalies and tensions

Point 5

Hazra, Antony, Shafieloo : JCAP 2022

Now we know what to look for!

Reconstruction → Phenomenology → Theory

See Antony, Finelli, Hazra, Shafieloo, Phys Rev Lett 2023, for theoretical implication

Reconstructing Dark Energy

To find cosmological quantities and parameters there are two general approaches:

1. Parametric methods

Easy to confront with cosmological observations to put constrains on the parameters, but the results are highly biased by the assumed models and parametric forms.

2. Non Parametric methods

Difficult to apply *properly* on the raw data, but the results will be less biased and more reliable and independent of theoretical models or parametric forms.

Problems of Dark Energy Parameterizations (model fitting)



Shafieloo, Alam, Sahni & Starobinsky, MNRAS 2006

Holsclaw et al, PRD 2011

$$w(z) = w_0 - w_a \frac{z}{1+z}.$$

Chevallier-Polarski-Linder ansatz (CPL).

Modeling the deviation

Testing deviations from an assumed model (without comparing different models)

Gaussian Processes:

Modeling of the data around a mean function searching for likely features by looking at the the likelihood space of the hyperparameters.

Bayesian Interpretation of Crossing Statistic:

Comparing a model with its own possible variations.

Gaussian Process

Efficient in statistical modeling of stochastic variables
 Derivatives of Gaussian Processes are Gaussian
 Processes
 Provides us with all covariance matrices

Shafieloo, Kim & Linder, PRD 2012 Shafieloo, Kim & Linder, PRD 2013







Detection of the features in the residuals





Crossing Statistic

If a proposed model is different than the actual model, then they cross each other at one or two or three or ... N points.







Equal in being probable?!





$$\chi^2 = \sum_i^N \frac{(\mu_i^t - \mu_i^e)^2}{\sigma_i^2},$$

One point Crossing: T1

- 1. Assume a model
- 2. Construct the normalized residuals
- 3. Finding the crossing point and calculating T1 by maximizing T(n1):
- 4. Comparing the results with Monte Carlo simulations.

$$q_i(z_i) = \frac{\mu_i(z_i) - \bar{\mu}(z_i)}{\sigma_i(z_i)}.$$

$$T(n_1) = Q_1(n_1)^2 + Q_2(n_1)^2,$$

$$Q_1(n_1) = \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} q_i(z_i)$$
$$Q_2(n_1) = \sum_{i=n_1+1}^{N} q_i(z_i),$$

Two points Crossing: T2

3. Finding the crossing points and calculating T2 by maximizing T(n1,n2):

1-2.....

$$q_i(z_i) = \frac{\mu_i(z_i) - \bar{\mu}(z_i)}{\sigma_i(z_i)}.$$

$$T(n_1, n_2) = Q_1(n_1, n_2)^2 + Q_2(n_1, n_2)^2 + Q_3(n_1, n_2)^2$$

4. Comparing the results with Monte Carlo simulations.

And so on we can derive T3, T4,...

$$Q_1(n_1, n_2) = \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} q_i(z_i)$$
$$Q_2(n_1, n_2) = \sum_{i=n_1+1}^{n_2} q_i(z_i)$$
$$Q_3(n_1, n_2) = \sum_{i=n_2+1}^{N} q_i(z_i).$$

Important Features:

For N data points, the last mode of Crossing Statistic is T(N-1) which is identical to Chi Square Statistic

$$T_{N-1} = \sum_{i}^{N} (q_i)^2 = \chi^2$$

The zero mode of Crossing Statistic is similar to Median Statistic

not only should the whole sample of residuals have a Gaussian distribution around the mean, but so should any continuous subsample.

$$T_0 = (\sum_i^N q_i)^2$$

Comparing Two Statistics

	T1	Chi Square
Ruling out by 99% CL	1% (Correct Model)	1% (Correct Model)
	28.5% (Incorrect Model)	1.9% (Incorrect Model)
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Ruling out by 99% CL	0.5% (Correct Model)	0% (Correct Model)
Assuming extra (0.05)	26.4% (Incorrect Model)	0% (Incorrect Model)
intrinsic dispersion		
intrinsic dispersion		

$$\sigma_i^2 = \sigma_{i(data)}^2 + \sigma_{(sys)}^2$$

Correct Model: Flat LCDM with $\Omega_{0m}^{true} = 0.27$ Incorrect Model: Flat LCDM with $\Omega_{0m}^{erroneous} = 0.22$

Simulated SN Ia data similar to Constitution compilation



Assumed model is consistent with the data using chi square

Data: Flat LCDM $\Omega_{0m}^{true} = 0.27$

Assumed Model: Flat LCDM $\Omega_{0m}^{erroneous} = 0.22$

Assumed model is ruled out at 99% CL using T1

Crossing Statistic (Bayesian Interpretation)

Theoretical model

Crossing function

Comparing a model with its own variations



Crossing Function

$$\mathcal{C}_{\ell}^{\mathrm{TT}} \mid_{\mathrm{modified}}^{N} = \mathcal{C}_{\ell}^{\mathrm{TT}} \mid_{\Omega_{\mathrm{b}}, \Omega_{\mathrm{CDM}}, \mathrm{H}_{0}, \tau, \mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{s}}, \mathrm{n}_{\mathrm{s}}} \times T_{N}(C_{0}, C_{1}, C_{2}, ..., C_{N}, \ell).$$

 $T_{\text{III}}(C_0, C_1, C_2, C_3, x) = C_0 + C_1 x + C_2(2x^2 - 1) + C_3(4x^3 - 3x)$

Planck 2013



Parametric Bayesian Interpretation



Crossing Function

$$\mathcal{C}_{\ell}^{\mathrm{TT}} \mid_{\mathrm{modified}}^{N} = \mathcal{C}_{\ell}^{\mathrm{TT}} \mid_{\Omega_{\mathrm{b}}, \Omega_{\mathrm{CDM}}, \mathrm{H}_{0}, \tau, \mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{s}}, \mathrm{n}_{\mathrm{s}}} \times T_{N}(C_{0}, C_{1}, C_{2}, ..., C_{N}, \ell).$$

$T_{\rm IV}(C_0, C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4, x) = C_0 + C_1 x + C_2(2x^2 - 1) + C_3(4x^3 - 3x) + C_4(8x^4 - 8x^2 + 1)$







Data	ΛCDM	T_0	T_{I}	$T_{ m II}$	$T_{\rm III}$	$T_{\rm IV}$	$T_{ m V}$
Planck low- ℓ (ℓ =2-49)	-6.3	-7	-8.5	-8.6	-9.8	-9.7	-9.7
Planck high- ℓ (ℓ =50-2500)	7794.9	7793.8	7793.8	7789.6	7785.9	7785.7	7784.7
Total	7788.6	7786.8	7785.3	7781	7776.1	7776	7775
$\chi^2_{ m Model}$ - $\chi^2_{ m \Lambda CDM}$	-	-1.8	-3.3	-7.6	-12.5	-12.6	-13.6

Crossing Function

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Data suggests substantial suppressions are required at both low and high multiples.

Hazra & Shafieloo, JCAP 2014

Crossing Statistic (Bayesian Interpretation)

Theoretical model

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Confronting the concordance model of cosmology with Planck data

Consistent only at 2~3 sigma CL



Crossing Function

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-0.3 -0.4

-0.4

-0.2

0

With 217 GHz x 217 GHz



0.2 C₂

0.4

0.6

0.8

Crossing Function

$$\mathcal{C}_{\ell}^{\mathrm{TT}} \mid_{\mathrm{modified}}^{N} = \mathcal{C}_{\ell}^{\mathrm{TT}} \mid_{\Omega_{\mathrm{b}}, \Omega_{\mathrm{CDM}}, \mathrm{H}_{0}, \tau, \mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{s}}, \mathrm{n}_{\mathrm{s}}} \times T_{N}(C_{0}, C_{1}, C_{2}, ..., C_{N}, \ell).$$

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Without 217 GHz x 217 GHz

Planck collaboration corrected systematics at 217 GHz chanel and problem was resolved analysing Planck 2015 data

Crossing Statistic (Bayesian Interpretation)

Theoretical model

Crossing function

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Confronting the concordance model of cosmology with Planck 2015 data Shafieloo and Hazra, JCAP 2017 Completely Consistent





arXiv:2404.03002







Reconstructing DE with Crossing Statistics Calderon, Lodha, Shafieloo, Linder et al, arXiv:2405.04216



good news for the fate of the universe.

Theoretical application of direct reconstruction

IS COSMIC ACCELERATION SLOWING DOWN?



$$w(z) = -\frac{1 + \tanh\left[\left(z - z_t\right)\Delta\right]}{2}$$

 $\Delta \chi^2 = -0.6$ with respect to CPL

A. Shafieloo, V. Sahni, A. Starobinsky, Phys. Rev. D Rapid Communication 2009 [Reported in Nature and New Scientist]

Theoretical application of direct reconstruction

IS COSMIC ACCELERATION SLOWING DOWN Again?



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Current Status

Open problem. Many tensions and hints for various systematics

Many theoretical/phenomenological models are proposed to ease the tensions. None is convincing so far (none can pass all validation tests).

Not possible to resolve all problems with minimal modification of the standard model. This has helped the standard model to survive so far.

Model independent consistency test between various data is essential to rule out systematics.

Point 6

Looking for systematics

Model independent consistency test between various data is essential to rule out systematics. GP for Falsification

Shafieloo, Kim, Linder, PRD 2012 Shafieloo, Kim, Linder, PRD 2013 Hwang et al, JCAP 2023

Consistency of SDSS BAO and Pantheon SN Ia data Keeley, Shafieloo, Zhao,..., MNRAS 2021 [arXiv:2010.03234] [SDSS IV paper]

 $H0rd = 10040 \pm 140$ km/s and $\Omega k = 0.02 \pm 0.20$

Point 6



Future Perspective

High possibilities for systematics in different data

Need for independent measurements

Two key questions:

Power-Law Primordial Power Spectrum? Lambda Dark Energy?

Tip of the Red Giant Branch

Future Perspective



Figure 17. A plot of H_0 values as a function of time. The points and shaded region in black are those determined from measurements of the CMB; those in blue are Cepheid calibrations of the local value of H_0 ; and the red points are TRGB calibrations. The red star is the best-fit value obtained in this paper. Error bars are 1σ .







Figure 18. Completely independent calibrations of H_0 . Shown in red is the probability density function based on our LMC CCHP TRGB calibration of CSP-I SNe Ia; in blue is the Cepheid calibration of H_0 (Riess et al. 2016), using the Milky Way parallaxes and the masser distance to NGC 4258 as anchors (excluding the LMC). The Planck value of H_0 is shown in black. Cosmology with Strong Lens Systems: Has become already competative!



H0 from Strongly Lensed systems

$$H_0 = 72.8^{+1.6}_{-1.7}$$
 km/s/Mpc

2.3% model-independent measurment of Hubble constant

Liao, Shafieloo, Keeley, Linder, ApJ Letters 2020

Liao, Shafieloo, Keeley, Linder, ApJ Letters 2019

H0LiCOW I. H0 Lenses in COSMOGRAIL's Wellspring

Suyu et al. MNRAS 2017

Order	Name	z_L	z_S
1	RXJ1131-1231	0.295	0.654
2	HE 0435-1223	0.4546	1.693
3	B1608+656	0.6304	1.394
4	SDSS 1206+4332	0.745	1.789

Future perspective (late universe, SN la)



Scolnic, et al, arXiv:1903.05128
Future perspective (late universe; BAO & RSD)



Aghamousa et al, [arXiv:1611.00036] DESI Collaboration





Future perspective [G-Waves and Standard Sirens] Astro2020



Figure 1: Hubble constant uncertainty (1σ) as a function of combined GW events with associated EM counterpart. The shaded regions show the impact of the peculiar velocity uncertainty between 100 and 400 km s⁻¹ for different distance reaches D_* . The latest results from standard candles (SH0ES, [13]) and CMB (*Planck*, [14]) are also shown.

Palmese et al, arXiv:1903.04730

Statistical dark sirens constraint

- Take every galaxy inside the sky localization $\Delta\Omega$ and marginalize over the probability that they hosted the GW event
- $P(\theta|d_{gal}, d_{GW}) \propto \sum_{i} \int dz_i \exp(-(d_{l,GW} d_l(z_i, \theta)^2 / 2\sigma^2)P(z_i))$
- $P(z) = \delta(z z_{gal})$ for spectroscopic redshifts

Statistical dark sirens

- sky localization is important for this technique
- can only be done if there are a handful candidate galaxies and can get individual modes of the posterior
- Thus currently can only work at lower redshifts
- But if there are biases as might be expected from photometric redshifts, result analysis will be biased too.

A simple and promising principle...

- Both galaxies and gravitational wave sources are biased tracers of the underlying matter density field.
- Biases can be scale-dependent and redshift-dependent. (density fields "delta" in Fourier space below)

$$egin{aligned} \delta_{ ext{gal}}(\mathbf{k},z) &\equiv b_{ ext{gal}}(\mathbf{k},z) \delta_{ ext{m}}(\mathbf{k},z) \ \delta_{ ext{gw}}(\mathbf{k},z) &\equiv b_{ ext{gw}}(\mathbf{k},z) \delta_{ ext{m}}(\mathbf{k},z) \end{aligned}$$

• e.g. model $b_{gw}(\mathbf{k}, z) \equiv b_{gw}(z) = b_0 (1+z)^{\alpha}$

Existing constraints

- 2% error on H0 for 200 BBH in 5 redshift bins from z~0.1 to 0.5
- Bias parameters b_{GW} and α uncorrelated with cosmological parameters
- Similar constraint from 50 BNS



Cross Correlating Dark Sirens with LSS data (using *lognormal mocks*)



FIG. 2: We show the joint posterior of the cosmological parameters $H_0 = 100h_0 \text{ km/s/Mpc}$ and Ω_m along with the nuisance parameters related to the gravitational wave bias parameter $b_{GW}(z) = b_{GW}(1+z)^{\alpha}$ for number of gravitational wave sources $N_{GW}(z) = 40$ extended up to redshift z = 0.5, and sky localization error $\Delta\Omega_{GW} = 10$ sq. deg. The 68%, and 95% contours are shown in these plots along with the input values by the blue line. The mean value along with 1 σ error-bar are mentioned in the title of the posterior distribution for all the parameters. Other cosmological parameters such as $w_0 = -1$ and $w_a - 0$ are kept fixed for these results.



Mukherjee et al, arXiv:2007.02943

Mukherjee et al, arXiv:2107.12787

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LVK+SPHEREx-A LVK+DESI

Cosmology background model is assumed

Bias functional form is assumed



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$$\Omega_{\rm m} = 0.3, \ h = 0.69,$$

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What if the assumed model is wrong?!

Now with SN

- Galaxies are observed in redshift space
- GW are observed in DL space
- Assume fiducial cosmology to convert between them
- Or use distances from SN

Reconstructing the expansion history using Gravitational Wave Sirens



Having reliable reconstruction of the expansion history we can attempt to measure H0 accurately

Keeley, Shafieloo, L'Huillier, Linder, MNRAS 2020



Data will be hugely better...but we have to be careful!

Cosmology vs Systematics

- With higher quality of the data the role of systematics will become more and more prominent.
- Higher precision may cost us uncontrollable bias if we make wrong assumptions.

What we should be worried about!

Conclusion

- Many statistical tools are not used appropriately in cosmology and astrophysics and results can be strong but invalid conclusions.
- H0 tension (and some others) seems remaining persistent in the context of the LCDM model. This can open ways for competitive alternatives (GEDE?, EDE, features in PPS?) but we should not over-sell these models.
- Tensions are not resolved with minimal extensions of the standard model and there is no clear resolution. It is highly possible, from statistical point of view, that there are systematics in some of the data and we might need new physics too. It can be a combination of both! New independent measurements and observations can help to clear things up.
- With higher quality data, the effect of systematics and wrong assumptions are much more prominent in introducing substantial inaccuracies. This is a real challenge to avoid making big fake discoveries.