### Testing Late-Time Cosmic Acceleration with uncorrelated Baryon Acoustic Oscillations dataset

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### How it all began?

- Current paradigm the Universe started 13.8 By ago with a hot Big Bang
- It keeps on expanding ever since and it`s even accelerating
- Current composition DE (~73%), DM (~23%), baryons, neutrinos, photons (~4%)
- After inflation the Universe was hot, fully ionised, opaque soup. Radiation rulez!
- Neutrinos decouple about 1s after the Big Bang, so we mostly ignore them.



### But different components evolve differently...

- Concordance model (LCDM) is given by the Friedmann equation.
- It connects the Hubble factor  $H(z) = \dot{a}(z)/a(z)$
- With the equation of state of the universe:

 $E(z)^{2} = \Omega_{r}(1+z)^{4} + \Omega_{m}(1+z)^{3} + \Omega_{k}(1+z)^{2} + \Omega_{\Lambda},$ 

Trough

$$H(z)/H_0 = E(z)$$

 Different compontent evolve differently with the redshift (z) !



### **Baryonic Acoustic Oscilations**



- Baryonic acoustic oscilations are regular, periodic fluctuations in the density of the visible baryonic matter of the universe.
- A product of the interaction between gravity, radiation pressure and the expansion of the universe acting on its different components
- BAO matter clustering provides a "standard ruler" for length scale in cosmology.
- They can be measured by looking at the large scale structure of matter using astronomical surveys.
- BAO measurements are a powerful tool for constraining cosmological parameters





Credit: https://www.cfa.harvard.edu/~deisenst/acousticpeak/acoustic\_physics.html



### The sound horizon

- The radius of the sound horizon, r<sub>d</sub>, the distance at which plasma waves induced by radiation pressure froze at recombination
- The photons "decouple" (stop noticing the baryons) before the baryons stop noticing the photons:  $z_d < z_*$
- Corresponds to the peak in the correlation function or to oscilations in the power spectrum
- Characteristic BAO scale on the late-time matter clustering.
- Planck 2018:  $r_d$ =147.5 Mpc,  $z_d$ =1059,  $z_*$ =1100.

$$r_{d} = \int_{z_{d}}^{\infty} \frac{c_{s}(z)}{H(z)} dz$$
$$c_{s}(z) = \frac{c}{\sqrt{3\left(1 + \frac{3\Omega_{b}}{4\Omega_{\gamma}}\frac{1}{1+z}\right)}}$$



z<sub>d</sub> -- redshifht of the drag epoch (when photons decouple from baryons)

### The power spectrum

- Fourrier transform of the two-point corelation function
- Measures the degree of clustering of galaxies
- The famous acoustic peaks
- First peak describe if the universe is closed, open or flat
- Second peak gives the baryonic content
- Third peak gives dark matter content



Sound horizon

### How do we know it?



- CMB
- SNe Type Ia
- Large scale structures



Credit: https://newscenter.lbl.gov/2014/03/03/standard-candle-supernovae/



Credit: https://ned.ipac.caltech.edu/level5/March03/Lineweaver/Lineweaver4\_4.html





https://astronomy.stackexchange.com/questions/658/what-is-the-lyman-alpha-forest-used-for https://www.britannica.com/science/quasar/Finding-quasars

- Quasars
- Galaxies clustering
- Gravitational lensing
- LyAlpha lines



https://arxiv.org/abs/1104.0884

### The Sloan Digital Sky Survey



The SDSS has created the most detailed three-dimensional maps of the Universe, with deep multi-color images of one third of the sky, and spectra for **more than three million astronomical objects**.

Credit: Sloan Digital Sky Survey.

### **Distances in cosmology**

- Hubble distance:
- Comoving distance
- Transverse comoving distance:
- Volume averaged distance:
- Angular diameter distance:

$$S_{k}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Omega_{k}}} \sinh\left(\sqrt{\Omega_{k}}x\right) & \text{if } \Omega_{k} > 0\\ x & \text{if } \Omega_{k} = 0\\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\Omega_{k}}} \sin\left(\sqrt{-\Omega_{k}}x\right) & \text{if } \Omega_{k} < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$D_H = c/H(z)$$
  

$$D_C = \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{D_H(z')}$$
  

$$D_M = \frac{c}{H_0} S_k \left( \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{E(z')} \right)$$
  

$$D_V(z) \equiv [zD_H(z)D_M^2(z)]^{1/3}$$
  

$$D_A = D_M/(1+z)$$

$$D_{\rm V}(z) = \left(\frac{cz(1+z)^2 D_{\rm A}^2}{H}\right)^{1/3}$$

### **Observational distances**

Luminosity distance

**Distance** modulus

Angular distance

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$$D_L = \sqrt{\frac{L}{4\pi S}}$$
$$D_A = \frac{x}{\theta}$$
$$\mu = m - M = 5\log\left(\frac{D_L}{10pc}\right)$$

SnIa Obs  
GRB  

$$d_{L}(z)$$
  
 $d_{L}(z)$   
 $D_{L} = (1+z)D_{M} = (1+z^{2})D_{A}$ 

- L bolometric luminosity
- S bolometric flux
- M absolute magnitude
- m apparent magnitude
- x object physical size
- $\theta$  object angular size

# The used datasets

- BAO from eBoss, SDSS, DES, WiggleZ, 6dFGS
- Cosmic chronometers
- Standard candles:
  - -- Pantheon type Ia SNe
  - -- quasars and GRBs

- 333 data points
- About 70 publications
- BAO measurements from 2008 2020
- The SDSS's eBOSS features measurements from both galaxy clustering -- low redshift galaxies (MGS), luminous red galaxies (LRG), emission line galaxies (ELG) and the Lyman-α forest of quasars.

# Plotting the whole 333 poitns



A lot of points!

### The final dataset

Z	Parameter	Value	Error	year	Survey	Ref.
0.106	$r_d/D_V$	0.336	0.015	2011	6dFGS	Beutler et al. (2011)
0.15	$D_V(r_{d,fidd}/r_d)$	664	25.0	2014	SDSS DR7	Ross et al. (2015)
0.275	$r_d/D_V$	0.1390	0.0037	2009	SDSS-DR7+2dFGRS	Percival et al. (2010)
0.32	$D_V(r_{d,fidd}/r_d)$	1264	25	2016	SDSS-DR11 LOWZ	Tojeiro et al. (2014)
0.44	$r_d/D_V$	0.0870	0.0042	2012	WiggleZ	Blake et al. (2012)
0.54	$D_A/r_d$	9.212	0.41	2012	SDSS-III DR8	Seo et al. (2012)
0.57	$D_V/r_d$	13.67	0.22	2012	SDSSIII/DR9	Anderson et al. (2013)
0.6	$r_d/D_V$	0.0672	0.0031	2012	WiggleZ	Blake et al. (2012)
0.697	$D_A(r_{d,fidd}/r_d)$	1499	77	2020	DECals DR8	Sridhar et al. (2020)
0.72	$D_V(r_{d,fidd}/r_d)$	2353	63	2017	SDSS-IV DR14	Bautista et al. (2018)
0.73	$r_d/D_V$	0.0593	0.0020	2012	WiggleZ	Blake et al. (2012)
0.81	$D_A/r_d$	10.75	0.43	2017	DES Year1	Abbott et al. (2019)
0.874	$D_A(r_{d,fidd}/r_d)$	1680	109	2020	DECals DR8	Sridhar et al. (2020)
1.48	$D_H \cdot r_d$	13.23	0.47	2020	eBoss DR16 BAO+RSD	Hou et al. (2020)
1.52	$D_V(r_{d,fidd}/r_d)$	3843	147.0	2017	SDSS-IV/DR14	Ata et al. (2018)
2.3	$H \cdot r_d$	34188	1188	2012	Boss Lya quasars DR9	Busca et al. (2013)
2.34	$D_H \cdot r_d$	8.86	0.29	2019	BOSS DR14 Lya in LyBeta	de Sainte Agathe et al. (2019)

**Table 1.** The uncorrelated dataset that has been used is this paper. For each redshift, the table presents the parameter, the mean value and the corresponding error bar. The Ref. and the collaboration is also reported.

# Methodology

- Python + Polychord nested MCMC sampler
- Parameters: 5 (6), i.e.  $\Omega_m$ ,  $\Omega_\Lambda$ , H<sub>0</sub>, r<sub>d</sub>, r<sub>d</sub>/r<sub>dfid</sub> (+  $\Omega_k$  or w)
- Riess et al. (2019):

 $H_0 = 74.03 \pm 1.42 (km/s)/Mpc$ 

• Priors:



- $\Omega_{\Lambda} \in [0.; 1 \Omega_m], H_0 \in [50; 100] \text{ and } r_d \in [100; 200] Mpc.$  $\Omega_m \in [0.; 1.], r_d/r_{d, fid} \in [0.9, 1.1]$ 
  - Chi2 function:

$$\chi^2 = \left(\frac{y_i - y_{th}}{\sigma_i}\right)^2$$

For more on PolyChord: arXiv:1506.00171

# Correlated vs. Uncorrelated datapoints

Theoretical Covariance matrix:

$$C_{ij}^{\text{BAO,total}} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & \sigma_2^2 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \sigma_N^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Often data from different measurements or dataruns is correlated
- Correlations could be due to systematic error or unknown correlations
- Usually one uses N-body mocks to find these correlations

Arxiv:2007.09011

• Real data:



# Correlations:

- Covariance matrix
- Mock covariance
- Correlated χ<sup>2</sup>:

 $\chi^2 = V^i C_{ij}^{-1} V^j$ 

where

$$V^i = y_i - y_{th}$$

 $y_i$  are the observed values and  $y_{th}$  -- the theoretically predicted ones for this z and  $\sigma_i$  is the error

$$C_{ii} = \sigma_i^2$$
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Kazantzidis, L. & Perivolaropoulos, L.
 2019, Phys. Rev., D99, 063537, arxiv:
 1812.05356

$$C_{ij} = 0.5\sigma_i\sigma_j$$
 • The results:

n	BAO	BAO + R19
n = 0	$\Omega_m = 0.257 \pm 0.02$	$\Omega_m = 0.255 \pm 0.03$
	$\Omega_{\Lambda} = 0.735 \pm 0.021$	$\Omega_{\Lambda} = 0.736 \pm 0.021$
		$r_d = 139.32 \pm 2.88 Mpc$
<i>n</i> = 3	$\Omega_m = 0.268 \pm 0.023$	$\Omega_m = 0.267 \pm 0.021$
	$\Omega_{\Lambda} = 0.725 \pm 0.019$	$\Omega_{\Lambda} = 0.725 \pm 0.018$
		$r_d = 138.49 \pm 3.03  Mpc$
<i>n</i> = 6	$\Omega_m = 0.275 \pm 0.021$	$\Omega_m = 0.274 \pm 0.020$
	$\Omega_{\Lambda} = 0.719 \pm 0.016$	$\Omega_{\Lambda} = 0.720 \pm 0.012$
		$r_d = 138.32 \pm 2.76 Mpc$

- We use this correlation mock up on the BAO subset and find the cosmological parameters in this case
- We see correlations to become significant when more than 30% of the points have non-diagonal elements
- We conclude that the points are not correlated and we can use them to constraint cosmological parameters



### The LCDM model:



**Fig. 2.** The posterior distribution for different measurements with the  $\Lambda$ CDM model with  $1\sigma$  and  $2\sigma$ . The BAO refers to the Baryon Acoustic Oscillations dataset from table []. The CC dataset refers to Cosmic Chronometers and SC refers to the Hubble Diagram from Type Ia supernova, Quasars and Gamma Ray Bursts. R19 denotes the Riess 2019 measurement of the Hubble constant as a Gaussian prior.

## Extensions

•  $\Omega_k CDM \quad E(z)^2 = \Omega_r (1+z)^4 + \Omega_m (1+z)^3 + \Omega_k (1+z)^2 + \Omega_\Lambda,$  •  $WCDM \quad \Omega_\Lambda \to \Omega_{DE}^0 (1+z)^{-3(1+w)}$ 



#### In numbers:

Model	Parameters	BAO + R19	BAO + CC + SC	BAO + CC + SC + R19
	$H_0[\text{km/s/Mpc}]$	$74.08 \pm 1.31$	$69.85 \pm 1.27$	$71.40 \pm 0.89$
	$\Omega_m$	$0.261 \pm 0.028$	$0.271 \pm 0.016$	$0.267 \pm 0.017$
ACDM	$\Omega_{\Lambda}$	$0.733 \pm 0.021$	$0.722 \pm 0.012$	$0.726 \pm 0.012$
	$r_d$ [Mpc]	$139.0 \pm 3.1$	$146.1 \pm 2.2$	$143.5 \pm 2.0$
	$r_d/r_{fid}$	$0.97\pm0.019$	$1.01\pm0.021$	$0.98 \pm 0.014$
	$H_0[\text{km/s/Mpc}]$	$73.76 \pm 1.52$	$70.78 \pm 0.99$	$72.01 \pm 0.93$
	$\Omega_m$	$0.181 \pm 0.051$	$0.253 \pm 0.011$	$0.252 \pm 0.009$
$\Omega_k \Lambda \text{CDM}$	$\Omega_{\Lambda}$	$0.806 \pm 0.024$	$0.801 \pm 0.009$	$0.802 \pm 0.009$
	$r_d$ [Mpc]	$143.1 \pm 3.5$	$145.4 \pm 2.4$	$143.1 \pm 1.7$
	$\Omega_k$	$-0.015 \pm 0.053$	$-0.076 \pm 0.017$	$-0.076 \pm 0.012$
	$r_d/r_{fid}$	$0.962 \pm 0.019$	$0.988 \pm 0.019$	$0.969 \pm 0.015$
	$H_0[\text{km/s/Mpc}]$	$73.69 \pm 1.31$	$69.94 \pm 1.08$	$71.65 \pm 0.88$
	$\Omega_m$	$0.243 \pm 0.039$	$0.269 \pm 0.023$	$0.266 \pm 0.022$
wCDM	$\Omega_{\Lambda}$	$0.746 \pm 0.029$	$0.724 \pm 0.019$	$0.727 \pm 0.019$
	$r_d$ [Mpc]	$138.43 \pm 3.18$	$146.4 \pm 2.5$	$143.2 \pm 1.9$
	w	$-1.067 \pm 0.065$	$-0.989 \pm 0.049$	$-0.989 \pm 0.049$
	$r_d/r_{fid}$	$0.935 \pm 0.024$	$0.99 \pm 0.0164$	$0.967 \pm 0.015$

**Table 3.** Constraints at 95% CL errors on the cosmological parameters for the  $\Lambda CDM$ ,  $\Omega_k \Lambda CDM$  model and the wCDM model. The datasets are: the BAO alone, the BAO + CC + SC combination and with with the Riess 2019 measurement as a Gaussian prior.

### The spacial curvature



## The DE equation of state





Di Valentino et al. arXiv:2003.04935

# The r<sub>d</sub>-H<sub>o</sub> tension



Knox, L. & Millea, M. 2020, Physical Review D, 101, arXiv:1908.03663

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Kazantzidis & Perivolaropoulos, arXiv:1907.03176 [astro-ph.CO]

## In short the tension is here to stay:



Freedman W., Nature Astronomy, 1, 0169 (2017), arXiv:1706.02739 [astro-ph.CO]

# **Conclusions:**

- BAO combined with other cosmological probes can be used to constrain cosmological parameters.
- LCDM is the best fit model
- The data shows preference for a closed universe (k=1) but with low statistical support
- The data has some support for wCDM with equation of state w>-1

 BAO data cannot alleviate the H<sub>0</sub> tension:

LMC:  $H_0 = 74.03 \text{ (km/s)/Mpc}$ ,

CMB:  $H_0 = 67.4$  (km/s)/Mpc

**Our result:** H<sub>0</sub>=69.85 (km/s)/Mpc

 We see strong dependence of the final value of H<sub>0</sub> on the choice of r<sub>d</sub> as expected.

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## Thank you for your attention!



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