

Bayesian methods for quantifying global parameter tensions between cosmological datasets

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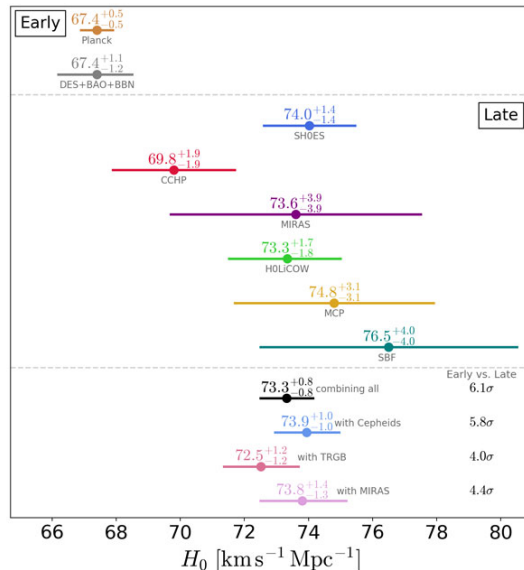


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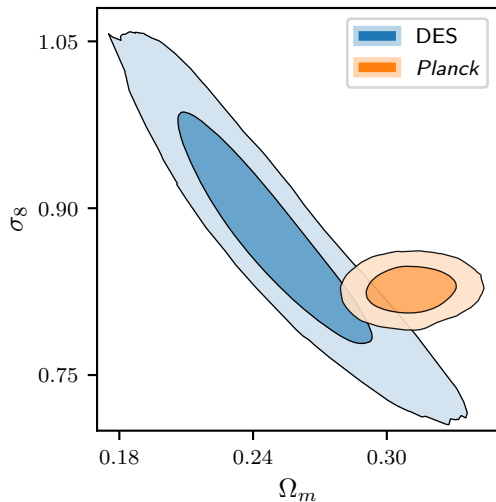
Cosmological parameter tensions

- ▶ Measurements H_0 differ between early and late time observations [1907.10625]
- ▶ “Tension” means a disagreement between different datasets on the inferred value of model parameters.
- ▶ The presence of tension indicates an error in the model and/or at least one of the datasets.
- ▶ It is statistically incorrect to combine datasets when they are in tension.



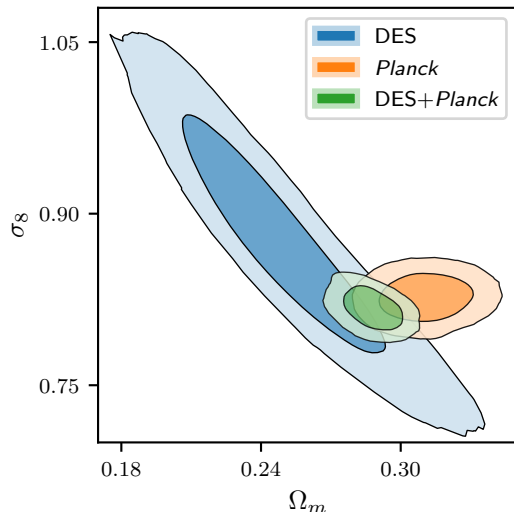
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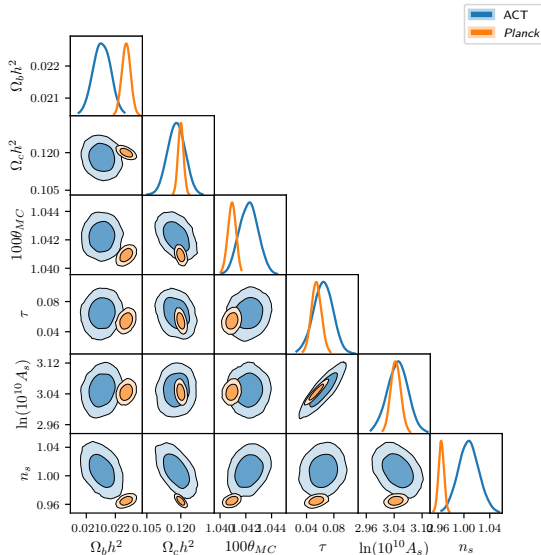


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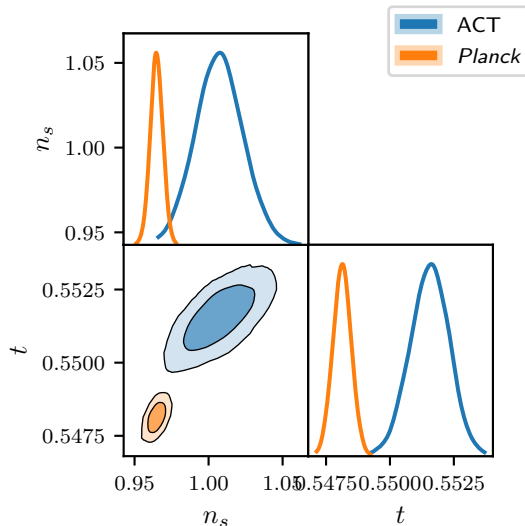


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Bayesian language

Notation

Datasets: A and B (e.g. *Planck* and DES)

Model: M (e.g. Λ CDM)

Parameters: θ (e.g. (Ω_m, σ_8))

Likelihoods: \mathcal{L} : $P(A|\theta), P(B|\theta)$

Inference

Prior: π : $P(\theta)$

Posteriors: Evaluate posterior samples \mathcal{P} : $P(\theta|B), P(\theta|A)$.

Bayesian evidences: $\mathcal{Z} = \langle \mathcal{L} \rangle_\pi$: $P(A), P(B)$ [1506.00171]

Kullback–Leibler divergence: $\mathcal{D} = \langle \log \mathcal{P} / \pi \rangle_{\mathcal{P}} \sim \log \text{Vol}(\pi) / \text{Vol}(\mathcal{P})$ [1902.04029]

Model dimensionality: $d = 2 \times \text{var}(\log \mathcal{L})$ [1903.06682]

Tattoo-worthy equation: $\log \mathcal{Z} = \langle \log L \rangle_{\mathcal{P}} - \mathcal{D}$ [2102.11511]

(Released today by Hergt et al)

Suspiciousness [1902.04029] [2007.08496]

- ▶ The natural Bayesian measure of tension is the Bayes ratio

$$\mathcal{R} = \frac{\mathcal{Z}_{AB}}{\mathcal{Z}_A \mathcal{Z}_B} = \frac{P(A, B)}{P(A)P(B)} = \frac{P(A|B)}{P(A)} = \frac{P(B|A)}{P(B)} \quad (1)$$

- ▶ \mathcal{R} is prior dependent, one can artificially reduce tension by drawing arbitrarily wide priors.
- ▶ Can remove this prior dependency by dividing out the *KL* dependent Occam factor to give a “Suspiciousness”, computable from three MCMC chains:

$$\log S = \langle \log L_{AB} \rangle_{\mathcal{P}_{AB}} - \langle \log L_A \rangle_{\mathcal{P}_A} - \langle \log L_B \rangle_{\mathcal{P}_B} \quad (2)$$

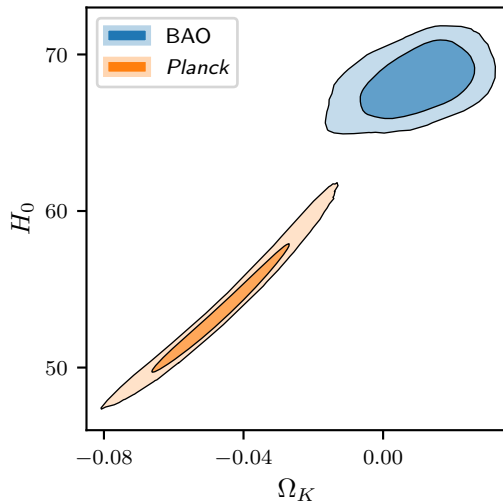
- ▶ Can be interpreted as the maximum Bayes ratio \mathcal{R} allowed by reasonable priors.
- ▶ In the Gaussian case it is related to the usual Mahalanobis distance

$$\log S = \frac{d}{2} - \frac{1}{2}(\mu_A - \mu_B)^T (\Sigma_A + \Sigma_B)^{-1} (\mu_A - \mu_B) \quad (3)$$

which can be used to calibrate it into a tension probability and “ σ ” quantification.

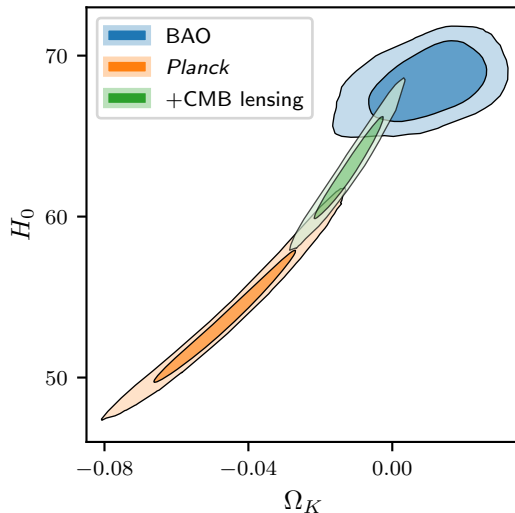
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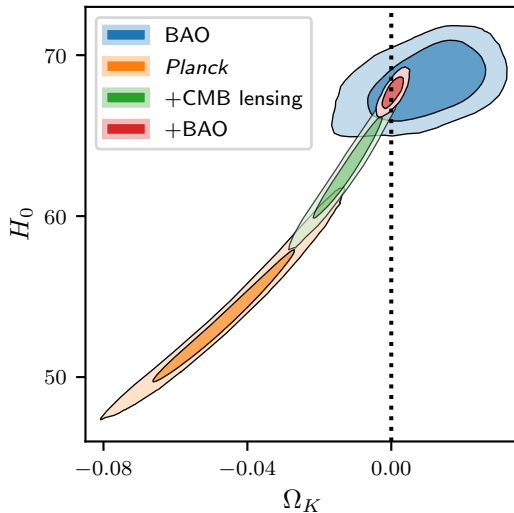
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Data	Model	Tension	Reference
DES vs Planck	Λ CDM	2.1σ	[1902.04029]
ACT vs Planck+SPT	Λ CDM	2.8σ	[2007.08496]
CMB lensing vs Planck	$K\Lambda$ CDM	2.5σ	[1908.09139]
BAO vs Planck	$K\Lambda$ CDM	3σ	[1908.09139]

Slides, figures and plotting code available at:

https://github.com/williamjameshandley/talks/tree/tehran_2021