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

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### BAO – "standard ruler" in cosmology



Planck 2018: r<sub>d</sub>=147.5 Mpc, z<sub>d</sub>=1059, z<sub>\*</sub>=1100.

- Baryonic acoustic oscilations are regular, periodic fluctuations in the density of the visible baryonic matter of the universe.
- Created by the intrerplay of gravity, radiation pressure and the expansion of the universe acting on its different components
- The distance at which plasma waves induced by radiation pressure froze at recombination the sound horizon, r<sub>d</sub>
- Measured by looking at the large scale structure of matter

Credit: Chris Blake and Sam Moorfield

### Connecting the dots...



## The datasets

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



- Collection of 333 data points from ~70 publications, in the period 2008 – 2020
- The SDSS's eBOSS uses low redshift galaxies (MGS), luminous red galaxies (LRG), emission line galaxies (ELG) and the Lyman-α forest of quasars.



# Methodology

- Python + Polychord as a nested MCMC sampler + Getdist
- 5 parameters:  $\Omega_m$ ,  $\Omega_\Lambda$ ,  $H_0$ ,  $r_d$ ,  $r_d/r_{dfid}$ , extended with  $\Omega_k$  or w
- Additional  $H_0$  prior using the Riess et al. (2019) measurement:

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

LCDM priors

#### **Extended models priors**

• Standard  $\chi^2$  function for uncorralated data:

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

Note  $\mathbf{r}_{d}$ ,  $\mathbf{r}_{d}/\mathbf{r}_{dfid}$  are independent parameters!

# 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

Kazantzidis & Perivolaropoulos 2019, PRD 99, 06353

$$C_{ii} = \sigma_i^2.$$
$$C_{ij} = 0.5\sigma_i\sigma_j$$

#### • The results:

Difference between 0% correlation and 30% correlation is ~10%.

#### Thus points are uncorrelated.

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	$\Omega_m = 0.275 \pm 0.021$	$\Omega_m = 0.274 \pm 0.020$
	$\Omega_{\Lambda} = 0.719 \pm 0.016$	$\Omega_{\Lambda} = 0.720 \pm 0.012$
99, 063537		$r_d = 138.32 \pm 2.76 Mpc$

#### 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.

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





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

Our results fall on the BAO+SN line

## Extensions

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



### The spatial curvature



## **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 entirely:

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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#### In numbers:

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