A better use of SNe Ia to address the Hubble tension

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The H_{0} tension

(credit *Quanta Magazine*)

The H₀ tension: recent *JWST* data

Freedman et al. (2024)

Calibrator

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The H_0 tension

• Value derived from the CMB (*Planck* 2020, assuming the ΛCDM cosmological model):

 $H_0 = 67.4 \pm 0.5$ km s⁻¹ Mpc⁻¹

• Locally determined value (*SH0ES* 2024, Cepheids + SNeIa):

 $H_0 = 73.0 \pm 1$ km s⁻¹ Mpc⁻¹

which is a discrepancy at the 5.6σ level

OLD !

The H_{0} tension

• There are, however, other methods to determine distances to galaxies in the Hubble flow that give H₀ values intermediate between the *Planck* and the *SH0ES* values:

(from Freedman et al. 2024)

The ${\sf H}_0$ tension

CMB temperature and polarization anisotropy maps (Planck collaboration 2020): H₀ = 67.4 ± 0.5 km s⁻¹ Mpc⁻¹

Cepheids (Riess et al.; *SH0ES* 2022, 2024): *H*₀ = $\sqrt{73.0 \pm 1}$ km s⁻¹ Mpc⁻¹

Tip of the Red Giant Branch (*TRGB*) stars (Freedman et al. 2019): $H₀$ = 69.8 ± 0.8 (stat) ± 1.7 (sys) km s^{-1} Mpc⁻¹

Carbon/J band Asymptotic Giant Branch (*JAGB*) stars (Lee et al. 2024): $H_0 = 67.96 \pm 1.85$ $(stat) \pm 1.90$ (sys) km s⁻¹ Mpc⁻¹

The H_o tension: *Cepheids*

Basically, Leavitt's laws

Issues:

Dependence on metallicity

Crowding in the images (advantage of *JWST* over *HST*)

Leavitt's laws in various filters at the *HST WFC3*

The H_o tension: *Cepheids*

Cepheid in NGC 7250 Left: *HST* image Right: *JWST* image

The H₀ tension: TRGB and *JAGB* stars

Very schematic H-R diagram showing the evolution of a 1 M_{\odot} star. The AGB stage is marked in red. Marked in purple is the RGB. In yellow is the Horizontal Branch stage, of central He burning

Internal structure of and AGB star

The H₀ tension: *TRGB* stars

Low-mass stars, after H burning, grow an electron-degenerate He core. During this stage, luminosity and radius increase as well as the central temperature.

When the central temperature reaches \sim 100 million K, He is ignited and then luminosity and radius start decreasing. This maximum in luminosity is the *Tip of the Red Giant Branch.*

At that point, the He core has a fixed mass = $0.47 M_{\odot}$ So, ignition happens at a well-determined luminosity, which makes the *TRGB* a standard candle

The H₀ tension: *TRGB* stars

Isochrones for red giant stars with a constant age of 10 Gyr and a metallicity spread (upper panel) and with a constant metallicity and age spread 4-10 Gyr (lower panel)

(from Freedman et al, 2020) 2019)

Colour-magnitude diagram (left panel), luminosity function (middle panel) and edgedetection response (right panel) for the outer región of the LMC

(from Freedman et al.

The H_o tension: *J-band AGB* stars

A class of luminous, C-rich AGB stars which show a small intrinsic luminosity dispersión in the near IR (*J*-band)

(from Madore and Freedman 2020)

SNela light curves

With **light-curve fitting, distance moduli are obtained with an error of** σ_{μ} = 0.11 mag

By **fitting spectra of twin SNeIa, distance moduli are obtained with an error of** *σ^µ* = 0.04 mag only

Ruiz-Lapuente & González Hernández 2024, ApJ in press arXiv 2312.10334

Twin SNeIa

Using twin SNeIa, Fakhouri et al. (2015) were able to standardize SNeIa in the redshift range 0.03 ≤ *z* ≤ 0.08 within 0.06-0.07 mag

Twins estimate distances with parameters corresponding to the spectral diversity of the SNeIa

Here, instead, we use twin SNeIa in all phases, from the early to the late, nebular phases, what we call "twins for life"

Ruiz-Lapuente & González Hernández Ruiz-Lapuente & González Hernández (2024)

(from Fakhouri et al. 2015)

Spectral sequence of a Type Ia supernova (Branch & Wheeler 2017)

Standard method

In all the preceding methods:

Three steps of the cosmological distance ladder

Standardization of SNeIa sample by determining an average M_B^{max} (*z* still too low to measure H_0)

SNeIa sample in the Hubble flow $(z \approx 0.01 - 0.03)$

 $M_B^{\text{max}} - H_0^{\text{max}}$

Calibration of the primary distance indicators (*Cepheids*, *TRGB*, *JAGB* …) in nearby galaxies

Standard method

$$
B_{corr} = P^0 - P^1(s_{BV} - 1) - P^2(s_{BV} - 1)^2 - \beta(B - V) - \alpha_M(\log_{10} M_*/M_{\odot} - M_0)
$$

$$
\mu(z, H_0, q_0) = 5 \log_{10} \left\{ \frac{(1 - z_{hel})cz}{(1 + z)H_0} (1 + \frac{(1 - q_0)}{2} z) \right\} + 25
$$

$$
\mu_{\rm obs} = m_x - P^0 + P^1(s_{BV} - 1) + P^2(s_{BV} - 1)^2 + \beta(B - V) + \alpha_M(\log_{10} M_*/M_{\odot} - M_0)
$$

where μ_{obs} is the observed distance modulus, m_x the peak magnitude in the x band and P^0 the absolute magnitude M_x of a SNIa with zero (B-V) color, color stretch $s_{BV} = 1$ and in a host galaxy with stellar mass $M = M_0$

Standard method: M_B^{max} and H_0^{max}

 $\mu_{\rm obs}$ = $m_{_X}$ – P⁰ + P¹(s_{BV} -1) + P²(s_{BV} – 1)² + β(B – V) + $\alpha_{_M}$ (log₁₀ M_{*}/M₀ - M₀)

where μ_{obs} is the observed distance modulus, m_x is the peak magnitude in the x band and *P*⁰ the absolute magnitude M_x of a SNIa with zero (*B -V*) color, color stretch s_{BV} = = 1 and in a host Galaxy with stellar mass *M = M⁰*

*P*¹ is the linear coefficient and *P*² a quadratic coefficient in (*s_{BV}* – 1); β is the slope of the color correction, *V* is the apparent peak magnitude at *V*, *K*-corrected, and α_M is the slope of the correlation between peak luminosity and host stellar mass *M**

The apparent magnitudes at maximum are computed by fitting the light curves with *SNooPy*, providing the time of maximum, the light-curve shape $s_{\beta V}$ and the magnitude at maximum for each filter.

These quantities are then provided as inputs to a *Markov Chain Monte Carlo* sampler that simultaneously provides the corrected magnitudes for all the correction factors *P¹, P², α_M* and β.

The *MCMC* sampler then provides the corrected magnitudes, as well as the full covariance matrix, which is used when determining H_0 and its errors

The ${\sf H}_0$ tension

Results recently obtained with the JWST

We see the distribution of M_B values from different distance calibrators

 $|M_{\rm B}\rangle$ = -19.29 mag (JWST Cepheids)

 $|M_R$ = -19.34 mag (JWST TRGB)

 $|M_{\rm B}\rangle$ = -19.38 mag (JWST JAGB)

(from Freedman et al. 2024)

The distribution of H_o values resulting from the new *JWST* data, depending on the three different methods used to derive them.

The first value comes from the Bayesian product of the 3 PDFs, and the second one from the Frequentist sum of distributions

(from Freedman et al. 2024)

The ${\sf H}_0$ tension

The weighted (unweighted) mean difference between the *JAGB* minus *Cepheid* distance moduli is 0.086 ± 0.028 (0.083 \pm 0.031) mag or 4% (Freedman et al. 2024)

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The twin SNeIa method

In this approach:

Two steps of the cosmological distance ladder

SNeIa twins of the "anchors" in the Hubble flow $(z \approx 0.01 - 0.03)$

Ruiz-Lapuente & González Hernández (2024)

Distances to nearby SNeIa ("anchors")

The twin SNeIa method

Extending the method to reach SNeIa that are on the Hubble flow should allow to <mark>avoid</mark> using a fiducial absolute magnitude $M_{\scriptscriptstyle B}$ -H₀ relation and to get a direct comparison of distances, that leading straightforwardly to the value of *H⁰*

Spectral characterization of twins

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We have measured lines relevant for describing the similarity of the spectra. Those of the twins have very similar pseudo-equivalent widths (*pWs*) in the list of lines (Morrell et al. 2024), *pW1* (Ca H & K), *pW2* (Si II λ 4130 Å), *pW3* (Mg II λ 4481 Å blended with Fe II), *pW4* (Fe II at ≈ λ 4600 Å blended with S II), *pW5* (S II "W" ≈ λ 5400 Å), *pW6* (Si II λ 5972 Å), *pW7* (Si II λ 6355 Å) and *pW8* (Ca II IR).

In particular, the *pW6* should be very similar between twin SNeIa, the dicrepancy being by less than 5%. This line correlates with stretch (Δm_{B15}, s_{BV}), being similar in SNeIa with similar stretches and nearly identical in twins. In the *pW6 vs pW7* diagram, twins should fall into almost the same place

The twin SNeIa method

The gain in using the "twins for life" approach is that it provides a direct measurement of distance, intrinsic color and reddening by Galactic and extragalactic dust by the use of the whole spectra of the SNeIa.

It allows the consistent pairing of SNeIa through all phases. The selection of twins is made of SNeIa with a similar stretch, being then of similar luminosities, but n addition the "twinness factor" can make more precise the distance estimate, with a modulus error of 0.04 mag in all filters, as we will show. So, all this makes it a very useful tool to establish the right distance ladder

SN 2013aa/SN 2017cbv in NGC 5643

Comparison of early (-2d) and late time (+361d) spectra of the twin SNe Ia SN 2013aa and SN 2017cbv, both in the galaxy NGC 5643, with the 1σ, 2σ and 3σ contours of the probability distribution for Δμ (difference in distance moduli) and ΔE(B-V) (difference in reddening), in each case. We use Markov Chain Monte Carlo techniques and the EMCEE Python package to obtain the best values and their uncertainties for the two variables. We obtain the final joint result for the two phases

Ruiz-Lapuente & González Hernández (2024)

SN 2013aa/SN 2017cbv in NGC 5643

Since the twin pair SN 2013aa/SN 2017cbv appeared in the same galaxy, NGC 5643, we use it as a test of the method.

We obtain $\Delta \mu$ = 0.004 ± 0.005 mag from the early spectra and $\Delta \mu$ = -0.023^{+0.008} -0.007 mag from the late ones, which corresponds to a precisión of 23 kpc for the first spectrum and of around 100 kpc for the second one.

The joint result from the two spectra is $\Delta \mu$ = -0.005 ± 0.004 mag, with a precision of 20 kpc. We also obtain $\Delta E(B-V) = 0.00 \pm 0.00$ mag, which would correspond to negligible reddening in the host galaxy and the same reddening in our own.

The distance to NGC 5643

SN 2013aa/SN 2017cbv in NGC 5643

For the absolute distance, we obtain μ = 30.48 ± 0.065 mag (D = 12.47 ± 0.37 Mpc)

(Ruiz-Lapuente & González Hernández 2024)

Other distance determinations are:

From Cepheids:

 μ = 30.570 ± 0.050 mag (D = 13.00 ± 0.30 Mpc) (Riess et al. 2022) μ = 30.518 ± 0.033 mag (D = 12.69 ± 0.20 Mpc) (Riess et al. 2024a) μ = 30.52 ± 0.02 mag (D = 12.70 ± 0.12 Mpc) *(JWST +HST* Riess et al. 2024b) μ = 30.51 ± 0.02 mag (D = 12.64 ± 0.12 Mpc) *(* Freedman et al. 2024) Consistent distance scale!!

From TRGB:

 μ = 30.48 ± 0.1 mag (D = 12.47 ± 0.59 Mpc) (Hoyt et al. 2021) μ = 30.42 ± 0.07 mag (D = 12.13 ± 0.40 Mpc (Anand et al. 2024) μ = 30.61 ± 0.07 mag (D = 13.24 ± 0.42 Mpc) (Freedman et al. 2024) ?

μ = 30.59 ± 0.04 mag (D = 13.12 ± 0.24 Mpc) *(* Freedman et al. 2024)

A broken or misplaced step in the distance ladder ?

2013dy in NGC 7250

 $\Delta E(B-V) = 0.001 + 0.001$

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 $\Delta E(B-V)$

Comparison of the spectra of SN 2013dy, in NGC 7250, at three different phases (- 2d, +46d and +333d) with those of its twins SN 2013aa and SN 2017 cbv

SN 2013dy in NGC 7250

Final values favored by the joint phases at +46d and +333d of SN 2013dy and its twins (left). They are: $\Delta \mu$ = 1.038 ± 0.003 mag and $\Delta E(B-V)$ = 0.0 ± 0.000 mag. Results for each phase and the joint phases (right)

SN 2013dy in NGC 7250

Our value for the distance modulus is $\mu = 31.518 \pm 0.065$ mag ($\bar{D} = 20.12$) ± 0.70 Mpc)

An earlier value (from Cepheids), with a large error, was: μ = 31.628 \pm 0.126 mag (D $= 21.16 \pm 1.27$ Mpc) (Riess et al. 2022)

New values, from *JWST* data:

μ = 31.62 ± 0.04 mag (D = 21.08 ± 0.40 Mpc) (*TRGB*, Freedman et al. 2024) μ = 31.41 ± 0.12 mag (D = 19.14 ± 1.09 Mpc) (*Cepheids*, Freedman et al.2024) μ = 31.6 ± 0.08 mag (D = 20.89 ± 0.79 Mpc) (*JAGB*, Freedman et al. 2024)

SN 2011fe in M101/SN 2018gv in NGC 2525

Comparison of the spectra at +289d and at +344d of the twin SNeIa SN 2011fe, in M101, and SN 2018gv, in NGC 2525, and final joint result for the two phases

SN 2011fe in M101/SN 2018gv in NGC 2525

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We obtain $\Delta \mu = 2.858 \pm 0.013$ mag. As for the difference in reddening, Δ E(B-V) = 0.063^{+0.004} $_{-0.005}$ mag (SN 2018gv being more reddened than SN 2011fe).

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The distances to SN 2018gv and SN 2011fe

Ruiz-Lapuente & González Hernández (2024)

Moduli and distances from the present work *vs* Cepheid and TGB moduli

¹Riess et al. (2022). ²29.10 \pm 0.06 from Mira variables (Huang et al. 2024). ³Freedman et al. (2019). ⁴Changed to 30.52 ± 0.02 in Riess et al. (2024). 5 Hoyt et al. (2021). 6 Freedman et al. (2024). ⁷Li, Anand, Riess et al. (2024)

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Twin and not twin SNeIa

Comparison of the spectra of SN 2013aa and SN 2011fe at he same phase. A reddening of $E(B-V) = 0.15$ mag has been applied to SN 2011fe for that

Twin and not twin SNeIa

Comparison of SN 2017cbv/SN 2013aa with SN 2011fe at -2d. The T_{eff} of the photosphere of SN 2017cbv/SN 2013aa is 2000 K higher tan that of SN 2011fe

Twin and not twin SNeIa

Comparison of SN 2017cbv with SN 2011fe at +12d. The T_{eff} of the photosphere of SN 2017cbv is 2000 K higher tan that of SN 2011fe

(from Ruiz-Lapuente & González Hernández 2024: ApJ (in press), arXiv:2312.10334)

Discussion

Comparison of the spectra of twin SNeIa along different phases can determine distance moduli within an error down to *Δμ* ≈ 0.04 mag

The discrepancies on the value of $H₀$ obtained from *Cepheids* with those from the *TRGB* and *JAGB* methods arise from the distance ladder by different methods, and the link between the nearby SNeIa sample and that in the Hubble flow

The weighted (unweighted) mean difference between the *JAGB* minus *Cepheid* distance moduli is 0.086 ± 0.028 (0.083 \pm 0.031) mag or 4%

Conclusions

To account for the gap between the CMB and Cepheid values for H_0 a change in distance modulus of 5 x $log(73,2/67.5)$ ~0.18 mag for the Cepheid-calibrated SNeIa hosts would be necessary

Since discrepancies increase with distances, very accurate distance indicators are needed. Our method does meet such requirement, given that SNeIa are much more luminous than the usual distance indicators

To deal with the Hubble tension, we plan to apply the twin SNeIa method to pairs reaching up to $z \approx 0.01$ -0.03, with spectra covering from the early to the nebular phase. That is achievable with the *JWST* or the *ELT*