


An independent way to measure extragalactic distances

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## Extragalactic Distances

## Required for a 3D picture of the (local)

2MASS Redshift Survey


Legend: image shows 2MASS galaxies color coded by the 2MRS redshift (Huchra et al 2011);

## Extragalactic Distances

- Difficulty to measure accurate distances
- Importance for local matter distributions
- Local expansion rate (Hubble constant)
$D_{L}=\frac{c z}{H_{0}}\left\{1+\frac{1}{2}\left(1-q_{0}\right) z-\frac{1}{6}\left[1-q_{0}-3 q_{0}^{2}+j_{0} \pm \frac{c^{2}}{H_{0}^{2} R^{2}}\right] z^{2}+O\left(z^{3}\right)\right\}$
Hubble- deceleration jerk/equation of state
Lemaître Law
- Expansion history

$$
\frac{\dot{a}^{2}}{a^{2}}=H^{2}=\frac{8 \pi G}{3} \rho(t)-\frac{k}{a^{2}}=\frac{8 \pi G}{3}\left(\rho_{M}+\rho_{\gamma}+\rho_{\text {vac }}\right)-\frac{k}{a^{2}}
$$

## Extragalactic Distances <br> The Astronomical Journal, 146:69 (14pp), 2013 September

Courtois et al


Figure 8. Perspective view of the V8k catalog after correction for incompleteness and represented by three layers of isodensity contours. The region in the vicinity of the Virgo Cluster now appears considerably diminished in importance. The dominant structures are the Great Wall and the Perseus-Pisces chain, with the Pavo-Indus feature of significance.

## Local Flows

Inhomogeneous mass distribution in the local Universe


## Hubble Constant(s)

Riess et al. 2019



## Measuring $H_{0}$



## Classical approach

$\rightarrow$ distance ladder to reach (smooth) Hubble flow


## Extragalactic Distances

## Many different methods

- Galaxies
- Mostly statistical
- Secular evolution, e.g. mergers
- Baryonic acoustic oscillations
- Supernovae
- Excellent (individual) distance indicators
- Three main methods
- (Standard) luminosity, aka 'standard candle'
- Expanding photosphere method
- Angular size of a known feature


## Hubble Constant

## Three different methods

1. Distance ladder

- Calibrate next distance indicator with the previous

2. Physical methods

- Determine either luminosity or length through physical quantities
- Lens delays
- Sunyaev-Zeldovich effect (galaxy clusters)
- Expanding photosphere method in supernovae
- Physical calibration of thermonuclear supernovae
- Geometric methods, e.g. masers

3. Global solutions

- Use knowledge of all cosmological parameters
- Cosmic Microwave Background


## Classic Distance Ladder

Primary distance indicators
(within the Milky Way)

- trigonometric parallax
- proper motion
- apparent luminosity
- main sequence
- red clump stars
- RR Lyrae stars
- eclipsing binaries
- Cepheid stars


Pathways to Extragalactic Distances
Jacoby et al. 1992

## Classic Distance Ladder

## Secondary distance indicators (beyond the Local Group)



- Important check
- Large Magellanic Cloud
- Tully-Fisher relation
- Fundamental Plane
- Supernovae (mostly SN la)
- Surface Brightness Fluctuations



## Hubble Constant

## Calibration of M(SN la @ max)

 Distance ladderPAST DISTANCE LADDER (100 Mpc)


NEW LADDER ( 100 Mpc )


NA

## Hubble Constant

## Supernova la

 Hubble diagram

Riess et al. 2016

## Problem solved?

## New discrepancy between the measurements

 of the local $\mathrm{H}_{0}$ (distance ladder) and early universe (CMB)Indication of an incomplete model of cosmology?

Hubble Constant Over Time



## Gravitational Lenses HOLICOW collaboration

flat $\Lambda$ CDM


(a) B1608+656
(b) RXJ1131-1231

(d) SDSS 1206+4332

(f) PG $1115+080$

## Type II Supernovae

- Core-collapse explosions of massive, red-supergiant stars

- Peak absolute mags between -16 and -18
$\rightarrow$ observable up to $z \approx 0.4$
- Most common type of SN by volume


## Physical parameters of core collapse SNe

Light curve shape and the velocity evolution can give an indication of the total explosion energy, the mass and the initial radius of the explosion


Observables (e.g. Popov 1993):
$\bullet$ length of plateau phase $\Delta t$

- luminosity of the plateau $L_{V}$
- velocity of the ejecta $\mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{ph}}$
- $E \propto \Delta t^{4} \cdot v_{p h}^{5} \cdot L^{0.4}$
- $M \propto \Delta t^{4} \cdot v_{p h}^{3} \cdot L^{0.4}$
- $R \propto \Delta t^{-2} \cdot v_{p h}^{-4} \cdot L^{-0.8}$


## Expanding Photosphere Method

- Modification of Baade-Wesselink method for variable stars
- Assumes
- Sharp photosphere $\rightarrow$ thermal equilibrium
- Spherical symmetry $\rightarrow$ radial velocity
- Free expansion


Kirshner \& Kwan 1974

## Expanding Photosphere Method

- Line formation in the expanding ejecta
- P Cygni line profile
- absorption indicates photospheric position



Stéphane Blondin

## Spectral Evolution

Changing spectra with time as deeper and deeper layers of the supernova are exposed


## Photospheric Velocity

Evolution from higher to lower expansion velocities

- deeper layers within a freely expanding envelope



## Photosphere Expansion

Hamuy et al. (2001)


Elmhamdi et al. (2003)


## Expanding Photosphere Method

$$
\theta=\frac{R}{D}=\sqrt{\frac{f_{\lambda}}{\zeta_{\lambda}^{2} \pi B_{\Lambda}(T)}} ; R=v\left(t-t_{0}\right)+R_{0} ; D_{A}=\frac{v}{\theta}\left(t-t_{0}\right)
$$

- R from radial velocity
- Requires lines formed close to the photosphere
- $\theta$ from the surface brightness of the black body
- Deviation from black body due to line opacities
- Encompassed in the dilution factor $\zeta^{2}$
- Dilution factor $\zeta^{2}$ from models
- Eastman et al. (1996), Dessart (2005)
- applied to all SNe, significant differences


## Dilution Factors

## Depend on the models and filters



Dessart \& Hillier 2005
Vogl et al. 2019

## SN 2013eq




## SN 2013eq

Two different dilution factors applied

- Hamuy et al. 2001 (H01)
- Dessart \& Hillier 2005 (D05)
- Both give a good distance to SN 1999em, e.g. Jones et al. (2009)




## Expanding Photosphere Method

- It's all in the data...

$$
\frac{\Theta}{v}=\frac{1}{D_{A}}\left(t-t_{0}\right)
$$

Gall et al. 2018

$t-t_{0}$

$t-t_{0}$

## ...not good enough

## Data not constraining for accurate distances



## Expanding Photosphere Method

- Main difficulties
- Explosion geometry/spherical symmetry
- Uniform dilution factors?
- Develop tailored spectra for each supernova $\rightarrow$ Spectral-fitting Expanding Atmosphere Method (SEAM)
- Absorption
- Observational difficulties
- Needs multiple epochs
- Spectroscopy to detect faint absorption lines
- Accurate photometry


## Expanded Photosphere Method Reloaded

- Use individual atmospheric models for the spectral fits
- use of the TARDIS radiation transport model
$\rightarrow$ absolute flux emitted
- Accurate explosion date
- accurate zero point
- At least 5 epochs per supernova


## Distances from spectral fits

Spectral-fitting Expanding Atmosphere Method

- Baron et al. (95, 96, 2004, 2007), Lentz et al. 2001, Mitchell et al. 2002
- Tailored Expanding Photosphere Method
- Dessart et al. $(2006,2008)$

$X, \rho, L \lambda, \ldots$

Baron et al. 2004

## TARDIS

## Kerzendorf \& Sim 2014


bound-free, free-free,

But: Developed for Type Ia SNe not Type II
high optical depths
( $\tau=20-30$ )

NLTE and thermal structure
relativistic transport

## Parameter determination



Current method:
Optimization by hand and eye (e.g, Dessart \& Hillier 2006, 2008)

## Advantages:

- efficiency
- uses spectroscopist's knowledge

Drawbacks:

- not reproducible
- no uncertainties
- infeasible for large datasets


## Spectral emulation



Emulate instead of simulate
e.g. Heitmann et al. 2009, Czekala et al. 2015, Lietzau 2017

## Reasoning:

- Spectra vary smoothly with the parameters $\theta=\mathrm{f}\left(\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{ph}}, \mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{ph}}, \ldots\right)$
- Interpolation uncertainties are likely subdominant


## Atmosphere Models



(e) 16 July 2005

## Distance Determination

Slope is inverse distance: $\frac{\Theta}{v}=\frac{1}{D_{A}}\left(t-t_{0}\right)$

| Date | Time $[\mathrm{d}]$ | $\Theta / v_{\text {ph }}[\mathrm{d} / \mathrm{Mpc}]$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 9 July 2005 | 12.25 | 1.69 |
| 10 July 2005 | 13.50 | 1.90 |
| 11 July 2005 | 14.50 | 2.12 |
| 14 July 2005 | 17.00 | 2.01 |
| 16 July 2005 | 19.40 | 2.44 |



Vogl et al. 2020 Time [d]


## Measuring distances



## adHOcc

"accurate determination of HO with core-collapse supernovae" (Flörs, Hillebrandt, Kotak, Smartt, Spyromilio, Suyu, Taubenberger, Vogl)

- Use the Expanding Photosphere Method to ~30 Type II supernovae in the Hubble flow ( $0.03<z<0.1$ )
- Goal: uncertainty on $\mathrm{H}_{0} \sim 3 \%$
- Independent of distance ladder
- no parallaxes, no Cepheids, no Type la supernovae
- FORS2 Large Programme over 3 semesters
- 6 epochs spectroscopy and photometry per supernova
- 8 SNe followed in first semester (P104)
- currently on hold
- SNFactory data
- about 20 SNe with $0.01<z<0.05$


## adHOcc

Combination of existing data sample from the SN Factory



## adHOcc

## Critical observables

- time of explosion
- spectral coverage
- before max until well into the plateau
- photometry
- simultaneously with spectroscopy



## Summary

- Significant progress in spectral fitting
- Christian Vogl's PhD thesis
- Vogl et al. 2019, 2020
- Importance of the data sampling
- explosion dates!
- sufficient coverage of the spectral evolution
- Redshift range
- reach the Hubble flow (z>0.03)
- 1-stop method to measure $\mathrm{H}_{0}$
- independent of distance ladder
- other cosmological parameters (densities)

