

Concordance Cosmology?

A GOOD COMPROMISE
LEAVES EVERYBODY MAD.



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H_0 with DES+BAO+BBN

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Sounds speed.
Depends on $\Omega_b h^2$

Time to last scattering.
In LCDM, depends on $T_{\text{cmb}}, \Omega_m, h$.

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Both D_A and $H(z)$
depend on h, Ω_m .

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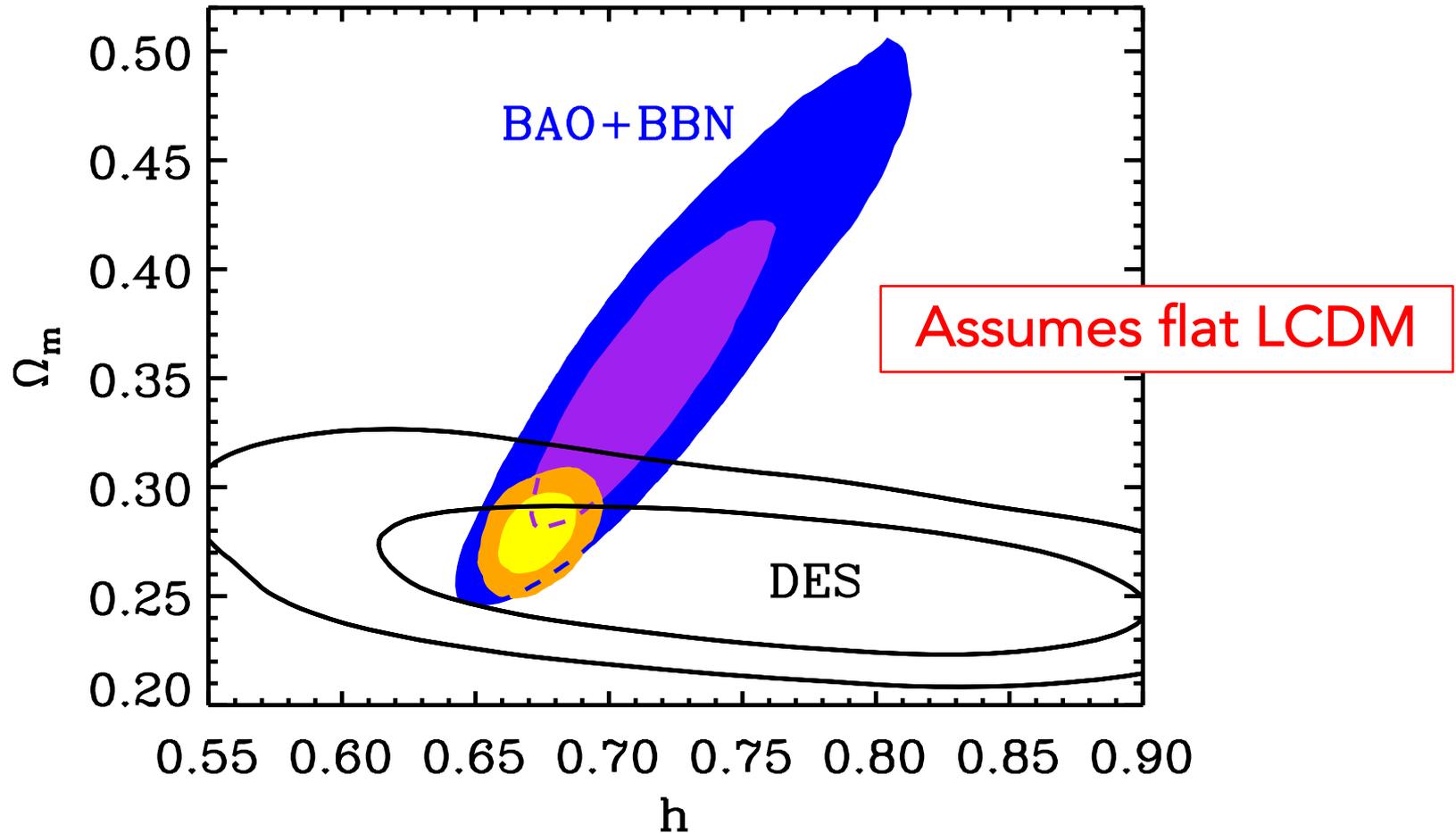
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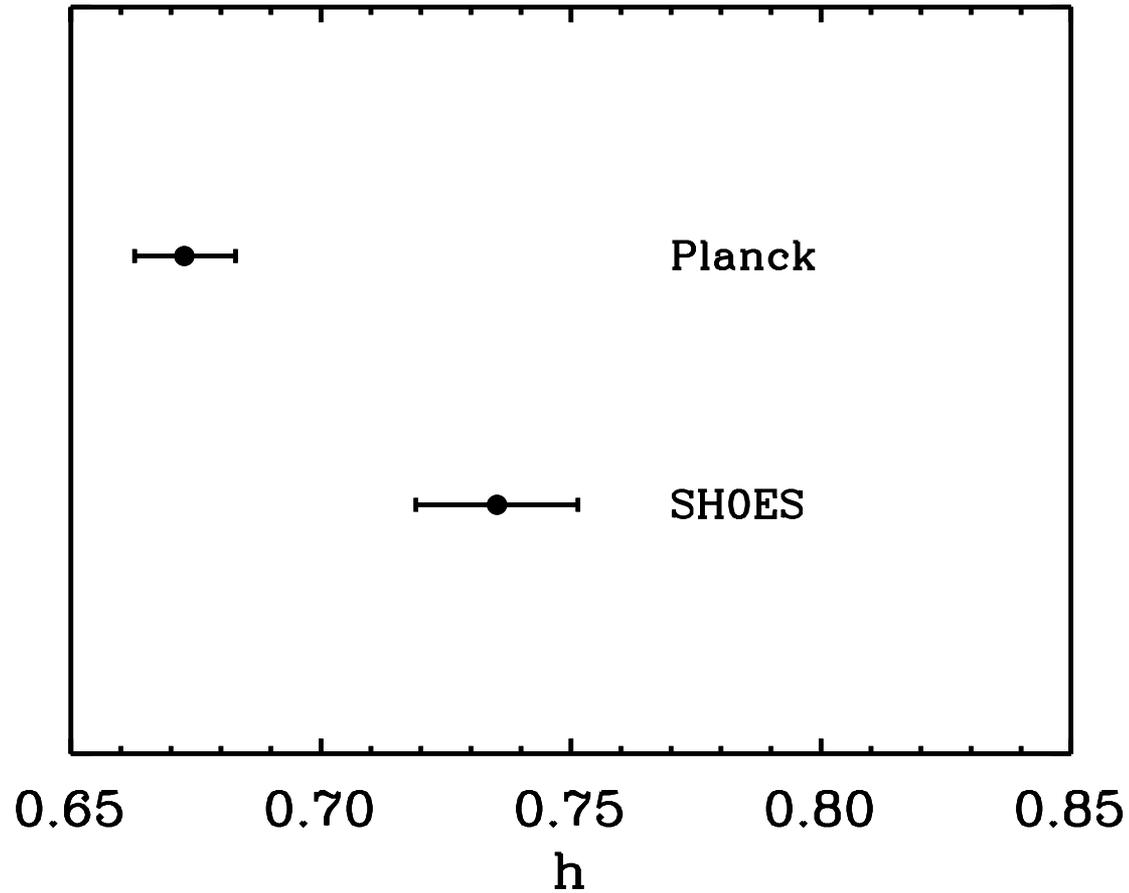
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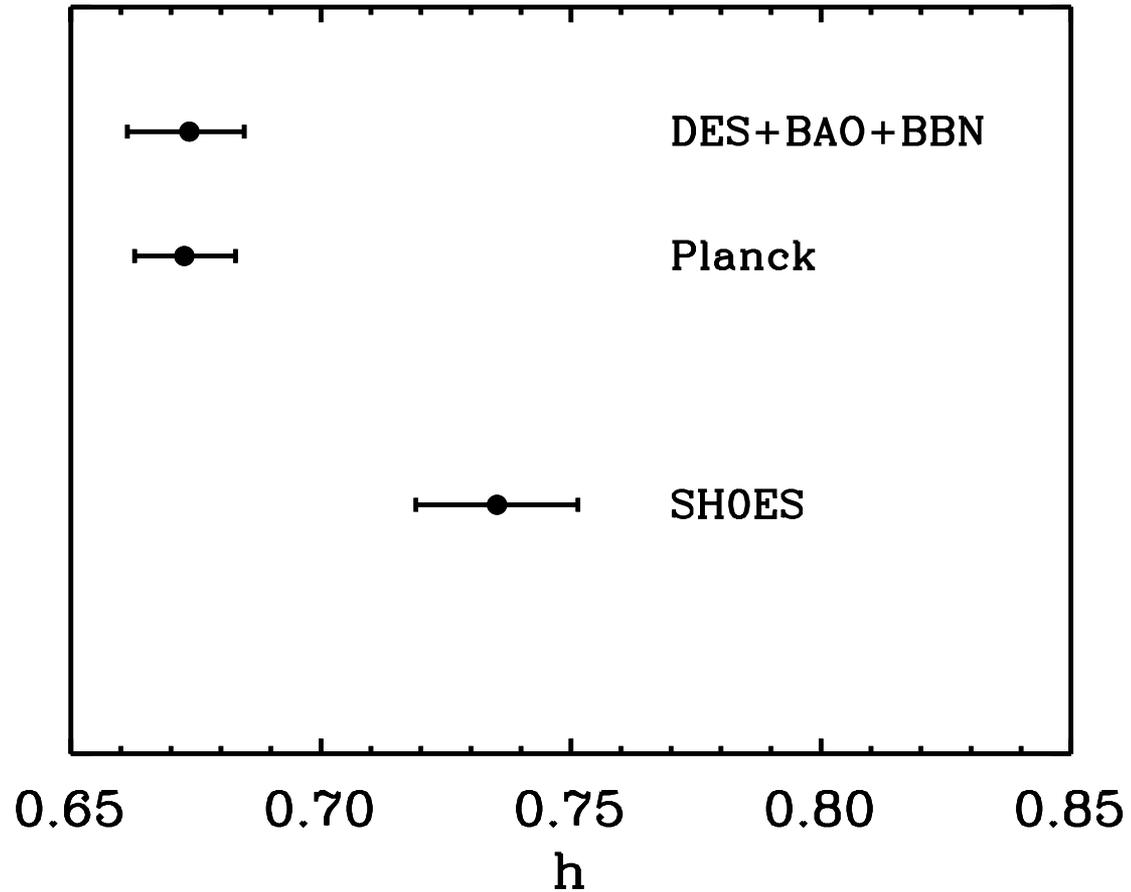
$$H_0 = 67.4^{+1.1}_{-1.2} \text{ km/s/Mpc}$$



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Should we just give up on flat LCDM?

Speculation

- If we add Pantheon, relative distances are fixed irrespective of curvature/DE.
- Breaking BAO+BBN+ Ω_m measurements is by breaking r_s . *Need to mess w/ the early Universe!*
- Very tough to do. Simplest route is N_{eff} , but runs into high- l CMB tail.

Other possible routes?

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Question

- Could distance-ladder have some systematics?

In an act of desperation, let's indulge in a posteriori statistics.

Distance Ladder Measurements

Table 6
Best Estimates of H_0 Including Systematics

Anchor(s)	Value ($\text{km s}^{-1} \text{Mpc}^{-1}$)
One Anchor	
NGC 4258: Masers	72.25 ± 2.51
MW: 15 Cepheid Parallaxes	76.18 ± 2.37
LMC: 8 Late-type DEBs	72.04 ± 2.67
M31: 2 Early-type DEBs	74.50 ± 3.27
Two Anchors	
NGC 4258 + MW	74.04 ± 1.93
NGC 4258 + LMC	71.62 ± 1.78
Three Anchors (Preferred)	
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- Analyses share all the same SN, Cepheids, and calibration galaxies.

If no correlation: $H_0 = 73.21 \pm 1.42$

Recovered error bar implies $r \approx 0.5$.

Are All Distance Anchors Internally Self-Consistent?

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- Given joint distribution $P(H_{\text{LMC+maser}}, H_{\text{MW}})$,
we can compute $P(H_{\text{LMC+maser}} - H_{\text{MW}})$

$$\Delta H = 4.28 \pm 1.96 \text{ km/s} \quad \because \quad 2.2\sigma \text{ tension.}$$

- Clearly not definitive, but does merit a closer look.

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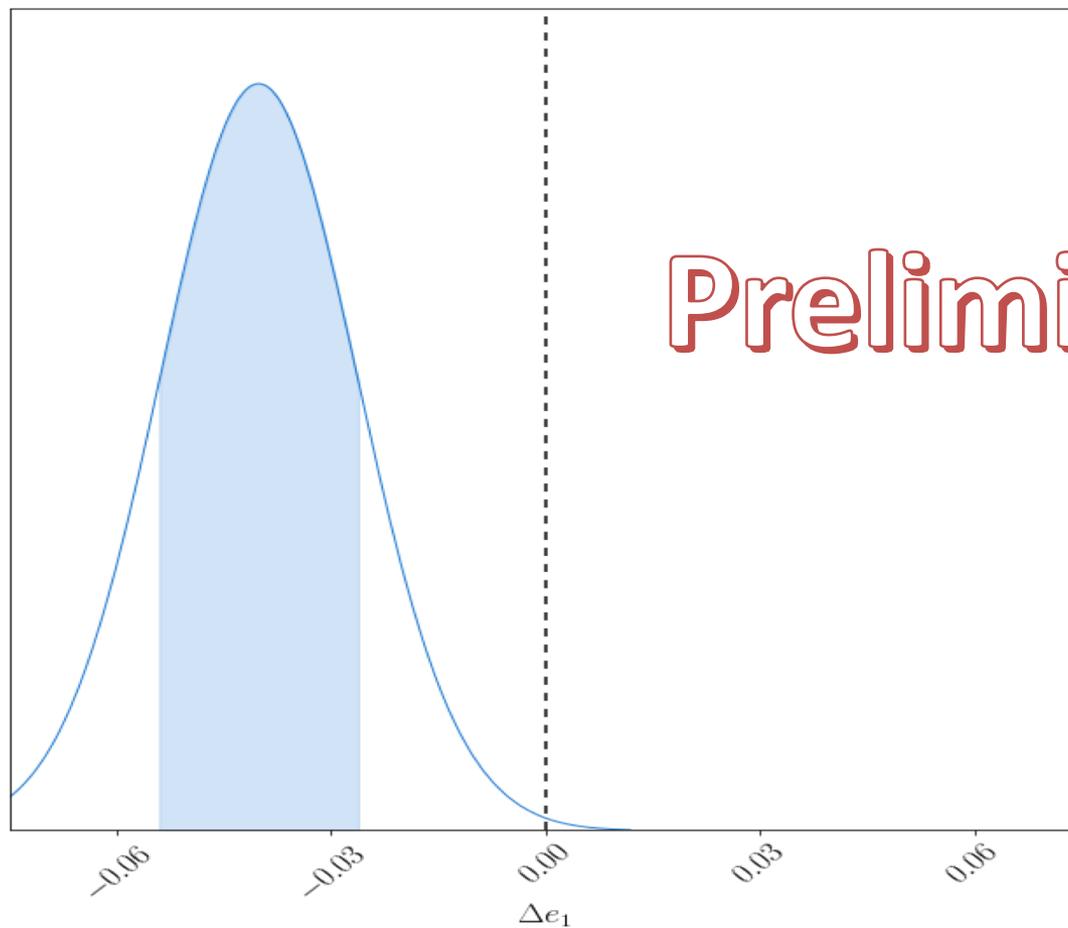
Main obstacle: if real, I have no idea what could lead to that tension.

There's More to Life than h

Let's look briefly at *Planck* and DES.

- DES effective constrains only *one* parameter: $\sigma_8 \Omega_{\text{m}}^{0.76}$.
- We should only look at the tension in this parameter! (see Marco's talk tomorrow).
- Compute $\sigma_8 \Omega_{\text{m}}^{0.76}$ from both DES and P18 chains, take the difference. Is it consistent with zero?

DES and *Planck* are in 2.9σ Tension



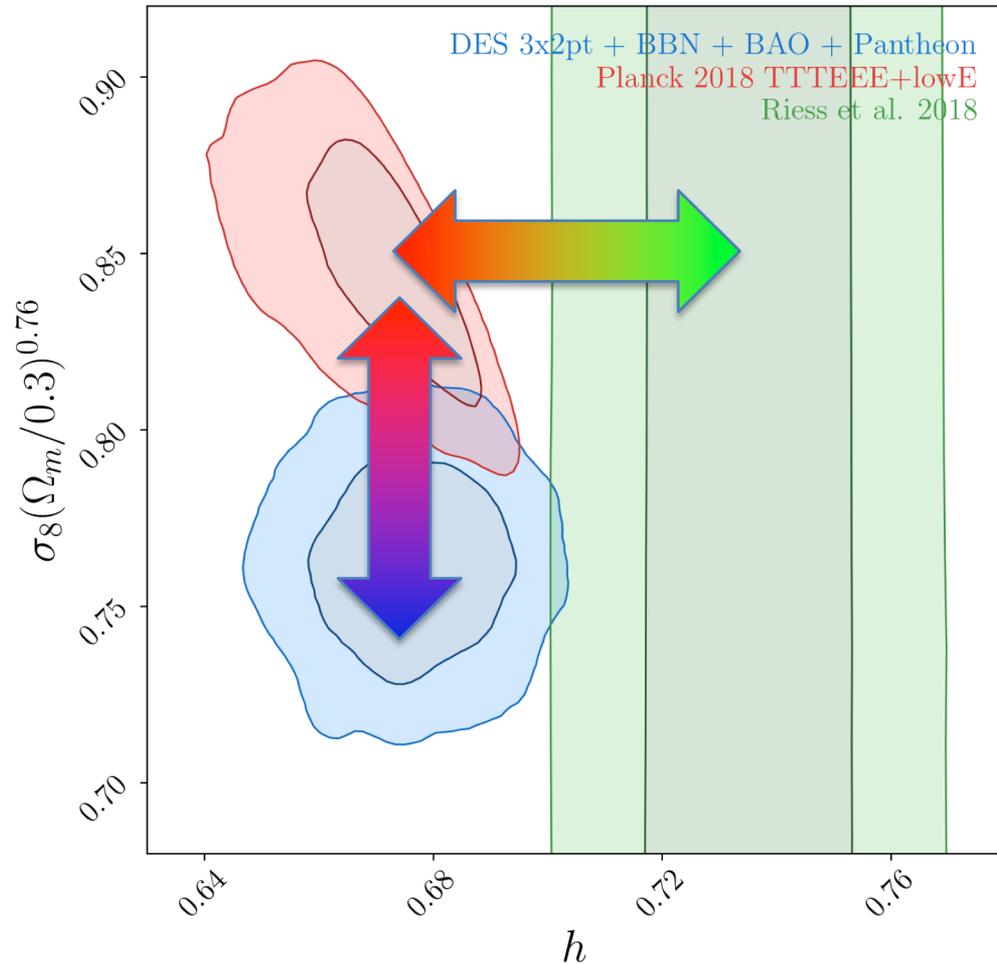
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Speculation

- Unlike BAO+, the *Planck* tension w/ DES could be ameliorated by breaking late-Universe physics.
- Likewise, the *Planck*-DES tension can't be fixed with early Universe physics.

Key point...

These Tensions Are Not Related!



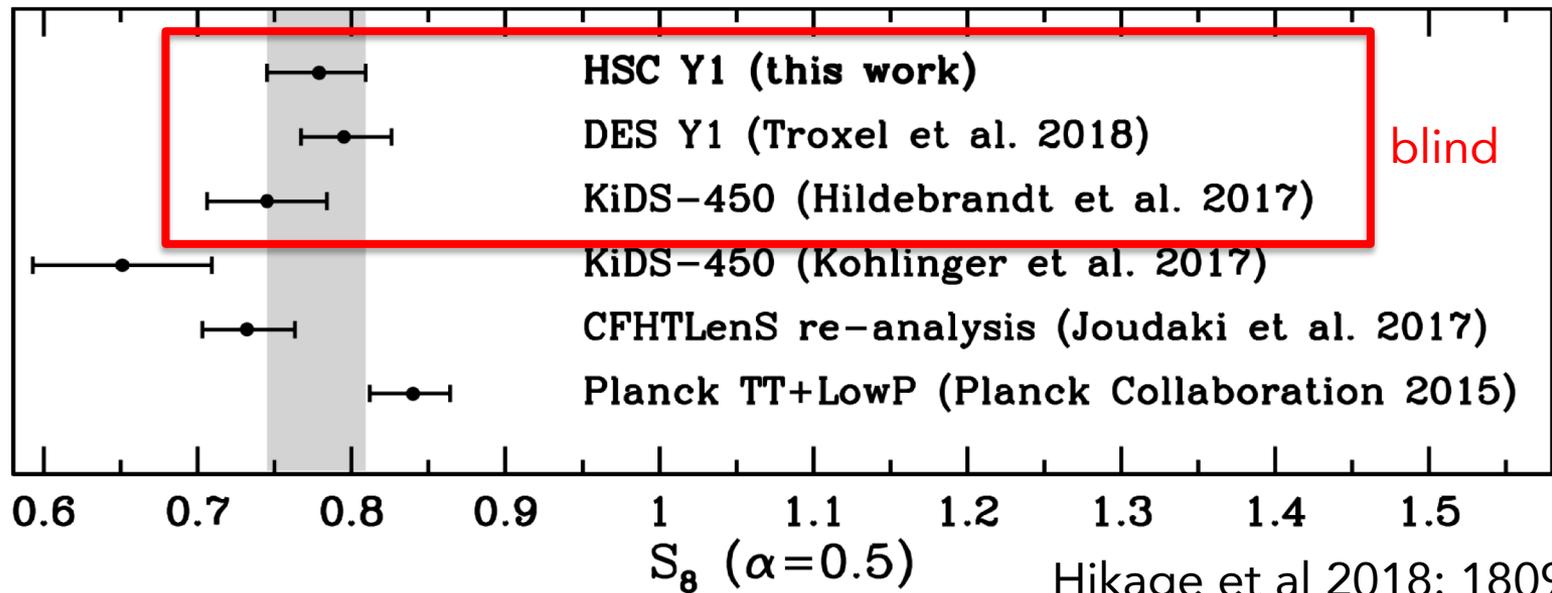
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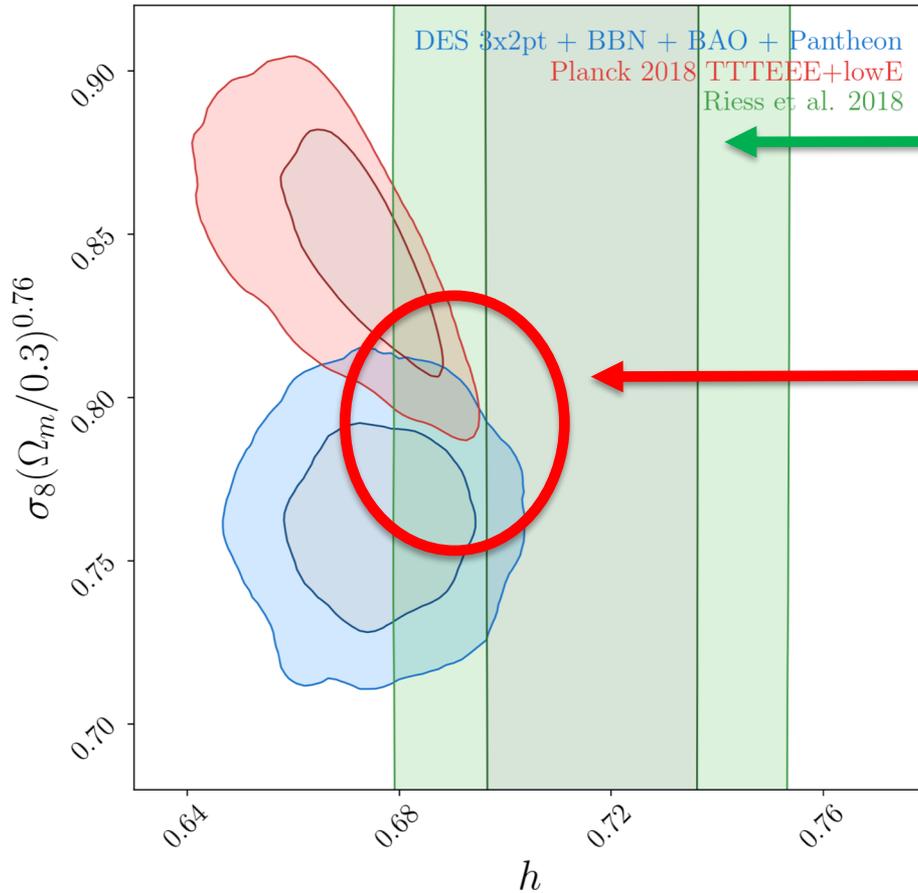
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Can't We All Just Get Along?

- *Planck* and DES/KiDS/HSC need only move slightly to better agree.
 - *Planck* seems to have some room for finding some new details.
 - DES/KiDS/HSC- maybe less so?



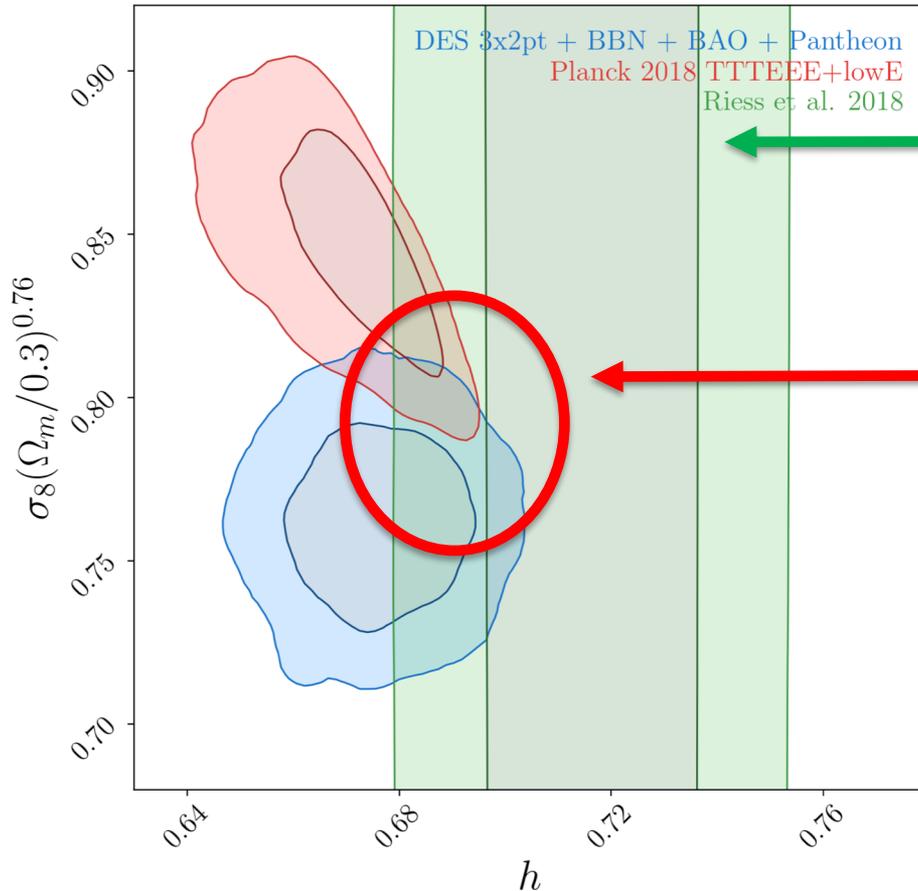
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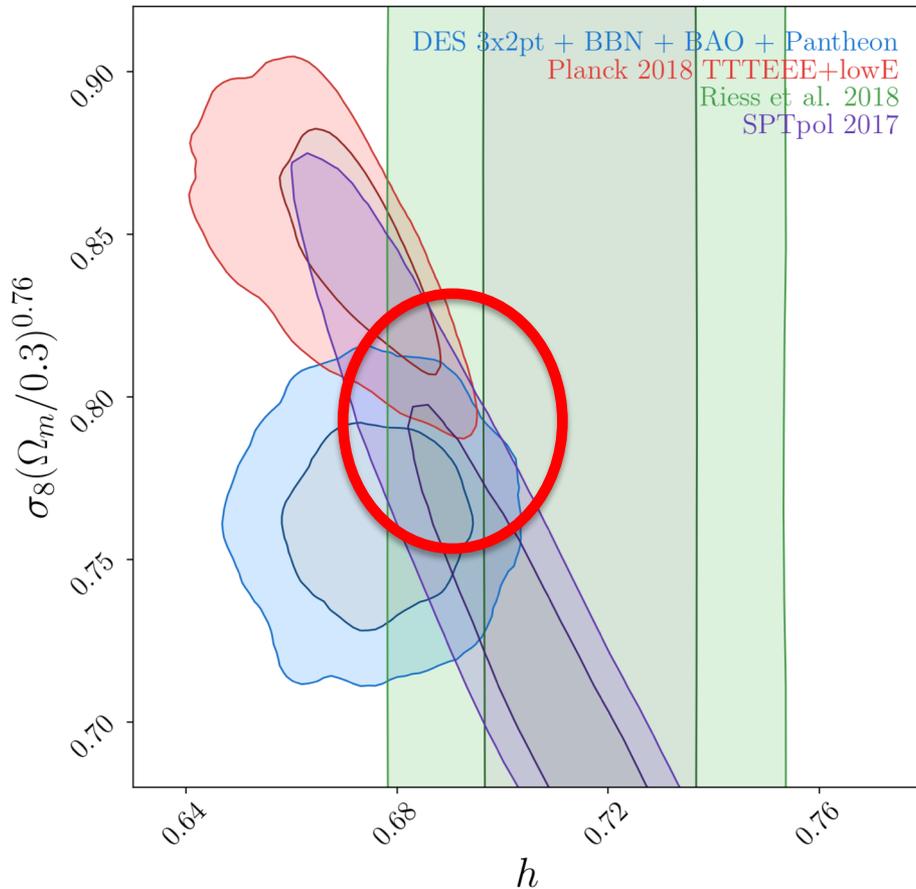
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- Alternative is breaking LCDM in two different places!

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It Plays Nice With Others Too!



- Adding SPTpol
- H0LICOW is basically on top of maser+LMC

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- *Planck* and DES are in 2.9σ tension.
- Fixing all tensions w/ physics will likely require **two** different modifications of the LCDM model.
- **In aggregate**, there is still plenty of room for a consensus solution. This is probably the most conservative answer!