

# The TRGB and the Hubble Constant

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$$H_0$$

Today's Expansion rate of the Universe

# Two Ways to Estimate $H_0$

- $H(t=t_0)$ 
  - cosmic distance ladder
- $H(z) \rightarrow H(t_0)$ 
  - inverse distance ladder (CMBR, BAO)

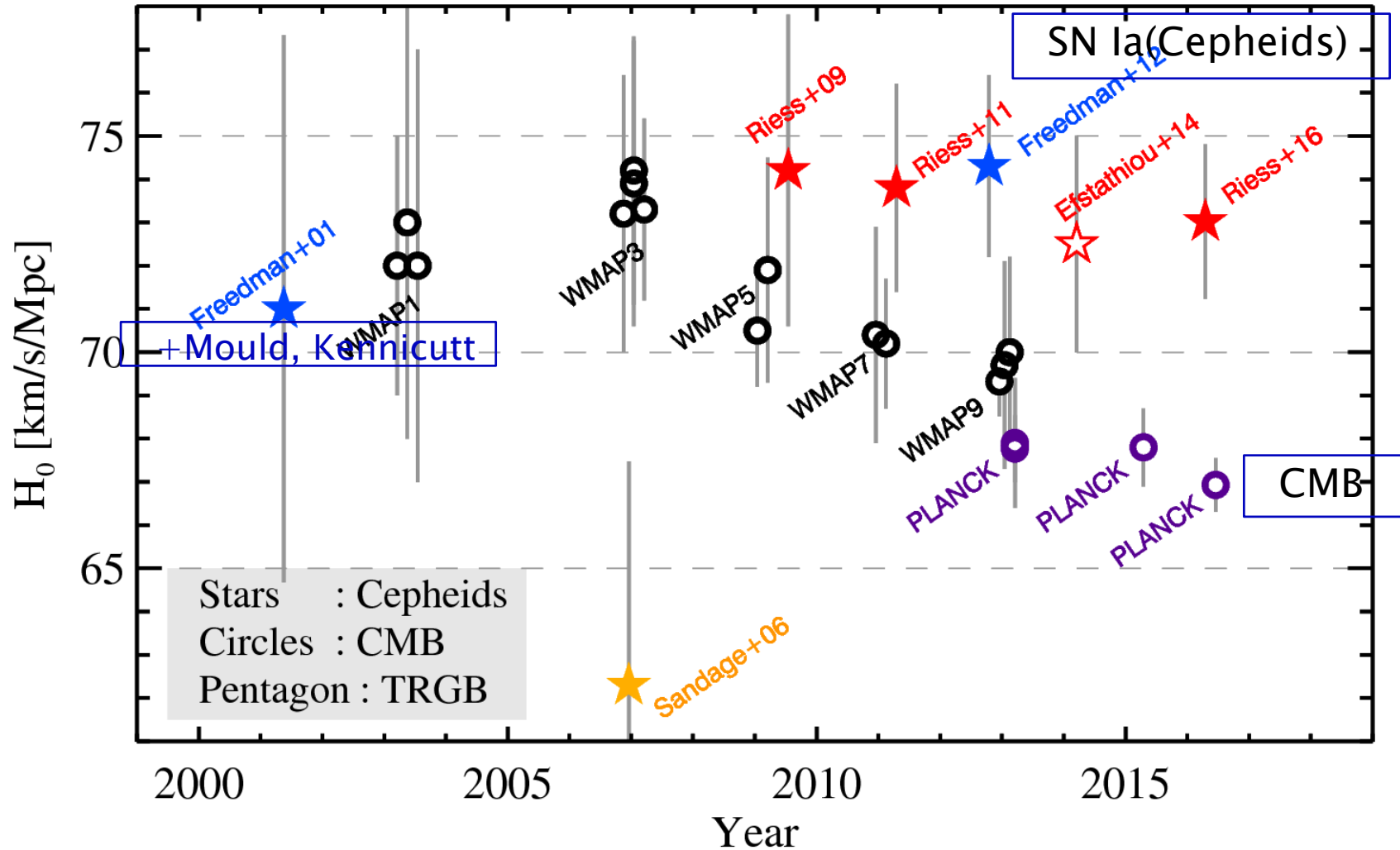
# Cosmic Distance ladder for $H_0$

- SN Ia Cosmology  $\rightarrow H(t_0)$
- Calibration of SN Ia:
  - Cepheids based on geometric anchors

# The status of $H_0$ in 2016

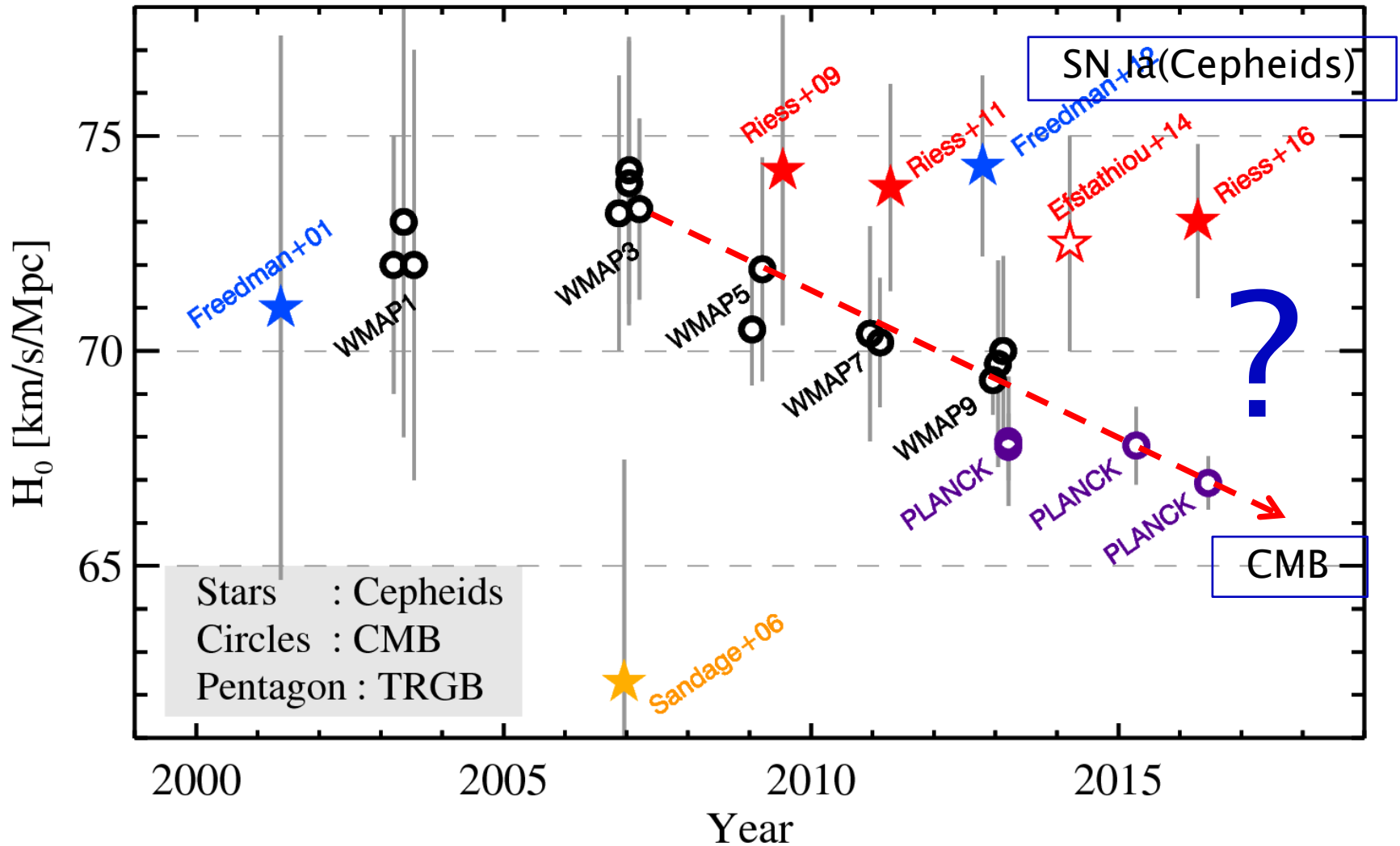
- Cepheids have been used to calibrate SN Ia.
- Cepheid-calibrated SN Ia & CMB are diverging in  $H_0$  estimates!

# Recent Evolution of $H_0$ (-2016)



# The Hubble Tension in 2016?

- Four possibilities: xo, ox, xx, oo?



# How to check the problem?

- ▶ By independent calibration of SN Ia using **the TRGB!**



# Cosmic Distance ladder for $H_0$

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  - Cepheids based on geometric anchors
  - **TRGB based on geometric anchors**

# A Brief History of the TRGB

# In 1944, Baade started!

- The resolution of M32, NGC 205 & the central region of M31.
- Resolved stars are similar to those of globular clusters (Pop II).
- Mpg (TRGB) = -1.1 mag

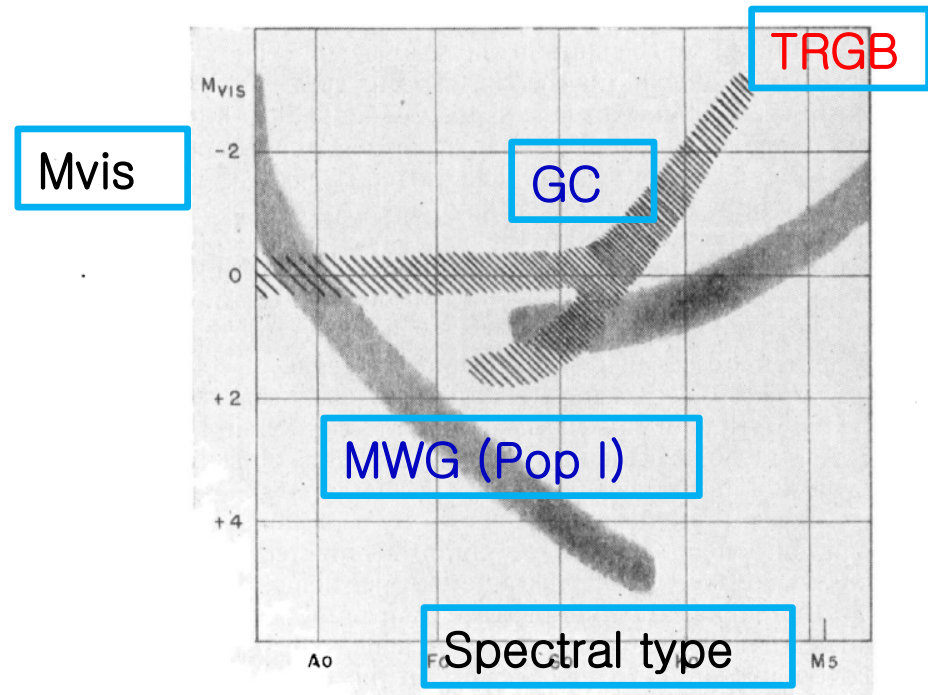


FIG. 1.—Shaded areas: ordinary H-R diagram (type I). Hatched area: H-R diagram of stars in globular clusters (type II).

# In 1990s, Modern era of the TRGB began!

The TRGB has become popular as a precise distance indicator, due to following factors.

## (1) Edge detection and the TRGB precision

Lee, Freedman, & Madore (1993)

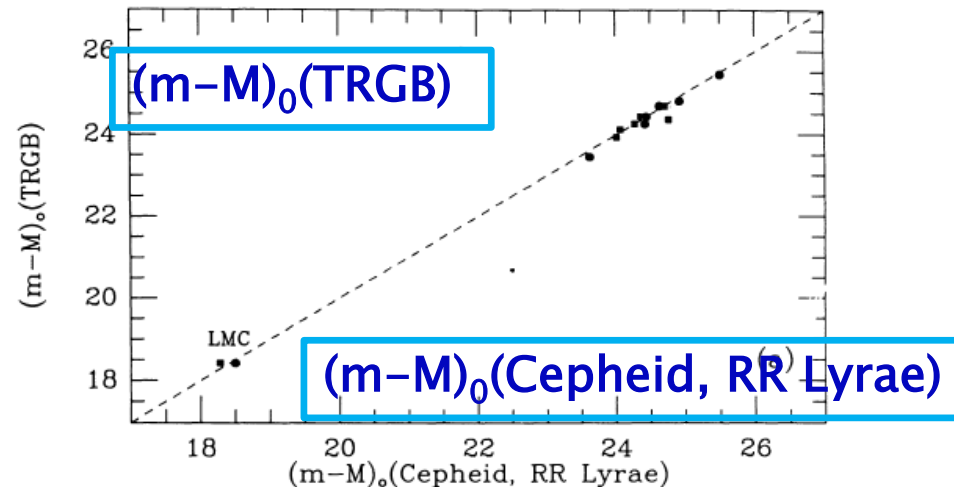
“The TRGB as a Distance Indicator for Resolved Galaxies”

–an edge detector (Sobel filters) for the TRGB measurement,

–the precision of the TRGB is comparable to that of Cepheids.

– $M_I(\text{TRGB}) = -4.0 \pm 0.1$

## (2) Advent of HST (1990–)



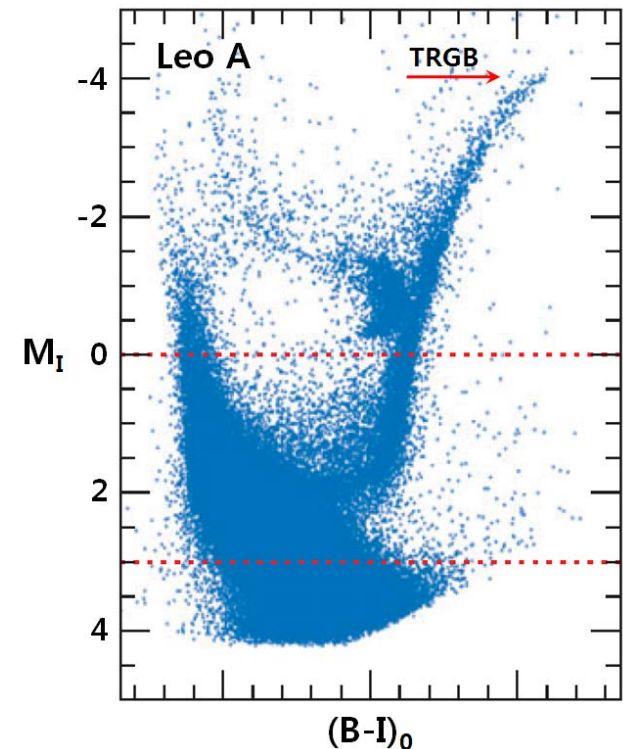
Today,  
the TRGB is  
a powerful tool for SN cosmology  
to determine the Hubble Constant!

(Beaton+2016, Jang & Lee2017a,b and references therein).

# Strengths of the TRGB

SN Ia are found in all types of galaxies. Galaxies have stars with a large range of ages, including many old stars!

- (1) The TRGB can be used **for any types of resolved galaxies.**
- (2) Suffers little extinction problem.
- (3) **for  $d < 35$  Mpc** with HST (2017).



Leo A (SF Irr)  
Tolstoy (2009)

# TRGB Calibration of SN

**TIPSNU:**

The **T**ip of the RGB  
for **S**N host galaxies  
in the **U**niverse  
at **S**eoul **N**ational **U**niversity!

# How to reduce the errors?

(1) Improving the accuracy and the precision of the TRGB.

(2) Increasing the sample of SN Ia for calibration.



# New TRGB Calibration (2017)

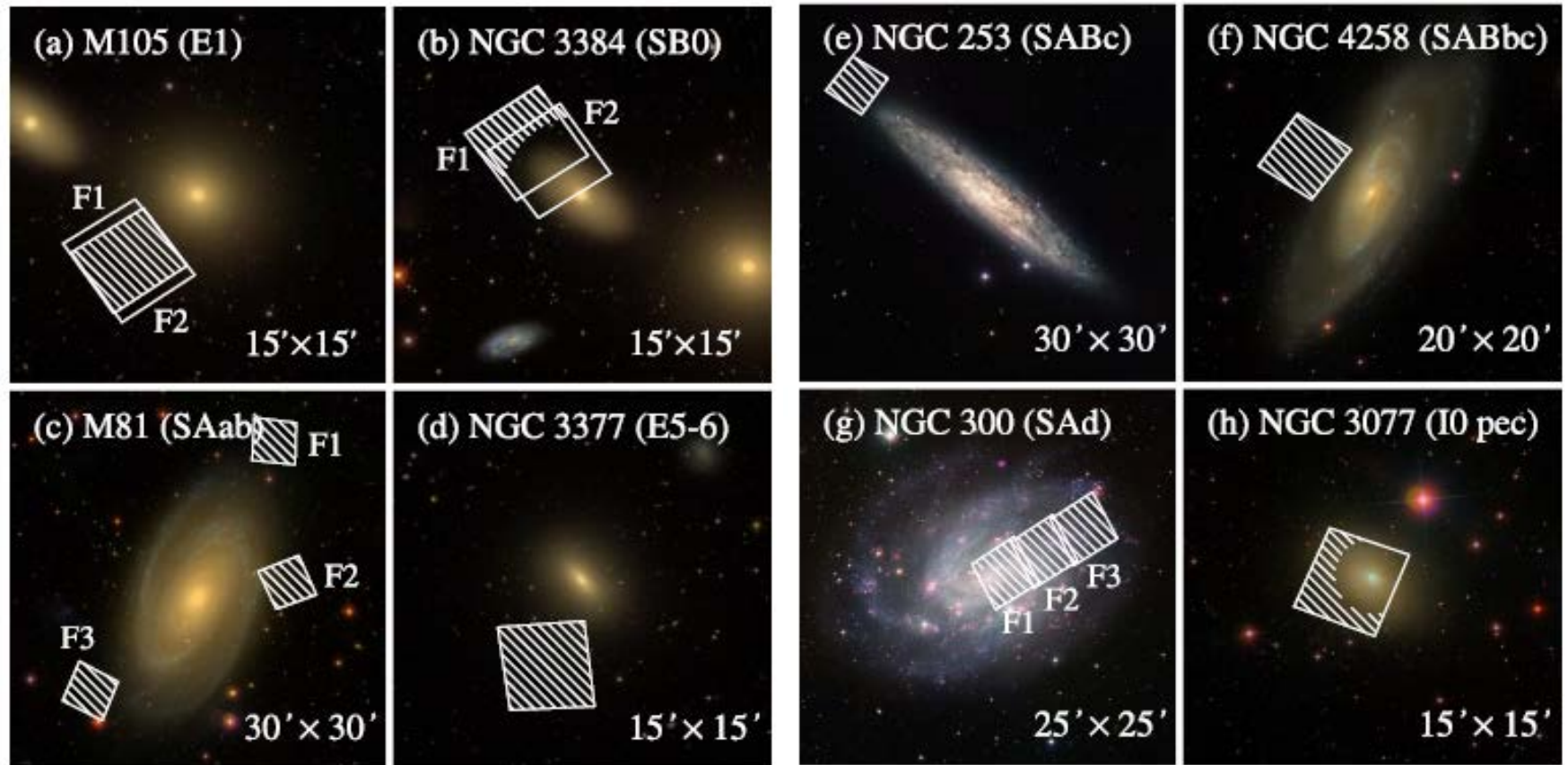
TIPSNU IV. (Jang & Lee 2017a, ApJ, 835, 28)

## (1) Higher Precision

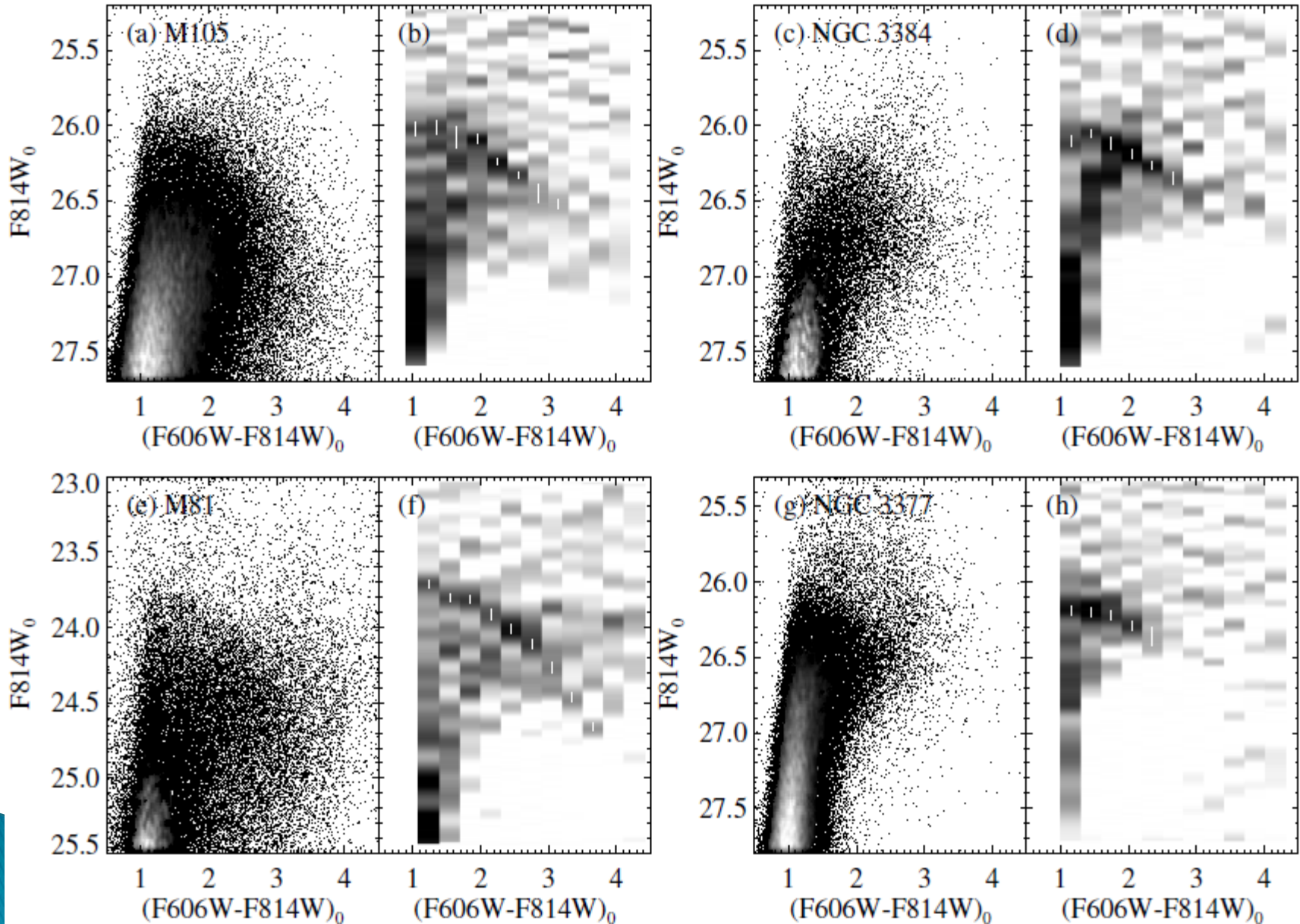
- deriving TRGBs for a large range of color
- introducing **QT magnitude**, which is a color-independent magnitude of the TRGB.
- using the Sobel filter for edge detection.
- typical measuring error of the TRGB:  $\sim 0.02$  mag**

# New TRGB Calibration: TRGB-Color

-Targets: nearby galaxies of various types (E, Irr, S) with deep HST images



# CMDs and Edge maps of Galaxies



# New TRGB -Color Relation

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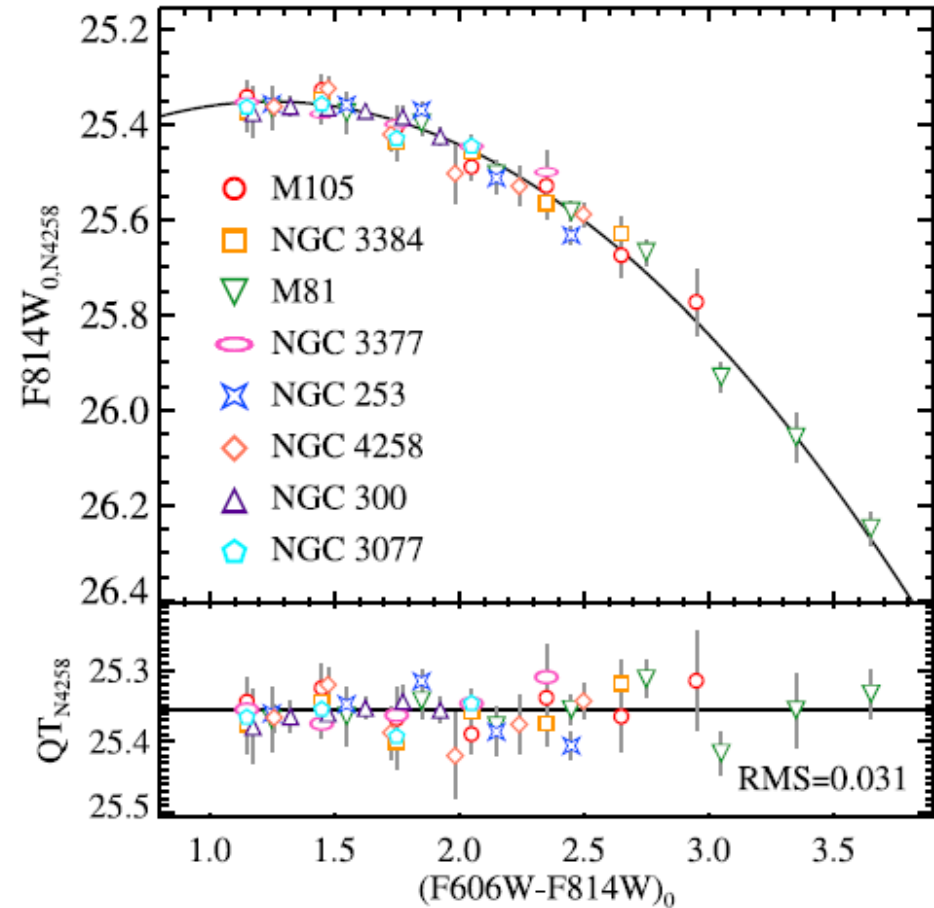
(Jang & Lee 2017a)

-Derived QT magnitude, which is a **color-independent magnitude of the TRGB:**

$$QT = I_0 - 0.091((V-I)_0 - 1.5)^2 + 0.007((V-I)_0 - 1.5)$$

-using blue RGBs

-**typical measuring error of TRGB:  $\sim 0.02$  mag**



# New TRGB Calibration: zero point

TIPSNU IV. (Jang & Lee 2017a, ApJ)

## (2) Higher Accuracy

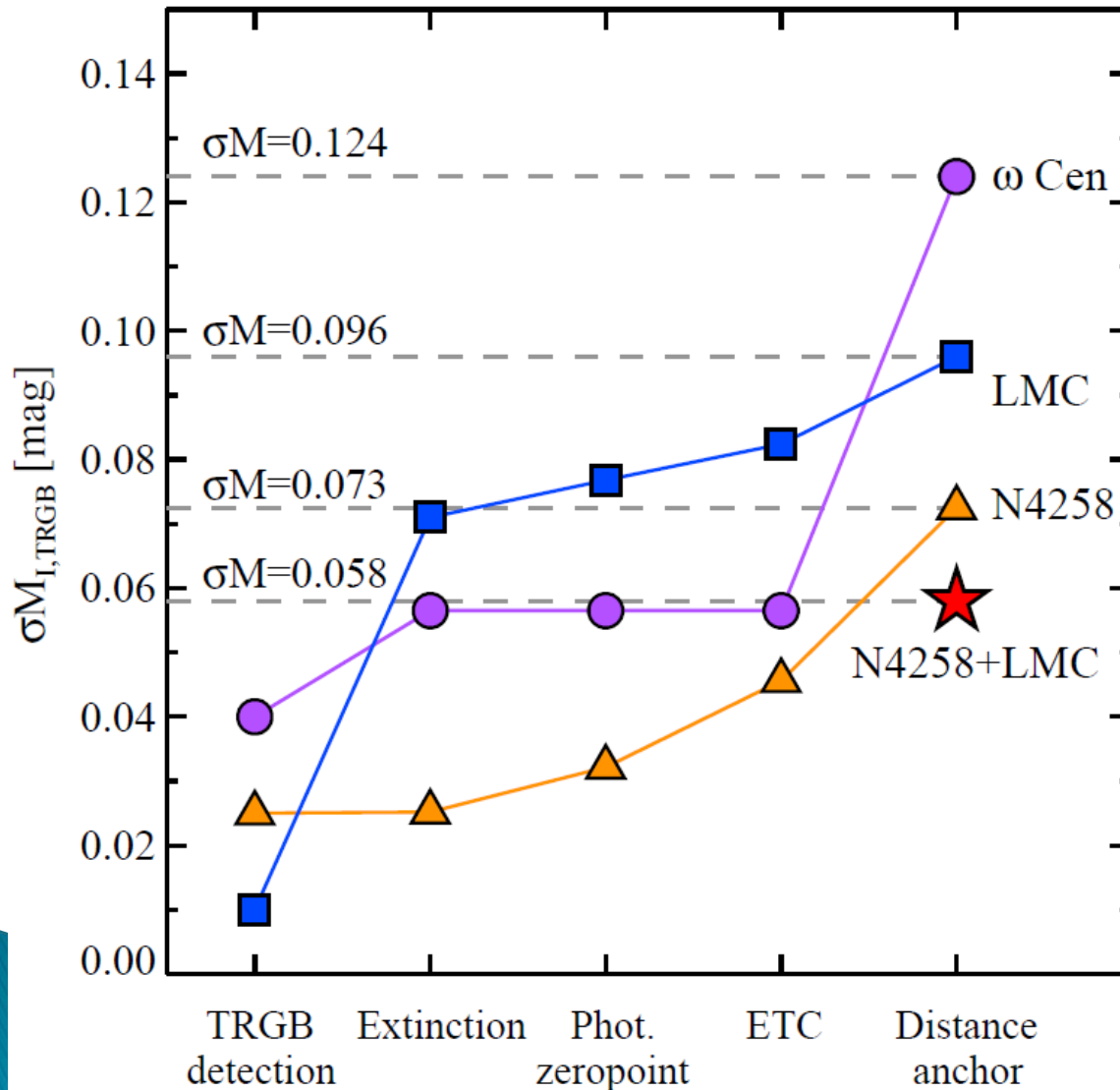
- **Previous calibrations** are based on HBs in MW GCs or Local Group galaxies.
- In contrast, **TIPSNU uses two distance anchors with geometric distance estimates.**
- **systematic error of the TRGB distance:  $\sim 2.7\%$**

# Zero-point calibration of the TRGB

- ▶ Two distance anchors **with accurate geometric distances**
  - 1) NGC 4258 (M106, based on H<sub>2</sub>O Megamasers)
  - 2) The LMC (based on 8 eclipsing binaries)



# Error budget for zero point error



$$M_I = -4.05 \pm 0.12$$

(Bellazzini+01)

$$M_I = -4.004 \pm 0.096$$
$$= -4.030 \pm 0.073$$

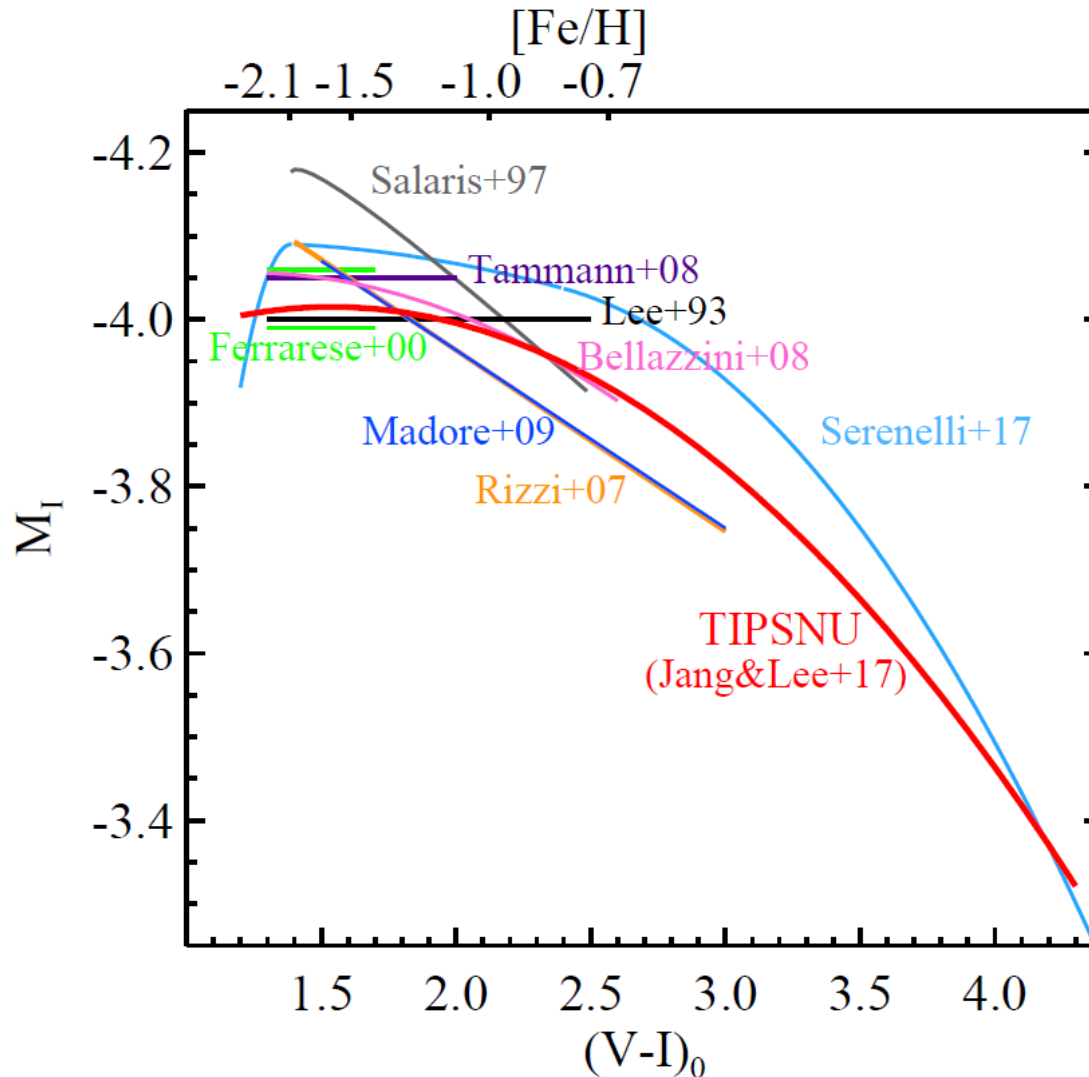
$$M_I = -4.016 \pm 0.058$$

(Our best estimate)

“Accurate to 2.7%  
of distance”

# Comparison of TRGB Calibrations

- Excellent agreement with Lee+(1993) for low metallicity!
- Note that they based on totally independent calibrations!





# TIPSNU for $H_0$ in 2017

-TIPSNU.V. (Jang & Lee2017b, ApJ, 836,74)

# TRGB Calibration of SN Ia

## TIPSNU

(The **T**ip of the RGB for **S**N host galaxies in the **U**niverse)

## Criteria for targets

- Galaxies at <40 Mpc hosting SN Ia with HST images
  - with modern photometry of SN Ia
  - with low extinction
- In 2017:  $N(\text{SN Ia})=8$

## Current Progress:

- |                            |                                   |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| I: M101                    | (Lee & Jang 2012, ApJL, 760, L14) |
| II: M66 and M96            | (Lee & Jang 2013, ApJ, 773, 13)   |
| III: NGC 4038/39, NGC 5584 | (Jang & Lee 2015, ApJ, 807, 133)  |
| IV: New TRGB calibration   | (Jang & Lee 2017a, ApJ, 835, 28)  |
| V: NGC 3021 and others     | (Jang & Lee 2017b, ApJ, 836, 74)  |

# Three distant galaxies at $\sim 30$ Mpc!

- ▶ Impossible to get TRGB distances?
- ▶ The most challenging sample for TRGB!

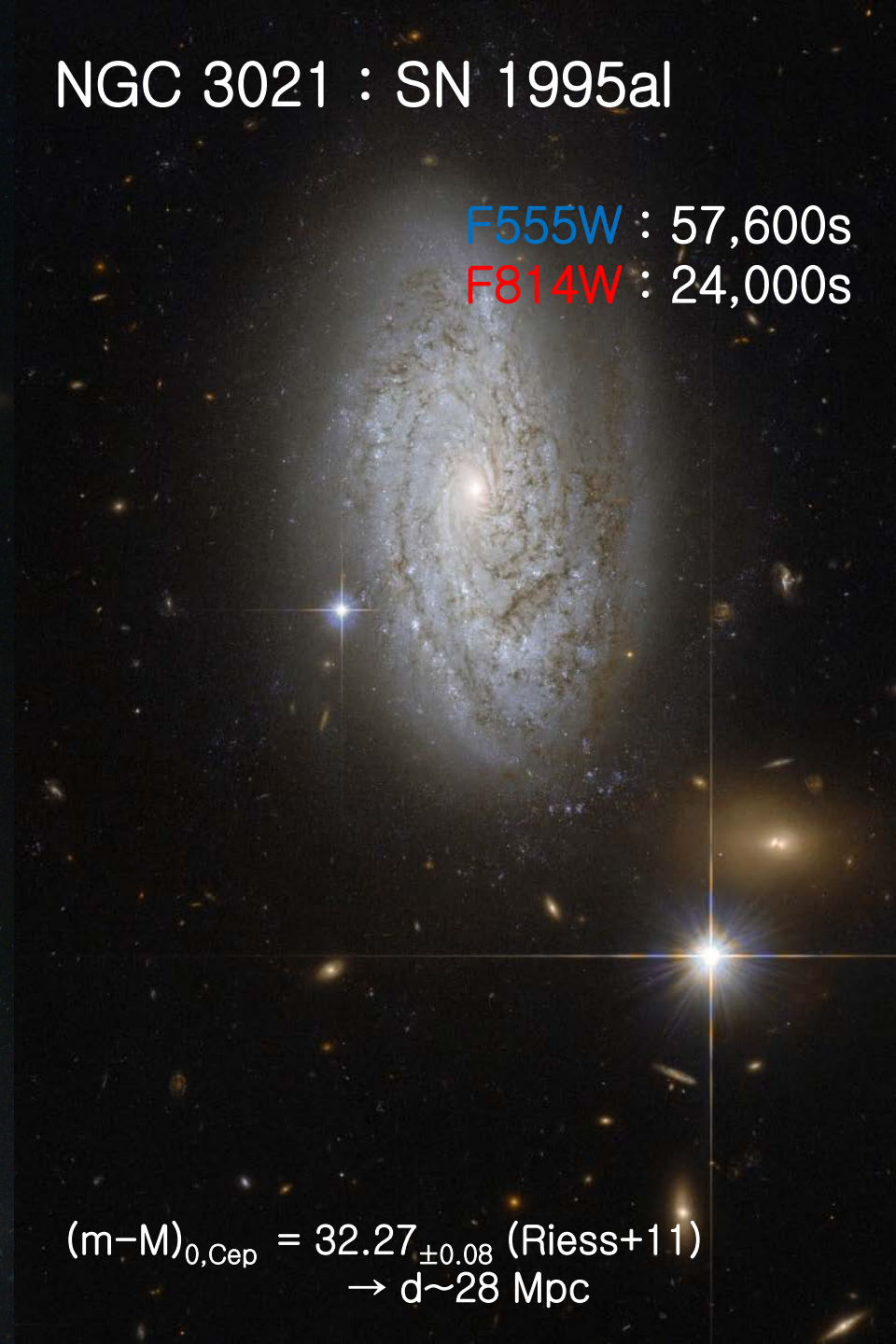
NGC 3370 : SN 1994ae



$$(m-M)_{0,\text{Cep}} = 32.13_{\pm 0.07} \text{ (Riess+11)}$$

→  $d \sim 27$  Mpc

NGC 3021 : SN 1995al



F555W : 57,600s

F814W : 24,000s

$$(m-M)_{0,\text{Cep}} = 32.27_{\pm 0.08} \text{ (Riess+11)}$$

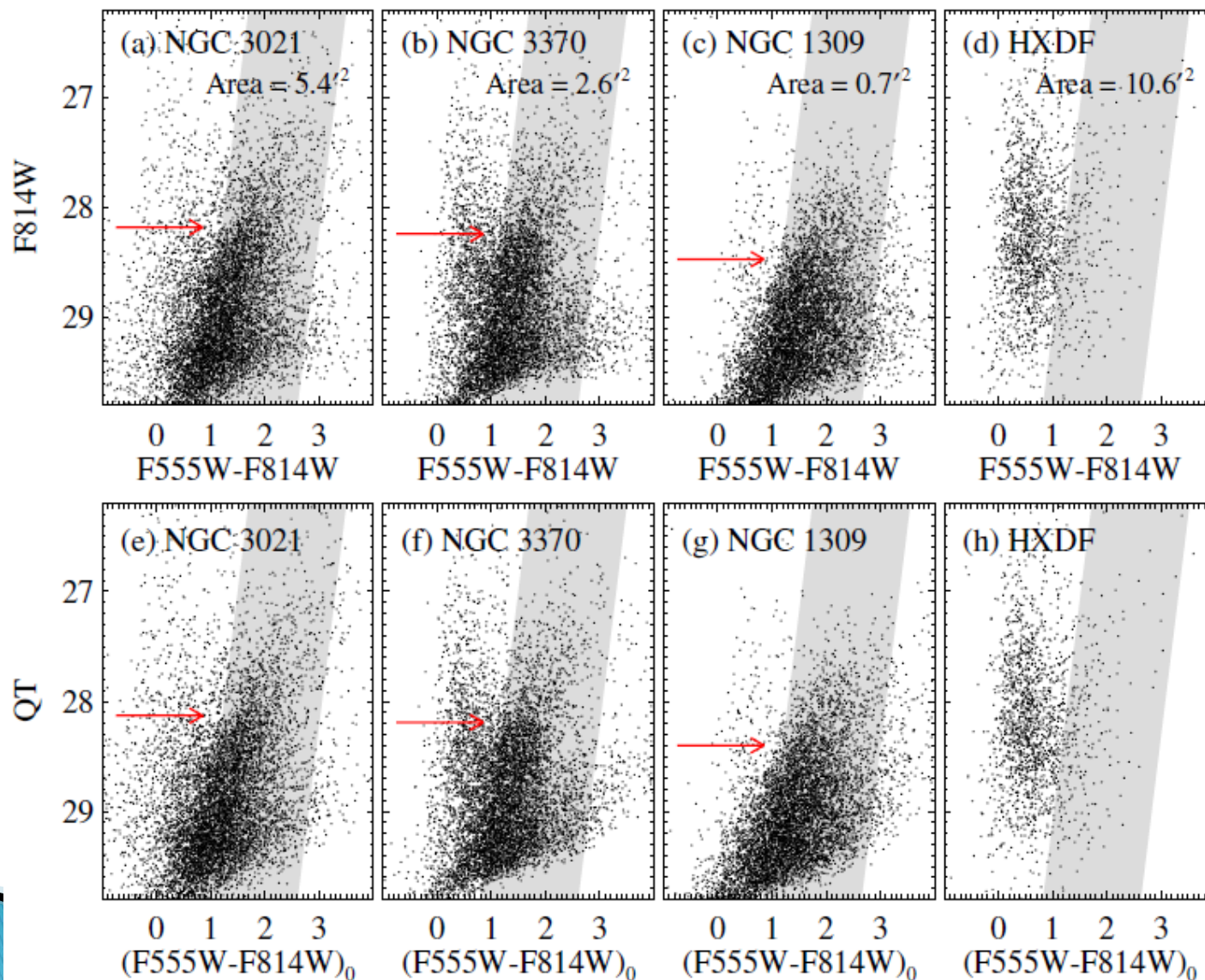
→  $d \sim 28$  Mpc

# NGC 1309 : SN 2002fk (The Champion in TRGB)

$(m-M)_{0,Cep} = 32.59_{\pm 0.09}$  (Riess+11)  
 $\rightarrow d \sim 33$  Mpc

F555W : 57,600s  
F814W : 24,000s

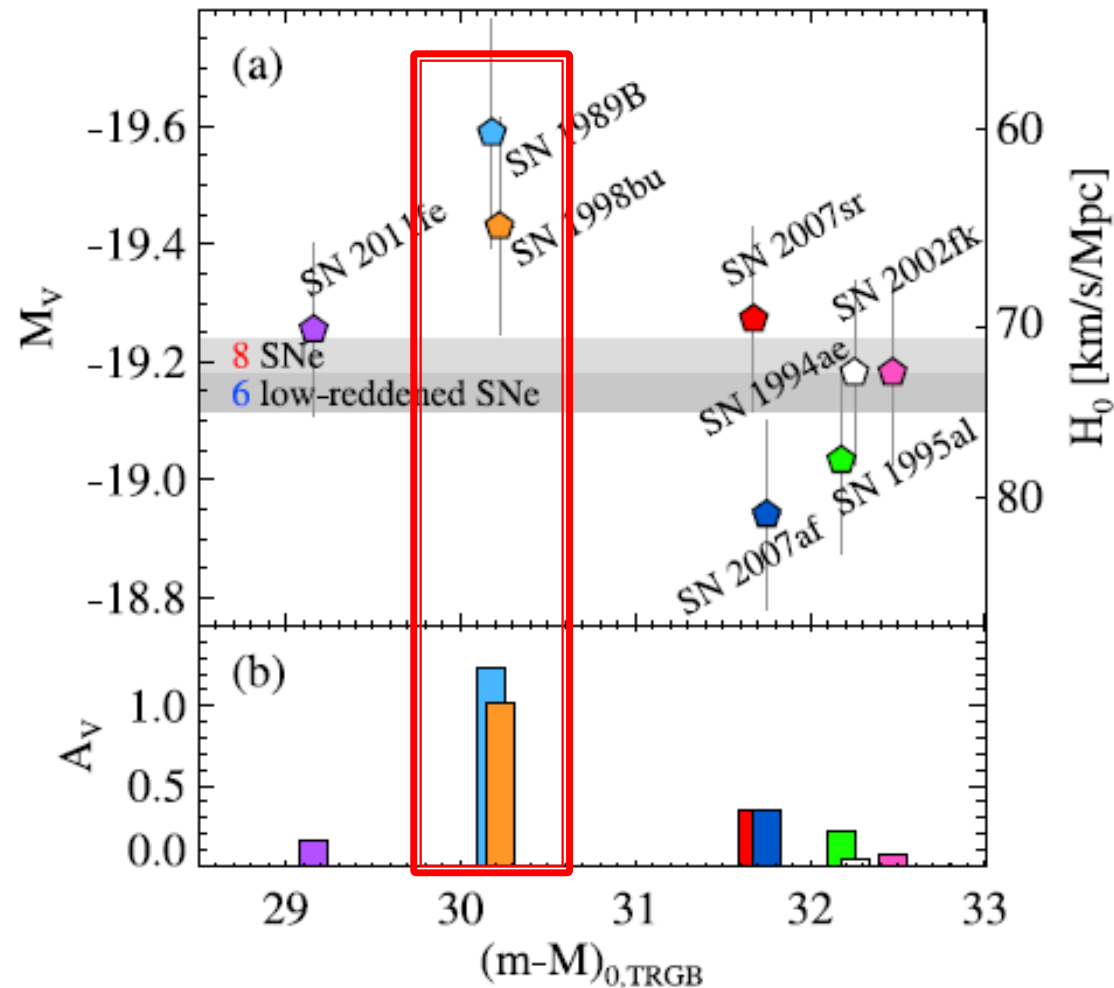
# CMDs showing RGB stars!



# Calibration of SN Ia with TRGB (TIPSNU)

-N (low reddened SN Ia) = 6

$-M_V$  (SN Ia) =  $-19.15 \pm 0.06$  (ran)  $\pm 0.06$  (sys)



# Cepheid-SN Ia calibration in 2016

## Riess et al. (2016) Mega-SHOES

‘A 2.4% determination of the local value of  $H_0$ ’

- ✓ Cepheid distance estimate: for **19** SN Ia
- ✓ SN Ia in nearby universe ( $z < 0.1$ ) : **233** SNe Ia
- ✓  **$H_0 = 73.24 \pm 1.74$  km/s/Mpc (2.4% error)**

## Riess et al. (2009, 2011) SHOES

- ✓ Cepheid (MW, LMC) and Maser distance estimate : for **8** SN Ia
- ✓ SN Ia in nearby universe ( $z < 0.1$ ) : **140** SNe Ia
- ✓  **$H_0 = 73.8 \pm 2.4$  km/s/Mpc (4.1% error)**

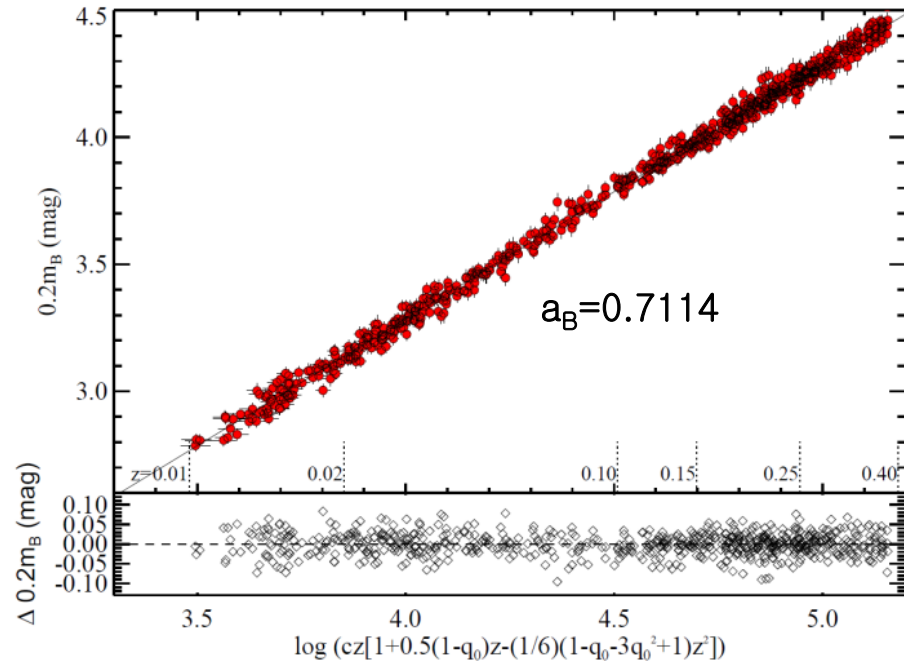


# TRGB Calibration of SNe Ia and $H_0$

For the **6 low-reddened** SN Ia,  
We use  $m_{B,\text{corr}}$  (Riess+16) + TRGB distances (Jang&Lee17).

SN Ia Hubble Diagram  
for 233 SN Ia (Riess+16)

$$\text{Log}(H_0) = 0.2M_B + a_B + 5$$



Weighted Mean of 6 SNe :

$$M_{B,\text{corr}} = -19.30 \pm 0.07$$

( $\pm 0.051_r \pm 0.046_s$  mag)

$$H_0 = 71.2 \pm 2.5 \text{ (3.5\%)}$$

( $\pm 1.66_r \pm 1.87_s$  km/s/Mpc)

Our best estimate!

# TIPSNU $H_0$ in 2017

TIPSNU value (Jang & Lee2017b) based on M106 and LMC anchors

$$H_0 = 71.17 \pm 2.50 \text{ km/s/Mpc (3.5% error)}$$

**is in excellent agreement with**

(Riess+2016)'s value based on M106 and LMC,

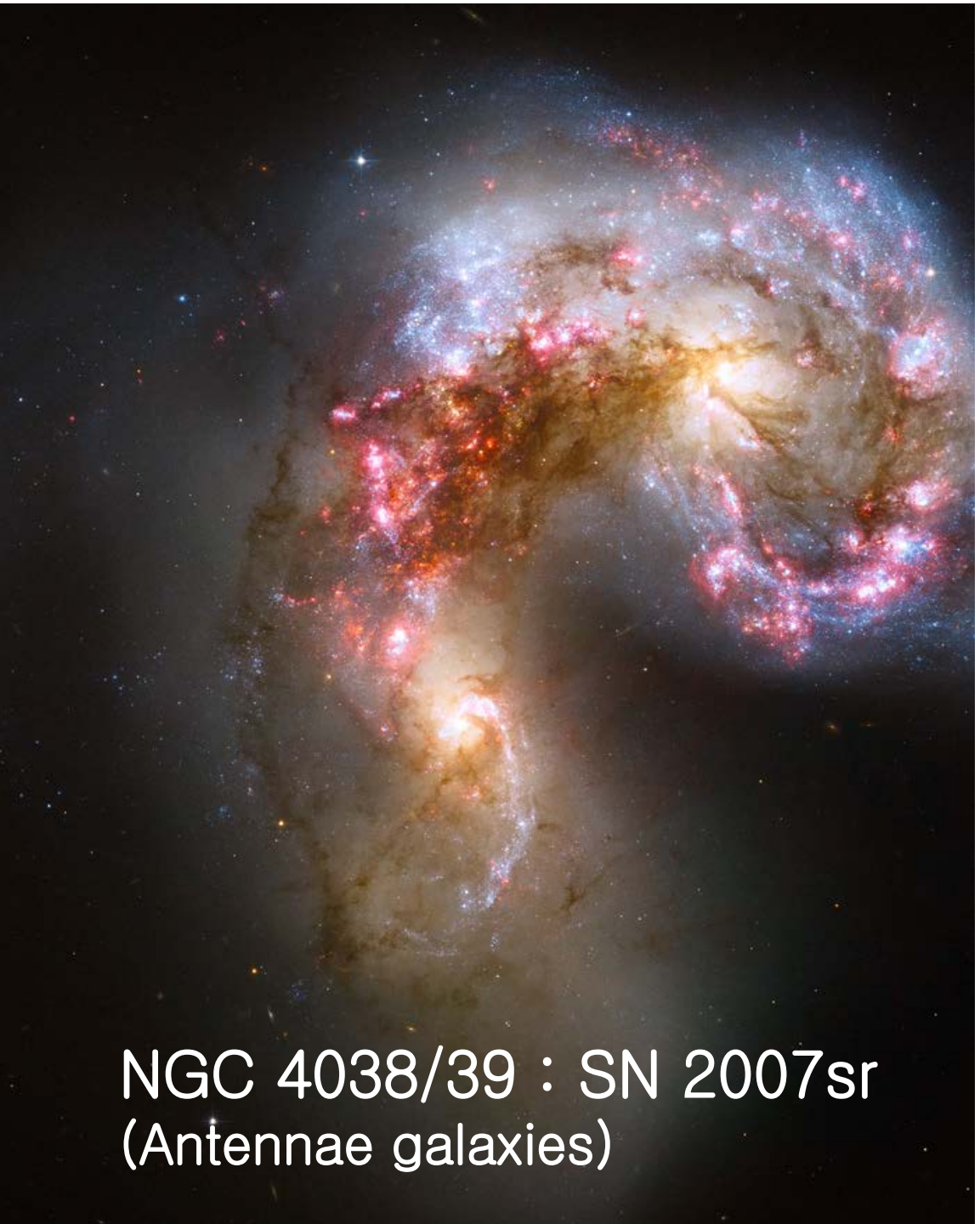
$$H_0 = 71.61 \pm 1.78 \text{ km/s/Mpc,}$$

**but, is 1.07 km/s/Mpc smaller than**

(Riess+2016)'s value based on four anchors (including M31, MW),  $H_0 = 73.24 \pm 1.74 \text{ km/s/Mpc (2.4% error)}$ .

## Mystery for NGC 4038/39

Why such a large difference  
in Cepheid distances?



NGC 4038/39 : SN 2007sr  
(Antennae galaxies)

# Mystery for NGC 4038/39!

## Cepheid distances

Riess+(2011) used the entire Cepheid sample:

$$(m-M)_0 = 31.66 \pm 0.08$$

Riess+(2016) excluded 10 ULP Cepheids ( $P > 80d$ ):

$$(m-M)_0 = 31.290 \pm 0.112$$

TRGB distance (JL2017)  $(m-M)_0 = 31.677 \pm 0.037$

is consistent with Riess+(2011) value,  
but not with Riess+(2016)!

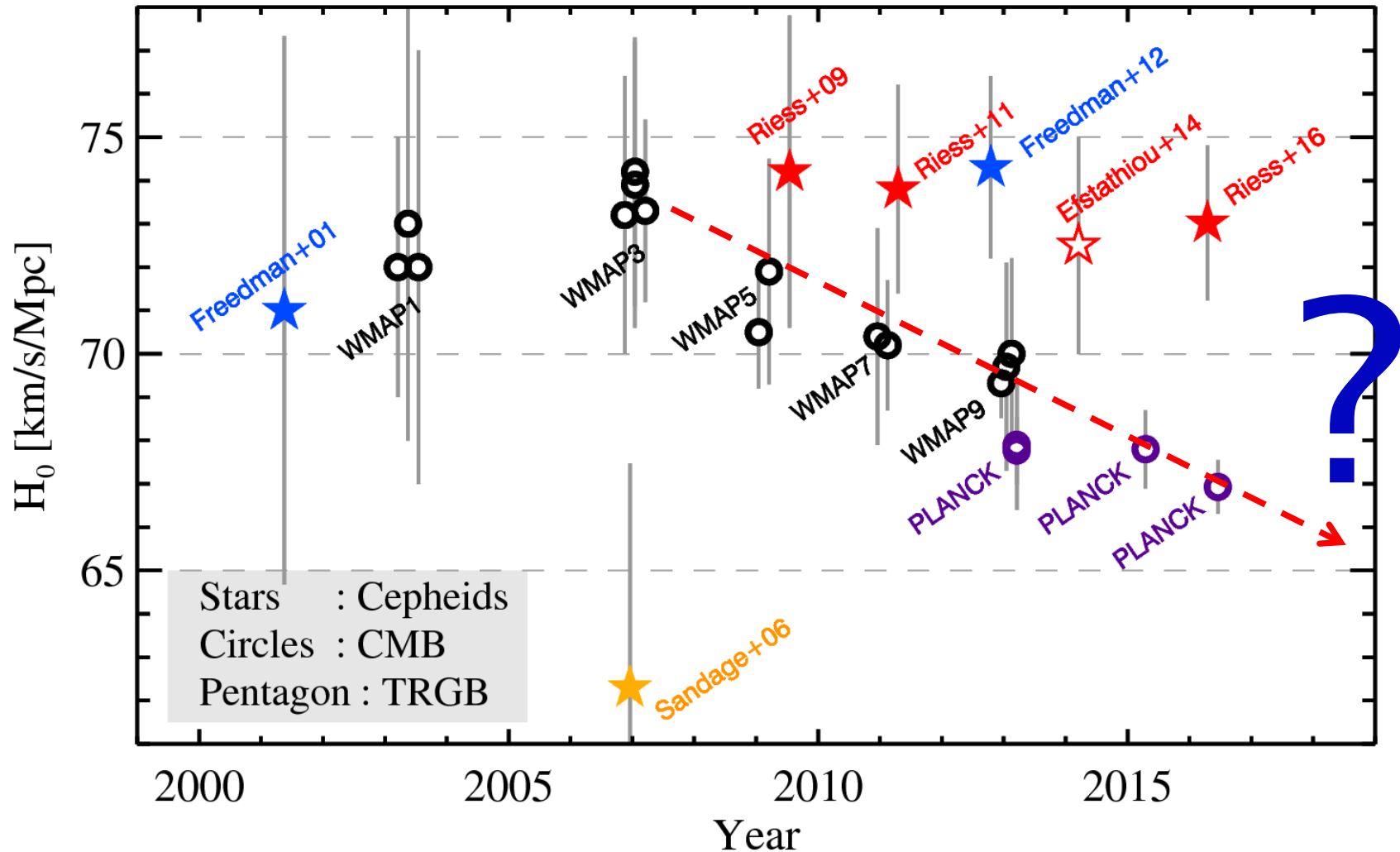
## A problem for Cepheid distances:

Should we include or exclude ULP

for Cepheid distance estimates?

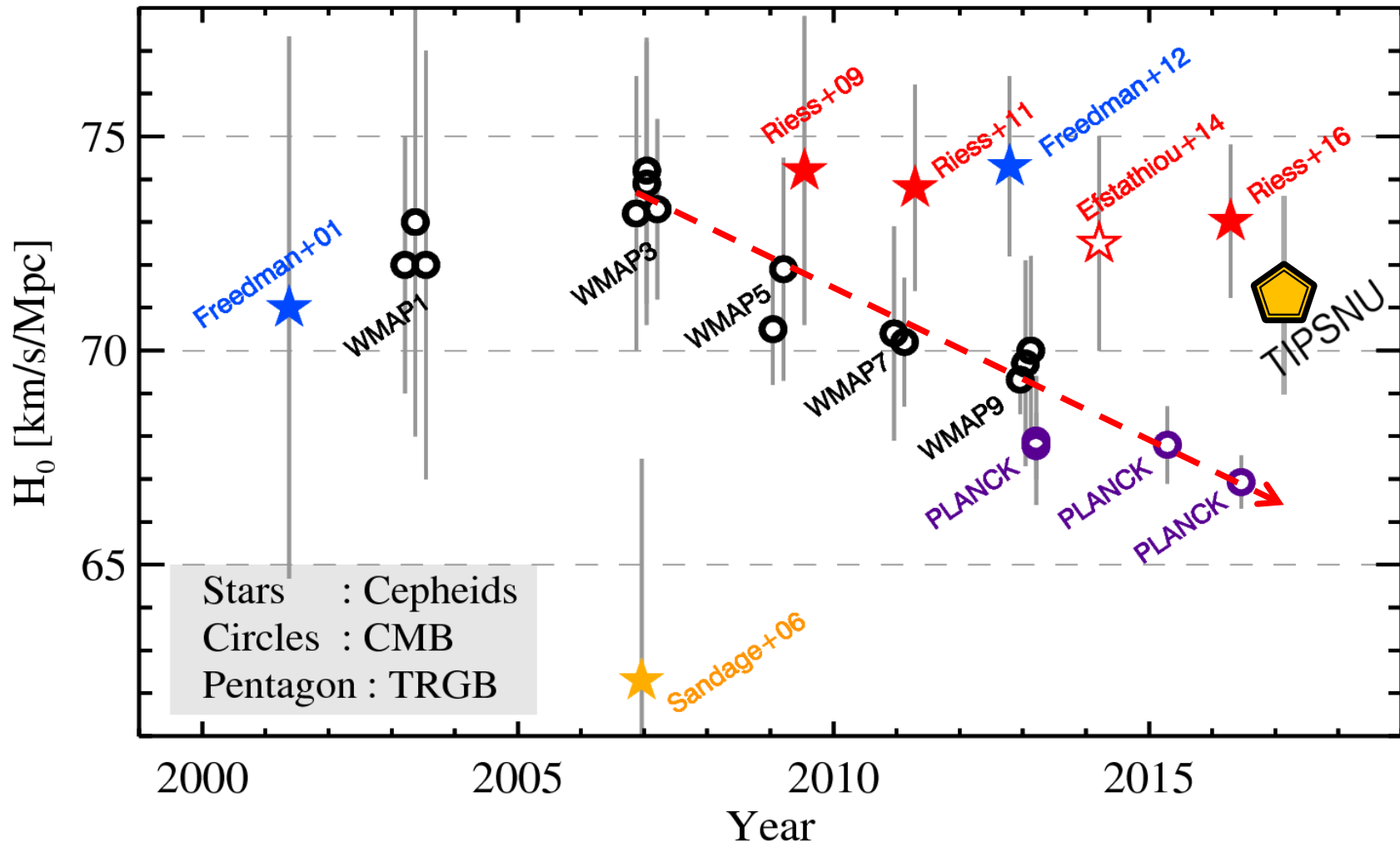
–Need to be studied in the future!

# The Hubble Tension in 2016?



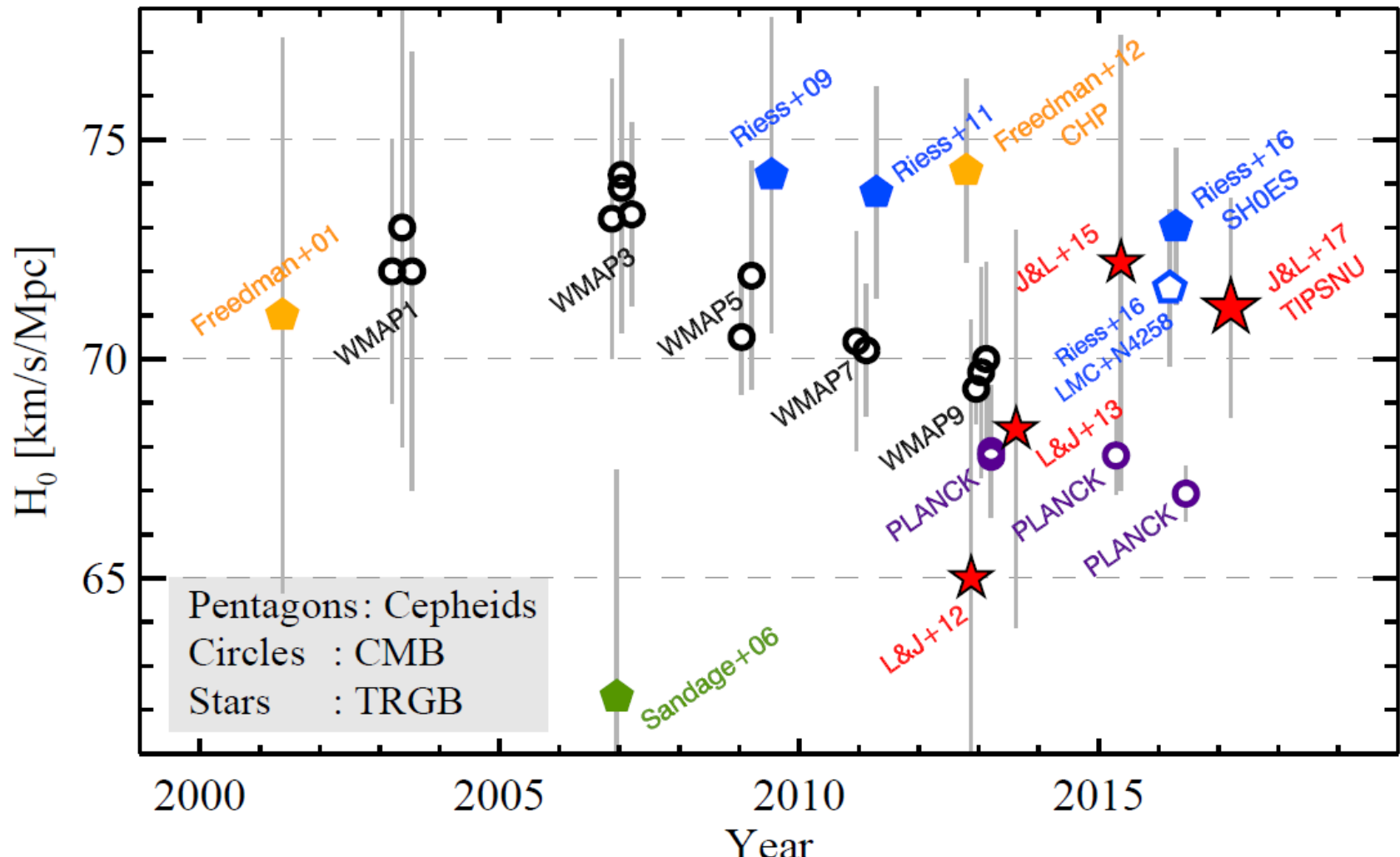
# $H_0$ from SN Ia(TRGB) in 2017!

- ▶ SN Ia(Cepheid based on 4 anchors) – PLANCK :  $3\sigma$
- ▶ SN Ia(TRGB, Cep based on 2 anchors) –PLANCK :  $2\sigma$

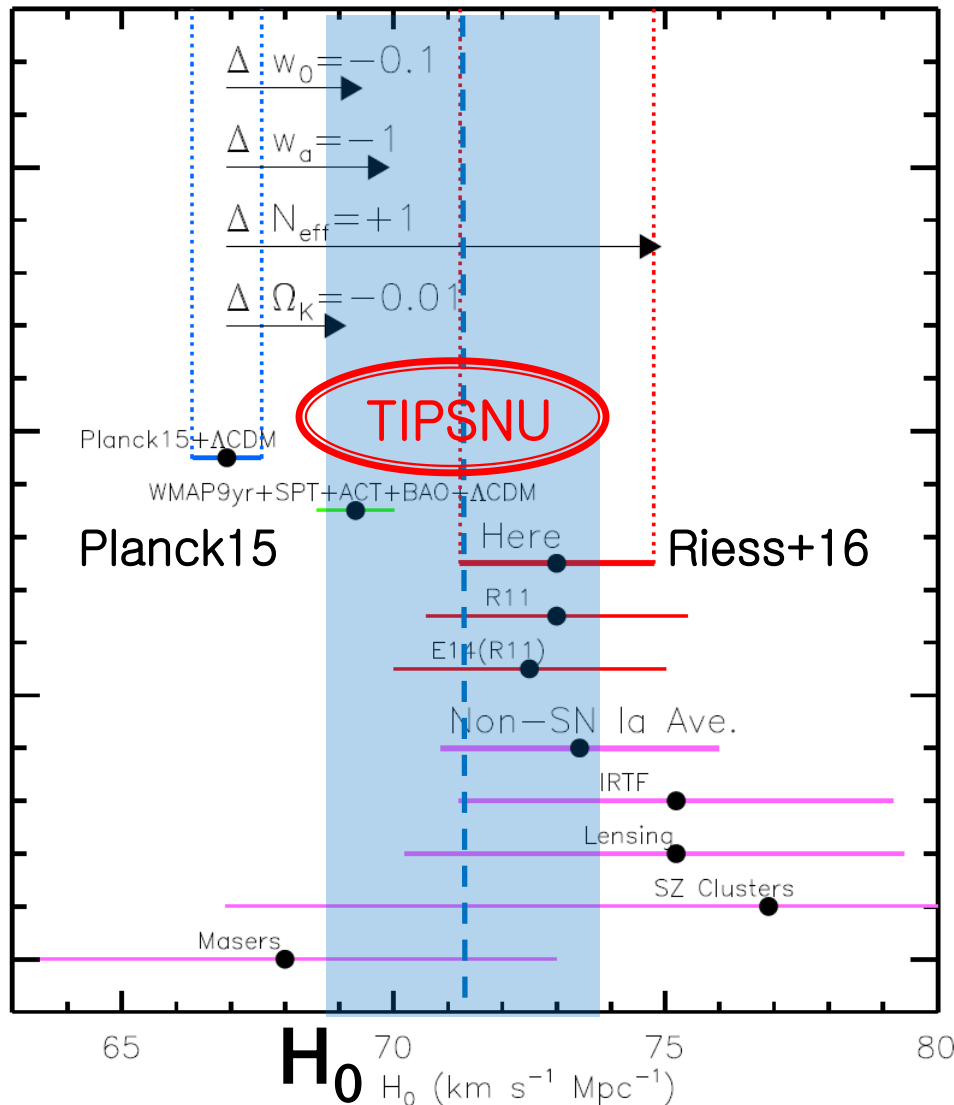


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# Cosmological Implications



✓ Our SN Ia(TRGB) estimate of  $H_0$   
:  $H_0 = 71.2 \pm 2.5 \text{ km/s/Mpc}$

→ It agrees well with SN Ia (Cepheid based on the same anchors), **supporting 2–3 $\sigma$  tension!**

**SN Ia (Cepheid based on MW and M31) leads to a higher  $H_0$  value! Why?**

✓ We need to improve **the zero point accuracy of the TRGB and Cepheids**, to determine a more accurate value of  $H_0$  in the future.

✓ **Any need for new physics?**



# Future of TRGB Calibration of SN Ia

## (1) CCHP (Carnegie–Chicago $H_0$ Project)

- Calibration of SN Ia using **Pop II candles** with HST Cycle 22 (PI: Freedman)
- 12 galaxies at  $<30$  Mpc hosting SN Ia

## (2) Extension to NIR: JWST

# Summary

- The TRGB is a secondary distance indicator based on geometric anchors, being an excellent tool for  $H_0$ !
- 2017  $H_0$ (TRGB-SN Ia) =  $71.17 \pm 2.50$  (3.5% error), showing  $2\sigma$  Hubble tension.
- $H_0$  in 2018 is still evolving!
- The future of the  $H_0$  tension?
- Stay tuned!