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SH0ES: absolute calibration of the luminosity of type Ia SNe and cosmological implications

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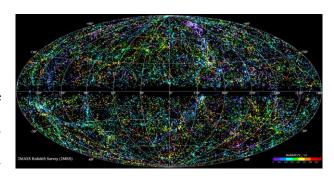


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Abstract

I will review the results of the SH0ES program (PI: A. Riess), which has recently obtained an absolute calibration of the luminosity of type Ia SNe via Cepheid variables and determined the value of H_0 with a total



uncertainty of 3%. This provides important additional constraints on several cosmological parameters, such as the equation of state of dark energy and the number of neutrino species. I will also discuss future steps that may enable a determination of H 0 to 1%.

All are welcome! Tea, coffee, biscuits will be served at 10:00 A.M.

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