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**An alternative way of using  
high redshift AGNs to  
constrain local cosmological  
parameters  
- Hubble constant**

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## Assumptions

- ▶ angular size distance to the AGN doesn't change in time between two subsequent observations
- ▶ for Hubble constant analysis, the geometry of the local Universe is flat
- ▶ jet is described as a moving spherical blob or a continuous stream in synchrotron self-compton model of emission (eg. Jones, O'Dell & Stein 1974)
- ▶ the electron energy distribution is described by power law with spectral index 0.75 (G. Ghisellini et al. 1993)
- ▶ the viewing angle and bulk velocity 1) both maximize the apparent expansion rate 2) there is no prior on viewing angle



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## Method

- ▶ apparent superluminal velocity

$$\beta_{\text{app}} = \frac{\beta \sin(\theta)}{(z + 1) (1 - \beta \cos(\theta))} = \frac{\Xi(\beta, \theta)}{z + 1}$$

- ▶ VLBI measurements of angular expansion rate

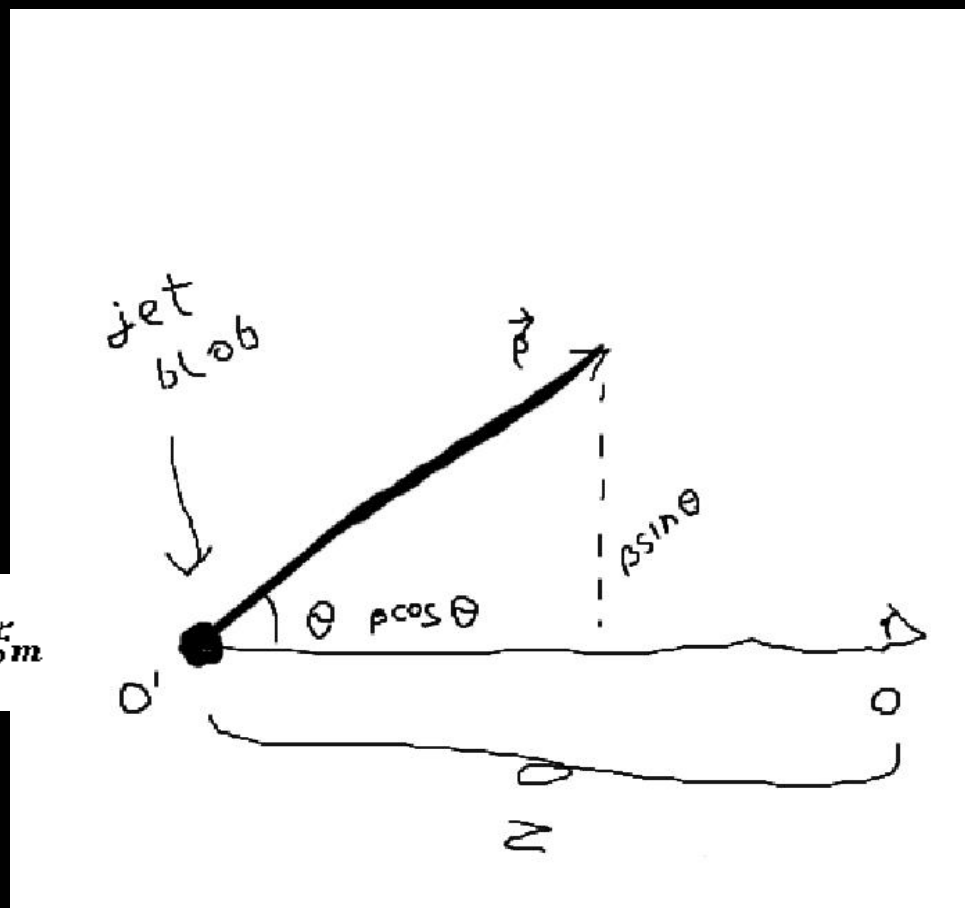
$$\mu \approx \frac{c}{d_{\text{pm}}} \Xi(\beta, \theta)$$

$$d_{\text{pm}} = R_c \operatorname{sink}\left(\frac{d_p}{R_c}\right)$$

$$d_p(z) = \frac{c}{H_0} \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{E[z', \Omega_b, \Omega_{\text{cdm}}, \Omega_\Lambda]} = \frac{c}{H_0} \xi_m$$

- ▶ Hubble constant

$$H_0 = \frac{\mu \xi_m(z)}{\Xi(\beta, \theta)}$$





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## Model uncertainties

### ► Hubble constant uncertainties

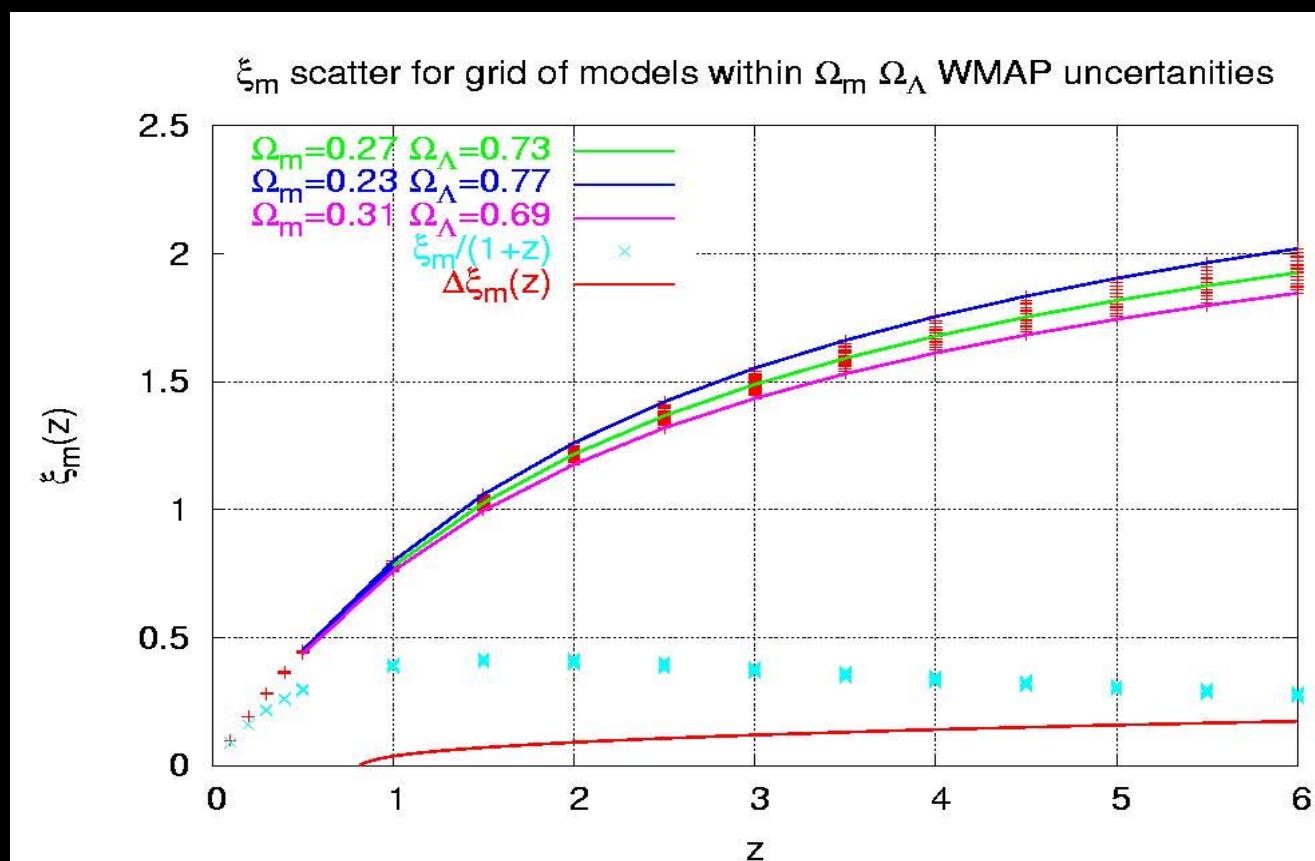
$$\Delta H_0 = \frac{\xi_m}{\Xi} \Delta \mu + \frac{\mu}{\Xi} \Delta \xi_m + \frac{\xi_m \mu}{\Xi} \frac{\Delta \Xi}{\Xi}$$

### ► cosmological model uncertainties

### ► WMAP prior applied

$$\Omega_{\text{cdm}} = 0.27 \pm 0.04$$

$$\Omega_{\Lambda} = 0.73 \pm 0.04$$





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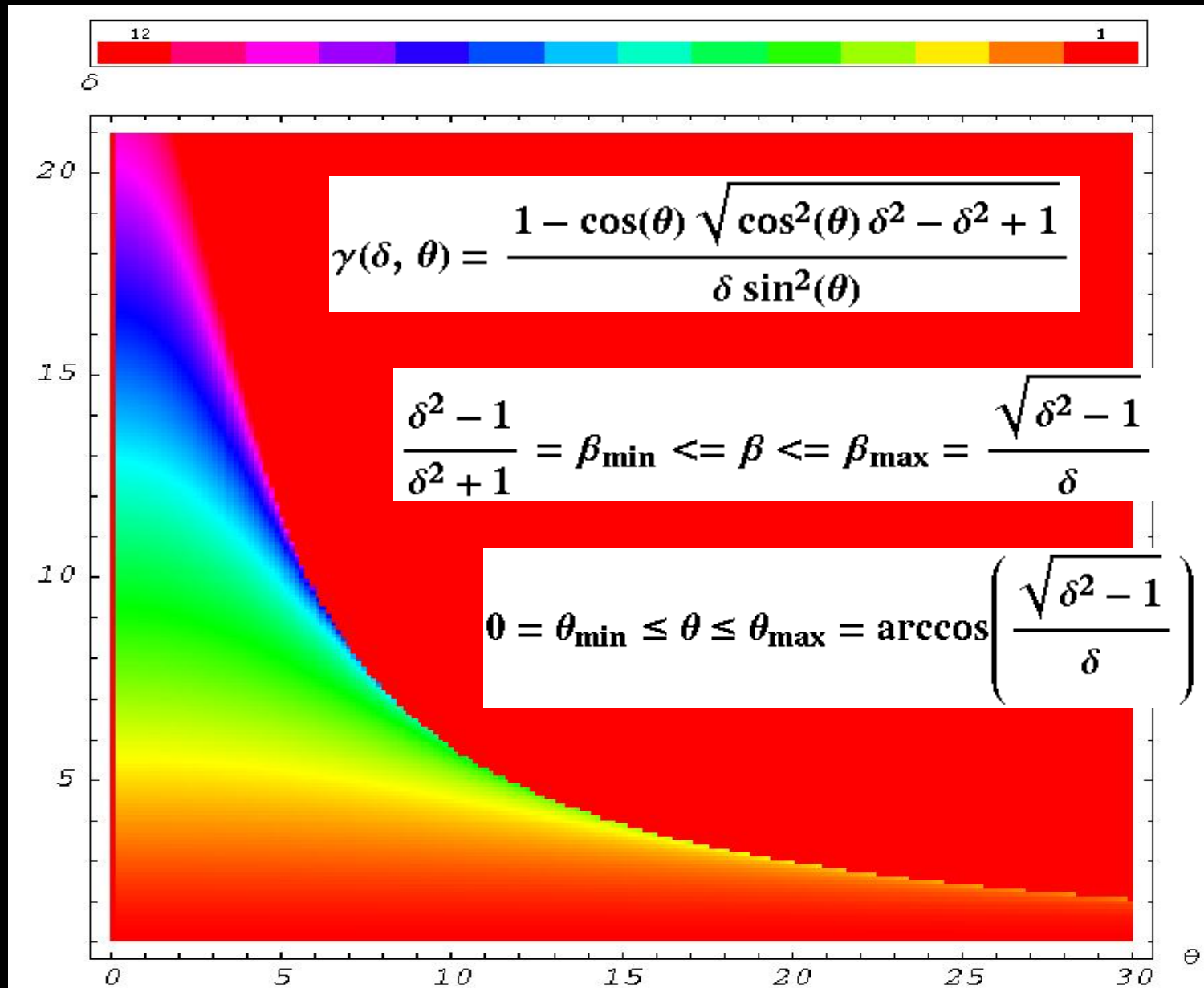
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## Jet uncertainties

▶ doppler factor

$$\delta = \frac{1}{\gamma (1 - \beta \cos(\theta))}$$

▶ physical constraints on  $\beta$  and  $\theta$



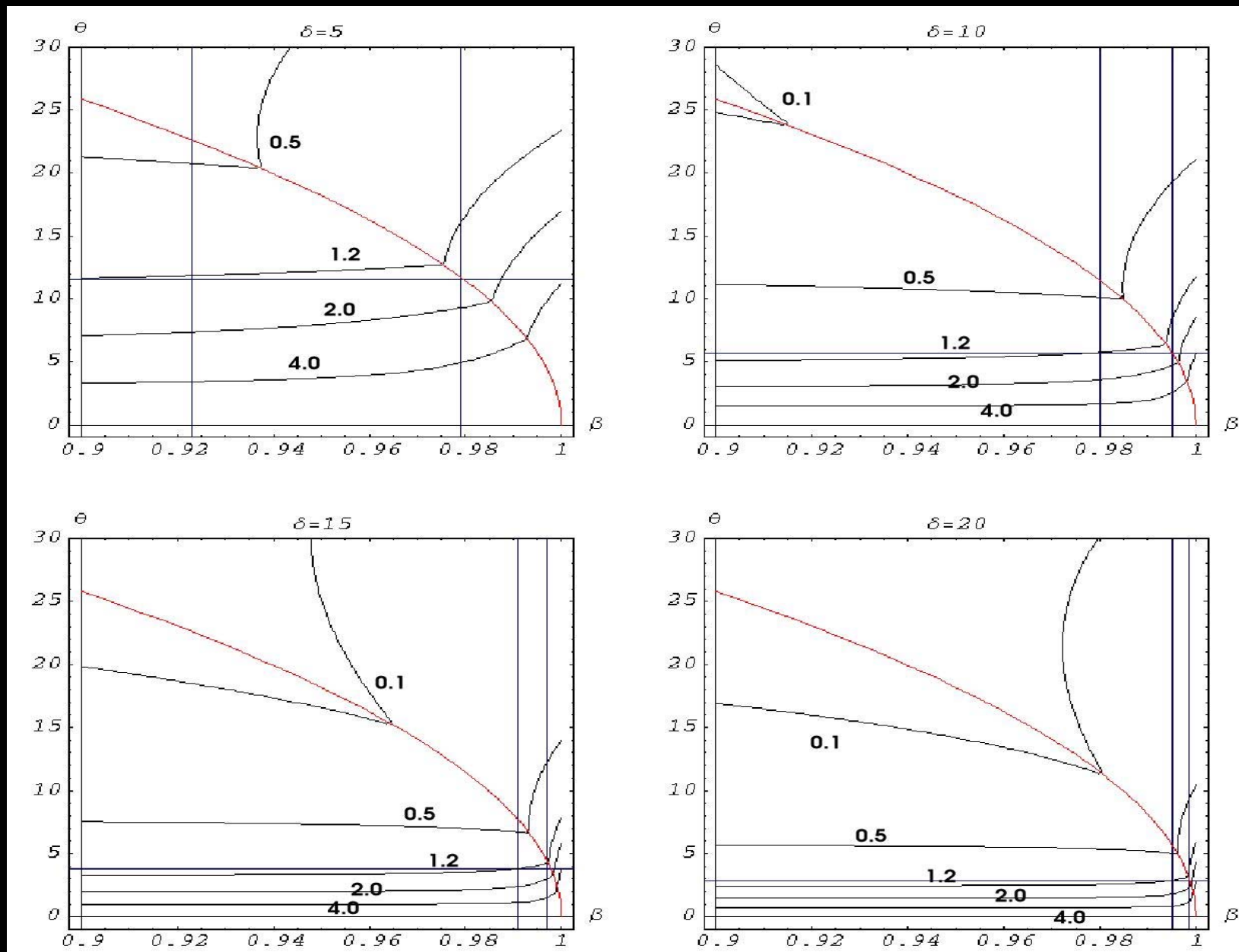


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## Jet uncertainties

▶ relative error of  $\Xi$



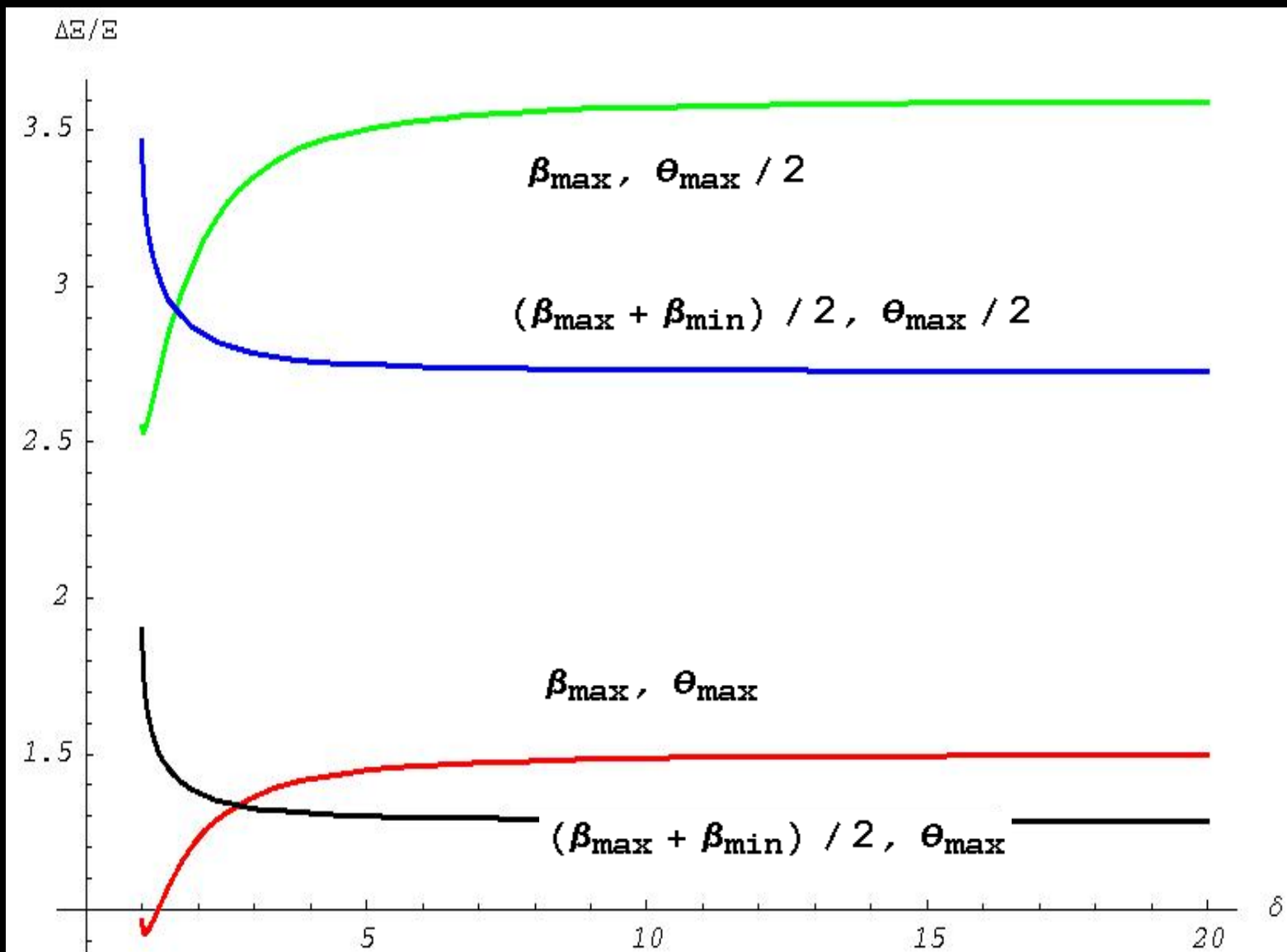


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## Jet uncertainties

- ▶ relative error of  $\Xi$  for  $\delta > 1$
- ▶ assumed uncertainty on  $\Delta\Xi/\Xi = 3.5$  for  $\delta > 5$
- ▶ assumed uncertainty on  $\Delta\Xi/\Xi = 1.5$  for  $\delta > 5$



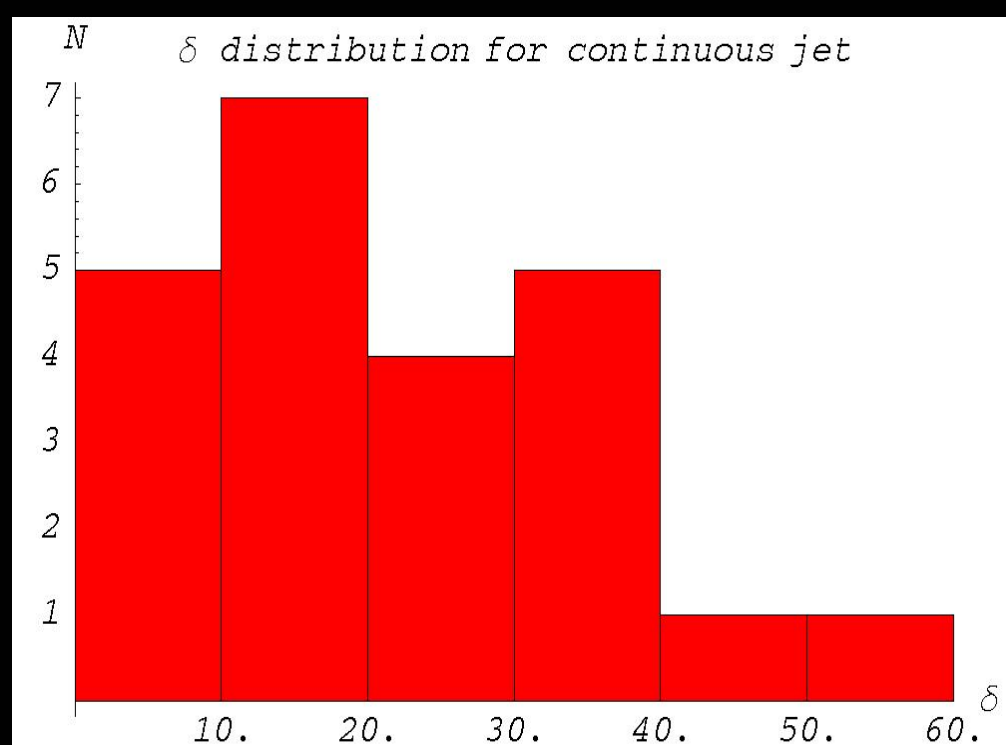
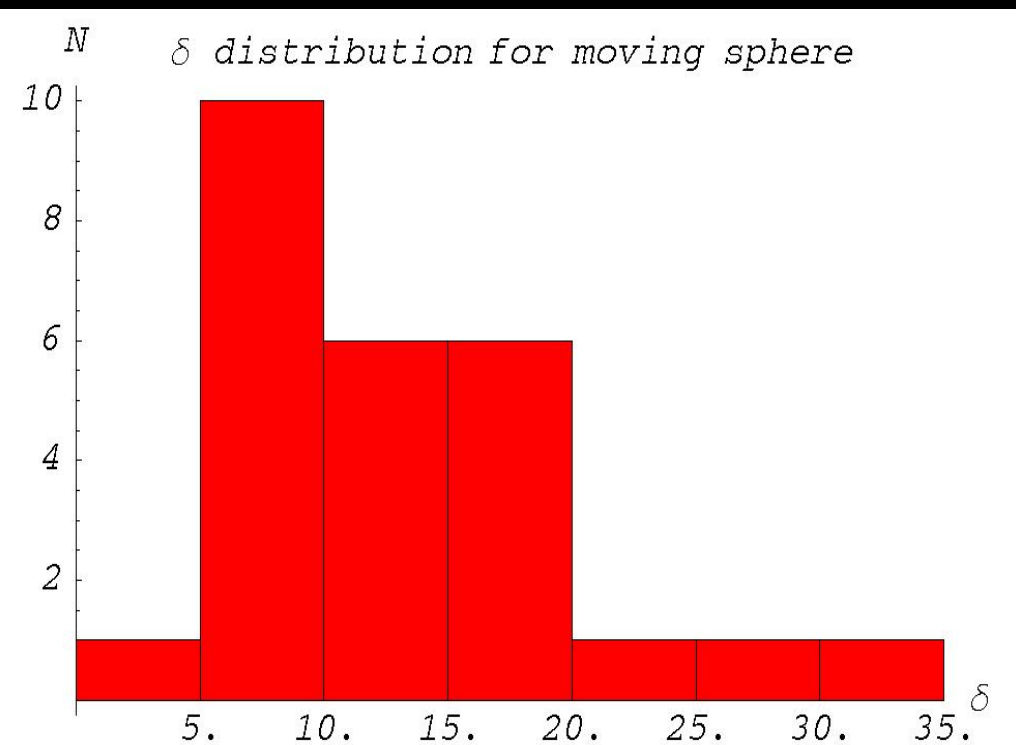


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## Sample statistics

- ▶ **24 sources with complete data and  $\delta > 5$**  taken from G. Ghisellini et al. 1994, R.C. Vermeulen et al. 1994, S. Jorstad et al. and the VLBI 2cm survey
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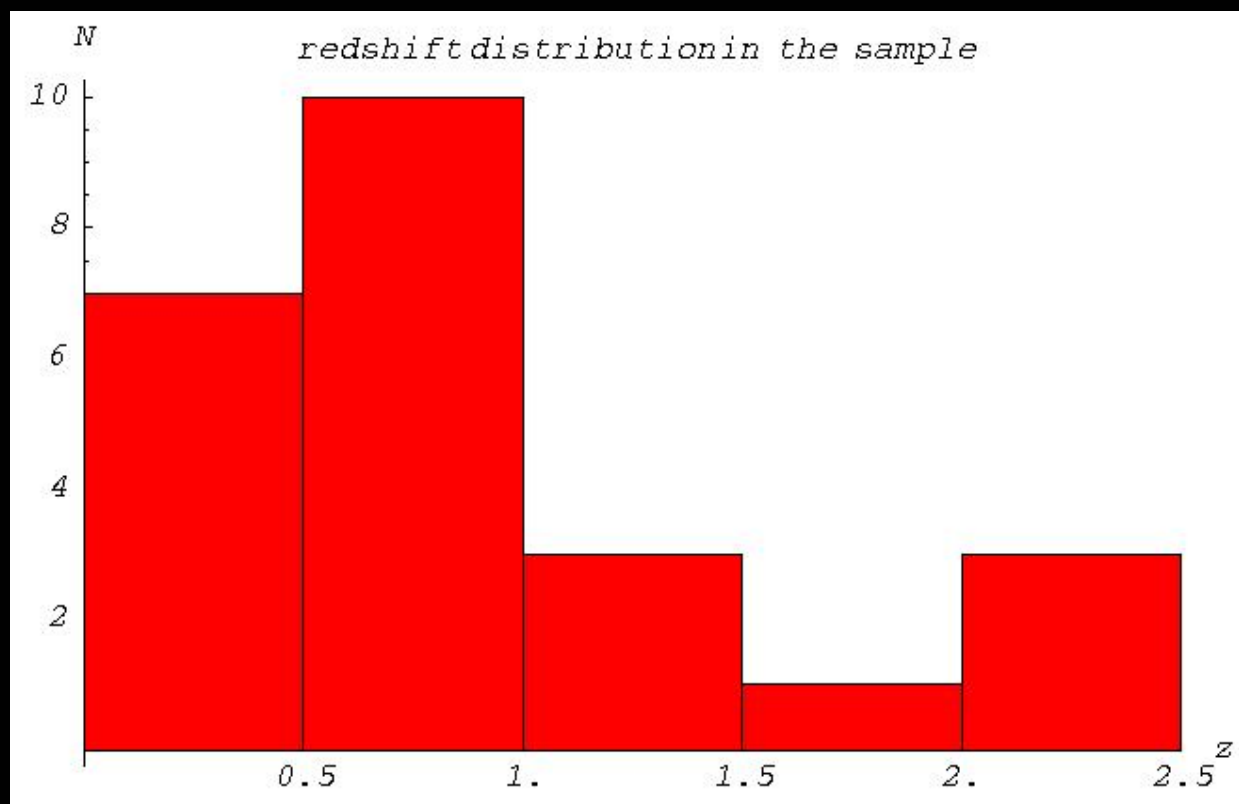


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## Results

name	doppler	z	xi WMAP	prop.mot.	err.prop.mot.	spherical motion				continuous jet			
						H0 max/haf	err. H0	H0 max SL	err. H0	H0 max/haf	err. H0	H0 max SL	err. H0
				[10 <sup>-6</sup> as/yr]	[10 <sup>-6</sup> as/yr]	[km/s/Mpc]	[km/s/Mpc]	[km/s/Mpc]	[km/s/Mpc]	[km/s/Mpc]	[km/s/Mpc]	[km/s/Mpc]	[km/s/Mpc]
<b>BL Lacertae (5)</b>													
0735+178	7.3	0.42	0.38	440	30	137.93	103.28	111.08	36.55	87.49	65.51	71.02	23.37
0851+202	8.8	0.31	0.28	235	30	45.17	34.39	36.51	12.47	27.53	20.96	22.42	7.66
1308+326	6.8	1	0.77	290		197.45	145.01	158.8	49.98	127.16	93.39	103.07	32.44
1749+096	14.3	0.32	0.3	460	30	56.35	42.15	45.9	15.08	30.94	23.14	25.37	8.33
2007+776	4.7	0.34	0.32	180	40	73.76	57.61	58.95	21.3	51.39	40.14	41.31	14.93
<b>Core Dominated HPQ (11)</b>					<b>average</b>	<b>102.13</b>	<b>76.96</b>	<b>82.25</b>	<b>27.46</b>	<b>64.9</b>	<b>48.92</b>	<b>52.64</b>	<b>17.58</b>
0106+013	18.9	2.11	1.25	200	50	77.25	60.79	63.15	23.19	39.93	31.42	32.83	12.06
0212+735	9.2	2.37	1.33	80	50	68.54	59.32	55.43	24.72	41.37	35.81	33.73	15.04
0234+285	16.6	1.21	0.89	300	150	94.16	79.03	76.85	32.25	50.05	42.01	41.11	17.25
0336-019	15.6	0.85	0.69	300	50	77.35	59.51	63.08	22.06	41.67	32.06	34.21	11.96
0420-014	16.8	0.92	0.73	200	20	50.51	38.15	41.23	13.84	26.78	20.23	22	7.39
1156+295	6.4	0.73	0.61	340	80	193.82	151.92	155.71	56.7	126.44	99.11	102.36	37.27
1253-055	18	0.54	0.47	500		76.54	56.22	62.54	19.68	39.98	29.36	32.86	10.34
1510-089	14.5	0.36	0.33	470	30	63.02	47.13	51.35	16.85	34.5	25.8	28.3	9.29
1641+399	5.3	0.6	0.51	327.5	20	192.47	143.82	154.1	50.48	130.71	97.67	105.37	34.52
2223-052	20.9	1.4	0.98	247	60	67.67	53.15	55.38	20.25	34.22	26.88	28.16	10.3
2251+158	6	0.86	0.69	280	60	194.32	151.46	155.93	56.09	128.53	100.18	103.9	37.38
<b>Core Dominated LPQ (8)</b>					<b>average</b>	<b>105.06</b>	<b>81.86</b>	<b>84.98</b>	<b>30.56</b>	<b>63.11</b>	<b>49.14</b>	<b>51.35</b>	<b>18.44</b>
0016+731	10.3	1.78	1.14	220	53	143.57	112.7	116.35	42.51	84.59	66.41	69.08	25.24
0333+321	16.6	1.26	0.91	150	10	48.25	36.11	39.38	12.95	25.65	19.2	21.07	6.93
0430+052	5.3	0.03	0.03	2310		86.61	63.61	69.35	21.83	58.82	43.2	47.42	14.92
0836+710	8.7	2.17	1.27	185	50	160.37	126.87	129.58	48.13	97.97	77.51	79.79	29.64
0923+392	11.6	0.7	0.59	180	30	53.67	41.3	43.58	15.24	30.83	23.72	25.22	8.82
1226+023	6	0.16	0.15	1150	150	176.26	134.28	141.43	48.39	116.58	88.81	94.24	32.24
1730-130	11	0.9	0.72	240	20	92.35	69.44	74.92	24.89	53.65	40.34	43.85	14.57
2145+067	26.9	0.99	0.77	301	?	50.05	36.76	41.06	12.92	23.95	17.59	19.74	6.21
					<b>average</b>	<b>101.39</b>	<b>77.63</b>	<b>81.96</b>	<b>28.36</b>	<b>61.51</b>	<b>47.1</b>	<b>50.05</b>	<b>17.32</b>
					<b>average ALL</b>	<b>102.86</b>	<b>78.82</b>	<b>83.06</b>	<b>28.79</b>	<b>63.17</b>	<b>48.38</b>	<b>51.35</b>	<b>17.78</b>
						std. dev.	68.63		24.98	std. dev.	44.36		16.22
						avg.std.dev.	14.31		5.21	avg.std.dev.	9.25		3.38
						3 sigma	42.93		15.62	3 sigma	27.75		10.14
						relative err.	0.42		0.19	relative err.	0.44		0.2



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## Results

The final values of Hubble constant constrained from 24 sources in km/s/Mpc

### Spherical moving blob

$H_0 = 83 \pm 16$  under assumption that the jet maximalises  $\beta_{\text{app}}$

$H_0 = 103 \pm 43$  under assumption that  $\theta = \theta_{\text{max}}/2$  and  $\beta = \beta_{\text{max}}$

### Continuous jet

$H_0 = 51 \pm 11$  under assumption that the jet maximalises  $\beta_{\text{app}}$

$H_0 = 63 \pm 28$  under assumption that  $\theta = \theta_{\text{max}}/2$  and  $\beta = \beta_{\text{max}}$

### Mean values between the two models

$H_0 = 73 \pm 19$  and  $H_0 = 77 \pm 50$

at 3 sigma level



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## Discussion

Derived values of  $\delta$  factors within the 'moving sphere' model represent the lower limits on their intrinsic values. For given  $\delta$

$$H_0 = \frac{\mu \xi_m}{\Xi(\beta, \theta)} = \frac{\mu \xi_m}{\sqrt{\delta^2 - 1}}$$

for

$$\beta_{\max}, \theta_{\max} / 2$$

$$H_0 = \frac{\mu \xi_m}{\Xi(\beta, \theta)} = \frac{\mu \xi_m}{\frac{\sqrt{\delta^2 - 1} \sin\left(\frac{1}{2} \arccos\left(\frac{\sqrt{\delta^2 - 1}}{\delta}\right)\right)}{\delta - \sqrt{\delta^2 - 1} \cos\left(\frac{1}{2} \arccos\left(\frac{\sqrt{\delta^2 - 1}}{\delta}\right)\right)}} \approx \frac{\mu \xi_m}{0.82808 \delta - 0.221393}$$

for

$$\beta_{\max}, \theta_{\max}$$

thus the Hubble constant is systematically biased towards higher values.



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## Future prospects

The uncertainty on  $H_0$  can be rewritten as:

$$\Delta H_0 = \frac{B[\mu\text{as}] \alpha}{2 \bar{\xi} \Delta t[\text{yr}]} \left( \xi_m(z) + \text{SN} \Delta \xi_m(z) + \text{SN} \xi_m(z) \frac{\Delta \bar{\xi}}{\bar{\xi}} \right), \quad \alpha \approx 4.766$$

where  $B$  - VLBI beam size,  $\Delta t$  - time between two observations

for  $\text{SN} = 2$  and  $\Delta t = 1 \text{ yr}$

$$\Delta H_0 = \frac{16.2}{\Delta t[\text{yr}]} [\xi_m(z) + 2 \Delta \xi_m(z) + 3 \xi_m(z)] \text{ [km / s / Mpc]}, \quad B = 500 \mu\text{as}, \quad \bar{\xi} = 15 \text{ (for moving sphere), 24 sources}$$

$$\Delta H_0 = \frac{8.7}{\Delta t[\text{yr}]} [\xi_m(z) + 2 \Delta \xi_m(z) + 3 \xi_m(z)] \text{ [km / s / Mpc]}, \quad B = 500 \mu\text{as}, \quad \bar{\xi} = 28 \text{ (for continuous jet), 24 sources}$$

$$\Delta H_0 = \frac{0.32}{\Delta t[\text{yr}]} [\xi_m(z) + 2 \Delta \xi_m(z) + 3 \xi_m(z)] \text{ [km / s / Mpc]}, \quad B = 10 \mu\text{as}, \quad \bar{\xi} = 15 \text{ (for moving sphere), 24 sources}$$

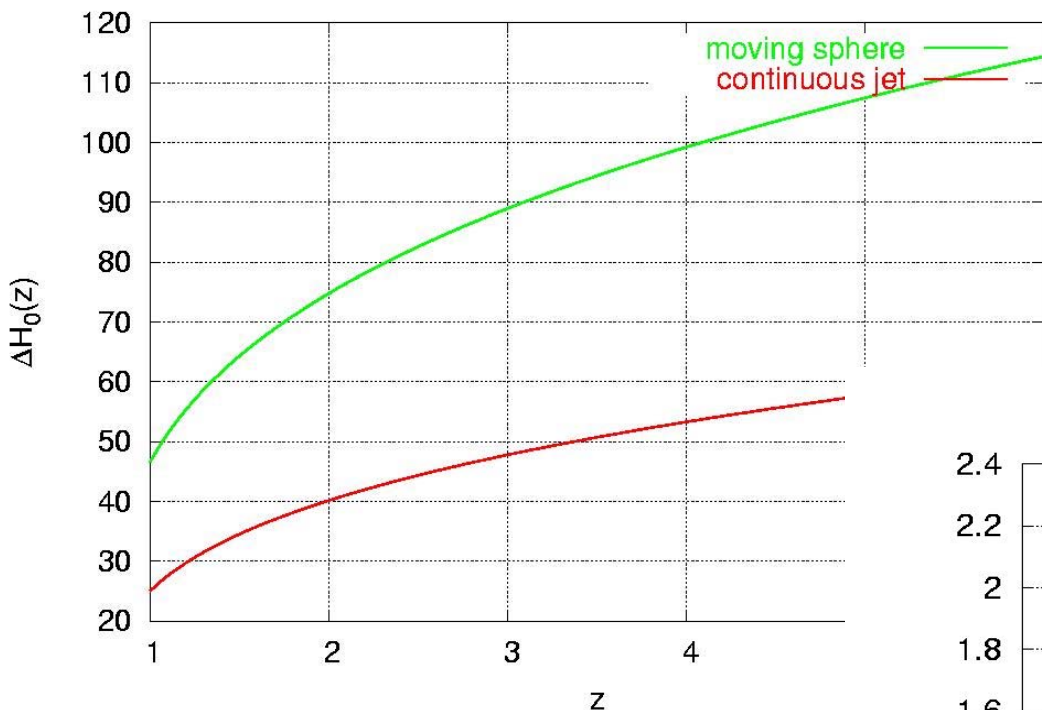
$$\Delta H_0 = \frac{0.17}{\Delta t[\text{yr}]} [\xi_m(z) + 2 \Delta \xi_m(z) + 3 \xi_m(z)] \text{ [km / s / Mpc]}, \quad B = 10 \mu\text{as}, \quad \bar{\xi} = 28 \text{ (for continuous jet), 24 sources}$$



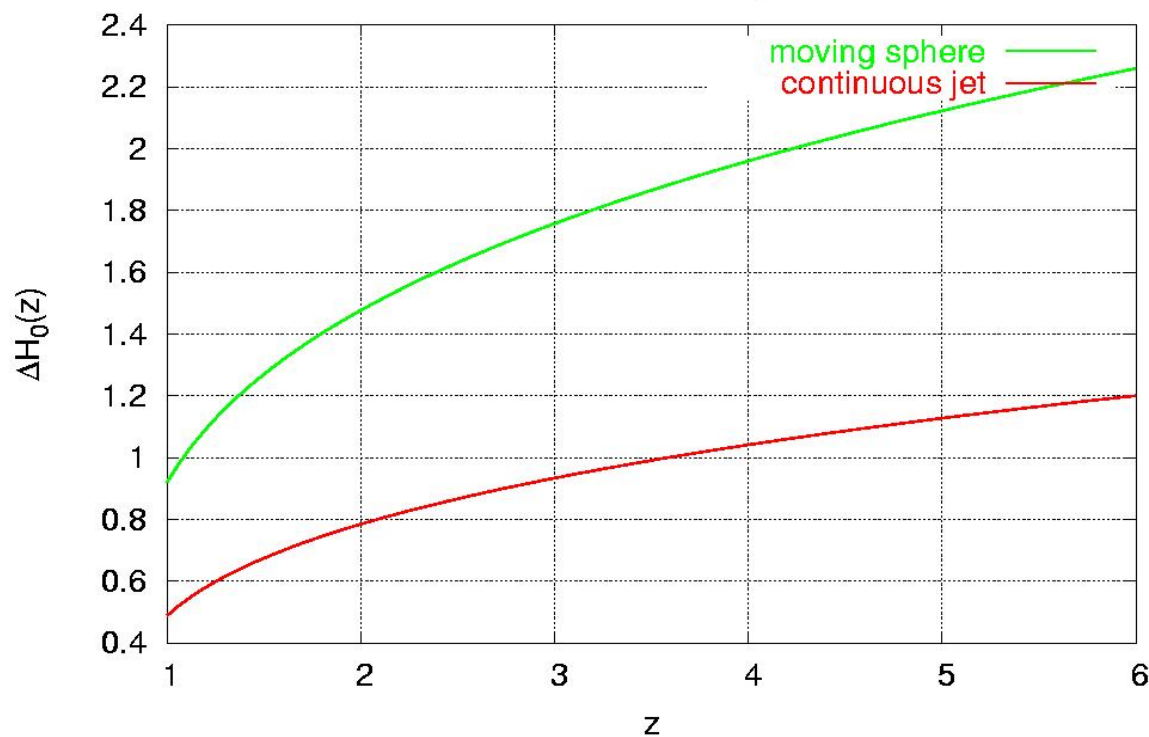
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## Future prospects

24 sources,  $B=500 \mu\text{as}$



24 sources,  $B=10 \mu\text{as}$





## Conclusions

The preliminary value of Hubble constant is jointly constrained to be  $H_0 = 73 \pm 19$  at 3 sigma level

The accuracy of the method could significantly be improved provided that:

- 1) resolution increased (with future VLBI projects eg. VSOP 2) would allow to reach smaller proper motions, bigger beaming factors, weaker sources and larger number of sources
- 2) number of sources increased (would reduce jet uncertainties)
- 3) tuning jet's model is performed

Predicted **accuracy** for Hubble constant constraint **would reach 2%** at  $z=3$  or better at smaller redshifts.

This would give an independent approach from luminosity distance measurements in SNIa projects and help reduce degeneracies in parameter space.