

# Special Issue

## $H_0$ Tension: Observational Status, Theoretical Models, and the Road Ahead

### Message from the Guest Editor

The discrepancy in the value of the Hubble parameter  $H_0$  as obtained from Planck Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB)–Baryon Acoustic Oscillation (BAO) data ( $H_0 = 67.4 \pm 0.5 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ ) and various independent local measurements ( $H_0 = 74.03 \pm 1.42 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ ) has reached a level close to 6% and constitutes a major issue for modern cosmology, challenging the validity of the standard  $\Lambda$ CDM model. Replacing the Cepheid-based local distance ladder calibration by a Tip of the Red Giant Branch-calibration for Type Ia SNe has led to an intermediate value of  $H_0$ , which is about 1.2% away from the Planck/CMB value and 1.7%, 1.3%, 1.2% from SH0ES, HOLiCOW, and Megamaser Cosmology Project, respectively. We invite short or longer contributions from the leaders of this research subject on both the observational and the theoretical aspects. For more information, please visit: [mdpi.com/si/50114](https://mdpi.com/si/50114).

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