

Exhaustive Symbolic Regression

(or how to find the best function for your data)

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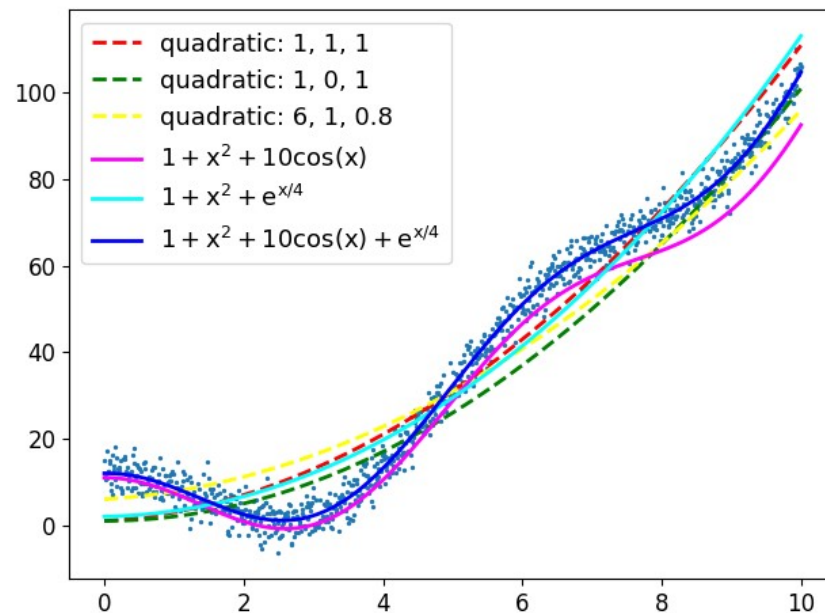
- Symbolic regression (SR)
- Exhaustive Symbolic Regression (ESR)
- Minimum description length as model selection principle
- Applications to date:
 - Cosmic expansion rate
 - Galaxy dynamics (radial acceleration relation)
- Upgrades in the works

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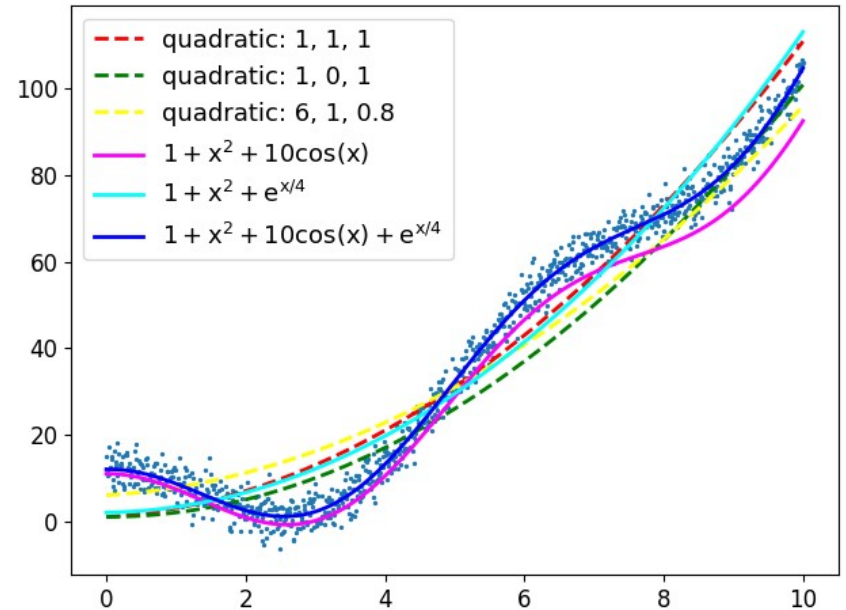


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- Difficulties:
 - Larger search space makes convergence harder
 - Optimisation methods of numerical regression not applicable
- Advantages:
 - Much more general (reduces confirmation bias)
 - Easy to prevent overfitting
 - Highly interpretable

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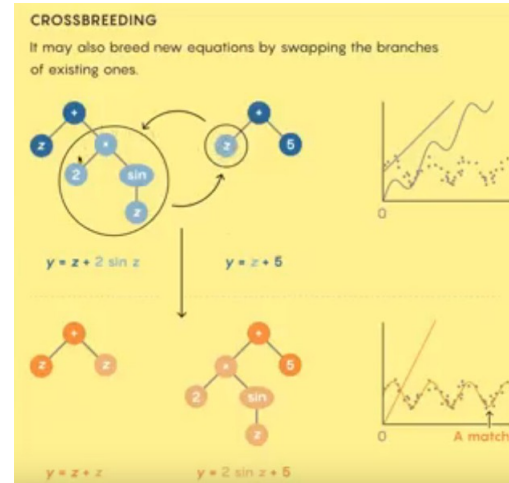
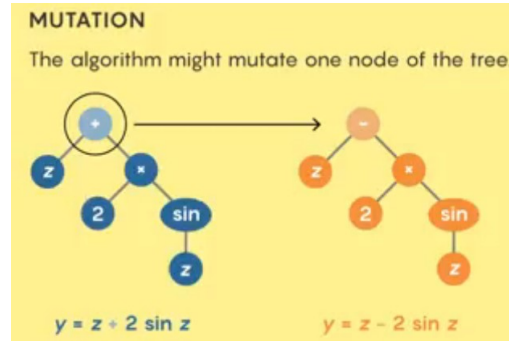
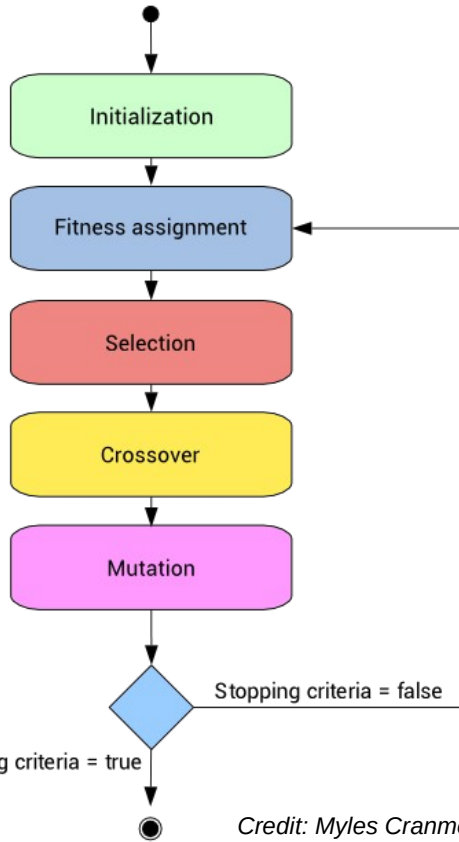
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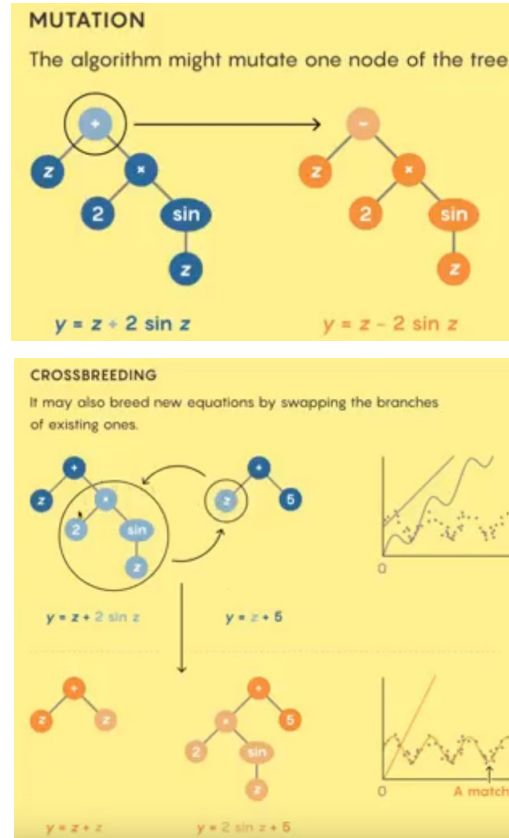
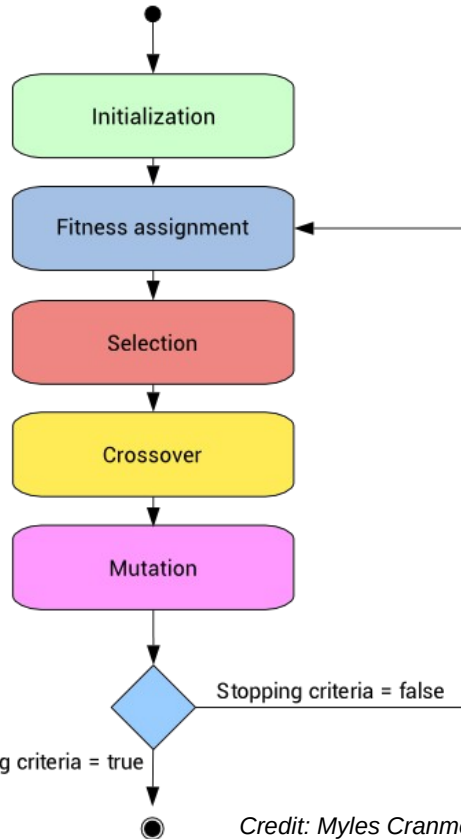
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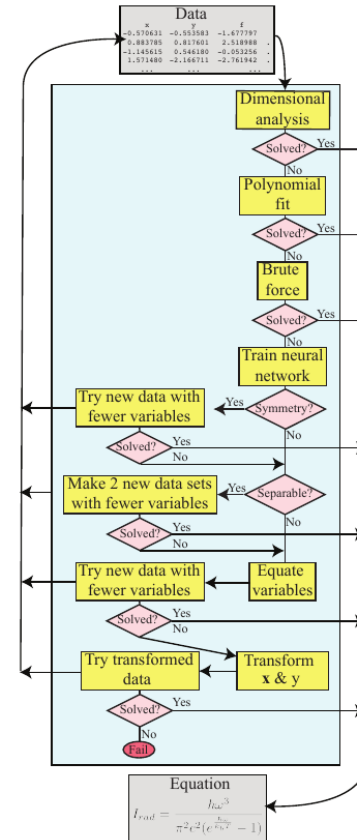
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"Physics inspired" (e.g. *AI Feynman*)



Better for exact data with symmetries, worse with noise

Unlike GA, doesn't produce entire population of possible equations

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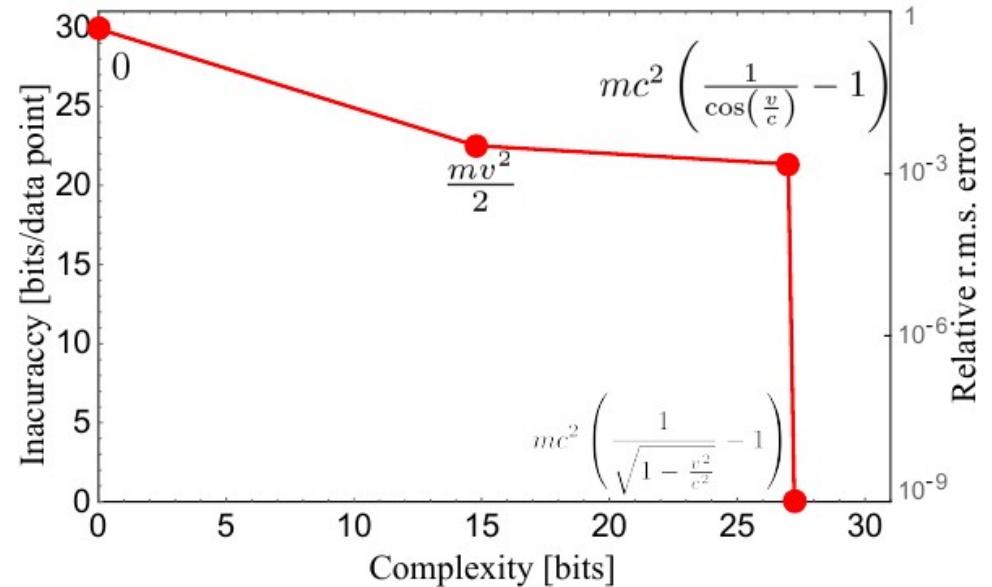
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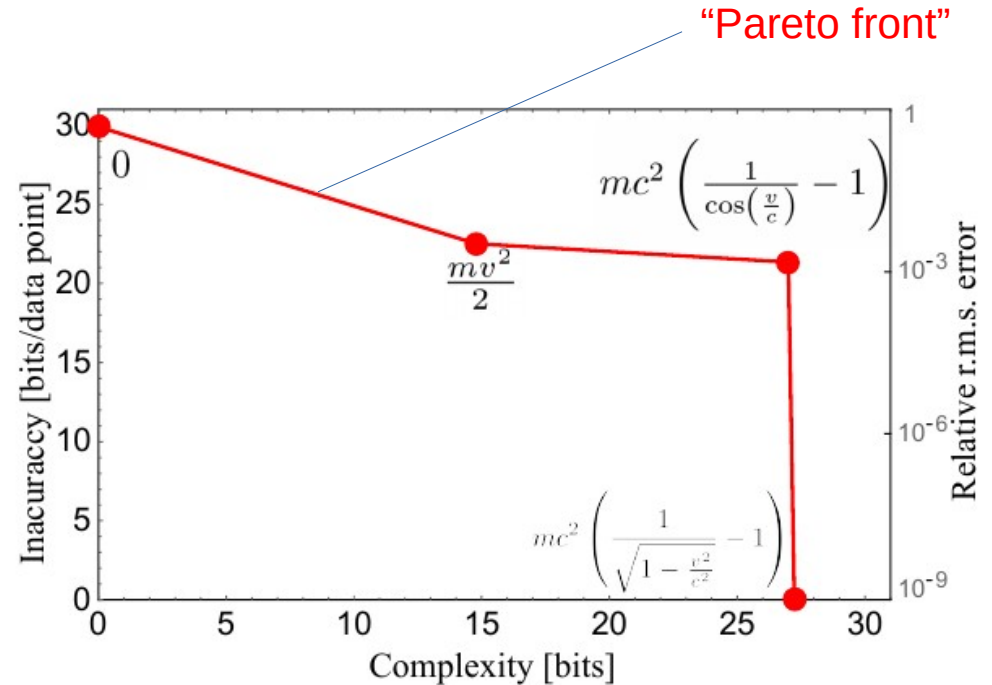
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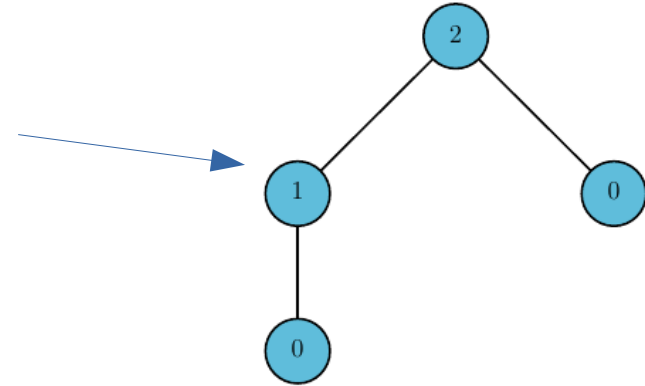
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 - Use *Minimum Description Length (MDL) principle*

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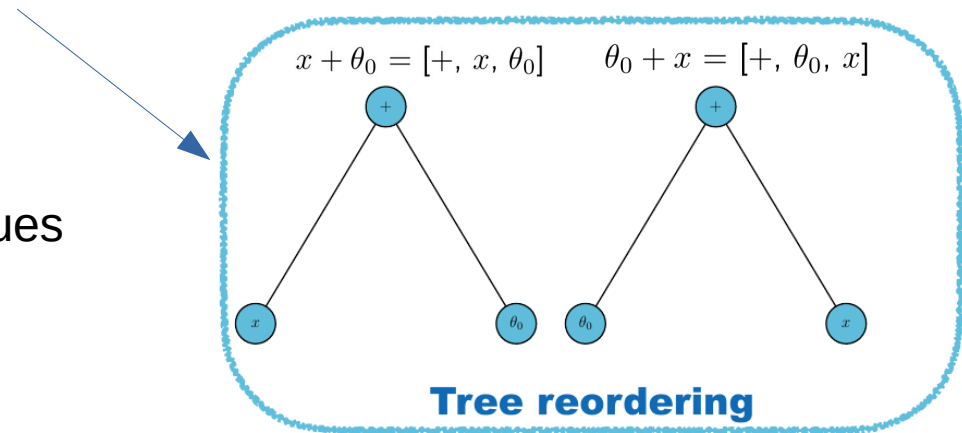
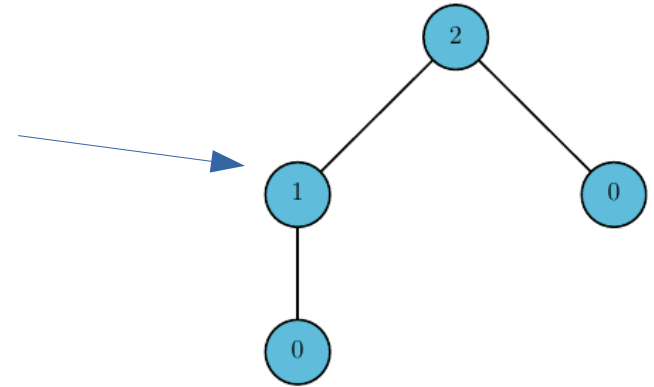
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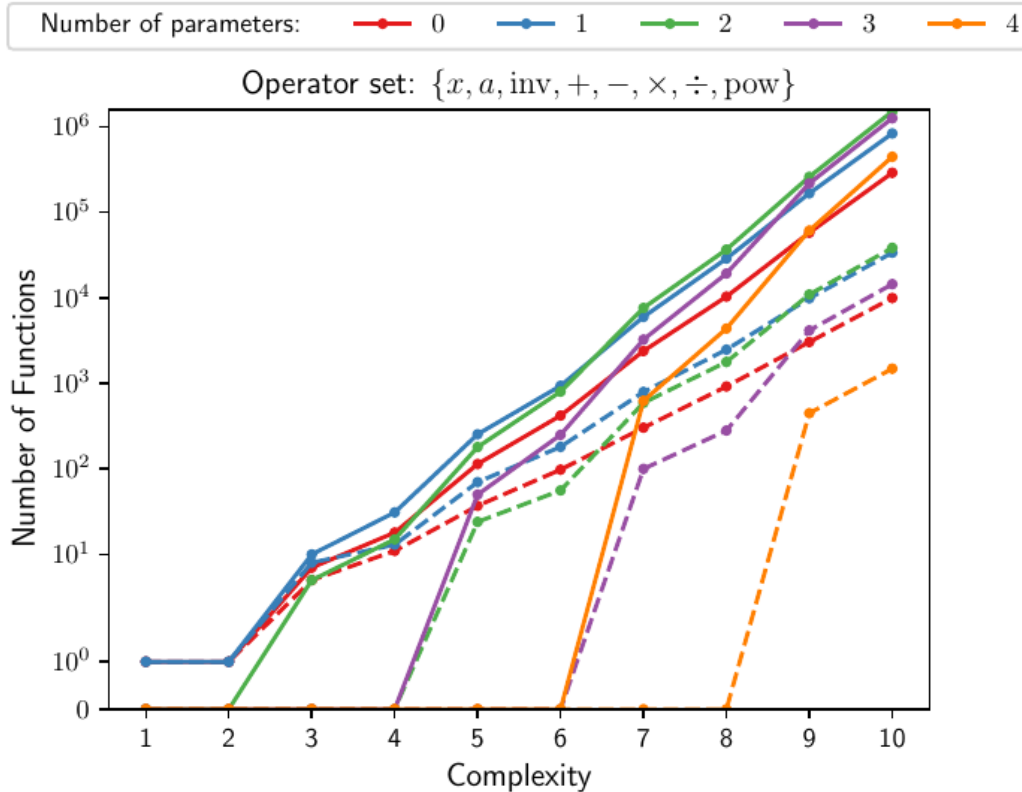
3) Simplify and remove duplicates (*tree reordering, parameter permutations, simplifications, reparametrisation invariance, parameter combinations*)

4) Calculate maximum-likelihood parameter values

5) Repeat for other desired complexities



Simplifications make an exhaustive search feasible



168 million

Naïve estimate: $\sum_{j=1}^n j^k = H_n^{(-k)}$

5.2 million

Total number of decorated trees

134,234

Number of unique equations

1400

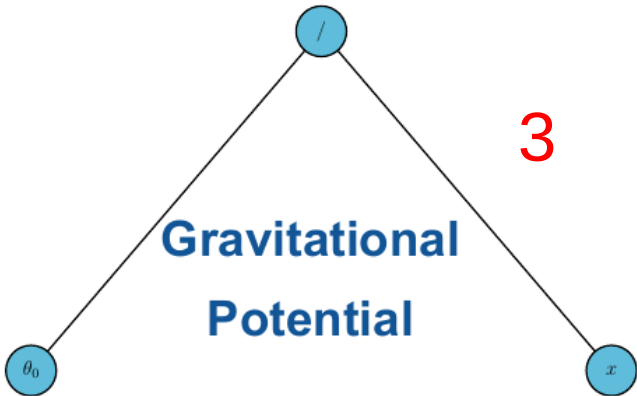
Times fewer equations to consider than our naïve guess

119,861

Number of equations containing at least one parameter

Many physics functions have complexity < 10

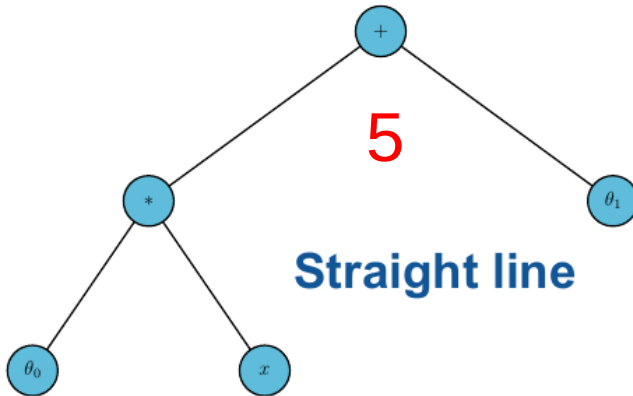
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**Gravitational
Potential**

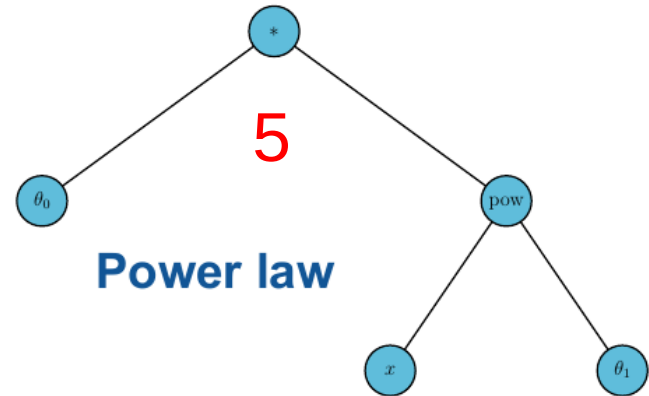
$$\theta_0 x + \theta_1 = [+ , * , \theta_0 , x , \theta_1]$$



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Straight line

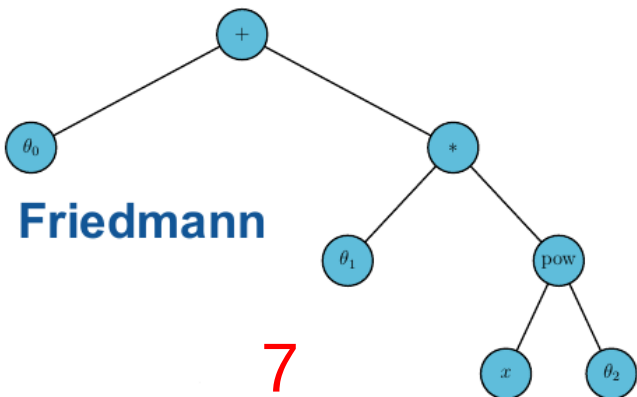
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Power law

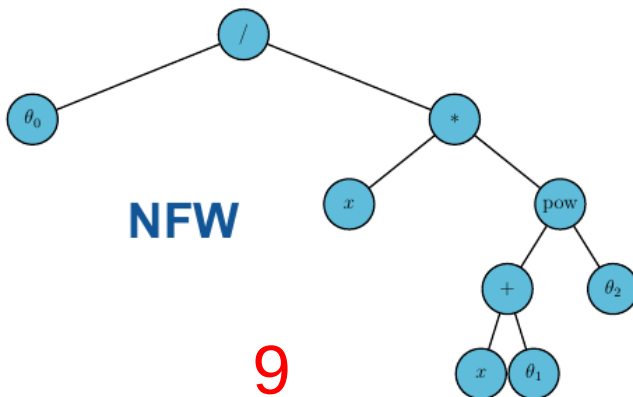
$$\theta_0 + \theta_1 x^{\theta_2} = [+ , \theta_0 , * , \theta_1 , \text{pow} , x , \theta_2]$$



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Friedmann

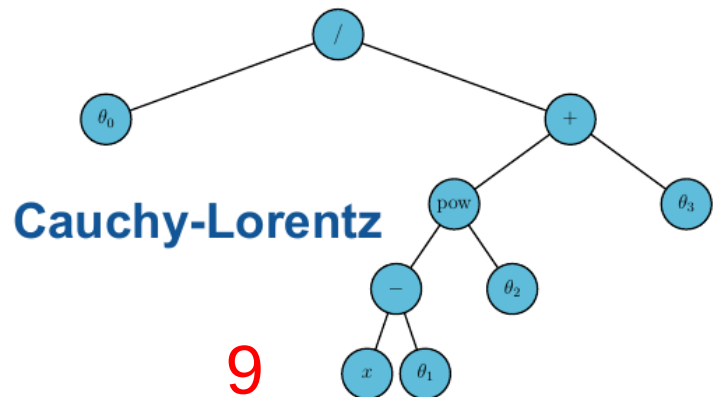
$$\frac{\theta_0}{x(x+\theta_1)^{\theta_2}} = [/, \theta_0 , * , x , \text{pow} , + , x , \theta_1 , \theta_2]$$



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NFW

$$\frac{\theta_0}{(x-\theta_1)^{\theta_2+\theta_3}} = [/, \theta_0 , + , \text{pow} , - , x , \theta_1 , \theta_2 , \theta_3]$$



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Cauchy-Lorentz

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II. Model selection principle: *minimum description length*

$$L(D) = L(H) + L(D | H)$$

Description length Hypothesis Residuals

The diagram shows the equation $L(D) = L(H) + L(D | H)$ where each term is enclosed in a blue dashed rounded rectangle. A blue line points from the label 'Description length' to the $L(D)$ box, another from 'Hypothesis' to the $L(H)$ box, and a third from 'Residuals' to the $L(D | H)$ box.

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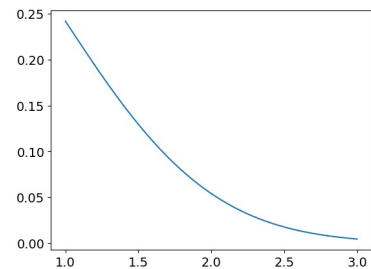
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Shannon-Fano coding k nodes with n basis functions needs $\log(n^k)$ nats Send p parameters, each with precision Δ_i Integer constants

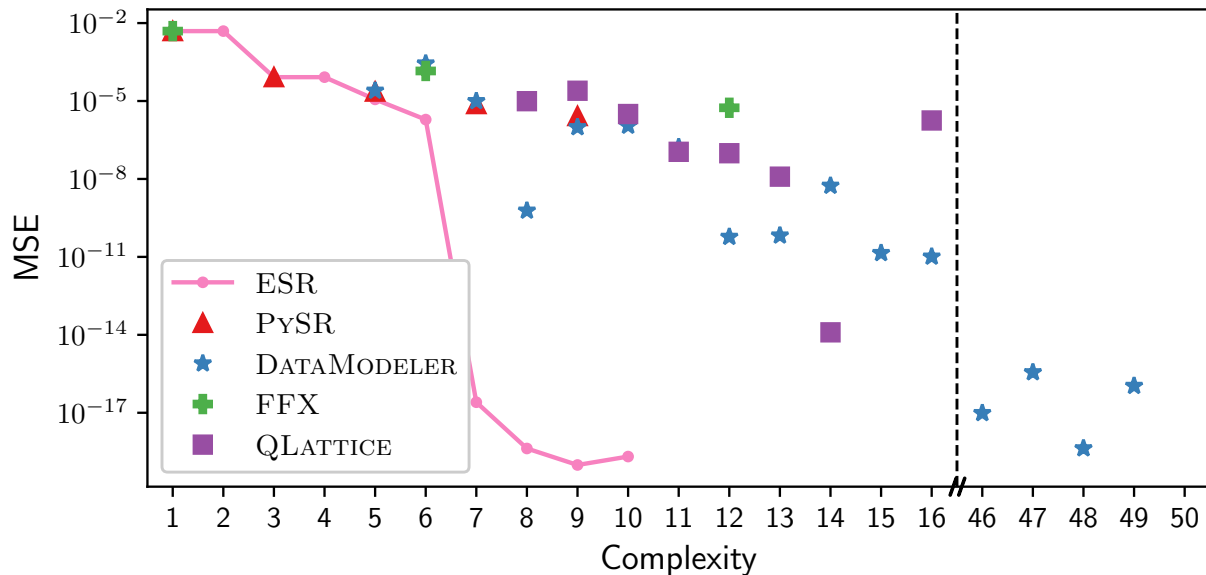
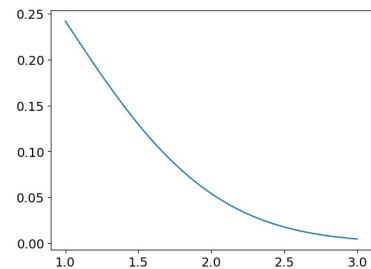
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- Both accuracy and complexity expressed in nats → can be combined
- Accounts for both functional and parametric complexity. Accuracy is likelihood.

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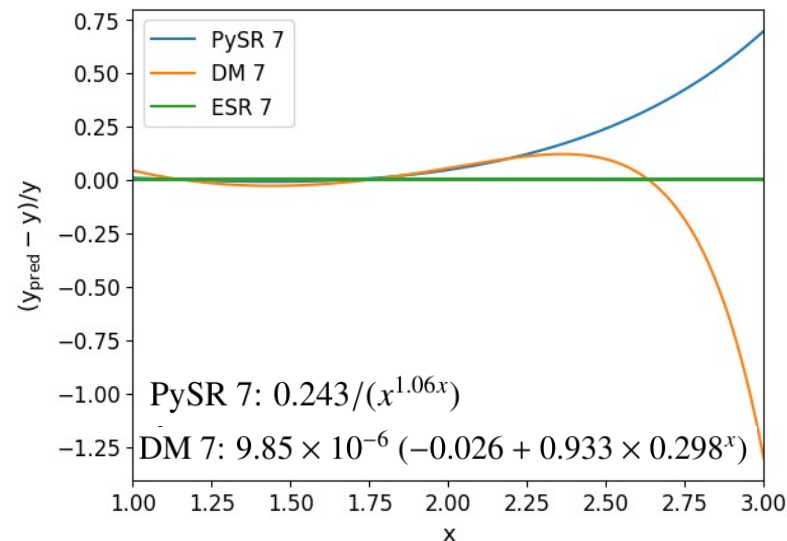
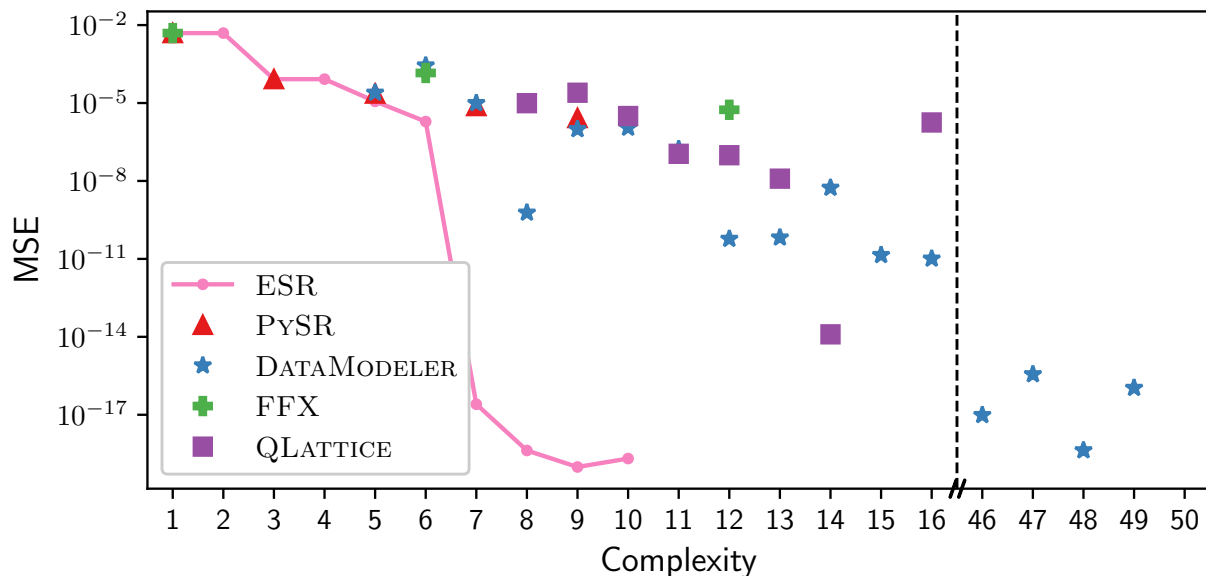
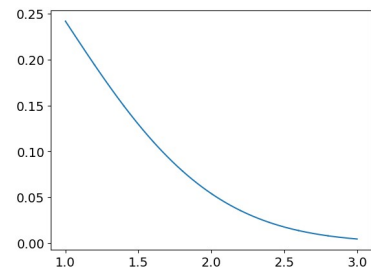
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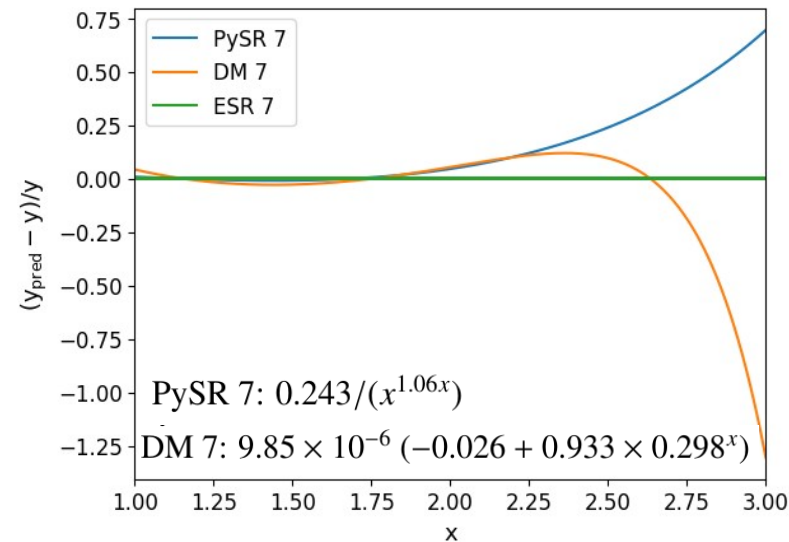
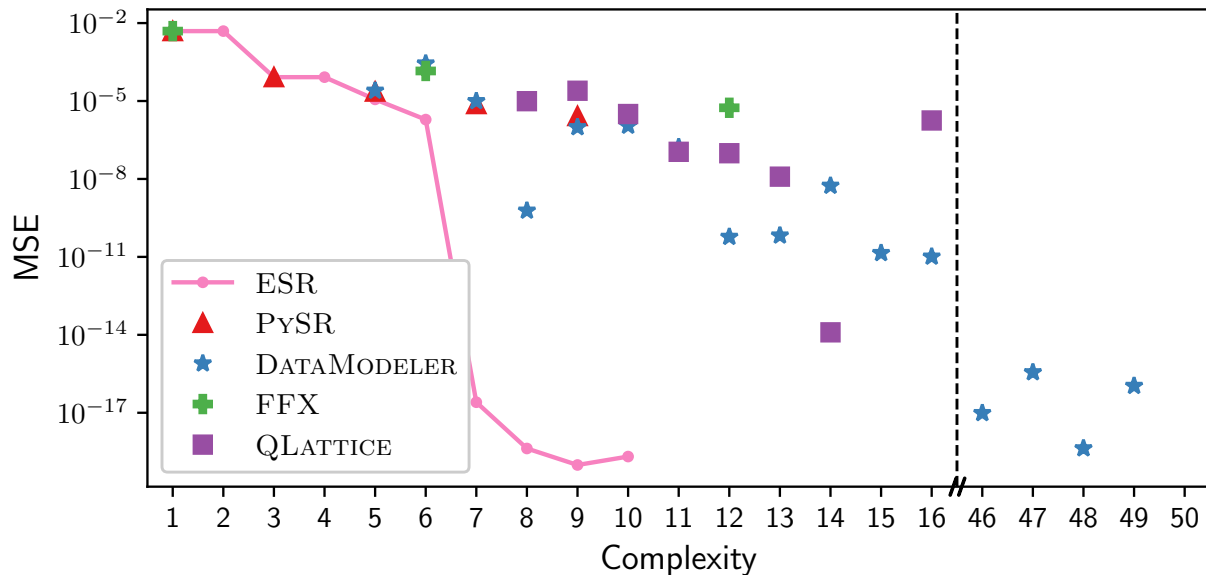
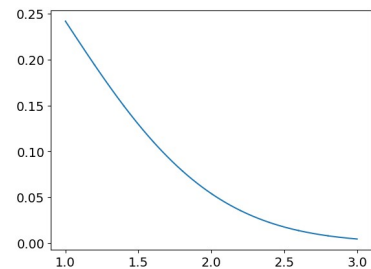
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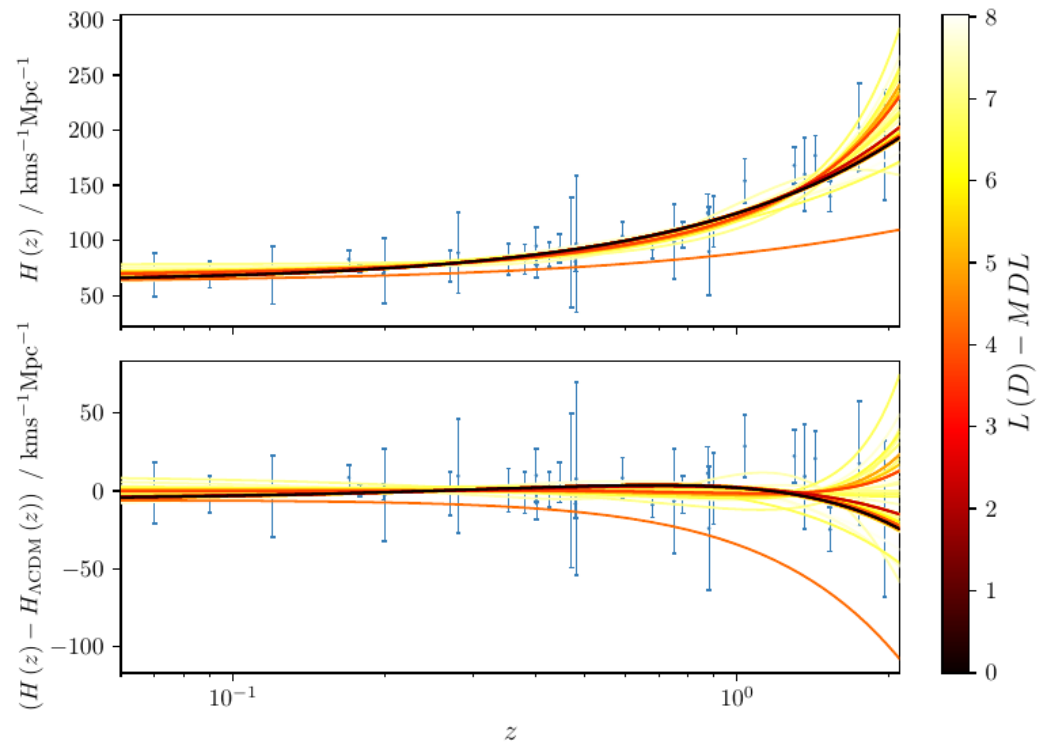
Test case 1: The law of cosmic expansion

- Can we determine the functional form of cosmic expansion without assuming Λ CDM?
- How good is the Friedmann equation relative to other functions?

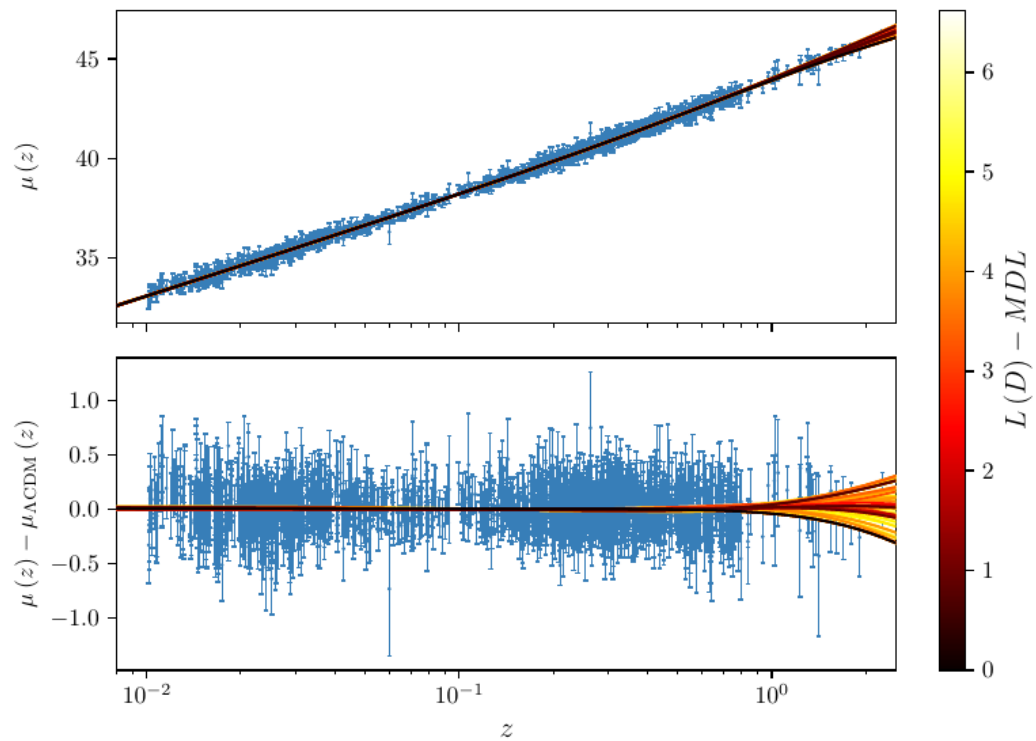
$$H(z)_{\Lambda\text{CDM}}^2 = \theta_0 + \theta_1 (1 + z)^3 \quad H(z)_{\Lambda\text{fluid}}^2 = \theta_0 + \theta_1 (1 + z)^{\theta_2}$$

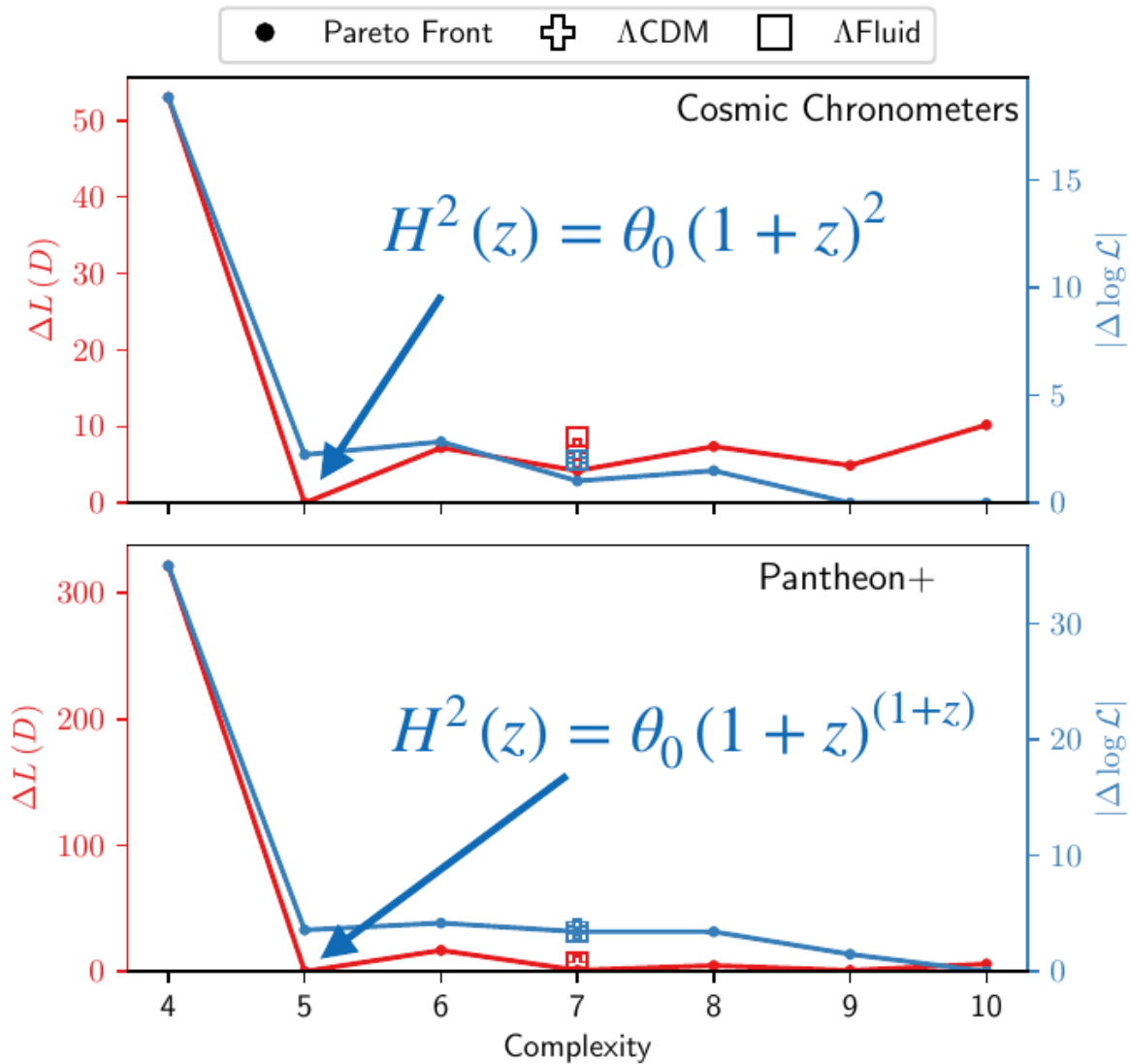
- Data:
 - Cosmic chronometers (32 data points) (Moresco et al 2022)
 - Type 1a Supernovae (1590 data points) (Pantheon+, Scolnic et al 2021)
- Basis operators: $\{x \equiv 1 + z, \theta, \text{inv}, +, -, \times, \div, \text{pow}\}$

Cosmic Chronometers



Pantheon+ Supernovae





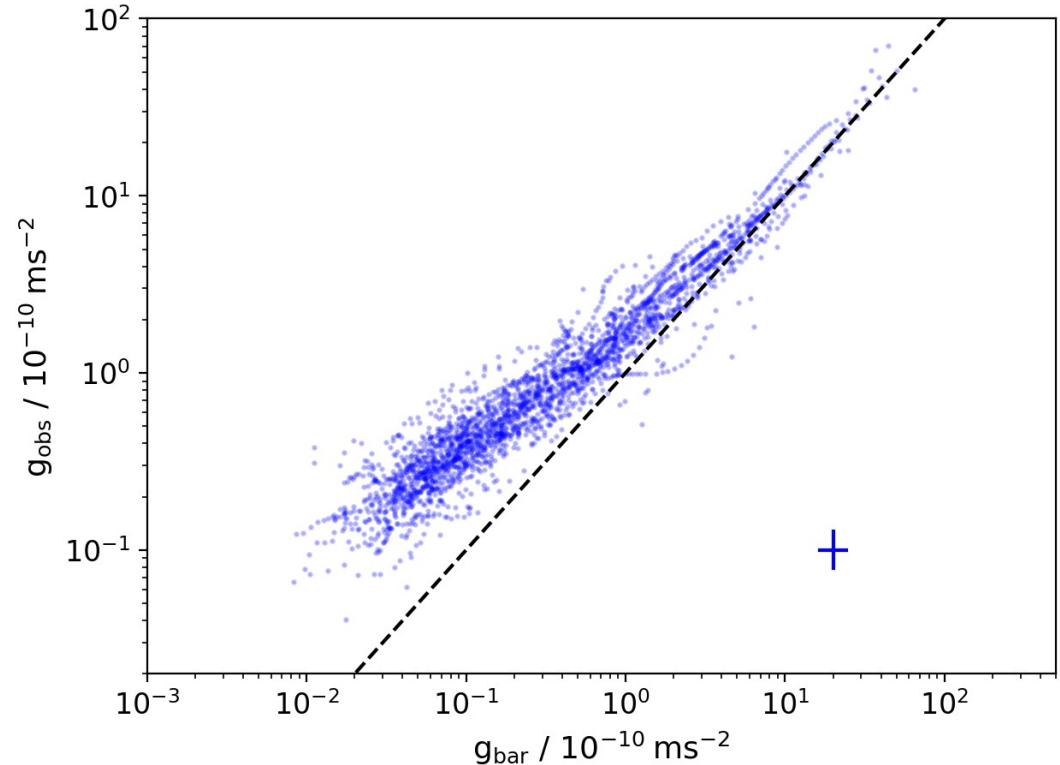
- Λ CDM ranked 39th for cosmic chronometers and 37th for SNe

- Best functions approximate Λ CDM at low z , but are simpler

- ~200 functions (up to complexity 10) more accurate than Λ CDM for Pantheon+

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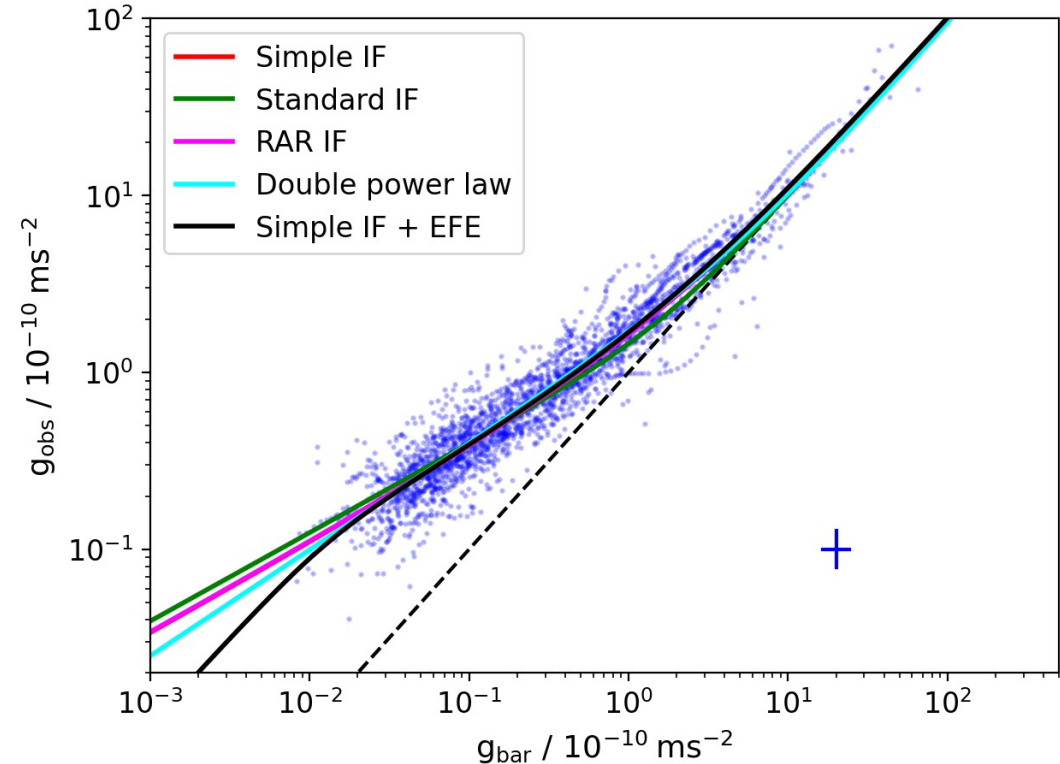
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MOND Interpolating Functions (IFs)

Simple — $g_{obs} = g_{bar}/2 + \sqrt{g_{bar}^2/4 + g_{bar}g_0}$

Standard — $g_{obs} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{g_{bar}^2 + \sqrt{g_{bar}^2 (g_{bar}^2 + 4g_0^2)}}$

RAR — $g_{obs} = g_{bar}/(1 - \exp(-\sqrt{g_{bar}/g_0}))$

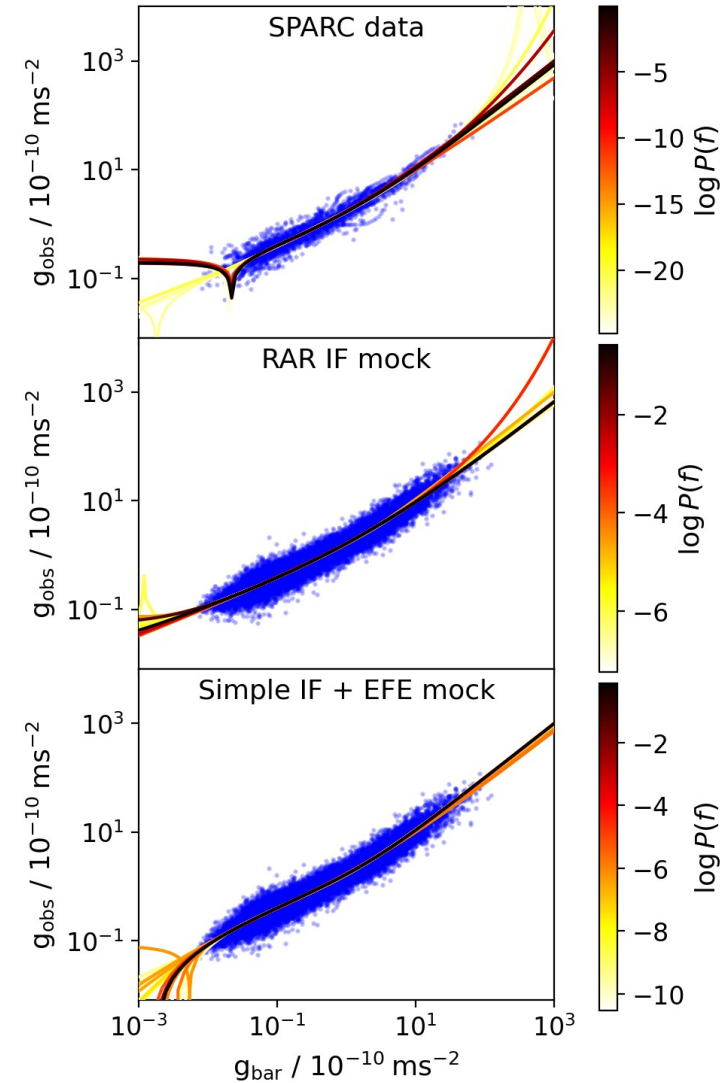


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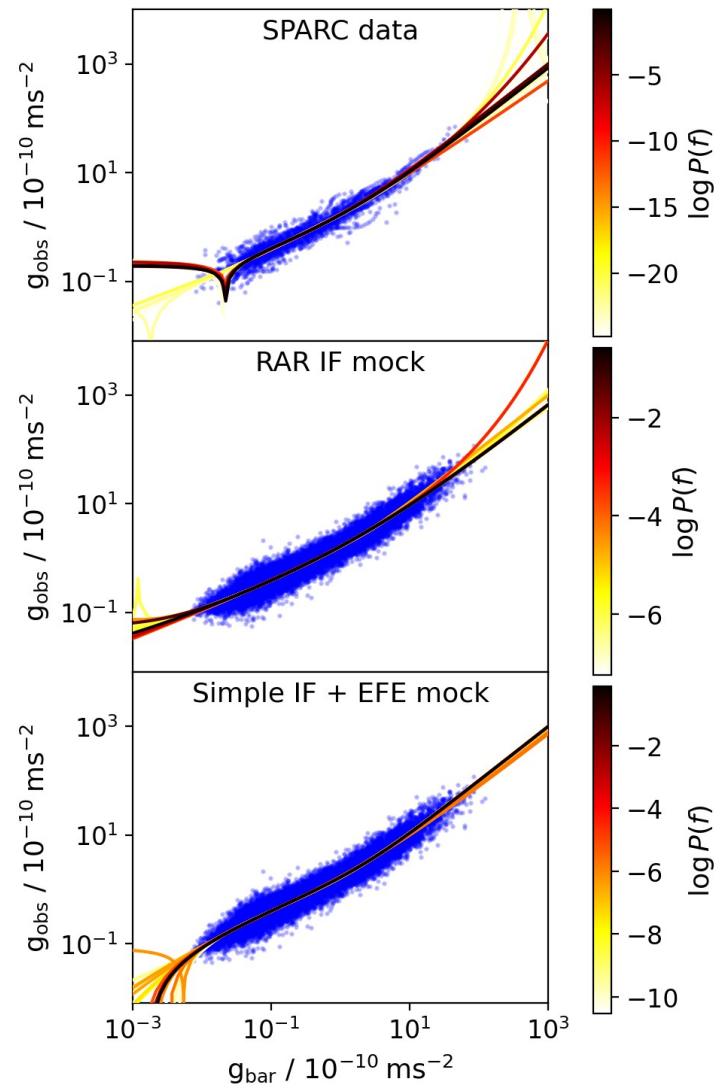
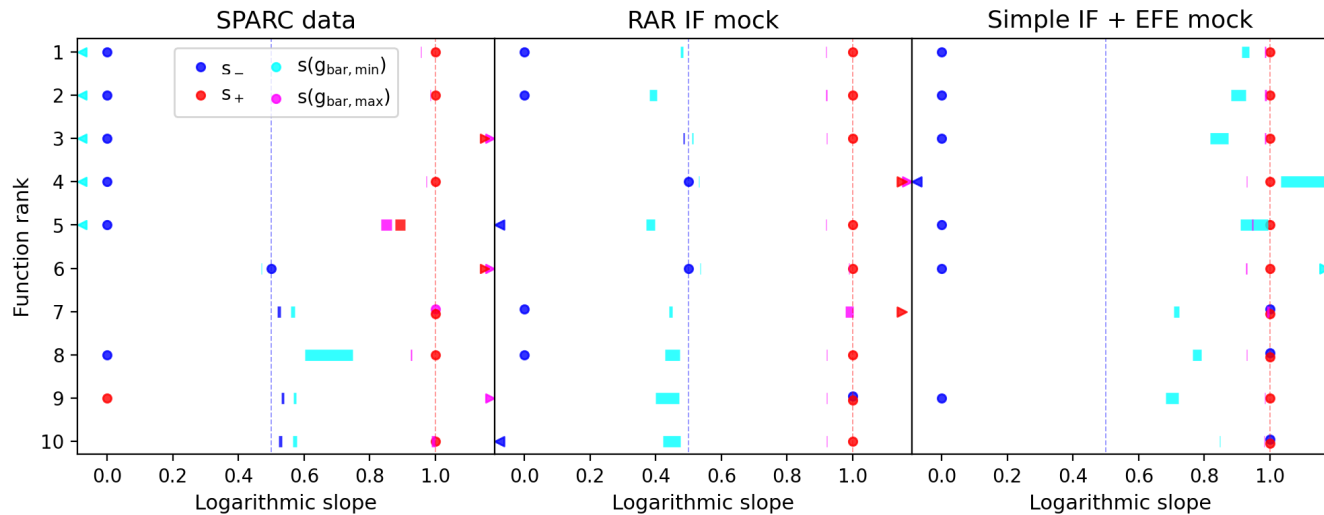
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- Newtonian limit often found; deep-MOND limit rarely
- Can't recover MOND behaviour even from MOND mocks!
→ Uncertainties and dynamic range of data insufficient



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To overcome prior-dependence, use the *Fractional Bayes Factor*:

$$B_b = \frac{q_1(b)}{q_2(b)}, \quad q_i(b) = \frac{\int P(D|f_i, \theta_i) P(\theta_i|f_i) d\theta_i}{\int P(D|f_i, \theta_i)^b P(\theta_i|f_i) d\theta_i}$$



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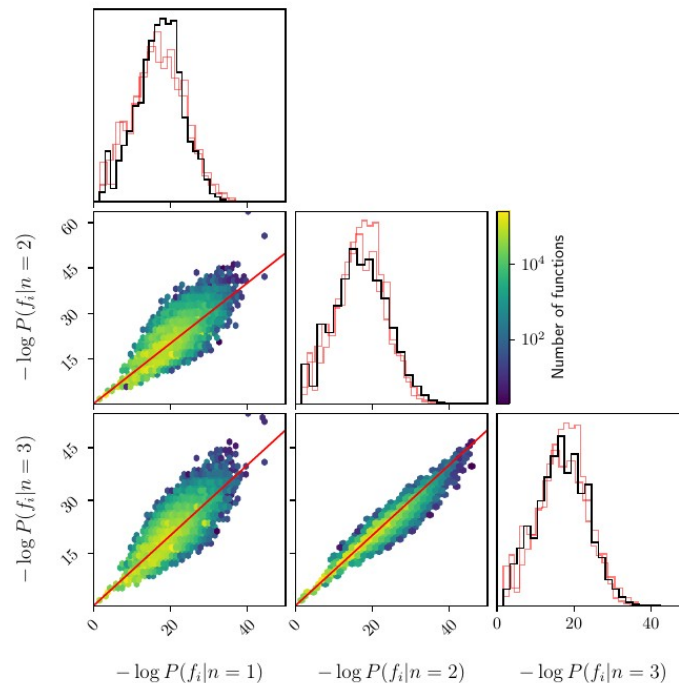
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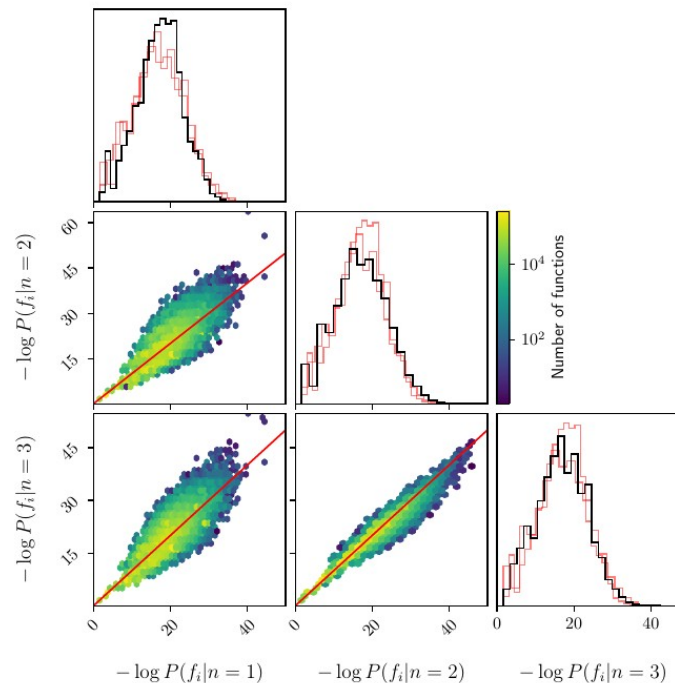
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- Reaching higher complexity:

Starting with the best ESR functions, evaluate all “unit edits” to the function to follow a low-description-length path out to higher complexity



Conclusions

- *Exhaustive Symbolic Regression*: Guaranteed to find the best simple function for any dataset
- *Minimum description length* affords principled combination of accuracy and simplicity for model comparison
- Cosmic chronometers and supernovae don't uniquely favour Λ CDM
- The radial acceleration relation doesn't uniquely favour MOND
- Improvements and many more applications — including yours!

Extra Slides

Precision of constants - tradeoff between accuracy and information needed

True $\hat{\theta}_i$ uniformly distributed within $\pm\Delta_i/2$ of transmitted value - may not transmit true MLP

Taylor expand log-likelihood about true value:

$$-\log(\mathcal{L}(\hat{\theta} + \mathbf{d})) \approx -\log(\mathcal{L}(\hat{\theta})) + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{d}^T \mathbf{I} \mathbf{d} \quad \mathbf{I}_{ij} = \left. \frac{d^2(-\log \mathcal{L})}{d\theta_i d\theta_j} \right|_{\hat{\theta}}$$

Giving expected contribution to description length

$$L(\Delta) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} \langle \mathbf{I}_{ij} d_i d_j \rangle - \sum_i \log(\Delta_i)$$

Minimise this:

$$L(\Delta_i) = \frac{1}{24} \mathbf{I}_{ii} \Delta_i^2 - \log(\Delta_i) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Delta_i = \left(\frac{12}{\mathbf{I}_{ii}} \right)^{1/2}$$

■ The Description Length of a Function

$$L(D) = -\log(\mathcal{L}(\hat{\theta})) + k \log(n) - \frac{p}{2} \log(3) + \sum_i^p \left(\frac{1}{2} \log(\mathbf{I}_{ii}) + \log(|\hat{\theta}_i|) \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left(p \log(N) - 2 \log(\mathcal{L}) \right) = \frac{1}{2} \text{BIC} \quad (\text{for large number of data points, } N)$$

- Description length looks like BIC plus corrections due to structural complexity (prior on model)
- For large N , equivalent to minimising the BIC (an approximation to the evidence)

$$P(H) = \exp(-L(D)) / \sum(\exp(-L(D)))$$

Cosmic Chronometers - Standard Clocks

$$H(z) = -\frac{1}{1+z} \frac{dz}{dt} \approx -\frac{1}{1+z} \frac{\delta z}{\delta t}$$



Image credit: AAS NOVA

- Passively evolving stellar population are standard clocks - measure δt
- Directly measure δz
- (Cosmological) model-independent measurement of $H(z)$
- We use sample of 32 CC $H(z)$ measurements

Jimenez & Loeb 2001 (arXiv:astro-ph/0106145)
Moresco 2015 (arXiv:1503.01116)
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Type Ia Supernovae - Standard Candles

$$d_L(z) = (1+z) \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{H(z')}$$

$$\mu(z) = 5 \log_{10} \left(\frac{d_L(z)}{10 \text{ pc}} \right)$$

$$\mu = m_B + \alpha x_1 - \beta c - M_0$$

Amplitude **Stretch** **Colour** **Rest-frame magnitude**

Pantheon+ sample with SH0ES Cepheid calibration

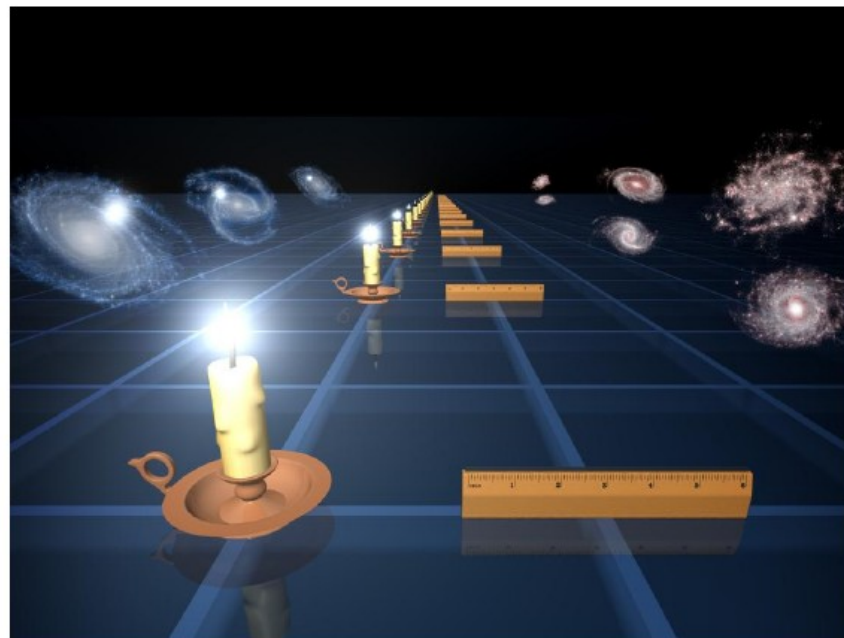


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			θ_0	θ_1	θ_2	Residuals ¹	Function ²	Parameter ³	Total
1	$\theta_0 x^2$	5	3883.44	-	-	8.36	5.49	2.53	16.39
2	$ \theta_0 x^{\theta_1}$	5	3982.43	0.22	-	7.97	5.49	5.24	18.70
3	$\theta_0 \theta_1 ^{-x}$	5	1414.43	0.31	-	7.57	6.93	5.58	20.08
4	$\theta_0 x^{\theta_1}$	5	3834.51	2.03	-	8.35	6.93	5.08	20.36
5	$x^2 (\theta_0 + x)$	7	3881.85	-	-	8.36	9.70	2.53	20.60
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
39	$\theta_0 + \theta_1 x^3$	9	3164.02	1481.71	-	7.28	12.48	3.76	23.51
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
84	$\theta_0 + \theta_1 x^{\theta_2}$	7	3322.96	1374.97	3.08	7.27	11.27	6.52	25.06

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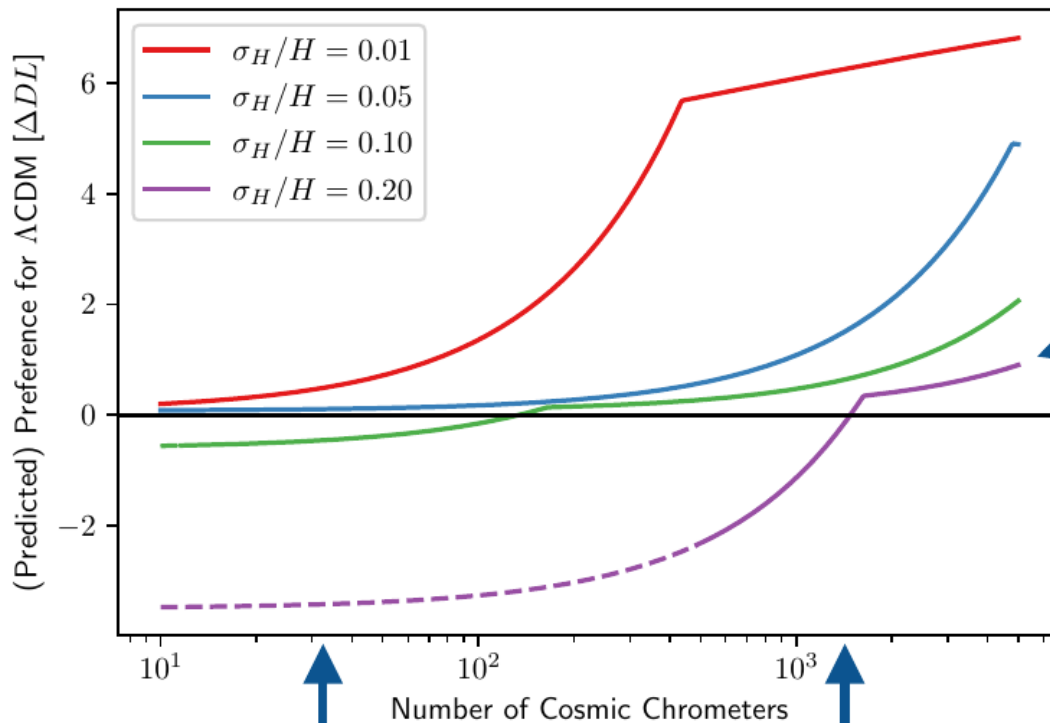
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			θ_0	θ_1	θ_2	Residuals ¹	Function ²	Parameter ³	Total
1	$\theta_0 x^x$	5	5345.02	-	-	706.18	6.93	5.11	718.22
2	$ \theta_0 x^{\theta_1}$	9	5280.11	0.16	-	705.11	5.49	8.41	719.01
3	$\theta_0 \theta_1 ^{-x}$	5	1694.95	0.32	-	701.79	6.93	10.33	719.05
4	$\theta_0 x^{\theta_1}$	7	5378.69	0.78	-	702.45	9.70	6.98	719.13
5	$ \theta_0 ^{\theta_1 x}$	5	1898.47	1.14	-	701.88	5.49	12.64	720.02
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
37	$\theta_0 + \theta_1 x^3$	9	3591.09	1773.63	-	701.85	12.48	8.81	723.13
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
96	$\theta_0 + \theta_1 x^{\theta_2}$	7	3280.83	2069.32	2.73	701.64	11.27	12.19	725.10

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Should we have seen Λ CDM? No.

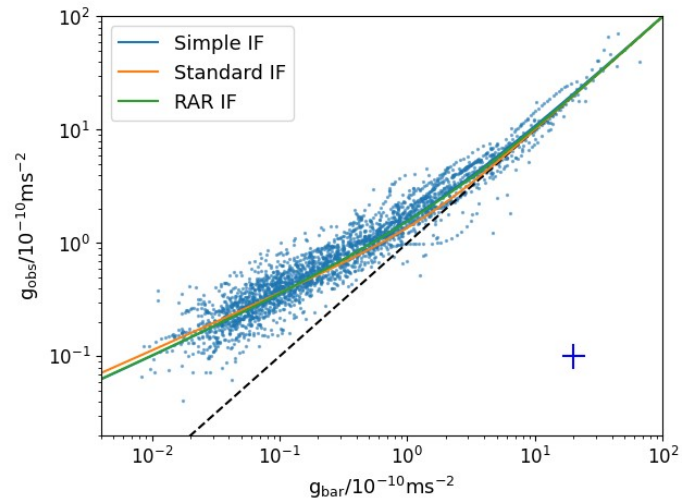
Mock cosmic
chronometer
data assuming
 Λ CDM
(Planck18)



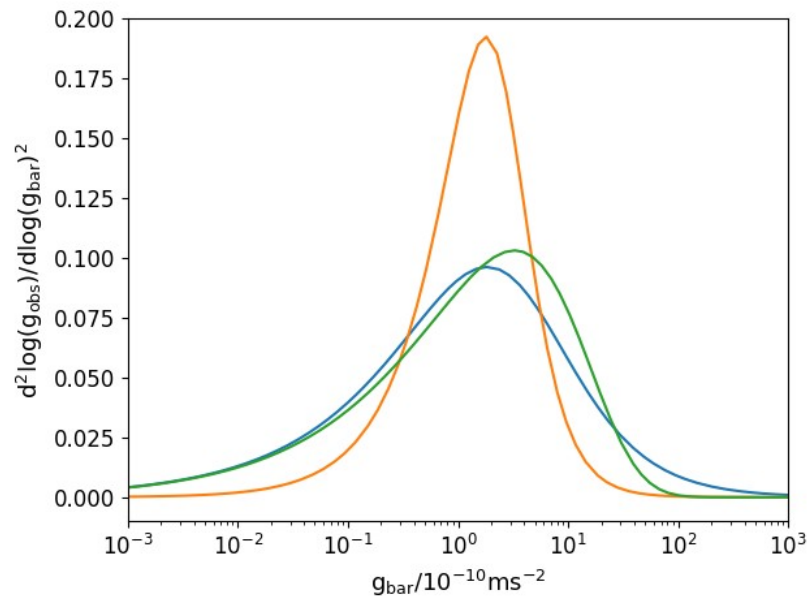
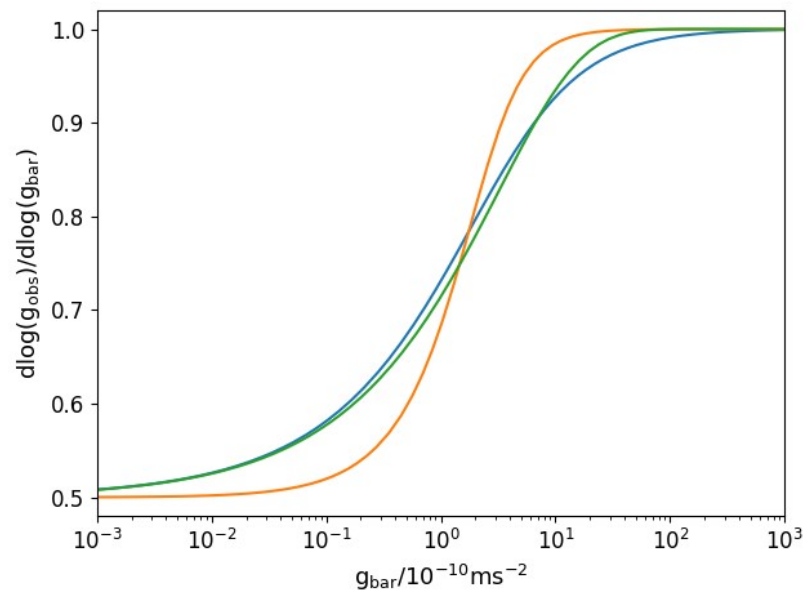
**Current
observational
uncertainties**

**We used
this many**

**Would need
this many**



First
logarithmic
derivative



Second
logarithmic
derivative

**SPARC
data**

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				θ_0	θ_1	θ_2	θ_3	Resid. ¹	Func. ²	Param. ³	Total
1	$\theta_0 (\theta_1 + x ^{\theta_2} + x)$	9	9.3×10^{-1}	0.84	-0.02	0.38	—	-1279.1	14.5	14.0	-1250.6
2	$ \theta_1 ^x + \theta_0 ^{\theta_2} + x$	9	6.4×10^{-2}	-0.99	0.64	0.36	—	-1279.9	12.5	19.6	-1247.9
3	$ \theta_0 ^{ \theta_1 - x ^{\theta_2} - \theta_3}$	9	2.0×10^{-3}	-1.4×10^2	0.02	0.14	0.89	-1276.4	12.5	19.5	-1244.4
4	$ \theta_0(\theta_1 + x) ^{\theta_2} + x$	9	1.4×10^{-4}	0.35	-0.02	0.34	—	-1268.9	14.5	12.7	-1241.7
5	$ \theta_0 - \theta_1 - x ^{\theta_2} ^{\theta_3}$	9	1.0×10^{-5}	-0.30	0.02	0.42	2.14	-1271.1	12.5	19.5	-1239.1
6	$\sqrt{x} \exp\left(\frac{ \theta_0 + x ^{\theta_1}}{2}\right)$	9	1.5×10^{-9}	-0.02	0.36	—	—	-1257.9	17.5	10.0	-1230.3
7	$\left(\frac{ \theta_0 ^x}{x}\right)^{\theta_1} + x$	9	2.4×10^{-10}	1.87	-0.52	—	—	-1250.6	14.5	7.6	-1228.5
8	$\sqrt{ \theta_0 + x } + \theta_1 x$	8	1.8×10^{-10}	-1.8×10^{-3}	0.72	—	—	-1245.6	12.9	4.5	-1228.2
9	$\left \theta_0 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}\right ^{\theta_1}$	8	9.6×10^{-11}	-0.22	-2.14	—	—	-1251.1	14.3	9.2	-1227.6
10	$(\sqrt{x} + \frac{1}{x})^{\theta_0} + x$	9	8.2×10^{-11}	-0.53	—	—	—	-1248.3	16.1	4.8	-1227.4
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
17	$x/(\exp(\theta_0) - \theta_1 ^{\sqrt{x}})$	9	2.2×10^{-11}	0.03	0.44	—	—	-1250.9	17.5	7.3	-1226.1
—	Double power law	11	9.7×10^{-16}	4.65	3.96	1.03	0.60	-1252.3	17.7	18.5	-1216.1
—	Simple IF	10	5.5×10^{-25}	1.11	—	—	—	-1217.3	18.6	3.9	-1194.8
—	RAR IF	9	6.7×10^{-26}	1.13	—	—	—	-1212.8	16.1	3.9	-1192.7
—	Simple IF + EFE	59	5.0×10^{-69}	1.16	6.8×10^{-3}	—	—	-1238.9	139.9	5.6	-1093.4
—	Standard IF	14	9×10^{-150}	1.54	—	—	—	-939.5	27.9	4.1	-907.5

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RAR IF
mock

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				θ_0	θ_1	θ_2	θ_3	Resid. ¹	Func. ²	Param. ³	Total
1	$\theta_0 + \theta_1 x + \sqrt{x}$	8	5.6×10^{-1}	9.1×10^{-3}	0.63	—	—	-2045.2	12.9	4.9	-2027.4
2	$\sqrt{ \theta_0 + x } + \theta_1 x$	8	2.8×10^{-1}	3.0×10^{-3}	0.64	—	—	-2044.4	12.9	4.8	-2026.7
3	$\theta_0 x + x^{\theta_1}$	7	8.2×10^{-2}	0.64	0.49	—	—	-2045.2	11.3	8.5	-2025.5
4	$\sqrt{x} \exp\left(\frac{x^{\theta_0}}{2}\right)$	7	3.5×10^{-2}	0.36	—	—	—	-2040.7	12.5	3.5	-2024.7
5	$(\theta_0 + x) \left(\theta_1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}\right)$	9	1.1×10^{-2}	1.3×10^{-3}	0.64	—	—	-2044.5	16.1	4.8	-2023.5
6	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{ \theta_0 + \frac{1}{x} }} + x$	8	8.8×10^{-3}	1.74	—	—	—	-2038.5	12.9	2.3	-2023.3
7	$(x \theta_0)^{(x \theta_1)^{\theta_2}}$	9	3.1×10^{-3}	-2.09	-1.4×10^{-4}	0.04	—	-2045.3	12.5	10.6	-2022.2
8	$\theta_0 x + \theta_1 + x ^{\theta_2}$	9	2.4×10^{-3}	0.64	1.4×10^{-3}	0.49	—	-2045.4	14.5	8.9	-2022.0
9	$x(\theta_0 - x ^{\theta_1} - \theta_2)$	9	2.3×10^{-3}	1.2×10^{-3}	-0.51	-0.64	—	-2045.3	14.5	8.9	-2021.9
10	$(\theta_0 - x)(\theta_1 - x^{\theta_2})$	9	2.2×10^{-3}	-6.5×10^{-4}	-0.64	-0.51	—	-2045.4	14.5	9.0	-2021.9
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
27	$x/(\exp(\theta_0) - \exp(-\sqrt{x}))$	9	3.2×10^{-4}	-0.01	—	—	—	-2039.3	17.5	1.9	-2020.0
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
41	$x/(\exp(\theta_0) - \theta_1 \sqrt{x})$	9	1.1×10^{-4}	-5.0×10^{-3}	0.38	—	—	-2042.1	17.5	5.7	-2018.9
—	RAR IF	9	1.0×10^{-3}	1.14	—	—	—	-2041.1	16.1	3.9	-2021.1
—	Double power law	11	3.4×10^{-8}	1.25	1.47	0.90	0.54	-2047.2	17.7	18.7	-2010.8
—	Simple IF	10	2.8×10^{-11}	1.12	—	—	—	-2026.2	18.6	3.9	-2003.7
—	Standard IF	14	2.9×10^{-55}	1.54	—	—	—	-1934.4	27.9	4.1	-1902.4
—	Simple IF + EFE	59	5.9×10^{-64}	1.12	0	—	—	-2026.2	139.9	3.9	-1882.4

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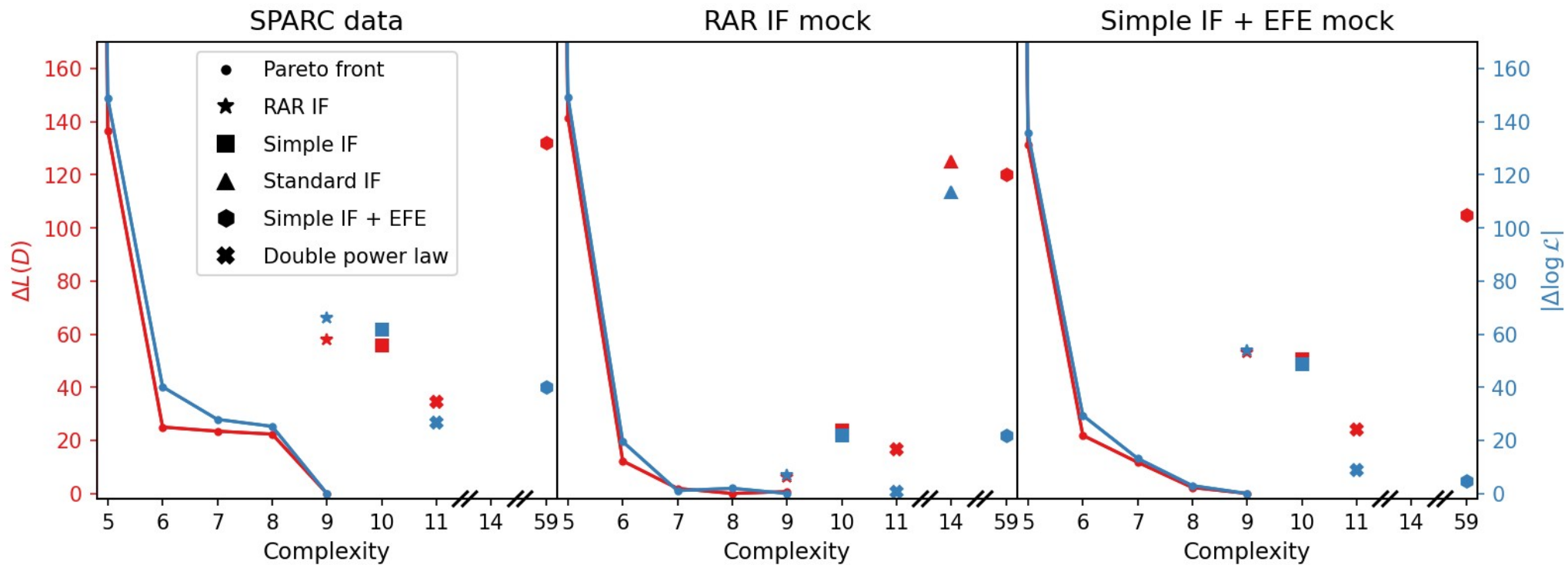
Simple
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1	$\theta_0 + \sqrt{x^2 + 2x}$	9	8.9×10^{-1}	-0.06	—	—	—	-2017.7	14.5	3.1	-2000.0
2	$\theta_0 + \sqrt{x \theta_1 + x }$	8	9.3×10^{-2}	-0.06	1.97	—	—	-2017.9	12.9	7.3	-1997.8
3	$- \theta_0 ^{\sqrt{x}} + \theta_1 + x$	8	5.6×10^{-3}	0.26	0.95	—	—	-2017.9	12.9	10.1	-1995.0
4	$(\theta_0 - x)(\theta_1 - x^{\theta_2})$	9	3.3×10^{-3}	3.1×10^{-3}	-0.71	-0.53	—	-2019.7	14.5	10.7	-1994.4
5	$x^{\theta_0} - \theta_1(\theta_2 - x)$	9	2.4×10^{-3}	0.39	0.79	0.12	—	-2020.9	14.5	12.3	-1994.1
6	$ \theta_0 - x ^{\theta_1} - \theta_2 x$	9	2.0×10^{-3}	5.5×10^{-3}	0.48	-0.71	—	-2019.1	14.5	10.6	-1994.0
7	$x \theta_0 ^{- \theta_1 x^{\theta_2}}$	9	1.7×10^{-3}	0.04	-0.16	0.33	—	-2018.1	12.5	11.9	-1993.8
8	$x(\theta_0 + \theta_1 + x ^{\theta_2})$	9	1.5×10^{-3}	0.71	0.01	-0.53	—	-2018.7	14.5	10.6	-1993.7
9	$ \theta_0 ^{\theta_1 x^{\theta_2}} + x$	9	6.5×10^{-4}	7.0×10^{-6}	0.03	0.17	—	-2016.7	12.5	11.4	-1992.8
10	$\exp\left(\theta_0 - \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x}}\right) + x$	9	5.5×10^{-4}	0.57	—	—	—	-2014.0	17.5	3.9	-1992.6
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
21	$x/(\exp(\theta_0) - \theta_1 ^{\sqrt{x}})$	9	1.8×10^{-5}	0.03	0.44	—	—	-2014.2	17.5	7.4	-1989.3
—	Double power law	11	3.4×10^{-11}	3.53	3.31	0.98	0.60	-2012.3	17.7	18.6	-1976.0
—	Simple IF	10	1.2×10^{-22}	1.11	—	—	—	-1972.1	18.6	3.9	-1949.6
—	RAR IF	9	7.0×10^{-24}	1.13	—	—	—	-1966.9	16.1	3.9	-1946.8
—	Simple IF + EFE	59	3.8×10^{-57}	1.19	8.6×10^{-3}	—	—	-2016.0	139.9	5.9	-1870.2
—	Standard IF	14	2×10^{-141}	1.54	—	—	—	-1708.3	27.9	4.1	-1676.3

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$$\theta_0 + \theta_1 x + \sqrt{x}$$

$$\theta_0 + \sqrt{x^2 + 2x}$$

ESR readily Pareto-dominates all literature fits