Telecons ISSI H₀ Team, Dec 9-10, 2021

Friday, December 10 (all times are in CET)

15:40 – 15:55 + 5 **Richard Anderson** – Astrophysical systematics of Cepheid distances

16:00 - 16:15 + 5 Adam Riess – New results from the SH0ES Team

16:20 – 16:50 + 10 Marcella Marconi – Metallicity dependence of Cepheid PL and Giulia De Somma PW relations: theory vs observations

17:00-17:40 All – Discussion and planning

End of telecon

What next?

- Identification of topics/results on which to focus the work:
 list of open issues
- formation of working groups
- Identification of possible works/collaborations on ideas emerged in these two days
- Definition of a roadmap to "solve"/ "understand" the H_0 tension

Open Issues - Main questions:

- 1. Trigonometric calibration of primary indicators: Gaia parallaxes, zero point offset, systematics (cromaticity effect for variable sources, extended atmospheres, shells etc. for LPVs, Cepheids...), in DR3 and future releases
- 2. Do we really need new physics, could a different relativistic approach e.g. a different treatment of relativistic effects have an impact?
- 3. Is the SNe Ia physics really understood and the standardization of these candles good enough?
- 4. What might be wrong/un-accounted in LCDM? a cosmologist's view ...

List of possible topical working groups:

- 1. Cepheids & RR Lyrae
- 2. Gaia (astrometry, variable stars, relativistic models)
- 3. Asteroseismology
- 4. LPV+TRGB
- 5. any other?