

Title: Approaches to tests of gravity on cosmological scales

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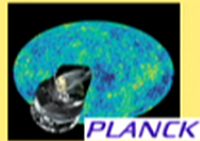
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Abstract: <p>More than a decade after its discovery, cosmic acceleration still <br>poses a puzzle for modern cosmology and a plethora of models of dark energy <br>or modified gravity, able to reproduce the observed expansion history, have <br>been proposed as alternatives to the cosmological standard model. In recent <br>years it has become increasingly evident that probes of the expansion his- <br>tory are not sufficient to distinguish among the candidate models, and that <br>it is necessary to combine those with observations that probe the dynamics <br>of inhomogeneities. Future cosmological surveys will map the evolution of <br>inhomogeneities to high accuracy, allowing us to test the relationships be- <br>tween matter overdensities, local curvature, and the Newtonian potential on <br>cosmological scales.</p>

<p>I will discuss theoretical issues involved in finding an optimal framework to <br>study deviations from General Relativity on cosmological scales, giving an <br>overview of recent progress, with a focus on model-independent, parametrized <br>approaches. I will summarize where we stand and what are the next steps <br>we should take.</p>

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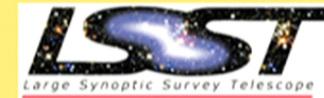
It is now an exceptional time for modern cosmology, when we can observe the universe with high precision and connect cosmological measurements with theory.



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Ongoing and upcoming wide field imaging and spectroscopic redshift surveys are in line to map more than a 100 cubic-billion-light-year of the Universe: exquisite measurements of expansion rate, reconstruction of lensing potentials and cosmic structure growth rate reconstructed to 1% in  $0 < z < 2$ , over the last 3/4 of the age of the Universe !

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# Cosmological Tests of Gravity: why & what?



... yes, right! We do face some major challenges ... in the theory camp, we still lack theoretically compelling models for what is making up ~95% of the current energy budget of the universe, i.e. the nature of what we call **dark matter** (and is responsible for the structure we observe around us) and **dark energy** (which is sourcing cosmic acceleration).

As well as a deeper understanding of the mechanism that set up primordial conditions, and these puzzles have deep roots in particle theory and gravity.

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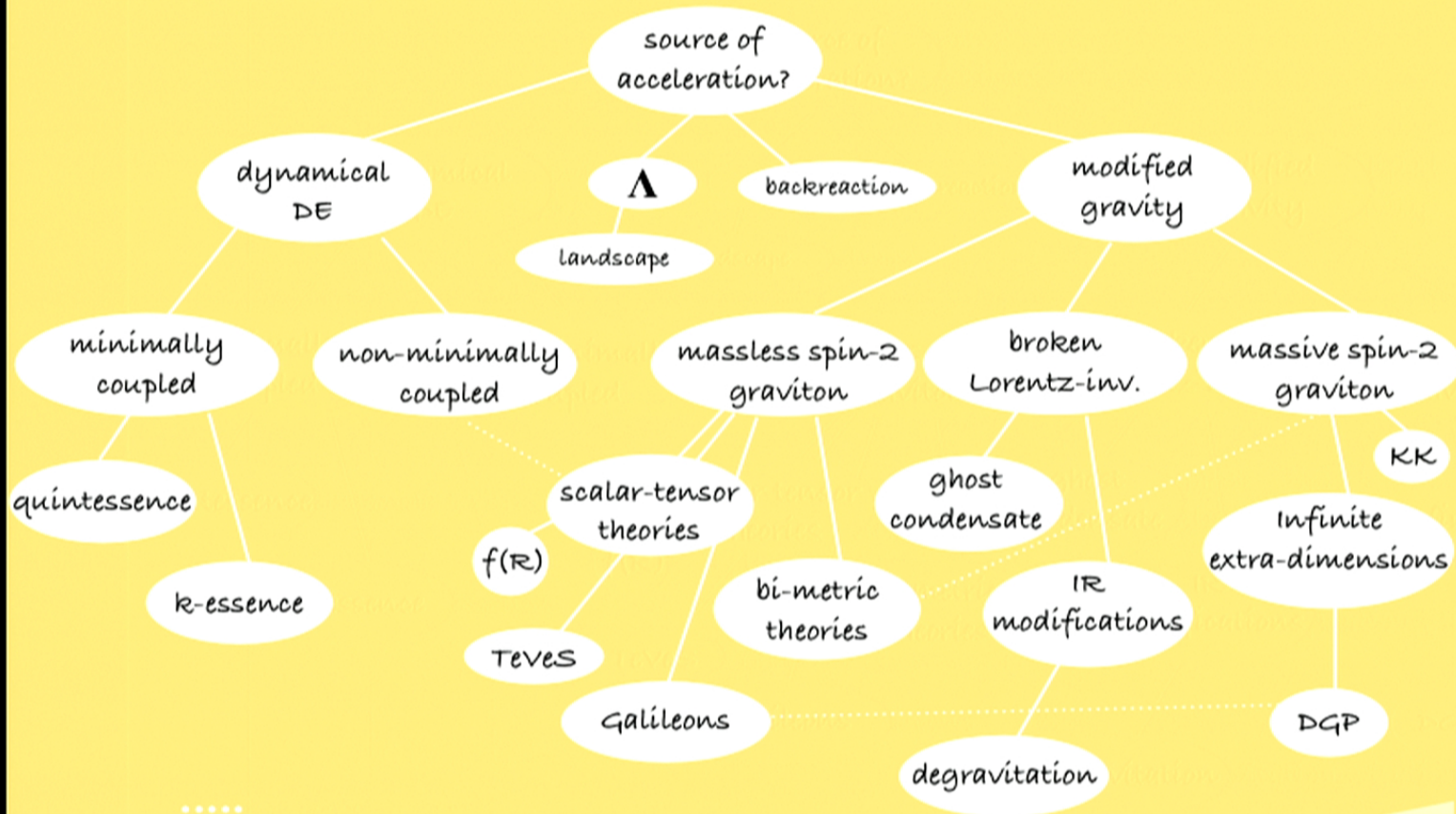
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# Cosmological Tests of Gravity: why & what?

So until we have a compelling theoretical model,  
let's keep an open mind and use that to:

1. test the consistency with  $\Lambda$ CDM (GR)
2. explore the parameter space allowed to alternative models

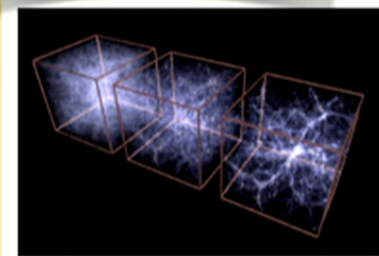
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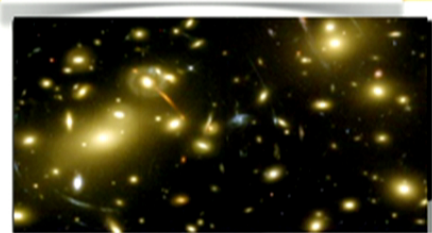
Expansion history:  $a(\tau)$



Non-relativistic dynamics  
(growth of structure, pec. vel.):  $\Psi(\tau, \vec{x})$

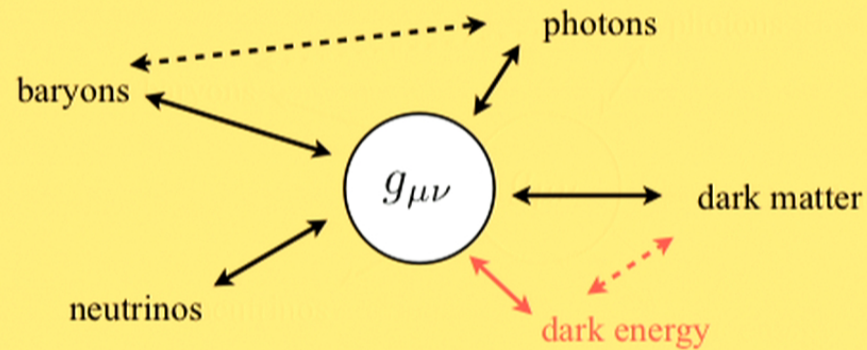


Relativistic dynamics  
(weak lensing, ISW):  $(\Phi + \Psi)(\tau, \vec{x})$





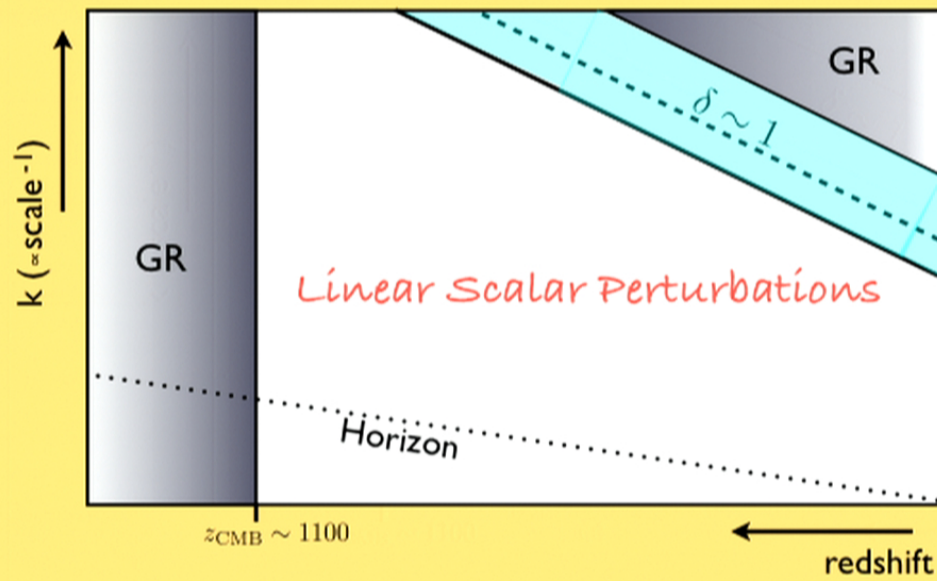
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Boltzmann eqs.:  $\frac{df}{dt} = C[f]$  where  $f$  is the phase-space distribution function of a given species

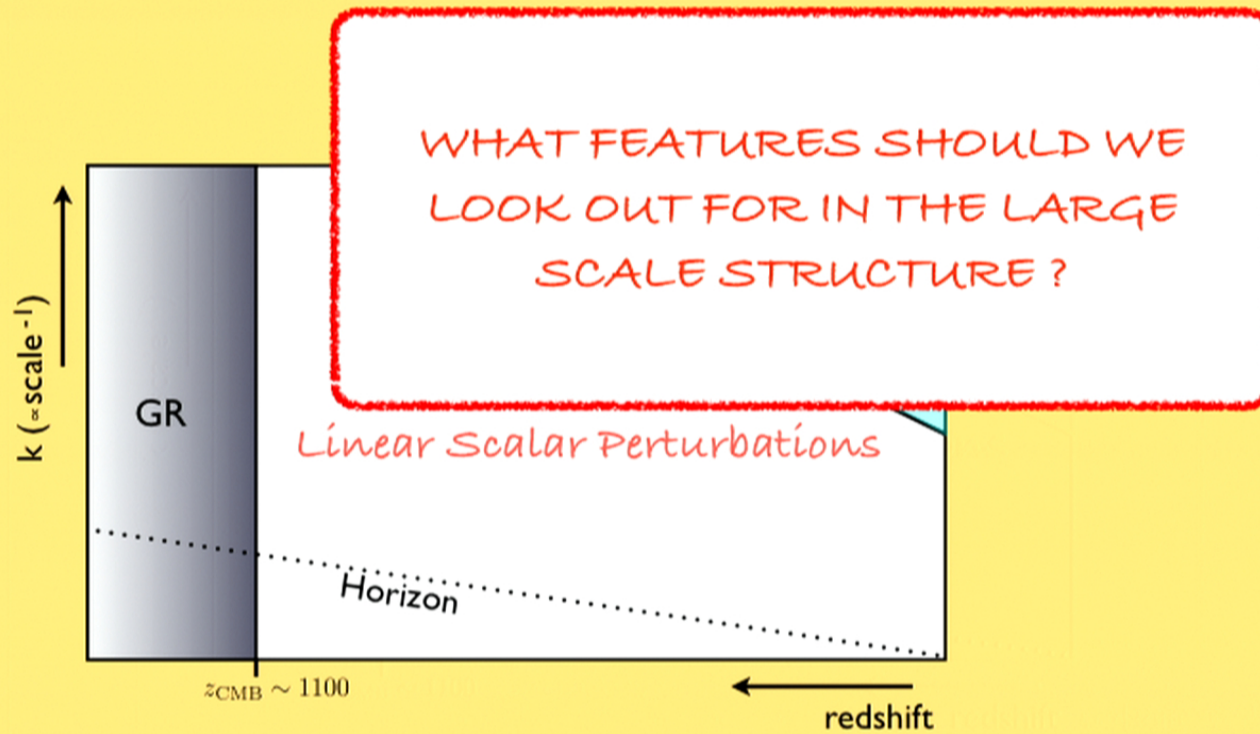
Einstein eqs.:  $G_{\mu\nu} \leftrightarrow T_{\mu\nu}$

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- relativistic and non-relativistic probes respond to the same metric potential
- the growth of structure is scale-independent
- the growth rate is easily inferred from the expansion rate



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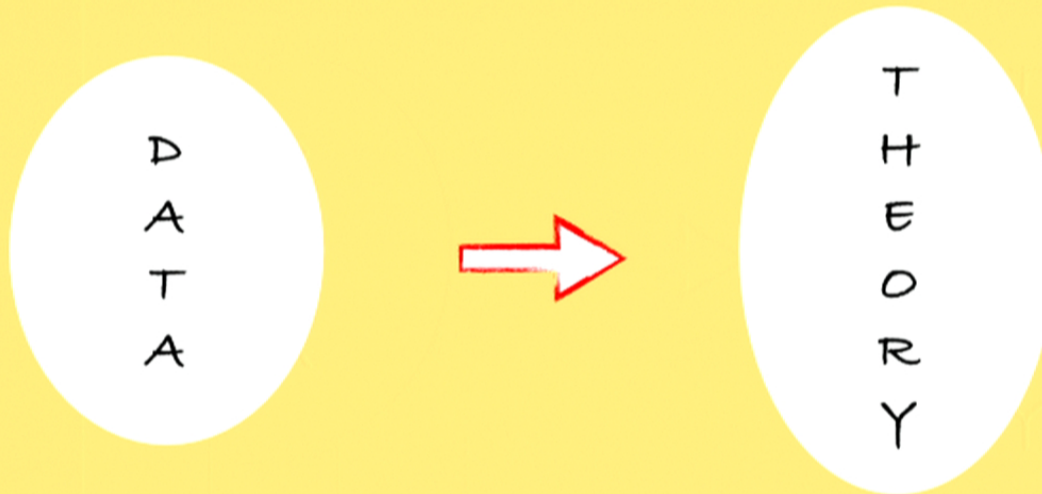
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- relativistic and non-relativistic probes DO NOT respond to the same metric potential
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- the consistency btw expansion and growth rate is broken

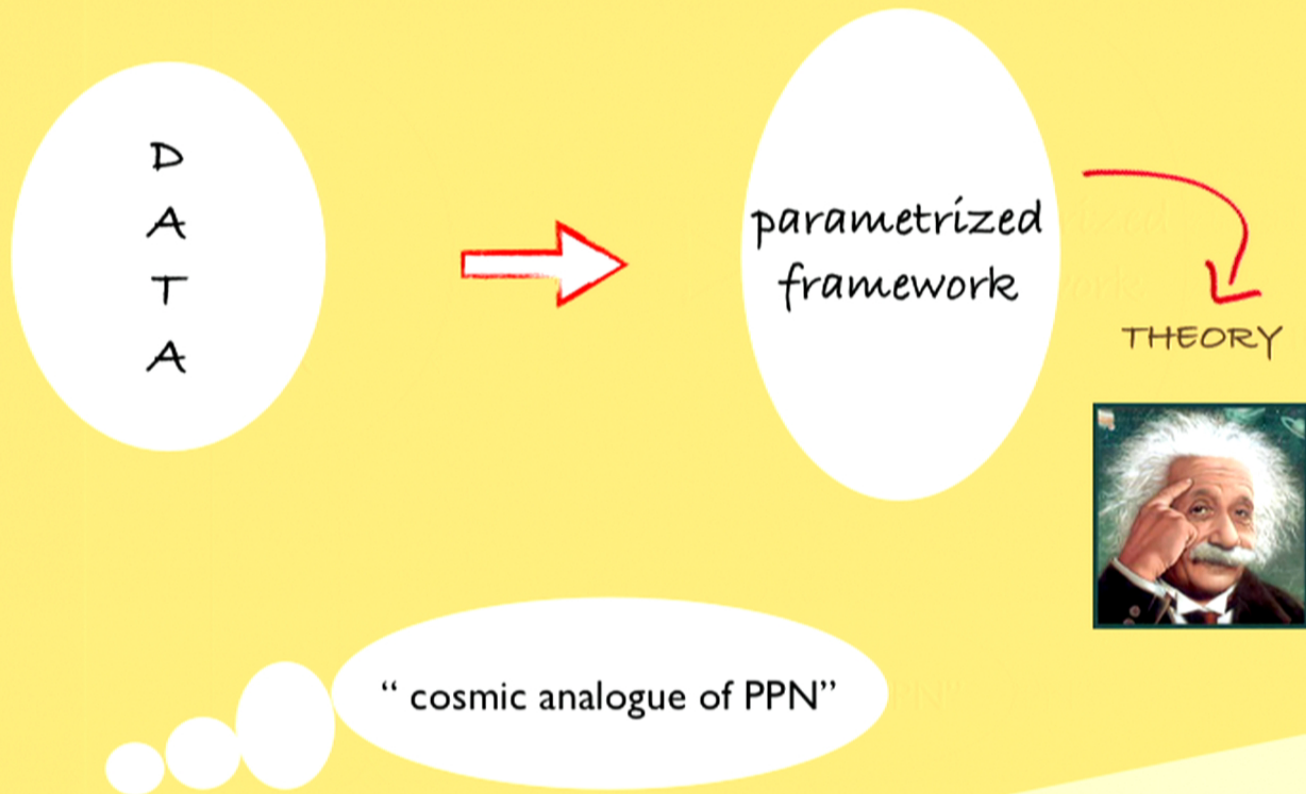
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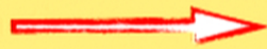
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# $(\mu, \gamma)$

Energy-momentum conservation eqs.

$$\nabla_{\mu} T^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

$$\delta' + \frac{k}{aH} v - 3\Phi' = 0$$

$$v' + v - \frac{k}{aH} \Psi = 0$$

Einstein eqs.

Poisson:

$$k^2 \Psi = -\mu(a, k) \frac{a^2}{2M_P^2} \rho \Delta$$

anisotropy:

$$\frac{\Phi}{\Psi} = \gamma(a, k)$$

# $(\mu, \gamma)$

This is a consistent set of equations for the evolution of perturbations that can be incorporated into standard Boltzmann codes, like CAMB

Solutions of linear cosmological perturbations in any particular theory can be expressed in terms of  $\mu$  and  $\gamma$ ; moreover, on sub-horizon scales they can have particularly simple forms

Everything that observations can tell us about the growth of structure can be stored as a measurement of  $\mu$  and  $\gamma$  (and projected onto solutions of specific models if needed)

They allow us to perform consistency tests of GR as well as exploring allowed parameter space of alternative models

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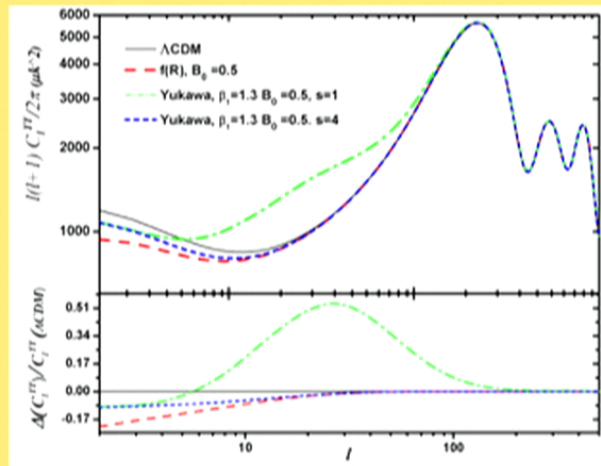
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# MGCAMB

<http://www.sfu.ca/~aha25/MGCAMB.html>

Introduced in 2008 as a patch to the publicly available Boltzmann-Einstein solver CAMB to evolve linear scalar perturbations in a consistent parametrized framework and perform cosmological tests of gravity



'Searching for modified growth patterns with tomographic surveys'

Phys. Rev. D 79, 083513 (2009)  
Zhao, Pogosian, A.S., Zylberberg

'Testing gravity with CAMB and CosmoMC'

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$$k^2 \Psi = -\mu(a, k) \frac{a^2}{2M_P^2} \{ \rho \Delta + 3(\rho + P) \sigma \}$$

$$k^2 [\Phi - \gamma(a, k) \Psi] = \mu(a, k) \frac{3a^2}{2M_P^2} (\rho + P) \sigma$$

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# choices for $(\mu, \gamma)$

What to do with  $\mu$  and  $\gamma$  themselves?

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CFHTLenS: F. Simpson et al., arXiv: 1212.3339

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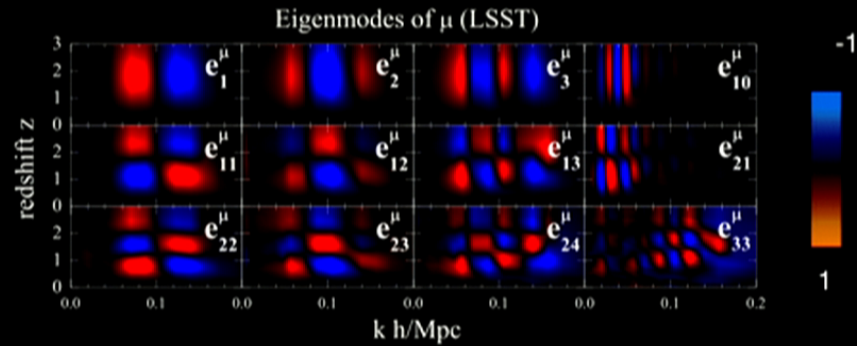
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- bin them in time and space and constrain directly the resulting parameters or perform a **2D PCA** (which is a very useful forecast tool)

- QSA: fix their scale-dependence, according to general arguments of locality and then perform a **1D PCA** on the time-dependence

'Cosmological tests of GR: a PC analysis', Phys. Rev. D85, 043508 (2012)  
Hojjati, Zhao, Pogosian, A.S., Crittenden, Koyama



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PCA is a very useful forecasting tool. It tells us:

- which observables are more likely to be sensitive to the modified growth functions;
  - or, inversely, given a survey which features of modified growth will be better constrained, at which scales/times, (*sweet spots*)
- etc.

All this while taking into account degeneracies among the functions used to describe modified growth and cosmological parameters.

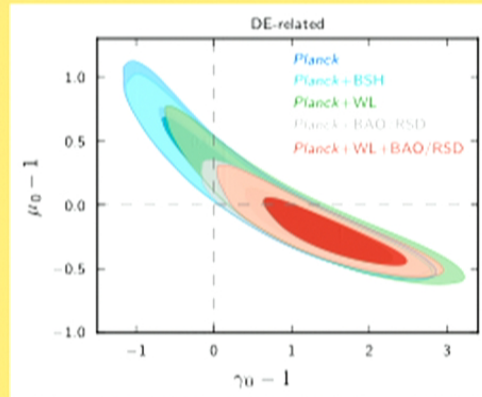
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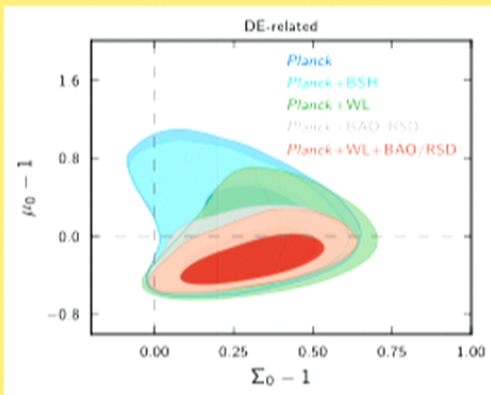
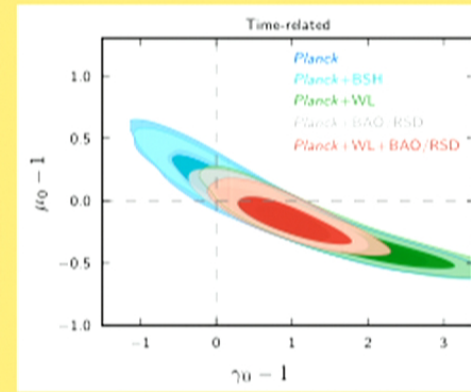
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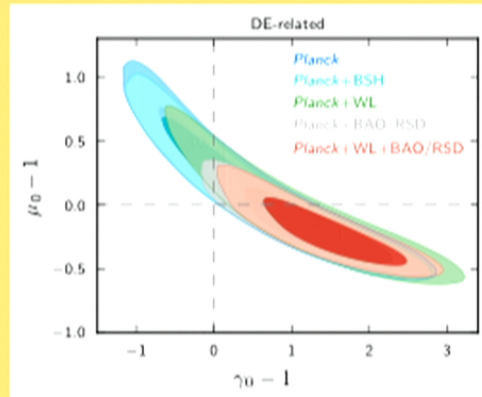


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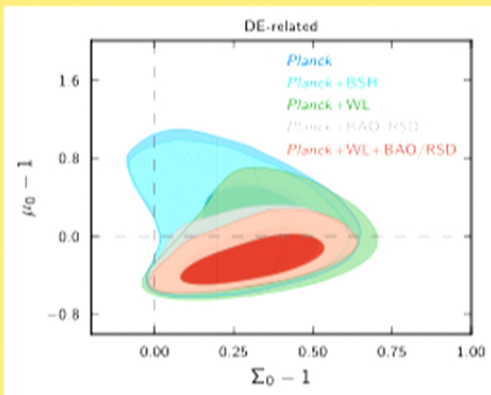
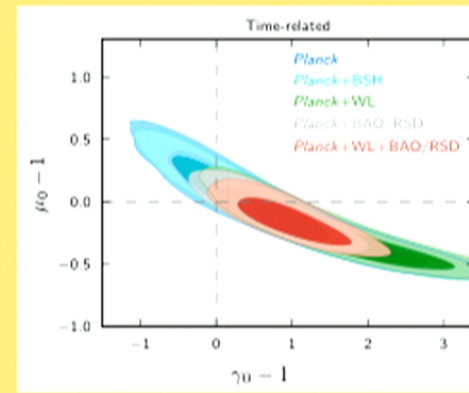
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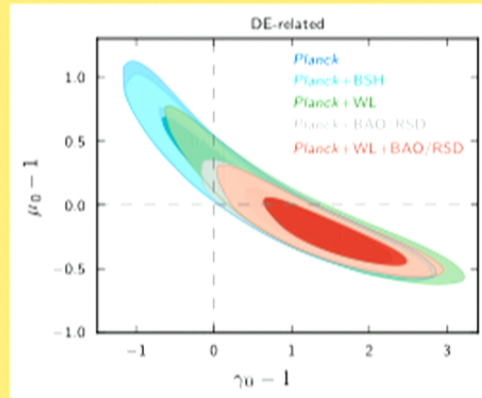


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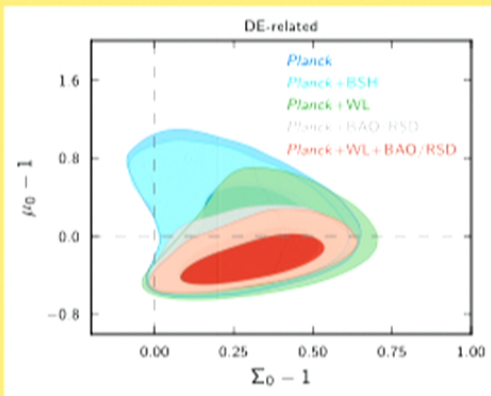
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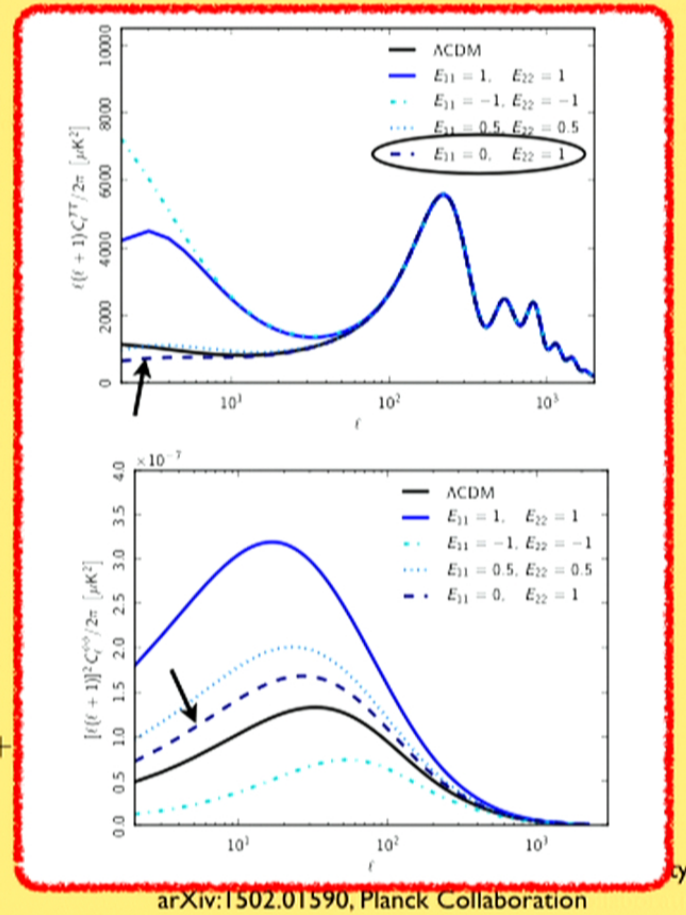
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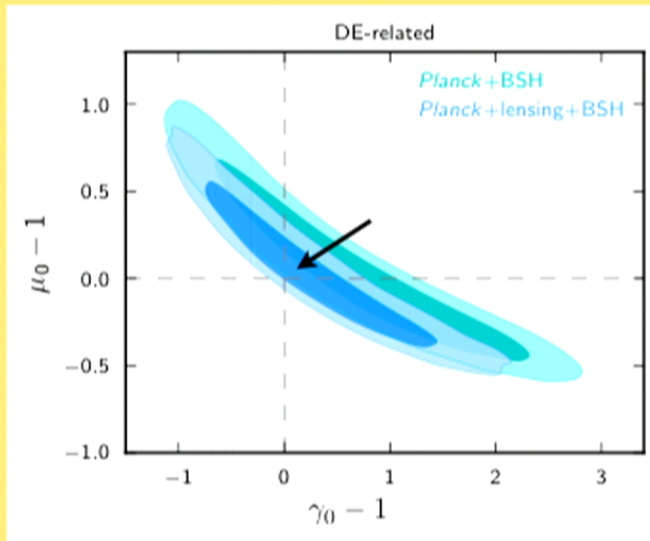




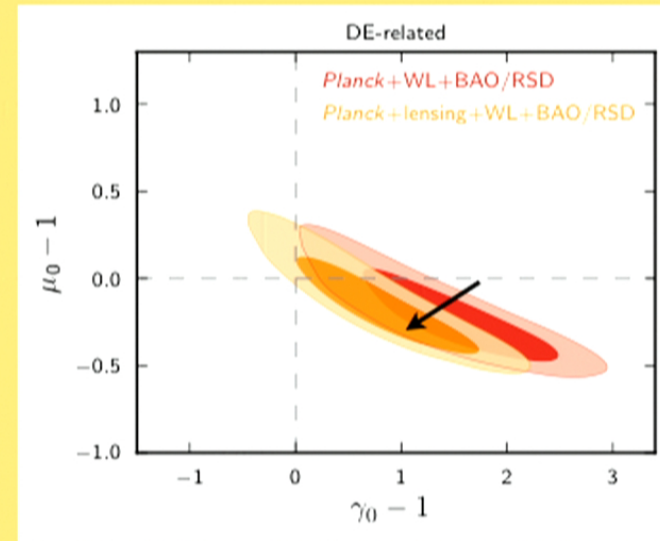
# Tensions...?!

Adding CMB lensing into the game:

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# k-dependence

A.S., Pogosian, Buniy, Phys. Rev. D87 (2013) 10, 104015

The k-dependence of these functions should not be completely arbitrary if we wish to consider local covariant theories with equations of motion derived from a variational principle. Restricting to the **Quasi-Static** regime, it can be shown that generally  $\mu$  and  $\gamma$  will be *ratio of polynomials in k* (with the denominator of  $\gamma$  equal to the numerator of  $\mu$ )

For models with one scalar obeying 2nd order eoms, (this includes non-minimal coupling and theories with functions of Lovelock invariants),  $\mu$  and  $\gamma$  reduce to:

f(R), f(R,G), quintessence, k-  
essence, coupled  
quintessence, covariant  
galilelon, scalar-tensor, ...

Horndeski Theories

$$\gamma = \frac{p_1(t) + p_2(t)k^2}{1 + p_3(t)k^2}$$

$$\mu = \frac{1 + p_3(t)k^2}{p_4(t) + p_5(t)k^2}$$



$\{p_1(t), p_2(t), p_3(t), p_4(t), p_5(t)\}$

De Felice, Kobayashi, Tsujikawa, Phys.Lett.B 706 (2011)

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# EFT of Dark Energy

and

# EFTCAMB



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*Jordan frame, unitary gauge action*

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ \frac{m_0^2}{2} [1 + \Omega(\tau)] R + \Lambda(\tau) - a^2 c(\tau) \delta g^{00} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{M_2^4(\tau)}{2} (a^2 \delta g^{00})^2 - \frac{\bar{M}_1^3(\tau)}{2} a^2 \delta g^{00} \delta K_\mu^\mu - \frac{\bar{M}_2^2(\tau)}{2} (\delta K_\mu^\mu)^2 - \frac{\bar{M}_3^2(\tau)}{2} \delta K_\nu^\mu \delta K_\mu^\nu \right. \\ \left. + \frac{a^2 \hat{M}^2(\tau)}{2} \delta g^{00} \delta R^{(3)} + m_2^2(\tau) (g^{\mu\nu} + n^\mu n^\nu) \partial_\mu (a^2 g^{00}) \partial_\nu (a^2 g^{00}) \right\} + S_m[g_{\mu\nu}]$$

Stückelberg trick  
 $\tau \rightarrow \tau + \pi(x^\mu)$

Gubitosi, Piazza, Vernizzi, JCAP 1302 (2013) 032  
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f(R,G)

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Let's put this framework to work!

energy-momentum equations: standard ones since we are in the Jordan frame

Einstein equations: messy equations involving contributions from 'all' EFT functions

$\pi$  field equation:

$$A\ddot{\pi} + B\dot{\pi} + (C + k^2D)\pi + E = 0$$

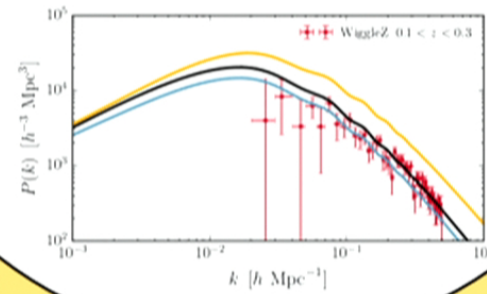
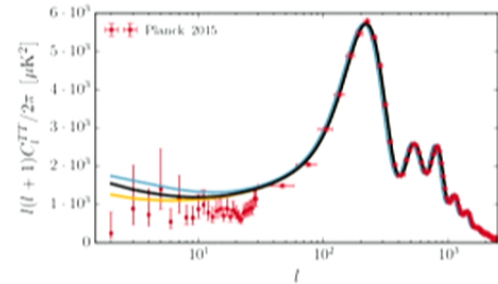
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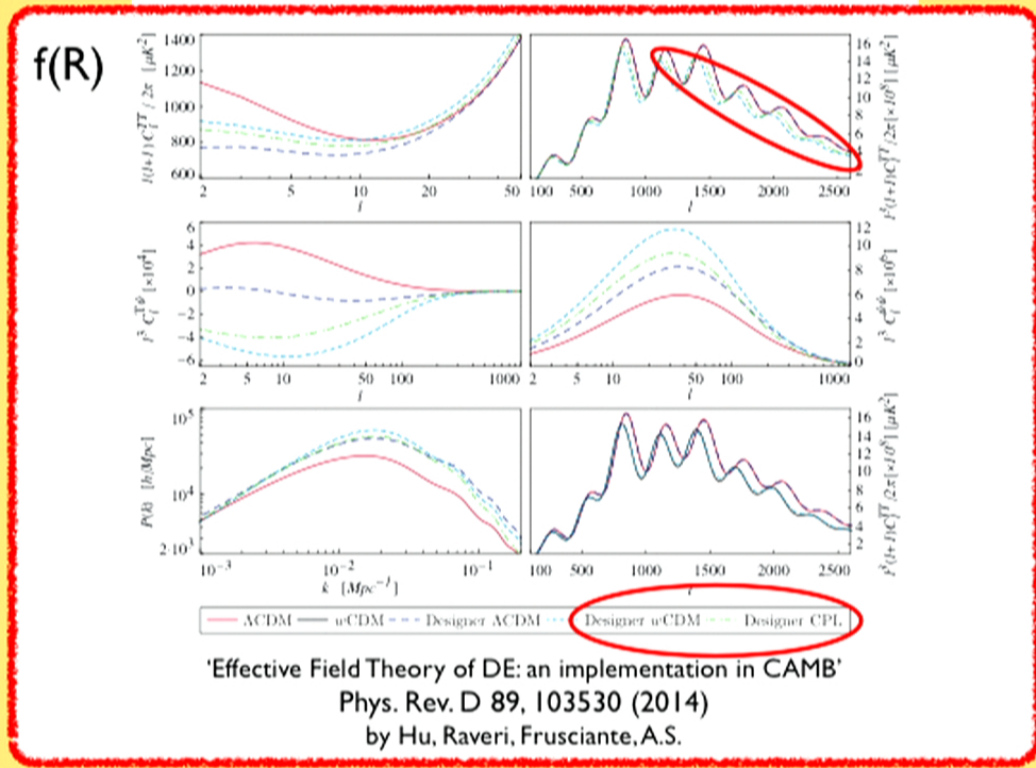
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e.g. CAMB

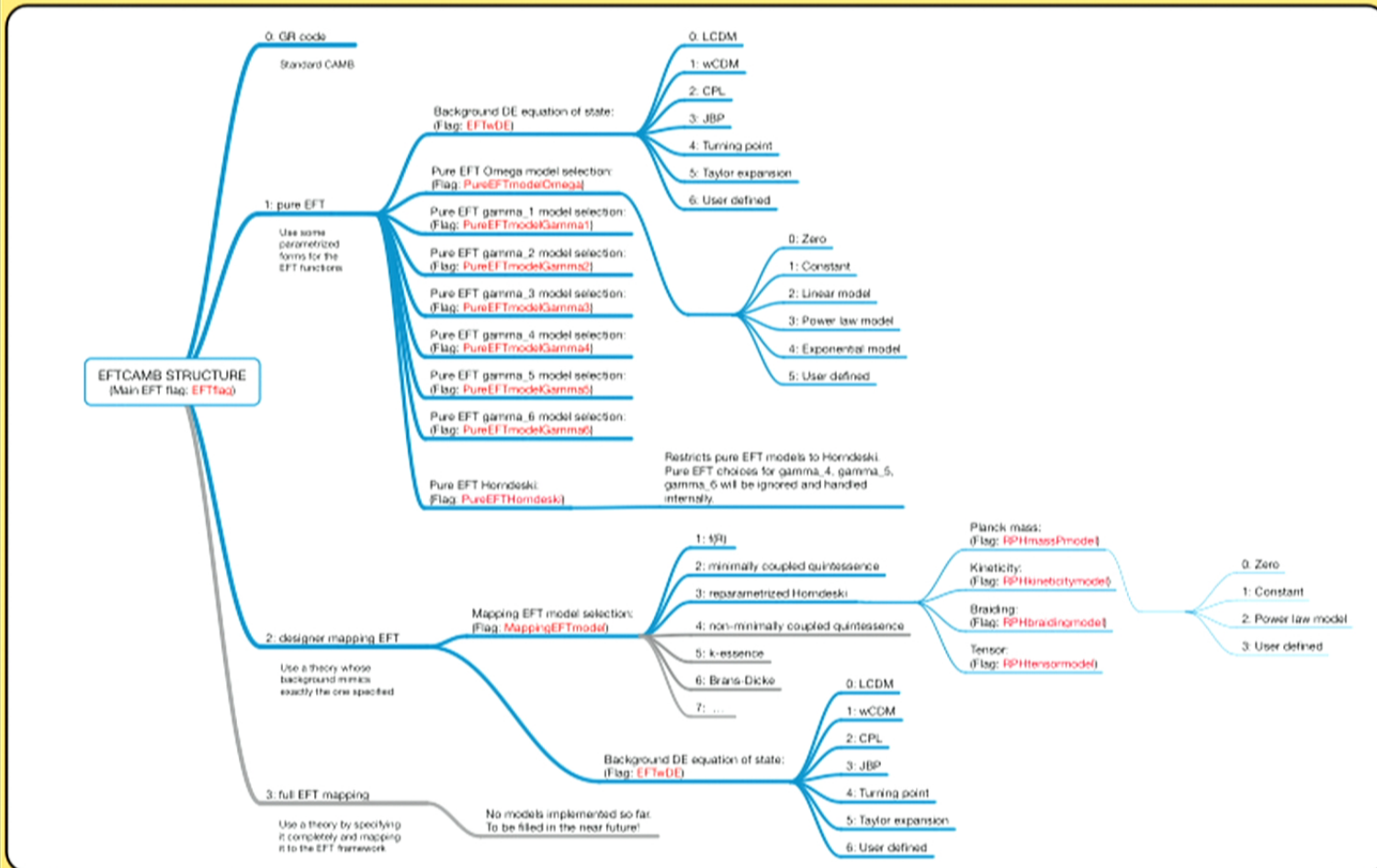






We do not implement any QS approx. (still we can treat any specific single field model) and we can easily cross the phantom divide while controlling stability and viability of the theory with a **built-in check**.

The outcome is a versatile powerful Boltzmann code to evolve the **full dynamics** of linear scalar perturbations both in the model-independent EFT framework and for any specific single field DE/MG model (for which there exists a well defined Jordan frame).



no  $\Lambda$ S approximation and exact implementation of background !

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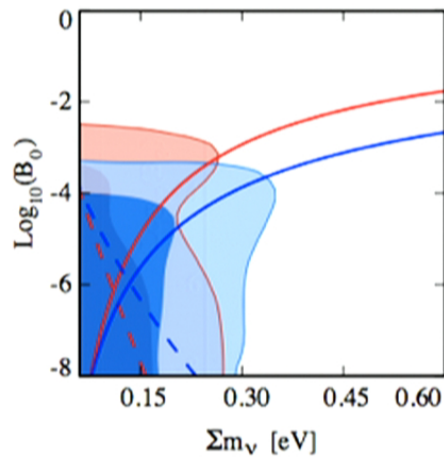
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how restrictive/realistic is the QS approximation?

EFTCAMB can help exploring this!

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EFTCAMB

data set: Planck, BAO, Wiggle Z

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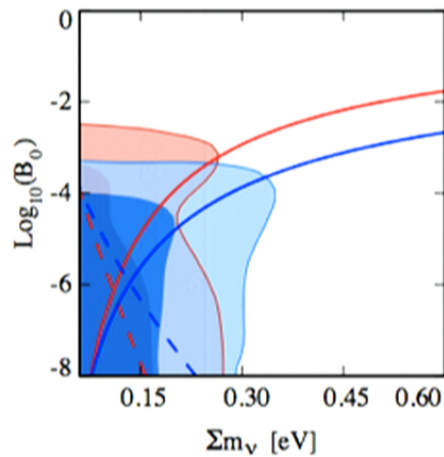
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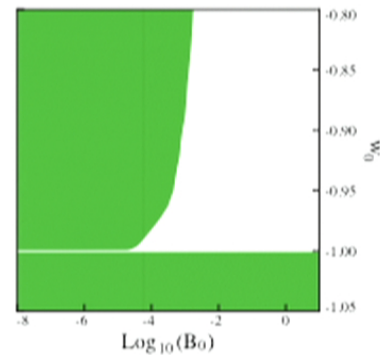
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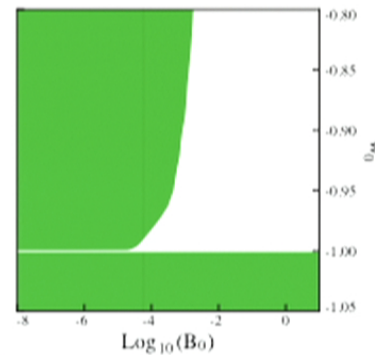
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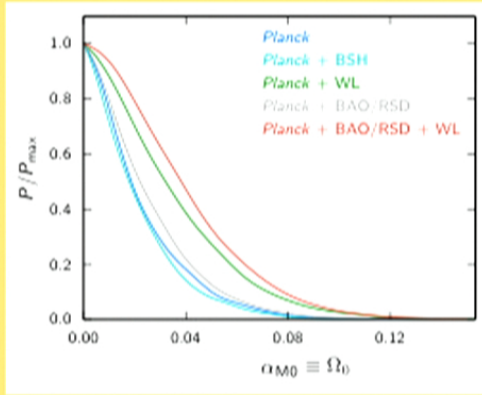
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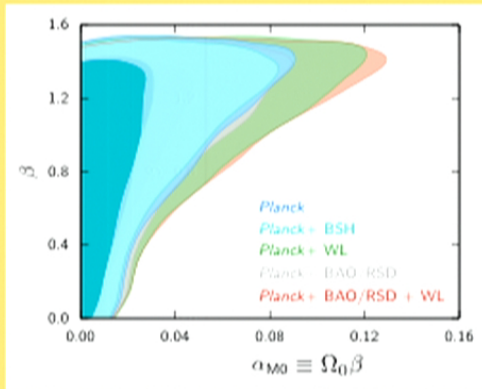
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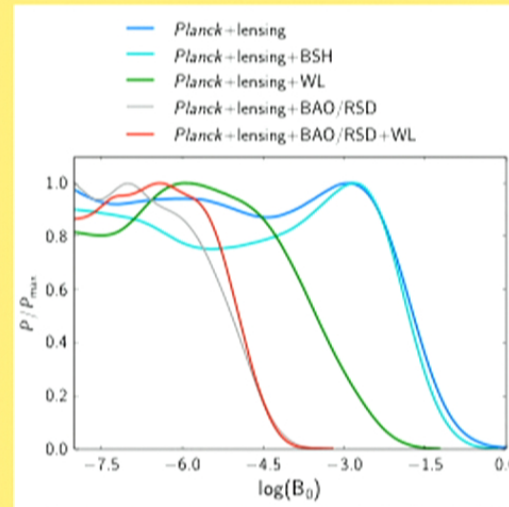
LCDM backgrounds



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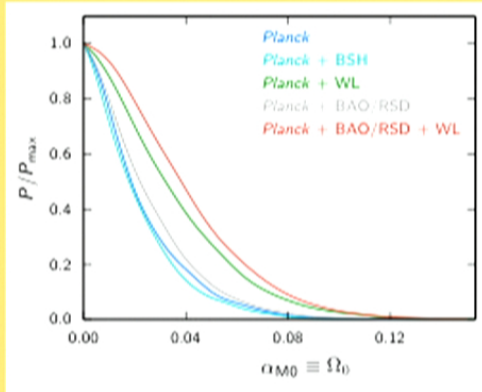


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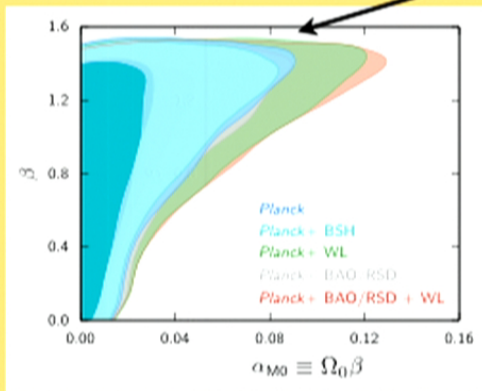


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Conditions of theoretical consistency/stability

$$A(\tau, k)\ddot{\pi} + B(\tau, k)\dot{\pi} + C(\tau)\pi + k^2 D(\tau, k)\pi + E(\tau, k) = 0$$

- $A > 0$       no ghost
- $1 + \Omega > 0$       positive effective Newton constant
- $D > 0$       no gradient instability
- $C > 0$       positive squared mass
- $c_s^2 = D/A \leq 1$       no superluminal perturbations

# Outlook

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This was a **brief tale** of the ongoing quest to test gravity on cosmological scales.

While we have big challenges in front of us, this is an exciting prospect that will be enabled by upcoming surveys.

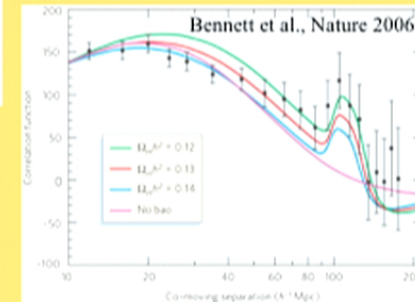
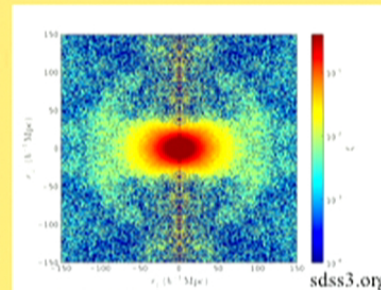
A wealth of high-precision information will be soon available and we should get ready to make the best out of it!

I focused on the challenges, approaches and prospects on the **theory side**.

# Outlook

Future missions (DESI, **Euclid**, LSST, ....) will provide high precision measurements of:

- \* Cosmic Microwave Background
- \* GALAXY CLUSTERING with spectroscopic redshift
- \* WEAK LENSING



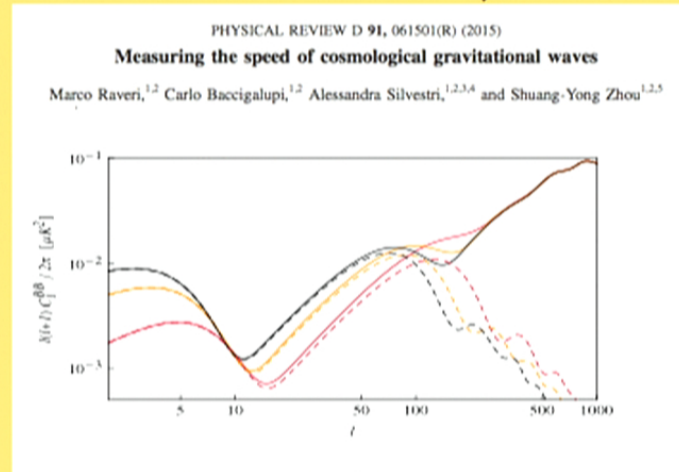
The combination of these probes will be key to test gravity on large scales.  
With a big effort we are making progress in terms of theoretical frameworks to interpret these data ... bare with us!



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Things to keep in mind:

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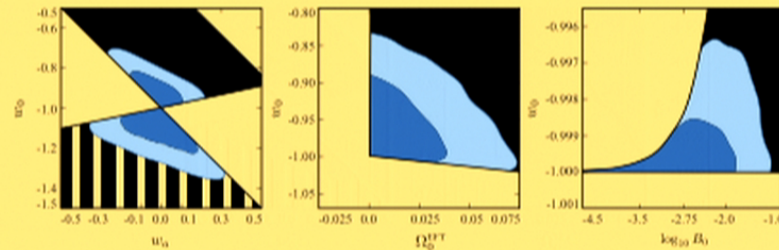
- \* all possible cross-correlations: great to bit systematics and learn about bias
- \* non-linear scales and screening mechanisms



# Outlook

Within the EFT approach

- \* Further investigation of viability priors



- \* Further investigation of Quasi-Static Approximation
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