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Abstract:

In this talk I will review how Horndeski gravity made its way in Cosmology and why it became a very popular framework for tests of gravity on cosmological scales.

Dear Gregory, it's been a true pleasure!

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REVIEW



50 Years of Horndeski Gravity: Past, Present and Future

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Abstract

An essay on Horndeski gravity, how it was formulated in the early 1970s and how it was 're-discovered' and widely adopted by Cosmologists more than thirty years later.

Keywords Scalar-tensor field theories · Horndeski gravity · Lagrangians · Modified gravity · Dark energy

1 Introduction

1 September, 2023, Prof. Andreas Wipf, the Editor in Chief of the International Journal of Theoretical Physics, contacted me (Gregory Horndeski) concerning my paper entitled "Second-Order Scalar-Tensor Field Equations in a Four-Dimensional Space." That paper originally appeared in his Journal back in 1974, and he thought it would be appropriate for me to write an essay, to appear in the International Journal of Theoretical Physics in 2024, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of that paper's publication. At first I was a little apprehensive about accepting his proposal because he wanted the essay to cover how the theory came into being and how it has been used. Well I certainly was familiar with the theory's inception, but I really was not qualified to discuss how it was being used. To allay my concerns Prof. Wipf said that he would not mind if the essay had a co-author who could explain the theories to the Physics community. Well given that I would be permitted to have a colleague do the hard work, I agreed to participate in this essay project. My next task was to find a co-author. To that end I contacted a colleague of mine at the University of Waterloo, Prof. Bahar Geshmizjani, who has worked with my scalar-tensor equations, to see if she could provide me with a list of names of physicists who might be able to assist me in my endeavor. She provided me with the names of a handful of physicists, all of whom were familiar to me from what little I knew about applications of my equations. At the top of the list was Prof. Alessandra Silvestri, with whom I had prior contact concerning my work as an artist. So I asked her if she would be interested in co-authoring an essay with me and she said yes.

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The process

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Gregory Horndeski

11 October 2023 at 12:38 PM

Re: Essay for International J. of Theo. Phys on Horndeski Theory

To: Alessandra Silvestri

Dear Alessandra:

Typing has been going OK so far today, but not perfect. The problem is that I somehow get into italics after typing certain functions or Greek variables. See the epic line 118, that eventually starts to turn into italics, and also lines 128 and 143, where I have an italics problem and trouble getting the words "functions of" instead of "'functionso f'." Please help.

As for numbering equations I just put the numbers into the text. It seems to be easier for me than typing out the symbols that represent the equations.

Your Confused Santa Fe Sidekick,

Gregory



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Yours truly,

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[See More from Alessandra Silvestri](#)



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16 January 2024 at 10:48 AM

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Dear Alessandra:

Hurray! Our essay has been accepted.

Now we should start working on the one to celebrate the 100th anniversary of my paper's publication. Hopefully we won't have to use LaTeX for that one.

Yours truly,

Gregory



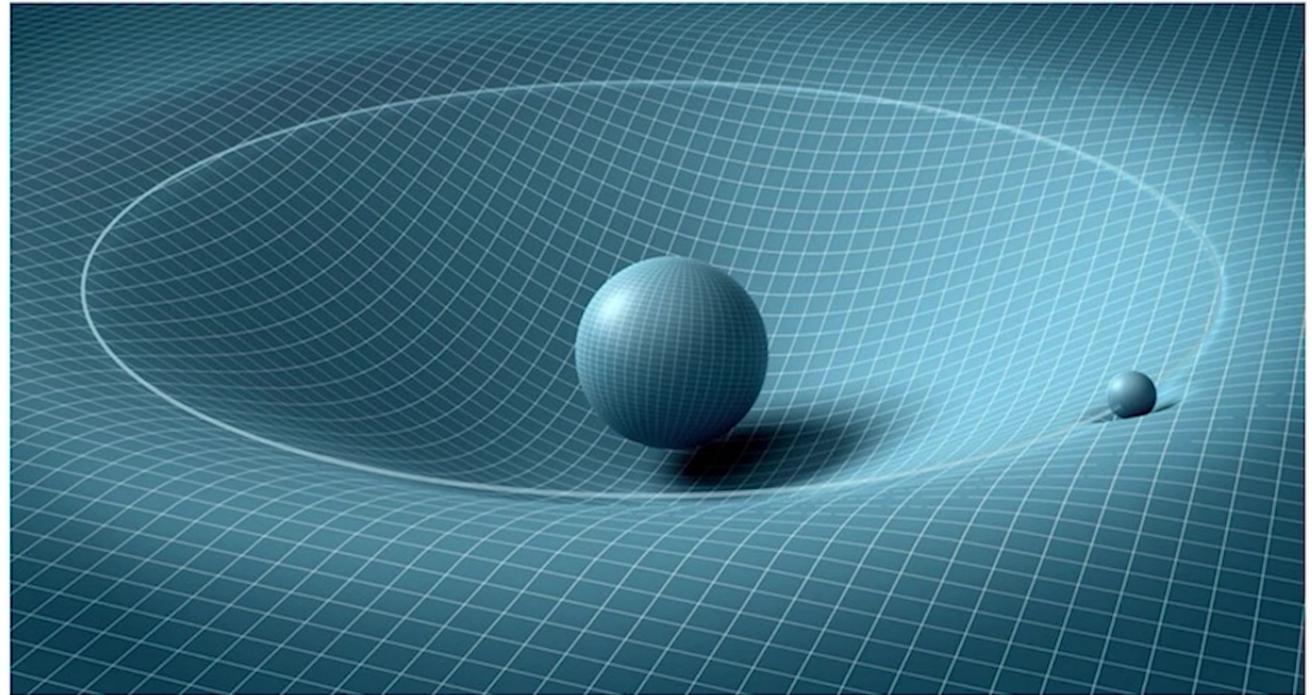
Let us go in order !



General Relativity

Einstein 1915: The theory of General Relativity

A theory of gravity that ties time and space into a dynamical 4-dimensional entity:
SPACETIME !



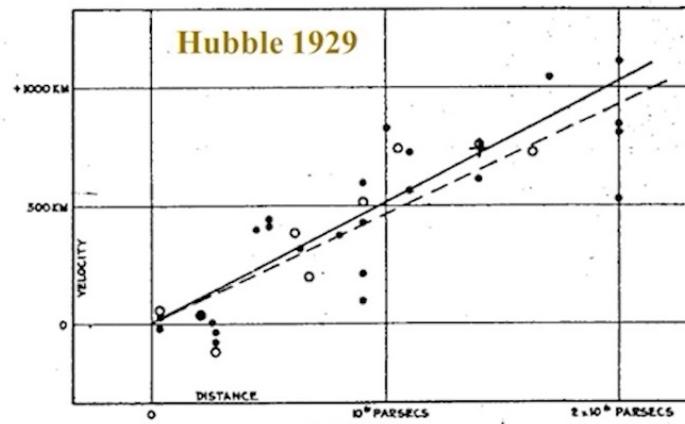
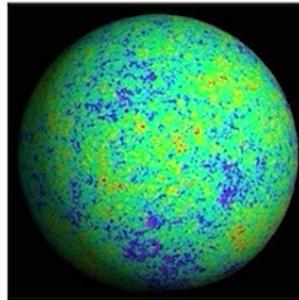


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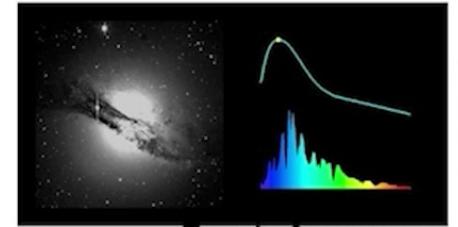




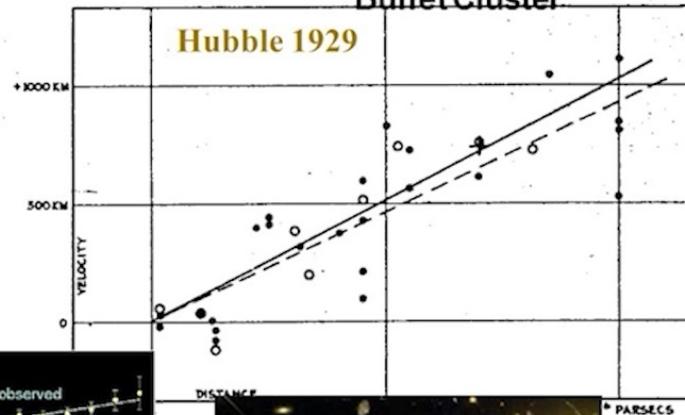
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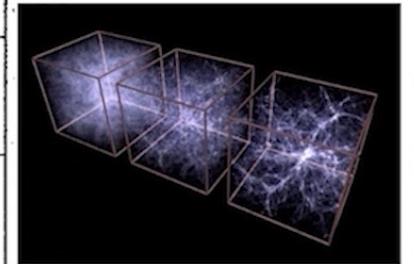
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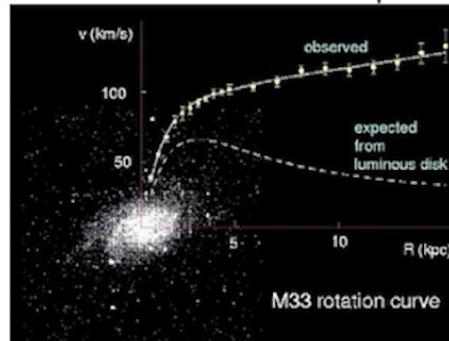
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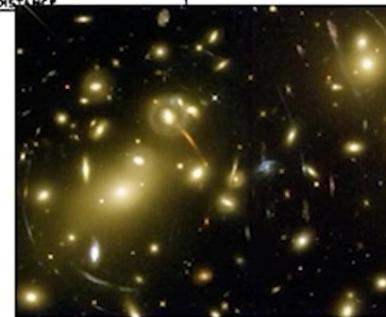
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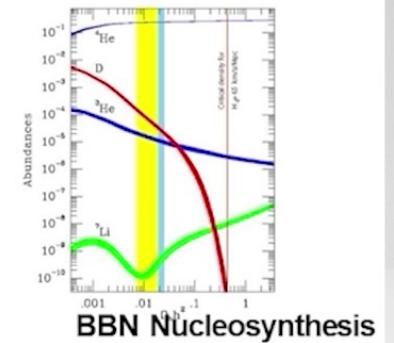
Large Scale Structure



Galaxy rotation curves



Lensing



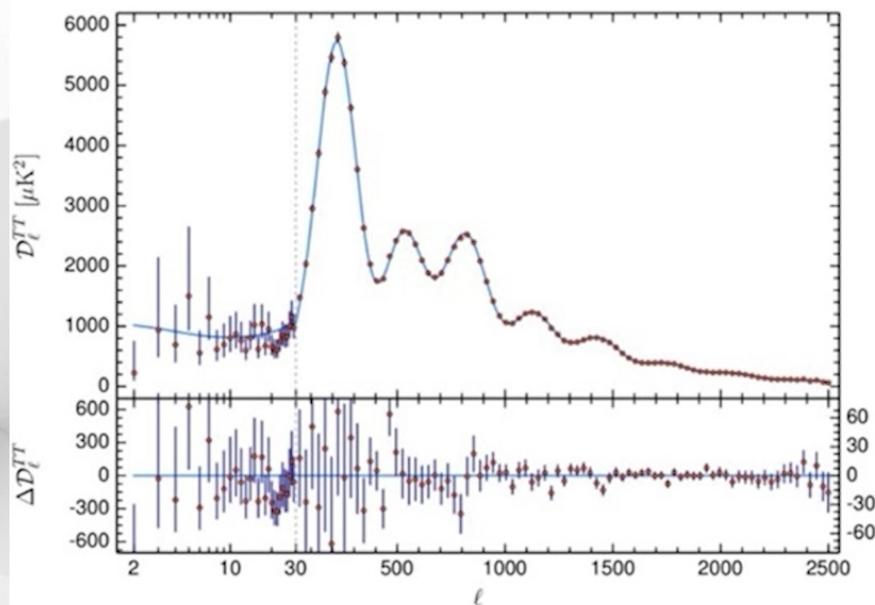
BBN Nucleosynthesis



The standard model of Cosmology

ΛCDM: 6 parameters to describe it all!

based on General Relativity



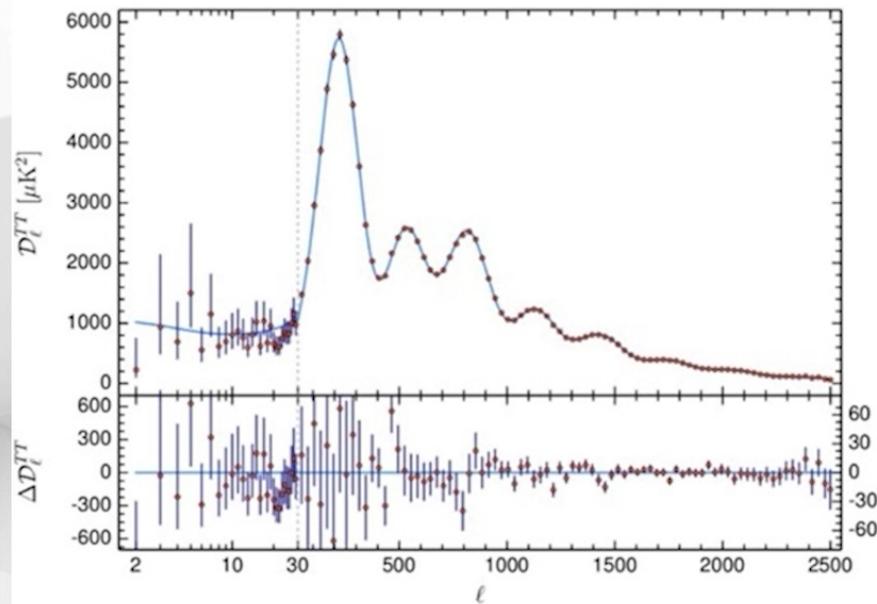
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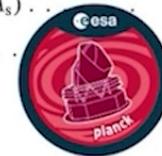
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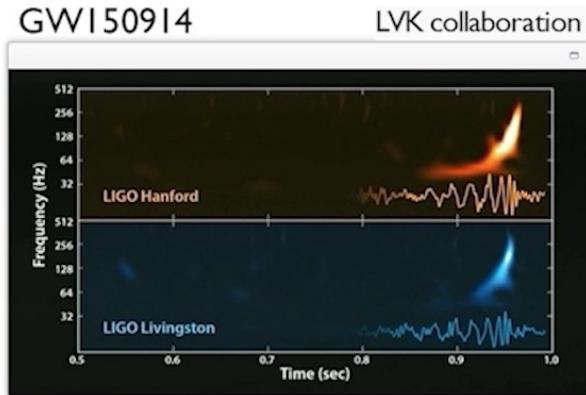
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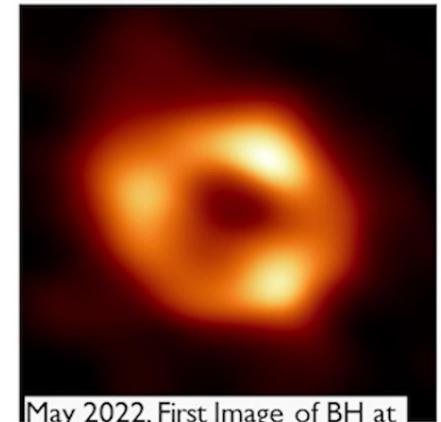
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Black holes & Gravitational Waves

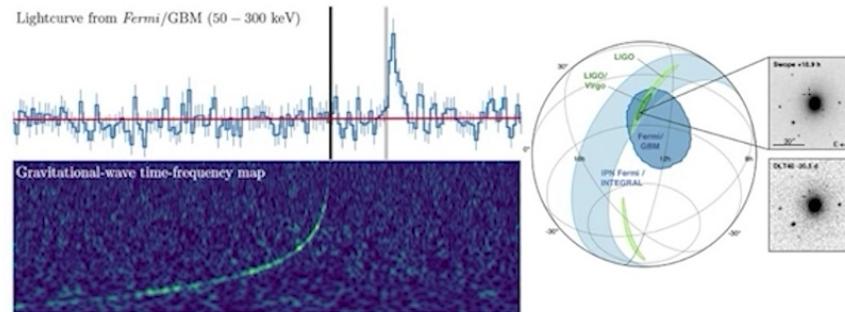


EHT Collaboration



May 2022, First Image of BH at the centre of the Milky Way

GW170817 + GRB170817A



LIGO, Virgo, Fermi, -GBM, INTEGRAL, *Astrophys.J.* 848 (2017)



Open questions

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What is the physics of dark energy?
How about inflation?



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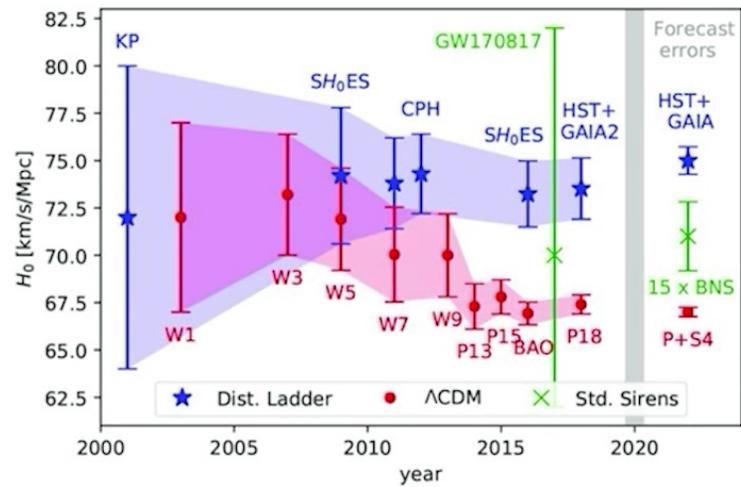
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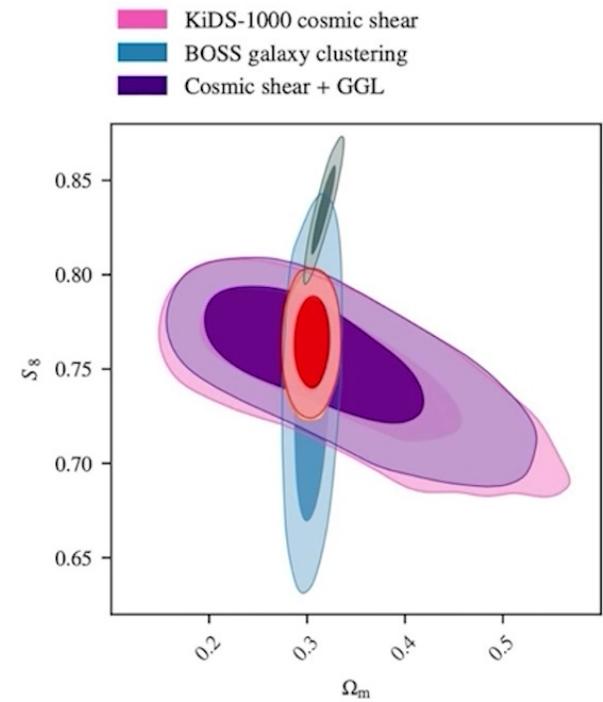
Are we really sure that GR correctly describes gravity on cosmological scales?



Cosmological Tensions



Ezquiaga et al., *Front.Astron.Space Sci.* (2018)



C. Heymans et al., "KiDS-1000 Cosmology: Multi-probe weak gravitational lensing and spectroscopic galaxy clustering constraints," 7, 2020



If not GR, then what?

Weinberg-Deser theorem: A Lorentz invariant theory of a massless spin-2 particle must be GR at low energies.

Lovelock's theorem: The only possible second-order, Euler-Lagrange equations obtainable in a 4D spacetime from an action containing solely the 4D metric and its derivatives are the Einstein field equations
(1971)

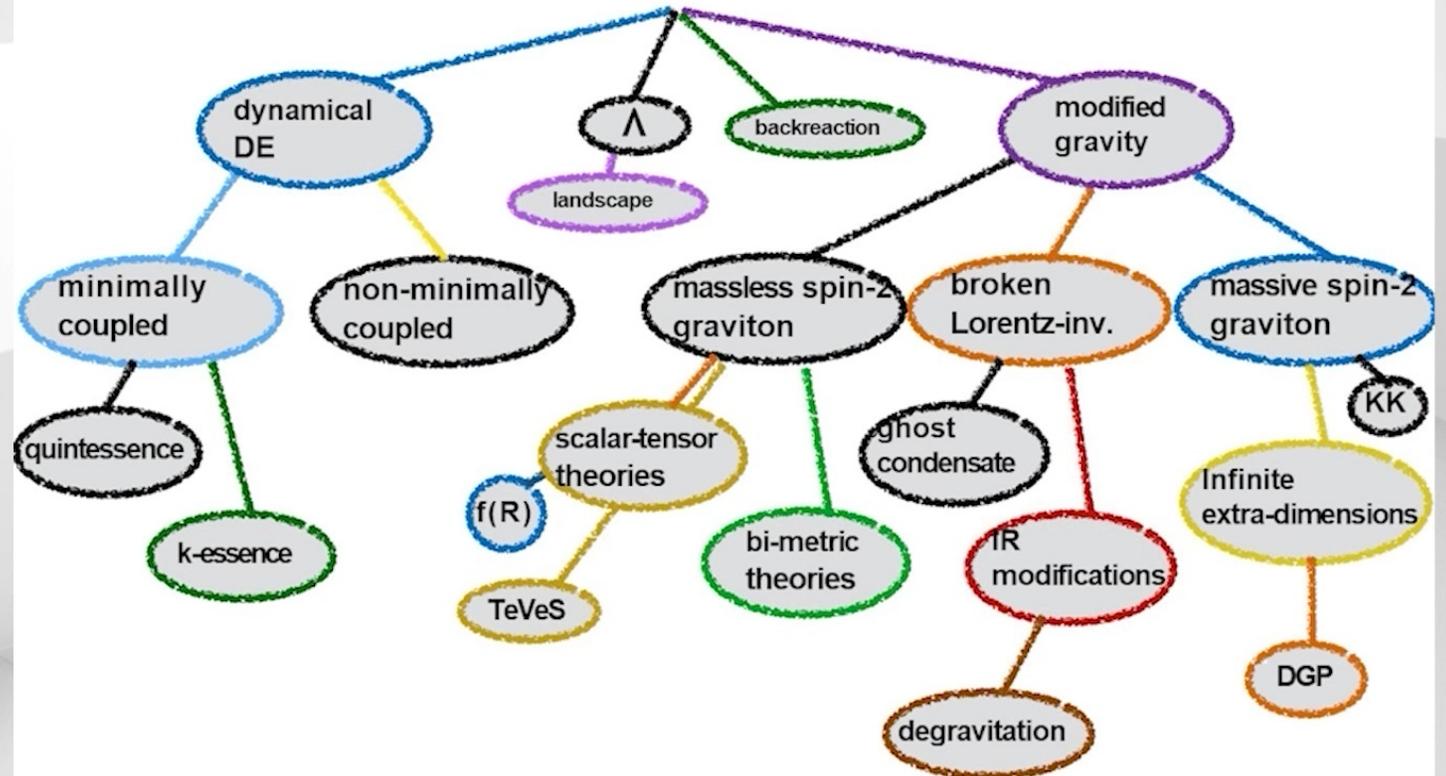


So, to modify GR we can either give mass to the graviton, introduce new DOF or break Lorentz invariance: extra (scalar) dynamical DOF !

Clifton et al., Phys.Rept. 513 (2012)



Gravitational landscape



If not GR, then what?

In identifying the most general metric theory of gravity with 2nd order EOMs in D dimensions, Lovelock worked with the so-called Lovelock scalars (e.g. Ricci scalar, Gauss-Bonnet). A nice property of these scalars is that any Lagrangian written in terms of Lovelock scalars, *including non linear functions of them*, will not contain extra tensorial DOF.

In 4D

$$L = \int \sqrt{-g} (\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 R + \alpha_2 G) \quad 1 \text{ massless spin-2 DOF}$$

$$L = \int \sqrt{-g} (\alpha_1 f(R) + \alpha_2 f(G)) \quad 1 \text{ massless spin-2 DOF} + 2 \text{ scalar DOF: } f_G, f_R$$

\downarrow
 $r_\mu r_\nu f_R, r_\mu r_\nu f_G$

More generally, a theory of gravity which maintains second order EOMs for the tensor and has a single additional propagating scalar DOF in 4D is:

$$L = \int \sqrt{-g} f(R, G) \quad \text{with } f_{RR} f_{GG} - f_{RG}^2 = 0$$

A. de Felice, S. Tsujikawa, Living Rev. Rel. 13 (2010) 3



Galileons

In Minkowski space there is something analogous to Lovelock argument that allows us to identify the most general Lagrangian for a scalar DOF with at most 2nd order EOMs in D dimensions.

Studying the decoupling limit of the higher-dimensional DGP model, it was realized that the scalar field corresponding to the bending mode of the brane obeyed a galilean shift symmetry, inherited from the higher-dimensional Lorentz invariance: $\phi \rightarrow \phi + b + c^\mu x_\mu$

The corresponding Lagrangian contained derivative coupling terms of cubic order in the scalar field $\propto \partial\phi \cdot \partial\phi$. Models of massive gravity in 4D contribute similar terms but of quartic and quintic order.

Interestingly, requiring a theory for a scalar field to be galilean invariant and to have EOMs at most of 2nd order, identifies a finite number of terms!

In particular, we have D+1 galileon terms for a Lagrangian in D dimensions, following the general structure:

$$\partial\phi \cdot \partial\phi (\partial^2 \phi)^{n-2} \quad n = 1 \dots D + 1$$

All this, in Minkowski space...

A. Nicolis, R. Rattazzi and E. Trincherini, Phys. Rev. D79, 064036 (2009).



Covariant Galileons

If we extend the analysis to curved spacetime, the Lagrangians need to be promoted to a covariant form, and some non-minimal coupling between gravity and the scalar field needs to be introduced, breaking the galilean symmetry. The result is the Covariant Galileons action:

$$S_{CG} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ \frac{M_P^2}{2} R - \frac{1}{2} c_1 M^3 \phi + c_2 X + \frac{2c_3}{M^3} X \square \phi + \frac{c_4}{M^6} X^2 R + \frac{2c_4}{M^6} X [(\square \phi)^2 - \phi^{\mu\nu} \phi_{\mu\nu}] \right. \\ \left. - \frac{3c_5}{M^9} X^2 G_{\mu\nu} \phi^{\mu\nu} + \frac{c_5}{M^9} X [(\square \phi)^3 - 3 \square \phi \phi^{\mu\nu} \phi_{\mu\nu} + 2 \phi^{\mu\nu} \phi_{\mu\sigma} \phi_{\sigma}^{\nu}] \right\},$$

There are 5 blocks inside of the Lagrangian, each contributing separately equations of motion of second order. The two non-minimal coupling terms and the specific linear combinations of operator within each block are fixed to guarantee this.

C. Deffayet, G. Esposito-Farese and A. Vikman, Phys. Rev. D79, 084003 (2009).



Generalized Galileons

Since we have lost Galilean invariance, there are more terms that we can include. A survey of such terms, take us to the 'most general' scalar-tensor theory having second-order field equations is described by the following Galileon Lagrangian:

$$L = \sum_{i=2}^5 L_i,$$

where

$$L_2 = K(\phi, X),$$

$$L_3 = -G_3(\phi, X) \square \phi,$$

$$L_4 = G_4(\phi, X) R + G_{4,X} [(\square \phi)^2 - (r_\mu r^\mu \square \phi)(r^\mu r^\mu \square \phi)],$$

$$L_5 = G_5(\phi, X) G_{\mu\nu} (r^\mu r^\nu \square \phi) - \frac{1}{6} G_{5,X} [(\square \phi)^3 - 3(\square \phi)(r_\mu r^\mu \square \phi)(r^\mu r^\mu \square \phi) + 2(r^\mu r_\mu \square \phi)(r^\nu r_\nu \square \phi)(r^\rho r_\rho \square \phi)]$$

$$X \equiv -\frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi$$

C. Deffayet, X. Gao, D.A. Steer, and G. Zahariade, Phys. Rev. D 84, 064039 (2011)

Galileon models gained significant interest in Cosmology because they allow for self accelerating solutions that could describe both the inflationary epoch and the late time accelerated expansion.



Generalized Galileons

In 2011, *C. Charmousis et al. (Phys. Rev. Lett. 108, 051101)*, revisited Horndeski gravity, to look for subclasses that would display a self-tuning mechanism on the FLRW background as an approach to the cosmological constant. At that point, T. Kobayashi et al. noticed the equivalence with the Generalized Galileons that they were studying.

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 &\quad + 2(r^\mu r^\nu \dot{\phi})(r^\mu r^\nu \dot{\phi})(r^\mu r^\nu \dot{\phi})]
 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 G_2 &= \kappa_9 + 4X \int^X dX'(\kappa_8\phi - 2\kappa_3\phi\phi), \\
 G_3 &= 6F_\phi - 2X\kappa_8 - 8X\kappa_3\phi + 2 \int^X dX'(\kappa_8 - 2\kappa_3\phi) \\
 G_4 &= 2F - 4X\kappa_3 \\
 G_5 &= -4\kappa_1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L} &= \delta^{\alpha\beta\gamma} \left[\kappa_1 \phi^\mu R_{\beta\gamma}{}^{\nu\sigma} + \frac{2}{3} \kappa_{1X} \phi^\mu \phi^\nu \phi^\sigma + \kappa_3 \phi_\alpha \phi^\mu R_{\beta\gamma}{}^{\nu\sigma} + 2\kappa_{3X} \phi_\alpha \phi^\mu \phi^\nu \phi^\sigma \right] \\
 &\quad + \delta^{\alpha\beta} [(F + 2W)R_{\alpha\beta}{}^{\mu\nu} + 2F_X \phi_\alpha^\mu \phi_\beta^\nu + 2\kappa_8 \phi_\alpha \phi^\mu \phi_\beta^\nu] \\
 &\quad - 6(F_\phi + 2W_\phi - X\kappa_8)\square\phi + \kappa_9.
 \end{aligned}$$



What makes Horndeski so special in Cosmology ?

Before discussing that, let me take a brief detour to discuss what we will happen from the observational point of view in the upcoming years.



Testing Gravity on Cosmological Scales

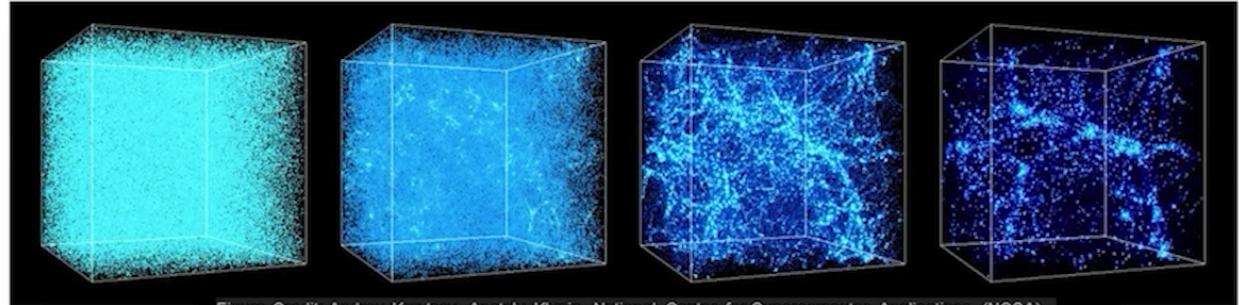
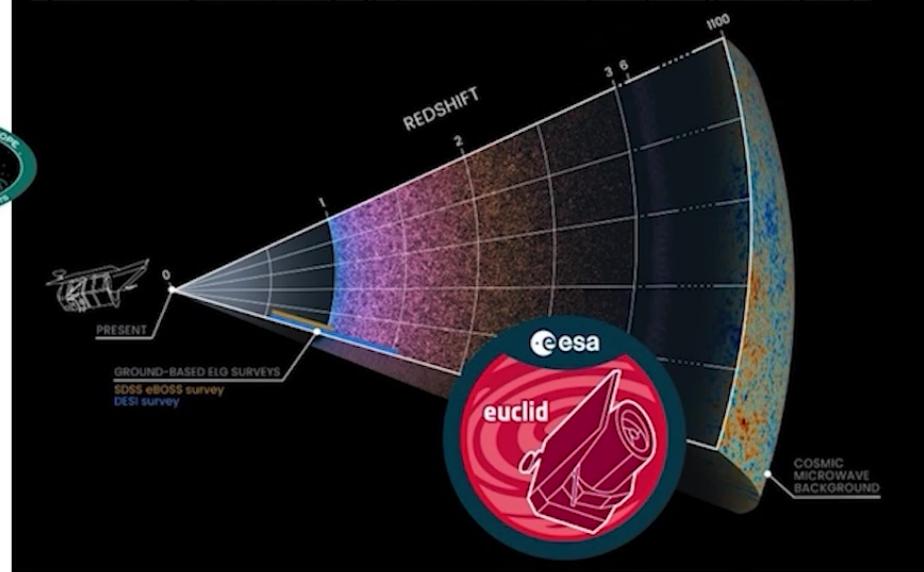


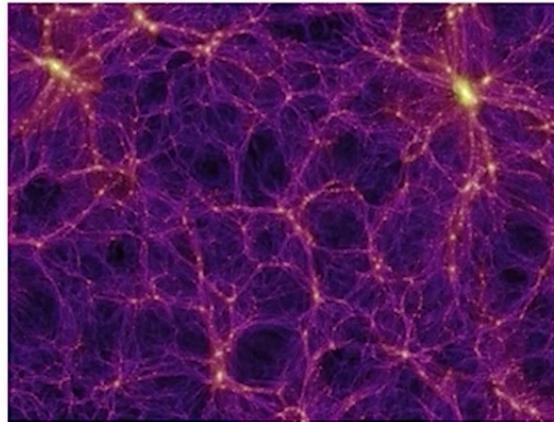
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Euclid

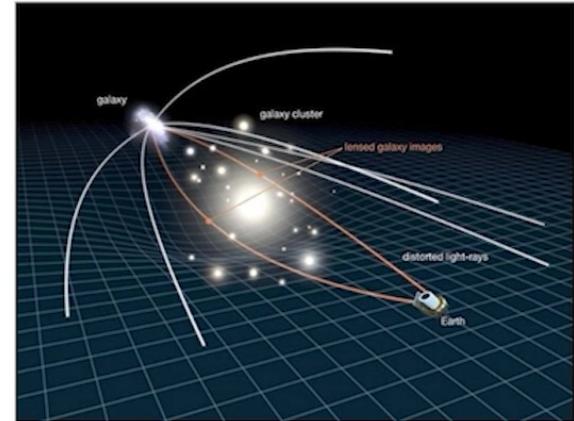
15,000 deg² — shape and photometry for 10⁹ galaxies — spectroscopy for 10⁷ galaxies

Galaxy clustering



Gmatter

Weak gravitational lensing



Glight



LSS Phenomenology

$$ds^2 = - [1 + 2\langle I(t, \mathbf{x}) \rangle] dt^2 + a^2(t) [1 + 2\langle I(t, \mathbf{x}) \rangle] d\mathbf{x}^2$$

We can capture the background and large scale structure dynamics with few phenomenological functions:

Expansion:
$$\frac{H^2}{H_0^2} = \frac{\langle \dot{a} \rangle}{a^4} + \frac{\langle \dot{a} \rangle_M}{a^3} + \langle \dot{a} \rangle_{DE} a^{-3} \int da (1 + w_{DE}(a))$$

Clustering:
$$k^2 = - \mu(a, k) \frac{a^2}{2M_p^2} \dots b \quad \mathbf{G}_{\text{matter}}$$

Lensing:
$$k^2 (\langle I + \dots \rangle) = - \hat{\mu}(a, k) \frac{a^2}{2M_p^2} \dots b \quad \mathbf{G}_{\text{light}}$$

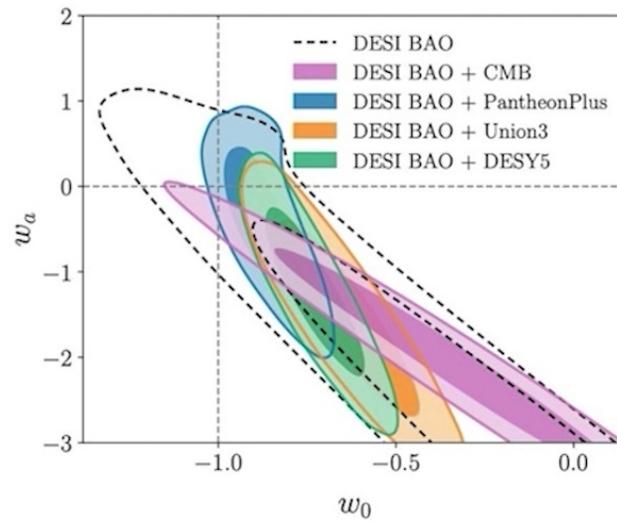
Pogosian et al., Phys.Rev. D81 (2010)



Popular Parametrizations

expansion

$$w(a) = w_0 + w_a(1 - a)$$

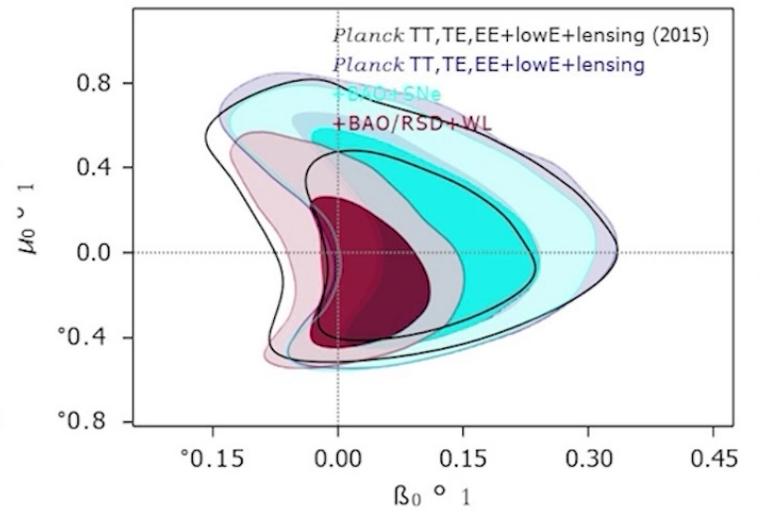


DESI 2024

clustering and lensing

$$\mu(a) = \mu_0 + \mu_a(1 - a)$$

$$\hat{\gamma}(a) = \hat{\gamma}_0 + \hat{\gamma}_a(1 - a)$$



Planck 2018



Will we be able to extract the correct physics out of these wonderful measurements?

And how about the tensors?



EFT of Cosmological Perturbations

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \frac{m_0^2}{2} [1 + \alpha R + \kappa - c a^2 t^5 g^{00} + \dots] + \dots$$

$$+ \dots + \dots + \dots + S_m[g_{\mu\nu}, \chi_i].$$

We consider the cosmological background as a state spontaneously breaking time-translations, and perturbations as the corresponding Nambu-Goldstone modes.

The action is built out of all geometrical quantities that are invariant under the time-dependent 3D spatial diffeomorphisms.

It is written in Jordan frame, and the functions in front of the operators guarantee that the resulting EOMs will be of second order.

UNITARY GAUGE \longrightarrow $n_\mu \partial_\mu \frac{\partial_\mu}{(\partial_\mu)^2}$



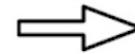
Stability Analysis

Expanding the given action up to second order in the perturbations, and removing spurious DOFs, we can inspect the dynamics of perturbations; in this case one scalar field, i.e. ξ , and the tensor:

$$S_{\xi, h^T}^{(2)} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3k dt a^3 \left[L_{\xi\xi} \dot{\xi}^2 + k^2 G_{\xi\xi} \xi^2 + \frac{A_T}{8} \dot{h}_{ij}^T \dot{h}_{ij}^T + \frac{c_T^2}{a^2} h_{ij}^T h_{ij}^T \right]$$

E.g., avoidance of ghost and gradient instabilities translate into the following set of conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} L_{\xi\xi} &> 0 \\ c_s^2 \propto \frac{G}{L_{\xi\xi}} &> 0 \\ A_T &> 0 \\ c_T^2 &> 0 \end{aligned}$$



very general conditions that constitute a stability check to be run at the very beginning!

Frusciante, Papadomanolakis, AS JCAP 1607 (2016).

De Felice et al., JCAP 1703 (2017); J. Gleyzes et al., Int.J.Mod.Phys. D23 (2015); R. Kase, S. Tsujikawa, Int.J.Mod.Phys. D23 (2015)



Sampling the Theory Space

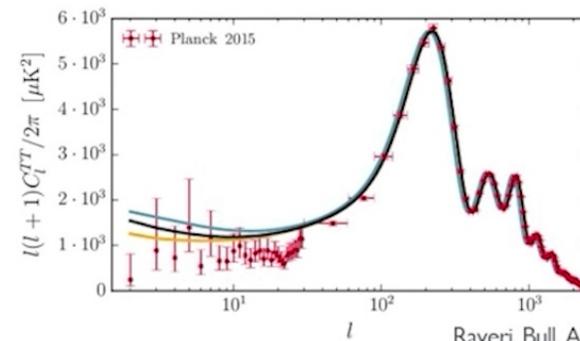
$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \frac{m_0^2}{2} [1 + \alpha R + \beta \kappa - c a^2 t_5 g^{00}] + \alpha_1 \frac{m_0^2 H_0^2}{2} (a^2 t_5 g^{00})^2 - \alpha_2 \kappa + \frac{m_0^2 H_0}{2} (a^2 t_5 g^{00}) t_5 K_\mu^\mu - \alpha_3 \frac{m_0^2}{2} (t_5 K_\mu^\mu)^2 + S_m[g_{\mu\nu}, X_i].$$



$$f(a) = \frac{P \prod_{n=0}^N \beta_n (a - a_0)^n}{1 + \sum_{m=0}^M \beta_m (a - a_0)^m} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} a_0 = 0, 1 \\ \beta_n, \beta_m \in [-1, 1] \\ M + N = 9 \end{array} \right.$$

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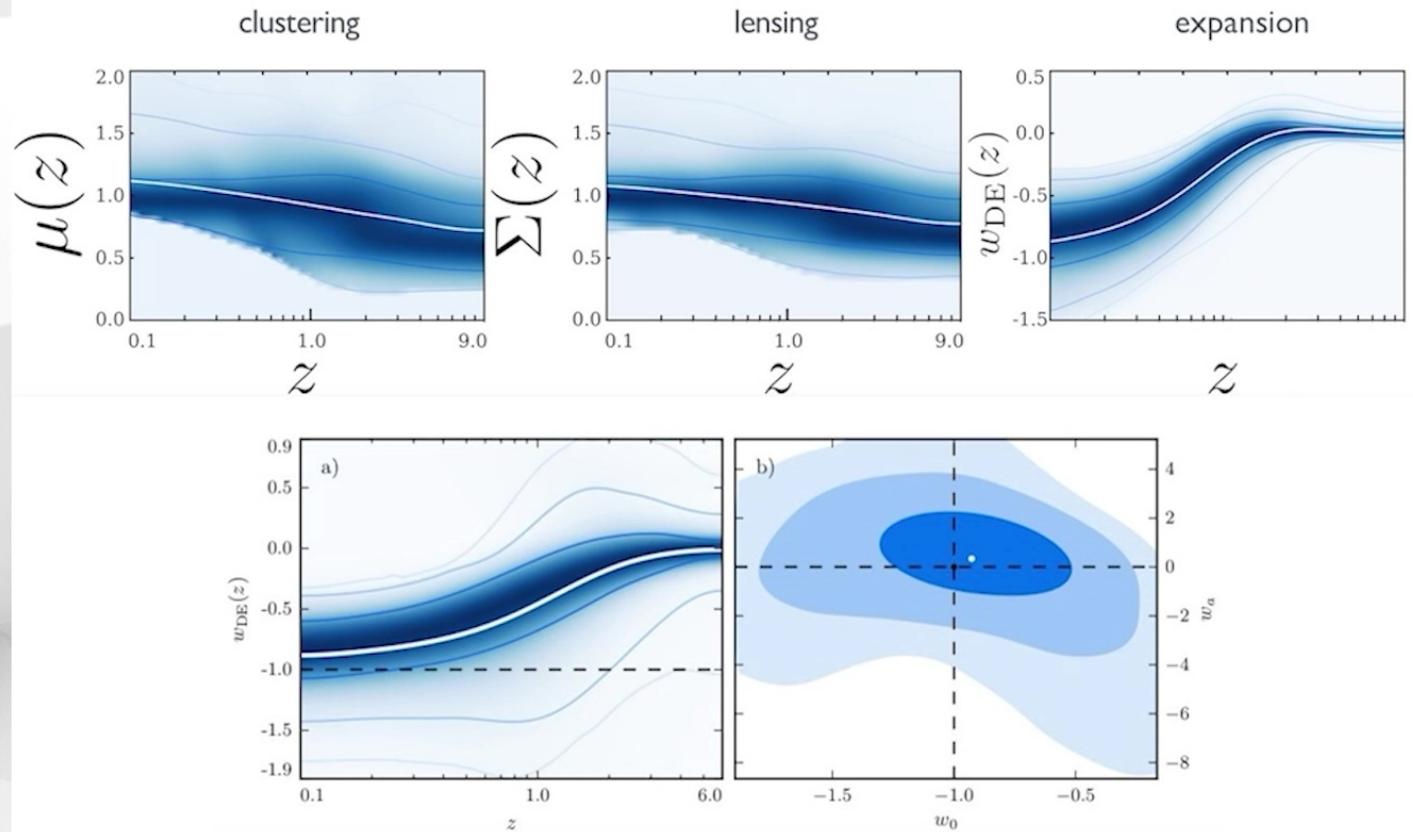
$10^4 - 10^6$ models \rightarrow



Raveri, Bull, AS, Pogosian, PRD 2017



LSS Phenomenology of viable Horndeski

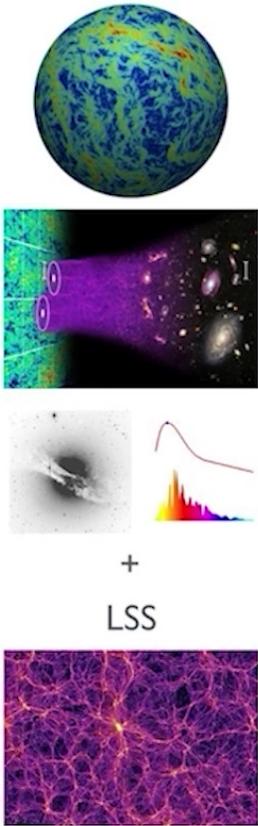


Espejo et al., PRD 2019



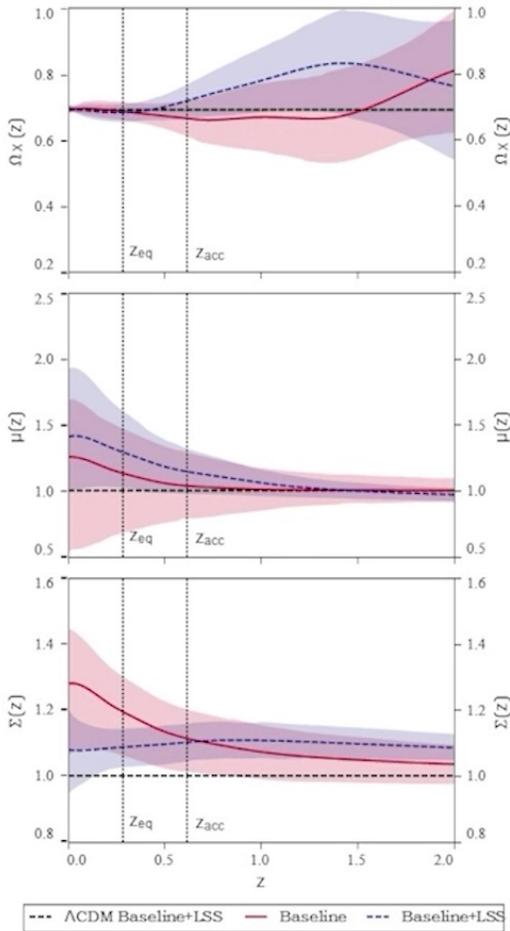
Reconstructed Gravity

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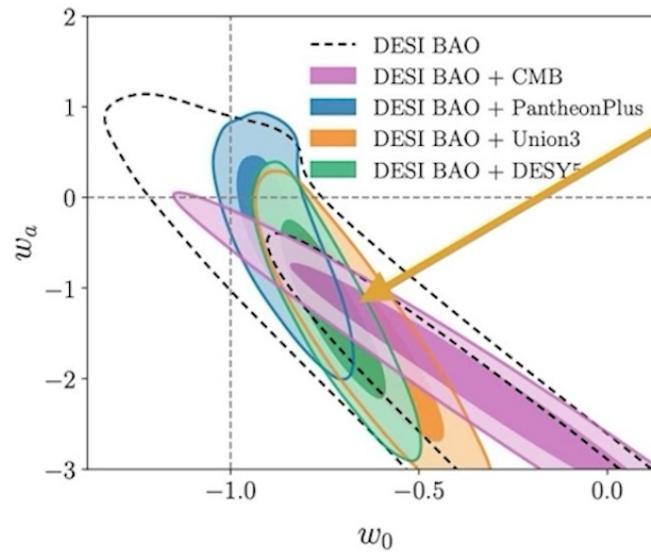
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Pogosian et al., Nature Astronom

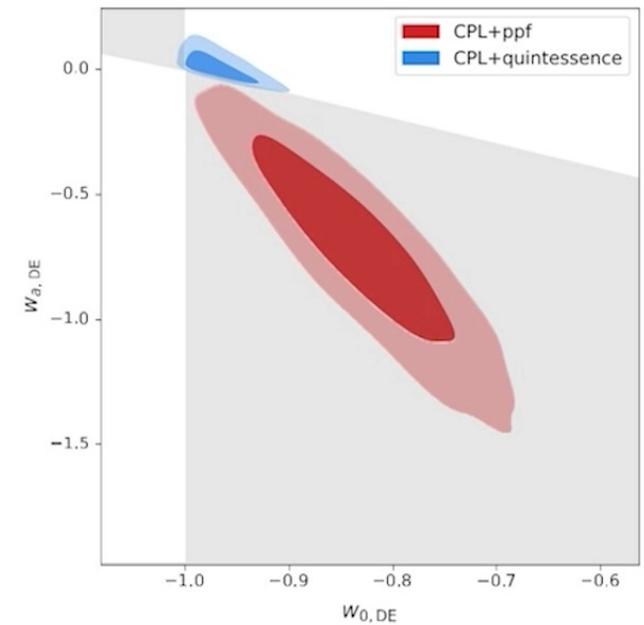


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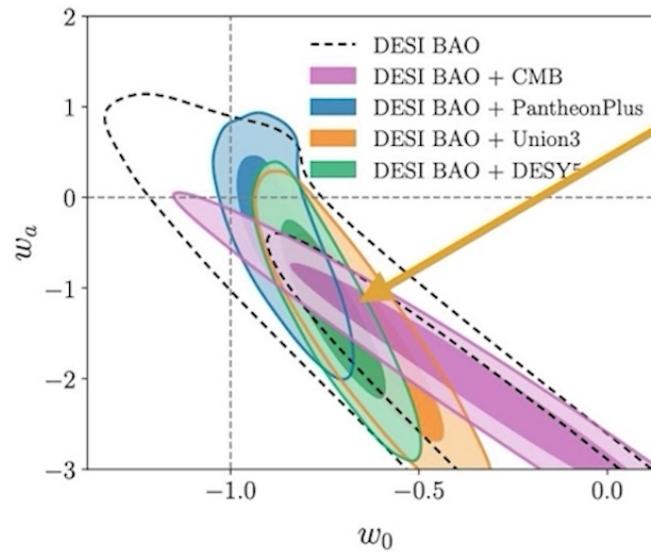


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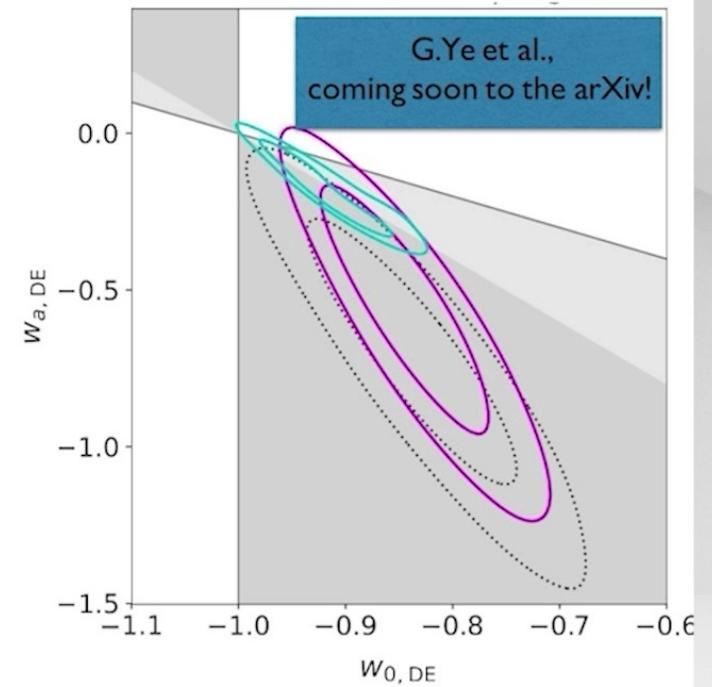


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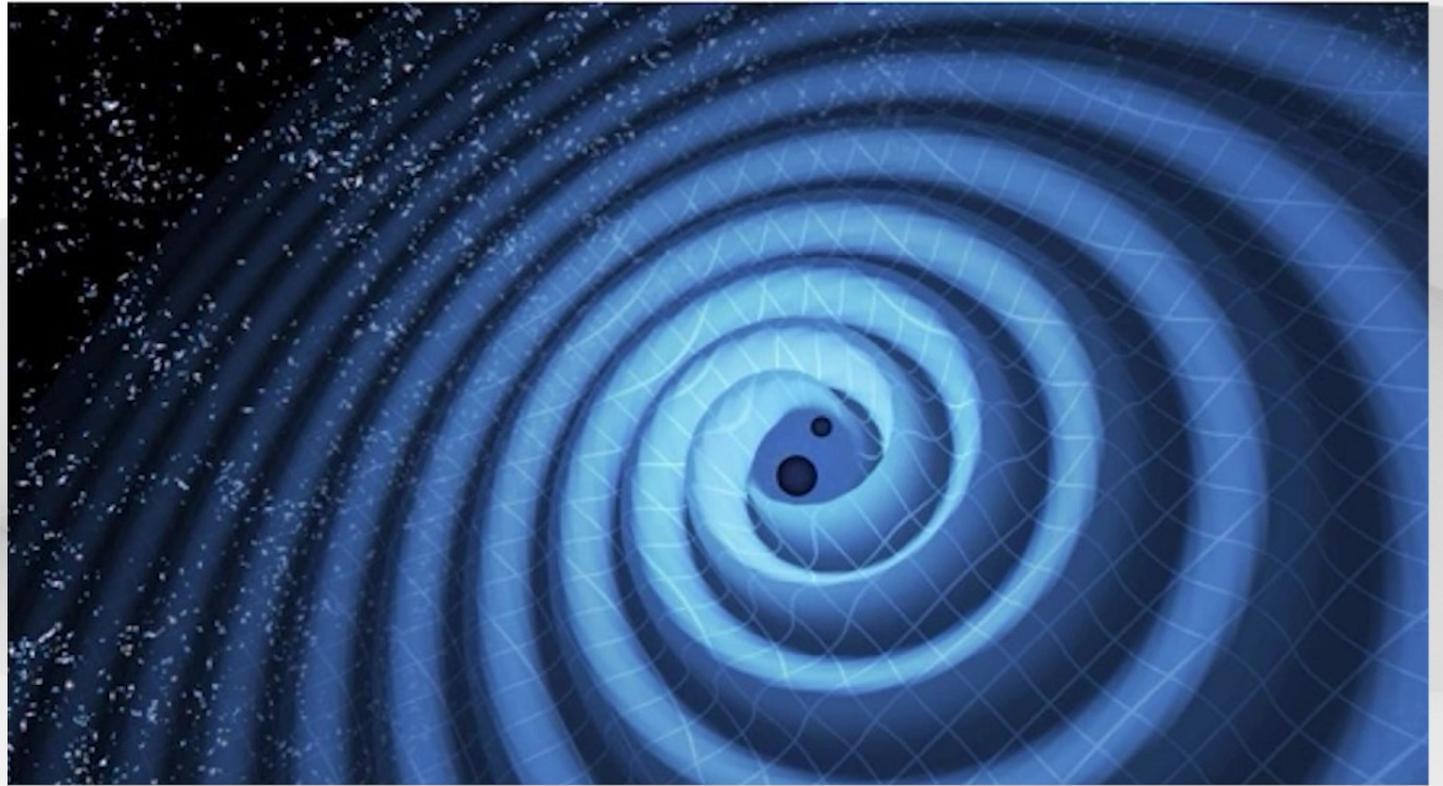
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- α_M Running of Planck's constant, generated by non-minimal coupling
- α_T Deviation of speed of GWs from unity; non-zero whenever there is a non-linear derivative coupling of the scalar field to the metric. Same non-linearity is responsible for non-zero anisotropic stress.
- α_K Quantifies the independent dynamics of the scalar-field
- α_B Signals a coupling between the metric and the scalar-field



Gravitational Waves Frontier



GW Phenomenology in Horndeski

From the same unified action, we can now study also the propagation of tensors:

$$\ddot{h}_{ij} + (3 + \epsilon_M) H \dot{h}_{ij} + (1 + \epsilon_T) k^2 h_{ij} = 0$$

Amplitude

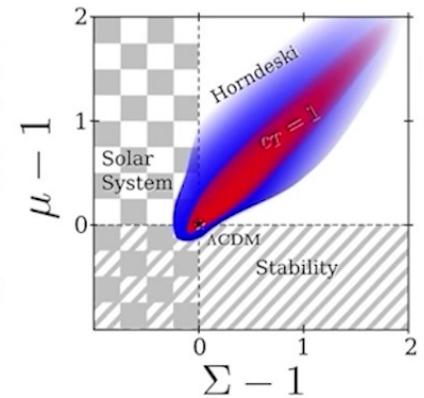
Speed of propagation

$$h / \frac{1}{\tilde{a}} \quad \frac{\dot{\tilde{a}}}{\tilde{a}} = \frac{3 + \epsilon_M}{2} H$$

$$d_L^{GW}(z) = \frac{a(z)}{\tilde{a}(z)} d_L^{EM}(z)$$

$$d_L^{GW}(z) = \frac{M_{pl}(0)}{M_{pl}(z)} d_L^{EM}(z)$$

Using GW170817, in particular the observed time-delay btw GRB and GW, a very stringent limit was placed on the speed of gravity effectively amounting to



Amendola et al., JCAP 08 (2018) 030;
Belgacem et al., Phys.Rev.D 98 (2018)

Creminelli & Vernizzi, PRL 2017
Ezquiaga, Zumalacarregui, PRL 2017
Baker et al., PRL 2017

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GW Phenomenology in Horndeski

On the perturbed Universe, while crossing LSS we pick up additional, theory-dependent corrections from inhomogeneities along the line of sight:

$$\frac{d_L^{SN}}{d_L^{SN}} = -\left(\frac{\dot{\phi}}{H} + \frac{1}{x} \frac{Z}{x_0} d\tilde{x}(\phi + \dots)\right) + \frac{1}{xH} \left(\frac{1}{x} \frac{Z}{x_0} d\tilde{x}(\phi^0 + \dots) \right) + v_k \left(1 - \frac{1}{Hx} \right)$$

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A.Garoffolo, AS et al., PRD 2021



GW Number Count in Lum. Dist. Space

For scalar-tensor theories:



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$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\Delta}(D, \bar{n}) = & \delta_N^{\text{gw}} + \left[1 + \frac{\gamma}{\mathcal{H}} (\dot{\zeta} - \zeta \mathcal{H}) - \zeta(\beta + 1) \right] \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} - \left[\frac{\gamma}{\mathcal{H}} \zeta \right] \partial_{\bar{x}} (\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n}) + \\ & \int_0^{\bar{x}} d\chi' \left[\left(\frac{\beta - 1}{2} \right) \frac{\bar{x} - \chi'}{\bar{x} \chi'} + \frac{\gamma}{2\mathcal{H} \bar{x}^2} \right] \nabla_{\Omega}^2 (\Phi + \Psi) + \left[\frac{1 - \beta}{\bar{x}} + \frac{\gamma}{\mathcal{H} \bar{x}^2} \right] \int_0^{\bar{x}} d\chi' (\Phi + \Psi) + \\ & + \left[\zeta(\beta + 1) - \frac{\gamma}{\mathcal{H}} \dot{\zeta} \right] \int_0^{\bar{x}} d\chi' (\dot{\Phi} + \dot{\Psi}) + \left[\beta - 1 - \frac{\gamma}{\bar{x} \mathcal{H}} \right] \Phi + \frac{\gamma}{\mathcal{H}} \partial_{\bar{x}} \Phi + \\ & + \left[\frac{\gamma}{\mathcal{H}} (\zeta - 1) \right] \dot{\Phi} + \left[1 - \frac{\gamma}{\mathcal{H}} \left(\frac{1}{\bar{x}} + \dot{\zeta} \right) + \zeta(\beta + 1) \right] \Psi + \\ & + \gamma \frac{\alpha_M}{2} \left(\frac{\delta \dot{\varphi}}{\varphi} \right) + \gamma \left[\frac{\dot{\alpha}_M}{2} + \frac{\alpha_M}{2} \left(\frac{\dot{\mathcal{H}}}{\mathcal{H}} - \beta - 1 \right) \right] \frac{\delta \varphi}{\varphi} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma = & \left[1 + \frac{1}{\bar{x} \mathcal{H}} - \frac{\alpha_M}{2} \right]^{-1} \\ \beta \equiv & \gamma \left(\frac{2}{\bar{x} \mathcal{H}} + \frac{\mathcal{H}}{\mathcal{H}^2} - \frac{\gamma}{a^2 \bar{D}} \frac{d^2 \bar{D}}{d\bar{z}^2} - 1 - \frac{\partial \ln \bar{n}}{\partial \ln a} \right) \\ = & \gamma \left\{ \frac{2}{\bar{x} \mathcal{H}} + \frac{\dot{\mathcal{H}}}{\mathcal{H}^2} - \gamma \left[\frac{1}{\bar{x} \mathcal{H}} \left(1 + \frac{\dot{\mathcal{H}}}{\mathcal{H}^2} \right) - \frac{\alpha_M}{2} \left(1 + \frac{2}{\bar{x} \mathcal{H}} \right) + \frac{\alpha_M^2}{4} + \frac{\dot{\alpha}_M}{2\mathcal{H}} \right] - 1 - \frac{\partial \ln \bar{n}}{\partial \ln a} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

A. Balaudo, M. Pantiri, A.S., JCAP 02 (2024) 023





Synergy will be the key!



(Over)simplified parametrizations are prone to missing out important information in the data and to misleading us into wrong conclusions.

Precise *and* accurate cosmological inference requires an efficient, encompassing and *physically informed modeling*. Horndeski gravity, in the form of EFT of Cosmological Perturbations, provides just that!

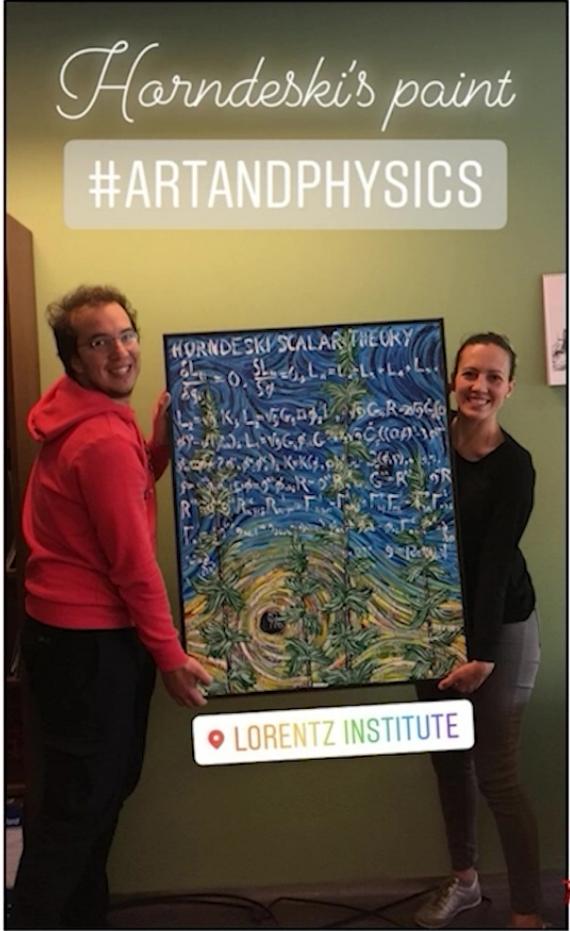
We have very exciting years in front of us!
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