

Dark Energy Phenomenology: Effective Field Theory approach

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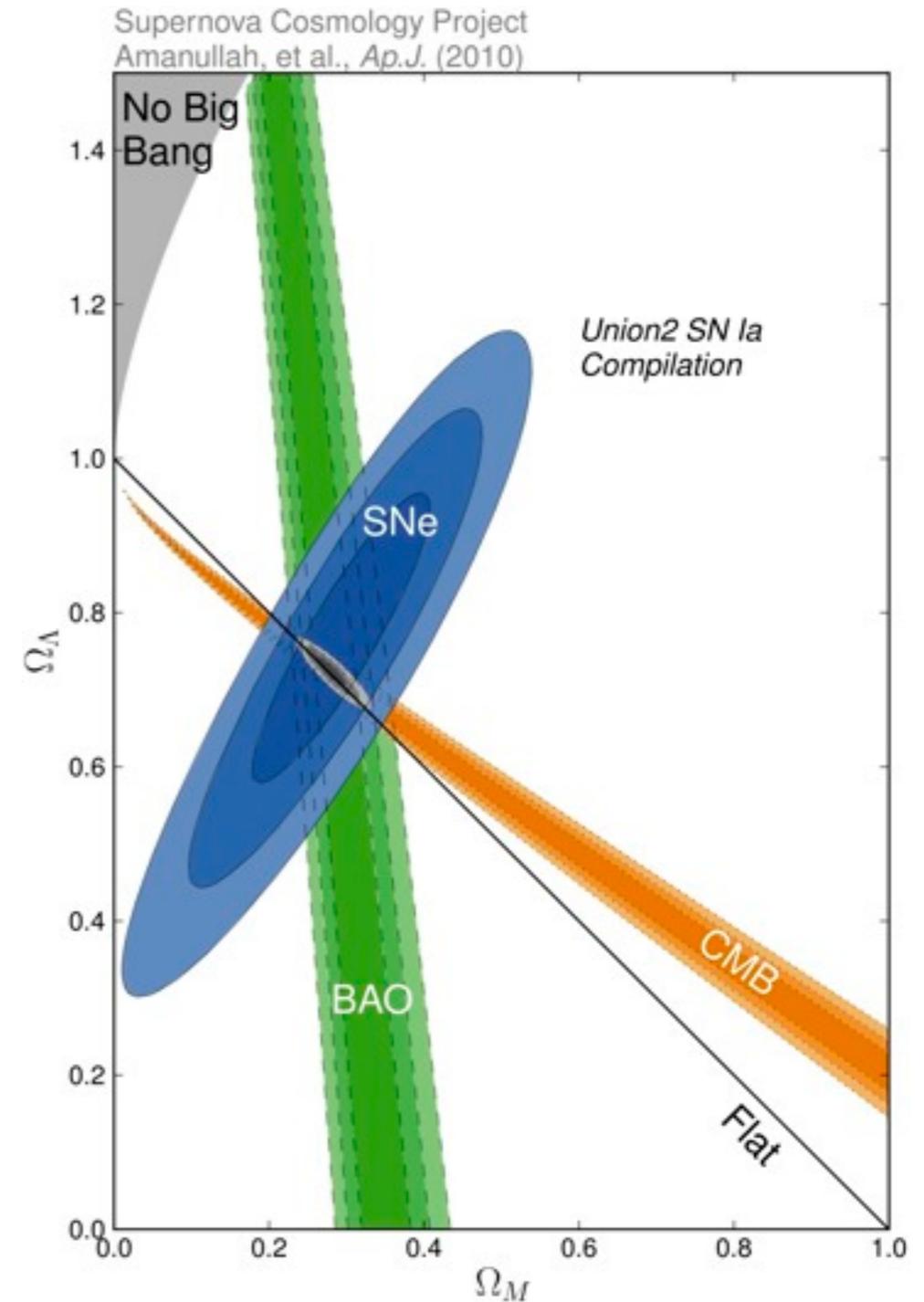
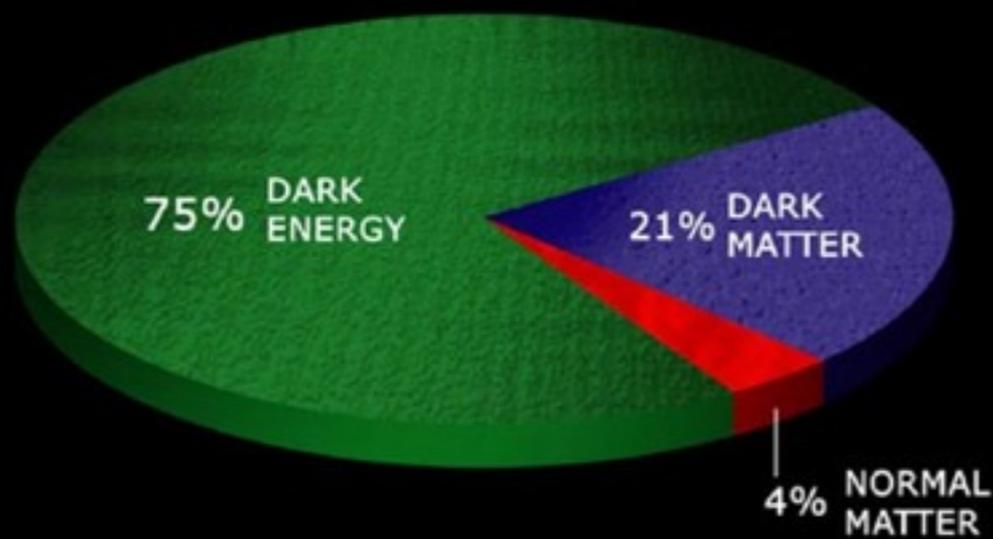


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The Universe is accelerating!



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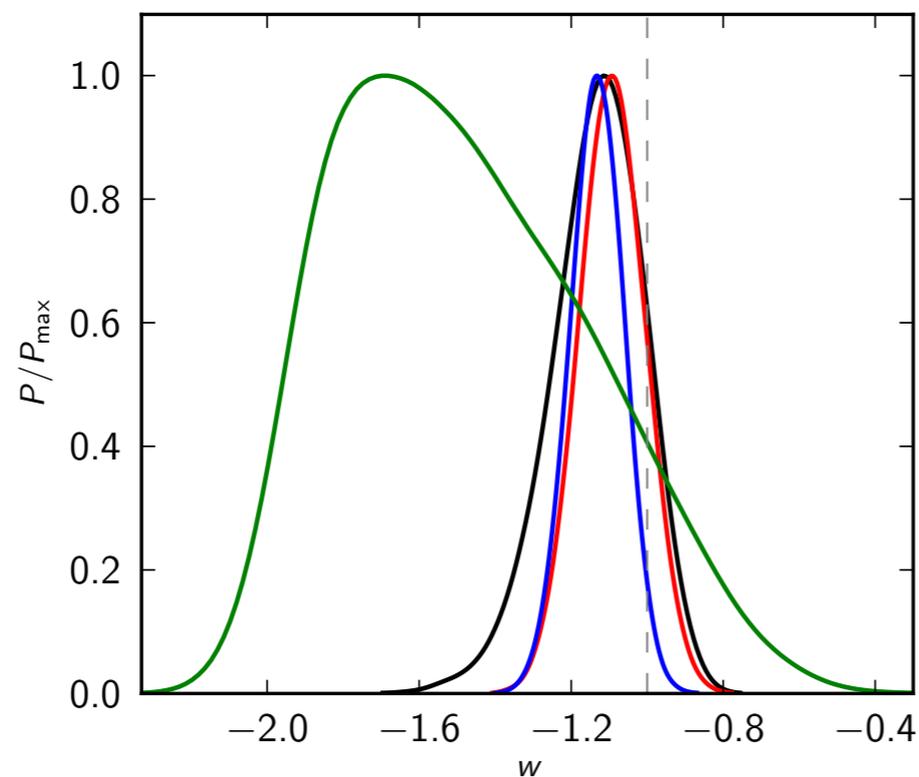
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PAN-STARRS1 (13 | 0.3828):

$$w = -1.18 \pm 0.07$$

SDSSII & SNLS (140 | 0.4064):

$$w = -1.02 \pm 0.05$$

(talk by M. Betoule on friday)

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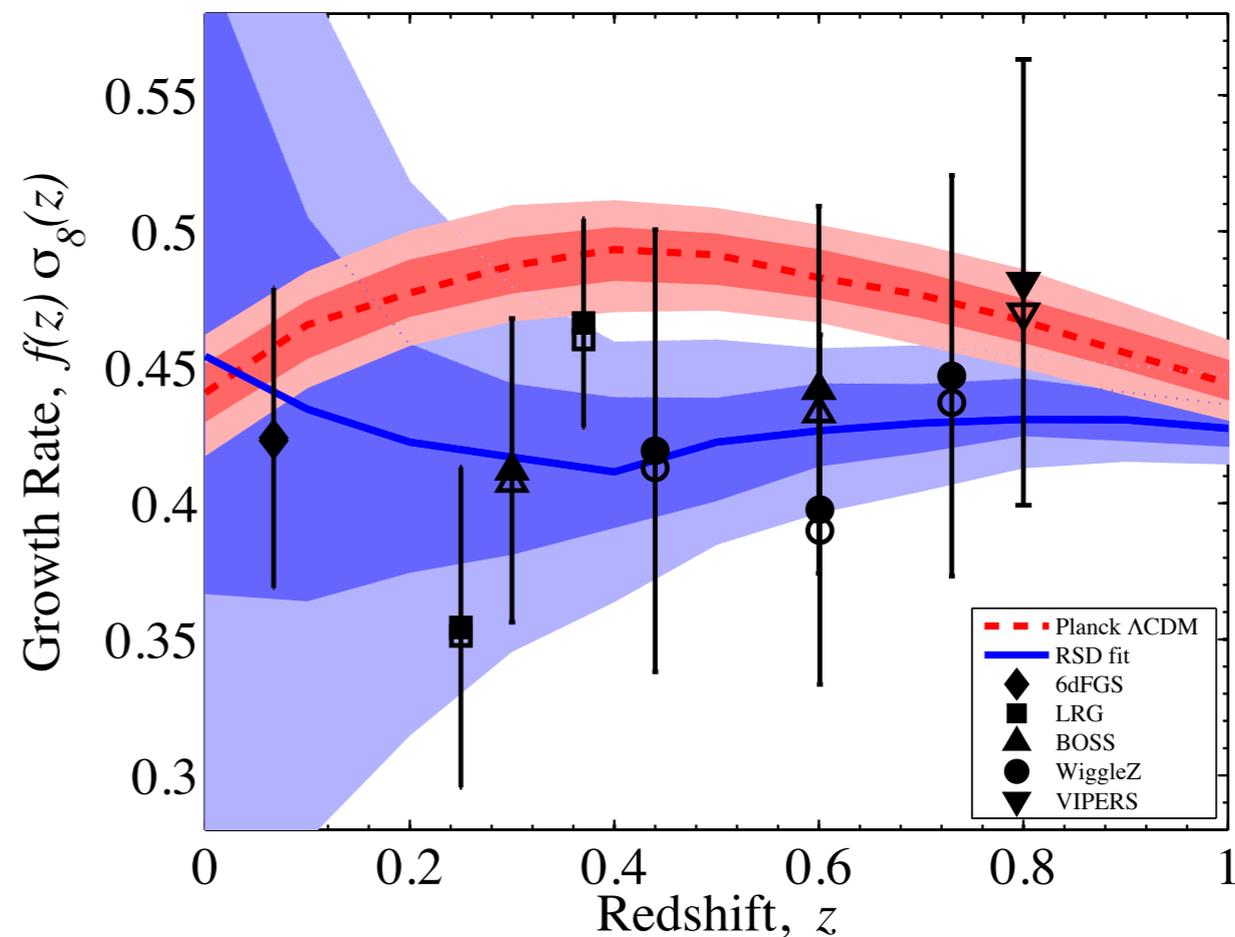
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Macaulay et al. '13

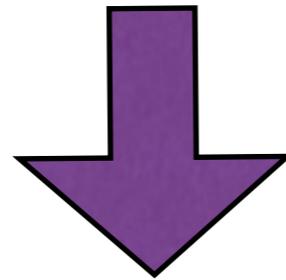
Perturbation sector:
less growth than expected...?

See also Hiranya's talk yesterday



Beyond the Cosmological Constant...

$$DE \neq \Lambda$$



There is a **new propagating degree of freedom** in the theory ϕ

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$$S[\phi, g_{\mu\nu}, \Psi_m]$$

Background

$$\phi = \phi_0(t)$$

$$ds^2 = - dt^2 + a^2(t) dx^2$$

$$\rho_m = \rho_m(t)$$

Expand in perturbations

$$\delta\rho_m(t, \vec{x}) \longleftrightarrow \delta\phi(t, \vec{x})$$

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$$\begin{aligned} V &= V_1\phi + V_2\phi^2 + V_3\phi^3 + V_4\phi^4 \\ &= V_2\delta\phi^2 + V_3\phi_0(t)\delta\phi^2 + 6V_4\phi_0^2(t)\delta\phi^2 \end{aligned}$$

All terms potentially important in cosmological perturbation theory!

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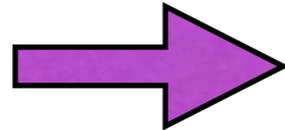
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- Only halfway through the work to be done (background first + expand..)

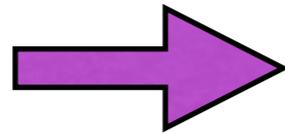
EFT: a theory for the relevant low-energy d.o.f.

QCD



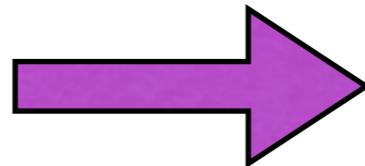
nucleons and pions

EW theory



3 massive vector bosons, 1 "Higgs"...

Cosmology



Cosmological Perturbations!

They (re-)enter the horizon

- 1) Small in amplitude (expansion in **number of cosmological perturbations**)
- 2) Large in size (expansion in number of derivatives)

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Our Recipe for Dark Energy: (Gubitosi, F.P., Vernizzi 2012)

- 1) Assume WEP (universally coupled metric $S_m[g_{\mu\nu}, \Psi_i]$)
- 2) Write the most generic action for $g_{\mu\nu}$ compatible with the residual un-broken symmetries (3-diff).

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Genuine 4-dim covariant terms are still allowed, but will in general be multiplied by functions of time cause time translations are broken

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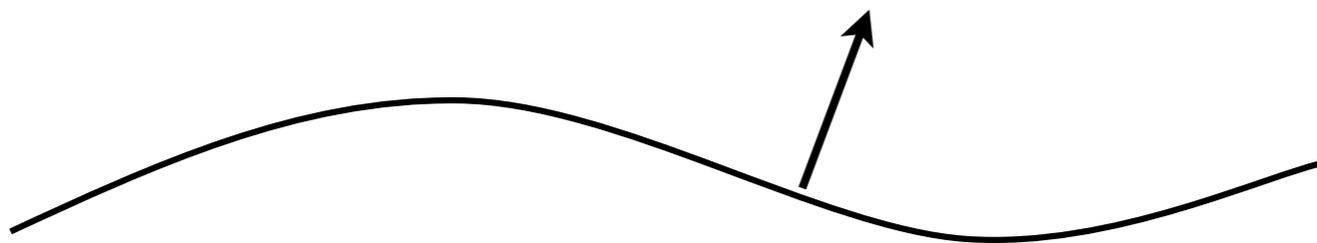
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...as well as tensors with free '0' indices

Essentially: contractions with

$$n_\mu = -\frac{\partial_\mu \phi}{\sqrt{-(\partial\phi)^2}}$$



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Any arbitrarily complicated action with one scalar d.o.f. will reduce to **this** in Unitary gauge, plus **terms** that start explicitly quadratic in the perturbations

Gubitosi, F. P., Vernizzi, 12

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(linear) perturbations

Time-dependent couplings

The Power of the EFT of DE

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- Clear separation: background v.s. perturbed sector
- Expansion in number of cosmological perturbations
- Expansion in number of derivatives
- Observables, stability etc.

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Quintessence

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**Non-minimally coupled scalar field
(Brans-Dicke, f(R) etc.)**

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K-essence (Amendariz-Picon et al., 2000)

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} P(\phi, X) \quad X \equiv g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi$$

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“Galilean Cosmology” (Chow and Khoury, 2009)

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“Generalized Galileons” (\equiv Horndeski)

(Deffayet et al., 2011)

$$\mathcal{L}_2 = A(\phi, X) ,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_3 = B(\phi, X)\square\phi ,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_4 = C(\phi, X)R - 2C_{,X}(\phi, X) [(\square\phi)^2 - (\nabla_\mu\nabla_\nu\phi)^2] ,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_5 = D(\phi, X)G^{\mu\nu}\nabla_\mu\nabla_\nu\phi + \frac{1}{3}D_{,X}(\phi, X) [(\square\phi)^3 - 3(\square\phi)(\nabla_\mu\nabla_\nu\phi)^2 + 2(\nabla_\mu\nabla_\nu\phi)^3] ,$$

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$\epsilon_4(t)$ $\tilde{\epsilon}_4(t)$

Beyond Horndeski (linear)

The most general (linear) theory without higher derivatives on the propagating degree of freedom

Beyond Horndeski (full, non-linear)

- Equations of motion with higher derivatives
- Only two derivatives on the true propagating degree of freedom
- No ghosts
- Interesting phenomenology (modified Jeans phenomenon)

Stability and Observables

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \frac{M^2(t)}{2} [R - 2\lambda(t) - 2\mathcal{C}(t)g^{00} + \mu_2^2(t)(\delta g^{00})^2 - \mu_3(t)\delta K\delta g^{00} + \epsilon_4(t) \left(\delta K^\mu_\nu \delta K^\nu_\mu - \delta K^2 + \frac{R^{(3)}\delta g^{00}}{2} \right) + \dots]$$

$$\lambda(t), \mathcal{C}(t), \mu(t) \equiv \frac{dM^2(t)}{dt} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bar{w}(t) \\ \mu(t) \\ \mu_3(t) \\ \epsilon_4(t) \\ \mu_2^2(t) \end{array} \right. \begin{array}{l} \text{Expansion History} \\ \text{Growth rate, lensing etc.} \\ \text{Unconstrained} \end{array}$$

Stability

$$S_\pi = \int a^3(t) M^2(t) \left[A(\mu, \mu_2^2, \mu_3, \epsilon_4) \dot{\pi}^2 + B(\mu, \mu_3, \epsilon_4) \frac{(\vec{\nabla}\pi)^2}{a^2} \right] + \text{lower order in derivatives.}$$

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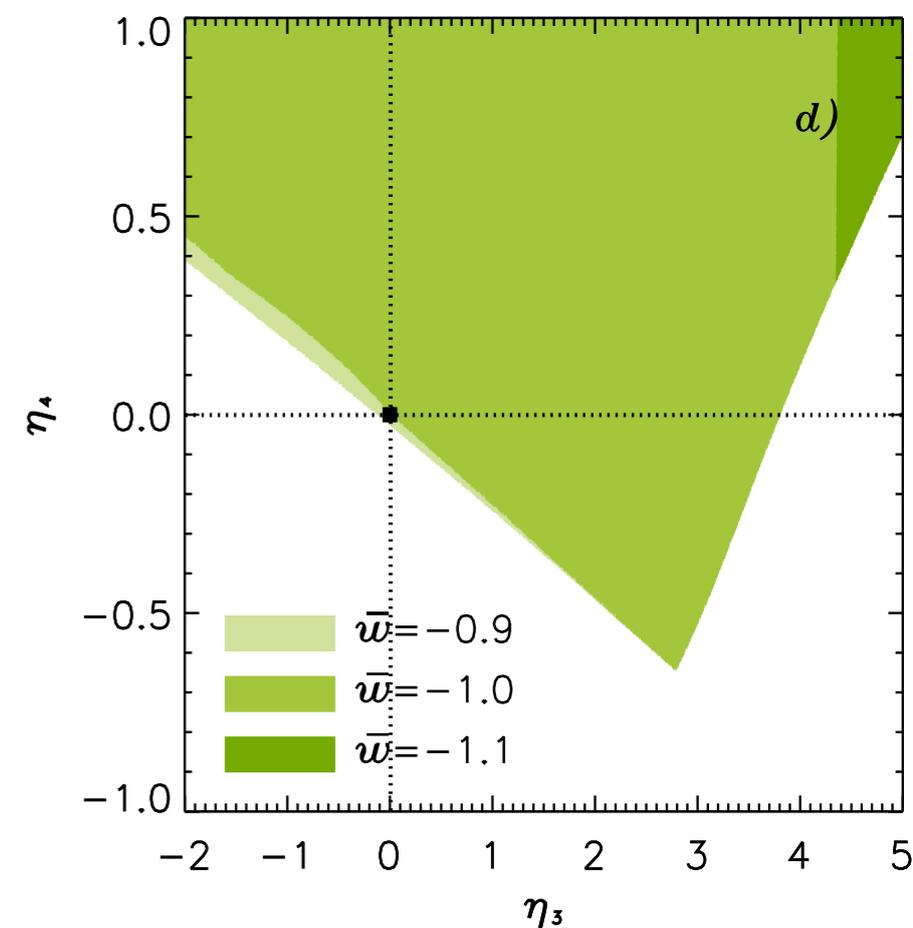
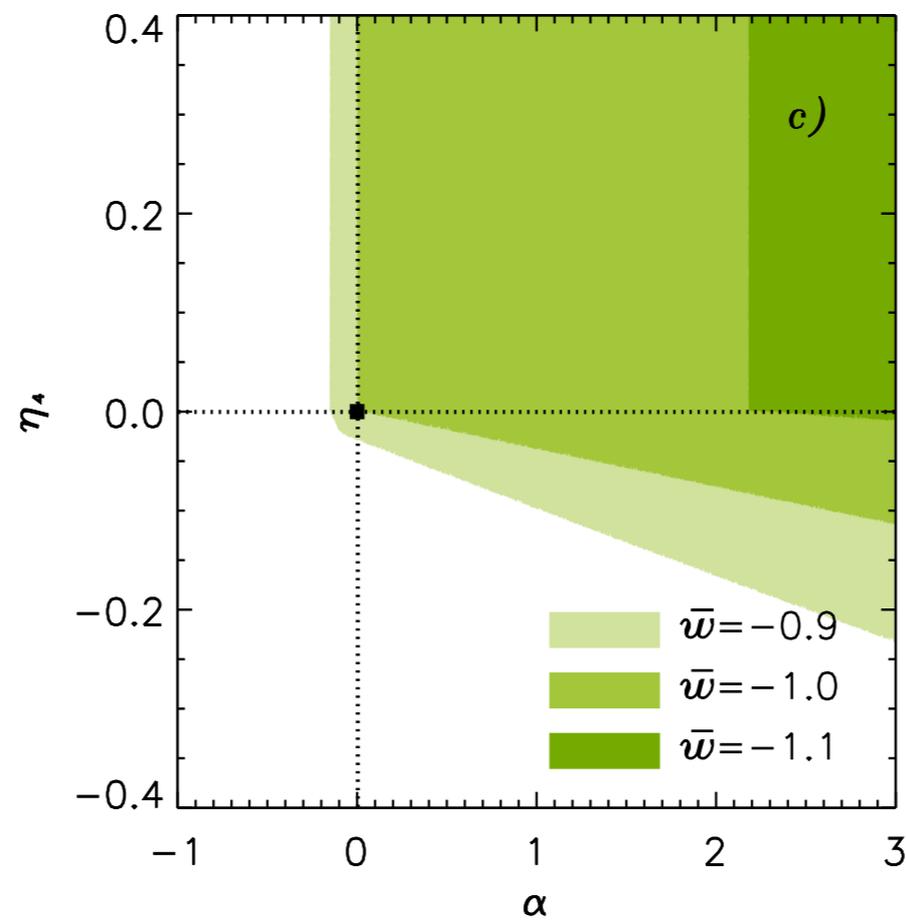
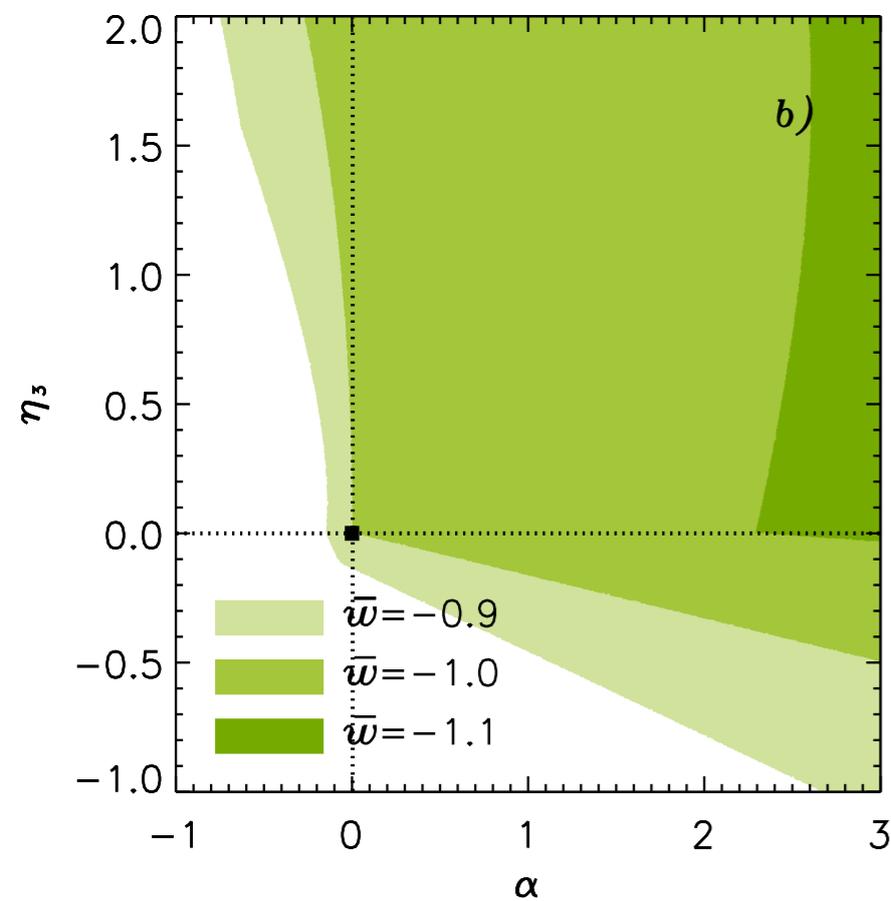
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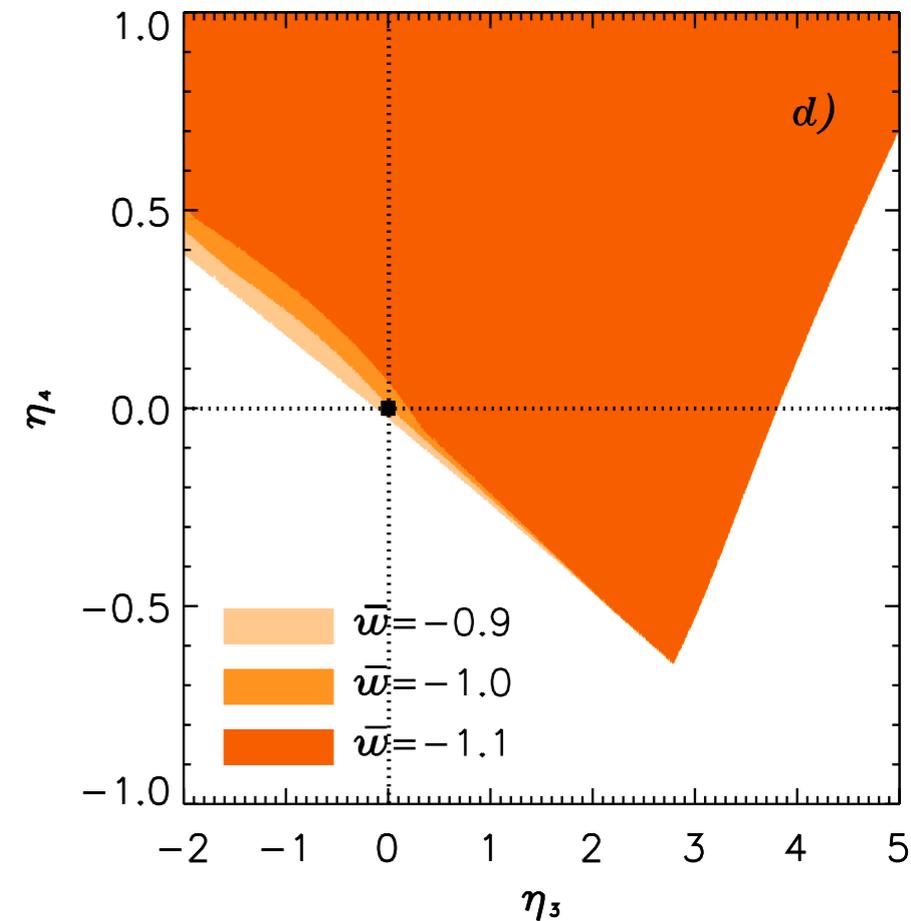
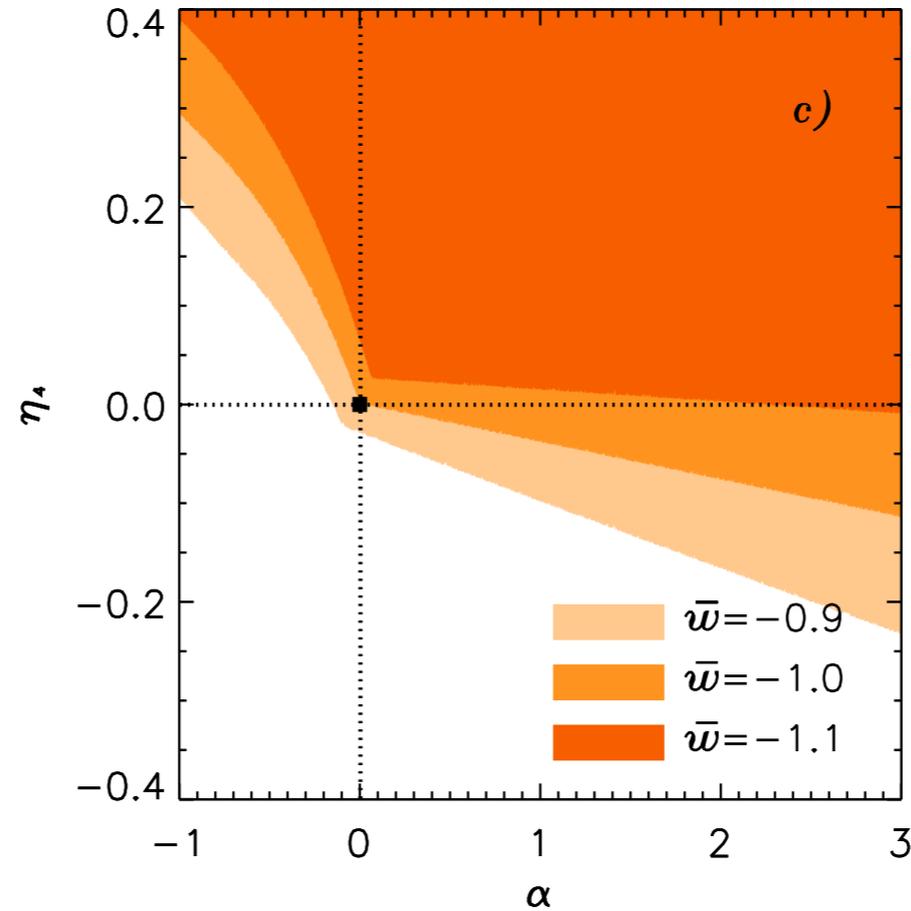
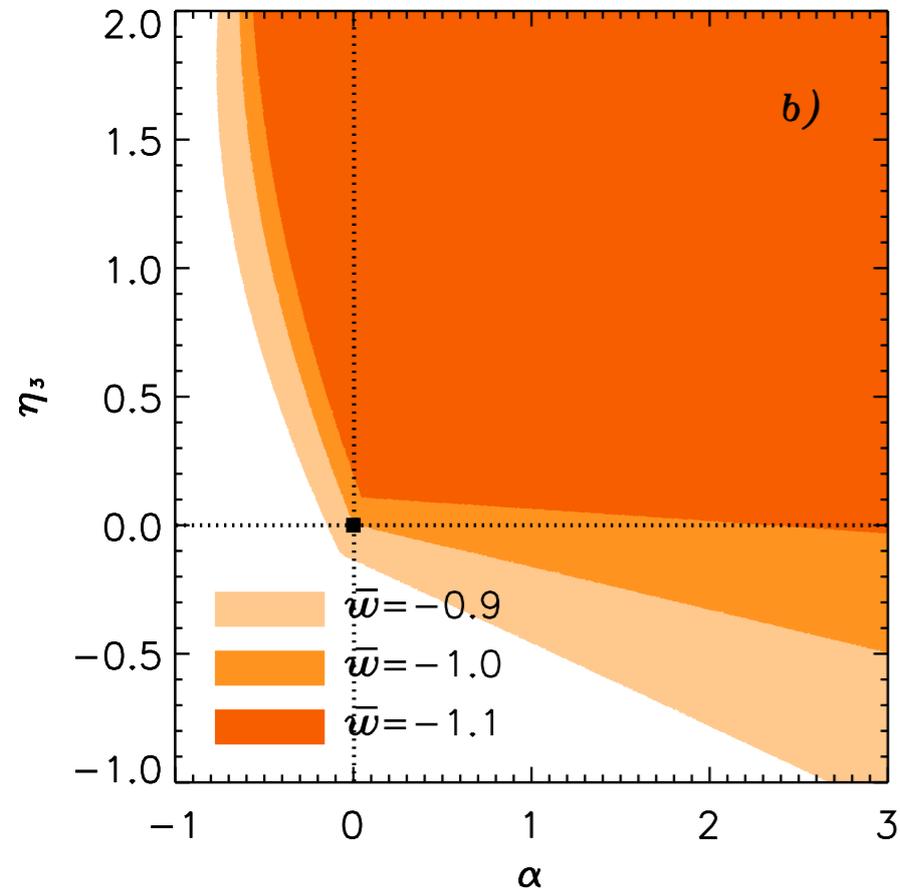
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$$\mu_2^2 \gg H^2$$



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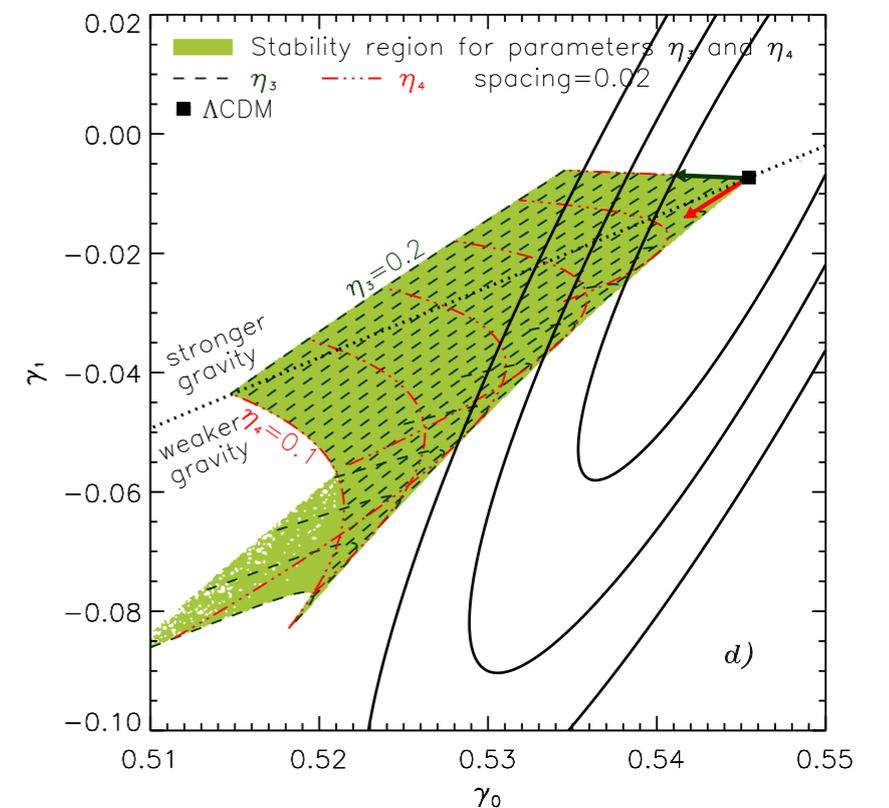
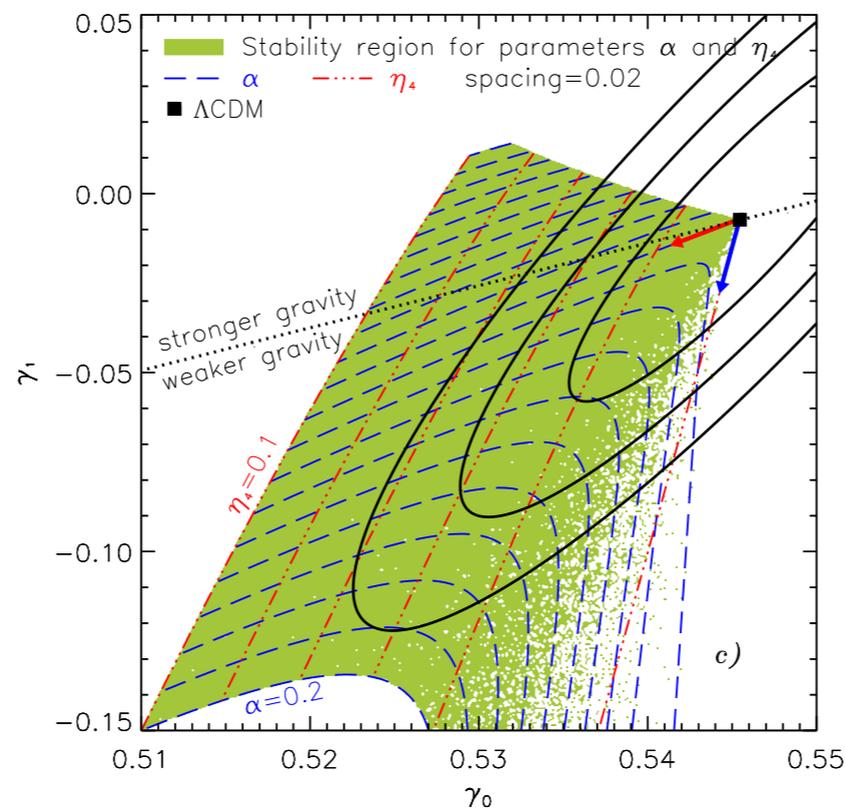
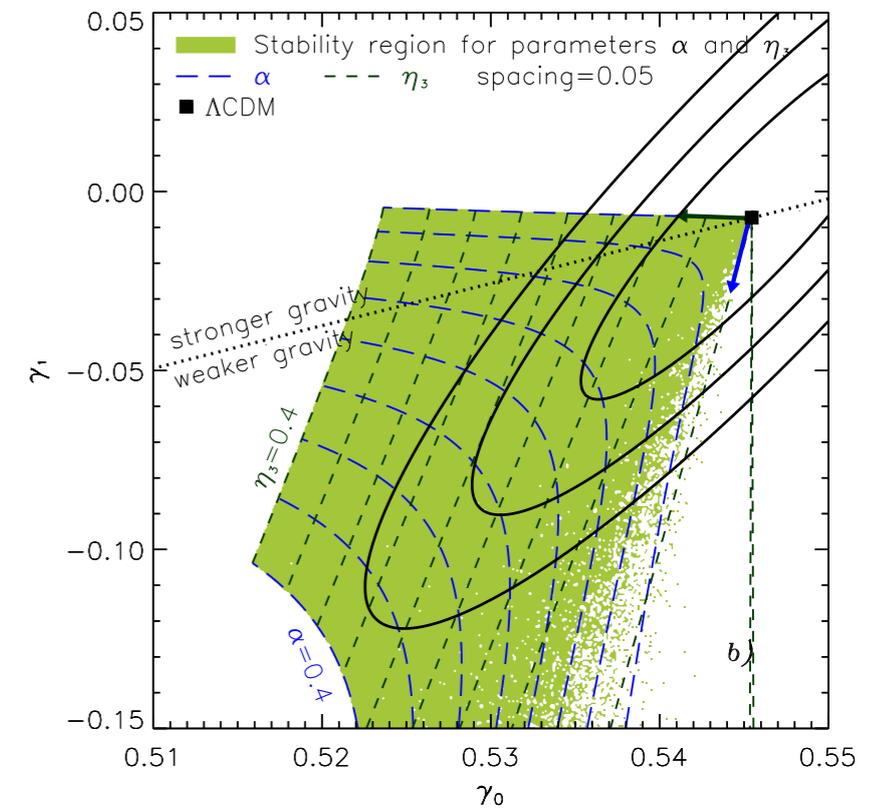
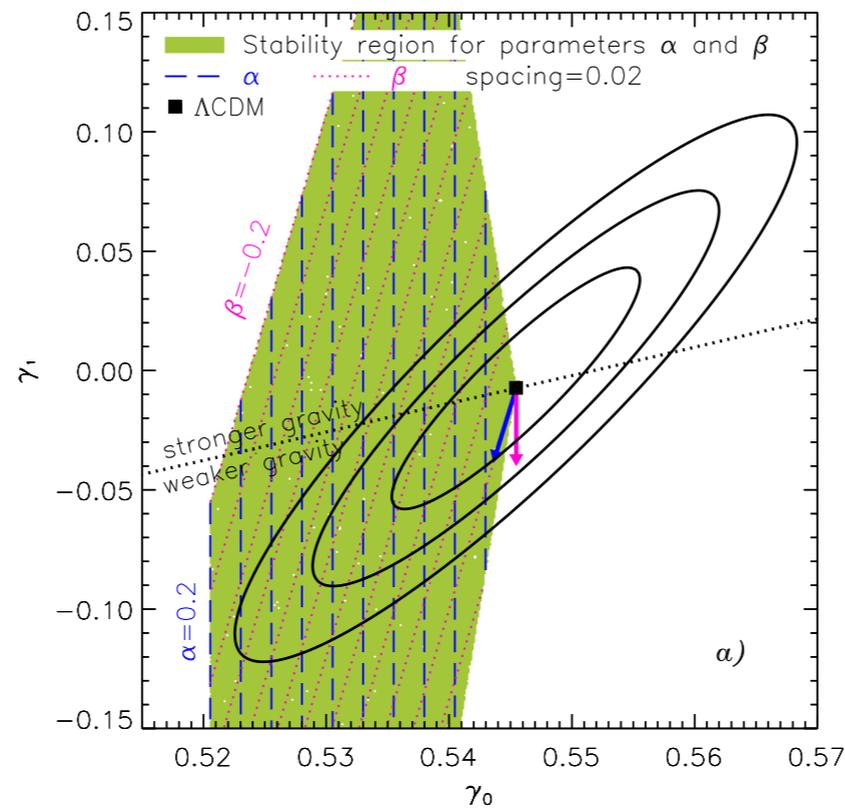
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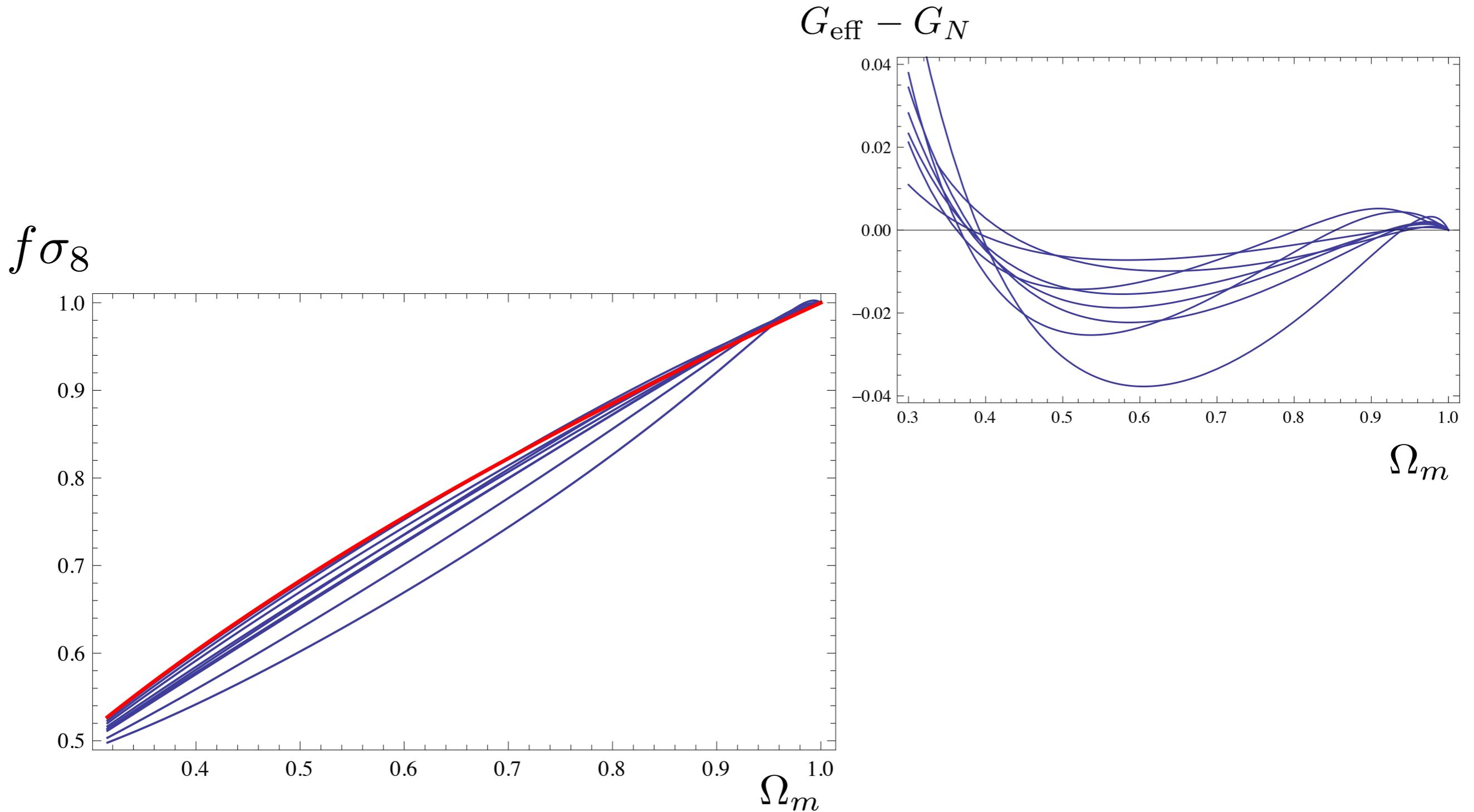
Non trivial result:

$$\gamma_0 < \gamma_0(\Lambda\text{CDM})$$



Growth rate (preliminary)

Modified gravity: less growth than LCDM?



Conclusions

- Unifying framework for dark energy/modified gravity
- Effective language: cosmological perturbations as the relevant d.o.f.
- Systematic way to address stability (e.g. stable violations of NEC)
- Observational constraints and forecasts: much work in progress

$$S_\pi = \int a^3 M^2 \left\{ \left[(\mathcal{C} + 2\mu_2^2)(1 + \epsilon_4) + \frac{3}{4}(\mu - \mu_3)^2 \right] \dot{\pi}^2 - \left[(\mathcal{C} + \frac{\dot{\mu}_3}{2} - \dot{H}\epsilon_4 + H\dot{\epsilon}_4)(1 + \epsilon_4) - (\mu - \mu_3) \left(\frac{\mu - \mu_3}{4(1 + \epsilon_4)} - \mu - \dot{\epsilon}_4 \right) \right] \frac{(\vec{\nabla}\pi)^2}{a^2} \right\}$$

$$4\pi G_{\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{2M^2} \frac{2\mathcal{C} + 2(\mu + \dot{\epsilon}_4)^2 + \dot{\mu}_3 - 2\dot{H}\epsilon_4 + 2H\dot{\epsilon}_4 + 3(a/k)^2 \mathcal{A}}{(1 + \epsilon_4)^2 [2\mathcal{C} + \dot{\mu}_3 - 2\dot{H}\epsilon_4 + 2H\dot{\epsilon}_4] + 2(1 + \epsilon_4)(\mu + \dot{\epsilon}_4)(\mu - \mu_3) - (\mu - \mu_3)^2/2 + 3(a/k)^2 \mathcal{A}'}$$

$$\dot{\mu}_3 \equiv \dot{\mu}_3 + \mu\mu_3 + H\mu_3, \quad \dot{\epsilon}_4 \equiv \dot{\epsilon}_4 + \mu\epsilon_4 + H\epsilon_4$$

$$\mathcal{A} \equiv 2\dot{H}\mathcal{C} - \dot{H}\dot{\mu}_3 + \ddot{H}(\mu - \mu_3) - 2H\dot{H}\mu_3 - 2H^2(\mu^2 + \dot{\mu}), \quad \mathcal{A}' \equiv (1 + \epsilon_4)^2 \mathcal{A}$$

The Action

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{M^2}{2} f(t) R - \Lambda(t) - c(t) g^{00} \right] + S_{DE}^{(2)}$$


Enough for background equations:

$$c = \frac{1}{2}(-\ddot{f} + H\dot{f})M^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\rho_D + p_D)$$

$$\Lambda = \frac{1}{2}(\ddot{f} + 5H\dot{f})M^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\rho_D - p_D)$$

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anisotropic stress

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Speed of Sound of DE

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Newtonian
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