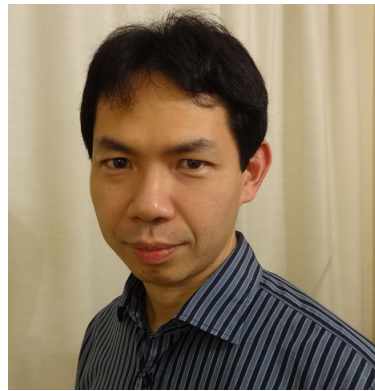
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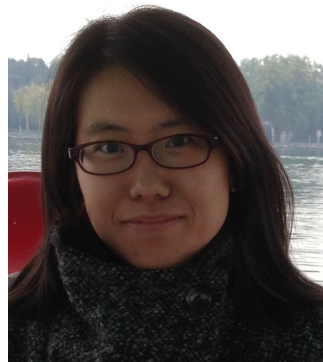
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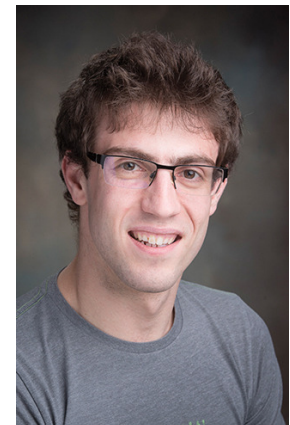
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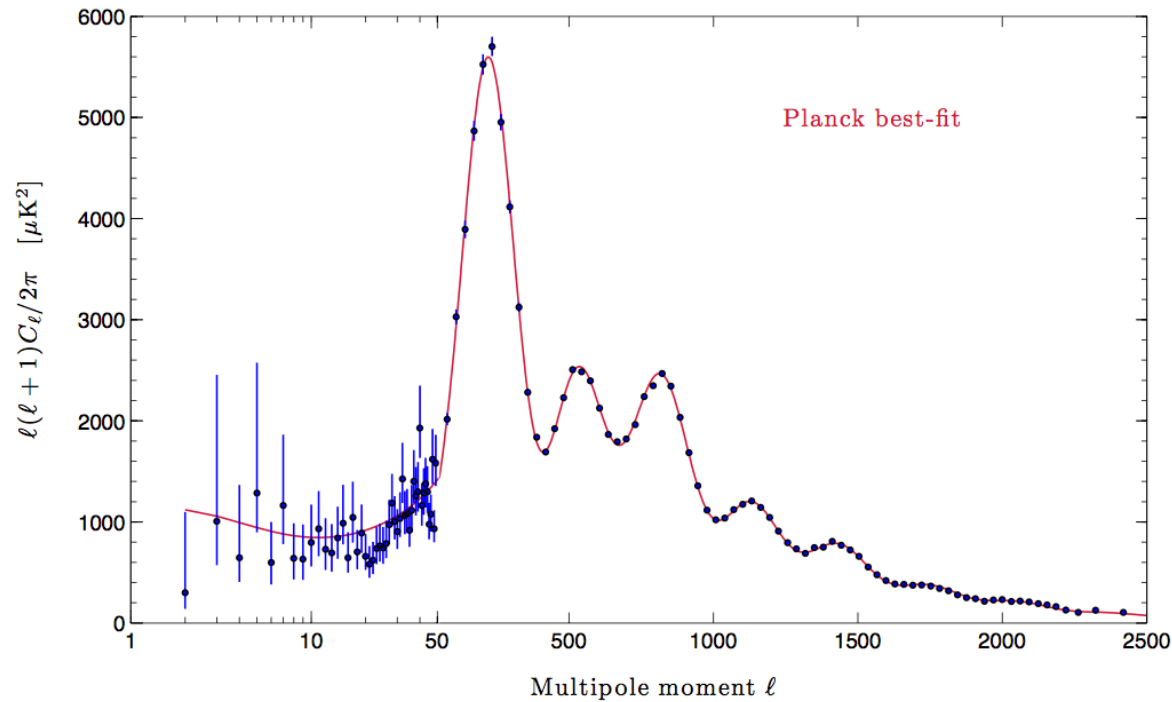
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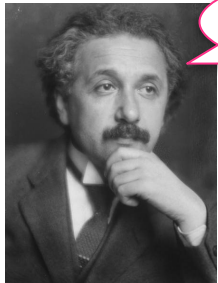
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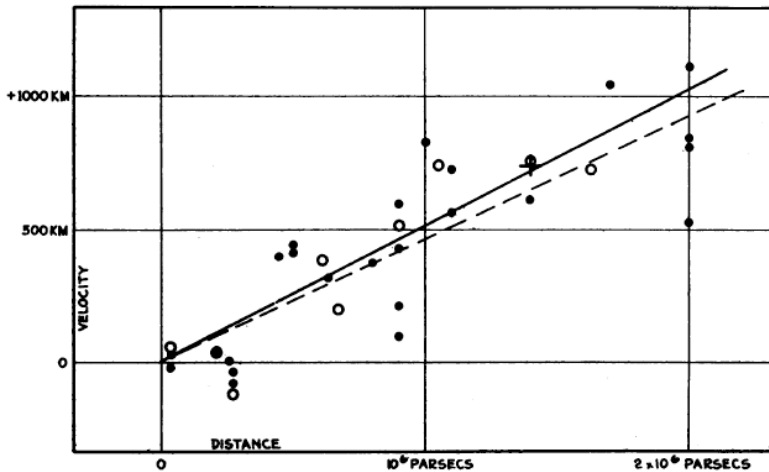
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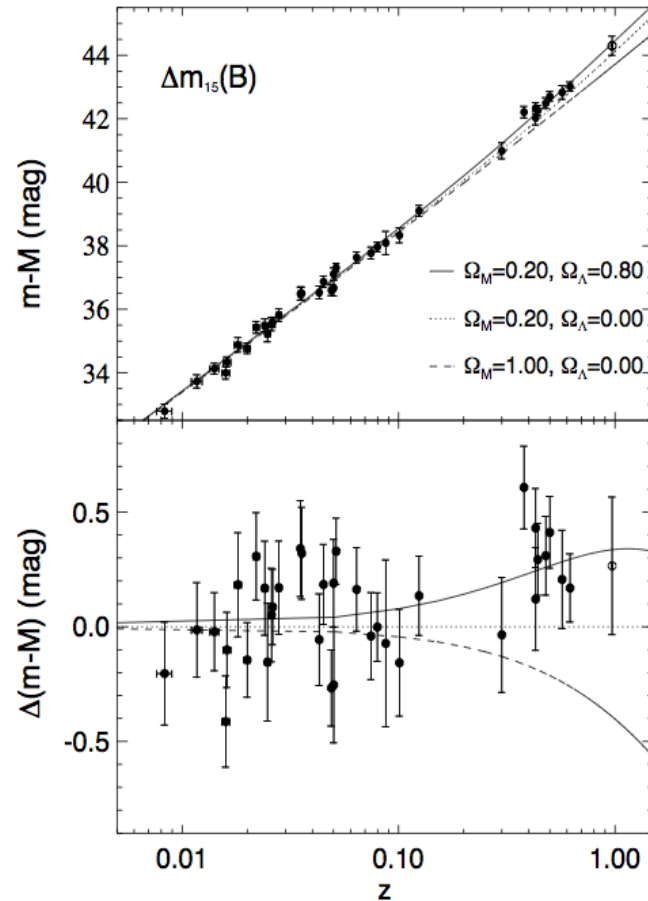
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Velocity-Distance Relation among Extra-Galactic Nebulae.



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- General reasons:
 - GR is yet to be tested on cosmological scales
 - No theory of Quantum Gravity
 - No theory of the Big Bang
- Lesser, specific problems:
 - Tensions between datasets
 - Missing satellites, (non)cuspy halos, ...

Questions we could ask in Cosmology

1. Is the expansion history of the universe consistent with Lambda?

What is the equation of state of Dark Energy?

2. Is there any evidence of modified gravity?

Violations of the equivalence principle

New gravitational interactions

The (effective) Dark Energy equation of state

$$H^2 \equiv \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2 = H_0^2 \left\{ \frac{\Omega_r}{a^4} + \frac{\Omega_M}{a^3} + \frac{\rho_{\text{DE}}(a)}{\rho_c} \right\}$$

$$\dot{\rho}_{\text{DE}} + 3H(\rho_{\text{DE}} + p_{\text{DE}}) = 0$$



Constant Dark Energy (Lambda): $\rho_\Lambda = -p_\Lambda = \text{const}$

$$w_\Lambda = -1$$

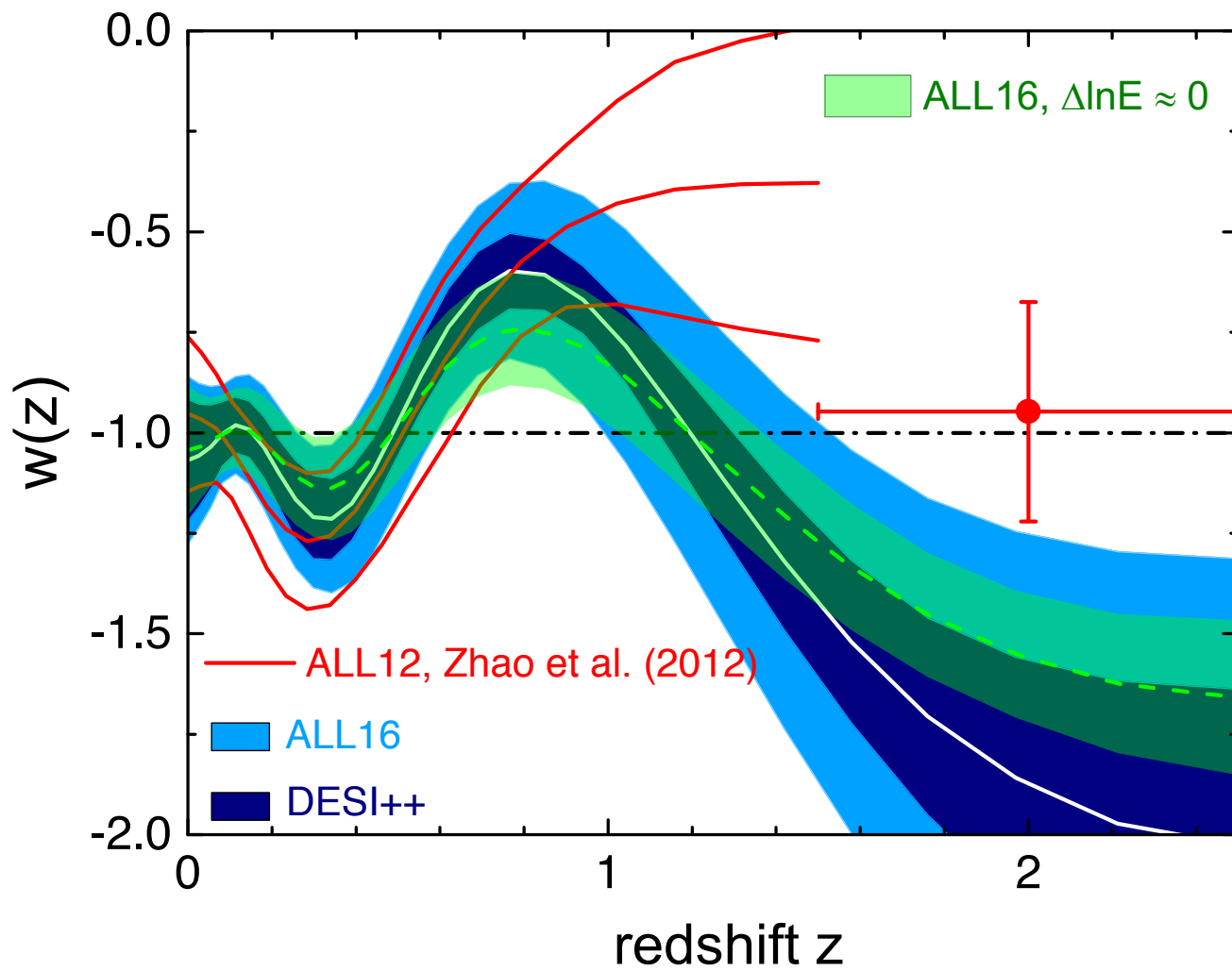
Time-varying Dark Energy: $\rho_{\text{DE}}(a) = \rho_0 \exp \left[\int_a^1 3(1 + w(a')) \frac{da'}{a'} \right]$

$$w(a) = \frac{p_{\text{DE}}(a)}{\rho_{\text{DE}}(a)}$$

Dynamical dark energy in light of the latest observations

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$$\frac{H^2(a)}{H_0^2} = \Omega_r a^{-4} + \Omega_M a^{-3} + \Omega_{DE} \exp \left[\int_a^1 3(1 + w(a')) \frac{da'}{a'} \right]$$



Fables of Reconstruction

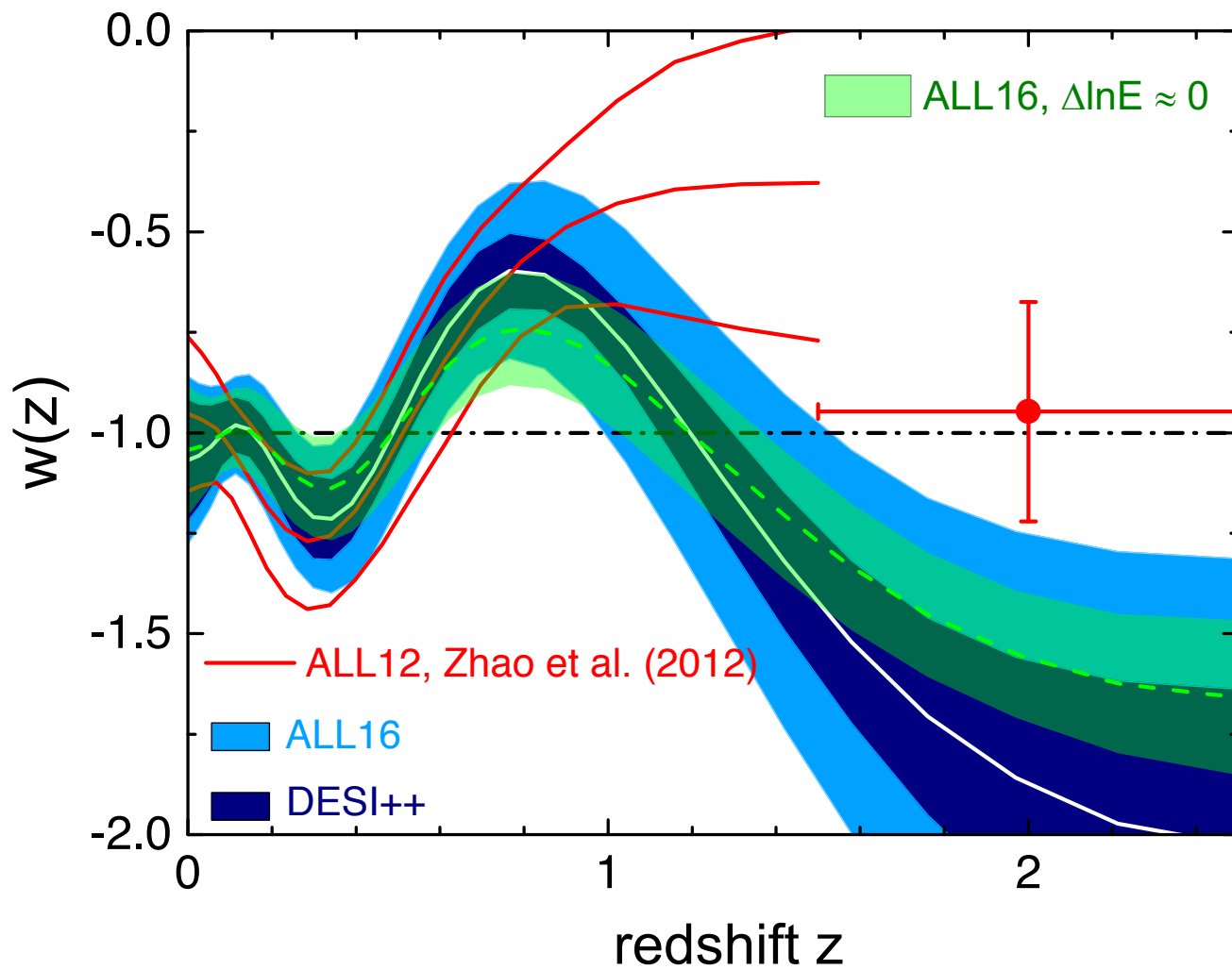
- Impose a correlation on binned $w(z)$

can be derived from a broad class of theories

see e.g. M. Raveri, P. Bull, A. Silvestri, LP, arXiv:1703.05297, PRD

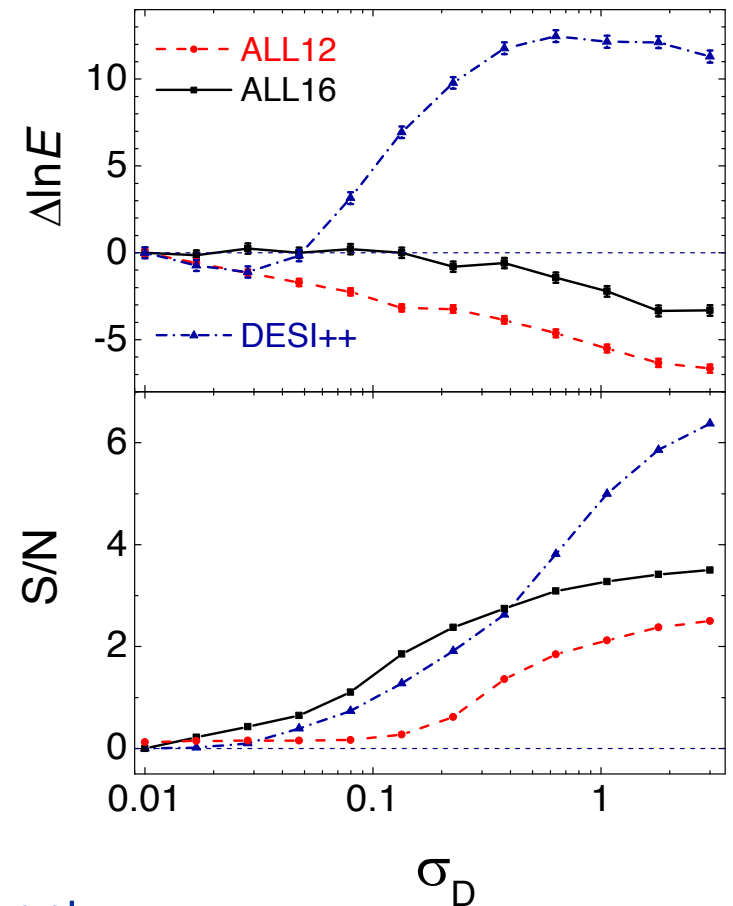
- Smooth features (well constrained by data)
not biased by the prior
- Rapid variations of $w(z)$ (poorly constrained by data)
disfavoured by the prior



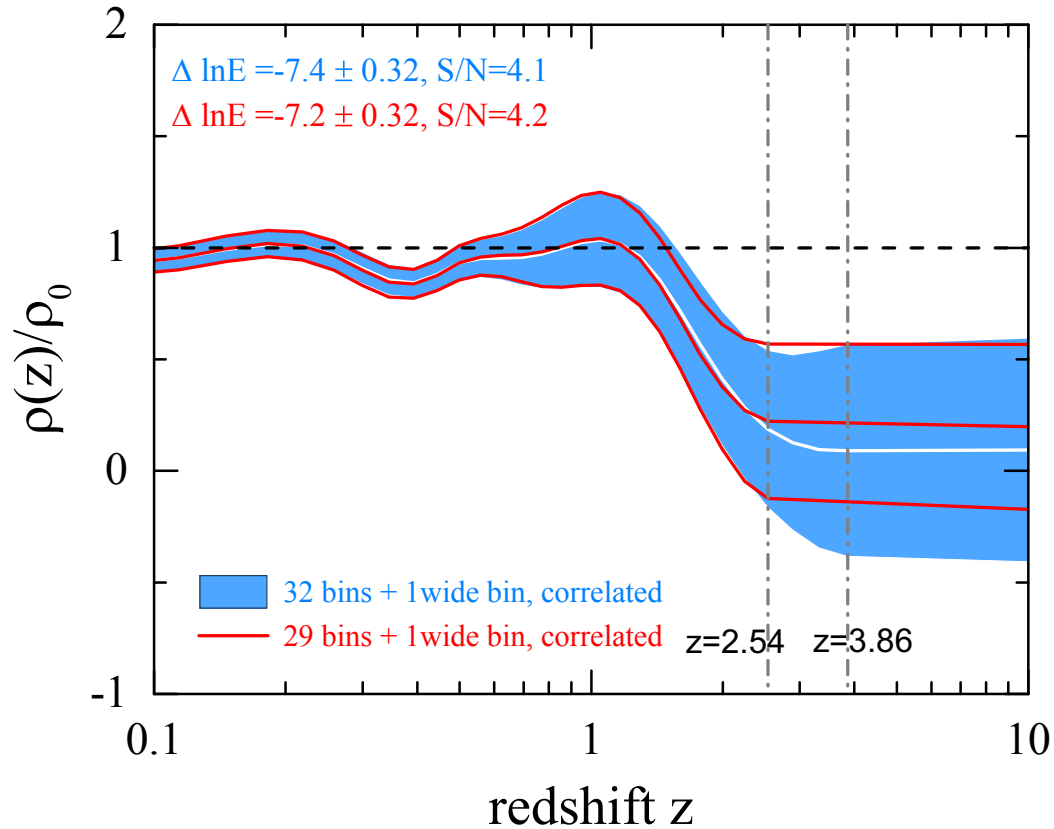


Dynamical Dark Energy?

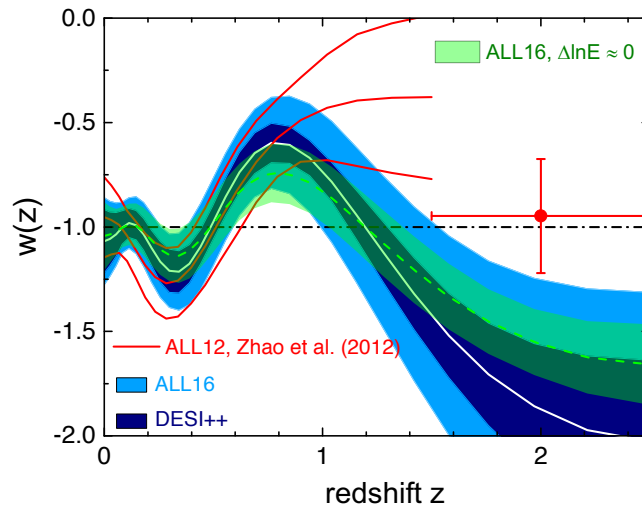
- Dynamical dark energy is preferred at a 3.5-sigma significance level based on the improvement in the fit alone
- It resolves the tensions between the Planck best fit LCDM model and the local estimates of H_0 and the high- z Ly-alpha BAO
- Effectively, 4 additional degrees of freedom
- Current Bayesian evidence is comparable to that of LCDM, no preference for dynamics
- Evidence increased since 2012
- Future data can conclusively confirm or rule out the reconstructed dynamics of Dark Energy



Reconstructed Dark Energy Density



What could this be?



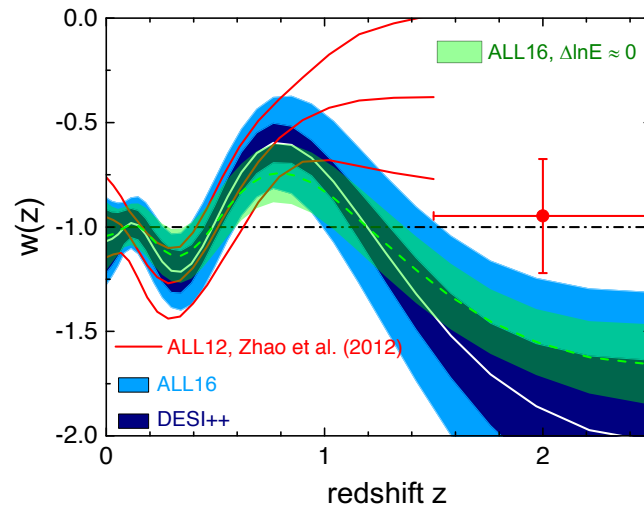
General Relativity with Lambda

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{1}{16\pi G} \{R - 2\Lambda\} + \mathcal{L}_M(g_{\mu\nu}, \psi) \right]$$

$$\rho_\Lambda = -p_\Lambda = \text{const}$$

$$w_\Lambda = p_\Lambda / \rho_\Lambda = -1$$

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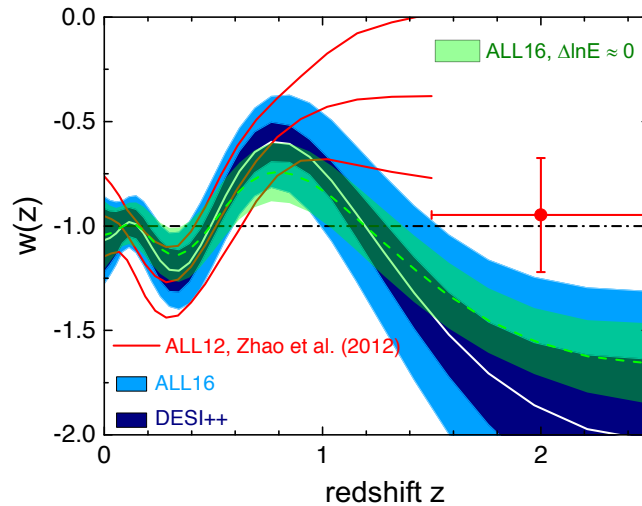


General Relativity with a minimally coupled scalar field (quintessence)

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{1}{16\pi G} \{R - \partial^\mu \phi \partial_\mu \phi - 2V(\phi)\} + \mathcal{L}_M(g_{\mu\nu}, \psi) \right]$$

$$w_\phi = \frac{p_\phi}{\rho_\phi} = \frac{\dot{\phi}^2/2 - V(\phi)}{\dot{\phi}^2/2 + V(\phi)} \geq -1$$

What could this be?



Modified gravity: a scalar-tensor theory

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{1}{16\pi G} \{ \Omega(\phi) R - \partial^\mu \phi \partial_\mu \phi - 2V(\phi) \} + \mathcal{L}_M(g_{\mu\nu}, \psi) \right]$$

$$w_{\text{eff}} = \frac{p_{\text{eff}}}{\rho_{\text{eff}}} = \frac{\dot{\phi}^2/2 - V(\phi) + 2H\dot{\Omega} + \ddot{\Omega}}{\dot{\phi}^2/2 + V(\phi) - 3H\dot{\Omega} + (1 - \Omega)\rho_M}$$

Phenomenology of Scalar-Tensor Theories

Generalized Brans-Dicke models (e.g. “chameleon”, $f(R)$, “symmetron”)

Varying
Gravitational
Coupling

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{A^{-2}(\phi)}{16\pi G} R - \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi - V(\phi) + \mathcal{L}_M(g_{\mu\nu}, \psi) \right]$$

In the “Einstein” frame: $\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} = A^{-2}(\phi) g_{\mu\nu}$

Modified Dynamics
Of Matter

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-\tilde{g}} \left[\frac{\tilde{R}}{16\pi G} - \frac{1}{2} \tilde{g}^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi - \tilde{V}(\phi) + \mathcal{L}_M(A^2(\phi) \tilde{g}_{\mu\nu}, \psi) \right]$$

Phenomenology of Scalar-Tensor Theories

“Spacetime tells matter how to move; matter tells spacetime how to curve.”

John A. Wheeler (1911-2008)

Photons and matter respond to different spacetimes

Non-relativistic matter

- sources the curvature perturbation Φ
- responds to the Newtonian potential Ψ
- Φ and Ψ are NOT the same in scalar-tensor theories
- feels a “fifth force” mediated by the scalar field $\vec{f} = -\vec{\nabla}\Psi - \frac{d \ln A(\phi)}{d\phi} \vec{\nabla}\phi$

Photons

- respond to $(\Phi + \Psi)/2$
- do not feel a “fifth force”

Phenomenology of Scalar-Tensor Theories

General Relativity

$$\begin{aligned}\Psi &= \Phi \\ -k^2\Phi &= -k^2\left(\frac{\Phi + \Psi}{2}\right) = 4\pi G a^2 \delta\rho\end{aligned}$$

Modified Gravity

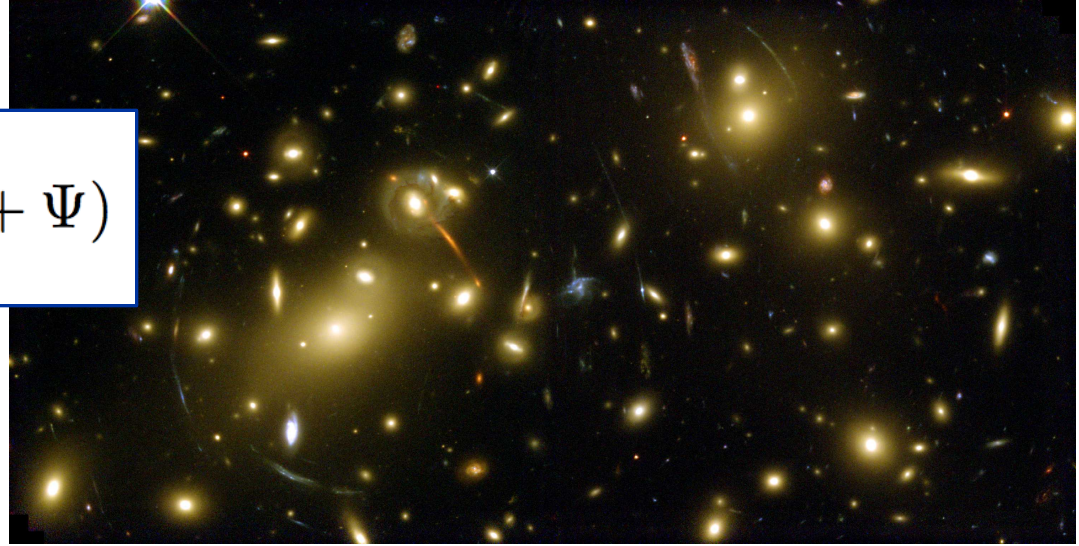
$$\begin{aligned}-k^2\Psi &= 4\pi \overset{\text{“}G_{\text{matter}}\text{”}}{\mu(a, k)G} a^2 \delta\rho \\ \Phi &= \gamma(a, k) \Psi \\ -k^2\left(\frac{\Phi + \Psi}{2}\right) &= 4\pi \overset{\text{“}G_{\text{light}}\text{”}}{\Sigma(a, k)G} a^2 \delta\rho\end{aligned}$$

A smoking gun of new gravitational physics

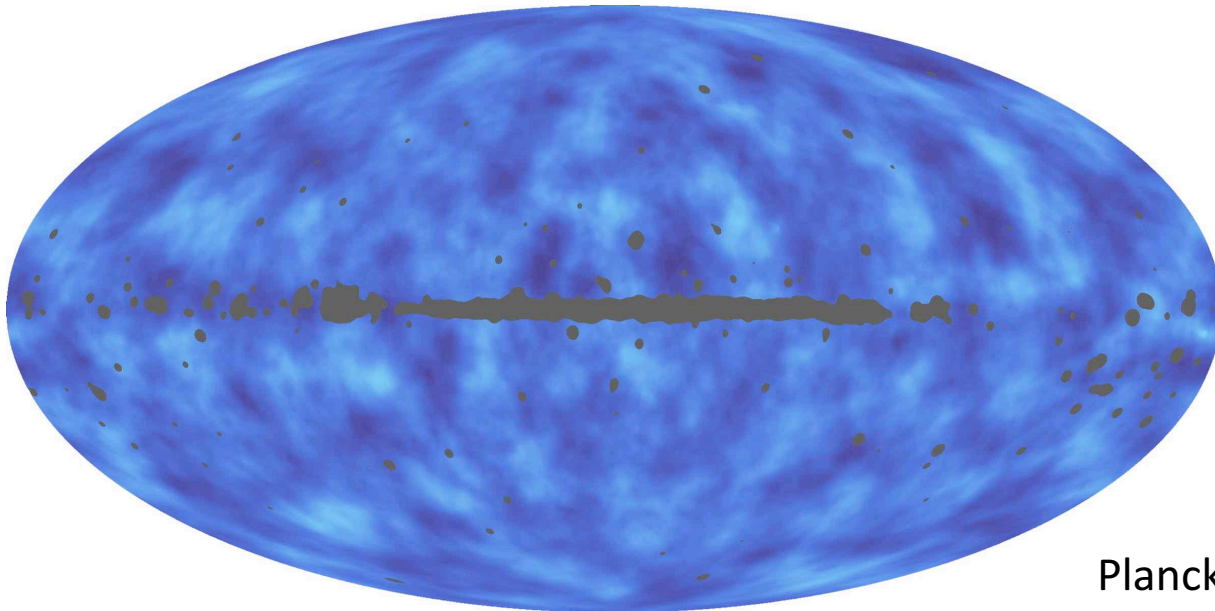
$$G_{\text{matter}} \neq G_{\text{light}} \quad \text{or} \quad \Phi \neq \Psi$$

Gravitational Lensing

$$\text{Distortion} \propto \int dz \partial_{\perp}(\Phi + \Psi)$$



Hubble

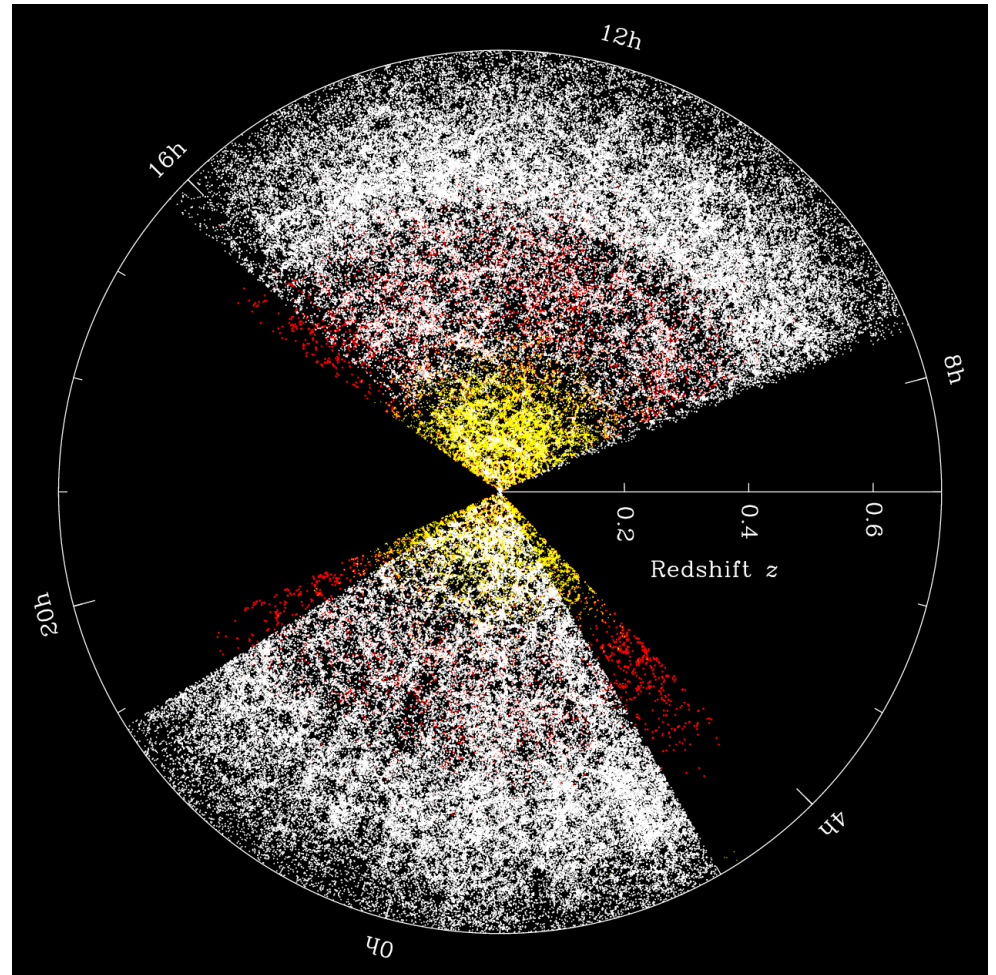


Planck

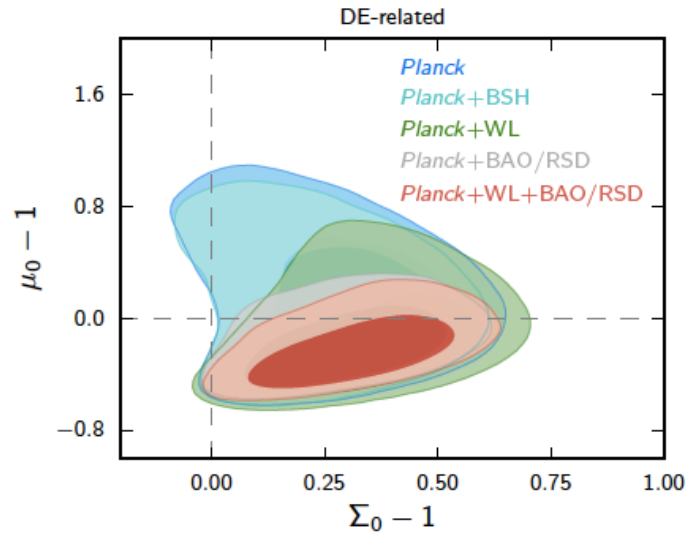
Galaxy Clustering

Redshift distortions
due to peculiar motion

$$V' + V = \frac{k}{aH} \Psi$$



Planck 2015 results. XIV. Dark energy and modified gravity

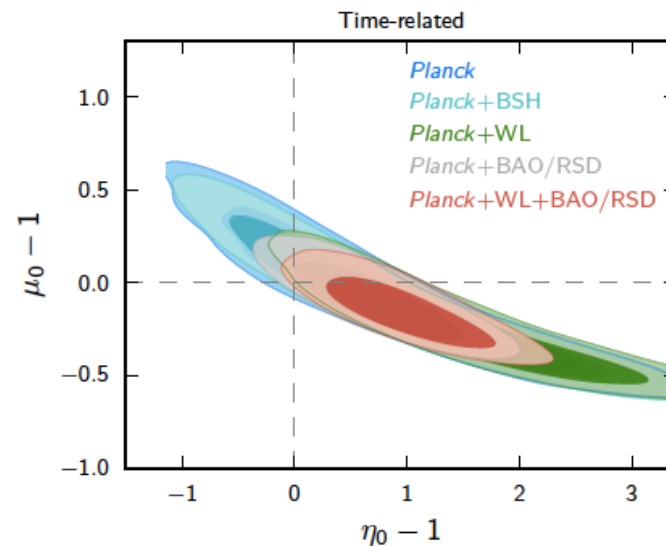
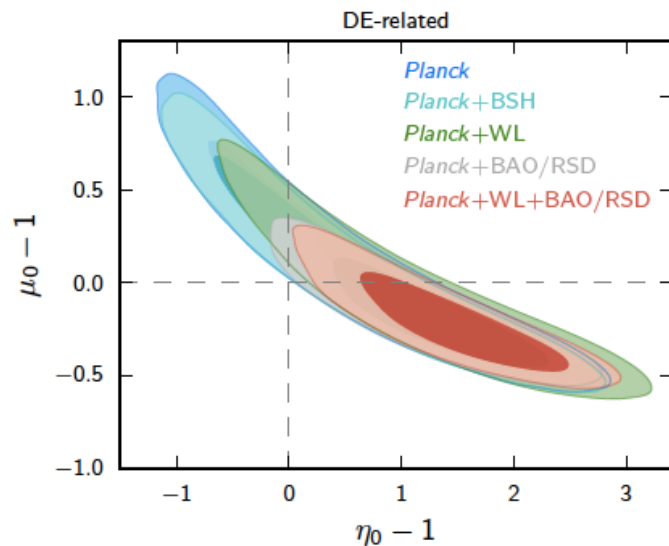


$$\mu < 1$$

$$\gamma > 1$$

$$\Sigma > 1$$

What would it say about gravity?



Phenomenology of generalized Brans-Dicke models

Attractive force mediated by the scalar: $\vec{f} = -\vec{\nabla}\Psi - \frac{d \ln A(\phi)}{d\phi} \vec{\nabla}\phi$

Range of the force set by the Compton length λ_c

$$\begin{aligned} G_{\text{matter}} &= A^2 G && \text{for } \lambda > \lambda_c \\ G_{\text{matter}} &> A^2 G && \text{for } \lambda < \lambda_c \\ G_{\text{light}} &= A^2 G && \text{for all } \lambda \end{aligned}$$

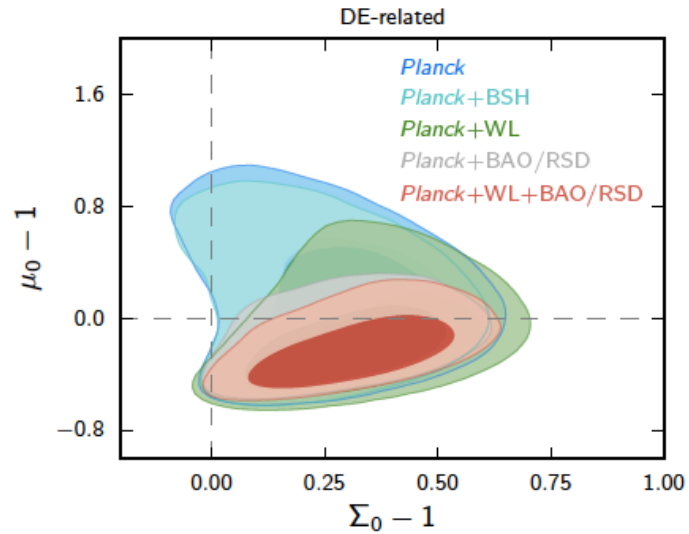
$$A^2 \approx 1$$

$$\mu \geq 1$$

$$\Sigma = 1$$

$$\gamma \leq 1$$

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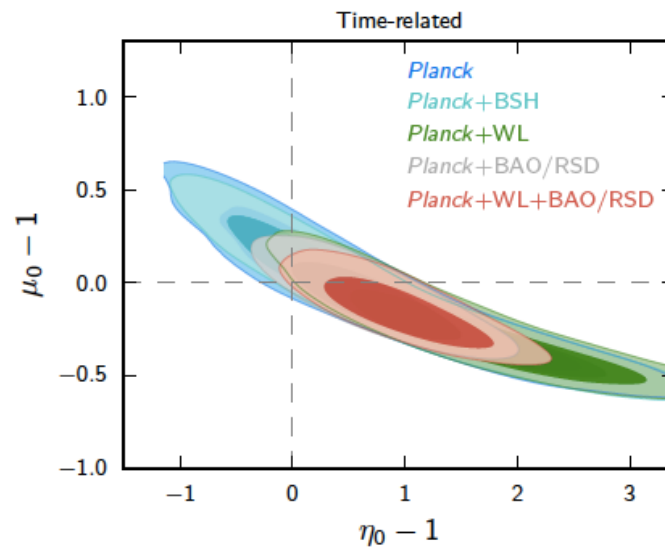
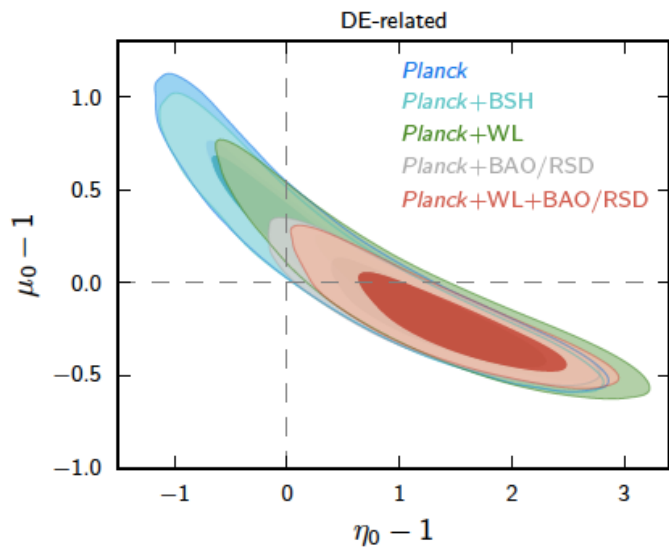


$$\mu < 1$$

$$\gamma > 1$$

$$\Sigma > 1$$

would rule out all GBD models



More General Scalar-Tensor Theories

Gregory Horndeski, *Talking About Gravity*

G. W. Horndeski, *Int. J. Theor. Phys* (1974)

C. Deffayet, X. Gao, D. A. Steer, and G. Zahariade, *PRD* (2011)

The Horndeski Lagrangian

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\sum_{i=2}^5 \mathcal{L}_i + \mathcal{L}_m[g_{\mu\nu}] \right]$$

$$\mathcal{L}_2 = K(\phi, X), \quad X = -\phi^{;\mu}\phi_{;\mu}/2$$

$$\mathcal{L}_3 = -G_3(\phi, X)\square\phi,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_4 = G_4(\phi, X)R + G_{4X}(\phi, X) \left[(\square\phi)^2 - \phi_{;\mu\nu}\phi^{;\mu\nu} \right],$$

$$\mathcal{L}_5 = G_5(\phi, X)G_{\mu\nu}\phi^{;\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{6}G_{5X}(\phi, X) \left[(\square\phi)^3 + 2\phi_{;\mu}{}^\nu\phi_{;\nu}{}^\alpha\phi_{;\alpha}{}^\mu - 3\phi_{;\mu\nu}\phi^{;\mu\nu}\square\phi \right]$$



Phenomenology of Horndeski theories: Speed of Gravity

The speed of gravitational waves can be different from the speed of light

$$S = \int dt d^3x a^3 \left[\text{other terms} + \frac{M_*^2}{4} \left(\dot{h}_T^2 - \frac{1 + \alpha_T}{a^2} (\vec{\nabla} h_T)^2 \right) \right]$$

$$\alpha_T = 2X(2G_{4,X} - 2G_{5,\phi} - (\ddot{\phi} - \dot{\phi}H)G_{5,X})M_*^{-2}$$

Modified speed of gravity if $G_{4,X}$ is not zero, or G_5 is not constant

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Dark Energy after GW170817

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The observation of GW170817 and its electromagnetic counterpart, the speed of light, with deviations smaller than a few percent, is a result for models of dark energy and modified gravity. For the result to hold, the speed of gravitational waves must be equal to the speed of light. For nearby solutions obtained by slightly changing the various operators must satisfy precise relations. In the covariant Dark Energy and in the covariant one, for Horndeski's theory, the simplification is dramatic: of the three functions that remain, one remains and reduces to a standard conformal coordinate system. The deduced relations among operators do not introduce quantum corrections.

Implications of the Neutron Star Merger GW170817 for Cosmological Scalar-Tensor Theories

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The LIGO/VIRGO collaboration has detected a neutron star merger (GW170817) associated with a short gamma-ray burst (GRB 170817A). The close proximity of photons and gravitons allows us to constrain cosmological scalar-tensor gravity models. First, for the most general class of parameters appearing in the Einstein equations, we present the results of

Dark Energy after GW170817

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Strong constraints on cosmological gravity from GW170817 and GRB 170817A

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gravitational wave (GW) astronomy has associated electromagnetic counterparts. GW170817A constrain the speed of dark energy (DE), showing that it is disfavored. As an example, the theory which predicts a variable speed of light, which eliminates any cosmological constant and most beyond Horndeski theories, is disfavored beyond Horndeski theories in which $c_g = c$. Our conclusions can be applied to theories such as Einstein-Aether

Implications of GW170817 and GRB170817A

- Modified Gravity theories predicting a different speed of Gravity at low redshifts ($0 < z < 0.01$) are ruled out
- Self-accelerating models, e.g. Galileons, are severely constrained
- The speed of Gravity can still vary at $0.01 < z < 1000$...

Phenomenology of Horndeski theories: Σ - μ

The Super-Compton Limit: $\lambda \gg \lambda_c$

$$\Sigma_0 = \frac{m_{\text{Pl}}^2}{M_*^2} \left(1 + \frac{\alpha_T}{2} \right)$$

$$\gamma_0 = \frac{1}{1 + \alpha_T}$$

$$\mu_0 = \frac{m_{\text{Pl}}^2}{M_*^2} (1 + \alpha_T)$$

$\Sigma \neq \mu$ on super-Compton scales would signal a modified speed of GW

Phenomenology of Horndeski theories: Σ - μ

The Sub-Compton Limit: $\lambda \ll \lambda_c$

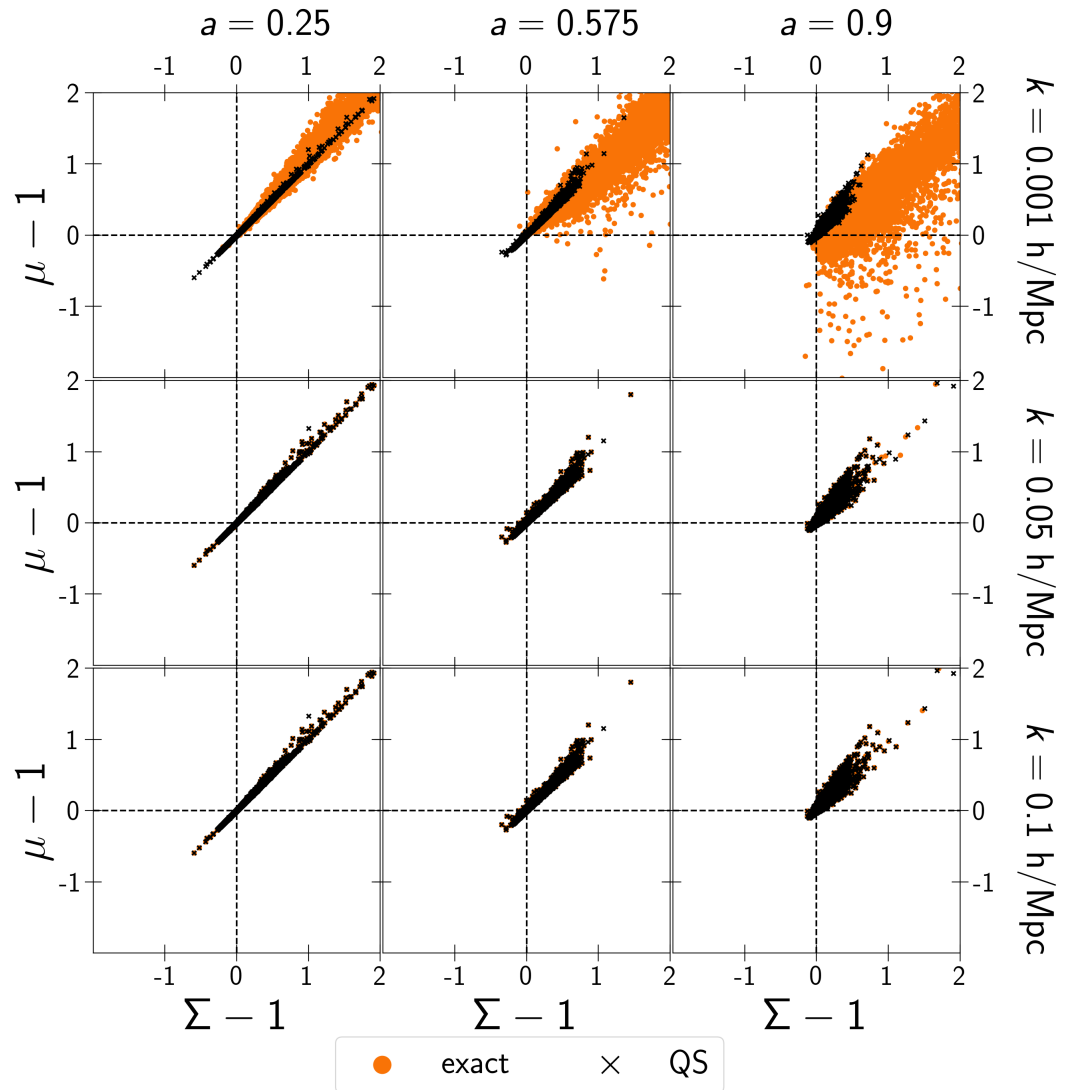
$$\mu_\infty = \frac{m_0^2}{M_*^2} (1 + \alpha_T + \beta_\xi^2)$$

Fifth force

$$\Sigma_\infty = \frac{m_0^2}{M_*^2} \left(1 + \frac{\alpha_T}{2} + \frac{\beta_\xi^2 + \beta_B \beta_\xi}{2} \right)$$

Conjecture: expect Σ -1 and μ -1 to be of the same sign

Horndeski models with $c_{\text{gw}}=c$ at all times



Horndeski models with $c_{\text{gw}}=c$ today

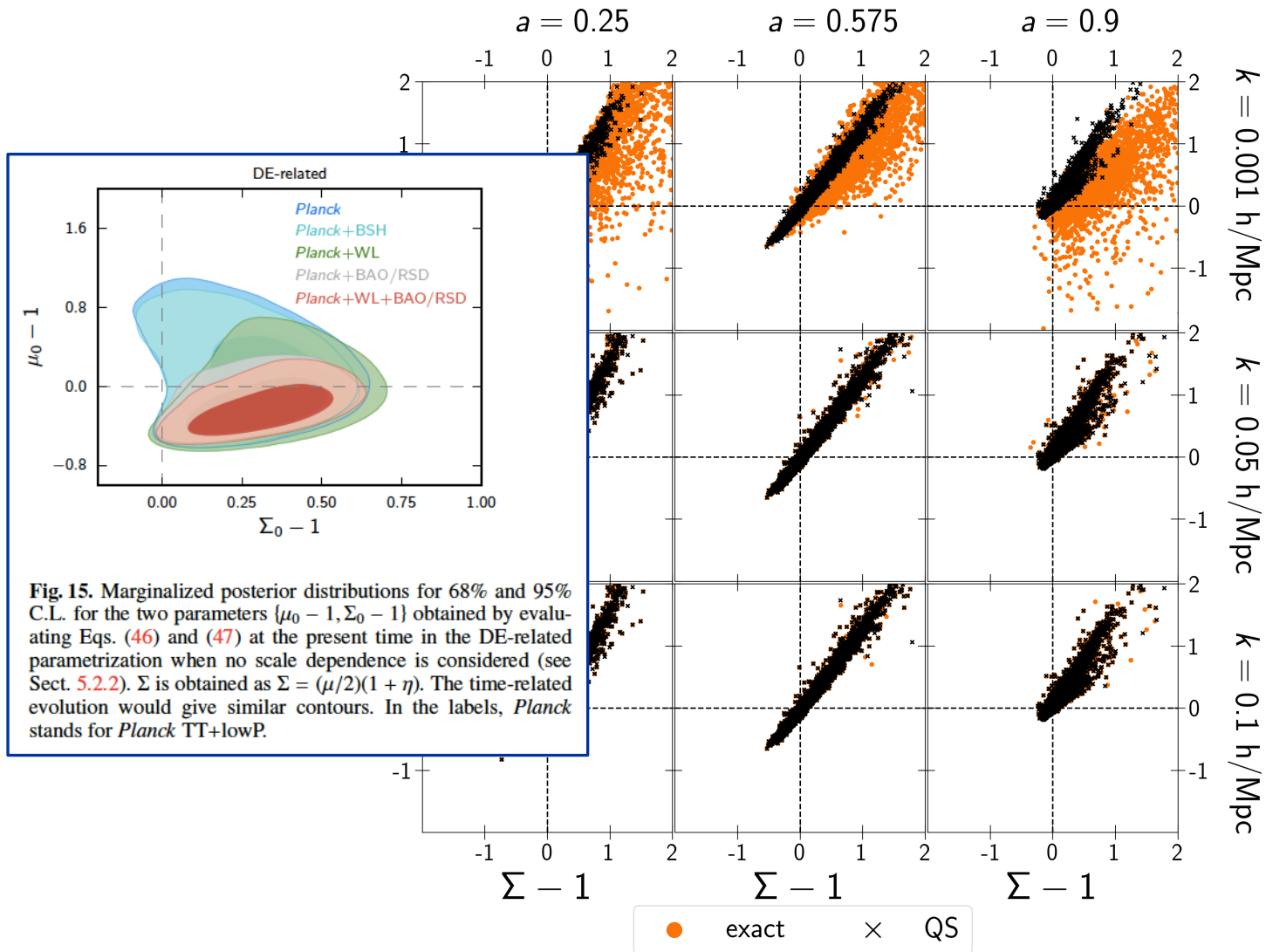


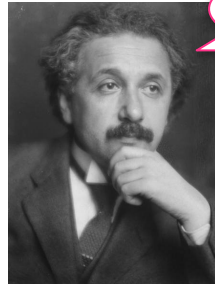
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Large-structure phenomenology with Σ and μ

- $\Sigma=1$ and $\mu=1$ consistent with Λ CDM and many theories from Horndeski class
- $\Sigma \neq 1$ or $\mu < 1$ disfavors generalized Brans-Dicke theories (e.g. $f(R)$, chameleon, symmetrons)
- $\Sigma \neq \mu$ rules out Cubic Galileons
- $(\Sigma - 1)(\mu - 1) < 0$ strongly disfavors all Horndeski theories
- additional information if scale-dependence is detected in Σ or μ

Summary

The universe surprised us before

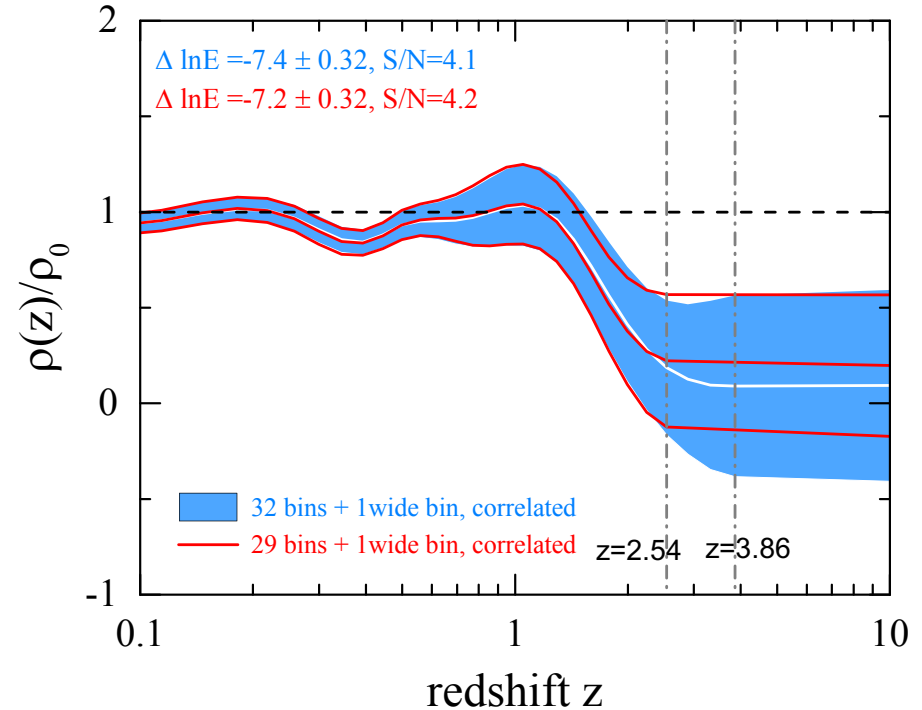
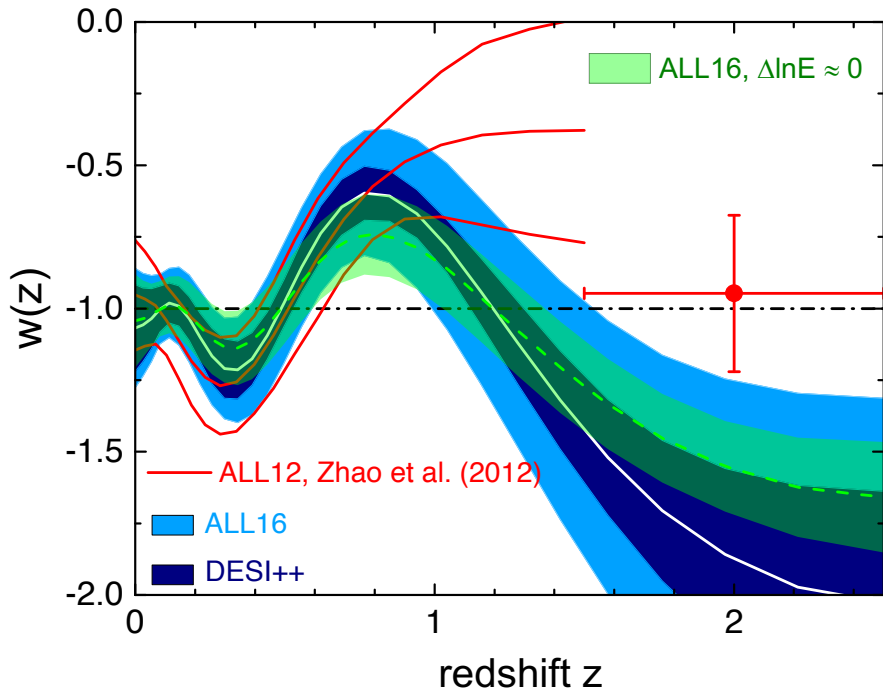


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Eselei!**

There are good reasons to keep an open mind about LCDM

Summary

The data seems to prefer less dark energy density in the past



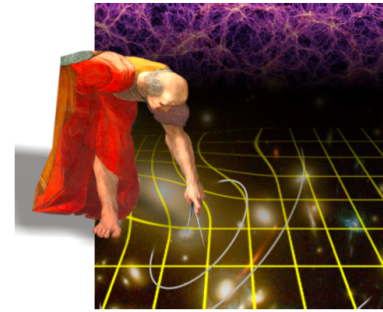
- suggests modified gravity or interaction between CDM and Dark Energy
- good reasons to probe large scale structure in the $1 < z < 3$ range



Dark Energy Survey

Summary

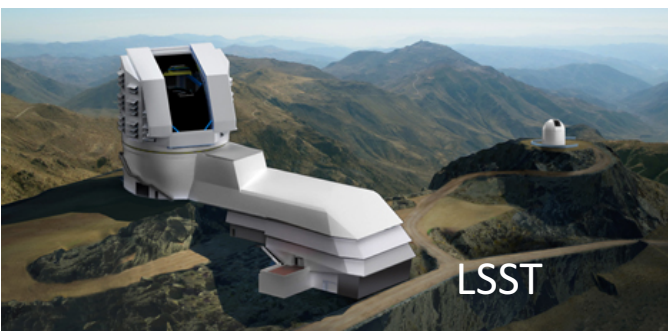
Euclid
Mapping the geometry
of the dark Universe



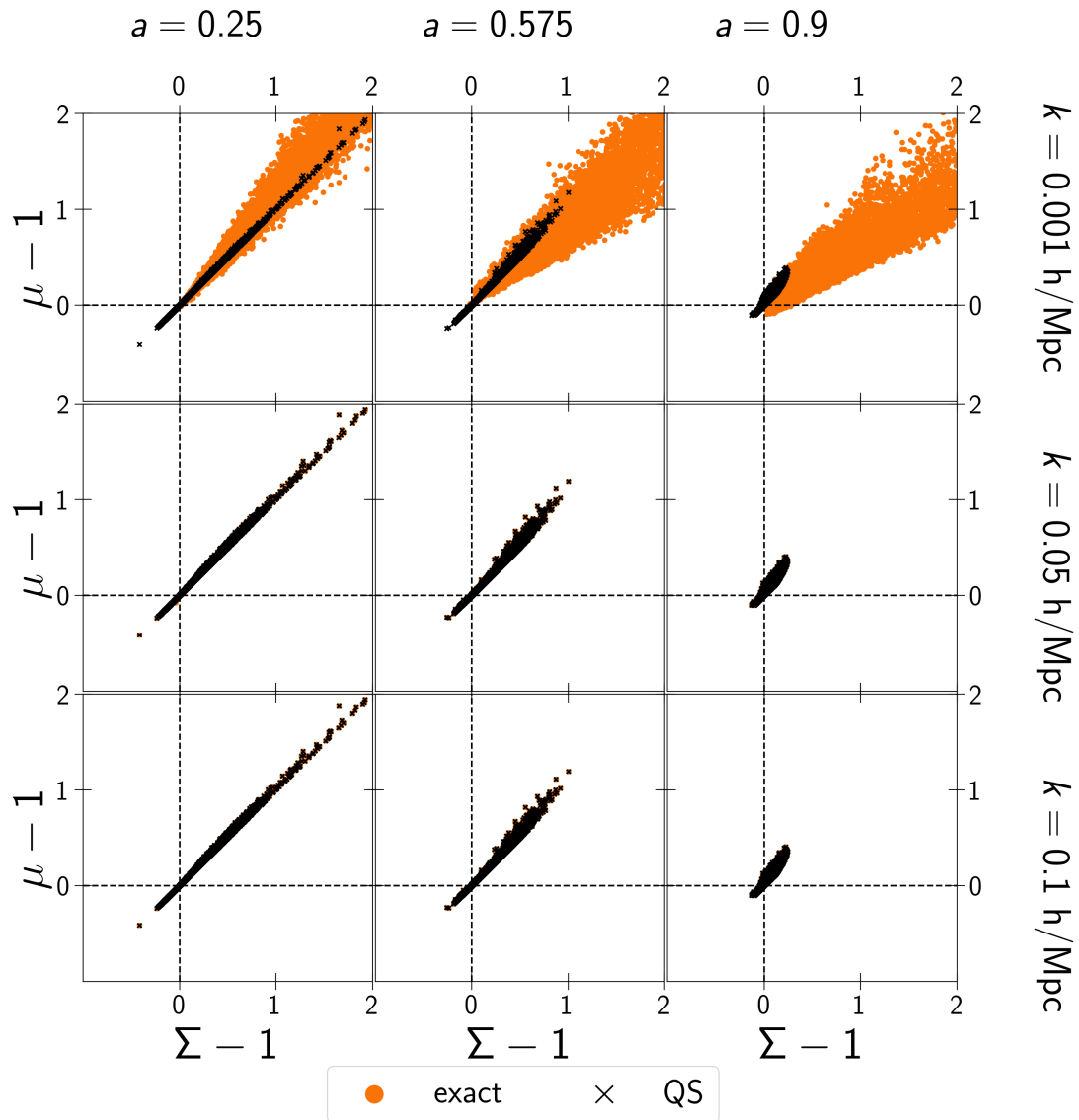
Future surveys, such as Euclid and LSST, can constrain many degrees of freedom of w , Σ and μ

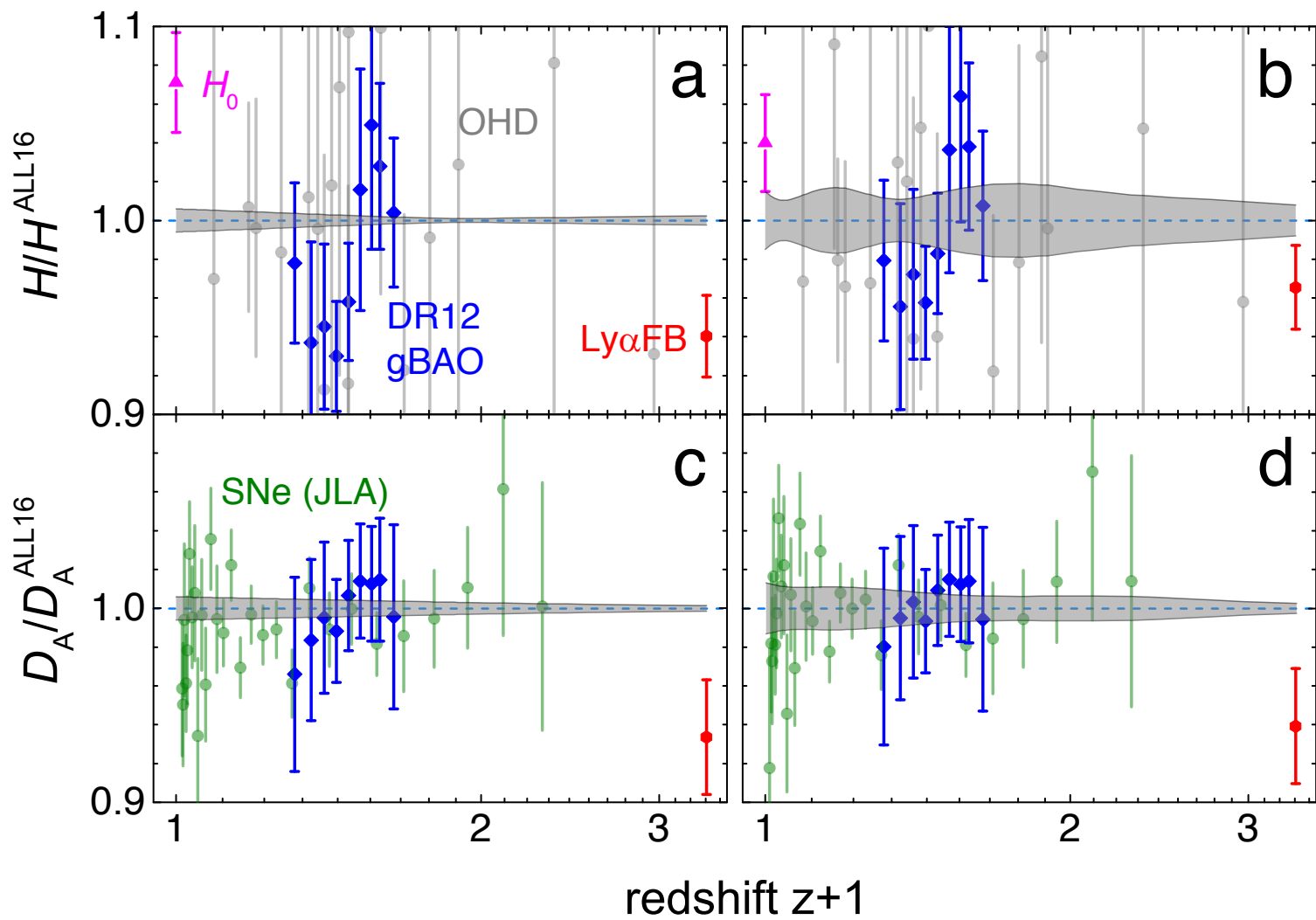
The challenge for theorists is to find meaningful questions such phenomenological tests can answer

It is possible to rule out large classes of modified gravity models by testing the mutual consistency of w , Σ and μ



Generalized Brans-Dicke models





Surprise and Tension

