

# Scale-dependent Growth of Structure in Viable $f(R)$ Theories and in Modified Source Gravity

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# Outline

- 📌 Cosmic Acceleration : **Modified Gravity ?**
- 📌 Can we distinguish it from the Cosmological Constant and (conventional) Dark Energy models?



we need to study Large Scale Structure!

## ***f(R) theories***



**Background viability**



$$w_{eff} \approx -1$$



**Growth of Structure**



the dynamics is changed, leading to a characteristic scale-dependent pattern

## ***Modified Source Gravity***

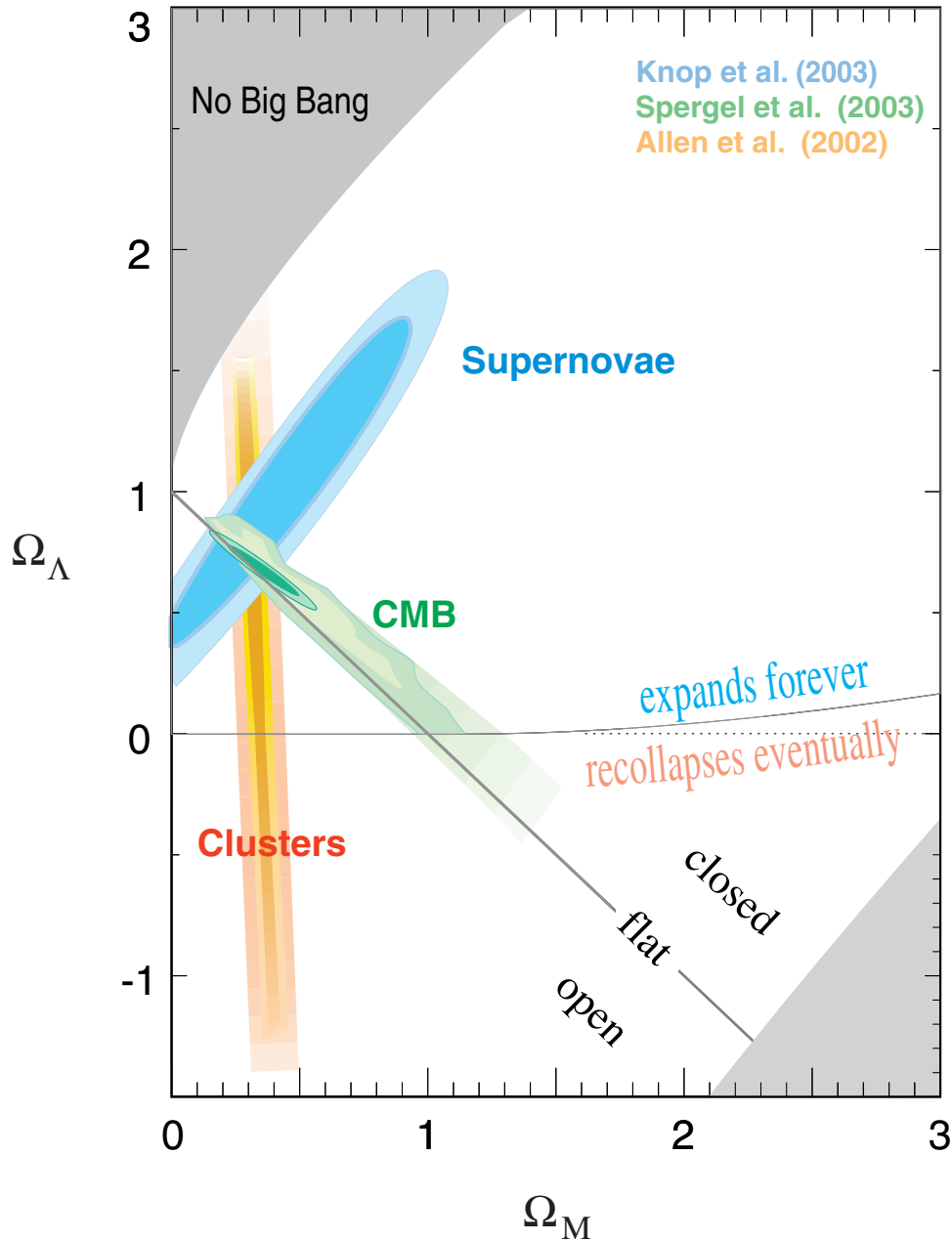


**Conclusions!**



# Cosmic acceleration

Supernova Cosmology Project



SNela, CMB,  
LSS

+

standard GR applied to a  
homogeneous and isotropic  
Universe



$$\Omega_m^0 \approx 0.3$$

$$\Omega_X^0 \approx 0.7$$

$$\left( \Omega^0 \equiv \frac{\rho^0}{3H_0^2 M_P^2} \right)$$





# Cosmic acceleration

A very good fit to all these data is a Universe in which 70% of the energy budget is in the **COSMOLOGICAL CONSTANT**, LCDM

Anyhow it is important to explore the whole space of explanations that fit these data and could have testable features...

## Dark Energy

$$G_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{M_P^2} \tilde{T}_{\mu\nu}$$

X matter **fields** with dynamics such as to cause the late universe to accelerate (quintessence, k-essence, ...)

## Modified Gravity

$$\tilde{G}_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{M_P^2} T_{\mu\nu}$$

modification of GR on **large scales**, admitting self-accelerating solutions



# Modifying Gravity

- Modifications of the Friedmann equation, changing the dependence of the Hubble parameter on the matter density (**Cardassian** model,...)

(K.Freese & M.Lewis, Phys.Lett.B540,(2002))

- Extra-dimensional models giving modified 4-dim equations (**DGP** model,...)

(G.Dvali, M.Porrati & G.Gabadadze, Phys.Lett.B485(2000))

→ **Degravitation**

(G.Dvali, S.Hofmann & J.Khoury, hep-th/0703027)

- Covariant modifications of the 4-dim Einstein-Hilbert action (**f(R)**,f(R,P,Q),...)

(S.Carroll, V.Duvvuri, M.Trodden & M.S.Turner, Phys.Rev.D70 043528 (2004)  
S.Capozziello, S.Carloni & A.Troisi, astro-ph/0303041)

- **Modified Source Gravity** and **Cuscuton**

(S.Carroll, I.Sawicki, A.S. & M.Trodden, New J Phys. 8 323 (2006)  
N.Afshordi, D.J.H.Chung & G.Geshnizjani, Phys.Rev.D75 083513 (2007))





# Modifying Gravity

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Typically, at the background level there is a degeneracy between Modified Gravity models and  $\Lambda$ CDM-Dark Energy



We need to move to the **perturbations** to break the degeneracy

In Modified Gravity **the equations for the perturbations are changed**, leading possibly to a richer dynamics

Galaxy count, Weak Lensing,  
ISW



# f(R) Gravity

$$S = \frac{M_P^2}{2} \int dx^4 \sqrt{-g} [R + f(R)] + \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \mathcal{L}_m[\chi_i, g_{\mu\nu}]$$

## early-universe

$$\alpha_1 R^2 + \alpha_2 R_{\mu\nu} R^{\mu\nu} + \alpha_3 g^{\mu\nu} \nabla_\mu R \nabla_\nu R + \dots$$



Starobinsky's "inflation"

(A.A.Starobinsky, JETP Lett. 30, 682(1979))

## late-universe

$$f(R) = -\frac{\mu^{2(n+1)}}{R^n}, \quad n > 0$$

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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (1 + f_R)R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}(R + f) + (g_{\mu\nu}\square - \nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu)f_R = \frac{T_{\mu\nu}}{M_P^2} \\ \nabla_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$$f_R \equiv \frac{df}{dR}$$

The Einstein equations are **fourth** order.

The **trace-equation** becomes:

$$(1 - f_R)R + 2f - 3\square f_R = \frac{T}{M_P^2}$$

dynamical !





# The scalaron

$$\square f_R = \frac{1}{3} (R + 2f - Rf_R) - \frac{\kappa^2}{3} (\rho - 3P) \equiv \frac{\partial V_{eff}}{\partial f_R}$$

$$m_{f_R}^2 \equiv \frac{\partial^2 V_{eff}}{\partial f_R^2} = \frac{1}{3} \left[ \frac{1 + f_R}{f_{RR}} - R \right]$$

$$|Rf_{RR}| \ll 1$$

$$f_R \rightarrow 0$$

$$m_{f_R}^2 \approx \frac{1 + f_R}{3f_{RR}} \approx \frac{1}{3f_{RR}}$$

$$\lambda_C \equiv \frac{2\pi}{m_{f_R}} \approx 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{3f_{RR}}{1 + f_R}}$$



# Designer $f(R)$

The fourth order nature of  $f(R)$  provides enough freedom to reproduce any cosmological background history by an appropriate choice of the  $f(R)$  function

We **fix the expansion history**

$$E \equiv \frac{H^2}{H_0^2} = \Omega_m a^{-3} + \Omega_r a^{-4} + \frac{\rho_{eff}}{\rho_{cr}} \quad (w_{eff}(a))$$

and **solve** the Friedmann eq. as a second order differential equation **for  $f(R)$**

$$y'' - \left(1 + \frac{E'}{2E} + \frac{R''}{R'}\right) y' + \frac{E'}{2E} y = \frac{E'}{2E} E_{eff}$$

$$y \equiv \frac{f(R)}{H_0^2}$$

there is a family of  $f(R)$  for each expansion history





# Background Viability

1.  $f_{RR} > 0$  to have a stable high-curvature regime, to have a non-tachyonic scalar field
2.  $1 + f_R > 0$  to have a positive effective Newton constant
3.  $f_R < 0$  negative, monotonically increasing function of  $R$  that asymptotes to zero from below
4.  $|f_R^0| \leq 10^{-6}$  must be small at recent epochs to pass LGC

(Hu and Sawicki astro-ph/0705.1158)

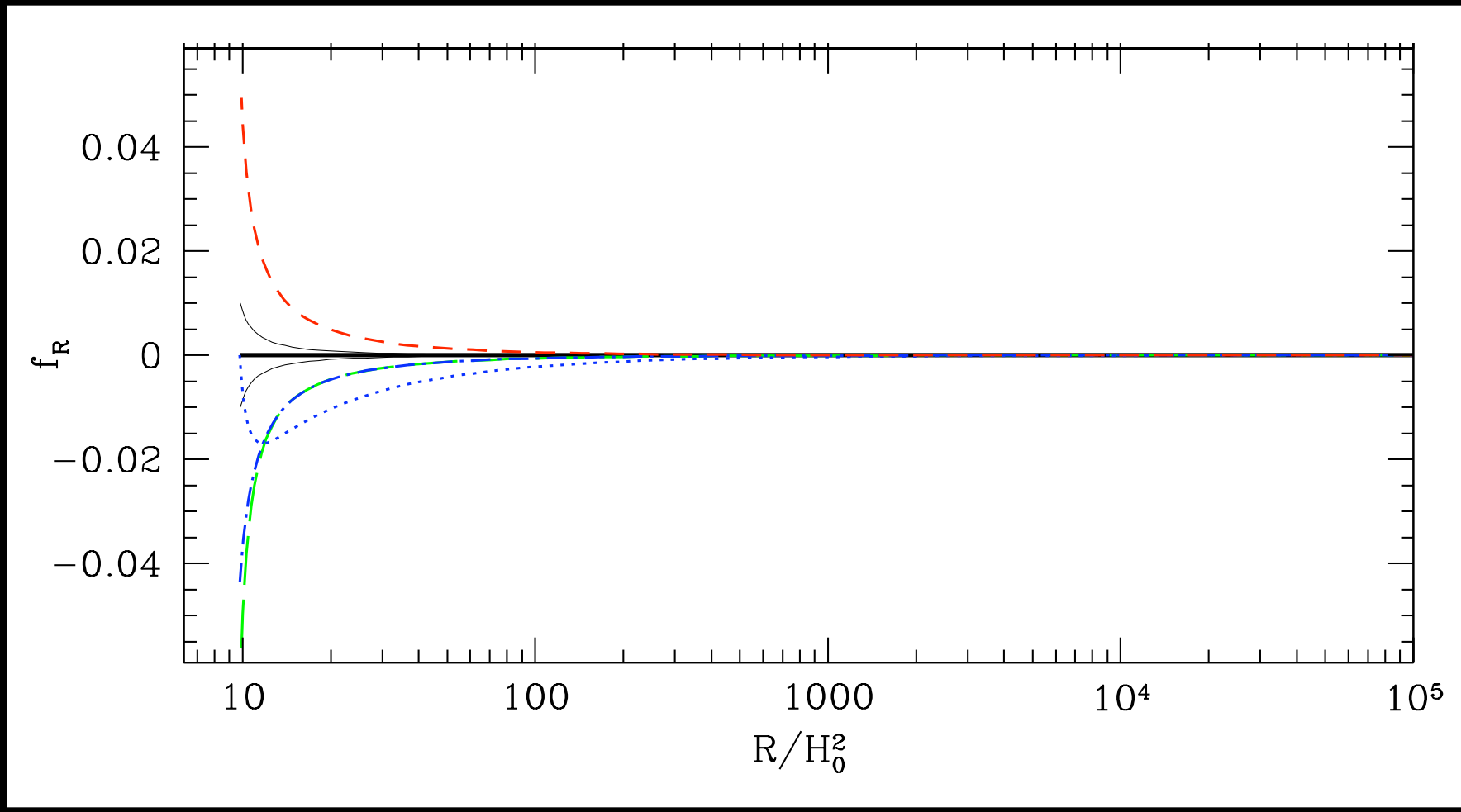
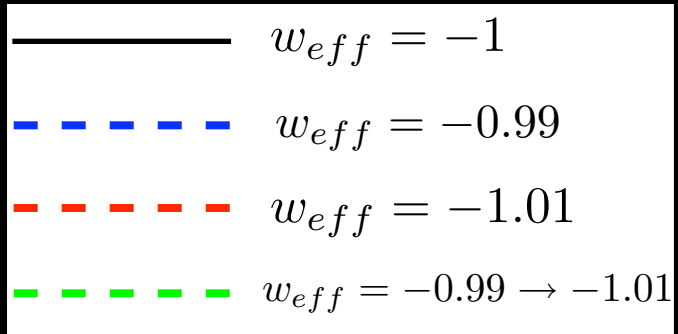


$$w_{eff} \simeq -1$$

(Dolgov & Kawasaki, Phys.Lett.B 573 (2003), Navarro et al. gr-qc/0611127, Sawicki and Hu astro-ph/0702278  
Starobinsky astro-ph/0706.2041, Chiba, Smith, Erickcek astro-ph/0611867  
Amendola et al. astro-ph/0603703-0612180, Amendola & Tsujikawa astro-ph/0705.0396)



# Designer $f(R)$



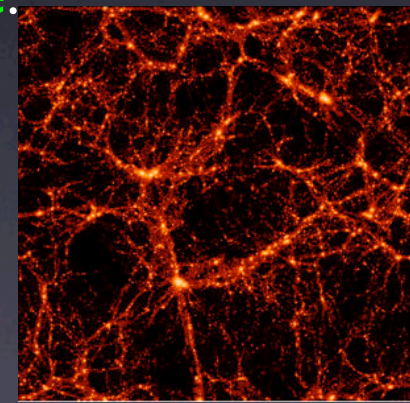
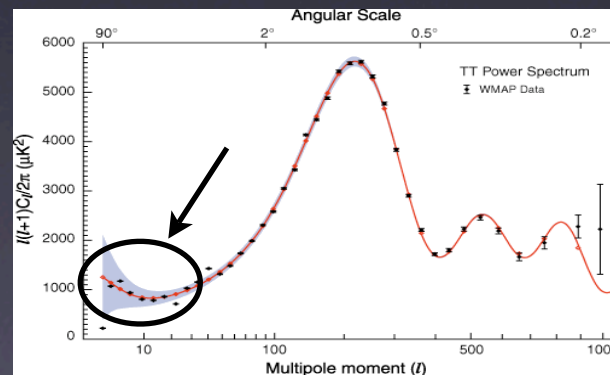


# Can we distinguish them from LCDM?

**Yes!** While at the background level viable  $f(R)$  must closely mimic LCDM, the difference in their prediction for the growth of large scale structure can be significant

The **scalaron will set a transition scale**, inducing a characteristic scale-dependent pattern of growth

On scales below the Compton wavelength of the scalaron, the modifications contribute a **slip between the Newtonian potentials** and the **growth is enhanced by the fifth-force.**



**ISW, P(k), ISW-galaxy & WL**



# Dynamics of Linear Perturbations

## Scalar perturbations in **Newtonian** gauge

$$ds^2 = -a^2(\tau) (1 + 2\Psi) d\tau^2 + a^2(\tau) (1 - 2\Phi) d\vec{x}^2$$

$$\begin{cases} T_0^0 = -\rho(1 + \delta) \\ T_j^0 = (\rho + P)v_j \\ T_j^i = (P + \delta P)\delta_j^i + \pi_j^i \end{cases}$$

**Einstein** eqs.

anisotropy:

$$\Phi - \Psi = \frac{\delta(f_R)}{1 + f_R} = \frac{f_{RR}}{1 + f_R} \delta R$$

$$\Phi - \Psi = 0$$

Poisson:

$$\frac{k^2}{a^2} \Phi = -\frac{3}{2} E_i \Delta_i - \left[ f_R \frac{k^2}{a^2} \Phi - \frac{1}{2} \frac{k^2}{a^2} f_{RR} \delta R + \frac{3}{2} H^2 f'_R (\Psi + \Phi') + \frac{3}{2} H H' f_{RR} \delta R \right]$$

$$\frac{k^2}{a^2} \Phi = -\frac{3}{2} E_i \Delta_i$$





# Dynamics of Linear Perturbations

New variables:

$$\begin{cases} \Phi_+ \equiv \frac{\Phi + \Psi}{2} \\ \chi \equiv f_{RR}\delta R = F(\Phi - \Psi) \end{cases}$$

ISW, Weak Lensing

effective anisotropic stress

$$F \equiv (1 + f_R)$$

$$\Phi'_+ = \frac{3}{2} \frac{a E_m V_m}{H k F} - \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{F'}{F}\right) \Phi_+ + \frac{3}{4} \frac{F'}{F^2} \chi$$

$$\chi' = -\frac{2 E_m \Delta_m}{H^2} \frac{F}{F'} + \left(1 + \frac{F'}{F} - 2 \frac{H'}{H} \frac{F}{F'}\right) \chi - 2F \Phi'_+ - 2F \left(1 + \frac{2}{3} \frac{k^2}{a^2 H^2} \frac{F}{F'}\right) \Phi_+$$

I.C.s:

at  $z=1000$

$$\Phi_+ = -1$$

$$\chi = 0$$

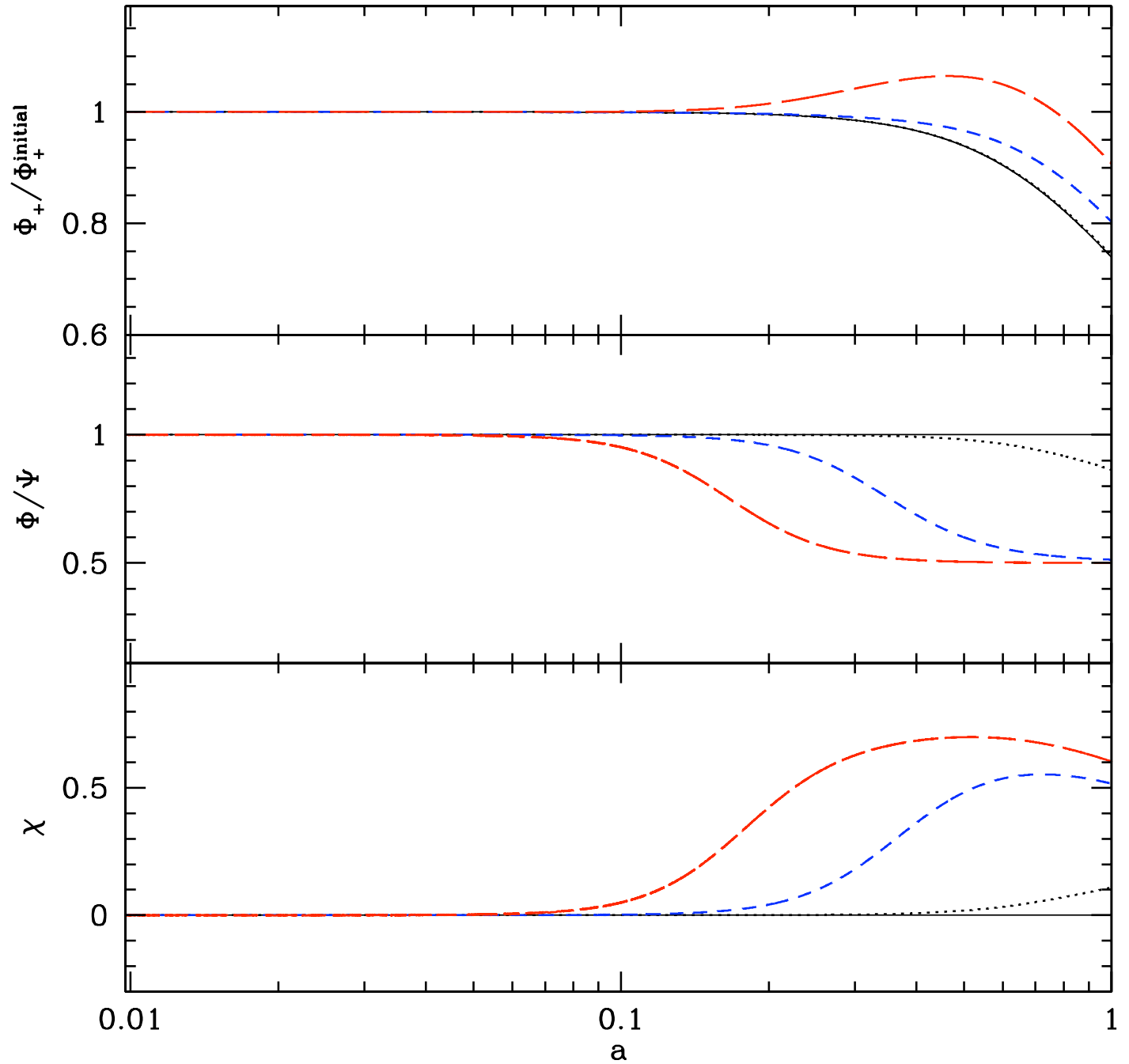
$$\Delta_m = -\frac{2k^2}{3a^2 H^2} \Phi_+$$

$$v_m = \frac{2k}{3aH} \Phi_+$$



$$w_{eff} = -1$$
$$f_R^0 = -10^{-4}$$

- .....  $k = 0.01 h/Mpc$
- - -  $k = 0.1 h/Mpc$
- - -  $k = 0.5 h/Mpc$





# Sub-Horizon

CDM equation:

$$\delta_m'' + \left(1 + \frac{H'}{H}\right) \delta_m' + \frac{k^2}{a^2 H^2} \left(\Phi_+ - \frac{\chi}{2F}\right) = 0$$

Einstein equations:

$$\Phi_+ \simeq -\frac{3}{2} \frac{a^2 E_m}{k^2} \frac{\delta_m}{F}$$

$$\chi \simeq \frac{k^2}{k^2 + 3a^2 H^2 F'/F} \frac{a^2 E_m \delta_m}{k^2}$$

$$\frac{k^2}{a^2} \frac{f_{RR}}{F}$$

There is a **scale** associated with the extra d.o.f.:

$$\lambda_C \equiv \frac{1}{m_{f_R}} \approx \sqrt{\frac{f_{RR}}{F}}$$

$$-\frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{F} \frac{1 + 4 \frac{k^2}{a^2} \frac{f_{RR}}{F}}{1 + 3 \frac{k^2}{a^2} \frac{f_{RR}}{F}} E_m \delta_m$$

time and scale dependent  
rescaling of Newton constant  $\equiv G_{eff}$



# Sub-Horizon

The **Compton wavelength** of the scalaron separates **two regimes**

$$\lambda \gg \lambda_C$$

$$\chi \simeq 0, \quad G_{eff} \simeq \frac{G}{F}$$

$$\Psi \simeq \Phi$$

the scalaron is massive, the fifth-force is suppressed and the theory behaves similarly to standard GR

$$\lambda \ll \lambda_C$$

$$\chi \simeq -\frac{2}{3}F\Phi_+, \quad G_{eff} \simeq \frac{4}{3}\frac{G}{F}$$

$$\Psi \simeq 2\Phi$$

the scalaron is light, the fifth-force enhances the growth



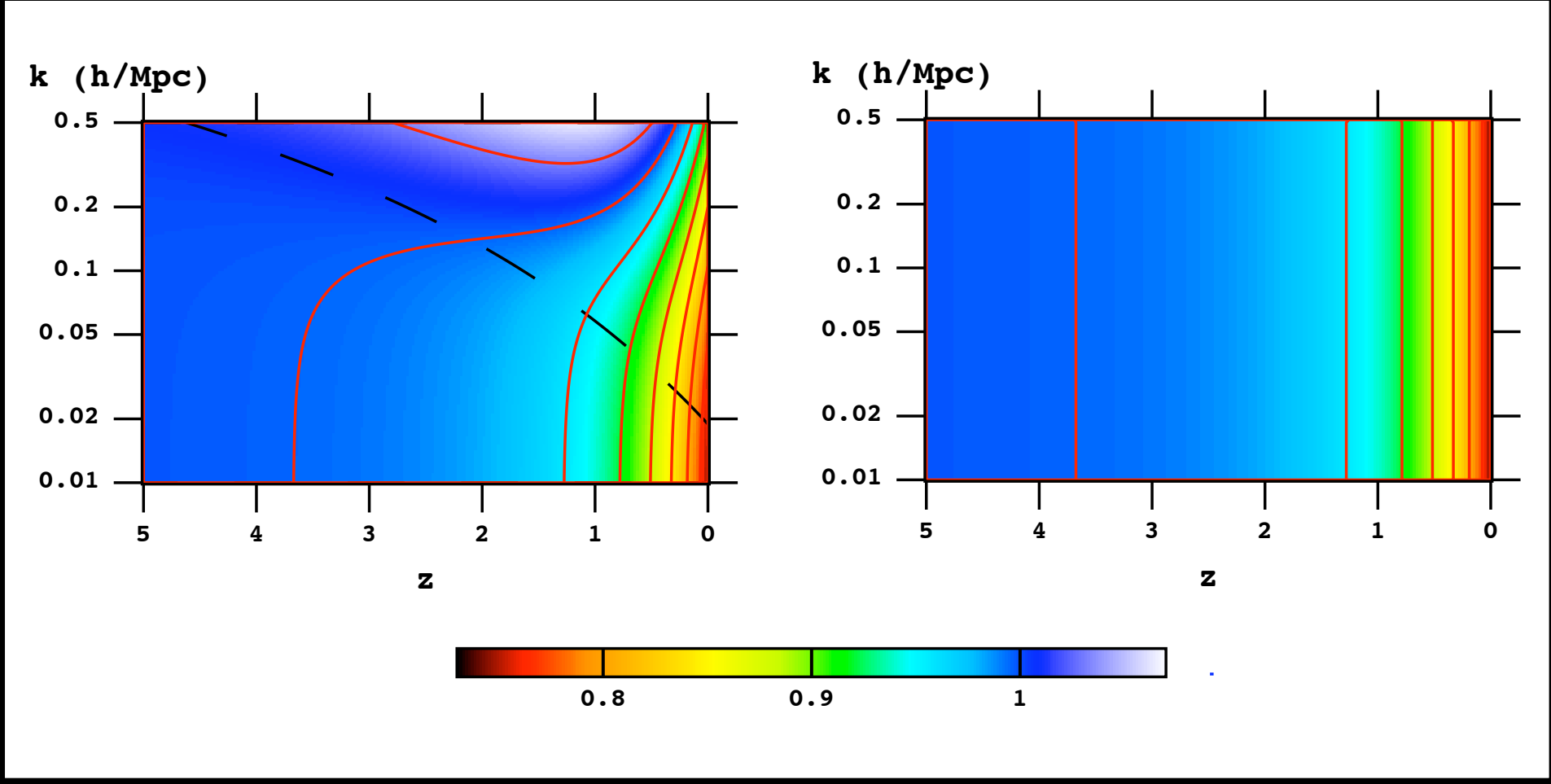


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$$\frac{\Delta_m(k, a)/a}{\Delta_m(k, a_i)/a_i}$$

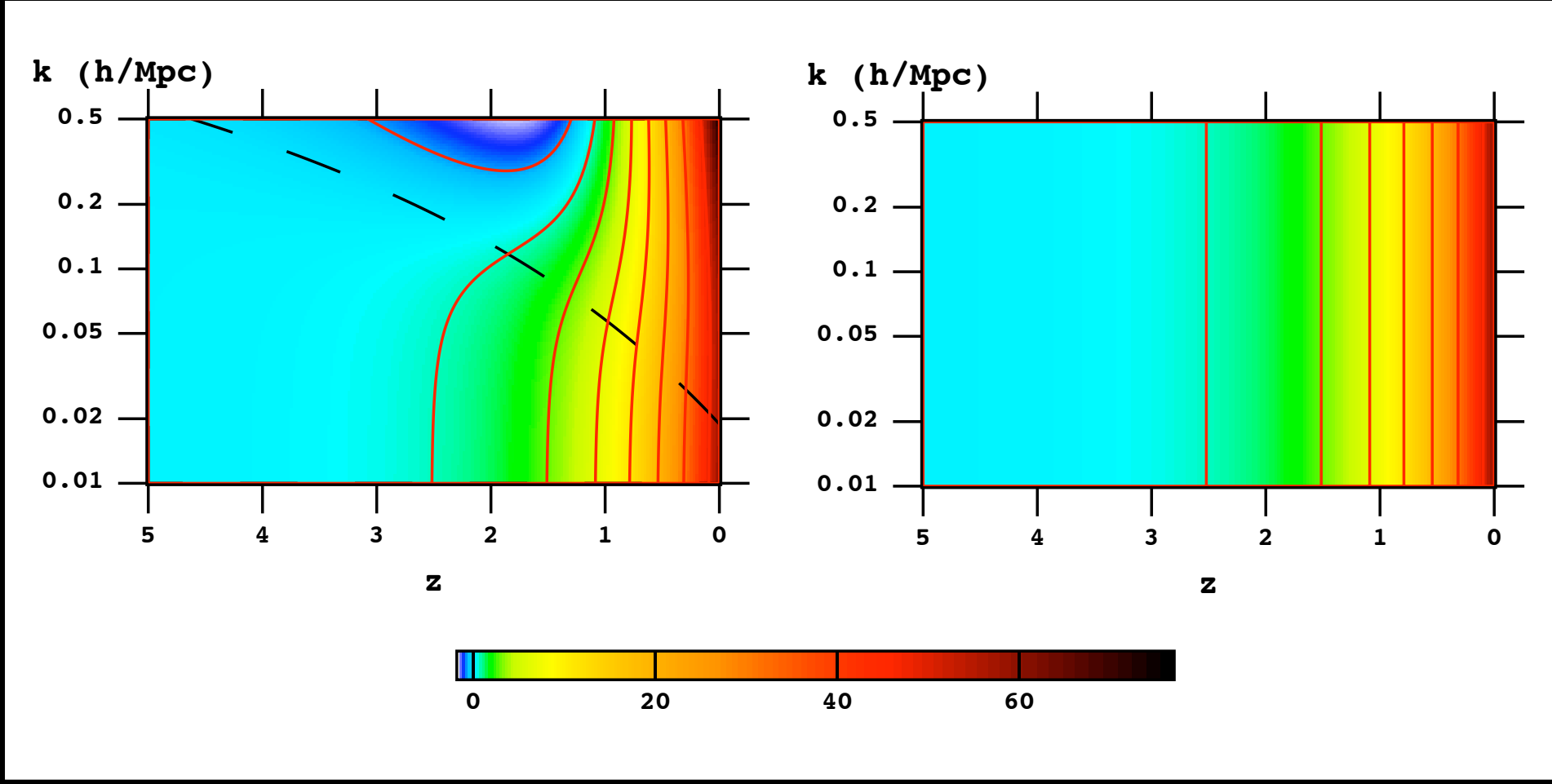
$$\left( \frac{\Phi_+(k, a)}{\Phi_+(k, a_i)} \right)$$



$$w_{eff} = -1$$

$$f_R^0 = -10^{-4}$$

$$-\frac{d\Phi_+}{dz} \cdot \Delta_m$$





# Effective Dark fluid

$$\tilde{G}_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{M_P^2} T_{\mu\nu}$$



$$G_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{M_P^2} (T_{\mu\nu} + T_{\mu\nu}^{eff})$$

$$\Pi_{eff} \propto \chi$$

on sub-horizon scales

$$c_{eff}^2 \simeq \frac{2}{3} \frac{Q}{(1-F)(1+2Q) + QF}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} Q \ll 1 \rightarrow \simeq 0^+ \\ Q \gg 1 \rightarrow \simeq -\frac{2}{3} \end{array}$$

$$Q \equiv \frac{\lambda c}{\lambda}$$

$$c_{an}^2 \equiv \Pi/\delta$$

$$c_s^2 - c_{an}^2 \geq 0$$

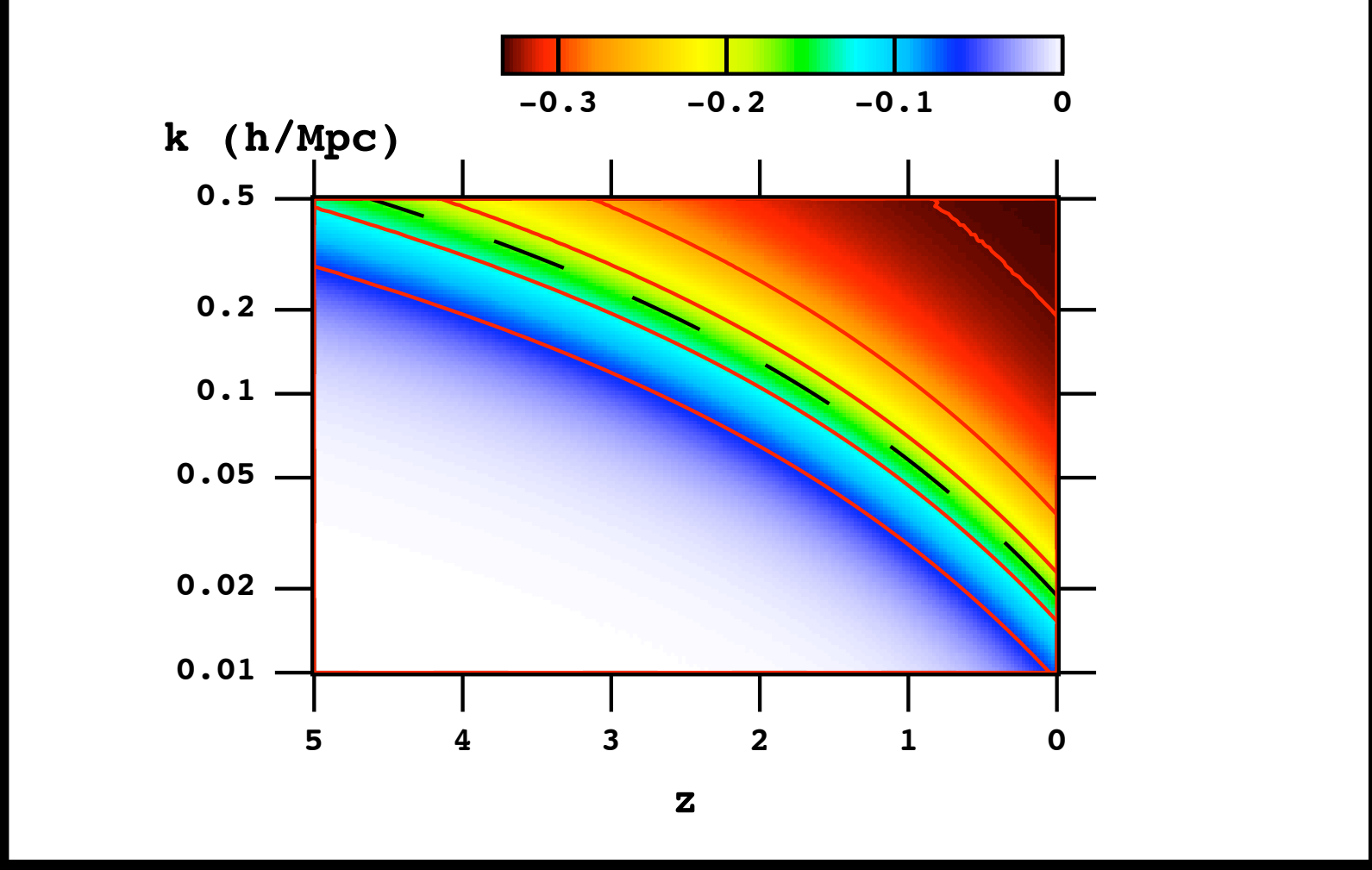
$$\frac{E_{eff}\Delta_{eff}}{E_m\Delta_m} \simeq -\frac{Q(3F-2) + (F-1)}{1+3Q}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} Q \ll 1 \rightarrow \simeq 0^+ \\ Q \gg 1 \rightarrow \simeq -\frac{1}{3} \end{array}$$



$$w_{eff} = -1$$
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$$\frac{E_{eff} \Delta_{eff}}{E_m \Delta_m}(k, z)$$





# Modified Source Gravity

i.e. modifying gravity without introducing any new d.o.f.

$$S = \int dx^4 \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{M_P^2}{2} e^{2\psi} R + 3e^{2\psi} (\nabla\psi)^2 - U(\psi) \right] + S_m[g_{\mu\nu}, \chi_i]$$

(S.Carroll, I.Sawicki, A.S. & M.Trodden  
astro-ph/0607458, NJP'06)

## EOMs

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \square\psi + (\nabla\psi)^2 + \frac{1}{6M_P^2} e^{-2\psi} \frac{dU}{d\psi} - \frac{1}{6} R = 0 \\ \text{trace of Einstein eq.} \end{aligned} \right\} \frac{dU}{d\psi} - 4U(\psi) = -T$$



$$\psi = \psi(T) = \psi(\rho_m)$$

$$G_{\mu\nu} = \tilde{T}_{\mu\nu}(\rho_m)$$



# Structure formation

anisotropy eq.

$$\Phi - \Psi = 2\delta\psi = -\frac{1}{3} \frac{d\psi}{d\ln a} \delta_m$$

CDM eq.

negative sound  
speed

$$\delta'' + \mathcal{H}\delta' - \left[ \frac{e^{-2\psi}}{2M_P^2} \left( 1 + \frac{d\psi}{d\ln a} \right) \rho - \frac{k^2}{3a^2} \frac{d\psi}{d\ln a} \right] \delta = 0$$



scale-dependence

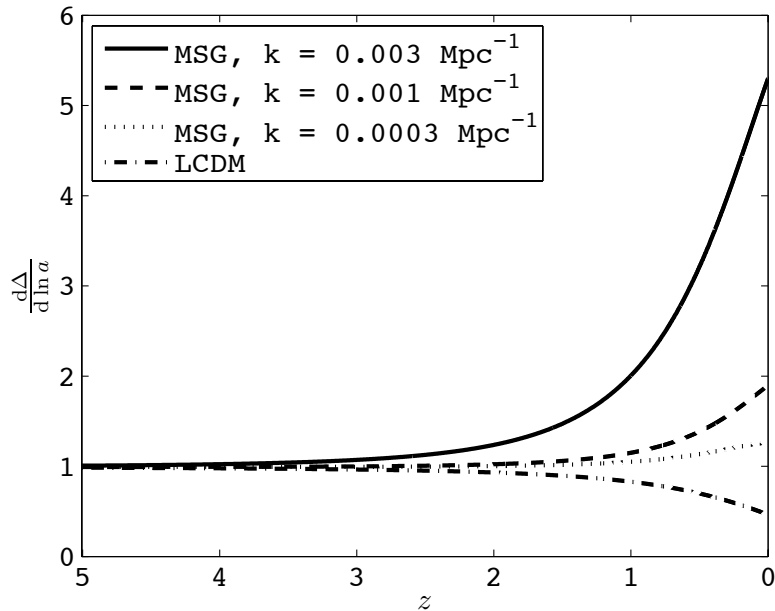


runaway growth for small scales

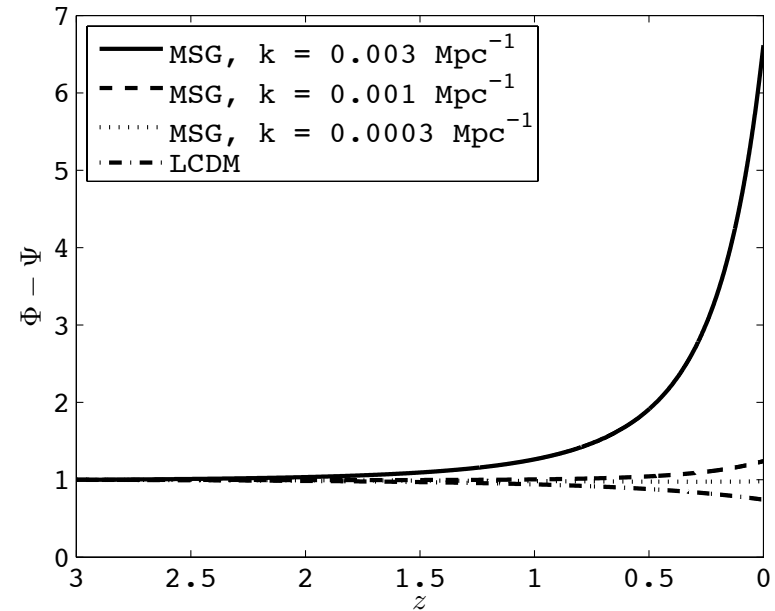


# Structure formation

$$\frac{d\Delta_m}{d \ln a}(k, z)$$



$$\Phi_+(k, z)$$



scale-dependent runaway growth

rapid structure formation drives the growth of gravitational potentials

the ISW effect is enhanced at the lowest multipoles




negative LSS-ISW correlation





# Characteristic signatures

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-  scale-dependence
-  slip between potentials
-  clustering:  $G \rightarrow G_{eff}$

overall the dynamics is richer, and **different observables are described by different functions**, not by a single growth factor!

combining different measures, e.g. weak lensing and redshift space distortion, we can build **discriminating probes of gravity**

( Zhang et al. astro-ph/0704.1932 )



# Effective shear and ratio between the potentials

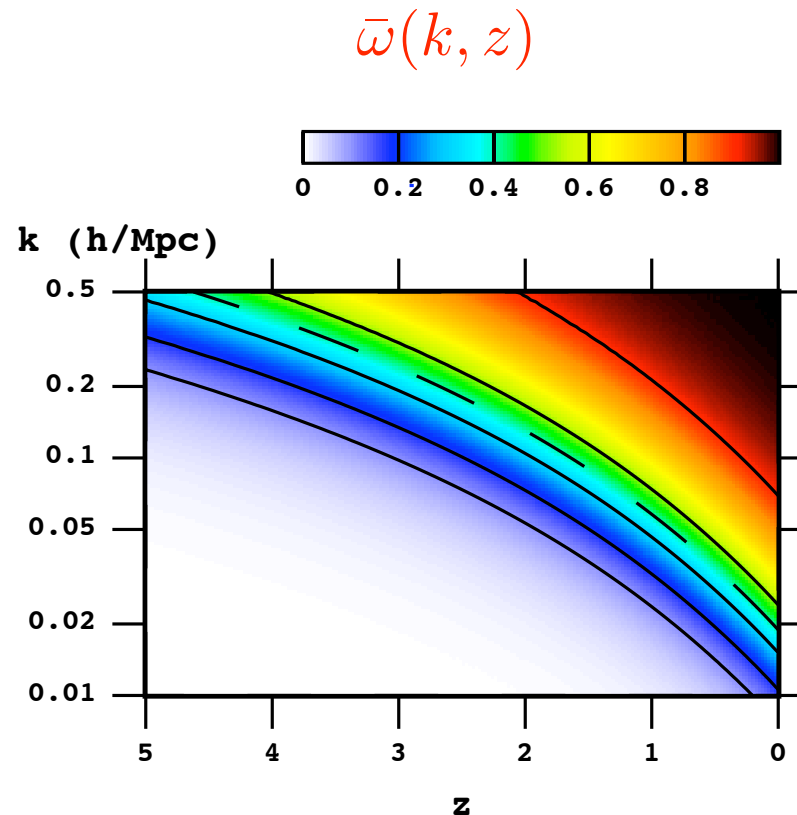
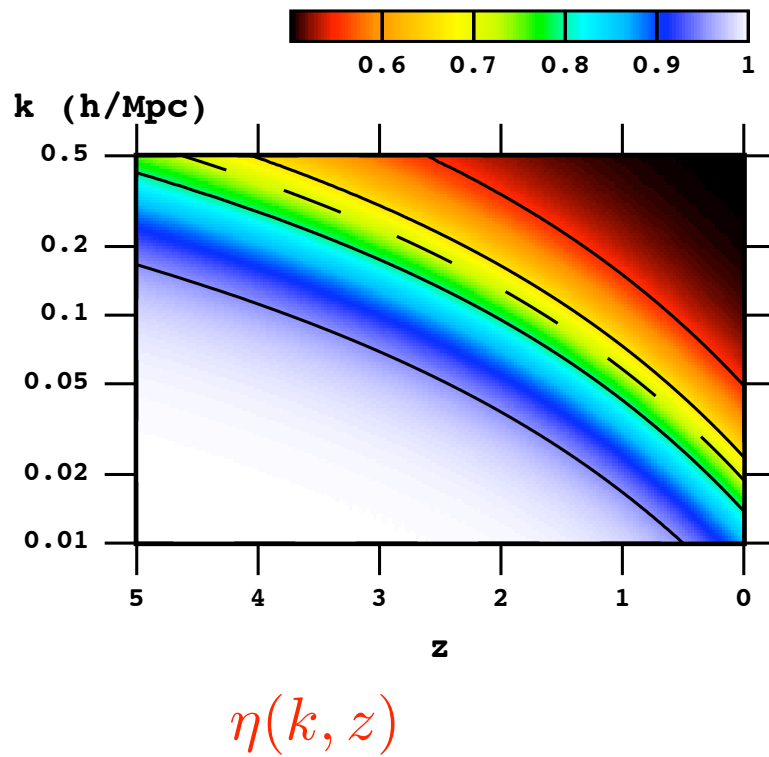
$$\eta(k, z) \equiv \frac{\Phi}{\Psi}$$

( Zhang et al. astro-ph/0704.1932 )

$$\bar{\omega}(k, z) \equiv \frac{\Psi - \Phi}{\Phi} = -\frac{\chi}{F\Phi}$$

( Caldwell et al. PRD76 023507(2007) )

## *f(R) theories*



# Summary I

## $f(R)$ theories

- 📌 viable expansion history + Local Constraints of Gravity



viable  $f(R)$  closely mimic  $\Lambda$ CDM with  $w_{eff} \approx -1$

- 📌 the degeneracy is broken at the level of perturbations
- 📌 we observe a characteristic **scale-dependent** pattern, with the scalaron Compton wavelength separating two regimes





# Summary II

on scales  $\lambda \gg \lambda_C$  the fifth force is exponentially suppressed and things behave similarly to standard GR

on scales  $\lambda \ll \lambda_C$  there is an enhancement of the growth due to the fifth force



slip between Newtonian potentials  $\Psi \rightarrow 2\Phi$

$$G_{eff} \simeq \frac{4}{3} \frac{G}{F}$$

the rate of growth depends on the balance between the fifth force and the acceleration of the background

the effect of modifications is maximized on modes below Compton wavelength during matter era



# Summary III

## Modified Source Gravity

- scale-dependent runaway growth
- negative LSS-ISW correlation

## Characteristic features:

•  $\Phi \neq \Psi$

•  $\Phi_+$  grows



• ISW effect during matter era ( $f(R)$ )

• negative ISW-galaxy

• Highly accurate 3D maps of  $\Phi_+$  from  
Weak Lensing Surveys





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THANK YOU!

