

A detail from Raphael's fresco 'The School of Athens'. It depicts Plato and Aristotle. Plato, on the right, is an older man with a white beard, wearing a red robe, pointing his right index finger towards the sky. Aristotle, on the left, is a younger man with a brown beard, wearing a blue robe, gesturing with his right hand palm-down towards the earth. They are surrounded by other figures in a classical architectural setting.

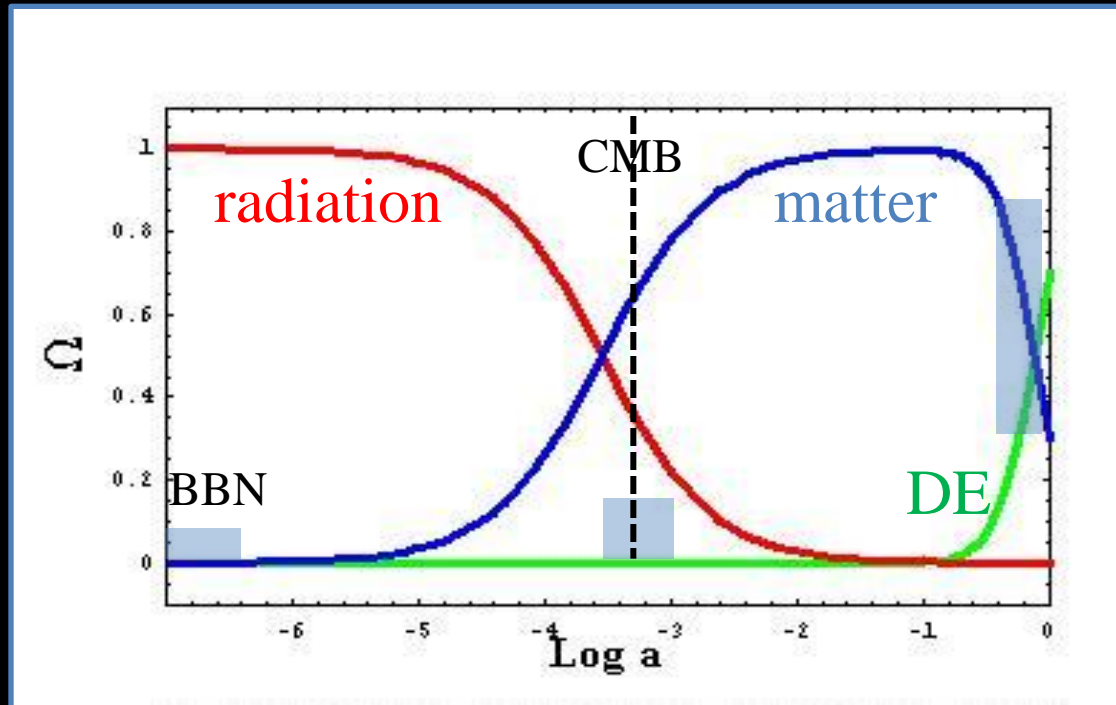
**Model-independent tests  
of modified gravity models  
or: Can we ever rule out dark energy?**

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# Time view



# The two main problems of testing modified gravity

## 1) Problem of initial conditions

e.g, how do we know if the shape of the power spectrum we observe is due to dark energy or to initial conditions?

## 2) Problem of design

If our model parameter space is sufficiently large, we can design a model to fit any observation

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Observational requirements:

A) Isotropy

B) Large abundance

C) Slow evolution

D) Weak clustering

# The past ten years of DE research

$$\int dx^4 \sqrt{-g} \left[ R + \frac{1}{2} \phi_{,\mu} \phi^{,\mu} + V(\phi) + L_{matter} \right]$$

$$\int dx^4 \sqrt{-g} \left[ f(\phi) R + \frac{1}{2} \phi_{,\mu} \phi^{,\mu} + V(\phi) + L_{matter} \right]$$

$$\int dx^4 \sqrt{-g} \left[ f(\phi) R + K \left( \frac{1}{2} \phi_{,\mu} \phi^{,\mu} \right) + V(\phi) + L_{matter} \right]$$

$$\int dx^4 \sqrt{-g} \left[ f(\phi, \frac{1}{2} \phi_{,\mu} \phi^{,\mu}) R + G_{\mu\nu} \phi^{,\nu} \phi^{,\mu} + K \left( \frac{1}{2} \phi_{,\mu} \phi^{,\mu} \right) + V(\phi) + L_{matter} \right]$$

# A quintessential scalar field

The most general 4D scalar field theory with second order equation of motion

$$\int dx^4 \sqrt{-g} \left[ \sum_i L_i + L_{matter} \right]$$

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

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

$$\mathcal{L}_4 = \underline{G_4(\phi, X)} R + G_{4,X} [(\square\phi)^2 - (\nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu \phi) (\nabla^\mu \nabla^\nu \phi)],$$

$$\mathcal{L}_5 = \underline{G_5(\phi, X)} G_{\mu\nu} (\nabla^\mu \nabla^\nu \phi) - \frac{1}{6} G_{5,X} [(\square\phi)^3 - 3(\square\phi) (\nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu \phi) (\nabla^\mu \nabla^\nu \phi) + 2(\nabla^\mu \nabla_\alpha \phi) (\nabla^\alpha \nabla_\beta \phi) (\nabla^\beta \nabla_\mu \phi)].$$

- First found by Horndeski in 1975
- rediscovered by Deffayet et al. in 2011
- no ghosts, no classical instabilities
- it modifies gravity!
- it includes f(R), Brans-Dicke, k-essence, Galileons, clustering DE etc etc etc

# Simplest modified gravity: $f(R)$

The simplest Horndeski model which still produces a modified gravity:  $f(R)$

$$\int dx^4 \sqrt{g} [f(R) + L_{matter}]$$

- equivalent to a Horndeski Lagrangian without kinetic terms
- easy to produce acceleration (first inflationary model)
- high-energy corrections to gravity likely to introduce higher-order terms
- particular case of scalar-tensor and extra-dimensional theory

# The next ten years of DE research

**Combine observations of background, linear and non-linear perturbations to reconstruct as much as possible the Horndeski model**

**... or to rule it out!**



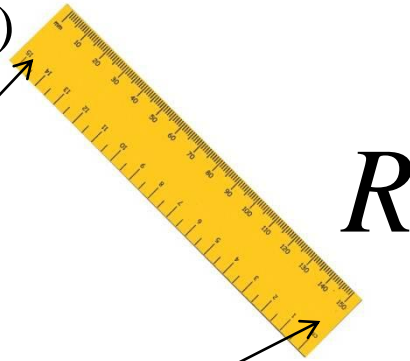
# The great Horndeski Hunt

Let us assume we have only  
1) a perturbed FRW metric  
2) pressureless matter  
3) the Horndeski field  
and

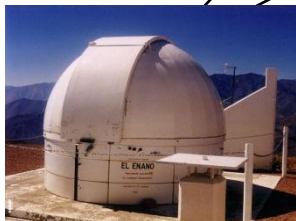


# Standard rulers

$$D(z) = \frac{R}{\theta} = \frac{1}{H_0 \sqrt{-\Omega_{k0}}} \sinh\left(H_0 \sqrt{-\Omega_{k0}} \int \frac{dz}{H(z)}\right)$$



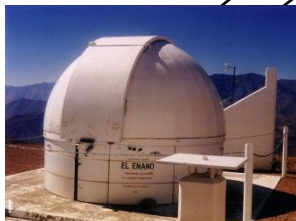
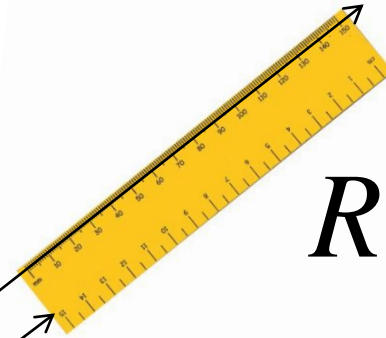
$\theta$



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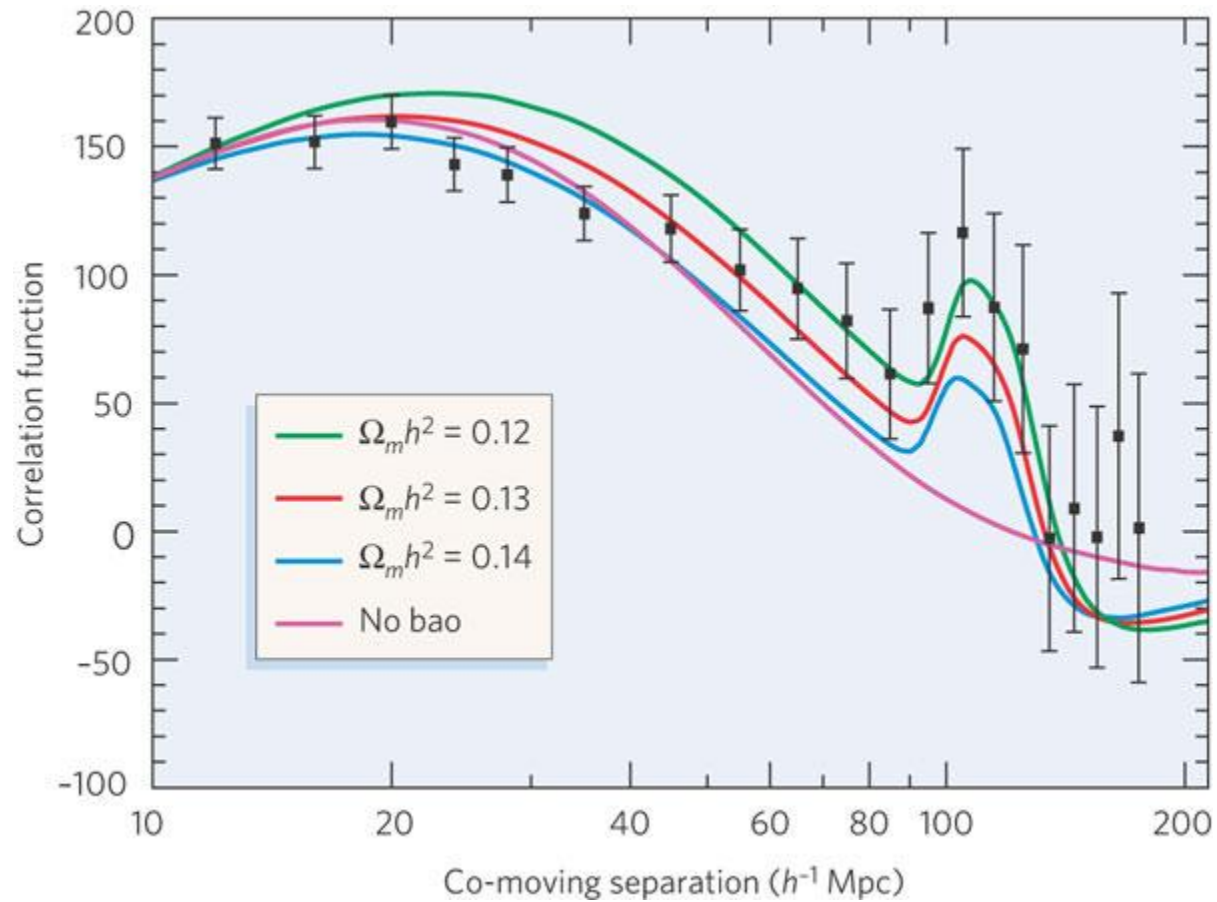
# Standard rulers

$$H(z) = \frac{dz}{R}$$



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# BAO ruler



Charles L. Bennett

Nature 440, 1126-1131(27 April 2006)

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# Background: SNIa, BAO, ...

Then we can measure  $H(z)$  and

$$D(z) = \frac{1}{H_0 \sqrt{-\Omega_{k0}}} \sinh\left(H_0 \sqrt{-\Omega_{k0}} \int \frac{dz}{H(z)}\right)$$

and therefore  $\Omega_{k0}$

$$\Omega_x = 1 - \Omega_k - \Omega_m = 1 - \frac{H_0^2}{H^2} (\Omega_{k0} a^{-2} + \Omega_{m0} a^{-3})$$

Then we can measure everything up to  $\Omega_{m0}$

# Two free functions

## The most general linear, scalar metric

$$ds^2 = a^2 [(1 + 2\Psi)dt^2 - (1 + 2\Phi)(dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2)]$$

- Poisson's equation

$$\nabla^2\Psi = 4\pi G\rho_m\delta_m$$

- anisotropic stress

$$1 = -\frac{\Psi}{\Phi}$$

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▪ Poisson's equation  $\nabla^2 \Psi = 4\pi G Y(k, a) \rho_m \delta_m$

▪ anisotropic stress  $\eta(k, a) = -\frac{\Psi}{\Phi}$

# Modified Gravity at the linear level

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>standard gravity</li> </ul>	$Y(k, a) = 1$ $\eta(k, a) = 1$	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>scalar-tensor models</li> </ul>	$Y(a) = \frac{G^*}{FG_{cav,0}} \frac{2(F + F'^2)}{2F + 3F'^2}$ $\eta(a) = 1 + \frac{F'^2}{F + F'^2}$	Boisseau et al. 2000 Acquaviva et al. 2004 Schimd et al. 2004 L.A., Kunz & Sapone 2007
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>f(R)</li> </ul>	$Y(a) = \frac{G^*}{FG_{cav,0}} \frac{1 + 4m \frac{k^2}{a^2 R}}{1 + 3m \frac{k^2}{a^2 R}}, \quad \eta(a) = 1 + \frac{m \frac{k^2}{a^2 R}}{1 + 2m \frac{k^2}{a^2 R}}$	Bean et al. 2006 Hu et al. 2006 Tsujikawa 2007
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DGP</li> </ul>	$Y(a) = 1 - \frac{1}{3\beta}; \quad \beta = 1 + 2Hr_c w_{DE}$ $\eta(a) = 1 + \frac{2}{3\beta - 1}$	Lue et al. 2004; Koyama et al. 2006
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>massive bi-gravity</li> </ul>	$Y(a) = \dots$ $\eta(a) = \dots$	see L. A., et al in prep. 2013



# Modified Gravity at the linear level

**In the quasi-static limit, every Horndeski model is characterized at linear scales by the two functions**

$$\eta(k, a) = h_2 \left( \frac{1 + k^2 h_4}{1 + k^2 h_5} \right)$$

**k = wavenumber**

$$Y(k, a) = h_1 \left( \frac{1 + k^2 h_5}{1 + k^2 h_3} \right)$$

**$h_i$  = time-dependent functions**

De Felice et al. 2011; L.A. et al. PRD, arXiv:1210.0439, 2012

# Modified Gravity at the linear level

$$\begin{aligned}
 h_1 &\equiv \frac{w_4}{w_1^2} = \frac{c_\Gamma^2}{w_1}, & h_2 &\equiv \frac{w_1}{w_4} = c_\Gamma^{-2}, \\
 h_3 &\equiv \frac{H^2}{2XM^2} \frac{2w_1^2 w_2 H - w_2^2 w_4 + 4w_1 w_2 \dot{w}_1 - 2w_1^2 (\dot{w}_2 + \rho_m)}{2w_1^2}, \\
 h_4 &\equiv \frac{H^2}{2XM^2} \frac{2w_1^2 H^2 - w_2 w_4 H + 2w_1 \dot{w}_1 H + w_2 \dot{w}_1 - w_1 (\dot{w}_2 + \rho_m)}{w_1}, \\
 h_5 &\equiv \frac{H^2}{2XM^2} \frac{2w_1^2 H^2 - w_2 w_4 H + 4w_1 \dot{w}_1 H + 2\dot{w}_1^2 - w_4 (\dot{w}_2 + \rho_m)}{w_4},
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 w_1 &\equiv 1 + 2(G_4 - 2XG_{4,X} + XG_{5,\phi} - \dot{\phi}XH G_{5,X}), \\
 w_2 &\equiv -2\dot{\phi}(XG_{3,X} - G_{4,\phi} - 2XG_{4,\phi X}) + \\
 &\quad + 2H(w_1 - 4X(G_{4,X} + 2XG_{4,XX} - G_{5,\phi} - XG_{5,\phi X})) - \\
 &\quad - 2\dot{\phi}XH^2(3G_{5,X} + 2XG_{5,XX}), \\
 w_3 &\equiv 3X(K_{,X} + 2XK_{,XX} - 2G_{3,\phi} - 2XG_{3,\phi X}) + 18\dot{\phi}XH(2G_{3,X} + XG_{3,XX}) - \\
 &\quad - 18\dot{\phi}H(G_{4,\phi} + 5XG_{4,\phi X} + 2X^2G_{4,\phi XX}) - \\
 &\quad - 18H^2(1 + G_4 - 7XG_{4,X} - 16X^2G_{4,XX} - 4X^3G_{4,XXX}) - \\
 &\quad - 18XH^2(6G_{5,\phi} + 9XG_{5,\phi X} + 2X^2G_{5,\phi XX}) + \\
 &\quad + 6\dot{\phi}XH^3(15G_{5,X} + 13XG_{5,XX} + 2X^2G_{5,XXX}), \\
 w_4 &\equiv 1 + 2(G_4 - XG_{5,\phi} - XG_{5,X}\dot{\phi}).
 \end{aligned}$$

De Felice et al. 2011; L.A. et al.,PRD, arXiv:1210.0439, 2012

# Quasi-static approximation

$$c_s^2 k^2 \gg a^2 H^2$$

**From a wave equation:**

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\delta\phi} \equiv & D_1 \ddot{\Phi} + D_2 \ddot{\delta\phi} + D_3 \dot{\Phi} + D_4 \dot{\delta\phi} + D_5 \dot{\Psi} + D_6 \frac{k^2}{a^2} \dot{\chi} \\ & + \left( D_7 \frac{k^2}{a^2} + D_8 \right) \Phi + \left( D_9 \frac{k^2}{a^2} - M^2 \right) \delta\phi + \left( D_{10} \frac{k^2}{a^2} + D_{11} \right) \Psi + D_{12} \frac{k^2}{a^2} \chi = 0, \end{aligned}$$

**To a “Poisson” equation:**

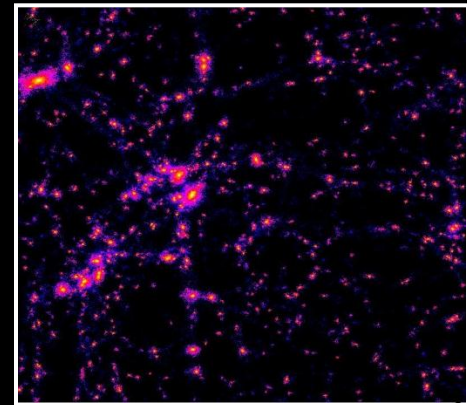
$$B_7 \frac{k^2}{a^2} \Phi + \left( D_9 \frac{k^2}{a^2} - M^2 \right) \delta\phi + A_6 \frac{k^2}{a^2} \Psi \simeq 0,$$

# Reconstruction of the metric

$$ds^2 = a^2[(1 + 2\Psi)dt^2 - (1 + 2\Phi)(dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2)]$$

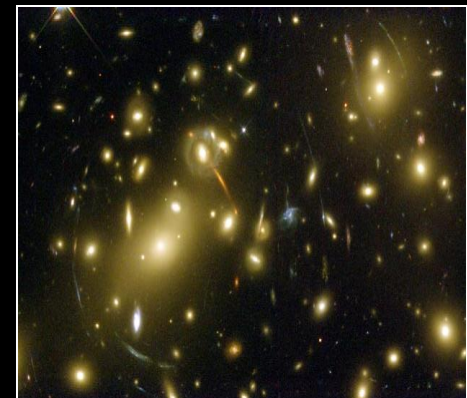
Non-relativistic particles respond to  $\Psi$

$$\delta''_m + \left(1 + \frac{\mathcal{H}'}{\mathcal{H}}\right)\delta'_m = -k^2\Psi$$



Relativistic particles respond to  $\Phi - \Psi$

$$\alpha = \int \nabla_{\text{perp}}(\Psi - \Phi) dz$$



# Deconstructing the galaxy power spectrum

**Galaxy  
clustering**

$$\delta_{gal}(k, z, \mu) = Gb\sigma_8 \left(1 + \frac{f}{b}\mu^2\right) \delta_{t,0}(k)$$

**Redshift distortion**

**Line of sight  
angle**

**Growth  
function**

**Galaxy  
bias**

**Present  
mass power  
spectrum**

$$\left(f = \frac{\delta'}{\delta}\right)$$

# Three linear observables: A, R, L

## clustering

$\mu=0$   
Amplitude  
A

$$\delta_{gal}(k, z, 0) = Gb\sigma_8\delta_{t,0}(k) \equiv A$$

$\mu=1$   
Redshift distortion  
R

$$\delta_{gal}(k, z, 1) = G\sigma_8 f \delta_{t,0}(k) \equiv R$$

## lensing

Lensing  
L

$$k^2\Phi_{lens} = k^2(\Psi - \Phi) = -\frac{3}{2}\Sigma G\Omega_m\sigma_8\delta_{t,0}(k) \equiv L$$

$$\Sigma = Y(1+\eta)$$

# The only model-independent ratios

**Redshift distortion/Amplitude**

$$P_1 = \frac{R}{A} = \frac{f}{b}$$

**Lensing/Redshift distortion**

$$P_2 = \frac{L}{R} = \frac{\Omega_{m0} Y (1 + \eta)}{f}$$

**Redshift distortion rate**

$$P_3 = \frac{R'}{R} = \frac{f'}{f} + f$$

**Expansion rate**

$$E = \frac{H}{H_0}$$

**How to combine them to test the theory?**

# Summarizing...

**Matter conservation equation  
independent of gravity theory**

$$\delta_m'' + \left(1 + \frac{\mathcal{H}'}{\mathcal{H}}\right)\delta_m' = -k^2\Psi :$$

**Observables**

$$P_2 = \frac{L}{R} = \frac{\Omega_{m0}Y(1+\eta)}{f} \quad P_3 = \frac{R'}{R} = \frac{f'}{f} + f \quad E = \frac{H}{H_0}$$



# The anisotropic stress is directly observable

A unique combination of model independent observables

$$\frac{3P_2(1+z)^3}{2E^2(P_3 + 2 + \frac{E'}{E})} - 1 = \eta$$

Observables



Theory



# Testing the entire Horndeski Lagrangian

A unique combination of model independent observables

$$\frac{3P_2(1+z)^3}{2E^2(P_3 + 2 + \frac{E'}{E})} - 1 = \eta = h_2 \left( \frac{1 + k^2 h_4}{1 + k^2 h_5} \right)$$

Observables

Theory

L.A. et al. 1210.0439

# Horndeski Lagrangian: **not too big to fail**

$$g(z, k) \equiv \frac{(REa^2)'}{LEa^2}$$

$$2g_{,k}g_{,kkk} - 3(g_{,kk})^2 = 0$$

If this relation is falsified, the Horndeski theory is rejected\*

L.A., M. Motta, I. Sawicki,  
M. Kunz, I. Saltas, 1210.0439

# Beyond the quasi-static condition

## General consistency relation

$$\eta\Gamma' + \eta'' + \Gamma (\eta\Gamma + 2\eta' + \bar{\alpha}_1\eta - \bar{\alpha}_2) + \\ + \bar{\alpha}_1\eta' + \bar{\alpha}_3\eta - \bar{\alpha}_5 + k^2 (\bar{\alpha}_4\eta - \bar{\alpha}_6) = \bar{\alpha}_7\varpi .$$

$$\Gamma \equiv \frac{\Psi'}{\Psi} = \frac{L'}{L} - \frac{\eta'}{1 + \eta} - 1 ,$$

$$\varpi = \frac{1 + \eta}{P_2}$$

M. Motta, L.A, I. Sawicki,  
M. Kunz, I. Saltas, 2013

# Euclid in a nutshell

Simultaneous (i) visible imaging (ii) NIR photometry (iii) NIR spectroscopy

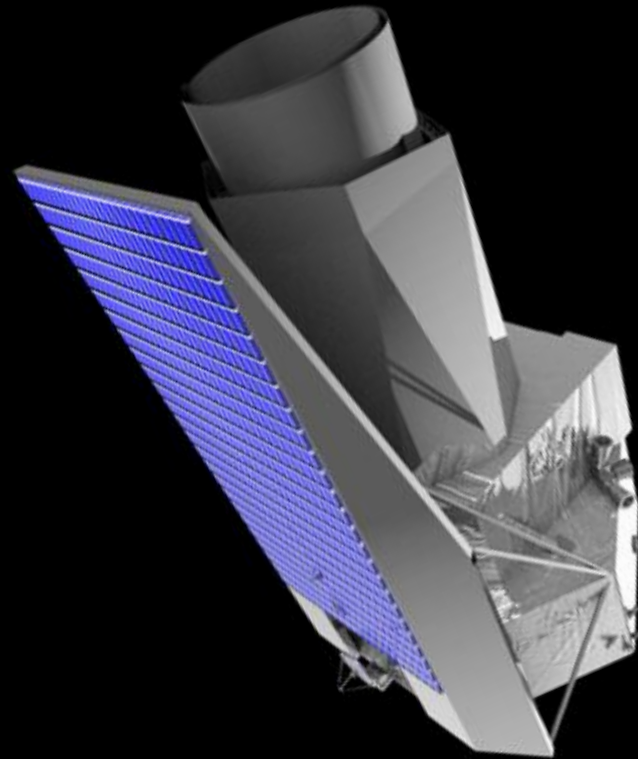
15,000 square degrees

100 million redshifts, 2 billion images

Median redshift  $z = 1$

PSF FWHM  $\sim 0.18''$

>1000 peoples, >10 countries



Euclid  
satellite

# Euclid forecasts...

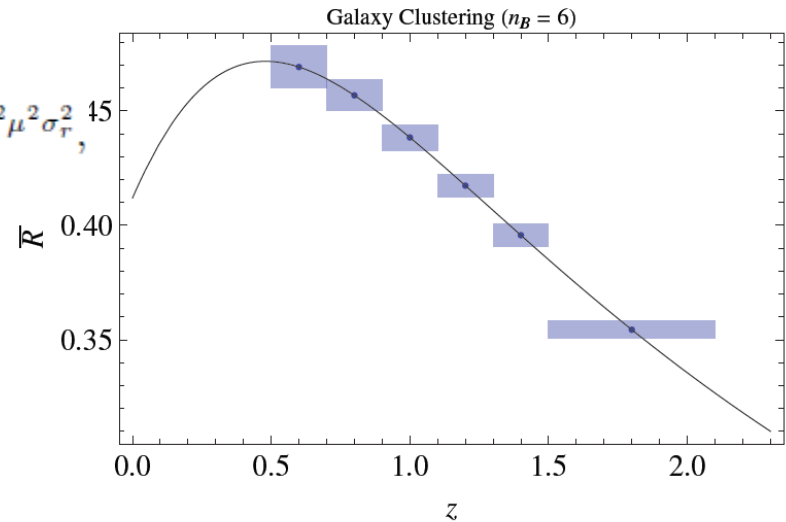
$$P(k, \mu) = (A + R\mu^2)^2 e^{-k^2 \mu^2 \sigma_r^2} = (\bar{A} + \bar{R}\mu^2)^2 \delta_{t,0}^2(k) e^{-k^2 \mu^2 \sigma_r^2},$$

$$F_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{GC}} = \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \int_{-1}^1 d\mu \int_{k_{\text{min}}}^{k_{\text{max}}} k^2 V_{\text{eff}} D_\alpha D_\beta dk,$$

$$D_\alpha \equiv \frac{d \log P}{dp_\alpha},$$

$$D_{\bar{A}} = \frac{2}{\bar{A} + \bar{R}\mu^2},$$

$$D_{\bar{R}} = \frac{2\mu^2}{\bar{A} + \bar{R}\mu^2},$$

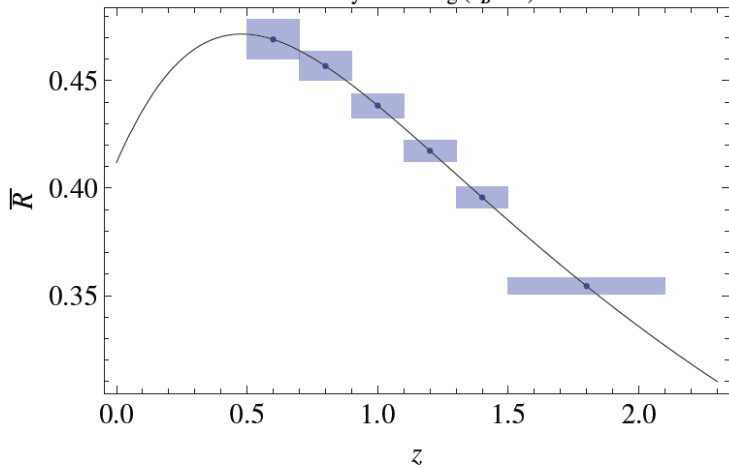


$\bar{z}$	$\bar{n}(\bar{z}) \times 10^{-3}$	$\bar{A}(\bar{z})$	$\Delta\bar{A}$	$\Delta\bar{A}(\%)$	$\bar{R}(\bar{z})$	$\Delta\bar{R}$	$\Delta\bar{R}(\%)$	$E(\bar{z})$	$\Delta E$	$\Delta E(\%)$
0.6	3.56	0.612	0.0022	0.37	0.469	0.0092	2.0	1.37	0.12	8.5
0.8	2.42	0.558	0.0017	0.3	0.457	0.0068	1.5	1.53	0.073	4.8
1.0	1.81	0.511	0.0015	0.29	0.438	0.0056	1.3	1.72	0.058	3.4
1.2	1.44	0.47	0.0014	0.29	0.417	0.0049	1.2	1.92	0.05	2.6
1.4	0.99	0.434	0.0015	0.35	0.396	0.0047	1.2	2.14	0.051	2.4
1.8	0.33	0.377	0.0018	0.47	0.354	0.0039	1.1	2.62	0.061	2.3

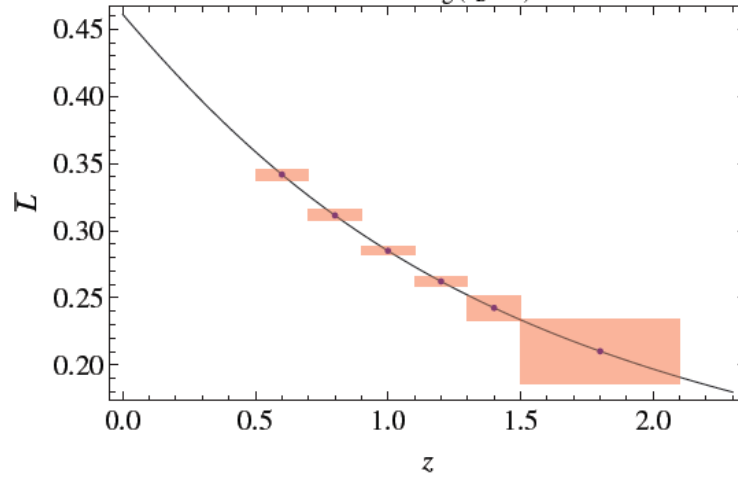
# Euclid forecasts...

## Combining galaxy clustering, weak lensing and SN....

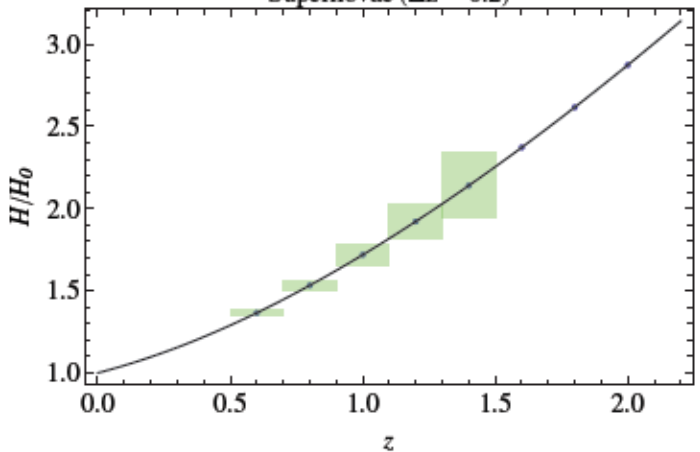
Galaxy Clustering ( $n_B = 6$ )



Weak Lensing ( $n_B = 6$ )



Supernovae ( $\Delta z = 0.2$ )



100k SN (LSST)

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# Results..

Model 1:  $\eta$  constant for all  $z$ ,  $k$   
 Error on  $\eta$  around 5%

Model 2:  $\eta$  varies in  $z$   
 Error on  $\eta$

$\bar{z}$	$P_1(\bar{z})$	$\Delta P_1$	$\Delta P_1(\%)$	$P_2(\bar{z})$	$\Delta P_2$	$\Delta P_2(\%)$	$P_3(\bar{z})$	$\Delta P_3$	$\Delta P_3(\%)$	$\bar{\eta}$	$\Delta \bar{\eta}$	$\Delta \bar{\eta}(\%)$
0.6	0.766	0.012	1.6	0.729	0.011	1.6	0.134	0.13	99.	1	0.43	43.
0.8	0.819	0.01	1.2	0.682	0.0088	1.3	0.317	0.12	38.	1	0.37	37.
1.	0.859	0.0093	1.1	0.65	0.0086	1.3	0.46	0.12	26.	1	0.36	36.
1.2	0.888	0.0092	1.	0.628	0.014	2.3	0.569	0.13	23.	1	0.39	39.
1.4	0.911	0.01	1.1	0.613	0.019	3.2	0.654	0.11	16.	1	0.31	31.

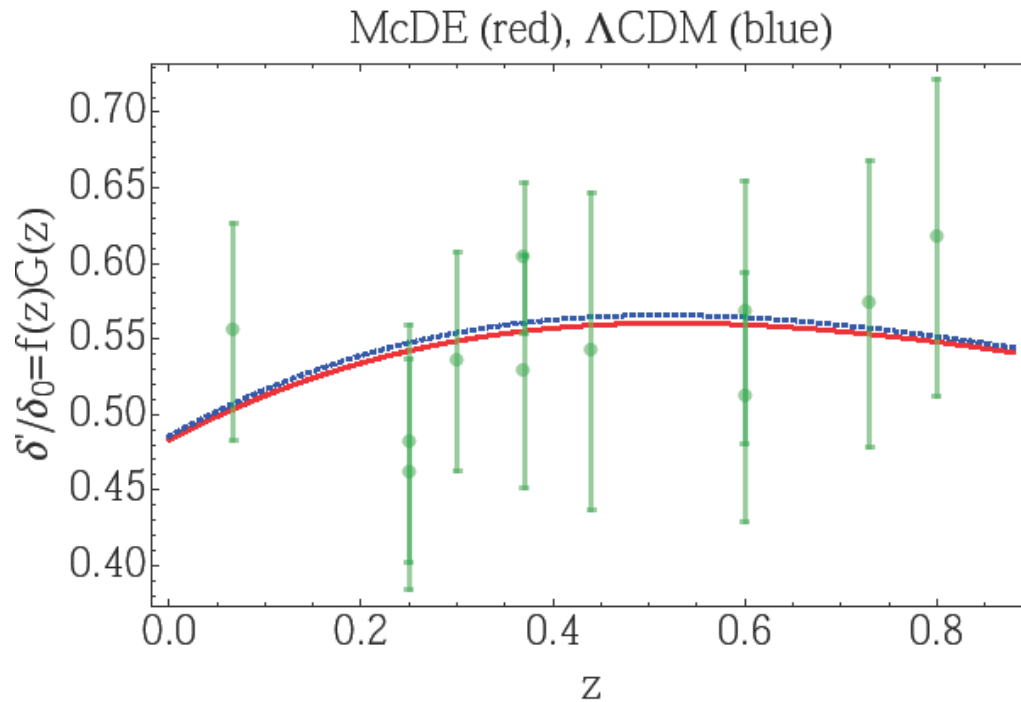


# Results..

Model 3:  $\eta$  varies in  $z$  and  $k$   
 Error on  $\eta$

$\bar{z}$	$k$ -bin	$P_1(\bar{z})$	$\Delta P_1$	$\Delta P_1(\%)$	$P_2(\bar{z})$	$\Delta P_2$	$\Delta P_2(\%)$	$P_3(\bar{z})$	$\Delta P_3$	$\Delta P_3(\%)$	$\bar{\eta}(\bar{z})$	$\Delta \bar{\eta}$	$\Delta \bar{\eta}(\%)$
0.6	1		0.14	18.		0.12	17.		1.2	920.	1	4.	400.
	2	0.766	0.032	4.1	0.729	0.029	4.	0.134	0.29	210.		0.93	92.
	3		0.013	1.7		0.012	1.7		0.12	92.		0.4	40.
0.8	1		0.11	13.		0.092	13.		1.	330.	1	3.2	320.
	2	0.819	0.024	2.9	0.682	0.021	3.	0.317	0.24	74.		0.73	73.
	3		0.011	1.4		0.0096	1.4		0.11	36.		0.36	36.
1.	1		0.093	11.		0.076	12.		1.	220.	1	3.	300.
	2	0.859	0.02	2.3	0.65	0.018	2.7	0.46	0.25	53.		0.74	74.
	3		0.011	1.2		0.0093	1.4		0.16	35.		0.49	49.
1.2	1		0.084	9.4		0.074	12.		1.1	190.	1	3.2	320.
	2	0.888	0.017	2.	0.628	0.02	3.2	0.569	0.29	50.		0.84	84.
	3		0.011	1.2		0.015	2.4		0.24	42.		0.7	70.
1.4	1		0.079	8.7		0.084	14.		0.79	120.	1	2.3	230.
	2	0.911	0.017	1.9	0.613	0.025	4.	0.654	0.17	26.		0.49	49.
	3		0.013	1.4		0.022	3.6		0.14	21.		0.39	39.

# Importance of k-binned data

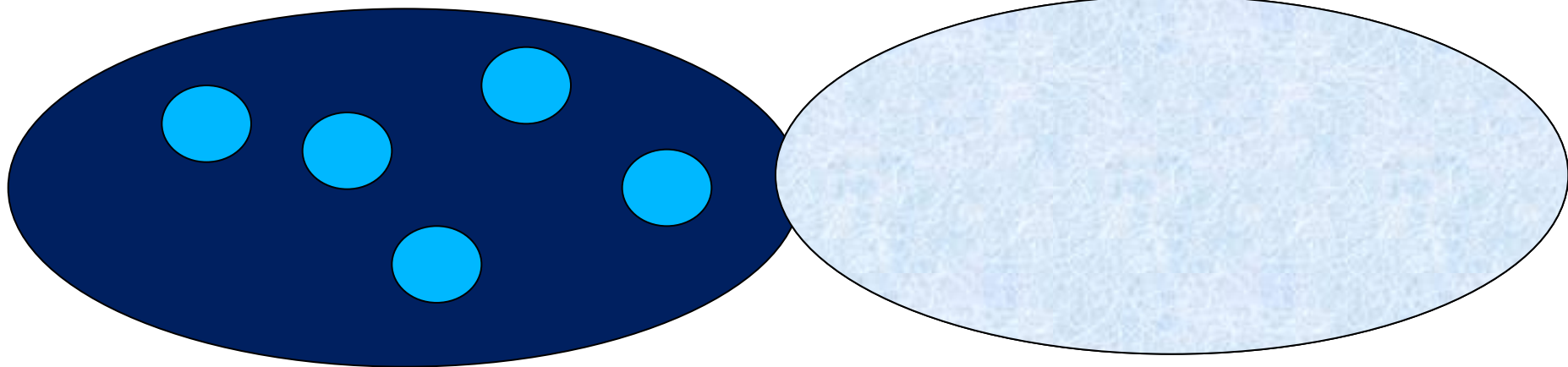


growth data compilation  
Macaulay et al 2013

# Under the carpet.

Problem of non-linearity:  
screening effects mix linear and non-linear scales

same density contrast



different physics

# Three Messages

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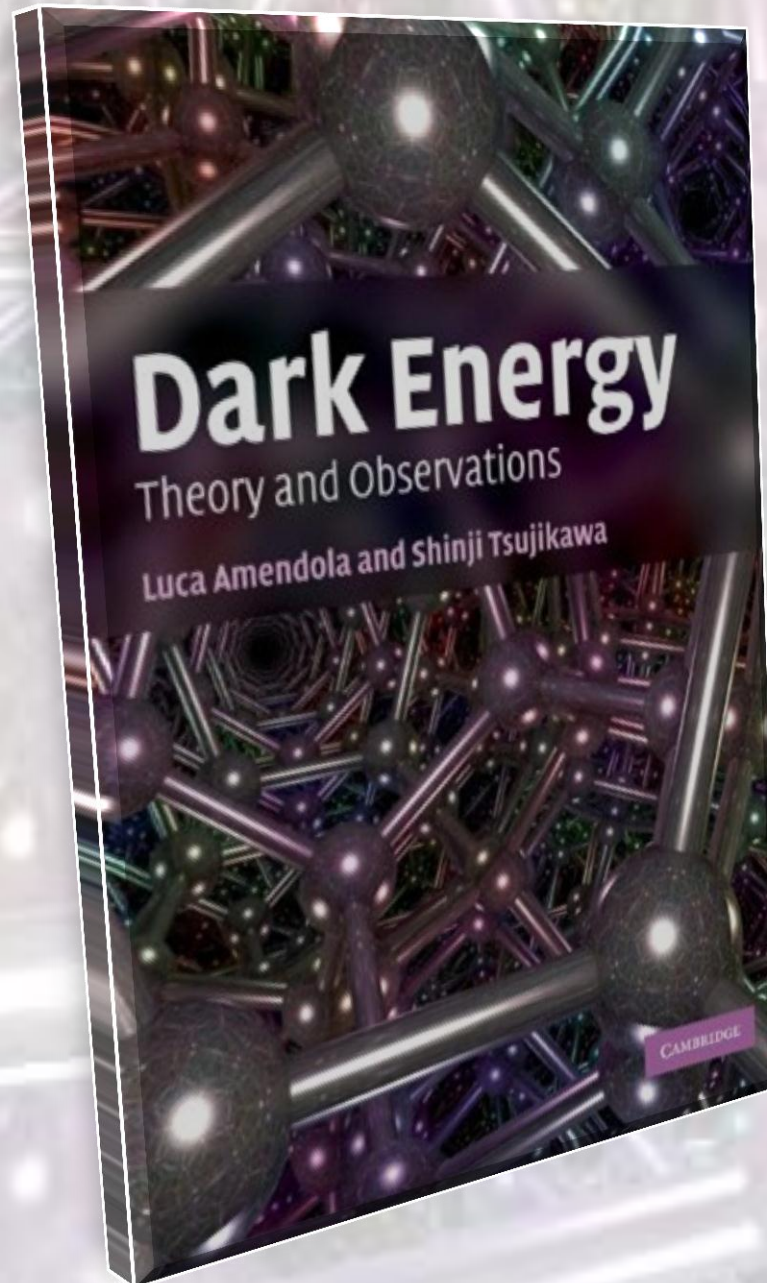
If DE is not a Horndeski field, then  
we don't know what could be

2

k-binned data are crucial!  
e.g. growth factor, redshift distortion parameter

3

Only by combining galaxy clustering and lensing  
can DE be constrained (or ruled out!) in a model-independent way



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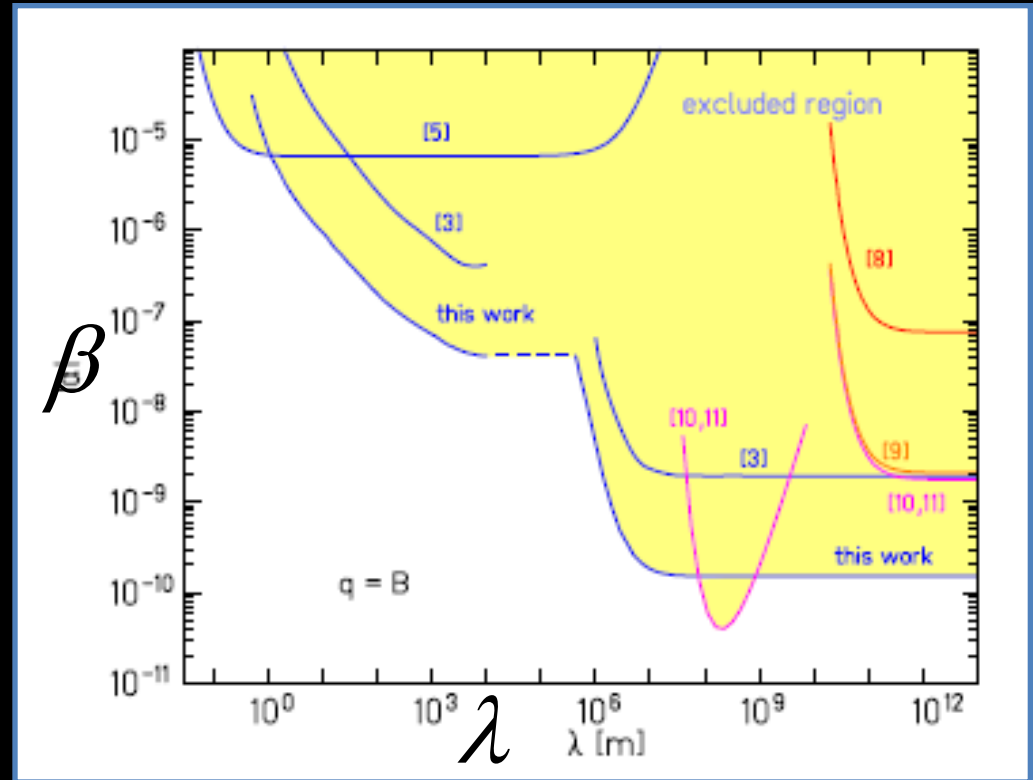
# Dark Force

Limits on Yukawa coupling are strong but local!

$$\frac{GM}{r} \rightarrow \frac{GM}{r} (1 + \beta e^{-r/\lambda})$$

$$\lambda^2 = m_\phi^{-2} = V''(\phi)$$

$$\phi = \phi(r)$$



Schlamminger et al 2008

# The Yukawa correction

**Every Horndeski model induces at linear level, on sub-Hubble scales, a Newton-Yukawa potential**

$$\Psi(r) = -\frac{GM}{r} (1 + \alpha e^{-r/\lambda})$$

**where  $\alpha$  and  $\lambda$  depend on space and time**

# Quasi-static approximation

$$c_s^2 k^2 \gg a^2 H^2$$

**From a wave equation:**

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\delta\phi} \equiv & D_1 \ddot{\Phi} + D_2 \ddot{\delta\phi} + D_3 \dot{\Phi} + D_4 \dot{\delta\phi} + D_5 \dot{\Psi} + D_6 \frac{k^2}{a^2} \dot{\chi} \\ & + \left( D_7 \frac{k^2}{a^2} + D_8 \right) \Phi + \left( D_9 \frac{k^2}{a^2} - M^2 \right) \delta\phi + \left( D_{10} \frac{k^2}{a^2} + D_{11} \right) \Psi + D_{12} \frac{k^2}{a^2} \chi = 0, \end{aligned}$$

**To a “Poisson” equation:**

$$B_7 \frac{k^2}{a^2} \Phi + \left( D_9 \frac{k^2}{a^2} - M^2 \right) \delta\phi + A_6 \frac{k^2}{a^2} \Psi \simeq 0,$$



# Final remarks

# Few things I learned

- String theory is not dead...and can save cosmology
- SN Ia progenitors still a mystery
- Euclid will fly in a different landscape...
- Industrial approach to model comparison

# One thing I am trying to learn

How to make a perfect Bavarian toast

# Few things to improve

- Faster N-body simulations
- New standards:
  - GW sirens, gal ages, AGN, real-time observables
- Effects of inhomogeneities and anisotropies on parameter estimation

# Few things to understand

- Does vacuum energy gravitate?
- Is the coincidence problem(s) to be taken seriously?
- Does a “linear regime” really exist?  
And can it be identified by observations alone?

# Few wishes for the future

- More theory-lite observational results
- More observation-lite theoretical results
- Meet again soon for deSitter III !

