

# Dark energy and nonlocal gravity

Michele Maggiore



**UNIVERSITÉ  
DE GENÈVE**

**FACULTÉ DES SCIENCES**

Département de physique théorique

MITP Workshop "Quantum Vacuum and Gravitation"  
22 - 26 June 2015

based on

Jaccard, MM, Mitsou,  
MM,

PRD 2013, 1305.3034

PRD 2014, 1307.3898

Foffa, MM, Mitsou,

PLB 2014, 1311.3421

Foffa, MM, Mitsou,

IJMPA 2014, 1311.3435

Kehagias and MM,

JHEP 2014, 1401.8289

MM and Mancarella,

PRD 2014, 1402.0448

Dirian, Foffa, Khosravi, Kunz, MM,

JCAP 2014, 1403.6068

Dirian, Foffa, Kunz, MM, Pettorino,

JCAP 2015, 1411.7692

MM

1506.06217

# the general idea: modify GR in the infrared using non-local terms

non-locality emerges from fundamental **local** theories  
in many situations

- classically, when separating long and short wavelength and integrating out the short wave-length  
(e.g cosmological perturbation theory)
- in QFT, when computing the effective action that includes the effect of radiative corrections of massless or light particles.

- a natural way of modifying GR in the IR is by introducing a mass scale (e.g. massive gravity, bigravity,...)  
we will introduce a mass scale as the coefficient of a non-local term
- phenomenological approach. Identify a non-local modification of GR that works well
- attempt at a more fundamental understanding  
IR running and dimensional transmutation in  $R^2$  theories?

## some sources of inspiration:

- massive photon  $S = \int d^4x \left[ -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} m_\gamma^2 A_\mu A^\mu - j_\mu A^\mu \right]$   
can be described replacing

$$\partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = j^\nu \quad \rightarrow \quad \left( 1 - \frac{m^2}{\square} \right) \partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = j^\nu$$

(Dvali 2006)

- for gravity, a first guess for a massive deformation of GR could be

$$G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu} \quad \rightarrow \quad \left( 1 - \frac{m^2}{\square_g} \right) G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu}$$

(Arkani-Hamed, Dimopoulos, Dvali and Gabadadze 2002)

however this is not correct since  $\nabla^\mu (\square_g^{-1} G_{\mu\nu}) \neq 0$

we lose energy-momentum conservation.

- to preserve energy-momentum conservation:

$$G_{\mu\nu} - m^2(\square^{-1}G_{\mu\nu})^T = 8\pi GT_{\mu\nu}$$

(Jaccard,MM,  
Mitsou, 2013)

however, instabilities in the cosmological evolution

(Foffa,MM,  
Mitsou, 2013)

- $G_{\mu\nu} - m^2(g_{\mu\nu}\square^{-1}R)^T = 8\pi GT_{\mu\nu}$

(MM 2013)

stable cosmological evolution!

- a related model:

(MM and M.Mancarella, 2014)

$$S_{\text{NL}} = \frac{1}{16\pi G} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ R - m^2 R \frac{1}{\square^2} R \right]$$

# Absence of vDVZ discontinuity and of a strong coupling regime

A. Kehagias and MM 2014

- write the eqs of motion of the non-local theory in spherical symmetry:

$$ds^2 = -A(r)dt^2 + B(r)dr^2 + r^2(d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\phi^2)$$

- for  $mr \ll 1$ : low-mass expansion
- for  $r \gg r_s$ : Newtonian limit (perturbation over Minkowski)
- match the solutions for  $r_s \ll r \ll m^{-1}$  (this fixes all coefficients)

- result: for  $r \gg r_s$ 

$$A(r) = 1 - \frac{r_S}{r} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{3}(1 - \cos mr) \right]$$

$$B(r) = 1 + \frac{r_S}{r} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{3}(1 - \cos mr - mr \sin mr) \right]$$

for  $r_s \ll r \ll m^{-1}$ :  $A(r) \simeq 1 - \frac{r_S}{r} \left( 1 + \frac{m^2 r^2}{6} \right)$

the limit  $m \rightarrow 0$  is smooth !

By comparison, in massive gravity the same computation gives

$$A(r) = 1 - \frac{4}{3} \frac{r_S}{r} \left( 1 - \frac{r_S}{12 m^4 r^5} \right)$$

vDVZ discontinuity

breakdown of linearity below  
 $r_V = (r_S / m^4)^{1/5}$



## Cosmological consequences.

- consider 
$$S_{\text{NL}} = \frac{1}{16\pi G} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ R - m^2 R \frac{1}{\square^2} R \right]$$

define 
$$U = -\square^{-1} R, \quad S = -\square^{-1} U$$

NB: auxiliary non-dynamical fields!  $U=0$  if  $R=0$ . It is not the same as a scalar-tensor theory

- in FRW we have 3 variables:  $H(t)$ ,  $U(t)$ ,  $W(t)=H^2(t)S(t)$ .

define 
$$\begin{aligned} x &= \ln a(t), & h(x) &= H(x)/H_0, \\ \gamma &= (m/3H_0)^2 & \zeta(x) &= h'(x)/h(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$h^2(x) = \Omega_M e^{-3x} + \Omega_R e^{-4x} + \gamma Y(U, U', W, W')$$

$$U'' + (3 + \zeta)U' = 6(2 + \zeta)$$

$$W'' + 3(1 - \zeta)W' - 2(\zeta' + 3\zeta - \zeta^2)W = U$$

- there is an effective DE term, with

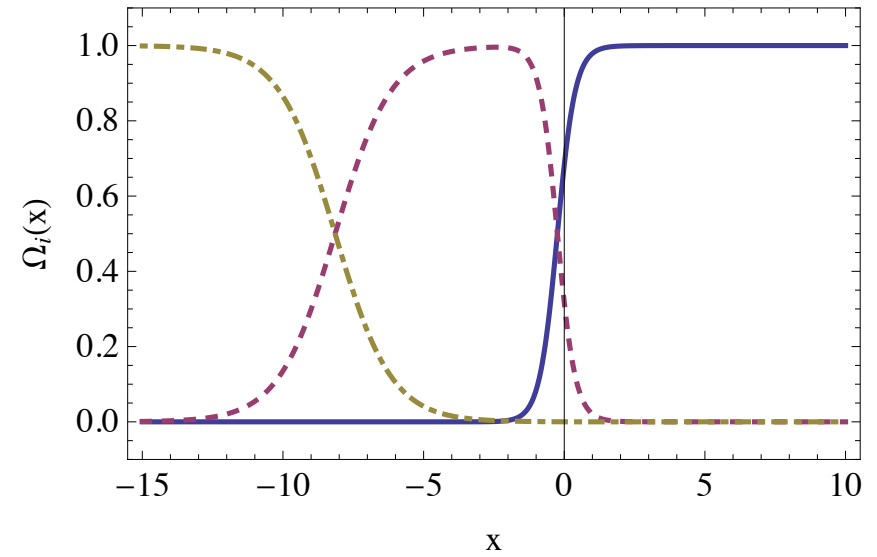
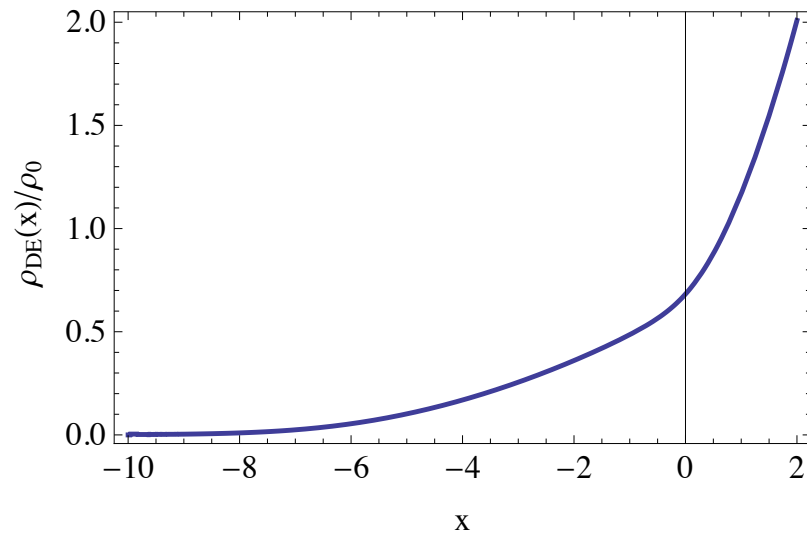
$$\rho_{\text{DE}}(x) = \rho_0 \gamma Y(x) \quad \rho_0 = 3H_0^2 / (8\pi G)$$

- define  $w_{\text{DE}}$  from

$$\dot{\rho}_{\text{DE}} + 3(1 + w_{\text{DE}})H\rho_{\text{DE}} = 0$$

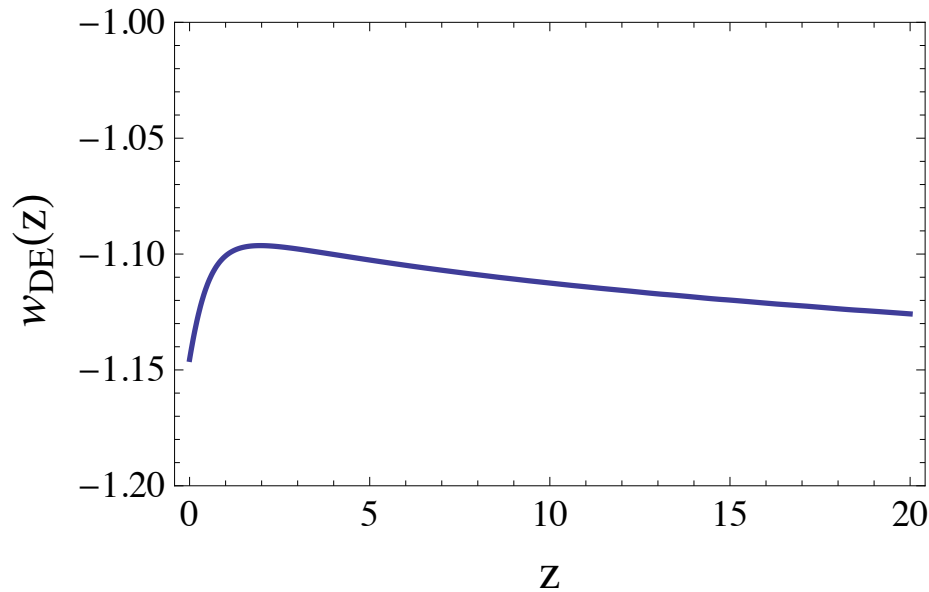
- the model has the same number of parameters as  $\Lambda$ CDM, with  $\Omega_\Lambda \leftrightarrow \gamma$ .

- results:



- Fixing  $\gamma = 0.0089..$  ( $m=0.28 H_0$ ) we reproduce  $\Omega_{\text{DE}}=0.68$

- having fixed  $\gamma$  we get a pure prediction for the EOS:



$$\text{fit } w(a) = w_0 + (1-a) w_a$$

in the region  $0 < z < 1.6$

$$w_0 = -1.14, \quad w_a = 0.08$$

on the phantom side ! general consequence of

$$\dot{\rho}_{\text{DE}} + 3(1 + w_{\text{DE}})H\rho_{\text{DE}} = 0$$

together with  $\rho > 0$  and  $d\rho/dt > 0$

The RT model  $G_{\mu\nu} - m^2(g_{\mu\nu}\square^{-1}R)^T = 8\pi GT_{\mu\nu}$

gives  $w_0 = -1.04, \quad w_a = -0.02$

warning. This is not  $w\text{CDM}$  !!!

# Cosmological perturbations

- well-behaved?

Dirian, Foffa, Khosravi, Kunz, MM  
JCAP 2014

this step is already non-trivial: see eg DGP, (massive gravity), bigravity

- consistent with data?

this step rules out eg the Deser-Woodard non-local model

- comparison with  $\Lambda$ CDM

Dirian, Foffa, Kunz, MM, Pettorino,  
JCAP 2015

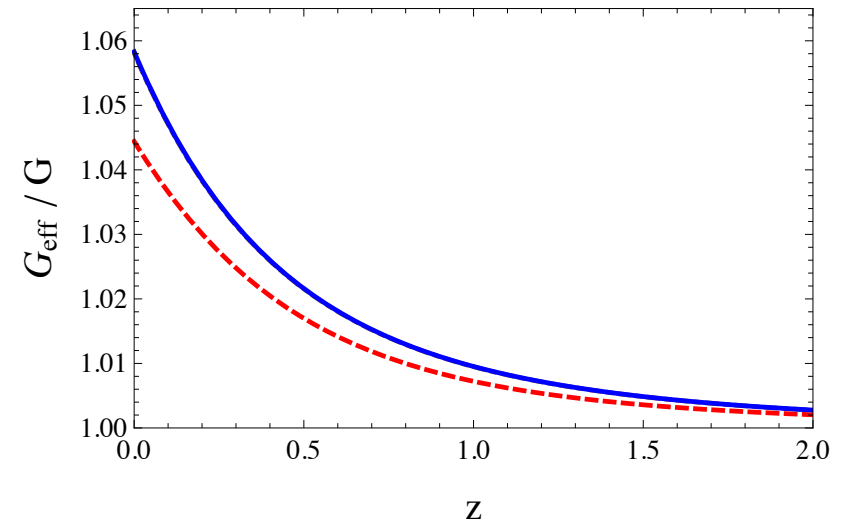
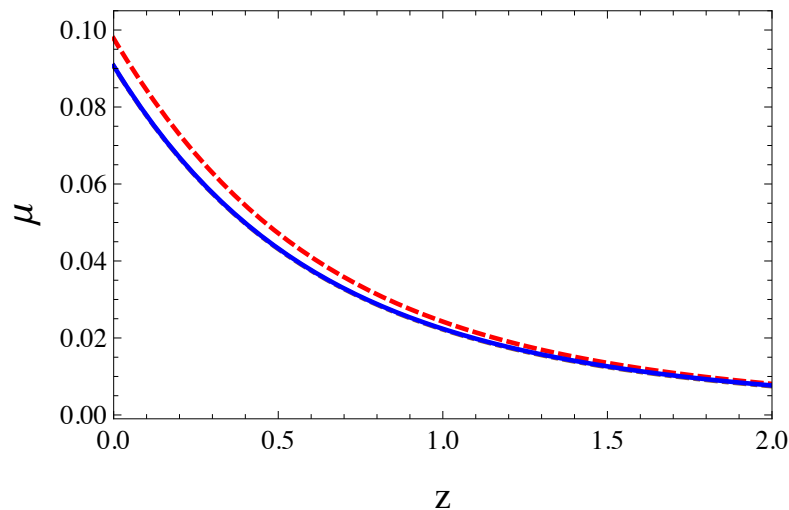
implement the perturbations in a Boltzmann code

compute likelihood,  $\chi^2$ , perform parameter estimation

- the perturbations are well-behaved and differ from  $\Lambda$ CDM at a few percent level

$$\Psi = [1 + \mu(a; k)] \Psi_{\text{GR}}$$

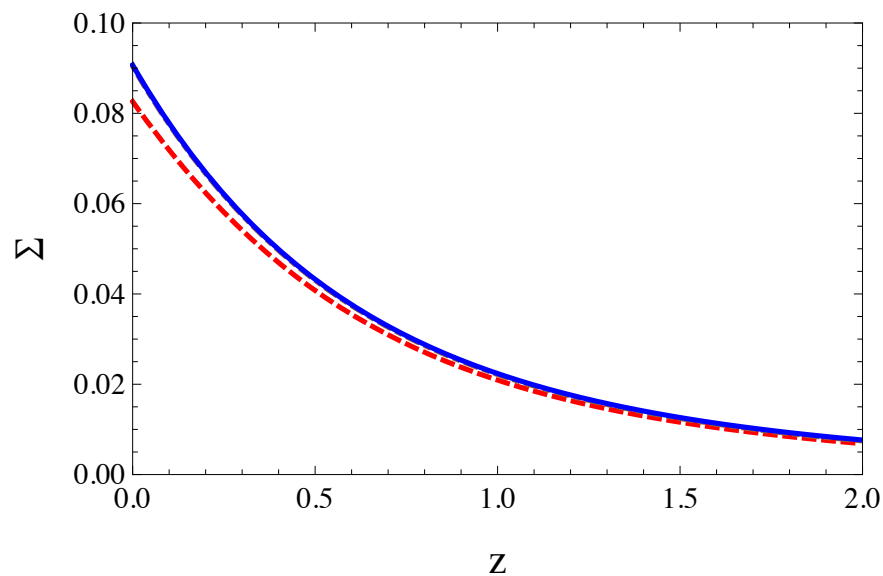
$$\Psi - \Phi = [1 + \Sigma(a; k)] (\Psi - \Phi)_{\text{GR}}$$



- deviations at  $z=0.5$  of order 4%
- consistent with data: CFHTLenS gives  $\Delta\Psi/\Psi=0.05\pm0.25$

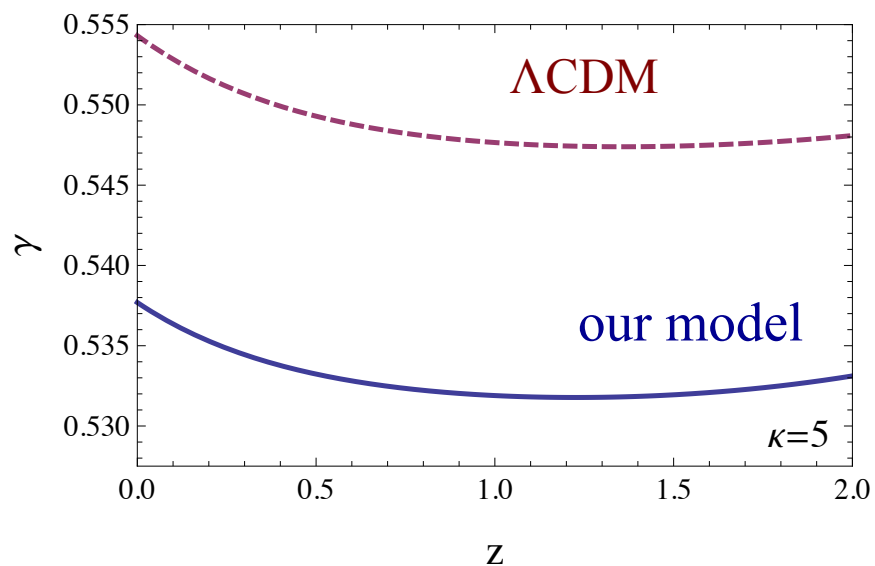
(Simpson et al 1212.3339)

Lensing: again  
 deviations at 4% level



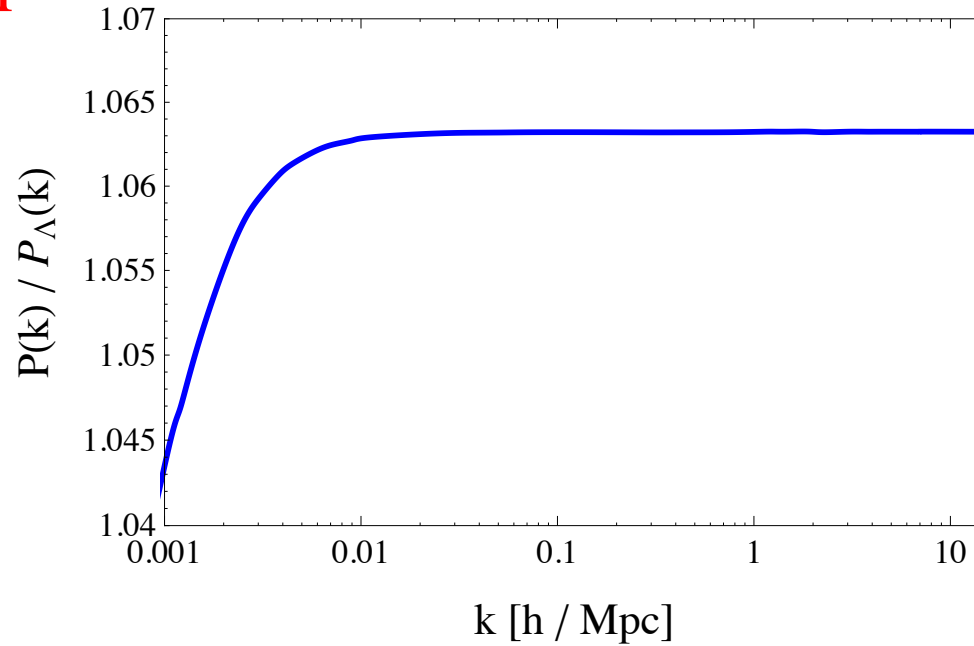
growth index:

$$\frac{d \log \delta_M(a; k)}{d \ln a} = [\Omega_M]^{\gamma(z; k)}$$

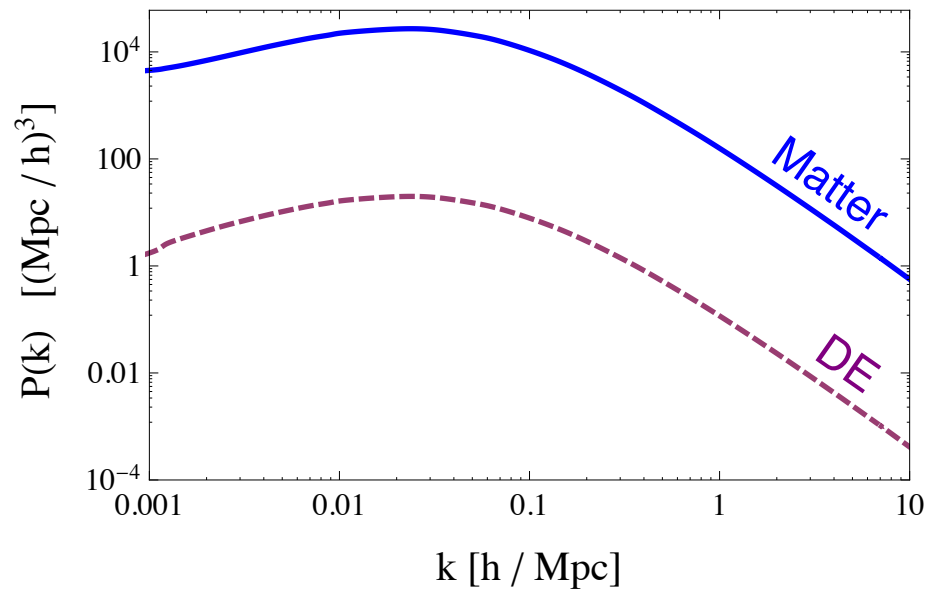


- linear power spectrum

matter power spectrum compared to  $\Lambda$ CDM



DE clusters but its linear power spectrum is small compared to that of matter





# Boltzmann code analysis and comparison with data

Dirian, Foffa, Kunz, MM, Pettorino, JCAP 2015

- CMB data from the [Planck 2013](#) data release, type-Ia supernovae from [JLA](#) and BAO data from [BOSS](#)
- we modified the CLASS code and use Montepython MCMC
- we vary  $\omega_b = \Omega_b h_0^2$ ,  $\omega_c = \Omega_c h_0^2$ ,  $H_0$ ,  $A_s$ ,  $n_s$ ,  $z_{\text{re}}$

In  $\Lambda$ CDM,  $\Omega_\Lambda$  is a derived parameter, fixed by the flatness condition. Similarly, in our model the mass parameter  $m^2$  is a derived parameter, fixed again from  $\Omega_{\text{tot}}=1$

we have the same number of free parameters as in  $\Lambda$ CDM

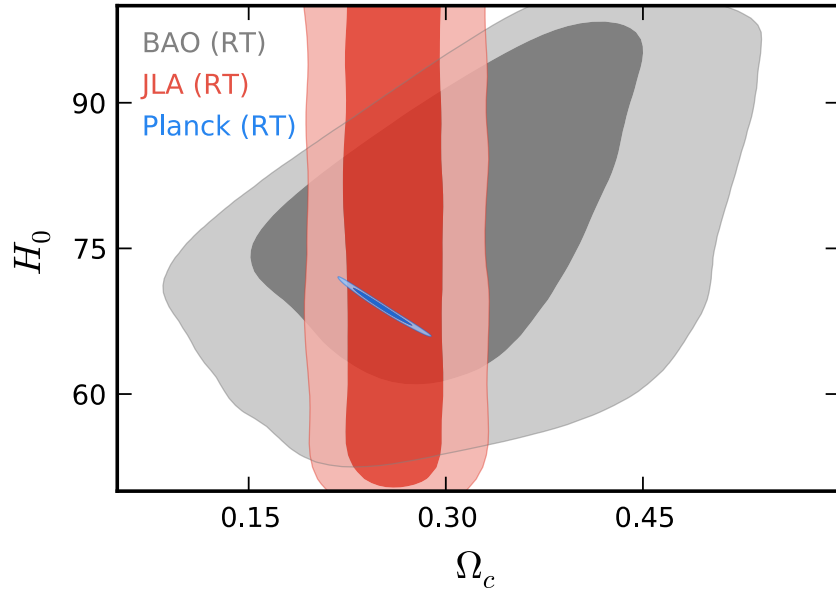
# • Results

Param	$\Lambda$ CDM	$g_{\mu\nu}\square^{-1}R$	$R\square^{-2}R$
$100 \omega_b$	$2.201^{+0.028}_{-0.029}$	$2.204^{+0.028}_{-0.03}$	$2.207^{+0.029}_{-0.029}$
$\omega_c$	$0.1194^{+0.0027}_{-0.0026}$	$0.1195^{+0.0026}_{-0.0028}$	$0.1191^{+0.0027}_{-0.0028}$
$H_0$	<b><math>67.56^{+1.2}_{-1.3}</math></b>	<b><math>68.95^{+1.3}_{-1.3}</math></b>	<b><math>71.67^{+1.5}_{-1.5}</math></b>
$10^9 A_s$	$2.193^{+0.052}_{-0.06}$	$2.194^{+0.048}_{-0.062}$	$2.198^{+0.053}_{-0.059}$
$n_s$	$0.9625^{+0.0072}_{-0.0074}$	$0.9622^{+0.007}_{-0.0081}$	$0.9628^{+0.0074}_{-0.0073}$
$z_{re}$	$11.1^{+1.1}_{-1.1}$	$11.1^{+1.1}_{-1.2}$	$11.16^{+1.2}_{-1.1}$
$\chi^2_{\min}$	<b>9801.7</b>	<b>9801.3</b>	<b>9800.1</b>

Table 1: *Planck* CMB data only.

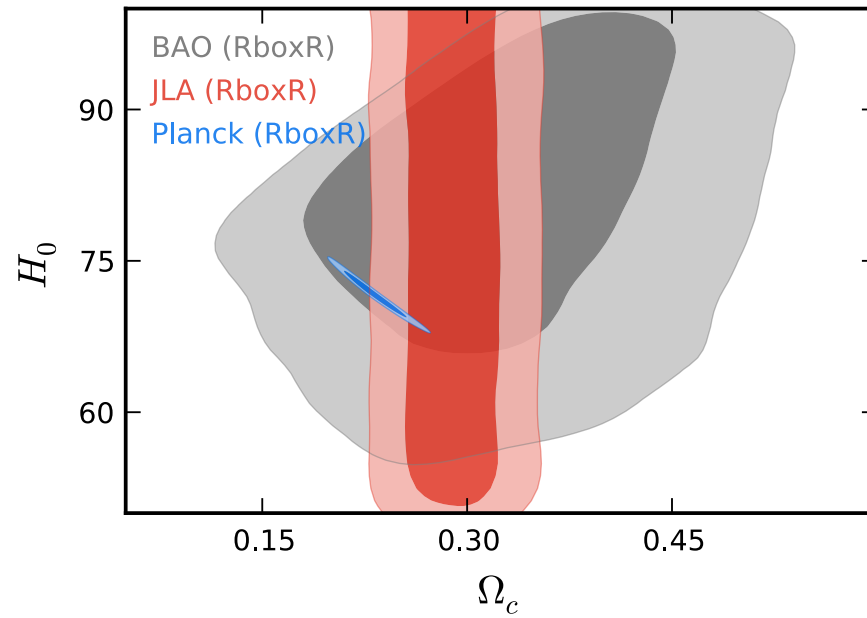
Param	$\Lambda$ CDM	$g_{\mu\nu}\square^{-1}R$	$R\square^{-2}R$
$100 \omega_b$	$2.215^{+0.025}_{-0.025}$	$2.207^{+0.024}_{-0.025}$	$2.197^{+0.024}_{-0.025}$
$\omega_c$	$0.1175^{+0.0015}_{-0.0014}$	$0.1188^{+0.0014}_{-0.0014}$	$0.1204^{+0.0014}_{-0.0013}$
$H_0$	<b><math>68.43^{+0.61}_{-0.69}</math></b>	<b><math>69.3^{+0.68}_{-0.66}</math></b>	<b><math>70.94^{+0.74}_{-0.7}</math></b>
$10^9 A_s$	$2.199^{+0.055}_{-0.062}$	$2.196^{+0.052}_{-0.065}$	$2.192^{+0.051}_{-0.061}$
$n_s$	$0.9668^{+0.0055}_{-0.0054}$	$0.9636^{+0.0052}_{-0.0055}$	$0.9599^{+0.0052}_{-0.0051}$
$z_{re}$	$11.33^{+1.1}_{-1.1}$	$11.18^{+1.1}_{-1.2}$	$11.00^{+1.1}_{-1.2}$
$\chi^2_{\min}$	<b>10485.5</b>	<b>10485.0</b>	<b>10488.7</b>

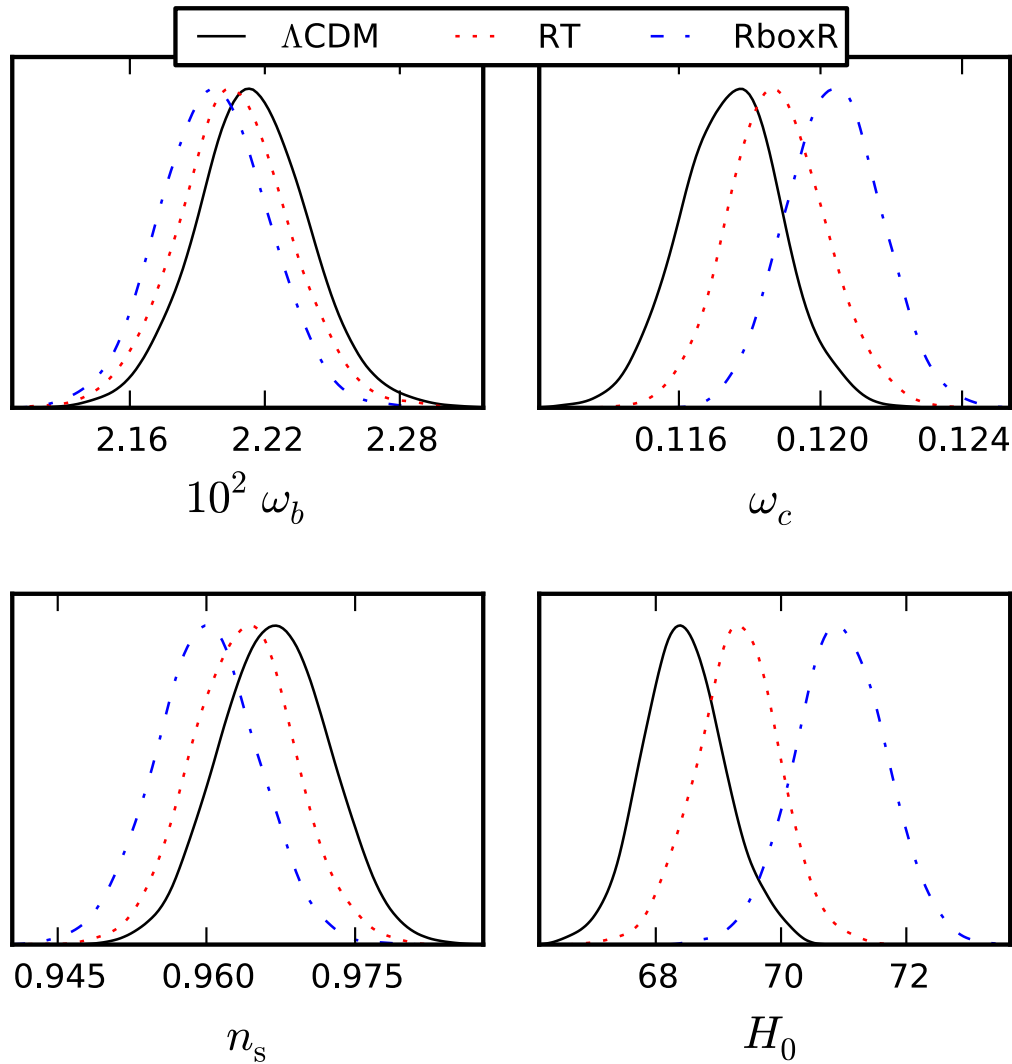
Planck+JLA+BAO



The RT model works perfectly well  
(visually similar plot for  $\Lambda$ CDM)

The RboxR model has a slight  
( $2\sigma$ ) tension between CMB and SN





excellent agreement with  
local  $H_0$  measurements.

Latest revised value after correcting  
for star formation bias

$$H_0 = 70.6 \pm 2.6$$

(Rigault et al 1412.6501)

using Planck+JLA+BAO

Conclusion: at the phenomenological level, these two non-local models work very well

- solar system tests OK
- generates dynamically a dark energy
- cosmological perturbations work well
- passes tests of structure formation
- comparison with CMB,SNe,BAO with modified Boltzmann code ok
- higher value of  $H_0$

They are the only existing models, with the same number of parameters as  $\Lambda$ CDM, which are competitive with  $\Lambda$ CDM from the point of view of fitting the data

## Part 2: where such non-locality comes from?

- loop corrections involving massless or light particles give non-local terms

e.g. in QED

$$S_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{1}{4} \int d^4x F_{\mu\nu} \frac{1}{e^2(\square)} F^{\mu\nu}$$
$$\frac{1}{e^2(\square)} = \frac{1}{e^2(\mu)} - \beta_0 \log\left(\frac{-\square}{\mu^2}\right)$$

- in  $R^2$  gravity
  - loops of scalar, spinor and vector field in a fixed curved background
  - graviton loops

Barvinsky-Vilkovisky 1985,1987, [.....]  
decoupling: Gorbar-Shapiro 2003

Fradkin-Tseytlin 1982  
Avramidi-Barvinski 1985

# IR running of coupling constants and dimensional transmutation in $R^2$ gravity?

MM 1506.06217

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{1}{16\pi G} (R - 2\Lambda) - (a_1 C^2 + a_2 R^2 + a_3 E) \right]$$

- we consider the model with
  - $a_1 > 0$  stability of tensor perturbations
  - $a_2 > 0$  for matching with the sign in

$$S_{\text{NL}} = \frac{1}{16\pi G} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ R - m^2 R \frac{1}{\square^2} R \right]$$

- define  $a_1 = 1/f^2$ ,  $a_2 = 1/g^2$

- to one-loop: (neglecting the GB term)

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{1}{16\pi G} R - C_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \frac{1}{f^2(\square)} C^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} - R \frac{1}{g^2(\square)} R \right]$$

$$\frac{1}{f^2(\square)} = \frac{1}{f^2(\mu)} + \frac{\bar{\beta}}{2(4\pi)^2} \log\left(\frac{-\square}{\mu^2}\right)$$

$$\frac{1}{g^2(\square)} = \frac{1}{g^2(\mu)} + \frac{\bar{\alpha}}{2(4\pi)^2} \log\left(\frac{-\square}{\mu^2}\right)$$

$\bar{\alpha} > 0, \bar{\beta} > 0$

$f^2$  and  $g^2$  are asymptotically free in the UV Avramidi-Barvinski 1985

- effect of the log terms in cosmology Donoghue-El-Menoufi 2015  
only relevant near the Planck scale
- we are rather interested in the deep IR region, for dark energy



- in the IR  $g^2$  and  $f^2$  grow large and the theory becomes strongly coupled!
- a mass scale is generated by dimensional transmutation, analogous to  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$

$$\Lambda_{\text{RR}}^2 = \mu^2 \exp \left\{ -\frac{2(4\pi)^2}{\bar{\alpha} g^2(\mu)} \right\}$$

- in the IR the form factors  $g^2(\square)$  and  $f^2(\square)$  will be non-trivial functions of  $\square/\Lambda_{\text{RR}}$

Can we get  $1/g^2(\square) = (\Lambda_{\text{RR}}/\square)^2$  ?

- generally speaking, power-like behavior can emerge from resummation of leading logs

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-\nu)^n}{n!} \left( \log \frac{-\square}{\Lambda_{\text{RR}}} \right)^n = \left( \frac{\Lambda_{\text{RR}}}{-\square} \right)^\nu$$

- a more stringent argument?

4D-quantum gravity in the IR is dominated by the conformal mode

$$g_{\mu\nu}(x) = e^{2\sigma(x)} \bar{g}_{\mu\nu}(x)$$

Antoniadis and Mottola 1992

Antoniadis, Mazur and Mottola 2007

in the classical theory it is a constrained variable. At the quantum level it acquires dynamics because of the conformal anomaly

– in D=2: Polyakov action  $S_{\text{anom}}$  (which becomes local in terms of  $\sigma$ )

$$= -\frac{N}{96\pi} \int d^2x \sqrt{-g} R \frac{1}{\square} R$$

$$= \frac{N}{24\pi} \int d^2x \sqrt{-\bar{g}} (-\sigma \bar{\square} \sigma + \bar{R} \sigma)$$

– in D=4: covariant non-local anomaly-induced action

(again local in terms of  $\sigma$ )

$$S_{\text{anom}} = -\frac{Q^2}{16\pi^2} \int d^4x (\square \sigma)^2$$

fluctuations in  $\sigma$  become large in the IR

$$(\square\sigma)^2 \rightarrow G(x, x') = -\frac{1}{2Q^2} \log [\mu^2(x - x')^2]$$

1. the IR dynamics is dominated by  $\sigma$
2. we expect the generation of a mass scale through dimensional transmutation

How this will be reflected on the conformal mode?

Natural expectation: dynamical generation of a mass term for  $\sigma$

compare with:

- generation of a mass gap in QCD or 2-dim confining theories
- BKT transition in  $d=2$  (which also triggered by a logarithmic growth of fluctuations)

- however, we do not want to spoil diff invariance.  
no local term starts with  $m^2\sigma^2$

However, setting e.g.  $g_{\mu\nu} = e^{2\sigma(x)}\eta_{\mu\nu}$

$$\begin{aligned} R &= -6e^{-2\sigma} (\square\sigma + \partial_\mu\sigma\partial^\mu\sigma) \\ &= -6\square\sigma + \mathcal{O}(\sigma^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$m^2 R \frac{1}{\square^2} R = 36m^2\sigma^2 + \mathcal{O}(\sigma^3)$$

our non-local term is just a mass-term for  $\sigma$ , plus non-linear completion that make it diff-invariant !

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{g^2(\square)} \simeq \frac{\Lambda_{\text{RR}}^4}{\square^2}$$

$$\Lambda_{\text{RR}}^4 \sim m^2 M_{\text{Pl}}^2$$

$$\rightarrow \Lambda_{\text{RR}} \sim \text{meV}$$

final comment: a new perspective on the naturalness problem for the cosmological constant:

the scale  $\Lambda_{RR}$  emerges from dimensional transmutation, similarly to  $\Lambda_{QCD}$ . There is no issue of naturalness for such a quantity, which is determined by the logarithmic running of a dimensionless coupling constant

Thank you!

## a locality / gauge-invariance duality for massive gauge fields

- Proca theory for massive photons

$$S = \int d^4x \left[ -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} m_\gamma^2 A_\mu A^\mu - j_\mu A^\mu \right]$$

$$\partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} - m_\gamma^2 A^\nu = j^\nu \quad \rightarrow \quad \begin{cases} m_\gamma^2 \partial_\nu A^\nu = 0 \\ (\square - m_\gamma^2) A^\mu = 0 \end{cases}$$

- non-local formulation (Dvali 2006)

Stueckelberg trick:  $A_\mu \rightarrow A_\mu + \frac{1}{m_\gamma} \partial_\mu \varphi$

we add one field and we gain a gauge symmetry

$$A_\mu \rightarrow A_\mu - \partial_\mu \theta, \quad \varphi \rightarrow \varphi + m_\gamma \theta$$

$$S = \int d^4x \left[ -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} m_\gamma^2 A_\mu A^\mu - \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \varphi \partial^\mu \varphi - m_\gamma A^\mu \partial_\mu \varphi - j_\mu A^\mu \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} &= m_\gamma^2 A^\nu + m_\gamma \partial^\nu \varphi + j^\nu, \\ \square \varphi + m_\gamma \partial_\mu A^\mu &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

If we choose the unitary gauge  $\varphi=0$  we get back to the original formulation of Proca theory (and lose the gauge sym because of gauge fixing).

Instead, keep the gauge sym explicit and integrate out  $\varphi$  using its own equation of motion:

$$\varphi(x) = -m_\gamma \square^{-1} (\partial_\mu A^\mu)$$



Substituting in the eq of motion for  $A^\nu$ :

$$\left(1 - \frac{m_\gamma^2}{\square}\right) \partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = j^\nu$$

or

$$(\square - m_\gamma^2) A^\nu = \left(1 - \frac{m_\gamma^2}{\square}\right) \partial^\nu \partial_\mu A^\mu + j^\nu$$

we have explicit gauge invariance for the massive theory,  
at the price non-locality

- a sort of duality between explicit gauge-invariance and explicit locality
- we can fix the gauge  $\partial_\mu A^\mu = 0$  and the non-local term disappears (and we are back to Proca eqs.)
- with hindsight, the Stueckelberg trick was not needed

- sufficiently close to  $\Lambda$ CDM to be consistent with existing data, but distinctive prediction that can be clearly tested in the near future

- phantom DE eq of state:  $w(0) = -1.14$  (RboxR) (or  $-1.04$  RT) + a full prediction for  $w(z)$

- DES  $\Delta w = 0.03$
- EUCLID  $\Delta w = 0.01$

- linear structure formation

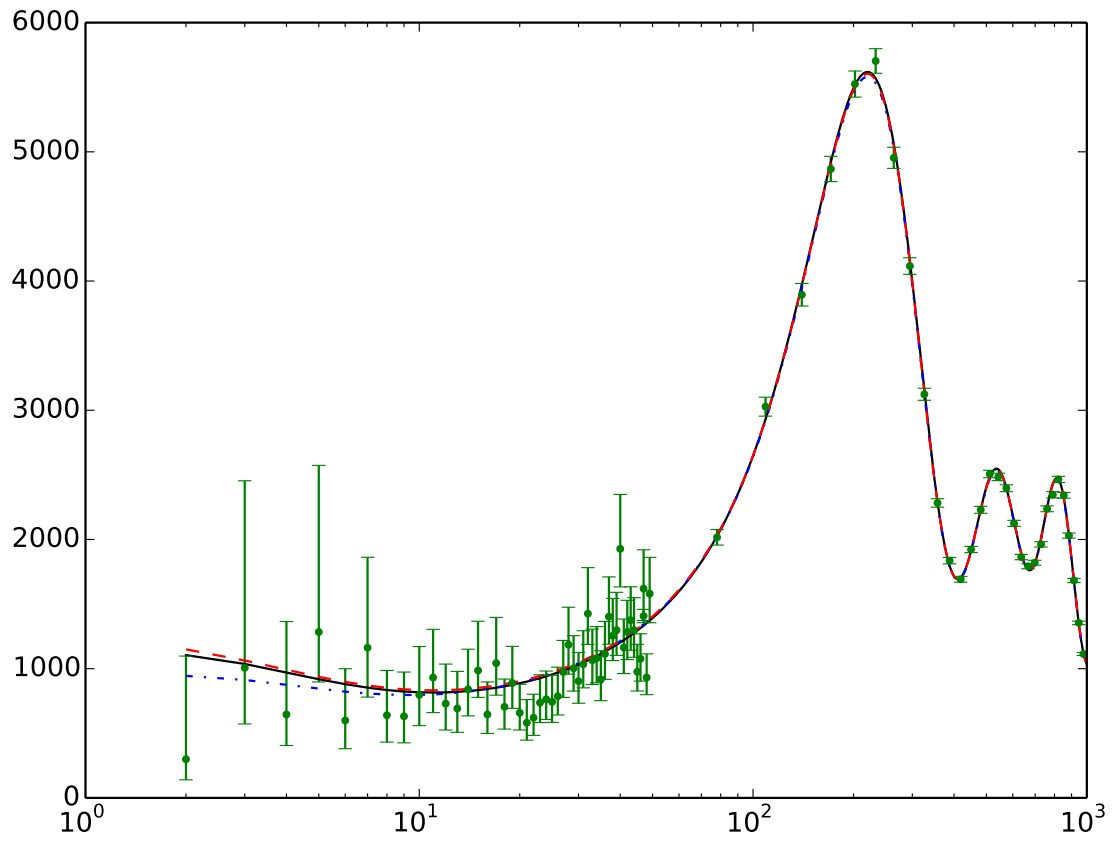
$$\mu(a) = \mu_s a^s \rightarrow \mu_s = 0.09, s = 2$$

- Forecast for EUCLID,  $\Delta\mu = 0.01$

- non-linear structure formation: 10% more massive halos

Barreira, Li, Hellwing, Baugh, Pascoli 2014

- lensing: deviations at a few %



LCDM and RT model almost indistinguishable  
RboxR (blue dot-dashed) lower at low multipoles

## An aside: the Deser-Woodard non-local model

with phenomenological motivations similar to ours, has been proposed a model of the form

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} [R + Rf(\square^{-1}R)] \quad \text{Deser and Woodard 2007}$$

much activity on "reconstruction" of  $f(R)$ :

$$f(X) = a_1 [\tanh(a_2 + a_3X + a_4X^2 + a_5X^3) - 1]$$

- not predictive at the background level: chosen to mimic  $\Lambda$ CDM
- by comparison, our model is

$$S = \int d^4x [R - m^2 f(\square^{-1}R)] \quad f(X) = X^2$$

after fixing the background evolution in this way, one can compute cosmological perturbations in the Deser-Woodard model, and compare with data

Deser-Woodard model  
ruled out at the  $8\sigma$  level  
by structure formation

Dodelson and Park 2013

