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Constraints on a $f(R)$ gravity dark energy model with early scaling evolution

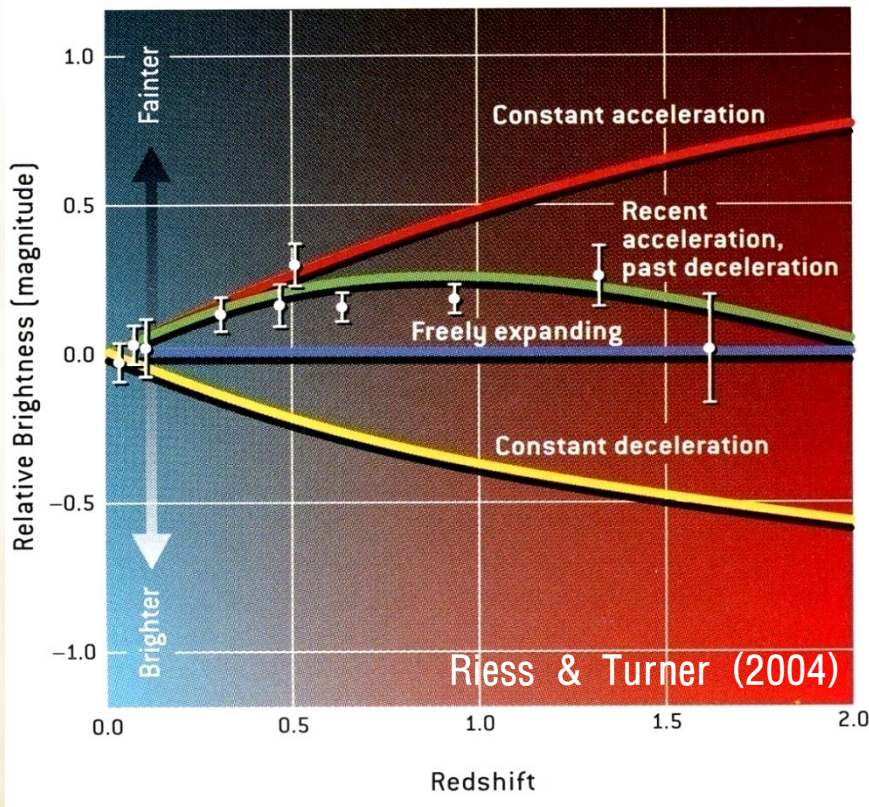
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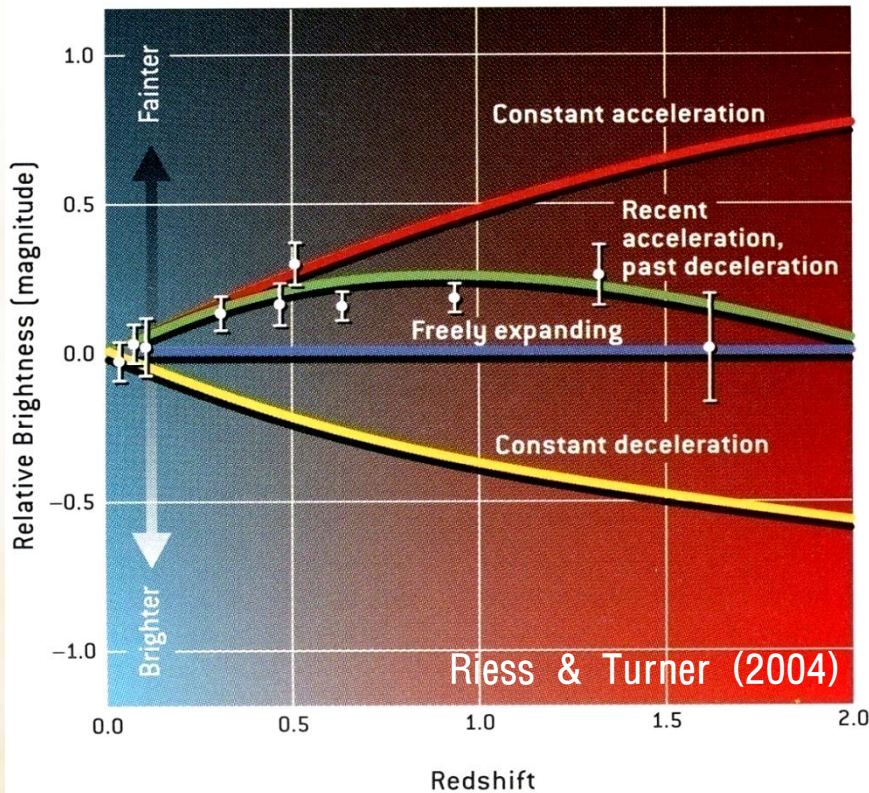
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Introduction of cosmological constant Λ to explain the late-time acceleration:

$$\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3} \underbrace{(\mu_m + 3p_m)}_{\propto a^{-4}(R)} + \underbrace{\frac{\Lambda}{3}}_{= \text{const.}}$$

$a^{-3}(M)$

Λ equation of state:

$$w = p_\Lambda / \mu_\Lambda = -1$$

The nature of the agent causing the acceleration is still unknown, and it is one of the fundamental mysteries in the present day theoretical cosmology.

→ dark energy

Many Dark Energy Models

- I.** Cosmological constant Shinji Tsujikawa
- II.** Modified matter models arXiv:1004.1493v1
 - A. Quintessence
 - B. k-essence
 - C. Coupled dark energy
 - 1. The coupling between dark energy and dark matter
 - 2. Coupled dark energy and coincidence problem
 - 3. Chameleon mechanism
 - 4. Varying α
 - D. Unified models of dark energy and dark matter
- III.** Modified gravity models
 - A. $f(R)$ gravity
 - 1. Viable $f(R)$ dark energy models
 - 2. Observational signatures of $f(R)$ dark energy models
 - 3. Local gravity constraints
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 - C. Scalar-tensor theories
 - D. DGP model
- IV.** Cosmic acceleration without dark energy
 - A. Inhomogeneous Lemaître-Tolman-Bondi model
 - B. Backreaction of cosmological perturbations

f(R) gravity

Reviews:

de Felice & Tsujikawa (2010)

Sotiriou & Faraoni (2010)

Nojiri & Odintsov (2010)

Action:

$$S = \int \left[\frac{1}{2} f(R) + L_m \right] \sqrt{-g} d^4x$$

(We use the Planck unit
with $8\pi G \equiv 1 \equiv c$)

Modified Einstein equations:

$$F(R)R_{ik} - \frac{1}{2}g_{ik}f(R) + (g_{ik}\square - \nabla_i\nabla_k)F(R) = T_{ik}$$

[$F(R) \equiv df/dR$]

Trace: $FR - 2f + 3\square F = -\mu_m + 3p_m$

→ Differential equations for dynamics of modified gravity sector

Background evolutions

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Hubble parameter:

$$H^2 = \frac{1}{3F}(\mu_m + F\mu_X)$$

Ricci scalar:

$$R = 6(2H^2 + \dot{H}) \quad (K=0)$$

Energy density and pressure of modified gravity sector: μ_X and p_X

$$F\mu_X \equiv \frac{1}{2}(FR - f) - 3H\dot{F}$$

$$Fp_X \equiv -\frac{1}{2}(FR - f) + \ddot{F} + 2H\dot{F}$$

Density parameters:

$$\Omega_i = \mu_i/(3H^2) \quad (i = R, M, X)$$

$$(\Omega_R + \Omega_M)/F + \Omega_X = 1$$

Motivations

Popular $f(R)$ gravity models

$$f(R) = R + f_{\text{DE}}(R)$$



Ricci scalar



a correction term that drives the late-time acceleration

$$f_{\text{DE}} = qR^{-n} \text{ [simple power-law form]}$$

$$- \mu R_c \frac{(R/R_c)^{2n}}{(R/R_c)^{2n} + 1} \quad (\text{Hu \& Sawicki 2007})$$

$$- \mu R_c \left[1 - \left(1 + R^2/R_c^2 \right)^{-n} \right] \quad (\text{Starobinsky 2007})$$

and so on (Appleby & Battye 2007; Tsujikawa 2008).

In all models, the second term f_{DE} becomes extremely subdominant compared with R in the early radiation dominated era (RDE) so that the $f(R)$ gravity effectively goes over into the Einstein gravity.

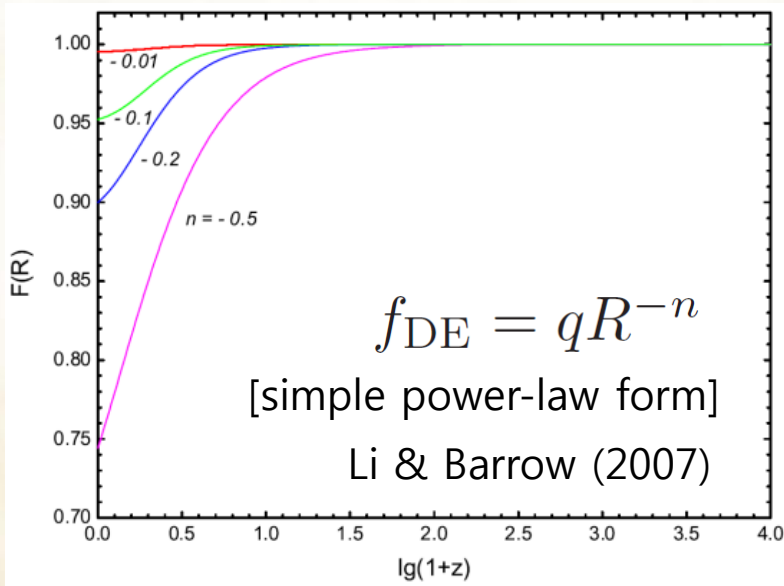
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Since the quantity $F \equiv df/dR$ becomes extremely close to unity in RDE, evolving a differential equation is sometimes **not numerically feasible**.

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Double power-law $f(R)$ gravity model:

$$f(R) = R^{1+\varepsilon} + qR^{-n} \quad (\varepsilon > 0, -1 < n \leq 0)$$

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It is known that the first term $R^{1+\varepsilon}$ which is dominant in the early epoch allows the density of gravity sector to follow that of dominant fluid (**scaling evolution**). (Amendola et al. 2007; Tsujikawa 2007)

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Adopting the modified form with small positive ε together with appropriate initial conditions we can evade the numerical problem.

Considering this scaling evolution, we can investigate the effect of early subdominant modified gravity sector on the evolution of perturbation in baryon and photon densities.

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Scalar field analogy: $V(\phi) = V_1 e^{-\lambda_1 \phi} + V_2 e^{-\lambda_2 \phi}$

(Bassett et al. 2008; Park et al. 2009)

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Here we put an ansatz that $F\mu_X$ evolves as the dominant ideal fluid with constant equation of state ($w = p_w/\mu_w = \delta p_w/\delta \mu_w$) as

$$F\mu_X = \frac{1}{2}(FR - f) - 3H\dot{F} \equiv A\mu_w$$

We can derive

$$3FR - f = 2\mu_w[(1 - 3w) + (2 - 3w)A],$$

$$\frac{F'}{F} = \frac{(1 - 3w)[(1 + A)f - FR] + A(1 + 3w)FR}{(1 + A)(f - 3FR)}$$

$$F' \equiv dF / d \ln a \\ (K \equiv 0)$$

By specifying the form of $f(R)=\hat{\alpha}R^{1+\epsilon}$, we obtain

$$R = H_0^2 \left[\frac{6\Omega_{w0}[(1-3w) + (2-3w)A]}{\hat{\alpha}(2+3\epsilon)(a/a_0)^{3(1+w)}} \right]^{\frac{1}{1+\epsilon}}$$

$$R' = -3\frac{1+w}{1+\epsilon}R$$

$$A = \frac{\epsilon(7+10\epsilon) + 3\epsilon(1+2\epsilon)w}{2-3\epsilon-8\epsilon^2-3\epsilon(1+2\epsilon)w}$$

$$\Omega_{w0} = \mu_{w0}/(3H_0^2)$$

- density parameter of w-fluid
at the present epoch

The scaling behavior is possible for general constant w value of the dominant fluid.

The density of X-component follows (scales) the dominant fluid component even for changing w value; for example, from radiation dominated era ($w=1/3$) to the matter dominated era ($w=0$).

A system of equations for scalar-type perturbations

Metric

$$ds^2 = -(1 + 2\alpha)dt^2 - 2a\beta_{,\alpha}dt dx^\alpha + a^2[g_{\alpha\beta}^{(3)}(1 + 2\varphi) + 2\gamma_{,\alpha|\beta}]dx^\alpha dx^\beta$$

Energy-momentum tensor

$$T_{(eff)0}^0 = -(\mu + \delta\mu)$$

$$T_{(eff)\alpha}^0 = -\frac{1}{k}(\mu + p)v_{,\alpha}$$

$$T_{(eff)\beta}^\alpha = (p + \delta p)\delta_\beta^\alpha + \Pi_\beta^\alpha$$

Einstein equations

In gauge-ready form (Bardeen 1988, Hwang 1991)

$$\chi \equiv a(\beta + a\dot{\gamma}), \quad \kappa \equiv 3(-\dot{\varphi} + H\alpha) + \frac{k^2}{a^2}\chi$$

$$-\frac{k^2 - 3K}{a^2}\varphi + H\kappa = -\frac{1}{2}\delta\mu$$

$$\kappa - \frac{k^2 - 3K}{a^2}\chi = \frac{3}{2}(\mu + p)\frac{av}{k}$$

$$\dot{\chi} + H\chi - \alpha - \varphi = \Pi$$

$$\dot{\kappa} + 2H\kappa + \left(3\dot{H} - \frac{k^2}{a^2}\right)\alpha = \frac{1}{2}(\delta\mu + 3\delta p)$$

Perturbed density, pressure, velocity, and anisotropic stress:

$$\begin{aligned}\delta\mu &= \frac{1}{F}\delta\mu_m + \delta\mu_X - \mu_m \frac{\delta F}{F^2}, \\ \delta p &= \frac{1}{F}\delta p_m + \delta p_X - p_m \frac{\delta F}{F^2}, \\ (\mu + p)v &= \frac{1}{F}(\mu_m + p_m)v_m + (\mu_X + p_X)v_X, \\ \Pi &= \frac{1}{F}\Pi_m + \Pi_X,\end{aligned}$$

Contribution of modified gravity sector (X) to perturbed quantities:

$$\delta\mu_X = \frac{1}{F} \left[-3H\delta\dot{F} + \left(\frac{1}{2}f + 3H\dot{F} - F\frac{k^2}{a^2} \right) + \dot{F}\kappa + 3H\dot{F}\alpha \right]$$

$$\delta p_X = \frac{1}{F} \left[\delta\ddot{F} + 2H\delta\dot{F} - \left(\frac{1}{2}f + \ddot{F} + 2H\dot{F} - \frac{2}{3}F\frac{k^2}{a^2} \right) \frac{\delta F}{F} - \frac{2}{3}\dot{F}\kappa - \dot{F}\dot{\alpha} - 2(\ddot{F} + H\dot{F})\alpha \right]$$

$$(\mu_X + p_X)v_X = -\frac{k}{aF}(-\delta\dot{F} + H\delta F + \dot{F}\alpha)$$

$$\Pi_X = \frac{1}{F}(\delta F - \dot{F}\chi)$$

Energy-momentum conservation equations (i=γ,v,b,c)

$$\delta\dot{\mu}_i + 3H(\delta\mu_i + \delta p_i) = (\mu_i + p_i) \left(\kappa - 3H\alpha - \frac{k}{a} v_i \right)$$

$$\frac{[a^4(\mu_i + p_i)v_i]^{\bullet}}{a^4(\mu_i + p_i)} = \frac{k}{a} \left(\alpha + \frac{\delta p_i}{\mu_i + p_i} - \frac{2}{3} \frac{k^2 - 3K}{a^2} \frac{\Pi_i}{\mu_i + p_i} \right)$$

For dynamics of modified gravity sector:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta\ddot{F} + 3H\delta\dot{F} + \left(\frac{k^2}{a^2} - \frac{R}{3} \right) \delta F \\ = \dot{F}\dot{\alpha} + (2\ddot{F} + 3H\dot{F})\alpha + \dot{F}\kappa - \frac{1}{3}F\delta R + \frac{1}{3}(\delta\mu_m - 3\delta p_m) \end{aligned}$$

$$\delta R = \delta\mu - 3\delta p = 2 \left[-2\dot{\kappa} - 4H\kappa + \left(\frac{k^2}{a^2} - 3\dot{H} \right) \alpha + 2 \frac{k^2 - 3K}{a^2} \varphi \right]$$

※ Radiation is handled by using the Boltzmann hierarchy equations.

(Hwang & Noh 2001)

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$$\delta'_c = \frac{\kappa}{H},$$

$$\delta'_w = (1 + w) \left(\frac{\kappa}{H} - \frac{k}{aH} v_w \right),$$

$$v'_w + (1 - 3w) v_w = \frac{w}{1 + w} \frac{k}{aH} \delta_w$$

$$w \equiv p_w / \mu_w, \quad \delta_w \equiv \delta\mu_w / \mu_w$$

$$F' \equiv dF / d \ln a$$

k : the comoving wave number

Large-scale limit during early scaling era

Background-related coefficients:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\dot{H}}{H} &= -\frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{1+w}{1+\epsilon} \right), & \frac{R'}{R} &= -3 \left(\frac{1+w}{1+\epsilon} \right), \\ \frac{R''}{R} &= 9 \left(\frac{1+w}{1+\epsilon} \right)^2, & \frac{F_{,RR} R'}{F_{,R}} &= \frac{3(1-\epsilon)(1+w)}{1+\epsilon}, \\ \frac{F}{3F_{,R} H^2} &= \frac{1+4\epsilon-3w}{\epsilon(1+\epsilon)}, & \frac{R}{3H^2} &= \frac{1+4\epsilon-3w}{1+\epsilon}, \\ \frac{F_{,RRR}}{F_{,R}} (R')^2 &= \frac{9(\epsilon-1)(\epsilon-2)(1+w)^2}{(1+\epsilon)^2}, \\ \frac{1}{F_{,R} R} \left(\frac{\delta\mu_m}{3H^2} - \frac{\delta p_m}{H^2} \right) &= \frac{2-3\epsilon-8\epsilon^2-3\epsilon(1+2\epsilon)w}{2\epsilon(1+\epsilon)^2} (1-3w)\delta_w, \\ \frac{F_{,R}}{F} R' &= -3 \frac{\epsilon(1+w)}{1+\epsilon}, & \frac{F_{,R}}{F} R &= \epsilon, \\ \frac{f}{6FH^2} &= \frac{1+4\epsilon-3w}{2(1+\epsilon)^2}, \\ \frac{\mu_m}{3FH^2} &= \frac{2-3\epsilon-8\epsilon^2-3\epsilon(1+2\epsilon)w}{2(1+\epsilon)^2} \end{aligned}$$

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In the large-scale limit $\left(\frac{k}{aH} \rightarrow 0 \right)$

the perturbation equations become

$$\begin{aligned}\left(\frac{\delta R}{R} \right)'' &+ \frac{3[(1-2\epsilon)-(1+4\epsilon)w]}{2(1+\epsilon)} \left(\frac{\delta R}{R} \right)' \\ &+ \left[-\frac{9\epsilon(1+w)[1-(1+2\epsilon)w]}{2(1+\epsilon)^2} + \frac{(1-\epsilon)(1+4\epsilon-3w)}{\epsilon(1+\epsilon)} \right] \left(\frac{\delta R}{R} \right) \\ &= -\frac{3(1+w)}{1+\epsilon} \left(\frac{\kappa}{H} \right) + \frac{2-3\epsilon-8\epsilon^2-3\epsilon(1+2\epsilon)w}{2\epsilon(1+\epsilon)^2} (1-3w)\delta_w\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\left(\frac{\kappa}{H} \right)' &+ \frac{1+10\epsilon+3(2\epsilon-1)w}{2(1+\epsilon)} \left(\frac{\kappa}{H} \right) \\ &= -3\epsilon \left(\frac{\delta R}{R} \right)' - \frac{3[1+5\epsilon-8\epsilon^2-3(1-\epsilon+2\epsilon^2)w]}{2(1+\epsilon)} \left(\frac{\delta R}{R} \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{3[2-3\epsilon-8\epsilon^2-3\epsilon(1+2\epsilon)w]}{2(1+\epsilon)^2} \delta_w\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\delta'_w &= (1+w) \left(\frac{\kappa}{H} \right) \\ v'_w &= -(1-3w)v_w\end{aligned}$$

Initial conditions of perturbed variables during scaling era

Assuming the form of solution as $\delta_w \propto \frac{\delta R}{R} \propto e^{n \ln a}$

we obtain quartic equation for n:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(n^2 + \frac{3[(1-2\epsilon) - (1+4\epsilon)w]}{2(1+\epsilon)}n - \frac{9\epsilon(1+w)[1 - (1+2\epsilon)w]}{2(1+\epsilon)^2} + \frac{(1-\epsilon)(1+4\epsilon-3w)}{\epsilon(1+\epsilon)} \right) \\ & \times \left(\frac{1}{1+w}n^2 + \frac{1+10\epsilon+3(2\epsilon-1)w}{2(1+\epsilon)(1+w)}n - \frac{3[2-3\epsilon-8\epsilon^2-3\epsilon(1+2\epsilon)w]}{2(1+\epsilon)^2} \right) \\ & = \left(-\frac{3}{1+\epsilon}n + \frac{[2-3\epsilon-8\epsilon^2-3\epsilon(1+2\epsilon)w](1-3w)}{2\epsilon(1+\epsilon)^2} \right) \left(-3\epsilon n - \frac{3[1+5\epsilon-8\epsilon^2-3(1-\epsilon+2\epsilon^2)w]}{2(1+\epsilon)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

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Solutions obtained by MAPLE:

$$n = \frac{1-2\epsilon+3w}{1+\epsilon}, \quad -\frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{1+w}{1+\epsilon} \right),$$

growing
mode



$$\frac{1}{4\epsilon(1+\epsilon)} \left\{ -3\epsilon + 3\epsilon(1+2\epsilon)w \pm \left[-16\epsilon \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. - 31\epsilon^2 + 160\epsilon^3 + 256\epsilon^4 + 3\epsilon(16 - 22\epsilon \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. - 28\epsilon^2 + 64\epsilon^3)w - 9\epsilon^2(7 + 12\epsilon - 4\epsilon^2)w^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\}$$

Finally we obtain the initial conditions of perturbed variables in the CDM-comoving gauge condition,

$$\delta_w = C e^{\frac{1-2\epsilon+3w}{1+\epsilon} \ln a}, \quad \left(\frac{\kappa}{H} \right) = \frac{1-2\epsilon+3w}{(1+\epsilon)(1+w)} \delta_w,$$
$$\frac{\delta R}{R} = \frac{1-4\epsilon-3(1+2\epsilon)w}{1+7\epsilon-12\epsilon^2-3(1-\epsilon)(1-2\epsilon)w} \delta_w,$$
$$\left(\frac{\delta R}{R} \right)' = \frac{1-2\epsilon+3w}{1+\epsilon} \left(\frac{\delta R}{R} \right),$$

where C is the initial amplitude.

Similar solutions have been already found by Carloni et al. (2008, PRD) in a different gauge condition.

Background
evolution of our
gravity models

$$f(R) = R^{1+\varepsilon} + qR^{-n}$$

For fiducial Λ CDM model,
we use cosmological
parameters consistent with
WMAP 7-year observations
(WMAP7+BAO+ H_0).

$$\Omega_{M0} = 0.274 \quad \Omega_{\Lambda0} = 0.7278$$

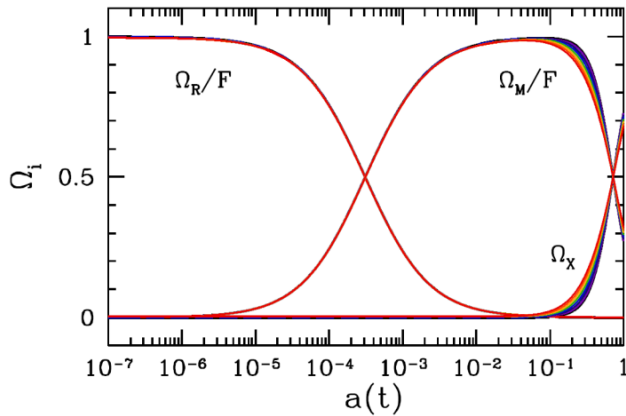
$$(\Omega_{c0} = 0.2284, \quad \Omega_{b0} = 0.0456)$$

$$h = 0.704 \quad n_s = 0.963$$

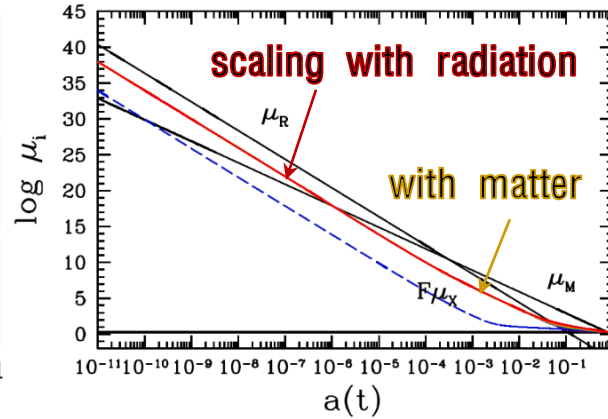
$$T_0 = 2.725 \text{ K}, \quad Y_{\text{He}} = 0.24$$

$$N_\nu = 3.04, \quad \tau = 0.087$$

density parameter

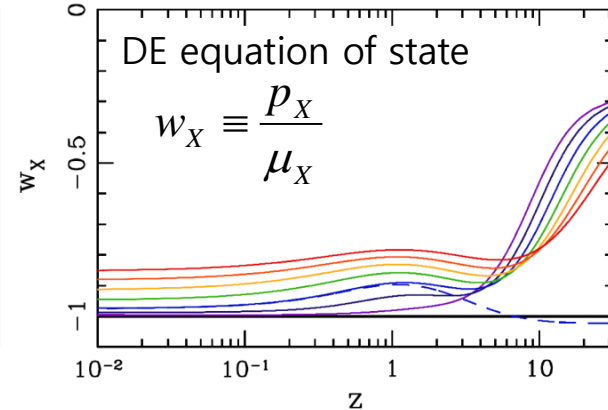
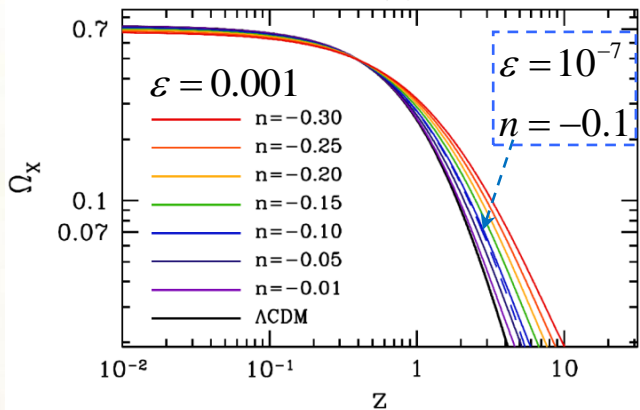


energy density



Background evolution of our gravity models

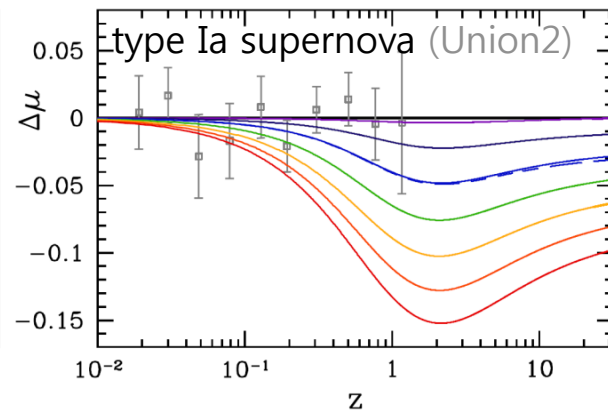
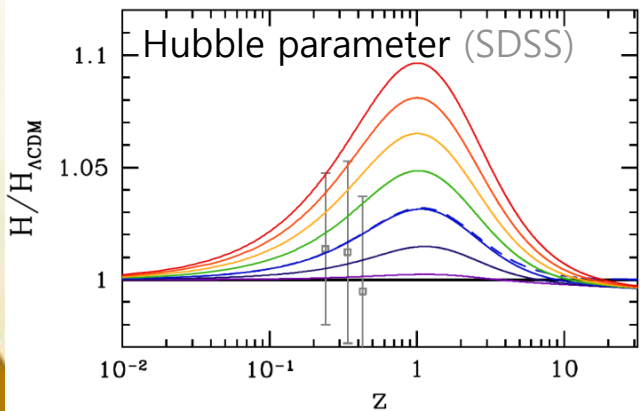
$$f(R) = R^{1+\varepsilon} + qR^{-n}$$



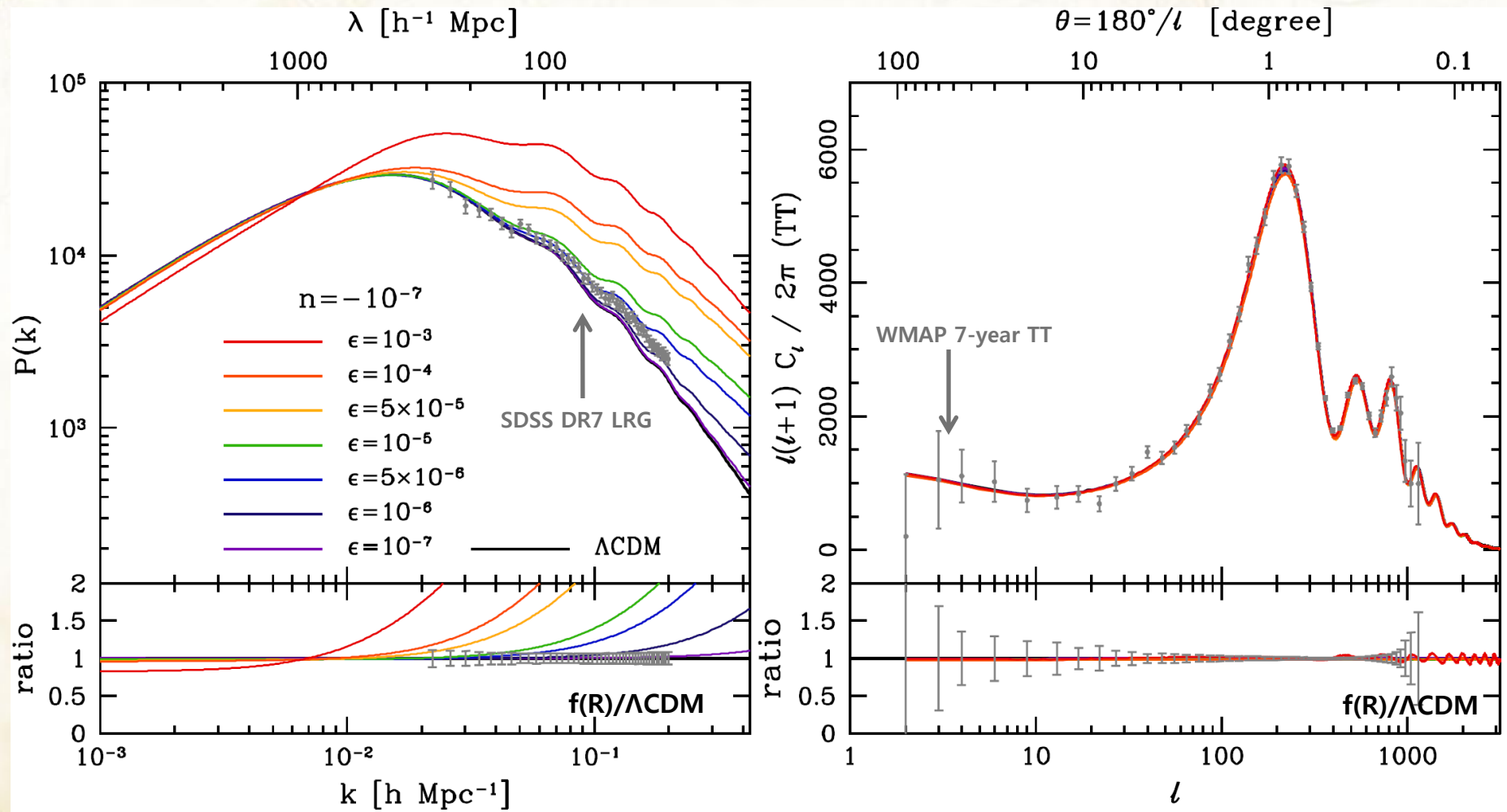
In all models, we set

$$\Omega_{X0} \equiv \Omega_{\Lambda 0}$$

(by adjusting q for given set of initial conditions of R, R')

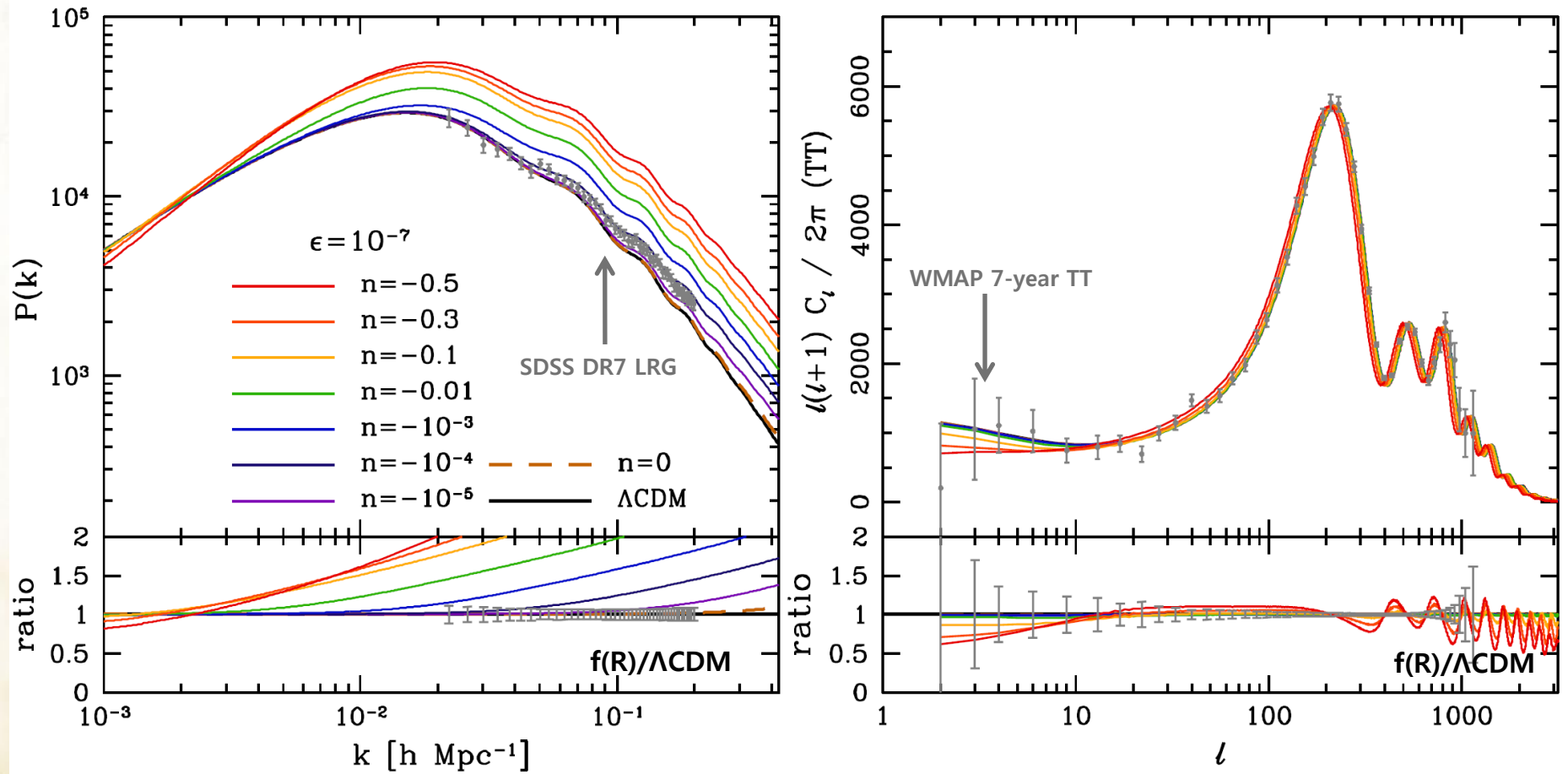


Power spectra of $f(R)$ gravity models for varying ϵ (with $n=-10^{-7}$)



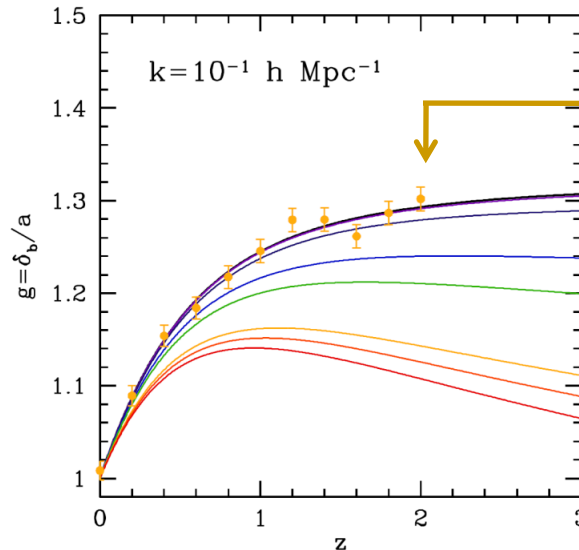
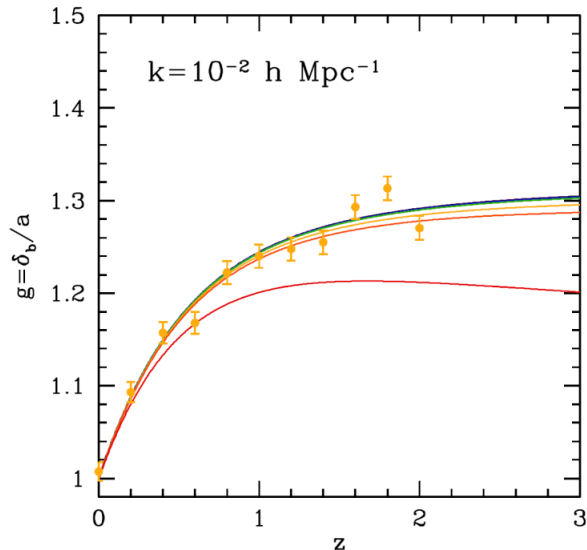
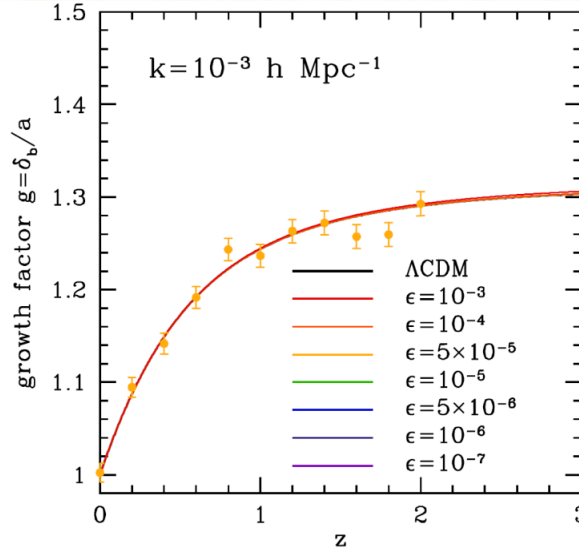
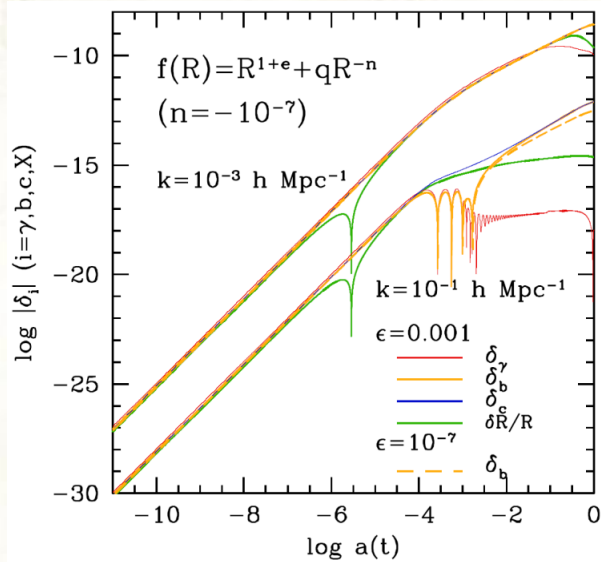
Unlike baryonic matter power spectrum (PS), the CMB PS is not sensitive to ϵ .

Power spectra of $f(R)$ gravity models for varying n (with $\epsilon=10^{-7}$)



The sensitivity of CMB PS to parameter n is weak compared to baryonic matter PS.

Perturbation growth in f(R) gravity models for varying ϵ (with $n=-10^{-7}$)



Perturbation growth factor:

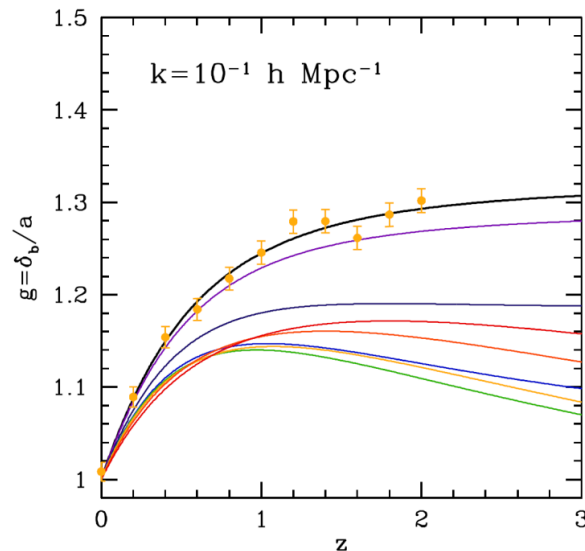
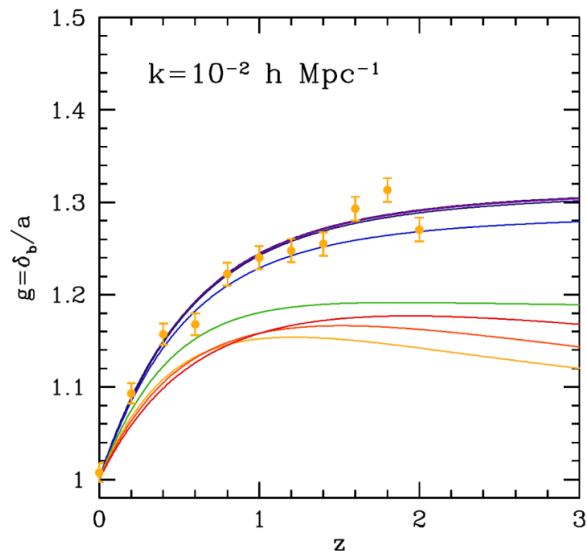
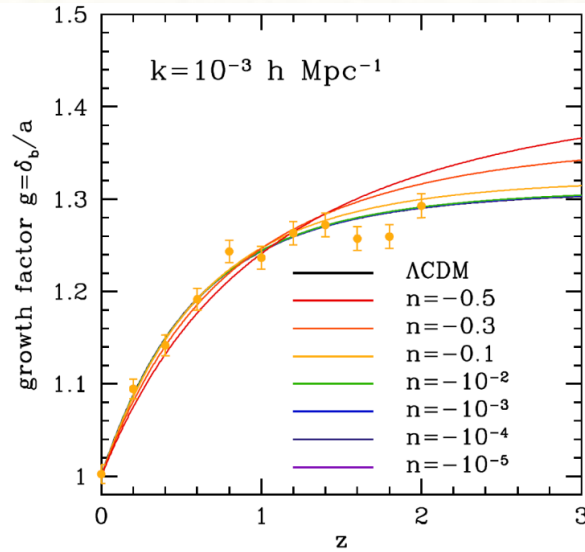
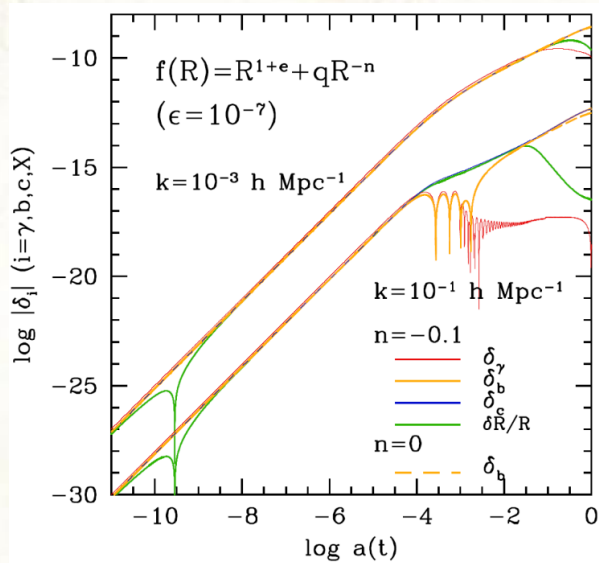
$$g \equiv \delta_b / a$$

(normalized to unity at present)

ΛCDM -motivated mock growth factor expected in the future X-ray and weak-lensing observations (1% precision; 11 data points between $z=0-2$).

Growth factor deviations from ΛCDM are particularly significant at small scale.

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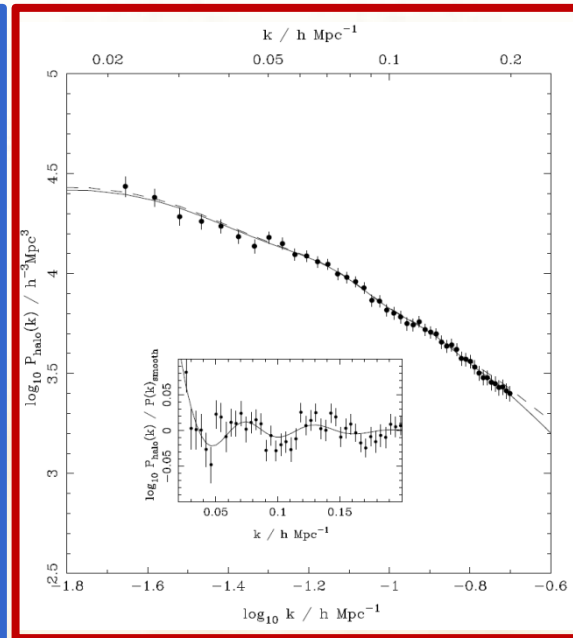
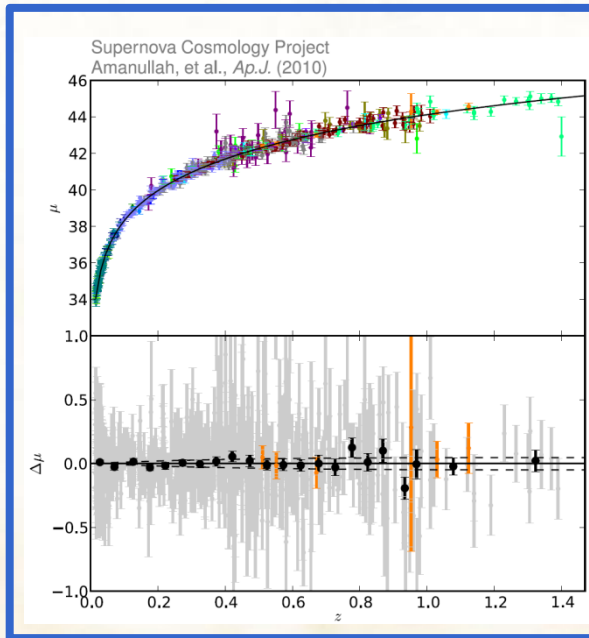
Growth factor deviations from ΛCDM are noticeable at all scales for smaller n.

For all cases, the deviation is significant at small scale.

Likelihood distribution of f(R) gravity parameters

We explore the (ϵ, n) -parameter space to estimate the likelihood using SNIa, matter PS, and perturbation growth factor data.

(Other cosmological parameters are fixed with WMAP 7-yr best-fit values.)



Data used:

SNIa (Union2)

Amanullah et al. 2010

SDSS DR7 LRG PS ($k < 0.1 h/\text{Mpc}$)
(window-convolved)

Reid et al. arXiv:0907.1659v2

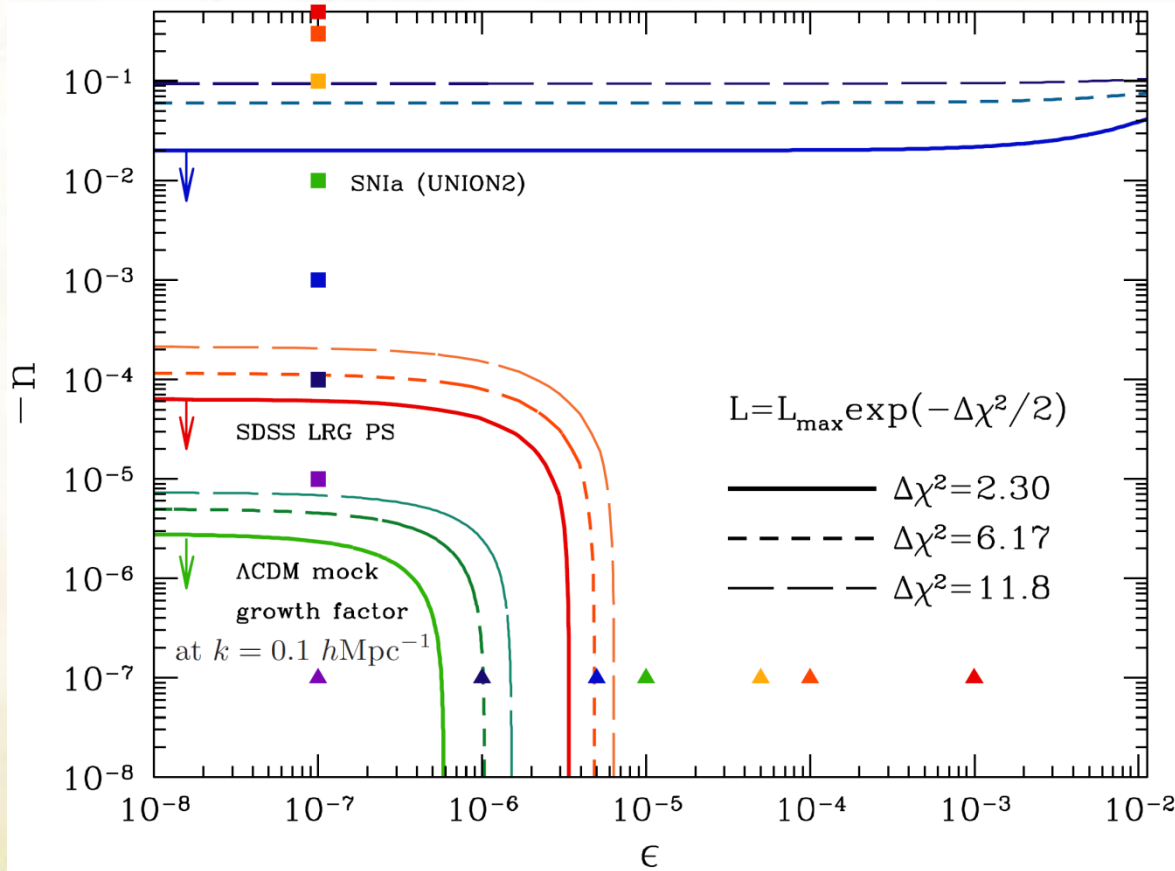
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at small-scale $k=0.1 h/\text{Mpc}$

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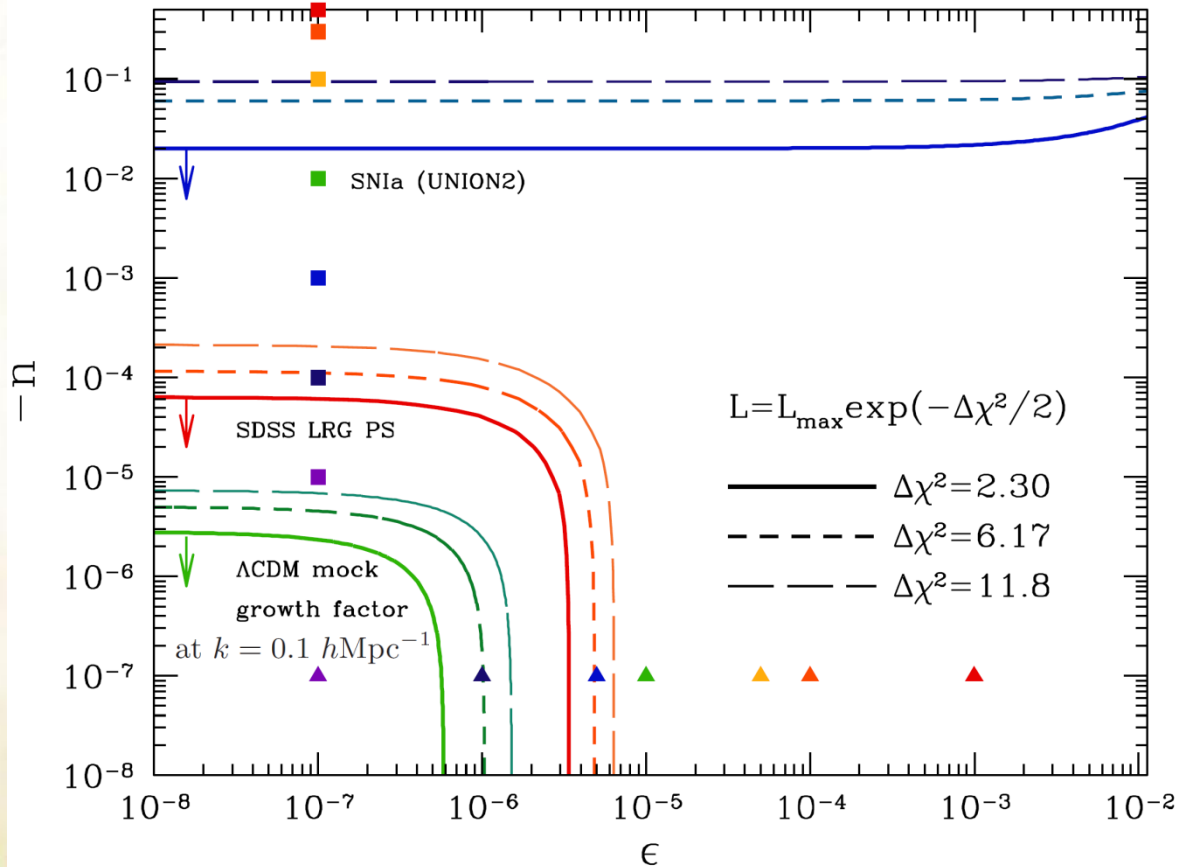
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f(R) gravity parameters, ϵ and n , are very sensitive to the growth factor at small scales, and are already tightly constrained by the current measurement of galaxy power spectrum.

Summary and Discussion

We have studied a $f(R)$ -gravity based dark energy model with early scaling era (mainly to avoid numerical problem in popular models).

We have presented initial conditions of background and perturbed variables during the early scaling evolution regime in the modified gravity with a pure power-law form $f(R) = R^{1+\epsilon}$ in the early era.

Our $f(R)$ gravity parameters are very sensitive to the baryon perturbation growth and baryon density power spectrum. Our analysis suggests that only the parameter space extremely close to the Λ CDM model is allowed.

The value of ϵ can be more tightly constrained by the solar system test. For example, according to the criterion given by Lin, Gu, and Chen [arXiv:1009.3488], we expect $\epsilon \lesssim 10^{-17}$ for $R/H_0^2 = 10^5$.

Thank You

