

Searching for dark energy off the beaten track

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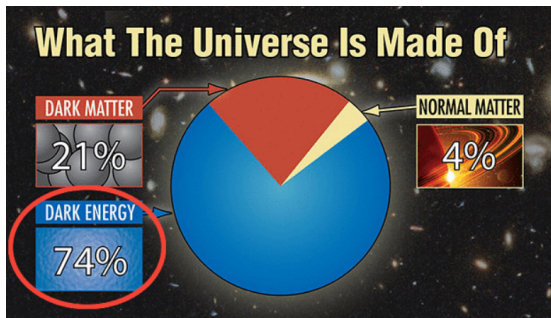
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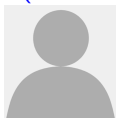


Dark Energy



- Part I: direct detection of DE on Earth
- Part II: consistency tests of Λ CDM, implications for early DE
- Part III: new ways to search for light particles (related or not to DE?)

Note: blue \rightarrow (Master's/PhD) students, red \rightarrow postdocs



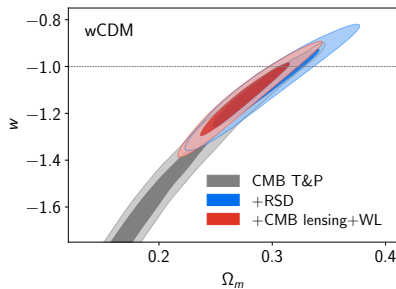
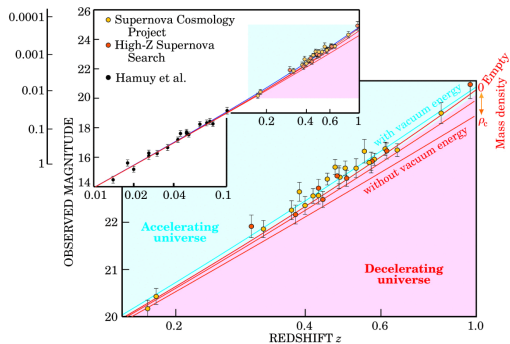
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The beaten track

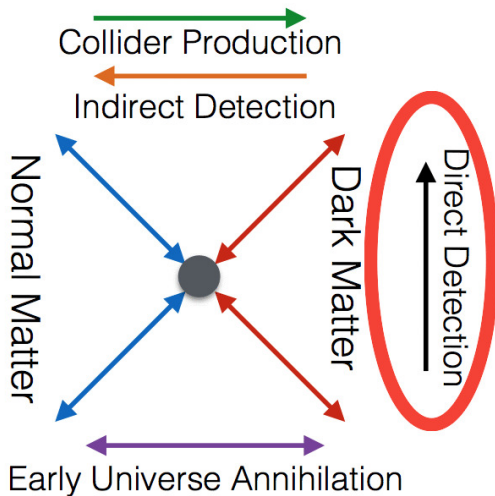
Gravitational signatures of DE: the effect of DE's energy density on the background expansion or the growth of structure, probed by standard cosmological observations, with particular focus on DE's equation of state $w_{\text{DE}} = P_{\text{DE}}/\rho_{\text{DE}}$ (~ -1 ?)



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*Part I:
direct detection of dark energy*

Are gravitational signatures all there is?



What about dark energy?



Are gravitational signatures all there is?

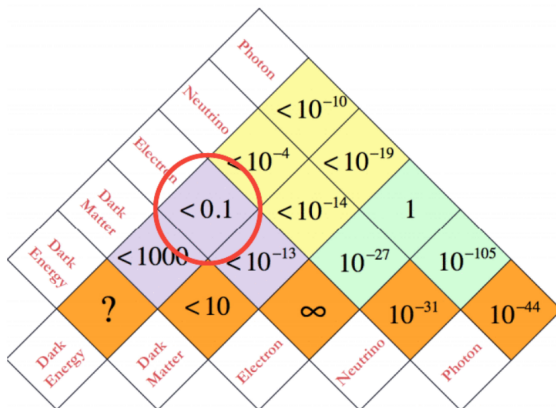
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Scattering of dark matter and dark energy

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Can dark energy and visible matter talk to each other?

Quintessence and the Rest of the World: Suppressing Long-Range Interactions

Sean M. Carroll
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If DE due to a new particle, this typically will:

- be very light [$m \sim H_0 \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-33})$ eV]
- have gravitational-strength coupling to matter

Result/immediate obstacle: long-range fifth forces!

$$F_5 = -\frac{1}{M_5^2} \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2} e^{-r/\lambda_5}, \quad M_5 \sim M_{\text{Pl}}, \quad \lambda_5 \sim m^{-1} \sim H_0^{-1}$$

Screening

How to satisfy fifth-force tests?

- Tune the coupling to be extremely weak [$M \ll M_{\text{Pl}}$]
- Tune the range to be extremely short [$\lambda \ll \mathcal{O}(\text{mm})$]
- Tune the dynamics so the force weakens based on its environment
→ **screening!**

(At least) 3 ways to screen

$$F_5 = -\frac{1}{M_5^2(x)} \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^{2-n(x)}} e^{-r/\lambda_5(x)}$$

- $\lambda_5(x)$ → **chameleon** screening (short range in dense environments)
- $M_5(x)$ → symmetron screening (weak coupling in dense environments)
- $n(x)$ → Vainshtein (force drops faster than $1/r^2$ around objects)

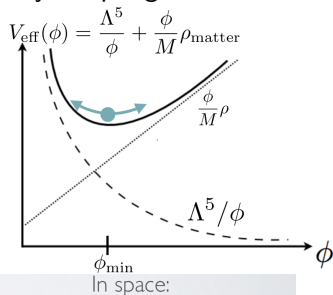
Chameleon screening

Fifth force range $\lambda(x)$ becomes short in dense environments, scalar field minimizes effective potential determined by coupling to matter

$$V_{\text{eff}} = V(\phi) + \phi \rho_m / M$$

$$m_{\text{eff}}^2 = \left. \frac{d^2 V_{\text{eff}}}{d\phi^2} \right|_{\phi=\phi_{\text{min}}} \propto \rho^n, n > 0$$

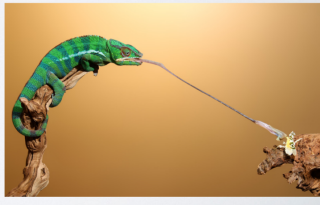
$$\lambda \sim 1/m_{\text{eff}} \propto \rho^{-n/2}$$



On Earth:



In space:



Direct detection of dark energy

Can we detect (screened) DE in DM direct detection experiments?

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¿Ha causado la Energía Oscura los extraños resultados del experimento XENONIT?

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Direct detection of dark energy: The XENONIT excess and future prospects

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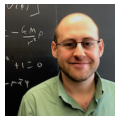
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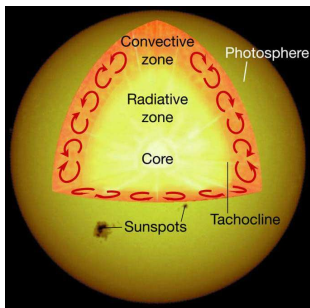
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Direct detection of dark energy

Production

$$\mathcal{L}_{\phi\gamma} \supset \underbrace{-\beta_\gamma \frac{\phi}{M_{\text{Pl}}} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}}_{\text{(anomalous)}} + \underbrace{\frac{T_\gamma^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi}{M_\gamma^4}}_{\text{disformal}}$$

Production in strong magnetic fields of the tachocline

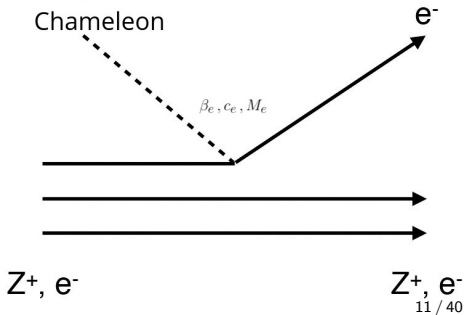


Detection

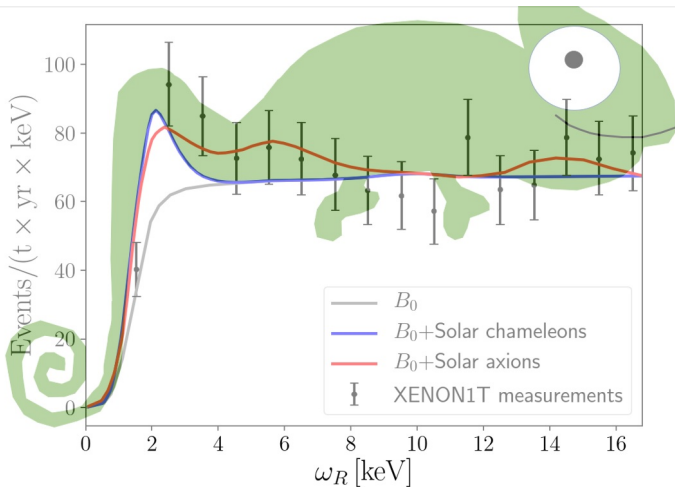
$$\mathcal{L}_{\phi i} \supset \underbrace{\beta_i \frac{\phi T_i}{M_{\text{Pl}}}}_{\text{conformal}} - \underbrace{c_i \frac{\partial^\mu \phi \partial_\mu \phi}{M^4} T_i}_{\text{kinetic-conformal}} + \underbrace{\frac{T_i^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi}{M_i^4}}_{\text{disformal}}$$

Analogous to photoelectric and axioelectric effects

Chameleon



Direct detection of (chameleon-screened) dark energy



Cosmological direct detection of dark energy

Wouldn't scattering between DE and baryons mess up cosmology?

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Do we have any hope of detecting scattering between dark energy and baryons through cosmology?

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Surprisingly not!



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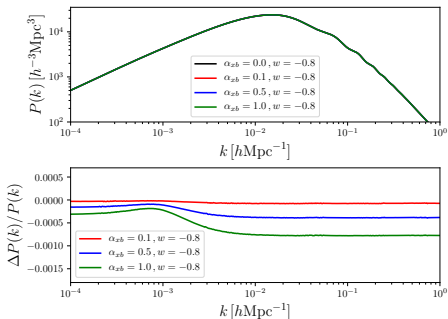
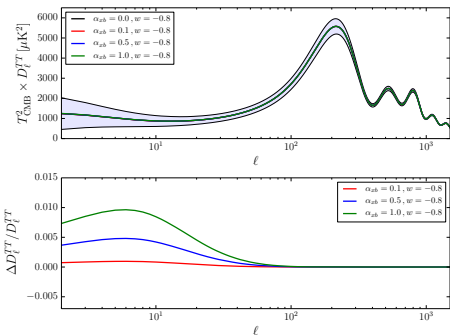
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Cosmological direct detection of dark energy?

$$\dot{\theta}_b = -\mathcal{H}\theta_b + c_s^2 k^2 \delta_b + \frac{4\rho_\gamma}{3\rho_b} an_e \sigma_T (\theta_\gamma - \theta_b) + (1 + w_x) \frac{\rho_x}{\rho_b} an_e \sigma_{xb} (\theta_x - \theta_b)$$

$$\dot{\theta}_x = -\mathcal{H}(1 - 3c_s^2)\theta_x + \frac{c_s^2 k^2}{1 + w_x} \delta_x + an_e \sigma_{xb} (\theta_b - \theta_x)$$

Impact on CMB and *linear* matter power spectrum ($\alpha = \sigma_{xb}/\sigma_T$)



N-body simulations of DE-baryon interactions

Structure formation with scattering between dark energy and baryons

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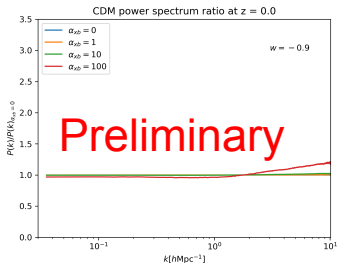
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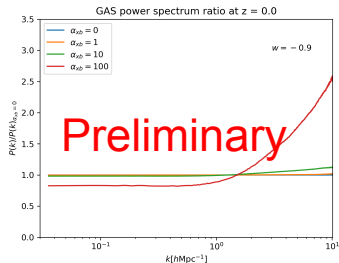
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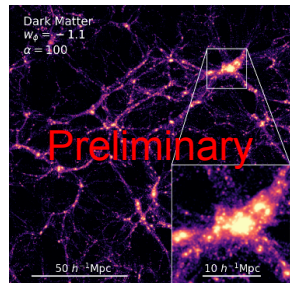
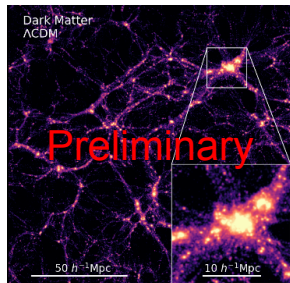
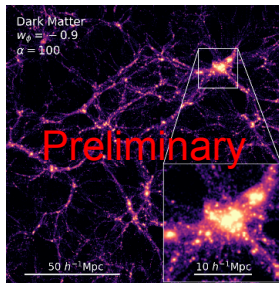
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N-body simulations of DE-baryon interactions

Simulation snapshots:

- $\sigma = 100\sigma_T$
- $w = -0.9, -1, -1.1$

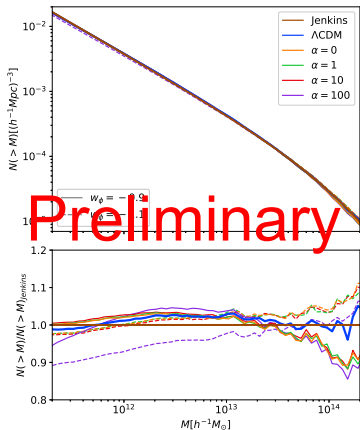
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N-body simulations of DE-baryon interactions

Other observables:

- (Cumulative) halo mass function
- (Stacked) halo density profiles
- Baryon fraction profiles
- Bullet-like systems
- ...



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Recap

Direct detection of dark energy

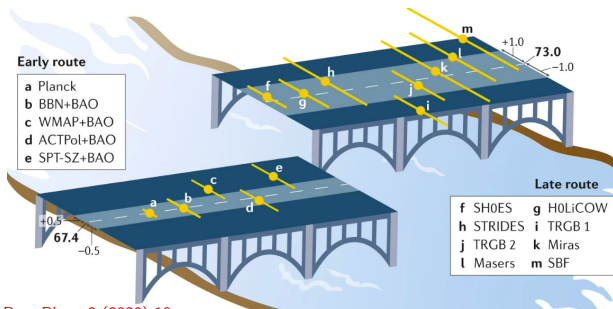
- Potentially lots of unharvested potential for direct detection of dark energy in dark matter direct detection experiments
- Room for large dark energy-baryons interactions in cosmology...
- ...possibly tightly constrained by (non-linear) LSS clustering and other astrophysical observations!

Where else might we learn something about dark energy (at early times)?

Perhaps from the Hubble tension!

*Part II:
consistency tests of Λ CDM and
implications for (early) DE*

Viewing the Hubble tension ocean with different eyeglasses



Credits: Riess, Nat. Rev. Phys. 2 (2020) 10

Why does Λ CDM fit data so well? Do we really need new physics? If so, at what time(s), and with what ingredients?

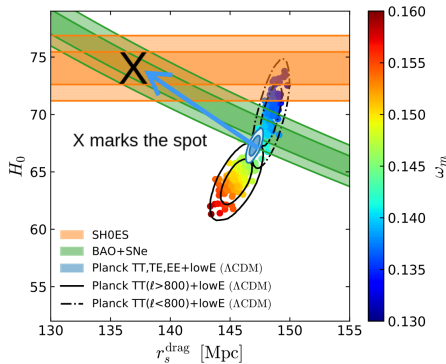
Consistency tests of Λ CDM

The Hubble tension and new physics

Hubble tension *appears* to call for (substantial) early-time new physics...

Increasing $H(z)$ just prior to z_* :
“least unlikely” proposal?

Example: early dark energy (some debate as to how much it works)



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Editors' Suggestion

Early Dark Energy can Resolve the Hubble Tension

Vivian Poulin, Tristan L. Smith, Tanvi Karwal, and Marc Kamionkowski
Phys. Rev. Lett. **122**, 221301 – Published 4 June 2019

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Early dark energy does not restore cosmological concordance

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Need $\approx 12\%$ (!!!) EDE around z_{eq} ↓↓

Why is there no clear sign of new physics in CMB data alone?

Early-time consistency tests of Λ CDM

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Consistency tests of Λ CDM from the early integrated Sachs-Wolfe effect: Implications for early-time new physics and the Hubble tension

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Why does Λ CDM fit CMB data so well?



(Early-time) Consistency tests of Λ CDM

The early ISW (eISW) effect

Around recombination: Universe not fully matter dominated \implies residual decay of gravitational potentials \implies eISW effect sources anisotropies

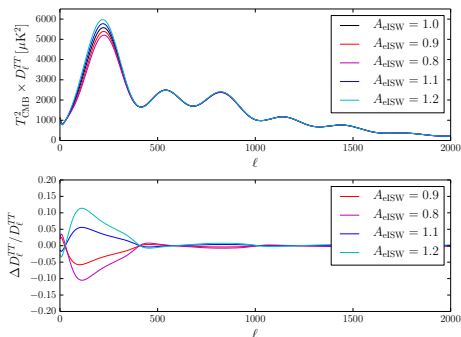
$$\Theta = \int_0^{\eta_0} d\eta \left[\underbrace{\propto g(\Theta_0 + \Psi)}_{\text{Sachs-Wolfe}} + \underbrace{\propto gv_b \frac{d}{d\eta}}_{\text{Doppler}} + \underbrace{\propto e^{-\tau}(\dot{\Psi} - \dot{\Phi})}_{\text{ISW}} + \underbrace{\propto (g\Pi + [g\ddot{\Pi}])}_{\text{Polarization}} \right] j_\ell(k\Delta\eta)$$

$$\Theta_\ell^{\text{ISW}}(k) = \underbrace{\int_0^{\eta_m} d\eta e^{-\tau} (\dot{\Psi} - \dot{\Phi}) j_\ell(k\Delta\eta)}_{\text{early ISW}} + \underbrace{\int_{\eta_m}^{\eta_0} d\eta e^{-\tau} (\dot{\Psi} - \dot{\Phi}) j_\ell(k\Delta\eta)}_{\text{late ISW}}$$

(A substantial amount of) New physics increasing $H(z)$ around z_{eq}/z_* *should* leave an imprint on the eISW effect!

eISW consistency test

$$\Theta_{\ell}^{\text{eISW}}(k) = A_{\text{eISW}} \int_0^{\eta_m} d\eta e^{-\tau} (\dot{\Psi} - \dot{\Phi}) j_{\ell}(k\Delta\eta)$$



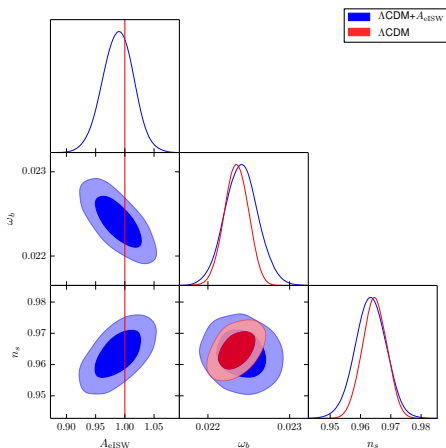
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Consistency check: within ΛCDM , data consistent with $A_{\text{eISW}} = 1$?

eISW consistency test

Is the data consistent with $A_{eISW} = 1$? (7-parameter Λ CDM+ A_{eISW})

Yes!



Parameter	<i>Planck</i>	
	Λ CDM	Λ CDM+ A_{eISW}
$100\omega_b$	2.235 ± 0.015	2.241 ± 0.020
ω_c	0.1202 ± 0.0013	0.1203 ± 0.0014
θ_s	1.0409 ± 0.0003	1.0409 ± 0.0003
τ	0.0544 ± 0.0078	0.0541 ± 0.0078
$\ln(10^{10} A_s)$	3.045 ± 0.016	3.046 ± 0.016
n_s	0.965 ± 0.004	0.963 ± 0.005
A_{eISW}	1.0	0.988 ± 0.027
H_0 [km/s/Mpc]	67.26 ± 0.57	67.28 ± 0.62
Ω_m	0.317 ± 0.008	0.317 ± 0.009

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Other parameter constraints very stable, no more than $\approx 0.3\sigma$ shifts

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Implications for early-time new physics: EDE case study

High H_0 EDE fit to CMB at the cost of increase in $\omega_c \rightarrow$ worsens tension with WL/LSS data? Hill *et al.*, PRD 102 (2020) 043507; Ivanov *et al.*, PRD 102 (2020) 103502; D'Amico *et al.*,

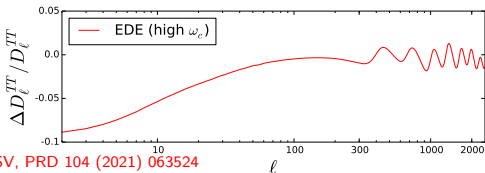
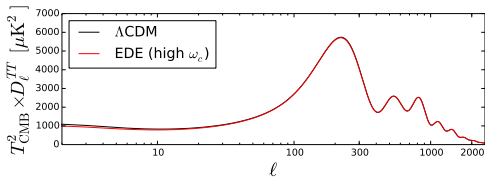
JCAP 2105 (2021) 072; see partial rebuttals in: Murgia *et al.*, PRD 103 (2021) 063502; Smith *et al.*, arXiv:2009.10740

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Parameter	Λ CDM	EDE (high ω_c)	EDE (low ω_c)
$100\omega_b$	2.253	2.253	2.253
ω_c	0.1177	0.1322	0.1177
H_0 [km/s/Mpc]	68.21	72.19	72.19
τ	0.085	0.072	0.072
$\ln(10^{10} A_s)$	3.0983	3.0978	3.0978
n_s	0.9686	0.9889	0.9889
f_{EDE}	–	0.122	0.122
$\log_{10} z_c$	–	3.562	3.562
θ_i	–	2.83	2.83
n	–	3	3

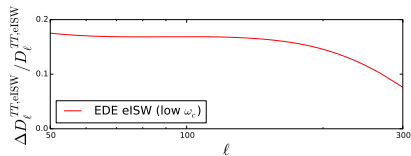
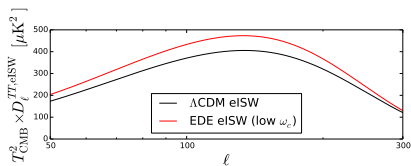


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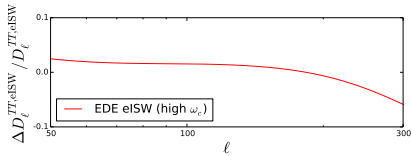
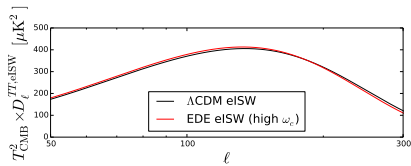
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Let's extract only the eISW contribution to temperature anisotropies...

Low ω_c



High ω_c



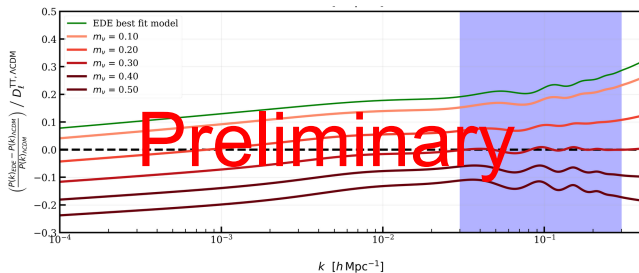
Almost 20% eISW excess!

No more than \lesssim 3-5% eISW excess

Generic to models increasing pre-recombination $H(z)$, not just EDE

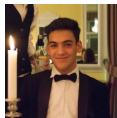
Early dark energy problems

Example: neutrino mass (nominally need $M_\nu \sim 0.3 \text{ eV}$ to rescue EDE!)



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Other possible ingredients: decaying DM, DM-dark radiation interactions



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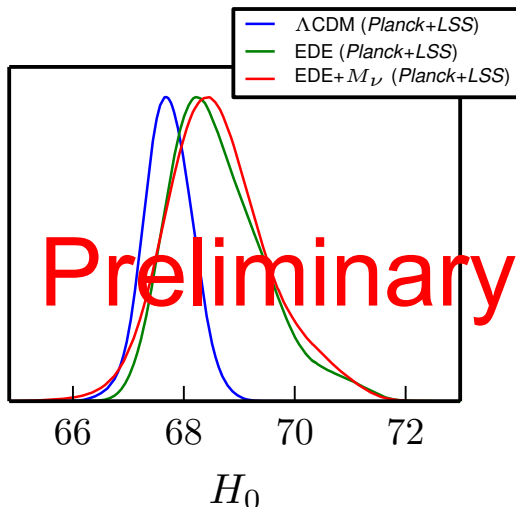


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Early dark energy problems

Massive neutrinos actually turn out not to work:

- Increase in S_8 (actually worsens S_8 discrepancy)
- M_ν negatively correlated with H_0 for CMB
- Need $M_\nu \sim 0.3$ eV, very hard to accommodate in LSS data



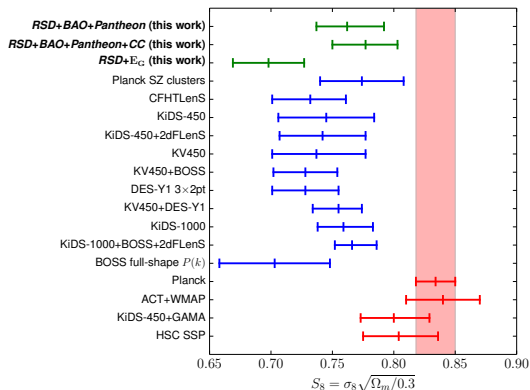
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S_8 discrepancy – something to get excited about?

Arbitrating the S_8 discrepancy with growth rate measurements from redshift-space distortions

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From the growth rate ($f\sigma_8$) point of view, S_8 discrepancy perfectly compatible with a statistical fluctuation!



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Early-time consistency tests of Λ CDM

- eISW effect sets tight constraints on new pre-recombination physics
- Models which raise pre-recombination $H(z)$ will typically overpredict amplitude of eISW effect
- Example: early dark energy (need additional post-recombination new physics to solve “ S_8 tension”?)

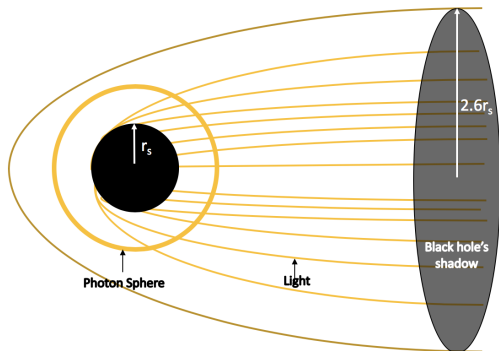
*Part III:
new searches for light particles
(dark energy-related or not)*

Black hole shadows

For Schwarzschild BH shadow radius $3\sqrt{3}M$



Credits: Event Horizon Telescope collaboration



For advection-dominated hot (geometrically thick optically thin) accretion flow, edge of BH shadow robust to accretion flow details, only influenced by space-time geometry [Narayan et al., ApJ Lett. 885 \(2019\) L33](#); [Bronzwaer & Falcke, arXiv:2108.03966](#)

⇒ we can use BH shadows to test fundamental physics!

Testing fundamental physics from black hole shadows?

Known information for M87*:

- Diameter of shadow δ , distance to mass ratio D/M
 $\rightarrow d = D\delta/M \sim 11.0 \pm 1.5$
- Deviation from circularity $\Delta C \lesssim 10\%$
- Axis ratio $\Delta y/\Delta x \lesssim 4/3$
- $\epsilon \equiv \Delta Q/Q_{\text{Kerr}} \lesssim 4$,
 $Q_{\text{Kerr}} = Ma^2$

Recipe: compute d and ΔC for BHs in your favourite theory, then impose these constraints

Testing the rotational nature of the supermassive object M87* from the circularity and size of its first image

Cosimo Bambi, Katherine Freese, Sunny Vagnozzi, and Luca Visinelli
Phys. Rev. D **100**, 044057 – Published 29 August 2019

Hunting for extra dimensions in the shadow of M87*

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Magnetically charged black holes from non-linear electrodynamics and the Event Horizon Telescope

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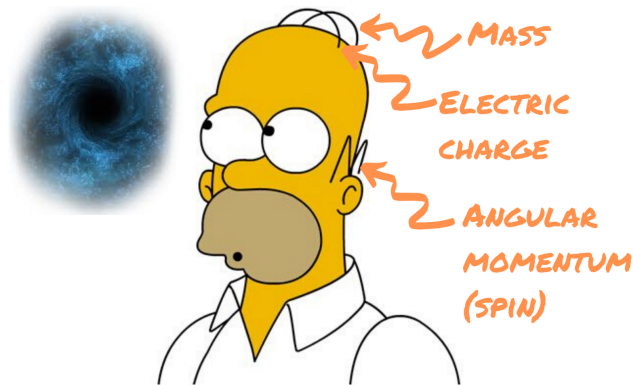
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The no-hair theorem

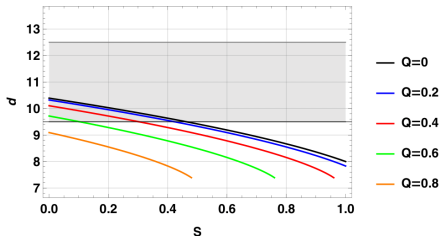
Black holes have at most three hairs ($3 \approx 0$)



An example of no-hair theorem violation

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{EH}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{Maxwell}} - \left(\frac{1}{6} \phi^2 R + \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi \right)$$

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Superradiance-induced black hole shadow evolution

Superradiance evolution of black hole shadows revisited

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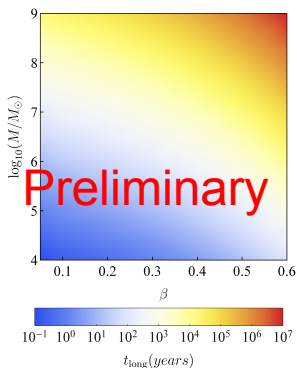
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Evolution in shadow size $\Delta\theta \sim \mathcal{O}(1)\mu\text{as}$ due to superradiance potentially observable on human timescales [$\mathcal{O}(10)\text{yr}$]



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Precession of planetary objects and new light particles

Asteroid astrometry as a fifth-force and ultralight dark sector probe

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Yukawa potential from new light particle, e.g. new scalar or vector mediator from gauged $U(1)'$ sector [$U(1)_B$, $U(1)_{B-L}$, $L_\mu - L_{e,\tau}, \dots$]:

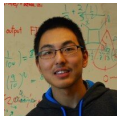
$$V(r) = \tilde{\alpha} \frac{GM_\odot M_*}{r} \exp\left[-\frac{r}{\lambda}\right] \rightarrow \frac{g^2}{4\pi} \frac{Q_\odot Q_*}{r} \exp\left[-\frac{mc^2}{\hbar c} r\right],$$

Several GR calculations later, in the light mediator limit ($m \ll \hbar/ac$)...

$$|\Delta\varphi| \simeq \frac{2\pi}{1 + \frac{g^2}{4\pi Gm_p^2}} \frac{g^2}{4\pi Gm_p^2} \left(\frac{amc}{\hbar}\right)^2 (1 - e)$$



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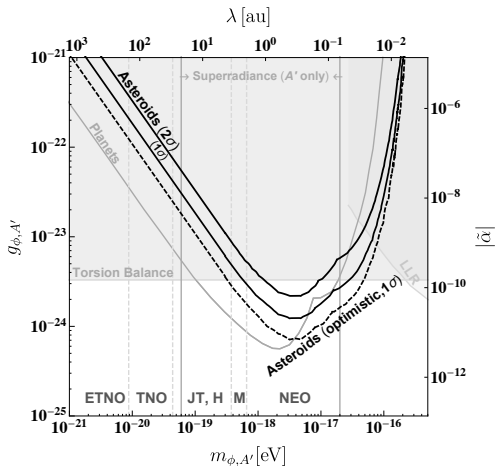
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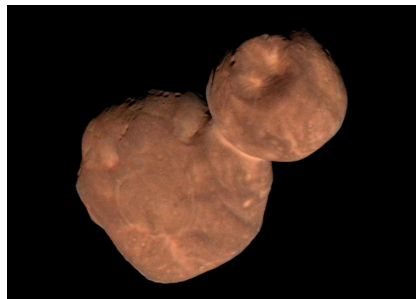
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Results from planets and 9 well-tracked (i.e. dangerous) asteroids



Asteroid 66391 Moshup
(~ 1.3 km in diameter)

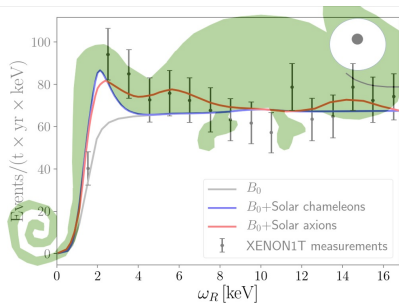


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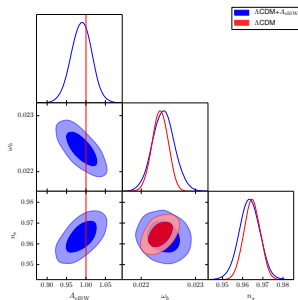
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Conclusions

Direct detection of dark energy: lots of unharvested potential in dark matter direct detection experiments



Consistency tests of Λ CDM: pre-recombination new physics tightly constrained by eISW effect



Much to be learned about dark energy beyond “standard” cosmological searches for its gravitational interactions