

Dark Energy

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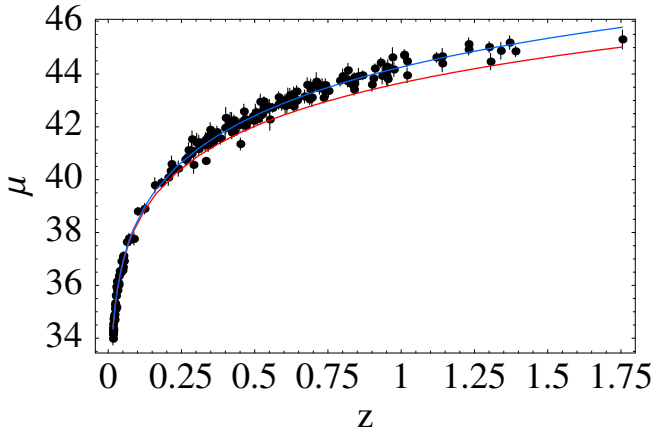
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- ▶ Quintessence: (minimally coupled) scalar field $\phi(t)$, so successful in inflationary models

$$\rho_\phi = \frac{1}{2}\dot{\phi}^2 + V(\phi)$$
$$p_\phi = \frac{1}{2}\dot{\phi}^2 - V(\phi)$$

$$w_\phi = \frac{p_\phi}{\rho_\phi} = \frac{\dot{\phi}^2 - 2V}{\dot{\phi}^2 + 2V}$$

$$-1 \leq w_\phi \leq 1 \Leftrightarrow \rho_\phi + p_\phi \geq 0$$

No phantom!

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Growth of matter perturbations is modified:

$$\ddot{\delta}_m + 2H\dot{\delta}_m - 4\pi G_{\text{eff}} \rho_m \delta_m = 0$$

$$h^2 \delta_m'' + \left(\frac{(h^2)'}{2} - \frac{h^2}{1+z} \right) \delta_m' = \frac{3}{2}(1+z) \frac{G_{\text{eff}}}{G} \Omega_{m,0} \delta_m$$

Perturbations $\delta_m(z)$ must be consistent with background expansion ($h(z) \equiv \frac{H(z)}{H_0}$)!

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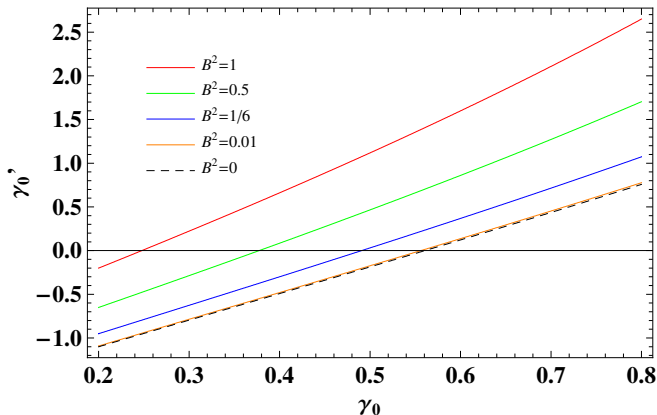
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$$\Omega_{m,0} = 0.29$$

$$w_{DE,0} = -1$$

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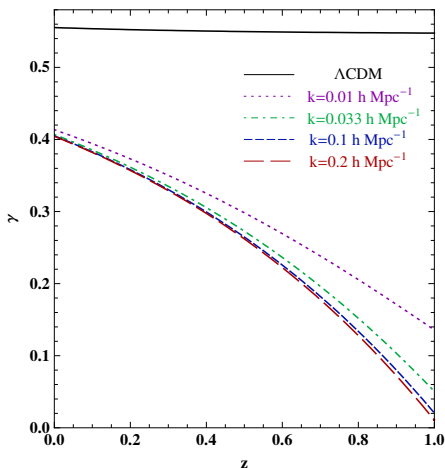
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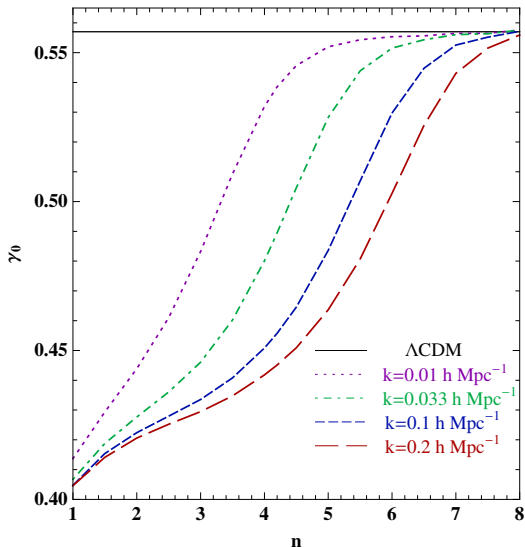
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