

# Theoretical priors for quintessence. Towards a general parametrization of Horndeski cosmologies.

Coming soon. Comments welcome!

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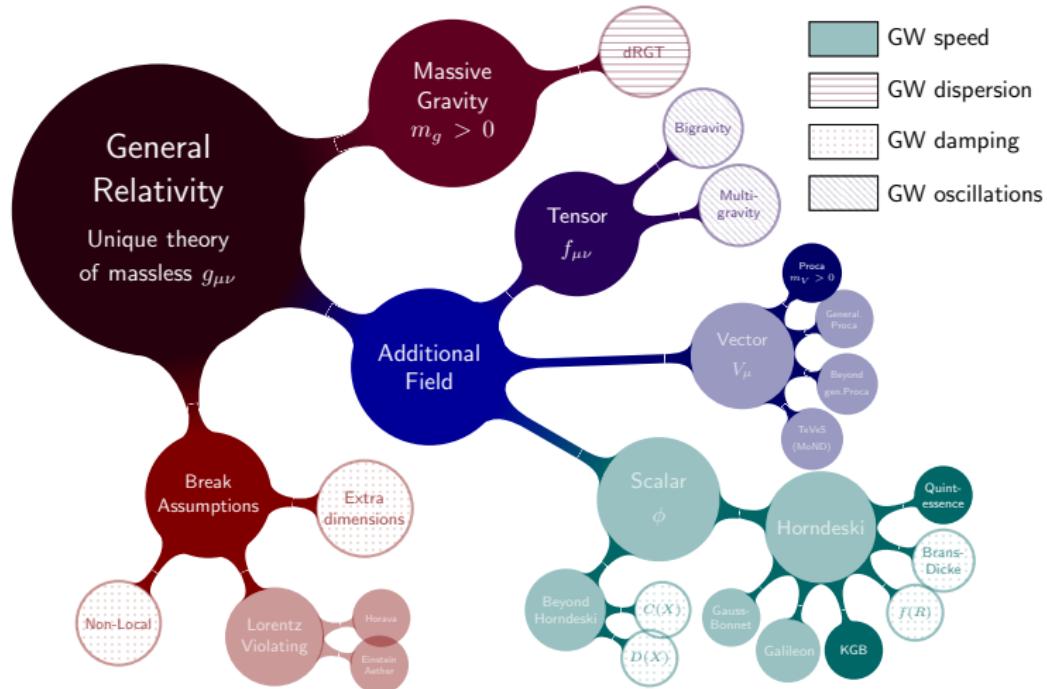
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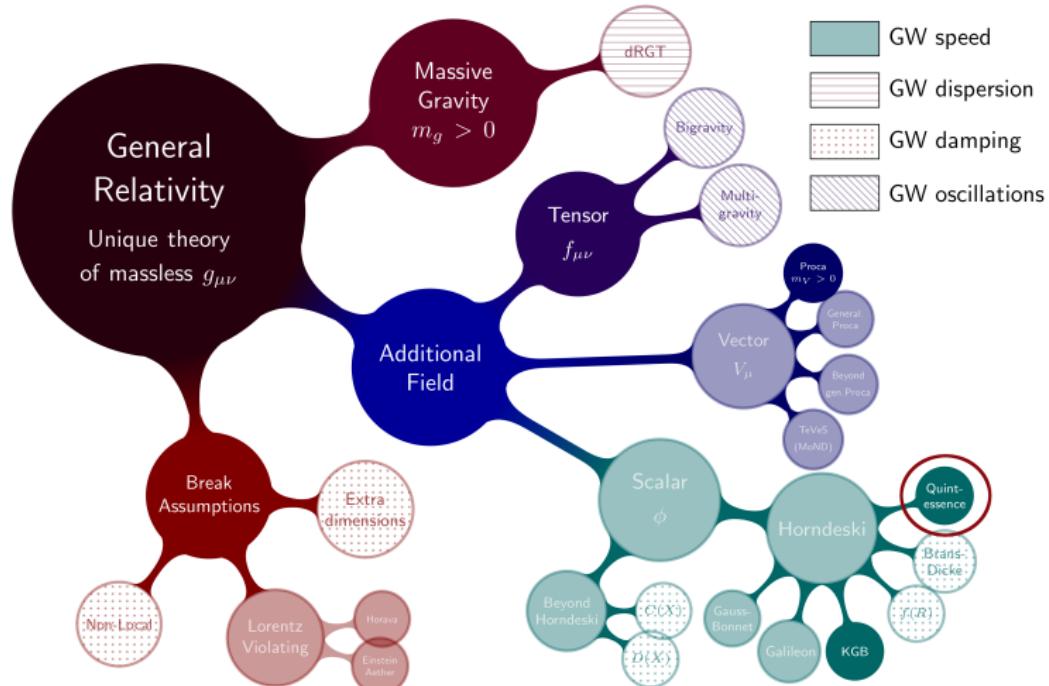
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# Quintessence

- Free  $\Lambda$ :

$$G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = T_{\mu\nu} \quad \longrightarrow \quad G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda(\phi) g_{\mu\nu} = T_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\rho_\Lambda = \Lambda \quad \longrightarrow \quad \rho = \frac{1}{2}\dot{\phi}^2 + V(\phi)$$

$$p = -\Lambda \quad \longrightarrow \quad p = \frac{1}{2}\dot{\phi}^2 - V(\phi)$$

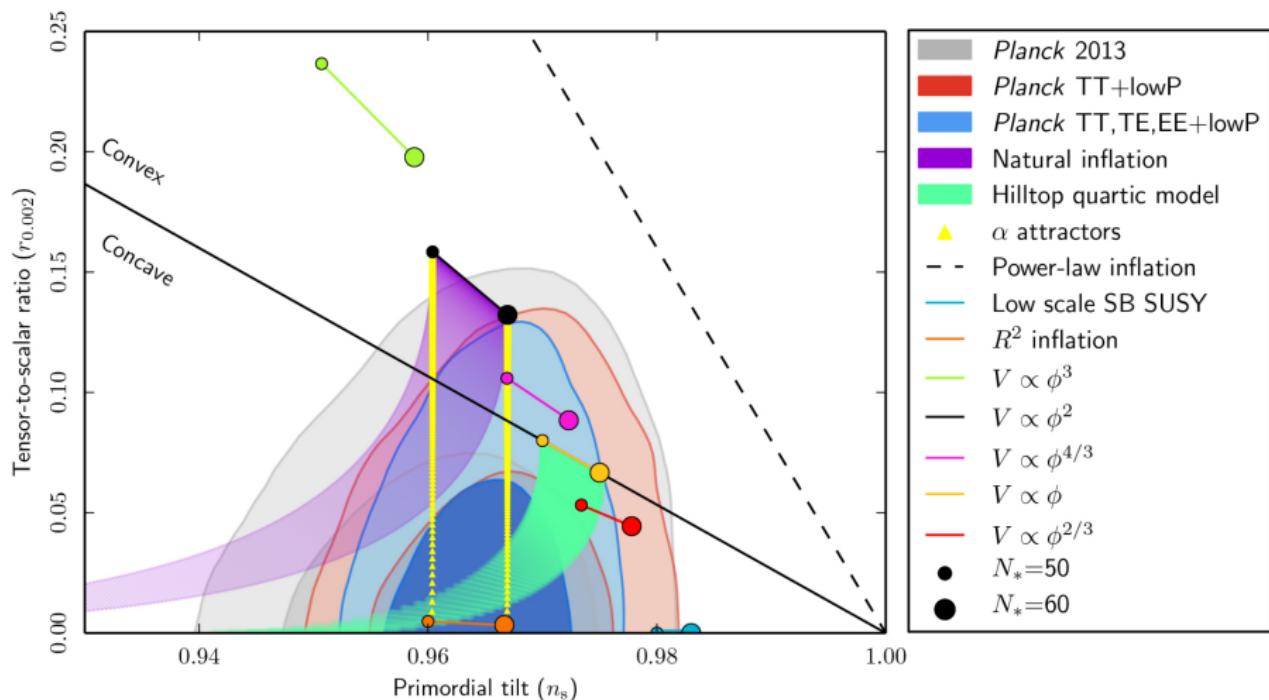
- New equation of motion:

$$\ddot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} + V_{,\phi} = 0$$

- Determined by 1 function; e. g.  $w = p/\rho$ :

$$\rho = \rho_0 \exp \left[ -3 \int_0^{\log(a)} d \log(a') (1+w) \right]$$

Ideas from inflation:  $n_s$ ,  $r$  equivalents for DE/MG?



Planck 2015 results – Ade et al. (Astron.Astrophys. 594(2016) A20)

# What parameters can we use?

Parametrization must

- reproduce observables accurately for next-generation experiments:

$$\sigma_{\mathcal{O}_i} < 1\%; \quad \sigma_{D_A(z_{rec})} < 0.3\%$$

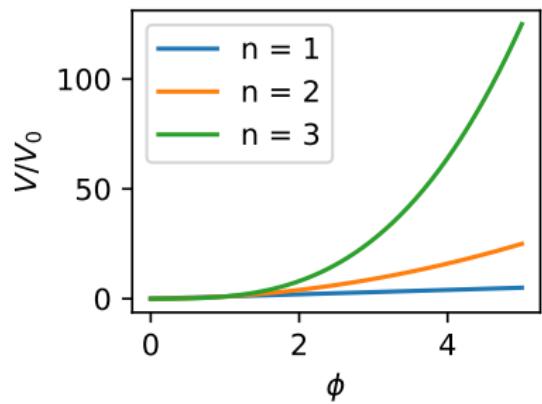
- have less parameters as possible

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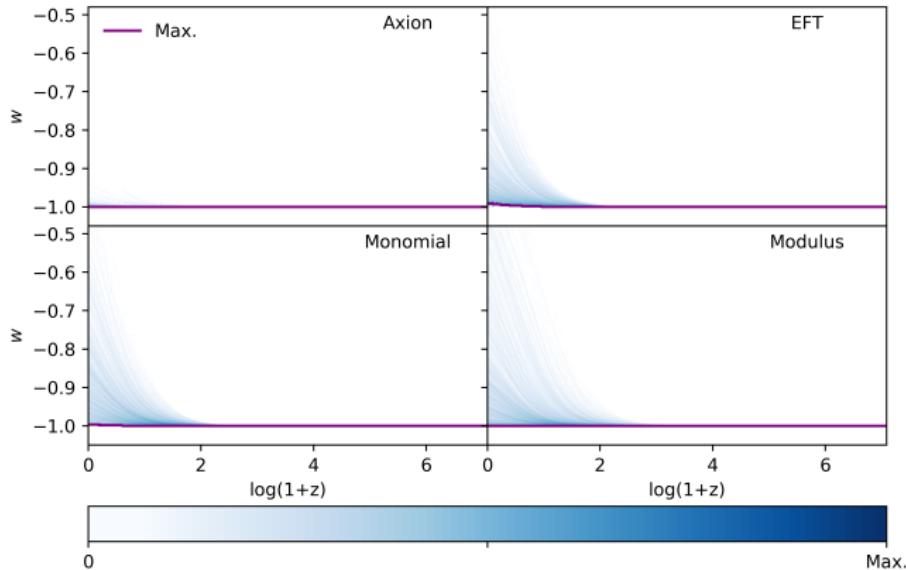
E.g. Monomial quintessence ( $V = V_0 \phi^n$ )

- Vary free parameters:
  - 2 cosmological parameters:
    - $h \in [0.6, 0.8)$
    - $\Omega_{cdm} \in [0.15, 0.35)$
  - 2 model parameters:
    - $\phi_{ini} \in U[1, 7]$
    - $n \in U_Z[1, 7]$
    - Note:  $V_0$  fixed by  $1 = \sum_i \Omega_i$
- Compute  $H$ ,  $D_A$  and  $f$
- Do this 20.000 times



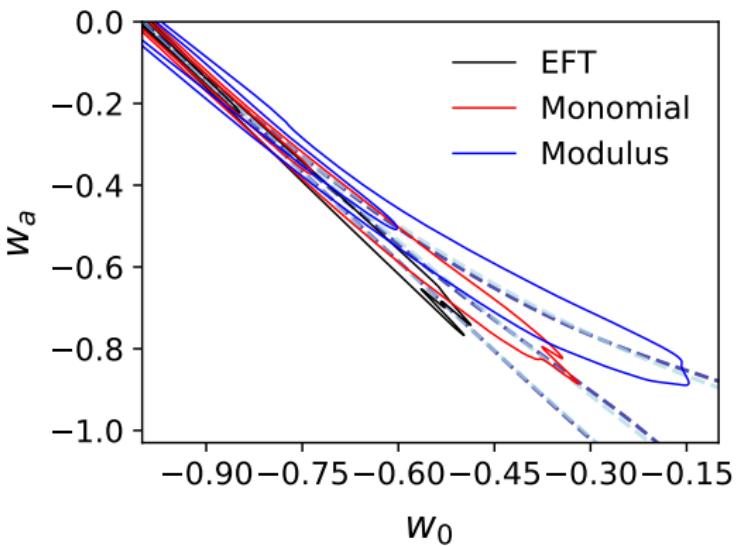
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Parametrize

$$w = w_0 + w_a(1 - a)$$

$w_0, w_a$  that best reproduce observables at  $z < z_{rec}$ .

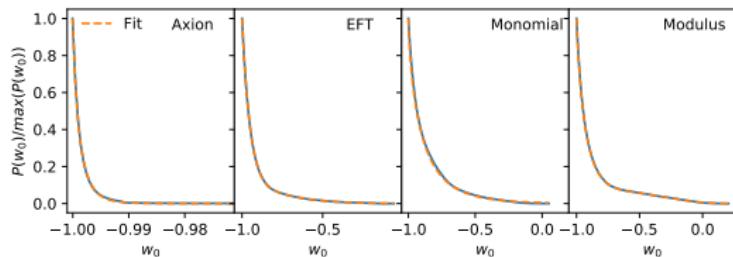
Max. error that of next-gen. experiments:

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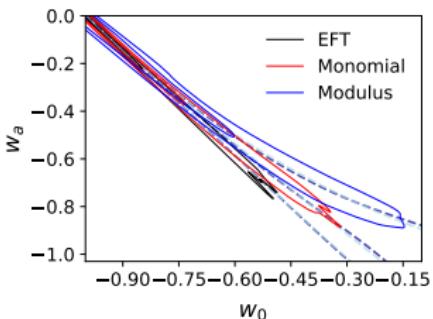
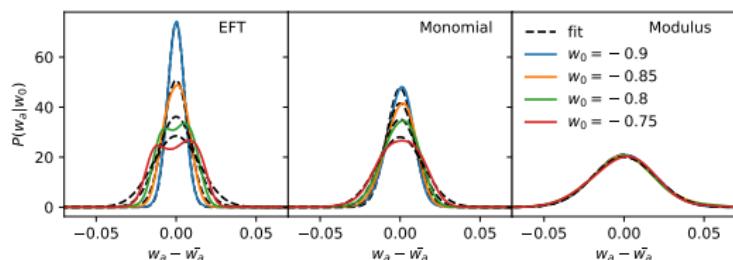
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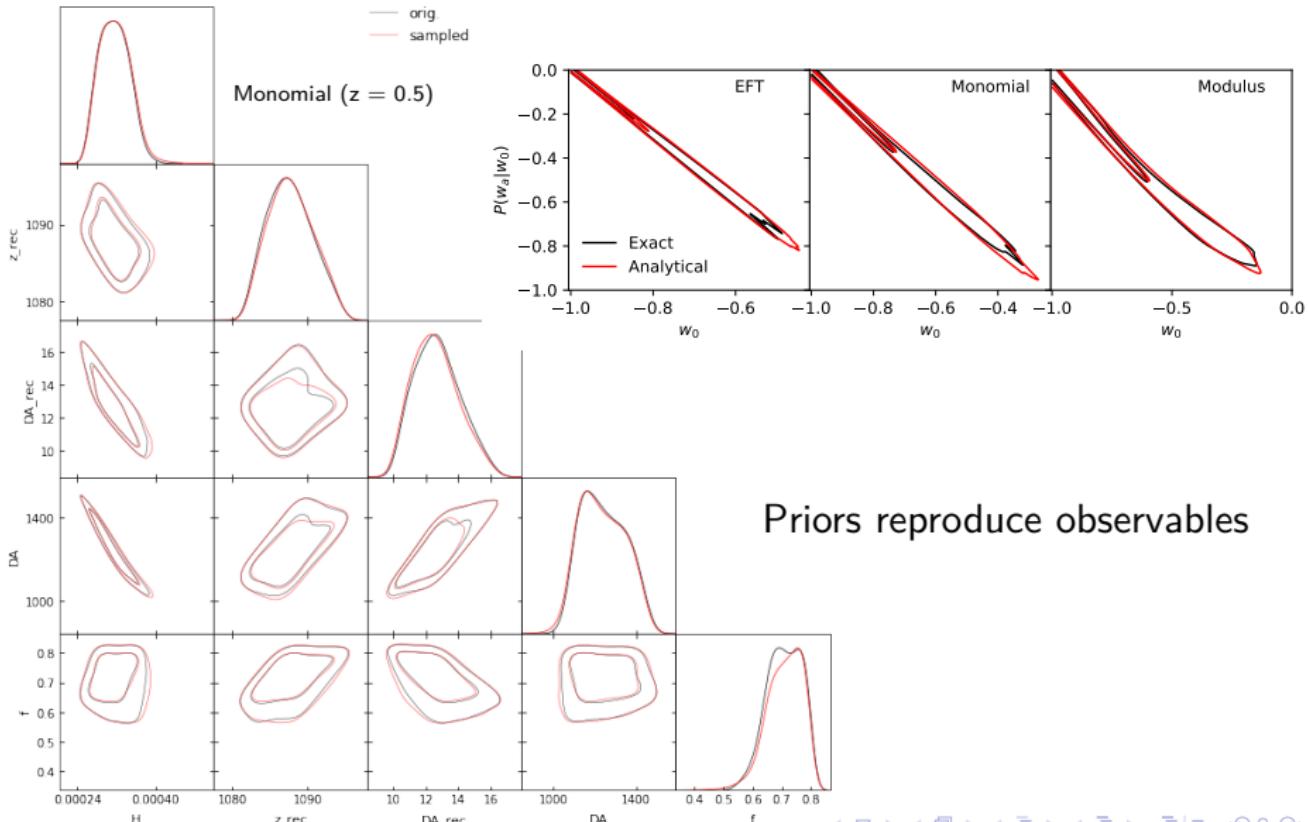


$$\mathcal{P}[w_a|w_0] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2(w_0)}} \exp\left[-\left(\frac{w_a - \bar{w}_a(w_0)}{2\sigma(w_0)}\right)^2\right]$$



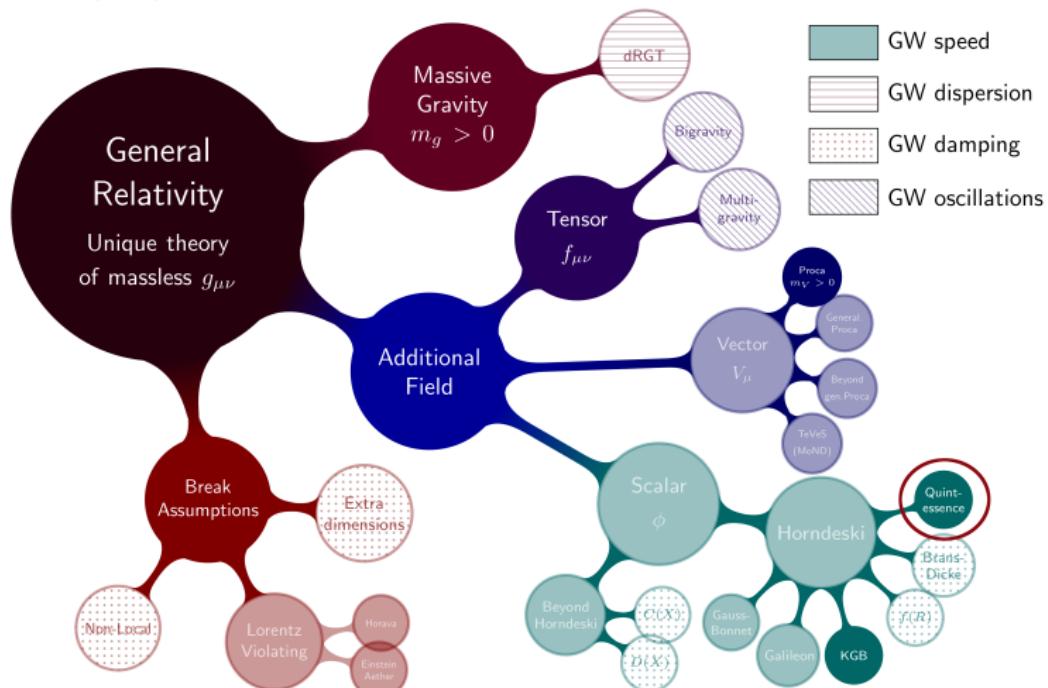
- $\bar{w}_a(w_0) \simeq \beta_0 + \beta_1 w_0 + \beta_2 w_0^2$
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# Theoretical priors for quintessence: test



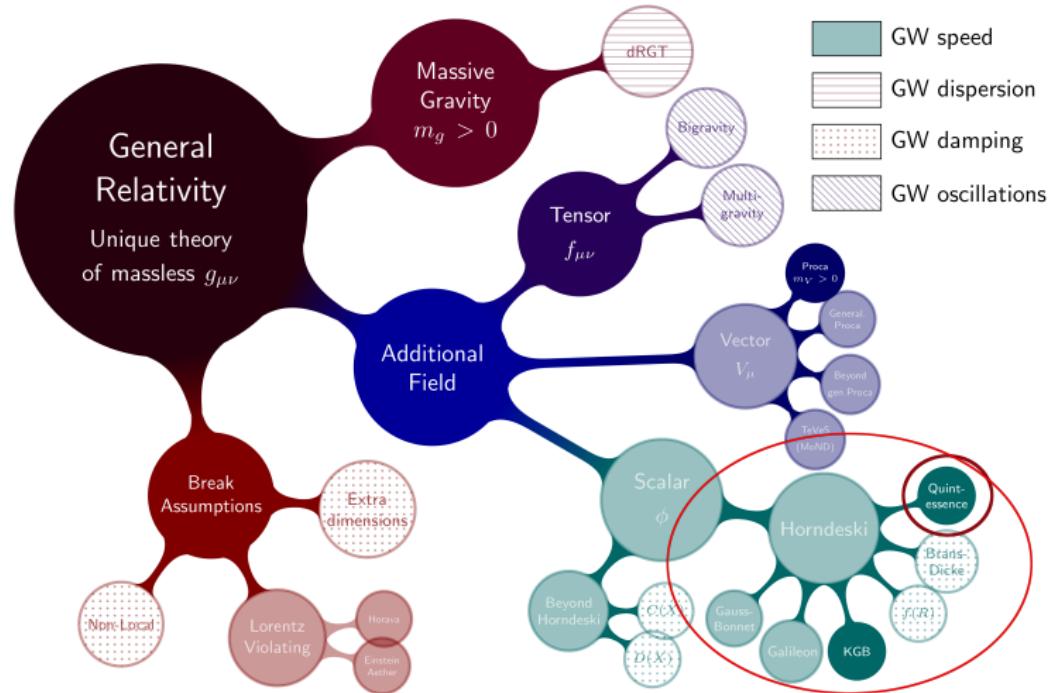
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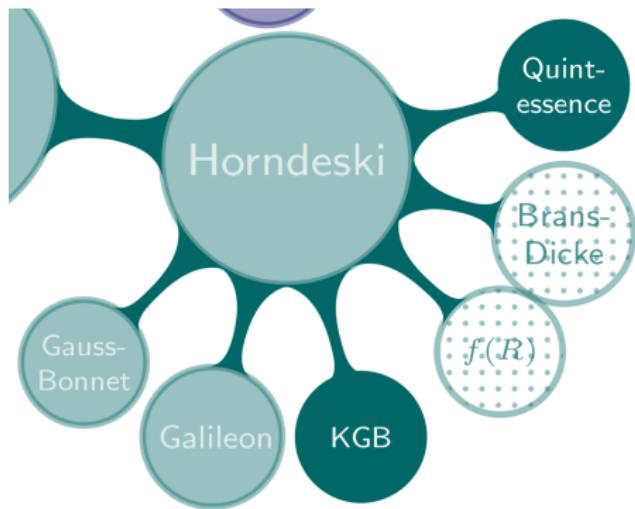
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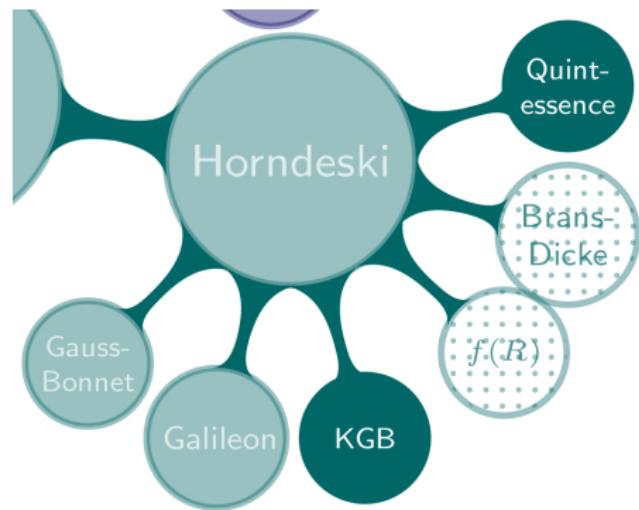
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  - Lorentz invariance
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- $\mathcal{L} = \sum_{i=2}^5 G_i(\phi, (\partial\phi)^2) L_i$
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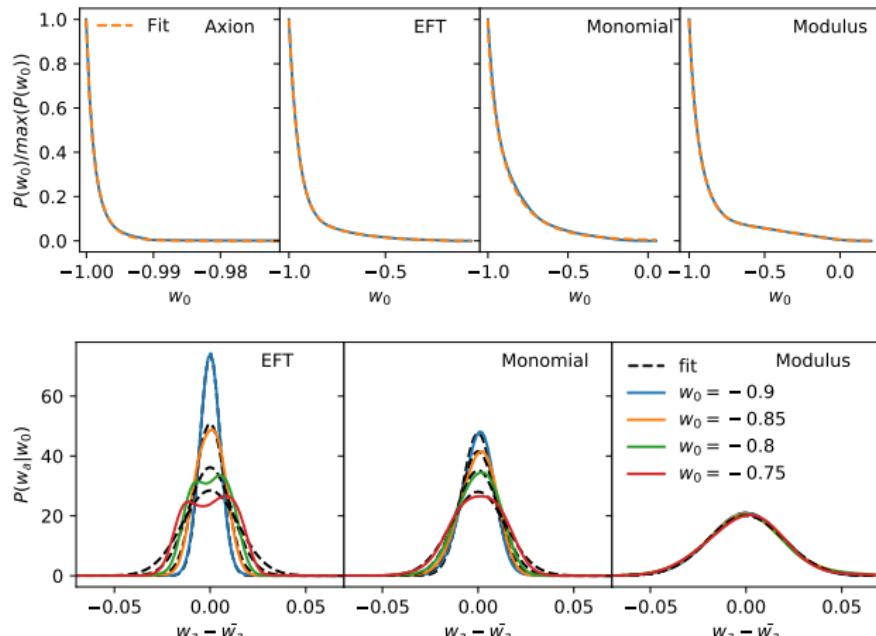
Fortunately...

$$\boxed{\text{GW170817} \rightarrow \alpha_T = 0 \rightarrow G_5 = 0 \text{ and } G_4 = G_4(\phi)}$$

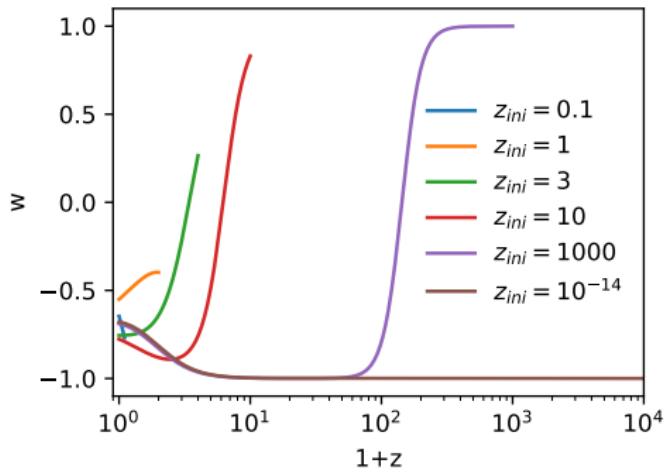
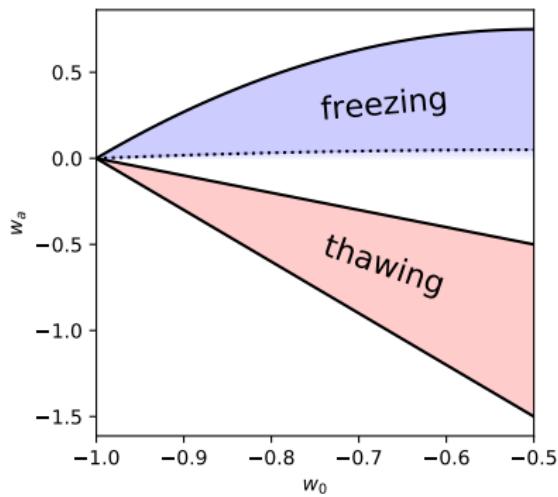
Only 2.5 functions remain.

# Summary: framework for quintessence

- $w = w_0 + w_a(1 - a)$  fitting observables ( $z < z_{rec}$ )
- Accurate for next-gen experiments
- Analytical expression for  $P[w_0, w_a]$  (Results with data coming soon!)



# Freezing models and $z_{ini}$



# Fit $w$ vs fit observables

