

# Cosmologies with running parameters and dynamical cosmon

(Implications on the coincidence problem)

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# GUIDELINES

- **Dynamical** Dark Energy
- **Variable cosmological constant**: Effective **EOS**.  
“DE picture” versus “CC picture”
- **Effective transition** “quintessence → phantom”  
**without** scalar fields.
- **An application**: a “running” cosmological “constant” model
- **Adding a dynamical “cosmon”**:  $\Lambda$ **XCDM** Model
- **Implications** on the **Cosmological Coincidence Problem**
- **Conclusions.**

## Related works

This talk is mainly based on the results obtained in the recent works:

- J. Grande, JS, H. Stefancic, [LXCDM: a cosmon model solution to the cosmological coincidence problem?](#), gr-qc/0604057
- JS, H. Stefancic, [Dynamical dark energy versus variable cosmological constant](#),  
Mod. Phys. Lett. A21 (2006) 479.
- JS, H. Stefancic, [Effective equation of state for dark energy: mimicking quintessence and phantom energy through a variable  \$\Lambda\$](#)   
Phys. Lett. B624 (2005) 147

## Previous related works:

- I.L. Shapiro, JS, H. Stefancic,  
*JCAP* **0501** (2005) 012
- I.L. Shapiro, JS, C. España-Bonet, P. Ruiz-Lapiente  
*Phys. Lett. B* 574 (2003) 149; *JCAP* **0402**  
(2004) 6
- I.L. Shapiro, JS, *JHEP* **0202** (2002) 006
- I.L. Shapiro, JS, *Phys. Lett. B* 475 (2000) 236

# "Canonical" definition of Dynamical Dark Energy

Assume there is no "true"  $\Lambda$  but some **DE** entity with the following properties:

- The total energy-momentum tensor on the *r.h.s.* of Einstein eqs. is the sum

$$\tilde{T}_{\mu\nu} \equiv T_{\mu\nu}^M + T_{\mu\nu}^D.$$

- Both tensors are separately conserved,  $\nabla^\mu \tilde{T}_{\mu\nu} = 0$  is equivalent to

$$\nabla^\mu T_{\mu\nu}^M = 0 \iff \frac{d\rho}{dt} + 3H(\rho + p) = 0,$$

and

(unmixed conservation laws)

$$\nabla^\mu T_{\mu\nu}^D = 0 \iff \frac{d\rho_D}{dt} + 3H(\rho_D + p_D) = 0$$

One popular possibility of this is the idea of **quintessence**.

- Subsequently one introduces an “effective” **equation of state**

$$p_D = \omega_D \rho_D$$

to describe a **phenomenological** relationship between  $p_D$  and  $\rho_D$ .

- Finally one also **assumes** that at present:

$$\omega_D = \frac{p_D}{\rho_D} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}\xi\dot{\chi}^2 - V(\chi)}{\frac{1}{2}\xi\dot{\chi}^2 + V(\chi)} \begin{cases} \gtrsim -1 & \xi > 0 \text{ (quintessence)} \\ \lesssim -1 & \xi < 0 \text{ (phantom DE)} \end{cases}$$

- For  $\Lambda$  the only possible **equation of state** is

$$p_\Lambda = -\rho_\Lambda.$$

The solutions of the two conservation equations read

$$\rho_s(z) = \rho_s(0) (1 + z)^\alpha$$

$$\alpha = 3(1 + \omega_m) \quad (\omega_m = 1/3 \text{ or } \omega_m = 0)$$

and

$$\rho_D(z) = \rho_D(0) \zeta(z)$$

$$\zeta(z) \equiv \exp \left\{ 3 \int_0^z dz' \frac{1 + \omega_D(z')}{1 + z'} \right\}$$

Hence

$$\omega_D(z) = -1 + \frac{1}{3} \frac{1+z}{\zeta} \frac{d\zeta}{dz}$$

$$H_D^2(z) = H_0^2 \left[ \tilde{\Omega}_M^0 (1 + z)^\alpha + (1 - \tilde{\Omega}_M^0) \zeta(z) \right]$$

(flat space)

$$(\Delta\Omega_M \equiv \Omega_M^0 - \tilde{\Omega}_M^0)$$

## Variable $\Lambda$

- For variable  $\Lambda$ , the conserved quantity is not the matter energy-momentum tensor  $T_{\mu\nu}$ , but the sum

$$\tilde{T}_{\mu\nu} \equiv T_{\mu\nu} + g_{\mu\nu} \rho_{\Lambda}(t), \quad \nabla^{\mu} \tilde{T}_{\mu\nu} = 0.$$

By the Bianchi identities,  $\Lambda$  is constant  $\iff$  the matter  $T_{\mu\nu}$  is individually conserved ( $\nabla^{\mu} T_{\mu\nu} = 0$ )— in particular,  $\rho_{\Lambda} = \text{const.}$  if  $T_{\mu\nu} = 0$  (e.g. during inflation).

- From FLRW metric

$$ds^2 = dt^2 - a^2(t) \left( \frac{dr^2}{1 - k r^2} + r^2 d\theta^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2 \right),$$

we may compute explicitly the local energy-conservation law  $\nabla^{\mu} \tilde{T}_{\mu\nu} = 0$ . The result is an equation allowing transfer of energy between ordinary matter and the dark energy associated to the  $\Lambda$  term :

$$\frac{d\rho_{\Lambda}}{dt} + \frac{d\rho}{dt} + 3H(\rho + p) = 0,$$

(mixed conservation law!)



## “DE picture” versus “CC picture”

- Observations leading to the **EOS** of the **DE** are sensitive to the function  $H = H(z)$ .
- We can describe a variable **CC model** with **mixed** energy-conservation law as if it would be a **dynamical DE model** with **unmixed** EC-law.
- Let us assume there is an underlying **fundamental dynamics**

$$\rho_{\Lambda}(z) = \rho_{\Lambda}(\rho(z), H(z), \dots), \quad G(z) = G(\rho(z), H(z), \dots)$$



$$H_{\Lambda}^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3}(\rho + \rho_{\Lambda})$$

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$$\frac{d}{dt} [\textcolor{blue}{G}(\rho + \rho_{\textcolor{red}{\Lambda}})] + 3 \textcolor{blue}{G} H_{\textcolor{red}{\Lambda}} (\rho + p) = 0. \quad (\textcolor{red}{\text{Bianchi identity}})$$

$$H_{\textcolor{red}{\Lambda}}^2(z) = H_0^2 \left[ \Omega_M^0 f_M(z; r)(1+z)^\alpha + \Omega_{\textcolor{red}{\Lambda}}^0 f_{\textcolor{red}{\Lambda}}(z; r) \right]$$

$$\xi_M(z) \equiv \frac{\textcolor{blue}{G}(z)}{G_0} \rho_M(z)$$

$$f_M(z) \equiv \frac{\xi_M(z)}{\rho_M^0 (1+z)^\alpha}$$

$$\xi_{\textcolor{red}{\Lambda}}(z) \equiv \frac{\textcolor{blue}{G}(z)}{G_0} \rho_{\textcolor{red}{\Lambda}}(z)$$

$$f_{\textcolor{red}{\Lambda}}(z; r) = \frac{\xi_{\textcolor{red}{\Lambda}}(z)}{\rho_{\textcolor{red}{\Lambda}}^0}$$

Whatever it be their form, these functions must satisfy  $f_M(0; r) = f_{\textcolor{red}{\Lambda}}(0; r) = 1$  in order that the cosmic sum rule  $\Omega_M^0 + \Omega_{\textcolor{red}{\Lambda}}^0 = 1$  is fulfilled.

⇒ “Matching condition” of the two pictures:

$$H_D^2(z) = H_\Lambda^2(z)$$

$$H_0^2 \left[ \tilde{\Omega}_M^0 (1+z)^\alpha + (1 - \tilde{\Omega}_M^0) \zeta(z) \right] = H_\Lambda^2(z)$$

Matching generates an “effective EOS” for  $\Lambda$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_{\text{eff}}(z) &= -1 + \frac{1}{3} \frac{1+z}{\zeta} \frac{d\zeta}{dz} \\ &= -1 + \frac{\alpha}{3} \left( 1 - \frac{\xi_\Lambda(z)}{\rho_D(z)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\rho_D(z) = \xi_\Lambda(z) - (1+z)^\alpha \int_{z^*}^z \frac{dz'}{(1+z')^\alpha} \frac{d\xi_\Lambda(z')}{dz'}$$

where  $z^*$  is a **transition point** where  $\rho_D(z^*) = \xi_\Lambda(z^*)$

**Theorem:**  $z^*$  always exists near  $z = 0$ .

**Proof:** It follows from the relation

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$$\frac{d\zeta(z)}{dz} = \frac{\alpha(1+z)^{\alpha-1}}{1 - \tilde{\Omega}_M^0} \left( \Omega_M^0 f_M(z; r) - \tilde{\Omega}_M^0 \right)$$

This relation can be proven using:

- i) The **matching condition** of the two pictures;
- ii) The **Bianchi identity**.

Then the **Theorem** follows from the fact that

$$f_M(0; r) = 1 \quad (\text{q.e.d})$$

## Running $\Lambda$ from Planck Scale Physics

- One may expect that the **RGE** of  $\Lambda$  is totally dominated by sub-Planckian masses:

$$\frac{d\Lambda}{d\ln\mu} = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \sum_i c_i \mu^2 M_i^2 + \dots = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \sum_i c_i H^2 M_i^2 + \dots$$

$$= \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \sigma H^2 M^2 + \dots$$

with

$$M \equiv \sqrt{\sum_i c_i M_i^2}.$$

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- Provides a natural explanation for the geometric mean puzzle:

$$\Lambda \simeq \sqrt{\rho_P \rho_H} = \sqrt{M_P^4 H^4} = M_P^2 H^2$$

A semiclassical FLRW with running  $\Lambda$

$$H^2 \equiv \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3} (\rho + \Lambda) + H_0^2 \Omega_K^0 (1+z)^2$$

$$\frac{d\Lambda}{dt} + \frac{d\rho}{dt} + 3H(\rho + p) = 0.$$

$$\frac{d\Lambda}{d\ln H} = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \sum_i c_i M_i^2 H^2 + \dots = \frac{3\nu}{4\pi} M_P^2 H^2.$$



$$\nu = \frac{\sigma M^2}{12\pi M_P^2}$$

$$\rho_\Lambda \equiv \Lambda = C_1 + C_2 H^2.$$

Effective equation of state for the variable  $\Lambda$   
as a function of the redshift:  $\omega_{\text{eff}} = \omega_{\text{eff}}(z; \nu)$

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$$\Delta\Omega_M \neq 0$$

$$(\Delta\Omega_M \equiv \Omega_M^0 - \tilde{\Omega}_M^0)$$

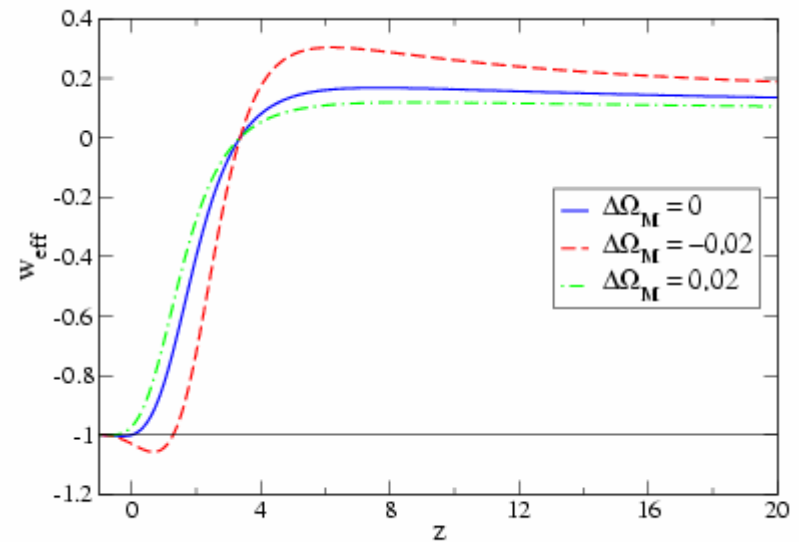
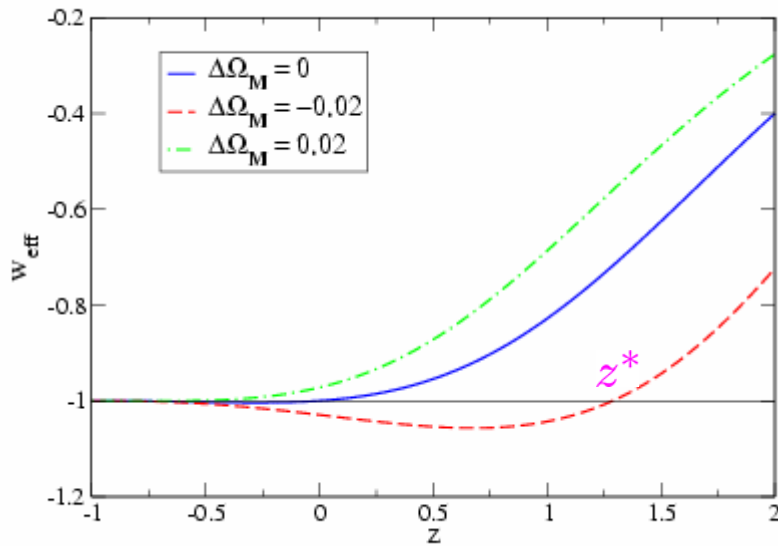
$$\omega_{\text{eff}}(z) = -1 + (1 - \nu) \frac{\Omega_M^0 (1 + z)^{3(1-\nu)} - \tilde{\Omega}_M^0 (1 + z)^3}{\Omega_M^0 [(1 + z)^{3(1-\nu)} - 1] - (1 - \nu) [\tilde{\Omega}_M^0 (1 + z)^3 - 1]}.$$

$$\Delta\Omega_M = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_{\text{eff}}(z) &= -1 + (1 - \nu) \frac{\Omega_M^0 (1 + z)^3 [(1 + z)^{-3\nu} - 1]}{1 - \nu - \Omega_M^0 + \Omega_M^0 (1 + z)^3 [(1 + z)^{-3\nu} - 1 + \nu]} \\ &\simeq -1 - 3\nu \frac{\Omega_M^0}{\Omega_\Lambda^0} (1 + z)^3 \ln(1 + z). \end{aligned}$$

(case  $\nu < 0$ ;  $\nu = -\nu_0$ )

$$\Delta\Omega_M = 0 \quad \Delta\Omega_M \neq 0 \quad !!$$



$$(\nu_0 = \frac{1}{12\pi} \simeq 0.026)$$

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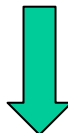
## Adding a dynamical **cosmon**: “ **$\Lambda$ XCDM**” model

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Effective **EOS** of a mixture of cosmic fluids:

$$w_e = \frac{p_D}{\rho_D} = \frac{\omega_1 \rho_1 + \omega_2 \rho_2 + \dots}{\rho_1 + \rho_2 + \dots}$$

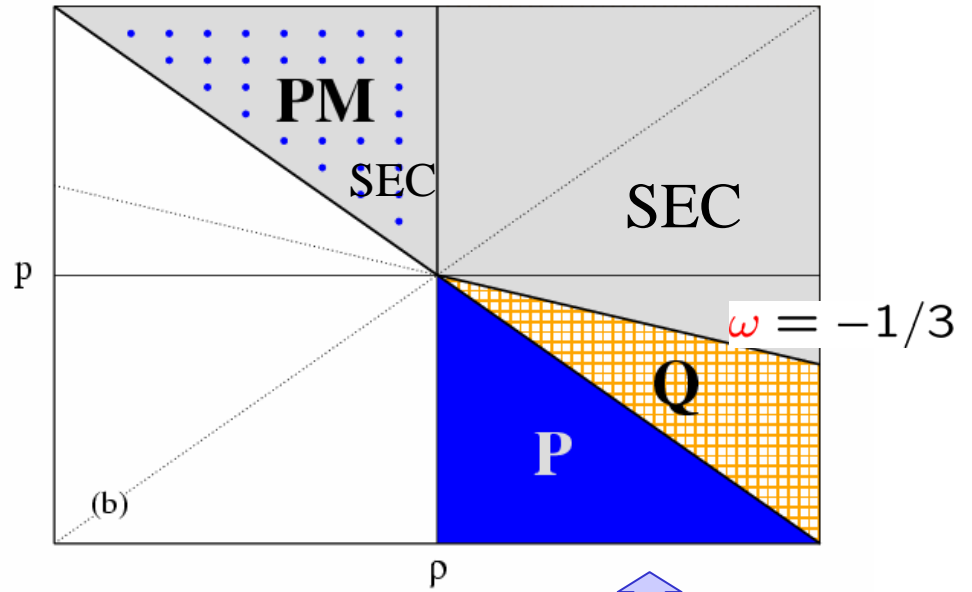
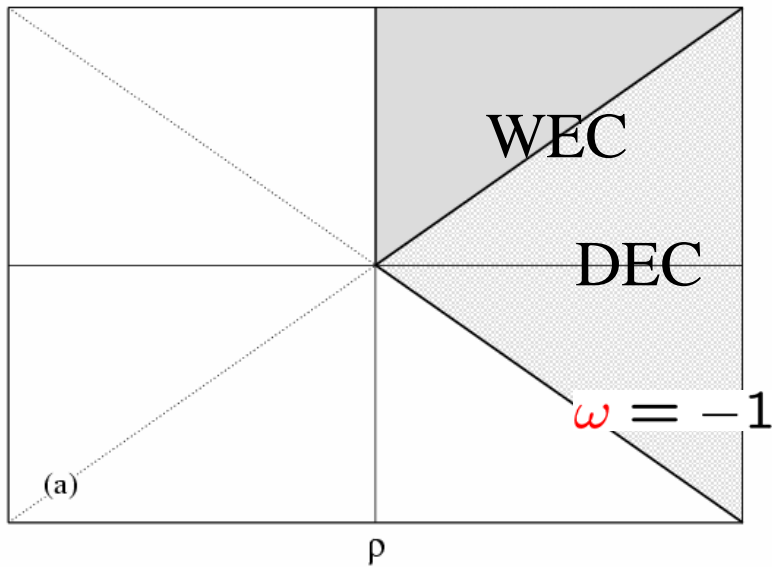
General **Bianchi identity**. Defining  $\alpha_i \equiv 3(1 + \omega_i)$


$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[ G \left( \sum_i \rho_i \right) \right] + G H \sum_i \alpha_i \rho_i = 0$$

# Energy conditions

$$p = \omega \rho$$

$$\omega < -1 \quad (\rho < 0)$$



SEC  gravitational attraction

$$\omega < -1 \quad (\rho > 0)$$



In the  $\Lambda X\text{CDM}$  case, with  $G = \text{const.}$  and separate conservation of matter and DE:

$$\dot{\rho}_m + \alpha_m \rho_m H = 0, \quad \alpha_m = 3(1 + \omega_m)$$

$$\dot{\rho}_D + \alpha_D \rho_D H = 0, \quad \alpha_D = 3(1 + \omega_e)$$

with

$$\rho_D = \rho_\Lambda + \rho_X$$

cosmological “constant” contribution

cosmon contribution

$$\omega_e = \frac{p_\Lambda + p_X}{\rho_\Lambda + \rho_X} = -1 + \frac{1}{3} \frac{\alpha_X \rho_X}{\rho_D}$$

Equivalently, we have

$$\dot{\rho}_\Lambda + \dot{\rho}_X + \alpha_X \rho_X H = 0, \quad \alpha_X = 3(1 + \omega_X)$$

The  $\Lambda$ XCDM model satisfies the generalized cosmic sum rule

$$\Omega_m^0 + \Omega_{\Lambda}^0 + \Omega_X^0 + \Omega_K^0 = 1$$

For  $\Omega_K^0 = 0 \Rightarrow$  autonomous system:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\Omega_X}{d\zeta} &= -[\nu \alpha_m + (1 - \nu) \alpha_X] \Omega_X - \nu \alpha_m \Omega_{\Lambda} + \nu \alpha_m \Omega_c, \\ \frac{d\Omega_{\Lambda}}{d\zeta} &= \nu (\alpha_m - \alpha_X) \Omega_X + \nu \alpha_m \Omega_{\Lambda} - \nu \alpha_m \Omega_c, \\ \frac{d\Omega_c}{d\zeta} &= (\alpha_m - \alpha_X) \Omega_X + \alpha_m \Omega_{\Lambda} - \alpha_m \Omega_c\end{aligned}$$

with

$$\zeta \equiv -\ln(1 + z)$$

$$\Omega_X(z) = \frac{\rho_m(z)}{\rho_c^0}, \quad \Omega_{\Lambda}(z) = \frac{\rho_{\Lambda}(z)}{\rho_c^0}, \quad \Omega_c(z) = \frac{\rho_c(z)}{\rho_c^0}$$

Eigenvalues:

$$\lambda_1 = -\alpha_X (1 - \nu), \quad \lambda_2 = -\alpha_m, \quad \lambda_3 = 0$$

Eigenvectors:

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \nu \\ \nu \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-\nu \alpha_m}{\alpha_m - \alpha_X} \\ \nu \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

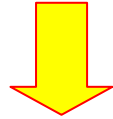
Solution:

$$\Omega(\zeta) = \begin{pmatrix} \Omega_X(\zeta) \\ \Omega_\Lambda(\zeta) \\ \Omega_c(\zeta) \end{pmatrix} = C_1 \mathbf{v}_1 e^{\lambda_1 \zeta} + C_2 \mathbf{v}_2 e^{\lambda_2 \zeta} + C_3 \mathbf{v}_3$$

$$C_1 = \frac{1 - \Omega_\Lambda^0}{1 - \nu} - \frac{\Omega_m^0 (\alpha_m - \alpha_X)}{\alpha_m - \alpha_X (1 - \nu)}, \quad C_2 = \frac{\Omega_m^0 (\alpha_m - \alpha_X)}{\alpha_m - \alpha_X (1 - \nu)}, \quad C_3 = \frac{\Omega_\Lambda^0 - \nu}{1 - \nu}$$

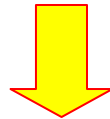
Among the many possibilities (cf gr-qc/0604057), consider

$$0 < \alpha_X < 2, \quad \nu = 0 \Leftrightarrow \text{quintessence and } \Lambda = \text{const.} \\ (-1 < \omega_X < -1/3)$$



$$\Omega_D(z) = \Omega_{\Lambda}^0 + \Omega_X^0 (1+z)^{\alpha_X}$$

Since  $\Omega_m^0 + \Omega_{\Lambda}^0 + \Omega_X^0 = 1 \Rightarrow \Omega_{\Lambda}^0 < 0$  is possible!

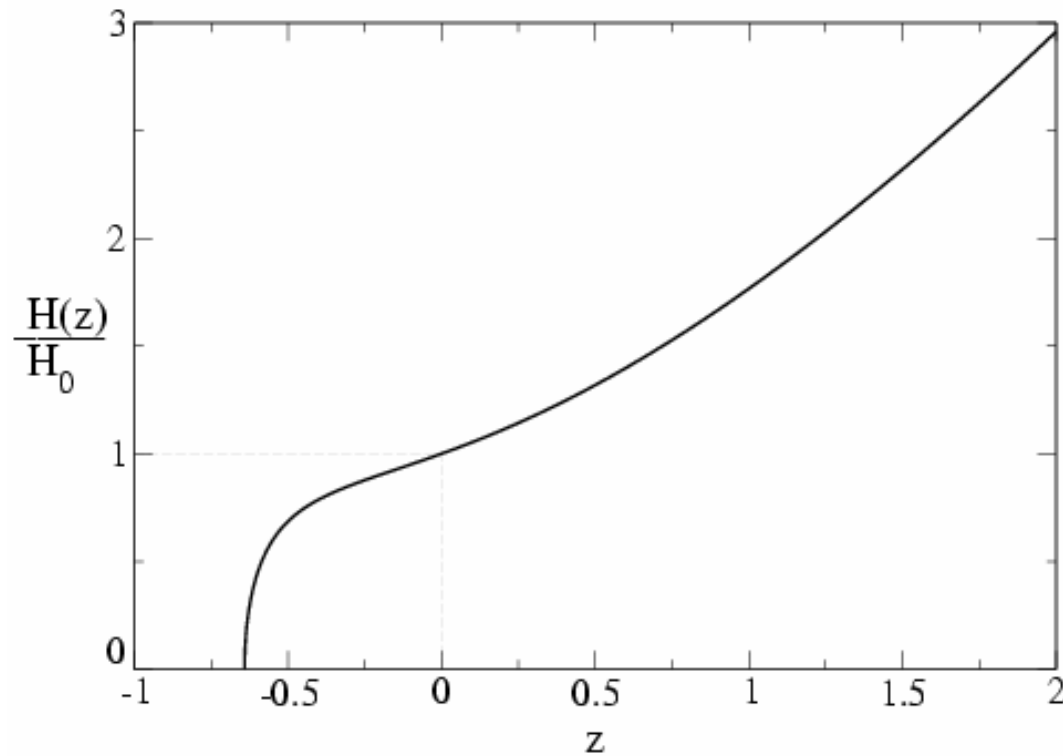


There can be **stopping** (turning point) of the evolution in the future!

However...

in the  **$\Lambda_X$ CDM** model there are many other **stopping possibilities !!**

## Example of Stopping



$$\Omega_{\textcolor{red}{\Lambda}} = 0.75, \omega_{\textcolor{violet}{X}} = -1.85, \textcolor{blue}{\nu} = -\textcolor{blue}{\nu}_0$$

The next to simplest one is  $-\delta < \alpha_X < 0$ ,  $\nu = 0$  ( $\delta > 0$ )



The **cosmon** has  $\omega_X < -1 \Rightarrow$  **phantom** behavior!  
(“standard” type)



**Big Rip ?**



Yes... except if  $\Omega_X^0 < 0$  **phantom matter!**  
(non-standard !)

$$\Omega_D(z) = \Omega_{\Lambda}^0 + \Omega_X^0 (1+z)^{\alpha_X} \Rightarrow \text{stopping with } \Omega_{\Lambda}^0 > 0$$

But in the  **$\Lambda_X$ CDM** still many other stopping possibilities ...


$\nu \neq 0$  !!



## Nucleosynthesis Constraints

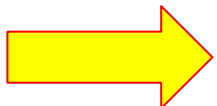
At temperatures  $T \lesssim 0.1 \text{ MeV}$  the weak interactions (responsible for neutrons and protons to be in equilibrium) freeze-out. The expansion rate is sensitive to the amount of DE, hence **primordial nucleosynthesis** can place stringent bounds on the parameters of the  $\Lambda$ **X**CDM model

Define  $r = \frac{\rho_D}{\rho_m} = \frac{\rho_\Lambda + \rho_X}{\rho_m}$

  $(\Omega_K^0 = 0)$

$$\tilde{\Omega}_D = \frac{r}{1+r}$$

Then  $\tilde{\Omega}_D \lesssim 10\% \iff r \lesssim 10\%$



$$\epsilon \equiv \nu (1 + \omega_X) \lesssim 10\%$$

# Parameter Space

$$(\Omega_m, \Omega_\Lambda, \Omega_X, \omega_X, \nu)$$

Priors and constraints

$$\begin{cases} \Omega_m = 0.3, & \Omega_K^0 = 0 \\ \Omega_m^0 + \Omega_\Lambda^0 + \Omega_X^0 = 1 \end{cases}$$



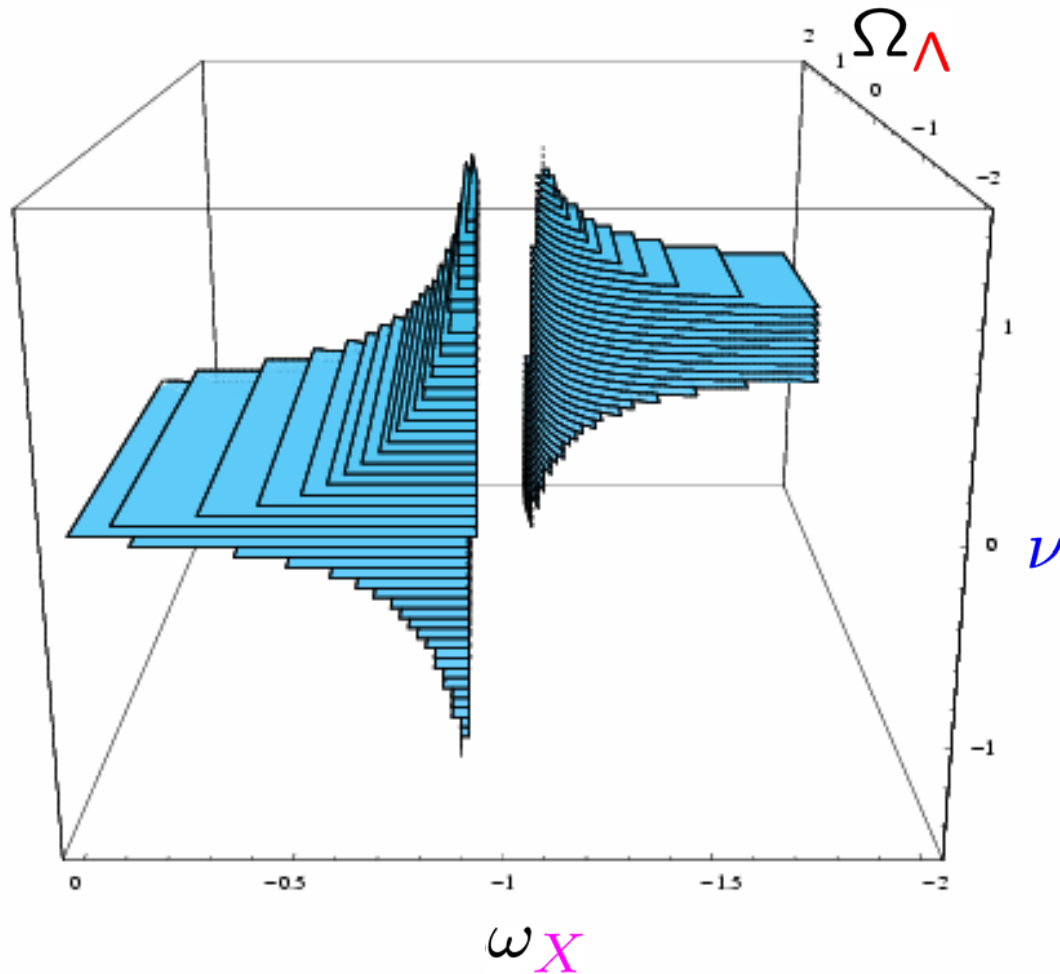
$$(\Omega_\Lambda, \omega_X, \nu)$$

Physical region?

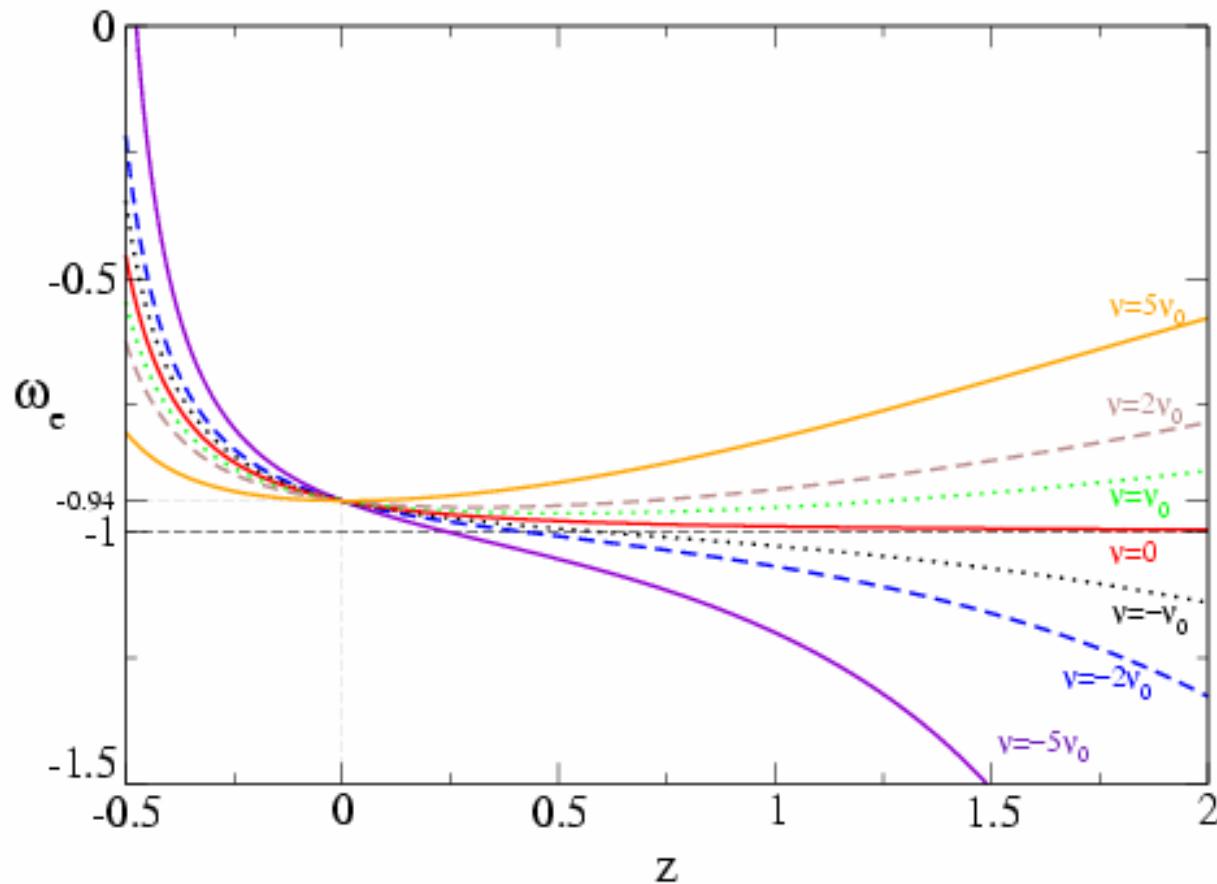
Subspace satisfying:

- i) Nucleosynthesis bound
- ii) Stopping condition
- iii)  $r \equiv \rho_D / \rho_m < 10$

Physical subregion of  $(\Omega_{\Lambda}, \omega_X, \nu)$



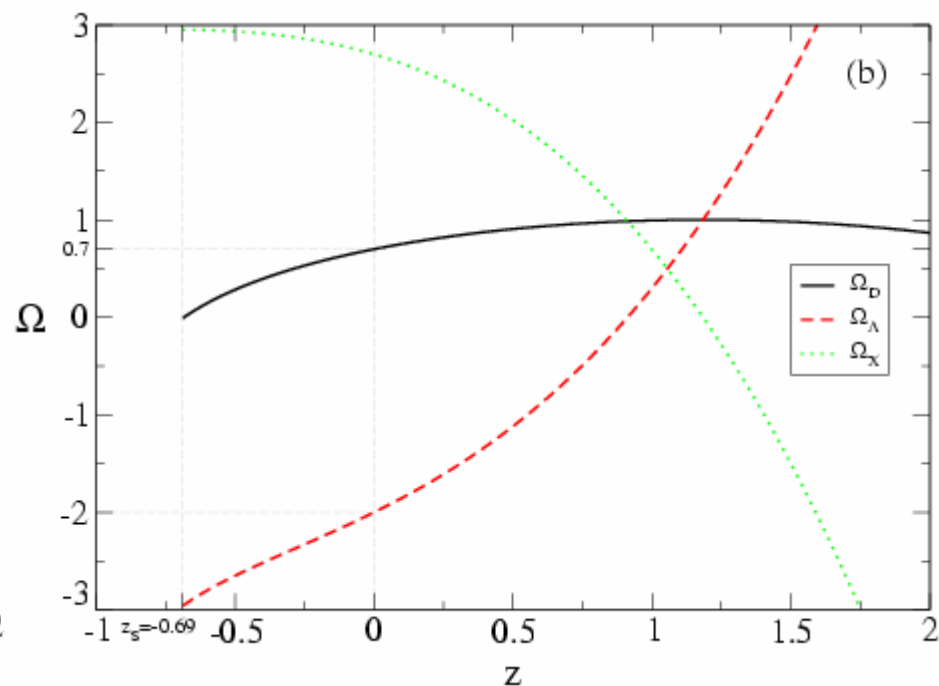
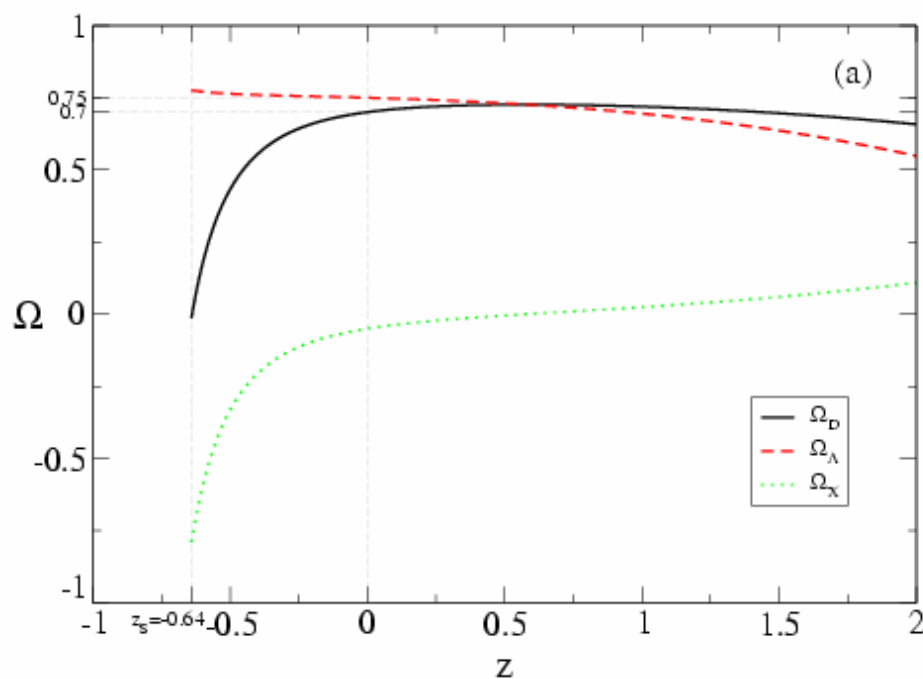
# Effective EOS



Comparison of the effective EOS parameter of the  $\Lambda$ XCDM model,  $\omega_e$ , for fixed values  $\omega_X = -1.85$ ,  $\Omega_{\Lambda}^0 = 0.75$ , and different values of  $\nu$  in units of  $\nu_0$ . All curves give  $\omega_e(0) = -0.94$  at the present time.

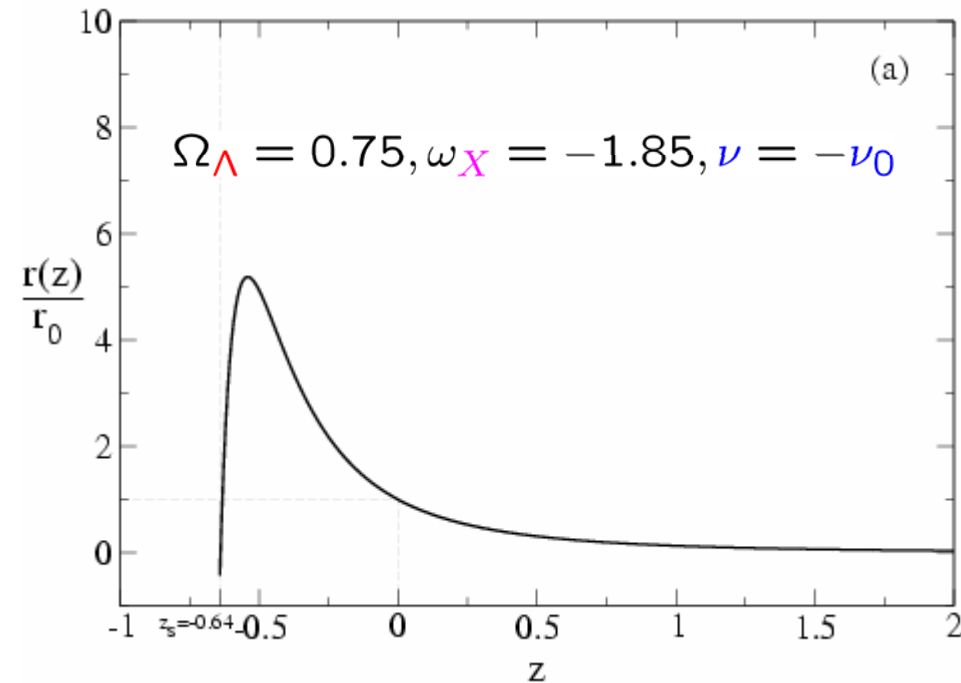
$$(\nu_0 = \frac{1}{12\pi} \simeq 0.026)$$

# Evolution of the DE Densities

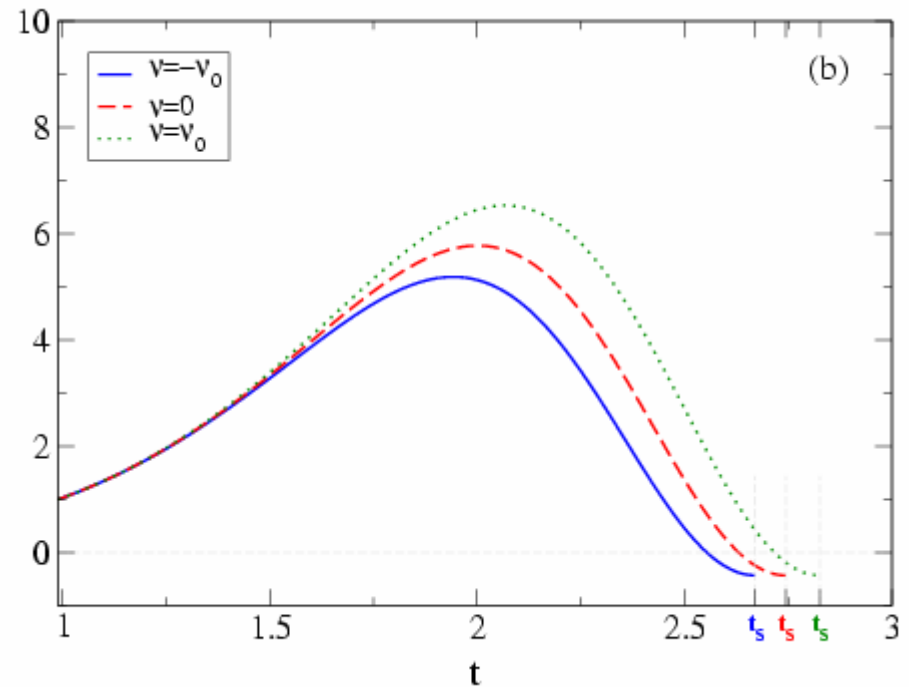


Total and individual DE densities for a cosmon  
 barotropic index of **phantom-type** ( $\omega_X < -1$ )  
 and of **quintessence-type** ( $\omega_X \gtrsim -1$ ) respec-  
 tively: **(a)**  $\omega_X = -1.85$ ,  $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.75$ ,  $\nu = -\nu_0$ ;  
**(b)**  $\omega_X = -0.93$ ,  $\Omega_\Lambda = -2$ ,  $\nu = 0.96$ .

# Evolution of the Ratio $r = \rho_D / \rho_m$



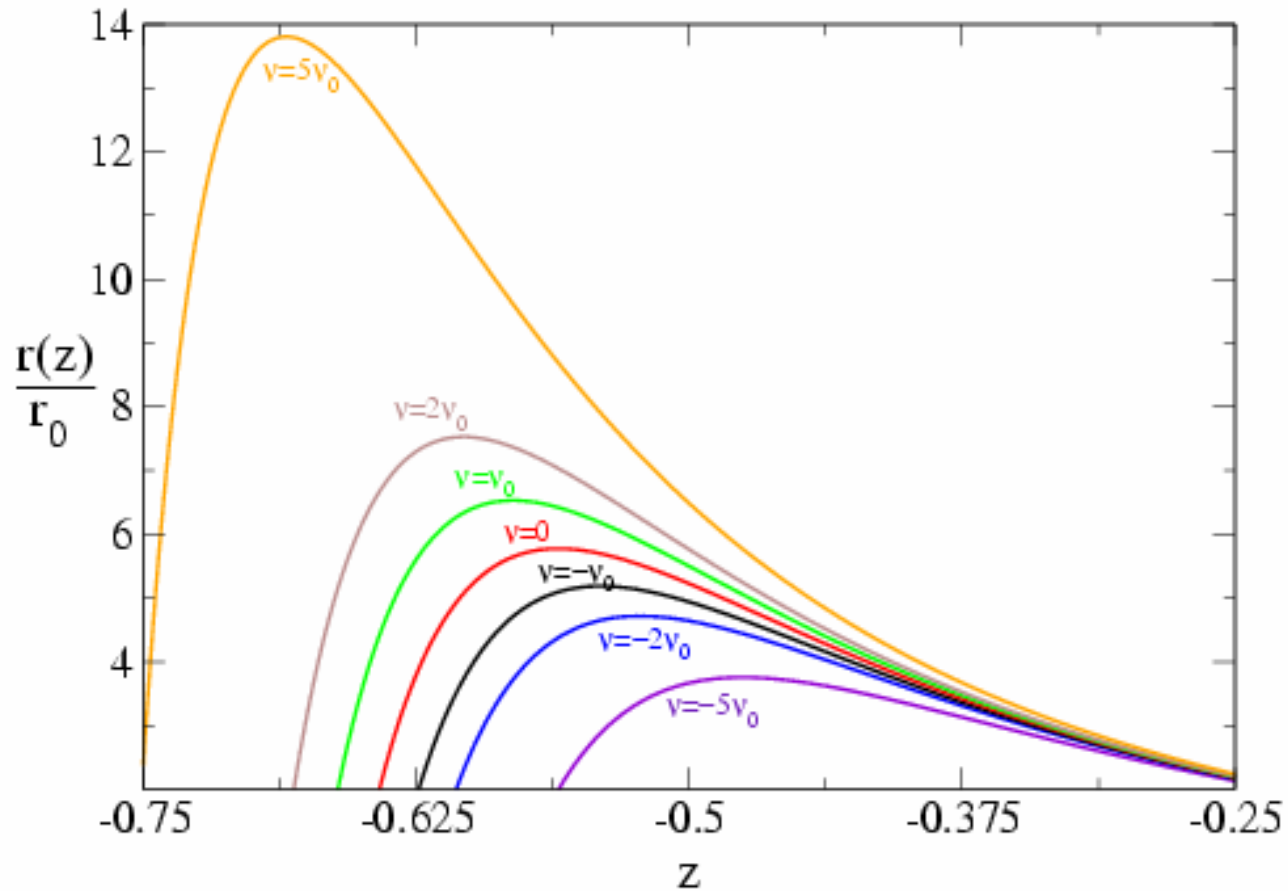
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(in Hubble times)

$r$  as function of redshift  $z$  and cosmic time  $t$

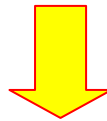
# Evolution of the Ratio $r = \rho_D / \rho_m$



Evolution of  $r$  for  $\omega_X = -1.85$ ,  $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.75$  and different  $\nu$

# Asymptotic regime of the EOS in the past

$$\Omega_D(z \gg 1) = \begin{cases} -\frac{\epsilon}{\omega_m - \omega_X + \epsilon} \Omega_m^0 (1+z)^{\alpha_m}, & \text{for } \nu \neq 0 \\ \Omega_{\Lambda}^0 & \text{for } \nu = 0, \alpha_X < 0 \\ \Omega_X^0 (1+z)^{\alpha_X} & \text{for } \nu = 0, \alpha_X > 0. \end{cases}$$



$$\omega_e(z \gg 1) = -1 + (1 + \omega_X) \frac{\Omega_X(z \gg 1)}{\Omega_D(z \gg 1)} = \begin{cases} \omega_m ! & \text{for } \nu \neq 0 \\ -1 & \text{for } \nu = 0, \alpha_X < 0 \\ \omega_X & \text{for } \nu = 0, \alpha_X > 0. \end{cases}$$

Possible observable effect,  
“renormalization” of  $\Omega_m^0$  :

$$\Omega_m^0 \rightarrow \Omega_m^0 \left( 1 - \frac{\epsilon}{\omega_m - \omega_X + \epsilon} \right)$$

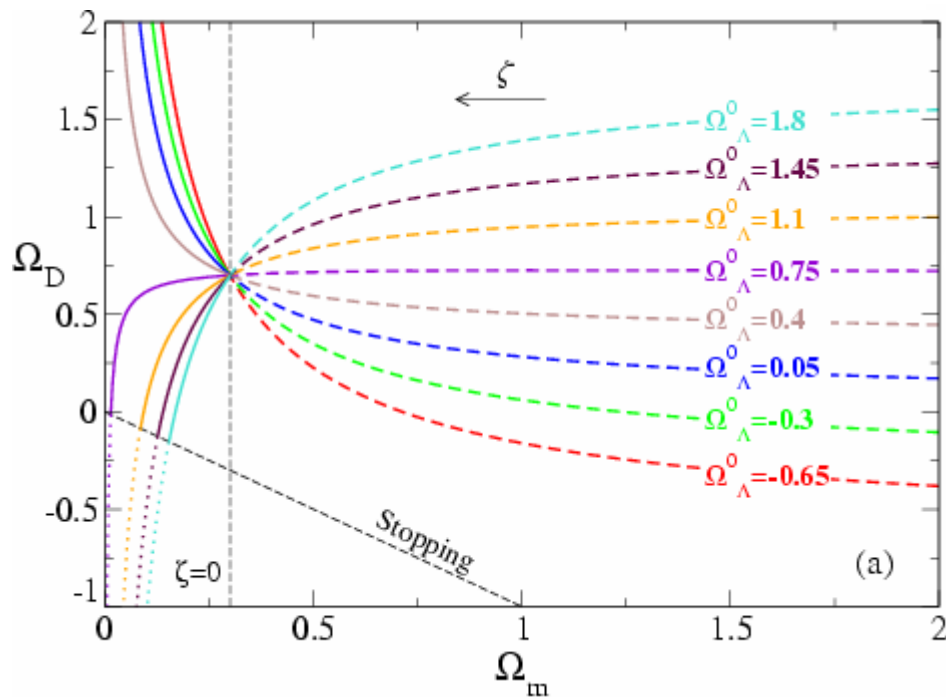


$$\frac{\delta \Omega_m^0}{\Omega_m^0} \simeq 10\%$$



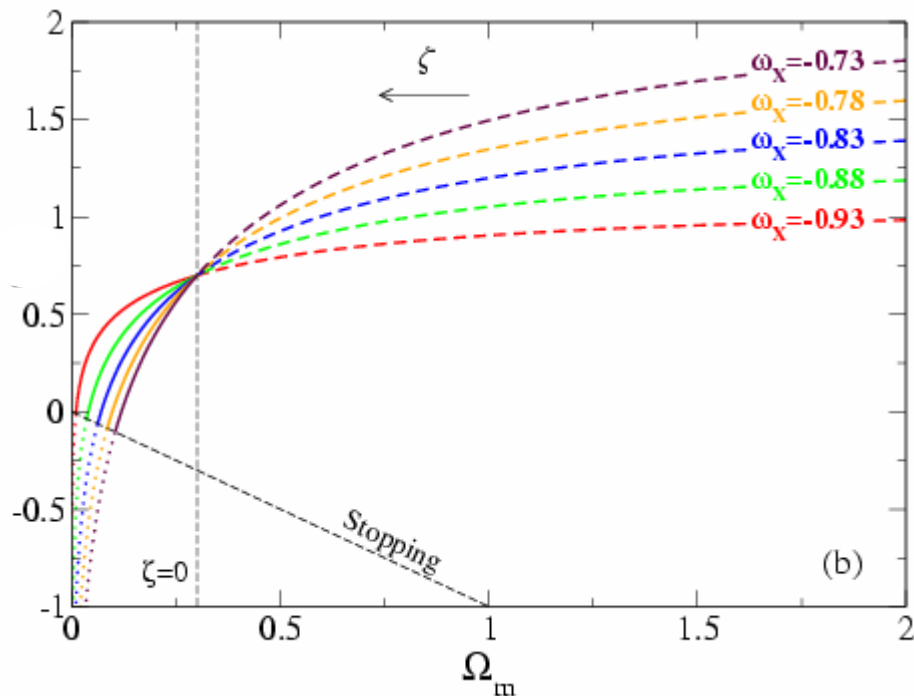
# Phase trajectories of the cosmological system

$$(\omega_X = -1.85, \nu = -\nu_0)$$



saddle point

$$(\Omega_\Lambda = -2, \nu = 0.96)$$



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## Conclusions

- **Dynamical dark energy**  $\rho_D$  can be mimicked by a variable  $\Lambda$ ;
- In **QFT** we generally expect  $\Lambda/G$  to be variable:  $\Lambda = \Lambda(z)$ ; its value should have run in the course of the Universe evolution due to **quantum effects**;
- A variable  $\Lambda/G$  model can be mapped unambiguously to an **effective “DE picture”** where matter and **DE** are conserved separately;
- In the **DE picture** the variable  $\Lambda$ -model has an **effective EOS**  $\omega_{\text{eff}} = \omega_{\text{eff}}(z)$  which can be of **quintessence** and **phantom** type;
- This scenario could naturally explain the possibly observed crossing of the  $\omega_{\text{eff}} = -1$  barrier near our time, **without** resorting to **scalar fields**;
- Adding a **cosmon** (“ **$\Lambda$ CDM model**”)  $\Rightarrow$  similar **effective EOS** features while explaining the **Cosmological Coincidence Problem**;
- **Observable effect** : **renormalization** of  $\Omega_m$  when comparing intermediate redshift data (from supernovae) and high- $z$  (from CMB);  
 $\Downarrow$
- **Moral**: high precision cosmology experiments in the near future, like **SNAP** and **PLANCK**, should bear in mind this possibility!!





## Decoupling and $\Lambda$ running

◇ We expect from dimensional analysis, **decoupling theorem** and general **covariance**, that the **RGE** for the physical  $\Lambda$  may take in principle the form

$$(4\pi)^2 \frac{d\Lambda}{d \ln \mu} = \beta_\Lambda = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_i \alpha_{in} \mu^{2n} \mathcal{M}_i^{4-2n}$$
$$= \sum_i A_i m_i^4 + \mu^2 \sum_j B_j M_j^2 + \mu^4 \sum_j C_j + \mu^6 \sum_j \frac{D_j}{M_j^2} + \dots$$

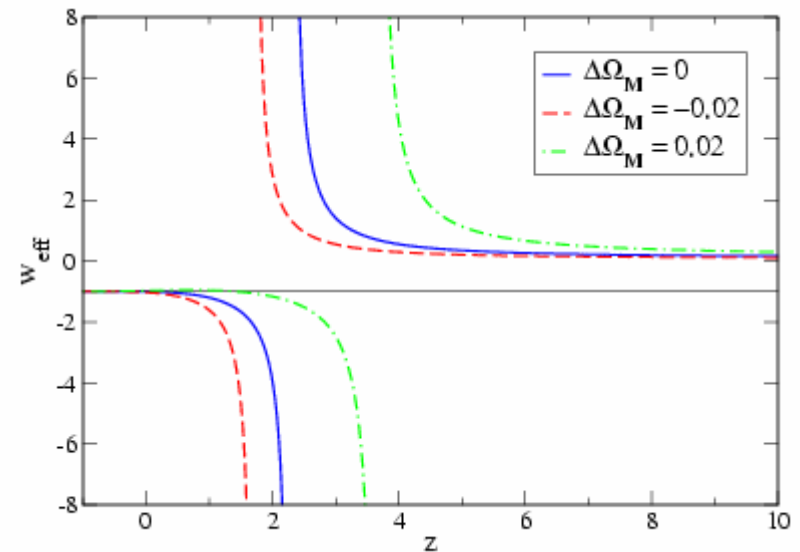
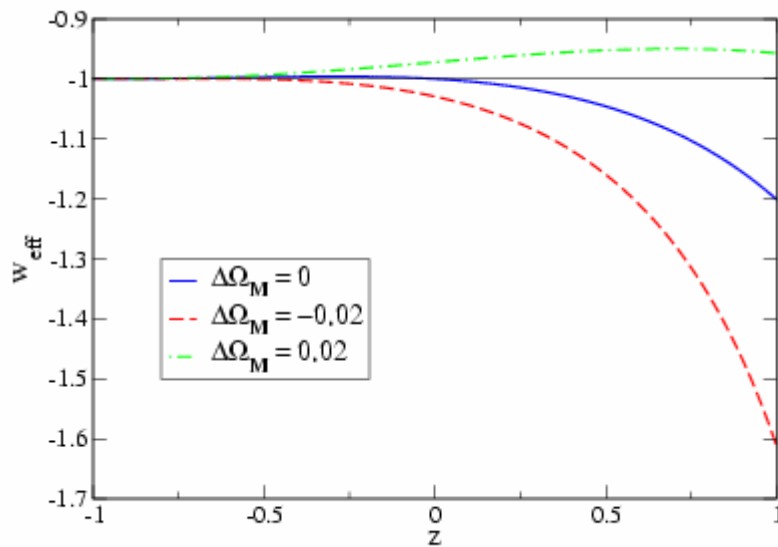
◇ Dimensional analysis not enough to explain  $\beta_\Lambda$  structure. The fact that **only even powers of  $\mu$  are involved** stems from the **covariance** of the effective action and the identification  $\mu \sim H$  (I.L.Shapiro & JS, 2001).

• In the FLRW cosmological framework:  $R \sim G T_\mu^\mu \Rightarrow$

$$\mu \sim R^{1/2} \sim H(t)$$

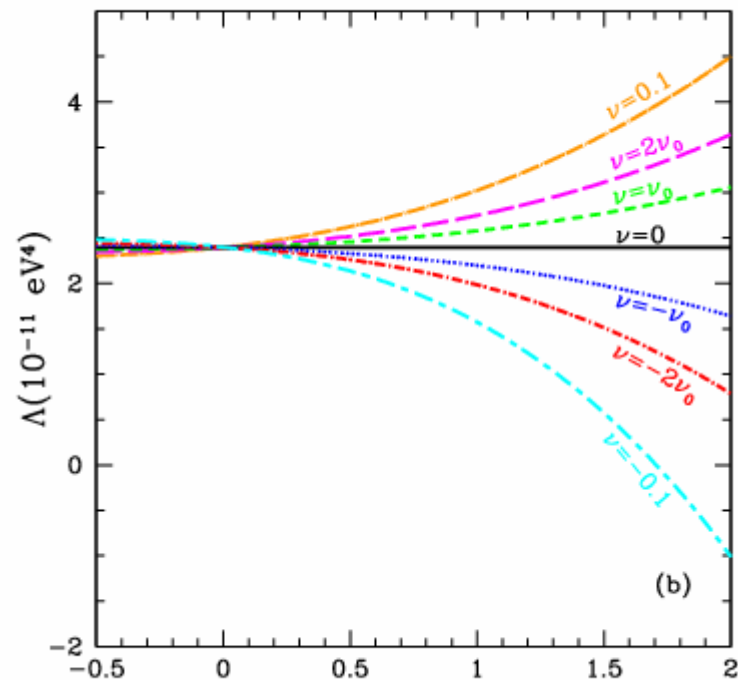
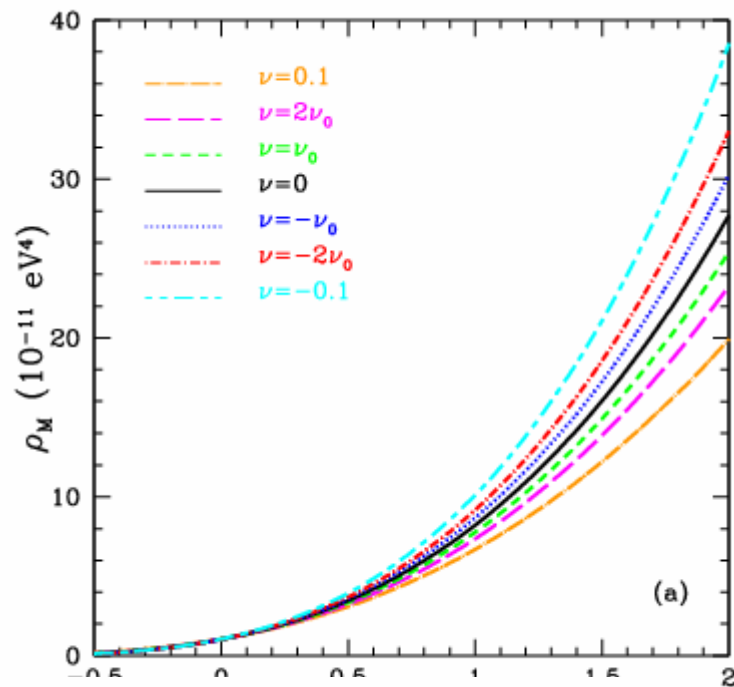
Effective equation of state for the variable  $\Lambda$   
as a function of the redshift:  $\omega_{\text{eff}} = \omega_{\text{eff}}(z; \nu)$

(case  $\nu > 0$ ;  $\nu = \nu_0 \equiv 1/12\pi \simeq 0.026$ )



$$(\Omega_M^0 = 0.3, \quad \Omega_\Lambda^0 = 0.7, \quad \Delta\Omega_M = \Omega_M^0 - \tilde{\Omega}_M^0)$$

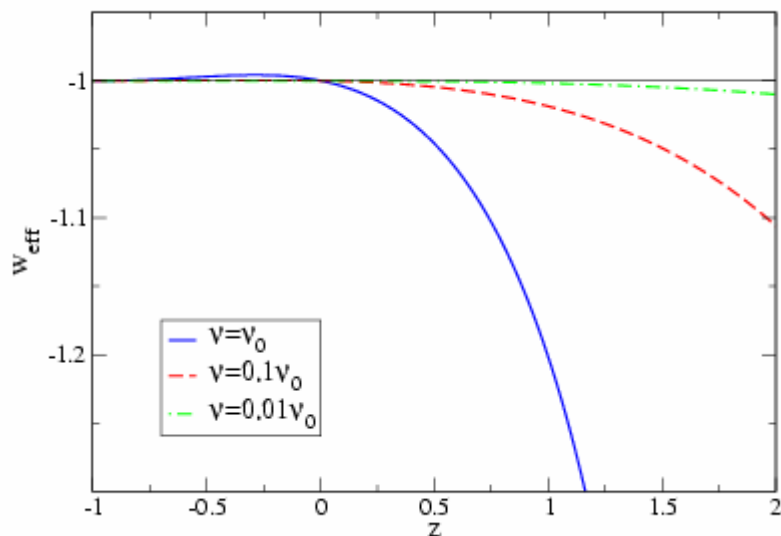
Effects on  $\rho_M$  and  $\Lambda$ , for  $\Omega_M^0 = 0.3$ ,  $\Omega_\Lambda^0 = 0.7$



$$\nu = \frac{\sigma M^2}{12\pi M_P^2}$$

$$\nu_0 \equiv \frac{1}{12\pi} \simeq 2.6 \times 10^{-2}$$

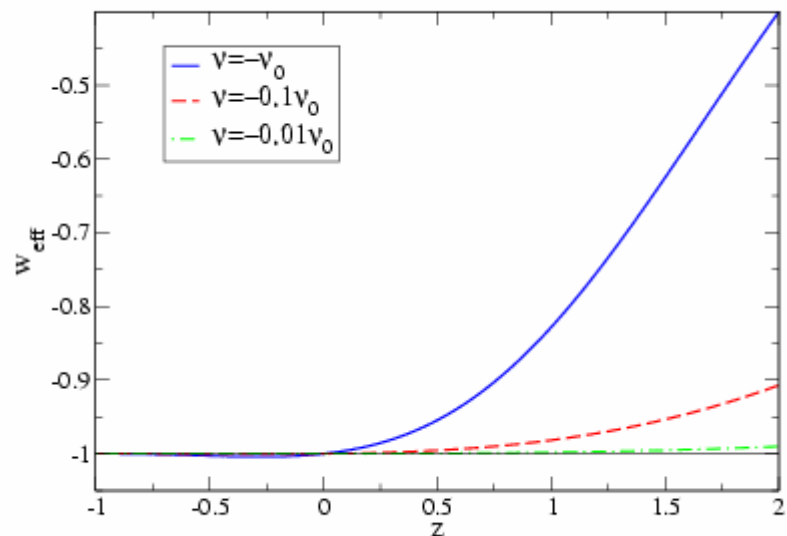
three values  $\nu > 0$ :



$$(\Omega_M^0 = 0.3, \Omega_\Lambda^0 = 0.7)$$

$$(\Delta\Omega_M = \Omega_M^0 - \tilde{\Omega}_M^0)$$

three values  $\nu < 0$ :



$$\Delta\Omega_M = 0 \quad !!$$

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Using **matching condition** and the redshift variable, **Bianchi identity** can be written

$$(1+z) d(\rho_s + \rho_D) = \alpha (\rho_s + \rho_D - \xi_\Lambda) dz$$

and from standard EC-law of  $\rho_s \Rightarrow$

$$\frac{d\rho_D(z)}{dz} = \alpha \frac{\rho_D(z) - \xi_\Lambda(z)}{1+z}$$

- Notice:**
- $\rho_D(z) > \xi_\Lambda(z)$  (quintessence)
  - $\rho_D(z) < \xi_\Lambda(z)$  (phantom)

**Transition:**  
 $\rho_D(z^*) = \xi_\Lambda(z^*)$

$\Rightarrow$  The effective **EOS** for  $\Lambda$  is:

$$\omega_{\text{eff}}(z) = -1 + \frac{1}{3} \frac{1+z}{\rho_D} \frac{d\rho_D}{dz} \Rightarrow$$

For  $\alpha = 3$  (MDE)  $\Rightarrow$

$$\omega_{\text{eff}}(z) = -1 + \frac{\alpha}{3} \left( 1 - \frac{\xi_\Lambda(z)}{\rho_D(z)} \right)$$

$$\omega_{\text{eff}}(z) = -\frac{\xi_\Lambda(z)}{\rho_D(z)}$$

Finally, we note that this kind of scenario can also be considered for a variable  $\Lambda = \Lambda(z)$  with a standard EC-law for matter.

$$\rho_s(z) = \rho_s(0) (1 + z)^\alpha$$

**Bianchi ident.**  $\Rightarrow d\xi_\Lambda/dt = -(\rho_s/G_0) dG/dt$

$$\frac{d\rho_D(z_1)}{dz} = -\alpha (1 + z_1)^{\alpha-1} \int_{z^*}^{z_1} \frac{dz'}{(1 + z')^\alpha} \frac{d\xi_\Lambda(z')}{dz'}$$

$$= \alpha(1 + z_1)^{\alpha-1} (\rho_s(0)/G_0) [G(z_1) - G(z^*)].$$

In this case the quintessence  $\rightarrow$  phantom completely controlled by a variable  $G = G(z)$

if  $G$  is asymptotically free  $\Rightarrow$  quintessence

for  $z_1 \leq z \leq z^*$ ; if  $G$  is “IR free”  $\Rightarrow$  phantom

Consider the previous **Theorem** and compute

$$\frac{d\rho_D(z_1)}{dz} = -\alpha (1+z_1)^{\alpha-1} \int_{z^*}^{z_1} \frac{dz'}{(1+z')^\alpha} \frac{d\xi_\Lambda(z')}{dz'}$$

Naive expectation: for **increasing/decreasing**  
 $\xi_\Lambda$  with redshift  $\Rightarrow \omega_{\text{eff}}(z) \gtrsim -1 / \omega_{\text{eff}}(z) \lesssim -1$ .

(**False** in general!)

e.g. if  $d\xi_\Lambda(z)/dz < 0$  and  $z^* < z_1$ , the observer  
at  $z_1$  will see **quintessence** (counterintuitive!)

But if  $z_1 < z^*$  he/she will see **phantom DE**. If  
 $z_1 = 0$  this case could just correspond to the  
**present observational data !!**