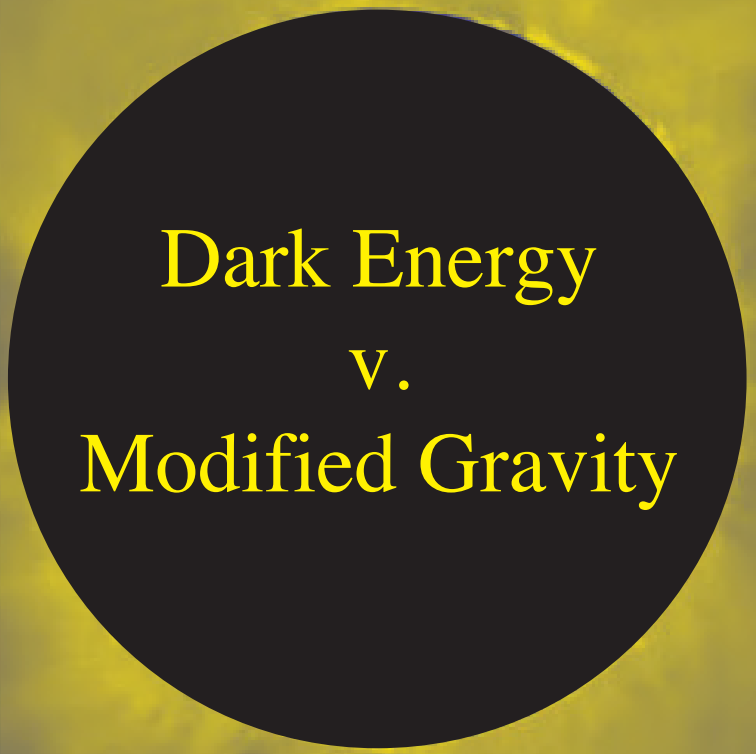
# Cosmic Acceleration

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# Outline

- Dark Energy vs Modified Gravity
- Three Regimes of Modified Gravity
- Worked (Toy) Models: $f(R)$ and DGP Braneworld
- Collaborators

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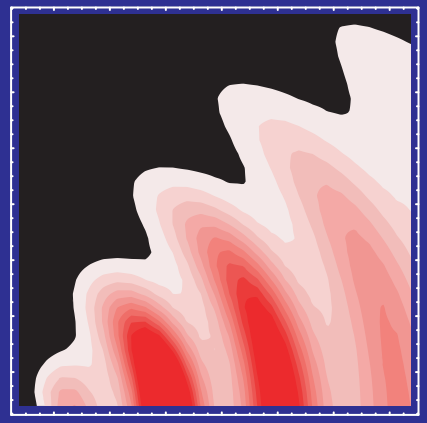
# Charting Out the Expansion

- Standard candle: apparent brightness of objects with a fixed luminosity to judge distance
- Standard ruler: apparent (angular) separation of objects with a fixed physical separation to judge distance

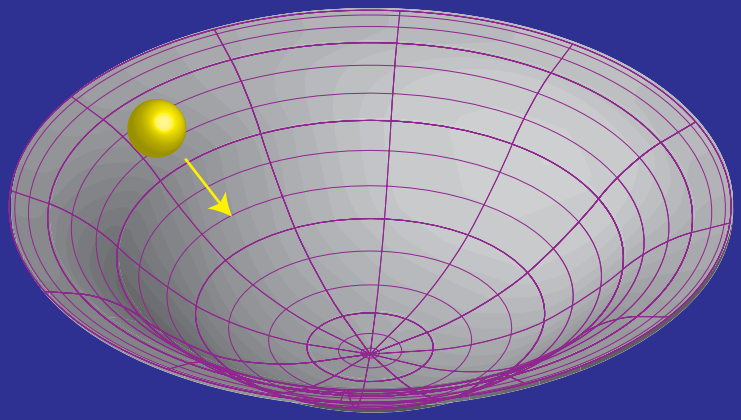
Supernovae
1998 Discovery

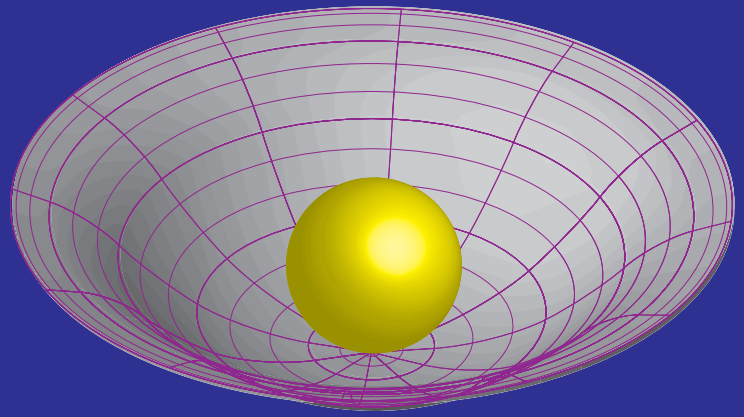
Sound waves
CMB+Galaxies

# Mercury or Pluto?

- General relativity says Gravity = Geometry



- And Geometry = Matter-Energy



- Could the missing energy required by acceleration be an incomplete description of how matter determines geometry?

# Modified Gravity = Dark Energy?

- Solar system tests of gravity are informed by our knowledge of the local stress energy content
- With no other constraint on the stress energy of dark energy other than conservation, modified gravity is formally equivalent to dark energy

$$\begin{aligned} F(g_{\mu\nu}) + G_{\mu\nu} &= 8\pi G T^{\rm M}_{\mu\nu} \\ G_{\mu\nu} &= 8\pi G [T^{\rm M}_{\mu\nu} + T^{\rm DE}_{\mu\nu}] \end{aligned} \qquad \boxed{-F(g_{\mu\nu}) = 8\pi G T^{\rm DE}_{\mu\nu}}$$

and the Bianchi identity guarantees $\nabla^\mu T^{\rm DE}_{\mu\nu} = 0$

- Distinguishing between dark energy and modified gravity requires closure relations that relate components of stress energy tensor
- For matter components, closure relations take the form of equations of state relating density, pressure and anisotropic stress

# Modified Gravity $\neq$ "Smooth DE"

- Scalar field dark energy has $\delta p = \delta\rho$ (in constant field gauge) – relativistic sound speed, no anisotropic stress
- Jeans stability implies that its energy density is spatially smooth compared with the matter below the sound horizon

$$\begin{aligned} ds^2 &= -(1+2\Psi)dt^2 + a^2(1+2\Phi)dx^2 \\ \nabla^2(\Phi - \Psi) &\propto \text{matter density fluctuation} \end{aligned}$$

- Anisotropic stress changes the amount of space curvature per unit dynamical mass

$$\nabla^2(\Phi + \Psi) \propto \text{anisotropic stress}$$

but its absence in a smooth dark energy model makes $g = (\Phi + \Psi)/(\Phi - \Psi) = 0$ for non-relativistic matter

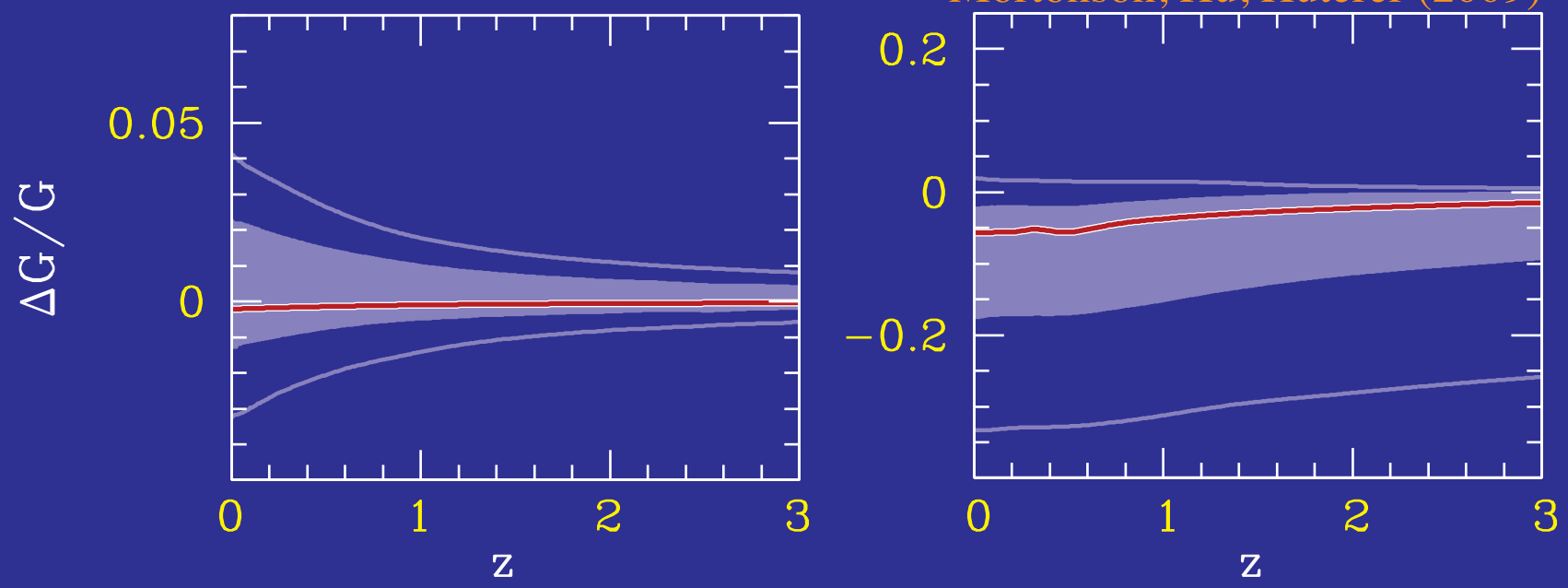
# Falsifiability of Smooth Dark Energy

- With the smoothness assumption, dark energy only affects gravitational growth of structure through changing the expansion rate
- Hence geometric measurements of the expansion rate predict the growth of structure
  - Hubble Constant
  - Supernovae
  - Baryon Acoustic Oscillations
- Growth of structure measurements can therefore falsify the whole smooth dark energy paradigm
  - Cluster Abundance
  - Weak Lensing
  - Velocity Field (Redshift Space Distortion)

# Falsifying Quintessence

- Dark energy slows growth of structure in highly predictive way

Mortonson, Hu, Huterer (2009)




Cosmological Constant  Quintessence

- Deviation significantly >2% rules out Λ with or without curvature
- Excess >2% rules out quintessence with or without curvature and early dark energy [as does >2% excess in $H_0$]

# Dynamical Tests of Acceleration

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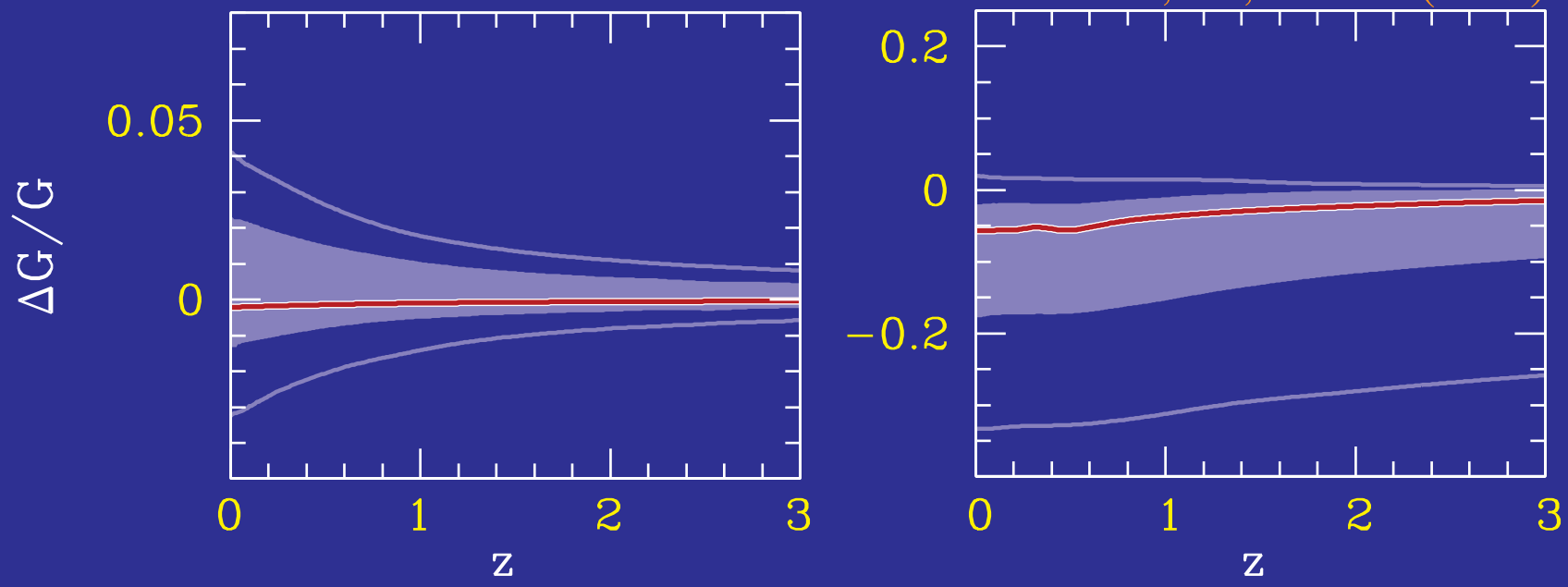


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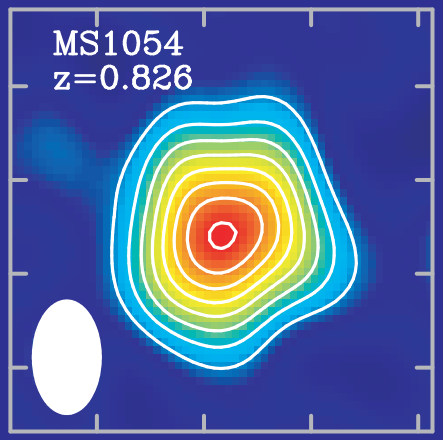
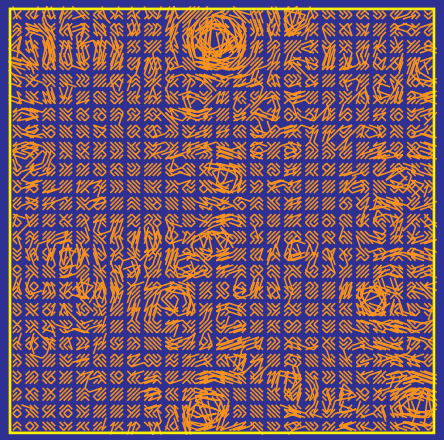
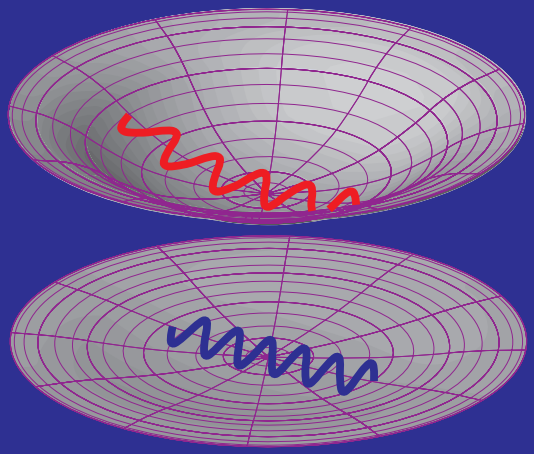
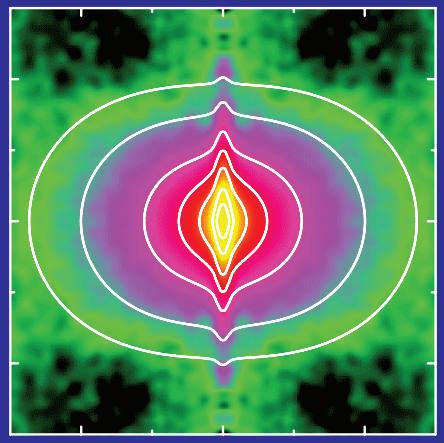


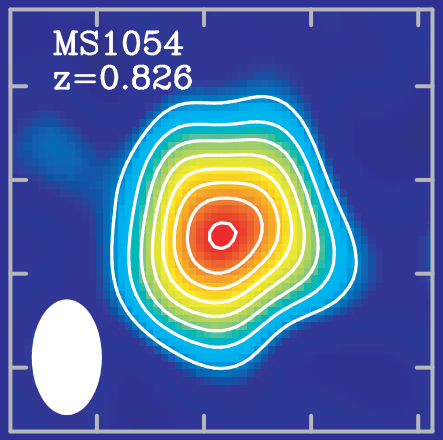



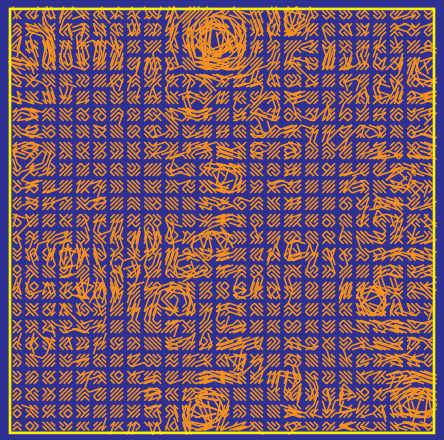


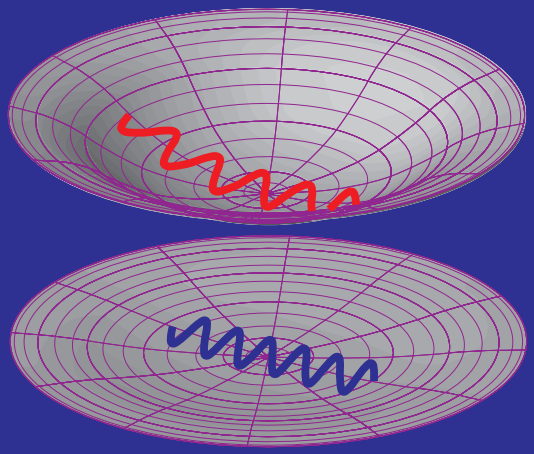


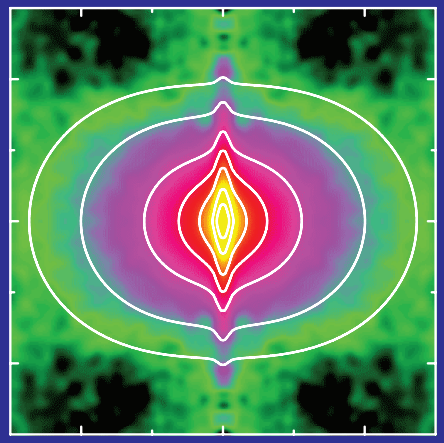
# Quintessence Falsified?

- No excess numbers of massive $z>1$ X-ray or SZ clusters with Gaussian initial conditions (Jee et al 2009, Brodwin et al 2010)
- No excess power in gravitational lensing at high $z$ relative to low $z$ (Bean 0909.3853)
- But would such violations favor modified gravity?
- Given astrophysical systematics, expect purported $2\sigma$ violations of smooth dark energy predictions will be common in coming years!



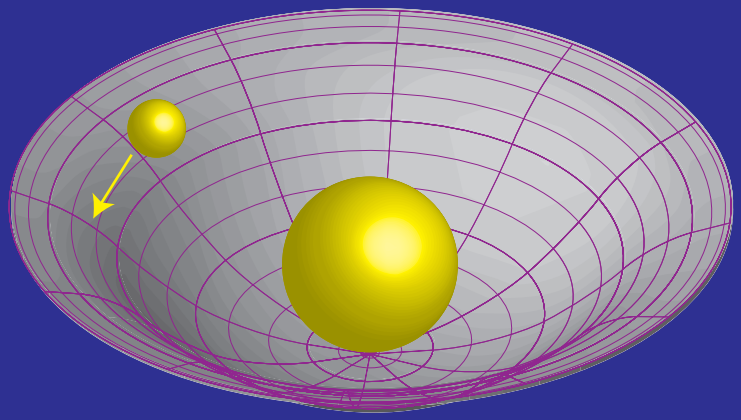





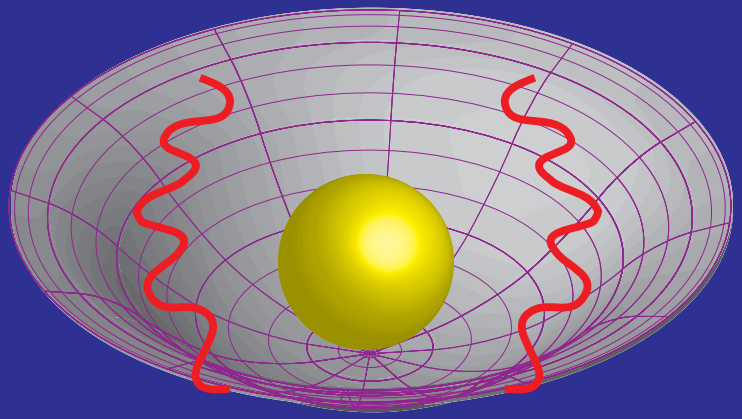


# Dynamical vs Lensing Mass

- Newtonian potential: $\Psi=\delta g_{00}/2g_{00}$ which non-relativistic particles feel



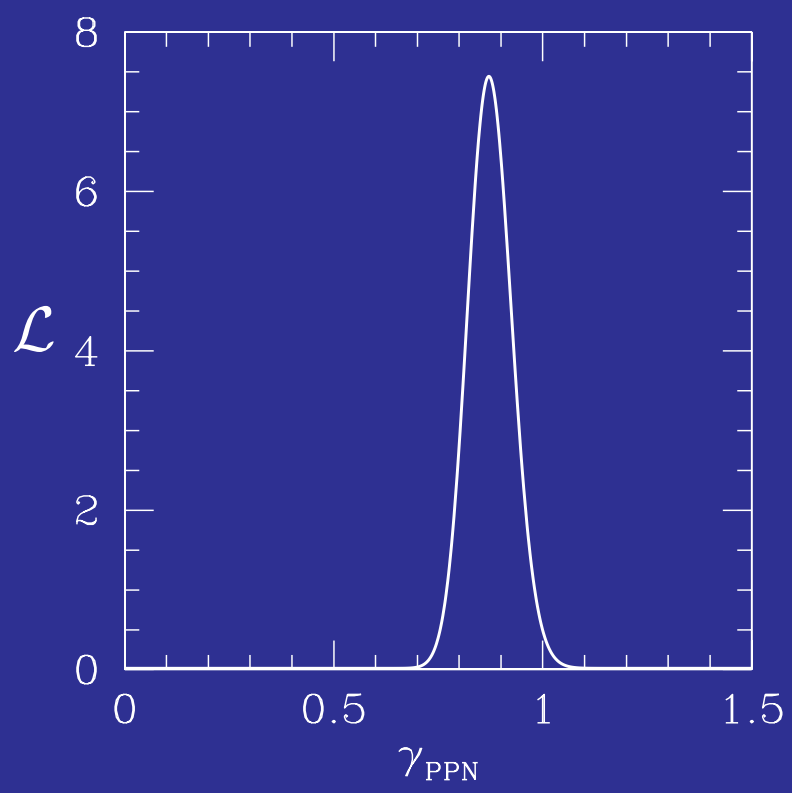
- Space curvature: $\Phi=\delta g_{ii}/2g_{ii}$ which also deflects photons

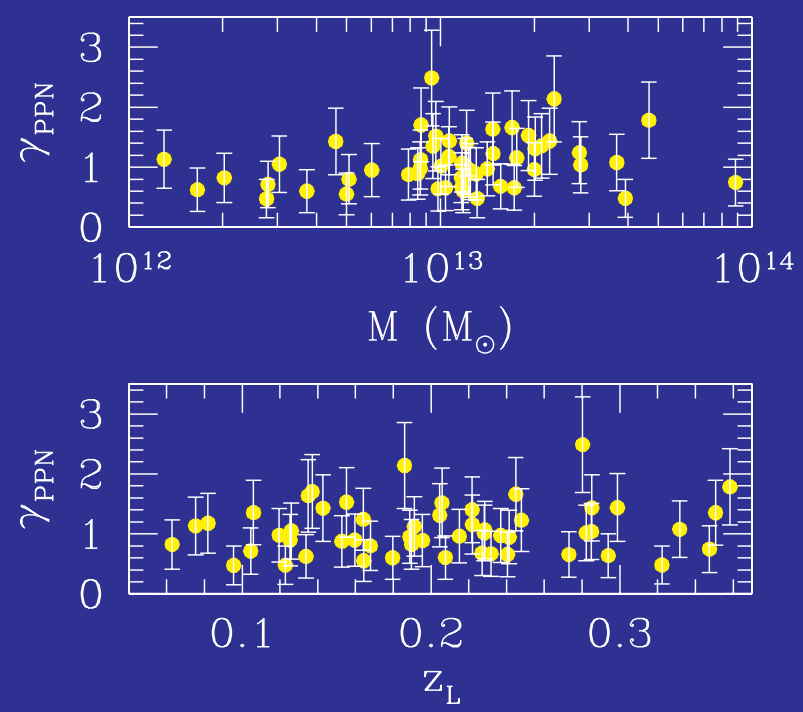


- Most of the incisive tests of gravity reduce to testing the space curvature per unit dynamical mass

# Dynamical v Strong Lensing

- Comparison of strong lensing and dynamical mass assuming a density profile and velocity dispersion data
- Mean exhibits a bias from GR expectation with statistical errors only
- No mass trend detectable



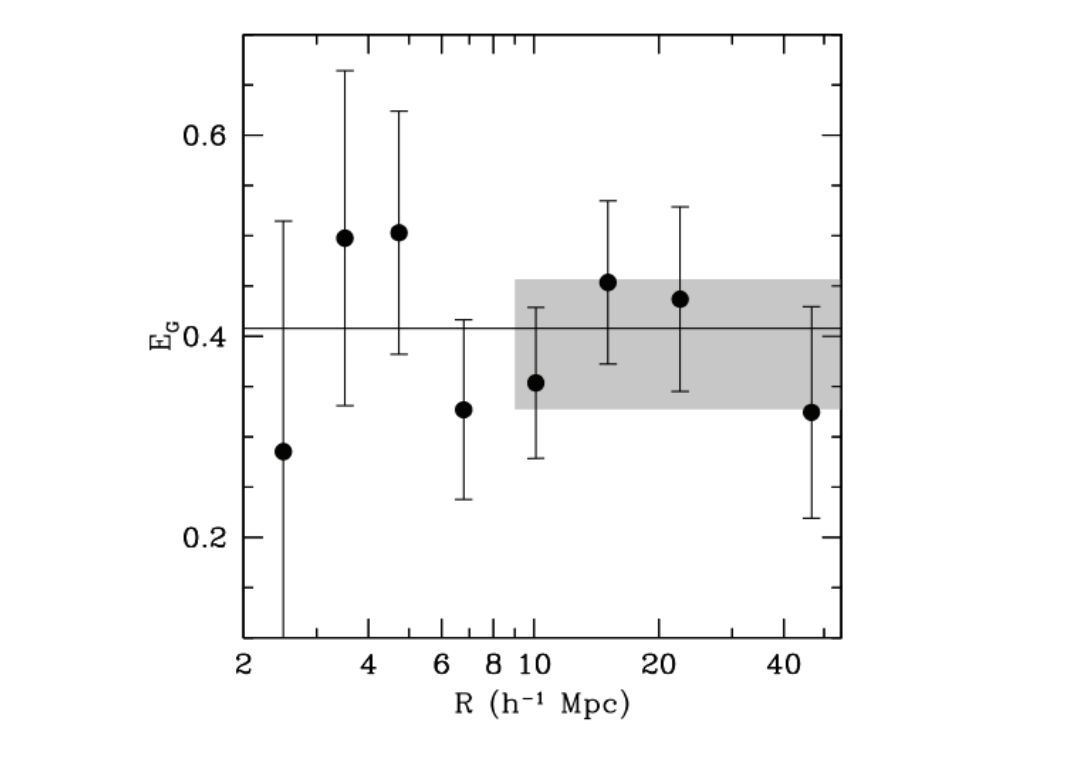




T. Smith (2009)

# Lensing v Dynamical Comparison

- Gravitational lensing around galaxies vs. linear velocity field (through redshift space distortions and galaxy autocorrelation)
- Consistent with GR + smooth dark energy beginning to test interesting models

Reyes et al (2010); Lombriser et al (2010)




Zhang et al (2007); Jain & Zhang (2008)

# Falsify in Favor of What?

- Modified gravity models change space curvature per unit dynamical mass - enhanced or reduced forces on matter
- Requires two closure relations - 1st an an effective anisotropic stress that distinguishes lensing from dynamical mass
- Viable induced modifications exhibit three separate regimes
  - Horizon Scale
  - Scalar-Tensor
  - General Relativistic
- Choice of lensing mass contribution as 2nd parameter in scalar-tensor regime favored by conformal invariance of E&M (Hu & Sawicki 2007; see also Caldwell et al 2007; Amendola et al 2007)

CAMB Package for Linearized PPF: `http://camb.info/ppf`

Other uses: phantom crossing dark energy (Fang, Hu, Lewis 2009), dark energy PCs (Mortonson, Hu, Huterer 2009) cascading gravity (Afshordi, Geshnizjani, Khoury 2008)

# Three Regimes

- Three regimes with different dynamics
- Examples $f(R)$ and DGP braneworld acceleration
- Parameterized Post-Friedmann description

- Non-linear regime return to General Relativity / Newtonian dynamics

| General Relativistic Non-Linear Regime | Scalar-Tensor Regime | Conserved-Curvature Regime |
|---|---|---|
| *halos, galaxy* | *large scale structure* | *CMB* |

$r_*$ $r_c$

$r \longrightarrow$

# Worked Examples

# Modified Action $f(R)$ Model

- $R$: Ricci scalar or "curvature"
- $f(R)$: modified action (Starobinsky 1980; Carroll et al 2004)

$$S = \int d^4x\sqrt{-g}\left[\frac{R + f(R)}{16\pi G} + \mathcal{L}_{\rm m}\right]$$

- $f_R \equiv df/dR$: additional propagating scalar degree of freedom (metric variation)
- $f_{RR} \equiv d^2 f/dR^2$: Compton wavelength of $f_R$ squared, inverse mass squared
- $B$: Compton wavelength of $f_R$ squared in units of the Hubble length

$$B \equiv \frac{f_{RR}}{1 + f_R} R' \frac{H}{H'}$$

- $' \equiv d/d\ln a$: scale factor as time coordinate

# Modified Einstein Equation

- In the Jordan frame, gravity becomes 4th order but matter remains minimally coupled and separately conserved

$$G_{\alpha\beta} + f_R R_{\alpha\beta} - \left(\frac{f}{2} - \Box f_R\right) g_{\alpha\beta} - \nabla_\alpha \nabla_\beta f_R = 8\pi G T_{\alpha\beta}$$

- Trace can be interpreted as a scalar field equation for $f_R$ with a density-dependent effective potential ($p = 0$)

$$3\Box f_R + f_R R - 2f = R - 8\pi G\rho$$

- For small deviations, $|f_R| \ll 1$ and $|f/R| \ll 1$,

$$\Box f_R \approx \frac{1}{3}\left(R - 8\pi G\rho\right)$$

the field is sourced by the deviation from GR relation between curvature and density and has a mass

$$m_{f_R}^2 \approx \frac{1}{3}\frac{\partial R}{\partial f_R} = \frac{1}{3 f_{RR}}$$

# DGP Braneworld Acceleration

- Braneworld acceleration (Dvali, Gabadadze & Porrati 2000)

$$S = \int d^5x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{{}^{(5)}R}{2\kappa^2} + \delta(\chi) \left( \frac{{}^{(4)}R}{2\mu^2} + \mathcal{L}_m \right) \right]$$

  with crossover scale $r_c = \kappa^2/2\mu^2$
- Influence of bulk through Weyl tensor anisotropy - solve master equation in bulk (Deffayet 2001)
- Matter still minimally coupled and conserved
- Exhibits the 3 regimes of modified gravity
- Weyl tensor anisotropy dominated conserved curvature regime $r > r_c$ (Sawicki, Song, Hu 2006; Cardoso et al 2007)
- Brane bending scalar tensor regime $r_* < r < r_c$ (Lue, Soccimarro, Starkman 2004; Koyama & Maartens 2006)
- Strong coupling General Relativistic regime $r < r_* = (r_c^2 r_g)^{1/3}$ where $r_g = 2GM$ (Dvali 2006)

# DGP Field Equations

- DGP field equations

$$G_{\mu\nu} = 4r_c^2 f_{\mu\nu} - E_{\mu\nu}$$

where $f_{\mu\nu}$ is a tensor quadratic in the 4-dimensional Einstein and energy-momentum tensors

$$f_{\mu\nu} \equiv \frac{1}{12} A A_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4} A_\mu^\alpha A_{\nu\alpha} + \frac{1}{8} g_{\mu\nu} \left( A_{\alpha\beta} A^{\alpha\beta} - \frac{A^2}{3} \right)$$

$$A_{\mu\nu} \equiv G_{\mu\nu} - \mu^2 T_{\mu\nu}$$

and $E_{\mu\nu}$ is the bulk Weyl tensor

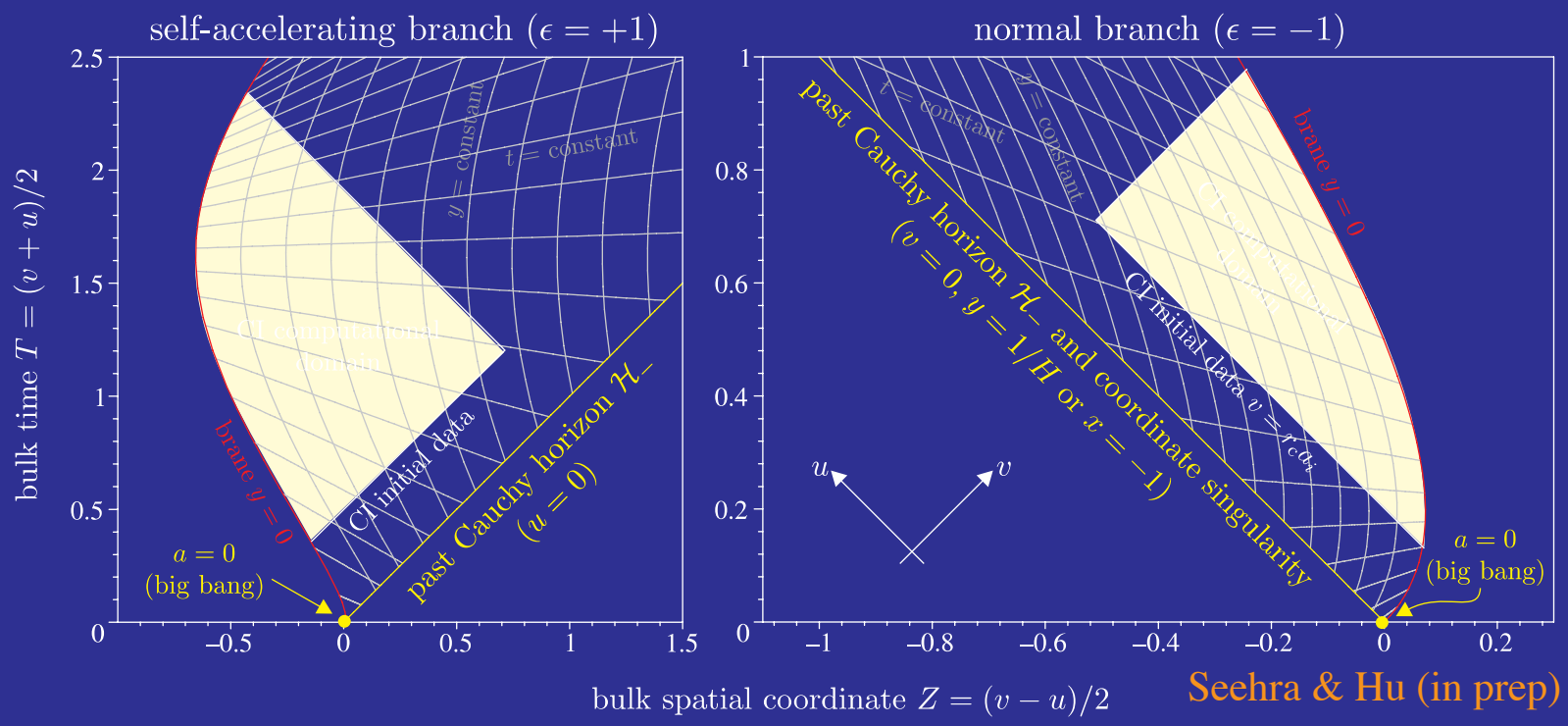
- Background metric yields the modified Friedmann equation

$$H^2 \mp \frac{H}{r_c} = \frac{\mu^2 \rho}{3}$$

- For perturbations, involves solving metric perturbations in the bulk through the "master equation"

# Into the Bulk

- Calculation of the metric ratio $g=\Phi+\Psi/\Phi-\Psi$ requires solving for the propagation of metric fluctuations into the bulk
- Encapsulated in the off brane gradient which closes the system (e.g. normal branch $g=-1/(2Hr_c+1)$ until deep in de Sitter)




Seehra & Hu (in prep)

Sawicki, Song, Hu (2007); Cardoso et al (2008)

# $f(R)$ Expansion History

# Engineering $f(R)$ Models

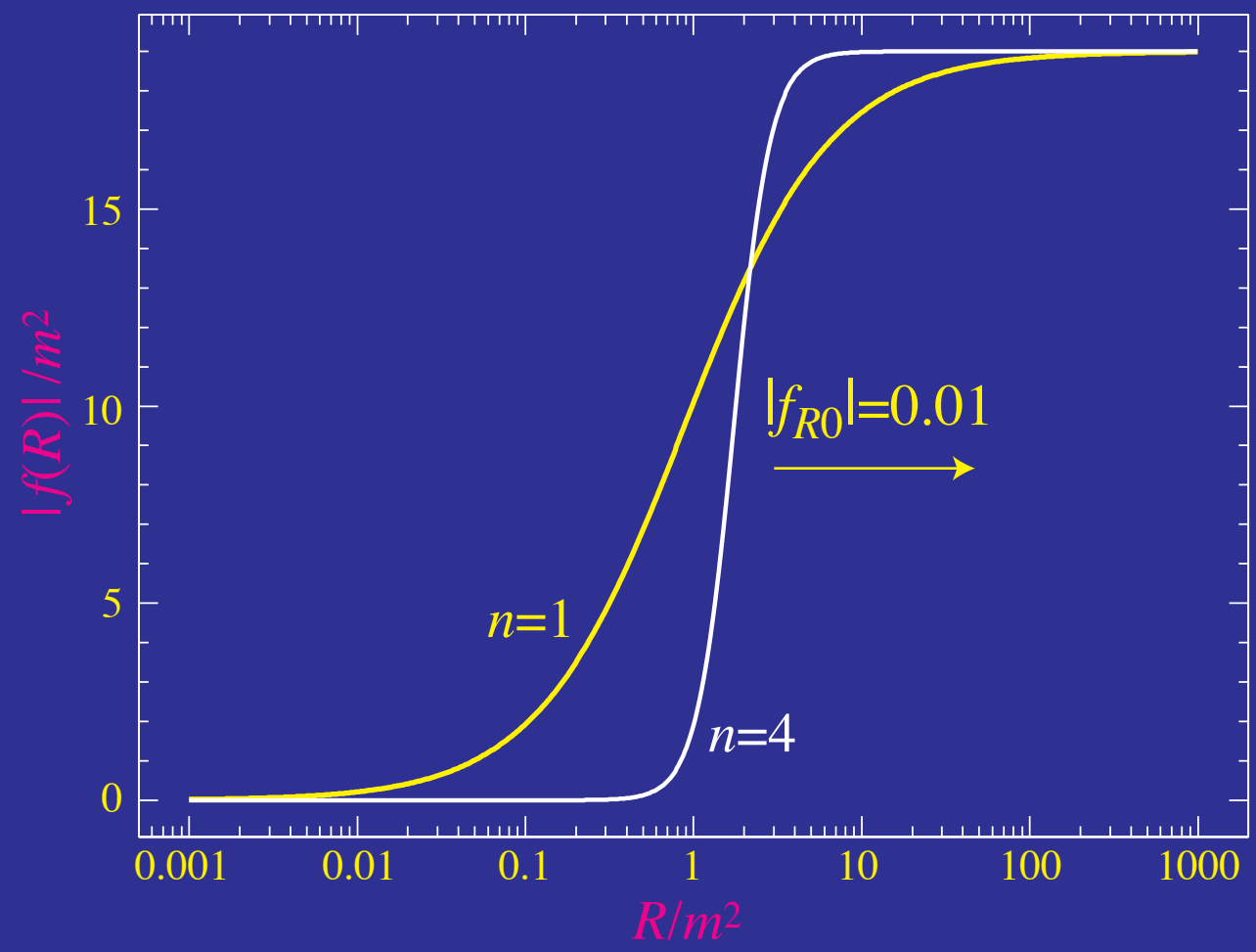
- Mimic $\Lambda$CDM at high redshift
- Accelerate the expansion at low redshift without a cosmological constant
- Sufficient freedom to vary expansion history within observationally allowed range
- Contain the phenomenology of $\Lambda$CDM in both cosmology and solar system tests as a limiting case for the purposes of constraining small deviations
- Suggests

$$f(R) \propto \frac{R^n}{R^n + \text{const.}}$$

such that modifications vanish as $R \to 0$ and go to a constant as $R \to \infty$

# Form of $f(R)$ Models

- Transition from zero to constant across an adjustable curvature scale
- Slope $n$ controls the rapidity of transition, field amplitude $f_{R0}$ position
- Background curvature stops declining during acceleration epoch and thereafter behaves like cosmological constant

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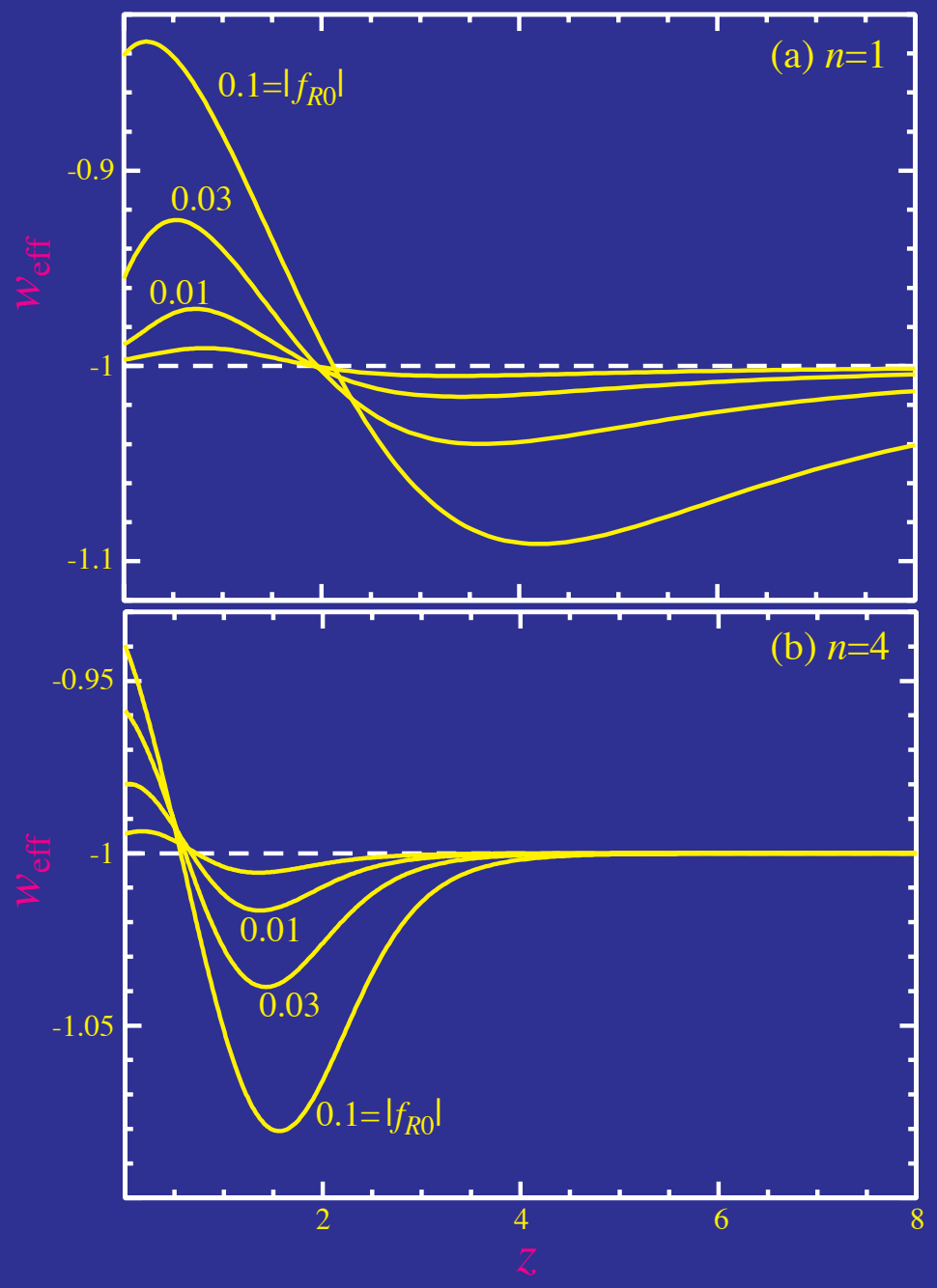
# Expansion History




- Effective equation of state $w_{\rm eff}$ scales with field amplitude $f_{R0}$
- Crosses the phantom divide at a redshift that decreases with $n$
- Signature of degrees of freedom in dark energy beyond standard kinetic and potential energy of k-essence or quintessence or modified gravity

Hu & Sawicki (2007)

# DGP Expansion History

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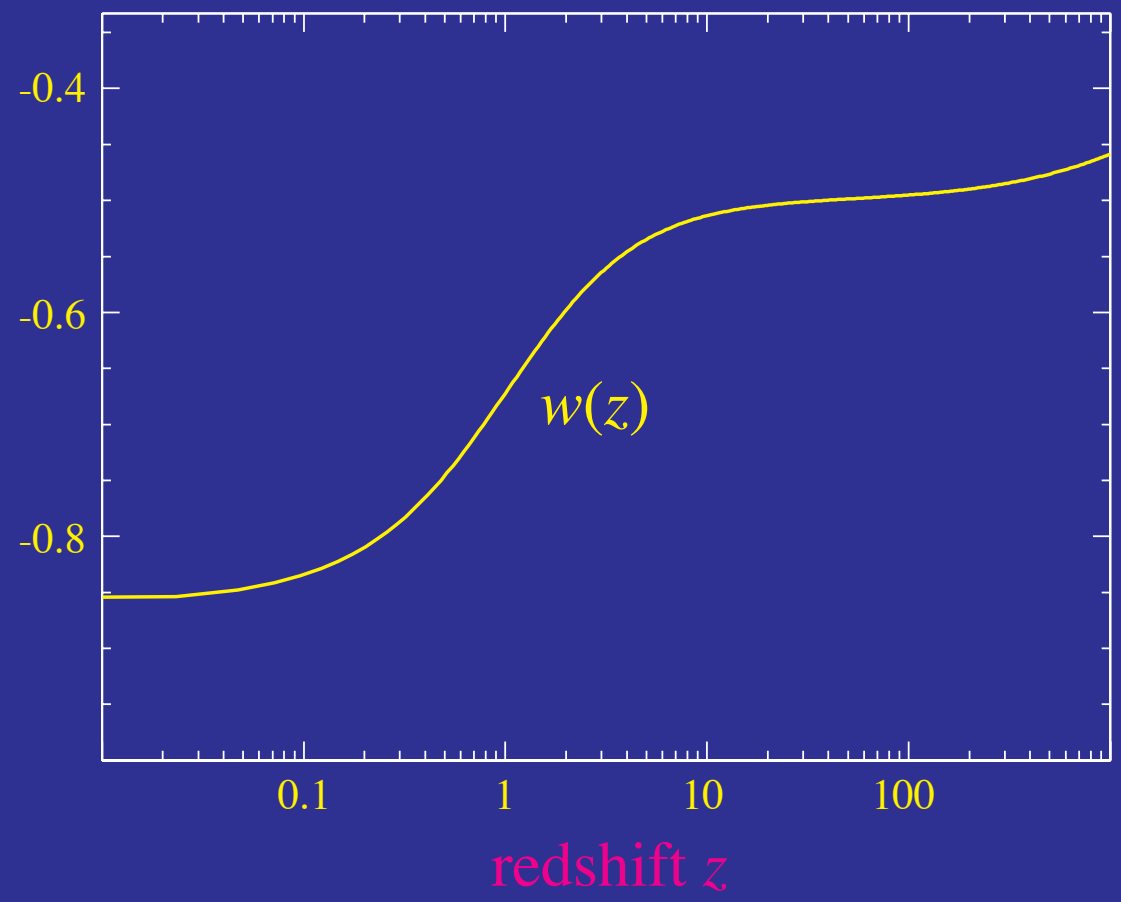
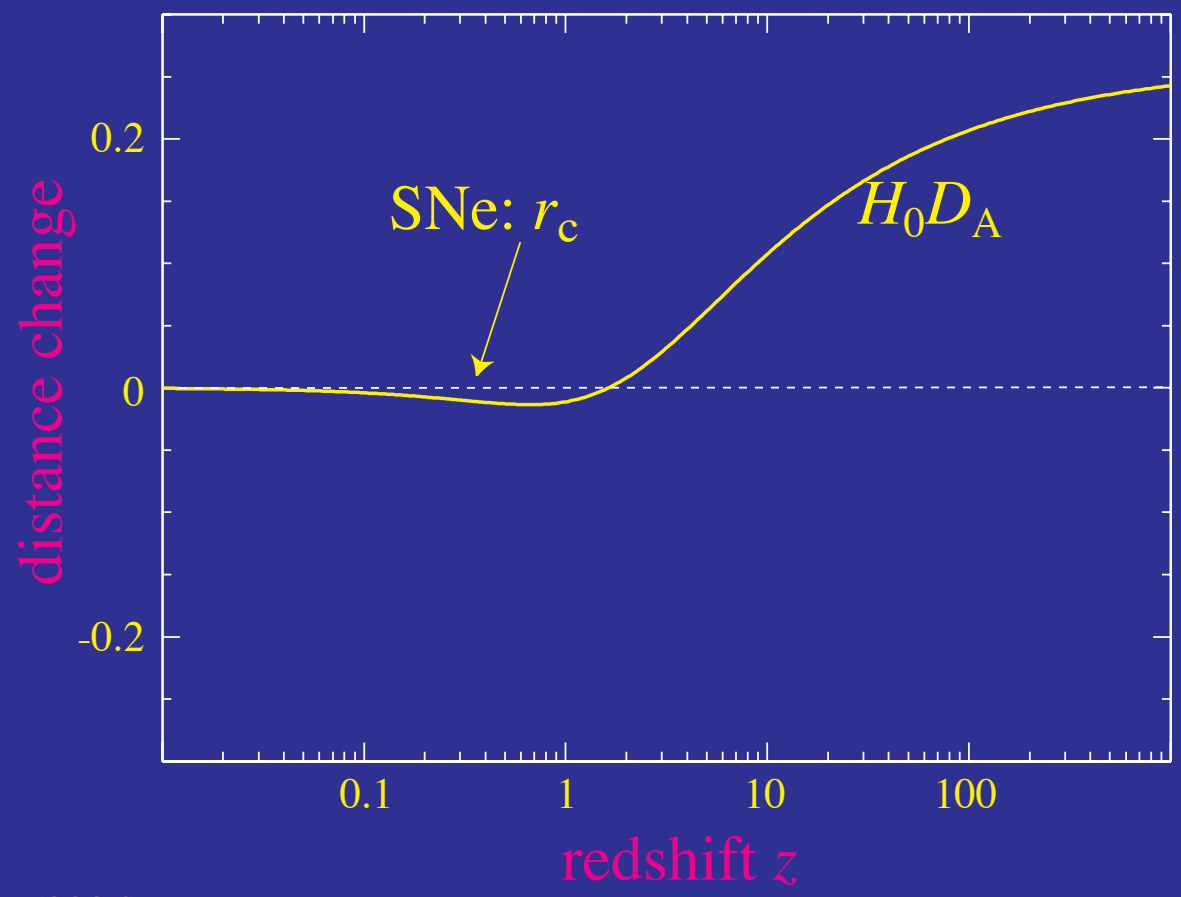
- Matching the DGP expansion history to a dark energy model with the same expansion history
- Effective equation of state $w(z)$ [$w_0$~-0.85, $w_a$~0.35]




Song, Sawicki & Hu (2006)

# DGP Expansion History

- Crossover scale $r_c$ fit to SN relative distance from $z$=0: $H_0 D_A$

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# DGP Normal Branch

- On the normal branch, expansion does not self-accelerate and dark energy in the form of a brane tension or scalar field necessary

$$H^2 + \frac{H}{r_c} = \frac{\mu^2}{3}(\rho_m + \rho_{\rm DE})$$

- Gravity is still modified as in the self-accelerated branch (but with attractive forces)
- Ghost free in the quantum theory
- Can choose $\rho_{\rm DE}$ to match any desired expansion history including flat $\Lambda$CDM

$$H^2 \equiv \frac{\mu^2}{3}(\rho_m + \rho_\Lambda) \to \rho_{\rm DE}$$

- Separate out geometrical and dynamical tests of acceleration

# Conserved Curvature Regime

# Curvature Conservation

- On superhorizon scales, energy momentum conservation and expansion history constrain the evolution of metric fluctuations (Bertschinger 2006)
- For adiabatic perturbations in a flat universe, conservation of comoving curvature applies $\zeta' = 0$ where $' \equiv d/d\ln a$ (Bardeen 1980)
- Gauge transformation to Newtonian gauge

$$ds^2 = -(1+2\Psi)dt^2 + a^2(1+2\Phi)dx^2$$

yields (Hu & Eisenstein 1999)

$$\Phi'' - \Psi' - \frac{H''}{H'}\Phi' - \left(\frac{H'}{H} - \frac{H''}{H'}\right)\Psi = 0$$

- Modified gravity theory supplies the closure relationship $\Phi = -\gamma(\ln a)\Psi$ between and expansion history $H = \dot{a}/a$ supplies rest.

# Linear Theory for $f(R)$

- In $f(R)$ model, "superhorizon" behavior persists until Compton wavelength smaller than fluctuation wavelength $B^{1/2}(k/aH) < 1$
- Once Compton wavelength becomes larger than fluctuation

$$B^{1/2}(k/aH) > 1$$

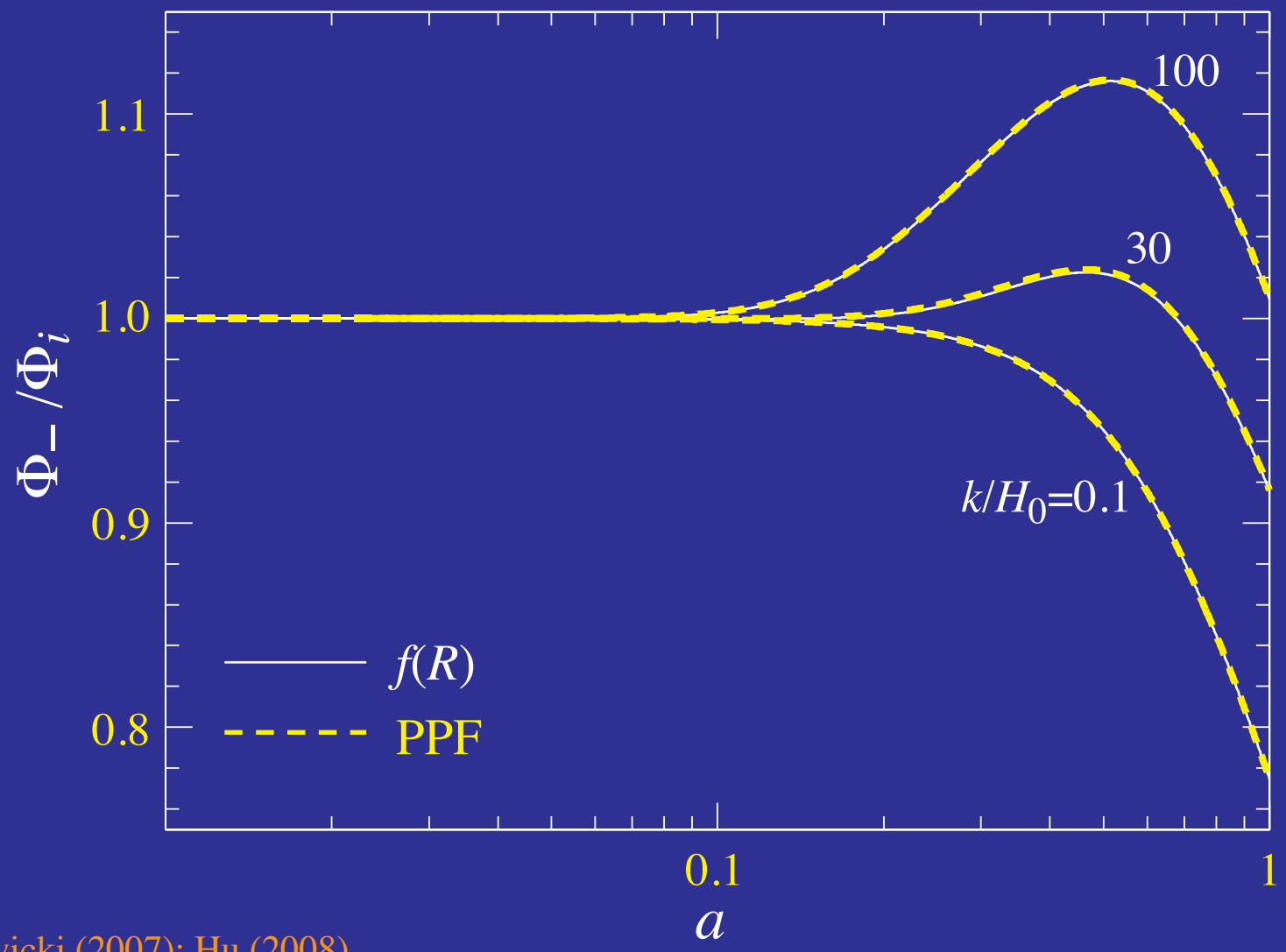
  perturbations are in scalar-tensor regime described by $\gamma = 1/2$.
- Small scale density growth enhanced and

$$8\pi G\rho > R$$

  low curvature regime with order unity deviations from GR
- Transitions in the non-linear regime where the Compton wavelength can shrink via chameleon mechanism
- Given $k_{\rm NL}/aH \gg 1$, even very small $f_R$ have scalar-tensor regime

# PPF $f(R)$ Description

- Metric and matter evolution well-matched by PPF description
- Standard GR tools apply (CAMB), self-consistent, gauge invar.

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# Integrated Sachs-Wolfe Effect

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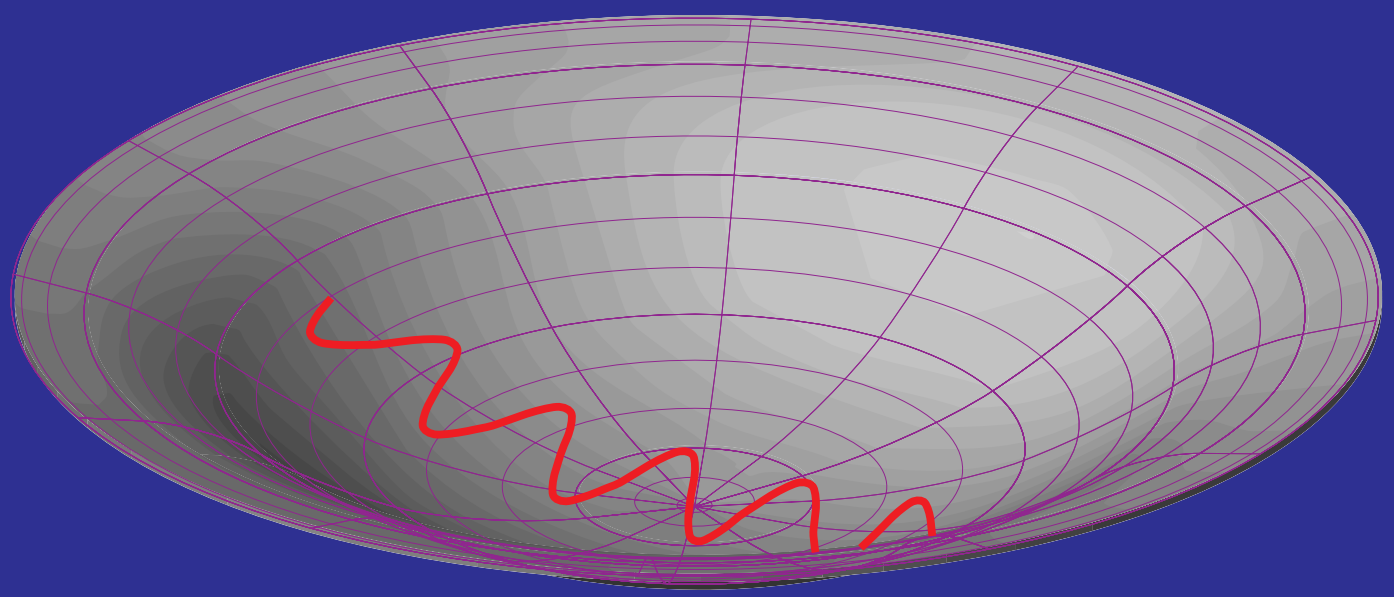
- Spatial curvature of gravitational potential leads to additional effect $\Delta T/T = -\Delta(\Phi - \Psi)$



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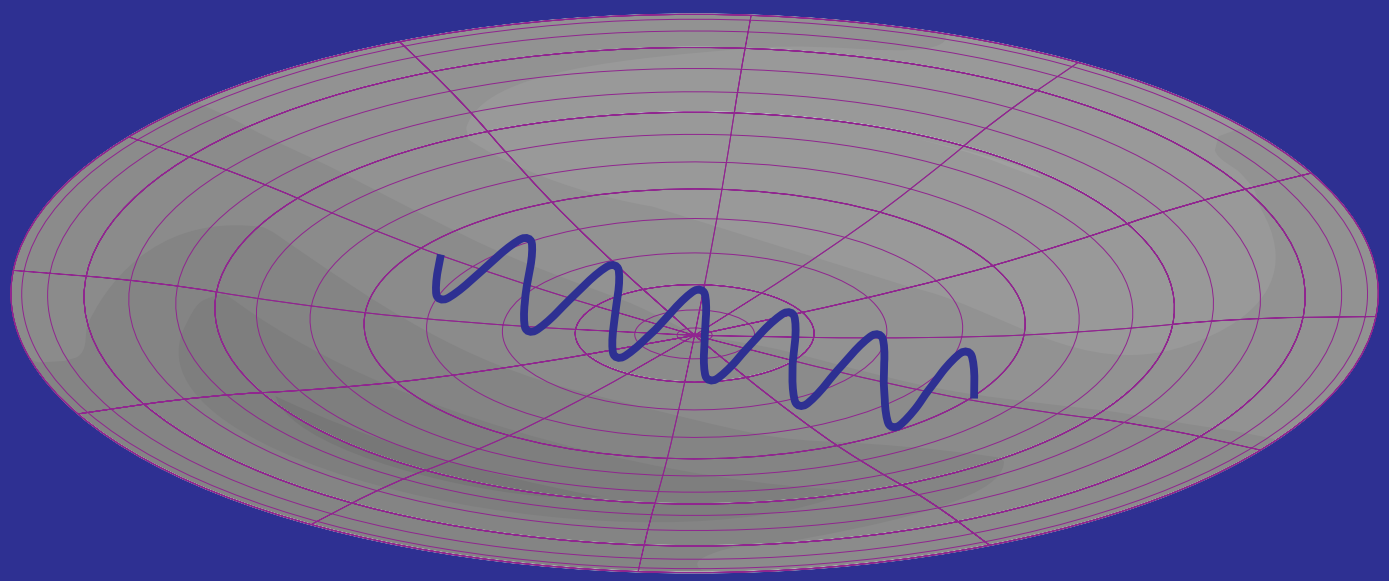
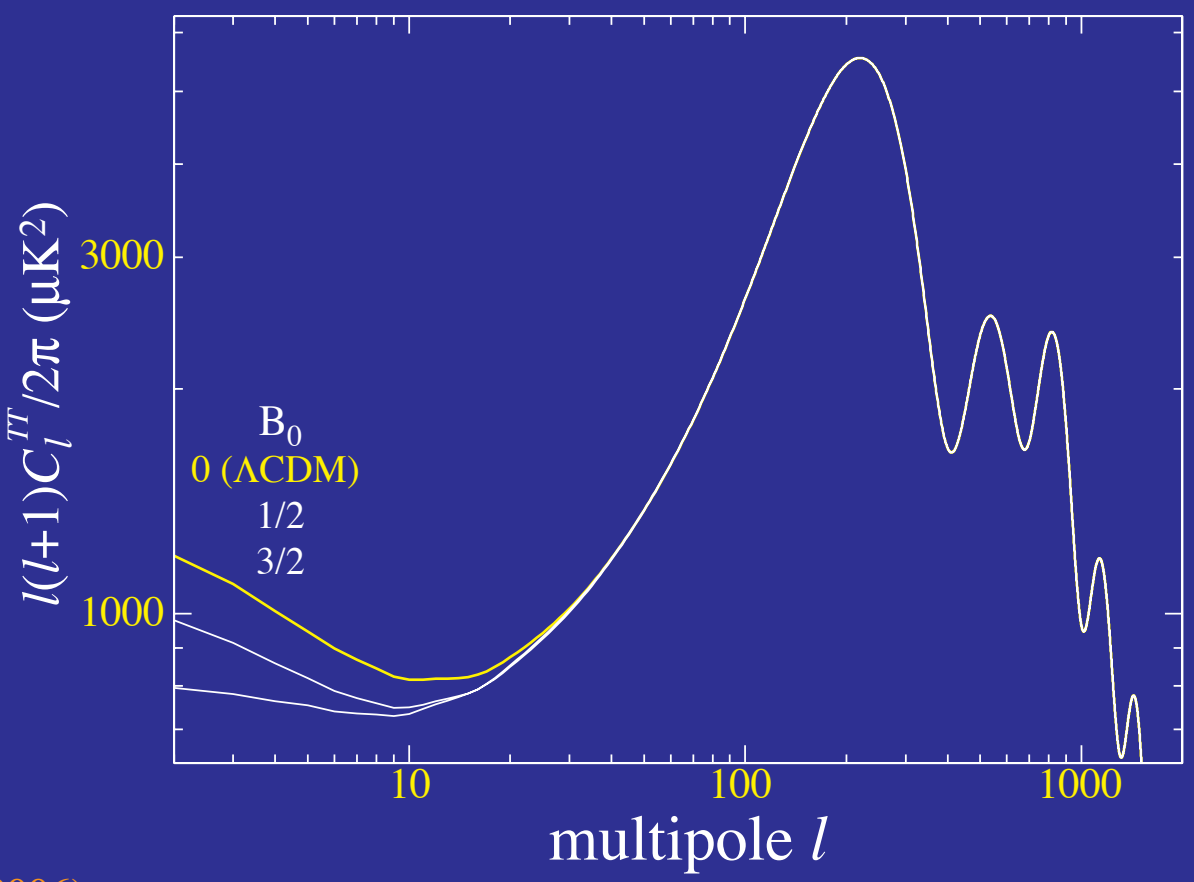


# ISW Quadrupole

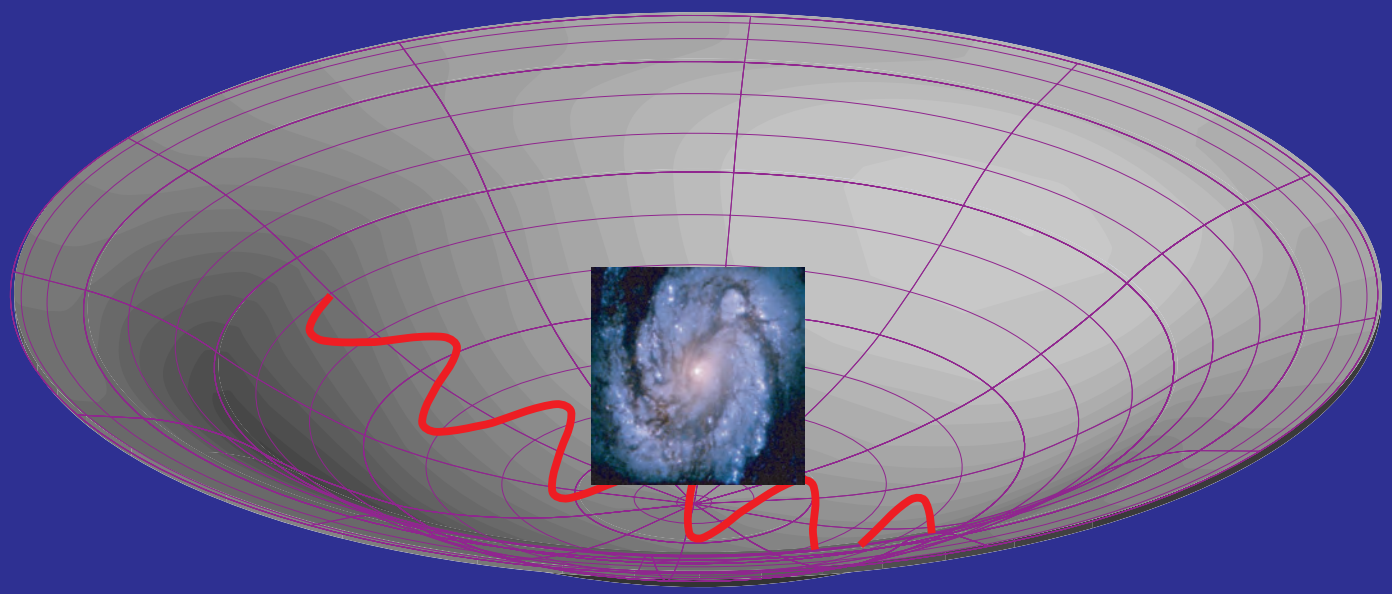
- Reduction of large angle anisotropy for $B_0 \sim 1$ for same expansion history and distances as ΛCDM
- Well-tested small scale anisotropy unchanged




Song, Hu & Sawicki (2006)

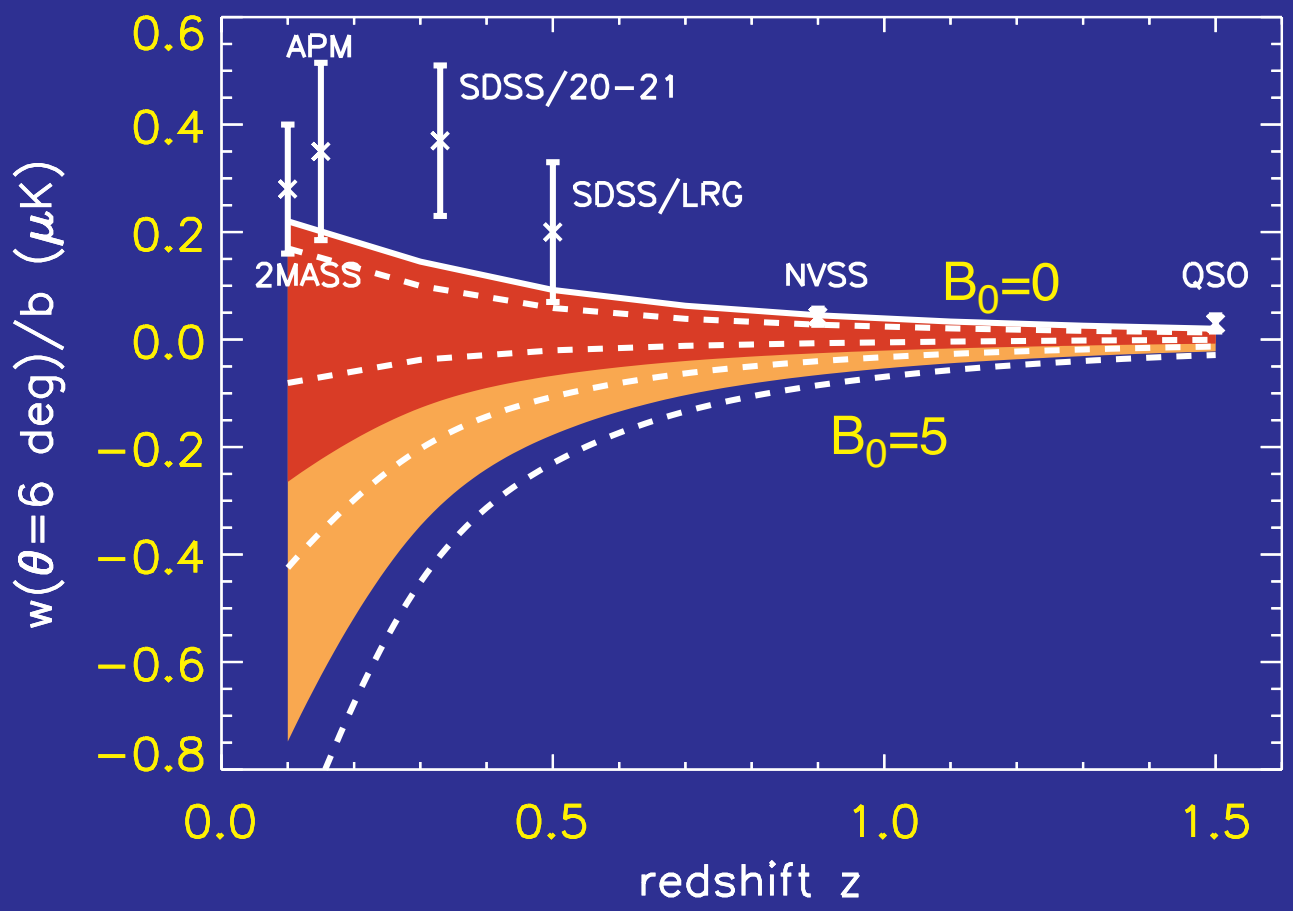
# ISW-Galaxy Correlation

- Decaying potential: galaxy positions correlated with CMB
- Growing potential: galaxy positions anticorrelated with CMB
- Observations indicate correlation



# Galaxy-ISW Anti-Correlation

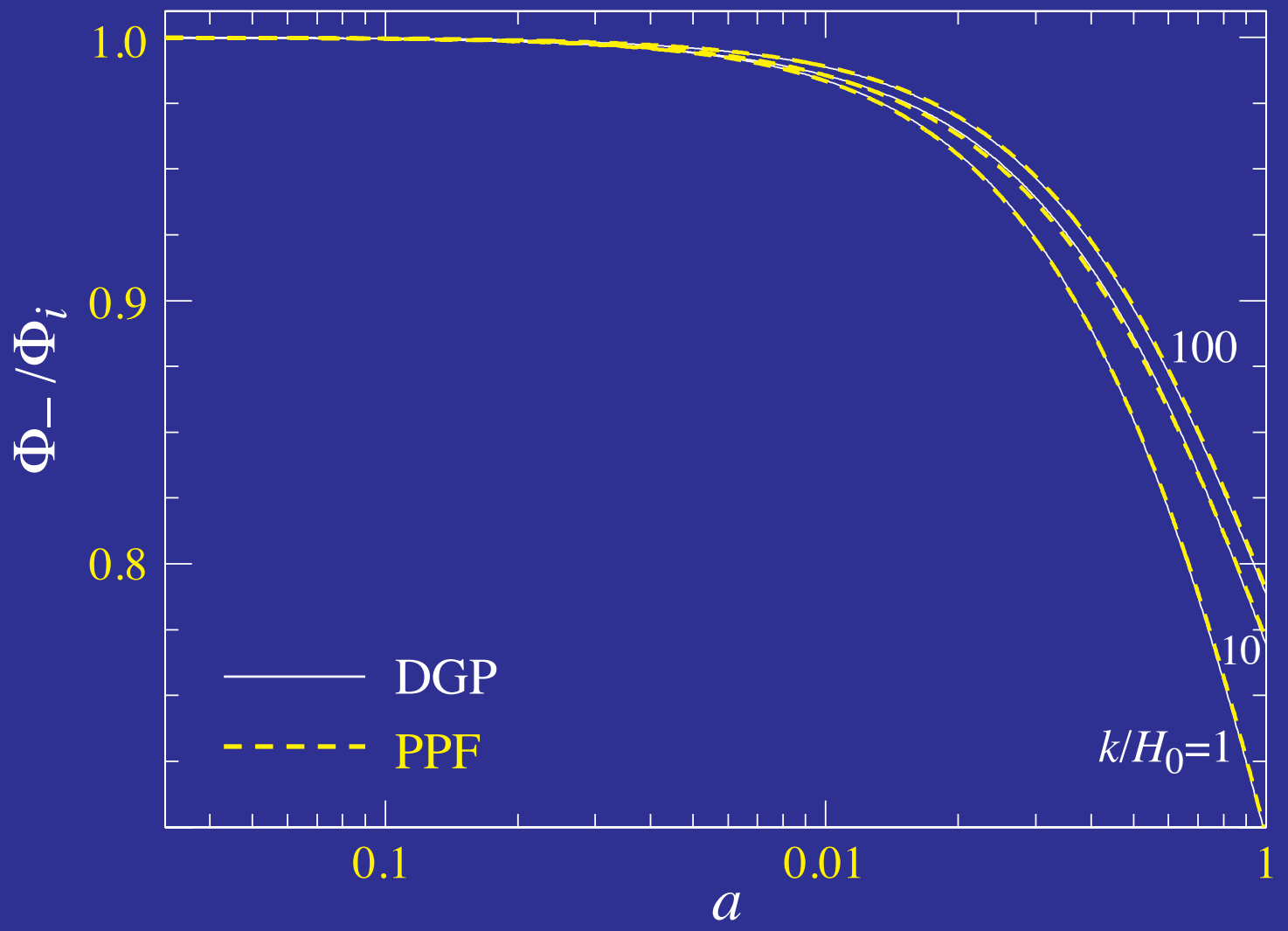
- Large Compton wavelength $B^{1/2}$ creates potential growth which can anti-correlate galaxies and the CMB
- In tension with detections of positive correlations across a range of redshifts




Song, Peiris & Hu (2007); Lombriser et al (2010) $B_0<0.43$

# DGP Horizon Scales

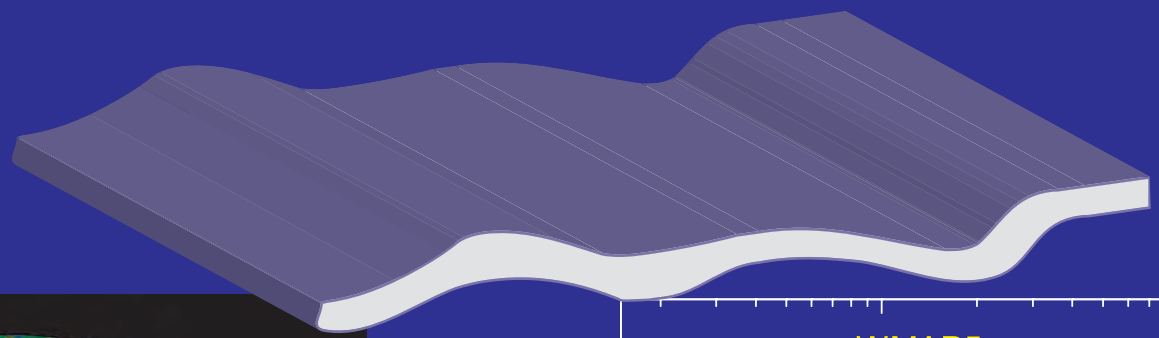
- Metric and matter evolution well-matched by PPF description
- Standard GR tools apply (CAMB), self-consistent, gauge invar.

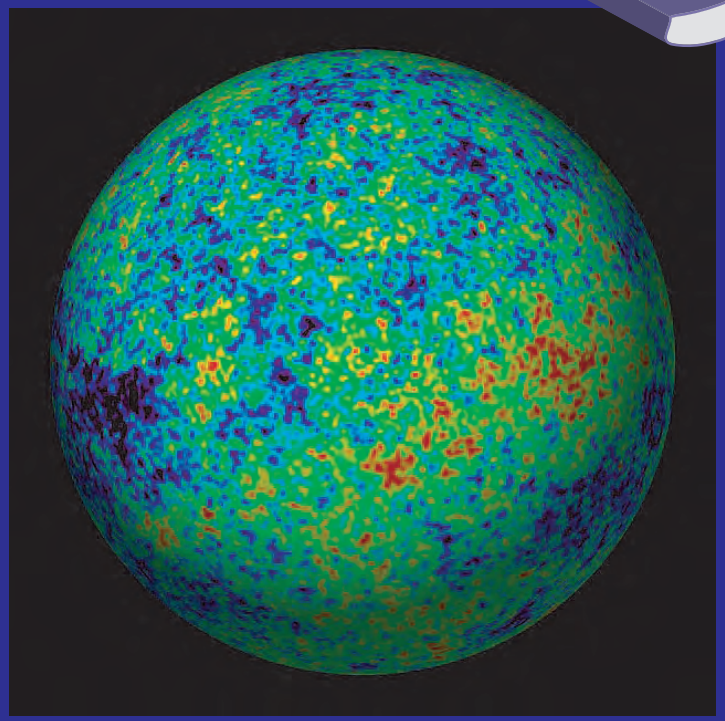


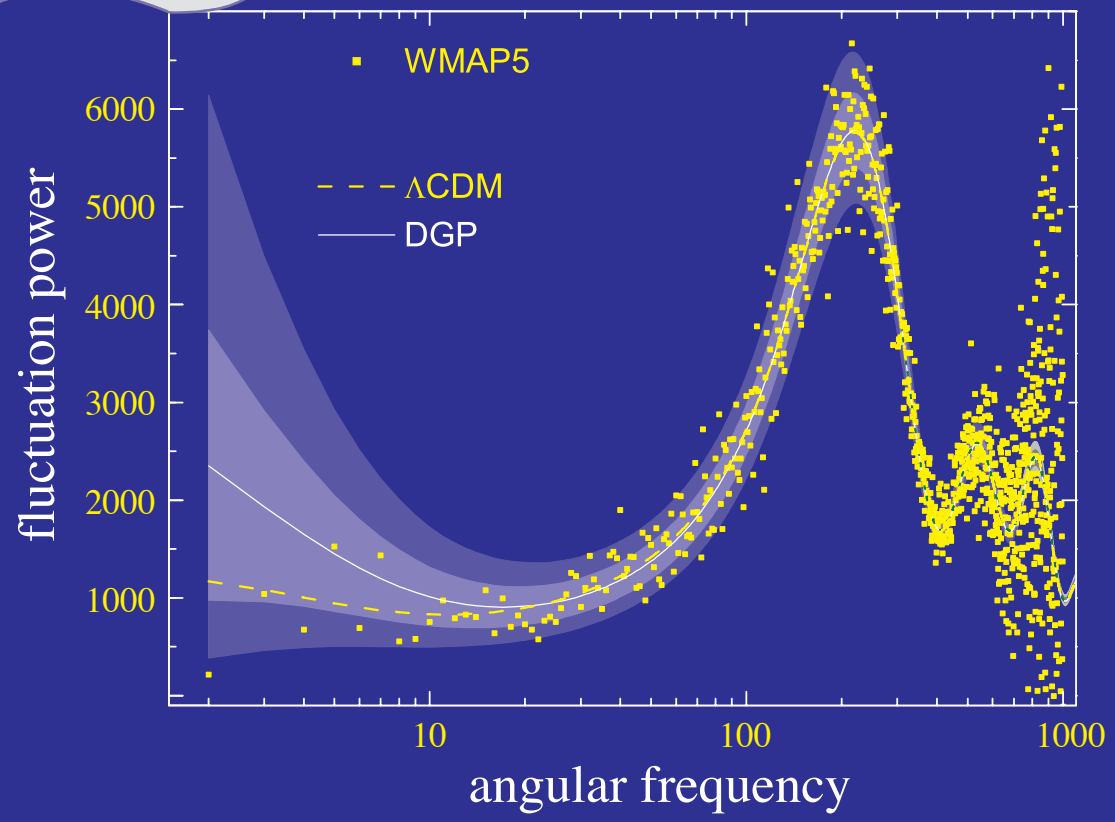

Hu & Sawicki (2007); Hu (2008)

# DGP CMB Large-Angle Excess

- Extra dimension modify gravity on large scales
- 4D universe bending into extra dimension alters gravitational redshifts in cosmic microwave background







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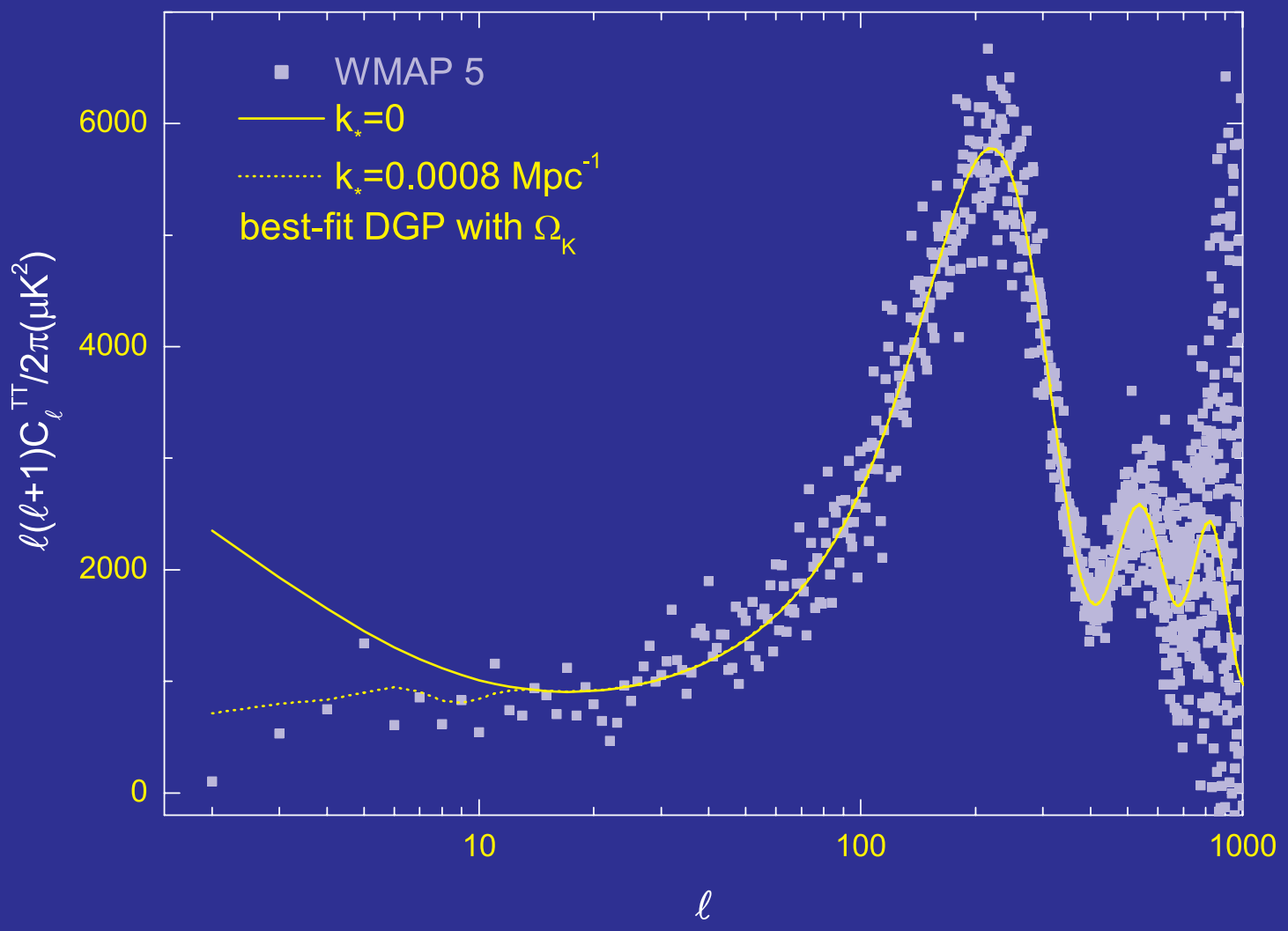


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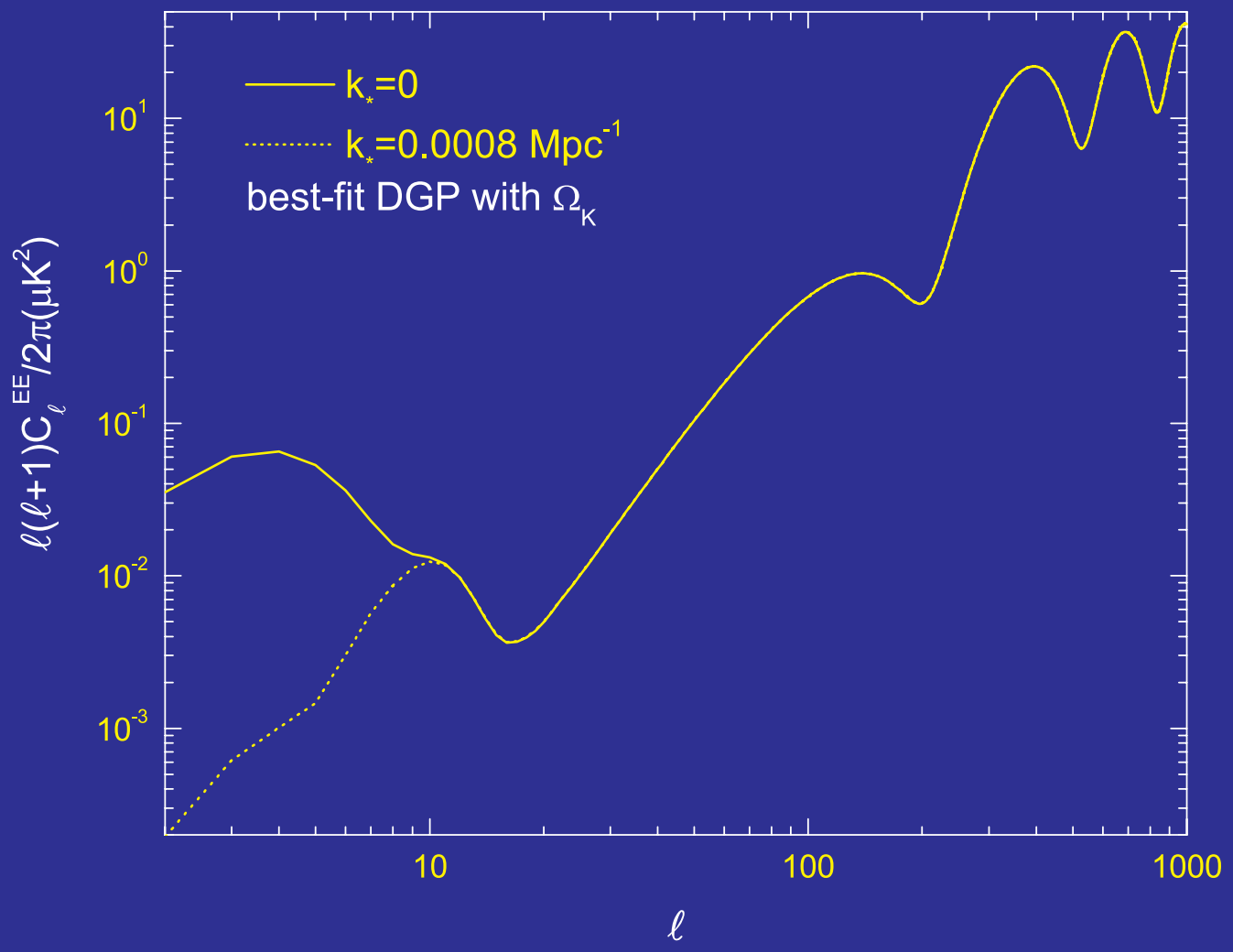


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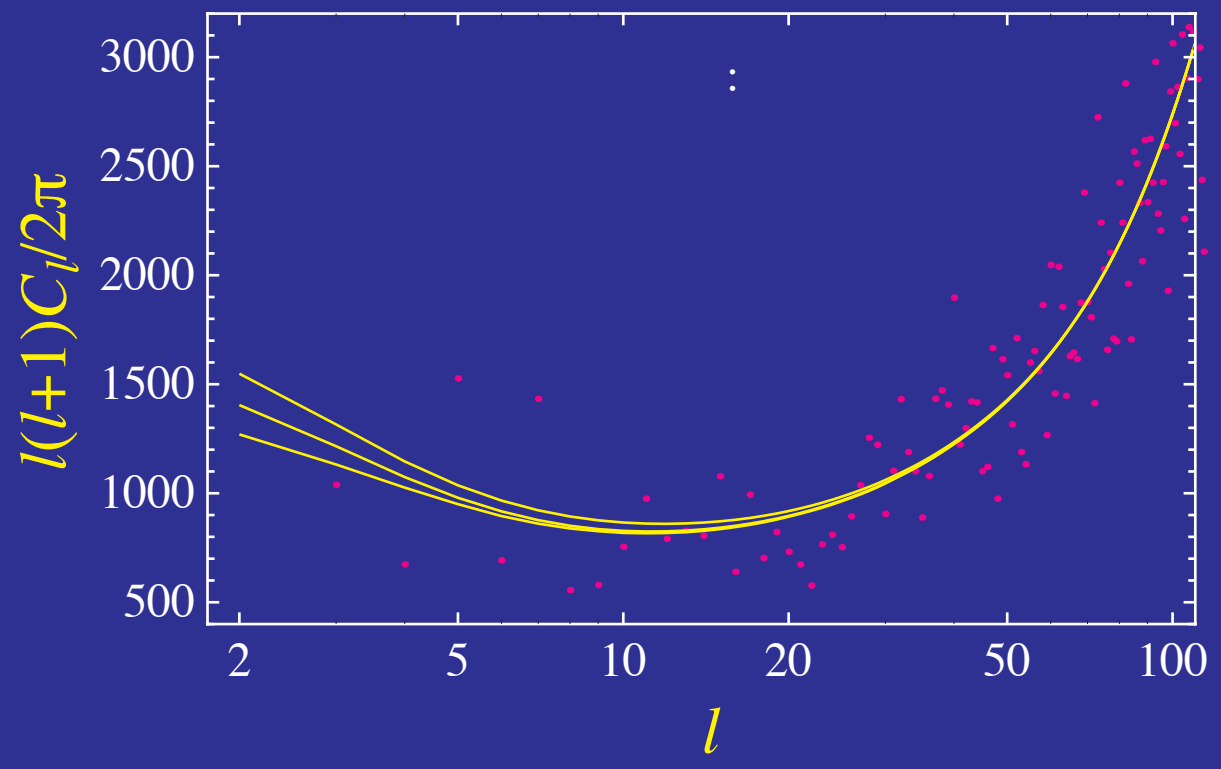
# DGP Normal Branch

- Brane tension (cosmological constant) on normal branch allows models to pass ISW test
- Joint expansion history constraints require $Hr_c>3$ at 95% CL




Lombriser et al (2009)

# Linear Scalar Tensor Regime

# Three Regimes

- Metric: $ds^2 = -(1+2\Psi)dt^2 + a^2(1+2\Phi)dx^2$
- Superhorizon regime: $\zeta =$const., $g(a) = (\Phi+\Psi)/(\Phi-\Psi)$
- Linear regime - closure $\leftrightarrow$ "smooth" dark energy density:

$$\nabla^2(\Phi-\Psi)/2 \;=\; -4\pi G a^2 \Delta\rho$$

$G$ can be promoted to $G(a)$, $G(a,k)$ but for scalar degrees of freedom conformal invariance requires $G = G_N$ and

- Non-linear regime:

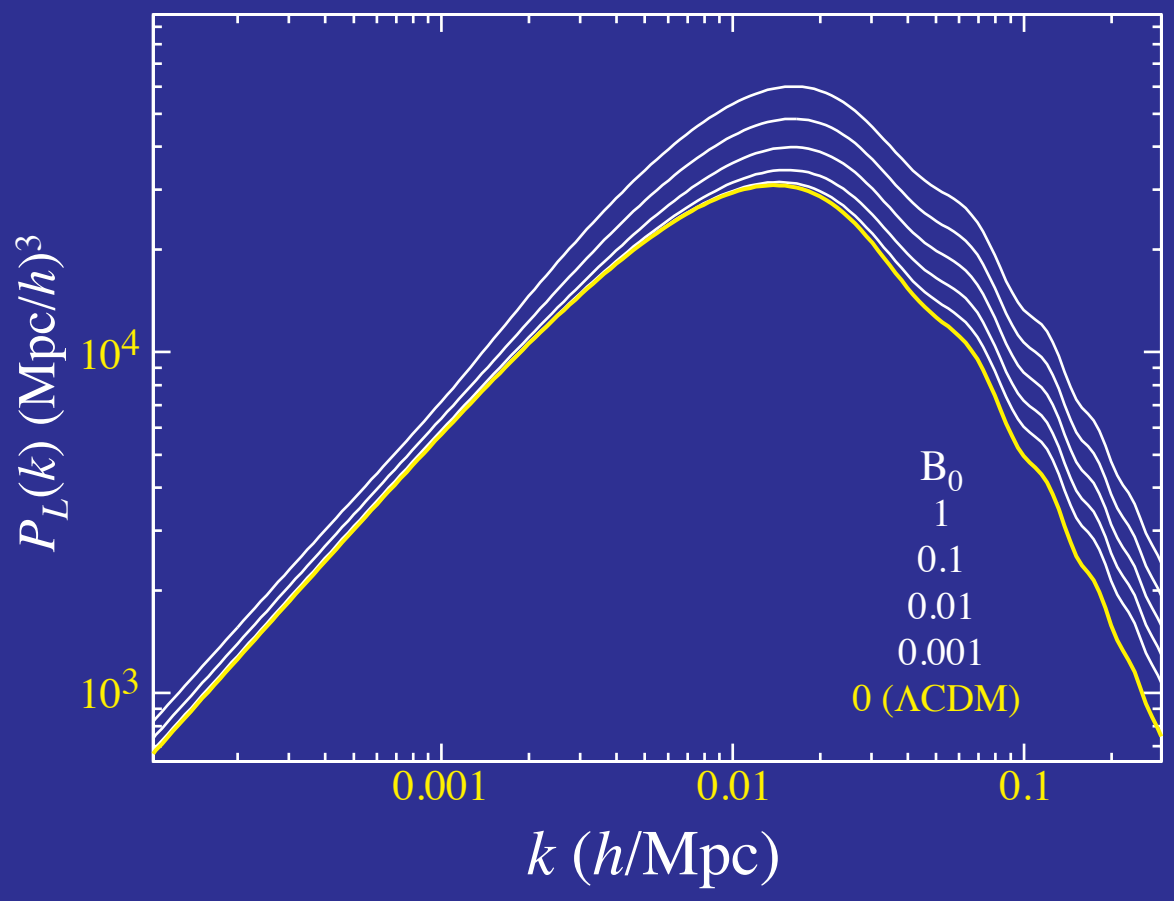
$$\begin{aligned}\nabla^2(\Phi-\Psi)/2 &= -4\pi G a^2 \Delta\rho \\ \nabla^2\Psi &= 4\pi G a^2 \Delta\rho + \frac{1}{2}\nabla^2\phi\end{aligned}$$

with non-linearity in the field equation

$$\nabla^2\phi = g_{\rm lin}(a) a^2 \left(8\pi G \Delta\rho - N[\phi]\right)$$

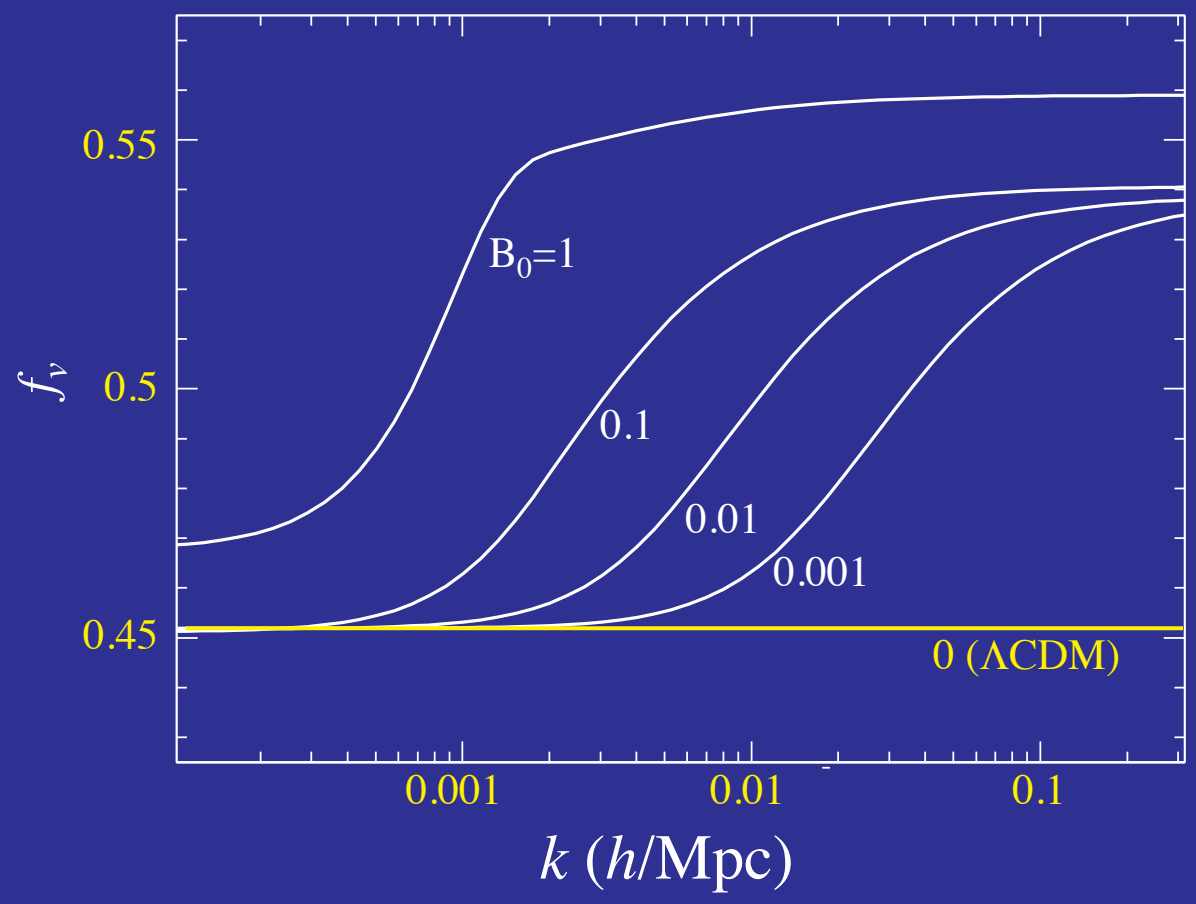
# Linear Power Spectrum

- Linear real space power spectrum enhanced on small scales
- Degeneracy with galaxy bias and lack of non-linear predictions leave constraints from shape of power spectrum



# Redshift Space Distortion

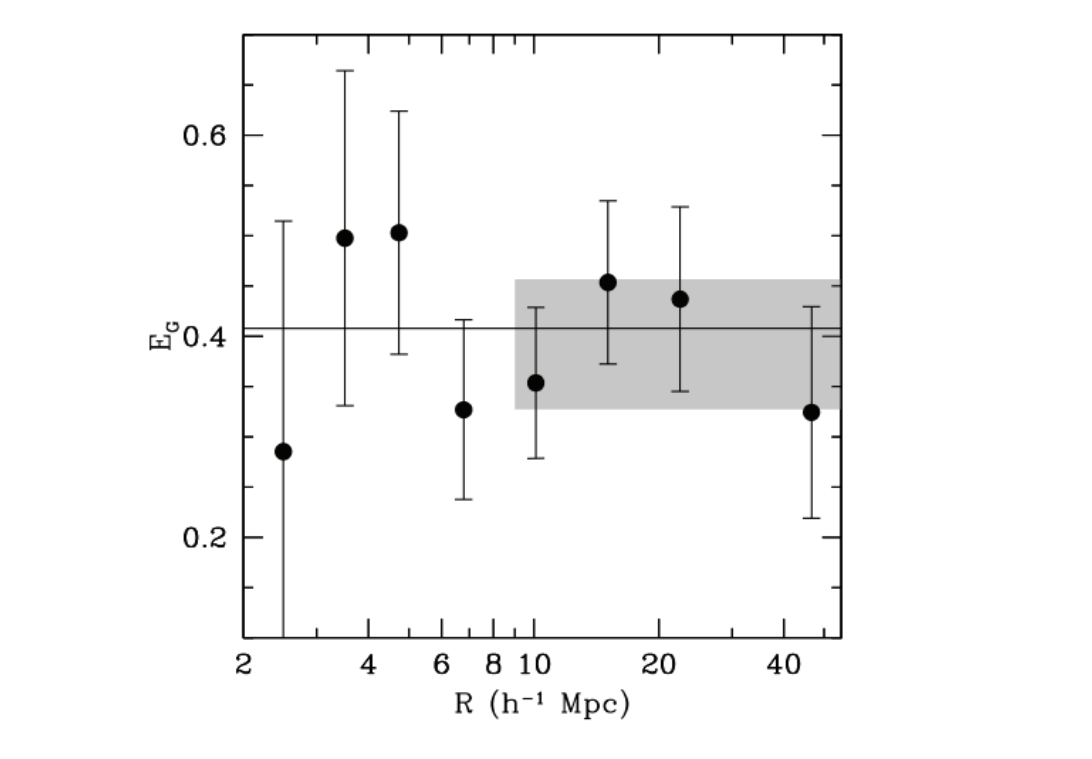
- Relationship between velocity and density field given by continuity with modified growth rate ($f_V = d\ln D/d\ln a$)
- Redshift space power spectrum further distorted by Kaiser effect



# Lensing v Dynamical Comparison

- Gravitational lensing around galaxies vs. linear velocity field (through redshift space distortions and galaxy autocorrelation)
- Consistent with GR + smooth dark energy beginning to test interesting models

Reyes et al (2010); Lombriser et al (2010)

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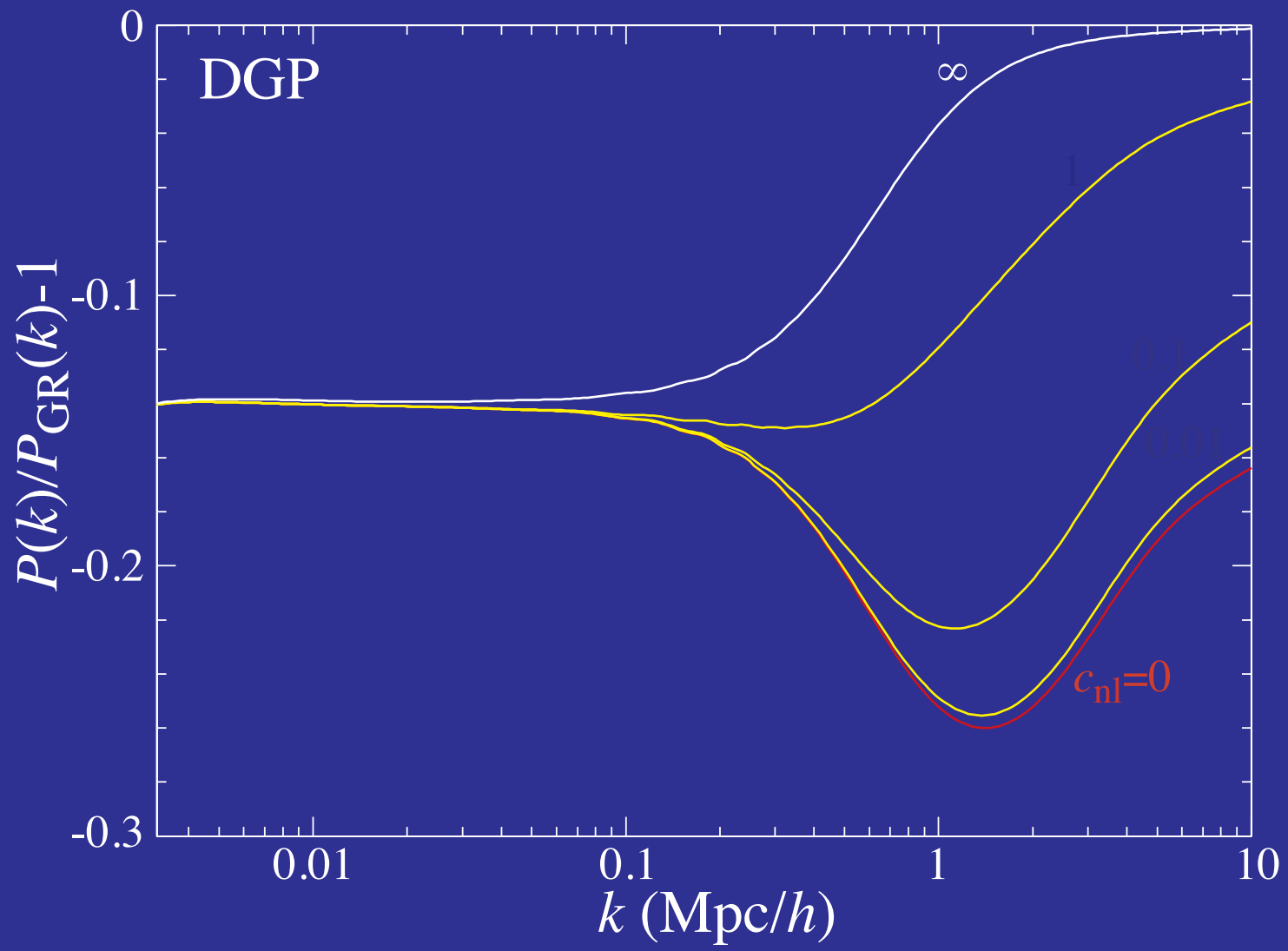
# DGP Power Spectrum

- Constant suppression in the linear regime for self-acceleration




Lue, Scoccimarro, Starkman (2004); Hu & Sawicki (2007)

# Non-Linear GR Regime

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- Linear regime - closure condition - analogue of "smooth" dark energy density:

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# Non-Linear Chameleon

- For $f(R)$ the field equation

$$\nabla^2 f_R \approx \frac{1}{3}(\delta R(f_R) - 8\pi G\delta\rho)$$

  is the non-linear equation that returns general relativity

- High curvature implies short Compton wavelength and suppressed deviations but requires a change in the field from the background value $\delta R(f_R)$

- Change in field is generated by density perturbations just like gravitational potential so that the chameleon appears only if

$$\Delta f_R \leq \frac{2}{3}\Phi\,,$$

  else required field gradients too large despite $\delta R = 8\pi G\delta\rho$ being the local minimum of effective potential

# Non-Linear Dynamics

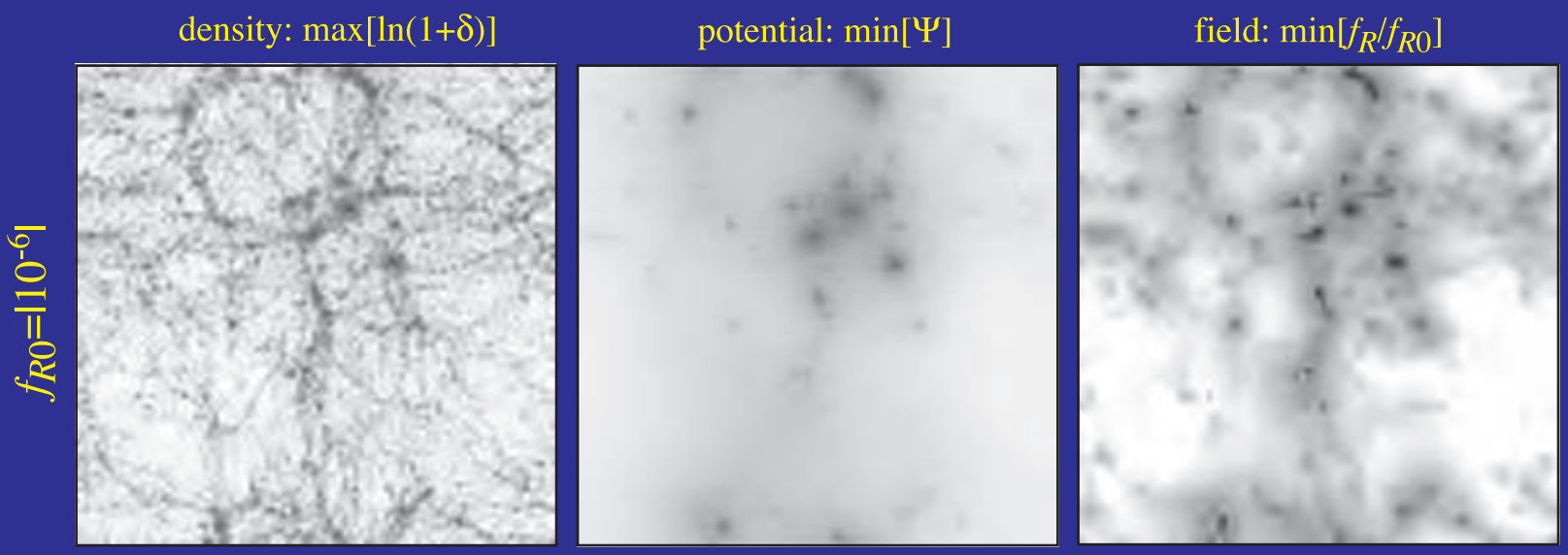
- Supplement that with the modified Poisson equation

$$\nabla^2\Psi = \frac{16\pi G}{3}\delta\rho - \frac{1}{6}\delta R(f_R)$$

- Matter evolution given metric unchanged: usual motion of matter in a gravitational potential $\Psi$
- Prescription for $N$-body code
- Particle Mesh (PM) for the Poisson equation
- Field equation is a non-linear Poisson equation: relaxation method for $f_R$
- Initial conditions set to GR at high redshift

# Environment Dependent Force

- Chameleon suppresses extra force (scalar field) in high density, deep potential regions

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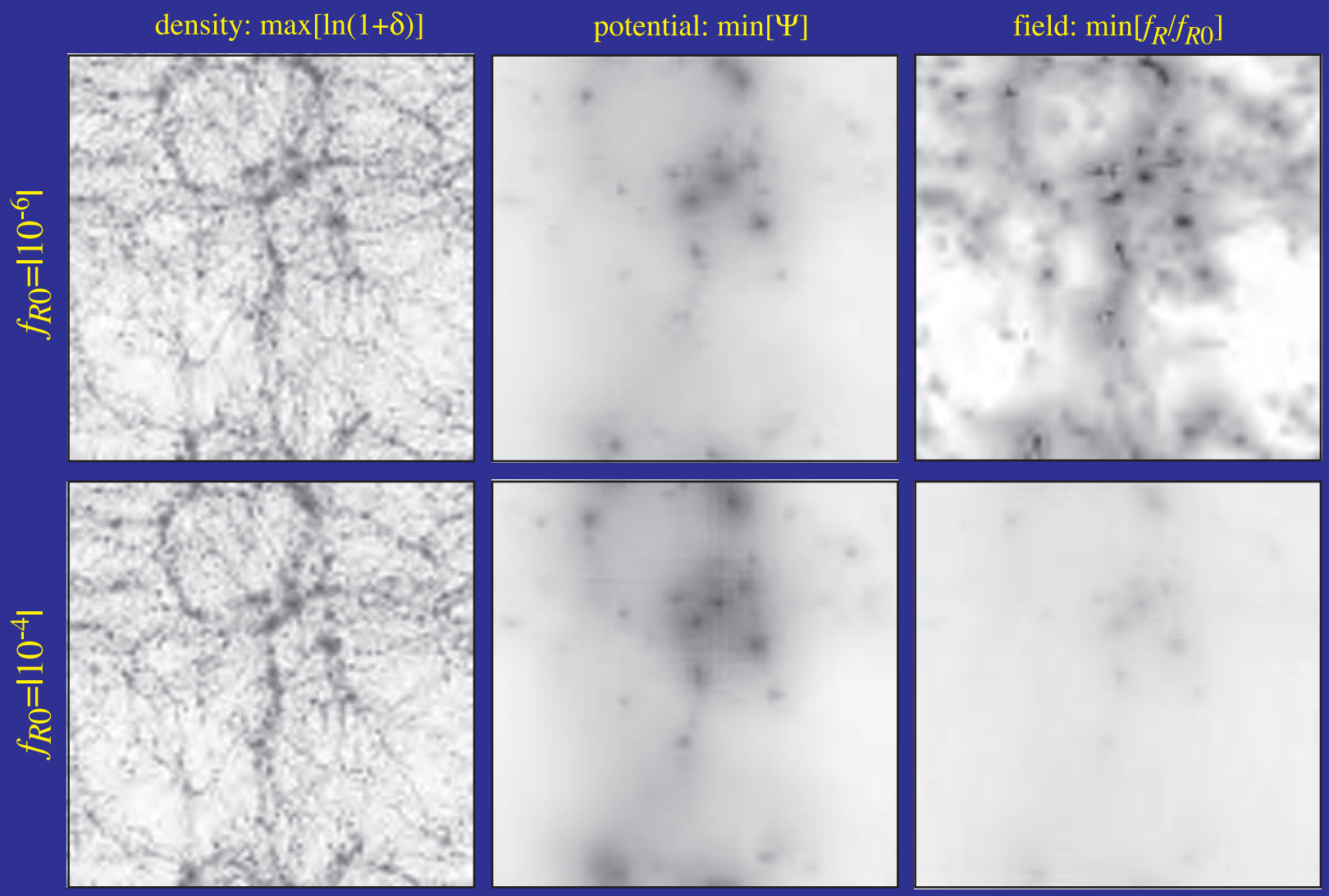
- For large background field, gradients in the scalar prevent the chameleon from appearing

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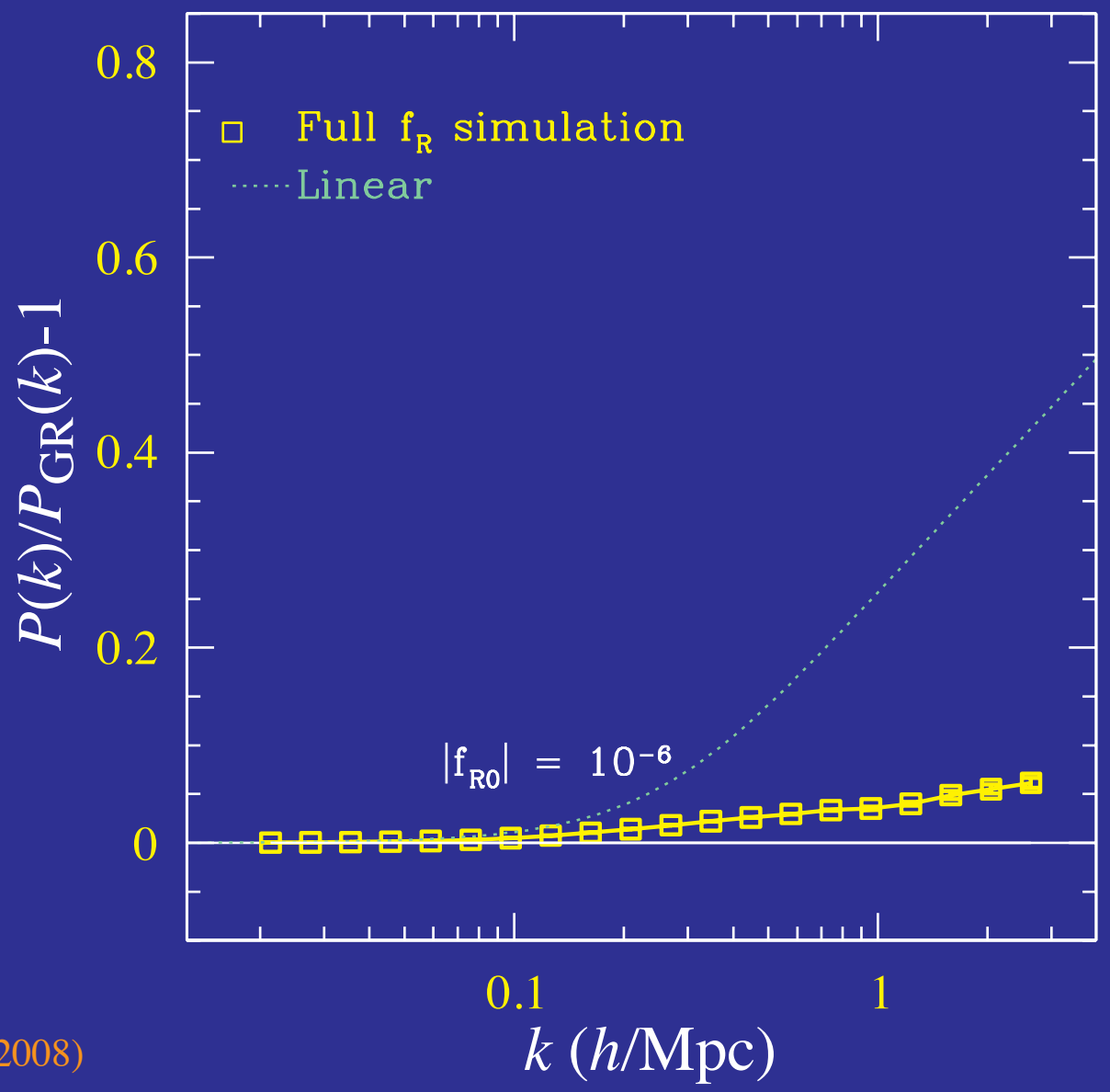
# N-body Power Spectrum

- $512^3$ PM-relaxation code resolves the chameleon transition to GR: greatly reduced non-linear effect

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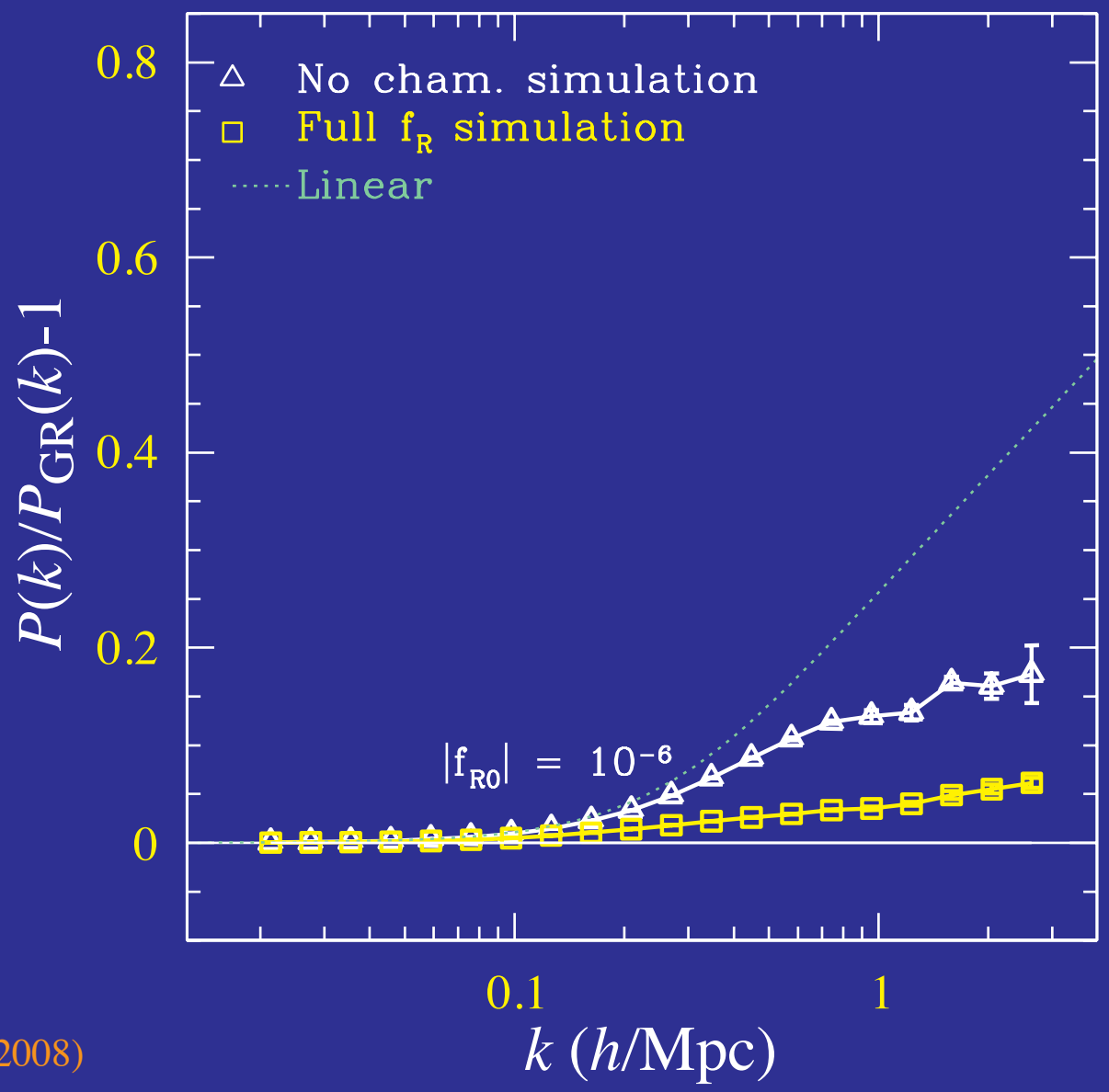
- Artificially turning off the chameleon mechanism restores much of enhancement

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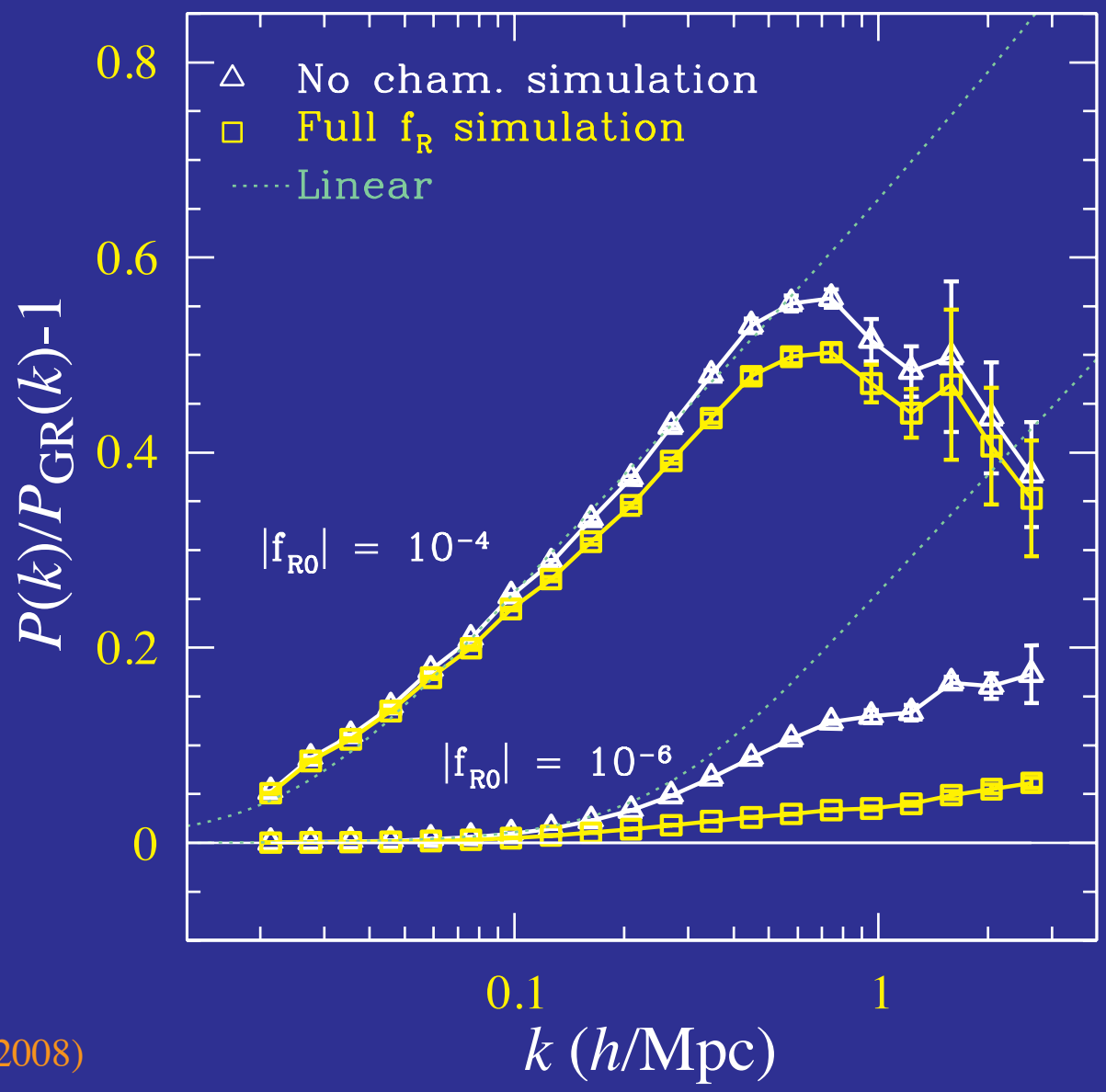
- Models where the chameleon absent today (large field models) show residual effects from a high redshift chameleon

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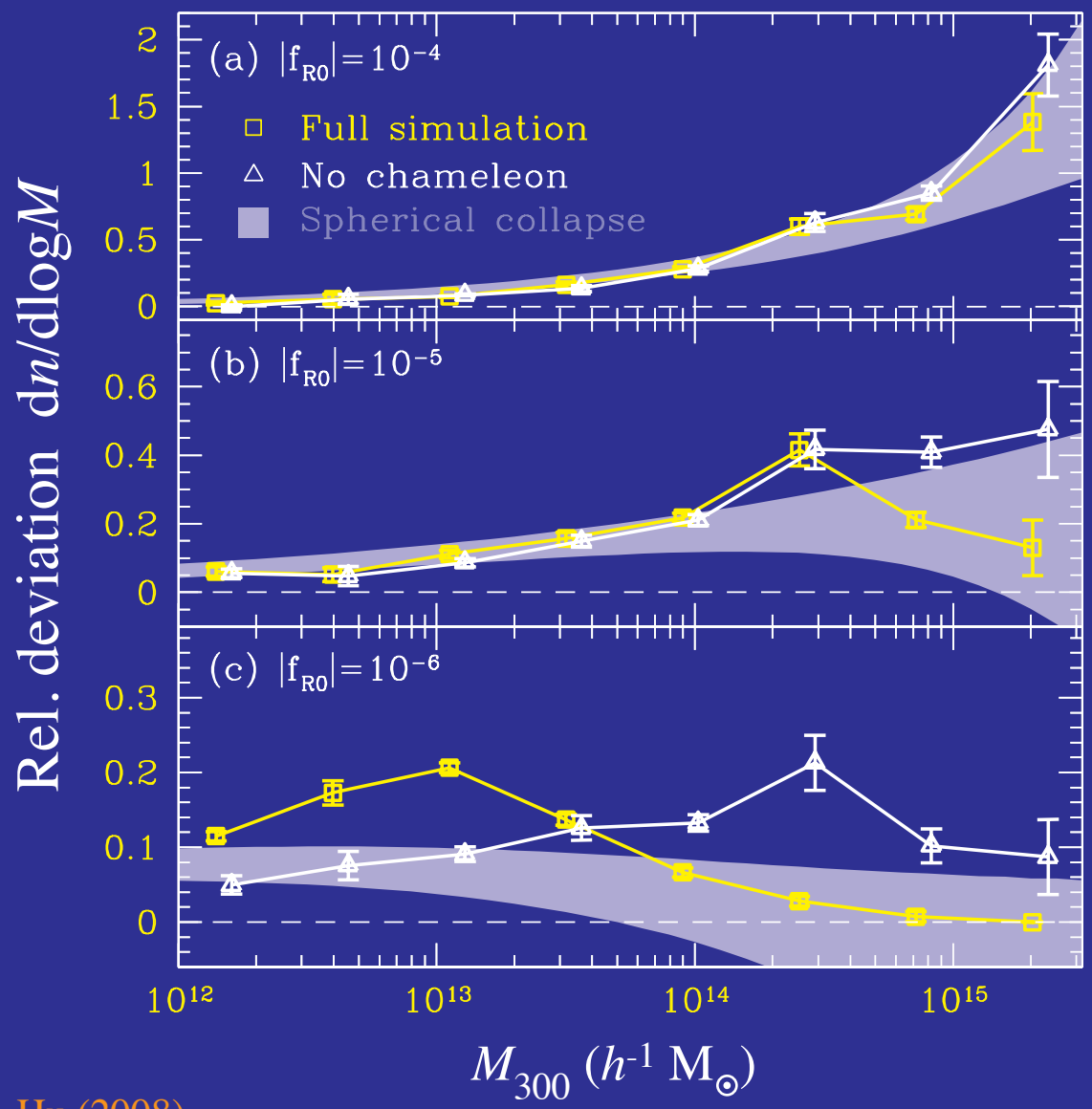
# Mass Function

- Enhanced abundance of rare dark matter halos (clusters) with extra force

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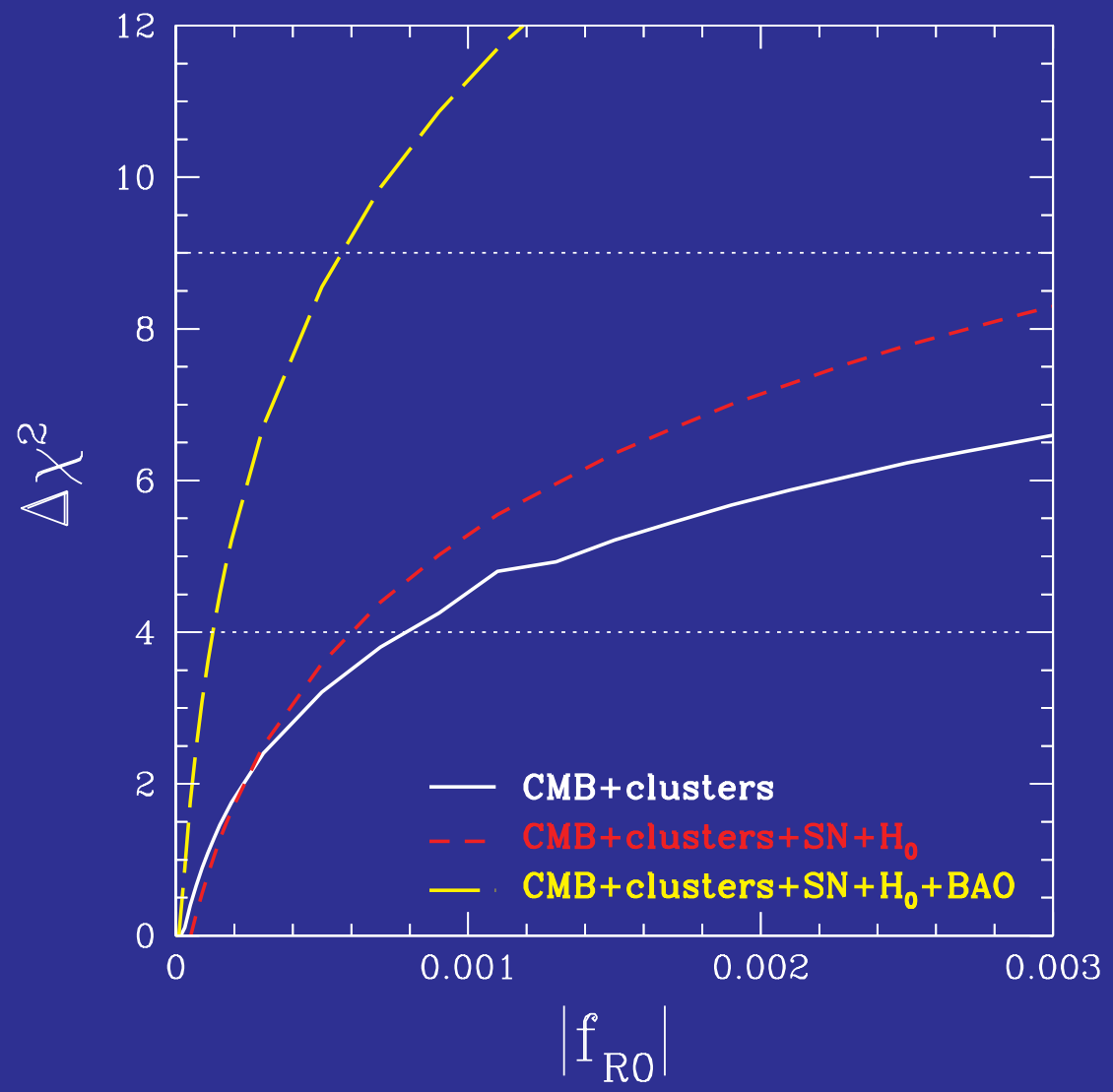
- Local cluster abundance (Chandra sample) current best cosmological constraint (~4 orders of magnitude better than ISW)

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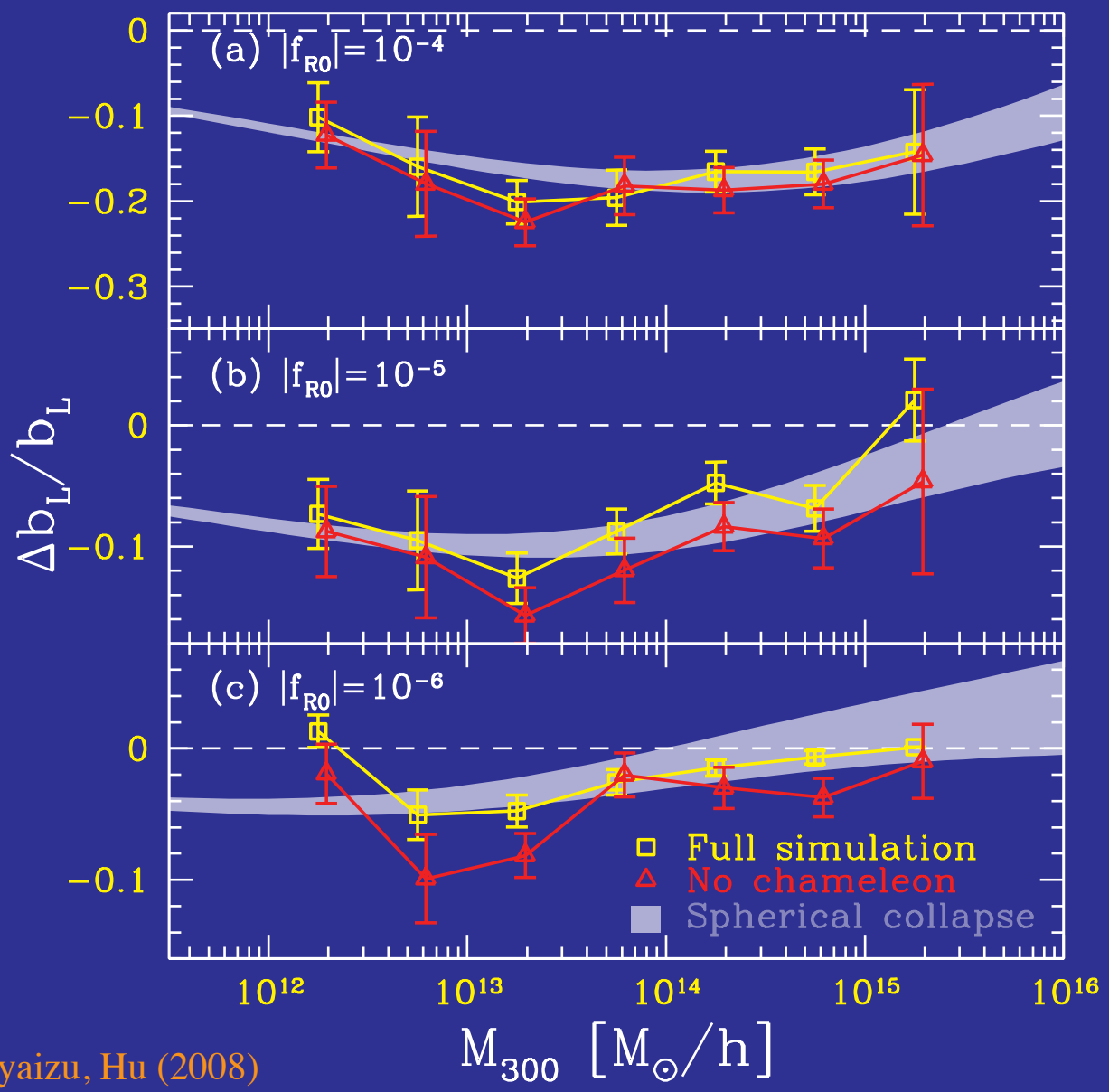
# Halo Bias

- Halos at a fixed mass less rare and less highly biased

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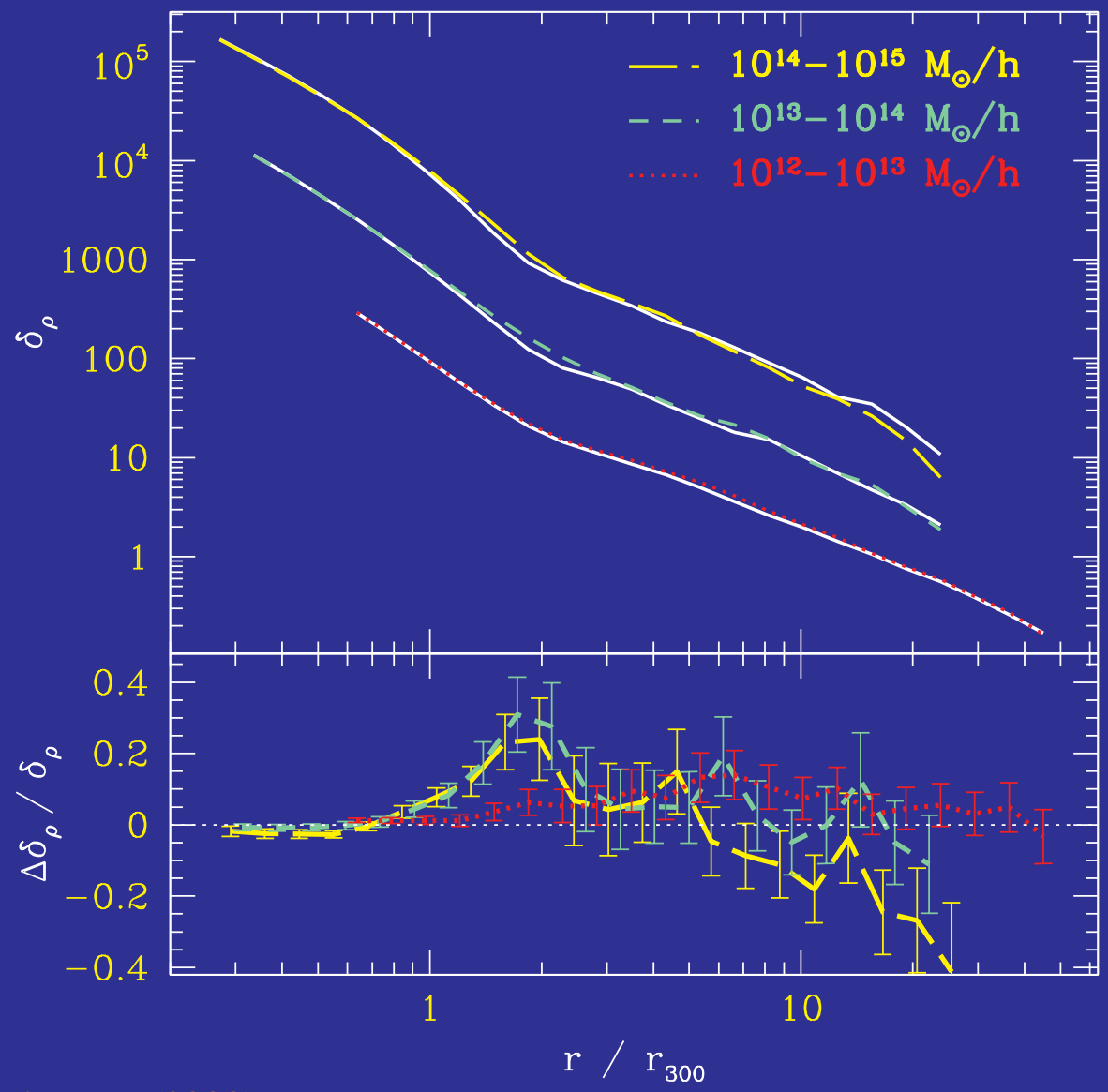
# Halo Mass Correlation

- Enhanced forces vs lower bias

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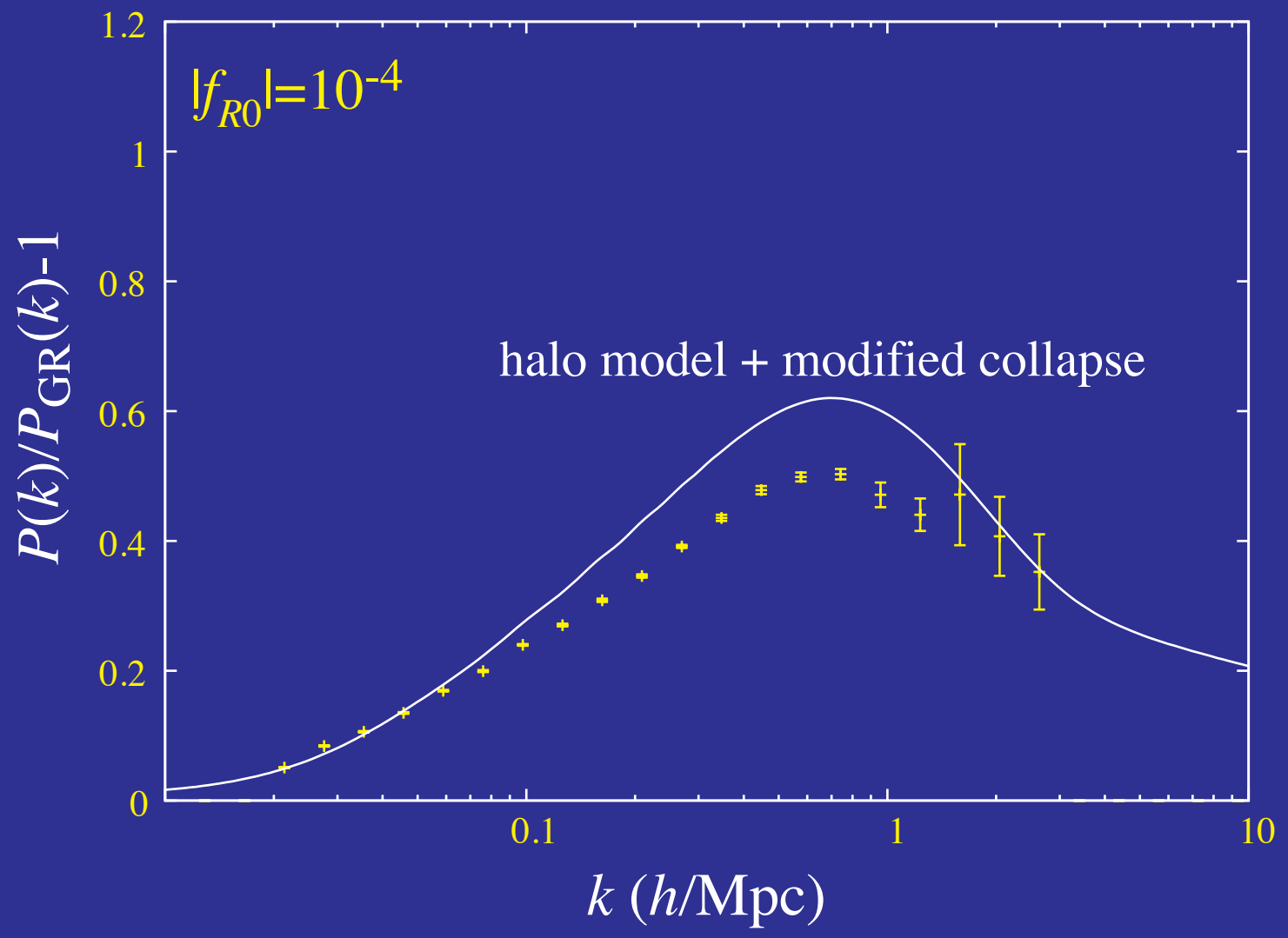
# Halo Model

- Power spectrum trends also consistent with halos and modified collapse

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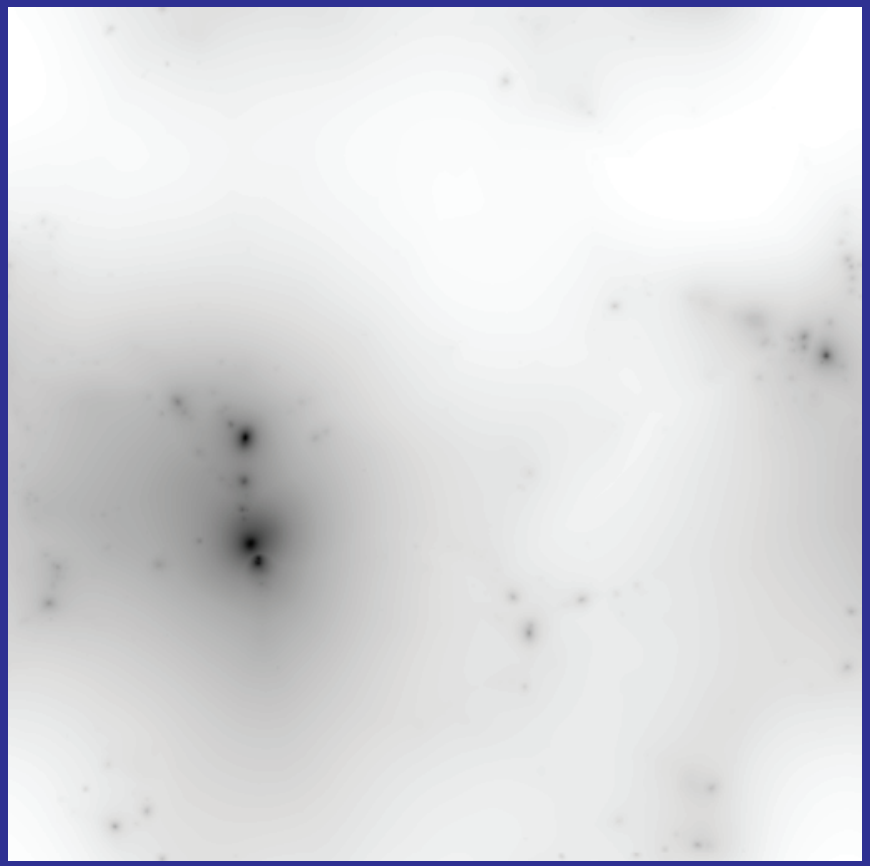
# DGP N-Body

- DGP nonlinear derivative interaction solved by relaxation revealing the Vainshtein mechanism

Newtonian Potential



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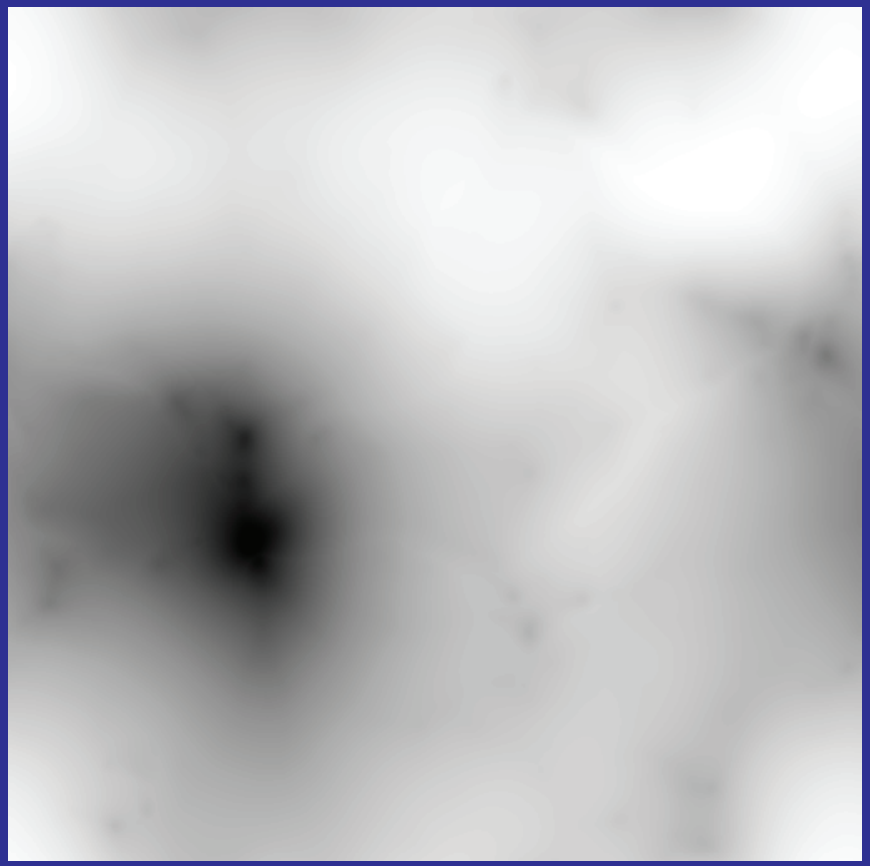
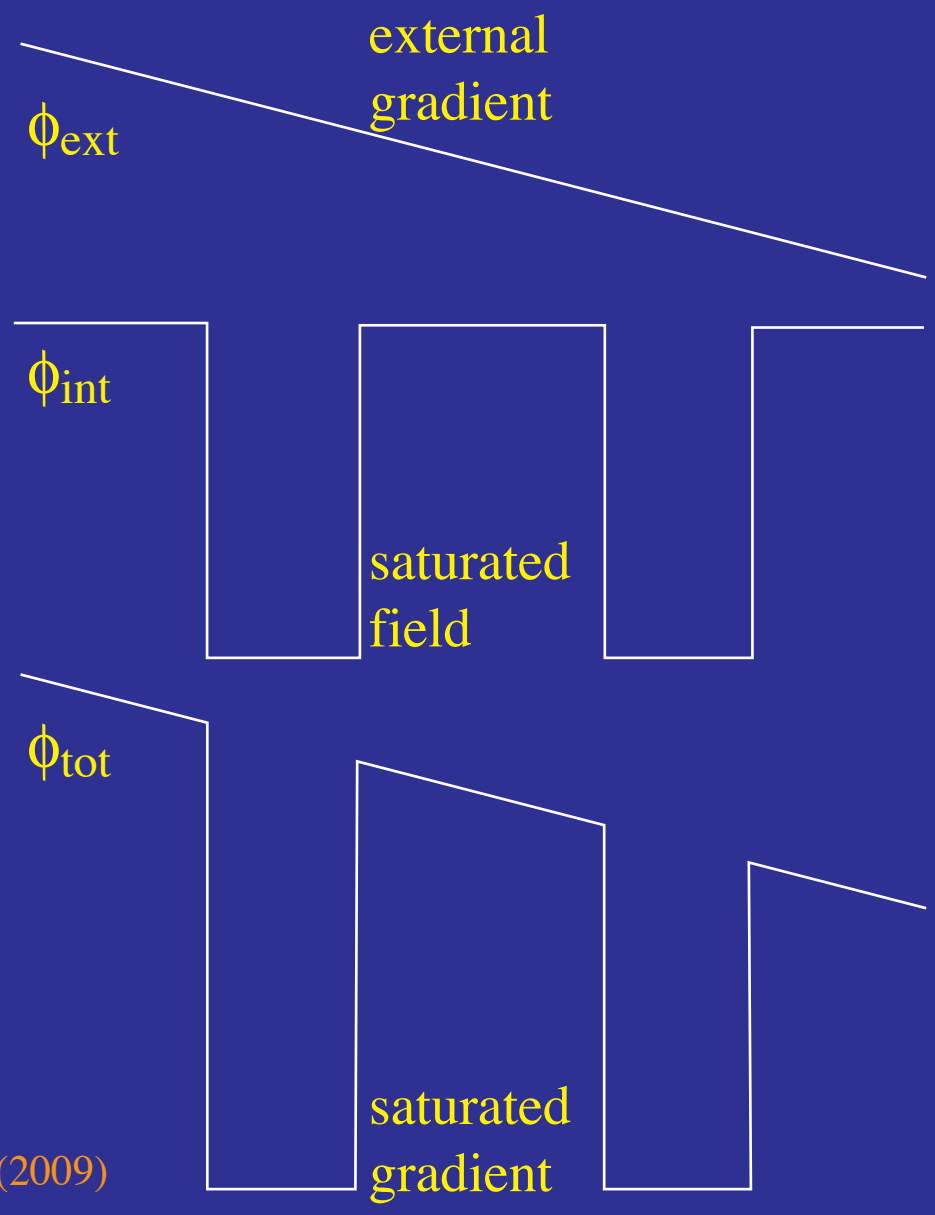


Schmidt (2009); Chan & Scoccimarro (2009) (cf. Khoury & Wyman 2009)

# Apparent Equivalence Prinicple Violation

- Self-field of a "test mass" can saturate an external field (for $f(R)$ in the gradient, for DGP in the second derivatives)




Hui, Nicolis, Stubbs (2009); Hu (2009)

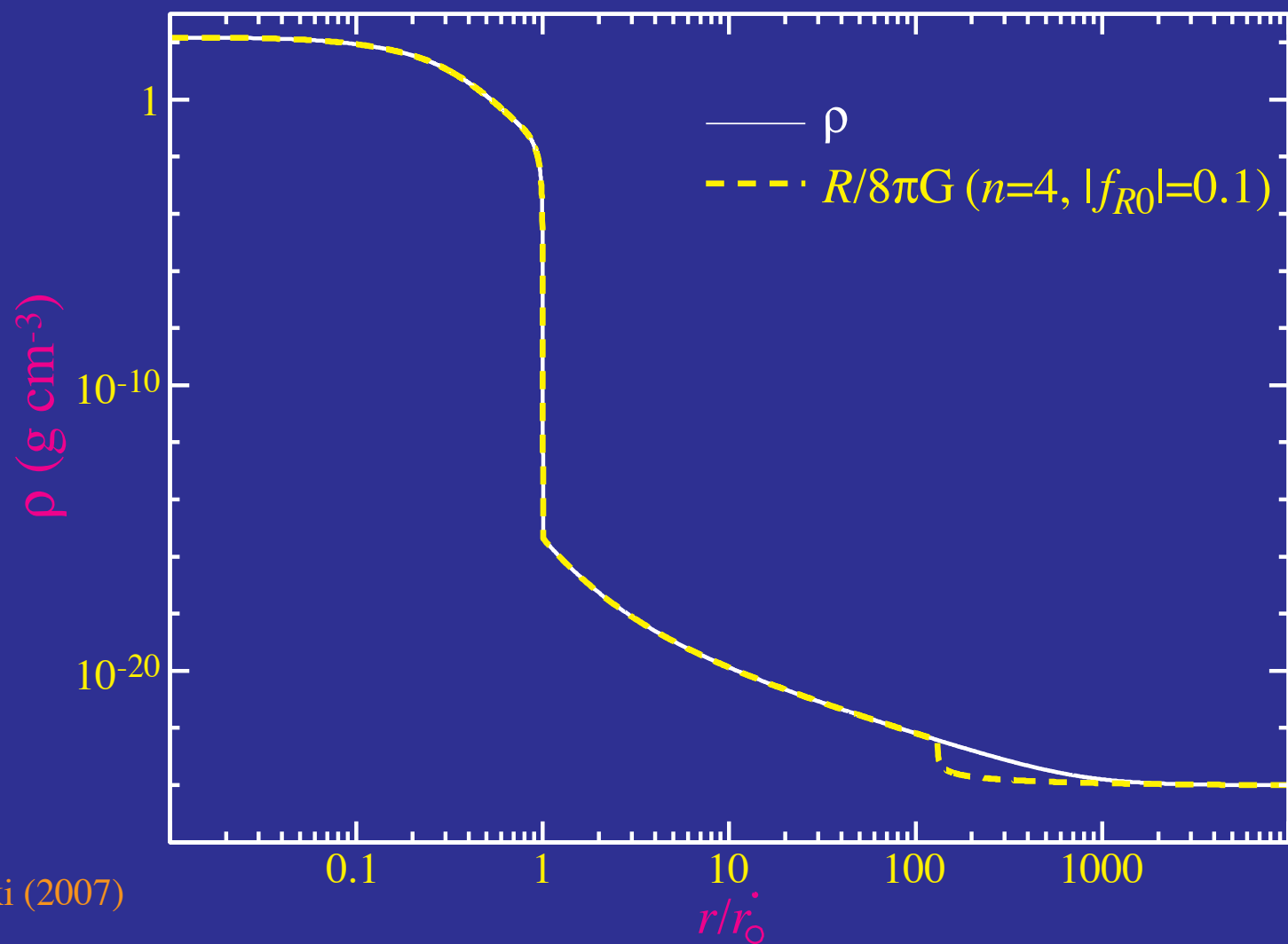
# Summary

- Lessons from the $f(R)$ and DGP worked examples – 3 regimes:
  - large scales: conservation determined
  - intermediate scales: scalar-tensor
  - small scales: GR in high density regions, modified in low
- Large scales: expansion history and metric ratio $g = (\Phi + \Psi)/(\Phi - \Psi)$ through curvature conservation
- Intermediate scales: scalar tensor modified Newtonian regime, $g$ and Poisson equation
- Small scales: nonlinear interaction of modification field makes $g$ depend on local environment (not scale) - density or potential - suppressing deviations
- $N$-body (PM-relaxation) simulations show halo model framework can describe observables in the nonlinear regime

# Solar System Tests

# Solar Profile

- Density profile of Sun is not a constant density sphere - interior photosphere, chromosphere, corona
- Density drops by ~25 orders of magnitude - does curvature follow?

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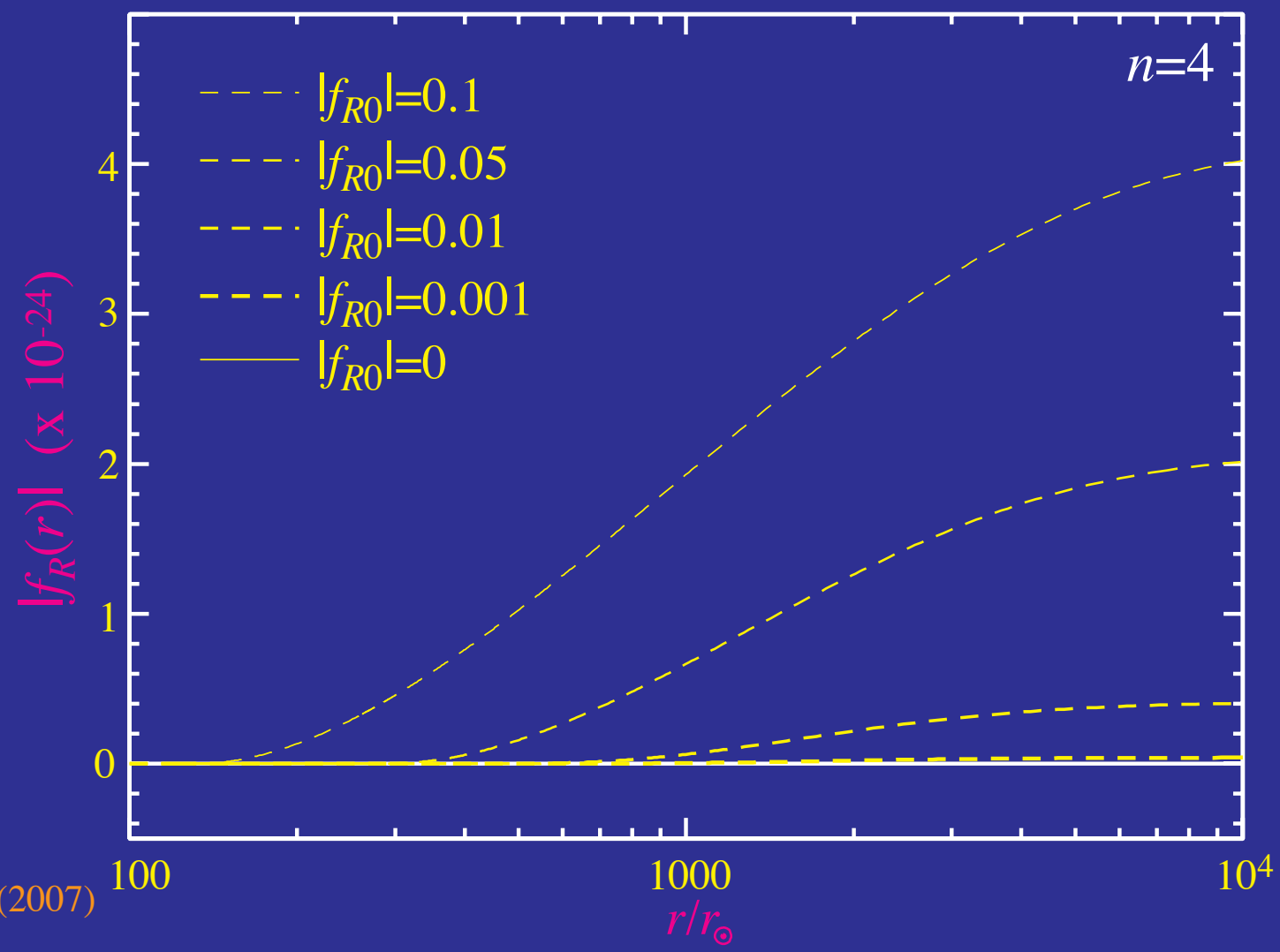
# Field Solution

- Field solution smoothly relaxes from exterior value to high curvature interior value $f_R \sim 0$, minimizing potential + kinetic
- Juncture is where thin-shell criterion is satisfied $|\Delta f_R| \sim \Delta\Phi$

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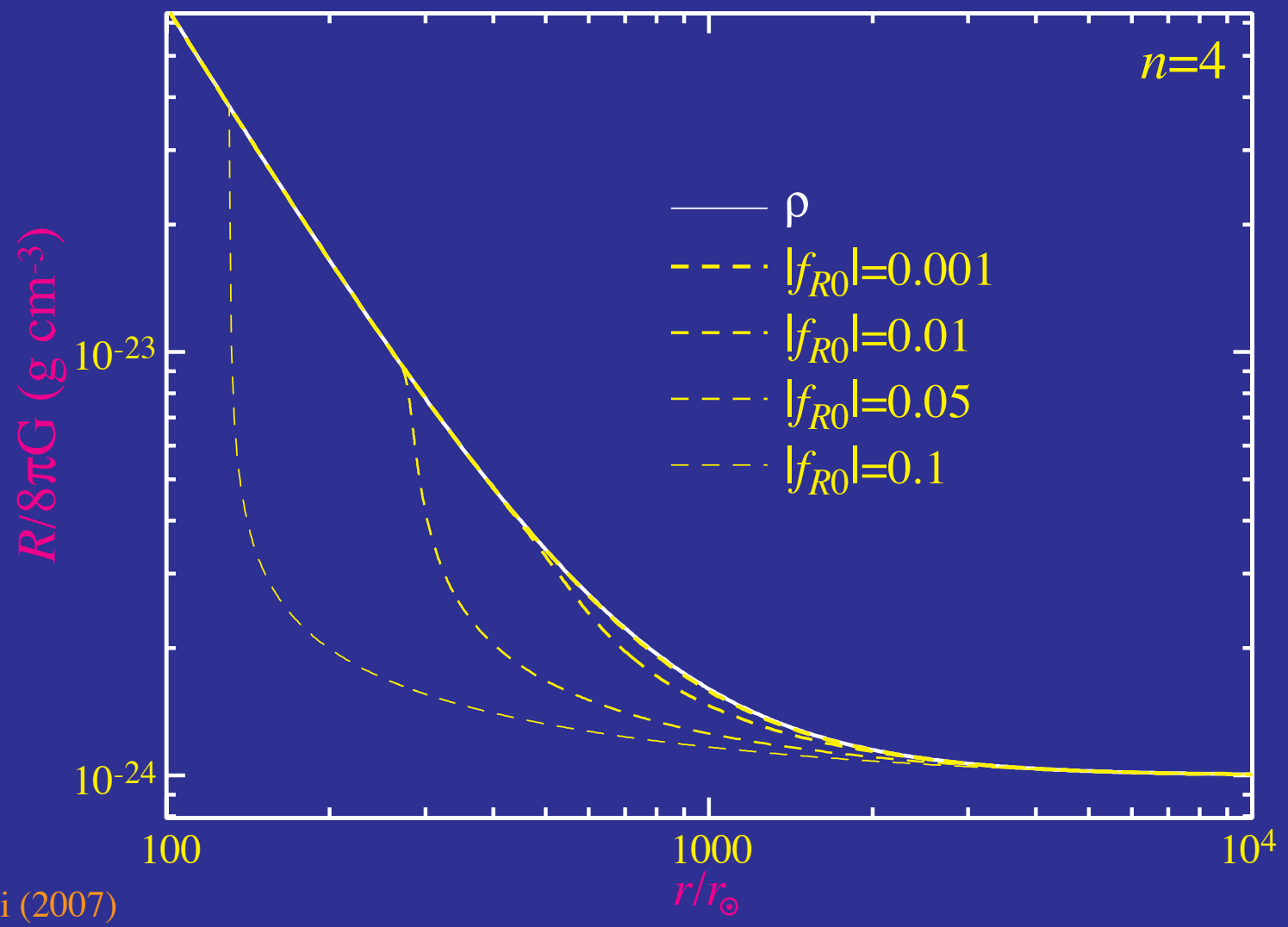
# Solar Curvature

- Curvature drops suddenly as field moves slightly from zero
- Enters into low curvature regime where $R<8\pi G\rho$

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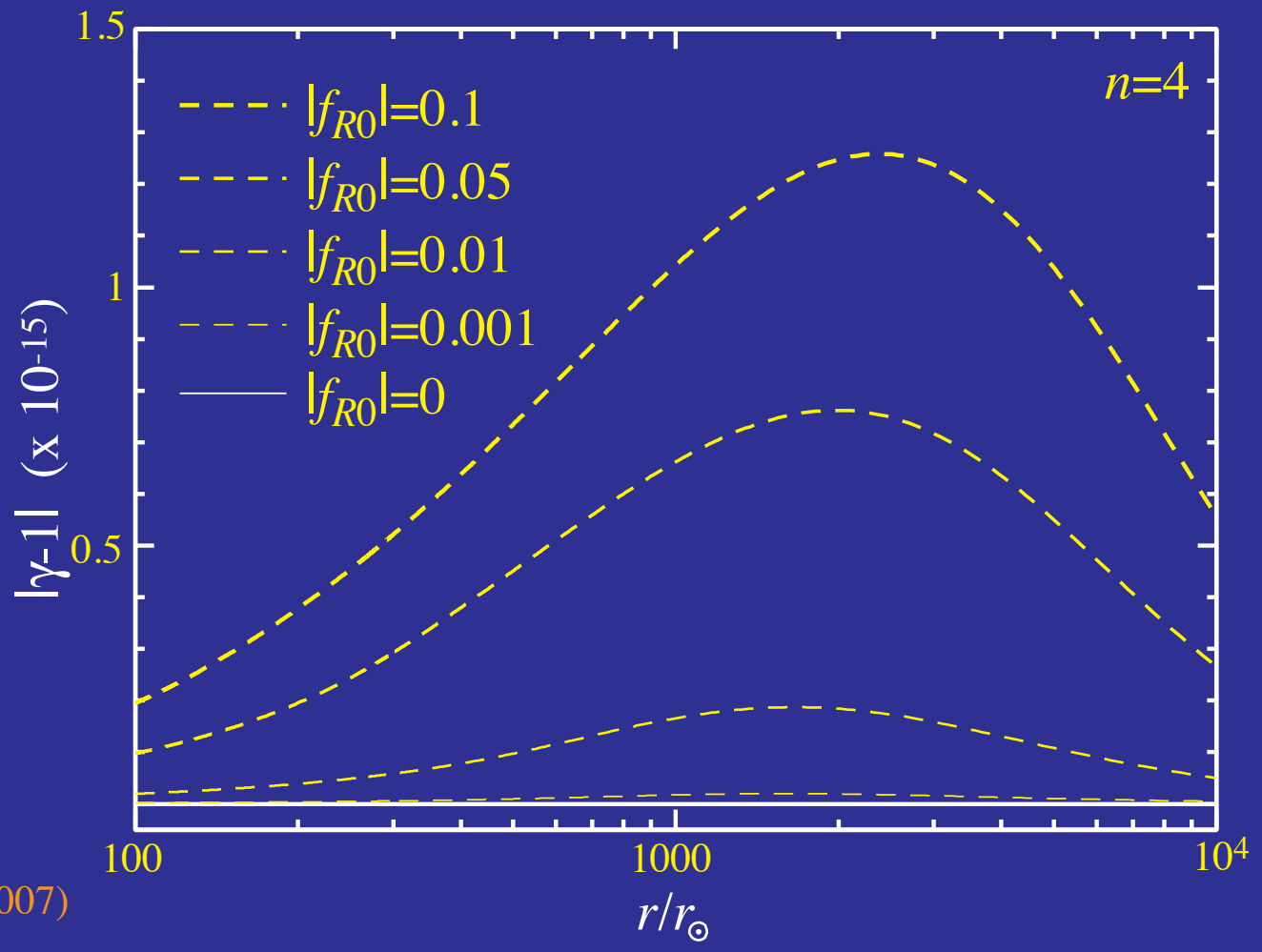
# Solar System Constraint

- Cassini constraint on PPN $|\gamma-1|<2.3\times10^{-5}$
- Easily satisfied if galactic field is at potential minimum $|f_{Rg}|<4.9\times10^{-11}$
- Allows even order unity cosmological fields

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