

DISCUSSIONS

(with controversies if possible...)

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that we are living in
an accelerated Universe...

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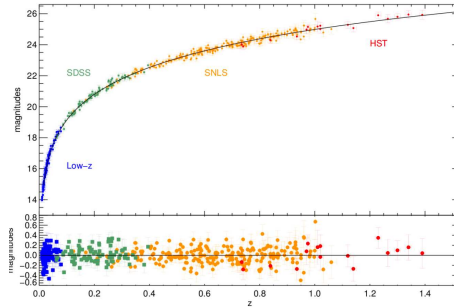
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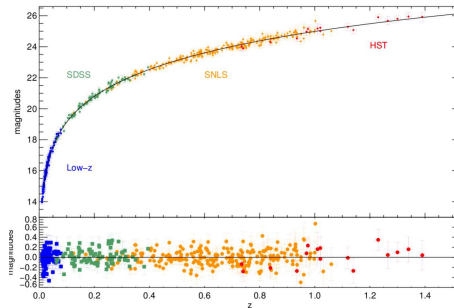
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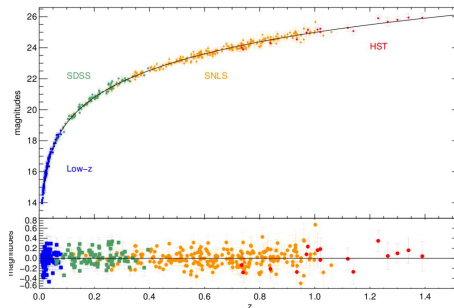
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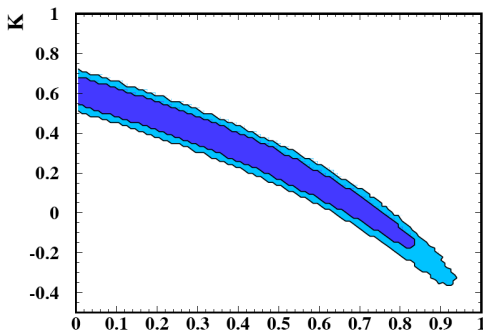
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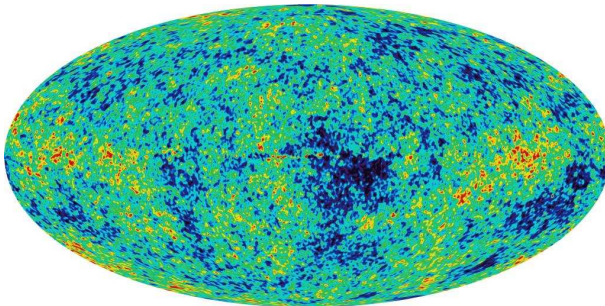
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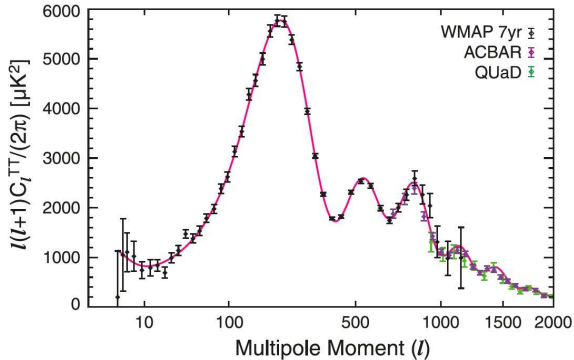
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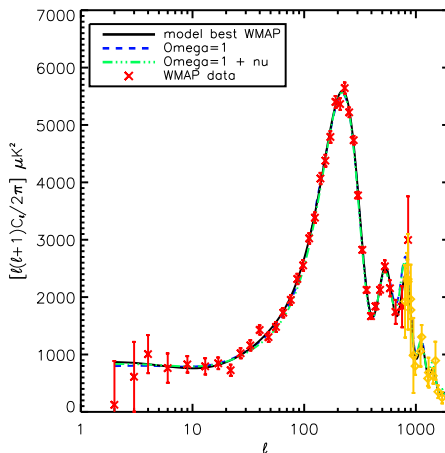


WMAP 1, 3, 5, 7,...

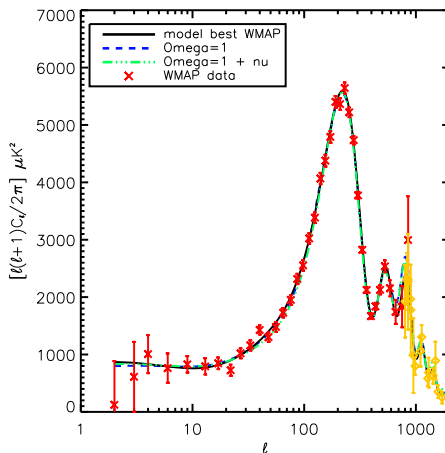
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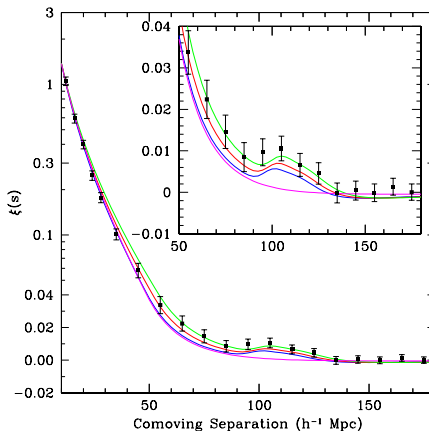
Degeneracy in parameters allows to reproduce the C_ℓ
Blanchard et al., 2003

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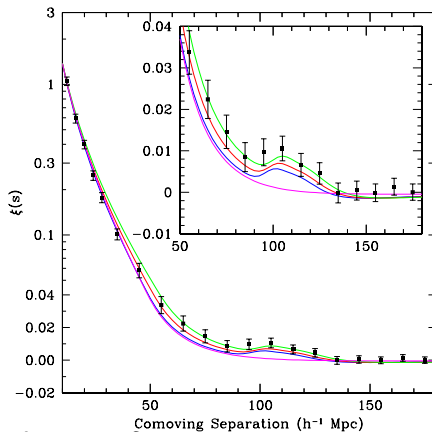
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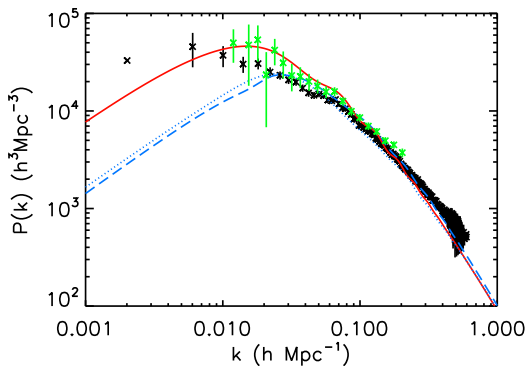
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$$w = -1.069 \pm 0.091$$

Sullivan et al. (2011)

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Can we really understand the origin of acceleration ?

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Arnaud Dupays (LCAR), Brahim Lamine (LKB) & AB

In progress.

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The density and pressure can be computed by dimensional regularization. Still diverging... but finite terms remain with the correct equation of state:

$$\rho_v = \frac{m^4}{64\pi^2} \log\left(\frac{m^2}{\mu^2}\right)$$

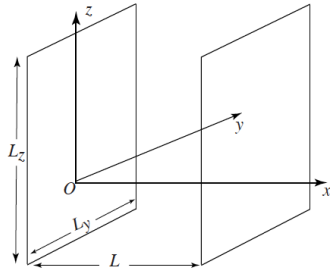
So is zero for a massless field.
(cf J.Martin 2012)

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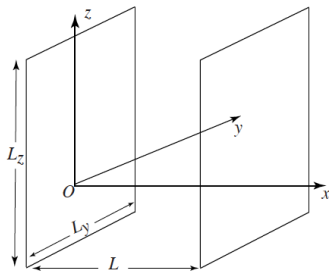
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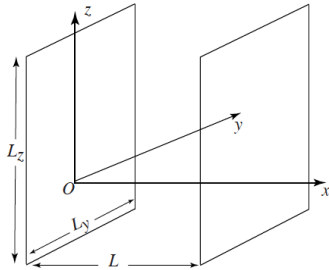
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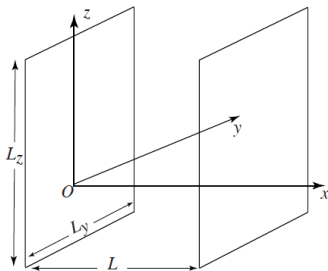
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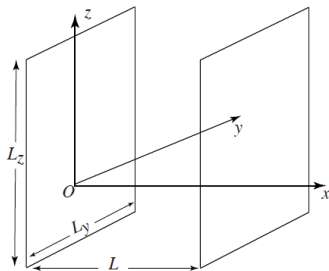
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