

Dark degeneracy and observational tests of interacting models

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Dark degeneracy

Let us define the dark fluid

$$p = \omega \rho$$

and split it as

$$\rho = \rho_m + \Lambda$$

$$p = p_\Lambda = -\Lambda$$

It follows that

$$\rho_m = -\frac{\omega + 1}{\omega} \Lambda$$

and

$$-1 \leq \omega < 0$$



$$\rho_m \geq 0$$

Matter creation

Consider Friedmann's equations

$$3H^2 = \rho$$

$$\dot{\rho} + 3H(\rho + p) = 0$$

By using

$$\rho = \rho_m + \Lambda, \quad p = -\Lambda$$

we have

$$\dot{\rho}_m + 3H\rho_m = -\dot{\Lambda} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \dot{\rho}_m + 3H\rho_m = \Gamma\rho_m \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{1}{a^3} \frac{d}{dt}(a^3 n) = \Gamma n$$

where

$$\Gamma = \frac{\dot{\omega}}{1 + \omega} - 3\omega H$$

Breaking degeneracy

The conservation equations are

$$T_{m;\nu}^{\mu\nu} = Q^\mu$$

$$T_{\Lambda;\nu}^{\mu\nu} = -Q^\mu$$

where we define

$$Q^\mu = Qu^\mu + \bar{Q}^\mu \quad (u_\mu \bar{Q}^\mu = 0)$$

For DE we have

$$T_{\Lambda}^{\mu\nu} = \Lambda g^{\mu\nu} \quad \rightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} Q &= -\Lambda_{,\nu} u^\nu \\ \bar{Q}^\mu &= \Lambda_{,\nu} (u^\mu u^\nu - g^{\mu\nu}) \end{aligned}$$

Linear perturbations give

$$\begin{aligned} \delta \bar{Q}^0 &= 0 \\ \delta \bar{Q}_i &= (\delta \Lambda + \dot{\Lambda} \theta)_{,i} \equiv \delta \Lambda_{,i}^c \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\bar{Q}^\mu = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \delta \Lambda^c = 0$$

Non-adiabaticity

From the perturbed Einstein equations for a perfect fluid we have

$$\Phi_B'' + 3H(1 + c_a^2)\Phi_B' + [2H' + (1 + 3c_a^2)H^2 + c_s^2 k^2]\Phi_B = 0$$

$$k^2 \Phi_B = -\frac{a^2}{2} \delta \rho^c$$

where Φ_B is the Bardeen gravitational potential, and

$$c_a^2 = \frac{p'}{\rho'} \quad , \quad c_s^2 = \frac{\delta p^c}{\delta \rho^c}$$

The split fluid has $c_s = 0$ and non-adiabatic perturbations:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta \rho^c &= \delta \rho_\Lambda^c + \delta \rho_m^c \\ \delta p^c &= \delta p_\Lambda^c = -\delta \rho_\Lambda^c \end{aligned} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \delta p^c - \delta p_{ad}^c = \frac{\rho'_\Lambda \rho'_m}{\rho'} \left(\frac{\delta \rho_m^c}{\rho'_m} - \frac{\delta \rho_\Lambda^c}{\rho'_\Lambda} \right)$$

Hence we can take the following conclusions

Consider a dark fluid with EoS parameter $-1 \leq \omega < 0$. Split it into pressureless DM and DE with EoS parameter $\omega_\Lambda = -1$.

- . DM and DE interact and the dark fluid is non-adiabatic.
- . DE does not cluster and DM coincides with clustering matter.
- . There are no oscillations or instabilities in the power spectrum.
- . If we assume DM conservation, the Λ CDM model remains.

Observational tests

The interaction will be defined by

$$\Lambda = \Lambda_0 \left(\frac{H}{H_0} \right)^{-2\alpha} \quad \rightarrow \quad \Gamma = -\alpha A H^{-(2\alpha+1)}$$

from which we obtain

$$\rho = 3H_0^2 \left[1 - \Omega_{m0} + \frac{\Omega_{m0}}{a^{3(1+\alpha)}} \right]^{\frac{1}{1+\alpha}}$$

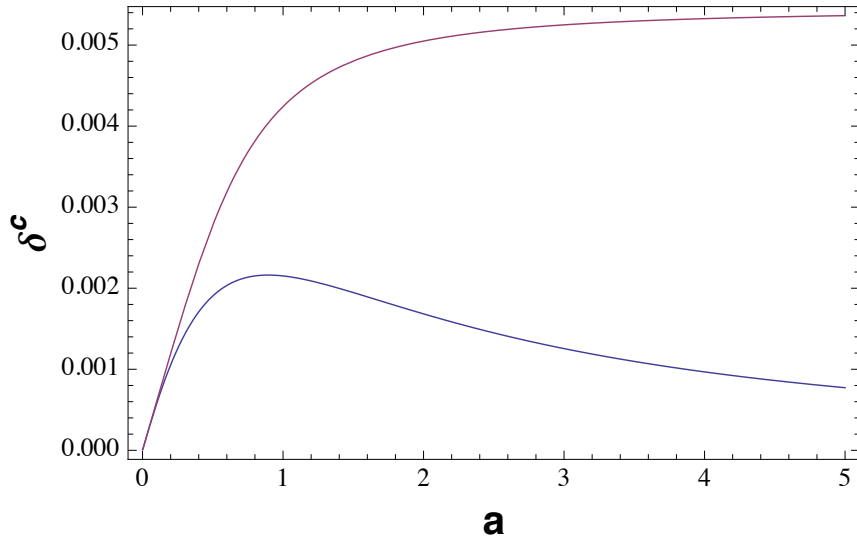
For high redshifts,

$$\rho_m = 3H_0^2 \Omega_{m0}^{1/1+\alpha} z^3 \quad (z \gg 1)$$

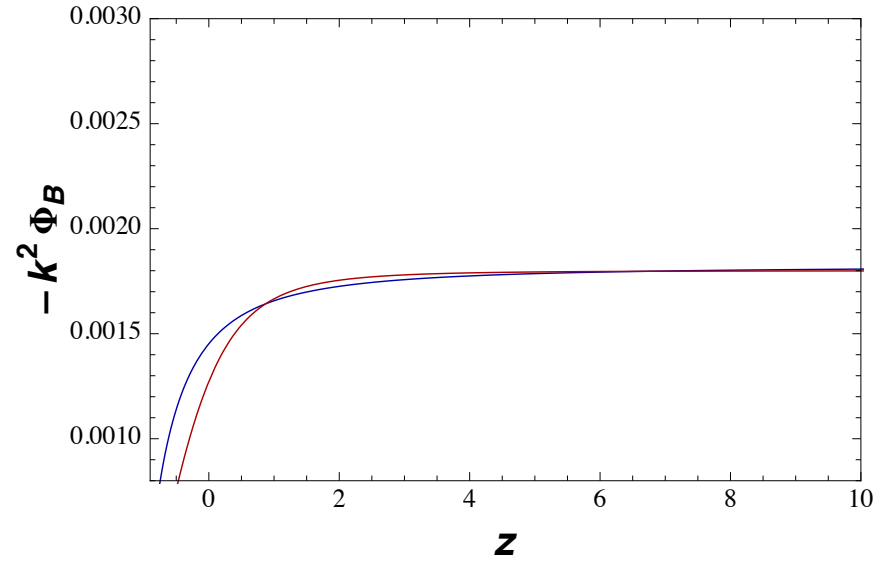
Hence, at matter-radiation equality and last scattering we have, respectively

$$z_{eq} = \frac{\Omega_{m0}^{1/1+\alpha}}{\Omega_{R0}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad k_{eq} = 0.073 \text{Mpc}^{-1} h^2 \Omega_{m0}^{1/1+\alpha}$$
$$r_{ls} \equiv \frac{\rho_R}{\rho_m} = \frac{\Omega_{R0}}{\Omega_{m0}^{1/1+\alpha}} z_{ls} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{cases} \delta_1 = 0.267 \left(\frac{r_{ls}}{0.3} \right)^{0.1} \\ l_1 = l_A (1 - \delta_1) \end{cases}$$

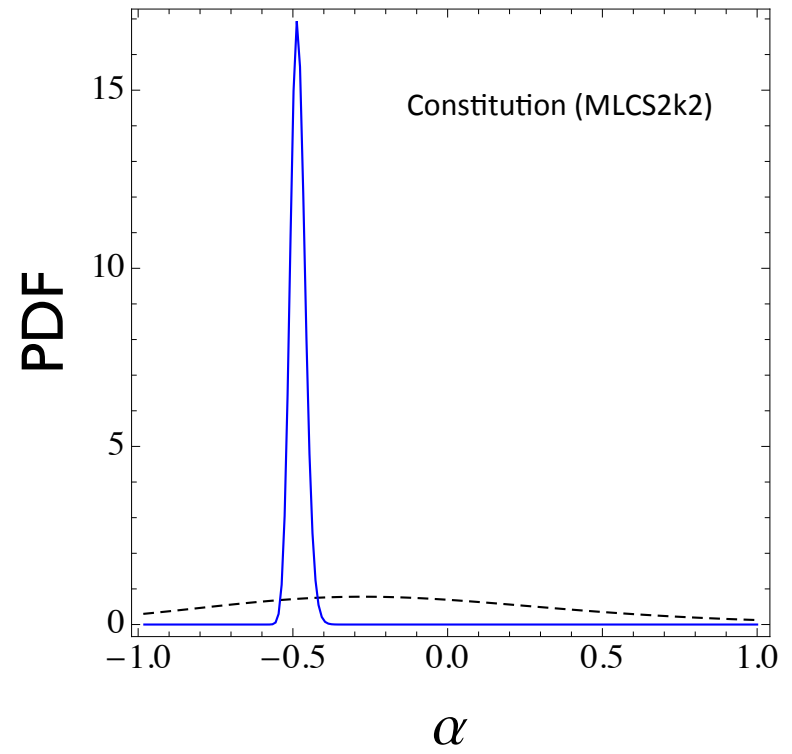
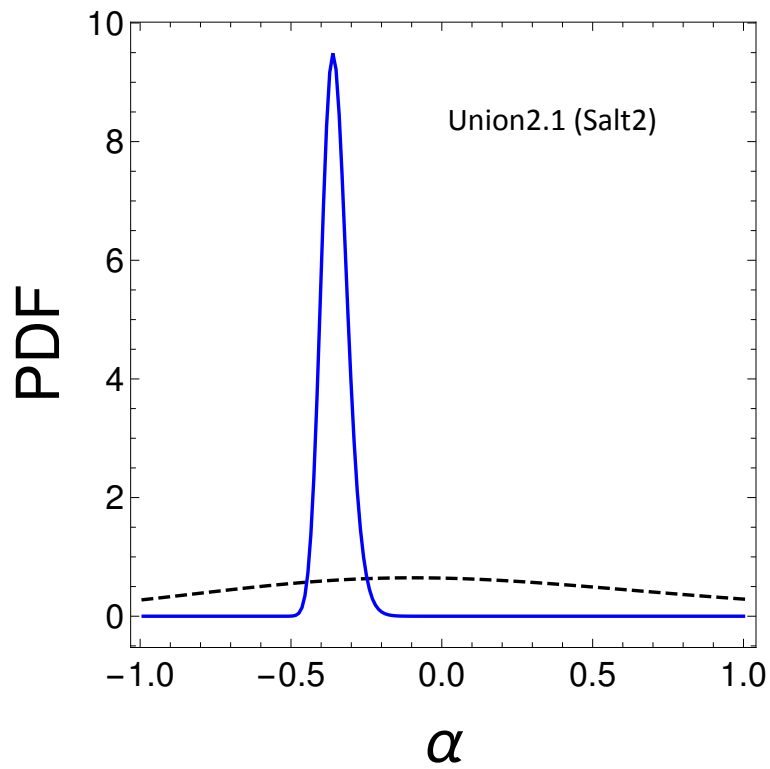
These relations are needed when we test LSS and CMB.



DM and baryonic contrasts for $\alpha = -1/2$.



Gravitational potential for $\alpha = -1/2$ and $\alpha = 0$.



Joint analyses of Sne Ia + LSS + CMB. The dotted lines are PDFs for supernovae only.

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