Early Dark Energy

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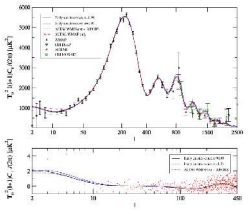
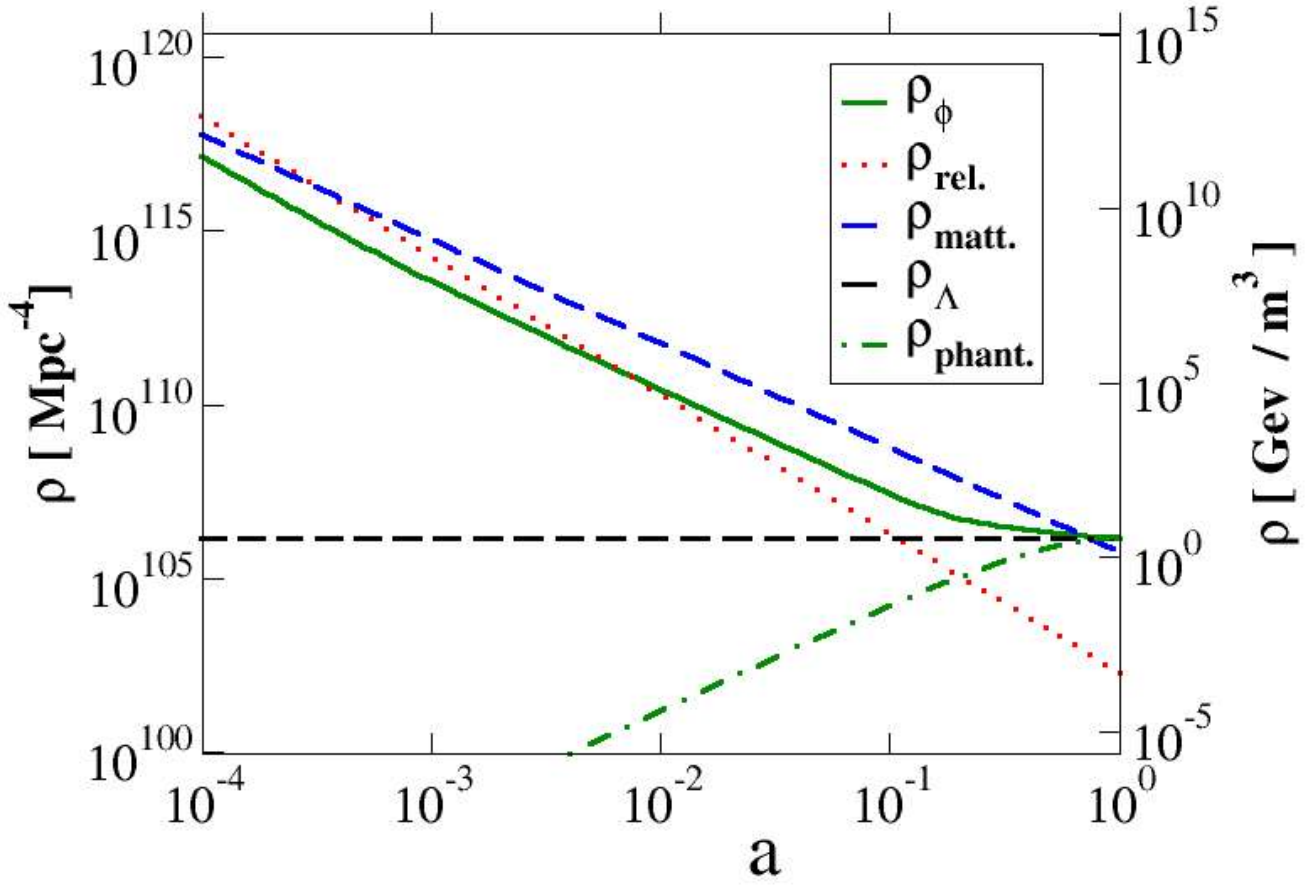
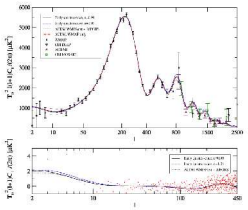


Dark energy (a.k.a. quintessence)



K. Freese et.al. (1987), C. Wetterich (1988), B. Ratra & P.J. Peebles (1988), R. R. Caldwell et. al. (1997), P. G. Ferreira & M. Joyce (1997), R.R. Caldwell (1999)

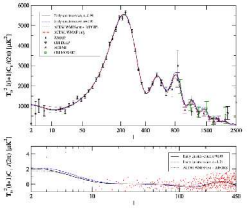


What is *early* dark energy ?

- Most dynamical models of dark energy have a non-constant equation of state $w \equiv p/\rho = w(z)$
- In principle, a change between $w_0 \approx -1$ today and different value $w_{early} \approx 0$ at early times conceivable A. Hebecker & C. Wetterich (2000)
- If cross over to $w_{early} \sim [0, \frac{1}{3}]$,

$$\Omega_{early} \sim few\ \%$$

seems “natural” R.R. Caldwell et. al. (2003)

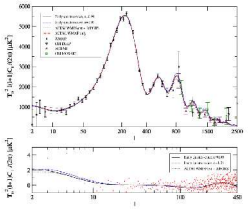


What can early dark energy do for you ?

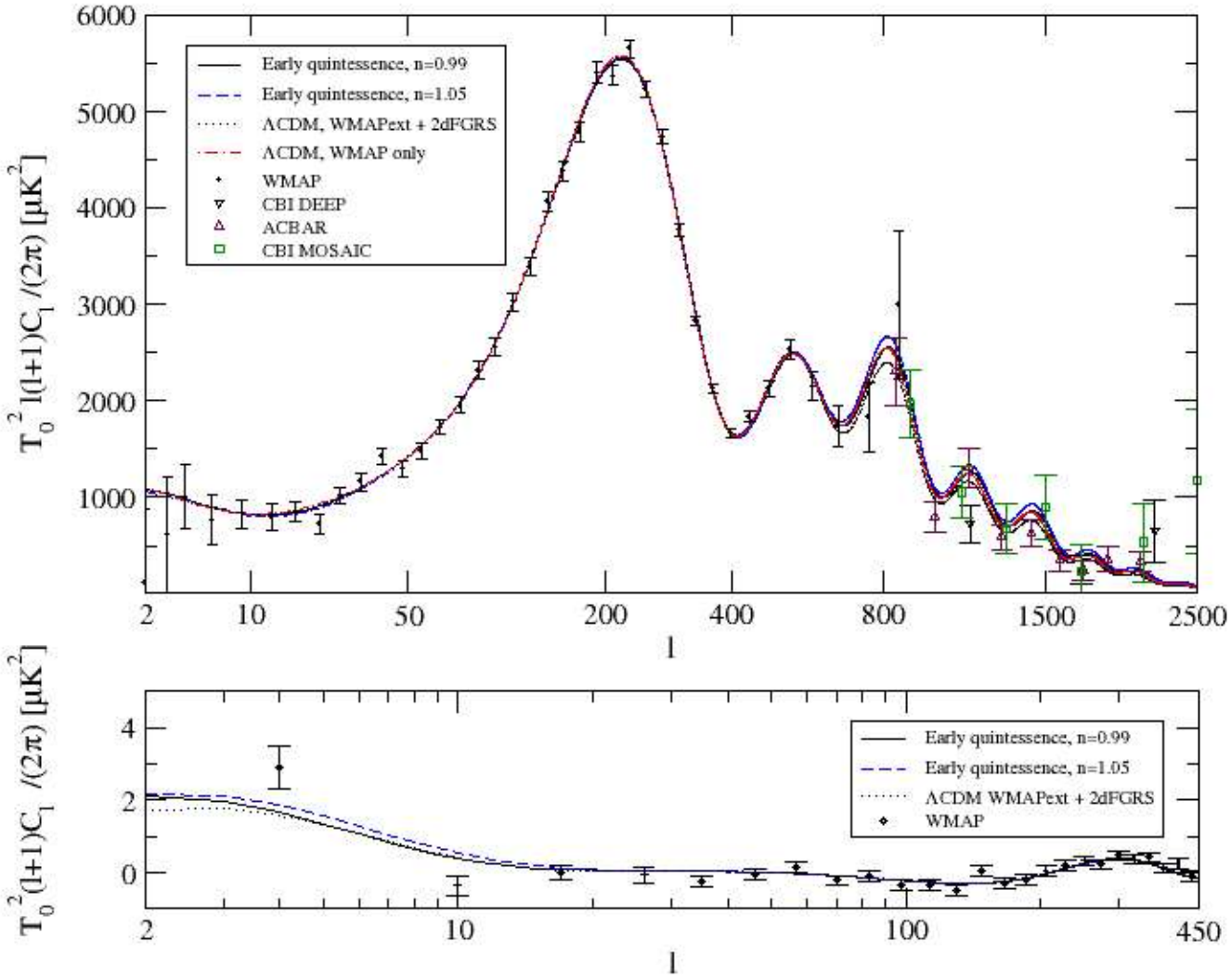
- Attractor in the early universe
- Modes entering horizon after z_{equ} are suppressed by the presence of dark Energy
  P.G. Ferreira & M. Joyce (1997), J. Schwindt (2001), M.D et. al. (2001)

➡ The sooner a mode enters the horizon, the sooner it "feels" this presence

Less power on small compared to large scales!



So CMB spectra show a tilt…



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But that's not all…

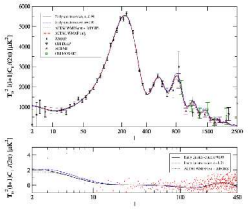
- Change in scalar quintessence field evolution may be linked to change in fundamental constants.

T. Damour (2002), C. Wetterich (2002), K.A. Olive et. al (2002), H.B Sandvik et. al (2002), D. Parkinson et.al (2002)

- A change in fine structure constant α may have been meassured M.T. Murphy et.al. (2001). [However: H. Chand et.al. (2004)]

- Take for instance

$$\alpha(z) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_{(1)}[\varphi(z) - \varphi_0] + \dots$$



… maybe ‘constants’ not *so* constant

- Oklo restricts change of α for recent times,

  ⇒ freeze of φ

  ⇒ freeze in kin. E.

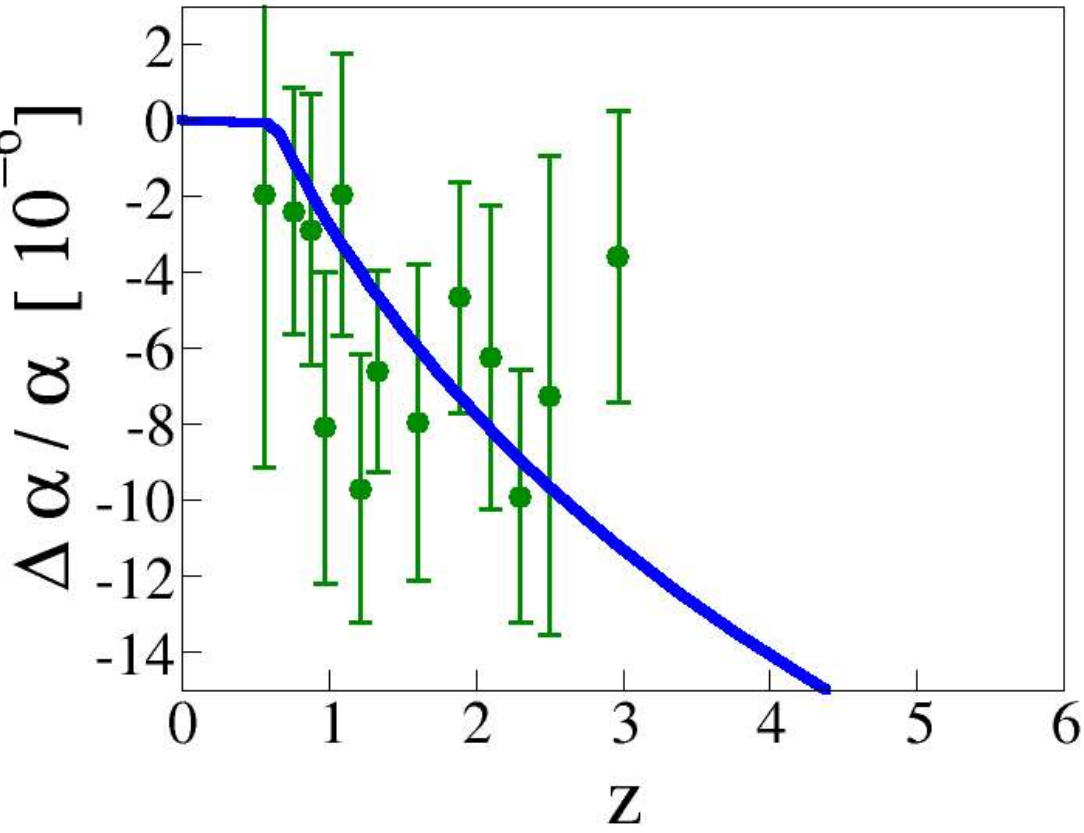
  ⇒ $w \to -1$

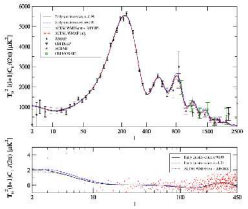
- Conversly, change of α at high redshifts

  ⇒ $\varphi \to evolv.$

  ⇒ $w \neq -1$

  ⇒ cross-over





Many Parameterizations…

Many parameterizations on the market:

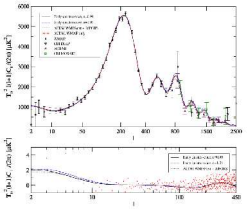
$$w(z) = w_0 \qquad \text{ancient}$$

$$w(z) = w_0 + z w^{(1)} \qquad \text{ancient}$$

$$w(z) = w_0 + w^{(e)} \frac{z}{1+z} \qquad \text{E. V. Linder (2002)}$$

$$\ldots \qquad \ldots$$

$$w(a) = w_0 + (w_m - w_0) \frac{1+e^{\frac{a_c}{\Delta}}}{1+e^{-\frac{a-a_c}{\Delta}}} \frac{1-e^{-\frac{a-1}{\Delta}}}{1+e^{\frac{1}{\Delta}}}$$



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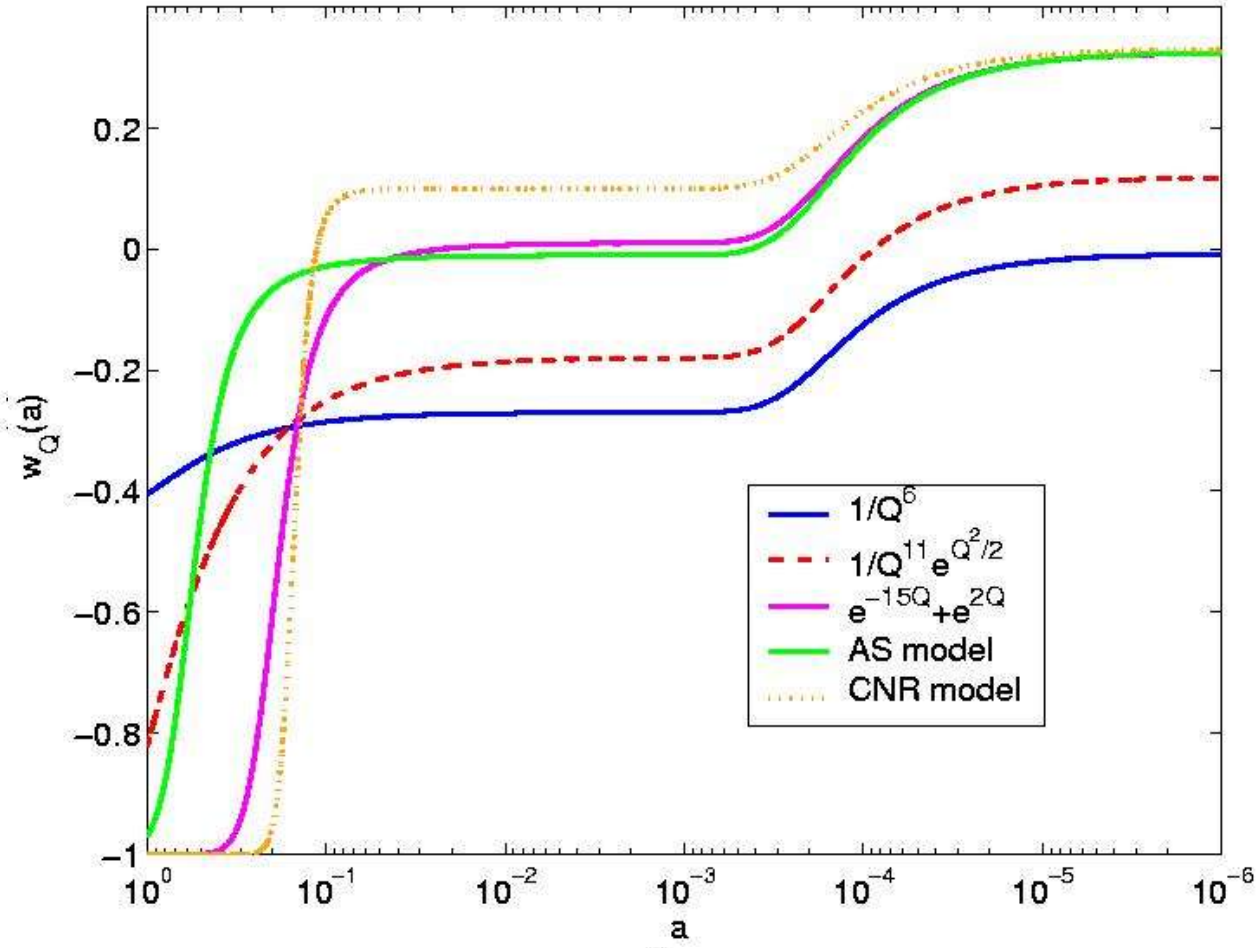
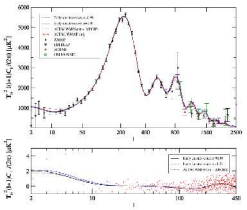
Some examples of w(a)





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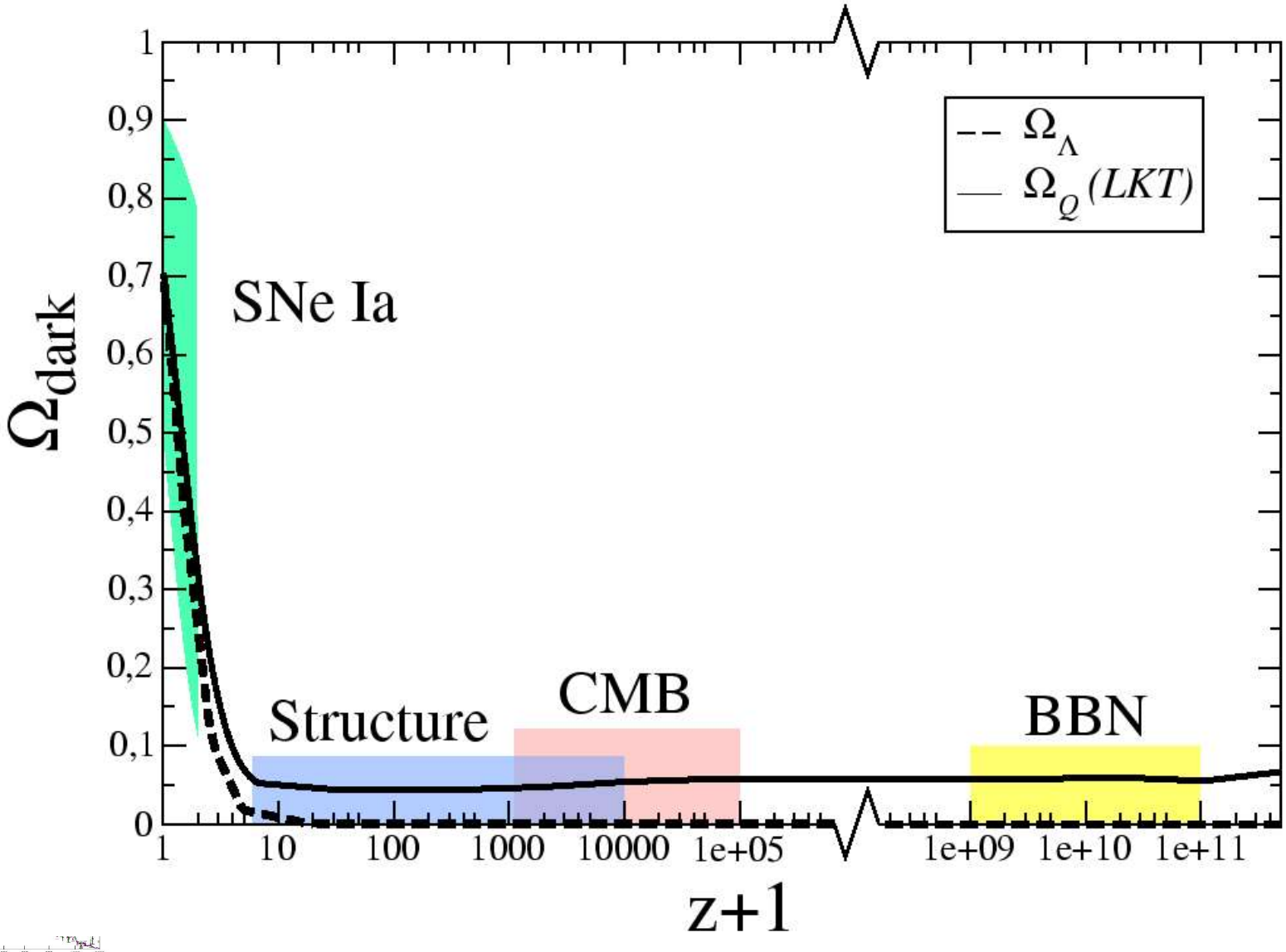
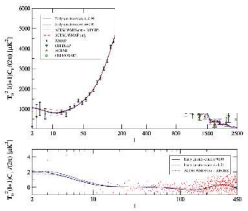
Restrictions come from …





Constraining early dark energy

- Scan seven-dimensional parameter space:

$$\Omega_m h^2,\ \Omega_b h^2,\ h,\ \tau,\ n_s,\ w_0,\ \Omega_{early}$$

- Consider leaping kinetic term model
- Use Monte Carlo Markov chain (cmbeasy)
- Compare to:

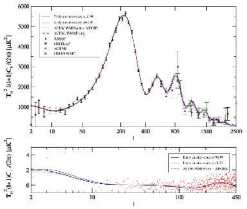
  WMAP [C.L. Bennet et.al (2003)]

  CBI [A.C.S. Readhead et. al (2004)]

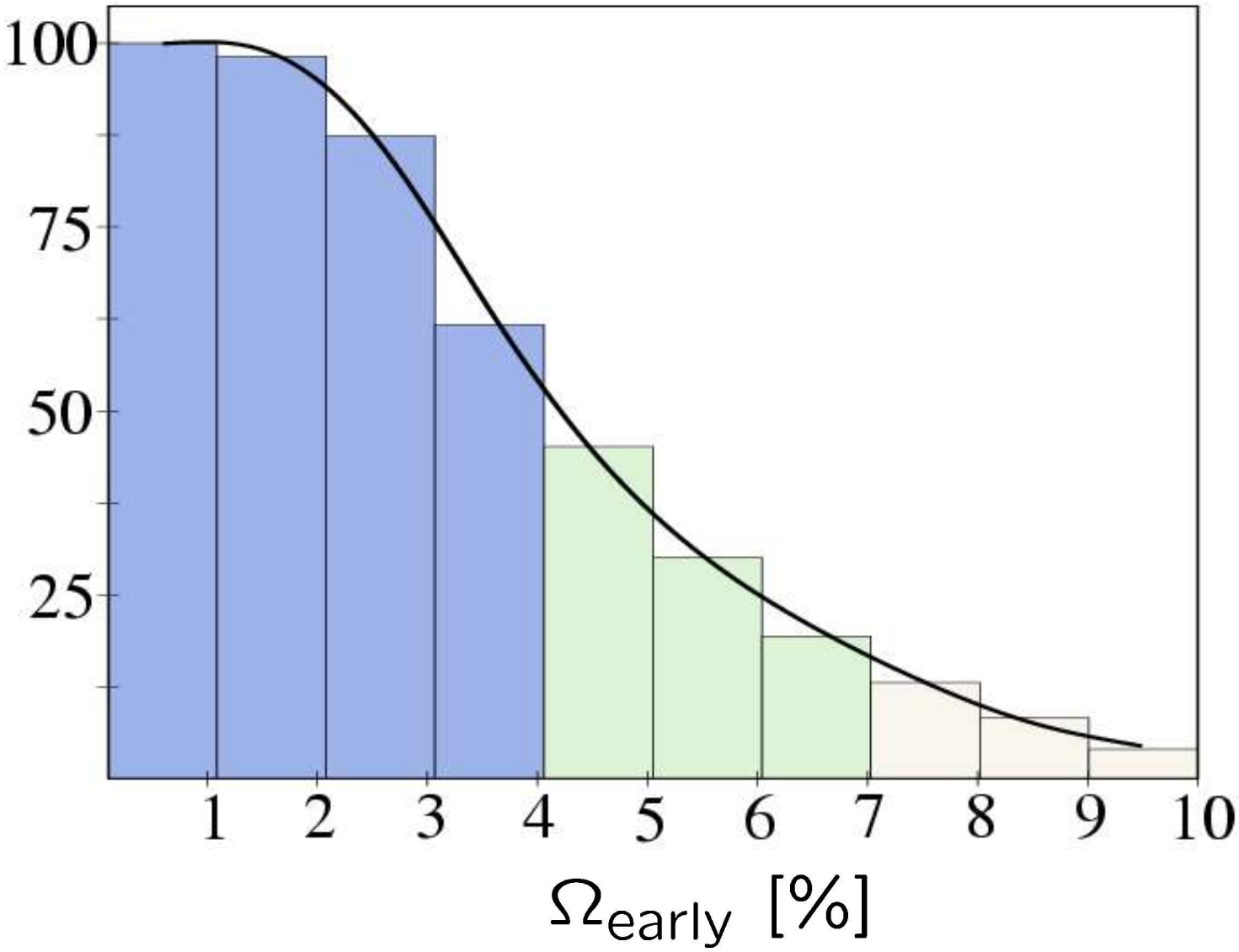
  VSA [K. Grainge et. al (2002)]

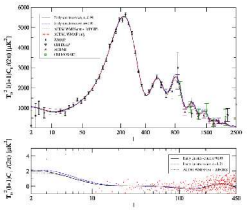
  SNe Ia [A. Riess et. al (2004)]

  SDSS [M. Tegmark et. al. (2003)]



Preliminary constraints on early dark energy

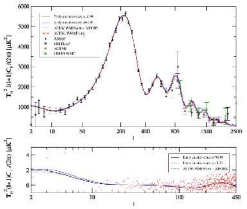




Conclusions

- Early dark energy appealing from "naturalness" point of view
- May be linked to running of coupling constants (still hot ?)
- Hypotheses nicely testable
- Detection would kill Λ
- However, more parameters only justified, if data is fit better or theoretical prejudice demands it
- Current constraint*

$$\Omega_{early} < 8\%$$



* Careful: Preliminary Results