Challenges to Cosmic Self-Acceleration in Modified Gravity from Gravitational Waves & Large-Scale Structure

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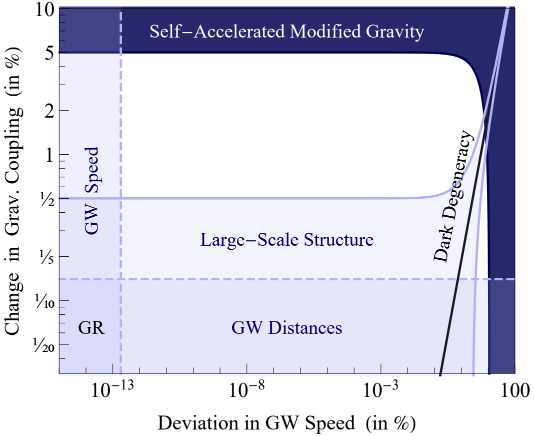

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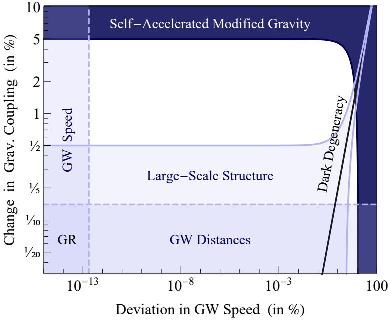

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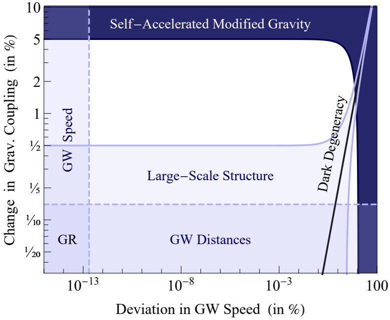

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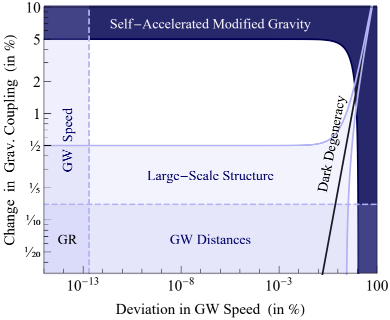

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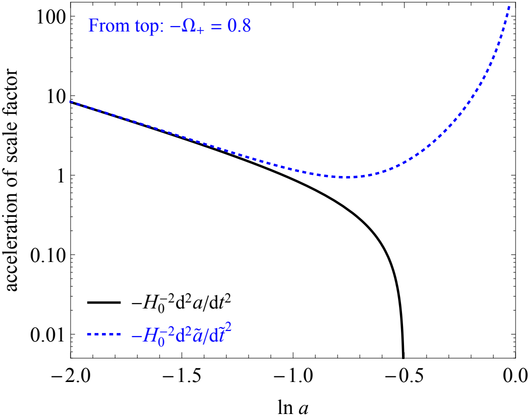

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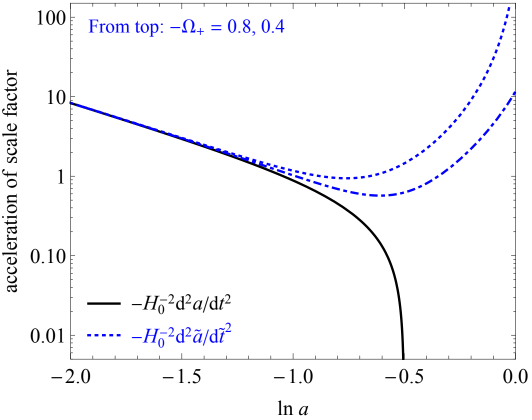

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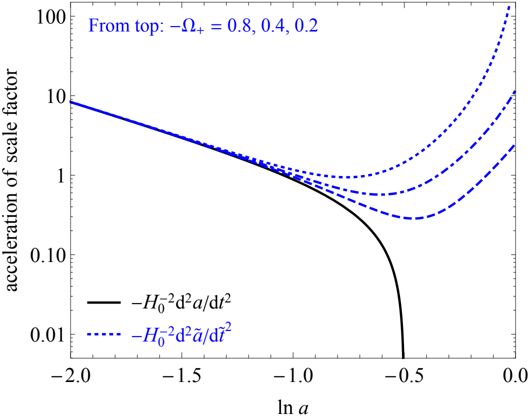

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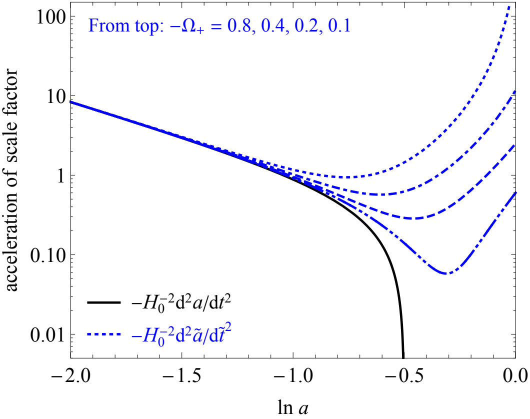

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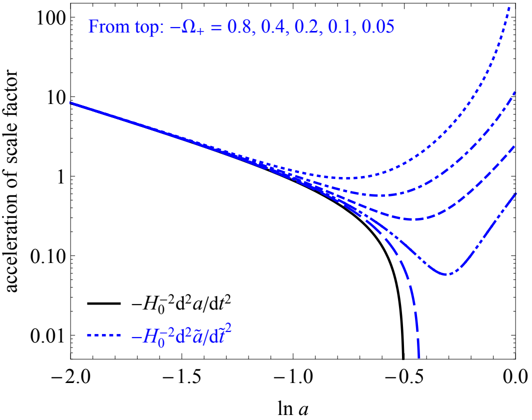

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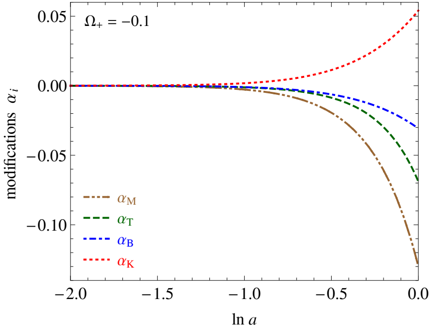

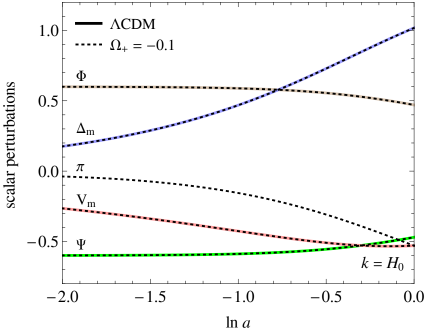

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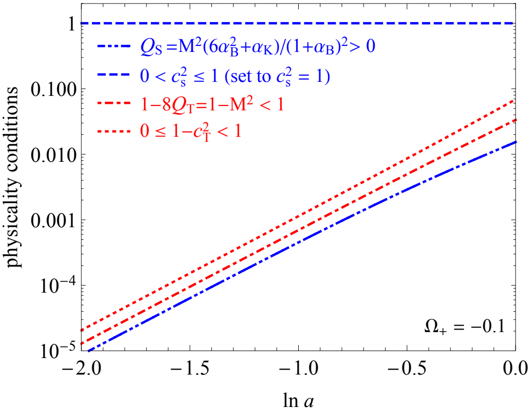

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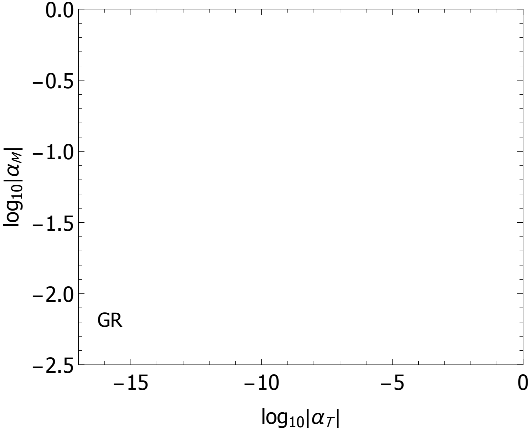

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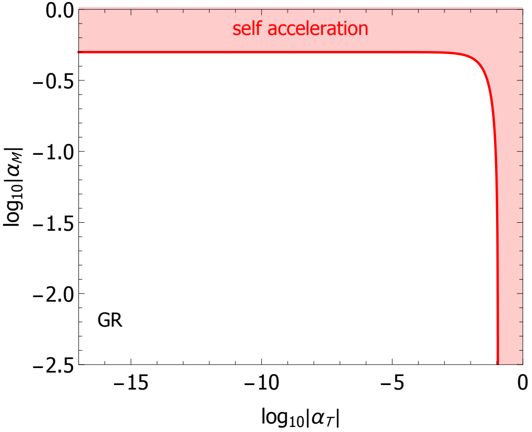

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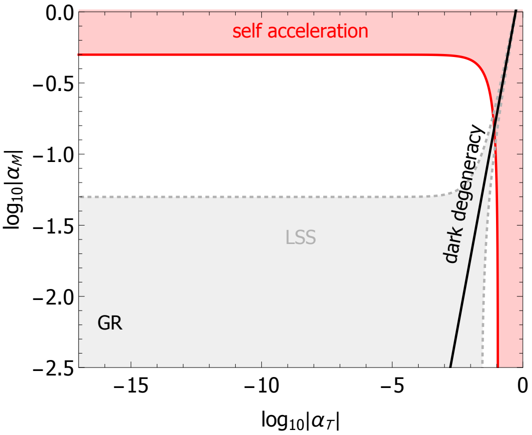

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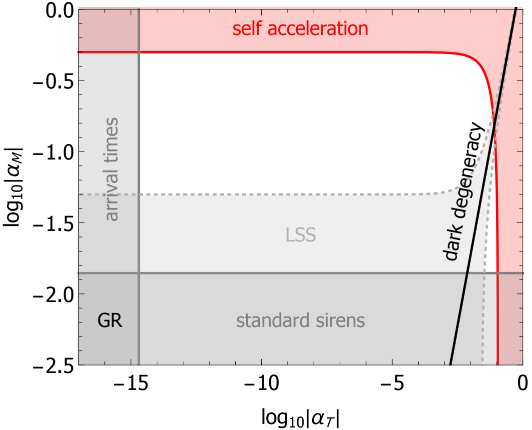

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Minimal self-acceleration

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  cosmic rays, binary pulsars, LIGO&VIRGO GW+GRB 17.8.17?
- Cosmic self-acceleration must be due to $\alpha_{\rm M}$:

$$\left|\frac{\Omega'}{\Omega}\right| = \left|\alpha_{\rm M} + \frac{\alpha_{\rm T}'}{1+\alpha_{\rm T}}\right| \gtrsim \mathcal{O}(1)$$

- Minimal acceleration:

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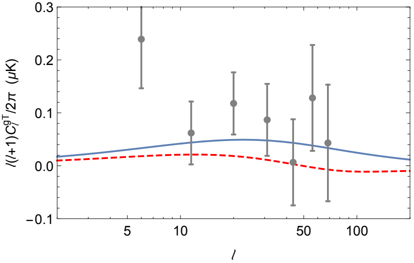

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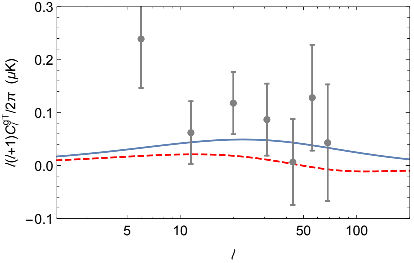

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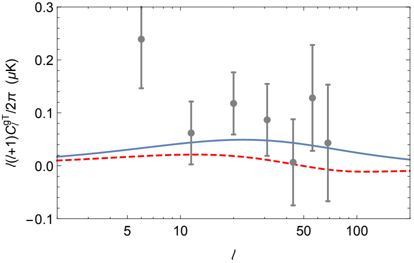

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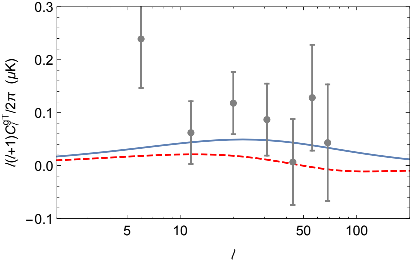

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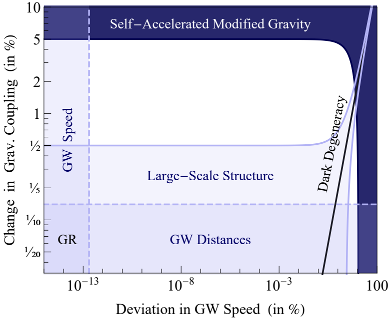
Compare: $f(R)$, DGP, Galileon [L, Slosar, Seljak, Hu '10; L, Hu, Fang, Seljak '09; Barreira, Li, Baugh, Pascoli '14]

NGC 4993

Sword of Damocles (Extract), Richard Westall, 1812

Conclusions



[L & Taylor 2015]

- **Conclusion 1:** LSS without GWs cannot fully discriminate self-accelerated MG from Λ.

  → parametrised tests?
- **Conclusion 2:** Horndeski gravity *may* no longer be a candidate for explaining cosmic acceleration by October.
  (except for usual suspects: quintessence, k-essence)

  → WL, gCMBϕX, Std Sirens
- **Conclusion 3:** Impending death of the (cov.) Galileon?

Thank you!

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