

STRANGE LOVE

OR:
HOW I
LEARNED
TO STOP
WORRYING
AND
LOVE THE
BOMB



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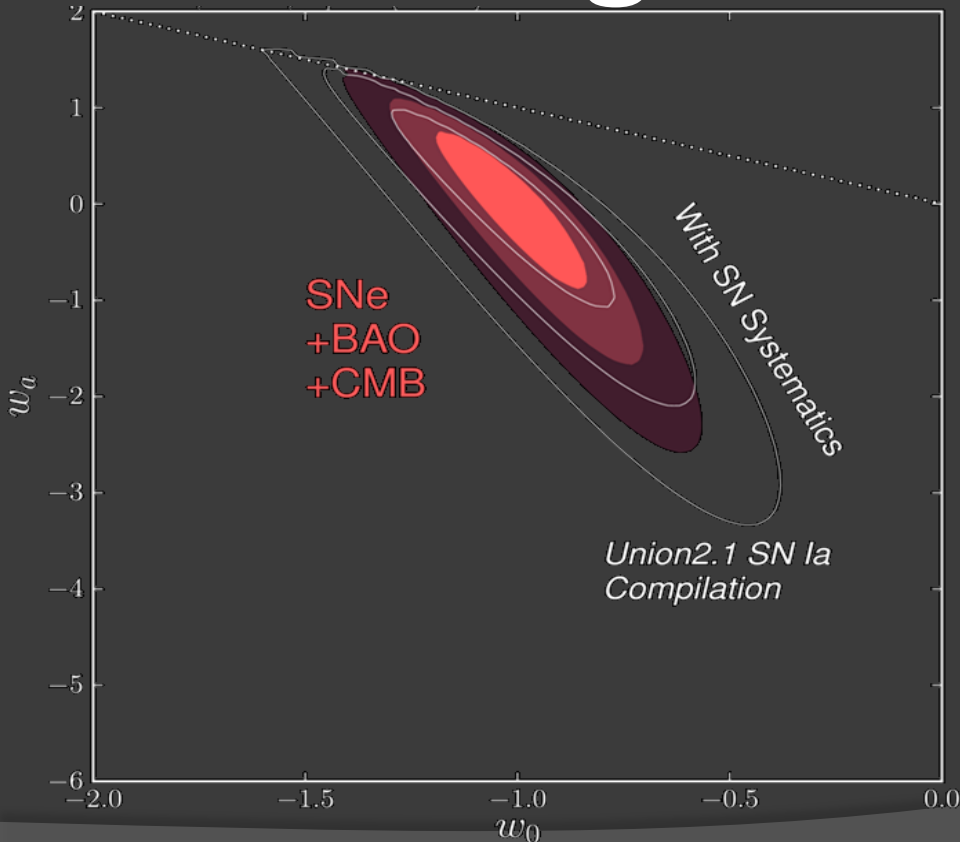
Gen. Jack D. Ripper

“God willing, we will prevail, in peace and freedom from fear, and in true health, through the purity and *k-essence* of our natural... *fluids*. God bless you all.”

Conclusions

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The background...



$$w = w_0 + w_a(1 - a)$$

Non-canonical Scalars

$$X \equiv 1/2 (\partial_\mu \phi)^2$$

- **Quintessence** is a canonical scalar field

$$\mathcal{L}_\phi = X - V(\phi)$$

- $w(t) = \frac{X-V}{X+V} > -1$
- Speed of sound is $c_s = 1$
- Problem: mass $m \sim H$

- **k-essence**

$$\mathcal{L}_\phi = K(X, \phi)$$

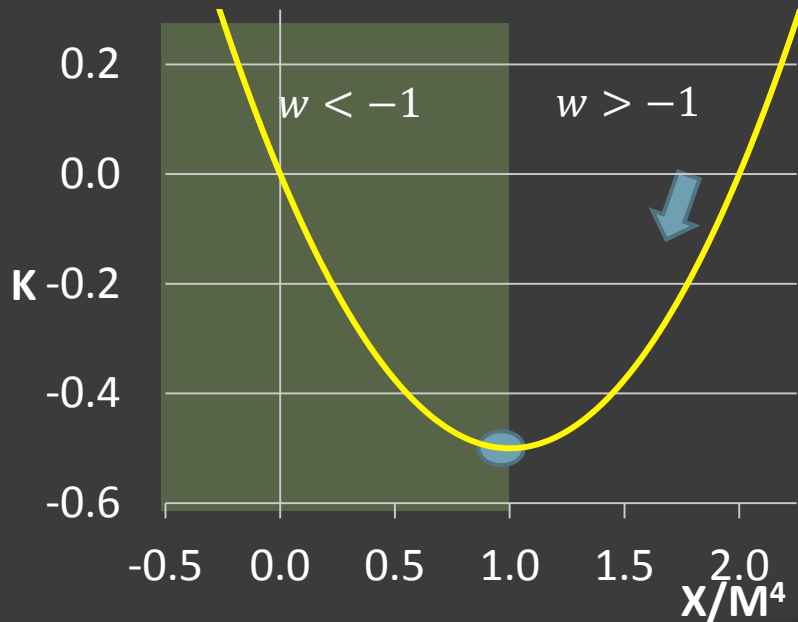
- This is still one degree of freedom
- $c_s^2 \neq 1$

e.g. Ghost Condensation

$$K = -X + X^2/M^4$$

$$\mathcal{P} = K$$

$$\mathcal{E} = 2XK_{,X} - K$$



- ⊙ Get de Sitter with broken Lorentz
 - Effective c.c. $\sim M^4$
 - $c_s = 0$: DE perturbations
 - Massless!

k-essence a Perfect Fluid?

$$T_{\mu\nu} = K_{,X} \nabla_\mu \phi \nabla_\nu \phi + K g_{\mu\nu}$$



$$T_{\mu\nu} = (\mathcal{E} + \mathcal{P}) u_\mu u_\nu + \mathcal{P} g_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{E} & & & \\ & \mathcal{P} & & \\ & & \mathcal{P} & \\ & & & \mathcal{P} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\partial_\mu \tau = u_\mu \equiv \frac{\nabla_\mu \phi}{\sqrt{\nabla^\alpha \phi \nabla_\alpha \phi}}$$

- **Only** have a fluid interpretation if u^μ is a velocity (time-like)
- ϕ is a clock for the lagrangian observer **if** u^μ is time-like

Can firm this up: hydro at $T = 0$

- Dependence on ϕ is a dependence on **internal time**

- Shift symmetry
 $\Leftrightarrow \phi$ independence

- Define a **Noether charge**

$$n \equiv \sqrt{2X}K_{,X}$$

- Equation of motion is just **conservation** of this charge

$$\dot{n} + 3Hn = \mathcal{L}_{,\phi}$$

- Continuity equation \Leftrightarrow **1st Law**

$$dE = -\mathcal{P}dV + \sqrt{2X}d\mathcal{N}$$

- Euler equation \Leftrightarrow **Euler relation**

$$\mathcal{E} = \sqrt{2X}n - \mathcal{P}$$

- Chemical potential**

$$\mu \equiv \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial n} \right)_{\tau, V} = \sqrt{2X}$$

- Alternative interpretation

$$\mu \Leftrightarrow T$$

$$n \Leftrightarrow s$$

Does this go both ways?

- ⊙ Lagrangian for **sound mode** in radiation

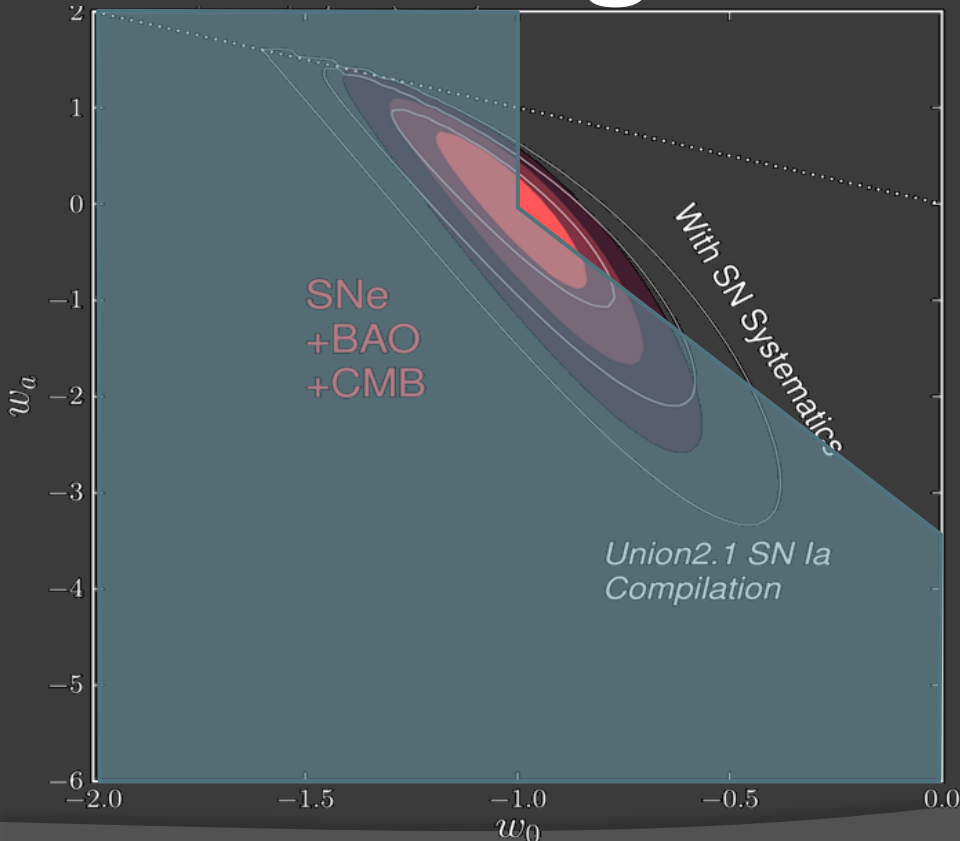
$$\mathcal{L} = X^2 \quad \mathcal{P} = \frac{1}{4} T^4, w = c_s^2 = \frac{1}{3}$$

- ⊙ Sound in **electrons** at zero temperature

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{3}{2} \ln(\sqrt{2X} + \sqrt{2X - 1}) + \\ + \sqrt{4X^2 - 2X} \left(2X - \frac{5}{2}\right)$$

$$2X = \varepsilon_F$$

The background...

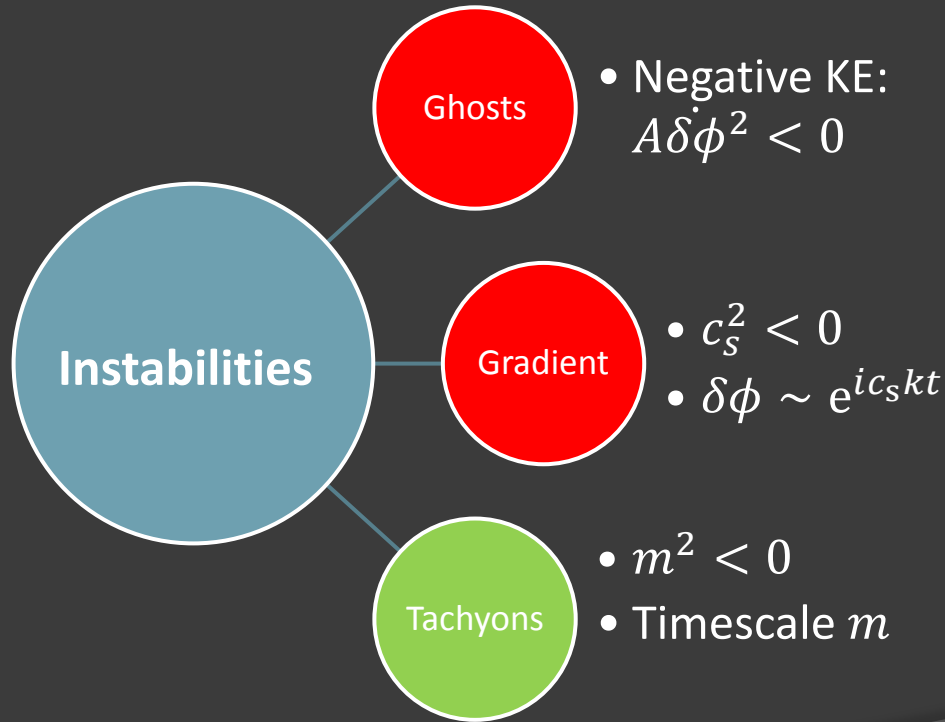


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$$w < -1$$

~~NEC~~

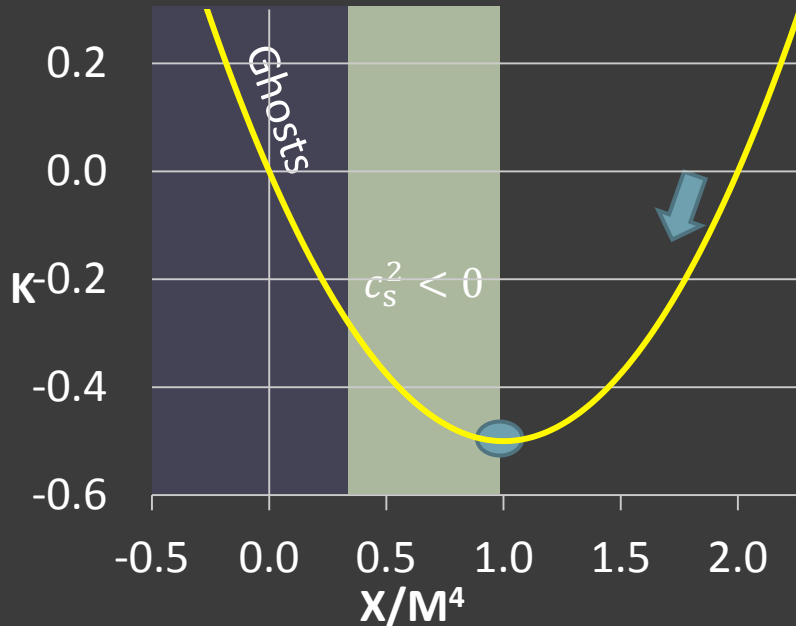
k-Essence: Phantom \Rightarrow Unstable



$$\mathcal{E} + \mathcal{P} = \dot{\phi}^2 A c_s^2$$

Ghost Condensation (cont'd)

$$K = -X + X^2/M^4$$



- ⦿ Solution **unstable** when phantom
- ⦿ Can we **actually** model a theory with $w < -1$?

Gallileons: Imperfect Fluids

Can we do more?

- ⊙ Ostrogradsky procedure
 - EoM of higher order than 2 \Rightarrow ghost
 - Avoid this!
- ⊙ There are some lucky exceptions
 - e.g. $f(R)$, f (Gauss Bonnet), non-local
- ⊙ We ***used to*** think that this is it

Galileon: Flat Space

$$B_{\mu\nu} \equiv \nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu \phi$$

 \mathcal{L}_2

- $\frac{\delta}{\delta\phi} X = \square\phi = B$

 \mathcal{L}_3

- $\frac{\delta}{\delta\phi} X \square\phi = B^2 - B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$

 \mathcal{L}_4

- $\frac{\delta}{\delta\phi} X (B^2 - B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}) = 3B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu} B - B^3$

$$\phi \rightarrow \phi + c + v_\mu x^\mu$$

Horndeski Lagrangian

$$B_{\mu\nu} \equiv \nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu \phi$$

\mathcal{L}_2

- $\frac{\delta}{\delta\phi} K(X) = K_X \square\phi + K_{XX} B_{\mu\nu} \nabla^\mu \phi \nabla^\nu \phi$

\mathcal{L}_3

- $\frac{\delta}{\delta\phi} G(X) \square\phi = G_X R_{\mu\nu} \nabla^\mu \phi \nabla^\nu \phi +$
 $+ G_X (\mathcal{O}_1(B^2)) + G_{XX} (\mathcal{O}_{2\mu\nu}(B^2)) \nabla^\mu \phi \nabla^\nu \phi$

\mathcal{L}_4

- $\frac{\delta}{\delta\phi} G_X (\mathcal{O}_1(B^2)) - GR = \text{Gravity} +$
 $+ G_{XX} (\mathcal{O}_1(B^3)) + G_{XXX} (\mathcal{O}_{2\mu\nu}(B^3)) \nabla^\mu \phi \nabla^\nu \phi$

Kinetic Gravity Braiding

$$S_\phi = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} K(\phi, X) + G(\phi, X) \square \phi$$

- ⊙ Equations of motion **second order**
- ⊙ Most general minimally coupled theory

- ⊙ From now on: shift symmetry
 - Invariant under $\phi \rightarrow \phi + \text{const}$
 - **Not** invariant under $\phi \rightarrow -\phi$

Kinetic Gravity Braiding?



- ⦿ **Essential** mixing of metric and scalar

$$G_{\mu\nu}(\dots, \partial\partial g_{\alpha\beta}, \dots) = T_{\mu\nu}(\dots, \partial\partial\phi, \dots)$$
$$\text{EOM}_\phi(\dots, \partial\partial\phi, \partial\partial g_{\alpha\beta}, \dots) = 0$$

- ⦿ There is **no Einstein frame**
 - Cannot diagonalise scalar and metric
- ⦿ EMT contains second derivatives of ϕ

The Imperfect Fluid

$$\kappa \equiv 2XG_X$$

$$T_{\alpha\beta} = (\mathcal{E} + \mathcal{P})u_\alpha u_\beta + \mathcal{P}g_{\alpha\beta} + u_\alpha q_\beta + u_\beta q_\alpha$$

Energy

$$\mathcal{E} = E_0 + \kappa\mu\theta$$

Pressure

$$\mathcal{P} = P_0 - \kappa\dot{\mu}$$

Energy Flow

$$q_\lambda = -\kappa\dot{u}_\lambda$$

$$u_\alpha \equiv \frac{\partial_\alpha \phi}{\mu}$$
$$\theta \equiv \nabla_\alpha u^\alpha \sim 3H$$

All corrections: second derivatives of ϕ

(Conserved) Charge Number

- Charge density depends on *expansion*

$$n = n_0 + \boxed{3H\kappa}$$

- EoM is equation for evolution of n
 - In cosmology: $\dot{n} + 3Hn = 0 \Rightarrow n \propto a^{-3}$
 - Vacua are *cosmological attractors* but **NON-TRIVIAL**
- Hydrodynamics discussion still goes through

Diffusion

$$\bar{\nabla}_\alpha \equiv \perp_\alpha^\beta \nabla_\beta$$

⊙ 1st Fick's Law:

- we have **spatial charge flux** proportional to gradient of chemical potential

$$J_\alpha = nu_\alpha - \frac{\kappa}{\mu} \bar{\nabla}_\alpha \mu$$

⊙ In incompressible limit, scalar EoM is the **diffusion equation**

$$\mathfrak{D} \equiv - \frac{\kappa}{\mu n_{,\mu}}$$

$$\dot{n} = -\bar{\nabla}_\alpha (\mathfrak{D} \bar{\nabla}^\alpha n) + \mathfrak{D} \dot{u}^\alpha \bar{\nabla}_\alpha n$$

Simplest Interesting Model

$$\mathcal{L}_\phi = -X + gX \square \phi$$

$$g^{-1/3} \sim (1000 \text{ km})^{-1}$$

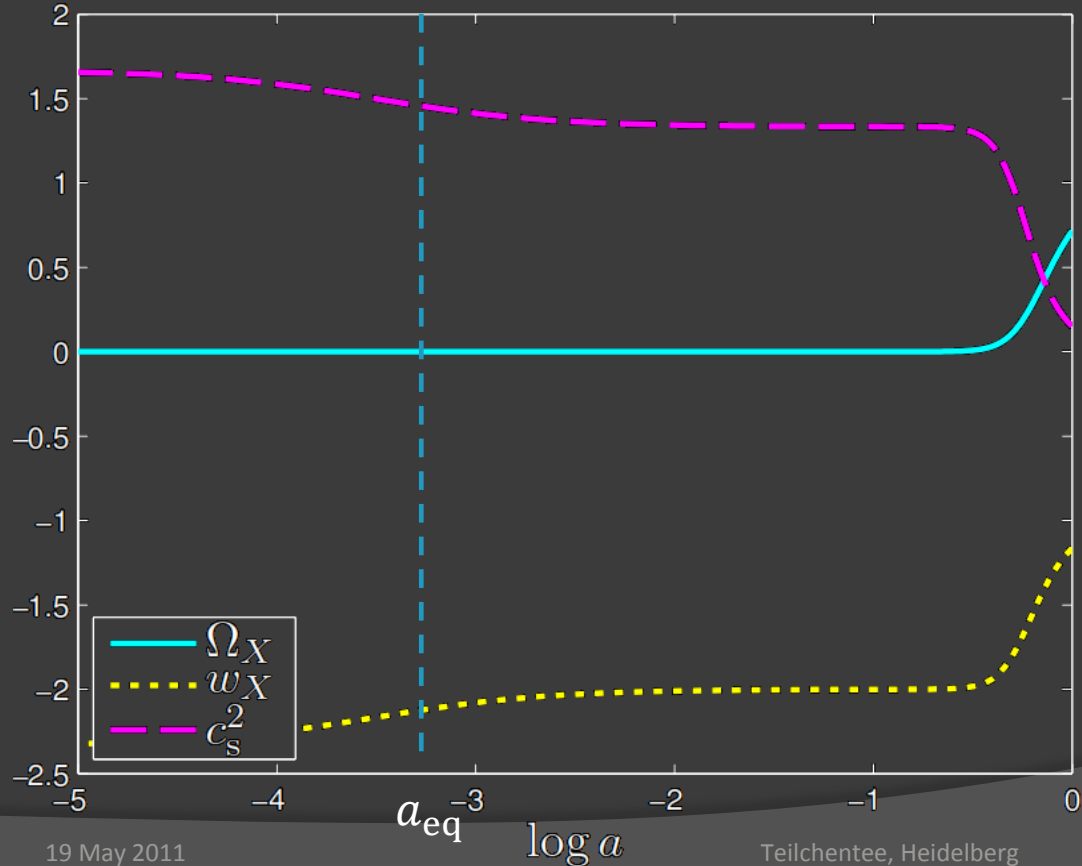
$$n = \mu(3gH\mu - 1) \quad \mu = \sqrt{2X}$$

$$n_* = 0$$

$$\mu_* = \frac{1}{3gH}$$

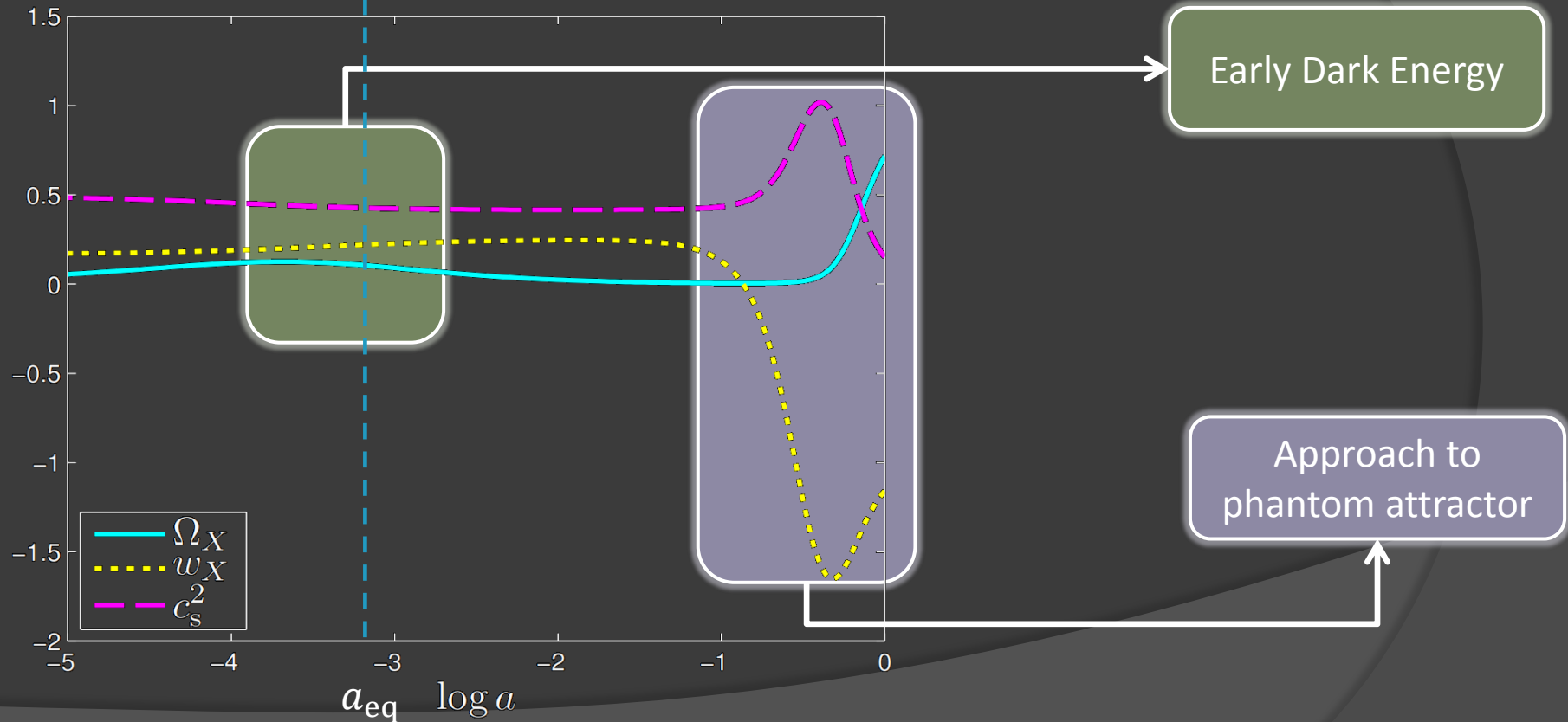
$$H^2 = \frac{1}{6} \left(\rho_{\text{ext}} + \sqrt{\rho_{\text{ext}}^2 + \frac{2}{3g^2}} \right)$$

On-Attractor Behaviour



Not a ghost
 $A \equiv 1 + \Omega_{\text{DE}}$

Imperfect Dark Energy



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