

The Ph-LsCDM Model: Towards a Solution to the H0 tension Problem

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Cosmological tensions

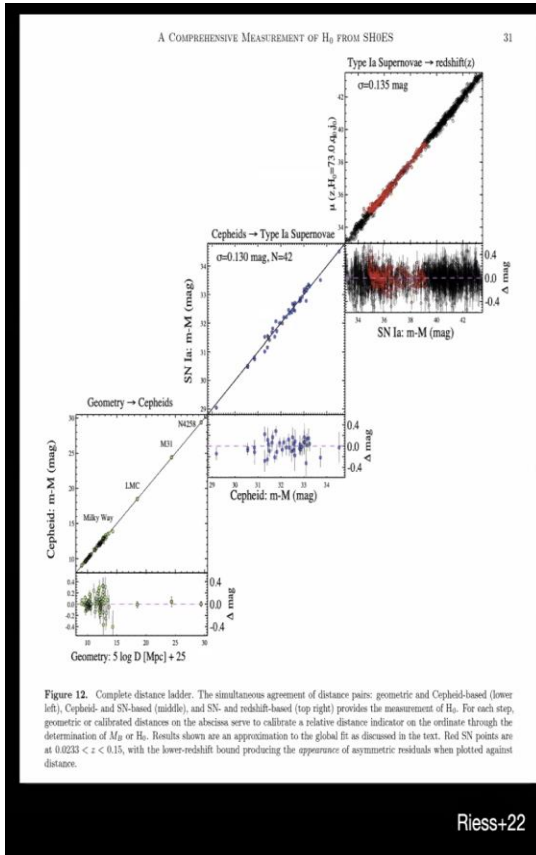
Significant discrepancies in cosmological data obtained in different experiments!

- H_0 - present day Hubble parameter
- S_8 -growth matter density parameter
- M_B -type Ia Supernova absolute magnitude
- BAO Lyman- α

E.g., H_0 - tension:

5 σ deviation! $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} H_0 = 73.04 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1} - \text{Cepheid-calibrated distance ladder approach (SHOES team).} \\ H_0 = 67.4 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1} - \text{CMB measurements assuming } \Lambda\text{CDM (Planck team).} \end{array} \right.$

SHOES ladder:



Riess+22

CosmoVerse seminar: Adam Riess

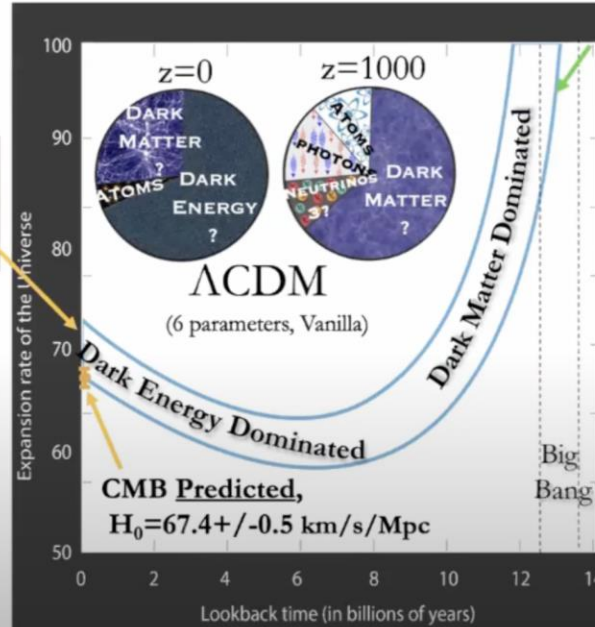
Λ CDM phenomenological “End-to-end” test: Predict $\rightarrow$ Measure H_0^*

Direct,
Model-free,
Distances
& Redshifts



H_0

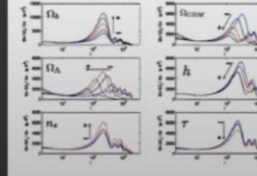
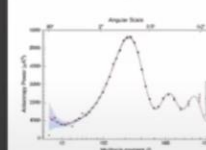
Expansion history from Λ CDM



*without prior



Indirect:
Big Bang afterglow
Compare fluctuation
spectrum to Λ CDM,
6 params: Planck 18
assume right model



comoving angular diameter
distance to last scattering:

$$D_m(z_*) = \int_0^{z_*} c \frac{dz}{H} = 13872.83 \text{ Mpc}.$$



Λ CDM Planck18

H_0 is estimated from this expression

How to resolve these tensions?



This program brings together cosmologists to solve this problem.

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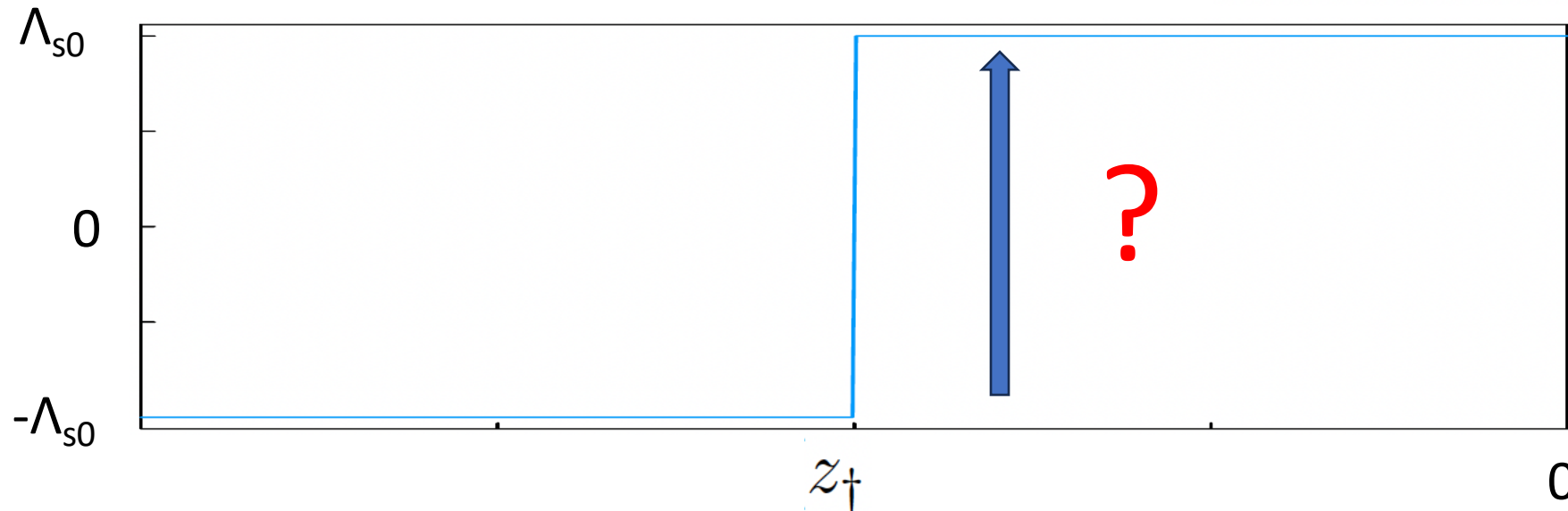
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The Λ_s CDM model emerges as one of the promising models for addressing major cosmological tensions, viz., H_0 , M_B (Type Ia Supernovae absolute magnitude), and S_8 (growth parameter) tensions, along with some other less significant tensions, and stands as the most economical model with this capability.

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Abrupt mirror AdS-dS transition: $\Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda_s \equiv \Lambda_{s0} \operatorname{sgn}[z_{\dagger} - z]$



Phantom scalar field !!!

$$S_\phi = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{\xi}{2} g^{ik} \partial_i \phi \partial_k \phi - V(\phi) \right] \quad \begin{array}{ll} \xi = -1 & \text{- phantom} \\ \xi = +1 & \text{- quinquessence} \end{array}$$

Scalar field energy density and pressure:

$$\varepsilon_\phi \equiv T_0^0(\phi) = \frac{\xi}{2c^2} (\dot{\phi})^2 + V(\phi), \quad p_\phi \equiv -T_\alpha^\alpha(\phi) = \frac{\xi}{2c^2} (\dot{\phi})^2 - V(\phi),$$

Equation of motion:

$$\ddot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} + \xi c^2 \frac{dV}{d\phi} = 0.$$

Equation of state parameter and speed of sound squared:

$$\omega_\phi = \frac{p_\phi}{\varepsilon_\phi} = \frac{\xi X - V(\phi)}{\xi X + V(\phi)}, \quad X \equiv \frac{1}{2c^2} (\dot{\phi})^2 \quad c_s^2 = \frac{\partial p_\phi}{\partial \varepsilon_\phi} c^2 = \frac{p_{\phi,X}}{\varepsilon_{\phi,X}} c^2 = \frac{\xi}{\xi} c^2 = c^2$$

Two phantom branches:

***n*-phantom:** $\varepsilon_\phi = -X + V < 0 \Rightarrow \omega_\phi > -1$

***p*-phantom:** $\varepsilon_\phi = -X + V > 0 \Rightarrow \omega_\phi < -1$

n-phantom to p-phantom crossing:

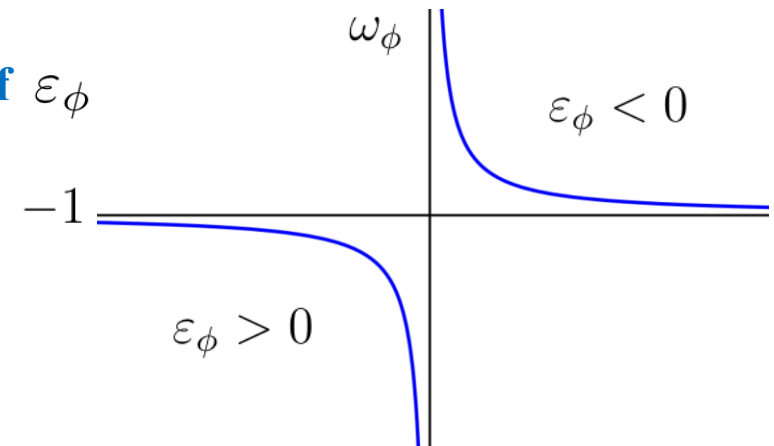
Continuity equation: $\dot{\varepsilon}_\phi = -3H(\varepsilon_\phi + p_\phi) = -3H\varepsilon_\phi(1 + \omega_\phi) > 0$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \varepsilon_\phi \longrightarrow 0^- \Rightarrow \omega_\phi \longrightarrow +\infty \\ \varepsilon_\phi \longrightarrow 0^+ \Rightarrow \omega_\phi \longrightarrow -\infty \end{array} \right\} \omega_\phi \text{ has a pole because of } \varepsilon_\phi$$

safe singularity!

$$\dot{\varepsilon}_\phi = 6HX \quad \text{for} \quad \varepsilon_\phi = 0$$

For both branches!



ε_ϕ can smoothly approach zero from below, crossing $\varepsilon_\phi = 0$
in finite time without any singular behavior!

However, possible problems:

- Violation of the null energy condition $(p + \varepsilon < 0)$.
- Energy density may be negative $(\varepsilon < 0)$.
- Big rip singularity $(a, \varepsilon \longrightarrow \infty \text{ for finite } t)$.
- Instability of the model for unbounded potentials $V(\phi) \longrightarrow \infty$.

} violation
of WEC

?

We shall demonstrate that:

**the addition of ordinary matter (e.g. CDM + radiation)
and the appropriate choice of potential energy V
allows us to circumvent these problems.**

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Potential:

$$V(\phi) = \frac{\Lambda(\xi_1 + 1)}{2} - \frac{\Lambda(\xi_1 - 1)}{2} \tanh [\sqrt{\kappa\nu}(\phi - \phi_c)] , \quad \Lambda > 0$$

Asymptotic behavior:

$$V(\phi \rightarrow -\infty) \rightarrow \Lambda\xi_1 , \quad V(\phi \rightarrow +\infty) \rightarrow \Lambda$$

dictates the rapidity
of transition

- $\xi_1 = 1 \implies$ standard Λ CDM model;
- $\xi_1 < 0, \xi = -1$ (phantom!) $\implies$ **AdS-dS transition**;
- $\xi_1 = 0, \xi = -1$ (phantom!) $\implies$ **0-dS transition** (emerging cosmological constant);
- $\xi_1 > 0, \implies$ **dS-dS transition**;
 1) $\xi_1 < 1, \xi = -1$ (phantom!) scalar field evolves up its potential;
 2) $\xi_1 > 1, \xi = +1$ (quintessence!) scalar field evolves down its potential;

Background model

FLRW-metric:

$$ds^2 = c^2 dt^2 - a^2 \delta_{\alpha\beta} dx^\alpha dx^\beta$$

CDM and radiation:

$$\varepsilon_{\text{m}} = \varepsilon_{\text{m}0}/a^3, \quad \varepsilon_{\text{r}} = \varepsilon_{\text{r}0}/a^4, \quad a_0 = 1 \quad (1)$$

Scalar field

$$\varepsilon_\phi \equiv T_0^0(\phi) = \frac{\xi}{2c^2}(\dot{\phi})^2 + V(\phi), \quad p_\phi \equiv -T_\alpha^\alpha(\phi) = \frac{\xi}{2c^2}(\dot{\phi})^2 - V(\phi), \quad (2)$$

Equations of motion:

$$\frac{3H^2}{c^2} = \kappa (\varepsilon_{\text{m}} + \varepsilon_{\text{r}} + \varepsilon_\phi), \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{2\dot{H} + 3H^2}{c^2} = -\kappa (p_{\text{r}} + p_\phi), \quad (4)$$

$$\ddot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} + \xi c^2 \frac{dV}{d\phi} = 0, \quad (5)$$

It is convenient to use the redshift instead of synchronous time and introduce the dimensionless parameters:

$$z = 1/a - 1, \quad \longrightarrow \quad d/dt = -(1+z)H d/dz.$$

$$\Omega_{m0} \equiv \frac{\varepsilon_{m0}}{\varepsilon_{cr0}}, \quad \Omega_{r0} \equiv \frac{\varepsilon_{r0}}{\varepsilon_{cr0}}, \quad \Omega_{\Lambda0} \equiv \frac{\Lambda}{\varepsilon_{cr0}},$$

$$\tilde{\Omega}_{\phi}(z) \equiv \frac{\varepsilon_{\phi}}{\varepsilon_{cr0}}, \quad \tilde{h}(z) \equiv \frac{H}{H_0}, \quad \tilde{\phi}(z) \equiv \sqrt{\kappa}\phi,$$

$$\tilde{\Omega}_K(z) \equiv \frac{\xi}{2c^2} \frac{(\dot{\phi})^2}{\varepsilon_{cr0}} = \frac{\xi}{6} (1+z)^2 \tilde{h}^2 \left(\frac{d\tilde{\phi}}{dz} \right)^2,$$

$$\tilde{\Omega}_V(z) \equiv \frac{V}{\varepsilon_{cr0}} = \Omega_{\Lambda0} \left\{ \frac{\xi_1 + 1}{2} - \frac{\xi_1 - 1}{2} \tanh \left[\nu \left(\tilde{\phi} - \tilde{\phi}_c \right) \right] \right\}$$

$$\varepsilon_{cr0} = 3H_0^2/\kappa c^2 \qquad H_0 = H(z = 0)$$

Equations (1)-(5):

$$(1) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \tilde{\Omega}_{\text{m}}(z) = \Omega_{\text{m}0}(1+z)^3, \quad \tilde{\Omega}_{\text{r}}(z) = \Omega_{\text{r}0}(1+z)^4,$$

$$(2) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{p_{\phi}}{\varepsilon_{\text{cr}0}} = \tilde{\Omega}_K - \tilde{\Omega}_V, \quad \tilde{\Omega}_{\phi} = \tilde{\Omega}_K + \tilde{\Omega}_V,$$

$$(3), (4) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \tilde{h}^2 = \tilde{\Omega}_{\text{m}} + \tilde{\Omega}_{\text{r}} + \tilde{\Omega}_{\phi}, \quad 2(1+z)\tilde{h}\frac{\text{d}\tilde{h}}{\text{d}z} = 3\tilde{\Omega}_{\text{m}} + 4\tilde{\Omega}_{\text{r}} + 6\tilde{\Omega}_K$$

$$(5) \quad \longrightarrow \quad (1+z)^2\tilde{h}^2\frac{\text{d}^2\tilde{\phi}}{\text{d}z^2} + (1+z)^2\tilde{h}\frac{\text{d}\tilde{h}}{\text{d}z}\frac{\text{d}\tilde{\phi}}{\text{d}z} - 2(1+z)\tilde{h}^2\frac{\text{d}\tilde{\phi}}{\text{d}z} + 3\xi\frac{\text{d}\tilde{\Omega}_V}{\text{d}\tilde{\phi}} = 0$$

$$\Omega_{\text{m},\text{r}} \equiv \varepsilon_{\text{m},\text{r}}/\varepsilon_{\text{cr}} = \tilde{\Omega}_{\text{m},\text{r}}/\tilde{h}^2$$

Additional useful expressions:

Scalar field EoS:

$$\omega_\phi = \frac{p_\phi}{\varepsilon_\phi} = \frac{\tilde{\Omega}_K - \tilde{\Omega}_V}{\tilde{\Omega}_K + \tilde{\Omega}_V}.$$

EoS for total matter content:

$$\omega_{\text{tot}} = \frac{p_{\text{tot}}}{\varepsilon_{\text{tot}}} = \frac{p_{\text{m}} + p_{\text{r}} + p_\phi}{\varepsilon_{\text{m}} + \varepsilon_{\text{r}} + \varepsilon_\phi} = \left[\frac{1}{3} \tilde{\Omega}_{\text{r}} + \tilde{\Omega}_K - \tilde{\Omega}_V \right] / \left[\tilde{\Omega}_{\text{m}} + \tilde{\Omega}_{\text{r}} + \tilde{\Omega}_K + \tilde{\Omega}_V \right]$$

Dimensionless total energy density:

$$\tilde{\Omega}_{\text{tot}}(z) = \frac{\varepsilon_{\text{tot}}}{\varepsilon_{\text{cr0}}} = \tilde{\Omega}_{\text{m}} + \tilde{\Omega}_{\text{r}} + \tilde{\Omega}_K + \tilde{\Omega}_V$$

Hubble parameter derivative:

$$\frac{\dot{H}}{H_0^2} = -\frac{1}{2} (3\tilde{\Omega}_{\text{m}} + 4\tilde{\Omega}_{\text{r}} + 6\tilde{\Omega}_K)$$

Deceleration parameter:

$$q = -1 + \frac{\text{d}}{\text{d}t} \frac{1}{H} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \tilde{\Omega}_{\text{m}} + \tilde{\Omega}_{\text{r}} + 2\tilde{\Omega}_K - \tilde{\Omega}_V}{\tilde{\Omega}_{\text{m}} + \tilde{\Omega}_{\text{r}} + \tilde{\Omega}_K + \tilde{\Omega}_V}.$$

Numerical integration

We assume that prerecombination universe is well described by the Λ CDM model, and we start calculations from the redshift $z_* \sim 1090$ of last scattering.

Λ CDM	$\longrightarrow$	comoving sound horizon:	$r_* = \int_{z_*}^{\infty} c_s H(z)^{-1} dz,$
Planck CMB spectra	$\longrightarrow$	angular scale of the sound horizon:	$\theta_* = r_*/D_M(z_*),$

Comoving angular diameter distance to last scattering:



$$D_M(z_*) = 13869.57 \text{ Mpc},$$

Planck CMB spectra $\longrightarrow \Omega_{m0} h^2 = 0.14314 \quad (*) \quad h \equiv H_0 / (100 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1})$

We took into account contribution from both photons and neutrinos

$$\Omega_{r0} h^2 = 2.469 \times 10^{-5} \left[1 + \frac{7}{8} \left(\frac{4}{11} \right)^{4/3} N_{\text{eff}} \right] \quad (**)$$

$$N_{\text{eff}} = 3.046$$

is determined by CMB monopole temperature

For our phantom model with $H = H(z)$, we fix the angular diameter distance to the last scattering surface:

$$D_M(z_*) = \int_0^{z_*} c \frac{dz}{H} = \frac{c}{H_0} \int_0^{z_*} \frac{dz}{\tilde{h}} = 13872.83 \text{ Mpc} . \quad (***)$$

H_0 is selected in accordance with the **SH0ES data**: $H_0 = 73.04 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$

➡ This automatically determines the transition redshift value $z_{\dagger}$.

For the given H_0 , we obtain Ω_{m0} and Ω_{r0} .

$$\tilde{\Omega}_{\phi}(z=0) \equiv \Omega_{\phi 0} = 1 - \Omega_{m0} - \Omega_{r0} \quad \Omega_{V0} \approx \Omega_{\Lambda 0} \approx \Omega_{\phi 0} .$$

$$\text{Initial conditions: } \tilde{\phi}_{\text{in}} \equiv \tilde{\phi}(z=z_*) = 0, \quad \tilde{\phi}'_{\text{in}} \equiv \frac{d\tilde{\phi}}{dz}(z=z_*) = 0$$

Rapidity parameter: $v = 100$.

Scenario:

$$D_M(z_*) = \int_0^{z_*} c \frac{dz}{H} = \frac{c}{H_0} \int_0^{z_*} \frac{dz}{\tilde{h}} = 13872.83 \text{ Mpc} . \quad (***)$$

Any suppression of $H(z)$ (i.e. $H(z) < H(z)_{\Lambda\text{CDM}}$) for $z > z_+$ due to the negative phantom energy density, must be compensated by an enhancement ($H(z) > H(z)_{\Lambda\text{CDM}}$) at lower redshifts, $z > z_+$, to maintain consistency with (*)**.



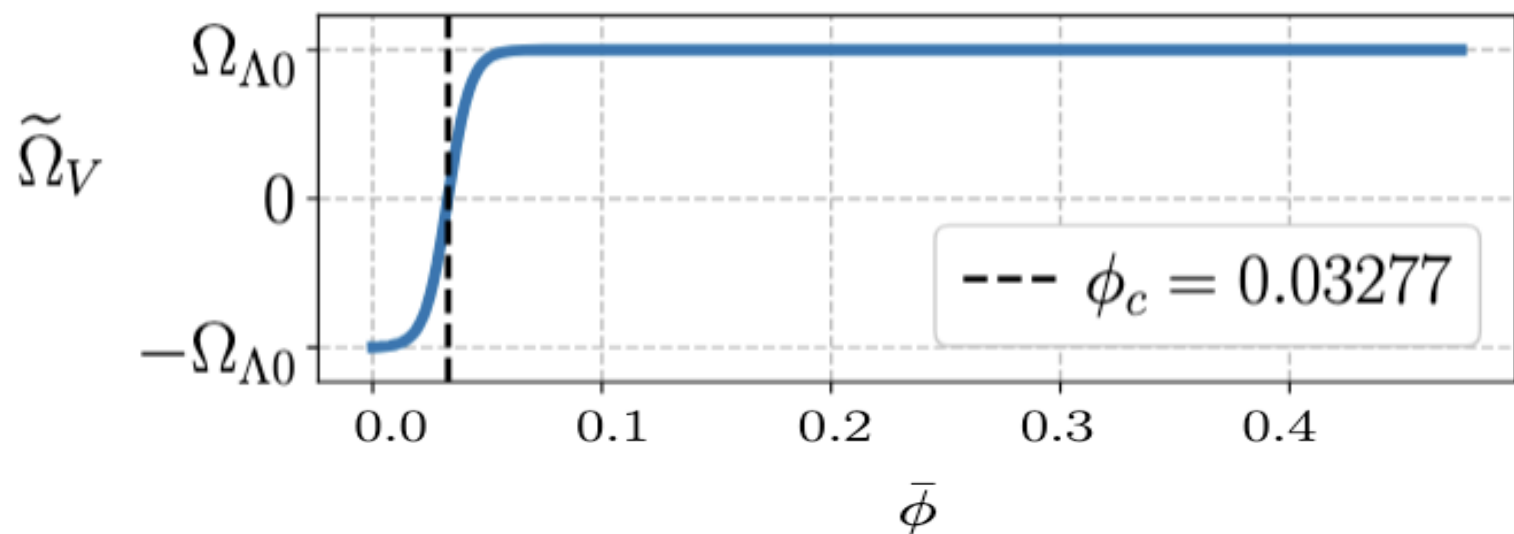
This implies an increased $H_0 \equiv H(z=0)$ and thereby also a decreased Ω_{mo} compared to the Planck- ΛCDM model.

Mirror AdS $\longrightarrow$ dS transition : Λ_s CDM

$$\xi = -1, \quad \xi_1 = -1$$

Potential:

$$V(\tilde{\phi}) = \Lambda \tanh \left[\nu(\tilde{\phi} - \tilde{\phi}_c) \right], \quad \Lambda > 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \tilde{\Omega}_V = \Omega_{\Lambda 0} \tanh[\nu(\tilde{\phi} - \tilde{\phi}_c)]$$



$$\tilde{\Omega}_V(z) \equiv \frac{V}{\varepsilon_{\text{cr}0}}$$

$$\Omega_{\Lambda 0} \equiv \frac{\Lambda}{\varepsilon_{\text{cr}0}}$$

For chosen values of ν and H_0

$$z_t \approx 2.12 \quad \tilde{\Omega}_V(z = z_t) = 0 \quad z_{\dagger} \approx 1.79 \quad \tilde{\Omega}_{\phi}(z = z_{\dagger}) = 0$$

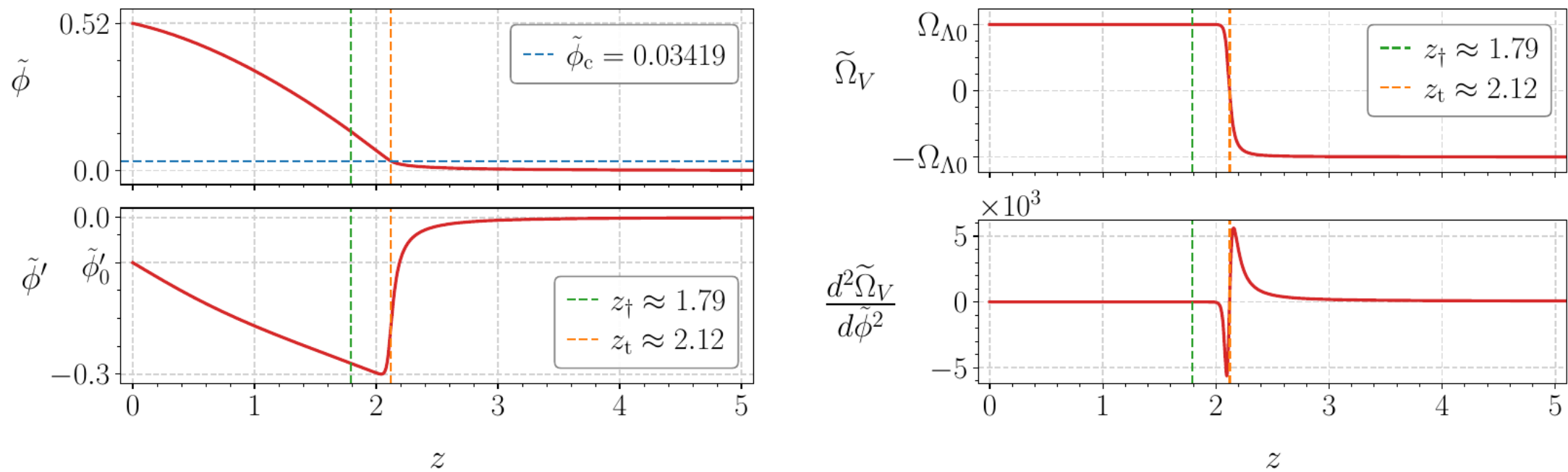
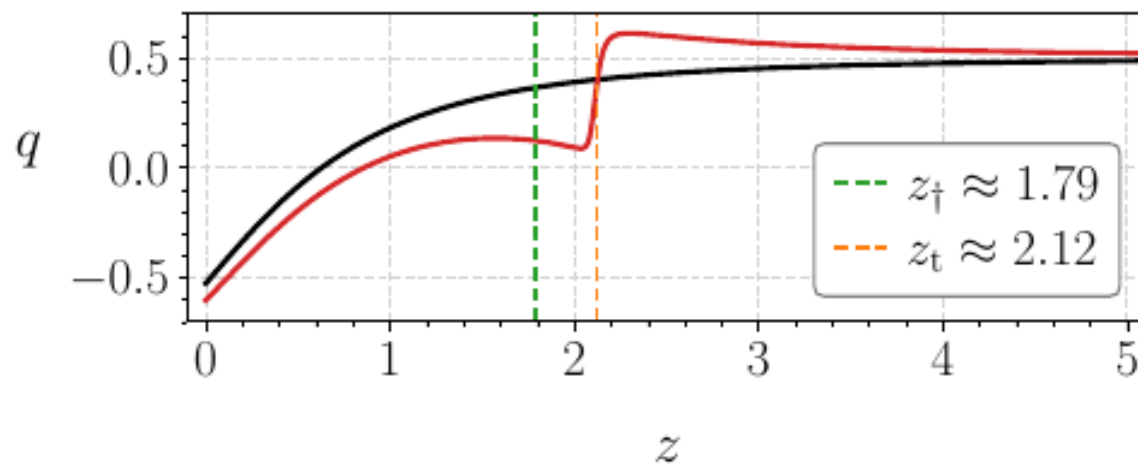
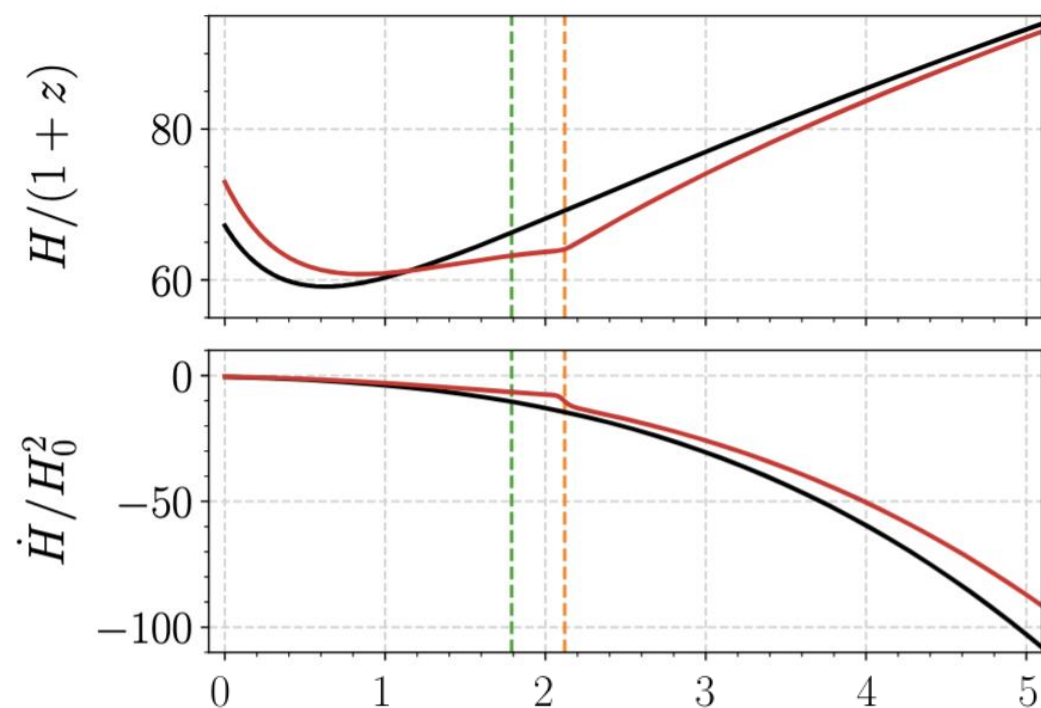


FIG. 4. On the left panel: The dimensionless phantom field $\tilde{\phi}$ and its derivative $\tilde{\phi}' \equiv d\tilde{\phi}/dz$. The value of this derivative at present time $\tilde{\phi}'_0 = -0.09661$. $\tilde{\phi}_c = 0.03419$ is the value of the phantom field where the potential changes sign. On the right panel: The dimensionless potential $\tilde{\Omega}_V = V/\varepsilon_{\text{cr}0}$ and its second derivative where $\Omega_{\Lambda 0} = 0.73161$.



The Hubble parameter $H/(1+z)$ $\text{km s}^{-1} \text{Mpc}^{-1}$, the dimensionless combination $\dot{H}/(H_0^2)$, where $\dot{H} = dH/dt$, and the deceleration parameter q as functions of the redshift z . z_t determines the moment of the transition where the potential is equal to zero: $V(z = z_t) = 0$ and z_t corresponds to the redshift at which the phantom energy density is equal to zero: $\tilde{\Omega}_\phi(z = z_t) = 0$. Black curves describe the standard ΛCDM model. For the present day Hubble parameter we get $H_0 = 74.03 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{Mpc}^{-1}$ and $H_0 = 67.22 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{Mpc}^{-1}$ for the phantom and ΛCDM models, respectively.

$$z_t \gtrsim 2 \left(\Omega_{m0}^{-1} - 1 \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} - 1 \longrightarrow \dot{H} < 0 \quad \text{for} \quad 0 \leq z \leq +\infty \quad \text{if} \quad \Omega_{m0} \sim 0.27 \longrightarrow z_t \gtrsim 1.8.$$

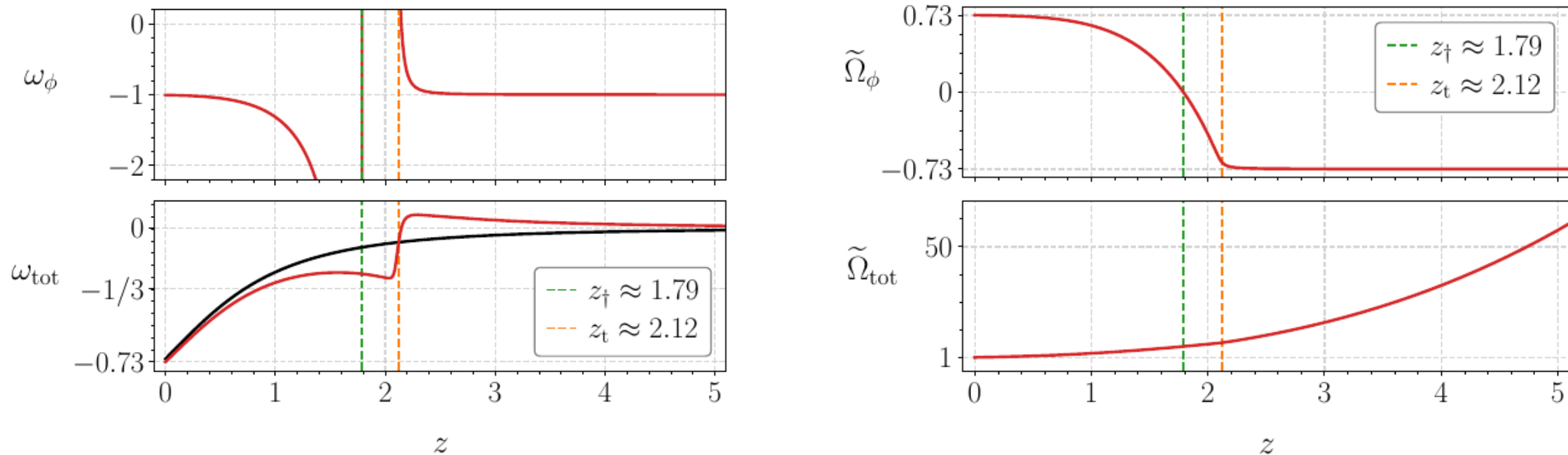


FIG. 5. On the left panel: the EoS parameter ω_ϕ for the phantom field and the EoS parameter ω_{tot} for total matter (phantom + CDM + radiation). On the right panel: the dimensionless energy density $\tilde{\Omega}_\phi = \varepsilon_\phi/\varepsilon_{\text{cr}0}$ for the phantom and the dimensionless energy density $\tilde{\Omega}_{\text{tot}} = \varepsilon_{\text{tot}}/\varepsilon_{\text{cr}0}$ for total matter. The total energy density is everywhere positive.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tilde{\Omega}_{\text{tot}}(z) &= \frac{\varepsilon_{\text{tot}}}{\varepsilon_{\text{cr}0}} = \tilde{\Omega}_{\text{m}} + \tilde{\Omega}_{\text{r}} + \tilde{\Omega}_\phi \geq 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \varepsilon_{\text{tot}} > 0 \\
 \omega_{\text{tot}} &= \frac{p_{\text{tot}}}{\varepsilon_{\text{tot}}} = \frac{p_{\text{m}} + p_{\text{r}} + p_\phi}{\varepsilon_{\text{m}} + \varepsilon_{\text{r}} + \varepsilon_\phi} > -1
 \end{aligned}
 \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} \tilde{\Omega}_{\text{tot}}(z) &= \frac{\varepsilon_{\text{tot}}}{\varepsilon_{\text{cr}0}} = \tilde{\Omega}_{\text{m}} + \tilde{\Omega}_{\text{r}} + \tilde{\Omega}_\phi \geq 1 \\ \omega_{\text{tot}} &= \frac{p_{\text{tot}}}{\varepsilon_{\text{tot}}} = \frac{p_{\text{m}} + p_{\text{r}} + p_\phi}{\varepsilon_{\text{m}} + \varepsilon_{\text{r}} + \varepsilon_\phi} > -1 \end{aligned}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{blue arrow} \\ \text{red text: } p_{\text{tot}} + \varepsilon_{\text{tot}} > 0 \\ \text{red text: } \mathbf{WEC \text{ is satisfied!}} \end{array}$$

General transition models

$$V(\phi) = \frac{\Lambda(\xi_1 + 1)}{2} - \frac{\Lambda(\xi_1 - 1)}{2} \tanh [\sqrt{\kappa\nu} (\phi - \phi_c)] , \quad \Lambda > 0$$

Asymptotic behavior:

$$V(\phi \rightarrow -\infty) \rightarrow \Lambda\xi_1 , \quad V(\phi \rightarrow +\infty) \rightarrow \Lambda$$

- $\xi = 0, \xi_1 = 1 \implies$ standard Λ CDM model;
- $\xi = -1, \xi_1 = -1$ (phantom!) $\implies$ AdS-dS transition;
- $\xi = -1, \xi_1 = -0.5$ (phantom!) $\implies$ AdS-dS transition;
- $\xi = -1, \xi_1 = 0$ (phantom!) $\implies$ 0-dS transition (emerging CC);
- $\xi = -1, \xi_1 = 0.5$ (phantom!) $\implies$ dS-dS transition;
- $\xi = 1, \xi_1 = 1.5$ (quintessence!) $\implies$ dS-dS transition;

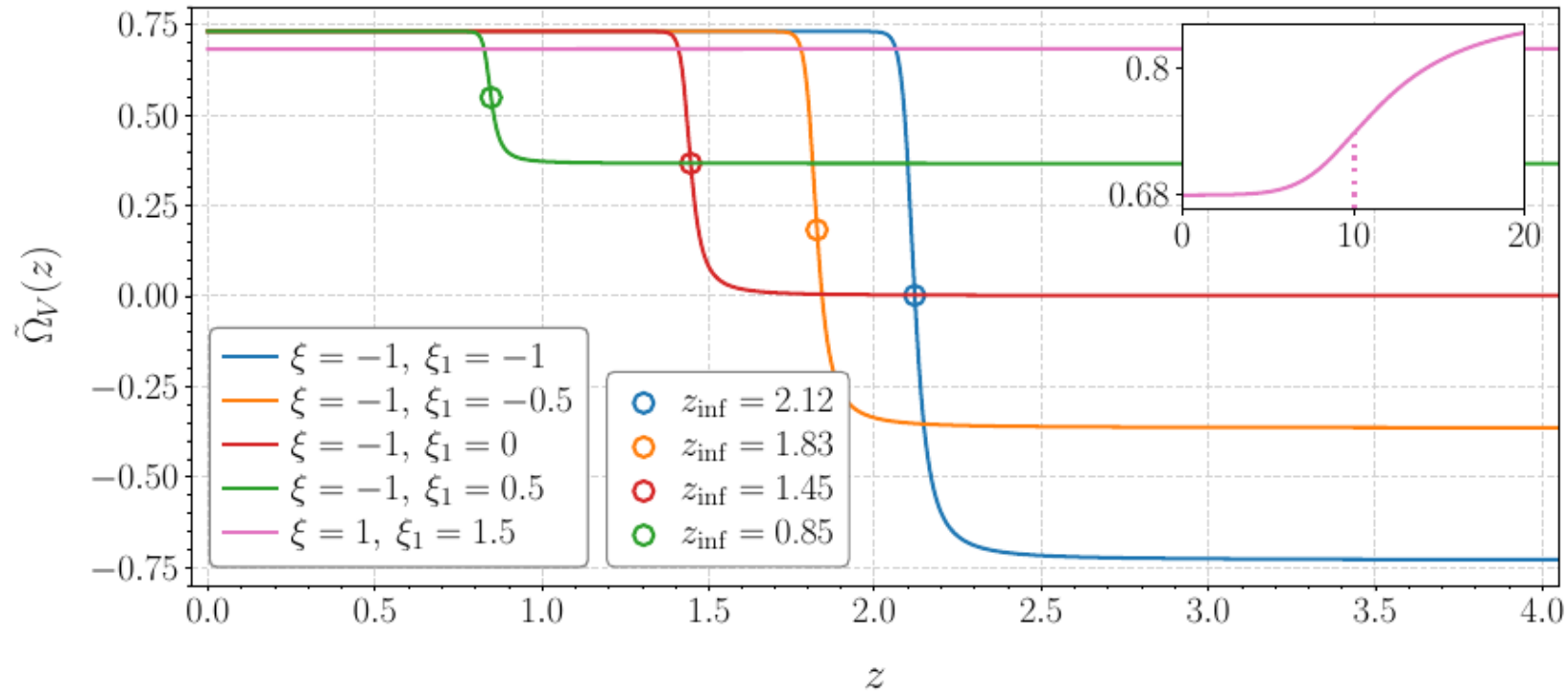


FIG. 6. The dimensionless potential energy of the phantom ($\xi = -1$) with parameters $\xi_1 = -1, -0.5, 0, 0.5$ and quintessence ($\xi = 1$) with $\xi_1 = 1.5$. The marked dots highlight the inflection points of the phantom potentials. Potentials changes sharply at the transition for the phantom. We zoomed a region where quintessence undergoes a smooth transition with the inflation point at $z \sim 10$.

z_{inf} are the inflection points of the potential $\tilde{\Omega}_V$,



it characterizes the moment of transition

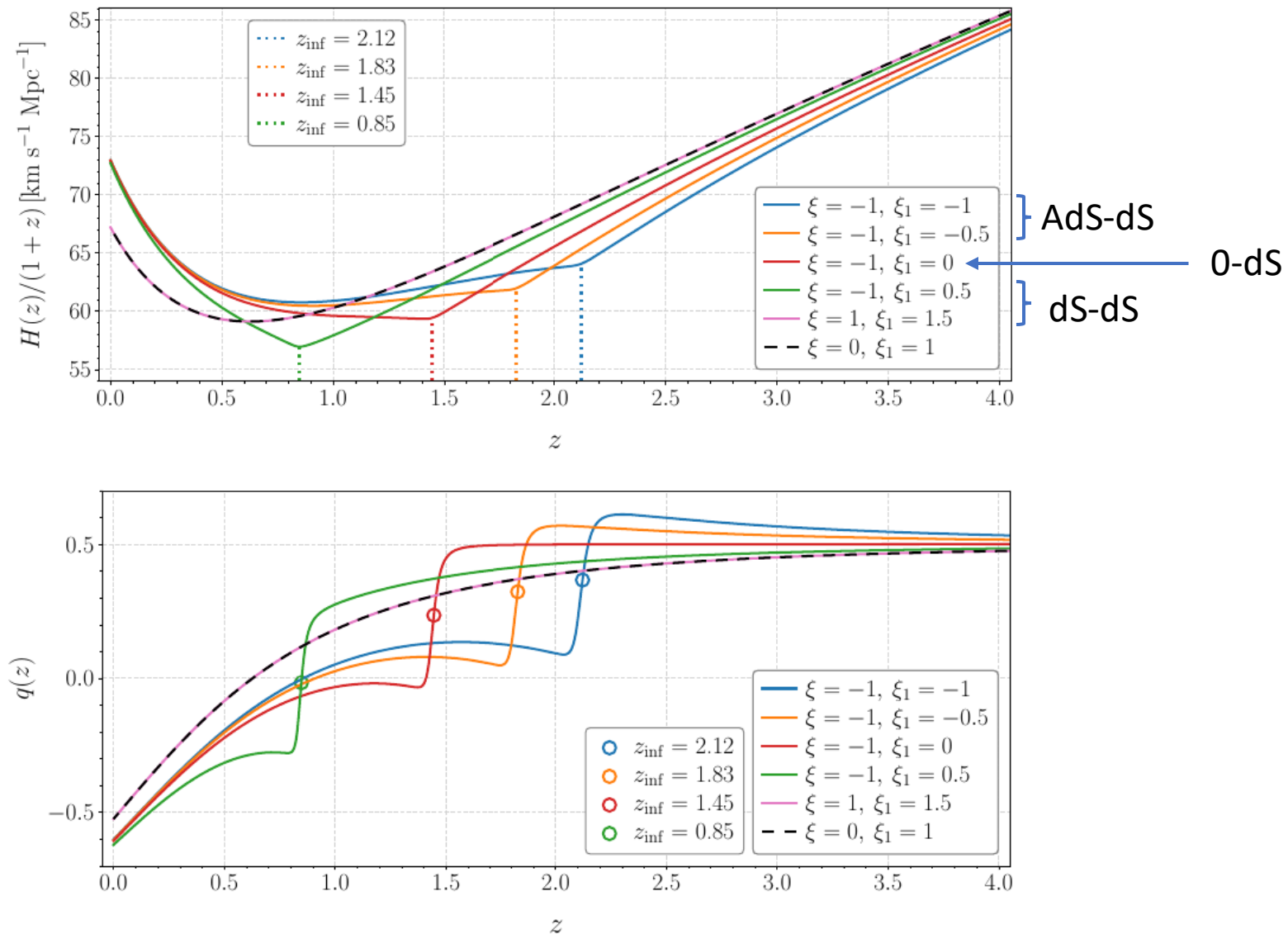


FIG. 9. Upper panel: The evolution of the co-moving Hubble parameter, $\dot{a} = H(z)/(1+z)$, for selected models. All curves are continuous and the inflection points of $\tilde{\Omega}_V$ define the characteristic points of $H(z)$. The phantom cases, i.e. $\xi < 0$, satisfy the present-day value for the Hubble parameter in accordance with the SH0ES, that is 73.04. The black dashed line corresponds to Λ CDM solution which gives $H_0 = 67.22$ whereas for the quintessence case represented by pink curve $H_0 = 67.21$ is obtained. Lower panel: The deceleration parameters for the selected models. All curves are continuous and smooth and in the case of the phantom demonstrate the rapid transition. The inflection points of these transitions occur at the same redshifts as the inflection points for the corresponding potentials $\tilde{\Omega}_V$.

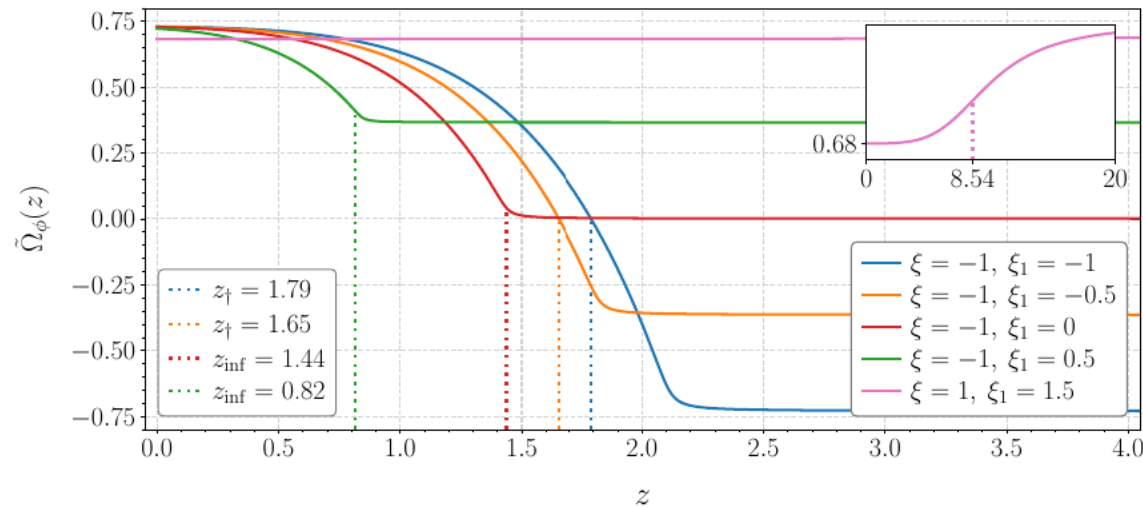


FIG. 7. The dimensionless total energy of scalar field. Redshifts $z = 0.82, 1.44, 8.54$ correspond to the inflection points of $\tilde{\Omega}_\phi(z)$ for green, red and pink curves whereas $z = 1.65, 1.79$ indicates times when $\tilde{\Omega}_\phi(z)$ crosses zero for orange and blue curves, respectively.

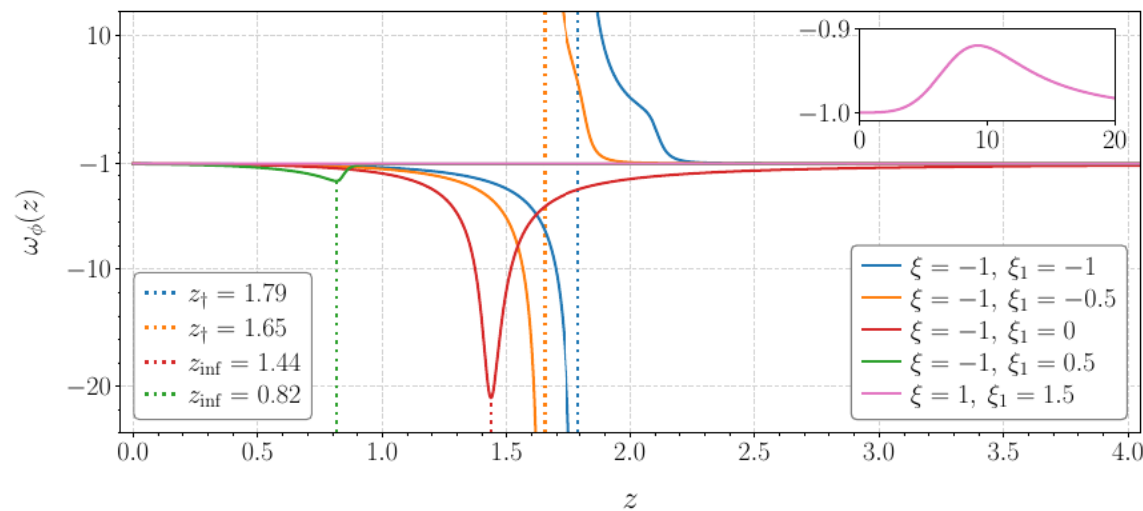


FIG. 8. The behavior of the equation of state parameters ω_ϕ is defined by the characteristic points of the scalar field total energy $\tilde{\Omega}_\phi$. In the phantom cases with $\xi_1 \geq 0$, the inflection points of $\tilde{\Omega}_\phi$ correspond to sharp (but smooth) minima of ω_ϕ . If the total phantom energy crosses zero (that happens for $\xi_1 < 0$ in the case of blue and orange lines), then the equation of state parameter diverges at this redshift.

Perturbation analysis

Perturbed scalar field:

$$\phi = \phi_b(\eta) + \varphi(\eta, \mathbf{r})$$

Equation of motion:

$$\ddot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} - \left(\frac{c^2}{a^2} \Delta \varphi - c^2 \delta \frac{dV}{d\phi} \right) = 0$$

Fourier transformation

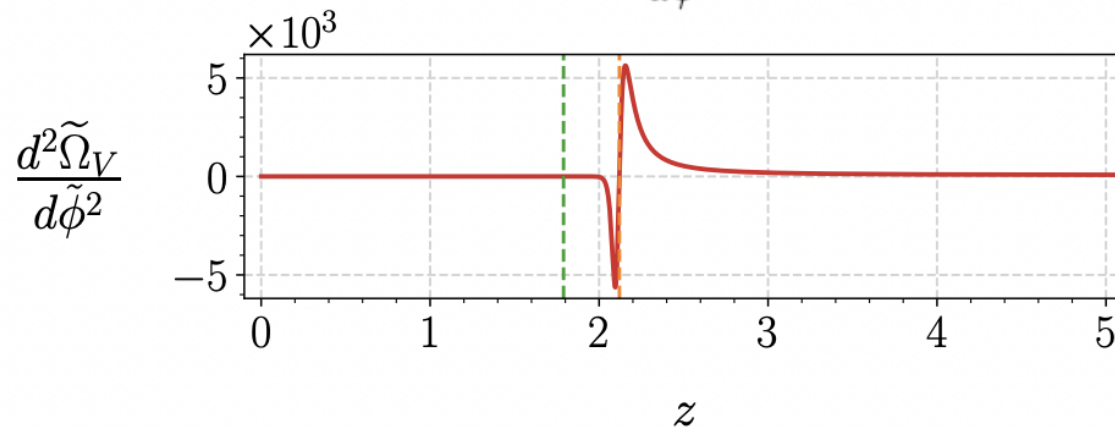
Dimnsionless units

$$(1+z)^2 \tilde{h}^2 \frac{d^2 \tilde{\varphi}}{dz^2} + (1+z)^2 \tilde{h} \frac{d\tilde{h}}{dz} \frac{d\tilde{\varphi}}{dz} - 2(1+z) \tilde{h}^2 \frac{d\tilde{\varphi}}{dz} + \underbrace{\left[\frac{c^2}{H_0^2} (1+z)^2 k^2 - 3 \frac{d^2 \tilde{\Omega}_V}{d\tilde{\phi}^2} \Big|_{\tilde{\phi}_b} \right]}_{m_{\text{eff}}^2(z)} \tilde{\varphi} = 0$$

Effective mass squared:

$$m_{\text{eff}}^2(z) = \frac{c^2}{H_0^2}(1+z)^2 k^2 - 3 \frac{d^2 \tilde{\Omega}_V}{d\tilde{\phi}^2} \Big|_{\tilde{\phi}_b}$$

$$\tilde{\Omega}_V = \Omega_{\Lambda 0} \tanh[\nu(\tilde{\phi} - \tilde{\phi}_c)] \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{d^2 \tilde{\Omega}_V}{d\tilde{\phi}^2} \Big|_{\tilde{\phi}_b} = -2\Omega_{\Lambda 0} \nu^2 \text{sech}^2[\nu(\tilde{\phi}_b - \tilde{\phi}_c)] \tanh[\nu(\tilde{\phi}_b - \tilde{\phi}_c)]$$



$$k^2 < \frac{3H_0^2}{c^2}(1+z)^{-2} \frac{d^2 \tilde{\Omega}_V}{d\tilde{\phi}^2} \Big|_{\tilde{\phi}_b} \quad \longrightarrow \quad m_{\text{eff}}^2(z) < 0 \quad !$$

$$k_{\text{max}} = \frac{2H_0\nu}{c(1+z)} \sqrt{\frac{\Omega_{\Lambda 0}}{\sqrt{3}}} \approx \frac{\nu}{z+1} \frac{H_0}{c} 1.2998 \approx \frac{\nu}{z+1} 1.0262 \times 10^{-28} \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

$$H_0 = 73.04 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1} \approx 2.3668 \times 10^{-18} \text{ s}^{-1}, \quad \Omega_{\Lambda 0} = 0.73161$$

Numerical calculations:

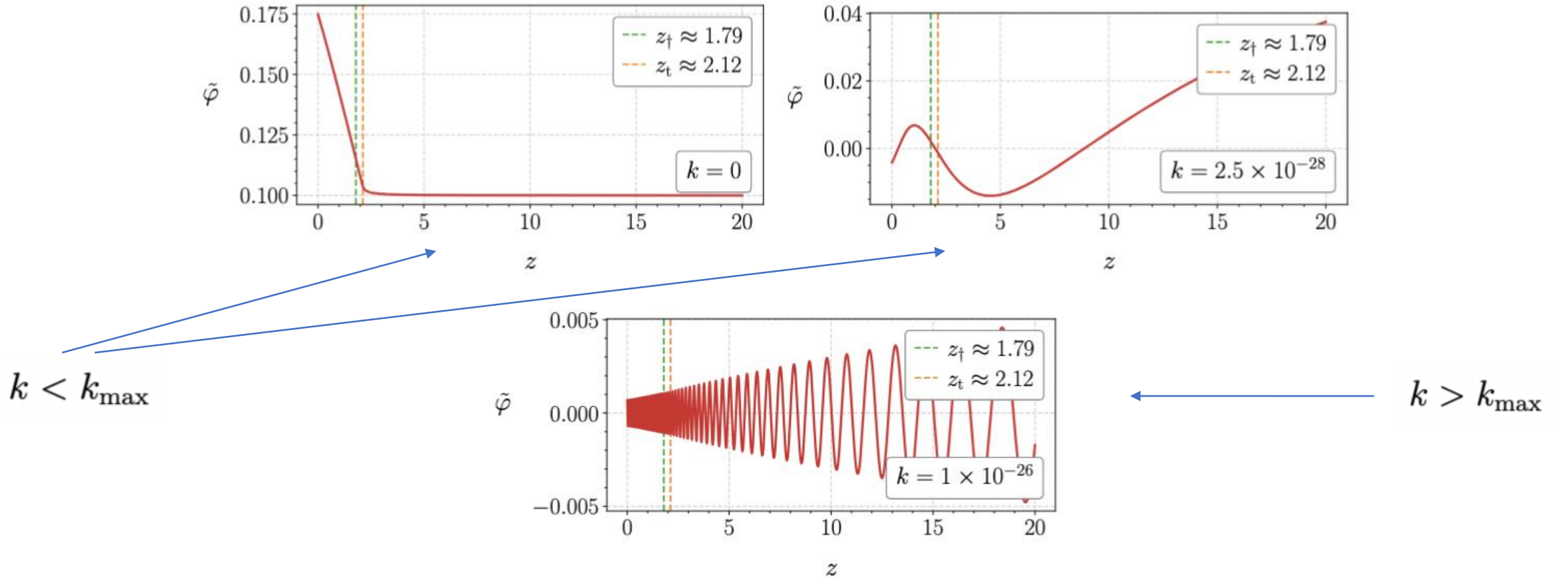
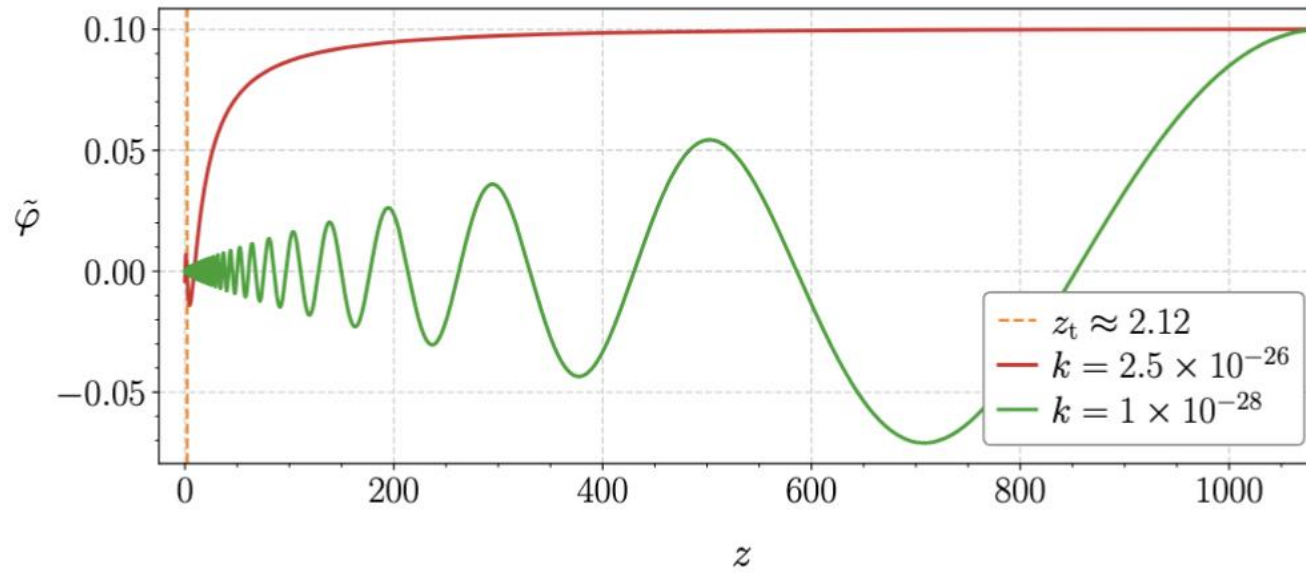


Figure 1: Evolution of scalar field perturbations $\tilde{\varphi}(z)$ for $\nu = 100$ and selected wavenumbers. The vertical dashed lines indicate the transition redshift $z_t = 2.12$ (orange line) and redshift $z_\dagger$ of the $\varepsilon_\phi = 0$ crossing (green line). Initial values have been taken as $\tilde{\varphi}_{\text{in}} = 0.1$ and $\tilde{\varphi}'_{\text{in}} = 0$.



1. There is no pathological growth of perturbations during $\epsilon_\phi = 0$ crossing.

2. Initially small perturbations remain small.



Phantom field perturbations are stable!

Conclusions

- Based on the theory of a phantom field with a hyperbolic tangent potential, we present a physical justification for the Λ sCDM model: **Ph- Λ sCDM** model.
- Ph- Λ sCDM model is free from typical phantom field pathologies: unbounded energy growth, Big Rip singularities, violation of the weak energy condition.
- The numerical integration of the equations of motion is performed ensuring consistency with the **Planck CMB** power spectra (fixing the present-day physical matter density $\Omega_{m0} h^2$ and the angular diameter distance to last scattering $D_M(z_*)$) and the local **SH0ES** measurement of H_0 , significantly **reducing the problem of cosmological tensions**.

- All physical parameters ($H, q, \varepsilon_{\phi, \text{tot}}$) responsible for the dynamics of the universe are continuous and smooth with characteristic points corresponding to the moment of transition.
- Phantom models with non-symmetric AdS-dS and dS-dS transition are also viable.
- The quintessence models with dS-dS transition are not able to solve the H_0 tension problem.
- Phantom field perturbations are stable.

What is next?

- 1. N-body simulations for a full set of equations for phantom and metric perturbations (Gevolution code). Power spectra for matter, metric and phantom perturbations, comparison with the standard Λ CDM model.**
- 2. Constraints on model parameters based on observational data, likelihood analysis.**

THANK YOU!