



Cosmological Imprint of an Energy Component with General Equation of State

Quintessence



- We consider replacing Λ with a dynamical, time-dependent, and spatially inhomogeneous component whose equation of state is different from baryons, neutrinos, dark matter, or radiation. The equation of state of the new component, denoted as w , is the ratio of its pressure to its energy density. This fifth contribution to the cosmic energy density is “quintessence” or Q component.



- Average energy density

$$\rho_Q = \frac{1}{2a^2} Q'^2 + V$$

- Average pressure

$$p_Q = \frac{1}{2a^2} Q'^2 - V$$

$$w \equiv p_Q / \rho_Q \in [-1, 0]$$



$-1 \leq w < -1/3$ quintessence

$w = -1$ cosmology constant

$w < -1$ phantom energy



- All properties of the model are determined by the prescribed $w(\eta) \equiv w[a(\eta)]$

and

$$\rho_Q = \Omega_Q \rho_o \exp \left[3 \ln \frac{a_o}{a} + 3 \int_a^{a_o} \frac{da}{a} w(a) \right]$$

Luminosity Distance vs. Redshift

$$d_L(z) = c(1+z) \int_0^z \frac{du}{H(u)} \quad \text{flat, } \Omega_K = 0$$

From the Friedmann equation, the Hubble parameter changes as:

$$H(z) = H_0 \sqrt{\sum_i \Omega_i (1+z)^{3(1+w_i)}}$$

$$= H_0 \sqrt{\Omega_M (1+z)^3 + \Omega_Q (1+z)^{3(1+w)}} \quad \text{flat, } \Omega_Q = 1 - \Omega_M$$

w is the equation of state parameter of each component :

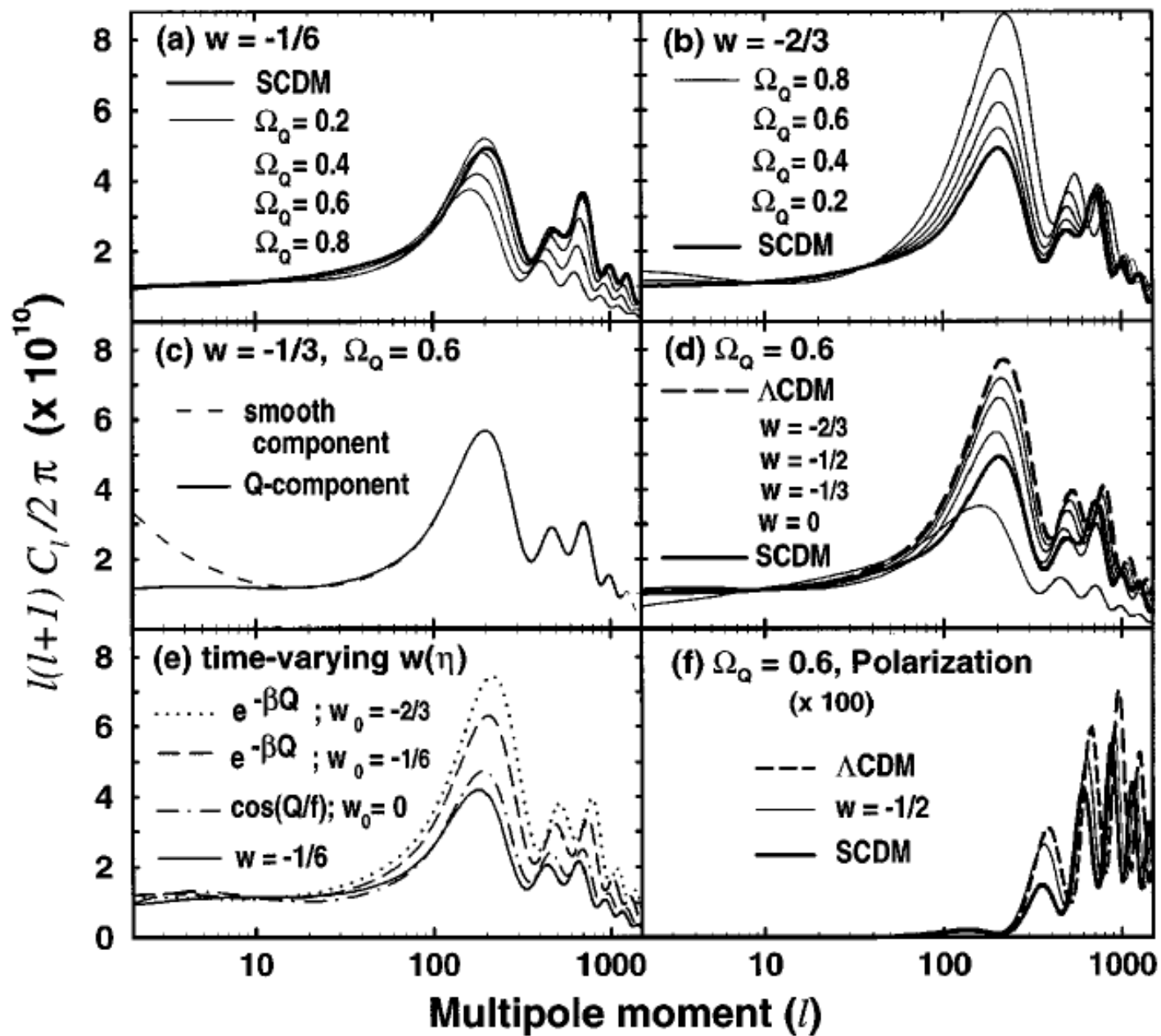
$$P_i = w_i \rho_i c^2 \quad \rho_i \propto (1+z)^{3(1+w_i)} \propto a^{-3(1+w_i)}$$

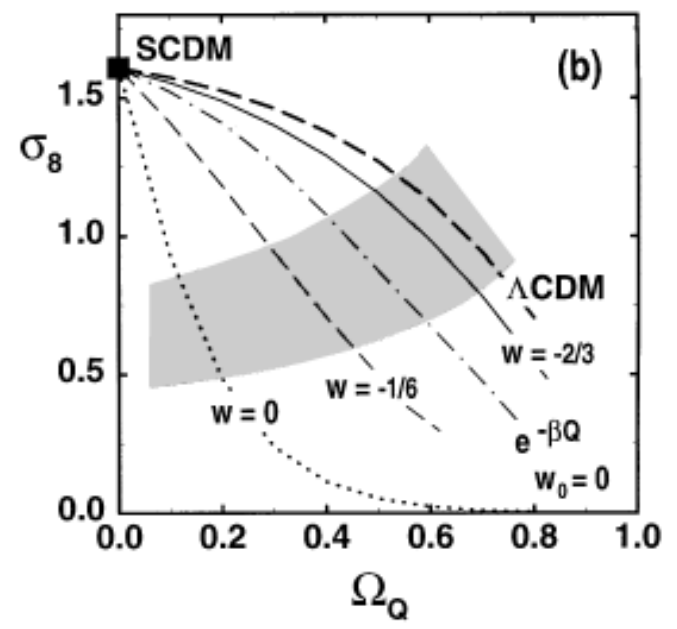
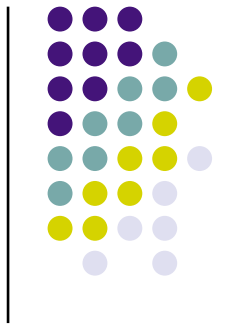
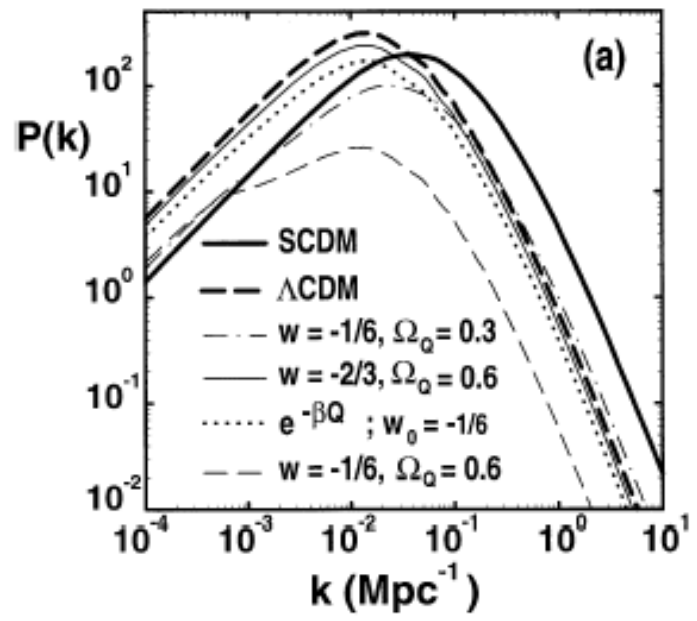
$$\text{gravitational attraction} \propto \rho + 3P/c^2 \propto \rho(1+3w_i)$$

$$\text{matter (dark/normal): } w = 0 \quad \rho \propto (1+z)^3$$

$$\text{radiation: } w = +1/3 \quad \rho \propto (1+z)^4$$

$$\text{cosmological constant: } w = -1 \quad \rho \propto (1+z)^0 = \text{const}$$







In conclusion, we find that the “quintessence” hypothesis fits all current observations and results in an imprint on the CMB anisotropy and mass power spectrum that should be detectable in near-future experiments.