Structure formation in scalar-tensor models and effects of SZ effect in non-Gaussian models

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Abstract

Despite the standard ACDM model seems to be the most promising model to explain current observational data, it is still interesting to study alternative models allowed by data. To this purpose I will focus on scalar-tensor models that, in the regime of interest, present a time-varying gravitational constant. I will focus on observational consequences of this physical aspect and compare it with analogous predictions with usual dark energy models.

In the second part of my talk I will present some results regarding the statistical properties of the Sunyaev-Zeldovich effect in simulations with non-Gaussian initial conditions.