#### Challenges of the accelerating Universe

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*	Constancy of the speed of light (1887)
*	Discovery of the $\mu$ -particle (1936)
*	Dark Energy
*	Discovery of the $\Omega^2$ baryon (1964)
*	Cosmic Backgroud Radiation (1965)
*	W and Z bosons (1983)
☆	Higgs particle ?? (2008/2009 ??)

Michelson & Morley result was against the theoretical expectations (theory of aether)

Nobody expected the muon Who ordered the muon? (I.I. Rabi) but it does not challenge the theoretical framework

The DE discovery is also against the theoretical expectations

It likely requires a radical change in our pre -conceptions

A continuation of the cosmological constant problem: why is  $\Lambda$  that small???

## The Challenges

Challenge n1: If it's  $\Lambda$  why is it that small?

On this issue astronomers have done their work already (I.e.  $\Lambda$  is non zero) Now it is the job of theoretical physicists

Although the landscape is getting fashionable

Challenge n2: is it dynamical?

Astronomers: go measure it!

Theoretical physicists: which parameterization?

Challenge n3: are we sure we know gravity?



Any modification of gravity of the form of f(R) can be written as a dynamical DE model for a(t)

The same data for challenge n 2 will do here

In general, this degeneracy is lifted when considering the growth of structure (e.g. Sealfon, Verde, RJ '05)

Otherwhise early/vs late-time observables will discriminate (e.g., Acquaviva & Verde '07)

#### Challenge n2: is it dynamical?

Theoretical physicists: which parameterization?

To give you a flavor, assume it is a slowly rolling potential and think about inflation

$$\varepsilon_{1} = -\frac{\dot{H}}{H^{2}} = 1 - \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} H^{-2} = \frac{dH}{dz} \frac{(1+z)}{H}$$
Similar to horizon flow parameters  
(from Simon, Verde, RJ PRD 2005)  
$$V(z) = (3 - \varepsilon_{1}) \frac{H^{2}}{\kappa} - \frac{1}{2} \rho_{m} \qquad H(z)$$
$$\overset{\bullet}{H}(z)$$
$$K(z) = \varepsilon_{1} \frac{H^{2}}{\kappa} - \frac{1}{2} \rho_{m} \qquad \text{Just integrate to get } \phi(z)$$

But if you have a parameterization (or a model)

$$3H^2(z)-rac{1}{2}\left(1+z
ight)rac{d\,H^2(z)}{dz}=\kappa\,\left(V(lpha_i,\,z)+rac{1}{2}
ho_m(z)
ight)\equiv g(lpha_i,\,z)$$

Can be integrated analytically!

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CMB (only secondary anisotropies will help: ACT, SPT, APEX, etc...)

SNe (SLNS, ESSENCE, SNAP, LSST, SDSSII, etc.)

Gravitational Lensing (DES, Panstarr, LSST, DUNE,...)

Galaxy Clusters (ACT, SPT, APEX...)

BAO... (DES, WFMOS, VISTA, AAO, BOSS, ADEPT, SPACE...)

## Dark energy so far...



## With DE clustering

#### Why so weak dark energy constraints from CMB?

The limitation of the CMB in constraining dark energy is that the CMB is located at z=1090.

We need to look at the expansion history (I.e. at least two snapshots of the Universe)

What if one could see the peaks pattern also at lower redshifts?



#### **Baryonic Acoustic Oscillations**

#### Spectroscopy or photometry?

AAOmega 600K galaxies, z~1 (10% error on w)

WFMOS several million galaxies >2012



VISTA, DES, LSST Degrade information in the z direction but is faster & can cover more sky Could do weak lensing almost for free



UBVRI Filter Characteristics

The debate is still open!

## PAU

#### http://www.ice.csic.es/research/PAU/PAU-welcome.html

Close collaboration between particle physicists (theorists and experimentalists) and astrophysicists (theorists and observers)

Awarded consolider-ingenio 2010, E. Fernandez, PI

"Hybrid" technique: narrow band photometry (the best of both worlds?)

Survey ~10000 deg<sup>2</sup> 0.1<z<1.0, ~40M galaxies

Dedicated telescope, 7 sq ° FoV. New camera (~3500-9000 AA)

Measures both H(z) and Da

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#### Location, location, location....





# Comparison to COMBO - 17 • 1° observed through 17 assorted filters • ESO 2.2m + WFI • Added value: CADIS (deeper + NIR + emission)





## ALHAMBRA



Redshift error degradation



from MICE simulation of 27 (Gpc/h)^3







+ other science: galaxy formation and evolution, accurate measurement of P(k) and growth through higher-order correlations, primordial non gaussianity, redshifts for lensing surveys, galactic science, Etc...



Fernandez-Martinez, Verde '08 What PAU can achieve (no flatness prior!)



#### Number of components recovered from PAU observations



## Conclusions:

Zero order challenge: create a new culture of particle physicists and astronomers working together, theorists and experimentalists

<u>First order challenge</u>: why is  $\Lambda$  so small?

<u>Second order challenge</u>: is it dynamical? And if so how does it evolve?

Third order challenge: did Einstein had the last word on gravity?

Avalanche of data coming soon PAU will add ~ Pb to that...