



Cosmic Evolution and Local Dynamics in Modified Gravities

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■ Aim:

- ◆ Show how the **solar system** dynamics in **$f(R)$ gravities** is affected by the evolution of the cosmic background.
- ◆ Use elementary observational facts to constraint the form of the lagrangian **$f(R)$** .

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- Defects:

- ◆ **Involved** dynamical **equations** make difficult the analysis.
- ◆ Though **cosmic speed-up** is easily verified, **supernovae luminosity curves seem unable to constraint the form of $f(R)$.**

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$$\Lambda = \frac{R_0 f'(R_0) - f(R_0)}{2f'(R_0)}$$

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- **HOWEVER**, $R_0 = \text{const}$ solutions do not satisfy valid boundary conditions neither at the interphase with matter nor at infinity.
 - ◆ R is a dynamical object.
 - ◆ Right solutions must interpolate between the source region and the asymptotic cosmology.



Scalar-tensor representation

- Defining $\phi \equiv df/dR$ and $V(\phi) = Rf' - f$, the e.o.m. turn into:

$$R_{\mu\nu}(g) - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}R(g) = \frac{\kappa^2}{\phi}T_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2\phi}g_{\mu\nu}V(\phi) + \frac{1}{\phi}[\nabla_\mu\nabla_\nu\phi - g_{\mu\nu}\square\phi]$$

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- The Scalar-Tensor representation clarifies the interpretation of the e.o.m. and simplifies the computation of the post-Newtonian limit:

$$g_{\mu\nu} \approx g_{\mu\nu}^B + h_{\mu\nu} \Rightarrow \text{Second order equations}$$

$$\phi \approx \phi^B + \varphi \Rightarrow \text{Second order equations}$$

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- Elementary observational constraints:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} G \approx \text{constant} \\ \gamma \approx 1 \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow e^{-m_\varphi r} \ll 1 \quad \text{from centimeters to planetary scales}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{No cosmological} \\ \text{constant effects} \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \left| \frac{V_0 r^2}{6\phi_0} \right| \ll 1 \quad \text{in solar system scales.}$$

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- Since $f' > 0$ and $f'' > 0$ it is also bounded from below:

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The dynamics of the **solar system, galaxies**, ... in gravity theories with dynamical fields others than the metric (ϕ, A_μ, \dots) **might be strongly affected by the cosmic evolution**. Such effects, if they exist, should not be in conflict with consistent models of **formation and evolution**.



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