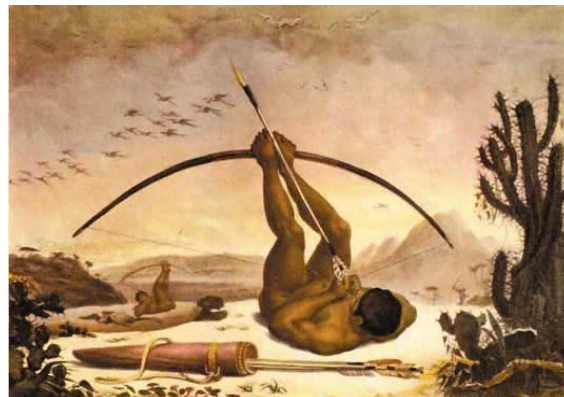


Modified Gravity and its mapping to Scalar-tensor theories

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When the observational data is analysed from the point of view of General Relativity (GR), we arrive at the astonishing conclusion that about 95% of the content of the universe is unknown and is called dark matter and dark energy.

An interesting and reasonable alternative is to suppose that GR is not valid at any length scale and that the required modifications are (erroneously?) interpreted as exotic fluids.

In this seminar we will focus on the current approach to this so-called modified gravity theories including the mapping onto scalar-tensor theories and its shortcomings.

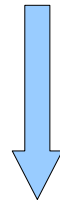
SUMMARY

- **Modified Lagrangean:**
 - **mathematical and physical consequences**
- **Mappings**
 - **Standard approach**
 - **Curvature fluid**
 - **Scalar field**
 - **(actual?) constraints on $f(R)$**
- **Conclusions**

General Relativity

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} R$$

$$R = R \left[g_{\mu\nu}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\alpha} g_{\mu\nu}, \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^\alpha x^\beta} g_{\mu\nu} \right]$$



$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} R = -T_{\mu\nu}$$

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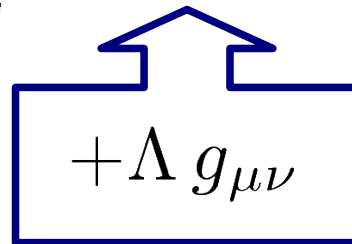
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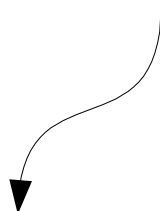


$+ \Lambda g_{\mu\nu}$

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Modified Theories of Gravity

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[f(R) + \mathcal{L}_{(m,r)} \right]$$

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta g_{\mu\nu}}$$


$$\begin{aligned} f_R \left(R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} R \right) &= -T_{\mu\nu}^{(m,r)} + \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} (f - R f_R) + \nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu f_R - \\ &- g_{\mu\nu} \nabla_\alpha \nabla^\alpha f_R \end{aligned}$$

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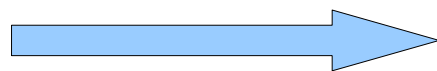


Energy-momentum Conservation and the Bianchi Identity

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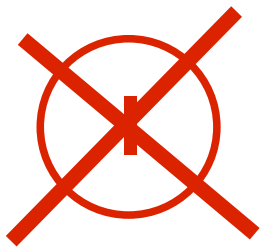
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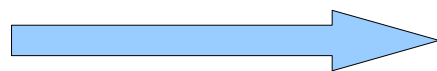


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II

4th-order differential equation for the metric

IIa

Extra degrees of freedom for
the initial conditions

Einstein's Equations for an homogeneous universe:

$$3f_R H^2 = (\rho_m + \rho_r) + \frac{1}{2} (f_R R - f) - 3H \dot{f}_R$$

$$-2f_R \dot{H} = \left(\rho_m + \frac{4}{3} \rho_r \right) + \ddot{f}_R - H \dot{f}_R$$

$$f_R \equiv \frac{df}{dR}$$

$$\dot{f}_R \equiv \frac{d}{dt} \frac{df}{dR} = \frac{dR}{dt} \frac{d^2 f}{dR^2}$$

$$\ddot{f}_R \equiv \frac{d^2 R}{dt^2} \frac{d^2 f}{dR^2} + \left(\frac{dR}{dt} \right)^2 \frac{d^3 f}{dR^3}$$

$$R = R \left[g_{\mu\nu}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\alpha} g_{\mu\nu}, \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^\alpha \partial x^\beta} g_{\mu\nu} \right]$$

IIb

Well-behaved **GR-limit**

$$f(R) = R + \epsilon \Delta(R) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} R(t) \quad ?$$

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Ostrogradski's theorem:

M. Ostrogradski: Mem. Ac. St. Petersburg VI 4, 385 (1850)
Woodard, astro-ph/0601672

**Linear instability in Lagrangeans
with more than one time derivative**

$f(R)$: higher-order diff. eq.

1D : higher-order diff. eq.

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higher-order Lagrangean

$$L(\dot{q}, \ddot{q}, \ddot{\ddot{q}})$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial q} - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} + \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \ddot{q}} = 0$$

+ SURFACE
TERMS

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} Q_1 \equiv q & P_1 \equiv \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \ddot{q}} \\ Q_2 \equiv \dot{q} & P_2 \equiv \frac{\partial L}{\partial \ddot{q}} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\ddot{q} = \ddot{q}(Q_1, Q_2, P_2)$$

$$L \quad \longrightarrow \quad H(Q_1, Q_2, P_1, P_2)$$

$$H(Q_1, Q_2, P_1, P_2) = P_1 Q_2 + P_2 \ddot{q}(Q_1, Q_2, P_2) - L$$

not bounded from below!!!

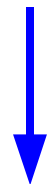
Perturbed “Harmonic Oscillator”

$$\lambda \ddot{x} + \ddot{x} + \omega^2 x = 0$$

$$\lambda \ddot{\ddot{x}} + \ddot{x} + w^2 x = 0$$

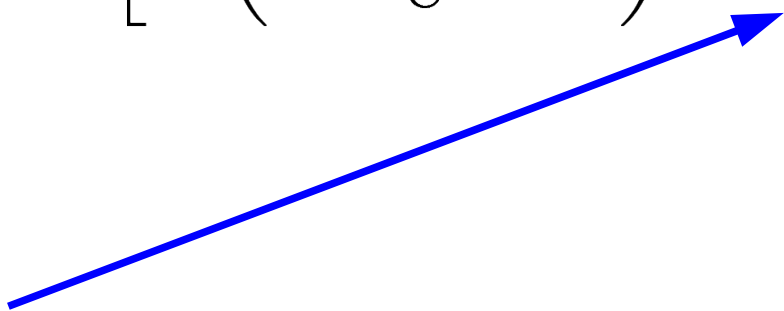
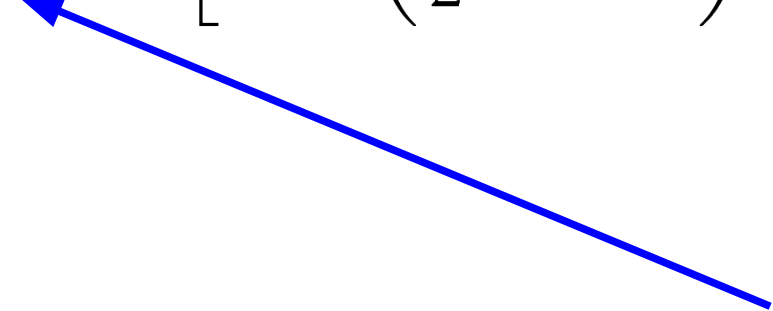
$$\lambda w \ll 1$$

a_0



$$x(t) = A \exp\left(-\frac{t}{\lambda}\right) + R \exp\left[\lambda w^2 \left(\frac{1}{2} - \lambda w^2\right) t\right] \cos\left[\underbrace{w \left(1 - \frac{5}{8} \lambda^2 w^2\right)}_{\tilde{w}} t + \theta\right]$$

(x_0, v_0)

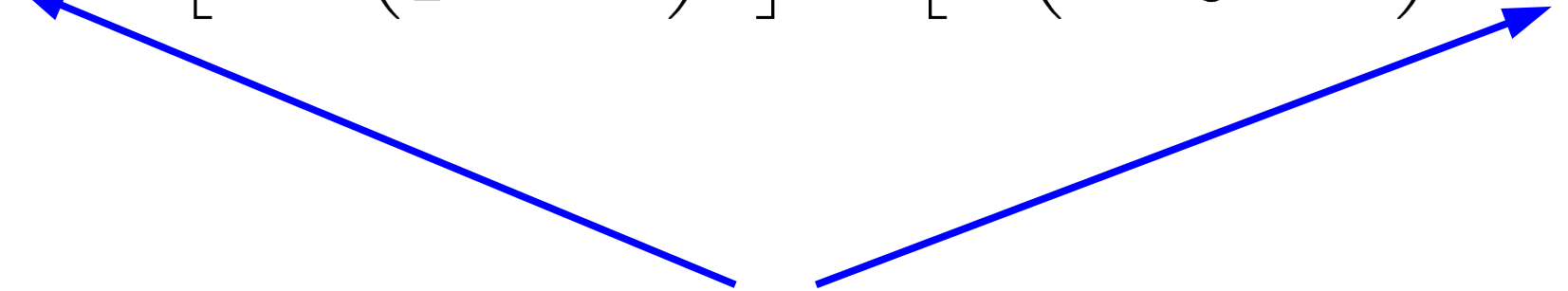


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Harm.Osc. — Linear Lagrangean:

$$x(t) = x_{\infty}(t) + x_{\text{ho}}(t)$$

**determination of the integration constants
can be done analytically**

$f(R)$ — Non-linear Lagrangean:

$$R(t) = R_{\lambda}(t) \rightarrow \infty \quad (\text{as } \lambda \rightarrow 0)$$

$f(R)$ perturbative calculation of the integration const.

**The singularity is reached at a finite time
in the past!**

Still, in both cases the **singularity will be present** if the initial conditions do not have the **exact values** that yield a vanishing divergent “term”.

Verified numerically

Frolov, 0803.2500
Appleby, 0803.1081

Is this an intrinsic divergence ?

**No, we may evade
Ostrogradski's theorem:**

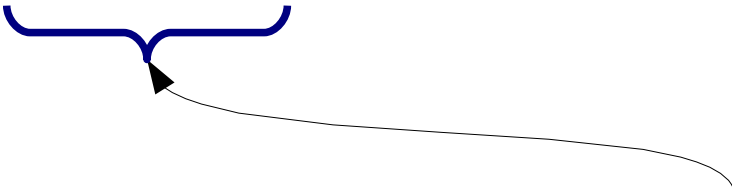
$$\ddot{q} \neq \ddot{q}(Q_1, Q_2, P_2)$$

$$\implies L \not\rightarrow H$$

no Legendre transformation!

e.g., $f(R) = R + \alpha R^2$

Mapping onto GR + scalar field: the standard approach

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} [f_R(Q)(R - Q) + f(Q)]$$


Legendre multiplier
 $f_{RR} \neq 0 \Rightarrow Q = R$

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} [\chi R - \chi^2 V(\chi)]$$

$$\chi \equiv f_R \equiv \frac{df}{dR}$$

$$V(\chi) \equiv \frac{1}{2\chi^2} \{Q(\chi)\chi - f[Q(\chi)]\}$$

Conformal transformation

$$\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} \equiv \chi g_{\mu\nu} \equiv \exp\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}\phi\right) g_{\mu\nu}$$

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-\tilde{g}} \left[\tilde{R} - \frac{1}{2} \tilde{g}^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi - V(\phi) \right] + \tilde{S}_{matter}$$

$$\tilde{S}_{matter} \equiv \tilde{S}_{matter} \left[\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} \exp\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}\phi\right), \Psi, A_\mu, \dots \right]$$

Jordan Frame

$$\begin{aligned} f_R \left(R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} R \right) &= -T_{\mu\nu}^{(m,r)} + \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} (f - R f_R) + \nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu f_R - \\ &- g_{\mu\nu} \nabla_\alpha \nabla^\alpha f_R \end{aligned}$$

Einstein Frame

$$\tilde{R}_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} \tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} \tilde{R} = -\tilde{T}_{\mu\nu}^{(m,r)} - \tilde{T}_{\mu\nu}^{(\phi)}$$



- Particles do not follow geodesics in the new metric!!
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5th force

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interaction

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&+ \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}(f - Rf_R) + \nabla_\mu\nabla_\nu f_R - \\
&- \frac{1}{f_R}g_{\mu\nu}\nabla_\alpha\nabla^\alpha f_R \\
&\hspace{15em} - T_{\mu\nu}^{(c)}
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$$\rho_m + \cancel{p_m}$$

$$\rho_r + p_r$$

$$\rho_c + p_c$$

$$w_c \equiv \frac{p_c}{\rho_c}$$

$$\rho_c \equiv \frac{1}{2f_R} (f_R R - f) - 3H \frac{\dot{f}_R}{f_R}$$

$$p_c \equiv \frac{\ddot{f}_R}{f_R} + 2H \frac{\dot{f}_R}{f_R} - \frac{1}{2f_R} (f_R R - f)$$

$$w_c(t) \equiv \frac{p_c(t)}{\rho_c(t)} = w_c(a)$$

The curvature is a **perfect fluid** !

... but can we actually assume that

$$f' > 0 \quad ?$$

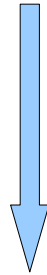
$$\nabla_{\mu} v_{\nu} = -v_{\mu} \dot{v}_{\nu} + \frac{1}{3} \theta h_{\mu\nu} + \sigma_{\mu\nu} + w_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\tilde{T}_{\mu\nu} = \tilde{\rho} v_{\mu} v_{\nu} + \tilde{p} h_{\mu\nu} + \tilde{q}_{(\mu} v_{\nu)} + \tilde{\pi}_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\sigma}_{\mu\nu} + \theta \sigma_{\mu\nu} &= \\ &= h^{\alpha}_{\mu} \nabla_{(\alpha} \dot{v}_{\nu)} + \dot{v}_{(\mu} \dot{v}_{\nu)} + \tilde{\pi}_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{3} h_{\mu\nu} \left[2\tilde{\rho} - \frac{2}{3} \theta^2 + 2\sigma^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\dot{\sigma}_{\mu\nu} + \theta\sigma_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{f''}{f'}\dot{R}\sigma_{\mu\nu}$$

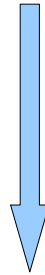
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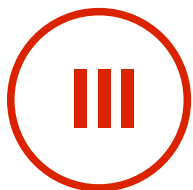
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... but recall that we have used

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Time-varying G ?

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$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}R = -\tilde{T}_{\mu\nu}^{(m,r)} + T_{\mu\nu}^{(c)}$$

$$\nabla^\mu \tilde{T}_{\mu\nu}^{(m,r)} = \nabla^\mu \left(\frac{1}{f_R} T_{\mu\nu}^{(m,r)} \right) \neq 0$$

$$\nabla^\mu T_{\mu\nu}^{(m,r)} = 0$$

$$\nabla^\mu G_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} R$$

=

$$-\tilde{T}_{\mu\nu}^{(m,r)} + T_{\mu\nu}^{(c)}$$

$$\nabla^\mu T_{\mu\nu}^{(c)} \neq 0$$

IV

Lack of conservation!



Cosmological constraints

$$R \gg R_c \Rightarrow f(R) \sim R$$

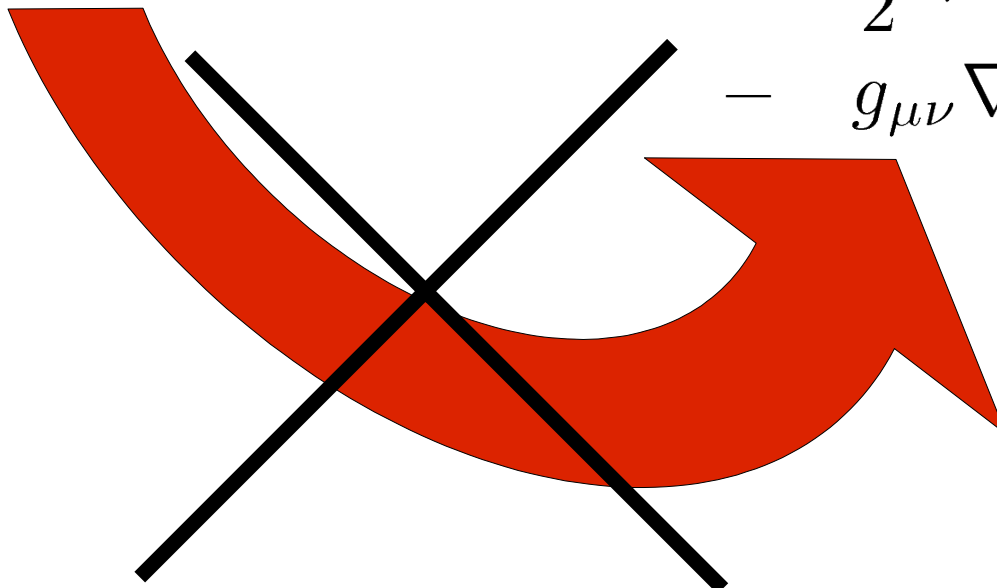
early universe

$$R \ll R_c \Rightarrow f(R) \sim R - 2\Lambda$$

present universe

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Let's face it again:

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$$3H^2 = \rho_m + \rho_r + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} (f_R R - f) - 3H \dot{f}_R + 3H^2(1 - F)}_{\equiv \rho_c}$$

The curvature is a **well-defined** perfect fluid

 $\sigma_{\mu\nu}(t)$: **finite!**

VI

Avoiding ghosts

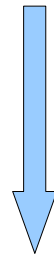
Faraoni, astro-ph/0610734

$$f(R) = R + \epsilon \Delta(R)$$

$\rightarrow 0$

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$$- g_{\mu\nu} \nabla_\alpha \nabla^\alpha f_R$$

Tr



$$\square R + \frac{\Delta'''}{\Delta''} \nabla^\alpha R \nabla_\alpha R + \frac{\epsilon \Delta' - 1}{3\epsilon \Delta''} R = \frac{-1}{3\epsilon \Delta''} T + \frac{\Delta}{3\Delta''}$$

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}$$

$$R = T + R_1$$

< 0 : *ghosts!*

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{R}_1 - \nabla^2 R_1 - \frac{2\Delta'''}{\Delta''} \dot{T} \dot{R}_1 + \frac{1}{3\Delta''} \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} - \Delta' \right) R_1 + \\ + \frac{2\Delta'''}{\Delta''} \vec{\nabla} T \cdot \vec{\nabla} R_1 = \ddot{T} - \nabla^2 T - \frac{T\Delta' + \Delta}{3\Delta''} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\Delta(R) = -\frac{\mu^4}{R}$$

$$\Delta''(R) = -2\frac{\mu^4}{R^2} < 0$$

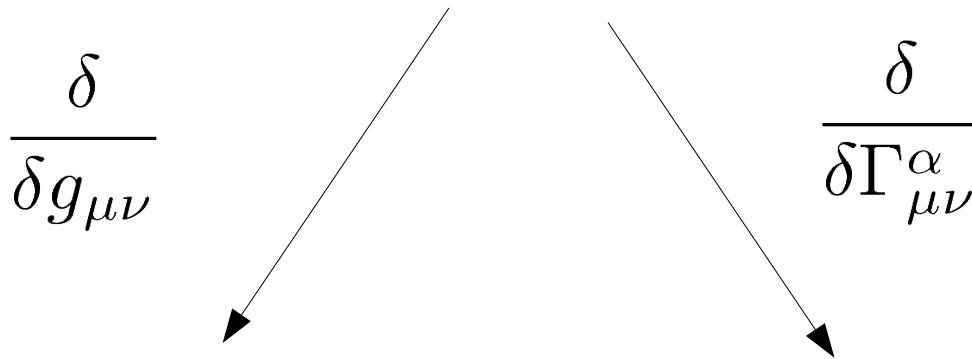
$$t_c \sim 10^{-26} s$$

Dolgov, Kawasaki (phys. Lett. 573B, 1 (2003))

VIII

Palatini's approach

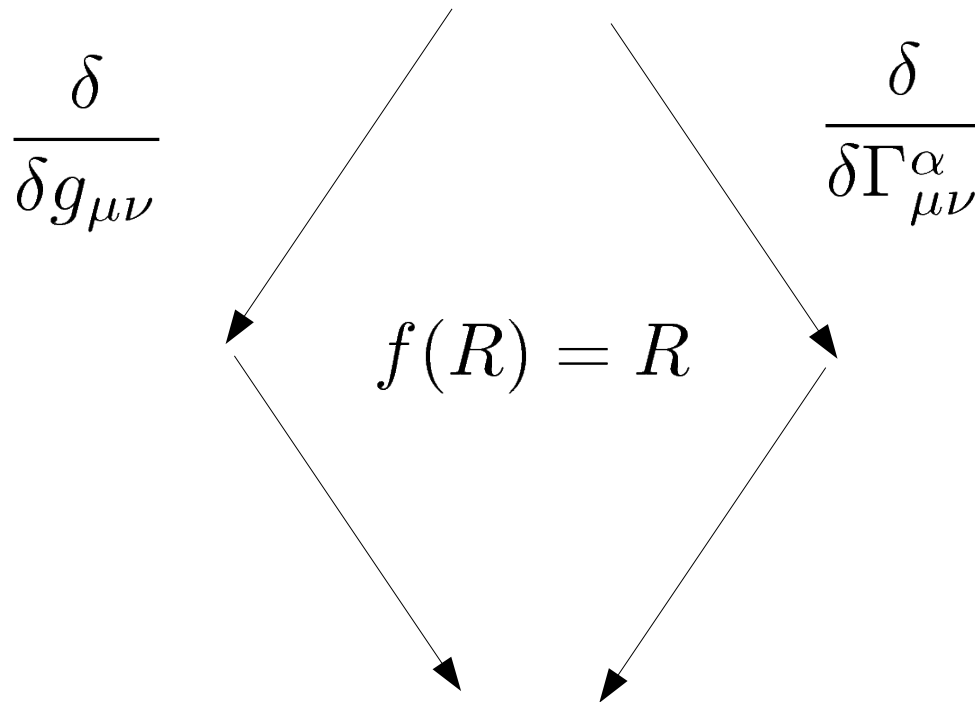
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Einstein's equation

For a general $f(R)$,

the field ϕ

has no dynamics!

Cauchy's problem

Faraoni, 0806.0766

CONCLUSIONS

There are many constraints:

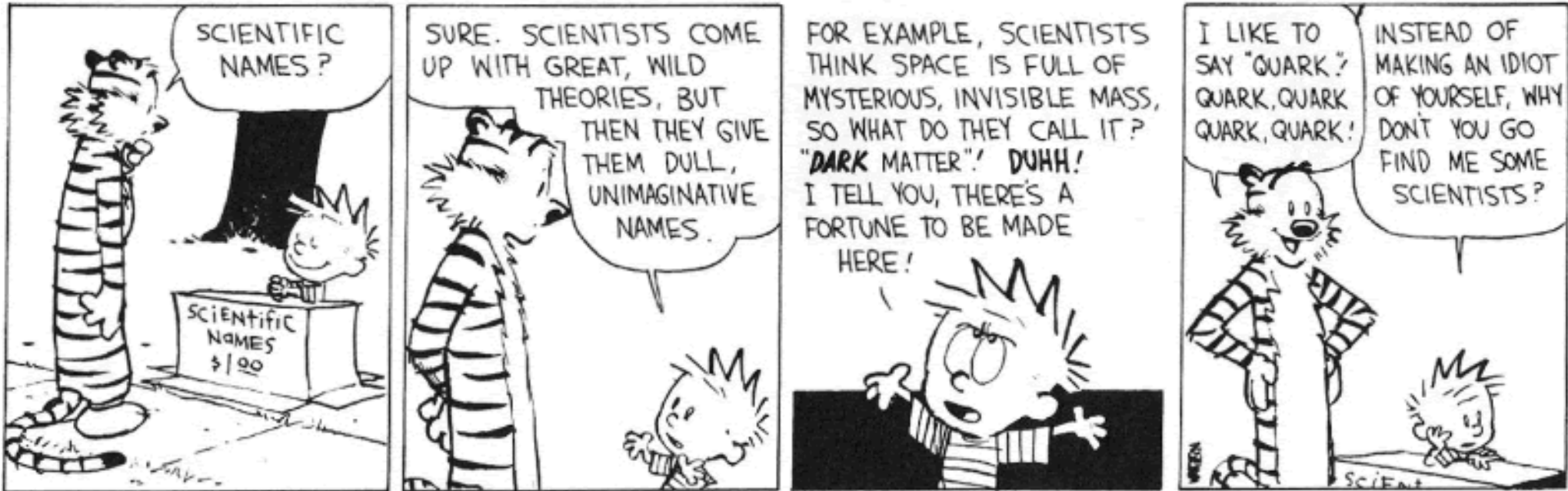
- **Singularities**
 - Due to the higher-order diff. equations
 - “Physical” ones: actual or not?
- Cosmological history
- Solar system constraints
- **Perturbation growth?**

QUESTIONS

- $G[R(t)]$?!
- Can $f(R)$ replace *dark matter* ?
- How to map a modified-gravity theory onto a perfect-fluid approach? **Is there (one) correct answer?**

A final challenge:

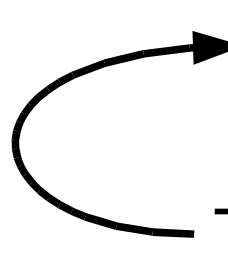
A final challenge:



... find nice names !

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$$\begin{aligned} S &= \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} f(R) \\ &= \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} [f'(\phi)(R - \phi) + f(\phi)] \\ &= \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} [\chi R - V(\phi)] \end{aligned}$$


$$V(\phi) \equiv \phi\chi - f \qquad \chi = f'$$

Transformada de Legendre

$$S = \frac{1}{2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} [f' R - V(\phi)]$$

$$\frac{\delta}{\delta\phi} \downarrow$$

$$R \frac{d\psi}{d\phi} - \frac{dV}{d\phi} = (R - \phi) f''(\phi) = 0$$

$$f'' \neq 0 \implies \phi = R$$