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Testing screened modified gravity models

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@ 50 years of Horndeski Gravity

Cosmological tests of gravity

► Parametrisation of **linearised** Einstein equations

$$k^2\Psi = -4\pi G a^2 \mu(k, a) \rho_m \Delta_m \quad ds^2 = a^2(\eta) [-(1 + 2\Psi)d\eta^2 + (1 - 2\Phi)\delta_{ij}dx^i dx^j]$$

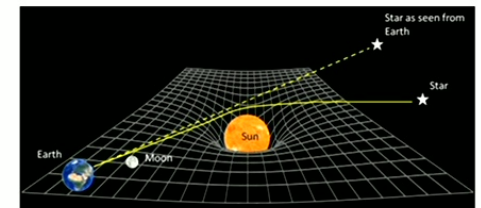
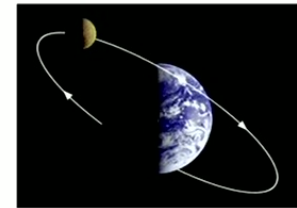
$$\Phi = \eta(k, a)\Psi$$

equivalently, we can also parametrise the lensing potential

$$k^2\Psi = -4\pi G a^2 \mu(k, a) \rho_m \Delta_m$$

$$k^2 \frac{(\Psi + \Phi)}{2} = -4\pi G a^2 \Sigma(k, a) \rho_m \Delta_m, \quad \Sigma = \frac{\mu(1 + \eta)}{2}$$

$$\mu = \eta = \Sigma = 1 \text{ for smooth dark energy} \quad \Phi = \Psi = \frac{\Phi + \Psi}{2}$$



Horndeski gravity

► Effective Theory of Dark Energy (EFTofDE)

Bellini & Sawicki 1404.3713

Gleyzes, Langlois, Vernizzi 1411.3712

- For linear perturbations, Horndeski gravity can be described by EFTofDE

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\sum_{i=2}^5 \mathcal{L}_i + \mathcal{L}_m \right] \quad X = -\frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi$$

$$\mathcal{L}_2 = K(\phi, X),$$

$$\mathcal{L}_3 = -G_3(\phi, X) \square \phi,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_4 = G_4(\phi, X) R + G_{4,X}(\phi, X) [(\square \phi)^2 - \phi_{;\mu\nu} \phi^{;\mu\nu}],$$

$$\mathcal{L}_5 = G_5(\phi, X) G_{\mu\nu} \phi^{;\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{6} G_{5X}(\phi, X) [(\square \phi)^3 + 2\phi_{;\mu}^{\nu} \phi_{;\nu}^{\alpha} \phi_{;\alpha}^{\mu} - 3\phi_{;\mu\nu} \phi^{;\mu\nu} \square \phi]$$

$$HM_*^2 \alpha_M \equiv \frac{d}{dt} M_*^2, \quad M_*^2 \equiv 2 \left(G_4 - 2XG_{4,X} + XG_{5,X} - \dot{\phi} H X G_{5,X} \right)$$

$$HM_*^2 \alpha_K \equiv 2X \left(K_{,X} + 2XK_{,XX} - 2G_{3,\phi} - 2XG_{3,\phi X} \right) + \dots$$

$$HM_*^2 \alpha_B \equiv 2\dot{\phi} \left(XG_{3,X} - G_{4,\phi} - 2XG_{4,\phi X} \right)$$

$$+ 8XH \left(G_{4,X} + 2XG_{4,XX} - G_{5,\phi} - XG_{5,\phi X} \right)$$

$$+ 2\dot{\phi} X H^2 \left(3G_{5,X} + 2XG_{5,XX} \right),$$

$$HM_*^2 \alpha_T \equiv 2X \left(2G_{4,X} - 2G_{5,\phi} - \left(\ddot{\phi} - \dot{\phi} H \right) G_{5,X} \right),$$

- α parameters evaluated in the background determine perturbations



EFT parameters

Bellini & Sawicki 1404.3713

- ▶ α_M **Planck mass run-rate**

This parameter could be constrained by the time variation of Newton constant

- ▶ α_K **kineticity**

This parameter does not affect the sub-horizon evolution and it is very weakly constrained although it plays an important role for stability

- ▶ α_B **braiding**

Mixing between the derivatives of the scalar field and gravity. This could introduce instability of the scalar field in the presence of gravitational waves giving a constraint $|\alpha_M + \alpha_B| < 10^{-2}$

[Creminelli et.al. 191014035](#)

- ▶ α_T **tensor speed excess**

The simultaneous detection of GW and gamma-ray burst put strong constraint locally $|\alpha_T| < 10^{-15}$

Note that there is a caveat in imposing these GW constraints due to low strong coupling scales



Phenomenological parameters

- ▶ Relation to phenomenological parameters on small scales (still linear)

$$\mu_\infty = \frac{m_0^2}{M_*^2} (1 + \alpha_T + \beta_\xi^2),$$

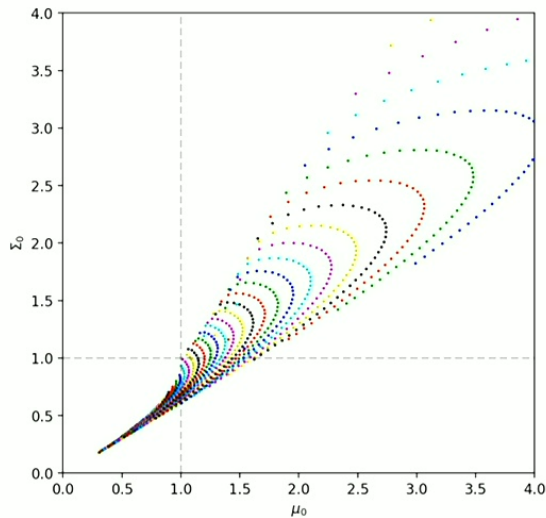
$$\Sigma_\infty = \frac{m_0^2}{M_*^2} \left(1 + \frac{\alpha_T}{2} + \frac{\beta_\xi^2 + \beta_B \beta_\xi}{2} \right)$$

$$\beta_B = -\sqrt{\frac{2}{c_s^2 \alpha}} \frac{\alpha_B}{2} \quad \text{Gleyzes et.al. 1509.02191}$$

$$\beta_\xi = \sqrt{\frac{2}{c_s^2 \alpha}} \left[-\frac{\alpha_B}{2} (1 + \alpha_T) + \alpha_T - \alpha_M \right]$$

$$\alpha = \alpha_K + \frac{3}{2} \alpha_B^2,$$

$$c_s^2 = \frac{2}{\alpha} \left[\left(1 - \frac{\alpha_B}{2} \right) \left(\alpha_M - \alpha_T + \frac{\alpha_B}{2} (1 + \alpha_T) - \frac{\dot{H}}{H^2} \right) + \frac{\dot{\alpha}_B}{2H} - \frac{\rho_m + P_m}{2M_*^2 H^2} \right],$$

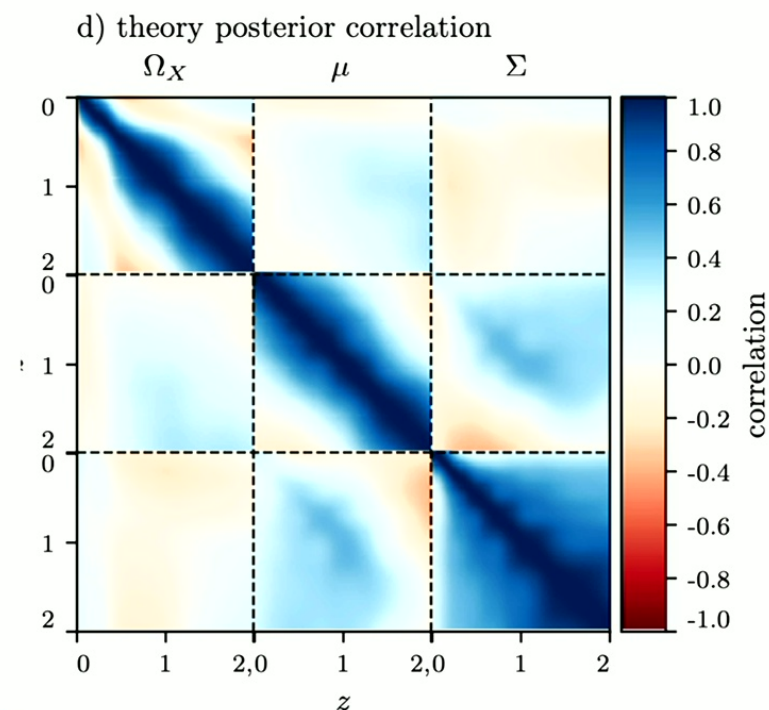
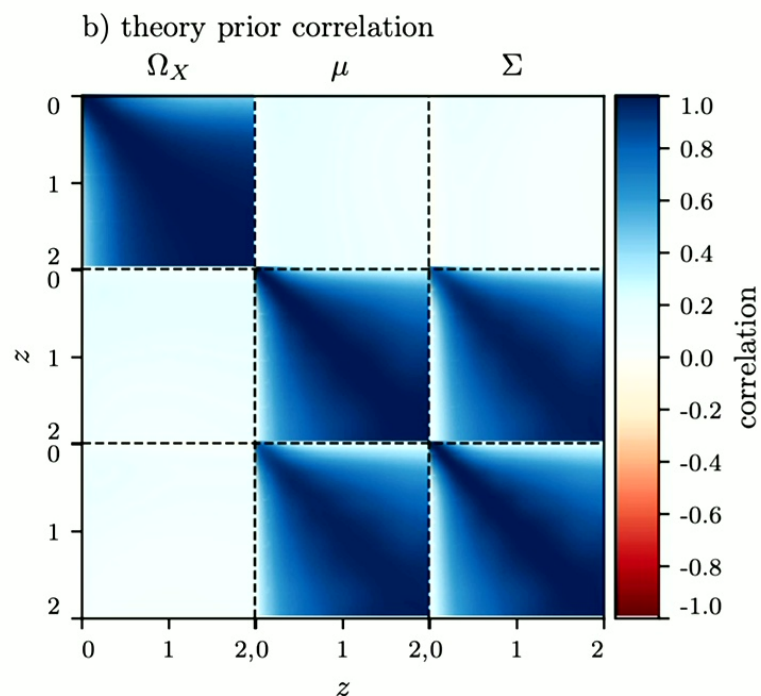


$$\alpha_i = c_i \Omega_{DE}$$

Figure by Neel Shah

Reconstruction of phenomenological parameters

- ▶ Theoretical prior from Horndeski on correlation between parameters and redshit bins



- ▶ Pogosian, Raveri, KK, Martinelli Silvestri, Zhao 2107.12990, 2107.12992

Going beyond linear scales

- ▶ **Ample information on non-linear scales**

Parametrisation is valid only for linear perturbations

Conservative cut-offs are required to remove data on non-linear scale, which significantly degrade the constraining power

- ▶ **Extraction of linear information**

Non-linear modelling is required to extract the linear information, which is done normally within LCDM

- ▶ **New information on non-linear scales**

On non-linear scales, **screening mechanisms** can be important leaving interesting signatures



Ultra-light scalar field

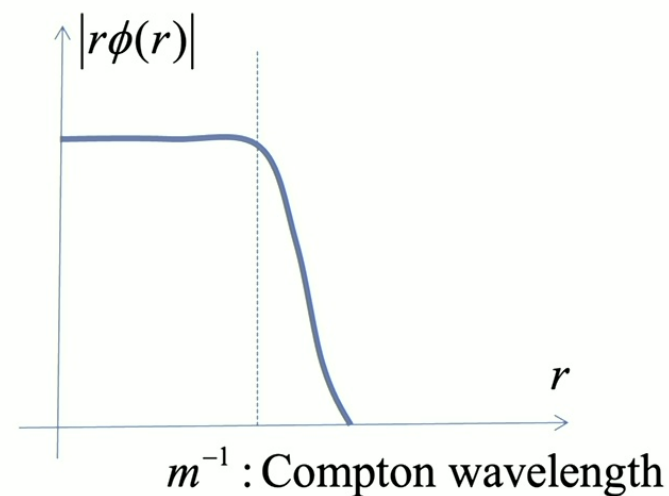
- ▶ In most of DE/MG models, there exists a scalar field with tiny mass

$$S = \int d^4x \left[-\frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \phi) (\partial^\mu \phi) - \frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi^2 \right] - \frac{\alpha}{M_{pl}} \int d^4x \phi \rho$$

static source

$$(\nabla^2 - m^2)\phi = \frac{\alpha}{M_{pl}} \rho, \quad \frac{\phi}{M_{pl}} = -\left(\frac{\alpha}{4\pi M_{pl}^2} \right) \frac{M}{r} \exp(-mr)$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} \phi = -\left(\frac{\alpha}{4\pi M_{pl}^2} \right) \frac{M}{r}, & r < m^{-1} \\ \phi \rightarrow 0, & r > m^{-1} \end{cases}$$



if $m^{-1} \approx H_0^{-1}$ the scalar field mediates a long-range force

Fifth force

- ▶ Due to the coupling between the scalar and matter, the geodesic equation is modified as

$$\vec{a} = -\nabla\Psi - \frac{\alpha}{M_{pl}} \nabla\phi = F_G \boxed{+ F_5} \quad \text{Fifth force}$$

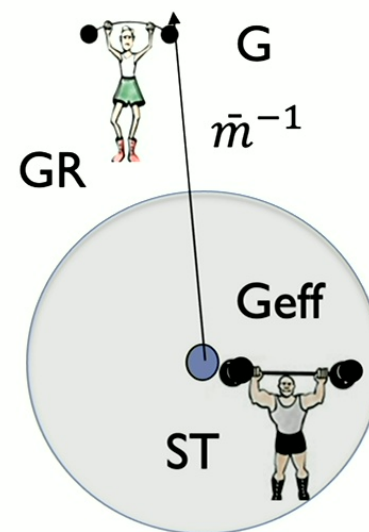
for $r < m^{-1}$

$$F_5 = \frac{2\alpha^2}{8\pi M_{pl}^2} \frac{M}{r^2}$$

$$F_G = \frac{1}{8\pi M_{pl}^2} \frac{M}{r^2}$$

Fifth force is strongly constrained in the solar system

$$\alpha^2 < 10^{-5}$$



Screening mechanism

- ▶ The coupling constant or mass need to be scale dependent

$$\begin{array}{ll} m|_{\text{cosmo}} = O(H_0) & m|_{\text{local}} \gg H_0 \\ \alpha^2|_{\text{cosmo}} = O(1) & \alpha^2|_{\text{local}} \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

- ▶ Two representative mechanisms

1. Chameleon mechanism
2. Vainshtein mechanism (symmetron/dilaton, Kmoflauge)



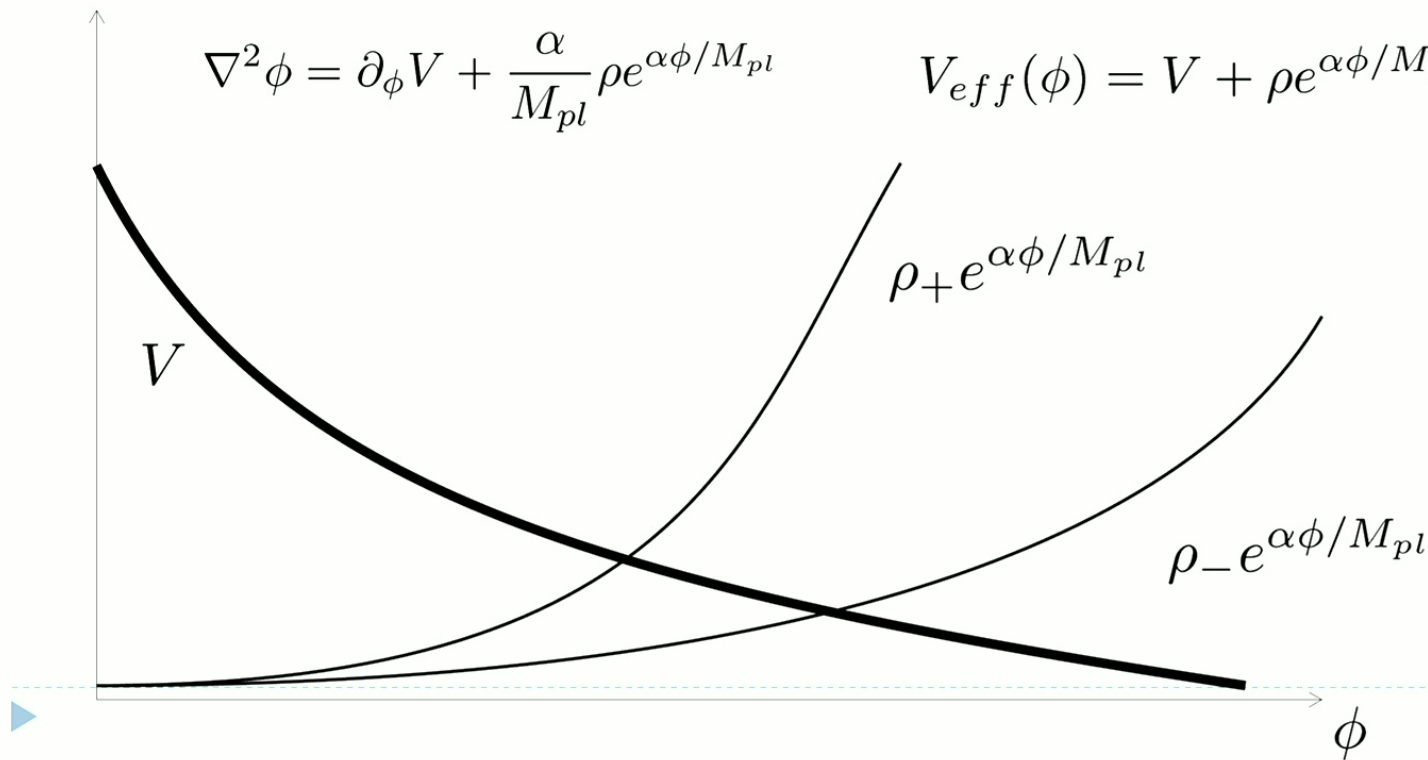
Chameleon mechanism

Khoury & Weltman astro-ph/0309300

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-\tilde{g}} \left(\frac{M_{pl}^2}{2} R - \frac{1}{2} (\nabla\phi)^2 - V(\phi) \right) + S_m[A^2(\phi)g_{\mu\nu}] \quad A(\phi) = \exp\left(\alpha \frac{\phi}{M_{pl}}\right)$$

$$\nabla^2\phi = \partial_\phi V + \frac{\alpha}{M_{pl}} \rho e^{\alpha\phi/M_{pl}}$$

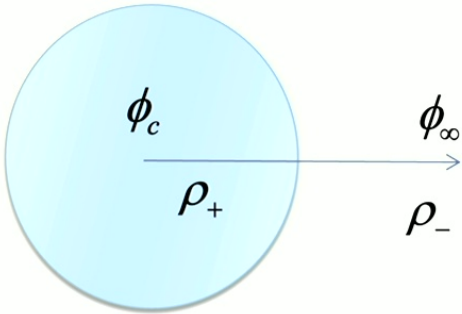
$$V_{eff}(\phi) = V + \rho e^{\alpha\phi/M_{pl}}$$



Thin shell condition

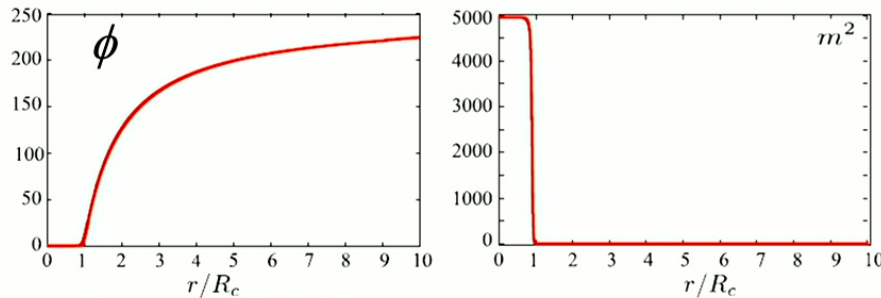
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$$\phi(r) = -\left(\frac{\alpha}{4\pi M_{pl}}\right)\left(\frac{3\Delta R_c}{R_c}\right)\frac{M \exp(-m_\infty(r - R_c))}{r} + \phi_\infty$$

$$\frac{\Delta R_c}{R_c} = \frac{(\phi_\infty - \phi_c) / M_{pl}}{6\alpha\Psi_c} \ll 1 \quad \Psi_c = \frac{GM}{R_c}$$



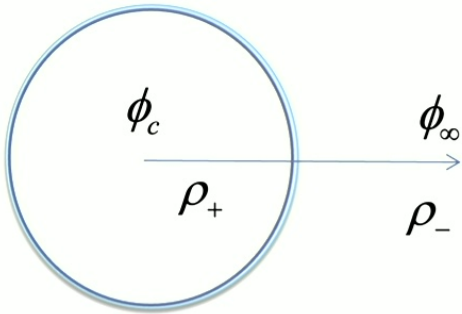
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Screening is determined by the gravitational potential of the object

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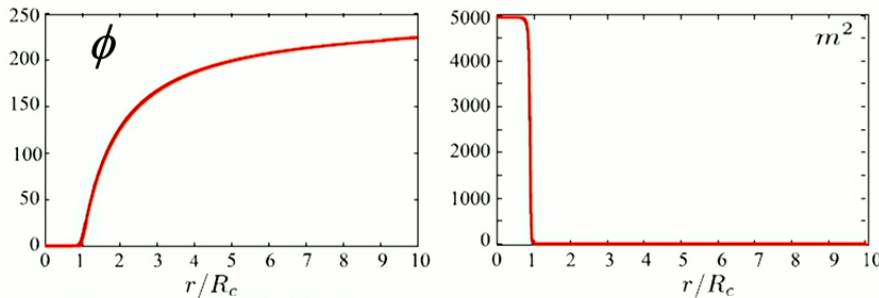
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Vainshtein mechanism

► Vainshtein mechanism

originally discussed in massive gravity

rediscovered in DGP brane world model

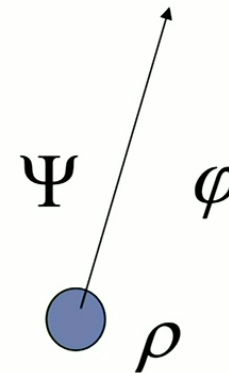
linear theory

$$3\nabla^2\varphi = -8\pi G\rho$$

$$\nabla^2\Psi = 4\pi G\rho - \frac{1}{2}\nabla^2\varphi \quad ds^2 = -(1+2\Psi)dt^2 + a(t)^2(1-2\Phi)d\bar{x}^2 \quad \psi = \psi_0 + \varphi$$

even if gravity is weak, the scalar can be non-linear $r_c \sim m^{-1} \sim H_0^{-1}$

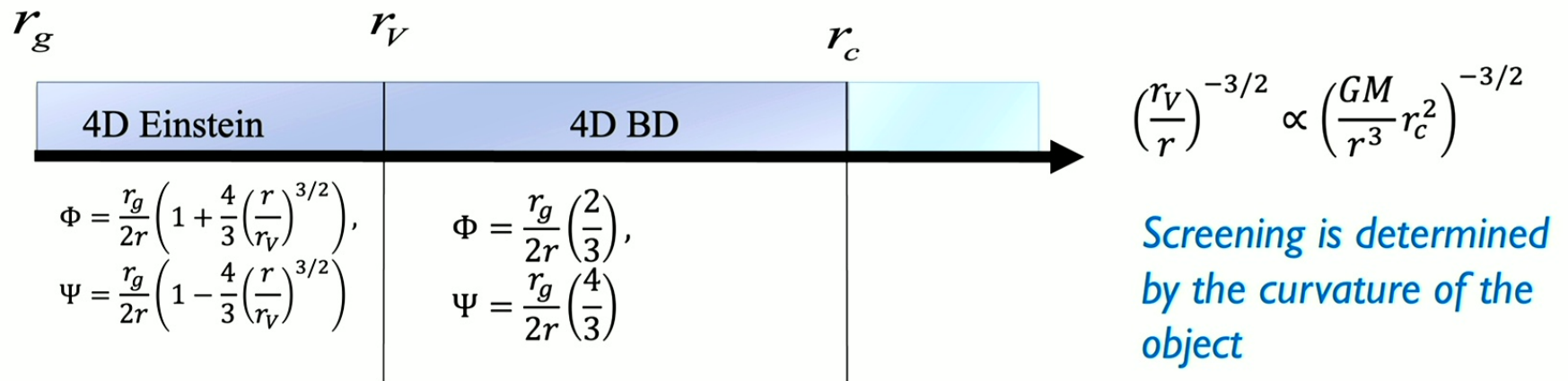
$$3\nabla^2\varphi + r_c^2 \left\{ (\nabla^2\varphi)^2 - \partial_i\partial_j\varphi \partial^i\partial^j\varphi \right\} = 8\pi G a^2 \rho$$



Vainshtein radius

► Spherically symmetric solution for the scalar

$$\frac{d\varphi}{dr} = \frac{r_g}{r^2} \Delta(r), \quad \Delta(r) = \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{r}{r_V} \right)^3 \left(\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{r_V}{r} \right)^3} - 1 \right) \quad r_V = \left(\frac{8r_c^2 r_g}{9} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}, \quad r_g = 2GM$$



2.95km

0.1 kpc

3000Mpc for the Sun

Screening mechanisms

- ▶ They look contrived but some theories naturally have these mechanisms

f(R) gravity

$$F(R) = R - 2\Lambda - |f_{R0}| \frac{R_0^2}{R}$$

we expect to recover GR in the limit $R/R_0 \gg 1$

In fact, in Einstein frame this is nothing but chameleon with $V = V_0 - M^4 (\phi / M_{pl})^{1/2}$

[Brax et.al. arXiv:0806.3415](#)

DGP gravity

$$S = \frac{1}{32\pi G r_c} \int d^5x \sqrt{-g^{(5)}} R_{(5)} + \frac{1}{16\pi G} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} R + \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} L_m$$

we expect to recover GR in the limit $r/r_c \ll 1$ and this is realised by Vainshtein



Horndeski gravity/EFTofDE

► Kinetic braiding

$$G_4 = \frac{1}{2}R, \quad G_5 = 0,$$

$$K = K(\phi, X), \quad G_3 = G_3(\phi, X)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_2 = K(\phi, X),$$

$$\mathcal{L}_3 = -G_3(\phi, X)\square\phi$$

$$\partial^2\Psi = \frac{\kappa}{2}a^2\delta\rho_m - \frac{1}{2}\alpha_B H\partial^2 V_X \quad C_2 \equiv -\frac{\alpha_B}{2} - \frac{1}{2H^2}\frac{d}{dt}(\alpha_B H) - \frac{1}{H^2}(\rho_{\text{DE}} + p_{\text{DE}})$$

$$\partial^2 V_X + \frac{2\alpha_B}{H(4C_2 + \alpha_B^2)}\frac{V_X^{(2)}}{a^2} = \frac{2\alpha_B}{H(4C_2 + \alpha_B^2\kappa)}\frac{\kappa}{2}a^2\delta\rho_m. \quad V_X^{(2)} \equiv (\partial^2 V_X)^2 - (\partial_i\partial_j V_X)^2$$

Brando, KK, Winther arXiv:2303.09549

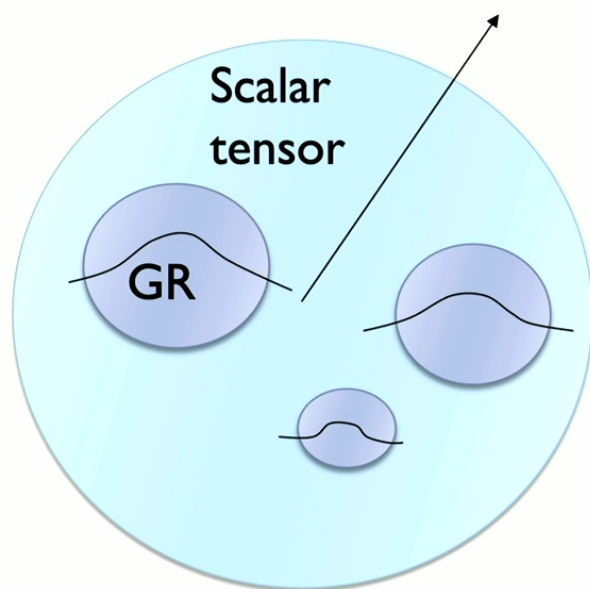
► Linearised gravity

$$G_{\text{eff}} = G \left(1 - \frac{\alpha_B^2}{C_2 + \alpha_B^2} \right) \quad \text{this modification is screened by Vainshtein mechanism}$$



Behaviour of gravity

Three regimes of gravity



In most models, the scalar mode obeys non-linear equations describing the transition from the scalar tensor theory on large scales to GR on small scales

$$\rho_{crit} \approx 10^{-29} \text{ g / cm}^3,$$

$$\rho_{galaxy} \approx 10^{-24} \text{ g / cm}^3,$$

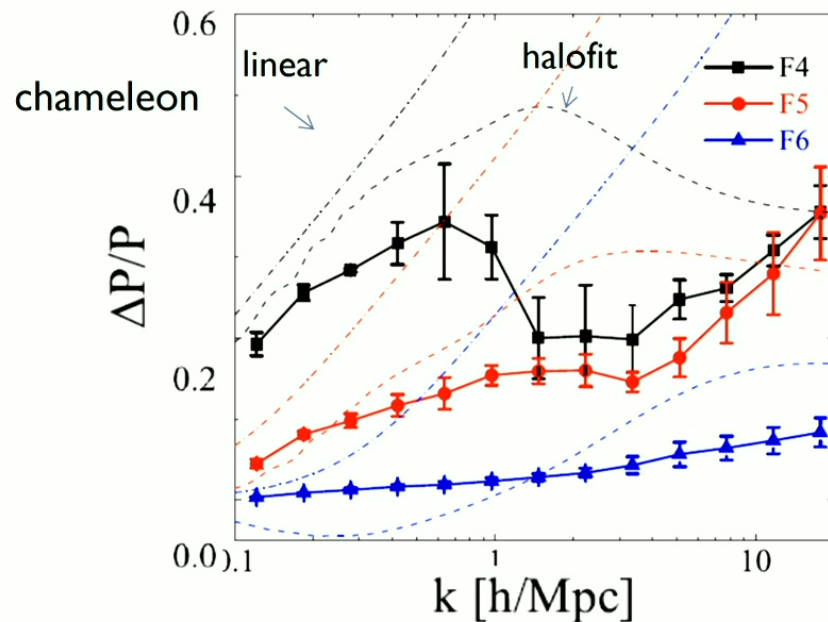
$$\rho_{solar} \approx 10 \text{ g / cm}^3$$

Understandings of non-linear clustering require N-body simulations where the non-linear scalar equation needs to be solved

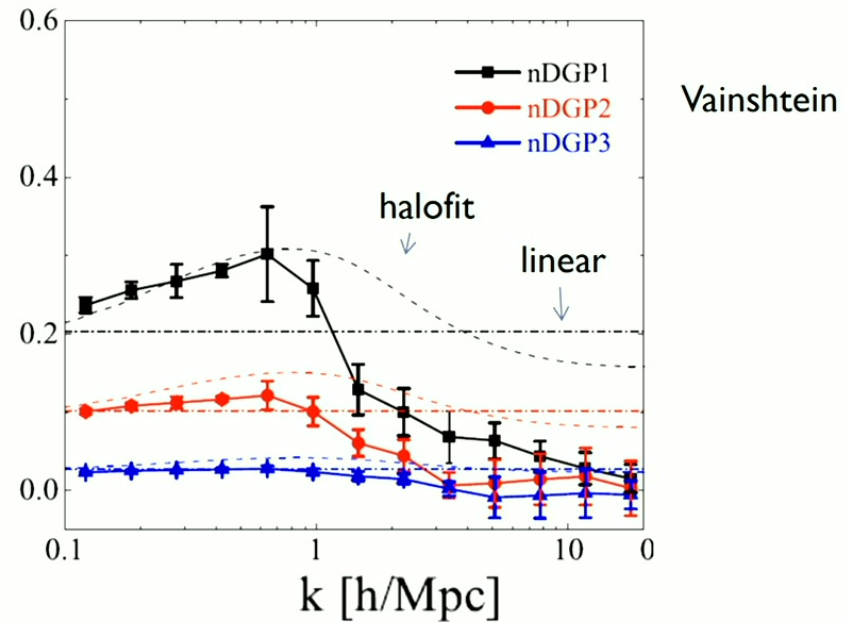
Power spectrum

▶ Power spectrum deviation from LCDM

Falck, KK, Zhao [arXiv:1503.06673](https://arxiv.org/abs/1503.06673)



- Scale dependent enhancement of linear growth
- Screening suppresses deviations from LCDM



- Scale independent enhancement of linear growth
- Screening efficiently suppresses deviations from LCDM

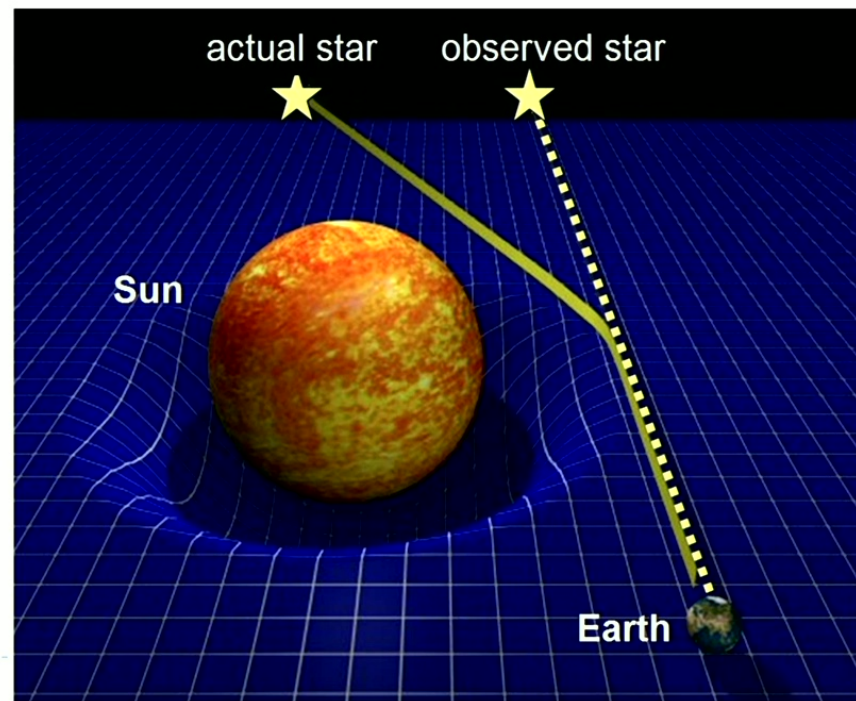
How do we test gravity in cosmology?

- ▶ Newton potential Ψ
controls dynamics of non relativistic particles
- ▶ Space curvature Φ
also deflects lights

In GR there is a special relation
between the two $\Psi = \Phi$

dynamical mass = lensing mass in GR

$$ds^2 = -(1 + 2\Psi)dt^2 + a(t)^2(1 - 2\Phi)d\vec{x}^2$$

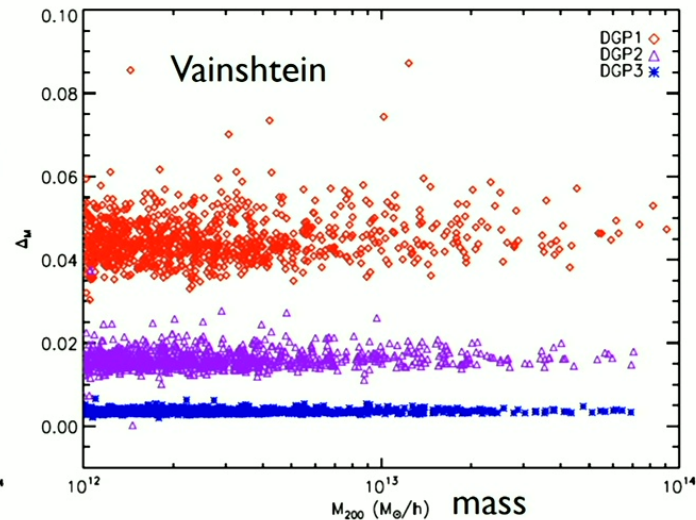
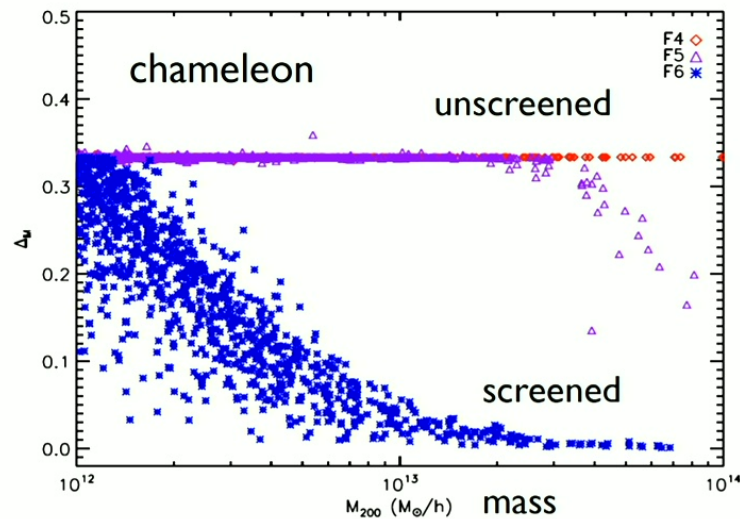


Screening of dark matter halo

Falck, KK, Zhao arXiv:1503.06673

► Dynamical mass/lensing mass

$$\Delta_M(r) = \frac{d\Psi(r)/dr}{d\Psi_+(r)/dr} - 1, \quad \Psi_+ = \frac{\Phi + \Psi}{2}$$

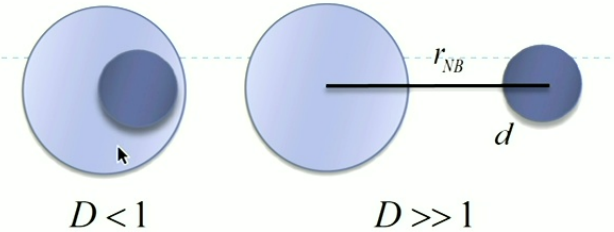


- Screening depends on mass of dark matter halos
- Massive halos with a deeper potential are more screened

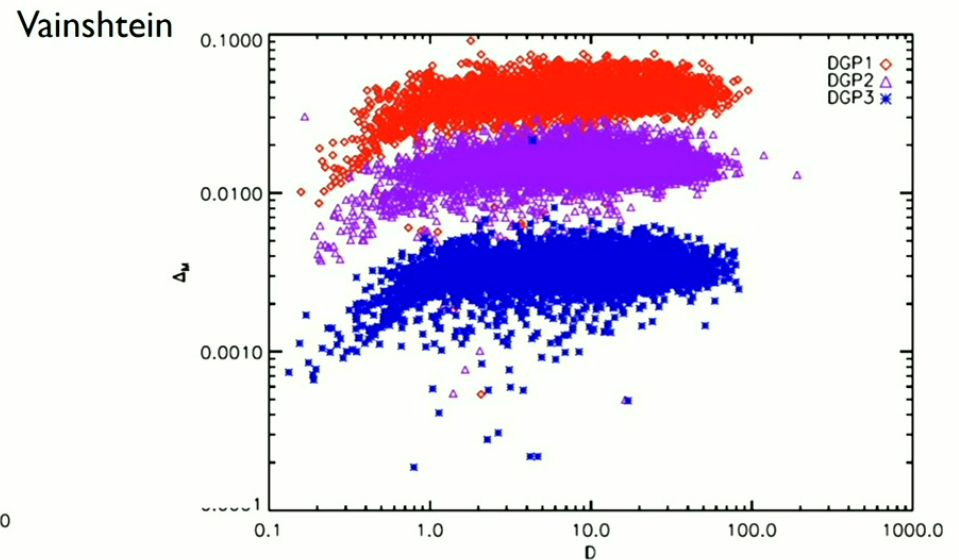
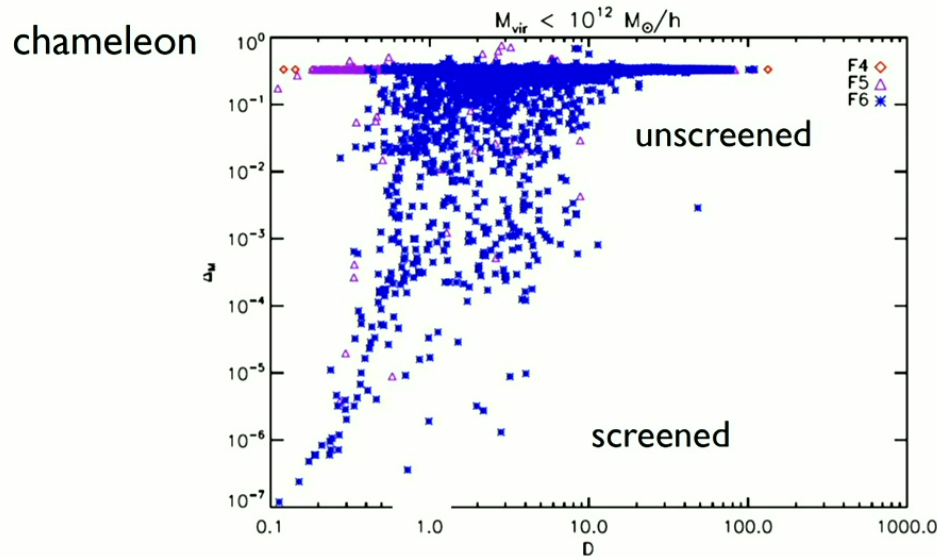
- Screening does not depend on mass of dark matter halos
- The Vainshtein radius is always larger than the size of halos

Screening of dark matter halo

► Environment



$D = d / r_{NB}$, d : distance to the nearest halo with $M_{NB} > M$



- Screening depends on environment
- Halos in “dense” environment are more screened

- Screening does not depend on environment

Where to test GR

- ▶ **GR is recovered in “high dense regions”**

Details depend on the screening mechanism

- ▶ **Chameleon mechanism (environmental dependent mass)**

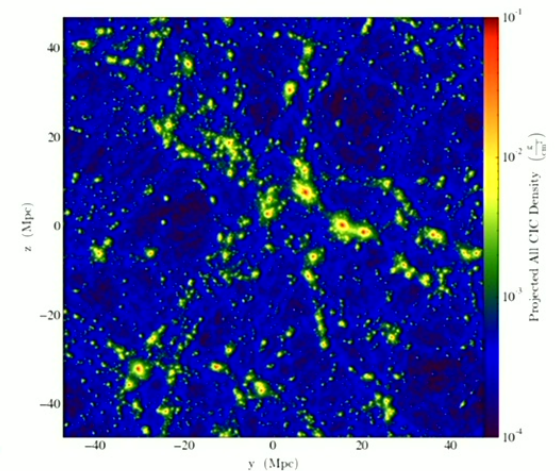
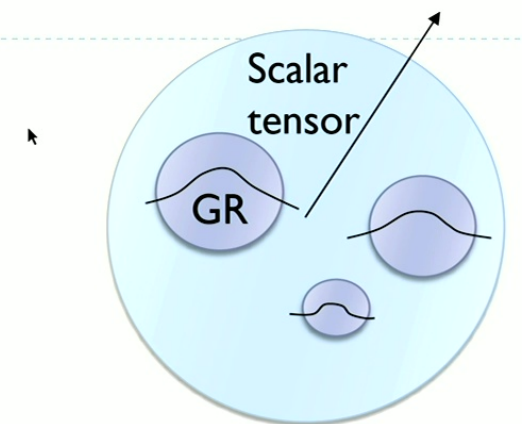
- ▶ Screening of dark matter halos depends on mass and environment

- ▶ Strongest constraints come from objects with a shallow potential in low density environment

- ▶ **Vainshtein mechanism (derivative interaction)**

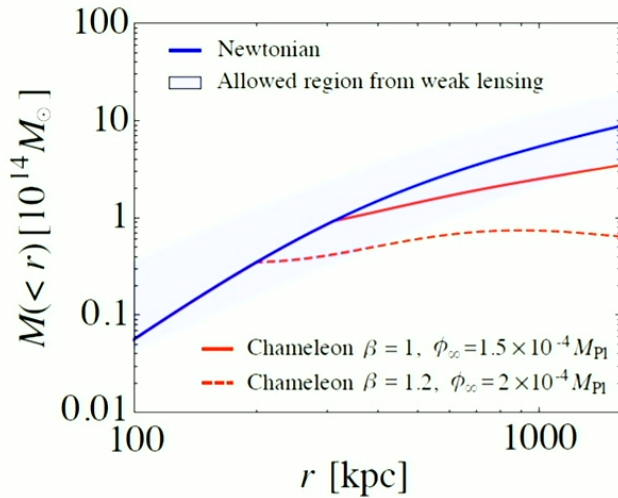
- ▶ Screening of dark matter halos does not depend on mass and environment

- ▶ Strongest constraints come from linear scales



Testing chameleon gravity

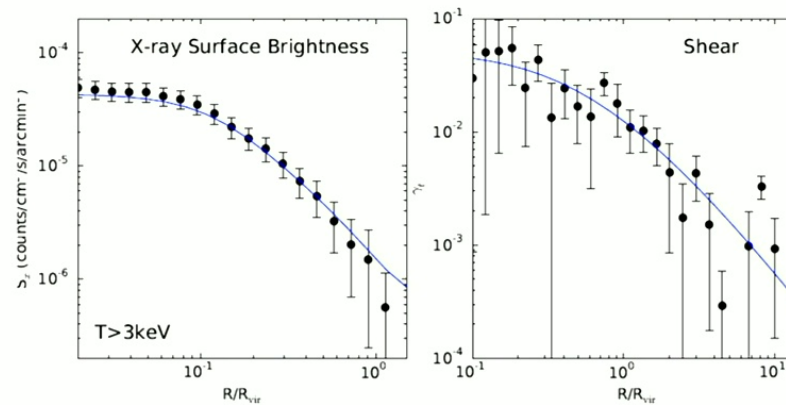
► Outskirt of clusters



$$M_{lens} = M_{dyn} - M_{\phi}$$

Dynamical mass can be inferred from X-ray and SZ

Terukina. et.al. PRD86 103503, JCAP 1404 013



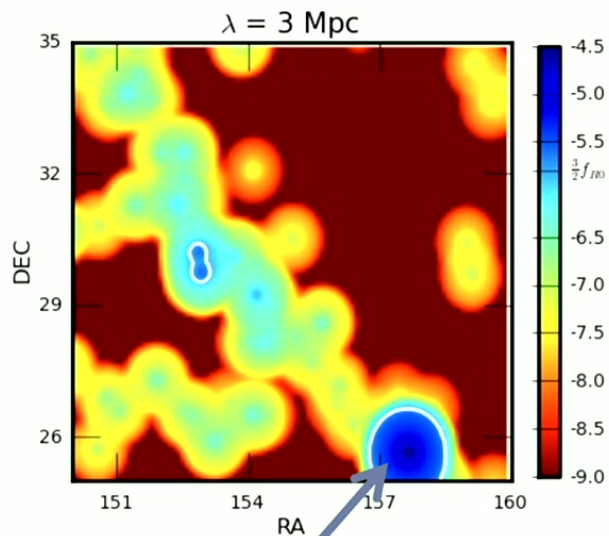
48 X-ray clusters from XCS compared with lensing (shear) from CFHTLS

$$|f_{R0}| < 7.9 \times 10^{-5}$$

Wilcox et.al. MNRAS 452 (2015) 1171

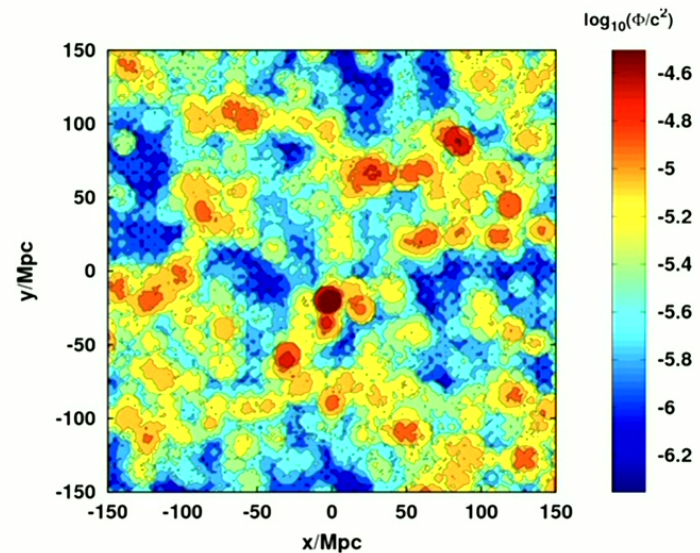
Creating a screening map (we consider the chameleon mechanism here)

- ▶ It is essential to find places where GR is not recovered
 - ▶ Small galaxies in underdense regions
 - ▶ SDSS galaxies within 200 Mpc



GR is recovered

2M++ galaxies



(a) Φ

▶ Cabre, Vikram, Zhao, Jain, KK 1204.6046

Desmond et.al. 1705.0242

Tests of chameleon gravity

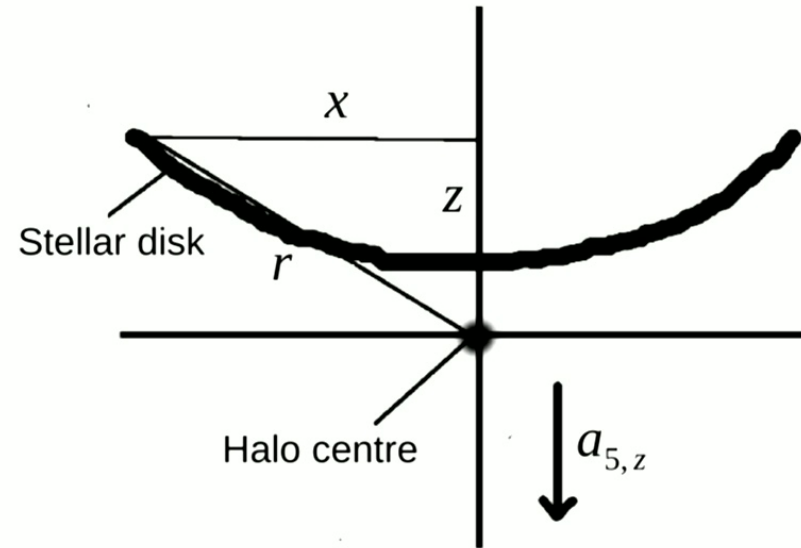
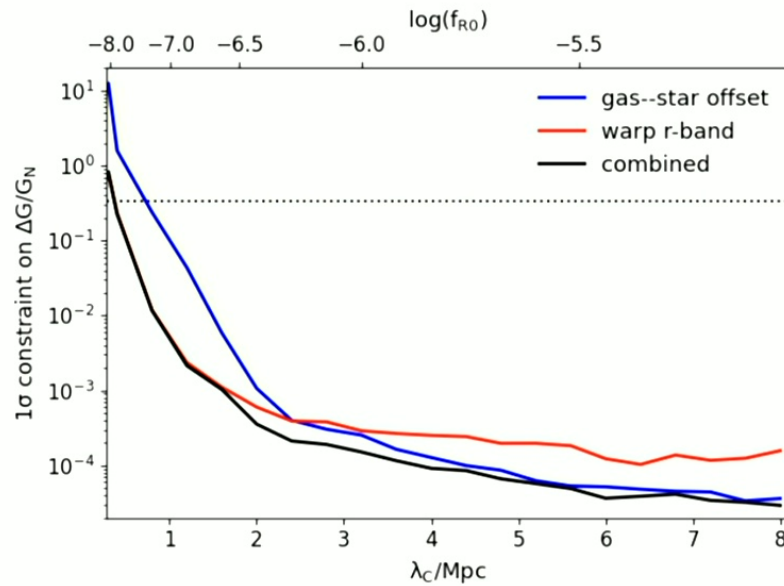
Hui, Nicolis & Stubbs Phys. Rev. D80 (2009) 104002

▶ dwarf galaxies in voids

strong modified gravity effects on dark matter (but not on stars)

- ▶ Warping of stellar disks
- ▶ Gas-star offset

$$f_{R0} < 1.4 \times 10^{-8}$$



Desmond & Ferreira arXiv:2009.08743

Tests of chameleon gravity

▶ Rotation velocities of gas and stars

Landim, Desmond, KK, Penny 2407.08825

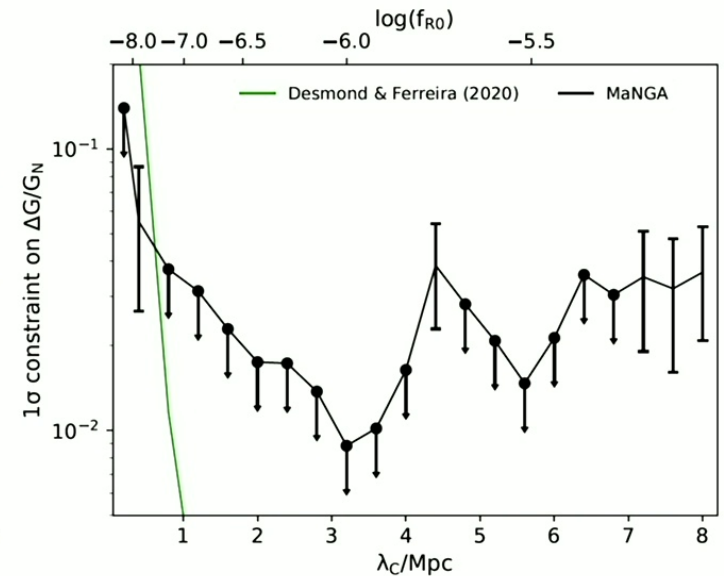
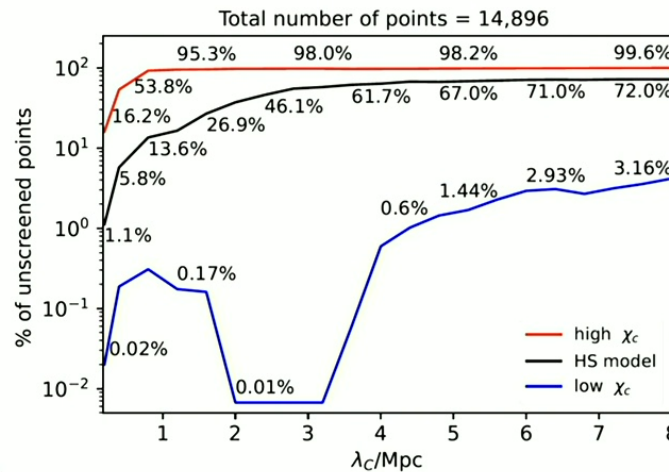
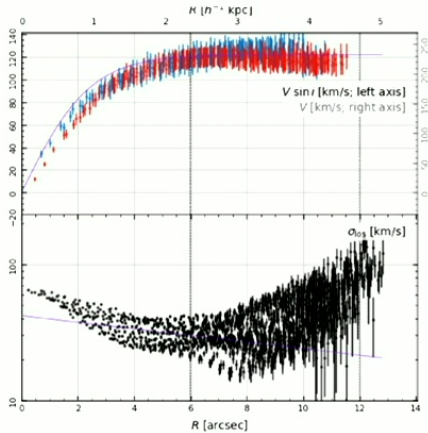
SDSS MaNGA (1110 galaxies)

Unscreened points

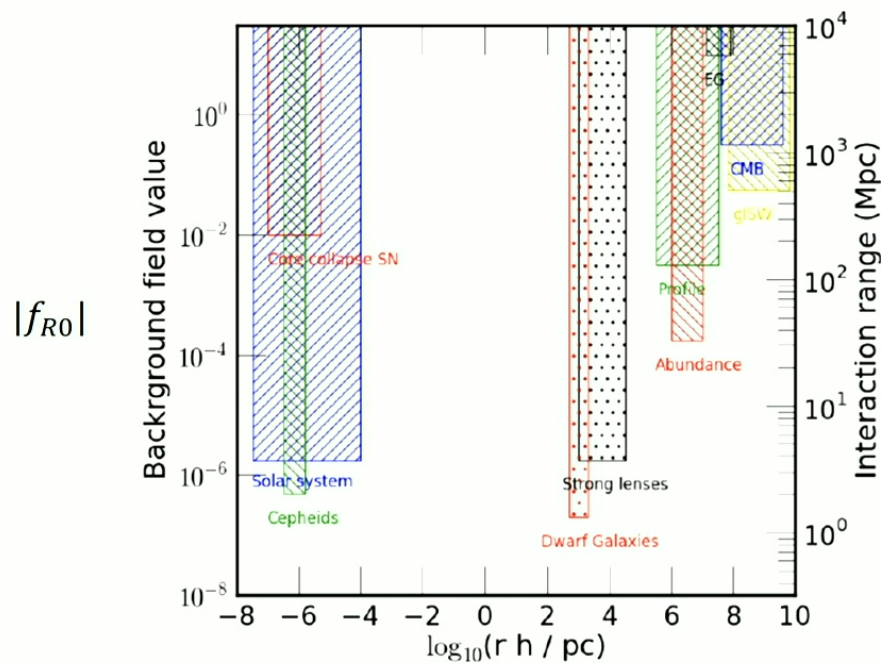
A comparison between screened and unscreened points

$$\frac{V_{c,g}^2}{V_{c,*}^2} = 1 + 2\alpha_c^2 = 1 + \frac{\Delta G}{G_N}$$

gives constraints on $\frac{\Delta G}{G_N}$



Constraints on chameleon gravity



Jain et.al. 1309.5389

Interaction range of the extra force that modifies GR in the cosmological background

GR

The Novel Proves Project
<https://arxiv.org/abs/1908.03430>
<https://www.novelprobes.org/>

- ▶ Non-linear regime is powerful for constraining chameleon gravity
- ▶ Astrophysical tests could give better constraints than the solar system tests

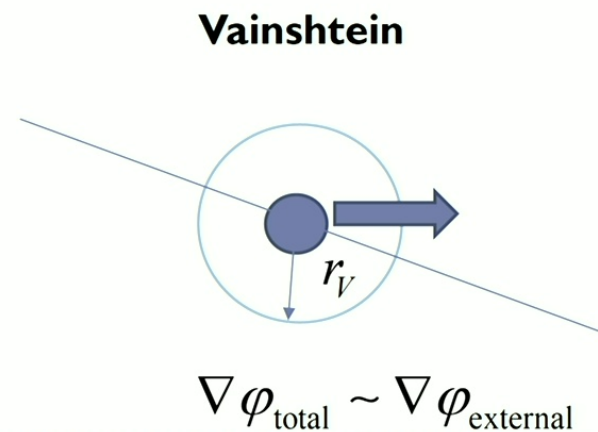
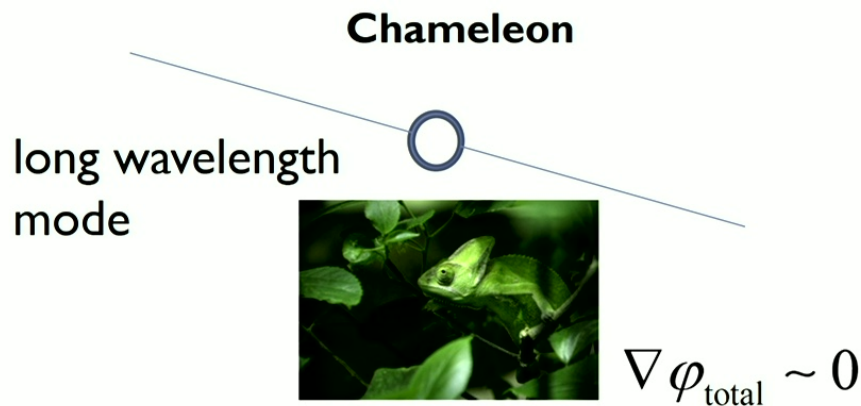
Chameleon v Vainshtein

▶ Screening mechanism

The self-field of the screened body and the external field do not in general superpose but rather interfere in a manner dependent on the non-linear interactions

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$$\nabla \varphi_{\text{total}} = \nabla \varphi_{\text{external}} + \nabla \varphi_{\text{internal}} + \nabla \varphi_{\text{interference}}$$

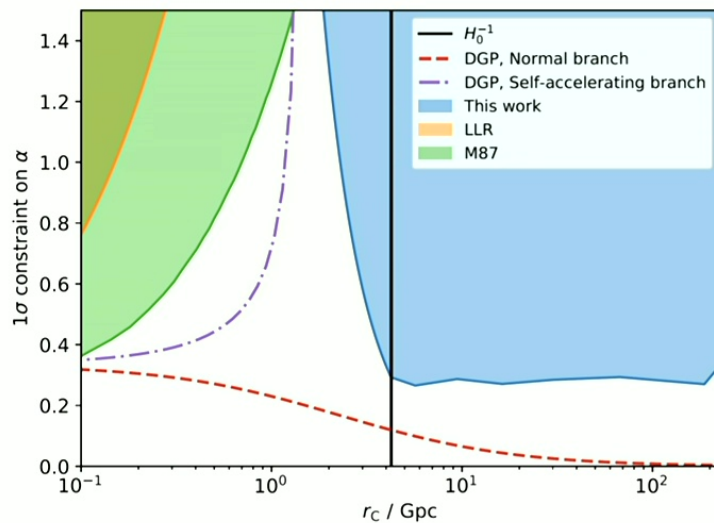


Tests of Vainshtein mechanism

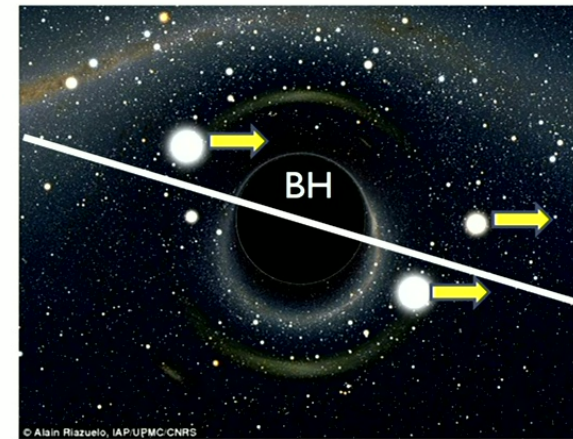
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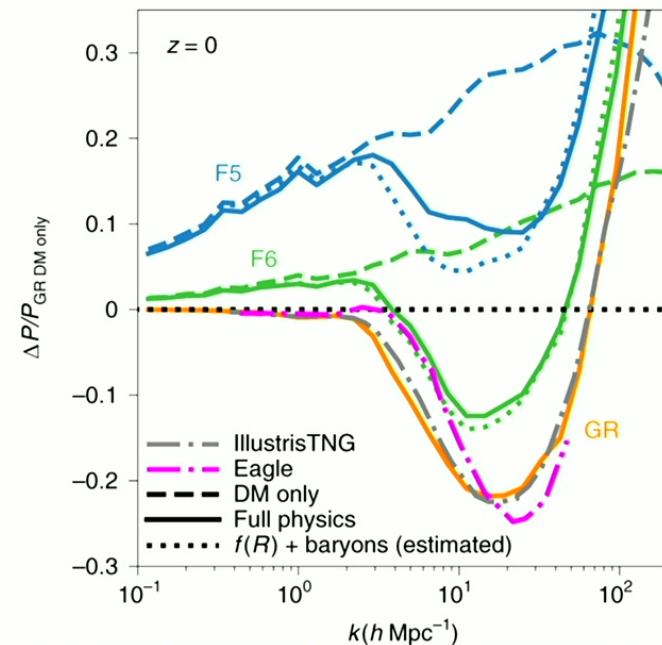
Sakstein et.al. 1704.02425,
Bartlett et.al. 2010.05811

Open questions for future cosmology surveys

- ▶ Stage IV surveys (DESI, Euclid, Rubin, ...)

Amazing statistical power - can we get competitive constraints compared with solar system/astrophysical/GW constraints?

- ▶ This is limited by the accuracy of non-linear power spectrum predictions at high k
- ▶ Baryonic effects dominate at high k
- ▶ They offer an independent test on different scales with different systematics
- ▶ Which model to use. The prediction of the non-linear power spectrum requires a model



Arnold et.al. 1907.02977

Summary

- ▶ Horndeski gravity played a central role in developing cosmological and astrophysical tests of gravity

- ▶ **Linear scales**

- theory informed tests of gravity



- ▶ **Non-linear scales**

- novel tests of gravity in screened models



Stage IV dark energy surveys

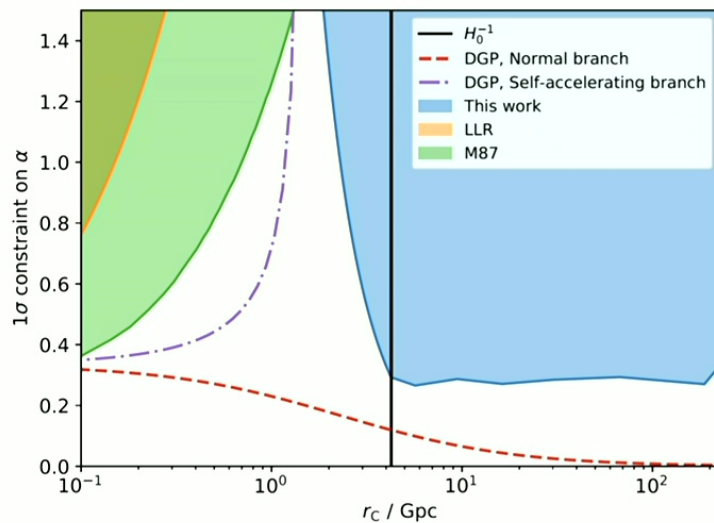
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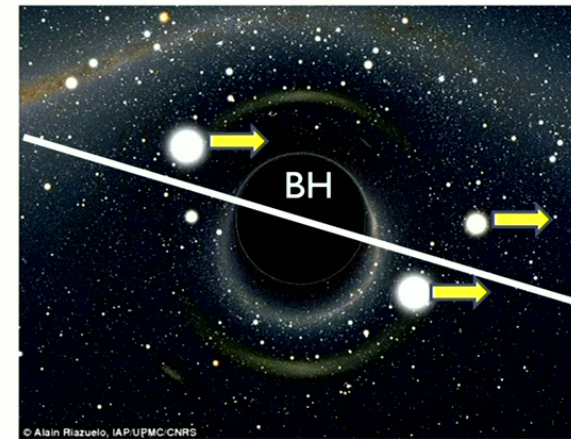
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