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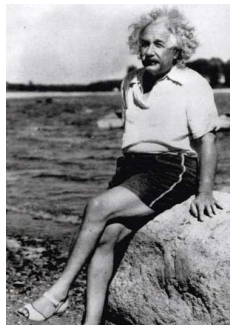
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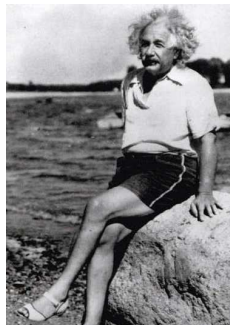
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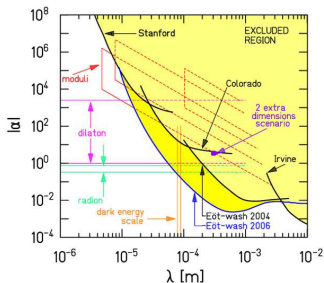
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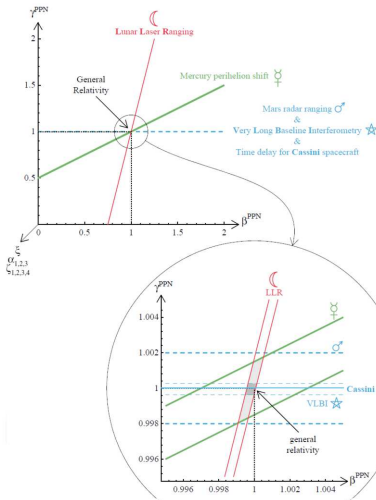
$$V(r) = -G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r} \left[1 + \alpha \exp^{-r/\lambda} \right]$$



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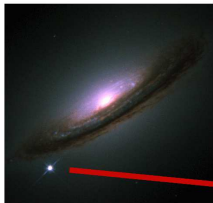
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- Solar System Bounds

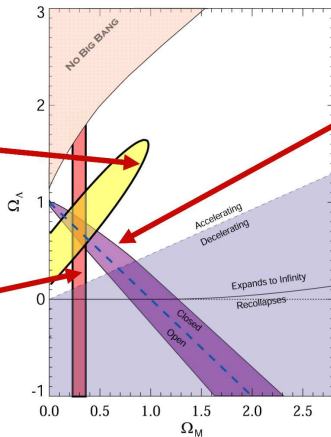
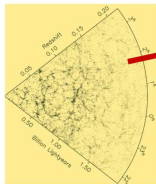


$$\Omega_{DE} = 0.72 \pm 0.015, \quad -1.11 < w_{DE} = P/\rho < -0.86$$

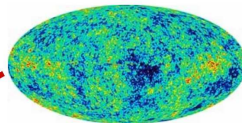
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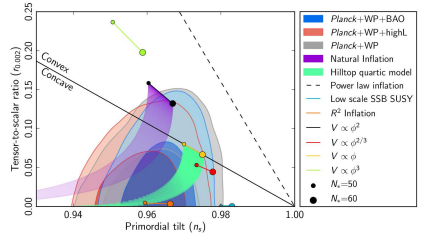
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- Starobinsky model (Gruber Prize in Cosmology 2013 with V. Mukhanov)

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left(R + \frac{R^2}{6M^2} \right)$$

- Viable candidate according to last results: Planck



- Many models as Higgs inflation are equivalent to Starobinsky model (Kehagias, Dizgah, Riotto, 2013)

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- Non-renormalizability

- The theory of GR is not perturbatively renormalizable around $g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu}$
- Also the theory becomes renormalizable if we add higher curvature terms $(\alpha R_{\mu\nu} R^{\mu\nu} + \beta R^2)$ (*Stelle, 1977*)
- But the theory is plagued with ghosts (poles in the propagator with negative residue) $\Pi(p^2) \sim 1/p^2 - 1/(p^2 + m^2)$
- It seems reasonable to consider higher order curvature terms as quantum corrections to the classical theory
- And these ultraviolet corrections to GR might “leak” down to cosmological scales

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- We have known for a long time that the Universe has a dark component by studying the velocity distribution of galaxies
- But it was later realized that non-luminous matter, dark matter, is needed at all scales from galactic to cosmological
- The standard proposition is to consider additional fields which are predicted by theories beyond the standard model of particle physics such as supersymmetry

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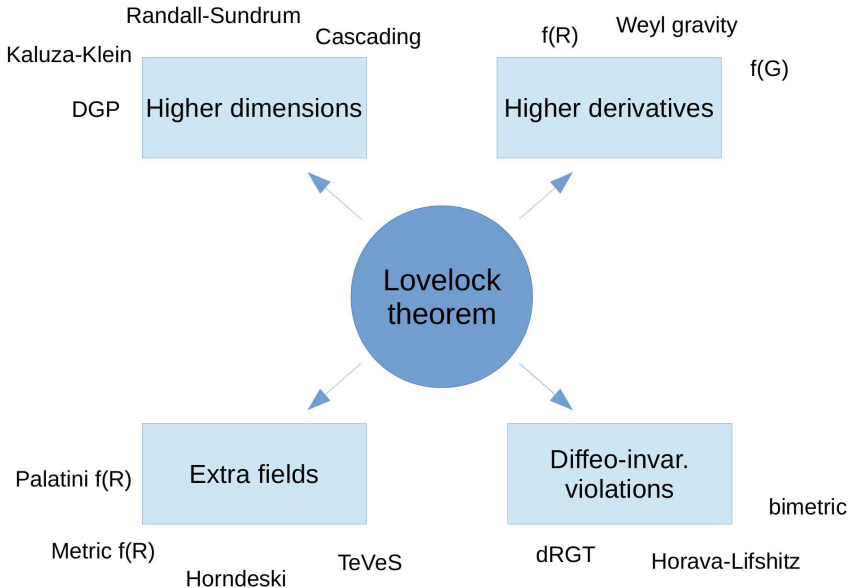
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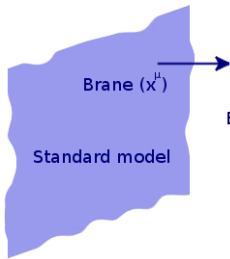
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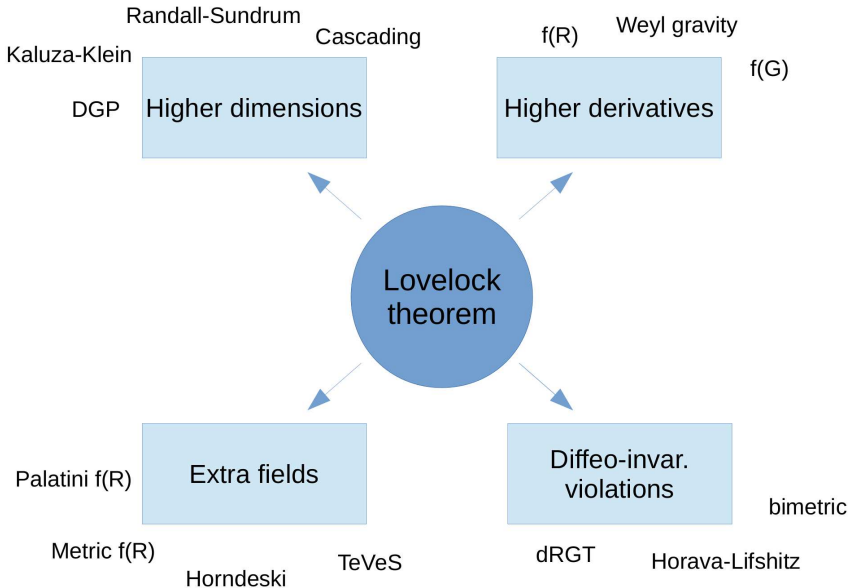
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- First framework where cosmic acceleration is linked to a large distance modification of gravity
- A good description of many DGP key properties is given by

$$S = \int \sqrt{-g} d^4x \left[\frac{M_{Pl}^2}{2} R - \frac{1}{2} (\partial\phi)^2 - \frac{1}{\Lambda^3} (\partial\phi)^2 \square\phi + \phi T \right]$$



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- In higher derivative theories such as $f(R)$ in the metric formalism, we have also an additional degree of freedom, the scalaron which appears explicitly in the Einstein frame of the theory

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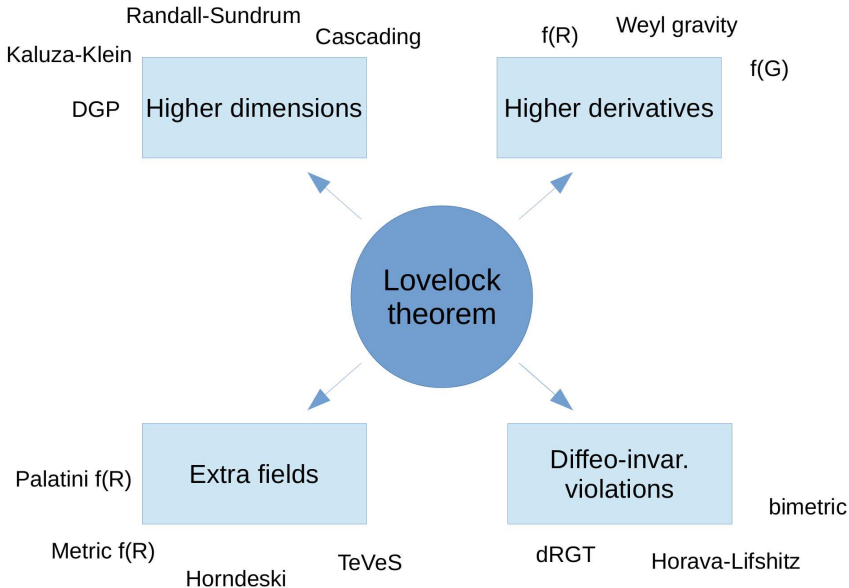
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$$\Downarrow$$

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In this very rich zoo of models, we can find a fundamental common idea

- In higher dimensional theories, the models have more than 2 degrees of freedom. For example, the DGP model has 5 degrees of freedom which can be split into a massless graviton, a massless vector field and a scalar field
- Integrating out the additional dimension gives rise to an effective theory describing the brane bending mode, known as galileon theory
- Higher dimensional models contain often scalar field
- In fact, more generically many theories of high-energy physics, such as string theory and supergravity, predict light gravitationally coupled scalar fields
- In higher derivative theories such as $f(R)$ in the metric formalism, we have also an additional degree of freedom, the scalaron which appears explicitly in the Einstein frame of the theory
- In the case we break the diffeomorphism invariance such as dRGT model, we have additional degrees of freedom. And like for extra dimensions, the very interesting aspects of the model are encoded in the scalar degree of freedom which become transparent in the so-called decoupling limit

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Quintessence

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For a homogeneous profile $\phi = \phi(t)$, the scalar field acts like a perfect fluid with equation of state $w = P/\rho$

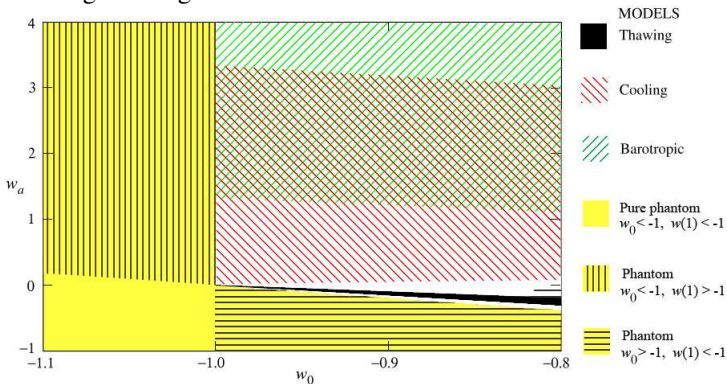
$$w = \frac{\frac{1}{2}\dot{\phi}^2 - V(\phi)}{\frac{1}{2}\dot{\phi}^2 + V(\phi)}$$

ϕ is a source to the observed accelerated expansion if $w \simeq -1 \Rightarrow \dot{\phi}^2 \ll V(\phi)$

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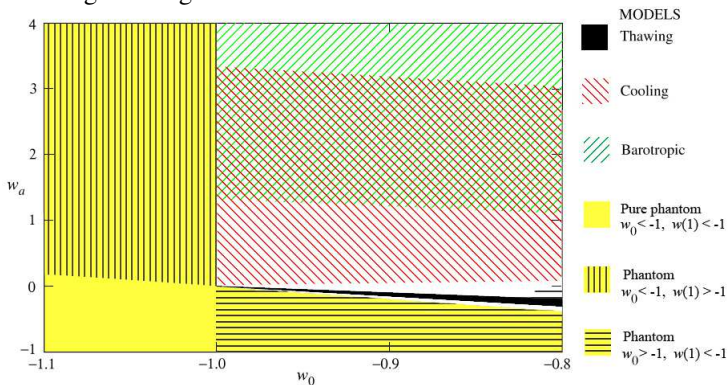
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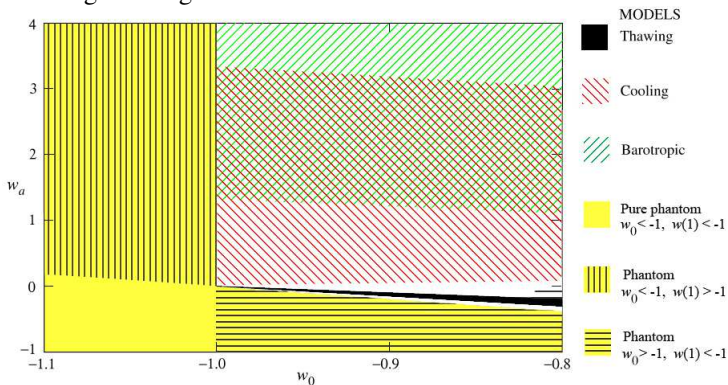
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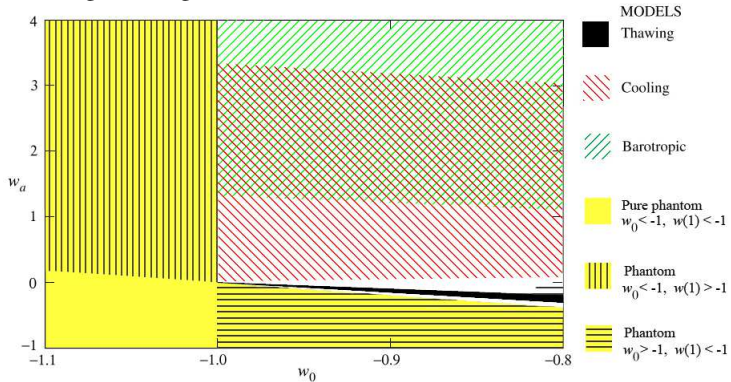
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Not solving the CCP, same fine-tuning

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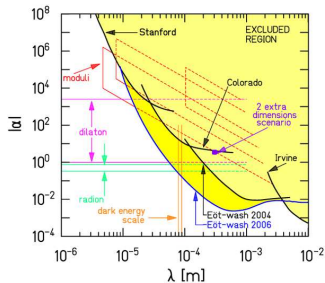
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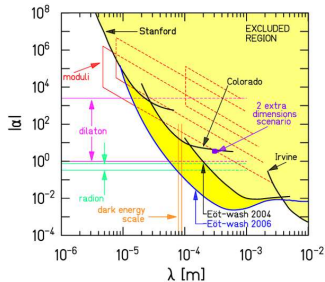
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Solar System and lab experiments rule out any long range gravitationally coupled fifth force

So the challenge is to modify gravity only at large (cosmic) distances, while keeping it unaltered at short (Solar System) distances