

# Nonlocal Cosmology

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arXiv:0705.0153 & 1307.6693 (Deser)

arXiv:0904.0961 (Deffayet)

# Problem: What is making the universe accelerate?

- FLRW:  $ds^2 = -dt^2 + a^2(t) d\mathbf{x} \cdot d\mathbf{x}$ 
  - ❖  $H(t) = \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \rightarrow H_0 \sim 67 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{s-Mpc}}$
  - ❖  $q(t) \equiv -1 - \frac{\ddot{a}}{H^2} \rightarrow q_0 \sim -.54$
- General Relativity with  $\frac{a_0}{a(t)} \equiv 1 + z$ 
  - ❖  $3H^2 = 3H_0^2 [\Omega_r (1+z)^4 + \Omega_m (1+z)^3 + \Omega_\Lambda]$
  - ❖  $-2\dot{H} - 3H^2 = 3H_0^2 [1/3\Omega_r (1+z)^4 + 0 - \Omega_\Lambda]$
- $\Lambda$ CDM works
  - ❖  $\Omega_r \sim 8.5 \times 10^{-5}, \Omega_m \sim .306, \Omega_\Lambda \sim .692$
  - ❖ But why is  $G\Lambda$  so small and why dominant NOW?

# Scalar Quintessence Works

- $\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu\varphi\partial_\nu\varphi g^{\mu\nu}\sqrt{-g} - V(\varphi)\sqrt{-g}$ 
  - ❖  $3H^2 = 8\pi G[\frac{1}{2}\dot{f}^2 + V(f)]$
  - ❖  $-2\dot{H} - 3H^2 = 8\pi G[\frac{1}{2}\dot{f}^2 - V(f)]$
- Given  $a(t) \rightarrow$  Reconstruct  $V(\varphi)$ 
  - ❖  $-2\dot{H} = 8\pi G\dot{f}^2(t) \rightarrow f(t) = f_0 \pm \int_0^t dt' \sqrt{\frac{-\dot{H}(t')}{4\pi G}}$
  - ❖ Monotonic  $\rightarrow t[f]$
  - ❖  $(t) + 3H^2(t) = 8\pi GV \rightarrow V(f) = \frac{(t[f]) + 3H^2(t[f])}{8\pi G}$
- But who ordered that?
  - ❖ Why is  $\varphi(t, \mathbf{x}) \sim f(t)$  so homogeneous?
  - ❖ Why is  $G^2 V(f) \sim 10^{-122}$  so small?
  - ❖ Why is there no observed scalar force?

# $f(R)$ models don't really work

- $\mathcal{L} = \frac{f(R)\sqrt{-g}}{16\pi G}$
- Unique solution which gives  $\Lambda$ CDM is ...
  - ❖  $f(R) = R - 2$
  - ❖ Dunsby et al., arXiv:1005.2205
- Hence deviations occur even at 0<sup>th</sup> order!
- And there are other problems
  - ❖ Why now? → new scales
  - ❖ New scalar DoF → needs screening

# Modifications of Gravity

- $f(R)$  only local, invariant, stable &  $g_{\mu\nu}$ -based
- Retain locality and sacrifice invariance
  - ❖ Horava gravity
  - ❖ Massive gravitons
- Retain invariance and sacrifice locality for:
  - ❖ Summing QIR effects from primordial inflation
  - ❖ Explaining late time acceleration w/o Dark Energy
  - ❖ Explaining galactic structure w/o Dark Matter

# Isaac Newton's Take on Nonlocality

“that one body may act upon another at a distance thro' a Vacuum, without the Mediation of any thing else, by and through which their Action and Force may be conveyed from one to another, is to me so great an Absurdity that I believe no Man who has in philosophoical Matters a competent Faculty of thinking can ever fall into it.”

# Was Newton too Harsh?

- I don't think so
  - ❖ Fundamental theory is local
  - ❖ But quantum effective field equations are not
  - ❖  $M = 0$  loops could give big IR corrections
- Primordial Inflation  $\rightarrow$  IR gravitons
  - ❖  $N(t, k) = \left[ \frac{Ha(t)}{2ck} \right]^2$  for EVERY wave vector
  - ❖ Perhaps their attraction stops inflation
  - ❖ Late time modifications from vacuum polarization
  - ❖ Would affect large scales most
- But for now, just model-building

# Late-Time Acceleration (arXiv:0705.0153 with Deser)

- Nonlocality via  $\frac{1}{\square}$  for  $\square \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}} \partial_\mu (\sqrt{-g} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\nu)$ 
  - ❖ Retarded BC  $\rightarrow$  both  $\frac{1}{\square}$  and  $\partial_t \frac{1}{\square}$  vanish at  $t = 0$
- Act it on  $R \rightarrow X \equiv \frac{1}{\square} R$  is dimensionless
- $\mathcal{L} = \frac{R[1+f(X)]\sqrt{-g}}{16\pi G}$ 
  - ❖  $f(X)$  the “nonlocal distortion function”
- Field equations:  $G_{\mu\nu} + \Delta G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu}$ 

$$G_{\mu\nu} = [G_{\mu\nu} + g_{\mu\nu} \square - D_\mu D_\nu] \left( f(X) + \frac{1}{\square} [Rf'(X)] \right) + \left[ \delta_\mu^{(\rho} \delta_\nu^{\sigma)} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} g^{\rho\sigma} \right] \partial_\rho X \partial_\sigma \left( \frac{1}{\square} [Rf'(X)] \right)$$



# Field Equations Causal & Conserved

- Invariance implies conservation
- But variational symmetry precludes causality
  - ❖ Eg  $S[q] = \int dt' q(t') \int dt'' q(t'') G(t'; t'')$
  - ❖  $\frac{\delta S[q]}{\delta q(t)} = \int dt' [G(t; t') + G(t'; t)] q(t')$
- “Partial Integration Trick”
  - ❖ Make causal by changing  $\left(\frac{1}{\square}\right)_{adv}$  to  $\left(\frac{1}{\square}\right)_{ret}$
  - ❖ Conservation only requires  $\square\left(\frac{1}{\square}\right) = 1$
- True derivation from Schwinger-Keldysh

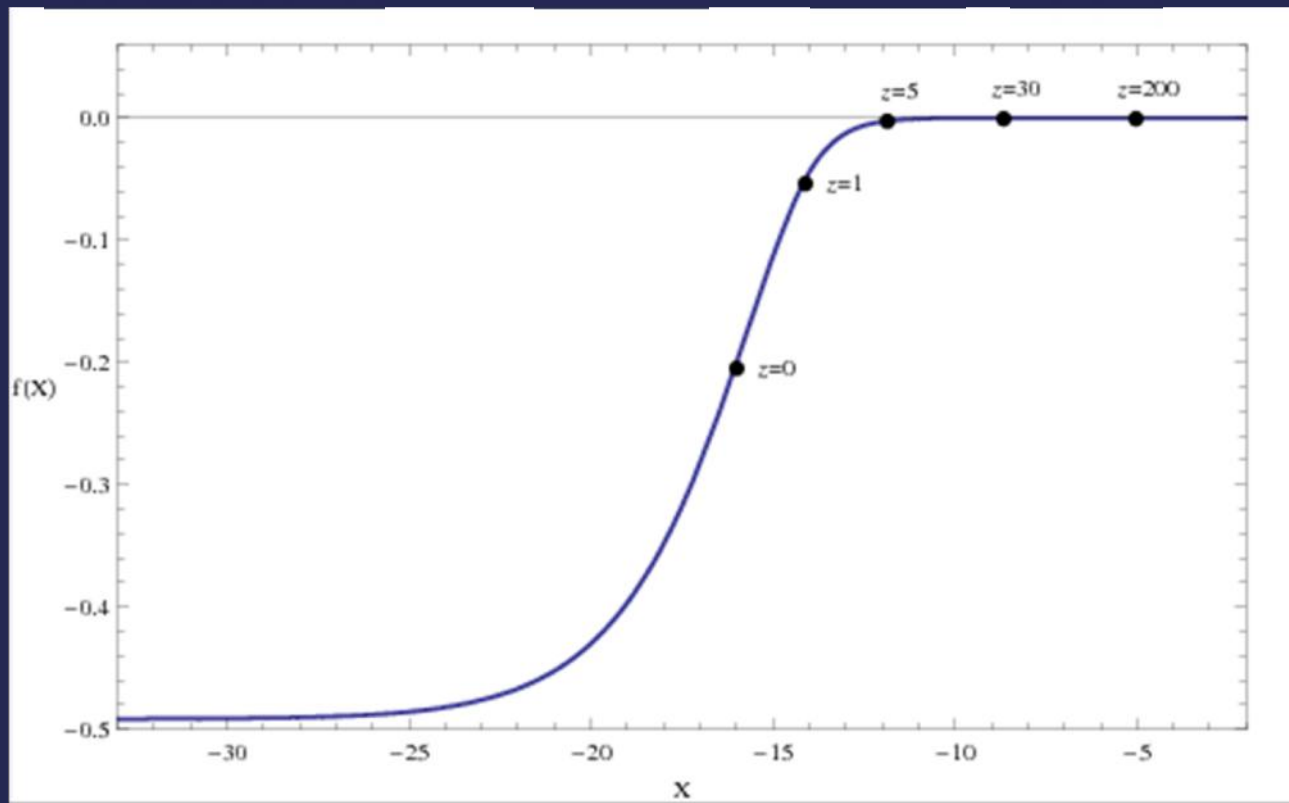
## Specialization to FLRW:

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + a^2(t)d\mathbf{x} \cdot d\mathbf{x}$$

- $R = 6\dot{H} + 12H^2$
- $\left[\frac{1}{\square}f\right](t) = -\frac{t}{a^3(t)} \int_0^t dt'' a^3(t'')f(t'')$
- Two Built-In Delays:
  - ❖  $R = 0$  during Radiation domination ( $H \approx \frac{1}{2t}$ )
    - No modification until  $t_{\text{eq}} \sim 10^5$  years
  - ❖  $X = \frac{1}{\square}R \sim -\frac{4}{3} \ln\left(\frac{t}{t_{\text{eq}}}\right)$  during Matter domination
    - $X \sim -15$  at  $t \sim 10^{10}$  years

Reconstructing  $\Lambda$ CDM (arXiv:0904.0961 with Deffayet)

$$f(X) \approx \frac{1}{4} \left[ \tan \left( \frac{X}{3} + \frac{11}{2} \right) - 1 \right]$$



# Screening

- Solar system a problem for  $f(R)$  models
  - ❖  $R > 0$  for cosmology AND solar system
  - ❖ Need “screening mechanism” to suppress deviations inside solar system
- $f\left(\frac{1}{\square}R\right)$  models avoid this problem
  - ❖  $\square \sim -\partial_t^2 + \nabla^2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{\square}$  provides a  $\pm$  sign
    - $\frac{1}{\square}R < 0$  for cosmology
    - $\frac{1}{\square}R > 0$  for gravitationally bound systems
  - ❖  $f(X) = 0$  for  $X > 0$  means NO solar system changes

# Local Version Is Haunted

(Nojiri & Odintsov, arXiv:0708.0924)

- $R\left[1 + f\left(\frac{1}{\square}R\right)\right] \rightarrow R[1 + f(\phi)] + [\square\phi - R]$ 
  - ❖ Varying with respect to  $\xi$  enforces  $\square\phi = R$
  - ❖ NB both scalars have 2 pieces of initial value data
- $\rightarrow -\partial_\mu \xi \partial_\nu \phi g^{\mu\nu}$   
 $= -\frac{1}{4}\partial_\mu(\xi + \phi)\partial_\nu(\xi + \phi)g^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{4}\partial_\mu(\xi - \phi)\partial_\nu(\xi - \phi)g^{\mu\nu}$
- $\xi$  has negative kinetic energy
- Mixing with gravity doesn't help

# No new initial value data for the original nonlocal version

- Synchronous gauge:  $ds^2 = -dt^2 + h_{ij}(t, \mathbf{x})dx^i dx^j$
- GR initial value data:  $h_{ij}(0, \mathbf{x})$  &  $\dot{h}_{ij}(0, \mathbf{x}) = 6 + 6$ 
  - ❖ 4+4 constrained fields
  - ❖ 2+2 dynamical gravitons
- NC initial value data  $\rightarrow$  count the  $\partial_t$ 's
  - ❖  $R \sim \partial_t^2$  &  $\frac{1}{\square} \sim \frac{1}{\partial_t^2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\square} R \sim (\partial_t)^0$
  - ❖  $G_{\mu\nu}$  has up to  $\partial_t^2 \frac{1}{\square}$
- Hence  $h_{ij}(0, \mathbf{x})$  &  $\dot{h}_{ij}(0, \mathbf{x})$ , but what are they?



# Initial Value Constraints Identical to General Relativity

- Recall  $G_{\mu\nu} + \Delta G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu}$ 

$$G_{\mu\nu} = [G_{\mu\nu} + g_{\mu\nu}\square - D_\mu D_\nu](f(X) + \frac{1}{\square}[Rf'(X)])$$

$$+ [\delta_\mu^{(\rho} \delta_\nu^{\sigma)} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}g^{\rho\sigma}] \partial_\rho X \partial_\sigma (\frac{1}{\square}[Rf'(X)])$$
- Retarded BC  $\rightarrow$  both  $\frac{1}{\square}$  &  $\partial_t \frac{1}{\square}$  vanish at  $t = 0$ 
  - $\diamond f(X)$  also vanishes at  $X = 0$
  - $\diamond$  Only  $[g_{\mu\nu}\square - D_\mu D_\nu] \left\{ f\left(\frac{1}{\square}R\right) + \frac{1}{\square}[Rf'\left(\frac{1}{\square}R\right)] \right\} \neq 0$
- Synchronous constraints  $\rightarrow \Delta G_{00}$  and  $\Delta G_{0i}$ 
  - $\diamond g_{00}\square - D_0 D_0 = \frac{1}{2}h^{ij} \dot{h}_{ij} \partial_t - \Delta \rightarrow 0$  at  $t = 0$
  - $\diamond g_{0i}\square - D_0 D_i = -\partial_0 \partial_i + \frac{1}{2}h^{ik} h_{ki} \partial_j \rightarrow 0$  at  $t = 0$

# No Ghosts $\rightarrow$ Check the $\partial_t^2$ Terms

- Recall  $G_{\mu\nu} + \Delta G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu}$ 

$$G_{\mu\nu} = [G_{\mu\nu} + g_{\mu\nu}\square - D_\mu D_\nu](f(X) + \frac{1}{\square}[Rf'(X)])$$

$$+ [\delta_\mu^{(\rho} \delta_\nu^{\sigma)} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}g^{\rho\sigma}] \partial_\rho X \partial_\sigma (\frac{1}{\square}[Rf'(X)])$$
- Dynamical equations  $\rightarrow G_{ij} + \Delta G_{ij} = 8\pi G T_{ij}$ 
  - $\diamond g_{ij}\square - D_i D_j = h_{ij}\square + O(\partial_t)$
  - $\diamond \Delta G_{ij} = 2h_{ij}Rf'(X) + O(\partial_t)$
  - $\diamond R_{ij} = \frac{1}{2}\dot{h}_{ij} + O(\partial_t)$  and  $R = h^{kl}\ddot{h}_{kl} + O(\partial_t)$
- $G_{ij} + \Delta G_{ij} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}\{1 + f(X) + \frac{1}{\square}[Rf'(X)]\}h_{ij} + \text{Irrelevant}$ 
  - $\diamond$  No graviton ever becomes a ghost
  - $\diamond$  Still might have a potential energy instability



# A problem with how the model reproduces $\Lambda$ CDM without $\Lambda$

- For FLRW with slowly varying  $H(t)$ 
  - ❖  $G_{\mu\nu} + \Delta G_{\mu\nu} \approx \left\{ 1 + f(X) + \frac{1}{\square} [Rf'(X)] \right\} G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi T_{\mu\nu}$
- This is effectively a time-varying Newton constant
  - ❖  $G_{eff}(t) = \frac{G}{1 + f(X) + \frac{1}{\square} [Rf'(X)]}$
  - ❖ Balances the Friedmann Eqn:  $3H^2 \approx 8 G_{eff}(t) \times \frac{\rho_m}{a^3(t)}$
- But  $G_{eff}(t)$  also strengthens the force of gravity
  - ❖ Not relevant for solar system
  - ❖ Should increase structure formation
  - ❖ Dodelson & Park have confirmed this, & it's bad

# What Dodelson & Park Did (arXiv:1209.0836 & 1310.4329)

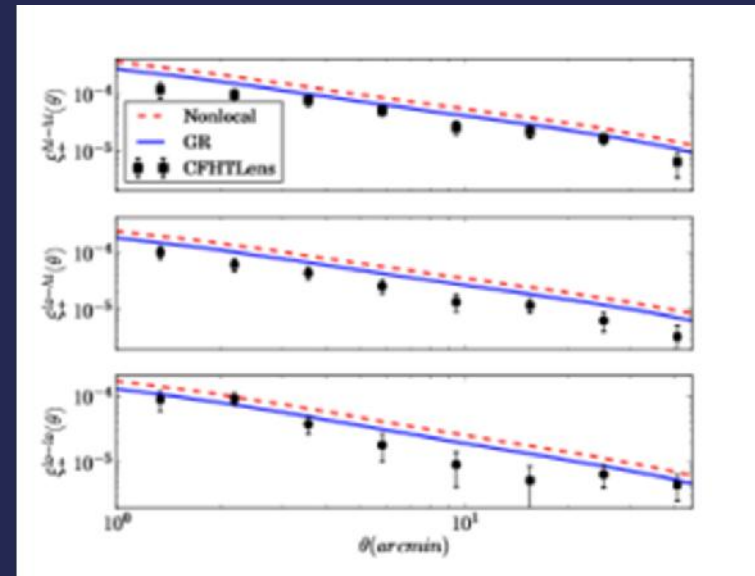
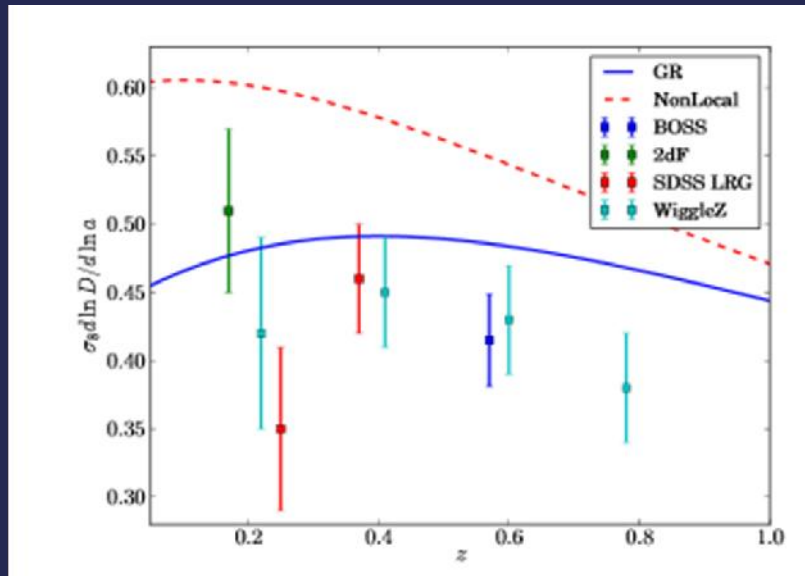
- Plane wave scalars:  $\delta(G_{\nu}^{\mu} + \Delta G_{\nu}^{\mu}) = 8\pi G \delta T_{\nu}^{\mu}$ 
  - ❖  $ds^2 = -[1 + 2\Psi(t)e^{ik \cdot x}]dt^2 + a^2(t)[1 + 2\Phi(t)e^{ik \cdot x}]d\mathbf{x} \cdot d\mathbf{x}$
  - ❖  $\delta T_0^0 = \delta\rho, \delta T_j^i = 0$
  - ❖  $\delta G_0^0 = -\frac{2k^2}{a^2}\Phi - 6H\dot{\Phi} + 6H^2\Psi$
  - ❖  $\delta G_j^i = \frac{(k^i k^j - k^2 \delta^{ij})}{a^2} [\Phi + \dots] - 2\delta^{ij} [\dots + H(3\dot{\Phi} - \dots)] - (2\ddot{\Psi} + 3H^2\Psi)$
- $\delta f(X) = f'(\bar{X}) \delta X$ 
  - ❖  $\delta X = \int_0^t dt' G(t; t') \left[ \frac{k^2}{a^2} (4\Phi + 2\Psi) + 6\ddot{\Phi} + 6H(4\dot{\Phi} - \dot{\Psi}) + \bar{\lambda} (3\dot{\Phi} - \dots) \right]$
  - ❖  $G(t; t') = -i\theta(t - t') a^3(t) [u(t)u^*(t') - u^*(t)u(t')]$ 
    - $\ddot{u} + 3H\dot{u} + \frac{k^2}{a^2}u = 0$  and  $u\dot{u}^* - \dot{u}u^* = \frac{i}{a^3}$
    - WKB:  $G(t; t') \rightarrow -\frac{\theta(t-t')a^2(t')}{ka(t)} \sin \left[ k \int_{t'}^t \frac{dt''}{a(t'')} \right]$

# What Dodelson and Park Found

$$ds^2 = -[1 + 2\Psi(t)e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}}]dt^2 + a^2(t)[1 + 2\Phi(t)e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}}]d\mathbf{x}\cdot d\mathbf{x}$$

- Nonlocal Cosmology predicts:
  - ❖  $\Psi(t) \sim \Psi_{GR}$  throughout
  - ❖  $\Phi(t) \neq \Phi_{GR}$  by  $z \sim 1.5$  and  $\Phi(t_0) \sim 2 \times \Phi_{GR}$
- Relevant data sets:
  - ❖ WiggleZ, 2dF, BOSS, SDSS LRG's (redshift space dist.)
  - ❖ CFHTLenS (weak lensing)
- Preference of GR over Nonlocal Cosmology:
  - ❖ Redshift space distortions  $\rightarrow 7.8\sigma$
  - ❖ Weak lensing  $\rightarrow 5.9\sigma$
- Data favors a less highly evolved universe

# Most data below BOTH Nonlocal Cosmology & General Relativity



Beyond  $\Delta\mathcal{L} \equiv \frac{Rf(X)\sqrt{-g}}{16\pi G}$  for  $X \equiv \frac{1}{\square}R$

- Model gives  $G_{eff}(t)$  but we want  $\Lambda_{eff}(t)$
- arXiv:0904.2368 (with Tsamis)
  - ❖  $T_{\mu\nu}[g] = (\rho + p)v_\mu v_\nu + pg_{\mu\nu}$ 
    - Fix  $p[g] = -\frac{\Lambda}{8\pi G} + \Lambda^2 F(-G\Lambda X[g])$
    - Determine  $\rho[g]$  and  $v_\mu[g]$  by conservation
  - ❖ For ANY  $F(z)$  which increases without bound
    - Universe inflates, then  $T_{\mu\nu} = 0$  for radiation domination
    - But disaster at matter domination
- arXiv:1001.4929 (with Tsamis)
  - ❖ Change  $F\left(-G\Lambda\frac{1}{\square}[R]\right)$  to  $F\left(G\frac{1}{\square}[Ru^\mu u^\nu R_{\mu\nu}]\right)$   $u^\mu = \frac{-g^{\mu\nu}\partial_\nu X}{\sqrt{-g^{\alpha\beta}\partial_\alpha X\partial_\beta X}}$
  - ❖ FLRW:  $u^\mu u^\nu R_{\mu\nu} = -3(\dots + H^2) \sim -3H^2$  for inflation,  $+\frac{3}{2}H^2$  for matter
- arXiv:1106.4984 (with Deffayet & Esposito-Farese)
  - ❖ Also need  $u^\mu u^\nu R_{\mu\nu}$  for nonlocal MOND

# Conclusions

- Nonlocal gravity not fundamental
  - ❖ Infrared QG corrections from primordial inflation
  - ❖ Purely phenomenological for now
- Simplest model based on  $Rf\left(\frac{1}{\square}R\right)$ 
  - ❖ Built-in delays explain cosmic coincidence
  - ❖ Simple  $f(X)$  reproduces  $\Lambda$ CDM without  $\Lambda$
  - ❖ But structure formation heavily favors GR
- Probably BETTER than GR with 2<sup>nd</sup> invariant
- Desirable properties
  - ❖ Perfect screening for gravitationally bound systems
  - ❖ No new degrees of freedom
  - ❖ Initial value constraints identical to GR
  - ❖ No kinetic energy instabilities