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Effective gravitational “constant” in scalar-(curvature)tensor and scalar-torsion gravities

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1.1 Scalar-tensor gravity (STG)

STG action in the most general form for one scalar field Φ and no derivative couplings

$$S = \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ \mathcal{A}(\Phi) R - \mathcal{B}(\Phi) g^{\mu\nu} \nabla_\mu \Phi \nabla_\nu \Phi - 2\ell^{-2} \mathcal{V}(\Phi) \right\} + S_{matter} \left[e^{2\alpha(\Phi)} g_{\mu\nu}, \chi \right]. \quad (1)$$

- ▶ Nonminimal coupling between a scalar field and curvature
 - ▶ higher dimensions, braneworlds, quantum corrections
 - ▶ inflation (Higgs, α -attractors), dark energy, dark matter
 - ▶ mathematically equivalent to $f(R)$, $f(R, \Phi)$, ...
- ▶ Two dimensionful constants κ^2 , ℓ to make Φ dimensionless.
- ▶ Gravitational “constant” $G = \frac{\kappa^2}{8\pi \mathcal{A}(\Phi)}$

1.1 Transformations of STG

$$S = \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \{ \mathcal{A}(\Phi)R - \mathcal{B}(\Phi)g^{\mu\nu}\nabla_\mu\Phi\nabla_\nu\Phi - 2\ell^{-2}\mathcal{V}(\Phi) \} + S_m [e^{2\alpha(\Phi)}g_{\mu\nu}, \chi] . \quad (1)$$

- ▶ The action is invariant (up to total divergence term) under
 - ▶ conformal rescaling of the metric (change of frame)

$$g_{\mu\nu} = e^{2\bar{\gamma}(\bar{\Phi})}\bar{g}_{\mu\nu} , \quad (2)$$

- ▶ and reparametrization of the scalar field

$$\Phi = \bar{f}(\bar{\Phi}) . \quad (3)$$

- ▶ In general four arbitrary functions $\mathcal{A}(\Phi)$, $\mathcal{B}(\Phi)$, $\mathcal{V}(\Phi)$, $e^{2\alpha(\Phi)}$.

1.1 Parametrizations of STG

By conformal rescaling and scalar field redefinition can fix two functions to get different parametrizations, e.g.

- ▶ Jordan frame Brans-Dicke-Bergmann-Wagoner (JF BDBW)

$$S = \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ \Psi R - \frac{\omega(\Psi)}{\Psi} g^{\mu\nu} \nabla_\mu \Psi \nabla_\nu \Psi - 2\ell^{-2} U(\Psi) \right\} + S_m[g_{\mu\nu}, \chi]. \quad (4)$$

- ▶ Jordan frame another parametrization

$$S = \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ \mathcal{F}(\phi) R - g^{\mu\nu} \nabla_\mu \phi \nabla_\nu \phi - 2\ell^{-2} \mathcal{U}(\phi) \right\} + S_m[g_{\mu\nu}, \chi]. \quad (5)$$

- ▶ Einstein frame canonical parametrization

$$S = \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ R - 2g^{\mu\nu} \nabla_\mu \varphi \nabla_\nu \varphi - 2\ell^{-2} \mathcal{V}(\varphi) \right\} + S_m[e^{2\alpha(\varphi)} g_{\mu\nu}, \chi]. \quad (6)$$

NB! Physical observables independent of parametrization!

LJ, Kuusk, Saal, Vilson 1411.1947

1.2 Multiscalar-tensor gravity (MSTG)

MSTG action in the most general form for n scalar fields $\Phi = \{\Phi^A\}$, no derivative couplings [LJ, Kuusk, Vilson 1509.02903](#)

$$S = \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ \mathcal{A}(\Phi) R - \mathcal{B}_{AB}(\Phi) g^{\mu\nu} \nabla_\mu \Phi^A \nabla_\nu \Phi^B - 2\ell^{-2} \mathcal{V}(\Phi) \right\} + S_{matter} \left[e^{2\alpha(\Phi)} g_{\mu\nu}, \chi \right]. \quad (7)$$

- ▶ Nonminimal coupling between the scalar fields and curvature
 - ▶ higher dimensions, quantum corrections
 - ▶ inflation, dark energy (Higgs $SU(2)$ doublet), dark matter
 - ▶ mathematically equivalent to $f(R, \square^i R, \nabla_\mu R \nabla^\mu R, \mathcal{G})$, hybrid metric-Palatini $f(R, \mathcal{R})$, nonlocal $f(R, \square^{-i} R), \dots$
- ▶ Gravitational “constant” $G = \frac{\kappa^2}{8\pi \mathcal{A}(\Phi)}$

1.2 Multiscalar-tensor gravity (MSTG)

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- ▶ The action is invariant (up to total divergence term) under
 - ▶ conformal rescaling of the metric (change of frame) and
 - ▶ reparametrization of the scalar fields.
- ▶ Nonminimally coupled generalization of nonlinear σ -model with metric on the space of fields,

$$\mathcal{F}_{AB} \equiv \frac{2\mathcal{A}\mathcal{B}_{AB} + 3\mathcal{A}_{,A}\mathcal{A}_{,B}}{4\mathcal{A}^2} \quad (9)$$

Negative eigenvalues of this metric indicate a ghost among the scalars. Zero eigenvalue points to a nondynamical scalar.

LJ, Kuusk, Vilson 1509.02903

1.2 Multiscalar-tensor gravity (MSTG)

Two fields ϕ, Ψ , Jordan frame, BDBW-like parametrization

$$S = \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left(\Psi R - Z(\phi, \Psi) \partial_\rho \phi \partial^\rho \phi - \frac{\omega(\phi, \Psi)}{\Psi} \partial_\rho \Psi \partial^\rho \Psi - 2\kappa^2 U(\phi, \Psi) \right) + S_m[g_{\mu\nu}, \chi_m], \quad (10)$$

- ▶ The metric on the space of scalar fields is already diagonal,

$$\mathcal{F}_{\alpha\gamma} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{Z(\phi, \Psi)}{2\Psi} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2\omega(\phi, \Psi)+3}{4\Psi^2} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (11)$$

- ▶ Can define the vector of nonminimal coupling,

$$\mathcal{K}_\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\frac{\kappa^2}{4\Psi^2} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (12)$$

1.3 Teleparallel equivalent of general relativity (TEGR)

Based on the ideas of Einstein (1928), Møller (1961)

$$S = \int d^4x e \left[\frac{T}{2\kappa^2} + \mathcal{L}_m \right]. \quad (13)$$

- ▶ Geometrical variables are tetrad fields, $g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{ab} e^a{}_\mu e^b{}_\nu$.
- ▶ Instead of Levi-Civita connection use Weitzenböck connection $\overset{\mathbf{w}}{\Gamma}{}^\lambda{}_{\nu\mu} \equiv e_a^\lambda \partial_\mu e_\nu^a$, which yields zero curvature but nonzero torsion

$$T^\lambda{}_{\mu\nu} = \overset{\mathbf{w}}{\Gamma}{}^\lambda{}_{\nu\mu} - \overset{\mathbf{w}}{\Gamma}{}^\lambda{}_{\mu\nu} = e_a^\lambda (\partial_\mu e_\nu^a - \partial_\nu e_\mu^a), \quad (14)$$

$$T = \frac{1}{4} T^{\rho\mu\nu} T_{\rho\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} T^{\rho\mu\nu} T_{\nu\mu\rho} - T_{\rho\mu}{}^\rho T^{\nu\mu}{}_\nu. \quad (15)$$

- ▶ Equation of motion equivalent to general relativity, $T = -R - 2\nabla^\mu T^\lambda{}_{\mu\lambda}$.
- ▶ What if we modify TEGR instead of GR?

1.3 Scalar field nonminimally coupled to torsion

Scalar-torsion gravity [Geng, Lee, Saridakis, Wu 1109.1092](#)

$$S = \int d^4x e \left[(1 + \kappa^2 f(\phi)) \frac{T}{2\kappa^2} + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi - V(\phi) + \mathcal{L}_m \right]. \quad (16)$$

- ▶ Equations of motion different from scalar-(curvature) tensor gravity.
- ▶ Gravitational “constant” depends on the value of the scalar field,

$$G = \frac{\kappa^2}{8\pi(1 + \kappa^2 f(\phi))}$$

- ▶ Equations of motion must be invariant under local Lorentz transformations $e'^a{}_\mu = \Lambda^a{}_b(x) e^b{}_\mu$, otherwise acausality, etc.

They will be if one also includes purely inertial spin connection $\omega'^a{}_{b\mu} = \Lambda^a{}_c \partial_\mu \Lambda^c{}_b$ as an independent variable (still leading to zero curvature), to delineate the effects of inertia and gravitation.

[Saridakis, Krššák 1510.08432](#), [Krššák 1510.06676](#)

2.1 STG cosmology

BDBW parametrization, flat ($k = 0$) FLRW, barotropic fluid

$$H^2 = +\frac{\kappa^2 \rho}{\Psi} \frac{1}{3} + \frac{\ell^{-2} U(\Psi)}{\Psi} \frac{1}{3} - H \frac{\dot{\Psi}}{\Psi} + \frac{1}{6} \frac{\dot{\Psi}^2}{\Psi^2} \omega(\Psi), \quad (17)$$

$$2\dot{H} + 3H^2 = -\frac{\kappa^2 w\rho}{\Psi} + \frac{\ell^{-2} U(\Psi)}{\Psi} - 2H \frac{\dot{\Psi}}{\Psi} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\dot{\Psi}^2}{\Psi^2} \omega(\Psi) - \frac{\ddot{\Psi}}{\Psi}, \quad (18)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{\Psi} = & -3H\dot{\Psi} - \frac{1}{2\omega(\Psi) + 3} \frac{d\omega(\Psi)}{d\Psi} \dot{\Psi}^2 + \frac{\kappa^2}{2\omega(\Psi) + 3} (1 - 3w) \rho \\ & + \frac{2\ell^{-2}}{2\omega(\Psi) + 3} \left[2U(\Psi) - \Psi \frac{dU(\Psi)}{d\Psi} \right], \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

In the general relativity limit

$$\dot{\Psi}_* = 0, \quad \frac{1}{2\omega(\Psi_*) + 3} \equiv 0 \quad (20)$$

get Λ CDM with $G = \frac{\kappa^2}{8\pi\Psi_*}$, $\Lambda = \ell^{-2} U(\Psi_*)$.

2.1 Approximation near the GR limit

Consider small deviations $x \sim \dot{x} \sim h$

$$\Psi(t) = \Psi_* + x(t), \quad (21)$$

$$\dot{\Psi}(t) = \dot{x}(t), \quad (22)$$

$$H(t) = H_*(t) + h(t), \quad (23)$$

Expand in series, keeping the leading terms, obtain approximate equations which depend on $\omega(\Psi_*)$, $U(\Psi_*)$, $\frac{d\omega}{d\Psi}|_{\Psi_*}$, $\frac{dU}{d\Psi}|_{\Psi_*}$, etc.

[LJ, Kuusk, Saal 1003.1686](#)

Background

$$\begin{aligned} H_*(t) &= \frac{2}{3(t-t_s)} \quad , \quad \text{if } \rho \gg U(\Psi), w = 0 \\ H_*(t) &= \sqrt{\frac{3\ell^{-2}U(\Psi_*)}{\Psi_*}} \quad , \quad \text{if } U(\Psi) \gg \rho, \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

Equations for $x(t)$ and $h(t)$ are nonlinear and depend implicitly on time, but can be solved analytically.

2.1 Solutions to the approximate equations

In the dust matter dominated regime [LJ, Kuusk, Saal 1112.5308](#)

$$\Psi(t) = \Psi_* \pm \begin{cases} \frac{1}{t} \left[M_1 t^{\frac{\sqrt{D}}{2}} - M_2 t^{-\frac{\sqrt{D}}{2}} \right]^2, & \text{if } D > 0, \\ \frac{1}{t} [M_1 \ln t - M_2]^2, & \text{if } D = 0, \\ \frac{1}{t} \left[M_1 \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{|D|}}{2} \ln t\right) - M_2 \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{|D|}}{2} \ln t\right) \right]^2, & \text{if } D < 0, \end{cases}$$

and in the potential dominated regime [LJ, Kuusk, Saal 1006.1246](#)

$$\Psi(t) = \Psi_* \pm \begin{cases} e^{-C_1 t} \left[M_1 e^{\frac{1}{2} t \sqrt{C}} - M_2 e^{-\frac{1}{2} t \sqrt{C}} \right]^2, & \text{if } C > 0, \\ e^{-C_1 t} [M_1 t - M_2]^2, & \text{if } C = 0, \\ e^{-C_1 t} \left[M_1 \sin\left(\frac{1}{2} t \sqrt{|C|}\right) - M_2 \cos\left(\frac{1}{2} t \sqrt{|C|}\right) \right]^2, & \text{if } C < 0. \end{cases}$$

Here M_1, M_2 are constants of integration (determined by initial conditions) and

$$A_* \equiv \frac{d}{d\Psi} \left(\frac{1}{2\omega(\Psi) + 3} \right) \Big|_{\Psi_*}, \quad C_1 \equiv \sqrt{\frac{3\ell^{-2}U(\Psi_*)}{\Psi_*}}, \quad C_2 \equiv 2\ell^{-2}A_* \left(2U(\Psi) - \frac{dU(\Psi)}{d\Psi} \Psi \right) \Big|_{\Psi_*}$$
$$D \equiv 1 + \frac{8}{3}\Psi_* A_*, \quad C = C_1^2 + 2C_2.$$

2.1 GR as an attractor to STG and MSTG

- ▶ STG solutions dynamically converge towards the GR regime
 - ▶ GR limit exists, if $\exists \Psi_*$, such that

$$\frac{1}{2\omega(\Psi_*) + 3} = 0.$$

- ▶ Attractor in the dust matter dominated era

$$\left. \frac{d}{d\Psi} \left(\frac{1}{2\omega(\Psi) + 3} \right) \right|_{\Psi_*} < 0.$$

- ▶ Attractor in the potential dominated era

$$U(\Psi_*) > 0, \quad \left[\frac{\Psi}{2U(\Psi)} \frac{dU(\Psi)}{d\Psi} \right]_{\Psi_*} < 1.$$

- ▶ Can get analytical solutions in cosmological time for H , w_{eff} , $\frac{\dot{G}}{G}$, etc.
- ▶ Analogously for multiscalar-tensor gravity [LJ](#), [Kuusk](#), [Randla forthcoming](#)

2.3 Scalar-torsion cosmology

Flat FLRW geometry, $e_{\mu}^a = \text{diag}(1, a(t), a(t), a(t))$, perfect fluid

$$3H^2 = \frac{\kappa^2}{1 + \kappa^2 f(\phi)} \left[\rho_m + V(\phi) + \frac{\dot{\phi}^2}{2} \right], \quad (25)$$

$$2\dot{H} = -\frac{\kappa^2}{1 + \kappa^2 f(\phi)} \left[(1 + w_m)\rho_m + \dot{\phi}^2 + 2Hf'(\phi)\dot{\phi} \right], \quad (26)$$

$$\ddot{\phi} = -3H\dot{\phi} - 3H^2 f'(\phi) - V'(\phi). \quad (27)$$

- ▶ Equations different from scalar-(curvature)tensor cosmology!
E.g. the scalar field is not sourced by matter energy-momentum.
- ▶ In the general relativity limit

$$\dot{\phi} = 0, \quad f'(\phi_{\star}) = f'_{\star} = 0, \quad V'(\phi_{\star}) = V'_{\star} = 0, \quad (28)$$

get Λ CDM with $G = \frac{\kappa^2}{1 + \kappa^2 f(\phi_{\star})}$, $\Lambda = V(\phi_{\star})$.

- ▶ Does scalar-torsion cosmology have GR attractor?

2.3. Approximate solutions in scalar-torsion gravity

Expand around the GR limit $\phi(t) = \phi_\star + x(t)$, $H(t) = H_\star(t) + h(t)$, can solve analytically [LJ, Toporensky 1511.03933](#)

If matter dominates $\rho_m \gg V$ and $V_\star'' > 0$

$$x(t) = t^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1-w_m}{1+w_m} \right)} \left(c_1 J_\nu(\sqrt{V_\star''} t) + c_2 Y_\nu(\sqrt{V_\star''} t) \right), \quad (29)$$

If potential dominates $V \gg \rho_m$

$$x(t) = e^{-\frac{3H_0 t}{2}} \left(c_1 e^{\frac{3H_0 v_0 t}{2}} + c_2 e^{-\frac{3H_0 v_0 t}{2}} \right) \quad (30)$$

Here

$$\nu = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1-w_m}{1+w_m} \right)^2 - \frac{4}{3} \frac{f_\star''}{(1-w_m)^2}}, \quad v = \sqrt{1 - \frac{4f_0''}{3} - \frac{4(1+\kappa^2 f_0)V_0''}{\kappa^2 V_0} - \frac{8}{3} \frac{f_0' V_0'}{V_0}}. \quad (31)$$

Can deduce when the GR limit is an attractor.

2. Recap

- ▶ Determined the conditions on a generic scalar-(curvature)tensor gravity for its solutions to dynamically converge to the general relativity limit (cf [Damour, Nordtvedt 1994](#))
- ▶ Found the general analytic form of solutions near the GR limit, i.e. $\Psi(t)$, $H(t)$, Can also compute $w_{\text{eff}}(t)$, $\frac{\dot{G}}{G}$, etc. Complete classification. [LJ, Kuusk, Saal, 1006.1246, 1112.5308](#)
- ▶ Physical observables (periods of oscillation, w_{eff} , G) independent of frame and scalar field reparametrization [LJ, Kuusk, Saal, Vilson 1411.1947, 1504.02686](#)
- ▶ The same method works on multiscalar-(curvature)tensor gravity [LJ, Kuusk, Randla forthcoming](#)
- ▶ As well as for scalar-torsion gravity [LJ, Toporensky 1511.03933](#).

3. Parametrized post-Newtonian formalism (PPN)

PPN: weak quasi-static field, sourced by a perfect fluid, expansion orders of magnitude relative to velocity $v^j = \frac{u^j}{u^0}$.

- ▶ Point source at the origin (no pressure or internal energy), Newtonian potential $U_N = \frac{M_0}{r}$.

$$g_{00} = -1 + 2G_{\text{eff}}U_N - 2G_{\text{eff}}^2\beta U_N^2 + \dots \quad \mathcal{O}(6)$$

$$g_{0j} = \dots \quad \mathcal{O}(5)$$

$$g_{ij} = \delta_{ij} + 2G_{\text{eff}}\gamma U_N \delta_{ij} + \mathcal{O}(4)$$

$$\Phi = \Phi_0 + \overset{(2)}{\Phi} + \overset{(4)}{\Phi} \quad \mathcal{O}(6)$$

Asymptotically Minkowski, $\mathcal{U}(\Phi_0) = 0$, $\frac{\partial \mathcal{U}}{\partial \Phi}|_{\Phi_0} = 0$, $\overset{(2)}{\Phi}|_{r \rightarrow \infty} = 0$, $\overset{(4)}{\Phi}|_{r \rightarrow \infty} = 0$.

Experimentally $\gamma - 1 = (2.1 \pm 2.3) \cdot 10^{-5}$ Cassini,

$4\beta - \gamma - 3 = (0.6 \pm 5.2) \cdot 10^{-4}$ lunar laser ranging.

3.1 PPN parameters in scalar-(curvature)tensor gravity

BDBW parametrization. In terms of the mass of the scalar

$$m_\Psi \equiv \frac{1}{\ell} \sqrt{\frac{2\Psi_0}{2\omega_0 + 3} \frac{d^2 U}{d\Psi^2} \Big|_0}. \quad (33)$$

the parameters are given by [Hohmann, LJ, Kuusk, Randla 1309.0031](#)

$$G_{\text{eff}} = \frac{\kappa^2}{8\pi\Psi_0} \left(1 + \frac{e^{-m_\Psi r}}{2\omega_0 + 3} \right), \quad (34)$$

$$\gamma - 1 = -\frac{\kappa^2}{8\pi\Psi_0 G_{\text{eff}}} \frac{2e^{-m_\Psi r}}{2\omega_0 + 3}, \quad (35)$$

$$\beta - 1 = \frac{\kappa^4}{64\pi^2\Psi_0^2 G_{\text{eff}}^2} \left(\frac{\Psi_0 \frac{d\omega}{d\Psi} \Big|_0 e^{-2m_\Psi r}}{(2\omega_0 + 3)^3} - \frac{m_\Psi r}{(2\omega_0 + 3)} \beta(r) \right), \quad (36)$$

where $\beta(r)$ involves exponential integrals $\text{Ei}(-m_\Psi r) = -\int_{m_\Psi r}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-t}}{t} dt$.

- ▶ For massive scalar the results depend on the distance from the source r .

3.2 PPN parameters in multiscalar-(curvature)tensor grav.

For two fields, in BDBW parametrization [Hohmann, LJ, Kuusk, Randla, Vilson](#)

[1607.02356](#)

$$G_{\text{eff}} = \frac{\kappa^2}{8\pi\Psi_0} \left(1 + \frac{\cos^2\vartheta_+ e^{-m_+r} + \cos^2\vartheta_- e^{-m_-r}}{2\omega_0 + 3} \right) \quad (37)$$

and

$$\gamma - 1 = -2 \frac{\cos^2\vartheta_+ e^{-m_+r} - \cos^2\vartheta_- e^{-m_-r}}{2\omega_0 + 3 + \cos^2\vartheta_+ e^{-m_+r} + \cos^2\vartheta_- e^{-m_-r}}. \quad (38)$$

Here the mass eigenvalues are

$$m_{\pm}^2 = \frac{\kappa^2}{2Z_0(2\omega_0 + 3)} \left((2\omega_0 + 3) \left. \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{U}}{\partial \phi^2} \right|_0 + 2\Psi_0 Z_0 \left. \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{U}}{\partial \Psi^2} \right|_0 \pm B \right), \quad (39)$$

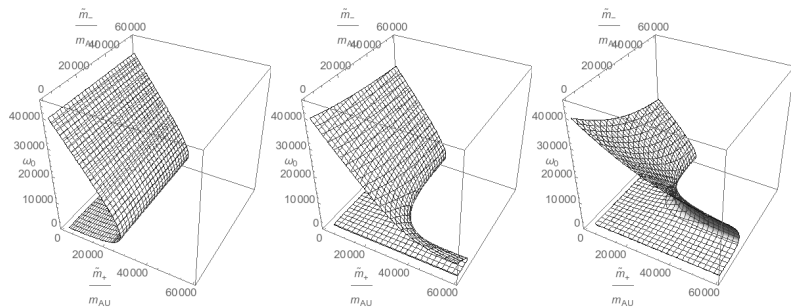
while the mass eigenvectors are orthogonal to each other with

$$\cos^2\vartheta_+ = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{A}{B} \right), \quad \cos^2\vartheta_- = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{A}{B} \right), \quad \cos^2\vartheta_+ + \cos^2\vartheta_- = 1, \quad (40)$$

where

$$B = \sqrt{A^2 + 8(2\omega_0 + 3)Z_0\Psi_0 \left(\left. \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{U}}{\partial \phi \partial \Psi} \right|_0 \right)^2}, \quad A = 2\Psi_0 Z_0 \left. \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{U}}{\partial \Psi^2} \right|_0 - (2\omega_0 + 3) \left. \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{U}}{\partial \phi^2} \right|_0. \quad (41)$$

3.2 PPN parameters in multiscalar-(curvature)tensor grav.



Constraints at 2σ from the Cassini measurement of the PPN parameter γ on the rescaled masses of the two scalar fields and the parameter ω_0 for $\vartheta_+ = 0$ (left), $\vartheta_+ = \frac{\pi}{8}$ (middle), and $\vartheta_+ = \frac{\pi}{4}$ (right). The allowed region of the parameter space is to the right of the plotted surface.

Here $\tilde{m}_{\pm} = \sqrt{2\omega_0 + 3} m_{\pm}$ normalized by the mass corresponding to the astronomical unit.

Radio signals passing by the Sun at a distance $r \approx 7.44 \cdot 10^{-3} AU$.

[Hohmann, LJ, Kuusk, Randla, Vilson 1607.02356](#)

3. Recap

- ▶ Massive nonminimal scalar modifies G_{eff} and PPN γ, β by a correction which falls off exponentially in distance.
- ▶ Coupling a massless scalar to a massive scalar can greatly reduce the bounds on Brans-Dicke ω .
- ▶ Have a general formula for G_{eff} and PPN γ for arbitrary number scalar fields nonminimally coupled to curvature. It depends on the masses as well as on the alignment of the fields in the space of fields.
[Hohmann, LJ, Kuusk, Randla, Vilson 1607.02356](#)
- ▶ Again, the observables are independent of frame and scalar field reparametrization. [LJ, Kuusk, Vilson 1509.02903, forthcoming](#)
- ▶ The results apply to many models that reduce to multiscalar-tensor gravity.
- ▶ In scalar-torsion gravity the PPN parameters coincide with the values from general relativity [Chen, Wu, Wei 1410.7715](#)