

Multifield Dark Energy

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Based on

V.V., Luca Amendola, "How can we tell whether dark energy is composed by multiple fields?", **gr-qc:1502.05922**

- Modifications of the standard theory of General Relativity to explain many fundamental phenomena in cosmology (the accelerated expansion of the Universe, Inflation, etc.)
- Brans-Dicke (strong motivations from higher dimensional theories, such as String Theory)

Standard Brans-Dicke Action

$$S_{BD} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} (\phi R - \frac{\omega_{BD}}{\phi} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi - V(\phi)) + \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \mathcal{L}_{matter}$$

Multiscalar Brans-Dicke Theory

Introduction

- One might think to generalize single-field theories to multi-field ones. **(From compactifications of extra dimensions.)**

2-Field Brans-Dicke Action

$$S_{2\text{-field}} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} [\phi_1 R - \frac{\omega_1}{\phi_1} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi_1 \partial_\nu \phi_1 + \phi_2 R - \frac{\omega_2}{\phi_2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi_2 \partial_\nu \phi_2 - V(\phi_1, \phi_2)] + \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \mathcal{L}_{\text{matter}}.$$

N-Field Brans-Dicke Action

$$S_{N\text{-field}} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} [\sum_{i=1}^N (\phi_i R - \frac{\omega_i}{\phi_i} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi_i \partial_\nu \phi_i) - V(\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_N)] + \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \mathcal{L}_{\text{matter}}.$$

Multiscalar Brans-Dicke Theory

Introduction

- There exist a single-field potential $V(\phi)$ that reproduces any observed Hubble parameter.

From Friedmann equations:

$$H(z)^2(1+z)^2 \left(\frac{d\phi}{dz} \right)^2 = 2(1+z)H(z) \frac{dH}{dz} - \rho_m(z)(1+w_m(z))$$

(Find $\rho_m(z)$ from continuity eq.)

$$V(z) = 3H(z)^2 - (1+z)H(z) \frac{dH(z)}{dz} + \frac{\rho_m(z)}{2}(w_m(z) - 1)$$

- **Linear Cosmological Perturbations!!**

$$g_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} + \delta g_{\mu\nu} \text{ and } ds^2 = a^2(\eta)[-(1 + 2\Psi)d\eta^2 + (1 + 2\Phi)dx^i dx_i]$$

$$\text{also } \phi(t, \vec{x}) = \phi(t) + \varphi(t, \vec{x})$$

Interested in:

- $\eta = -\frac{\Phi}{\Psi}$
- The effective gravitational constant Y which enters the modified Poisson equation: $\frac{k^2}{a^2}\Psi = -4\pi GY\delta\rho$

η and Υ for Standard Brans-Dicke Theory

$$\eta = h_2 \left(\frac{1+k^2 h_4}{1+k^2 h_5} \right), \quad \Upsilon = h_1 \left(\frac{1+k^2 h_5}{1+k^2 h_3} \right)$$

with h_i some known time-dependent functions.

η and Υ for Multiscalar Brans-Dicke Theory

$$\eta = h_2 \frac{P_n^{(1)}(k)}{P_n^{(2)}(k)}, \quad \Upsilon = h_1 \frac{P_n^{(2)}(k)}{P_n^{(3)}(k)}$$

The exact forms of the coefficients are important!!

2-Field Brans-Dicke Action

- $$S_{2-BD} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} [\phi_1 R - \frac{\omega_1}{\phi_1} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi_1 \partial_\nu \phi_1 + \phi_2 R - \frac{\omega_2}{\phi_2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi_2 \partial_\nu \phi_2 - V(\phi_1, \phi_2)] + \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \mathcal{L}_{matter}$$

Equations of Motion

- $$(\phi_1 + \phi_2) G_{\mu\nu} + [\square(\phi_1 + \phi_2) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\omega_1}{\phi_1} (\nabla \phi_1)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\omega_2}{\phi_2} (\nabla \phi_2)^2] g_{\mu\nu} - \nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu (\phi_1 + \phi_2) - \frac{\omega_1}{\phi_1} \nabla_\mu \phi_1 \nabla_\nu \phi_1 - \frac{\omega_2}{\phi_2} \nabla_\mu \phi_2 \nabla_\nu \phi_2 + \frac{V}{2} g_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu}$$
- $$\phi_i R + 2\omega_i \square \phi_i - \frac{\omega_i}{\phi_i} \partial^\alpha \phi_i \partial_\alpha \phi_i - \phi_i V_{,\phi_i} = 0, \quad i = 1, 2$$
- $$(3 + 2\omega_1) \square \phi_1 + (3 + 2\omega_2) \square \phi_2 + 2V(\phi_1, \phi_2) - V_{,\phi_1} - V_{,\phi_2} = 8\pi G T.$$

2-Field Perturbation Equations

- $2(\phi_1 + \phi_2) \frac{k^2}{a^2} \Phi + 2 \frac{k^2}{a^2} (\varphi_1 + \varphi_2) + 2(\phi_1 + \phi_2) \frac{k^2}{a^2} \Psi = -24\pi G c_s^2 \delta\rho$
- $4 \frac{k^2}{a^2} \Phi + 2 \frac{k^2}{a^2} \Psi - [2 \frac{\omega_i}{\phi_i} \frac{k^2}{a^2} + M_i^2] \varphi_i = 0, i = 1, 2$
- $2(\phi_1 + \phi_2) \frac{k^2}{a^2} \Phi + \frac{k^2}{a^2} (\varphi_1 + \varphi_2) = 8\pi G \delta\rho$

N-Field Perturbation Equations

- $2 \sum \phi_i \frac{k^2}{a^2} \Phi + 2 \frac{k^2}{a^2} \sum \varphi_i + 2 \sum \phi_i \frac{k^2}{a^2} \Psi = -24\pi G c_s^2 \delta\rho$
- $4 \frac{k^2}{a^2} \Phi + 2 \frac{k^2}{a^2} \Psi - [2 \frac{\omega_i}{\phi_i} \frac{k^2}{a^2} + M_i^2] \varphi_i = 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, N$
- $2 \sum \phi_i \frac{k^2}{a^2} \Phi + \frac{k^2}{a^2} \sum \varphi_i = 8\pi G \delta\rho$

Perturbations

Continuation

η and Y

$$\eta = C_0 \frac{1 + \sum_{i=1}^N C_i k^{2i}}{1 + \sum_{i=1}^N D_i k^{2i}}, \quad Y = \bar{C}_0 \frac{1 + \sum_{i=1}^N \bar{C}_i k^{2i}}{1 + \sum_{i=1}^N \bar{D}_i k^{2i}}$$

Coefficients

where

$$C_0 = \frac{1}{1+3c_s^2}, \quad \bar{C}_0 = \frac{1+3c_s^2}{\sum_{i=1}^N \phi_i}, \text{ aaaand...}$$

Coefficients

$$C_d = \frac{1}{a^{2d} C_\star} [(\sum_{i=1}^N \phi_i) 2^d \sum_{i_1 > i_2 > \dots > i_d} \frac{\omega_{i_1}}{\phi_{i_1}} \frac{\omega_{i_2}}{\phi_{i_2}} \dots \frac{\omega_{i_d}}{\phi_{i_d}} \prod_{j \neq i_1, i_2, \dots, i_d} M_j^2 + (2 + 3c_s^2) 2^{d-1} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{\substack{j \neq i, \\ j=1, \dots, d-1 \\ i_1 > i_2 > \dots > i_{d-1}}} \frac{\omega_{i_1}}{\phi_{i_1}} \frac{\omega_{i_2}}{\phi_{i_2}} \dots \frac{\omega_{i_{d-1}}}{\phi_{i_{d-1}}} \prod_{j \neq i, i_1, i_2, \dots, i_{d-1}} M_j^2]$$

$$C_\star = (\sum_{i=1}^N \phi_i) \prod_{j=1}^N M_j^2;$$

$(d = 1, \dots, N)$

Coefficients

$$\bar{C}_d = \frac{1}{a^{2d} \bar{C}_*} [(1 + 3c_s^2) (\sum_{i=1}^N \phi_i) 2^d \sum_{i_1 > i_2 > \dots > i_d} \frac{\omega_{i_1}}{\phi_{i_1}} \frac{\omega_{i_2}}{\phi_{i_2}} \dots \frac{\omega_{i_d}}{\phi_{i_d}} \prod_{j \neq i_1, i_2, \dots, i_d} M_j^2 + 2 (2 + 3c_s^2) 2^{d-1} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{\substack{j \neq i, \\ j=1, \dots, d-1 \\ i_1 > i_2 > \dots > i_{d-1}}} \frac{\omega_{i_1}}{\phi_{i_1}} \frac{\omega_{i_2}}{\phi_{i_2}} \dots \frac{\omega_{i_{d-1}}}{\phi_{i_{d-1}}} \prod_{j \neq i, i_1, i_2, \dots, i_{d-1}} M_j^2]$$

Coefficients

$$\bar{D}_d = \frac{1}{a^{2d} \bar{D}_*} [(\sum_{i=1}^N \phi_i) 2^{2d} \sum_{i_1 > i_2 > \dots > i_d} \frac{\omega_{i_1}}{\phi_{i_1}} \frac{\omega_{i_2}}{\phi_{i_2}} \dots \frac{\omega_{i_d}}{\phi_{i_d}} \prod_{j \neq i_1, i_2, \dots, i_d} M_j^2 + 3 (\sum_{i=1}^N \phi_i) 2^{d-1} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{\substack{j \neq i, \\ j=1, \dots, d-1 \\ i_1 > i_2 > \dots > i_{d-1}}} \frac{\omega_{i_1}}{\phi_{i_1}} \frac{\omega_{i_2}}{\phi_{i_2}} \dots \frac{\omega_{i_{d-1}}}{\phi_{i_{d-1}}} \prod_{j \neq i, i_1, i_2, \dots, i_{d-1}} M_j^2]$$

$$\bar{C}_* = (1 + 3c_s^2) (\sum_{i=1}^N \phi_i) \prod_{j=1}^N M_j^2; \quad \bar{D}_* = (\sum_{i=1}^N \phi_i)^2 \prod_{j=1}^N M_j^2;$$

(Note: $D_d = \bar{C}_d$)

Effectively lower order polynomials only in one of the following cases:

- a) $c_s^2 = 1/3$,
- b) at least one of the coupling constants is infinitely large,
- c) one or more $M_i^2 \rightarrow \infty$,
- d) one or more $\phi_i \rightarrow 0$,
- e) there are i and j such that $\omega_{i,j} \rightarrow 0$,
- f) there are i and j such that $\frac{\omega_i}{\phi_i} = \alpha \frac{\omega_j}{\phi_j}$ and $M_i^2 = \alpha M_j^2$.
(Note the difference between $\alpha = -1$ and all the other α 's.)

- Multiscalar Brans-Dicke Theory.
- Generic fluid matter source with equation of state w and sound speed c_s . This might turn out useful to compare real data to models in which dark matter includes hot or warm components.
- There are no non-trivial cases in which the higher-order k terms in the polynomials cancel out \Rightarrow the k -structure of Y, η is a unique signature of the number of dark energy fields coupled to gravity.

