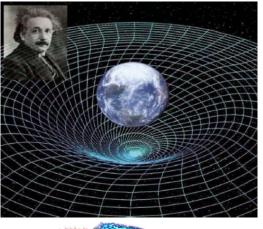


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# Chameleon mechanism in inhomogeneous astrophysical objects



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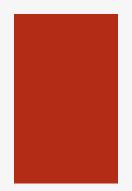
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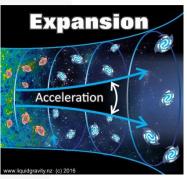


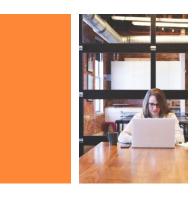














Is there a compelling theory explaining the accelerated expansion of the universe?

What is the difference between the standard model and Scalar-Tensor theories?

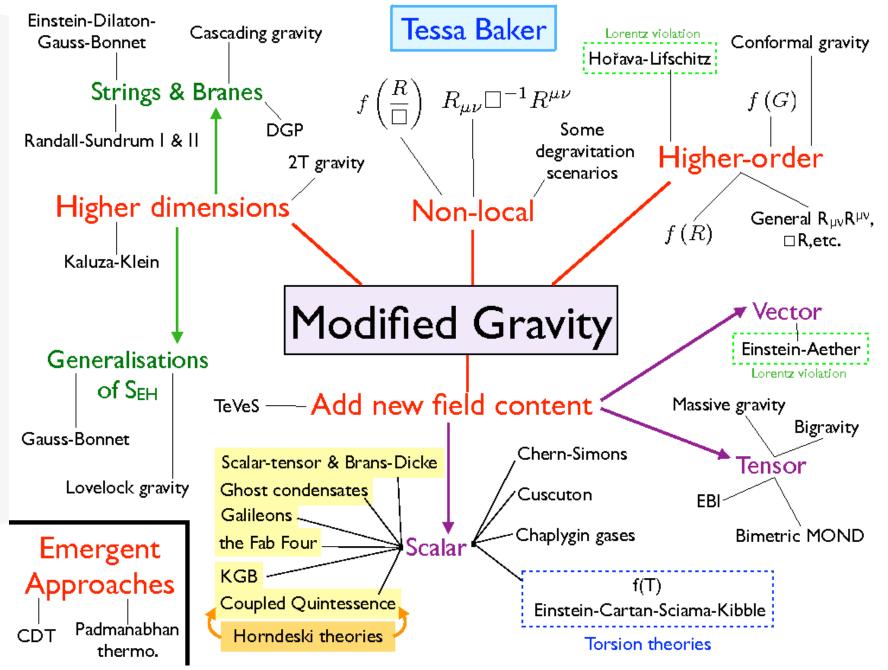
# **Key Questions**



- Why screening mechanism is functional?
- Can chameleon reveal the mystery of Dark Energy?
- How would Chameleon behave in homogeneous and inhomogeneous objects?







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## The standard model

#### **Action:**

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{M_{Pl}^2}{2} (R - 2\Lambda) + L_m(g_{\mu\nu}, \Psi) \right]$$

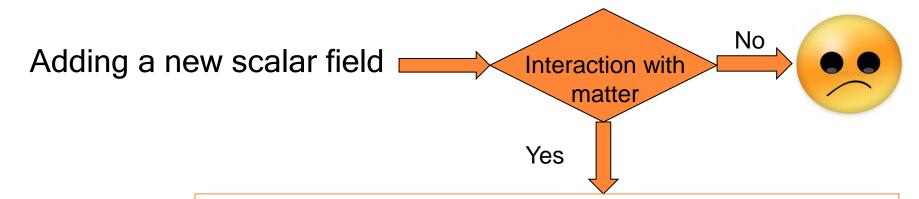
#### **Einstein's Field Equations**

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}Rg_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu}$$

Einstein's Tensor

$$G_{\mu\nu} = R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} R g_{\mu\nu}$$

# Is it easy to Modify gravity?



#### Two important challenges:

1: compatibility with Equivalence principle

2: Compatibility with solar system tests of

gravity





#### Action (in Jordan frame)

$$S_{BD} = \frac{M_{pl}}{2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} [\phi R - \frac{\omega_0}{\phi} g^{\mu\nu} \nabla_{\mu} \phi \nabla_{\nu} \phi ] + S_m(g_{\mu\nu}, \Psi)$$

$$S_m = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} L_m$$



# The screening mechanism





# **Scalar Tensor Theories**

#### Action in Jordan frame

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-\tilde{g}} \left[ \frac{M_{\rm pl}^2}{2A^2(\phi)} \tilde{R} - \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{k^2(\phi)}{A^2(\phi)} - 6 \left( \frac{A'(\phi)}{A} \right)^2 \right] \tilde{\nabla}_{\mu} \phi \tilde{\nabla}^{\mu} \phi - \frac{V(\phi)}{A^4(\phi)} \right] + S_{\rm m} [\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu}; \psi_i]$$

#### Action in Einstein's frame

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{M_{\rm pl}^2}{2} R - \frac{1}{2} k^2(\phi) \nabla_{\mu} \phi \nabla^{\mu} \phi - V(\phi) \right] + S_{\rm m} [A^2(\phi) g_{\mu\nu}; \psi_{\rm i}]$$

$$g_{\mu\nu}^{(i)} = e^{2\beta_i \phi/M_{pl}} g_{\mu\nu}$$



# **Scalar Tensor Theories**

#### In a simpler way...

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{M_{Pl}^2}{2} f(R, \phi) + L_{\phi}(g_{\mu\nu}, \phi, \partial \phi) + L_{m}(g_{\mu\nu}, \Psi) \right]$$

$$L_{\phi} = -\frac{1}{2}\omega(\phi)(\nabla^{\alpha}\phi)(\nabla_{\alpha}\phi) - V(\phi)$$

$$F_{\phi}=rac{-eta}{M_{pl}}M
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 The Chameleon Model Fifth force



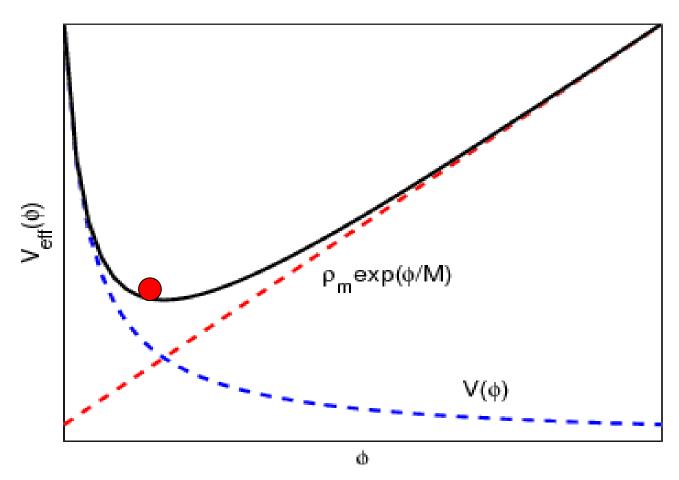
$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{M_{Pl}^2}{2} R - \frac{1}{2} (\partial \phi)^2 - V(\phi) + L_m(g_{\mu\nu}^{(i)}, \Psi_m^{(i)}) \right]$$

$$g_{\mu\nu}^{(i)} = e^{2\beta_i \phi/M_{pl}} g_{\mu\nu}$$

Variation with respect to the scalar field turns into this equations of motion:

$$\Box \phi = V_{,\phi} + \frac{\beta_i}{M_{pl}} e^{4\beta_i \phi / M_{pl}} g_{(i)}^{\mu\nu} T_{\mu\nu}^{(i)}$$



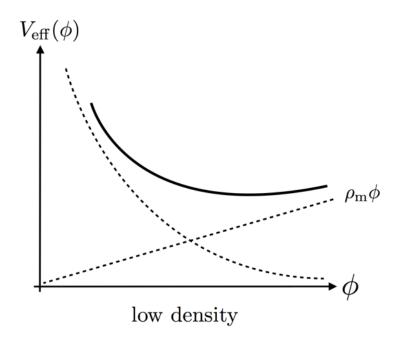


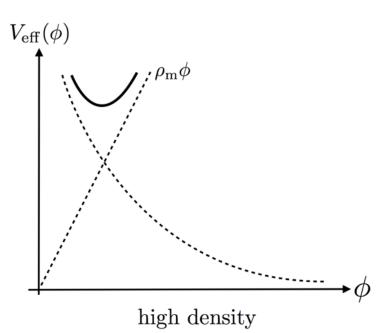
$$V_{eff}(\phi) = V(\phi) + \rho e^{\beta \phi/M_{pl}}$$

# The role of mass in Chameleon model



$$m_{eff}^2 \equiv n(n+1)M^{-(\frac{4+n}{n+1})} \left(\frac{\beta\rho}{nM_{pl}}\right)^{\frac{n+2}{n+1}}$$







#### The thin-shell and Thick-shell regime



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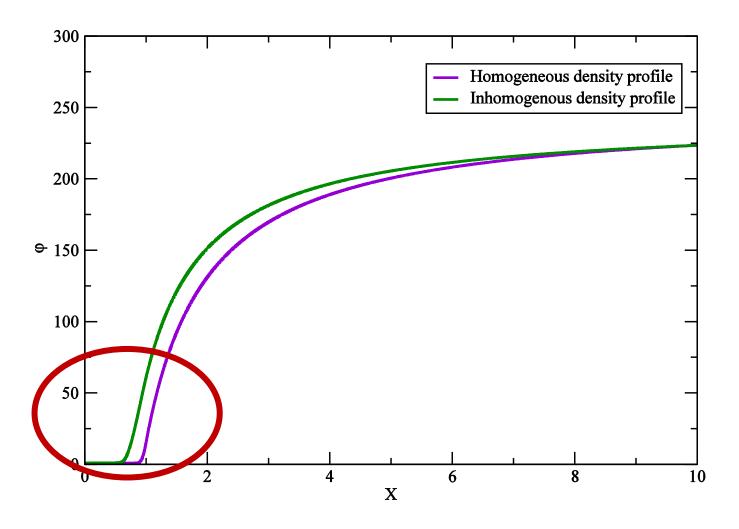


# **Homogeneous Profile**

$$\rho_0(r) = \begin{cases} \rho_c & r < R_c \\ \rho_G & r > R_c \end{cases}$$

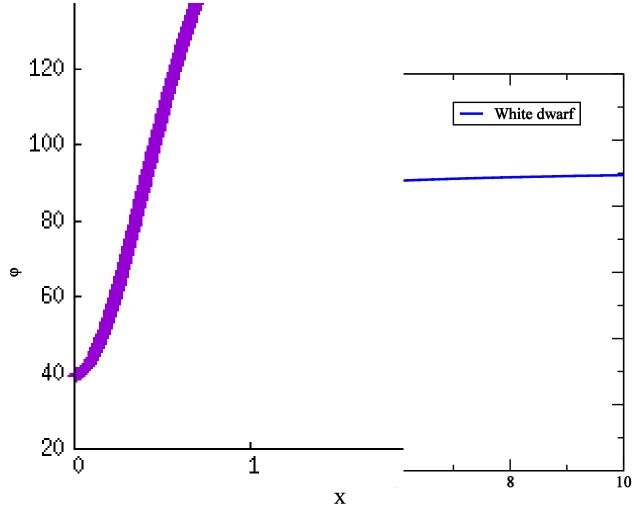
$$\frac{d^2\phi}{dx^2} + \frac{2}{x}\frac{d\phi}{dx} = \frac{(m_c R_c)^2}{n+1} \left[\frac{\rho_0(x)}{\rho_c} - \frac{1}{\phi^{n+1}}\right]$$





# White dwarf







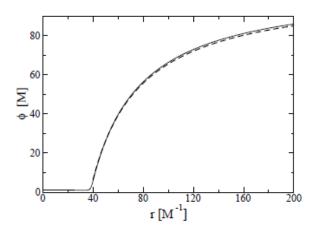


FIG. 2: Example of solution with thin shell.

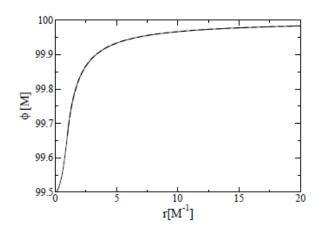
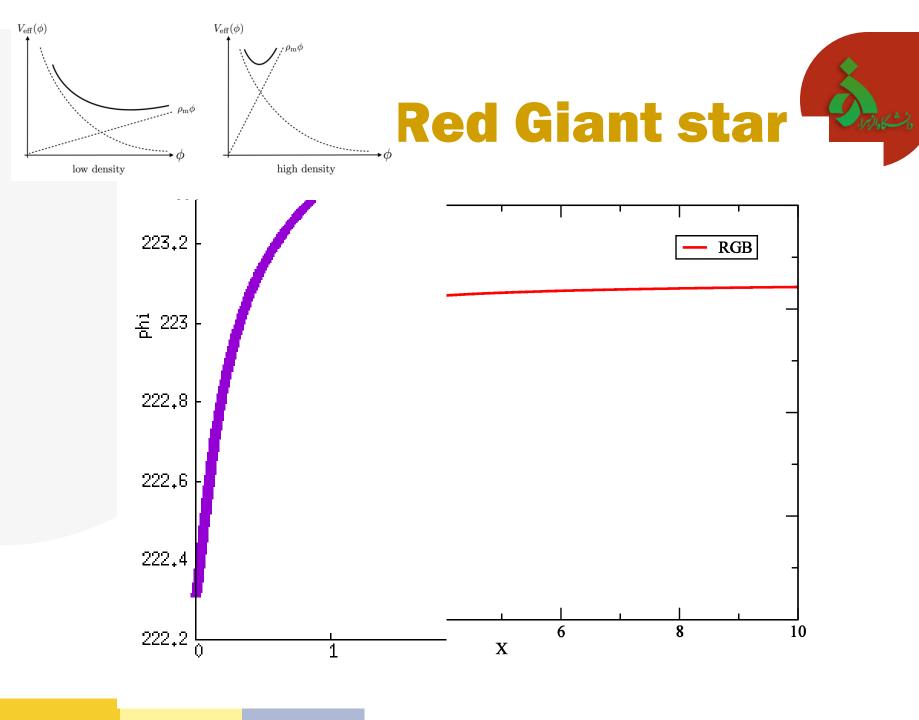


FIG. 3: Example of solution without thin shell.

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### **Outlook and conclusions:**



- Screening mechanism is a good method in order to make MoG theories compatible with solar system tests of gravity.
- Although the Chameleon model cannot be a good substitution for Dark Energy, Detecting the fifth force can face GR some new challenges.
- in addition of size, varying density can also result into effects that fall under the thin-shell or thick-shell regime.
- As a following step, inclusion of a time dependent source shall be considered in order to investigate the behavior of the time-dependent chameleon field as well as the effects of inhomogeneous environments.





