

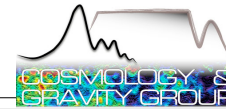
1+3 COVARIANT PERTURBATIONS IN MULTIFLUID $f(R)$ -GRAVITY

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Motivation

1. $f(R)$

2. The Universe is not composed of a single component of matter alone; it consists of many fluids (radiation, dust, 'CDM', etc) thermodynamically interacting with each other

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Motivation

- Why $f(R)$?
- The Universe is not composed of a single component of matter alone; it consists of many fluids (radiation, “CDM”, etc) thermodynamically interacting with each other.
- Analyzing how the perturbations of the different components of the total cosmic fluid evolve in time can tell us how structures grow in the Universe.
- Extending the single-fluid formulation in $f(R)$ to one where the equation of state is no longer constant but evolves with time, i.e., $w = w(t)$.

Why modify Gravity?!

- ▶ Cosmic acceleration: missing energy?
- ▶ Possible explanations:
 - * Λ , the “cosmological constant”
 - * “dark energy”
 - * modification of GR
 - Braneworlds
 - Gauss–Bonnet gravities
 - ✓ $f(R)$ models...
 - * Other approaches in the pipeline
 - Inhomogeneous cosmologies
 - Cosmological backreaction...

$f(R)$ theories of Gravity

- Einstein -Hilbert action: $\mathcal{A} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{1}{2}R + \mathcal{L}_m \right]$

- Einstein field equations: $G_{ab} = \kappa T_{ab}$

- Generalized higher-order-gravity action:

$$\mathcal{A}_{f(R)} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} [f(R) + \mathcal{L}_m]$$

- Generalized field equations

$$f' G_{ab} = f'(R_{ab} - \frac{1}{2}g_{ab}R) = T_{ab}^m + \frac{1}{2}g_{ab}(R - Rf') + \nabla_b \nabla_a f' - g_{ab} \nabla_c \nabla^c f',$$



$$G_{ab} = \tilde{T}_{ab}^m + T_{ab}^R = T_{ab}^{tot}$$

Cosmological perturbation theory

- Can help us understand the evolution of structure in the Big Bang model
- Uses gravitational theories to compute the gravitational forces causing small perturbations to grow and eventually seed the formation of galaxies, clusters, superclusters etc...
- Applicable largely to a homogeneous universe
- The theory is a good approximation on the large-intermediate scales
- On smaller scales, more sophisticated techniques such as N-body simulations are widely in use

Two approaches...

Metric Gauge Invariant Perturbation Theory

- Based on foliating a space-time with hypersurfaces (Lifshitz 1946, Bardeen 1980, Kodama & Sasaki, 1984)
- Starts with a background, perturbs away
- Nonlocal
- Coordinate dependent
- Does not treat nonlinearities

Covariant Gauge Invariant Perturbation Theory

- Based on threading a space-time with frames (Hawking 1966, Ehlers, Ellis 1971, Ellis, Bruni, Dunsby 1989, 1991, 1992...)
- Starts with theory, reduces down to linearities in a particular background
- Local
- Covariant
- Nonlinearities treated

1+3 covariant decomposition

- A fluid approach to spacetime with the time-like flow:

$$u^a = \frac{dx^a}{d\tau}, \quad u^a u_a = -1$$

- Projections onto surfaces orthogonal to the flow :

$$h_{ab} = g_{ab} + u_a u_b$$

- Covariant convective derivative on a scalar: $\dot{f} = u^a \nabla_a f$
- Spatial covariant derivative: $\tilde{\nabla}_a f = h^b_a \nabla_b f$
- Kinematics of $u^a \Rightarrow$ geometry of fundamental worldlines

$$\nabla_a u_b = -u_a \dot{u}_b + \frac{1}{3} \Theta h_{ab} + \sigma_{ab} + \omega_{ab}$$

Effective total EMTs

- The total energy-momentum tensor is given by

$$T_{ab} = \tilde{T}_{ab}^m + T_{ab}^R = \mu u_a u_b + p h_{ab} + q_a u_b + q_b u_a + \pi_{ab}$$

from which the thermodynamical quantities

$$\mu = \tilde{\mu}^m + \mu^R, \quad p = \tilde{p}^m + p^R, \quad q_a = \tilde{q}_a^m + q_a^R, \quad \pi_{ab} = \tilde{\pi}_{ab}^m + \pi_{ab}^R$$

$$\text{where } \tilde{\zeta}^m = \frac{\zeta^m}{f'} \text{ for } \zeta = \{\mu, p, q_a, \pi_{ab}\}$$

are decomposed.

energy
density

isotropic
pressure

heat flux

anisotropic pressure

The energy-momentum tensor of the curvature “fluid” can be decomposed as follows:

$$\mu^R = \frac{1}{f'} \left[\frac{1}{2}(Rf' - f) - \Theta f'' \dot{R} + f'' \tilde{\nabla}^2 R + f'' \dot{u}_b \tilde{\nabla} R \right],$$

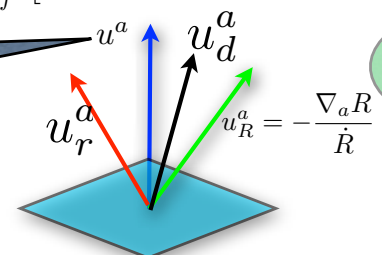
$$p^R = \frac{1}{f'} \left[\frac{1}{2}(f - Rf') + f'' \ddot{R} + 3f''' \dot{R}^2 + \frac{2}{3} \Theta f'' \dot{R} - \frac{2}{3} f'' \tilde{\nabla}^2 R + \right. \\ \left. - \frac{2}{3} f''' \tilde{\nabla}^a R \tilde{\nabla}_a R - \frac{1}{3} f'' \dot{u}_b \tilde{\nabla} R \right],$$

No background contribution.

$$q_a^R = -\frac{1}{f'} \left[f''' \dot{R} \tilde{\nabla}_a R + f'' \tilde{\nabla}_a \dot{R} - \frac{1}{3} f'' \tilde{\nabla}_a R \right],$$

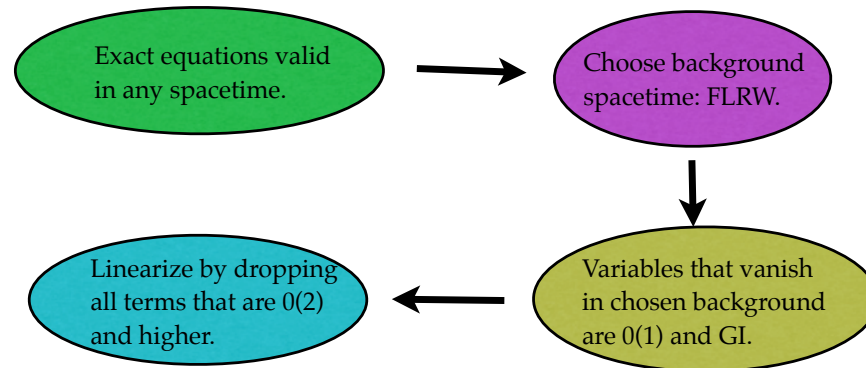
$$\pi_{ab}^R = \frac{1}{f'} \left[f'' \tilde{\nabla}_{\langle a} \tilde{\nabla}_{b \rangle} R + f''' \tilde{\nabla}_{\langle a} R \tilde{\nabla}_{b \rangle} R + \sigma_{ab} \dot{R} \right].$$

Taken to be the energy frame of the total matter



So one can think of this as a curvature “fluid” moving relative to u^a

Linearisation



$$\dot{\Theta} + \frac{1}{3}\Theta^2 + \sigma_{ab}\sigma^{ab} - 2\omega_a\omega^a - \tilde{\nabla}^a\dot{u}_a + \dot{u}_a\dot{u}^a + \frac{1}{2}(\mu^{tot} + 3p^{tot}) = 0$$

$$\dot{\Theta} + \frac{1}{3}\Theta^2 - \tilde{\nabla}^a\dot{u}_a + \frac{1}{2}(\mu^{tot} + 3p^{tot}) = 0$$

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Almost FLRW model.

The linear gravitational equations

Propagation

$$\dot{\Theta} + \frac{1}{3}\Theta^2 - \tilde{\nabla}^a A_a + \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{\mu}^m + 3\tilde{p}^m) = -\frac{1}{2}(\mu^R + 3p^R),$$

$$\dot{\omega}_a + 2H\omega_a + \frac{1}{2}\text{curl} A_a = 0,$$

$$\dot{\sigma}_{ab} + 2H\sigma_{ab} + E_{ab} - \tilde{\nabla}_{\langle a} A_{b\rangle} = -q_a^R,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{E}_{ab} + 3HE_{ab} - \text{curl} H_{ab} + \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{\mu}^m + \tilde{p}^m)\sigma_{ab} \\ = -\frac{1}{2}(\mu^R + p^R)\sigma_{ab} - \frac{1}{2}\dot{\pi}_{\langle ab\rangle}^R - \frac{1}{2}\tilde{\nabla}_{\langle a} q_{b\rangle}^R - \frac{1}{6}\Theta\pi_{ab}^R, \end{aligned}$$

$$\dot{H}_{ab} + 3HH_{ab} + \text{curl} E_{ab} = \frac{1}{2}\text{curl} \pi_{ab}^R,$$

Constraint

$$\tilde{\nabla}^b \sigma_{ab} - \text{curl} \omega_a - \frac{2}{3}\tilde{\nabla}_a \Theta = -q_a^R,$$

$$\text{curl} \sigma_{ab} + \tilde{\nabla}_{\langle a} \omega_{b\rangle} - H_{ab} = 0,$$

$$\tilde{\nabla}^b E_{ab} - \frac{1}{3}\tilde{\nabla}_a \tilde{\mu}^m = -\frac{1}{2}\tilde{\nabla}^b \pi_{ab}^R + \frac{1}{3}\tilde{\nabla}_a \mu^R - \frac{1}{3}\Theta q_a^R,$$

$$\tilde{\nabla}^b H_{ab} - (\tilde{\mu}^m + \tilde{p}^m)\omega_a = -\frac{1}{2}\text{curl} q_a^R + (\mu^R + p^R)\omega_a,$$

$$\tilde{\nabla}^a \omega_a = 0,$$

The linear conservation equations

The Bianchi identities:
$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \tilde{T}_{ab}^{M;b} &= \frac{T_{ab}^{m;b}}{f'} - \frac{f''}{f'^2} T_{ab}^m R^{;b}, \\ T_{ab}^{R;b} &= \frac{f''}{f'^2} \tilde{T}_{ab}^M R^{;b}, \end{aligned} \right.$$

Matter
$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \dot{\mu}^m &= -\Theta(\mu^m + p^m), \\ \tilde{\nabla}^a p^m &= -(\mu^m + p^m) \dot{u}^a, \end{aligned} \right.$$

Curvature
$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \dot{\mu}^R + \tilde{\nabla}^a q_a^R &= -\Theta(\mu^R + p^R) + \mu^m \frac{f'' \dot{R}}{f'^2}, \\ \dot{q}_{\langle a}^R + \tilde{\nabla}_a p^R + \tilde{\nabla}^b \pi_{ab}^R &= -\frac{4}{3} \Theta q_a^R - (\mu^R + p^R) \dot{u}_a + \mu^m \frac{f'' \tilde{\nabla}_a R}{f'^2}, \end{aligned} \right.$$

Inhomogeneity variables

- ▶ Define co-moving, gauge-invariant inhomogeneity quantities

- Matter inhomogeneities in the total fluid

$$\mathcal{D}_a^m = \frac{a}{\mu_m} \tilde{\nabla}_a \mu_m, \quad Z_a = a \tilde{\nabla}_a \Theta$$

$$C_a = a \tilde{\nabla}_a \tilde{R}, \quad \varepsilon_a = \frac{a}{\mu_m} \left(\frac{\partial p_m}{\partial s} \right) \tilde{\nabla}_a s$$

- Curvature inhomogeneities

$$\mathcal{R}_a = a \tilde{\nabla}_a R, \quad \mathfrak{R}_a = a \tilde{\nabla}_a \dot{R}$$

- Matter inhomogeneities in the component fluids

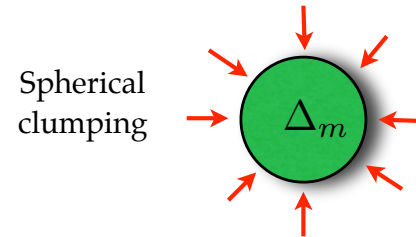
$$\mathcal{D}_a^i = \frac{a}{\mu_i} \tilde{\nabla}_a \mu_i, \quad \varepsilon_a^i = \frac{a}{\mu_i} \left(\frac{\partial p_i}{\partial s} \right) \tilde{\nabla}_a s, \quad V_a^i = u_a^i - u_a$$

- Relative variables

$$S_a^{ij} = \frac{\mathcal{D}_a^i}{1+w_i} - \frac{\mathcal{D}_a^j}{1+w_j}, \quad \varepsilon_a^{ij} = \frac{w_i}{1+w_i} \varepsilon_a^i - \frac{w_j}{1+w_j} \varepsilon_a^j, \quad V_a^{ij} = V_a^i - V_a^j$$

Extracting the scalar modes

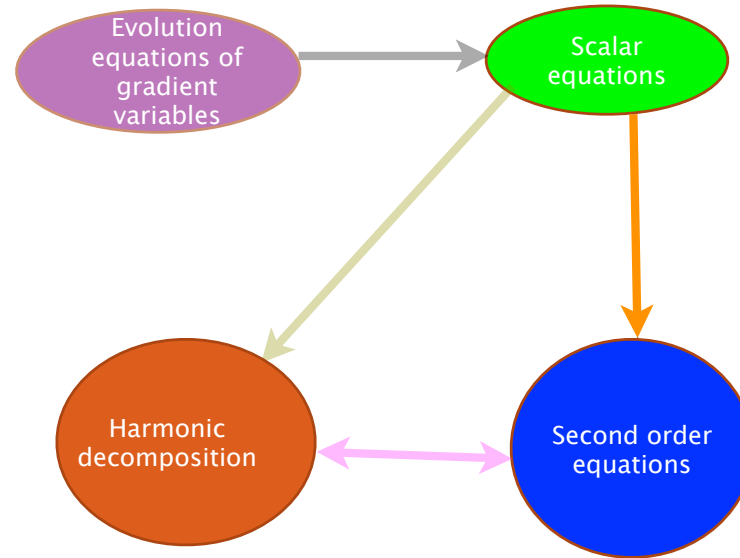
$$a\tilde{\nabla}_a\mathcal{D}_b^m = \Sigma_{ab}^m + W_{ab}^m + \frac{1}{3}\Delta_m h_{ab}$$



$$\Delta_m = a\tilde{\nabla}^a\mathcal{D}_a^m$$

$$C = a\tilde{\nabla}^a C_a, \quad Z = a\tilde{\nabla}^a Z_a, \quad \varepsilon = a\tilde{\nabla}^a \varepsilon_a, \quad \mathcal{R} = a\tilde{\nabla}^a \mathcal{R}_a, \quad \mathfrak{R} = a\tilde{\nabla}^a \mathfrak{R}_a$$
$$\Delta_i = a\tilde{\nabla}^a \mathcal{D}_a^i, \quad \varepsilon_i = a\tilde{\nabla}^a \varepsilon_a^i, \quad V_i = a\tilde{\nabla}^a V_a^i$$

Perturbation equations



Harmonic decomposition

- Given a second order equation:

$$\ddot{X} + \overset{\substack{\text{Damping} \\ \text{term}}}{A}\dot{X} + \overset{\substack{\text{Restoring} \\ \text{term}}}{B}X + \overset{\substack{\text{Source forcing} \\ \text{term}}}{C} = 0$$

- Separation of variables: $X(x, t) = X(x)X(t)$

$$X = \sum_k X^k(t)Q^k(x)$$

where

$$\tilde{\nabla}^2 Q = -\frac{k^2}{a^2}Q \text{ such that } k = \frac{2\pi a}{\lambda}, \quad \dot{Q}_x = 0$$

Total fluid equations

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \ddot{\Delta}_m^k + \left[(c_s^2 + \frac{2}{3} - 2w)\Theta - \dot{R} \frac{f''}{f'} \right] \dot{\Delta}_m^k + \left[\left(\frac{3}{2} w^2 + 5c_s^2 - 4w - 1 \right) \frac{\mu_m}{f'} + \frac{1}{2} (3w - 5c_s^2) \frac{f}{f'} \right. \\
 & \left. + (c_s^2 - w) \left(2R - 4\dot{R} \Theta \frac{f''}{f'} - \frac{12K}{a^2} \right) + c_s^2 \frac{k^2}{a^2} \right] \Delta_m^k + \left[2 \frac{\mu_m}{f'} + \frac{R}{2} - \frac{f}{f'} - \dot{R} \Theta \frac{f''}{f'} - \frac{3K}{a^2} + \frac{k^2}{a^2} \right] w \varepsilon^k \\
 & = \frac{1+w}{2} \left[-1 - \frac{2k^2}{a^2} \frac{f''}{f'} + (f - 2\mu_m + 2\dot{R} \Theta f'') \frac{f''}{f'^2} - 2\dot{R} \Theta \left(\frac{f''}{f'} \right)^2 - 2\dot{R} \Theta \frac{f'''}{f'} \right] \mathcal{R}^k - (1+w) \Theta \frac{f''}{f'} \dot{\mathcal{R}}^k \\
 & \ddot{\mathcal{R}}^k + (2\dot{R} \frac{f'''}{f''} + \Theta) \dot{\mathcal{R}}^k + \left[\frac{k^2}{a^2} + \ddot{R} \frac{f'''}{f''} + \dot{R}^2 \frac{f^{(4)}}{f''} + \dot{R} \Theta \frac{f'''}{f''} + \frac{1}{3} \frac{f'}{f''} - \frac{R}{3} \right] \mathcal{R}^k + \frac{c_s^2 - 1}{1+w} \dot{R} \dot{\Delta}_m^k \\
 & + \left[\frac{(3c_s^2 - 1)\mu_m}{3f''} + \frac{w + c_s^2}{1+w} \dot{R} \Theta + \frac{c_s^2}{1+w} \left(2\ddot{R} + 2\dot{R}^2 \frac{f'''}{f''} \right) + \frac{\dot{R}}{1+w} \left(c_s^2 + c_s^2 (c_s^2 - w) \Theta \right) \right] \Delta_m^k \\
 & + \frac{w}{1+w} \dot{R} \varepsilon^k + \left[\frac{w\mu_m}{f''} + \frac{2w - c_s^2}{1+w} \dot{R} \Theta + \frac{w}{1+w} \left(2\ddot{R} + 2\dot{R}^2 \frac{f'''}{f''} \right) \right] \varepsilon^k = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Component & relative equations

The density perturbations of the i -th component:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \ddot{\Delta}_i^k &+ \left(\frac{2}{3} - w_i\right)\Theta\dot{\Delta}_i^k - \frac{1+w_i}{1+w} \left(\dot{R}\frac{f''}{f'} + (c_s^2 - c_{si}^2)\Theta\right) \dot{\Delta}_i^k + c_{si}^2 \frac{k^2}{a^2} \Delta_i^k \\
 &- \frac{1+w_i}{1+w} \left[(1+w)\frac{\mu_m}{f'} - \left(2\frac{\mu_m}{f'} - \frac{f}{f'} - 2\Theta\dot{R}\frac{f''}{f'}\right) c_s^2 + c_s^2\Theta \right. \\
 &+ (c_s^2 - c_{si}^2)(c_s^2 - w)\Theta^2 - (c_s^2 + w)\dot{R}\Theta\frac{f''}{f'} \left. \right] \Delta_i^k - \frac{1+w_i}{1+w} w\Theta\dot{\epsilon}^k \\
 &- \frac{1+w_i}{1+w} \left[(w - c_s^2 - c_{si}^2 w)\Theta^2 - w \left(2\frac{\mu_m}{f'} - \frac{f}{f'} - \dot{R}\Theta\frac{f''}{f'}\right) \right] \epsilon^k \\
 &+ (1+w_i)\Theta\frac{f''}{f'}\mathcal{R}^k + (1+w_i) \left[\frac{1}{2} + \frac{k^2}{a^2}\frac{f''}{f'} - \frac{1}{2}\frac{ff''}{f'^2} + \frac{f''\mu_m}{f'^2} - \dot{R}\Theta\left(\frac{f''}{f'}\right)^2 + \dot{R}\Theta\frac{f'''}{f'} \right] \mathcal{R}^k = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

And the entropy and velocity perturbations:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \ddot{S}_{ij}^k &= \frac{k^2}{a} \dot{V}_{ij} - \frac{k^2}{3a} \Theta V_{ij} \\
 \dot{V}_{ij}^k &= (c_z^2 - \frac{1}{3})\Theta\dot{V}_{ij} + \left[\dot{c}_z^2\Theta - (c_z^2 - \frac{1}{3}) \left(\frac{1}{3}\Theta^2 + \frac{1}{2}(1+3w)\frac{\mu_m}{f'} + \frac{1}{2}(\mu_R + 3p_R) \right) \right] V_{ij} \\
 &- \frac{c_{si}^2 - c_{sj}^2}{a(1+w)} \cdot m + \frac{c_{si}^2 - c_{sj}^2}{a(1+w)} \left(\frac{1}{3} + w - c_s^2 \right) \Theta m - \frac{c_z^2}{a} \dot{S}_{ij} + \frac{c_z^2\Theta - 3\dot{c}_z^2}{3a} S_{ij}.
 \end{aligned}$$

The background equations

$$\text{Friedmann} \left\{ H^2 + \frac{K}{a^2} = \frac{1}{3f'} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} [f'R - f(R)] - 3H\dot{f}' \right\} + \mu_m \right\},$$

$$\text{Raychaudhuri} \left\{ 2\dot{H} + H^2 + \frac{K}{a^2} = -\frac{1}{f'} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} [f'R - f(R)] + \ddot{f}' - 3H\dot{f}' \right\} + p_m \right\},$$

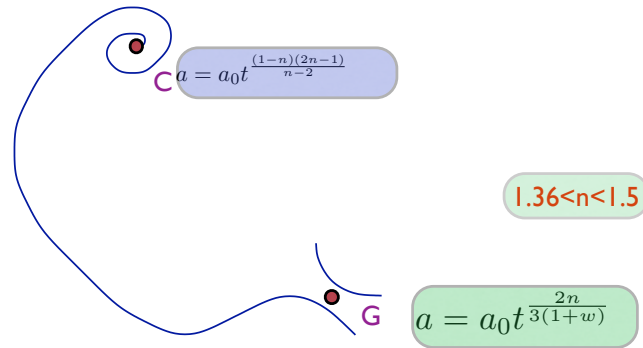
$$\text{Conservation} \left\{ \dot{\mu}_m + 3H(\mu_m + p_m) = 0, \right.$$

$$R = -6\left(2H^2 + \dot{H} + \frac{K}{a^2}\right)$$

.....Any background solutions?

R^n - gravity

... Not yet, but...



- Carloni, Dunsby Capozziello, Troisi (CQG, 2005)
- Carloni, Dunsby, Troisi (PRD 77: 024024)

Background quantities

If we choose point G : $a = a_0 t^{\frac{2n}{3(1+w)}}$, $K = 0$, $\mu_m = \mu_0 t^{-2n}$,

then the background quantities will be

$$\Theta = \frac{2n}{(1+w)t}$$

$$R = \frac{4n [4n - 3(1+w)]}{3(1+w)^2 t^2}$$

$$\mu_R = \frac{2(n-1) [2n(3w+5) - 3(1+w)]}{3(1+w)^2 t^2}$$

$$p_R = \frac{2(n-1) [n(6w^2 + 8w - 2) - 3w(1+w)]}{3(1+w)^2 t^2}$$

$$\mu_m = \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{1-n} n \chi \left(\frac{n(4n - 3(1+w))}{(1+w)^2 t^2}\right)^{n-1} \frac{4n^2 - 2(n-1) [2n(3w+5) - 3(1+w)]}{3(1+w)^2 t^2}$$

Applications to a Radiation/Dust-dominated Universe

- Background model: R^n -gravity
- Non-interacting radiation-dust background mixture
- Flat ($K=0$) FLRW spacetime

- Conservation equations:
$$\begin{cases} \dot{\mu}_d + \Theta\mu_d = 0 \\ \dot{\mu}_r + \frac{4}{3}\Theta\mu_r = 0 \end{cases}$$

- Equation of state of the mixture: $w = \frac{1}{3} \frac{\mu_r}{\mu_d + \mu_r}$

- Speed of sound in the mixture: $c_s^2 = \frac{4\mu_r}{3(3\mu_d + 4\mu_r)}$

Total equations

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \ddot{\Delta}_m^k + \left[(c_s^2 + \frac{2}{3} - 2w)\Theta - \dot{R}\frac{f''}{f'} \right] \dot{\Delta}_m^k + \left[\left(\frac{3}{2}w^2 + 5c_s^2 - 4w - 1 \right) \frac{\mu_m}{f'} + \frac{1}{2}(3w - 5c_s^2)\frac{f}{f'} \right. \\
 & \left. + (c_s^2 - w) \left(2R - 4\dot{R}\Theta\frac{f''}{f'} - \frac{12K}{a^2} \right) + c_s^2\frac{k^2}{a^2} \right] \Delta_m^k - 4wc_z^2 \left[2\frac{\mu_m}{f'} + \frac{R}{2} - \frac{f}{f'} - \dot{R}\Theta\frac{f''}{f'} - \frac{3K}{a^2} + \frac{k^2}{a^2} \right] S_{dr}^k \\
 & = \frac{1+w}{2} \left[-1 - \frac{2k^2}{a^2}\frac{f''}{f'} + (f - 2\mu_m + 2\dot{R}\Theta f'')\frac{f''}{f'^2} - 2\dot{R}\Theta\left(\frac{f''}{f'}\right)^2 - 2\dot{R}\Theta\frac{f'''}{f'} \right] \mathcal{R}^k - (1+w)\Theta\frac{f''}{f'}\dot{\mathcal{R}}^k \\
 & \ddot{\mathcal{R}}^k + (2\dot{R}\frac{f'''}{f''} + \Theta)\dot{\mathcal{R}}^k + \left[\frac{k^2}{a^2} + \ddot{R}\frac{f'''}{f''} + \dot{R}^2\frac{f^{(4)}}{f''^2} + \dot{R}\Theta\frac{f'''}{f''} + \frac{1}{3}\frac{f'}{f''} - \frac{R}{3} \right] \mathcal{R}^k + \frac{c_s^2 - 1}{1+w}\dot{R}\dot{\Delta}_m^k \\
 & + \left[\frac{(3c_s^2 - 1)\mu_m}{3f''} + \frac{w + c_s^2}{1+w}\dot{R}\Theta + \frac{c_s^2}{1+w} \left(2\ddot{R} + 2\dot{R}^2\frac{f'''}{f''} \right) + \frac{\dot{R}}{1+w} \left(c_s^2 + c_s^2(c_s^2 - w)\Theta \right) \right] \Delta_m^k \\
 & - \frac{4w}{1+w}c_z^2\dot{R}S_{dr}^k - 4wc_z^2 \left[\frac{\mu_m}{f''} + \frac{2}{1+w} \left(\ddot{R} + \dot{R}\Theta + \dot{R}^2\frac{f'''}{f''} \right) \right] S_{dr}^k = 0 \\
 & \ddot{S}_{dr}^k + (c_s^2 + \frac{1}{3})\Theta\dot{S}_{dr}^k + \frac{k^2}{a^2}c_z^2S_{dr}^k - \frac{k^2}{a^2}(c_s^2 + \frac{3}{4}c_s^2)\Delta_m^k = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta_m = \frac{\mu_d\Delta_d + \mu_r\Delta_r}{\mu_m}, \quad S_{dr} = \Delta_d - \frac{3}{4}\Delta_r$$

The short wavelength limit

- The radiation energy density taken to be almost homogeneous:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Delta_r \ll \Delta_d \\ c_s^2 \mu_m \Delta_m^k + p_m \varepsilon^k = \frac{1}{3} \mu_r \Delta_r^k \approx 0 \\ S_{dr}^k \approx \Delta_d^k \end{array} \right.$$

- Radiation affects the growth of density perturbations by speeding up cosmic expansion.
- “Meszaros effect”: constraints on n

Radiation-dominated epoch

$$\ddot{\Delta}_d^k + 2H\dot{\Delta}_d^k + 3H\frac{f''}{f'}\dot{\mathcal{R}}^k + \left[\frac{1}{2} + \frac{k^2 f''}{a^2 f'} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{f f''}{f'^2} + \frac{f'' \mu_r}{f'^2} - 3H\dot{R} \left(\frac{f''}{f'} \right)^2 + 3H\dot{R} \frac{f'''}{f'} \right] \mathcal{R}^k = 0$$

$$\ddot{\mathcal{R}}^k + \left(2\dot{R} \frac{f'''}{f''} + 3H \right) \dot{\mathcal{R}}^k + \left(\frac{k^2}{a^2} + \ddot{R} \frac{f'''}{f''} + \dot{R}^2 \frac{f^{(4)}}{f''} + 3H\dot{R} \frac{f'''}{f''} + \frac{f'}{3f''} - \frac{R}{3} \right) \mathcal{R}^k = 0$$

In GR these equations reduce to

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \ddot{\Delta}_d^k + 2H\dot{\Delta}_d^k + \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{R}^k &= 0 \\ \mathcal{R}^k &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \longrightarrow \ddot{\Delta}_d^k + \frac{1}{t}\dot{\Delta}_d^k = 0$$

$$\Delta_d^k(t) = C_1 + C_2 \ln t$$

Quasi-static approximation

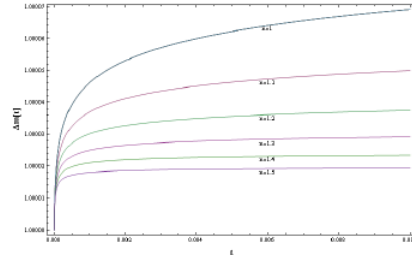
For $n \neq 1$, with $w = \frac{1}{3}$ in the radiation-dominated epoch,

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \ddot{\Delta}_d^k + \frac{n}{t} \dot{\Delta}_d^k + \frac{t}{2} \ddot{\mathcal{R}}^k + \left[\frac{12-5n}{4} + \frac{n}{12} \left(\frac{\lambda_H}{\lambda} \right)_{eq}^2 t^{2-n} \right] \mathcal{R}^k = 0 \\ \ddot{\mathcal{R}}^k - \left(\frac{5n-16}{2t} \right) \dot{\mathcal{R}}^k + \left[\frac{n^2}{4} \left(\frac{\lambda_H}{\lambda} \right)_{eq}^2 t^{-n} - \frac{6(n-2)}{t^2} \right] \mathcal{R}^k = 0 \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} \longrightarrow \ddot{\Delta}_d^k + \frac{n}{t} \dot{\Delta}_d^k = 0 \\ \downarrow \end{array}$$

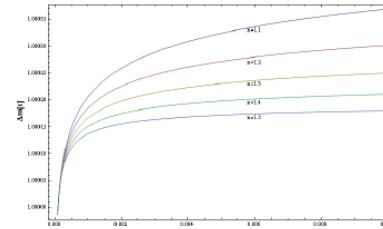
$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{\Delta_d^k(t)}{a(t)} \right] \propto \frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{t^{1-n}}{t^{\frac{n}{2}}} \right] < 0 \Rightarrow 1 - \frac{3n}{2} < 0$$

$$n > \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\Delta_d^k(t) = C_1 + C_2 t^{1-n}$$



Analytic



Numerical

Dust-dominated epoch

- In this case

$$\begin{aligned} & \ddot{\Delta}_d^k + \left(2H - \dot{R} \frac{f''}{f'}\right) \dot{\Delta}_d^k - \frac{\mu_d}{f'} \Delta_d^k + 3H \frac{f''}{f'} \dot{\mathcal{R}}^k \\ & + \left[\frac{1}{2} + \frac{k^2}{a^2} \frac{f''}{f'} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{f f''}{f'^2} + \frac{f'' \mu_d}{f'^2} - 3H \dot{R} \left(\frac{f''}{f'}\right)^2 + 3H \dot{R} \frac{f'''}{f'}\right] \mathcal{R}^k = 0 \\ & \ddot{\mathcal{R}}^k + \left(2\dot{R} \frac{f'''}{f''} + 3H\right) \dot{\mathcal{R}}^k - \dot{R} \dot{\Delta}_d^k - \frac{\mu_d}{3f''} \Delta_d^k \\ & + \left(\frac{k^2}{a^2} + \ddot{R} \frac{f'''}{f''} + \dot{R}^2 \frac{f^{(4)}}{f''} + 3H \dot{R} \frac{f'''}{f''} + \frac{f'}{3f''} - \frac{R}{3}\right) \mathcal{R}^k = 0 \end{aligned}$$

The GR equations :

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \ddot{\Delta}_d^k + 2H \dot{\Delta}_d^k - \mu_d \Delta_d^k + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{R}^k &= 0 \\ -\frac{\mu_d}{3} \Delta_d^k + \frac{1}{3} \mathcal{R}^k &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \rightarrow \ddot{\Delta}_d^k + \frac{4}{3t} \dot{\Delta}_d^k - \frac{2}{3t^2} \Delta_d^k = 0 \\ \downarrow \\ \Delta_d^k(t) = C_1 t^{-1} + C_2 t^{\frac{2}{3}} \end{array}$$

Quasi-static analysis

For $n \neq 1$ the equations take the form

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{\Delta}_d^k + \left(\frac{10n-6}{3t} \right) \dot{\Delta}_d^k + \left(\frac{2(8n^2-13n+3)}{3t^2} \right) \Delta_d^k + \frac{3(n-1)}{2(4n-3)} t \dot{\mathcal{R}}^k \\ + \left[\frac{n(n-1)}{3(4n-3)} \left(\frac{\lambda_H}{\lambda} \right)_{eq}^2 t^{2-\frac{4n}{3}} + \frac{27n^2-8n^3-18n}{2n(4n-3)} \right] \mathcal{R}^k = 0 \\ \ddot{\mathcal{R}}^k + \left[\frac{8n([n(8n-13)+3](4n-3))}{27(n-1)t^4} \right] \Delta_d^k + \frac{8n(4n-3)}{3t^3} \dot{\Delta}_d^k + \frac{8-2n}{t} \dot{\mathcal{R}}^k \\ + \left[\frac{4n^2}{9} \left(\frac{\lambda_H}{\lambda} \right)_{eq}^2 t^{-\frac{4n}{3}} - \frac{2[n(8n+5)-69]+54}{9(n-1)t^2} \right] \mathcal{R}^k = 0 \end{aligned}$$

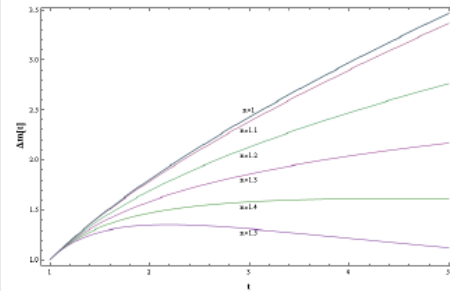


$$\ddot{\Delta}_d^k + \frac{4n}{3t} \dot{\Delta}_d^k + \left[\frac{4(8n^2-13n+3)}{9t^2} \right] \Delta_d^k = 0$$

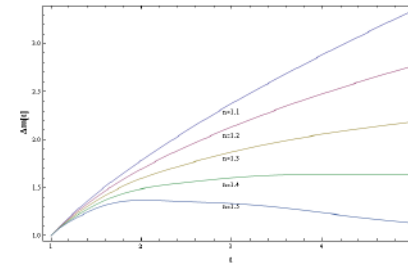
The general solution of the previous equation is

$$\Delta_d^k(t) = C_1 t^{-\frac{2n}{3} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{-112n^2 + 184n - 39}}{6}} + C_2 t^{-\frac{2n}{3} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{-112n^2 + 184n - 39}}{6}}$$

Analytic



Numerical



The long wavelength limit

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \lambda = \frac{2\pi a}{k} \gg \lambda_H \Rightarrow \frac{k^2}{a^2} \rightarrow 0 \\ \dot{C} = 0. \end{array} \right. \text{ Drop all Laplacian terms}$$

$$\text{Adiabatic perturbations : } S_{ij} = 0 \equiv \dot{S}_{dr} + a\tilde{\nabla}^2 V_{dr} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\Delta}_m &= \left[\frac{1+w-2n}{1+w} - \frac{6(n-1)n}{n+3(n-1)w-3} \right] \frac{\Delta_m}{t} - \frac{3(1+w)^2}{4a_0^2 [n+3(n-1)w-3][4n-3(1+w)]} t^{1-\frac{4n}{3(1+w)}} C_0 \\ &\quad - \frac{9(n-1)(1+w)^3 t^2}{4[n+3(n-1)w-3][4n-3(1+w)]} t^2 \mathfrak{R} + \left[\frac{3(n-1)(1+w)^2 [n(6w+8) - 15(1+w)]}{4[n+3(n-1)w-3][4n-3(1+w)]} \right] t \mathcal{R} \\ \dot{\mathcal{R}} &= \mathfrak{R} + \frac{8nc_s^2 [4n-3(1+w)] \Delta_m}{3(1+w)^3 t^3} \\ \dot{\mathfrak{R}} &= -2 \left[\frac{(n-4) + 2(n-2)w}{(1+w)t} - \frac{3n(n-1)}{n+3w(n-1)-3} \right] \mathfrak{R} + \frac{2n(4n-3w-3)}{(1+w)[n+3(n-1)w-3]} \frac{C_0}{a_0^2} t^{-\frac{4n}{3(1+w)}-2} \\ &\quad - 2 \left[\frac{9n(n-2)(n-1)}{n+3(n-1)w-3} + 2n^2 - 7n - \frac{3n^2(9n-26) + 57n}{9(1+w)(n-1)} - \frac{8n^2(n-2)}{9(1+w)^2(n-1)} + 6 \right] \frac{\mathcal{R}}{t^2} \\ &\quad + \frac{16n[4n-3(1+w)][4n+3(n-1)w-3][(9w(1+w)+8)n^2 - (3w(9w+8)+13)n + 3(1+w)(1+6w)] \Delta_m}{27(n-1)(1+w)^4 [n+3(n-1)w-3]} \frac{1}{t^4} \end{aligned}$$

Radiation-dominated epoch

- In this regime

$$\ddot{\Delta}^k + \frac{n(9n-14)+4}{2(n-2)t} \dot{\Delta}^k + \frac{n(n(19n-54)+58)-32+8}{2(n-2)^2 t^2} \Delta^k + \frac{2(n(3n-4)+2)}{3(n-2)^2} t \dot{\mathcal{R}}^k - \frac{(n(15n-22)+14)}{3(n-2)} \mathcal{R}^k + \frac{4(n^2-1)}{3(n-2)^2 a_0^2} t^{-n} C_0 = 0$$

$$\ddot{\mathcal{R}}^k - \frac{n(11n-32)+32}{2(n-2)t} \dot{\mathcal{R}}^k + \frac{3(n(5n-9)+8)}{2t^2} \mathcal{R}^k - \frac{3n(n(n-3)+2)}{2(n-2)t^3} \dot{\Delta}^k - \frac{3n(n-1)(n(19n-28)+4)}{4(n-2)t^4} \Delta^k - \frac{3n(n-1)}{(n-2)a_0^2} t^{-(n+2)} C_0 = 0$$

Decoupled third- order system :

$$\ddot{\Delta}^k - \frac{n-5}{t} \dot{\Delta}^k + \frac{(n(24-19n)+8)}{4t^2} \dot{\Delta}^k + \frac{(n-2)(n(5n-8)+2)}{2t^3} \Delta^k - \frac{12-7n}{3a_0^2} t^{-(n+1)} C_0 = 0$$

- The equation admits the solution:

$$\Delta^k(t) = \frac{2(24-14n)}{9(7n^3-18n^2+16)} t^{2-n} C_0 + C_1 t^{\frac{n}{2}-1} + C_2 t^{-\frac{1}{2}+\frac{n}{4}+\frac{\sqrt{3(81n^2-44n+12)}}{4}} + C_3 t^{-\frac{1}{2}+\frac{n}{4}-\frac{\sqrt{3(81n^2-44n+12)}}{4}}$$

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Dust-dominated epoch

- The governing equations:

$$\ddot{\Delta}^k + \frac{n(8n-13)+3}{(n-3)t} \dot{\Delta}^k + \frac{(n(8n-13)+3)(n(16n-15)+9)}{3(n-3)^2 t^2} \Delta^k + \frac{3(n-1)(n(16n-15)+9)}{4(n-3)^2(4n-3)} t \mathcal{R}^k - \frac{n[(n(16n(8n-31)+711)-540)+189]}{4(n-3)^2(4n-3)} \mathcal{R}^k - \frac{n(27+54n-56n^2)-27}{4(n-3)^2(4n-3)a_0^2} t^{-\frac{4n}{3}} C_0 = 0$$

$$\ddot{\mathcal{R}}^k - \frac{4(n-1)(n(2n-5)+6)}{(n(n-4)+3)t} \dot{\mathcal{R}}^k + \frac{4[n(n(2n(16n-65)+213)-198)+81]}{9(n(n-4)+3)t^2} \mathcal{R}^k - \frac{16n(3-4n)^2(n(8n-13)+3)}{27((n-4)n+3)t^4} \Delta^k - \frac{2n(n(4n-7)+3)}{(n(n-4)+3)a_0^2} t^{-(n+2)} C_0 = 0$$



$$\ddot{\Delta}^k + \frac{5}{t} \dot{\Delta}^k - \frac{2[n(4n(8n-19)+33)+9]}{9(n-1)t^2} \dot{\Delta}^k - \frac{2(4n-3)(n(8n-13)+3)}{9(n-1)t^3} \Delta^k - \frac{(n(12n-31)+18)}{6(n-1)a_0^2} t^{-(n+1)} C_0 = 0,$$

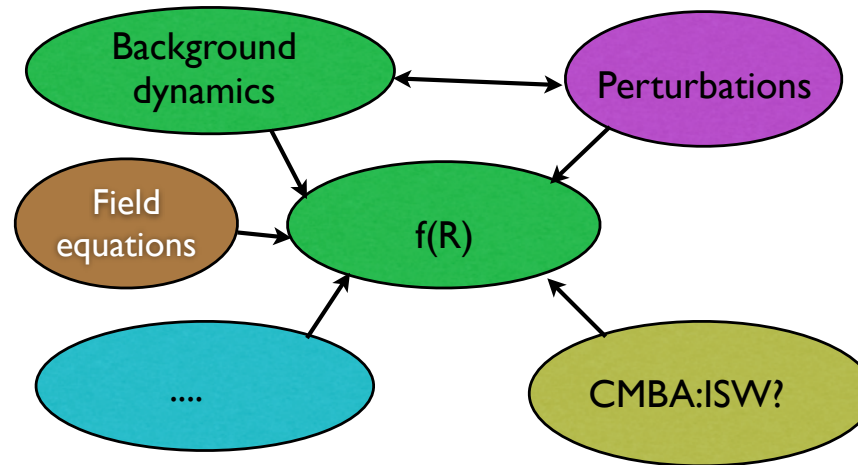


$$\Delta^k(t) = \frac{9[12n^2-31n+18]}{8(48n^4-184n^3+159n^2+63n-81)} t^{2-\frac{4n}{3}} C_0 + C_1 t^{-1} + C_2 t^{\frac{3n-3+\sqrt{(n-1)(256n^3-608n^2+417n-81)}}{6(n-1)}} + C_3 t^{-\frac{3n-3-\sqrt{(n-1)(256n^3-608n^2+417n-81)}}{6(n-1)}}$$

Conclusion

- ✓ 1+3 covariant theory of cosmological perturbations: a good tool kit for $f(R)$
 - ✓ for R^n models in the short wavelength limits, exact solutions found in quasi-static limit for background solutions obtained from dynamical approach to FLRW models
 - ✓ Growing modes observed for range of values of n considered
 - ✓ Meszaros effect holds; can be used to constrain n
 - ✓ The quasi-static approximation: reasonably good
 - ✓ Long wavelength analysis of component adiabatic perturbations give the same result as those for single fluid perturbations, deep in their respective era.
- 34 More work ahead!...

Future work...



THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!