# A New Class of Cosmologically viable f(R) models

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## Background

- 1. Alternative gravity models to resolve problems of Cosmology?
- 2. f(R) theories toy-models in exploring alternative gravity cosmologies.
- 3. f(R) theories are generally studied to be fit as the possible candidates for either dark energy, dark matter or both
- 4. Modified gravity models have been successful in explaining the flat rotation curves of galaxies.

### Motivation

- No one definitive f(R) model that possibly satisfies all the required criteria to be an alternative to  $\Lambda$ CDM model.
- Their viability is always judged based on it's ability to reproduce scale factor evolution as predicted by ΛCDM model.
- ▶ idea!
- ► To explore the possible new viable models assuming the universe is evolving with linear scale factor (at least during matter domination).

## **Linearly Coasting Universe?**

- In general, some form of f(R) is assumed and a fit with  $\Lambda CDM$  is expected/produced as a consequence.
- ▶ Such theories, try to achieve GR limit by giving back standard cosmology with f(R) as the dark energy replacement.
- Any model of f(R) looking to explain late-time acceleration is expected to give rise to a cosmology which also preserves the evolution sequence of the standard model viz.
  - early inflation
  - radiation domination era (during which BBN occurs)
  - > a matter dominated era
  - > and the present accelerated epoch.

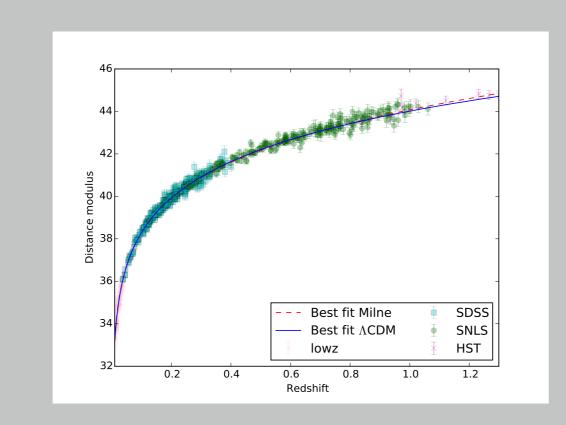


Figure 1: Linearly Coasting Universe vs

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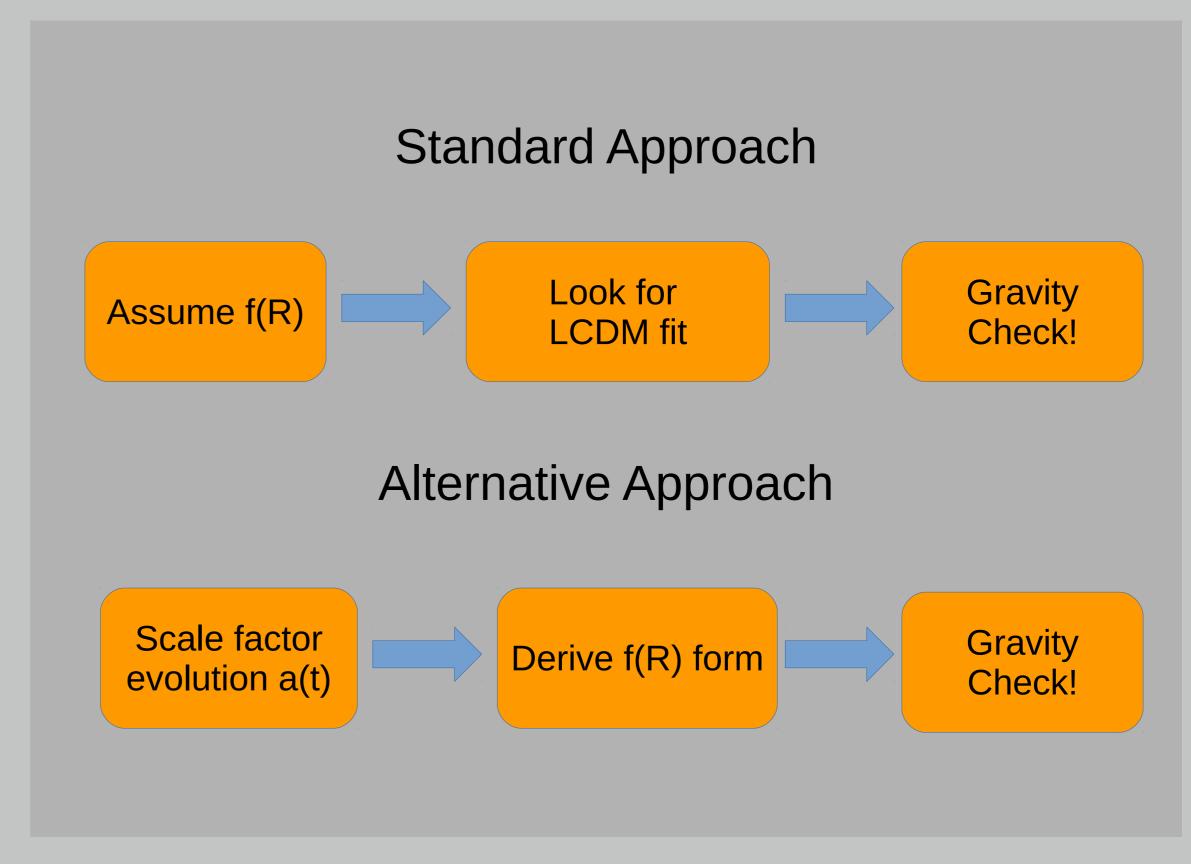


Figure 2: Approach for new 'viable' f(R)

## Conclusions

- Assuming a linearly coasting scale factor, we derived a potentially new 'viable' forms of f(R).
- ► While some forms may look familar, they need to be re-evaluated in the light of linear coasting.
- There are few options on constraining f(R) models other than Cosmology
  - ▶ linear growth rate of structures
  - gravitational weak lensing (tsujikawa2009dispersion)
  - ▶ CMB and structure formation theories
  - weak field limit from the solar system tests
  - gravitational wave observations
- ► These areas are to be explored in the subsequent work(s).

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