MOND as the Weak Field Limit of a Relativistic Metric Theory of Gravity with Curvature-Matter Couplings

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Abstract

I present a full relativistic metric theory of gravity with curvature-matter couplings for which its weak field limit yields a MOND (MOdified Newtonian Dynamics) behavior and Tully-Fisher scalings. I will also show how this proposal can explain the deflection of light for individual, groups, and clusters of galaxies, and how it allows for the observed late-time accelerated expansion rate of the universe without the need of including dark matter/energy entities.

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