

f(R) Modified Gravity

Cosmological & Solar-System Tests

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• The solar-system test **rules out** the frequently studied $w_{\text{eff}} = -1$ $f(R; f_{\text{ini}})$ models that are distinct from **Λ CDM** in Ψ / Φ , G_{eff} / G .