DERIVATION OF HIGHER ORDER GRADIENT THERMODYNAMIC GRAVITY

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ABSTRACT

In this presentation, the generalised derivation of a gradient modification of Newtonian gravity is presented within a thermodynamic framework. The resulting field equation is compared to the models considered by Franklin [1], Lazar [2] and Ván [3], for a general field-dependent energy contribution to the internal energy in the form of

$$u = e - \varphi - \frac{\varepsilon(\varphi, \nabla\varphi, \nabla^2\varphi, \nabla^3\varphi)}{\rho}.$$
 (1)

When assuming a cross-coupling (characterised by the parameter K) between the mechanical and gravitational thermodynamic forces and fluxes, the theory results in a dissipative field equation relaxing to a generalised Poisson's equation for gravity:

$$\tau \partial_{t} \varphi = l^{2} 4 \pi G \left(\nabla \cdot (\partial_{\nabla \varphi} \varepsilon) - \rho - \partial_{\varphi} \varepsilon - \nabla^{2} : \partial_{\nabla^{2} \varphi} \varepsilon + \nabla^{3} : \partial_{\nabla^{3} \varphi} \varepsilon \right) + 2K \left[-3\varepsilon + (\partial_{\nabla \varphi} \varepsilon - \nabla \cdot \partial_{\nabla^{2} \varphi} \varepsilon + \nabla^{2} : \partial_{\nabla^{3} \varphi} \varepsilon) \cdot (\nabla \varphi) + (\partial_{\nabla^{2} \varphi} \varepsilon - \nabla \cdot \partial_{\nabla^{3} \varphi} \varepsilon) : (\nabla^{2} \varphi) + (\partial_{\nabla^{3} \varphi} \varepsilon) : (\nabla^{3} \varphi) \right] \right).$$

$$(2)$$

The resulting nonrelativistic modifications of gravity may potentially explain astronomical observations of phenomena usually contributed to dark matter, or help exploring the potential corrections to the results of Solar system-level tests (for example, with Yukawa-like terms).

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