

# Power-law Cosmology in Weyl type $f(Q, T)$ Gravity

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- ▶ To describe mathematically these two simultaneous changes, Weyl proposed the introduction of a new vector field  $w_\mu$ , which, together with the metric tensor  $g_{\mu\nu}$ , represents the fundamental fields of the Weyl geometry.



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- ▶ Another important property of the Weyl geometry is the existence of the semi-metric connection,

$$\tilde{\Gamma}_{\mu\nu}^\lambda = \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\lambda + g_{\mu\nu} w^\lambda - \delta_\mu^\lambda w_\nu - \delta_\nu^\lambda w_\mu \quad (1)$$

where  $\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\lambda$  is the Christoffel symbol constructed with respect to the metric  $g_{\mu\nu}$ .



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- ▶ The non-metricity tensor in Weyl geometry is obtained as

$$Q_{\lambda\mu\nu} = 2w_\lambda g_{\mu\nu}, \quad w_\lambda \neq 0. \quad (3)$$



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## formalism

- ▶ The action in Weyl type  $f(Q, T)$  gravity is given as <sup>2</sup>

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} [\kappa^2 f(Q, T) - \frac{1}{4} W_{\nu\mu} W^{\nu\mu} - \frac{1}{2} m^2 w_\nu w^\nu + \lambda \tilde{R} + \mathcal{L}_m] \quad (4)$$

where  $\tilde{R} = (R + 6 \nabla_\alpha w^\alpha - 6 w_\alpha w^\alpha)$ ,  $\kappa = \frac{1}{16\pi G}$ ,  $m$  represents the mass of the particle associated to the vector field  $w_\mu$ ,  $f(Q, T)$  is an arbitrary function of the nonmetricity  $Q$  and the trace of energy momentum tensor  $T$ . The second and third terms in the action are the ordinary kinetic term and mass term of the vector field, respectively.  $W_{\nu\mu} = \nabla_\mu w_\nu - \nabla_\nu w_\mu$  and  $\mathcal{L}_m$  is the matter Lagrangian density.

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- ▶ Variation of the gravitational action in Eq.(4) with to the metric tensor gives us the following generalized gravitational field equation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{2} (T_{\nu\mu} + S_{\nu\mu}) - \kappa^2 f_T (T_{\nu\mu} + \Theta_{\nu\mu}) &= -\frac{\kappa^2}{2} g_{\nu\mu} \\
 - 6\kappa^2 f_Q w_\nu w_\mu + \lambda (R_{\nu\mu} - 6 w_\nu w_\mu + 3 g_{\nu\mu} \nabla_\rho w^\rho) \\
 + 3 g_{\nu\mu} w^\rho \nabla_\rho \lambda - 6 w_{(\nu} \nabla_{\mu)} \lambda + g_{\nu\mu} \square \lambda - \nabla_\nu \nabla_\mu \lambda. & \quad (5)
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$$Q = -6w^2 = 6\psi^2(t), \quad (8)$$

where  $w^2 = w_\mu w^\mu = -\psi^2(t)$ .



- ▶ From Eq. (5) and (6) the generalized Friedmann equation read as

$$\kappa^2 f_T (\rho + p) + \frac{1}{2}\rho = \frac{\kappa^2}{2}f - \left(6\kappa^2 f_Q + \frac{1}{4}m^2\right)\psi^2 - 3\lambda(\psi^2 - H^2) - 3\dot{\lambda}(\psi - H), \quad (9)$$

$$-\frac{1}{2}p = \frac{\kappa^2}{2}f + \frac{m^2\psi^2}{4} + \lambda(3\psi^2 + 3H^2 + 2\dot{H}) + (3\psi + 2H)\dot{\lambda} + \ddot{\lambda}. \quad (10)$$

where dot( $\cdot$ ) represents the derivative with respect to time.



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- ▶ We study the model for the dust case, i.e.  $p = 0$ . Using this in Eq. (9) and (10), the obtained differential equation is,

$$A H^2 + B \dot{H} = 0 \quad (11)$$

where,

$$A = 36 \left( (12\beta + 18) \alpha + \left( \beta + \frac{3}{2} \right) M^2 + (12\beta + 18) \right) + (6\beta + 18)$$

and  $B = (6\beta + 12)$



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Solving eq. (12), the expression of the scale factor is obtained as

$$a(t) = c_2 (k_1 t - c_1)^{\frac{1}{k_1}} \quad (13)$$

We shall write all cosmological parameter in term of redshift using the relation (taking  $a(t_0) = 1$ )

$$a(t) = \frac{1}{1 + z} \quad (14)$$



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- ▶ Power-law cosmology is an interesting solution for dealing with some unusual challenges like flatness, horizon problem, etc. The power-law is well-motivated in literature. Kumar <sup>3</sup> used power-law with Hz and SNe Ia data to analyse cosmological parameters. Rani et al. <sup>4</sup> also examined the power-law cosmology with statefinder analysis.

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- ▶ The chi-square function is defined to find the mean values of the model parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

$$\chi_{Hubble}^2(\alpha, \beta) = \sum_{i=1}^{57} \frac{[H_i^{th}(\alpha, \beta, z_i) - H_i^{obs}(z_i)]^2}{\sigma^2(z_i)} \quad (17)$$

where  $H_i^{obs}$  denotes the observed value,  $H_i^{th}$  indicates the Hubble's theoretical value while the standard error in the observed value is denoted by  $\sigma(z_i)$ . We used error bars to represent 57 points of  $H(z)$  and compared our model with the well-accepted  $\Lambda$ CDM model in fig. 1(a). The bounds from our analysis are  $\alpha = -1.08448_{-0.00055}^{+0.00049}$  and  $\beta = 0.136_{-0.110}^{+0.056}$ .



- ▶ We use the most recent compilation of Supernovae pantheon samples to constrain the model parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . The theoretical distance modulus is defined as

$$\mu^{th} = 5 \log_{10} \left( \frac{D_L H_0^{-1}}{Mpc} \right) + 25, \quad (18)$$

where we define

$$D_L = (1+z)c \int_0^z \frac{d\bar{z}}{H(\bar{z})}. \quad (19)$$

- ▶ The chi-square function according to our considered model is given as

$$\chi_{Pan}^2(\alpha, \beta) = \sum_{i=1}^{1048} \frac{[\mu_i^{th}(\alpha, \beta, z_i) - \mu_i^{obs}(z_i)]^2}{\sigma^2(z_i)} \quad (20)$$

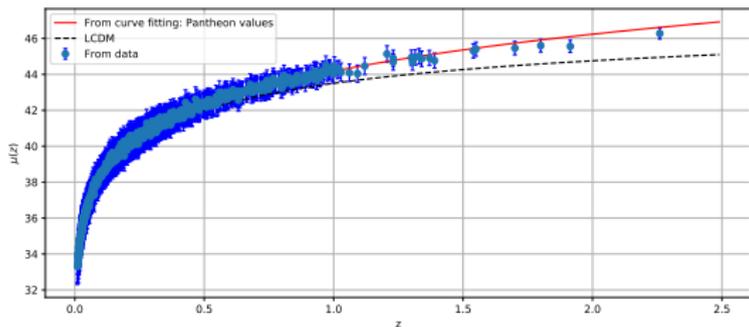
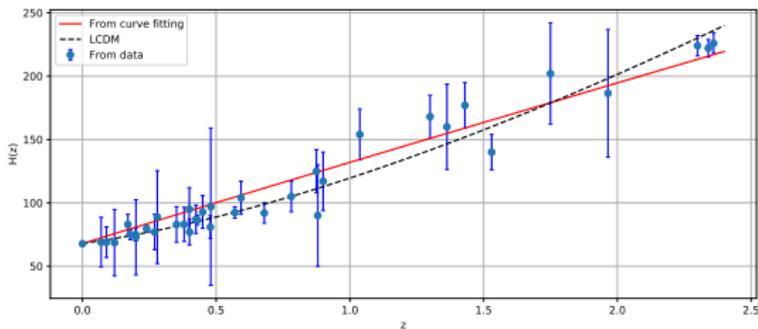
where  $\sigma^2(z_i)$  is the standard error,  $\mu_i^{th} = m - M$  is the theoretical value with  $m$  and  $M$  are the apparent and absolute magnitudes respectively,  $\mu_i^{obs}$  is the observed values from data points.



- ▶ The best fit values of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are obtained through pantheon samples as shown in triangle plot 3 with  $1 - \sigma$  and  $2 - \sigma$  confidence intervals. The obtained values are

$$\alpha = -1.09519^{+0.00060}_{-0.00068} \text{ and } \beta = 0.137^{+0.058}_{-0.100}$$





**Figure 1:** The plot shows the 57 points of  $H(z)$  datasets and 1048 points of SNe Ia (Blue dots) datasets with corresponding error bars. The plot shows nice fit of our model (Red line) to the observational datasets.  $\Lambda$ CDM model is also shown in black line for model comparison.



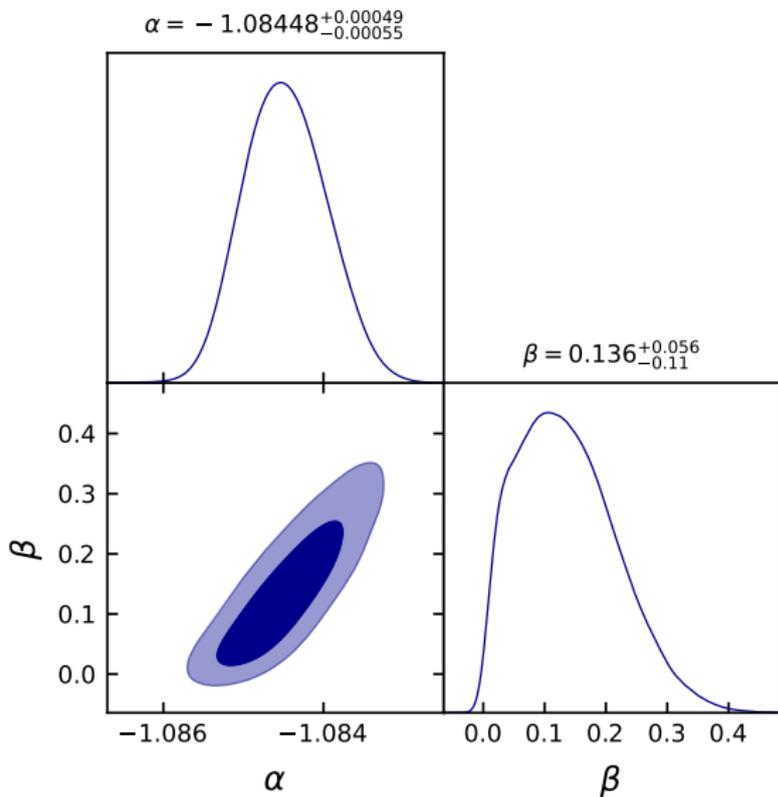


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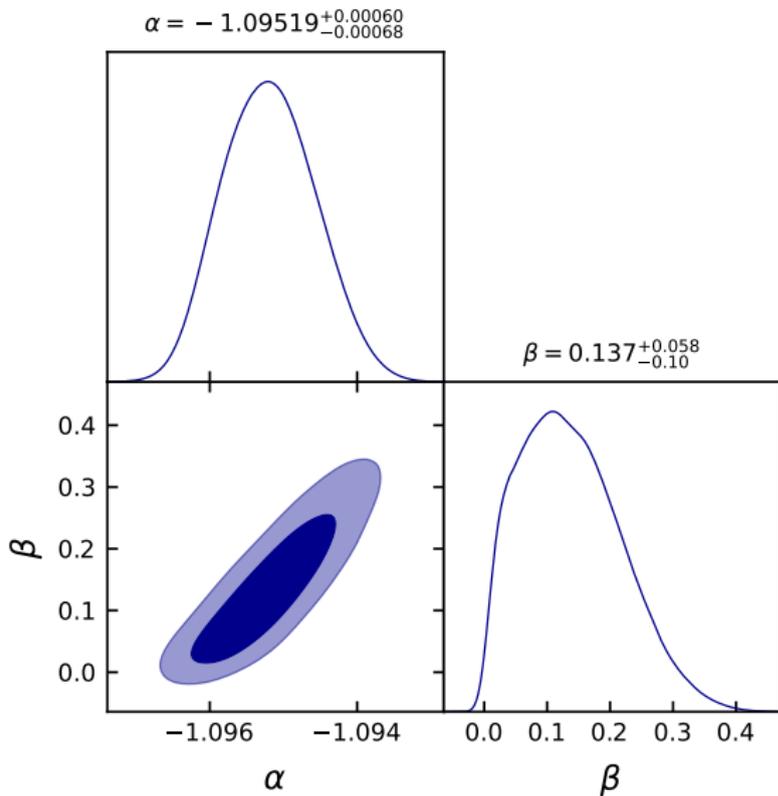


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$$r = \frac{\ddot{a}}{aH^3} \quad s = \frac{r - 1}{3(q - \frac{1}{2})}. \quad (21)$$

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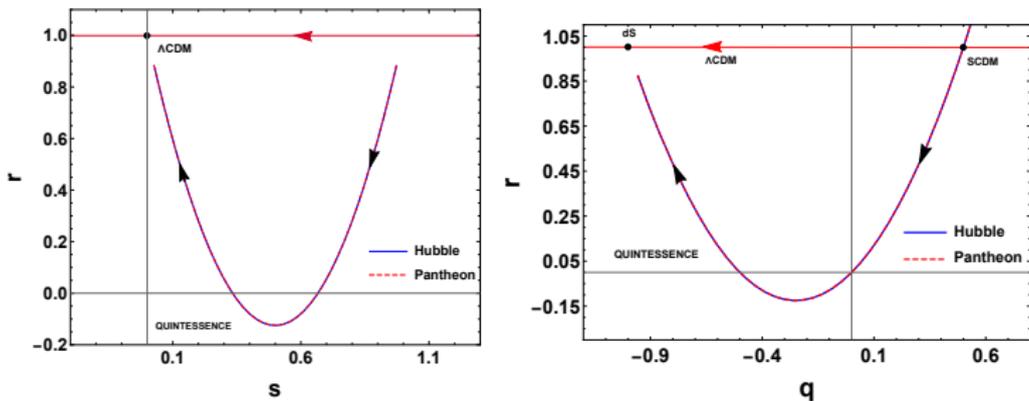


Figure 4: The evolution trajectories of the given model in  $s$ - $r$  and  $q$ - $r$  plane corresponding to the values of model parameters constrained by the Hubble and Pantheon datasets.



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- ▶ It is worth noting that in the obtained model, the  $\Lambda$ CDM statefinder pair  $(0, 1)$  and correspondingly the dS point  $(-1, 1)$  acts as an attractor. The constraints on statefinder from Hubble data and Pantheon data are obtained as  $r = -0.039_{-0.009}^{+0.009}$ ,  $s = 0.637_{-0.0075}^{+0.0075}$  and  $r = -0.105_{-0.011}^{+0.008}$ ,  $s = 0.434_{-0.012}^{+0.023}$  respectively.



## $Om$ diagnostic

- ▶ The  $Om$  diagnostic <sup>8,9</sup> is used to clarify various dark energy (DE) models by differentiating  $\Lambda$  CDM model. For spatially flat universe, the  $Om(z)$  diagnostic is defined as

$$Om(z) = \frac{\left(\frac{H(z)}{H_0}\right)^2 - 1}{(1+z)^3 - 1} \quad (22)$$

where,  $H_0$  is the Hubble constant.

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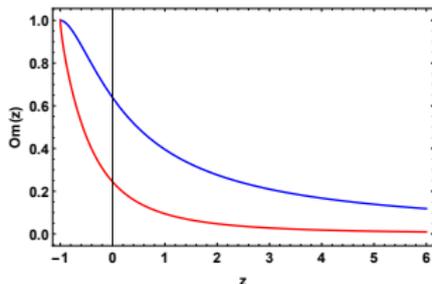
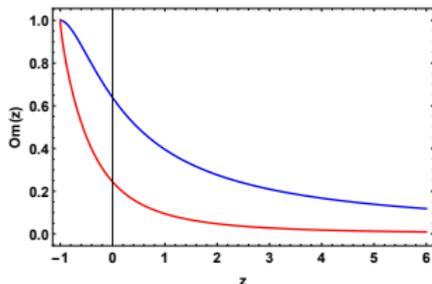


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- ▶ In Figure 5, the  $Om(z)$  has a negative slope, showing quintessence like behavior indicating the accelerated expansion.



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- ▶ Hence, the obtained model is proven to be helpful in describing the acceleration of present universe.



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