Testing LCDM model and dark energy with LISA

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ACDM model

Current Standard Model of cosmology is supported by many independent datasets (big bang nucleosynthesis, cosmic microwave background anisotropies, baryon acoustic oscillations, weak lensing, galaxy clustering, supernovae Type Ia, etc.)



95% is unknown stuff: Dark Matter and Dark Energy

Equation of state: $w_{\rm X} \equiv p_{\rm X}/\rho_{\rm X}$

 $w_{\rm DM} \simeq c_s \simeq 0 \qquad \qquad w_{\rm DE} \simeq -1$

H₀ tension

Most significant tension (~4σ) is *H*⁰ measured by **early-time** universe observations (CMB, BAO, LSS) vs **late-time** ones (distanceladder, lensing time delay). Hint of breakdown of ΛCDM?





Early and interacting dark energy

[Caprini & Tamanini '16]



E.g. axion:

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2} (\partial_{\mu} \phi)^2 - \Lambda^4 \left(1 - \cos\left(\phi/f\right)\right)^n - V_{\Lambda}$$

$$\dot{\rho}_{dm} + 3H\rho_{dm} = Q,$$

$$\dot{\rho}_{de} + 3H(1+w_0)\rho_{de} = -Q,$$

$$Q = \epsilon_1 H\rho_{dm} \quad \text{(IDE1)}$$

$$Q = \epsilon_2 H\rho_{de} \quad \text{(IDE2)}$$

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LISA very **sensitive** to changes in the **expansion history**. Tested with **distance-redshift relation** at **high redshift** (z < 8)

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$$G_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{3} m^2 \left(g_{\mu\nu} \Box^{-1} R \right)^{\rm T} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu}$$
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Single mass scale: as many parameters as LCDM

Non-local term acts as a **dark energy** component



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Model passes Solar System constraints and fits cosmological probes (CMB, SNa, BAO, LSS)as well as ΛCDM[Kahagias & Maggiore '14, Begacem et al. '18, '19; Dirian et al. '14, 16; ...]



LISA can probe **background expansion**

Propagation of GW affected: LISA crucial test (see José's talk)

Generalized scalar-tensor theories

Horndeski (second-order) and beyond:

$$\mathcal{L} = G_4(\phi, X)R + G_2(\phi, X) + G_3(\phi, X)\Box\phi \qquad \Box\phi \equiv \phi_{;\mu}^{;\mu} \quad X \equiv g^{\mu\nu}\phi_{;\mu}\phi_{;\nu}\phi_{;\nu}\phi_{;\mu}\phi_{;\nu} - 2G_{4,X}(\phi, X) \left[(\Box\phi)^2 - (\phi_{;\mu\nu})^2 \right] + G_5(\phi, X)G^{\mu\nu}\phi_{;\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{3}G_{5,X}(\phi, X) \left[(\Box\phi)^3 - 3\Box\phi(\phi_{;\mu\nu})^2 + 2(\phi_{;\mu\nu})^3 \right] - F_4(\phi, X)\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}\epsilon^{\mu'\nu'\rho'\sigma}\phi_{;\mu}\phi_{;\mu'}\phi_{;\nu\nu'}\phi_{;\rho\rho'}\phi_{;\sigma\sigma'} - F_5(\phi, X)\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}\epsilon^{\mu'\nu'\rho'\sigma'}\phi_{;\mu}\phi_{;\mu'}\phi_{;\nu\nu'}\phi_{;\rho\rho'}\phi_{;\sigma\sigma'}$$

[Horndeski '73; Deffayet et al '11; Gleyzes, et al. '14, see also Zumalacarregui, Garcia-Bellido '13]

Higher derivative \Rightarrow self-acceleration

More general theories, DHOST: [Langlois, Noui '15, Crisostomi et al. '16]



Special time foliation (time-dependent background field). Action made of 4d covariant terms but also all 3d spatially diff-invariant terms: N^i

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \mathcal{L}(R_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}, g^{00}, K_{\mu\nu}, \nabla_{\nu}, t)$$



Expanding around a homogeneous FLRW background

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[f(t)R - \Lambda(t) - c(t)g^{00} + \frac{m_2^4(t)}{2} (\delta g^{00})^2 - \frac{m_3^3(t)}{2} \delta K \delta g^{00} + \dots \right]$$





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2) Propagation of GW



Cosmology and strong-field connection

If the same EFT describes both dark energy and strong-field regime, one can constrain dark energy with black hole perturbations

EFT of Black Hole perturbations with time-like scalar profile: [Mukohyama and Yingcharoenrat '22; see also Franciolini et al. '18]

Action expanded around a spatially inhomogeneous solution (e.g. spherically symmetric one):

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \mathcal{L}(R_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}, g^{00}, K_{\mu\nu}, \nabla_{\nu}, t)$$



Connection with well-known stealth solutions

[Babichev, Charmousis, Kobayashi, Tanahashi, Ben Achour, Lehébel, Liu, Motohashi, Crisostomi, Gregory, Stergioulas, Minamitsouji, etc.]

Constrains on **dark energy** can come from the **strong field regime** (QNMs, EMRIs, tidal Love numbers, etc.) with LISA



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 d_S $2\pi/\omega$

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Frequency dependence

LIGO/Virgo constraints on speed of propagation

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[Creminelli, EV '17: Sakstein, Jain '1'

 $G_5 = F_5 = 0 , \qquad XF_4 = 2G_{4,X}$

[Creminelli, FV '17; Sakstein, Jain '17; Ezquiaga, Zumalacarregui '17; Baker+ '17]

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EFT of cosmological scales may not apply to LIGO-Virgo scales





Theory may break down (new states appear) at a scale parametrically lower than cutoff Λ_3

Tensor speed may go back to luminal on short scales

 $n(\omega$ Analogous to light propagation in dielectric:

$$) = 1 + \frac{2\pi N e^2}{m_e} \frac{f}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2 - i\gamma\omega}$$

 $\omega^2 = k^2 \left(1 + \mathcal{O}(M^2/k^2) \right) \qquad M \lesssim 10^{-8} \Lambda_3 \sim (10^{11} \text{ km})^{-1}$ Naive scaling:

There can be **surprises** in the LISA band!

[Baker et al. '22]

Propagation of GW

Dark energy and modified gravity spontaneously breaks Lorentz invariance: refraction, absorption, dispersion,...

 $\ddot{\gamma}_{ij} + \left[(3 + \alpha_{\mathrm{M}})H + \Gamma(k) \right] \dot{\gamma}_{ij} + \left[c_T^2 k^2 + f(k) \right] \gamma_{ij} = 0$



Graviton decay into dark energy

 $\gamma_{ij}^{\sigma}(p)$

Creminelli, Lewandowski, Tambalo, FV '18

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For LIGO/Virgo, interesting decay is perturbative:



GW decay into scalar fluctuations π . Analogous to light absorption into a material.

Decay allowed for $c_s < 1$ ($c_s = sound speed of \pi$ fluctuations; assume $c_T=1$)



irrelevant for LSS observations $\alpha_H \lesssim 10^{-2}$ (unless $c_s=1$ with great precision)

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Decay enhanced by the large occupation number of the GWs ~ preheating

Classical wave:

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Fourier modes satisfy Mathieu equation ⇒ parametric resonance.

$$\frac{d^2\pi_{\vec{k}}}{d\tau^2} + (A_{\vec{k}} - 2q_{\vec{k}}\cos(2\tau))\pi_{\vec{k}} = 0$$

Resonant modes grow exponentially

Narrow resonance: $\beta \ll 1 \Rightarrow \rho_{\pi} \propto e^{\beta \omega u/4}$

$$\Delta \gamma_{ij} \propto v \gamma_0 e^{\beta \omega u/4} \epsilon_{ij}^+$$



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Screening the fifth force

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How to modify gravity on large scales and simultaneously pass Solar System tests?

Symmetron: vanishing coupling in high-density region $\alpha = 0$ [Hinterbichler & Khoury '10]Chameleon: large scalar mass in high density region $m_{\phi} \rightarrow \infty$ [Khoury & Weltman '04]Vainshtein: enhanced kinetic term in high density region $\partial^2 \phi / \Lambda_V^3 \gg 1$ [Vainshtein '72]Kinetic screening: enhanced kinetic term in HD region $(\partial \phi)^2 / \Lambda_*^4 \gg 1$ [Babichev & Deffayet '09]

Vainshtein screening

Cubic Galileon model:

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{M_{\rm Pl}^2}{2} R - (\partial\phi)^2 \left(1 + \frac{\Box\phi}{\Lambda_V^3} \right) + \frac{1}{2} h_{\mu\nu} T^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\alpha}{2M_{\rm Pl}} \phi T \right]$$

Second-order EOM. Quadratic equation.

Assume spherical symmetry and quasi-static. Solution with point-particle source of mass *M*:

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How big is the Vainshtein radius?

$$\Lambda_V \sim (H_0^2 M_{\rm Pl})^{1/3} \sim 10^{-13} {\rm eV} \sim (1000 {\rm \,km})^{-1}$$

$$r_V \sim 100 \left(\frac{M}{M_{\odot}}\right)^{1/3} \mathrm{pc}$$

- $r_V^{\rm Earth} \sim 0.1\,{\rm pc}$
- $r_V^{\odot} \sim 100 \, {\rm pc}$
- $r_V^{\text{Milky Way}} \sim 1 \text{ Mpc}$

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Analytic calculation: enhancement of monopole and quadrupole scalar radiation (dipole negligible) [de Rham, Tolley, Wesley '12; Chu & Trodden '13]

$$\frac{P_{\text{monopole}}^{(\phi)}}{P_{\text{quadrupole}}^{(\text{GR})}} \sim \left(\frac{r}{r_V}\right)^{3/2} v^{-3/2} \qquad \qquad \frac{P_{\text{quadrupole}}^{(\phi)}}{P_{\text{quadrupole}}^{(\text{GR})}} \sim \left(\frac{r}{r_V}\right)^{3/2} v^{-5/2}$$

Confirmed by full numerical two-body simulation [Dar et al. '19]

Small effects for binary pulsars. What about LISA?

Instability due to GWs

Cubic Galileon model:

$$\mathcal{L} = -\sqrt{-g} (\partial \phi)^2 \left(1 + \frac{\Box \phi}{\Lambda_V^3} \right)$$

The regime $\beta > 1$ is problematic:

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Small perturbations around a background generated by the GW:

- Gradient instabilities: imaginary solution of $Z_{\mu\nu}k^{\mu}k^{\nu} = 0$ for $k^{\mu} \qquad \beta > 1$
- Ghost instabilities: $Z_{00} < 0$ $\beta^2 > (1 c_s^2)c_s^{-4}$

To be contrasted with nonlinear stability of cubic Galileon

Nicolis, Rattazzi '04

Instability due to GWs



Instability easily triggered by LISA events. Are these instabilities present also in other theories?

Kinetic screening

K-essence model:

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Relativistic simulation of NSs. Suppressed dipole but important quadrupolar emission



[Bezares et al. '21; ter Haar et al. '22]

mass ratio $q = M_2/M_1$

3Gs

In screened environments, the 3 "Newton constants" are typically independent

[Dalang and Lombriser, 2019; Lombriser and Taylor, 2016; Tsujikawa, 2019; Wolf and Lagos, 2020]

- 1) Graviton kinetic term normalization $G_{gw} = \frac{1}{16\pi G_{gw}} \int d^4x \left(-\frac{1}{4}h^{\mu\nu}(\mathcal{E}h_{\mu\nu})\right)$ Constrained by GW propagation
- 2) Dynamical G (the one in the Poisson equation) $G_{\rm dyn}$ Constrained by Cavendish exp., Lunar Laser Ranging

3) Light G (intervening in light bending/time delay) $G_{
m light}$

Constrained by time delay/light bending

Gravitational waves (emission and propagation) carry unique information about $G_{\rm gw}$ that cannot be extracted with other tests

How can we combine LISA and cosmological constraints?

Conclusions and burning questions

- LISA sensitive to expansion history at low and high redshift (z < 10). Help in solving H₀ tension and detecting extra components (early and interacting dark energy). What else can we learn?
- Can we connect strong-field regime (compact objects) constraints to weak-field (cosmology) ones? What new constraints can we put on dark energy/modified gravity with LISA?
- LIGO/Virgo have radically constrained cosmological modification of gravity via effects on propagation. But EFT at LIGO and LISA frequencies can be different. What do we expect to learn with LISA?
- Scalar-field and GWs interplay display new interesting effects (decay, instability) relevant for LISA. More detailed calculations needed.
- Screening ubiquitous in theories of modified gravity. Should affect all LISA observables.
 To what level? Improvement in our theoretical understanding needed.
- GWs propagate through overdense (possibly screened) regions. What is the effect of screening on the GW propagation?