



Tracing Torsional Gravity Signatures in Inflationary Observables

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Goal

- We search for signatures of **torsional modified gravity** in late- and early-time **cosmological observations**
- The advancing **gravitational wave multi-messenger astronomy** opens a **new era** towards investigating **gravity**.

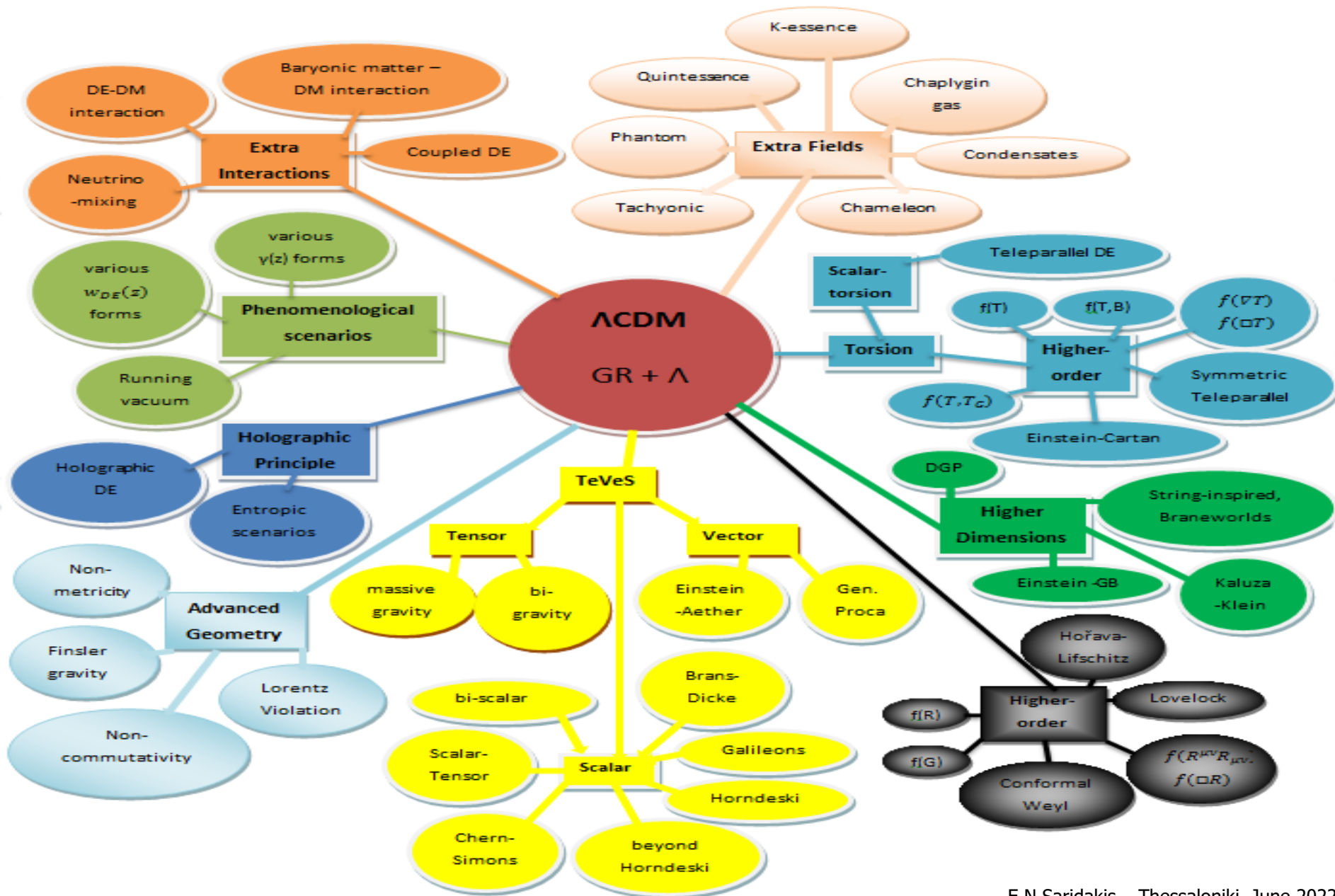


Gravity and Cosmology

- A **successful cosmological model** must:
 - 1) Describe the **evolution** of the universe at the **background level**
 - 2) Describe the **evolution** of the universe at the **perturbation level**
- **Λ CDM paradigm** seems to succeed in **both**, at **post-inflationary** eras
- **Open issues:**
 - 1) The **cosmological-constant problem**. Calculation of Λ gives a number **120 orders of magnitude larger** than observed.
Worst error in the ~~history of physics, history of science, history~~
 - 2) How to describe **primordial universe** (inflation)
 - 3) **Tensions** with some data sets, e.g. **H_0 and $f\sigma_8$** data

General Relativity is **not renormalizable/quantizable**

Modified Gravity





Torsional Gravity

- Einstein 1916: **General Relativity:**
energy-momentum source of spacetime Curvature
Levi-Civita connection: Zero Torsion
- Einstein 1928: **Teleparallel Equivalent of GR:**
Weitzenbock connection: Zero Curvature

[Cai, Capozziello, De Laurentis, Saridakis, Rept.Prog.Phys. 79]



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$$T_{\mu\nu}^\lambda = \Gamma_{\nu\mu}^{\lambda\{W\}} - \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda\{W\}} = e_A^\lambda (\partial_\mu e_\nu^A - \partial_\nu e_\mu^A) \quad [\text{Einstein 1928}], [\text{Pereira: Introduction to TG}]$$



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- Lagrangian** (imposing coordinate, Lorentz, parity invariance, and up to 2nd order in torsion tensor)

$$L \equiv T = \frac{1}{4} T^{\rho\mu\nu} T_{\rho\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} T^{\rho\mu\nu} T_{\nu\mu\rho} - T_{\rho\mu}^\rho T_\nu^{\nu\mu}$$

- Completely equivalent** with **GR** at the level of **equations**



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- **f(T) Cosmology**: Apply in **FRW** geometry:

$$e_\mu^A = \text{diag} (1, a, a, a) \Rightarrow ds^2 = dt^2 - a^2(t) \delta_{ij} dx^i dx^j \quad (\text{not unique choice})$$

- **Friedmann equations:**

$$H^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \rho_m - \frac{f(T)}{6} - 2f_T H^2$$

$$\dot{H} = -\frac{4\pi G(\rho_m + p_m)}{1 + f_T - 12H^2 f_{TT}}$$

- Find easily

$$T = -6H^2$$



f(T) Cosmology: Background

- Effective **Dark Energy** sector:

$$\rho_{DE} = \frac{3}{8\pi G} \left[-\frac{f}{6} + \frac{T}{3} f_T \right]$$

[Linder PRD 82]

$$w_{DE} = -\frac{f - Tf_T + 2T^2 f_{TT}}{[1 + f_T + 2Tf_{TT}][f - 2Tf_T]}$$

- Interesting cosmological behavior: **Acceleration**, Inflation etc



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- **Friedmann equations** in FRW universe:

$$H^2 = \frac{\kappa^2}{3} (\rho_m + \rho_{DE})$$

$$\dot{H} = -\frac{\kappa^2}{2} (\rho_m + p_m + \rho_{DE} + p_{DE})$$

with **effective Dark Energy** sector: $\rho_{DE} = \frac{\dot{\phi}^2}{2} + V(\phi) - 3\xi H^2 \phi^2$

$$p_{DE} = \frac{\dot{\phi}^2}{2} - V(\phi) + 4\xi H \phi \dot{\phi} + \xi (3H^2 + 2\dot{H}) \phi^2$$

- **Different** than **non-minimal quintessence!**

(no conformal transformation in the present case)

[Geng, Lee, Saridakis, Wu PLB 704]

[Hohmann, Pfeifer, PRD 98]



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$$T_G = \left(K_{ea_2}^{a_1} K_b^{ea_2} K_{fc}^{a_3} K_d^{fa_4} - 2K_a^{a_1a_2} K_{eb}^{a_3} K_{fc}^e K_d^{fa_4} + 2K_a^{a_1a_2} K_{eb}^{a_3} K_f^{ea_4} K_{cd}^f + 2K_a^{a_1a_2} K_{eb}^{a_3} K_f^{ea_4} K_{c,d}^f \right) \delta_{a_1a_2a_3a_4}^{abcd}$$

- $f(T, T_G)$ gravity:

$$S = \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \int d^4x e \{T + f(T, T_G)\} + S_m$$

[Kofinas, Saridakis, PRD 90a]

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[Kofinas, Leon, Saridakis, CQG 31]

- **Different** from $f(R, G)$ and $f(T)$ gravities

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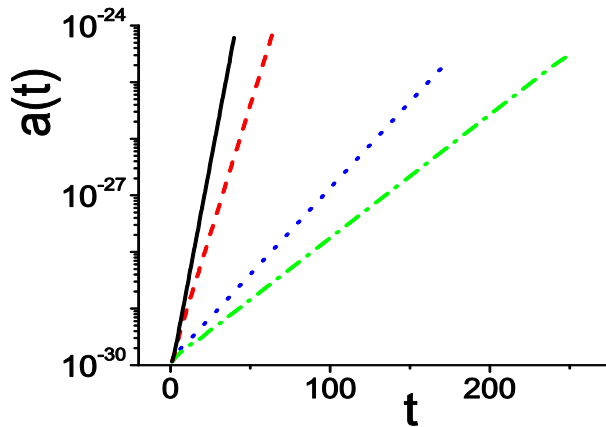
- Cosmological application:

$$\rho_{DE} = -\frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \left[f - 12H^2 f_T - T_G f_{T_G} + 24H^3 \dot{f}_{T_G} \right]$$

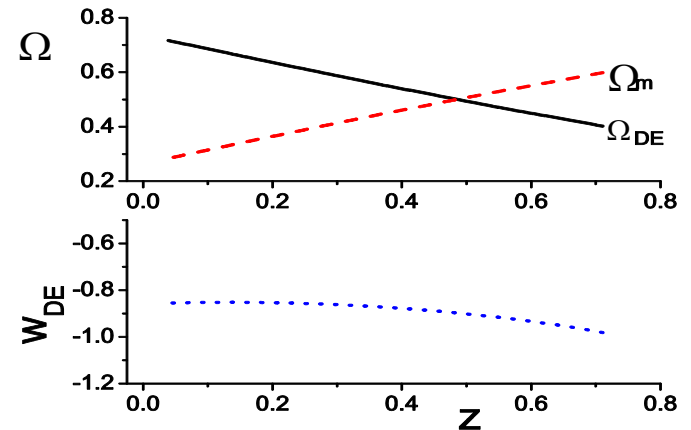
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$$p_{DE} = \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \left[f - 4(\dot{H} + 3H^2) f_T - 4H \dot{f}_T - T_G f_{T_G} + \frac{2}{3H} T_G \dot{f}_{T_G} + 8H^2 \ddot{f}_{T_G} \right]$$

$$T_G = 24H^2(\dot{H} + H^2)$$



$$f(T, T_G) = \alpha_1 T^2 + \alpha_2 T \sqrt{|T_G|}$$



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[Kofinas, Saridakis, PRD 90a]

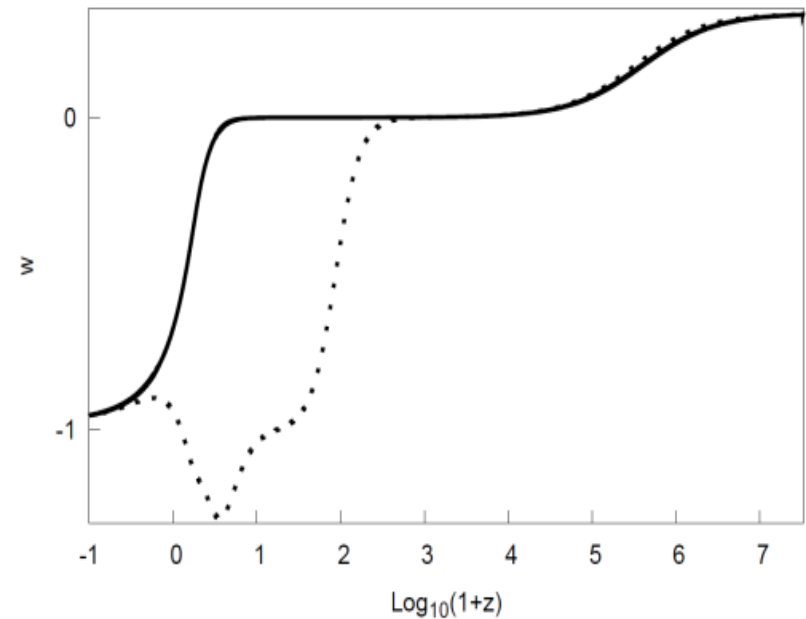
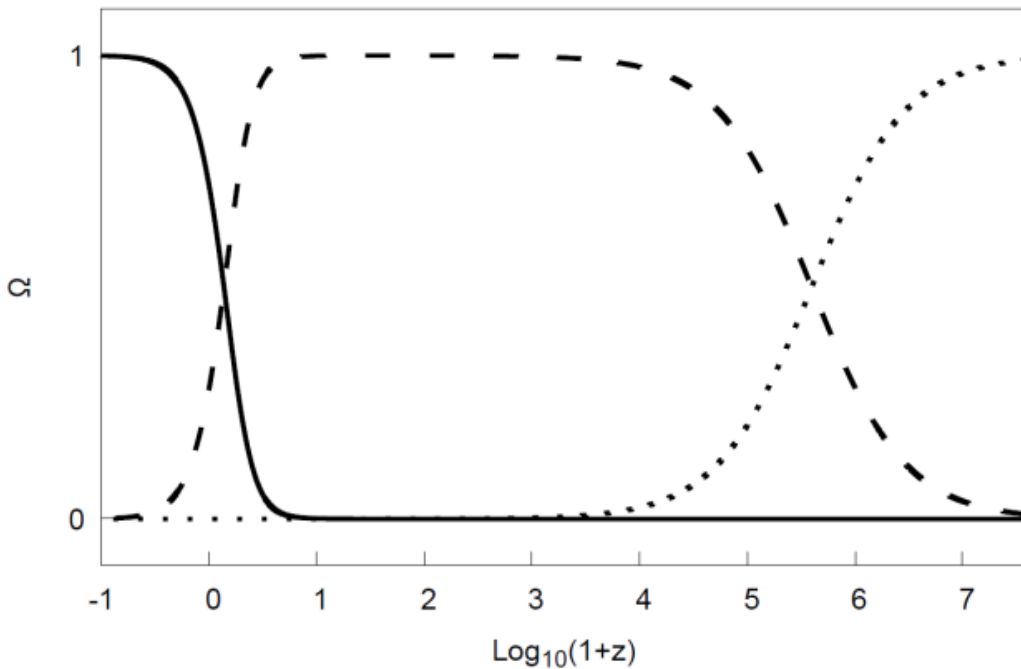
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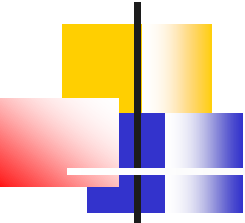
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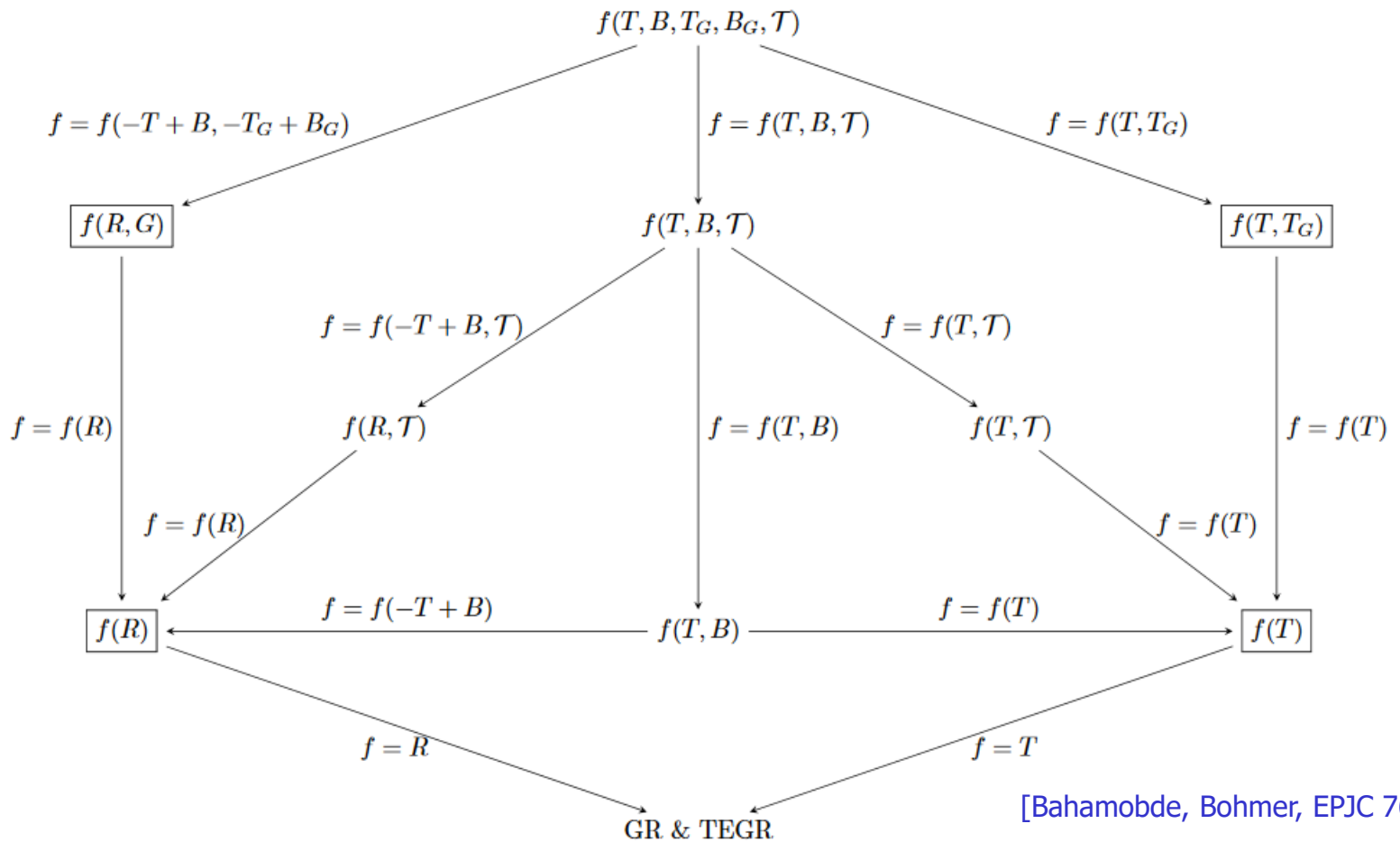
Torsional Gravity with higher derivatives

$$S = \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \int d^4x e F(T, (\nabla T)^2, \diamond T) + S_m(e_\mu^A, \Psi_m)$$





Torsional Modified Gravity



[Bahamobde, Bohmer, EPJC 76]

Metric-Affine Modified Gravity

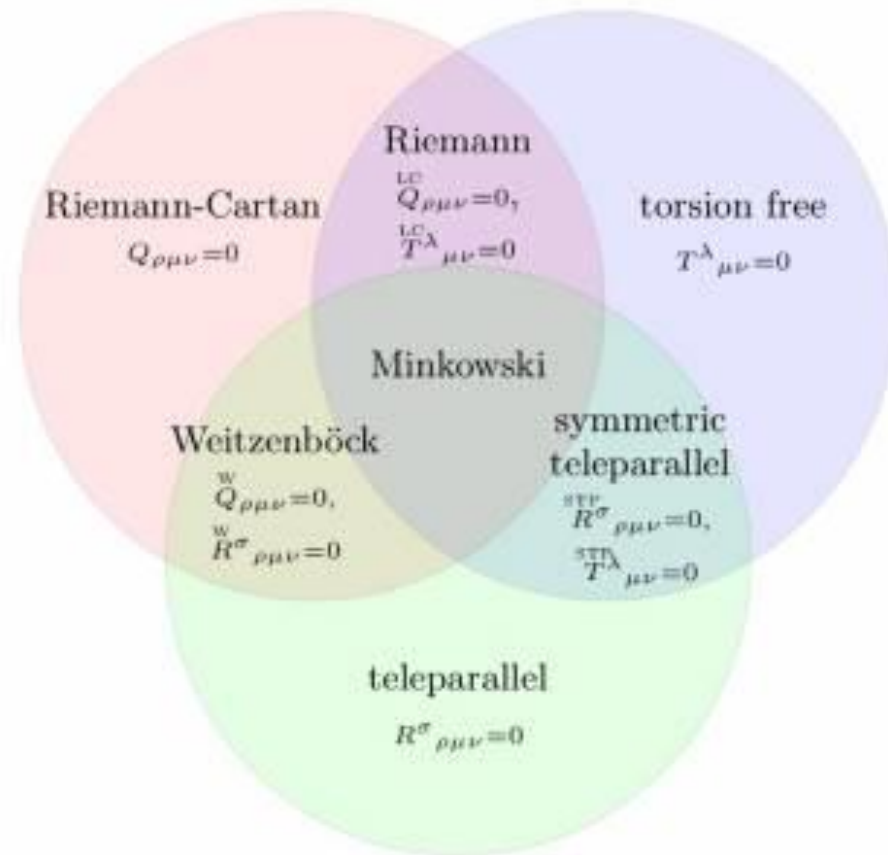


FIG. 1. Subclasses of metric-affine geometry, depending on the properties of connection.

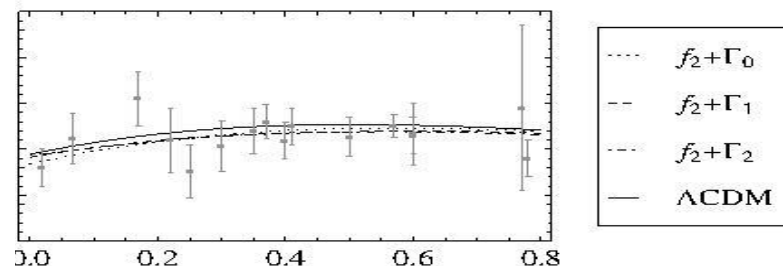
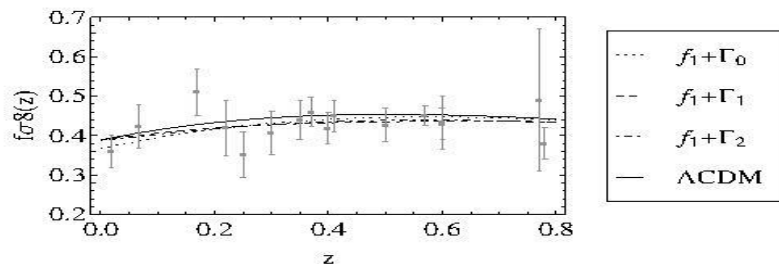
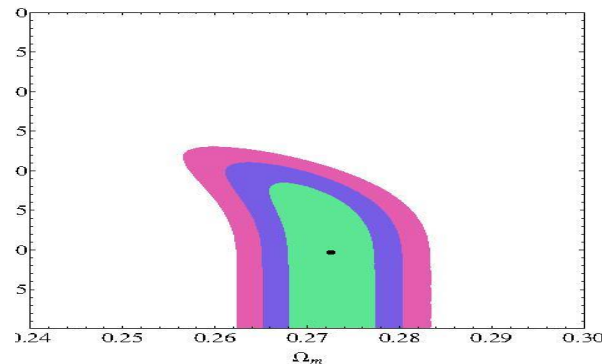
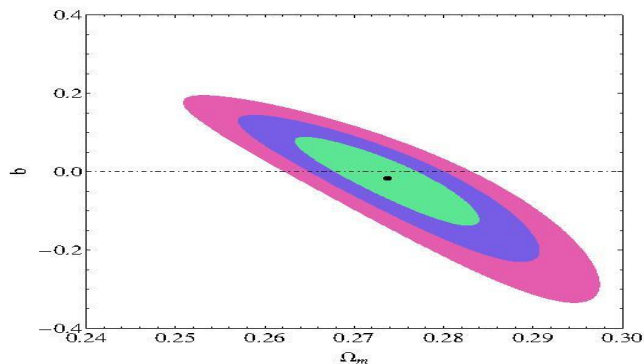


Growth-index constraints on f(T) gravity

- Perturbations: $\ddot{\delta}_m + 2H\dot{\delta}_m = 4\pi G_{eff} \rho_m \delta_m$, clustering growth rate: $\frac{d \ln \delta_m}{d \ln a} = \Omega_m^\gamma(a)$
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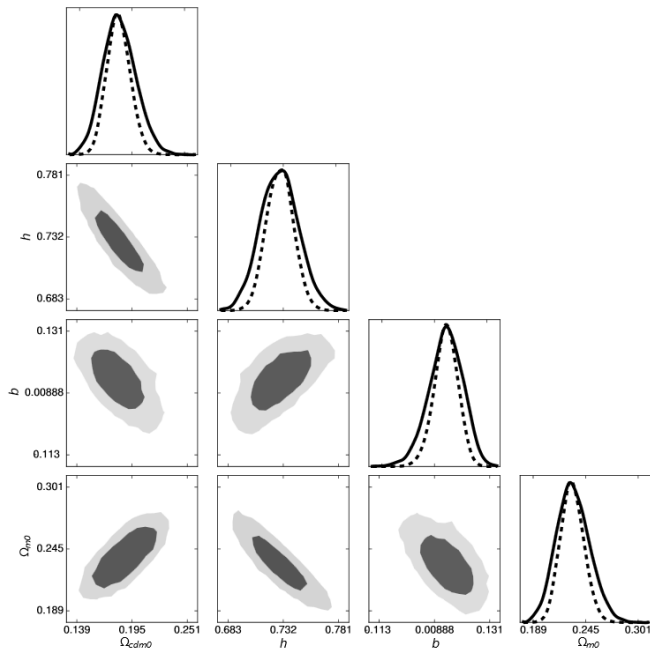
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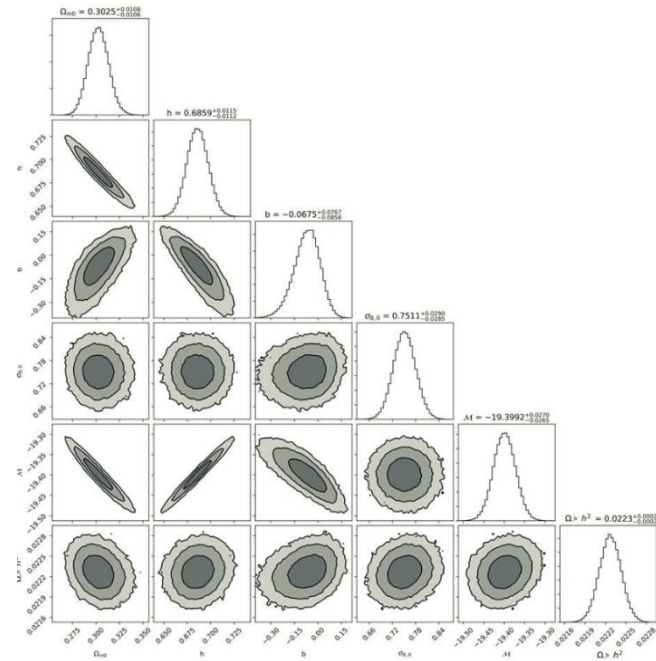
- Viable f(T) models are practically **indistinguishable** from **Λ CDM**.

Observational Constraints on $f(T)$ gravity



[Nunes, Pan, Saridakis, JCAP08]

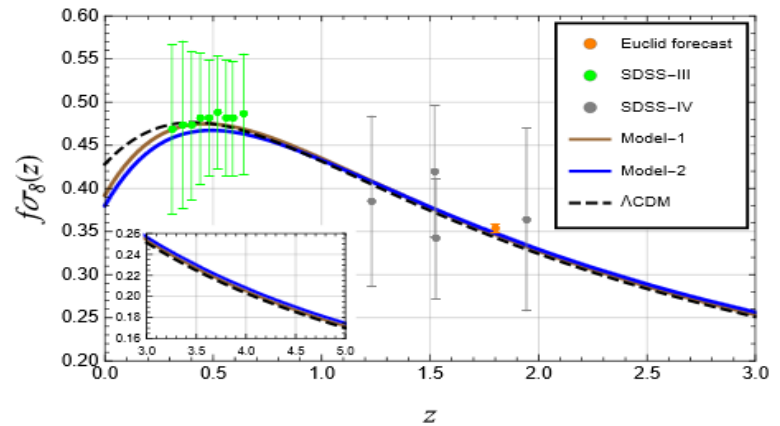
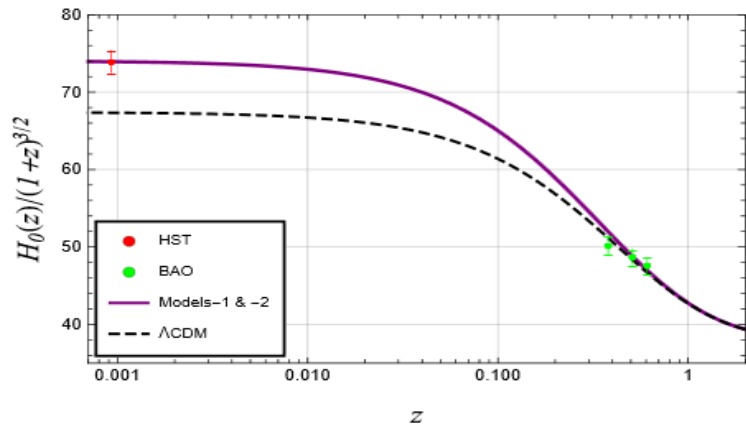
[Nunes, Bonilla, Pan, Saridakis, EPJC77]



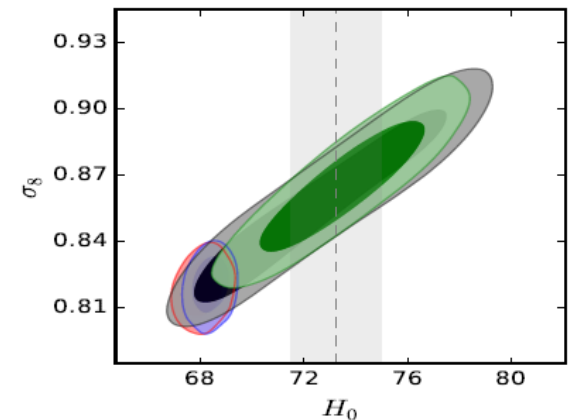
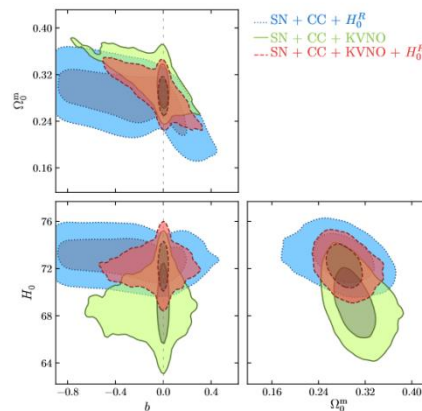
[Anagnostopoulos, Basilakos, Nesseriss, Saridakis JCAP08]

[Anagnostopoulos, Basilakos, Saridakis PRD 100]

H0 and σ_8 tension can be alleviated



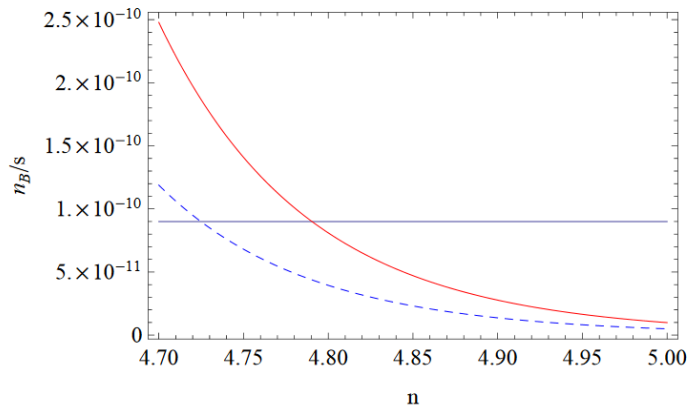
Parameter	CMB + BAO	CMB + BAO + H_0
$10^2 \omega_b$	$2.235^{+0.013}_{-0.013}$	$2.235^{+0.013}_{-0.013}$
ω_{cdm}	$0.1181^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$0.118^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$
$100\theta_s$	$1.041^{+0.00027}_{-0.00027}$	$1.041^{+0.00030}_{-0.00027}$
$\ln 10^{10} A_s$	$3.078^{+0.023}_{-0.023}$	$3.08^{+0.022}_{-0.022}$
n_s	$0.9678^{+0.0039}_{-0.0039}$	$0.9684^{+0.0039}_{-0.0044}$
τ_{reio}	$0.073^{+0.012}_{-0.012}$	$0.075^{+0.012}_{-0.012}$
n	$0.0043^{+0.0033}_{-0.0039}$	$0.0054^{+0.0020}_{-0.0020}$
$\log \alpha$	$10.00^{+0.081}_{-0.12}$	$10.03^{+0.06}_{-0.06}$
Ω_{F0}	$0.73^{+0.021}_{-0.028}$	$0.738^{+0.015}_{-0.015}$
H_0	$72.4^{+3.3}_{-4.1}$	$73.5^{+2.1}_{-2.1}$
σ_8	$0.855^{+0.023}_{-0.033}$	$0.866^{+0.02}_{-0.02}$
$\chi^2_{min}/2$	6480.48	6482.27



[Yang,Zhang,Chen,Cai,Li,Saridakis,Xue, PRD 101] [Said, Mifsud, Parkinson, Saridakis, Sultana, 2005.05368] [Nunes, JCAP 1805]

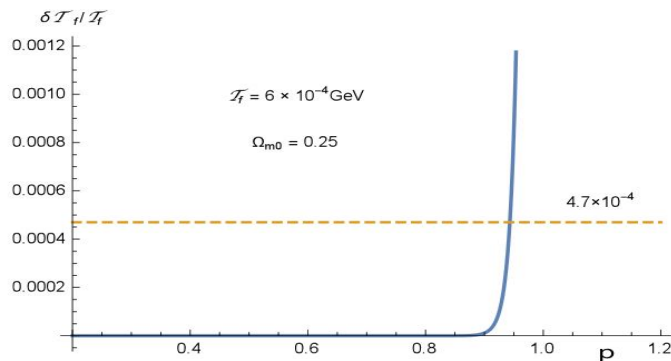
Baryogenesis and BBN constraints on f(T) gravity

- **Baryon-anti-baryon asymmetry** through CP violating term: $\frac{1}{M_*^2} \int d^4x e[\partial_\mu f(T)] J^\mu$



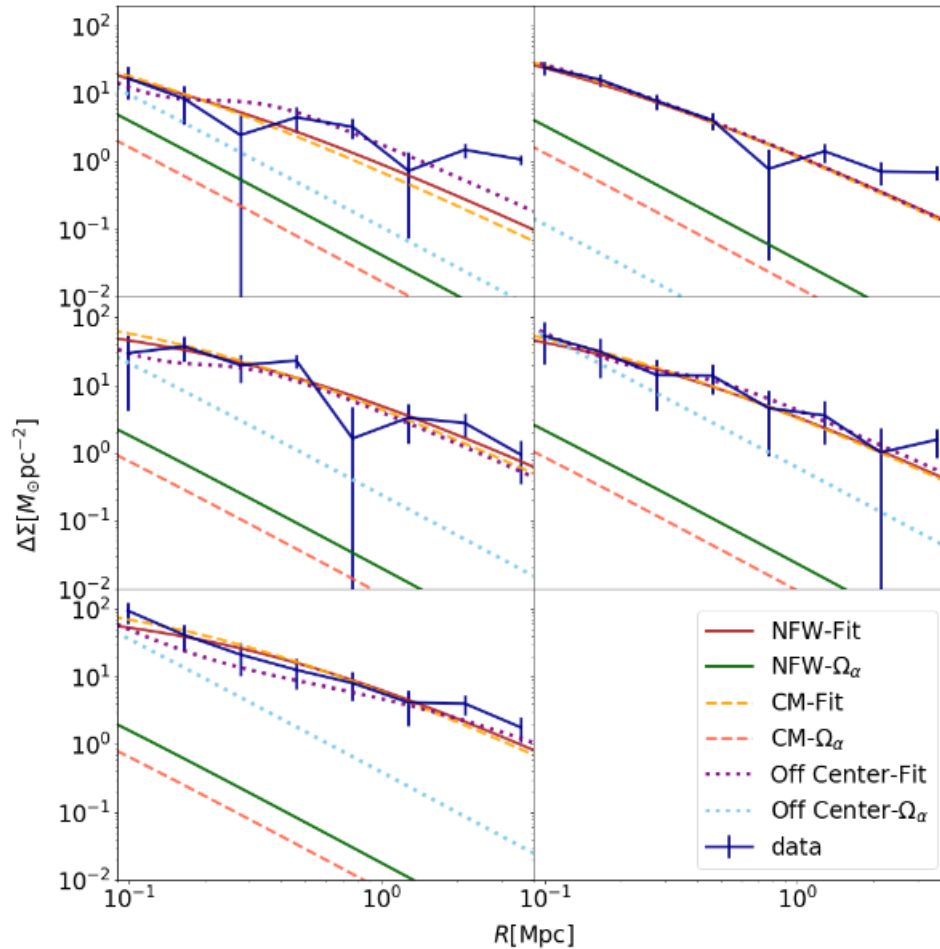
[Oikonomou, Saridakis, PRD 94]

- **BBN constraints:** $\frac{\delta T_f}{T_f} \approx \frac{\rho_T}{\rho} \frac{H_{GR}}{10qT_f^5}$



[Capozziello, Lambiase, Saridakis, EPJC77]

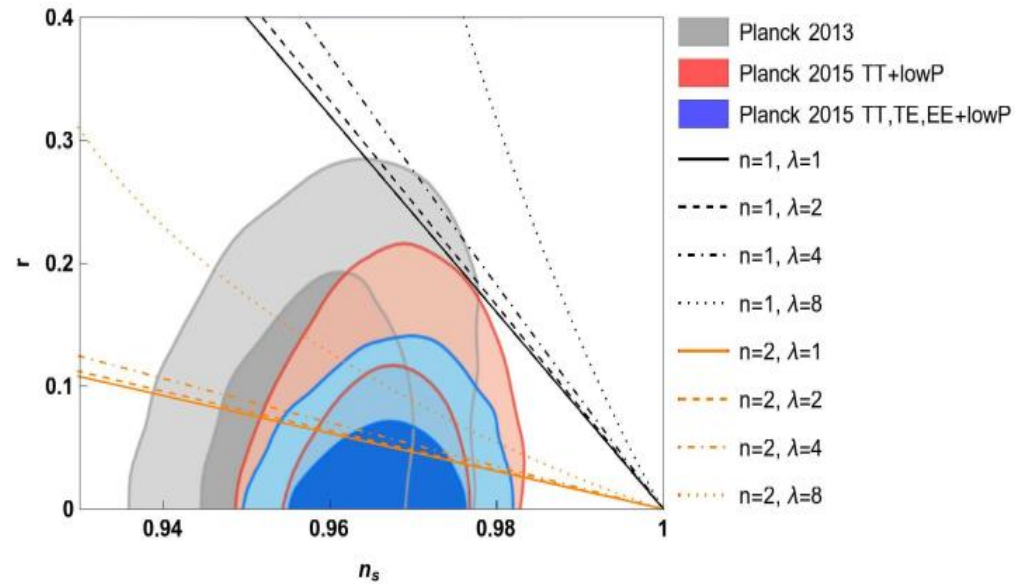
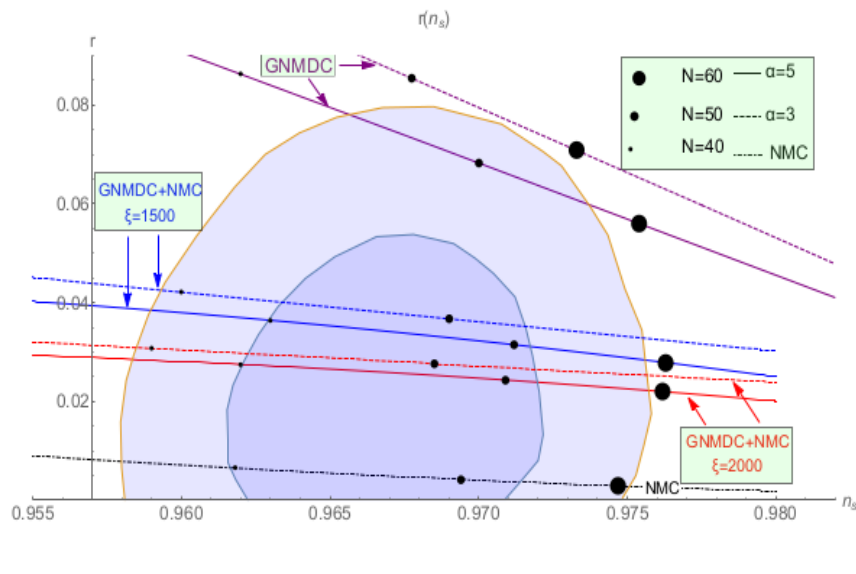
Galaxy-Galaxy lensing constraints on $f(T)$ gravity



$$f(T) = -T - 2\Lambda/M_P^2 + \alpha T^\beta$$

[Chen, Luo, Cai, Saridakis, PRD 102]

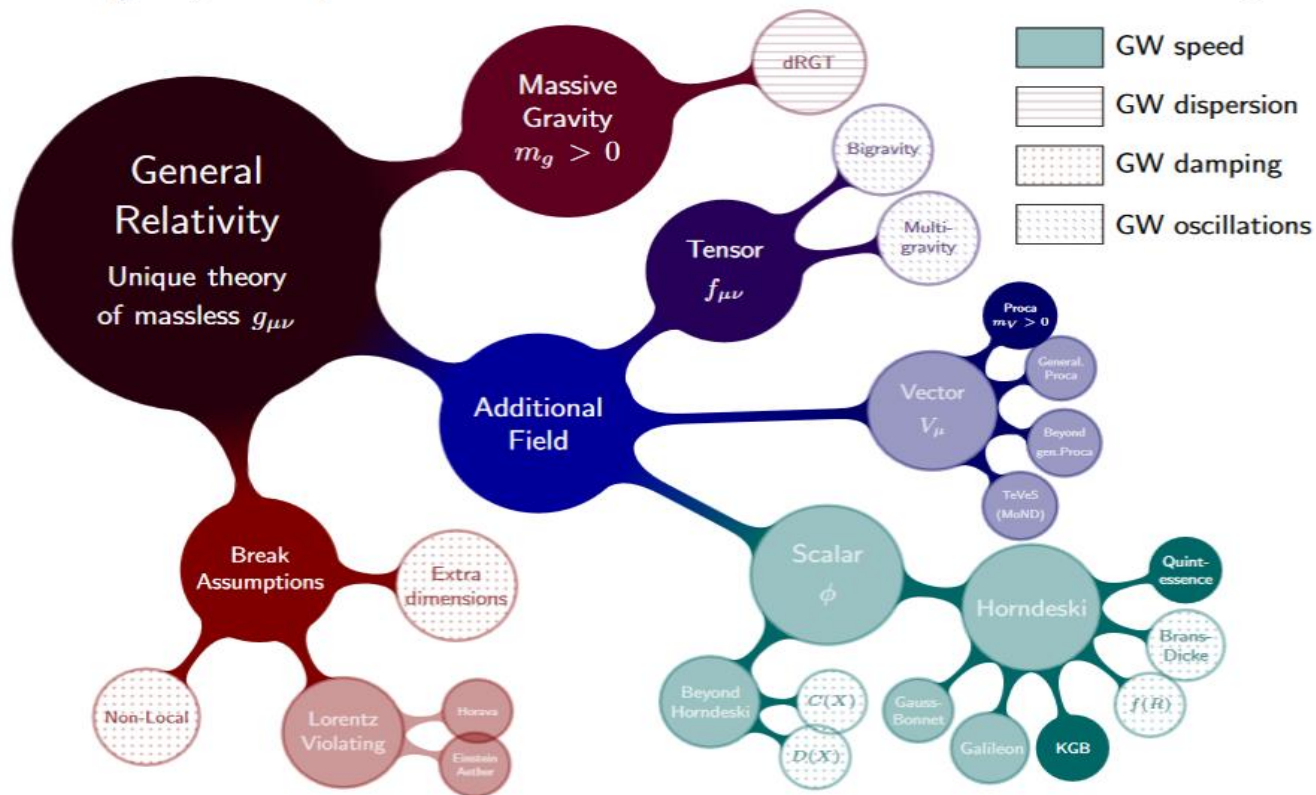
Inflation in $f(T)$ and torsional gravity



- How can we distinguish between modified gravity theories?

Gravitational waves

Modified gravity roadmap



[Ezquiaga, Zumalacarregui PRL 119]



Gravitational waves

- For tensor perturbations:

$$g_{00} = -1, \quad g_{0i} = 0,$$

$$g_{ij} = a^2 \left(\delta_{ij} + h_{ij} + \frac{1}{2} h_{ik} h_{kj} \right)$$

$$\ddot{h}_{ij} + (3 + \alpha_M) \dot{h}_{ij} + (1 + \alpha_T) \frac{k^2}{a^2} h_{ij} = 0$$

$$\alpha_M = \frac{d \log(M_*^2)}{d \log a}$$

$$c_g^2 = (1 + \alpha_T)$$

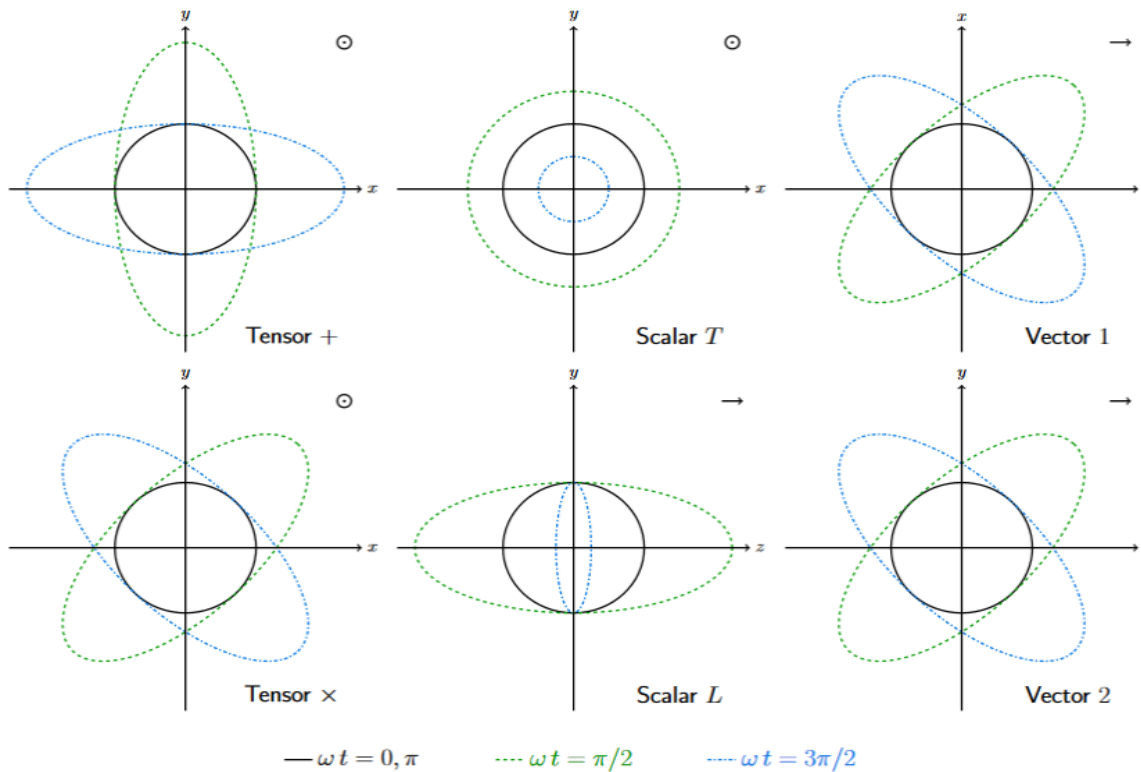
- $$h_{\text{GW}} \sim h_{\text{GR}} \underbrace{e^{-\frac{1}{2} \int \nu \mathcal{H} d\eta}}_{\text{Affects amplitude}} \underbrace{e^{ik \int (\alpha_T + a^2 m^2 / k^2)^{1/2} d\eta}}_{\text{Affects phase}}$$

[Ezquiaga, Zumalacarregui PRL 119]

Gravitational waves

- Polarizations:

Gravitational Wave Polarizations



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$$\begin{aligned}
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 + M_2^4 (\delta g^{00})^2 - \bar{m}_1^3 \delta g^{00} \delta K - \bar{M}_2^2 \delta K^2 - \bar{M}_3^2 \delta K_\mu^\nu \delta K_\nu^\mu & \leftarrow \text{linear evolution of perturbations} \\
 + m_2^2 h^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu g^{00} \partial_\nu g^{00} + \lambda_1 \delta R^2 + \lambda_2 \delta R_{\mu\nu} \delta R^{\mu\nu} + \mu_1^2 \delta g^{00} \delta R \Big] & \leftarrow \text{linear evolution of perturbations} \\
 + \gamma_1 C^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} C_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} + \gamma_2 \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} C_{\mu\nu}{}^{\kappa\lambda} C_{\rho\sigma\kappa\lambda} & \leftarrow \text{linear evolution of perturbations} \\
 \left. + \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{M_3^4}{3} (\delta g^{00})^3 - \bar{m}_2^3 (\delta g^{00})^2 \delta K + \dots \right] \right\}, & \leftarrow \text{2nd-order evolution of perturbations}
 \end{aligned}$$

The functions $\Psi(t)$, $\Lambda(t)$, $b(t)$, are determined by the background solution

[Gubitosi, Piazza, Vernizzi, JCAP1302]



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$$\hat{K}_{\mu\nu} \equiv h_\mu^\sigma \hat{\nabla}_\sigma n_\nu = K_{\mu\nu} - \mathcal{K}^\lambda{}_{\nu\mu} n_\lambda + n_\mu \frac{1}{g^{00}} T^0{}_\nu,$$

with n_μ the orthogonal to $t=\text{const.}$ surfaces unitary vector $n_\mu = \frac{\delta_\mu^0}{\sqrt{-g^{00}}}$

[Cai, Li, Saridakis, Xue, PRD 97], [Li, Cai, Cai, Saridakis, JCAP18]



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with n_{μ} the orthogonal to $t=\text{cont.}$ surfaces unitary vector $n_{\mu} = \frac{\delta_{\mu}^0}{\sqrt{-g^{00}}}$

Using the **projection operator** h_{ν}^{μ} we can express ${}^{(3)}R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} = h_{\mu}^{\alpha} h_{\nu}^{\beta} h_{\rho}^{\gamma} h_{\sigma}^{\delta} R_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} - K_{\mu\rho} K_{\nu\sigma} + K_{\nu\rho} K_{\mu\sigma}$,

$$h_a^d h_b^c h_e^f T^e_{dc} = {}^{(3)}T^f_{ab}$$

[Cai, Li, Saridakis, Xue, PRD 97], [Li, Cai, Cai, Saridakis, JCAP18]



The (EFT) approach to torsional gravity

- We **perturb** the previous tensors, and we finally obtain:

$$R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}^{(0)} = f_1(t)g_{\mu\rho}g_{\nu\sigma} + f_2(t)g_{\mu\rho}n_\nu n_\sigma + f_3(t)g_{\mu\sigma}g_{\nu\rho} \\ + f_4(t)g_{\mu\sigma}n_\nu n_\rho + f_5(t)g_{\nu\sigma}n_\mu n_\rho \\ + f_6(t)g_{\nu\rho}n_\mu n_\sigma,$$

$$T_{\rho\mu\nu}^{(0)} = g_1(t)g_{\rho\nu}n_\mu + g_2(t)g_{\rho\mu}n_\nu,$$

$$K_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} = f_7(t)g_{\mu\nu} + f_8(t)n_\mu n_\nu,$$

$$\hat{K}_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} = 0 .$$

where the time-dependent functions are determined by the background solution.

[Cai, Li, Saridakis, Xue, PRD 97], [Li, Cai, Cai, Saridakis, JCAP18]



The (EFT) approach to torsional gravity

- Finally, the **EFT action** of **torsional gravity** becomes:

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{M_P^2}{2} \Psi(t) R - \Lambda(t) - b(t) g^{00} + \frac{M_P^2}{2} d(t) T^0 \right] + S^{(2)},$$

- The **perturbation part** contains:
 - Terms present in **curvature EFT action**
 - Pure torsion terms** such as δT^2 , $\delta T^0 \delta T^0$ and $\delta T^{\rho\mu\nu} \delta T_{\rho\mu\nu}$
 - Terms that **mix curvature and torsion**, such as $\delta T \delta R$, $\delta g^{00} \delta T$, $\delta g^{00} \delta T^0$ and $\delta K \delta T^0$

[Cai, Li, Saridakis, Xue, PRD 97], [Li, Cai, Cai, Saridakis, JCAP18]

The (EFT) approach to f(T) gravity: Tensor Perturbations

- For **tensor perturbations**: $g_{00} = -1$, $g_{0i} = 0$,

$$g_{ij} = a^2 \left(\delta_{ij} + h_{ij} + \frac{1}{2} h_{ik} h_{kj} \right)$$

i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{e}_\mu^0 &= \delta_\mu^0, \\ \bar{e}_\mu^a &= a \delta_\mu^a + \frac{a}{2} \delta_\mu^i \delta^{aj} h_{ij} + \frac{a}{8} \delta_\mu^i \delta^{ja} h_{ik} h_{kj}, \\ \bar{e}_0^\mu &= \delta_0^\mu, \\ \bar{e}_a^\mu &= \frac{1}{a} \delta_a^\mu - \frac{1}{2a} \delta^{\mu i} \delta_a^j h_{ij} + \frac{1}{8a} \delta^{i\mu} \delta_a^j h_{ik} h_{kj} \end{aligned}$$

- We obtain: ${}^{(3)}R \approx -\frac{1}{4} a^{-2} (\partial_i h_{kl} \partial_i h_{kl})$,

$$K^{ij} K_{ij} \approx 3H^2 + \frac{1}{4} \dot{h}_{ij} \dot{h}_{ij},$$

$$K \approx 3H,$$

$$T = T^{(0)} + O(h^2) = 6H^2 + O(h^2)$$

- And finally:
$$S = \frac{M_P^2}{2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{f_T}{4} \left(a^{-2} \vec{\nabla} h_{ij} \cdot \vec{\nabla} h_{ij} - \dot{h}_{ij} \dot{h}_{ij} \right) + 6H^2 f_T - 12H \dot{f}_T - T^{(0)} f_T + f(T^{(0)}) \right]$$

[Cai, Li, Saridakis, Xue, PRD 97]

The (EFT) approach to f(T) gravity: Scalar Perturbations

- For **scalar perturbations**:

$$g_{00} = -1 - 2\phi ,$$

$$g_{0i} = 0 ,$$

$$g_{ij} = a^2[(1 - 2\psi)\delta_{ij} + \partial_i\partial_j F]$$

i.e

$$e_{\mu}^0 = \delta_{\mu}^0 + \delta_{\mu}^0\phi + a\delta_{\mu}^i\partial_i\chi ,$$

$$e_{\mu}^a = a\delta_{\mu}^i\delta_i^a + \delta_{\mu}^0\delta_i^a\partial^i\mathcal{E} + a\delta_{\mu}^i\delta_j^a[\epsilon_{ijk}\partial_k\sigma - \psi\delta_{ij} + \frac{1}{2}\partial_i\partial_j F]$$

- So $T^0 = g^{0\mu}T_{\mu\nu}^{\nu} = -3H + 6H\phi + 3\dot{\psi} - 6H\phi^2 - 6\dot{\psi}\phi$
 $+ \frac{1}{a}\partial_i\partial_i\chi - \frac{1}{2a}\partial_i\phi\partial_i\chi - \frac{3}{2a}\phi\partial_i\partial_i\chi - \frac{1}{2a}\partial_i\psi\partial_i\chi + \frac{1}{2a}\psi\partial_i\partial_i\chi$

- Thus:

$$S = \int d^4x \left[\frac{M_P^2}{2} \left(-2af_T\partial_i\psi\partial_i\psi + 4af_T\partial_i\phi\partial_i\psi + 4a^2\dot{f}_T\partial_i\psi\partial_i\chi + 4\dot{f}_Ta^2H\partial_i\pi\partial_i\chi \right) + a^3M^2\pi^2 - a^3\phi\delta\rho_m \right]$$



Gravitational waves in f(T) gravity

- Varying the action and going to Fourier space we get **the equation for GWs**:

$$\ddot{h}_{ij} + 3H(1 - \beta_T)\dot{h}_{ij} + \frac{k^2}{a^2}h_{ij} = 0$$

with $\beta_T \equiv -\frac{\dot{f}_T}{3Hf_T}$

$$h_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2\gamma_1^{(1)1} & B_1^2 \exp(ip_\mu x^\mu) & 0 \\ 0 & B_1^2 \exp(ip_\mu x^\mu) & -2\gamma_1^{(1)1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- An immediate result: **The speed of GWs is equal to the speed of light!**
- GW170817 constraints that

$$|c_g/c - 1| \leq 4.5 \times 10^{-16}$$

are trivially satisfied.

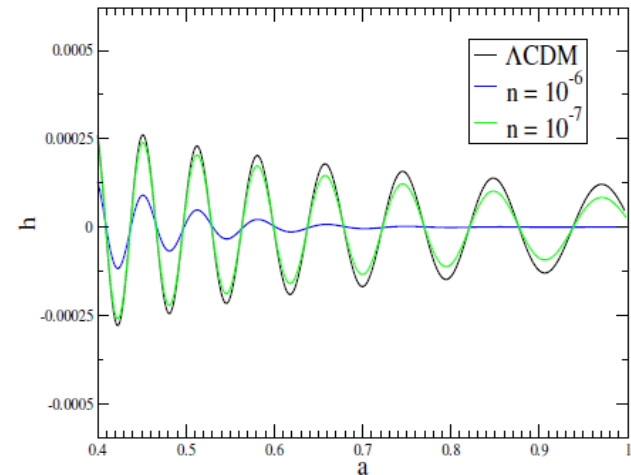
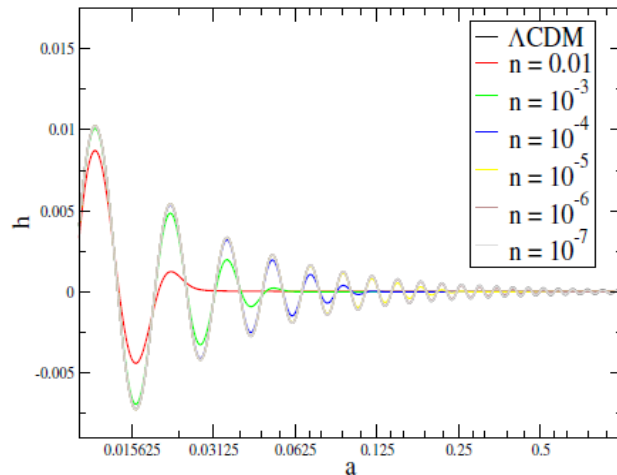
[Cai, Li, Saridakis, Xue, PRD 97]

Gravitational waves in f(T) gravity

- Gw's **propagation** at **cosmological scales**: $h = e^{-\mathcal{D}} e^{-ik\Delta T} h_{GR}$

$$\mathcal{D} = \frac{1}{2} \int \nu \mathcal{H} d\tau' \quad (\text{affects amplitude}) \quad \Delta T = \int \left(1 - c_T - \frac{a^2 \mu^2}{2k^2}\right) d\tau' \quad (\text{affects phase})$$

- In f(T) gravity:



[Cai, Li, Saridakis, Xue PRD 97]

[Farrugia, Said, Gakis, Saridakis, PRD 97]

[Soudi, Farrugia, Gakis, Said, Saridakis, PRD 100]

[Nunes, Pan, Saridakis, PRD98]

Gravitational Waves in Modified Teleparallel Theories

$$S = \frac{1}{16\pi G} \int d^4x e f(T, B) + \int d^4x e \mathcal{L}_m \quad R = -T - 2\nabla^\mu T^\nu{}_\mu$$

$$\begin{aligned} & -f_T G_{\mu\nu} + (g_{\mu\nu} \square - \nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu) f_B \\ & + \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} (f_B B + f_T T - f) \\ & + 2S_\nu{}^\alpha{}_\mu \partial_\alpha (f_T + f_B) = 8\pi G \Theta_{\mu\nu} \end{aligned}$$

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} + \mathcal{O}(h_{\mu\nu}^{(2)})$$

$$h_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} -2A \exp(ik_\mu x^\mu) - \frac{f_{BB}^{(0)} B^{(1)}}{f_T^{(0)}} & B_1 \exp(ik_\mu x^\mu) & B_2 \exp(ik_\mu x^\mu) & -2A \exp(ik_\mu x^\mu) \\ B_1 \exp(ik_\mu x^\mu) & h_+ + \frac{f_{BB}^{(0)} B^{(1)}}{f_T^{(0)}} & h_\times & B_1 \exp(ik_\mu x^\mu) \\ B_2 \exp(ik_\mu x^\mu) & h_\times & -h_+ + \frac{f_{BB}^{(0)} B^{(1)}}{f_T^{(0)}} & B_2 \exp(ik_\mu x^\mu) \\ -2A \exp(ik_\mu x^\mu) & B_1 \exp(ik_\mu x^\mu) & B_2 \exp(ik_\mu x^\mu) & -2A \exp(ik_\mu x^\mu) + \frac{f_{BB}^{(0)} B^{(1)}}{f_T^{(0)}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} B^{(1)} &= -2(\nabla^\mu T^\nu{}_\mu)^{(1)} = -2\eta^{\mu\rho} \partial_\rho T^{(1)\nu}{}_\mu \\ &= 2\delta_b^\rho \left(\eta^{\mu\nu} \partial_\nu \partial_\rho \gamma_\mu^{(1)b} - \square \gamma_\rho^{(1)b} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$R^{(1)} = 2\delta_b^\rho \left(\eta^{\mu\nu} \partial_\nu \partial_\rho \gamma_\mu^{(1)b} - \square \gamma_\rho^{(1)b} \right)$$

Hence, no further polarization modes in $f(T)$, but further polarization modes in $f(T,B)$ gravity!



Gravitational Waves in f(T,B) gravity

$$[\delta e^A{}_\mu] := \begin{bmatrix} \delta^I{}_i (\partial^i b + b^i) & a(\partial_i \beta + \beta_i) \\ a\delta^{Ii} (-\psi\delta_{ij} + \partial_i \partial_j h + 2\partial_{(i} h_{j)} + \frac{1}{2}h_{ij} + \epsilon_{ijk} (\partial^k \sigma + \sigma^k)) & \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[\delta g_{\mu\nu}] = \begin{bmatrix} -2\varphi & a(\partial_i(b - \beta) + (b_i - \beta_i)) \\ a(\partial_i(b - \beta) + (b_i - \beta_i)) & 2a^2 (-\psi\delta_{ij} + \partial_i \partial_j h + 2\partial_{(i} h_{j)} + \frac{1}{2}h_{ij}) \end{bmatrix}$$

We get:

$$\ddot{h}_{ij} + (3 + \nu)H\dot{h}_{ij} + \frac{k^2}{a^2}h_{ij} = 0$$

with

$$\nu = \frac{1}{H} \frac{\dot{f}_T}{f_T} \quad c_T^2 = 1$$

Stability conditions:

$$f_T < 0$$

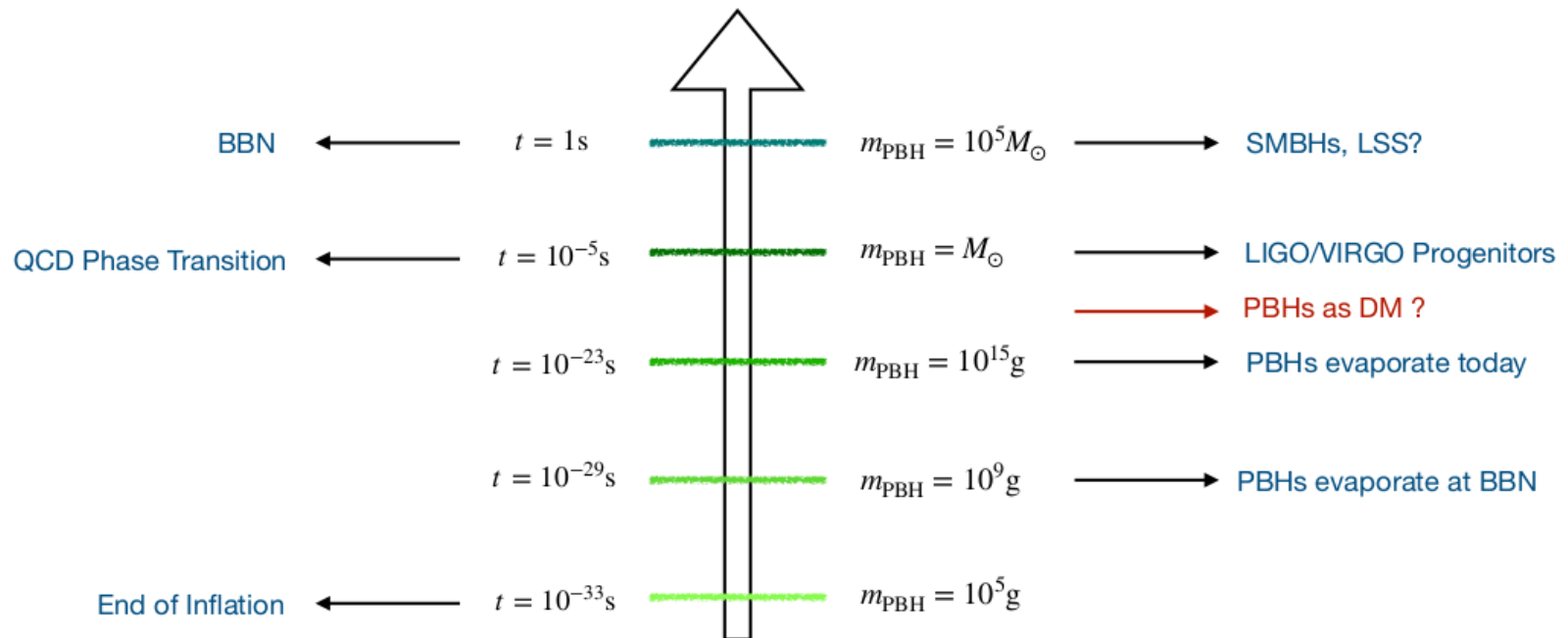
$$f_{BB} < 0$$

[Bahamonde, Gakis Kiorpelidi, Koivisto,Said, Saridakis, EPJC81]

Primordial Black Holes (PBHs)

- Primordial Black Holes (PBHs) are formed out of the **collapse of enhanced energy density perturbations** upon horizon reentry of the typical size of the collapsing overdensity region. This happens when $\delta > \delta_c (w \equiv p/\rho)$ [Carr - 1975].

$$m_{\text{PBH}} = \gamma M_{\text{H}} \propto H^{-1} \text{ where } \gamma \sim \text{O}(1)$$



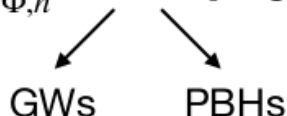
See for reviews in [Carr et al.- 2020, Sasaki et al - 2018, Clesse et al. - 2017]



PBHs and Gravitational Waves

PBHs and GWs

- 1) **Primordial induced GWs** generated through second order gravitational effects: $\mathcal{L}_{\Phi,h}^{(3)} \ni h\Phi^2$, [Bugaev - 2009, Kohri & Terada - 2018].



- 2) **Relic Hawking radiated gravitons** from PBH evaporation [Anantua et al. - 2008, Dong et al. - 2015].
- 3) **GWs emitted by PBH mergers** [Eroshenko - 2016, Raidal et al. - 2017].
- 4) **GWs induced at second order by PBHs themselves** [Papanikolaou et al. - 2020].



PBHs and Gravitational Potential

The PBH Matter Field



$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Poisson Statistics [Desjacques \& Riotto - 2018, Ali-Haimoud - 2018]} \\ \text{Same mass [Dizgah, Franciolini \& Riotto - 2019]} \end{array} \right.$



$$P_{\delta_{\text{PBH}}}(k) \equiv \langle |\delta_k^{\text{PBH}}|^2 \rangle = \frac{4\pi}{3} \left(\frac{\bar{r}}{a} \right)^3 = \frac{4\pi}{3k_{\text{UV}}^3}, \text{ where } k < k_{\text{UV}} = \frac{a}{\bar{r}}$$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \rho_{\text{PBH}} \text{ is inhomogeneous} \\ \rho_{\text{tot}} \text{ is homogeneous} \end{array} \right\} \delta_{\text{PBH}} \text{ can be seen as an isocurvature perturbation.}$

$\Omega_{\text{PBH}} = \rho_{\text{PBH}}/\rho_{\text{tot}} \propto a^{-3}/a^{-4} \propto a \Rightarrow$ **the isocurvature perturbation, δ_{PBH} will convert during the PBHD era to a curvature perturbation ζ_{PBH} , associated to a PBH gravitational potential Φ .**

$$\mathcal{P}_{\Phi}(k) = \frac{2}{3\pi} \left(\frac{k}{k_{\text{UV}}} \right)^3 \left(5 + \frac{4}{9} \frac{k^2}{k_{\text{d}}^2} \right)^{-2}$$



Scalar Induced Gravitational Waves

- Choosing as the gauge for the GW frame the Newtonian gauge, the metric is written as

$$ds^2 = a^2(\eta) \left\{ -(1 + 2\Phi)d\eta^2 + \left[(1 - 2\Phi)\delta_{ij} + \frac{h_{ij}}{2} \right] dx^i dx^j \right\}$$

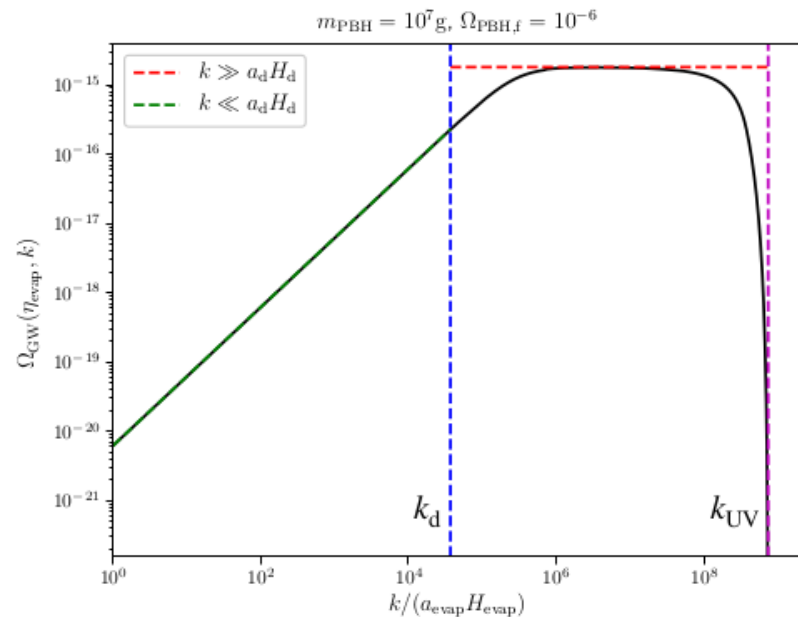
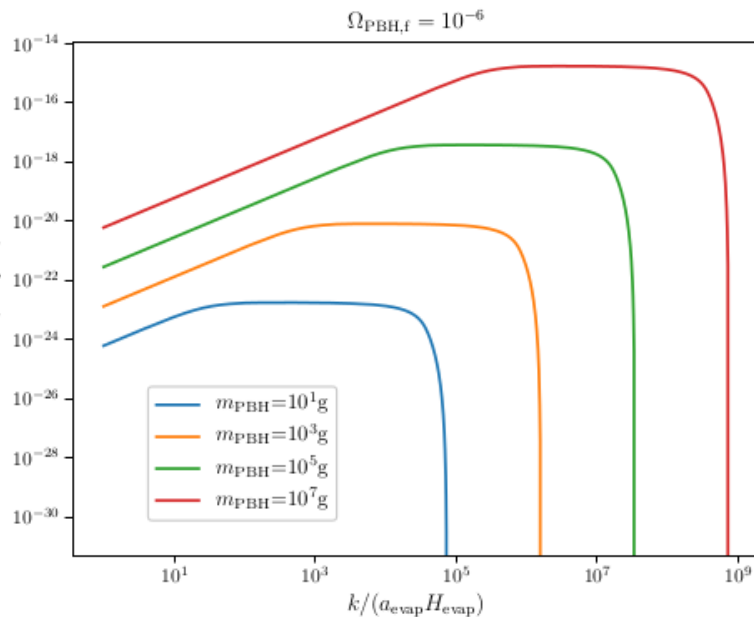
- The equation of motion for the Fourier modes, $h_{\vec{k}}$, read as:

$$h_{\vec{k}}^{s''} + 2\mathcal{H}h_{\vec{k}}^{s'} + k^2 h_{\vec{k}}^s = 4S_{\vec{k}}^s$$

- The source term, $S_{\vec{k}}^s$ can be recast as:

$$S_{\vec{k}}^s = \int \frac{d^3\vec{q}}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} e_{ij}^s(\vec{k}) q_i q_j \left[2\Phi_{\vec{q}}\Phi_{\vec{k}-\vec{q}} + \frac{4}{3(1+w)} (\mathcal{H}^{-1}\Phi'_{\vec{q}} + \Phi_{\vec{q}})(\mathcal{H}^{-1}\Phi'_{\vec{k}-\vec{q}} + \Phi_{\vec{k}-\vec{q}}) \right]$$

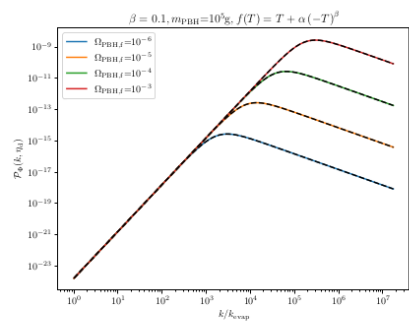
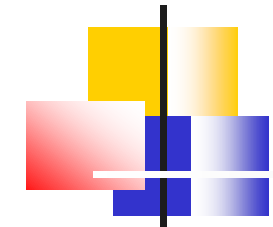
Gravitational Wave Spectrum



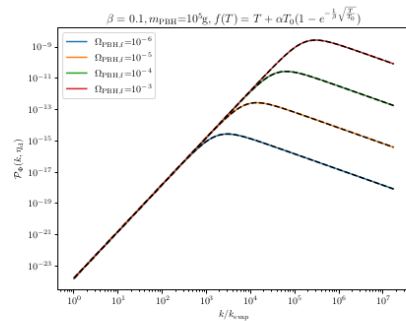
$$\Omega_{\text{GW}}(\eta_{\text{evap}}, k) \simeq 10^{19} \left(\frac{g_{\text{eff}}}{100} \right)^{-2/3} \left(\frac{m_{\text{PBH}}}{10^9 \text{ g}} \right)^{4/3} \Omega_{\text{PBH},f}^{16/3} \times \begin{cases} \frac{k}{k_d} & \text{for } k \ll \mathcal{H}_d \\ 8 & \text{for } k \gg \mathcal{H}_d \end{cases}$$

- One identifies a broken power law for the GW spectrum. Two scales enter in the problem, $k_d = \mathcal{H}_d$ and $k_{\text{UV}} = a_f H_f \Omega_{\text{PBH},f}^{1/3}$

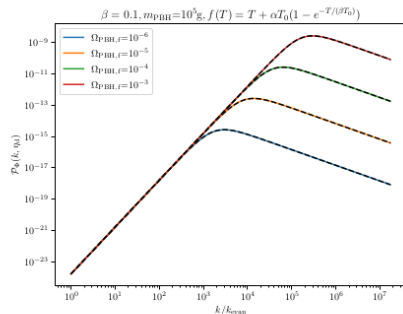
Modified Gravity Signatures



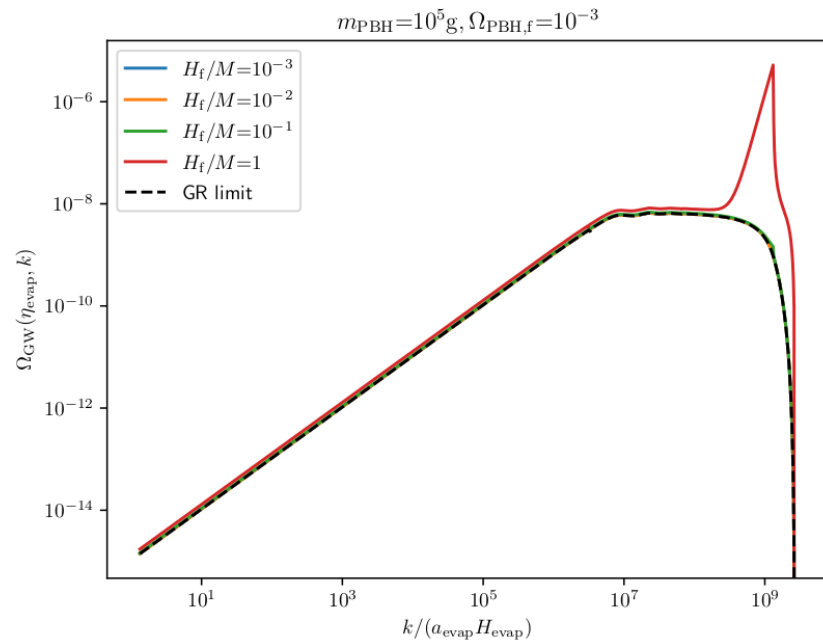
(a) The power-law model



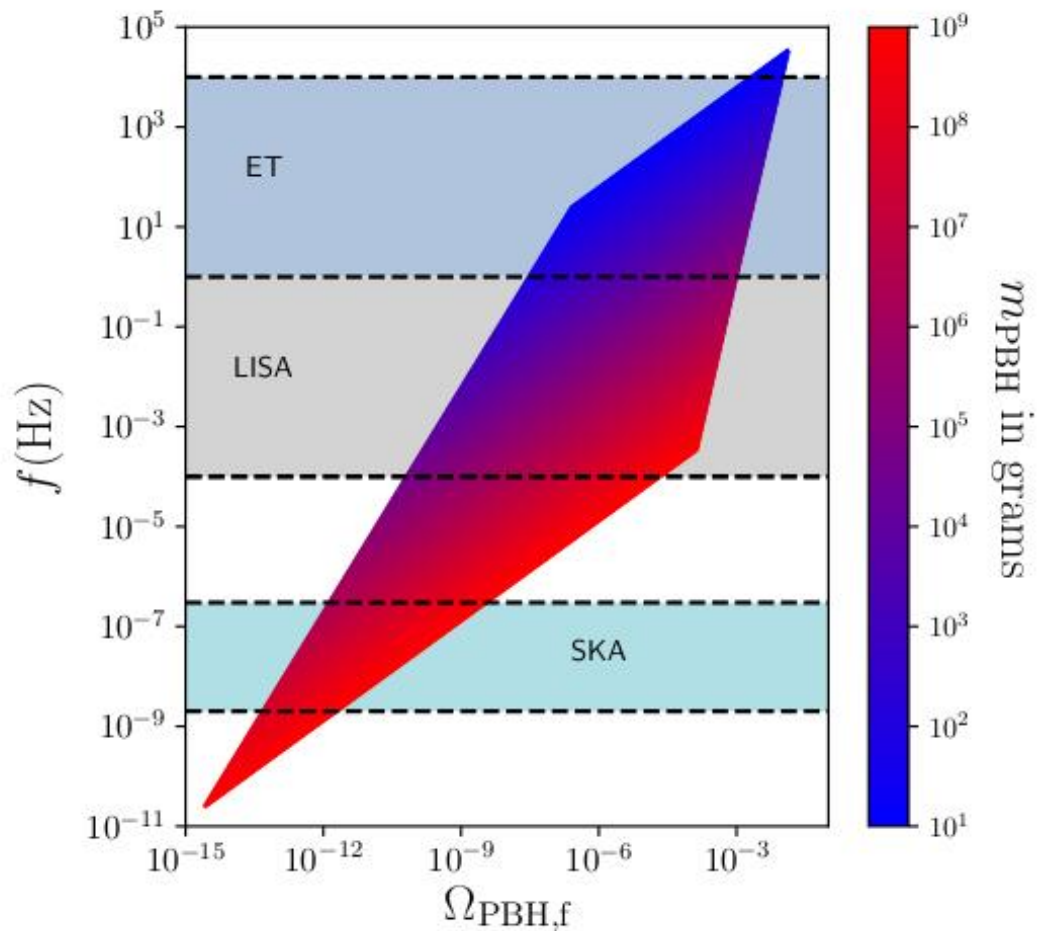
(b) The square-root exponential model



(c) The exponential model



Gravitational Wave Astronomy





Conclusions - Outlook

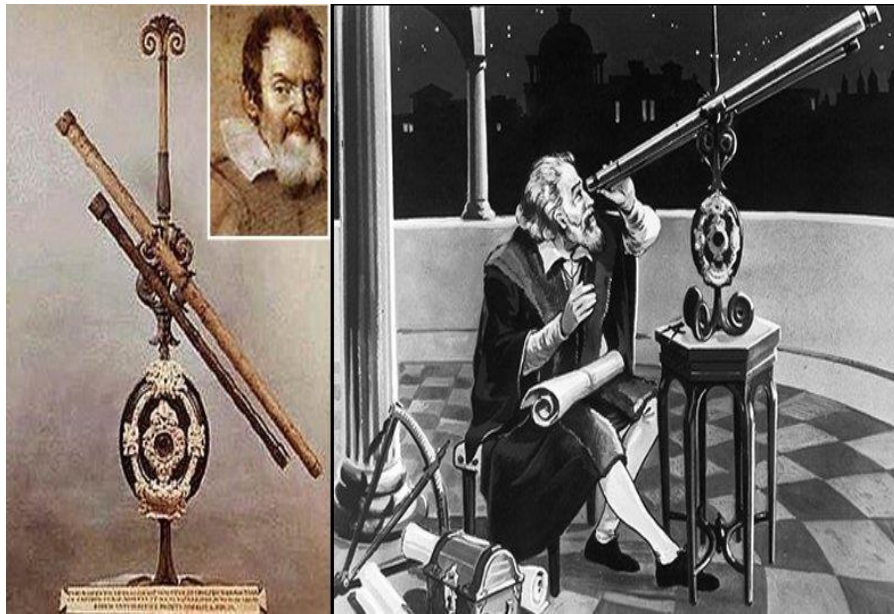
- **Torsional modified gravity** is **theoretically robust** and leads to very **efficient cosmology** at both **background** and **perturbation** levels.

- $f(T)$ gravity, $f(T, TG)$, $f(T, B)$, $f(Q)$ gravity, Symmetric teleparallel gravity, and modified teleparallel gravity in general, **can be distinguishable in inflation-related data**
[Saridakis, Cai, Capozziello, Said, Bahamonde, Koivisto, Ren, Zhao, Wong, Ilyas, Zhu, Zheng, Yan, Zhang, Chen, Zhang, Luo, Khurshudyan, Marciano, Krssak, Odintsov, Nojiri, Nunes, Toporensky, Basilakos, Anagnostopoulos, Kofinas, Dialektopoulos, Gakis, Palikaris, Iosifidis, Kiorpelidi, Chatzifotis, Asimakis]

- vi) **Get prepared** for the **huge flow of data** that **will come!**



Multi-messenger Astronomy Era!



EM observations: 400 years

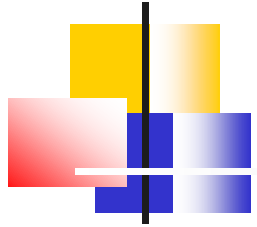


GW observations: 5 years



“Those that do not know geometry are not allowed to enter”.
Front Door of Plato’s Academy





THANK YOU!





Curvature and Torsion

- **Vierbeins** e_A^μ : four linearly independent fields in the **tangent space**

$$g_{\mu\nu}(x) = \eta_{AB} e_\mu^A(x) e_\nu^B(x)$$

- **Connection**: ω_{ABC}

- **Curvature tensor**: $R_{B\mu\nu}^A = \omega_{B\nu,\mu}^A - \omega_{B\mu,\nu}^A + \omega_{C\mu}^A \omega_{B\nu}^C - \omega_{C\nu}^A \omega_{B\mu}^C$

- **Torsion tensor**: $T_{\mu\nu}^A = e_{\nu,\mu}^A - e_{\mu,\nu}^A + \omega_{B\mu}^A e_\nu^B - \omega_{B\nu}^A e_\mu^B$

- **Levi-Civita connection and Contorsion tensor**: $\omega_{ABC} = \Gamma_{ABC} + K_{ABC}$

$$K_{ABC} = \frac{1}{2}(T_{CAB} - T_{BCA} - T_{ABC}) = -K_{BAC}$$

- **Curvature and Torsion Scalars**: $R = \bar{R} + T - 2(T_v^{\nu\mu})_{;\mu}$

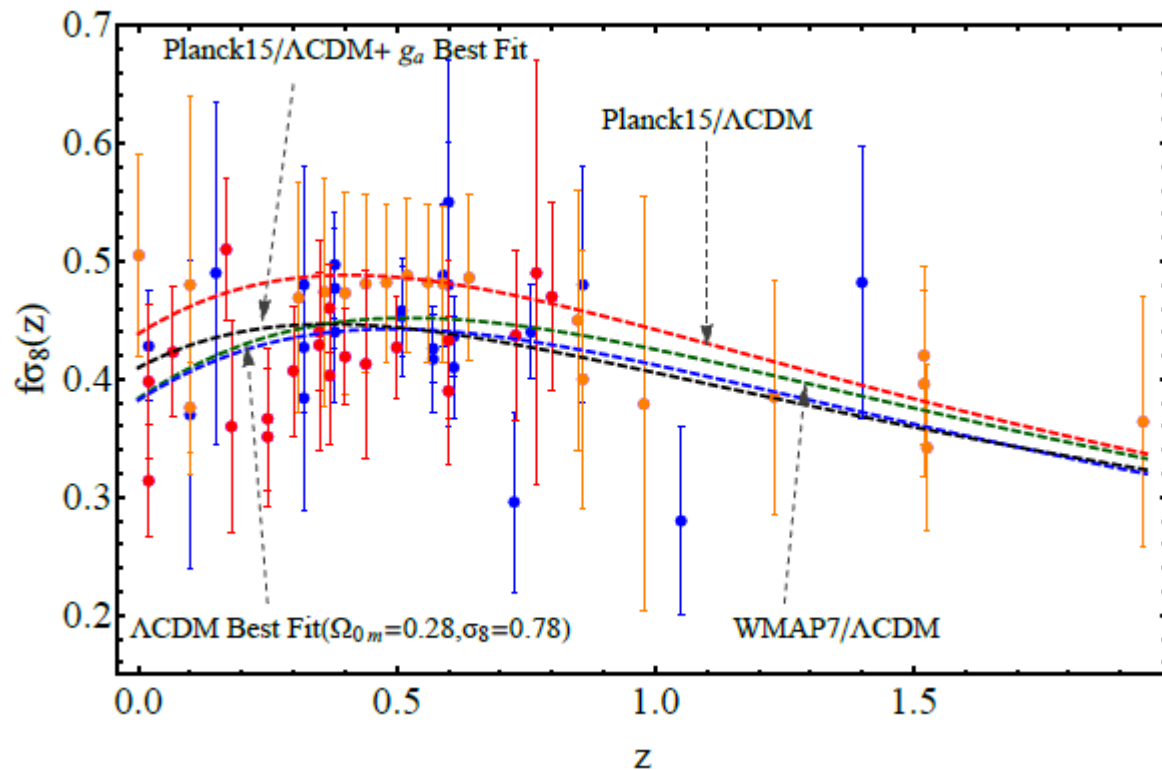
$$R = g^{\mu\nu} R_{\mu\nu} = g^{\mu\nu} R_{\mu\rho\nu}^\rho$$

$$T = \frac{1}{4} T^{\rho\mu\nu} T_{\rho\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} T^{\rho\mu\nu} T_{\nu\mu\rho} - T_{\rho\mu}^\rho T_\nu^{\nu\mu}$$

Tension1 – $f\sigma_8$

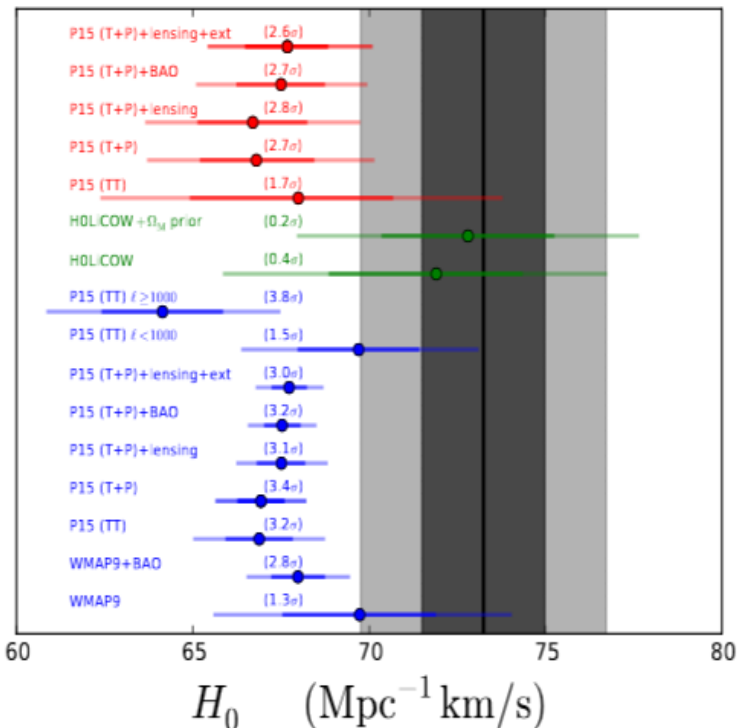
- **Tension** between the **data** and **Planck/ Λ CDM**. The data indicate a **lack of “gravitational power”** in structures on intermediate-small cosmological scales.

Parameter	Planck15/ Λ CDM [12]	WMAP7/ Λ CDM [45]
$\Omega_b h^2$	0.02225 ± 0.00016	0.02258 ± 0.00057
$\Omega_c h^2$	0.1198 ± 0.0015	0.1109 ± 0.0056
n_s	0.9645 ± 0.0049	0.963 ± 0.014
H_0	67.27 ± 0.66	71.0 ± 2.5
Ω_{0m}	0.3156 ± 0.0091	0.266 ± 0.025
w	-1	-1
σ_8	0.831 ± 0.013	0.801 ± 0.030

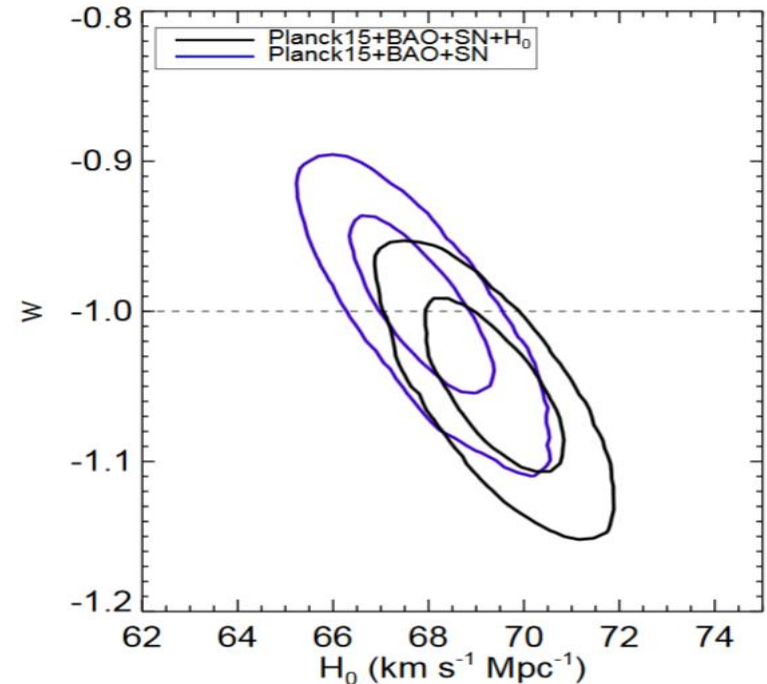


Tension2 – H0

- **Tension** between the **data** (direct measurements) and **Planck/ Λ CDM** (indirect measurements). The data indicate **a lack of "gravitational power"**.



[Bernal, Verde, Riess, JCAP1610]



[Riess et al, Astrophys.J 826]