# Testing gravity with the two-body problem

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- Orbit circularization
- 3-body GW
- Exoplanets
- PBH formation

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THE GREEKS...









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KEPLER...





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Gravitational Waves (GW)

$$P = \frac{G}{5} \left\langle \ddot{Q}^{kl} \ddot{Q}_{kl} \right\rangle$$



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A simple example : Eddington parameters

$$g_{\mu\nu} dx^{\mu} dx^{\nu} \simeq -\left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r} + \frac{\beta}{r^2} \frac{2G^2 M^2}{r^2} + \dots\right) dt^2 + \left(1 + \frac{2GM}{r} + \dots\right) (dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2) .$$

Today's constraints :  $|\gamma - 1| \leq 2 \times 10^{-5}$   $|\beta - 1| \leq 8 \times 10^{-5}$ 

### WHY MODIFY GRAVITY ?

#### COSMOLOGICAL CONSTANT PROBLEM

HUBBLE TENSION







#### SCALAR-TENSOR THEORIES:

 $g_{\mu\nu}$  +  $\varphi$ 

#### ST THEORIES AND COSMOLOGY A second EFT example: EFT OF INFLATION/DARK ENERGY

A unifying and effective description of cosmological perturbations

$$\phi(t,\vec{x}) \to \phi_0(t) \quad (\delta\phi=0) \qquad -\frac{1}{2}\partial\phi^2 \to -\frac{1}{2}\dot{\phi}_0^2(t) \ g^{00}$$



Creminelli et al. '06 Cheung et al. '07 Gubitosi et al. '12

#### ST THEORIES AND COSMOLOGY

#### The Action

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{M^2}{2} f(t)R - \Lambda(t) - c(t)g^{00} \right] + S_{DE}^{(2)}$$

The most generic action written in terms of  $g_{\mu\nu}$  compatible with the residual symmetry of spatial diffeomorphisms

**Dictionary** between theories (Quintessence, Brans-Dicke, Galileons...) and effective parameters (measured in observations):

$$w(t)$$
,  $\mu(t) = \frac{\dot{f}}{f}$ 

#### ST THEORIES AND COSMOLOGY

GW170817: GWs propagate at the speed of light  $|c_T - c| \leq 10^{-15}$ 



#### GW observations can be extremely powerful probes of fundamental physics!

# TESTING GR WITH GW OBSERVATIONS

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Basic ingredient of GR : the METRIC  $g_{\mu\nu}$ 

Action principle (in vacuum): 
$$S_{\rm EH} = \frac{M_P^2}{2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} R \implies G_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

Model black holes/neutron stars with POINT-PARTICLES

$$S_{\rm pp,A} = -m_A \int d\tau_A = -m_A \int dt \sqrt{-g_{\mu\nu}} \frac{dx_A^{\mu}}{dt} \frac{dx_A^{\nu}}{dt}$$

The two-body problem in GR

#### FINITE-SIZE EFFECTS

$$-m_A \int d\tau_A \qquad \Longrightarrow \qquad \frac{d^2 x_A^{\mu}}{d\tau^2} + \Gamma^{\mu}_{\nu\rho} \frac{dx_A^{\nu}}{d\tau} \frac{dx_A^{\rho}}{d\tau} = 0$$



Finite-size effects can be added through non-minimal operators:

$$\mathcal{O}_1 = c_R \int \mathrm{d}\tau_A R \qquad \qquad \mathcal{O}_2 = c_V \int \mathrm{d}\tau_A R_{\mu\nu} v^{\mu} v^{\nu}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{d^2 x_A^{\mu}}{d\tau^2} + \Gamma^{\mu}_{\nu\rho} \frac{d x_A^{\nu}}{d\tau} \frac{d x_A^{\rho}}{d\tau} \neq 0$$

These are quite high-order effects

The two-body problem in GR

EFT approach : use field theory tools

Goldberger and Rothstein 06 Porto 06 + many others...

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}$$
$$\mathcal{O}(v^2) = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{GM}{r}\right) \ll 1$$

EFT approach : use field theory tools  

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu} \implies S = S^{(2)} + S_{int}$$
GREEN FUNCTION OF PROPAGATOR: from  $\int d^4x \sqrt{-gR}$   

$$S^{(2)} = -\frac{1}{8} \int d^4x \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (\partial_{\mu} h^{\alpha}_{\alpha})^2 + (\partial_{\mu} h_{\nu\rho})^2 \right]$$
INTERACTION VERTEX: from  $-m_A \int dt \sqrt{-g_{\mu\nu}} \frac{dx^{\mu}_A}{dt} \frac{dx^{\nu}_A}{dt}$ 

$$S_{int} \supset m \int dt h_{00}, \qquad m \int dt h_{00}^2, \qquad \int d^4x \, \partial^2 h^3$$

The two-body problem in GR

The two-body dynamics is encoded in the EFFECTIVE ACTION :

 $e^{iS_{\text{eff}}[\mathbf{x}_1(t),\mathbf{x}_2(t)]} = \mathcal{D}h_{\mu\nu}e^{iS[\mathbf{x}_1(t),\mathbf{x}_2(t),h_{\mu\nu}]}$ 

REAL PART: CONSERVATIVE

**MAGINARY PART: DISSIPATIVE** 

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The first one can be resummed exactly !

$$S_{\text{pp,A}} = -m_A \int dt \sqrt{-g_{\mu\nu} v_A^{\mu} v_A^{\nu}} \qquad \Leftrightarrow \qquad S_{\text{pp,A}} = -\frac{m_A}{2} \int dt \left[ e_A - \frac{g_{\mu\nu} v_A^{\mu} v_A^{\nu}}{e_A} \right]$$
  
with  $e_A = \sqrt{-g_{\mu\nu} v_A^{\mu} v_A^{\nu}}$   
... The worldline couplings are now LINEAR

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#### $MODIFYING \ GR: SCALAR-TENSOR \ THEORIES$

GR action: 
$$S = \frac{M_P^2}{2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g}R + S_m[g_{\mu\nu}, \psi_i]$$

A simple alternative to GR:  $g_{\mu\nu}$  +  $\phi$ 

$$S_{\varphi} = -\frac{1}{2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_{\mu} \varphi \partial_{\nu} \varphi$$

Coupling of  $\varphi$  with matter, compatible with causality and equivalence principle:

Scalar-tensor theories

#### CONFORMAL COUPLING

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A. Kuntz, F. Piazza, F. Vernizzi (JCAP) 19

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#### CHARGE RENORMALISATION

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$$S_{\text{int}} = -\int d\tau_A \ m_A(\varphi) = m_A \int d\tau \left( -1 + \alpha \frac{\varphi}{M_P} + \delta \left( \frac{\varphi}{M_P} \right)^2 + \dots \right)$$



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Experimental tests are very stringent: the scalar coupling is small

 $\alpha \leq 10^{-2}$ 

A screening mechanism could explain such a small value

# How to formulate the two-body problem with a screening Mechanism?





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### K-Mouflage screening

$$S = \int d^4x \left[ -\frac{(\partial \varphi)^2}{2} - \frac{1}{4\Lambda^4} (\partial \varphi)^4 + \frac{\varphi T}{M_P} \right]$$

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PERTURBATIVE EXPANSION BREAKS DOWN...

$$e^{iS_{\text{eff}}[\mathbf{x}_1,\mathbf{x}_2]} = \int \mathscr{D}[\varphi] e^{iS[\mathbf{x}_1,\mathbf{x}_2,\varphi]}$$



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#### A NUMERICAL SOLUTION:





$$\eta = \frac{m_1}{m_1 + m_2}$$



Screening mechanisms





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$$E = \mu \ b(\eta) \ \varphi_0(r)$$

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$$\delta r_{EM} \simeq 3 \times 10^{12} \left| \eta_{SE} \left( \frac{r}{r_*} \right)^{4/3} \right| \text{ cm}$$

This gives a constraint :

$$\eta_{SE} \left(\frac{r}{r_*}\right)^{4/3} \lesssim 10^{-13}$$

Since  $\eta_{\rm SE} \simeq 10^{-6}$ , the perihelion constraint is better:

$$\left(\frac{r}{r_*}\right)^{4/3} \lesssim 10^{-11}$$

Screening mechanisms

### CONCLUSIONS PART 3

- Screening mechanisms naturally recover GR inside the solar system
- They lead to violations of the Equivalence Principle

There remains an important question:

# How is the (two-body) motion of black holes modified in scalar-tensor theories ?

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# TESTING GR WITH GW OBSERVATIONS

Main drawbacks of this analysis:

• Too many free parameters



- Neglects correlations between different PN coefficients
- It's a lot of work to translate these values into constraints on fundamental physics parameters !

An EFT formalism will address all of these three points

Let's consider theories with one supplementary non-GR parameter :

- Scalar charge  $q \Leftrightarrow \phi$
- Fundamental force
- Dark matter profile
- Superradiant cloud



#### THE NO-HAIR THEOREM

In GR, BH are very simple objects!

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A ton of complicated physics (composition, EoS...)

This can be generalised to modified gravity:



(also valid for more complicated Lagrangians)

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### THE NO-HAIR THEOREM

However, it is easy to circumvent the assumptions of the theorem

	I Jacobson '99	II Babichev Esposito-Farèse '13	III Sotiriou et al. '14
Hair type	Environmental	Environmental	Secondary
Lagrangian	$L_1 = \frac{M_P^2}{2}R - \frac{1}{2}(\partial\varphi)^2$	$L = L_1 - \frac{1}{2\Lambda^3} (\partial \varphi)^2 \Box \varphi$	$L = L_1 + \bar{\alpha}\phi \left(R_{\mu\nu\rho\lambda}R^{\mu\nu\rho\lambda}\right)$ $-4R_{\mu\nu}R^{\mu\nu} + R^2$
Field	$\varphi(t, r) = qt + \beta_{\text{eff}} \varphi_0(r)$	$\varphi(t,r) = qt + \beta_{\rm eff}  \varphi_0(r)$	$\varphi(r) = \frac{Q}{r} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{r^2}\right)$

#### The GW signals would then be quite different than in GR! EMRI & scalar hair 49

### HAIR EXAMPLE II: CUBIC GALILEON



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 $K_t = 3\left(\frac{r_*}{r}\right)^{3/2}$  $K_r = 4\left(\frac{r_*}{r}\right)^{3/2}$ 

 $K_{\Omega} = \left(\frac{r_*}{r}\right)^{3/2}$ 

$$\varphi = qt + \bar{\varphi}(r) + \delta\varphi$$
$$g_{\mu\nu} = \bar{g}_{\mu\nu} + \delta g_{\mu\nu}$$

.

QUADRATIC ACTION for fluctuations:

$$S = \int d^4x \frac{1}{2} \left[ K_t (\partial_t \delta \varphi)^2 - K_r (\partial_r \delta \varphi)^2 - K_\Omega (\partial_\Omega \delta \varphi)^2 \right] + \frac{\beta_{\text{eff}}}{M_P} \delta \varphi T$$

Solve for the field using Green's function

$$\Delta \Phi \simeq 3.5 \times 10^{-7} \beta_{\rm eff}^{3/2} \left(\frac{\Lambda}{10^{-12} {\rm eV}}\right)^{3/2} \left(\frac{m_1}{50 M_{\odot}}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{m_0}{10^6 M_{\odot}}\right)^{-3/2} \left(\frac{\Omega_{\rm in}}{10^{-3} {\rm Hz}}\right)^{-21/6}$$

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#### A SYSTEMATIC APPROACH



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G. Francjolini et al. 19

- $\Lambda, f$  and  $\alpha$  uniquely determined by the background  $\bar{g}_{\mu\nu}$
- $M_1^2$  removable by a conformal transformation

 $g_{\mu\nu}^{(E)}(x) = g_{\mu\nu}^{(J)}(x)M_1^2(r)$ 

$$S_{\rm pp} = -\int dt \,\mu \sqrt{-\bar{g}_{\mu\nu}} v^{\mu} v^{\nu} \rightarrow -\int dt \,\mu(r) \sqrt{-\bar{g}_{\mu\nu}} v^{\mu} v^{\nu}$$

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Background:

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E.g. for Gauss-Bonnet:

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#### **Perturbations:**

**Background:** 

 $\delta g_{\mu\nu}$  transforms under  $(i, j) = (\theta, \phi)$  diffs and under PARITY:



$$\delta g_{\mu\nu}^{\rm odd} \Leftrightarrow \Psi$$

# THE ODD SECTOR

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#### GENERALIZED RW EQUATION

$$\frac{d^2\Psi}{d\tilde{r}^2} + (\omega^2 + V(\tilde{r}))\Psi = S$$

$$\frac{d\tilde{r}}{dr} = 1 + (\dots)\frac{M}{r} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{M}{r}\right)^2 \qquad \text{GENERALIZED TORTOISE COORDINATE}$$

$$V(\tilde{r}(r)) = -\frac{1}{r^2} \left( 1 - \frac{2M}{r} \right) \left( l(l+1) - (\dots) \frac{M}{r} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{M}{r}\right)^2 \right) \quad \text{GENERALIZED RW POTENTIAL}$$

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Solution to the RW equation:

Poisson 93 Sasaki 94

$$\Psi(r) = \Psi_0(r) + (M\omega)\Psi_1(r) + (M\omega)^2\Psi_2(r) + \dots$$
$$P \propto \sum_{l,m} \left|\frac{d\Psi}{dt}\right|^2$$

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Our approach bridges the gap between ppE and theory:



MODELED SEARCH WITH ADDITIONAL NON-GR COEFFICIENTS !

The even sector now needs to be done...

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# Outlook

- We have investigated on the TWO-BODY PROBLEM in several types of SCALAR-TENSOR THEORIES, often adopting an EFFECTIVE FIELD THEORY viewpoint.
- GRAVITATIONAL WAVES astronomy still in infancy. Interesting physics ahead !
- EFFECTIVE FIELD THEORIES are fantastic tools to compare theory & experiment
- THE OLDEST ACADEMIC PROBLEM OF PHYSICS IS STILL A SOURCE OF INSPIRATION!

#### Thank you !