

Constraints on nonstandard propagating GWs with GWTC-3

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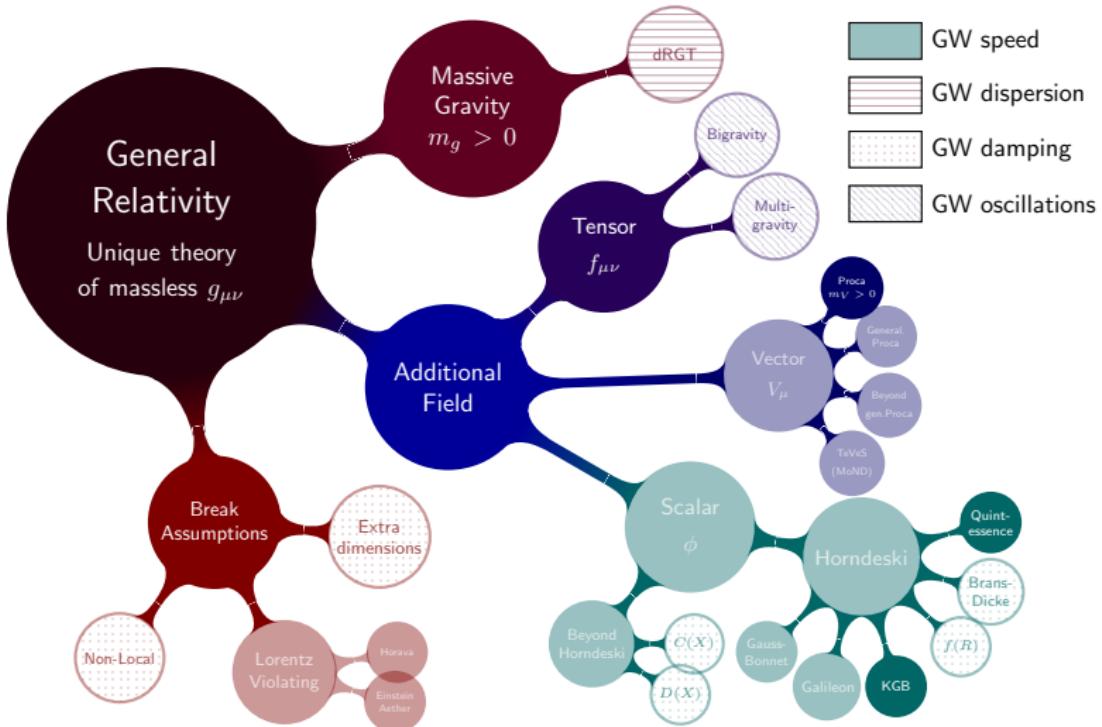
Cosmological Gravity Theories

- Why modified gravities?
 - Cosmic acceleration
 - Dark matter substitute
 - ...
- Modify weak-field regime (large scales)
- Reduce to GR in strong-field regime by Chameleon/Vainshtein/Symmetron screen mechanisms
- Cosmological tests focus on GW **propagation** (not generation)



- Even if modification on gravity is a tiny effect, propagation can accumulate the effect because of long distance. **GW170817:** $\sim 40\text{Mpc} \sim 1 \times 10^8\text{lyr}$

Modified gravity roadmap



Jose María Ezquiaga, Miguel Zumalacárregui, 1807.09241 (Front.Astron.Space Sci.)

FRW propagation (See also 朱涛's talk)

- Propagation equation is covariant, i.e. independent of GW sources and background spacetimes (NS, BH, supernova, pulsar, GWB etc.)
- EFT approach *Atsushi Nishizawa, 1710.04825 (PRD)*

$$h_{ij}'' + \underbrace{(2 + \nu) \mathcal{H} h_{ij}'}_{\text{damping}} + \underbrace{c_g^2 k^2 h_{ij}}_{\text{speed}} + \underbrace{m_g^2 a^2 h_{ij}}_{\text{dispersion}} = \underbrace{\Gamma}_{\text{oscillations}} \gamma_{ij} \quad (1)$$

gravity theory	ν	$c_g^2 - 1$	m_g	Γ
GR	0	0	0	0
extra-dim.	$(D - 4) \left(1 + \frac{1+z}{\mathcal{H} d_L}\right)$	0	0	0
Horndeski	α_M	α_T	0	0
f(R)	$F'/\mathcal{H} F$	0	0	0
Einstein-aether	0	$c_\sigma / (1 + c_\sigma)$	0	0
bimetric massive gravity	0	0	$m^2 f_1 m^2 f_1$	
f(T)	$-\frac{f'_T}{2\mathcal{H} f_T}$	0	0	0

See also *Tao Zhu, Wen Zhao, Jian-Ming Yan, Cheng Gong, Anzhong Wang, 2304.09025*

FRW propagation

- Consider $\Gamma = 0$

$$h_{ij}'' + \underbrace{(2 + \nu) \mathcal{H} h_{ij}'}_{\text{damping}} + \underbrace{c_g^2}_{\text{speed}} k^2 h_{ij} + \underbrace{m_g^2}_{\text{dispersion}} a^2 h_{ij} = 0 \quad (2)$$

- Modified waveform

$$h_{\text{GW}} \sim h_{\text{GR}} \underbrace{e^{-\frac{1}{2} \int \nu \mathcal{H} d\eta}}_{\text{Affects amplitude}} \underbrace{e^{ik \int (c_g^2 - 1 + a^2 m_g^2 / k^2)^{1/2} d\eta}}_{\text{Affects phase}} \quad (3)$$

- Bonds from GWs

- GW170817: $-3 \times 10^{-15} \leq c_g - 1 \leq 7 \times 10^{-16}$ *LVC, 1710.05832 (PRL)*
- GW170104: $m_g \leq 7.7 \times 10^{-23} \text{ eV}$ *LVC, 1706.01812 (PRL)*
- Bright siren GW170817 ($z = 0.008$): $-75.3 \leq \nu \leq 78.4$
Shun Arai, Atsushi Nishizawa, 1711.03776 (PRD)

Question: Can we get a tighter constraint on ν ?

- Consider $m_g = \Gamma = 0$ and $c_g^2 = 1$

$$h_{ij}'' + (2 + \nu) \mathcal{H} h_{ij}' + k^2 h_{ij} = 0 \quad (4)$$

- Modified luminosity distance

$$d_{\text{GW}} = (1 + z)^{\nu/2} d_{\text{EM}} \quad (5)$$

$$d_{\text{EM}} = \frac{(1 + z)}{H_0} \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{\sqrt{\Omega_m(1 + z')^3 + (1 - \Omega_m)}} \quad (6)$$

- GWs measure the luminosity distance d_{GW} and redshifted masses $m_1^{\text{det}}, m_2^{\text{det}}$

$$m_i = \frac{m_i^{\text{det}}}{1 + z(D_{\text{GW}}; H_0, \Omega_m)} \quad (7)$$

- Bright siren: infer z with EM counterparts, such as GW170817.
- Dark siren: infer z with galaxy catalogue

Spectral siren

Even in the absence of electromagnetic observations, GWs alone can probe the expansion rate with the help of population properties, such as

- the peak of the mass distribution;
- the lower/upper mass cut-off;
- redshift distribution.

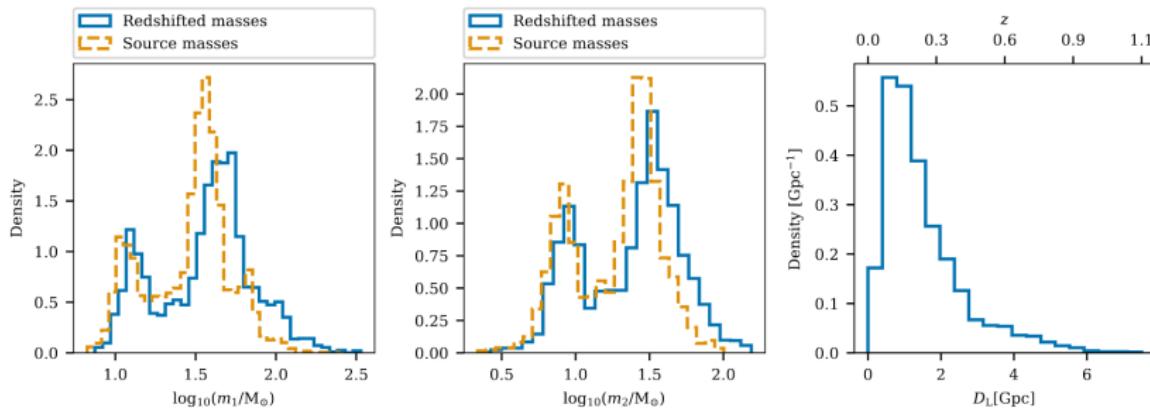


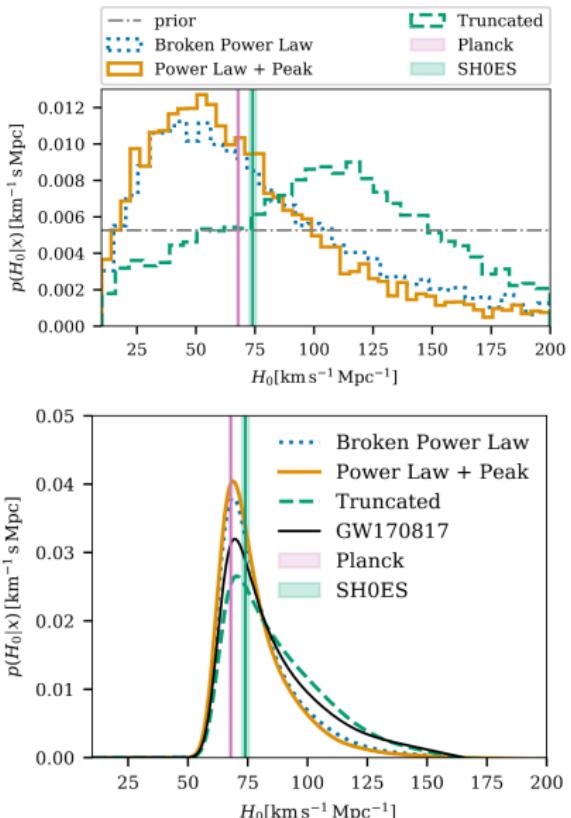
图: Masses and distance (redshift) distribution from GWTC-3.

Jose María Ezquiaga, Daniel E. Holz, 2202.08240 (PRL);

LVK, 2111.03604 (ApJ)

Spectral and bright sirens with GWTC-3

LVK_2111-03604 (ApJ)



Hierarchical Bayesian Inference

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{d}|\Lambda) \propto e^{-N_{\text{exp}}} \prod_{i=1}^{N_{\text{obs}}} \int T_{\text{obs}} \mathcal{L}(d_i|\theta) \mathcal{R}_{\text{pop}}(\theta|\Lambda) d\theta \quad (8)$$

- $\mathbf{d} = (d_1, \dots, d_{N_{\text{obs}}})$ are N_{obs} BBHs
- expected number of detections: $N_{\text{exp}}(\Lambda) \equiv \xi(\Lambda)T_{\text{obs}}$
- selection biases

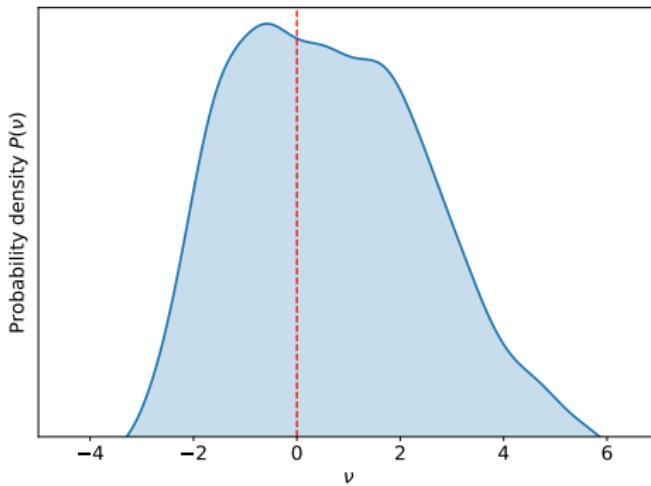
$$\xi(\Lambda) = \int P_{\text{det}}(\theta) p_{\text{pop}}(\theta|\Lambda) d\theta \approx \frac{1}{N_{\text{inj}}} \sum_{j=1}^{N_{\text{found}}} \frac{p_{\text{pop}}(\theta_j|\Lambda)}{p_{\text{draw}}(\theta_j)}$$

where N_{inj} is the number of injections, N_{found} is the number of injections that are detected, and p_{draw} is the probability distribution from which the injections are drawn.

- $\mathcal{L}(d_i|\theta)$ is single event likelihood.

Result from GWTC-3: constant ν

$$h_{ij}'' + (2 + \nu) \mathcal{H} h_{ij}' + k^2 h_{ij} = 0 \quad (9)$$

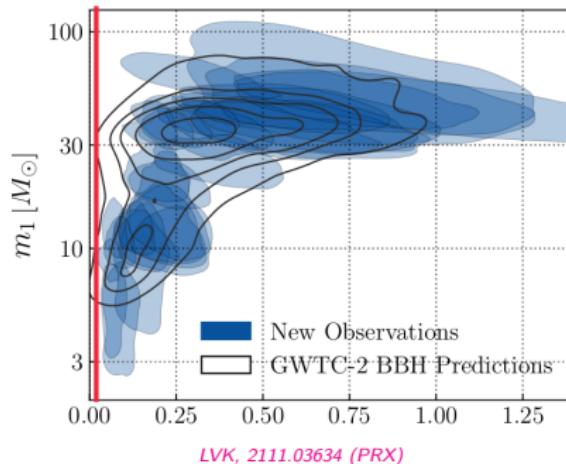


- Phenomenological mass models following LVK [LVK, 2111.03604 \(ApJ\)](#)
- Spectral siren: $-2.0 \leq \nu \leq 4.1$ at 90% C.I. [ZCC, Lang Liu, 2405.10031](#)
- An order of magnitude tighter than the bound from bright siren: $-75.3 \leq \nu \leq 78.4$

Why does the spectral siren outperform the bright siren?

$$d_{\text{GW}} = (1+z)^{\nu/2} d_{\text{EM}} \quad (10)$$

$$d_{\text{EM}} = \frac{(1+z)}{H_0} \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{\sqrt{\Omega_m(1+z')^3 + (1-\Omega_m)}} \quad (11)$$



- BBHs: redshift can reach $z \sim 1$
- GW170817: $z \sim 0.01$

$f(T)$: non-constant ν

- Teleparallel spacetime (饶浩民's talk)
- power-law form

$$f(T) = T + \alpha(-T)^\beta \quad (12)$$

$$\alpha = (6H_0^2)^{1-\beta} \frac{1 - \Omega_m}{2\beta - 1} \quad (13)$$

- Modified luminosity distance

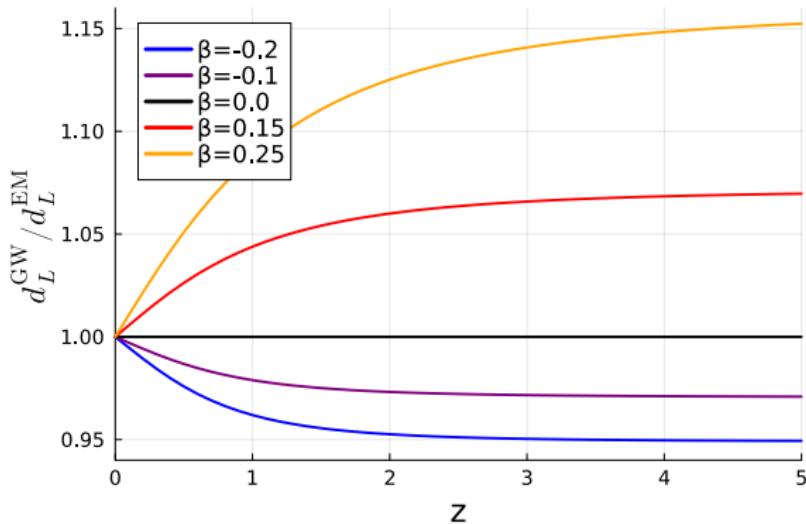
$$d_L^{\text{GW}}(z) = d_L^{\text{EM}} \exp \left[- \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{1+z'} \nu(z') \right] \quad (14)$$

- Friction term

$$\nu(z) = \frac{3(1 - \Omega_m)\beta(1 - \beta) [1 - (1 - \Omega_m)E(z)^{2\beta-2}]}{2 [E(z)^{2-2\beta}(-1 + 2\beta) - (1 - \Omega_m)\beta] [1 - (1 - \Omega_m)\beta E^{2\beta-2}]} \quad (15)$$

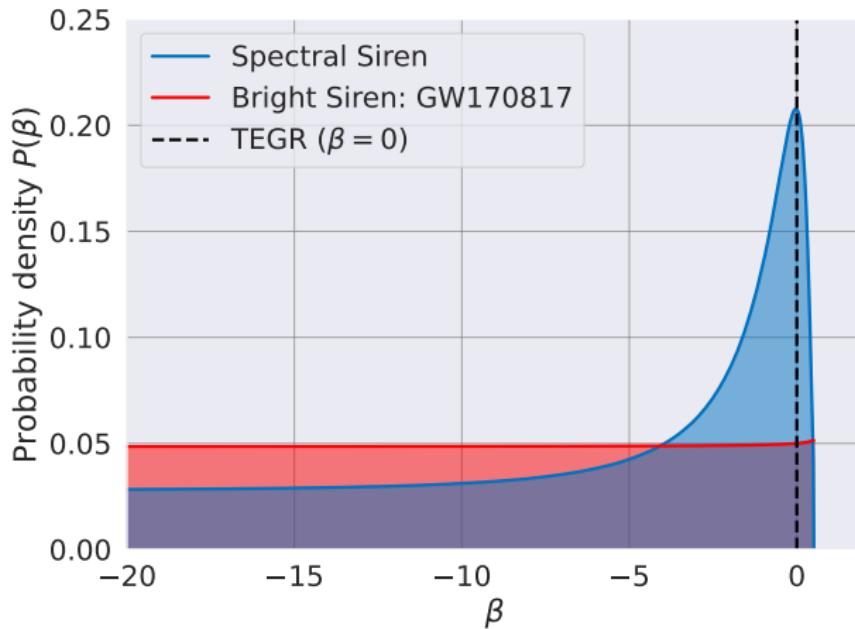
See e.g. *Yi Zhang, Hongsheng Zhang, 2108.05736 (EPJC); Celia Escamilla-Rivera, Rodrigo Sandoval-Orozco, 2405.00608; Yi-Fu Cai, Salvatore Capozziello, Mariafelicia De Laurentis, Emmanuel N. Saridakis, 1511.07586 (Rept.Prog.Phys.)*

Modified luminosity distance



Result from GWTC-3: power-law $f(T)$

$$f(T) = T + \alpha(-T)^\beta \quad (16)$$



ZCC, Wenbin Lin, Puxun Wu, Hongwei Yu, Feng-Yi Zhang, 2405.xxxxxx

Summary

- GWs serve as a promising tool to probe non-standard propagation of GWs.
- The spectral siren method demonstrates superior performance compared to the bright siren method in constraining the friction term, owing to the higher redshifts of BBH mergers compared to BNS mergers.
- Overall, the improvement achieved by the spectral siren method can be significant, potentially reaching an order of magnitude or more.

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