

# Parity violating gravity models

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Discrete symmetries: C (Charge conjugation), **P (Parity)**, T (Time reversal)

Important role in discovering fundamental physical laws and in generating matter-antimatter asymmetry in our universe.

Parity violation in weak interaction, discovered in 1956; CP violation discovered in 1964;.....

Some frequently discussed topics:

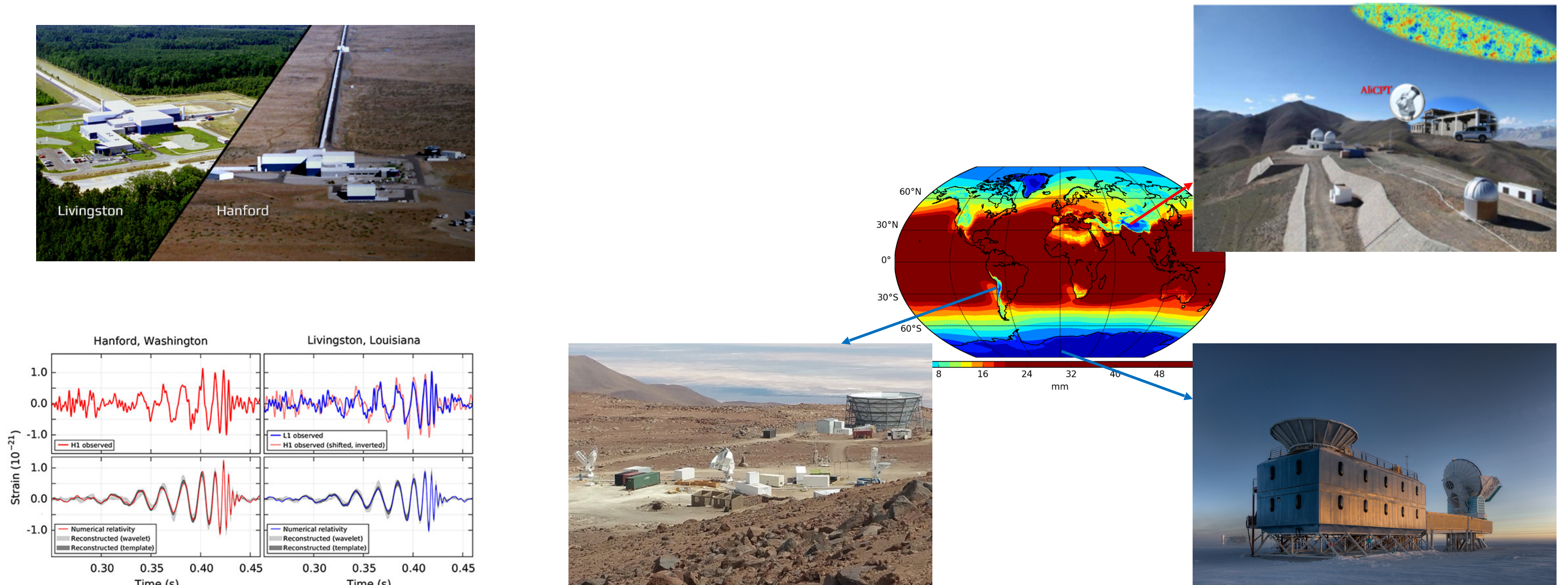
CP violation in strong interaction,  $\theta$  term in QCD  $\theta G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}^{a\mu\nu}$ ; P, CP & CPT violations in electrodynamics, Chern-Simons  $\theta F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$ ; .....

How about gravity?



# Parity-violating (PV) gravity as extension to general relativity (GR)

Subject of intense investigations in recent years, motivated by gravitational waves (GWs) detections, undergoing and planned CMB polarization experiments.





# Outline

- Chern-Simons Modified General Relativity and Its Difficulties
- Teleparallel and Symmetric Teleparallel Gravities
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# Chern-Simons Modified General Relativity & Its Difficulties

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} R + \frac{\theta}{4} R\tilde{R} \right] + S_m$$

Lue, Wang, Kamionkowski, astro-ph/9812088;

Jackiw & Pi, gr-qc/0308071;

Alexander & Yunes, arXiv:0907.2562, Phys. Rept. (2009)

└─ gravitational Chern-Simons (CS) term

Pontryagin density:  $R\tilde{R} \equiv \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} R_{\mu\nu}{}^{\alpha\beta} R_{\rho\sigma\alpha\beta} = \nabla_\mu K^\mu$ , appears in gravitational anomalies, parity-odd

EOM  $G^{\mu\nu} + C^{\mu\nu} = T^{\mu\nu}$

Four dimensional Cotton tensor

$$C^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} [\nabla_\sigma \theta (\varepsilon^{\sigma\mu\alpha\beta} \nabla_\alpha R^\nu{}_\beta + \varepsilon^{\sigma\nu\alpha\beta} \nabla_\alpha R^\mu{}_\beta) + \frac{1}{2} \nabla_\sigma \nabla_\tau \theta (\varepsilon^{\sigma\mu\alpha\beta} R^{\tau\nu}{}_{\alpha\beta} + \varepsilon^{\sigma\nu\alpha\beta} R^{\tau\mu}{}_{\alpha\beta})]$$

Effects on GWs: left and right polarized GWs have the same velocity,  
but different amplitudes (amplitude birefringence)

$$h^R = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (h^+ - ih^\times)$$

$$h^L = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (h^+ + ih^\times)$$

$$h^{A''} + 2\mathcal{H} \frac{1 - \lambda_A \theta' k / (2a)}{1 - \lambda_A \theta' k / a} h^{A'} + k^2 h^A = \frac{2a^2 \sigma^A}{1 - \lambda_A \theta' k / a}$$

$A = L, R$ , with  $\lambda^R = 1, \lambda^L = -1$

After inflation, left and right primordial GWs have power spectra with different amplitudes

$$P_h^R = \frac{1}{2}P_h(1 - \epsilon) , P_h^L = \frac{1}{2}P_h(1 + \epsilon) , P_h^R + P_h^L = P_h , P_h^R - P_h^L = -\epsilon P_h$$

CMB TT, EE, BB, and TE spectra only depend on the sum  $P_h^L + P_h^R$ , but TB and EB depend on the difference

$$C_l^{XX(T)} = (4\pi)^2 \int k^2 dk P_h(k) \left[ \Delta_{Xl}^{(T)}(k) \right]^2$$
$$C_l^{TE(T)} = (4\pi)^2 \int k^2 dk P_h(k) \Delta_{Tl}^{(T)}(k) \Delta_{El}^{(T)}(k)$$

$$C_l^{TB(T)} = -(4\pi)^2 \epsilon \int k^2 dk P_h(k) \Delta_{Tl}^{(T)}(k) \Delta_{Bl}^{(T)}(k)$$
$$C_l^{EB(T)} = -(4\pi)^2 \epsilon \int k^2 dk P_h(k) \Delta_{El}^{(T)}(k) \Delta_{Bl}^{(T)}(k)$$

$$X = T, E, B$$

CMB B mode experiment can be used to test parity symmetry of gravity! [astro-ph/9812088](#)



## Instability in CS modified gravity

$$S_h = \frac{1}{4} \int d\eta d^3k \sum_{A=L,R} a^2 \underbrace{\left(1 + \lambda_A \theta' \frac{k}{a}\right)}_{\text{kinetic term}} [ |h^{A'}|^2 - k^2 |h^A|^2 ]$$

$$1 + \lambda_L \theta' \frac{k}{a} < 0, \text{ for } \frac{k}{a} > 1/\theta' \text{ assuming } \theta' > 0$$

Ghost, wrong sign for the kinetic term, vacuum instability

CS contains two Riemann tensors, is a higher derivative term  $R \sim \partial^2 g$ ,  $R\tilde{R} \sim (\partial^2 g)(\partial^2 g)$

Higher time derivative terms introduce extra propagating modes, some of them are ghosts (Ostrogradsky ghost modes)

The ghost mode presented here is not the Ostrogradsky type

## Extensions of CS modified gravity

More examples can be found in: Zhao et al., arXiv:1909.10887

Crisostomi et al, arXiv:1710.04531

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{PV}} = \sum_{\text{A}=1}^4 a_{\text{A}}(\phi, \phi^{\mu} \phi_{\mu}) L_{\text{A}}$$

$$L_1 = \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} R_{\alpha\beta\rho\sigma} R_{\mu\nu}{}^{\rho}{}_{\lambda} \phi^{\sigma} \phi^{\lambda}, \quad L_2 = \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} R_{\alpha\beta\rho\sigma} R_{\mu\lambda}{}^{\rho\sigma} \phi_{\nu} \phi^{\lambda}, \quad L_3 = \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} R_{\alpha\beta\rho\sigma} R^{\sigma}{}_{\nu} \phi^{\rho} \phi_{\mu}, \quad L_4 = \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} R_{\rho\sigma\alpha\beta} R^{\alpha\beta}{}_{\mu\nu} \phi^{\lambda} \phi_{\lambda}$$

No extra propagating modes from higher derivatives if  $4a_1 + 2a_2 + a_3 + 8a_4 = 0$

But the problem of ghost instability still exists, Bartolo et al., arXiv:2008.01715



## **Question:**

Can we have a healthy parity violating (PV) gravity ?

Can we make PV extension to GR from the viewpoint of non-metric theory?

Example of GR equivalent non-metric theory:  
Teleparallel & Symmetric Teleparallel Gravities

# Teleparallel & Symmetric Teleparallel Gravities

General metric-affine theory, non-Riemannian geometry,  $\hat{\Gamma}^\rho_{\mu\nu}, g_{\mu\nu}$

Torsion  $\mathcal{T}^\rho_{\mu\nu} = \hat{\Gamma}^\rho_{\mu\nu} - \hat{\Gamma}^\rho_{\nu\mu}$

Non-metricity  $Q_\mu^{\rho\sigma} = \hat{\nabla}_\mu g^{\rho\sigma} \quad \hat{\nabla} = \partial + \hat{\Gamma}$

Curvature  $\hat{R}^\rho_{\sigma\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu \hat{\Gamma}^\rho_{\nu\sigma} + \hat{\Gamma}^\rho_{\mu\alpha} \hat{\Gamma}^\alpha_{\nu\sigma} - \{\mu \leftrightarrow \nu\}$

Christoffel symbol  $\Gamma^\rho_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} g^{\rho\sigma} (\partial_\mu g_{\sigma\nu} + \partial_\nu g_{\sigma\mu} - \partial_\sigma g_{\mu\nu}) \quad \nabla = \partial + \Gamma \quad \nabla_\mu g^{\rho\sigma} = 0$

Distorsion tensor  $C^\rho_{\mu\nu} = \hat{\Gamma}^\rho_{\mu\nu} - \Gamma^\rho_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} (\mathcal{T}^\rho_{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{T}^\rho_{\nu\mu} - \mathcal{T}^\rho_{\mu\nu} + Q_\nu^\rho{}_\mu + Q_{\mu\nu}^\rho - Q^\rho_{\mu\nu})$

$$R^\rho_{\sigma\mu\nu} = \hat{R}^\rho_{\sigma\mu\nu} + \nabla_\nu C^\rho_{\mu\sigma} - \nabla_\mu C^\rho_{\nu\sigma} + C^\rho_{\nu\lambda} C^\lambda_{\mu\sigma} - C^\rho_{\mu\lambda} C^\lambda_{\nu\sigma}$$



**General Relativity:** Riemannian geometry, torsionless, metric compatible

$$\mathcal{T}^{\rho}_{\mu\nu} = 0, \quad Q_{\mu}^{\rho\sigma} = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{\Gamma}^{\rho}_{\mu\nu} = \Gamma^{\rho}_{\mu\nu}, \quad R^{\rho}_{\sigma\mu\nu} = \hat{R}^{\rho}_{\sigma\mu\nu}$$

**Teleparallel Gravity:** no curvature, metric compatible

$$\hat{R}^{\rho}_{\sigma\mu\nu} = 0, \quad Q_{\mu}^{\rho\sigma} = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{\Gamma}^{\rho}_{\mu\nu} = (\Omega^{-1})^{\rho}_{\sigma} \partial_{\mu} \Omega^{\sigma}_{\nu}, \quad g_{\mu\nu} (\Omega^{-1})^{\mu}_{\rho} (\Omega^{-1})^{\nu}_{\sigma} = \mathcal{G}_{\rho\sigma} = \text{const.}$$

$\Omega^{\sigma}_{\nu}$  : elements of GL(4) with  $\det|\Omega^{\sigma}_{\nu}| \neq 0$

Gravity is identified with torsion  $\mathcal{T}^{\rho}_{\mu\nu} = \hat{\Gamma}^{\rho}_{\mu\nu} - \hat{\Gamma}^{\rho}_{\nu\mu}$

$$R^{\rho}_{\sigma\mu\nu} = \nabla_{\nu} C^{\rho}_{\mu\sigma} - \nabla_{\mu} C^{\rho}_{\nu\sigma} + C^{\rho}_{\nu\lambda} C^{\lambda}_{\mu\sigma} - C^{\rho}_{\mu\lambda} C^{\lambda}_{\nu\sigma} \quad \text{with} \quad C^{\rho}_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} (\mathcal{T}^{\rho}_{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{T}_{\nu}^{\rho\mu} - \mathcal{T}_{\mu\nu}^{\rho})$$

In stead of  $\Omega^\rho_\mu$ , using the language of tetrad  $e^A_\mu$

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{AB} e^A_\mu e^B_\nu \quad \hat{\Gamma}^\rho_{\mu\nu} = e^A_\rho (\partial_\mu e^A_\nu + e^B_\nu \omega^A_{B\mu}) \quad \omega^A_{B\nu} = (\Lambda^{-1})^A_C \partial_\nu \Lambda^C_B$$

$\Lambda^A_B$  : Lorentz matrix element

Weitzenböck connection (a gauge choice)


$\omega^A_{B\nu} = 0$  breaks local Lorentz symmetry, but diffeomorphism invariance is preserved

Torsion tensor or torsion two form have simple forms

$$\mathcal{T}^\rho_{\mu\nu} = e^A_\rho (\partial_\mu e^A_\nu - \partial_\nu e^A_\mu), \quad \mathcal{T}^A_{\mu\nu} = e^A_\rho \mathcal{T}^\rho_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu e^A_\nu - \partial_\nu e^A_\mu$$

GR Equivalent Teleparallel Gravity (TGR)

$$S_g = \frac{1}{2} \int d^4x \, e \mathbb{T} = \int d^4x \, e \left( -\frac{1}{2} \mathcal{T}_\mu \mathcal{T}^\mu + \frac{1}{8} \mathcal{T}_{\alpha\beta\mu} \mathcal{T}^{\alpha\beta\mu} + \frac{1}{4} \mathcal{T}_{\alpha\beta\mu} \mathcal{T}^{\beta\alpha\mu} \right) \quad \mathcal{T}_\mu = \mathcal{T}^\alpha_{\mu\alpha}$$

Equivalent to GR  $S_g = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} R(e) - \nabla_\mu \mathcal{T}^\mu \right]$   from metric or from tetrad



## Symmetric Teleparallel Gravity: no curvature, torsionless

$$\hat{R}^{\rho}_{\sigma\mu\nu} = 0, \quad \mathcal{T}^{\rho}_{\mu\nu} = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{\Gamma}^{\rho}_{\mu\nu} = (\Omega^{-1})^{\rho}_{\sigma} \partial_{\mu} \Omega^{\sigma}_{\nu} \quad \text{with} \quad \Omega^{\sigma}_{\nu} = \frac{\partial y^{\sigma}}{\partial x^{\nu}}$$

Gravity is identified with non-metricity,  $Q_{\mu}^{\rho\sigma} = \hat{\nabla}_{\mu} g^{\rho\sigma}$

$$R^{\rho}_{\sigma\mu\nu} = \nabla_{\nu} C^{\rho}_{\mu\sigma} - \nabla_{\mu} C^{\rho}_{\nu\sigma} + C^{\rho}_{\nu\lambda} C^{\lambda}_{\mu\sigma} - C^{\rho}_{\mu\lambda} C^{\lambda}_{\nu\sigma} \quad \text{with} \quad C^{\rho}_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} (Q_{\nu}^{\rho}_{\mu} + Q_{\mu\nu}^{\rho} - Q^{\rho}_{\mu\nu})$$

Building blocks:  $g_{\mu\nu}$   $y^{\rho}$

Freedoms by  $y^{\rho}$  can be gauged away

Transform to the y-coordinate (coincident gauge)

$$\hat{\Gamma}^{\rho}_{\mu\nu} = 0, \quad \hat{\nabla} = \partial \quad \text{breaks diffeomorphism invariance}$$

## GR Equivalent Symmetric Teleparallel Gravity (TGR)

$$S_g = \frac{1}{2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \mathbb{Q} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{1}{4} Q_{\alpha\mu\nu} Q^{\alpha\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} Q_{\alpha\mu\nu} Q^{\mu\nu\alpha} - \frac{1}{4} Q^\alpha Q_\alpha + \frac{1}{2} \bar{Q}^\alpha Q_\alpha \right]$$

$$Q_\alpha = g^{\sigma\lambda} Q_{\alpha\sigma\lambda}, \quad \bar{Q}_\alpha = g^{\sigma\lambda} Q_{\sigma\alpha\lambda}$$

Equivalent to GR

$$S_g = \frac{1}{2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ -R(g) + \nabla_\mu (Q^\mu - \bar{Q}^\mu) \right]$$

# Nieh-Yan Modified Teleparallel Gravity (NYTG)

In Teleparallel Gravity, parity violation can be realized by the Nieh-Yan term  
 [H.T. Nieh & M.L. Yan, *J. Math. Phys.* 23, 373 (1982)] coupled with an axion-like scalar field

$$S = \frac{1}{2} \int d^4x e \mathbb{T} + S_{NY} + \dots$$

$$S_{NY} = \int d^4x e \frac{c\theta}{4} (\mathcal{T}_{A\mu\nu} \tilde{\mathcal{T}}^{A\mu\nu} - \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \hat{R}_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}) \longrightarrow \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \frac{c\theta}{4} \mathcal{T}_{A\mu\nu} \tilde{\mathcal{T}}^{A\mu\nu}$$

Teleparallelism

$$\tilde{\mathcal{T}}^{A\mu\nu} = (1/2) \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \mathcal{T}^A_{\rho\sigma}$$

With Weitzenböck condition

$$S_{NY} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \frac{c\theta}{4} \mathcal{T}_{A\mu\nu} \tilde{\mathcal{T}}^{A\mu\nu} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \frac{c\theta}{8} \eta_{AB} \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} (\partial_\mu e^A_\nu - \partial_\nu e^A_\mu) (\partial_\rho e^B_\sigma - \partial_\sigma e^B_\rho)$$

Similar to electromagnetic Chern-Simons term

Local Lorentz invariance is broken, diffeomorphism is preserved



In all, NYTG model is proposed as a minor extension to GR

$$S = S_g + S_{NY} + S_\theta + S_m = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ -\frac{R}{2} + \frac{c\theta}{4} \mathcal{T}_{A\mu\nu} \tilde{\mathcal{T}}^{A\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} \nabla_\mu \theta \nabla^\mu \theta - V(\theta) \right] + S_m$$

with  $\mathcal{T}_{\mu\nu}^A = \partial_\mu e_\nu^A - \partial_\nu e_\mu^A$  Weitzenböck connection is taken here

EOMs

$$10 \text{ field equations} \quad G^{\mu\nu} + N^{\mu\nu} = T^{\mu\nu} + T_\theta^{\mu\nu} \quad N^{\mu\nu} = c e_A^\nu \partial_\rho \theta \tilde{\mathcal{T}}^{A\mu\rho} = c \partial_\rho \theta \tilde{\mathcal{T}}^{\nu\mu\rho}$$

$$6 \text{ constraint equations} \quad N^{\mu\nu} = N^{\nu\mu}$$

$$\text{Using Bianchi identity} \quad \nabla_\mu N^{\mu\nu} = \nabla_\mu T_\theta^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\text{consistent with Klein-Gordon eq} \quad \square\theta + V_\theta - \frac{c}{4} \mathcal{T}_{A\mu\nu} \tilde{\mathcal{T}}^{A\mu\nu} = 0$$

$$\text{because} \quad \nabla_\mu N^{\mu\nu} = (c/4) \mathcal{T}_{A\rho\sigma} \tilde{\mathcal{T}}^{A\rho\sigma} \nabla^\nu \theta \quad \nabla_\mu T_\theta^{\mu\nu} = (\square\theta + V_\theta) \nabla^\nu \theta$$

# Applications in cosmology

Spatially flat FRW universe: background

$$ds^2 = a^2(d\eta^2 - \delta_{ij}dx^i dx^j).$$

Tetrads in the background

$$e^A_{\mu} = a(\eta)\delta^A_{\mu} \quad \text{This is a particular choice}$$

EOMs

$$3\mathcal{H}^2 = a^2(\rho_{\theta} + \rho) , \quad 2\mathcal{H}' + \mathcal{H}^2 = -a^2(p_{\theta} + p) , \quad \theta'' + 2\mathcal{H}\theta' + a^2V_{\theta} = 0$$

Nieh-Yan term does not affect the background evolution!

Perturbations around the background

This is also a particular choice

$$e^0_0 = a(1 + A) , \quad e^0_i = a(\partial_i\beta + \beta_i^V) , \quad e^a_0 = a\delta_{ai}(\partial_i\gamma + \gamma_i^V) , \\ e^a_i = a\delta_{aj}[(1 - \psi)\delta_{ij} + \partial_j\partial_i\alpha + \partial_i\alpha_j^V + \epsilon_{ijk}(\partial_k\lambda + \lambda_k^V) + \frac{1}{2}h_{ij}^T]$$

Izumi & Ong, arXiv:1212.5774

Metric perturbations

$$g_{00} = a^2(1 + 2A) , \quad g_{0i} = -a^2(\partial_i(\gamma - \beta) + \gamma_i^V - \beta_i^V) , \\ g_{ij} = -a^2[(1 - 2\psi)\delta_{ij} + 2\partial_i\partial_j\alpha + \partial_i\alpha_j^V + \partial_j\alpha_i^V + h_{ij}^T]$$

In comparison with traditional perturbation theory based on metric:

Besides the scalar perturbations:  $A, \gamma - \beta, \psi, \alpha$ , vector perturbations:  $\gamma_i^V - \beta_i^V, \alpha_i^V$ , and tensor perturbation:  $h_{ij}^T$  in the metric, the parametrization of tetrad brings extra scalar perturbation  $\lambda$  and vector perturbation  $\lambda_i^V$ . All the



## Matter perturbations

$$T^0_0 = \rho + \delta\rho, \quad T^0_i = (\rho + p)(\partial_i v + v_i^V)$$

$$T^i_j = -(p + \delta p)\delta^i_j + \Sigma^i_j.$$

$$\Sigma^i_j = \partial_i \partial_j \sigma - (1/3)\nabla^2 \sigma \delta_{ij} + \partial_{(i} \sigma_{j)}^V + \sigma_{ij}^T$$

Perturbation equations (Scalar, Newtonian gauge  $\gamma - \beta = 0, \alpha = 0$ )

$$2k^2\psi + 6\mathcal{H}(\psi' + \mathcal{H}A) = -(\theta'\delta\theta' - \theta'^2 A + a^2 V_\theta \delta\theta) - a^2 \delta\rho$$

$$2\psi' + 2\mathcal{H}A = \theta'\delta\theta + a^2(\rho + p)v$$

$$2\psi'' + 2\mathcal{H}(A' + 2\psi') + (2\mathcal{H}^2 + 4\mathcal{H}')A = (\theta'\delta\theta' - \theta'^2 A - a^2 V_\theta \delta\theta) + a^2(\delta p + \frac{2}{3}k^2\sigma)$$

$$\psi - A = c\theta'\lambda - a^2\sigma.$$

$$\delta\theta'' + 2\mathcal{H}\delta\theta' + k^2\delta\theta + a^2 V_{\theta\theta}\delta\theta - \theta'(A' + 3\psi') + 2a^2 V_\theta A = -2c\mathcal{H}k^2\lambda$$

$$\theta'\psi + \mathcal{H}\delta\theta = 0 \longrightarrow \text{A new constraint led by } N^{\mu\nu} = N^{\nu\mu}$$

Nieh-Yan  
contributes  
a viscosity

Curvature perturbation to hypersurfaces of homogeneous  $\theta$  vanishes

$$\zeta_\theta = -\psi - \mathcal{H}\frac{\delta\theta}{\theta'} = 0$$

The dynamical scalar field  $\theta$  is not an independent dynamical DOF!

## Perturbation equations (Vector)

$$\beta_i^V = \lambda_i^V = 0 \longrightarrow \text{Constraint led by } N^{\mu\nu} = N^{\nu\mu}$$

Other equations are the same with GR

## Perturbation equations (Tensor)

$$h_{ij}^{T''} + 2\mathcal{H}h_{ij}^{T'} + k^2 h_{ij}^T + c\theta'(ikl)\epsilon_{lk}(ih_j^T)_k = -2a^2 \sigma_{ik}^T$$

$N^{\mu\nu} = N^{\nu\mu}$  puts no extra constraint on tensor perturbations

Using left and right circular polarization bases

$$h_{ij}^T = h^L \hat{e}_{ij}^L + h^R \hat{e}_{ij}^R$$

$$\sigma_{ij}^T = \sigma^L \hat{e}_{ij}^L + \sigma^R \hat{e}_{ij}^R$$

$$h^{A''} + 2\mathcal{H}h^{A'} + (k^2 + c\lambda_A\theta'k)h^A = -2a^2\sigma^A$$

$n_l \epsilon_{lik} \hat{e}_{jk}^A = i\lambda_A \hat{e}_{ij}^A$ , here  $A = L, R$  and  $\lambda_L = -1, \lambda_R = 1$ ,  $\vec{n}$  is the unit vector of  $\vec{k}$ .

After renormalization  $v^A = ah^A$

$$v^{A''} + (\omega_A^2 - a''/a)v^A = 0$$

modified dispersion relation

$$\omega_A^2 = k^2 + \lambda_A c \theta' k = k^2 (1 + \lambda_A c \theta' / k)$$

Left and right polarization modes have different phase velocities, phenomenon called velocity birefringence, a property of **parity violation**

$$v_p^A = \omega_A / k \simeq 1 + \lambda_A c \theta' / (2k)$$

Same group velocity

$$v_g = d\omega_A / dk \simeq 1 + c^2 \theta'^2 / (8k^2)$$

Infrared effects, important when  $k \rightarrow 0$



## Quadratic actions for scalar and tensor perturbations

$$S = S_g + S_{NY} + S_\theta.$$

### Scalar perturbation

$$\zeta = -\psi - \mathcal{H}\delta\theta/\theta' = 0$$

$$S_\zeta^{(2)} = 0$$

The dynamical scalar field  $\theta$  is not an independent dynamical DOF!

## Quadratic action for tensor perturbation

$$S = \int d^4x \frac{a^2}{8} \left( h_{ij}^{T'} h_{ij}^{T'} - \partial_k h_{ij}^T \partial_k h_{ij}^T - c\theta' \epsilon_{ijk} h_{il}^T \partial_j h_{kl}^T \right)$$

or in Fourier space

$$S = \sum_{A=L,R} \int d\eta d^3k \frac{a^2}{4} \left[ h^{A*'} h^{A'} - (k^2 + c\theta' \lambda_A k) h^{A*} h^A \right]$$

$$h_{ij}^T(t, \vec{x}) = \sum_{A=L,R} \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} h^A(t, \vec{k}) \hat{e}_{ij}^A(\vec{k}) e^{ik_j x^j}$$

No ghost instability, the model is healthy.

Maybe there is gradient instability for extremely small  $k$  so that  $1 + c\theta' \lambda_A/k < 0$

for small coupling and slow-rolling  $\theta$ , this happens at scales well outside the horizon

Experimental constraints:  $c\theta' < 6.5 \times 10^{-42}$  GeV, Wu, Zhu, Niu, Zhao & Wang, arXiv:2110.13872

## Generalizations

- 1, Restore the local Lorentz symmetry,  
i.e., consider the covariant version of the NYTG model;
- 2, Apply to the universes of all the three kinds of FRW backgrounds,  
i.e.,  $K=0$ ,  $K>0$ , and  $K<0$ .



## Covariantization

Restore the local Lorentz covariance by giving up the **Weitzenböck** condition

$$\mathcal{T}^A_{\mu\nu} = 2(\partial_{[\mu} e^A_{\nu]} + \omega^A_{B[\mu} e^B_{\nu]}) \quad \omega^A_{B\nu} = (\Lambda^{-1})^A_C \partial_\nu \Lambda^C_B$$

Fundamental variables  $e^A_\mu$   $\Lambda^A_B$

The action

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ -\frac{R(e)}{2} + \frac{c}{4} \theta \mathcal{T}_{A\mu\nu} \tilde{\mathcal{T}}^{A\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} \nabla_\mu \theta \nabla^\mu \theta - V(\theta) \right] + S_m$$

invariant under the local Lorentz transformation  $e^A_\mu \rightarrow (L^{-1})^A_B e^B_\mu$ ,  $\Lambda^A_B \rightarrow \Lambda^A_C L^C_B$

Variation with the tetrad  $G^{\mu\nu} + N^{\mu\nu} = T^{\mu\nu} + T_\theta^{\mu\nu}$

Variation with  $\Lambda^A_B$ :  $N^{[\mu\nu]} = 0$

**Advantage:** we can always start with the tetrad with familiar and simple form

# Applications to the cosmology

## Background

$$ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = a(\eta) \left( d\eta^2 - \frac{dr^2}{1 - Kr^2} - r^2 d\Omega^2 \right)$$

or 
$$ds^2 = a^2 (d\eta^2 - \gamma_{ij} dx^i dx^j)$$

We can always take  $e^0_0 = a$  ,  $e^0_i = 0$  ,  $e^a_0 = 0$  ,  $e^a_i = a\gamma^a_i$

Impose symmetry requirement (this may be relaxed, we will come back to it in the future)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\hat{\xi}} \hat{\Gamma}^\rho_{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad \mathcal{L}_{\hat{\xi}} \text{ is the Lie derivative along the Killing vector field } \hat{\xi}.$$

$$(1) K = 0$$

The solution is parametrized as

$$e^A_{\mu} = a(\eta) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sin \varphi \cos \phi & r \cos \varphi \cos \phi & -r \sin \varphi \sin \phi \\ 0 & \sin \varphi \sin \phi & r \cos \varphi \sin \phi & r \sin \varphi \cos \phi \\ 0 & \cos \varphi & -r \sin \varphi & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Lambda = \dot{\Lambda}$$

$$3\mathcal{H}^2 = a^2 (\rho_{\theta} + \rho), \quad 2\mathcal{H}' + \mathcal{H}^2 = -a^2 (p_{\theta} + p), \quad \theta'' + 2\mathcal{H}\theta' + a^2 V_{\theta} = 0$$

Nieh-Yan term has no effect on the background of the flat universe, confirmed our previous result

(2)  $K > 0$

The solution is parametrized as

$$e^A_{\mu} = a(\eta) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sin \varphi \cos \phi / \mathcal{R} & r (\mathcal{R} \cos \varphi \cos \phi + \mathcal{K}r \sin \phi) & r \sin \varphi (\mathcal{K}r \cos \varphi \cos \phi - \mathcal{R} \sin \phi) \\ 0 & \sin \varphi \sin \phi / \mathcal{R} & r (\mathcal{R} \cos \varphi \sin \phi - \mathcal{K}r \cos \phi) & r \sin \varphi (\mathcal{R} \cos \phi + \mathcal{K}r \cos \varphi \sin \phi) \\ 0 & \cos \varphi / \mathcal{R} & -r \mathcal{R} \sin \varphi & -\mathcal{K}r^2 (\sin \varphi)^2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Lambda = \dot{\Lambda}$$

$\mathcal{R} = \sqrt{1 - Kr^2}$  and the real parameter  $\mathcal{K}$  satisfies  $\mathcal{K}^2 = K$

$$3(\mathcal{H}^2 + \mathcal{K}^2) = a^2 (\rho_{\theta} + \rho), \quad 2\mathcal{H}' + \mathcal{H}^2 + \mathcal{K}^2 - 2c\mathcal{K}\theta' = -a^2 (p_{\theta} + p), \quad \theta'' + 2\mathcal{H}\theta' + a^2 V_{\theta} - 6c\mathcal{K}\mathcal{H} = 0$$

Nieh-Yan modification has effect on the background of closed universe



(3)  $K < 0$

The solution is parametrized as

$$e^A_{\mu} = a(\eta) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/\mathcal{R} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & r \sin \varphi \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Lambda = \dot{\Lambda} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{R} & \mathcal{K}r & 0 & 0 \\ \mathcal{K}r \sin \varphi \cos \phi & \mathcal{R} \sin \varphi \cos \phi & \cos \varphi \cos \phi & -\sin \phi \\ \mathcal{K}r \sin \varphi \sin \phi & \mathcal{R} \sin \varphi \sin \phi & \cos \varphi \sin \phi & \cos \phi \\ \mathcal{K}r \cos \varphi & \mathcal{R} \cos \varphi & -\sin \varphi & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\mathcal{R} = \sqrt{1 - Kr^2}$  and the real parameter  $\mathcal{K}$  satisfies  $\mathcal{K}^2 = -K$

$$3(\mathcal{H}^2 - \mathcal{K}^2) = a^2 (\rho_{\theta} + \rho), \quad 2\mathcal{H}' + \mathcal{H}^2 - \mathcal{K}^2 = -a^2 (p_{\theta} + p), \quad \theta'' + 2\mathcal{H}\theta' + a^2 V_{\theta} = 0$$

Nieh-Yan term has no effect on the background of the open universe

# Perturbations

## Tetrad perturbations

$$e^0_0 = a(1 + A) , \quad e^0_i = a(D_i\beta + \beta_i^V) , \quad e^a_0 = a\gamma^{ai}(D_i\chi + \chi_i^v) ,$$
$$e^a_i = a\gamma^{aj} \left[ (1 - \psi)\gamma_{ij} + D_iD_j\alpha + D_i\alpha_j^V - \varepsilon_{ij}^k(D_k\lambda + \lambda_k^V) + \frac{1}{2}h_{ij}^T \right]$$

## Consistent with but more than the metric perturbations

$$g_{00} = a^2(1 + 2A) , \quad g_{0i} = -a^2(D_iB + B_i^V) ,$$
$$g_{ij} = -a^2 \left[ (1 - 2\psi)\gamma_{ij} + 2D_iD_j\alpha + D_i\alpha_j^V + D_j\alpha_i^V + h_{ij}^T \right]$$

## Perturbations to the spin connection or $\Lambda_B^A$

$$\Lambda = \bar{\Lambda} \exp(\epsilon) \quad \epsilon^0_a = \gamma_a^i(D_i\kappa + \kappa_i^V) , \quad \epsilon^a_b = \gamma^{ai}\gamma_b^j\varepsilon_{ij}^k(D_k\tau + \tau_k^V)$$

Taking the gauge  $\delta\theta = 0, \alpha = 0, \kappa = 0, \tau = 0$ .

Gauge-invariant scalar perturbation  $\zeta = -\psi - \mathcal{H}\delta\theta/\theta' = -\psi$

## Quadratic actions for scalar perturbations

(1)  $K = 0$

$$S^{(2)} = - \int d^4x a^2 \gamma \left\{ 3\zeta'^2 - 6\mathcal{H}\zeta' A + (2A + \zeta)D^2\zeta + a^2 V A^2 + 2(\mathcal{H}A - \zeta')D^2 B + 2c\theta'\zeta D^2 \lambda \right\}$$

Constraints

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta &= 0, \\ \zeta' - \mathcal{H}A &= 0, \\ -3\mathcal{H}\zeta' + D^2\zeta + a^2 V A + \mathcal{H}D^2 B &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

No dynamical scalar perturbation in this case, confirmed our previous result.

(2)  $K > 0$

$$S^{(2)} = - \int d^4x a^2 \gamma \left\{ 3\zeta'^2 - 6\mathcal{H}\zeta' A + (2A + \zeta)D^2\zeta + (a^2V - 3\mathcal{K}^2)A^2 + 3(\mathcal{K}^2 - 3c\mathcal{K}\theta')\zeta^2 \right. \\ \left. + 6\mathcal{K}^2 A\zeta + 2(\mathcal{H}A - \zeta')D^2B - \mathcal{K}^2 B D^2 B + c\theta'(2\zeta + \mathcal{K}\lambda)D^2\lambda - c\mathcal{K}\theta'\beta D^2\beta \right\}.$$

constraints

$$\beta = 0,$$

$$\zeta + \mathcal{K}\lambda = 0,$$

$$\zeta' - \mathcal{H}A + \mathcal{K}^2 B = 0,$$

$$-3\mathcal{H}\zeta' + D^2\zeta + 3\mathcal{K}^2\zeta + (a^2V - 3\mathcal{K}^2)A + \mathcal{H}D^2B = 0$$

After lifting the constraints

$$S^{(2)} = \sum_{n \geq 2} \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \sum_{m=-l}^l \int d\eta z^2 \left( \frac{1}{2} |\zeta'_{nlm}|^2 - \frac{1}{2} \omega^2 |\zeta_{nlm}|^2 \right)$$

$$\zeta(\eta, \vec{x}) = \sum_{n \geq 2} \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \sum_{m=-l}^l \zeta_{nlm}(\eta) \mathcal{S}_{nlm}(\vec{x})$$

$$\mathcal{S}_{nlm}(\vec{x}) = K^{\frac{3}{4}} \sin^l \chi \frac{d^{l+1}(\cos n\chi)}{d(\cos \chi)^{l+1}} Y_{lm}(\varphi, \phi)$$

$$\text{where } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} z^2 = \frac{a^2 \theta'^2}{\mathcal{H}^2} \left( 1 - \frac{\theta'^2}{\mathcal{F}_n} \right) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\omega^2 = k^2 + \frac{4\mathcal{K}^2}{3\mathcal{F}_n} [a^2 V_n - (n^2 - 1)\theta'^2] + \frac{c\mathcal{K}}{\theta'} \left[ 2(n^2 - 4)\mathcal{H}^2 - 12\mathcal{K}^2 + \theta'^2 \left( 1 + \frac{4\mathcal{K}^2}{\mathcal{F}_n} \right) \right]$$

$$k^2 = (n^2 - 1)\mathcal{K}^2, V_n = (n^2 - 4)(V + 3\mathcal{H}V_\theta/\theta') \text{ and } \mathcal{F}_n = 2(n^2 - 4)\mathcal{H}^2 + \theta'^2$$



(3)  $K < 0$

$$S^{(2)} = - \int d^4x a^2 \gamma \left\{ 3\zeta'^2 - 6\mathcal{H}\zeta'A + (2A + \zeta)D^2\zeta + (a^2V + 3\mathcal{K}^2)A^2 - 3\mathcal{K}^2\zeta^2 \right. \\ \left. - 6\mathcal{K}^2A\zeta + 2(\mathcal{H}A - \zeta')D^2B + \mathcal{K}^2BD^2B + 2c\theta'(\zeta - \mathcal{K}\beta)D^2\lambda \right\}.$$

constraints

$$\lambda = 0,$$

$$\zeta - \mathcal{K}\beta = 0,$$

$$\zeta' - \mathcal{H}A - \mathcal{K}^2B = 0,$$

$$-3\mathcal{H}\zeta' + D^2\zeta - 3\mathcal{K}^2\zeta + (a^2V + 3\mathcal{K}^2)A + \mathcal{H}D^2B = 0$$

After lifting the constraints

$$S^{(2)} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l \int_0^{\infty} dn \int d\eta z^2 \left( \frac{1}{2} |\zeta'_{nlm}|^2 - \frac{1}{2} \omega^2 |\zeta_{nlm}|^2 \right)$$

$$\zeta(\eta, \vec{x}) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l \int_0^{\infty} dn \zeta_{nlm}(\eta) \mathcal{Z}_{nlm}(\vec{x})$$

$$\mathcal{Z}_{nlm}(\vec{x}) = K^{\frac{3}{4}} \frac{\Gamma(in + l + 1)}{\Gamma(in)} (\sinh \chi)^{-\frac{1}{2}} P_{in - \frac{1}{2}}^{-l - \frac{1}{2}}(\cosh \chi) Y_{lm}(\varphi, \phi)$$

$$z^2 = \frac{a^2\theta'^2}{\mathcal{H}^2} \left( 1 + \frac{\theta'^2}{\mathcal{F}_n} \right), \quad \omega^2 = k^2 + \frac{4\mathcal{K}^2}{3\mathcal{F}_n} [(n^2 + 1)\theta'^2 - a^2V_n]$$

$$k^2 = (n^2 + 1)\mathcal{K}^2, \quad V_n = (n^2 + 4)(V + 3\mathcal{H}V_\theta/\theta') \text{ and } \mathcal{F}_n = 2[3\mathcal{K}^2 + (n^2 + 1)\mathcal{H}^2 + a^2V].$$

# Quadratic actions for tensor perturbations

$$K = 0$$

$$S^{(2)} = \sum_{A=L,R} \int d\eta d^3k \frac{a^2}{4} \left[ h^{A*'} h^{A'} - (k^2 + c\theta' \lambda_A k) h^{A*} h^A \right] \quad \text{The same with our previous result}$$

$$K \neq 0$$

$$S^{(2)} = \sum_{A=L,R} \sum_k \int d\eta \frac{a^2}{4} \left[ (h_{nlm}^{A'})^2 - \omega_A^2 (h_{nlm}^A)^2 \right],$$

$$\omega_A^2 = \begin{cases} k^2 + 2\mathcal{K}^2 + c\theta' \mathcal{K} + \lambda_A c\theta' k \sqrt{1 + \frac{3\mathcal{K}^2}{k^2}} & (K > 0) \\ k^2 - 2\mathcal{K}^2 + \lambda_A c\theta' k \sqrt{1 - \frac{3\mathcal{K}^2}{k^2}} & (K < 0) \end{cases}$$

$$h_{ij}^T(\eta, \vec{x}) = \sum_{A=L,R} \sum_k h_{nlm}^A(\eta) (Q_{nlm}^A)_{ij}(\vec{x})$$

$$\sum_k \equiv \begin{cases} \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \sum_{l=2}^{n-1} \sum_{m=-l}^l & (K > 0) \\ \sum_{l=2}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l \int_0^{\infty} dn & (K < 0) \end{cases}$$

Circular tensor base

$$D^2 (Q_{nlm}^A)_{ij} = -k^2 (Q_{nlm}^A)_{ij}$$

$$\varepsilon_{kl} (i D^k (Q_{nlm}^A)^l_j) = -\lambda_A k \sqrt{1 + \frac{3K}{k^2}} (Q_{nlm}^A)_{ij}$$

# Parity Violating Model in Symmetric Teleparallel Gravity

$$S = \frac{1}{2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} (\mathbb{Q} - 2c\phi Q \tilde{Q}) + S_\phi + S_m \quad Q\tilde{Q} \equiv \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} Q_{\mu\nu\alpha} Q_{\rho\sigma}{}^\alpha$$

Proposed first by Conroy & Koivisto, arXiv: 1908.04313

$$\hat{\Gamma}^\rho{}_{\mu\nu} = (\Omega^{-1})^\rho{}_\sigma \partial_\mu \Omega^\sigma{}_\nu \quad \text{with} \quad \Omega^\sigma{}_\nu = \frac{\partial y^\sigma}{\partial x^\nu}$$

Fundamental variables  $g_{\mu\nu}, y^\rho$

Coincident gauge  $\hat{\Gamma}^\rho{}_{\mu\nu} = 0$ , breaks diffeomorphism invariance

Cosmological perturbations

$$ds^2 = a^2 \{ (1 + 2A) d\eta^2 + 2(\partial_i B + B_i) d\eta dx^i - [(1 - 2\psi)\delta_{ij} + 2\partial_i \partial_j E + \partial_i E_j + \partial_j E_i + h_{ij}] dx^i dx^j \}$$

$$y^\mu = x^\mu + u^\mu \quad \text{with} \quad u^\mu = (u^0, \partial_i u + u_i)$$

ML & Dehao Zhao, arXiv:2108.01337

Background and scalar perturbation equations are unchanged

Vector perturbations are promoted to be dynamical degrees of freedom

$$(f_A u^A)'' + (k^2 + 2\lambda_A k \mathcal{M} - \frac{f_A''}{f_A})(f_A u^A) = 0$$

$$f_A \equiv a \sqrt{|\mathcal{M}/(k^2 + 2\lambda_A k \mathcal{M})|}$$

$$\mathcal{M} \equiv 2c(2\mathcal{H}\phi + \phi') \quad \lambda_A = +1(A = R), -1(A = L)$$

Amplitude and velocity birefringence phenomena, parity violation

Tensor perturbations

$$h^{A''} + 2\mathcal{H}h^{A'} + k^2 h^A - 4\lambda_A \mathcal{M} k h^A = -2a^2 \sigma^A$$

$$\omega_A^2 = k^2 - 4\lambda_A \mathcal{M} k, \quad v_p^A = \frac{\omega_A}{k} \approx 1 - \frac{2\lambda_A \mathcal{M}}{k}$$

Velocity birefringence, parity violation



Quadratic action for scalar perturbation

$$S_S^{(2)} = \int d^4x z^2 \left( \zeta'^2 - \partial_i \zeta \partial_i \zeta \right) \quad z^2 = a^2 \phi'^2 / (2\mathcal{H}^2).$$

Quadratic action for vector perturbations

Taking Newtonian gauge  $E_i = 0$

$$S_V^{(2)} = \int d^4x a^2 \left\{ \frac{1}{4} \partial_j B_i \partial_j B_i - \frac{\mathcal{M}}{2} \epsilon_{ijk} (B_i \partial_j B_k + 2B_i \partial_j u'_k + u'_i \partial_j u'_k - \partial_m u_i \partial_j \partial_m u_k) \right\}$$

$$-\Delta B_i + 2\mathcal{M} \epsilon_{ijk} (\partial_j B_k + \partial_j u'_k) = 0$$

$$B_i(\eta, \vec{x}) = \sum_{A=L,R} \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} B^A(\eta, \vec{k}) e_i^A(\vec{k}) e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}}$$

$$S_V^{(2)} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{A=L,R} \int d\eta d^3k z^2 \left( u^{A'} u^{A*'} - \omega_A^2 u^A u^{A*} \right)$$

$$\omega_A^2 = k^2 + 2\lambda_A \mathcal{M}k, \text{ and } z^2 = \frac{\lambda_A a^2 \mathcal{M} k^3}{k^2 + 2\lambda_A \mathcal{M}k}$$

Amplitude and velocity birefringence

$$k \ll |2\lambda_A \mathcal{M}|, \quad z^2 \simeq a^2 k^2 / 2,$$

$$k \gg |2\lambda_A \mathcal{M}|, \text{ and } z^2 \simeq \lambda_A a^2 \mathcal{M}k \quad \text{Ghost mode for } \lambda_L (\lambda_R) \text{ if } \mathcal{M} > 0 (< 0)$$

Taking coincident gauge  $\hat{\Gamma} = 0, i.e., u_k = 0$

$$S_V^{(2)} = \int d^4x a^2 \left[ \frac{1}{4} (\partial_j B_i \partial_j B_i + 2\partial_j B_i \partial_j E'_i + \partial_j E'_i \partial_j E'_i) - \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{M} \epsilon_{ijk} (B_i \partial_j B_k - \partial_m E_i \partial_j \partial_m E_k) \right]$$

$$-\Delta B_i - \Delta E'_i + 2\mathcal{M} \epsilon_{ijk} \partial_j B_k = 0$$

$$S_V^{(2)} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{A=L,R} \int d\eta d^3k z^2 \left( E^{A'} E^{A*'} - \omega_A^2 E^A E^{A*} \right)$$

Gauge-invariant variable  $V_i = E_i - u_i$ ,  $V_i = -u_i$  (Newtonian),  $V_i = E_i$  (coincident)

## Quadratic action for tensor perturbation

$$S_T^{(2)} = \sum_{A=L,R} \int d\eta d^3k \frac{a^2}{8} \left[ h^{A'} h^{A*'} - (k^2 - 4\lambda_A \mathcal{M}k) h^A h^{A*} \right]$$

No dangerous mode, velocity birefringence



# Summary

	$R + \theta R\tilde{R}$	$\mathbb{T} + \theta T\tilde{T}$	$\mathbb{Q} + \theta Q\tilde{Q}$
Scalar Perturbation	OK	OK	OK
Vector Perturbations	OK	OK	Amplitude and velocity birefringence, ghost mode, pathological
Tensor Perturbations	Amplitude birefringence, ghost mode, pathological	Velocity birefringence, healthy	Velocity birefringence, healthy

A naive conjecture: amplitude birefringence is accompanied by ghost!

*Thanks!*