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Dark Energy and GW Observations

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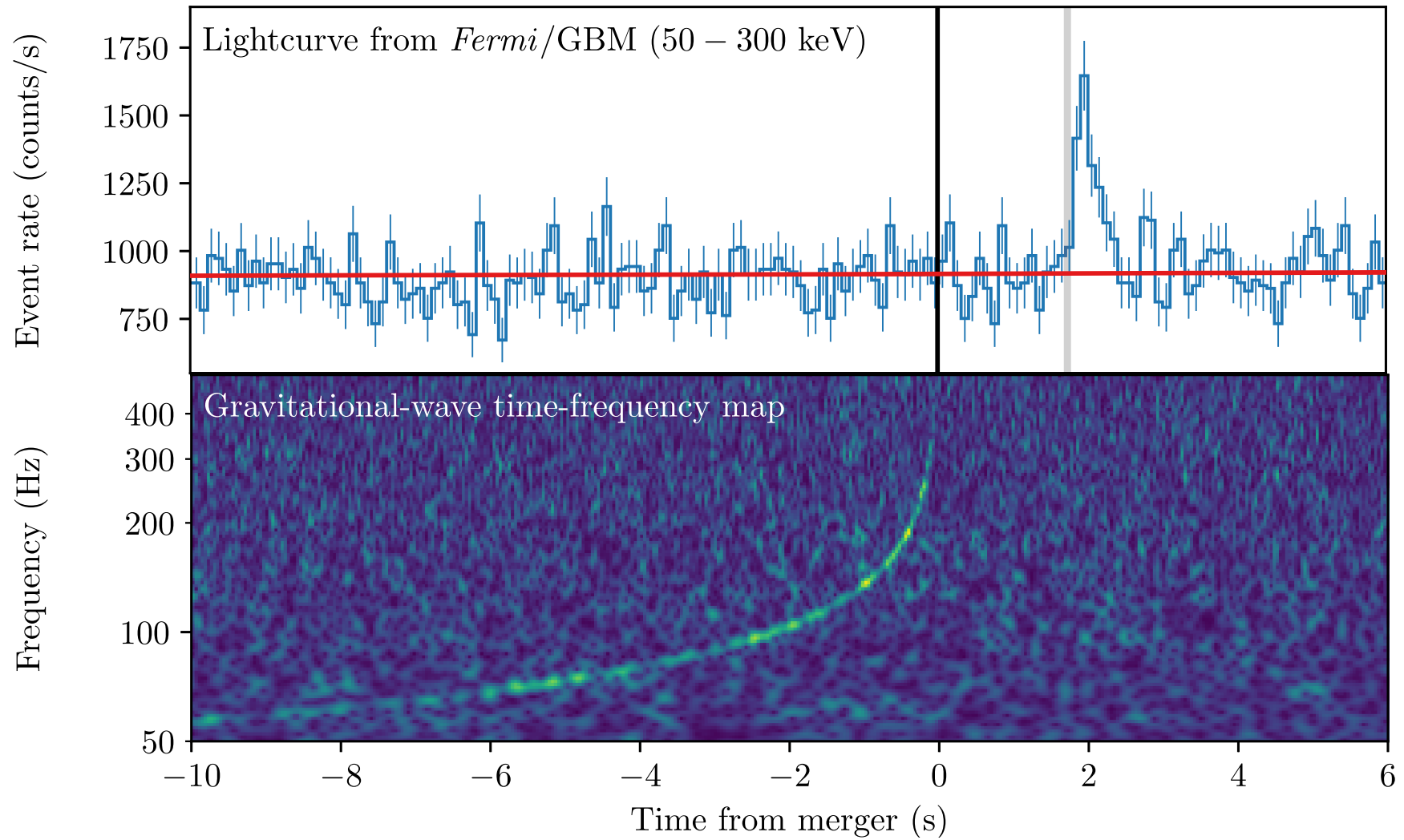
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First (direct) GW observation on 14.09.15



The two LIGO detectors (USA)
and VIRGO near Pisa, Italy

GW170817 = GRB170817A



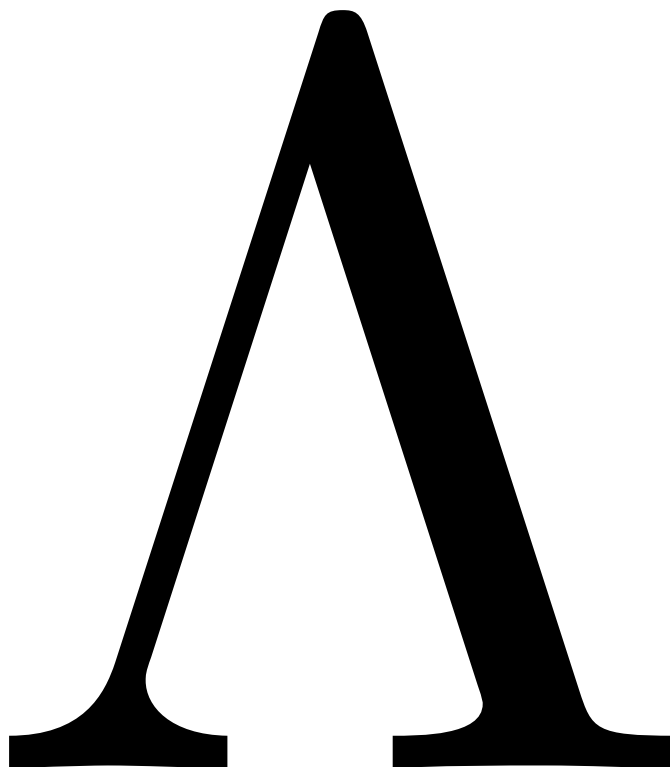
Dark Energy = Lorentz-violating Medium



In general the speed of GWs is different from photons,
GWs can be absorbed, have dispersion...

Use GWs to probe Dark Energy as light probes a material

The (small) elephant in the room



GW170817 = GRB170817A

$$-3 \cdot 10^{-15} \leq c_g/c - 1 \leq 7 \cdot 10^{-16}$$

- **Low energy:** $\lambda \sim 10\,000$ km

Reasonable one can use the same EFT as for cosmo scales

- Over \sim **cosmological distances:** 40 Mpc

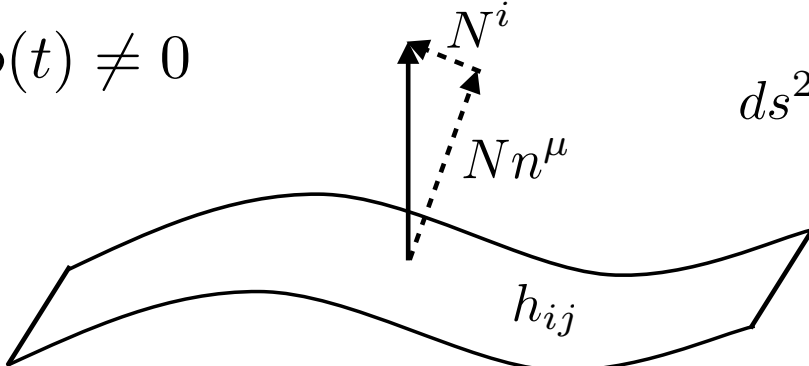
Screening can (probably) be neglected

EFT of Dark Energy

PC, Luty, Nicolis, Senatore 03
+ Vernizzi, Piazza + many others

Parametrization of possible deviations from CC

$\dot{\phi}(t) \neq 0$



The diagram shows a wavy surface representing a spatial hypersurface. A solid vertical arrow labeled N points upwards from the surface, representing the lapse function. A dashed arrow labeled $N n^\mu$ also points upwards from the surface, representing the normal vector. The surface is labeled h_{ij} .

$$ds^2 = -N^2 dt^2 + h_{ij} (N^i dt + dx^i) (N^j dt + dx^j)$$

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} L[t; N, K_j^i, {}^{(3)}R_j^i, \dots] \quad g^{00} = -N^{-2}$$

Action contains all possible scalars under spatial diffs, ordered by number of perturbations and derivatives

Assume **universal metric coupled to SM and DM**

EFT of Dark Energy

Focus on theories with **second order EOM**

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{M_*^2}{2} f^{(4)} R - \Lambda - c g^{00} + \frac{m_2^4}{2} (\delta g^{00})^2 \right. \\ \left. - \frac{m_3^3}{2} \delta K \delta g^{00} - m_4^2 \delta \mathcal{K}_2 + \frac{\tilde{m}_4^2}{2} \delta g^{00} R - \frac{m_5^2}{2} \delta g^{00} \delta \mathcal{K}_2 \right. \\ \left. - \frac{m_6}{3} \delta \mathcal{K}_3 - \tilde{m}_6 \delta g^{00} \delta \mathcal{G}_2 - \frac{m_7}{3} \delta g^{00} \delta \mathcal{K}_3 \right].$$

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EFT of Dark Energy

Quintessence and Brans-Dicke

Speed of sound
of DE

DGP and braiding

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{M_*^2}{2} f^{(4)} R - \Lambda - c g^{00} + \frac{m_2^4}{2} (\delta g^{00})^2 - \frac{m_3^3}{2} \delta K \delta g^{00} - m_4^2 \delta \mathcal{K}_2 + \frac{\tilde{m}_4^2}{2} \delta g^{00} R - \frac{m_5^2}{2} \delta g^{00} \delta \mathcal{K}_2 - \frac{m_6}{3} \delta \mathcal{K}_3 - \tilde{m}_6 \delta g^{00} \delta \mathcal{G}_2 - \frac{m_7}{3} \delta g^{00} \delta \mathcal{K}_3 \right].$$

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EFT of Dark Energy

Galileon, Horndeski and Beyond Horndeski

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Non-linear terms, screening

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Horndeski: most generic theory with 2nd order EOM $\tilde{m}_4^2 = m_4^2$ $\tilde{m}_6 = m_6$

Beyond Horndeski: more than 2 derivatives, but degenerate with no ghost

EFT of Dark Energy

This term changes the speed of GWs

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Experiment also probes propagation in a perturbed universe

EFT of Dark Energy

see also Sakstein, Jain 17,
Ezquiaga, Zumalacarregui 17,
Baker etal 17, Copeland etal 18

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$$\alpha_B \equiv -\frac{m_3^3}{2M_{\text{Pl}}^2 H}$$

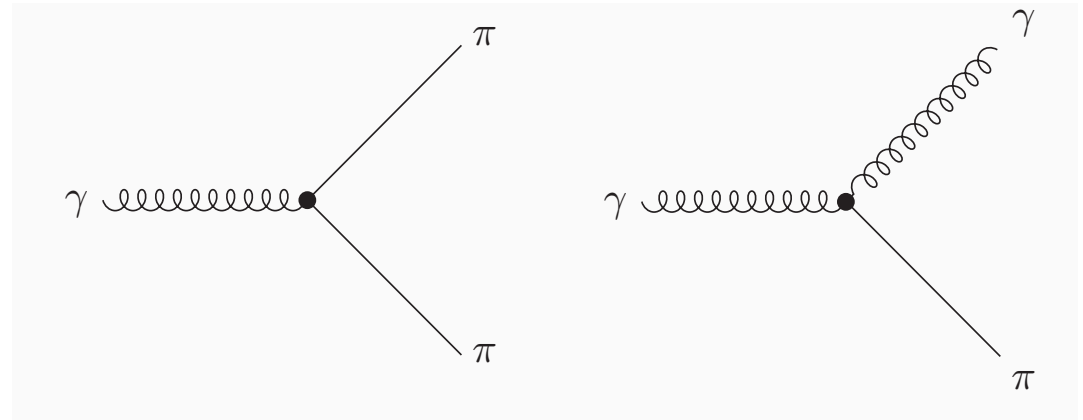
$$\alpha_H \equiv \frac{2\tilde{m}_4^2}{M_{\text{Pl}}^2}$$

For LSS we are interested
in the regime $\alpha \sim 0.1$

Graviton decay into dark energy

Light is also absorbed as it travels in a material

The (spontaneous) **breaking of Lorentz invariance allows graviton decay**



$$\frac{\tilde{m}_4^2}{2} \delta g^{00} \left({}^{(3)}R - \delta \mathcal{K}_2 \right)$$

Solving constraints:
$$\frac{M_\star^2 \tilde{m}_4^2}{M_\star^2 + 2\tilde{m}_4^2} \int d^4x a \ddot{\gamma}_{ij} \partial_i \pi \partial_j \pi$$

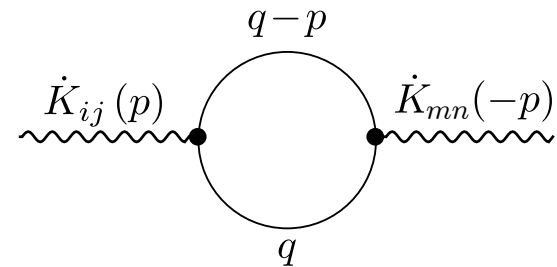
Non-relativistic kinematic:
$$\Gamma_\gamma = \frac{p^7 (1 - c_s^2)^2}{480 \pi c_s^7 \Lambda^6} \quad \Lambda \sim (H_0^2 M_P)^{1/3}$$

$$\alpha_H \equiv \frac{2\tilde{m}_4^2}{M_{\text{Pl}}^2} \lesssim 10^{-10}$$

irrelevant for LSS observations
(unless $c_s=1$ with great precision)

Higher-derivative terms and dispersion

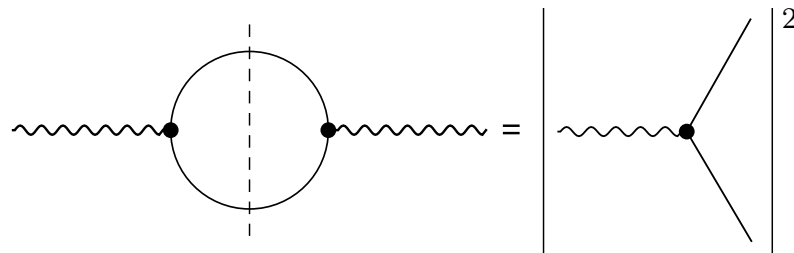
Loops generate higher-derivative corrections



$$S_{\text{eff}} = \frac{M_{\text{Pl}}^2}{480\pi^2\Lambda_*^6 c_s^7} \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \bar{p}^4 \dot{K}_{ij}(p) \dot{K}_{ij}(-p) \left[\frac{1}{\varepsilon} + \frac{23}{15} - \frac{\gamma_E}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{\bar{p}^2}{4\pi c_s^2 \mu^2} - i\epsilon \right) \right]$$

$$\omega^2 = \mathbf{k}^2 - \frac{\mathbf{k}^8 (1 - c_s^2)^2}{480\pi^2 \Lambda_*^6 c_s^7} \log \left(-(1 - c_s^2) \frac{\mathbf{k}^2}{\mu_0^2} - i\epsilon \right)$$

It applies to $c_s > 1$ as well. For $c_s = 1$ one still has power divergences



It is inconsistent to look at Horndeski only

Coherent decay

The decay of γ enhanced by the **large occupation number** of GW
 \sim preheating

$$\mathcal{L}_{m_3} = -\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{-g} m_3^3 \delta K \delta g^{00}$$

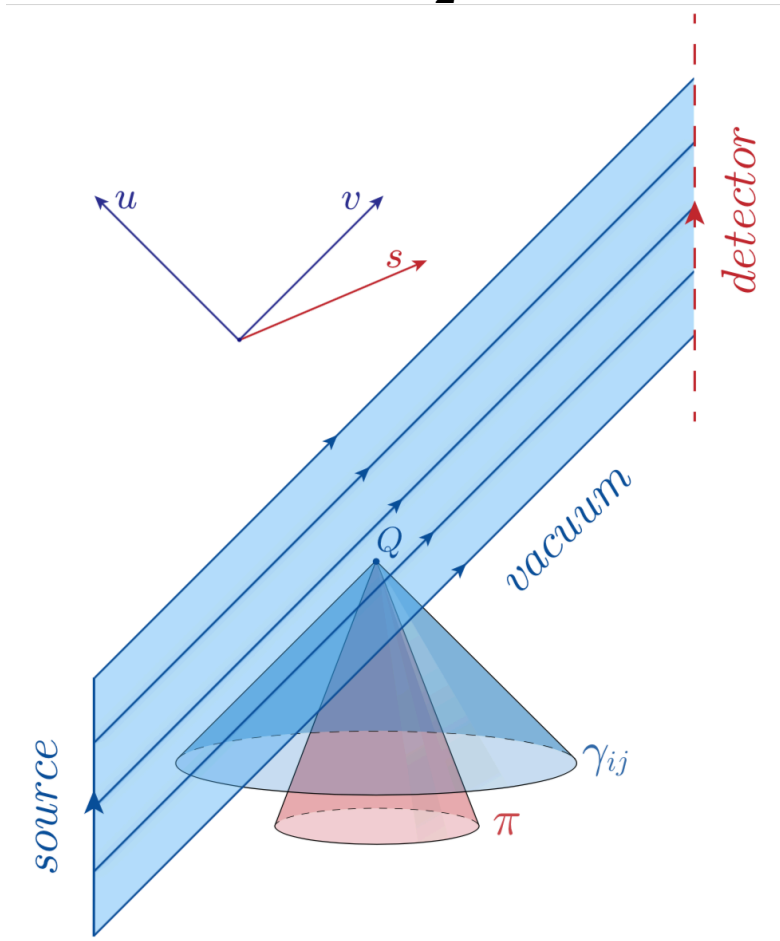
$$\ddot{\pi} - c_s^2 \nabla^2 \pi + \frac{2}{\Lambda^2} \dot{\gamma}^{ij} \partial_i \partial_j \pi = 0$$

$$\ddot{\pi} - c_s^2 \nabla^2 \pi + c_s^2 \beta \cos[\omega(t - z)](\partial_x^2 - \partial_y^2) \pi = 0$$

$$\beta \equiv \frac{2\omega M_{\text{Pl}} h_0^+}{c_s^2 |\Lambda^2|}$$

$$u = t - z, \quad s = -t + c_s^{-2} z, \quad v = t + z$$

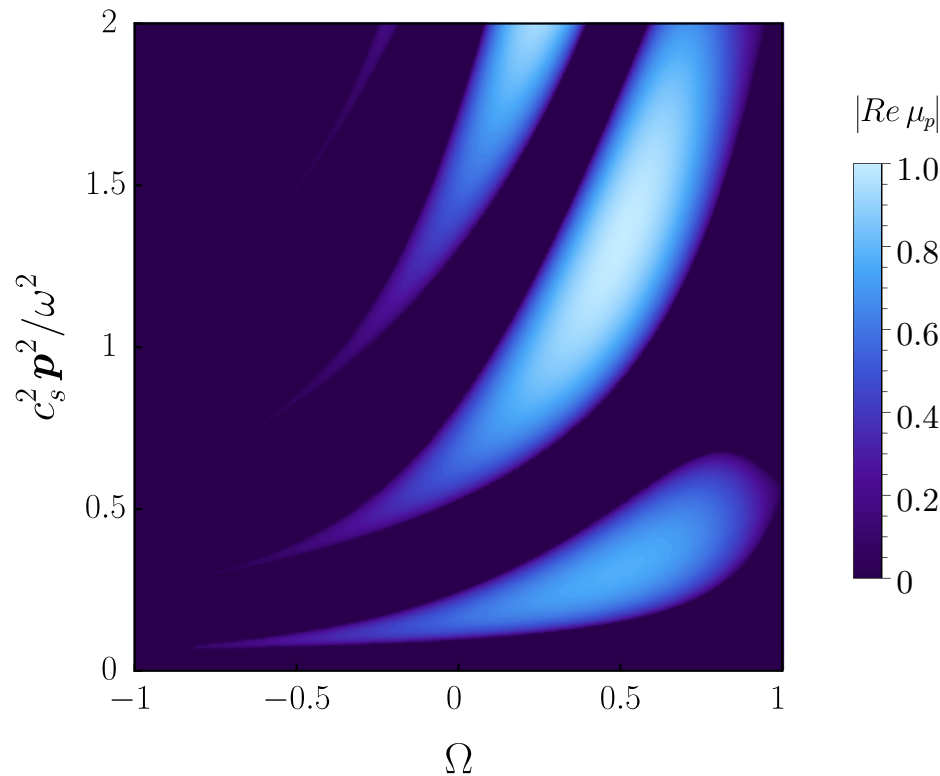
Similar to a Mathieu equation:
parametric resonance



Narrow resonance ($\beta \ll 1$)

$$\frac{d^2}{d\tau^2}\varphi + [A - 2q \cos(2\tau)]\varphi = 0$$

$$\tau \equiv \frac{\omega u}{2}$$



$$A = 4 \frac{c_s^2 \mathbf{p}^2}{\omega^2} \frac{(1 - c_s \Omega)^2}{(1 - c_s^2)^2} = \frac{4p_u^2}{\omega^2} ,$$

$$q = 2\beta \frac{c_s^2 \mathbf{p}^2}{\omega^2} \frac{(1 - \Omega^2) \cos(2\phi)}{1 - c_s^2} .$$

Backreaction on γ

$$\ddot{\gamma}_{ij} - \nabla^2 \gamma_{ij} + \frac{2}{\Lambda^2} \Lambda_{ij,kl} \partial_t (\partial_k \pi \partial_l \pi) = 0$$

Saddle point

$$J(\tau) = \int g(X) e^{\tau f(X)} d^3 X \qquad J(\tau) \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det(-\partial_i \partial_j f(X_0))}} \left(\frac{2\pi}{\tau} \right)^{3/2} g(X_0) e^{\tau f(X_0)}$$

$$\Delta\gamma_{ij}(u, v) \simeq -\frac{v}{4\Lambda^2} \frac{(1 - c_s^2)^2}{c_s^5 \sqrt{\beta}} \frac{\omega^{5/2}}{(8u\pi)^{3/2}} \sin\left(\omega u + \frac{\beta}{2}\right) \exp\left(\frac{\beta}{4}\omega u\right) \epsilon_{ij}^+$$

- Generalize the perturbative formula
- At higher order in β one gets harmonics.
They enter in the obs window before: **precursors**

π interactions

BUT one expects the exp growth is quenched when π self-interactions are relevant

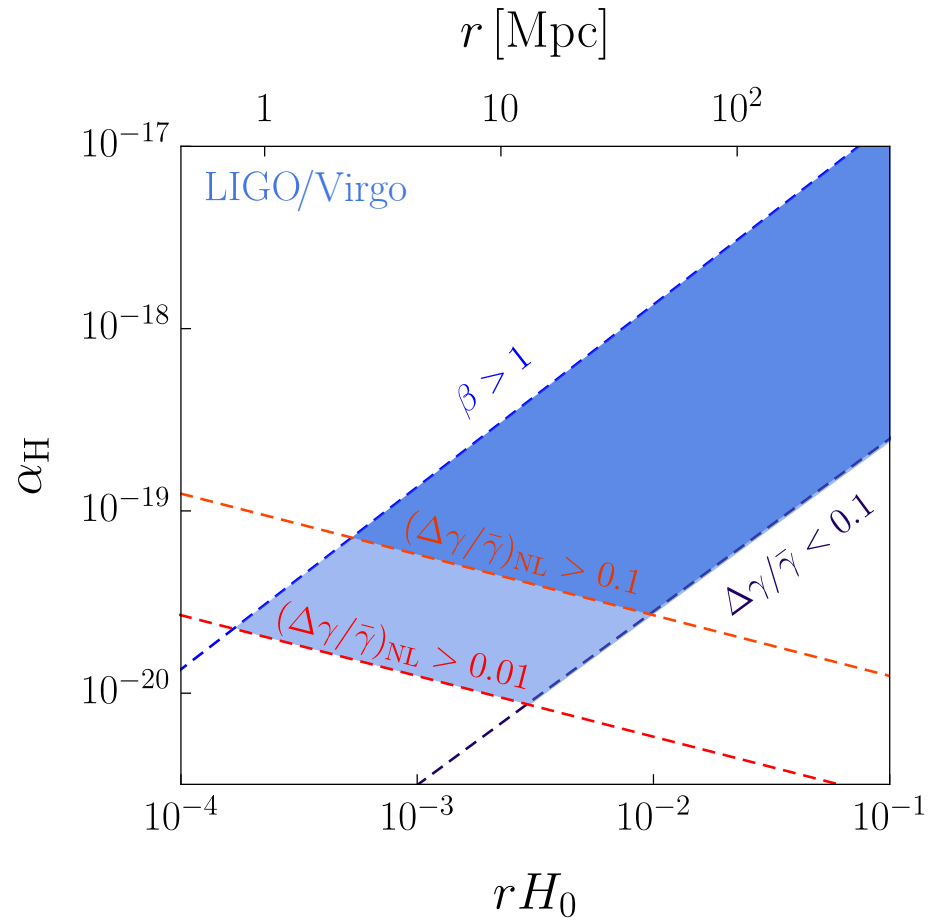
$$\frac{1}{\Lambda_3^3} \nabla^2 \pi (\partial \pi)^2 \quad \text{VS} \quad \frac{1}{\Lambda_2^2} \dot{\gamma}_{ij} \partial_i \pi \partial_j \pi$$

- Kills the effect!? Simulations \sim preheating
- For \tilde{m}_4^2 self-interactions are small: same scale $\Lambda_\star \gg \Lambda_3$

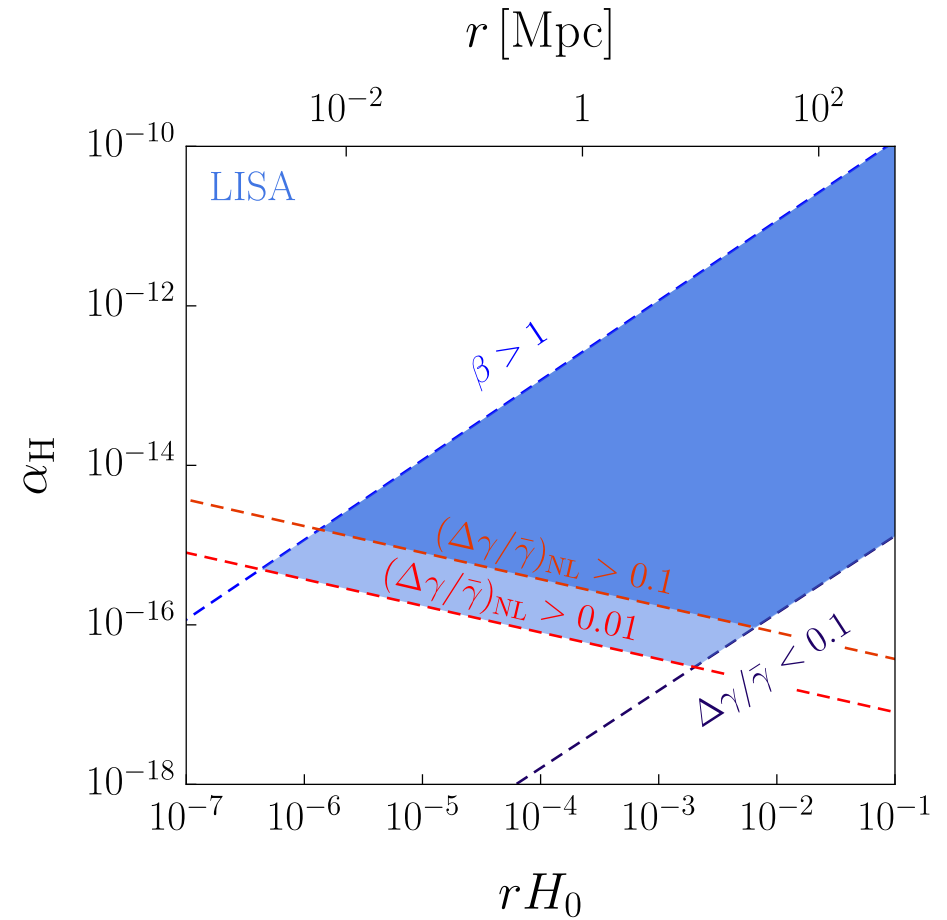
On saddle point, accidental cancellation due to Galileon structure

$$\frac{\Delta\gamma}{\bar{\gamma}} \sim \frac{v \omega (\partial_i \pi)^2}{\Lambda_\star^3 M_{\text{Pl}} h_0^+} \lesssim \beta c_s^3 \alpha(v H_0) \frac{H_0}{\omega h_0^+} \sqrt{\beta \tau}$$

GW modification



$$f = 30 \text{ Hz}, M_c = 1.2 M_{\text{sun}}$$



$$f = 10^{-2} \text{ Hz}, M_c = 30 M_{\text{sun}}$$

Perturbative bound: $\alpha_H < 10^{-10}$

$\beta > 1$: π instability

$$\ddot{\pi} - c_s^2 \nabla^2 \pi + c_s^2 \beta \cos[\omega(t - z)](\partial_x^2 - \partial_y^2)\pi = 0$$

Gradient instability

- Generically present for m_3 (but π non-linearities must be considered)
- To be contrasted with non-linear stability of cubic Galileon

Nicolis Rattazzi 04

$$\mathcal{L}_{(2)} = Z^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \pi \partial_\nu \pi$$

Eom imply eigenvalues of the matrix $Z^{\mu\nu}$ do not flip sign

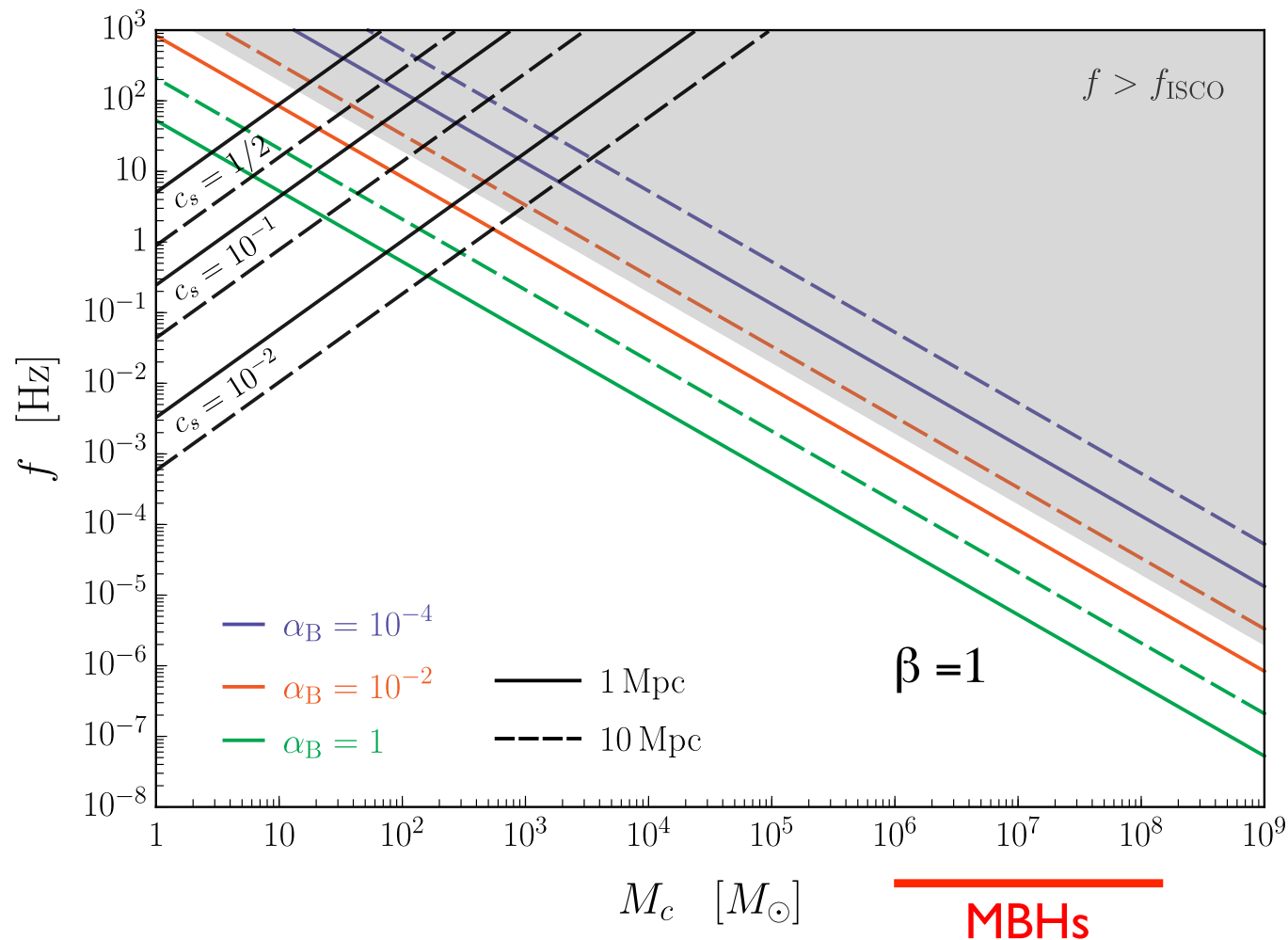
- Fate of instability is **UV sensitive**. Does it affect GWs?

But in general the system finds a new vacuum with a different EFT

Instability triggered by binaries

$$\beta \equiv \frac{2\omega M_{\text{Pl}} h_0^+}{c_s^2 |\Lambda^2|} = \frac{2\sqrt{2} |\alpha_B|}{\alpha c_s^2} \frac{\omega}{H} h_0^+ \sim 1$$

For typical LIGO-Virgo event



Population of
MBHs is enough
to globally trigger
the instability

Down to 10¹⁰ km

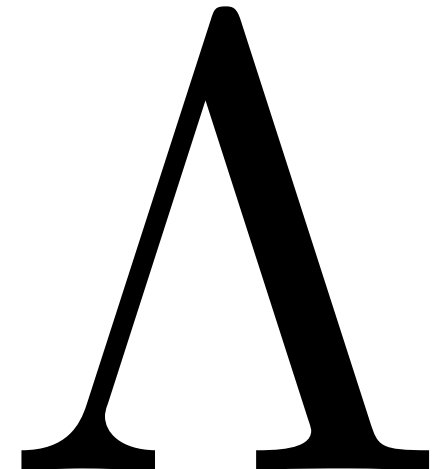
Conclusions

GWs probe Dark Energy as light probes a material

In many cases better than what LSS can do

- Speed of GWs
- Perturbative graviton decay and dispersion
- Resonant graviton decay
- Instability due to GW

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Backup slides

Covariant theory

Horndeski 74

Gleyzes, Langlois, Piazza, Vernizzi 14

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \sum_I L_I$$

Horndeski
Beyond Horndeski

$$\begin{aligned} L_2 &\equiv G_2(\phi, X) , & L_3 &\equiv G_3(\phi, X) \square \phi , \\ L_4 &\equiv G_4(\phi, X) {}^{(4)}R - 2G_{4,X}(\phi, X)(\square \phi^2 - \phi^{\mu\nu} \phi_{\mu\nu}) \\ &\quad + \underline{F_4(\phi, X)} \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\rho}_{\sigma} \varepsilon^{\mu'\nu'\rho'\sigma} \phi_{\mu} \phi_{\mu'} \phi_{\nu\nu'} \phi_{\rho\rho'} , \\ L_5 &\equiv \underline{G_5(\phi, X)} {}^{(4)}G_{\mu\nu} \phi^{\mu\nu} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{3} G_{5,X}(\phi, X)(\square \phi^3 - 3\square \phi \phi_{\mu\nu} \phi^{\mu\nu} + 2\phi_{\mu\nu} \phi^{\mu\sigma} \phi^{\nu}_{\sigma}) \\ &\quad + \underline{F_5(\phi, X)} \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \varepsilon^{\mu'\nu'\rho'\sigma'} \phi_{\mu} \phi_{\mu'} \phi_{\nu\nu'} \phi_{\rho\rho'} \phi_{\sigma\sigma'} , \end{aligned}$$

Degeneracy Constraint: $XG_{5,X}F_4 = 3F_5 [G_4 - 2XG_{4,X} - (X/2)G_{5,\phi}]$

$$c_T = 1 \quad m_4^2 = X^2 F_4 - 3H\dot{\phi}X^2 F_5 - [2XG_{4,X} + XG_{5,\phi} + (H\dot{\phi} - \ddot{\phi})XG_{5,X}] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad G_{5,X} = 0 , \quad F_5 = 0 , \quad 2G_{4,X} - XF_4 + G_{5,\phi} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} L_{c_T=1} &= G_2(\phi, X) + G_3(\phi, X) \square \phi + B_4(\phi, X) {}^{(4)}R \\ &\quad - \frac{4}{X} B_{4,X}(\phi, X)(\phi^{\mu} \phi^{\nu} \phi_{\mu\nu} \square \phi - \phi^{\mu} \phi_{\mu\nu} \phi_{\lambda} \phi^{\lambda\nu}) , \end{aligned}$$

Radiative stability

Some operators must be set to zero: is this choice stable?

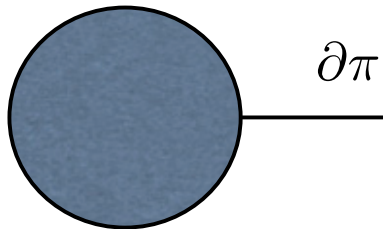
- Approximate Galilean invariance $\phi \rightarrow \phi + b_\mu x^\mu$

$$\mathcal{L}_3 = (\partial\phi)^2 [\Phi] ,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_4 = (\partial\phi)^2 ([\Phi]^2 - [\Phi^2]) ,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_5 = (\partial\phi)^2 ([\Phi]^3 - 3[\Phi][\Phi^2] + 2[\Phi^3])$$

- Non renormalization of Galileons [Luty, Porrati, Rattazzi 03](#)

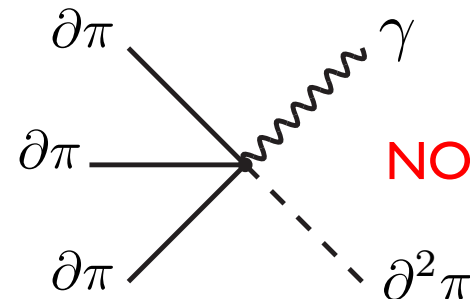


$$\partial^\mu \pi_{\text{ext}} \partial_\mu \pi_{\text{int}} \square_4 \pi_{\text{int}} = \partial^\mu \pi_{\text{ext}} \partial_\nu \left[\partial_\mu \pi_{\text{int}} \partial_\nu \pi_{\text{int}} - \frac{1}{2} \eta_{\mu\nu} \partial^\rho \pi_{\text{int}} \partial_\rho \pi_{\text{int}} \right]$$

- Broken by gravity

The particular coupling giving 2nd order EOM keeps approximate Galilean invariance

[Pirstkhalava, Santoni, Trincherini, Vernizzi 15](#)



Radiative stability

$$\Lambda_3 \sim (M_P H_0^2)^{1/3} \sim 1000 \text{ km}$$

$$\Lambda_2 \sim (M_P H_0)^{1/2} \sim 0.1 \text{ mm}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_2^{\text{WBG}} = \Lambda_2^4 G_2(X) ,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_3^{\text{WBG}} = \frac{\Lambda_2^4}{\Lambda_3^3} G_3(X) [\Phi] ,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_4^{\text{WBG}} = \frac{\Lambda_2^8}{\Lambda_3^6} G_4(X) R + 2 \frac{\Lambda_2^4}{\Lambda_3^6} G_{4X}(X) ([\Phi]^2 - [\Phi^2]) ,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_5^{\text{WBG}} = \frac{\Lambda_2^8}{\Lambda_3^9} G_5(X) G_{\mu\nu} \Phi^{\mu\nu} - \frac{\Lambda_2^4}{3\Lambda_3^9} G_{5X}(X) ([\Phi]^3 - 3[\Phi][\Phi^2] + 2[\Phi^3])$$

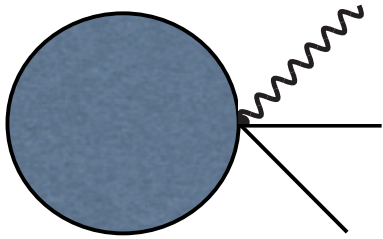
$$\delta c_n \sim (\Lambda_3/\Lambda_2)^4 \sim 10^{-40} \ll 10^{-15}$$

The tuning is stable

Same holds for Beyond Horndeski theories

Generic loops

External graviton lines



$$\Lambda_3^4 F \left(\frac{(\partial\phi)^2}{\Lambda_2^4}, \frac{\partial^2\phi}{\Lambda_3^3}, \frac{\gamma^{(c)}}{\Lambda_3}, \frac{\partial}{\Lambda_3} \right)$$

Quartic/quintic Horndeski give large
higher derivative terms: not exp viable

Cubic case scales in a **different** way

$$H M_{\text{Pl}}^2 \delta g^{00} \delta K \sim H M_{\text{Pl}}^2 \dot{\pi} \partial_i \partial_j \pi \gamma_{ij} \qquad \Lambda_2 \equiv (H_0 M_{\text{Pl}})^{1/2}$$

A leg with one derivative must go inside

Caveat

De Rham, Melville 18

We do not really know whether the EFT of cosmological scales applies to LIGO/Virgo

The theory may break down (new states appear) at energy scales **parametrically** lower than the cut-off (~ 1000 km)

The speed of GWs may go back to c at “short” scale

Analogous to : $n(\omega) \simeq 1 + \frac{2\pi N e^2}{m} \frac{f}{\bar{\omega}^2 - \omega^2 - i\bar{\nu}\omega}$

- Naively requires new physics at scales of order $10^8 \times 1000$ km to satisfy constraints
- How to reconcile **with local tests of gravity?**
- Can we say something general about the UV completion? \sim Kramers-Kronig?

Some examples

$$-\frac{m_3^3}{2} \delta K \delta g^{00}$$

Braiding, the scalar mixes with gravity

Deffayet, Pujolas, Sawicki, Vikman 10

$$\delta g^{00} \rightarrow -2(\dot{\pi} - \Phi) , \quad \delta K \rightarrow -(3\dot{\Psi} + a^{-2}\nabla^2\pi)$$

Different from usual Brans-Dicke, e.g. $\Phi = \Psi$

$$+\frac{\tilde{m}_4^2}{2} \delta g^{00} R$$

Modifications **inside** matter:
violation of Vainshtein screening

Kobayashi, Watanabe, Yamauchi 14

$$\frac{d\Phi}{dr} = G_N \left(\frac{\mathcal{M}}{r^2} - \epsilon \frac{d^2\mathcal{M}}{dr^2} \right)$$

D'amico, Huang, Mancarella, Vernizzi 14

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \left(1 + \frac{c_s^2}{c_m^2} \lambda^2 \right) \dot{\pi}_c^2 - c_s^2 (\nabla \pi_c)^2 + \dot{v}_c^2 - c_m^2 (\nabla v_c)^2 + 2 \frac{c_s}{c_m} \lambda \dot{v}_c \dot{\pi}_c \right\}$$

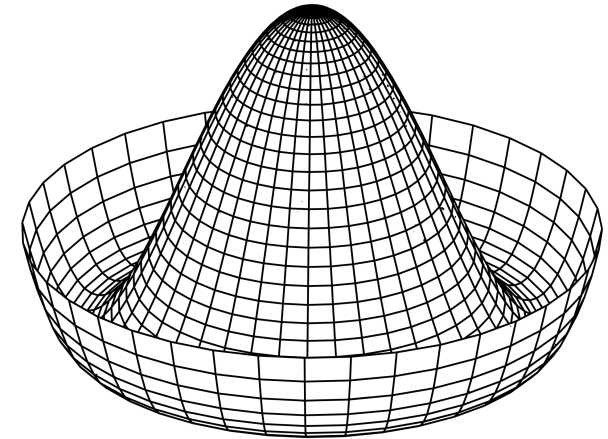
**Kinetic matter
mixing**

Instabilities in a UV complete model

Spontaneously broken global U(1)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{UV}} = -|\partial h|^2 - V(|h|), \quad V(|h|) = \lambda(|h|^2 - v^2)^2$$

Integrate out radial direction $P(X) \simeq -\frac{1}{4\lambda} X(\mu^2 - X)$



Gradient instabilities for $\frac{1}{6}\mu^2 < \hat{X} < \frac{1}{2}\mu^2$

In UV theory, instability is saturated at μ : stable for $k \gg \mu$

Ghost instabilities for $\hat{X} > \frac{1}{2}\mu^2$

EFT has no applicability: radial mode becomes massless

Why consider so complicated theories ??

To modify gravity one has to introduce extra dof

Scalars will play with the graviton through $\partial_\mu \partial_\nu \pi$

- Massive gravity. Longitudinal mode $g_{\mu\nu} \supset \partial_\mu \partial_\nu \pi$ E.g. De Rham, Gabadadze, Tolley 10
- DGP model



5D Minkowski bulk

Dvali, Gabadadze, Porrati 00

Brane bending mode

$$g_{5\mu} \sim \partial_\mu \pi$$



Actions for scalars with many derivatives
(but 2nd order equations)

Another caveat

Copeland, Kopp, Padilla,
Saffin, Skordis 18

We imposed that $c_T=1$ is robust to changes of $H(t)$ and $\phi(t)$,
but there are possible cancellations that we missed

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{M_*^2}{2} f^{(4)} R - \Lambda - c g^{00} + \frac{m_2^4}{2} (\delta g^{00})^2 \right.$$

$$\rightarrow -\frac{m_3^3}{2} \delta K \delta g^{00} - \cancel{m_4^2 \delta \mathcal{K}_2} + \cancel{\frac{\tilde{m}_4^2}{2} \delta g^{00} R} - \cancel{\frac{m_5^2}{2} \delta g^{00} \delta \mathcal{K}_2}$$

$$\left. - \frac{m_6}{3} \delta \mathcal{K}_3 - \tilde{m}_6 \delta g^{00} \delta \mathcal{G}_2 - \cancel{\frac{m_7}{3} \delta g^{00} \delta \mathcal{K}_3} \right].$$

The cancellation does not work in the presence of curvature
and thus in the perturbed universe

Beyond Beyond Horndeski: **DHOST**

Even more general theories propagating a single dof

A combination of: $\int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \frac{M^2}{2} \left(-\frac{2}{3} \alpha_L \delta K^2 + 4\beta_1 \delta KV + \beta_2 V^2 + \beta_3 a_i a^i \right)$

These do not affect GWs on any background

Can be obtained by: $g_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow C(\phi, X) g_{\mu\nu}$

$$\begin{aligned} L_{c_T=1} = & \tilde{B}_2 + \tilde{B}_3 \square \phi + C B_4 {}^{(4)}R - \frac{4CB_{4,X}}{X} \phi^\mu \phi^\nu \phi_{\mu\nu} \square \phi \\ & + \left(\frac{4CB_{4,X}}{X} + \frac{6B_4 C_{,X}^2}{C} + 8C_{,X} B_{4,X} \right) \phi^\mu \phi_{\mu\nu} \phi_\lambda \phi^{\lambda\nu} \\ & - \frac{8C_{,X} B_{4,X}}{X} (\phi_\mu \phi^{\mu\nu} \phi_\nu)^2 . \end{aligned}$$