# **Strong gravity as a probe of physics beyond the Standard Model + GR**

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### Preliminaries

# **Fields in modified gravity**





JM Ezquiaga et. al 2018 Front.Astron.Space Sci. 5 44 Constrained by

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Modified gravity roadmap



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### **The next order action of scalar-tensor theories beyond GR**

### **Most general parity-invariant scalar-tensor theory of gravity up to**

 $\mathcal{L}_{GB}=R^2-4R_{\mu\nu}R^{\mu\nu}+R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}R^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}$ 



**(derivatives)^4:** 

 $S = \frac{1}{16\pi} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} (R - X + g_2(\phi)X^2 - V(\phi) + \lambda(\phi) \mathcal{L}_{GB})$ 

where  $X = \nabla^{\mu} \phi \nabla_{\mu} \phi$ 

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### Coupling to curvature Potential *λ*(*ϕ*) *V*(*ϕ*)

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(Particle physicist) (Astrophysicist)

### **Does dark matter give signatures in strong gravity environments?**

# $\rho \sim 1$  GeV/cm<sup>3</sup> or 1 M<sub>o</sub>/pc<sup>3</sup>

### **Does dark matter give signatures in strong gravity environments?**

### **Tiny effect at average galactic densities**



(Numerical relativist)

### **However, potential for significant enhancements around BHs**

Review by Brito et. al. (updated 2020) Superradiance: New Frontiers in Black Hole Physics



Circularization vs. Eccentrification in Intermediate Mass Ratio Inspirals inside Dark Matter Spikes

Becker et.al. 2021



### **Superradiance**

# **Our ability to characterise DM:**

### **• Depends on how the DM is enhanced around the BHs**

**• Is strongest for larger mass BHs for a given density**



### **Equal mass binaries have been thought to be an unlikely candidate due to DM dispersal**



Bertone et. al. 2020 Gravitational wave probes of dark matter: challenges and opportunities



### **However, wave like case seems to resist dispersal, and forms a central overdensity**



energy density



Field

J. Bamber, J. Aurrekoetxea, KC, P. Ferreira 2023 Phys Rev D 107 2, 024035

### **Wave versus particle: the strong gravity perspective**





Schive et al. 2014 Cosmic structure as the quantum interference of a coherent dark wave

See also Wave Dark Matter review by Lam Hui Ann.Rev.Astron.Astrophys. 59 (2021) 247-289



### Wave Particle

# **Potentially significant dephasing**







J. Aurrekoetxea, KC, J Bamber, P Ferreira 2023 arXiv 2311.18156 [gr-qc]







# **Surprisingly persistent effect at higher masses**

dephasing density

J. Aurrekoetxea, KC, J Bamber, P Ferreira 2023 arXiv 2311.18156 [gr-qc]









### **Due to radial force of central overdensity and accretion, rather than drag forces**





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### **Highlights importance of matter dynamics, as already considered in particle / IMRI case**



Kavanagh et. al. 2020, Coogan et. al. 2022 Detecting dark matter around black holes with gravitational waves: Effects of dark-matter dynamics on the gravitational waveform





### **In the wave-like case most studies assume BHs moving through a static density profile**



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### **Next steps**

- **• Understand the differences between the particle and wave cases**
- **• Test the robustness of backward models to this new source of dephasing**
- **• Study the impact of spin / unequal masses / self interactions**



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### **Would we have seen this already?**

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### **Interesting regimes identified in the decoupling limit**

### **e.g. stealth dynamical scalarization for Type II**

See also: M Okounkova 2020 Phys.Rev.D 102 (2020) 8, 084046

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# **Well posed evolutions**

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### Well posed formulation of the full theory proposed in Modified Harmonic Gauge (in weak coupling limit)

ÁD Kovács and H Reall 2020 Phys.Rev.Lett. 124 (2020) 22, 221101





### **Equation of motion for the scalar field as before**

Coupling to curvature (Approximately Riemann<sup>^2</sup>)





### **Equation of motion for the metric is "a hot mess"**

$$
\rho^{\text{GB}} = \frac{\Omega M}{2} - M_{kl}\Omega^{kl},
$$
\n(A2a)  
\n
$$
J_i^{\text{GB}} = \frac{\Omega_i M}{2} - M_{ij}\Omega^j - 2(\Omega^j_{[i}N_{j]} - \Omega^{jk}D_{[i}K_{j]k}),
$$
\n(A2b)  
\n
$$
S_{ij}^{\text{GB}} = 2\gamma^k_{(i}\Omega_{j)}^{\text{TF},l}(\mathcal{L}_n A_{kl} + \frac{1}{\alpha}(D_k D_l \alpha)^{\text{TF}} + A_{km}A_{l}^m)
$$
\n
$$
-\Omega_{ij}^{\text{TF}}(\mathcal{L}_n K + \frac{1}{\alpha}D^k D_k \alpha - 3A_{kl}A^{kl} - \frac{K^2}{3})
$$
\n
$$
-\frac{\Omega}{3}(\mathcal{L}_n A_{ij} + \frac{1}{\alpha}(D_i D_j \alpha)^{\text{TF}} + A_{im}A_{j}^m)
$$
\n
$$
-\Omega_{nn}M_{ij} + N_{(i}\Omega_{j)} - 2\epsilon_{(i}^{kl}B_{j)k}\Omega_l
$$
\n
$$
+\gamma_{ij}[\rho^{rhs} - N^k\Omega_k + \frac{M}{6}(\Omega_{nn} + \frac{\Omega}{3}) - \frac{1}{3}\Omega^{\text{TF},kl}M_{kl}
$$
\n
$$
-\Omega^{\text{TF},kl}(\mathcal{L}_n A_{kl} + \frac{1}{\alpha}(D_k D_l \alpha)^{\text{TF}} + A_{km}A_{l}^m)
$$
\n
$$
+ \frac{2\Omega}{9}(\mathcal{L}_n K + \frac{D^k D_k \alpha}{\alpha} - \frac{3}{2}A_{kl}A^{kl} - \frac{K^2}{3})],
$$
\n(A2c)

 $with$ 

$$
M_{ij} = R_{ij} + \frac{1}{\chi} \left( \frac{2}{9} \tilde{\gamma}_{ij} K^2 + \frac{1}{3} K \tilde{A}_{ij} - \tilde{A}_{ik} \tilde{A}_{j}^k \right), \text{ (A3a)}
$$
  
\n
$$
N_i = \tilde{D}_j \tilde{A}_i^j - \frac{3}{2\chi} \tilde{A}_i^j \partial_j \chi - \frac{2}{3} \partial_i K, \text{ (A3b)}
$$
  
\n
$$
B_{ij} = \epsilon_{(i}^{kl} D_k A_{j)l}, \text{ (A3c)}
$$
  
\n
$$
\Omega_i = f' \left( \partial_i K_{\phi} - \tilde{A}^j_{i} \partial_j \phi - \frac{K}{3} \partial_i \phi \right) + f'' K_{\phi} \partial_i \phi, \text{ (A3d)}
$$
  
\n
$$
\Omega_{ij} = f' (D_i D_j \phi - K_{\phi} K_{ij}) + f'' (\partial_i \phi) \partial_j \phi, \text{ (A3e)}
$$
  
\n
$$
\Omega_{nn} = f'' K_{\phi}^2 - \frac{f'}{\alpha} D^k \alpha D_k \phi - f' \mathcal{L}_n K_{\phi}, \text{ (A3f)}
$$

### **Well posed evolutions**

### **Fully non linear studies in GHC with excision**

WE East, JL Ripley 2021 Phys.Rev.D 103 (2021) 4, 0440404 Phys.Rev.Lett. 127 (2021) 10, 101102

A Hegade et. al. 2023 Phys.Rev.D 107 (2023) 4, 044044



# **Well posed evolutions PN approximations insufficient**





M Corman et. al. 2023 Phys.Rev.D 107 (2023) 2, 2





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### **Similar studies without explicit excision**

L Areste Salo, KC, P Figueras PRL 129 (2022) 26, 261104





### **Revisiting stealth scalarisation with backreaction**

**Tensor GW** 

**Scalar GW** 

Scalar field at horizon

**BH** spin

Deviation in Kretschmann scalar



# **Evolution code publicly available: GRFolres**

![](_page_41_Picture_35.jpeg)

code, which makes use of the Chombo library for adaptive mesh refinement.

### **Getting started**

Detailed installation instructions and usage examples are available in our wiki, with the home page giving guidance on where to start.

![](_page_41_Picture_7.jpeg)

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# **Generic initial conditions : code coming soon**

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### Change in metric solution

### Scalar field profile

![](_page_42_Figure_3.jpeg)

![](_page_42_Picture_4.jpeg)

## **Next steps**

- **• Test the robustness of LIGO "beyond GR" pipelines to several "best case" models**
- **• Compare to DM waveforms**
- **• Study the impact of spin and unequal masses**

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![](_page_43_Figure_8.jpeg)

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## **Numerical relativity**

### **Works well for the late inspiral / merger of approximately equal mass objects**

### **LIGO Collaboration 2016** Phys. Rev. Lett. 116, 061102 (2016)

![](_page_45_Figure_3.jpeg)

![](_page_45_Picture_4.jpeg)

### **Numerical relativity**

### **Does not work well for long inspirals where length/time scales very different**

![](_page_46_Figure_2.jpeg)

Kavanagh et. al. 2020, Coogan et. al. 2022 Detecting dark matter around black holes with gravitational waves: Effects of dark-matter dynamics on the gravitational waveform

### **But relativistic / strong gravity effects may be important here**

![](_page_47_Picture_1.jpeg)

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### **Dynamical friction and gravitational Magnus effect - combining numerics and analytics**

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Rodrigo Vicente

To appear (tomorrow!) To appear (tomorrow!)

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### Relativistic aerodynamics of spinning black holes

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Gravitational Magnus effect from scalar dark matter

Zipeng Wang,<sup>1,</sup> Thomas Helfer,<sup>2,</sup> Dina Traykova,<sup>3,</sup> Katy Clough,<sup>4,</sup> and Emanuele Berti<sup>1,</sup>

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