

# **Dark energy in scalar-tensor versus vector-tensor theories**

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#### **Observational constraints on the dark energy equation of state**

For the time-varying equation of state  $w(a) = w_0 + (1 - a)w_a$ ,



The deviation from w = -1 (especially the region w < -1) is allowed from the data.

## **Theoretical models of cosmic acceleration**

• Cosmo-illogical constant

(by Rocky Kolb)

The vacuum energy can work as a cosmological constant, but it is difficult to explain the tiny observed dark energy scale.

w = -1

• Dynamical dark energy models

w evolves in time.

Additional ingredients to those appearing in standard model of particle physics and General Relativity are taken into account. They can be

Scalar field, vector field, massive gravitons,...



They may be directly coupled or uncoupled to gravity.

## **Scalar-tensor theories**

For a scalar field coupled to gravity, Horndeski theories are known as the most general theories with *second-order* equations of motion.



Avoiding instabilities of Hamiltonians unbounded from below.

Horndeski Lagrangian

 $L = G_{2}(\phi, X) + G_{3}(\phi, X) \Box \phi + G_{4}(\phi, X)R - 2G_{4,X}(\phi, X) \left[ (\Box \phi)^{2} - \phi^{;\mu\nu}\phi_{;\mu\nu} \right]$  $+ G_{5}(\phi, X)G_{\mu\nu}\phi^{;\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{3}G_{5,X}(\phi, X) \left[ (\Box \phi)^{3} - 3(\Box \phi)\phi_{;\mu\nu}\phi^{;\mu\nu} + 2\phi_{;\mu\nu}\phi^{;\mu\sigma}\phi^{;\nu}{}_{;\sigma} \right]$ 

Scalar field  $\phi$  with a kinetic energy  $X = -\partial^{\mu}\phi\partial_{\mu}\phi/2$ .

 $G_2, G_3, G_4, G_5$  are arbitrary functions of  $\phi$  and X.

R: Ricci scalar,  $G_{\mu\nu}$ : Einstein tensor

Horndeski derived this Lagrangian at the age of 25 when he was the student of David Lovelock and it was rediscovered in 2011.

#### Second-order scalar-tensor field equations in a four-dimensional space

Gregory Walter Horndeski (Waterloo U.)

1974 - 21 pages

Int.J.Theor.Phys. 10 (1974) 363-384 DOI: 10.1007/BF01807638

In 1983, Horndeski (1948~) quitted physics and became an artist. He started to write papers on physics over the last four years (2015~).



#### **Gravitational wave speed constraints on dark energy**

The GW170817 event constrained the speed of gravitational waves to be very close to that of light.

$$-3 \times 10^{-15} \le c_t/c - 1 \le 7 \times 10^{-16}$$

Constraints on Horndeski theories



#### **Current status of dark energy in scalar-tensor theories**

Quintessence and k-essence



0.20

0.0

-0.20

-0.40

-0.60

-0.80

-1.0

-1.2

0.1

1

10

z + 1

WDE

Minimally coupled to gravity

See Kase and ST (1809.08735) for review.



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(a) Thawing models are consistent with the data for w < -0.7 today.

- b) Scaling models are consistent with the data if the transition to the region w = -1 occurs for z > 8.
- c) Tracker models are consistent with the data for w < -0.92during the matter era.

For  $V(\phi) \propto \phi^{-p}$ , p < 0.17.

## **Brans-Dicke (BD) theory (1961)**

Lagrangian: 
$$L = \frac{M_{\rm pl}^2}{2} F(\phi) R + (1 - 6Q^2) F(\phi) X$$

where

 $F(\phi) = e^{-2Q\phi/M_{
m pl}}$ 



The constant Q characterizes the coupling between the scalar field  $\phi$  and matter in the Einstein frame. It is related to the BD parameter  $\omega_{BD}$ , as

The coupling Q mediates fifth forces. The solar system experiment gives

 $\omega_{\rm BD} > 40000$   $\square$   $|Q| < 2.4 \times 10^{-3}$ 

For  $|Q| > 2.4 \times 10^{-3}$ , we need some screening mechanism of fifth forces. Two examples are

Chameleon mechanism: Based on the scalar potential  $V(\phi)$ 

e.g., f(R) gravity

Vainshtein mechanism: Based on the derivative coupling  $G_3(X)$ 

e.g., Cubic Galileon  $X \Box \phi$ 

## f(R) gravity (chameleon mechanism)

Strarobinsky (1980), Capozziello (2003), Carroll et al. (2003), Nojiri and Odintsov (2004),

The f(R) gravity is equivalent to BD theories with  $Q = -1/\sqrt{6}$  in the presence of a scalar potential:

$$V = \frac{M_{\rm pl}^2}{2} \left( R \frac{\partial f}{\partial R} - f \right)$$

with the scalar degree of freedom (scalaron):  $\phi = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} M_{\rm pl} \ln \frac{\partial f}{\partial R}$ 

As long as the form of f(R) is designed to have a large mass in regions of high density, the chameleon mechanism is at work.

Example: 
$$f(R) = R - \lambda R_0 \frac{(R/R_0)^{2n}}{(R/R_0)^{2n} + 1}$$

(Hu and Sawicki, 2007)

In the high-density region  $(R \gg R_0)$ , the scalaron mass squared grows as

$$M_{\phi}^2 = \frac{d^2 V}{d\phi^2} \propto R^{2(n+1)} \gg H^2 \quad \text{response of fifth force}$$

The field is very heavy, so the propagation of fifth forces is suppressed.

# f(R) dark energy

More than 1000 papers, see De Felice and ST (2010).

The models are constructed to recover the  $\Lambda CDM$  behavior in the past.

$$f(R) = R - \lambda R_0 \frac{(R/R_0)^{2n}}{(R/R_0)^{2n} + 1} \longrightarrow f(R) = R - \lambda R_0 \text{ for } R \gg R_0$$

(Hu and Sawicki, 2007)

After *R* decreases to the order of  $R_0$ , the model deviates from the  $\Lambda$ CDM. Deviation parameter from the  $\Lambda$ CDM:

$$B = \frac{Rf_{,RR}}{f_{,R}} \frac{H}{\dot{H}} \frac{\dot{R}}{R} \qquad \qquad B < 1.1 \times 10^{-3} \quad \text{today}$$
  
Lombriser et al (2012)

To avoid the large enhancement of perturbations at the late cosmological epoch ( $G_{\rm eff}=4G/3$ ).

The variation of w at low redshifts is also limited:

 $|w+1| < \mathcal{O}(0.01)$ 

Battye et al (2018)



Indistinguishable from the  $\Lambda {\rm CDM}$  in current observations.

### **Galileons and their extensions**

If there are no signatures of nonminimal couplings, the left-over Horndeski Lagrangian is

$$L = G_2(\phi, X) + G_3(\phi, X) \Box \phi + rac{M_{
m pl}^2}{2} R$$

There are three possibilities (in the presence of cubic Lagrangian):

(A) Galileons without a potential:

$$L = X + \frac{\beta_3}{M^3} X \Box \phi + \frac{M_{\rm pl}^2}{2} R \implies \begin{array}{l} \text{Ruled} \\ \text{out} \end{array}$$

There exists the self-accelerating solution with  $\dot{\phi} = \text{constant}$ .

(B) Galileons with a potential:

$$L = X - V(\phi) + rac{eta_3}{M^3} X \Box \phi + rac{M_{
m pl}^2}{2} R$$

Galileon has a linear potential  $V(\phi) = m^3 \phi$  driving cosmic acceleration.

(C) Galileons with k-essence:

$$L = G_2(X) + \frac{\beta_3}{M^3} X \Box \phi + \frac{M_{\rm pl}^2}{2} R$$

For example, the ghost condensate  $G_2(X) = -X + c_2 X^2$  leads to the dark energy dynamics different from case (A).

### (A) Galileons without a potential

Lagrangian:

$$\phi = X + \frac{\beta_3}{M^3} X \Box \phi + \frac{M_{\rm pl}^2}{2} R$$

There is a tracker solution along which w = -2 in the matter era (finally approaching w = -1). De Felice and ST (2010)

Disfavored from the CMB+BAO+SNe data Nesseris, De Felice, ST (2010)

The Galileon gives rise to the cosmic growth rate larger than that in GR.

Newtonian gravitational potential  $\Psi$ :

$$\frac{k^2}{a^2}\Psi = -4\pi G\mu\delta\rho_m$$

Weak lensing gravitational potential  $\psi_{\text{eff}}$ :

$$\frac{k^2}{a^2}\psi_{\rm eff} = 8\pi G \underline{\Sigma} \delta \rho_m$$

 $\mu = \Sigma > 1$  for Galileons

The cosmic growth history of Galileons is in tension with the observational data of redshift-space distortions, weak lensing, and ISW-galaxy cross-correlations. Renk et al (2016)

#### **Extended Galileons and ISW-galaxy cross-correlations**

$$L = X + \frac{\beta_3}{M^{4n-1}} X^n \Box \phi + \frac{M_{\rm pl}^2}{2} R$$

For  $n = \mathcal{O}(1), \Sigma$ rapidly grows in time.

De Felice and ST (2011) Correlations between the effect in CMB and galaxy distributions

1.0



Correlations between  $\dot{\psi}_{\mathrm{eff}}$  and  $\delta 
ho_m$ 

The models with small n like n = 1leads to the negative cross-correlation incompatible with the data.

The ISW-galaxy data constrain the power in the range

 $n\gtrsim \mathcal{O}(100)$ 



Cross-correlation amplitude versus angle



#### **(B)** Galileons with a potential

$$L = X - V(\phi) + \frac{\beta_3}{M^3} X \Box \phi + \frac{M_{\rm pl}^2}{2} R$$

Provided the potential  $V(\phi)$  of a light scalar dominates over the Galilen term at late times, the model is observationally allowed.

Bound on today's Galileon density parameter:  $\Omega_{G_3}(t_0) < 0.2$ 



For  $\beta_3 > 1$ , the Galileon term can suppress the field kinetic energy such that  $\Omega_K \ll \Omega_{G_3} \ll \Omega_V = \mathcal{O}(1)$  today.

Even for  $\lambda \equiv M_{\rm pl} V_{,\phi}/V > 1$ , the dark energy equation of state quickly approaches -1after the dominance of  $\Omega_V$  (with  $w_{\rm DE} > -1$ ).

This model predicts

$$w_{
m DE}>-1$$

#### (C) Galileons with k-essence

#### Kase and ST (2018)



Ghost condensate + Galileon

This term prevents the approach to tracker solutions  $(w_{\text{DE}} = -2)$ .

Moreover, the growth perturbations can be close to that in GR ( $\mu = \Sigma = 1$ ).



This model enters the region



#### **Observational constraints on Model (C)**

Peirone, Benevento, Frusicante, ST, in preparation

(CMB+BAO+SN Ia+RSD)

The model entering the region  $w_{\rm DE} < -1$  exhibits the better fit to the data relative to the  $\Lambda \rm CDM$  model.



### Short summary of scalar-tensor dark energy

The GW170817 event constrained the Hordenski Lagrangin to be

#### $L = G_2(\phi, X) + G_3(\phi, X) \Box \phi + G_4(\phi) R$

- So far, there were no observational signatures for nonminimally coupled theories (including f(R) gravity).
- The cubic Galileon with the late-time dominance as dark energy is ruled out from observations.
- The cubic Galileon with a potential or with k-essence should leave observational signatures consistent with current observations.



## **Part II**

## Dark energy in vector-tensor theories

## Vector fields can derive cosmic acceleration?

Massless and massive vector fields  $A_{\mu}$  in Minkowski space-time

(i) Maxwell field (massless)

Lagrangian:  $\mathcal{L}_F = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}$  where  $F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_{\mu}A_{\nu} - \partial_{\nu}A_{\mu}$ 

There are two transverse polarizations (electric and magnetic fields).

(ii) Proca field (massive)

Lagrangian: 
$$\mathcal{L}_F = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}m^2A_{\mu}A^{\mu}$$

Introduction of the mass m of the vector field  $A_{\mu}$  allows the propagation in the longitudinal direction due to the breaking of U(1) gauge invariance.

2 transverse and 1 longitudinal = 3 DOFs



#### **Vector-tensor theories**

On general curved backgrounds, it is possible to extend the massive Proca theories to those containing three DOFs and two tensor polarizations.

Heisenberg (2014), Tasinato (2014)

where

$$E \qquad X = -\frac{1}{2}A_{\mu}A^{\mu}, \qquad F = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}, \qquad Y = A^{\mu}A^{\nu}F_{\mu}{}^{\alpha}F_{\nu\alpha}$$
$$L^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{4}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}\epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}R_{\rho\sigma\gamma\delta}, \qquad \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}F_{\alpha\beta}$$

Taking the scalar limit  $A^{\mu} \to \nabla^{\mu} \pi$ , the above Lagrangian recovers a sub-class of Horndeski theories (with  $\mathcal{L}_6$  vanishing).

In 1976, Horndeski derived the U(1)-invariant interaction:  $G_6(X) = \text{constant}$ .



## **U(1)** gauge-invariant interaction: constant G<sub>6</sub>

#### Conservation of Charge and the Einstein-Maxwell Field Equations

G.W. Horndeski (Waterloo U.)

1976 - 8 pages

J.Math.Phys. 17 (1976) 1980-1987 DOI: 10.1063/1.522837



## After the GW170187 event : $c_t = c$



- $G_4(X)$  needs to be constant.
- Intrinsic vector modes (including F, Y dependence in  $G_2$ ) survive.

#### A simple dark energy model in vector-tensor theories

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ F + G_2(X) + G_3(X) \nabla_\mu A^\mu + \frac{M_{\rm pl}^2}{2} R \right] + S_M$$

$$egin{aligned} F&=-rac{1}{4}F_{\mu
u}F^{\mu
u},\ X&=-rac{1}{2}A_{\mu}A^{\mu} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$G_2(X) = b_2 X^{p_2}, \qquad G_3(X) = b_3 X^{p_3}$$

On the FLRW background, the temporal and spatial components of  $A^{\mu}$  are

$$A^{0} = \phi(t) + \delta \phi, \qquad A^{i} = \frac{1}{a^{2}} \delta^{ij} \left(\partial_{j} \chi_{V} + E_{j}\right)$$
  
Background  
value

The background temporal component (auxiliary field) obeys

 $\phi^p H = \text{const.}$  where  $p = 1 - 2p_2 + 2p_3$ 



For p > 0,  $\phi$  grows with the decrease of H and it approaches the de Sitter attractor (constant H).

De Felice, Heisenberg, Kase, Mukohyama, ST, Zhang (2016)

### Dark energy equation of state (background evolution)

$$w_{\rm DE} = -\frac{3(1+s) + s\,\Omega_r}{3(1+s\,\Omega_{\rm DE})} \,.$$

 $s = p_2/p$  characterizes the deviation from  $w_{\rm DE} = -1$ .

The joint analysis based on SNIa, CMB, BAO, H0 data place the bound

 $s = 0.254^{+0.118}_{-0.097}$  (95% CL)

De Felice, Heisenberg, ST (2017)

s = 0 is outside the 95% CL border.

The phantom behavior of  $w_{\text{DE}}$ reduces the tension of  $H_0$  between high and low redshift measurements that exists for the  $\Lambda \text{CDM}$  (s = 0). (a)  $w_{\text{DE}} = -1 - 4s/3$  in the radiation era, (b)  $w_{\text{DE}} = -1 - s$  in the matter era, (c)  $w_{\text{DE}} = -1$  in the de Sitter era



## **Cosmological perturbations**

 $A^{i} = \frac{1}{a^{2}} \delta^{ij} \left( \partial_{j} \chi_{V} + E_{j} \right)$ 

The spatial vector component  $A^i$  contains scalar and vector perturbations.

Longitudinal scalar perturbations Intrinsic vector perturbations

Both  $\chi_V$  and  $E_i$  affect the evolution of gravitational potentials  $\Psi, \Phi$ and the matter density perturbation  $\delta \rho_m$  through

Newtonian potential:

$$\frac{k^2}{a^2}\Psi = -4\pi G\mu\delta\rho_m$$

Weak lensing potential 
$$\psi_{
m eff} = \Phi - \Psi$$
 :  $rac{k^2}{a^2} \psi_{
m eff} = 8\pi G$ 

The matter density contrast  $\delta_m$  obeys

$$\ddot{\delta}_m + 2H\dot{\delta}_m - 4\pi\mu G\rho_m \delta_m \simeq 0$$

- 0

The deviations of  $\mu$  and  $\Sigma$  from 1 lead to the modified evolution of  $\Psi, \psi_{\text{eff}}, \delta_m$  compared to GR.

### **Cosmic growth rate in vector-tensor theories**

On the de Sitter attractor, the two dimensionless gravitational couplings reduce to

$$\mu_{\rm dS} = \Sigma_{\rm dS} = 1 + \left[\frac{1-ps}{ps} + \left(\frac{2}{3^{1/p}}\right)^{1/(1+s)} \frac{1}{\lambda_V}\right]^{-1}$$

where  $\lambda_V$  is associated with the intrinsic vector mode such that

$$\lambda_{V} = \left[ \left( \frac{\phi}{M_{\rm pl}} \right)^{p} \frac{H}{m} \right]^{2/[p(1+s)]} \underbrace{q_{V}}_{\text{(coefficient of kinetic term of vector perturbations)}}_{q_{V}} \underbrace{q_{V} = 1 \text{ in our model}}_{q_{V} = 1 \text{ of vector perturbations}}$$

- In the limit  $\lambda_V \to 0$ ,  $\mu_{dS} = \Sigma_{dS} \to 1$ The evolution of perturbation is similar to that in GR. Compatible with growth-rate measurements
- In the limit  $\lambda_V \to \infty$ ,  $\mu_{dS} = \Sigma_{dS} > 1$ This case reduces to a subclass of scalar-tensor theories.



Difficult to be compatible with growth-rate measurements

#### **ISW-galaxy cross-correlations**

For smaller  $\lambda_V$ , the model shows a better compatibility with the data.



The existence of intrinsic vector mode in generalized Proca theories can give rise to positive cross-correlations compatible with the data.

#### **Observational constraints on generalized Proca theoires**

Nakamura, De Felice, Kase, ST (2018)



#### **Best-fit model**

$$\Omega_{m0} = 0.301, h = 0.697, s = 0.185, p = 3.078, \log_{10} \lambda_V = -7.359 \implies \chi^2 = 618.9.$$

The background dynamics in our model is different from that in the  $\Lambda$ CDM model, while the perturbation dynamics is similar to that in  $\Lambda$ CDM.



Akaike-information-criterion (AIC): AIC =  $\chi^2_{min} + 2 \times 5 = 628.9$ Smaller than AIC<sub>ACDM</sub> =  $\chi^2_{min,ACDM} + 2 \times 2 = 646.7$ 

# Summary

- The GW170817 event placed tight constraints on dark energy models in scalar-tensor and vector-tensor theories.
- Unless the potential or k-essence terms are taken into account, the *scalar* cubic Galileon is excluded from the data (especially from the negative ISW-galaxy cross-correlations).
- For the *vector* cubic Galileon, the ISW-galaxy cross-correlation can be positive due to the existence of intrinsic vector modes.
- In vector-tensor theories, the model with s > 0 fits the data better than the LCDM model by reducing the tension of H0 between high- and low-redshift measurements.

Let's see whether or not future observations may find some signatures for the deviation from the LCDM model.