Dark matter, gravity and cosmology





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Main activities

Activities in **Dark matter, gravity and cosmology** can be roughly split into

- precision predictions for binary mergers
- involvement GW experiments
- early Universe cosmology: GWs from phase transition, cosmic strings, kination, axions, relaxions, ...

EFT approach to GW physics





Separation of Scales (2-body in GR):

 $r_{\rm Sch} \ll r \ll \lambda_{\rm GW}$

• Effective Field Theory: One scale at a time

• **Tools from HEP:** Feynman diagrams, regularization/renormalization/RG-flow



The effective field theorist's approach to gravitational
dynamicsdynamicsPhysics ReportsRafael A. PortoVolume 633, 20 May 2016, Pages 1-104

Precision GW predictions



Some recent results

5th order results in the Post-Newtonian expansion.

Blümlein, Maiera, Marquard, Schäfer 2021



Figure 2: The binding energy in the quasi-circular case for equal masses. Lower full line: Newtonian case (N); Dotted line: 1PN; Dashed line: 2PN; Dash-dotted line: 3PN; Upper dashed line: 4PN; Upper full line: 5PN; Upper dotted line: test particle solution (TP). Dashed vertical line: the innermost stable circular orbit (ISCO) at 5PN. The other vertical lines mark the frequency spectrum for neutron star (NS) and black hole (BH) merging at LIGO.

binding energy



Figure 3: The periastron advance in the circular limit. The labeling of the curves is the same as in Figure 2

periastron advance

GW observations I





Using GW observations of binary mergers in combination with gamma-ray burst to

- measure H_0
- test modified gravity
 → DM



Mastrogiovanni, Steer, Barsuglia, 2021

GW observations II







Assess the reach of LISA to detect stochastic backgrounds

- simulate detector response of noise & signal
- likelihood analysis
- reconstruction of noise parameters
- guidance for S/N analysis

Caprini, Figueroa, Flauger, Nardini, Peloso, Pieroni, Ricciardone, Tasinato 2019

GWs from first-order phase transitions

[Grojean&Servant '06]

The produced gravitational waves can be observed with laser interferometers in space (think LISA)









redshifted Hubble horizon during a phase transition at T \sim 100 GeV

Gravitational waves from first-order phase transitions

With the observation of binary mergers by LIGO and the tentative hint by **NANOGrav**, also gravitational waves from phase transitions gained more attention.

One recent activity in the cosmo group is to perform **simplified simulations** of the phase transitions to better understand the parametric dependence of the GW spectrum on the model parameters



Jinno, TK, Rubira, 2020 Jinno, TK, Rubira, van de Vis, 2021

GW background of primoridal origin



Cosmic strings are another potential source of a GW background

Connection to axions / relaxions / kination / DM

Gouttenoire, Servant, Simakachorn, 2021



DM as a composite state







Baldes, Gouttenoire, Sala, Servant, 2021

DM could be a composite state.

- highly predictive when the mediator to the SM is the dilaton
- conventional unitarity bounds on DM can be avoided
- GW signal from confinement
- composite Higgs \rightarrow collider pheno

Future projects



Connection between topics

Example: GWs from phase transitions [from LISA Cosmo WG]



Connection in the team



How DMLab can help

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DMLab can help to **foster connections** even more.

The team is already quite interconnected – even **across borders and topics**

- → interesting developments often at the interface between topics
- \rightarrow short term visits likely to be fruitful