Understanding Gravity on Cosmic Scales

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Cosmic geometry: Expansion history constraints

Standard candles



Standard rulers



0 b BAO -0.5 СМВ W -1.0 SNe -1.5 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.5 0 0.4 $\Omega_{_{\rm M}}$ Kowalski 2008

Understanding cosmic acceleration

Cosmic acceleration = a modification of Einstein's equations



Broad aim =Phenomenology Distinguish which sector: new gravity, new matter or Λ ?

Ambitious aim = Theoretical model Learn something more about the underlying theory?

Distinguishing with expansion history

• Alter Friedmann and acceleration equations at late times

$$\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3}(\rho_m + 3P_m) + stuff$$
or
$$stuff + \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3}(\rho_m + 3P_m)$$

$$-H^{2}f_{R} + \frac{a^{2}}{6}f + \frac{3}{2}H\dot{f}_{R} + \frac{1}{2}\ddot{f}_{R} + \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3}(\rho + 3P)$$

e.g. DGP gravity

$$-\frac{\dot{H}}{r_c} + \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3}(\rho + 3P)$$

There are benefits to asking more questions...



Three groups of extra galactic observations for testing gravity

I: Background expansion

CMB angular diameter distance

Supernovae luminosity distance

BAO angular/radial scale

II: Growth, up to some normalization

Galaxy autocorrelations

Galaxy – ISW x-corrIn

Xray and SZ galaxy cluster measurements

Ly-alpha measurements

CMB ISW autocorrelation

III: Growth directly

Weak lensing autocorrelation

Peculiar velocity distribution/ bulk flows







Phenomenological model of modified gravity

- Perturbed metric $ds^2 = -(1+2\psi)dt^2 + a^2(1-2\phi)dx^2$
- Aim to describe phenomenological properties common to theories
- A modification to Poisson's equation, Q

$$k^2\phi = -4\pi G Q a^2 \rho \Delta$$

Q≠1: can be mimicked by additional (dark energy?) perturbations, or modified dark matter evolution

• An inequality between Newton's potentials, R

$$\psi = R\phi$$

 $R \neq 1$: not easily mimicked.

- potential smoking gun for modified gravity?
- Significant stresses exceptionally hard to create in non-relativistic fluids e.g. DM and dark energy.

Cosmological tests of gravity

- Non-relativistic tracers: Galaxy positions and motions
 - Measure $\psi \sim G_{mat} = QRG_N$
 - Biasing of tracer (galaxy) issue

$$\delta_g = b\delta_m$$

- Relativistic tracers: Weak lensing and CMB
 - Sensitive to $(\phi+\psi) \sim G_{\text{light}} = Q(1+R)G_N$ and time derivs
 - In theory direct tracer of potential, but still uncertainties
 - stochasticity relating luminous and all mass r_a Dekel & Lahav '99
 - plenty of systematics (photoz, IAs...)
- Complementarity of tracers key to testing gravity





Complications : photometric redshifts

- Faster but less precise alternative to spectroscopic z
- Essential for tomography
 - Measuring evolution on dark energy
 - Cross-correlations between z bins useful for disentangling systematics and cosmology
- Sensitive to modeling
 - galaxy distribution,
 - photo-z statistical accuracy, systematic offsets and catastrophic errors



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Complications : Weak lensing distortions

• 2D map on the sky of galaxy ellipticities

$$\epsilon^{i}(\theta) = \gamma^{i}_{G}(\theta) + \gamma^{i}_{I}(\theta) + \epsilon^{i}_{rnd}(\theta).$$

- Correlation in ellipticities
 measured statistically
 - Random ellipticities not an issue
 - Instrumental & astrophysical "contaminants" – shear calibration uncertainties
 - Correlated alignments need to be modeled and disentangled from cosmological shear



Credit: Williamson, Oluseyi, Roe 2007

Complications : Intrinsic alignments

 $\langle \epsilon^i \epsilon^j \rangle = \langle \gamma^i_G \gamma^j_G \rangle + \langle \gamma^i_G \gamma^j_I \rangle + \langle \gamma^i_I \gamma^j_G \rangle + \langle \gamma^i_I \gamma^j_I \rangle$

Intrinsic (II)

- Significant astrophysical systematic
- Galaxies align in the potential gradient of their host halo

Observed Cosmological

Correlation:



Cross- correlations and tomography: break degeneracy between systematics and theory



Rachel Bean: Itzykson 2012

Laszlo, Bean, Kirk, Bridle, 2012

Current constraints

- Multiple data
 - WMAP CMB,
 - SDSS LRG auto
 - SDSS-WMAP ISW cross correlation
 - COSMOS weak lensing,
 - Union SN1a
- ISW + ISW-galaxy correlations drive constraints
- Principal degeneracy
 - $(\phi+\psi)$ direction ~Q(1+R)/2
- "Figure of Merit"
 - 1/error ellipse area
 - MG FoM ~ 0.03



Bean & Tangmatitham 2010

What about future surveys?

• Fisher matrix analysis = Inverse covariance (error) matrix

$$Cov_{ij}^{-1} = F_{ij} = \frac{\partial t_a}{\partial p_i} Cov_{ab}^{-1} \frac{\partial t_b}{\partial p_j}$$

• Assumed cosmology and parameterization

$$\mathbf{p} = \{\Omega_b h^2, \Omega_m h^2, \Omega_k, \tau, w_0, w_a, Q_0, Q_0(1+R_0)/2, n_s, \Delta_{\mathcal{R}}^2(k_0), +\text{systematic nuisance parameters}\}$$

• Datasets

$$\mathbf{t} = \{C_{\ell}^{TT}, C_{\ell}^{TE}, C_{\ell}^{EE}, C_{\ell}^{Tg_1}, ..., C_{\ell}^{Eg_1}, ..., C_{\ell}^{g_1g_1}, C_{\ell}^{g_1g_2}, ..., C_{\ell}^{\kappa_{N_{ph}}\kappa_{N_{ph}}}, \}$$

- Survey specifications
 - near future (stage III) and end of decade (stage IV) surveys
 - Stage III = Planck CMB + DES-like imaging + BOSS spectroscopic surveys
 - Stage IV = Planck CMB + EUCLID-like imaging and spectroscopy

Forecasting: what you put in=what you get out

- Figures of merit /Fisher insightful but
- Model dependent e.g. w0/wa or functions of z?
- Systematic errors difficult but important!
 - Instrumental e.g. calibration uncertainties
 - Internal cross-checks: inter-filter, concurrent & repetition ≠ redundancy
 - Modeling: e.g. Photo z modeling errors, nonlinearity
 - Access to ground based facilities,
 - Training sets, simulation suites
 - Astrophysical: e.g. IAs , H α z distribution, galaxy bias, baryonic effects
 - At what scale should one truncate the analysis?
 - Analytical modeling, gridded k& z bins, simulations?
- Buyer beware: risky to compare FoM unless apples-for-apples treatment





Sensitivity to theory and systematics



Impact of cross-correlations: reducing systematics, breaking theory degeneracies



Laszlo, Bean, Kirk, Bridle, MNRAS 2012

Assumptions about bias and IA model



If you understand non-linear scales they could make a big difference



Ways to modify gravity?

• Scalar tensor gravity = simple models we can model effects for

$$GR \qquad S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \frac{1}{16\pi G} R \cdot$$

$$f(R) \text{ gravity} \qquad S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \frac{1}{16\pi G} (R + f_2(R))$$

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \frac{1}{16\pi G} f_1(\phi) R \cdot$$

$$Higher \text{ dimensional gravity e.g. DGP} \quad S = \int d^5x \sqrt{-g^{(5)}} \frac{1}{16\pi G^{(5)}} R^{(5)}$$

- Active area of research, many different options, no solutions, yet
- Common theme: A scalar degree of freedom

Effective field theory of acceleration

- Can we tie phenomenology/data a step closer to theory?
- Write a general action as an expansion in derivative powers

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ \frac{m_p^2}{2} R - \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \phi)^2 - U(\phi) \right\} + S_{\rm m} [e^{\alpha(\phi)} g_{\alpha\beta}, \psi_{\rm m}]$$

+ $\epsilon \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ a_1 (\nabla \phi)^4 + b_2 T (\nabla \phi)^2 + c_1 G^{\mu\nu} \nabla_\mu \phi \nabla_\nu \phi \right.$
+ $d_3 \left(R^2 - 4R^{\mu\nu} R_{\mu\nu} + R_{\mu\nu\sigma\rho} R^{\mu\nu\sigma\rho} \right) + d_4 \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda\rho} C_{\mu\nu}{}^{\alpha\beta} C_{\lambda\rho\alpha\beta} + e_1 T^{\mu\nu} T_{\mu\nu} + e_2 T^2 \left. \right\}.$

- a_1, a_2 etc are all free functions of ϕ
- non-minimally coupled to metric in Einstein frame, "modified gravity"
- What observational properties might this type of action have?

Park, Watson, Zurek 2011 Bloomfield & Flanagan 2012

Effective field theory of acceleration

• A subset of terms particularly relevant to late time evolution (Work with Eva-Marie Mueller and Scott Watson)

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+ $\epsilon \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ a_1 (\nabla \phi)^4 + b_2 T (\nabla \phi)^2 + c_1 G^{\mu\nu} \nabla_\mu \phi \nabla_\nu \phi \right\}$
+ $d_3 \left(R^2 - 4R^{\mu\nu} R_{\mu\nu} + R_{\mu\nu\sigma\rho} R^{\mu\nu\sigma\rho} \right) + d_4 \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda\rho} C_{\mu\nu}{}^{\alpha\beta} C_{\lambda\rho\alpha\beta} + e_1 T^{\mu\nu} T_{\mu\nu} + e_2 T^2 \right\}.$

- Canonical scalar field
- Non-minimally coupled matter
- A quartic term
- A Gauss-Bonnet (GB) term
- Other terms here well constrained by early time effects

Effects of extensions to minimally coupled scalar

• Study attractor behavior of this action

$$S_E = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ \frac{M_p^2}{2} R - \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \phi)^2 - V(\phi) + X(\dot{\phi}, H) - f(\phi) R_{GB}^2 \right\} + S_m [e^{F(\phi)} g_{\mu\nu}]$$
$$F(\phi) \equiv \exp\left(2C\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \frac{\phi}{M_p}\right)$$
$$X(\dot{\phi}, H) \equiv \frac{\beta}{M_p^2 H^2} \dot{\phi}^4$$

• Effect on Friedmann and equations

$$3M_p^2 H^2 = \rho_m(\phi) + \rho_\gamma + \frac{1}{2}\dot{\phi}^2 + V(\phi) + 24\dot{\phi}f'(\phi)H^3 + 3X$$
$$\ddot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} + V' = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}\frac{C}{M_p}\rho_m - 24f'H^4\left(\frac{\dot{H}}{H^2} + 1\right) + \frac{X}{H\dot{\phi}}\left[-3\frac{\dot{X}}{XH} - 12\right]$$

To attract or not? A matter of effective potentials

- Potentials with exponential or power law forms allow attractor solutions
 - Independence to initial conditions (for better or worse e.g. f(R) Amendola et al 2007)
 - Transitions from matter to accelerative era



RB, Flanagan, Laszlo, Trodden 2008

- Can postulate potentials that deny attractors, and retrofit to LCDM background.
 - Evades disadvantageous attractor behavior e.g. f(R) Hu and Sawicki 2007

$$f(R) = -m^2 \frac{c_1 (R/m^2)^n}{c_2 (R/m^2)^n + 1},$$

Effect on cosmological attractors

• Express dynamical equations in terms of dimensionless parameters

$$x = \frac{1}{M_p H} \frac{\dot{\phi}}{\sqrt{6}}, \quad y = \frac{1}{M_p H} \frac{\sqrt{V}}{\sqrt{3}}, \quad z = \frac{1}{M_p H} \frac{\sqrt{\rho_{\gamma}}}{\sqrt{3}},$$
$$\mu_X \equiv \frac{X}{3M_p^2 H^2} = 12\beta x^4 \qquad \mu_{GB} \equiv \frac{f' H^2}{M_p}$$

• Find if stationary solutions exist $x'=y'=z'=\mu'=0$



Evolutionary attractor

- Matter dominated era: NMC and kinetic terms important
 - NMC cosmic grease w >0
 - Quartic term adds to Hubble drag, acts to slow expansion

$$x = \frac{2}{3}C_{eff}(C,\beta) \qquad y = 0, z = 0, \mu_{GB} = 0$$

- Accelerative era:
 - GB term gives an accelerative attractor (Koivisto and Mota 2006)

$$x = 0, y = 1, \mu_{GB} = \frac{\lambda}{8}$$

– In absence of GB term quartic allows acceleration for broader ranges of potentials with $\lambda{>}2$

Matter era



Accelerative era



Impacts on geometric cosmological constraints



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Paper in prep with Eva-Marie Mueller and Scott Watson

Concluding thoughts

- Upcoming datasets provide invaluable opportunity to test the origins of cosmic acceleration and weak field gravity on cosmic scales
 - Complementary techniques important to break cosmological and systematic degeneracies
 - Relativistic and non-relativistic LSS tracers of gravity equivalent to complementary geometric techniques to measure expansion history/ curvature
- Inclusion of systematics modeling essential to forecasting
 - Can significantly impact predictions (beware apples vs oranges)
 - Theory and systematics can be tightly coupled.
 - How important are specific systematics/ algorithms to model them to a technique's ability to constrain DE?
- Phenomenological modeling/ FoMs useful but a high pass filter on full info. Mapping to theory is the ultimate goal.
 - Surveys will give us information about z and k dependence
 - General effective field theory for DE is a first step, with interesting implications for both expansion history and growth history