



Modified gravity and its lensing constraint

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Modified gravity

- General relativity (GR) as a basic theory of gravity, its combination with cold dark matter theory gives the Lambda CDM model, which has been well verified in today's cosmological and galaxy dynamics observations.
- Hubble tension
- Lack of observational evidence for the particle physics explanation
- Theoretical challenges to cosmological constant vacuum energy
- Additionally, many emerging observational fields, such as gravitational waves, black holes, etc., provide a strong impetus for considering new ways to construct gravitational theories different from GR.
- Modified gravity

- Two commonly used formalisms of modified gravity:
- Curvature formalism:
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- Equivalent torsional (teleparallel) formalism :
 - Extension of teleparallel gravity (TEGR): which is based on the Riemann-Catan space-time and has an asymmetric Weitzenbock connection.
 - Unlike the Levy-Chevita connection of GR, Weitzenbock connection produces torsion but it is curvature-free.
 - In TEGR, torsion plays the role of curvature, and the tetrad field plays the role of dynamic field rather than metric.

- Teleparallel Equivalent of General gravity (TEGR):

- The relation between tetrad and the manifold metric is

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{ab} h^a{}_{\mu} h^b{}_{\nu}$$

- The teleparallel connection:

$$\Gamma_{\nu\mu}^{\sigma} := h_A{}^{\sigma} \partial_{\mu} h^A{}_{\nu} + h_A{}^{\sigma} \omega^A{}_{D\mu} h^D{}_{\nu}$$

- Spin metric-compatible connection :

$$\omega^A{}_{D\mu} = \Lambda^A{}_C \partial_{\mu} (\Lambda^{-1})^C{}_D$$

- The torsion tensor and torsion scalar:

$$T^{\lambda}{}_{\mu\nu} = h_a{}^{\lambda} (\partial_{\mu} h^a{}_{\nu} - \partial_{\nu} h^a{}_{\mu} + \omega^a{}_{b\mu} h^b{}_{\nu} - \omega^a{}_{b\nu} h^b{}_{\mu})$$

$$T = \frac{1}{2} S^{\alpha\mu\nu} T_{\alpha\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{4} T^{\mu\nu\rho} T_{\mu\nu\rho} + \frac{1}{2} T^{\mu\nu\rho} T_{\rho\nu\mu} - T_{\rho} T^{\rho}$$

- Here the superpotential tensor is:

$$S_{\rho}{}^{\mu\nu} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \left(K^{\mu,\nu}{}_{\rho} + \delta_{\rho}^{\mu} T^{\alpha\nu}{}_{\alpha} - \delta_{\rho}^{\nu} T^{\alpha\mu}{}_{\alpha} \right)$$

- The action and the Lagrangian (independent with spin connection, spin connection contributes only to the boundary term) ofTEGR:

$$S = \int d^4x \frac{h}{16\pi G} [T + \mathcal{L}_m] \quad \mathcal{L}(h^a{}_{\mu}, \omega^a{}_{b\mu}) = \mathcal{L}(h^a{}_{\mu}, 0) + \frac{1}{\kappa} \partial_{\mu} (h \omega^{\mu})$$

- Spherically symmetric solutions

- In the case of low-redshift Universe and weak gravitational fields approximation, any deviation from GR can be quantified as:

$$f(T) = -2\Lambda + T + \alpha T^2 + \mathcal{O}(T^3)$$

- The spherically symmetric solutions

$$ds^2 = c^2 e^{A(r)} dt^2 - e^{B(r)} dr^2 - r^2 d\Omega$$

$$A(r) = -\frac{2GM}{c^2 r} - \frac{\Lambda}{3} r^2 - \frac{32\alpha}{r^2}$$

$$B(r) = \frac{2GM}{c^2 r} + \frac{\Lambda}{3} r^2 + \frac{96\alpha}{r^2},$$

- Corresponding to a gravitational potential that deviates from Newtonian gravity:

$$\Phi(\vec{\xi}, z) = \Phi_{\text{Newton}} - 20 \frac{\alpha c^2}{r^2}$$

New test on general relativity and $f(T)$ torsional gravity from galaxy-galaxy weak lensing surveys

- The effective lensing potential :

$$\psi(\vec{\xi}) = \frac{D_{ds}}{D_d D_s} \frac{2}{c^2} \int \Phi(\vec{\xi}, z) dz$$

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- The lensing convergence and effective surface mass density:

$$\kappa = \frac{4\pi G}{c^2} \frac{D_d D_{ds}}{D_s} \left[\Sigma(R) - \frac{10\alpha c^2}{GR^3} \right]$$

$$\Sigma_{\text{eff}} = \Sigma - \frac{10\alpha c^2}{GR^3}$$

- Fitting ESD:

Consider $R_c = R_{1/2}$, where $R_{1/2} \approx 0.015 R_{200}$ is the radius that encloses half of stellar mass. Defining $\epsilon \equiv R_c/R$, the modified ESD profile takes the form:

$$\Delta\Sigma_{\text{eff}}(R) = \Delta\Sigma(R) + \frac{5c^4\Omega_\alpha^0(2 - \epsilon - \epsilon^2)}{9GH_0^2R^3\epsilon(1 + \epsilon)} \quad \alpha = c^2\Omega_\alpha^0/(18H_0^2)$$

Use a simple NFW with α and treat halo mass and concentration as free parameters .

Adopt the concentration-mass relation as a Gaussian prior to suppress the contribution from α , which tests the lower limit of the upper bound .

Allow α to vary in different mass bins and adopt off-center effect to further suppress the contribution from NFW halo on small scales, which tests the upper limit of the upper bound.

- Data component:

lens: group catalog based on SDSS DR7

source: SDSS DR7 shear catalog

● Result:

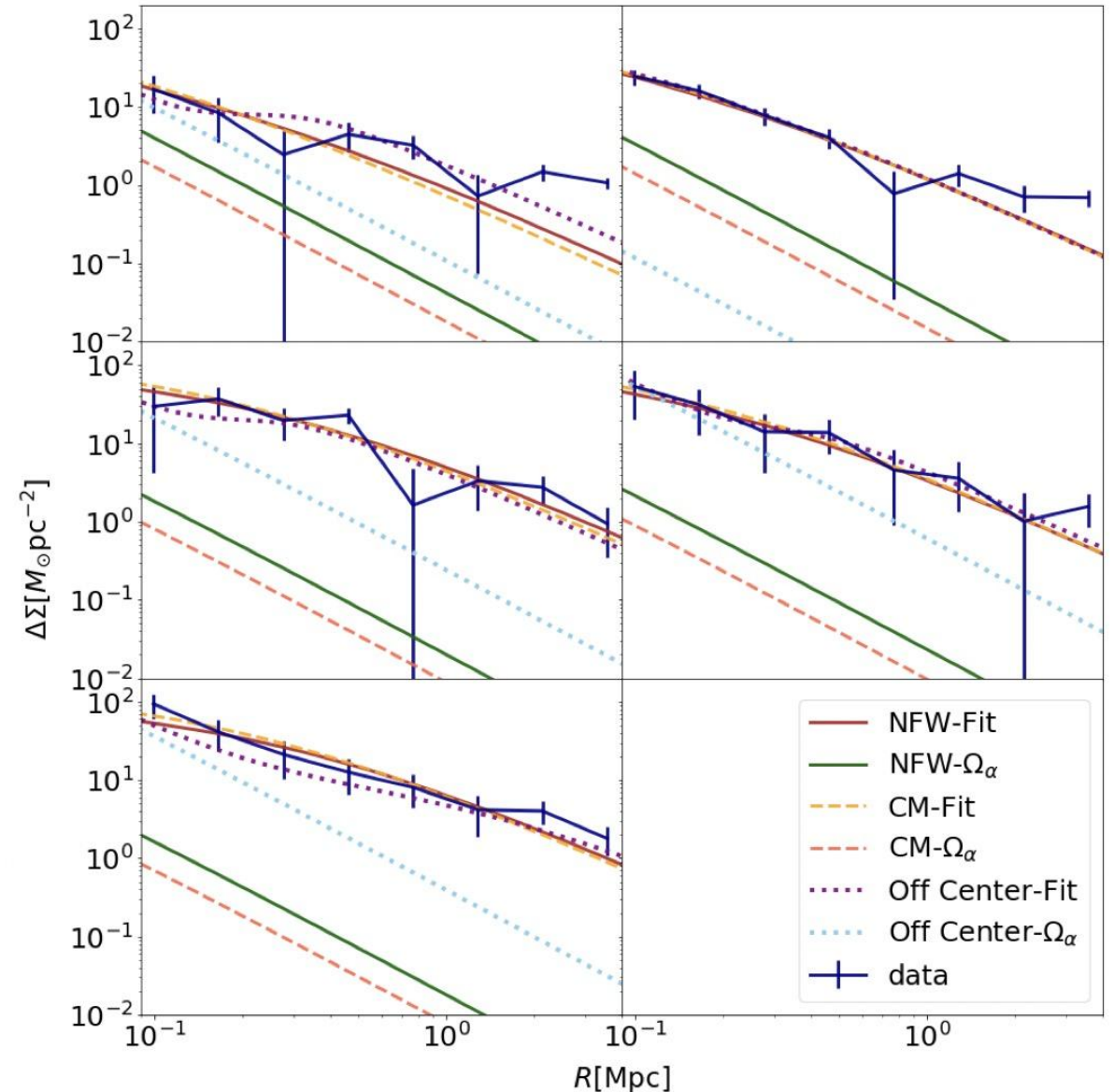
• Properties of the lens samples:

$\log_{10} M_{st}$ range	N_{sat}	$\langle z \rangle$	$\langle \log_{10} M_{st} \rangle$	$\langle \log_{10} M_h \rangle$
8.5-10.5	145 298	0.091	10.266	11.995
10.5-10.8	104 773	0.123	10.648	12.441
10.8-10.9	28 833	0.143	10.848	12.748
10.9-11.0	22 427	0.155	10.946	12.922
11.0-11.8	24 841	0.165	11.087	13.237

- Theoretical systematics are estimated with “CM-” and “Off Center-”, with “CM-” provide a lower limit and the fourth stellar mass bin of “Off Center-” fit provide an upper limit

$$\alpha \leq 0.33^{+1.76}_{-0.21} \text{ pc}^2 \left[\frac{R_c}{0.015 R_{200}} \right]$$

$$\log_{10} \Omega_\alpha \leq -18.52^{+0.80}_{-0.42} \left[\frac{R_c}{0.015 R_{200}} \right] :$$



- Another Spherically symmetric solutions

Deflection angle and lensing
signature of covariant $f(T)$ gravity

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Desire to obtain the spherically symmetric metric like: $ds^2 = A(r)^2 dt^2 - B(r)^2 dr^2 - r^2 d\Omega^2$

perturbative solution with a small deviations form TEGR: $f(T) = T + \alpha T^2,$

$$A(r)^2 = 1 - \frac{2M}{r} + \epsilon a(r), \quad a(r) \approx -\frac{8\alpha M^3}{5r^5} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{r^6}\right),$$

$$B(r)^2 = \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right)^{-1} + \epsilon b(r) \quad b(r) \approx \frac{8\alpha M^3}{r^5} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{r^6}\right)$$

The deviation of the image position and the total magnification:

$$\Delta\theta \approx \theta_{f(T)} - \theta_{GR} = \frac{32\alpha}{15\theta_0^3 (\theta_0^2 + 1) M^2} \epsilon^4 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^5).$$

$$\Delta\mu_{\text{tot}} = \mu_{\text{tot } f(T)} - \mu_{\text{tot } GR} \approx -\frac{64 (\beta^4 + 6\beta^2 + 6) \alpha}{15\beta (\beta^2 + 4)^{3/2} M^2} \epsilon^4 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^5)$$

- Another Spherically symmetric solutions

The tetrad inTEGR is a free amount with no observed effect, one can operate in imaginary space

$$h_{(2)\mu}^A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i\mathcal{B}(r) & 0 & 0 \\ i\mathcal{A}(r) \sin \vartheta \cos \varphi & 0 & -\chi r \sin \varphi & -r\chi \sin \vartheta \cos \vartheta \cos \varphi \\ i\mathcal{A}(r) \sin \vartheta \sin \varphi & 0 & \chi r \cos \varphi & -r\chi \sin \vartheta \cos \vartheta \sin \varphi \\ i\mathcal{A}(r) \cos \vartheta & 0 & 0 & \chi r \sin^2 \vartheta \end{pmatrix}, \quad \chi = \pm 1,$$

$$ds^2 = \mathcal{A}(r)^2 dt^2 - \mathcal{B}(r)^2 dr^2 - r^2 d\Omega^2.$$

Though the tetrad is complex, both the torsion scalar and the boundary term are real

- Exact solution:

$$ds^2 = \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r} + \frac{Q}{r^2}\right) dt^2 - \left(\frac{2Mr - Q - r^2}{2Q - r^2}\right)^{-1} dr^2 - r^2 d\Omega^2$$

Q is a constant that it is not related to the electromagnetic charge, the spherically solution can have $Q < 0$ as well

- Modified Newtonian Gravity:

- Modified Newtonian dynamics (MOND)

Adjust Newton's second law of motion ($F = ma$) by inserting a general function

$$F(a) = m \mu\left(\frac{a}{a_0}\right) a, \quad \mu(x \gg 1) \approx 1, \mu(x \ll 1) \approx x.$$

This function predicts the observed flat rotation curves in the outskirts of galaxies, while still reproducing the Newtonian behaviour of the inner disc.

$a \gg a_0$: Newtonian regime where $F = ma$

$a \ll a_0$: Deep-MOND' regime $F_{\text{MOND}} = m a_{\text{MOND}}^2 / a_0$

- observed gravitational acceleration

$$g_{\text{obs}}(g_{\text{bar}}) = \frac{g_{\text{bar}}}{1 - e^{-\sqrt{g_{\text{bar}}/a_0}}} \quad g_{\text{obs}}(r) = \frac{G [4\Delta\Sigma_{\text{obs}}(r) r^2]}{r^2} = 4G\Delta\Sigma_{\text{obs}}(r)$$

- Aether Scalar Tensor (AeST) theory $\Phi = \tilde{\Phi} + \chi$



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