

# Constraints on Einstein-aether theory after GW170817

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# Einstein-aether theory

- LV gravity: GR + timelike unit vector  $u^\mu$   
→ Useful for test of GR
- Low-E limit of non-projectable HL gravity  
→ predictions of a quantum gravity theory
- 4 parameters ( $c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4$ )

$$M^{\alpha\beta}{}_{\mu\nu} = c_1 g^{\alpha\beta} g_{\mu\nu} + c_2 \delta_\mu^\alpha \delta_\nu^\beta + c_3 \delta_\nu^\alpha \delta_\mu^\beta - c_4 u^\alpha u^\beta g_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_\text{æ} \equiv -M^{\alpha\beta}{}_{\mu\nu} (D_\alpha u^\mu) (D_\beta u^\nu) + \lambda (g_{\alpha\beta} u^\alpha u^\beta + 1)$$

$$S_\text{æ} = \frac{1}{16\pi G_\text{æ}} \int \sqrt{-g} d^4x \left[ R(g_{\mu\nu}) + \mathcal{L}_\text{æ}(g_{\mu\nu}, u^\lambda) \right]$$

$$S = S_\text{æ} + \int \sqrt{-g} d^4x \left[ \mathcal{L}_m(g_{\mu\nu}, \psi) \right]$$

# Constraints

- Stability  $q_{S,V,T} > 0$   $c_{S,V,T}^2 \geq 0$
- Gravi-Cerenkov  $c_{S,V,T}^2 \gtrsim 1$
- GW170817  $-3 \times 10^{-15} < c_T - 1 < 7 \times 10^{-16}$
- BBN  $\left| \frac{G_{\text{cos}}}{G_N} - 1 \right| \lesssim \frac{1}{8}$
- PPN  $|\alpha_1| \leq 10^{-4}$   $|\alpha_2| \leq 10^{-7}$
- Pulsars  $|\hat{\alpha}_1| \leq 10^{-5}$   $|\hat{\alpha}_2| \leq 10^{-9}$

# Some formulae

$$c_{ij} \equiv c_i + c_j \quad c_{ijk} = c_i + c_j + c_k$$

- Stability & Gravi-Cerenkov & GW170817

$$q_S = \frac{(1 - c_{13})(2 + c_{13} + 3c_2)}{c_{123}} \quad q_V = c_{14} \quad q_T = 1 - c_{13}$$

$$c_S^2 = \frac{c_{123}(2 - c_{14})}{c_{14}(1 - c_{13})(2 + c_{13} + 3c_2)} \quad c_V^2 = \frac{2c_1 - c_{13}(2c_1 - c_{13})}{2c_{14}(1 - c_{13})} \quad c_T^2 = \frac{1}{1 - c_{13}}$$

- BBN

$$G_N = \frac{G_{\text{ae}}}{1 - \frac{1}{2}c_{14}} \quad G_{\text{cos}} = \frac{G_{\text{ae}}}{1 + \frac{1}{2}(c_{13} + 3c_2)}$$

- PPN

$$\alpha_1 = -\frac{8(c_3^2 + c_1c_4)}{2c_1 - c_1^2 + c_3^2}$$

$$\alpha_2 = \frac{1}{2}\alpha_1 - \frac{(c_1 + 2c_3 - c_4)(2c_1 + 3c_2 + c_3 + c_4)}{c_{123}(2 - c_{14})}$$

- Pulsars

$$\hat{\alpha}_1 = \alpha_1 + \frac{c_-(8 + \alpha_1)\sigma_{\text{ae}}}{2c_1}$$

$$\hat{\alpha}_2 = \alpha_2 + \frac{\hat{\alpha}_1 - \alpha_1}{2} - \frac{(c_{14} - 2)(\alpha_1 - 2\alpha_2)\sigma_{\text{ae}}}{2(c_{14} - 2c_{13})}$$

# Constraints on $(c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4)$

$$c_{ij} \equiv c_i + c_j \quad c_{ijk} = c_i + c_j + c_k$$

- Strongest constraint  $\leftarrow$  GW170817

$$|c_{13}| < 10^{-15}$$

- $(c_1, c_{14})$ -plane

$$0 < c_{14} \leq 2.5 \times 10^{-5}$$

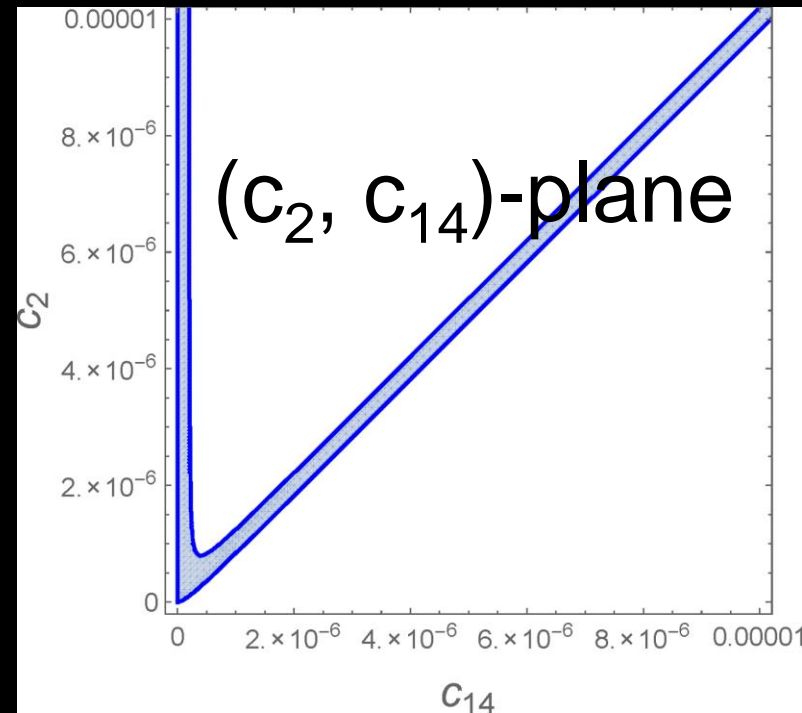
$$c_{14} \lesssim c_1$$

- $(c_2, c_{14})$ -plane

$$c_{14} \leq 2.5 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$c_2 \lesssim 0.095$$

- Sensitivity  $\sigma_{\text{ae}}$   
not known in those range



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