Cosmological post-Newtonian approximation of a Lorentzviolating vector field The rise and fall of *a* relativistic MOND theory

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JH-Noh, Cosmological perturbations of a relativistic MOND theory, e-Print: <u>2410.10205</u> JH-Noh, Cosmological post-Newtonian approximation of a Lorentz-violating vector field, e-Print: <u>2503.20151</u>

MOND as an alternative to Dark Matter

MOND: Milgrom (1983)

$$f(|\vec{a}|/a_M)\vec{a} = \vec{g}_N, \quad \begin{cases} f(x) = 1 \text{ for } x \gg 1 \text{ (Newtonian)} \\ f(x) = x \text{ for } x \ll 1 \text{ (MOND)} \end{cases} \text{Low acceleration limit} \\ \text{MOND regime : } |\vec{a}| = \sqrt{a_M |\vec{g}_N|} > |\vec{g}_N| \text{ Gravity becomes stronger} \\ \text{with } g_N = GM/r^2, \quad |\vec{a}| = v^2/r \implies v = (GMa_M)^{1/4} \propto M^{1/4} \end{cases}$$

∴ Explaining galactic rotations and Tully-Fisher relation

Poisson's form: Bekenstein-Milgrom (1984) $\nabla \cdot [f(|\nabla \Phi|/a_M)\nabla \Phi] = 4\pi G \varrho$ with $\vec{a} = \nabla \Phi$ Due to its nonlinear nature, internal dynamics is affected by the external gravitational field (external field effect), violating the strong equivalence principle

Milgrom's universal constant : $a_M \simeq 1.2 \times 10^{-8} cm/sec^2$ Intriguingly : $cH_0/(2\pi) \simeq 1.1 \times 10^{-8} cm/sec^2$ with $H_0 = 70(km/sec)/Mpc$

Bekenstein-Milgrom, Does the missing mass problem signal the breakdown of Newtonian gravity? (1984)

<u>A Relativistic MOND</u>

 Relativistic extension:
 Blanchet-Marsat (2011) ←
 Motivated by Ei

 with MOND limit
 Jacobson-Matti quantum gravity

 Cosmological addition:
 Blanchet-Skordis (2024)
 Motivated by Ei

 for large-scale structure and CMB
 For MOND
 For Cosmology

- Motivated by Einstein-aether theory (Jacobson-Mattingly 2001) and quantum gravity proposal with **local Lorentz invariance violation** (Horava 2009, Blas et al. 2010)

$$\mathcal{L} = \sqrt{-g} \Big\{ \frac{c^4}{16\pi G} \big[R - 2\mathcal{J}(A) + 2\mathcal{K}(Q) \big] + L_m \Big\}$$

Time-like
Four-vector
 $U_a \equiv -\frac{c}{Q} \nabla_a \tau, \quad Q \equiv c \sqrt{-(\nabla^a \tau)} \nabla_a \tau, \quad \text{Amplitude}$
Four-vector
 $V_a = c \sqrt{-(\nabla^a \tau)} \nabla_a \tau, \quad \text{Complete transformed on the set of } U_a$

Acceleration
$$A_a \equiv c^2 U_{a;b} U^b = -c^2 q_a^b \nabla_b \ln Q, \quad A \equiv \frac{1}{c^4} A^c A_c,$$

Involves

gravitational $U^c U_c \equiv -1$, $q_{ab} \equiv g_{ab} + U_a U_b$ — Projection tensor orthogonal to U_a potential

Blanchet-Marsat-Skordis (BMS) model of the relativistic MOND

Blanchet-Marsat, Modified gravity approach based on a preferred time foliation, e-Print: <u>1107.5264</u>; 3/16 Blanchet-Skordis, Relativistic khronon theory in agreement with modified Newtonian dynamics and large-scale cosmology, e-Print: <u>2404.06584</u>

Background constraint

Metric: $ds^2 = -a^2 dx^0 dx^0 + a^2 \delta_{ij} dx^i dx^j$ $Q = \dot{\tau} = 1 + \dot{\sigma}/c^2$ $\begin{array}{ll} \textbf{Model:} \quad \mathcal{K} = \frac{2\nu^2}{n+1} \mathcal{K}_{n+1} (Q-1)^{n+1} & \textbf{No} \; \mathcal{J} \; \textbf{contributes to BG} \\ & & L_{\nu} \equiv 1/(\nu \sqrt{\mathcal{K}_{n+1}}) & L_{H} \equiv c/H_{0} = 4.3 Gpc \\ & \mu_{\tau} = \mu_{\tau 0} \frac{1}{a^3} \frac{nQ+1}{n+1}, \quad Q = 1 + \left[\frac{3}{2a^3} \left(\frac{L_{\nu}}{L_{H}} \right)^2 \Omega_{\tau 0} \right]^{1/n} & H_{0} = 70 (km/sec)/Mpc \end{array}$ $w_{\tau} \equiv \frac{p_{\tau}}{\mu_{\tau}} = \frac{Q-1}{nQ+1}, \quad c_{\tau}^2 \equiv \frac{\dot{p}_{\tau}}{\dot{\mu}_{\tau}} = \frac{Q-1}{nQ} \longleftarrow \frac{\text{Dust (CDM) for } \mathbf{Q} \approx 1}{\text{Can be achieved by reducing } \mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{v}}}$

Demand: $w_{\tau*} \leq 0.0164$ at $a_* \sim 10^{-4.5}$ for a dust-like behavior

$$L_{\nu} \leq \left[\frac{2c^{2}}{3H_{0}^{2}\Omega_{\tau0}} \left(\frac{(n+1)w_{\tau*}}{1-nw_{\tau*}}\right)^{n} a_{*}^{3}\right]^{1/2} \equiv L_{*}$$

$$n = 1 \text{ is excluded, due to a conflict in 0PN order} \qquad L_{*} = 220, 62, 22pc \text{ for } n = 1, 2, 3$$

$$\Omega_{\tau0} = 0.26$$
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Post-Newtonian approximation

Zeroth-order post-Newtonian metric:

$$g_{00} = -\left(1 + \frac{2}{c^2}\Phi\right), \quad g_{0i} = 0, \quad g_{ij} = a^2\delta_{ij}$$
Ansatz: $\tau(\mathbf{x}, t) = t + \frac{1}{c^2}\bar{\sigma}(t) + \frac{1}{c^2}\sigma(\mathbf{x}, t)$
 $Q = 1 + \frac{1}{c^2}\dot{\sigma} - \frac{1}{c^2}\Xi, \quad \Xi \equiv \Phi - \dot{\sigma} + \frac{1}{2a^2}\sigma^{,i}\sigma_{,i}$

No OPN contribution from \mathcal{K} for $n \ge 2$

$$\frac{1}{a^{2}}\nabla\cdot\left[(1+\mathcal{J}_{,A})\nabla\Phi\right] = 4\pi G\delta\varrho_{b} + \frac{1}{a^{2}}\nabla\cdot\left\{\mathcal{J}_{,A}\nabla\left[\dot{\sigma} - \frac{1}{2a^{2}}(\nabla\sigma)\cdot\nabla\sigma\right]\right\}$$

$$\overset{\mathcal{J}_{,A} = 0 \qquad : \text{Newtonian}}{1+\mathcal{J}_{,A} = x \equiv \frac{1}{a}|\nabla\Phi|/a_{M} < 1 : \text{MOND}} + \frac{1}{a^{2}}\nabla\cdot\left\{\mathcal{J}_{,A}\nabla\left[\dot{\sigma} - \frac{1}{2a^{2}}(\nabla\sigma)\cdot\nabla\sigma\right]\right\}$$

$$Can we REMOVE it?Or, SUPRESS its effect?$$

Bekenstein-Milgrom's MOND

Baryon + τ-field system

Conservation equations :

$$\frac{1}{a^3}(a^3\varrho_{\tau})\cdot -\frac{1}{a^2}(\varrho_{\tau}\sigma^{,i})_{,i}=0.$$

$$\frac{1}{a^3}(a^3\varrho_b)\cdot + \frac{1}{a}\nabla\cdot(\varrho_b\mathbf{v}_b) = 0,$$
$$\frac{1}{a}(a\mathbf{v}_b)\cdot + \frac{1}{a}\mathbf{v}_b\cdot\nabla\mathbf{v}_b + \frac{1}{a}\nabla\Phi = 0.$$

Poisson's equation:

$$\frac{\Delta}{a^2} \Phi = 4\pi G(\delta \varrho_b + \delta \varrho_\tau), \quad \varrho_\tau = \bar{\varrho}_\tau - \frac{1}{4\pi G} \frac{1}{a^2} (\mathcal{J}_{,A} \Xi^{,i})_{,i}.$$

$$\therefore \quad \frac{1}{a^2} \nabla \cdot \left[(1 + \mathcal{J}_{,A}) \nabla \Phi \right] = 4\pi G \delta \varrho_b + \frac{1}{a^2} \nabla \cdot \left\{ \mathcal{J}_{,A} \nabla \left[\dot{\sigma} - \frac{1}{2a^2} (\nabla \sigma) \cdot \nabla \sigma \right] \right\}$$

Dynamic nature of σ , using $\mathbf{v}_\tau \equiv -\frac{1}{a} \nabla \sigma$:
$$\frac{1}{a^3} (a^3 \varrho_\tau)^{\cdot} + \frac{1}{a} \nabla \cdot (\varrho_\tau \mathbf{v}_\tau) = 0,$$

$$\frac{1}{a} \nabla \cdot \left\{ \mathcal{J}_{,A} \left[\frac{1}{a} (a \mathbf{v}_\tau)^{\cdot} + \frac{1}{a} \mathbf{v}_\tau \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v}_\tau + \frac{1}{a} \nabla \Phi \right] \right\} = -4\pi G \delta \varrho_\tau.$$

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$\sigma = 0$ as a physical condition

For $\sigma = 0$: $\rightarrow \dot{\delta}_{\tau} = 0$, $\ddot{\delta}_{b} + 2H\dot{\delta}_{b} = \frac{\Delta}{a^{2}}\Phi$, $\frac{1}{a^{2}}\nabla \cdot \left[(1 + \mathcal{J}_{,A})\nabla\Phi\right] = 4\pi G\varrho_{b}\delta_{b}$. $\overset{\bullet}{\longrightarrow}$ Nonlinear gravitational potential in MOND regime

This is what we naïvely expect in **Bekenstein-Milgrom's MOND**

Solutions:
$$\frac{1}{a} |\nabla \Phi| = \frac{3}{10} a_M \Omega_{b0}, \quad \delta_b = \frac{\frac{3}{10} \Omega_{b0} \frac{1}{a} \Delta \Phi}{4\pi G \varrho_b a^3} a^2.$$
 MOND vs CDM $\delta_b \propto a^2 \qquad \delta_b \propto$

We expect fast growth of structures in MOND (Sanders 1998; Nusser 2002)

However,
$$\delta_{\tau} = \frac{\frac{10}{3} - \Omega_b}{1 - \Omega_b} \delta_b \propto a^2, \qquad \dot{\delta}_{\tau} \propto \dot{\delta}_b \neq 0$$

Thus, inconsistent, or possible for stationary system only (Flanagan 2023)

Flanagan, Khronometric theories of modified Newtonian dynamics, e-Print: 2302.14846; Blanchet-Skordis 2404.06584

$\sigma = 0$ using a coordinate transformation

 $(\mathbf{x},t) \to (\mathbf{x},t+\sigma/c^2)$ with $\bar{\sigma} \equiv 0 \to \tau = t \to g_{0i} = \frac{1}{c}\sigma_{,i}$:

New **0PN** expansion:

OPN modified!

$$g_{00} = -\left(1 + \frac{2}{c^2}\Phi\right), \quad g_{0i} = \frac{1}{c}\overset{\downarrow}{\sigma}_{,i}, \quad g_{ij} = a^2\delta_{ij}.$$

Baryon conservation equations:

$$\frac{1}{a^3}(a^3\varrho)\cdot + \frac{1}{a}(\varrho v^i)_{,i} = \frac{1}{a^2}(\varrho_b\sigma^{,i})_{,i}, \text{ Non-Newtonian corrections}$$
$$\frac{1}{a}(av_i)\cdot + \frac{1}{a}v^jv_{i,j} + \frac{1}{a}\Phi_{,i} = -\frac{2}{a}H\sigma_{,i} + \frac{1}{a}\sigma_{,ij}\left(v^j - \frac{1}{a}\sigma^{,j}\right) + \frac{1}{a}v_{i,j}\sigma^{,j}.$$

Poisson's equation:

$$\frac{1}{a^2} \nabla \cdot \left[(1 + \mathcal{J}_{A}) \nabla \Phi \right] = 4\pi G \delta \varrho_b - \frac{\Delta}{a^2} \dot{\sigma}.$$

No Newtonian limits in both conservation eqs and Poisson's eq JH-Noh, e-Print: 2503.20151

Density perturbations, properly considering dynamic o

Baryon + τ-field system:

linear density and velocity perturbations, but *nonlinear* in potential

$$\ddot{\delta}_b + 2H\dot{\delta}_b = \frac{\Delta}{a^2}\Phi, \quad \frac{\Delta}{a^2}\Phi = 4\pi G(\varrho_b\delta_b + \varrho_\tau\delta_\tau),$$
$$\dot{\delta}_\tau = \frac{\Delta}{a^2}\sigma, \quad \frac{1}{a^2}\nabla\cdot\left[\mathcal{J}_{,A}\nabla(\Phi - \dot{\sigma})\right] = -4\pi G\varrho_\tau\delta_\tau.$$

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Assuming matter-dominated Newtonian regime, $\mathcal{J}_{A} = 0$: era without Λ $\ddot{\delta}_b + 2H\dot{\delta}_b = 4\pi G\rho_b\delta_b, \quad \delta_\tau = 0, \quad \sigma = 0.$ Solution: $a \propto t^{2/3} = \delta_b \propto t^n$ $n = \frac{1}{6}(-1 \pm \sqrt{1 + 24\Omega_{b0}})$ **MOND regime,** $1 + J_{A} = x < 1$: **Solution:** For $x \ll 1$ $\dot{\delta}_b + 2H\dot{\delta}_b = 4\pi G(\rho_b \delta_b + \rho_\tau \delta_\tau),$ $\ddot{\delta}_{\tau} + 2H\dot{\delta}_{\tau} = 4\pi G\varrho_b\delta_b - \frac{1}{a^2}\nabla\cdot(x\nabla\Phi). \qquad n = \frac{1}{6}\left[-1\pm\sqrt{1+12\Omega_{b0}\left(1\pm\sqrt{1+4\frac{\Omega_{\tau 0}}{\Omega_{b0}}}\right)}\right]$ $n < \frac{2}{3}$ \therefore No faster growth as expected in MOND regime ∴ non-MONDian! 9/16 JH-Noh, e-Print: 2503.20151

Perturbation Theory

Metric perturbation:

$$x_{\downarrow}^{0} = \eta$$

$$g_{00} = -a^{2}(1+2\alpha), \quad g_{0i} = -a\chi_{i}^{i}, \quad g_{ij} = a^{2}(1+2\varphi)\delta_{ij}$$
Arbitrary amplitude
$$a_{ij}$$

$$g_{0i} = -a\chi_{i}^{i}, \quad g_{ij} = a^{2}(1+2\varphi)\delta_{ij}$$

Ignored transverse-tracefree perturbation and imposed spatial gauge conditions

Field perturbation:

$$\tau \equiv \bar{\tau}(t) + \frac{1}{c^2}\sigma(\mathbf{x}, t)$$

Linear perturbation

To linear order: $Q = (1 - \alpha)\bar{Q} + \frac{1}{c^2}\dot{\sigma}, \quad \bar{Q} = \dot{\tau}$ $\Upsilon \equiv \alpha - \frac{1}{c^2Q}\left(\dot{\sigma} - \frac{\dot{Q}}{Q}\sigma\right) \equiv \alpha_{\sigma}^{\star} \qquad A_i = c^2\Upsilon_{,i}$ Fluid quantities: $\delta\mu_{\tau} = \frac{c^4}{8\pi G}\left(Q\mathcal{K}_{,QQ}\delta Q - 2\mathcal{J}_{,A}\frac{\Delta}{a^2}\Upsilon\right),$ $\delta p_{\tau} = \frac{c^4}{8\pi G}\mathcal{K}_{,Q}\delta Q, \quad v_{\tau} = \frac{1}{aQ}\sigma, \qquad v_i \equiv -v_{,i} + v_i^{(v)}$

No vector and tensor perturbations, No anisotropic stress

EoS: $\frac{\delta p_{\tau}}{\mu_{\tau}} = c_{\tau}^2 \left(1 - \mathcal{J}_{,A} \frac{c_{\tau}^2 c^2 k^2}{4\pi G \varrho_{\tau} a^2}\right)^{-1} \delta_{\tau}$

$$\therefore \sigma = 0$$
 implies $v = 0$.

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Gauge issue

Gauge transformation: $\widehat{x}^a = x^a + \xi^a$ \sim

$$\frac{\widehat{\sigma}}{c^2} = \frac{\sigma}{c^2} - \tau'\xi^0, \quad \widehat{Q} = Q - c\left(\frac{\tau'}{a}\right)'\xi^0, \quad \widehat{\mathcal{K}} = \mathcal{K} - \mathcal{K}_{,Q}c\left(\frac{\tau'}{a}\right)'\xi^0$$
$$\widehat{\mu} = \mu - \mu'\xi^0, \quad \widehat{p} = p - p'\xi^0, \quad \widehat{v} = v - c\xi^0$$

 $\therefore \sigma = 0$ can be used as a gauge condition $\rightarrow v = 0 \therefore$ comoving gauge

Gauge-invariant combination: $\delta\mu_{\sigma} \equiv \delta\mu - \frac{\mu'}{\tau'}\frac{\sigma}{c^2}$ with τ -fluid

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Momentum conservation} & \text{Energy conservation} \\ \text{By combining:} & \alpha_{\sigma} \stackrel{\bullet}{=} -\frac{\delta p_{\sigma}}{\mu + p}, & \kappa_{\sigma} \stackrel{\bullet}{=} \frac{(a^{3}\delta\mu_{\sigma})^{\cdot}}{a^{3}(\mu + p)} \\ \\ & \underbrace{\text{Einstein eq.}}_{\text{Raychaudhury eq.}} \dot{\kappa}_{\sigma} + 2H\kappa_{\sigma} + \left(c^{2}\frac{\Delta}{a^{2}} + 3\dot{H}\right)\alpha_{\sigma} = \frac{4\pi G}{c^{2}}(\delta\mu_{\sigma} + 3\delta p_{\sigma}) \\ \end{array}$$
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Jeans criterion

Density perturbation equation: valid for a fluid without anisotropic stress and τ -field, with Λ in the background

$$\frac{1+w}{a^{2}H} \left[\frac{H^{2}}{a(\mu+p)} \left(\frac{a^{3}\mu}{H} \delta_{\sigma}\right)^{\cdot}\right]^{\cdot} = c^{2} \frac{\Delta}{a^{2}} \frac{\delta p_{\sigma}}{\mu}$$

$$\delta \equiv \delta \mu/\mu \quad \delta \mu_{\sigma} \equiv \delta \mu - \frac{\mu'}{\tau'} \frac{\sigma}{c^{2}}$$
 Gauge-invariant combination

$$\frac{1}{a^2 H} \left[a^2 H^2 \left(\frac{\delta_{\sigma}}{H} \right)^{\cdot} \right]^{\cdot} = \ddot{\delta}_{\sigma} + 2H\dot{\delta}_{\sigma} - 4\pi G \rho \delta_{\sigma} = c^2 \frac{\Delta}{a^2} \frac{\delta p_{\sigma}}{\mu}$$
Gravity
Pressure

Jeans scale:

$$\Delta = -k^2 \longrightarrow \frac{k_J}{a} = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi G \delta \varrho_\sigma}{c^2 \delta p_\sigma / \mu}} = \left[2c_\tau^2 \left(\frac{w_\tau}{\mathcal{K}} + \frac{a^3}{I_0} \frac{1}{Q} \mathcal{J}_{,A} \right) \right]^{-1/2}$$

Perturbation constraint

Model:
$$\mathcal{K} = \frac{2\nu^2}{n+1} \mathcal{K}_{n+1} (Q-1)^{n+1}$$

Jeans scale:
$$\frac{k_J}{a} = \left[\frac{2a^3}{I_0}\frac{Q-1}{nQ}\left(\frac{n+1}{nQ+1} + \mathcal{J}_{,A}\right)\right]^{-1/2}$$

$$\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{1}: \quad \frac{k_J}{a} \simeq \frac{\nu}{\sqrt{1 + \mathcal{J}_{,A}}} \qquad \text{Excluded already}$$

$$\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{2}: \quad \frac{k_J}{a} \simeq \sqrt{\sqrt{\frac{2I_0}{a^3} \frac{\nu\sqrt{\mathcal{K}_3}}{1 + \mathcal{J}_{,A}}}} \qquad \qquad 1 + \mathcal{J}_{,A} = 1 \qquad : \text{Newtonian}$$

$$L_H \equiv c/H_0 = 4.3Gpc \qquad 1 + \mathcal{J}_{,A} = |\nabla\Phi|/a_M < 1 \qquad : \text{MOND}$$

$$\frac{\lambda_J}{2\pi} = \frac{a}{k_J} \le \sqrt{\frac{L_H L_* a^{3/2}}{\sqrt{6\Omega_{\tau 0}}}} (1 + \mathcal{J}_{,A})} \sim \sqrt{1 + \mathcal{J}_{,A}} a^{3/4} 1.1Mpc$$

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Baryon + τ-field system:

In super-Jeans scale: τ -field = CDM

<u>Newtonian regime</u>, $\mathcal{J}_{,A} = 0$:

$$\ddot{\delta}_b + 2H\dot{\delta}_b - 4\pi G(\varrho_b\delta_b + \varrho_\tau\delta_\tau) = 0,$$

$$\ddot{\delta}_\tau + 2H\dot{\delta}_\tau - 4\pi G(\varrho_b\delta_b + \varrho_\tau\delta_\tau) = c_\tau^2 c^2 \frac{\Delta}{a^2} \delta_\tau$$

MOND regime, sub-Jeans scale

$$\ddot{\delta}_b + 2H\dot{\delta}_b - 4\pi G(\varrho_b\delta_b + \varrho_\tau\delta_\tau) = 0,$$

$$\ddot{\delta}_\tau + 2H\dot{\delta}_\tau - 4\pi G\left(\varrho_b\delta_b - \frac{x}{1-x}\varrho_\tau\delta_\tau\right) = 0 \qquad x \equiv 1 + \mathcal{J}_{,A}$$

The same as PN case ... no faster growth as expected in MOND ... non-MONDian!

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<u>Summary</u>

- ✤ <u>MOND</u> = modified gravity in regions of low acceleration
- Direct evidence from wide binary systems supports MOND
- Early presence of galaxies is in tension with the CDM paradigm;
 MOND has stronger gravity, thus provide faster growth of baryon pert.
- Numerous versions of MOND and several relativistic extensions
- We studied Blanchet-Marsat-Skordis' relativistic MOND with successful cosmology based on a Lorentz-violating vector field
- In BMS theory: Cosmology aspects appear sound
- Dynamic nature of vector field is a challenge to achieve MOND
- Difficult to remove the dynamic parts
- BMS theory achieves MOND only in stationary systems
- ✤ Dynamic parts lead to non-MONDian behavior of baryon density pert.
- The rise and fall of BMS' proposal as a relativistic MOND theory