

# Current and future constraints on $f(Q)$ cosmology with $\Lambda$ CDM background

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# Introduction

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# Gravity as Geometry

- Spacetime is described with two (in principle independent) objects: the metric  $g_{\mu\nu}$ , and the, affine connection  $\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda}$

- Metric defines distances, lengths and angles

$$ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^{\mu} dx^{\nu}, \quad \cos(V, U) = \frac{g_{\mu\nu} V^{\mu} U^{\nu}}{\sqrt{g_{\mu\nu} V^{\mu} V^{\nu} g_{\rho\sigma} U^{\rho} U^{\sigma}}}$$

- The affine connection relates two nearby tangent spaces

$$V^{\mu}(x) - \tilde{V}^{\mu}(x + \delta x) = \Gamma^{\mu}_{\alpha\beta} V^{\alpha}(x) \delta x^{\beta}$$

defines the covariant derivative

$$\nabla_{\mu} V^{\nu} \equiv \partial_{\mu} V^{\nu} + \Gamma^{\nu}_{\alpha\mu} V^{\alpha}$$

and the Riemann tensor

$$R^{\sigma}_{\rho\mu\nu} \equiv \partial_{\mu} \Gamma^{\sigma}_{\nu\rho} - \partial_{\nu} \Gamma^{\sigma}_{\mu\rho} + \Gamma^{\alpha}_{\nu\rho} \Gamma^{\sigma}_{\mu\alpha} - \Gamma^{\alpha}_{\mu\rho} \Gamma^{\sigma}_{\nu\alpha}$$

# Decomposition of the affine connection

$$\Gamma^\lambda{}_{\mu\nu} = \{\lambda{}_{\mu\nu}\} + K^\lambda{}_{\mu\nu} + L^\lambda{}_{\mu\nu}$$

- Levi Civita connection

$$\{\lambda{}_{\mu\nu}\} \equiv \frac{1}{2}g^{\lambda\beta} (\partial_\mu g_{\beta\nu} + \partial_\nu g_{\beta\mu} - \partial_\beta g_{\mu\nu})$$

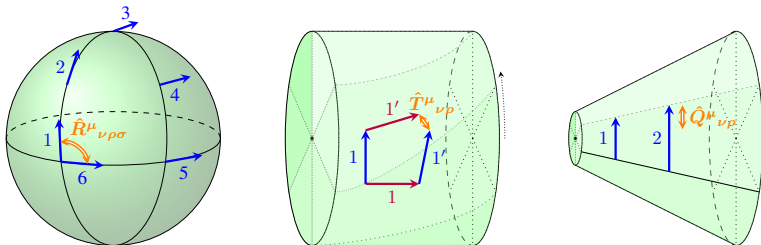
- Contortion and torsion

$$K^\lambda{}_{\mu\nu} \equiv \frac{1}{2}g^{\lambda\beta} (T_{\mu\beta\nu} + T_{\nu\beta\mu} + T_{\beta\mu\nu}) , \quad T^\lambda{}_{\mu\nu} \equiv \Gamma^\lambda{}_{\mu\nu} - \Gamma^\lambda{}_{\nu\mu}$$

- Disformation and non-metricity

$$L^\lambda{}_{\mu\nu} \equiv \frac{1}{2}g^{\lambda\beta} (-Q_{\mu\beta\nu} - Q_{\nu\beta\mu} + Q_{\beta\mu\nu}) , \quad Q_{\alpha\mu\nu} \equiv \nabla_\alpha g_{\mu\nu}$$

# Interpretation of curvature, torsion and non-metricity



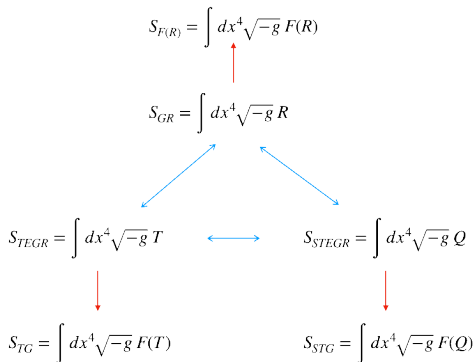
*By Laur Järv, from Bahamonde 2021.*

# Construction of GR equivalent theories

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S_{GR} = \int dx^4 \sqrt{-g} R & & \\ \swarrow & & \nwarrow \\ S_{TEGR} = \int dx^4 \sqrt{-g} T & \longleftrightarrow & S_{STEGR} = \int dx^4 \sqrt{-g} Q \end{array}$$

*Trinity of Gravity as in Beltrán Jiménez, Heisenberg, Koivisto 2019*

# Extending GR equivalent theories



# Symmetric Teleparallel Gravity (STG)

$$S = \int \sqrt{-g} \left[ -\frac{1}{16\pi G} F(Q) + \mathcal{L}_m \right] d^4x$$

$$Q \equiv -\frac{1}{4} Q_{\alpha\beta\gamma} Q^{\alpha\beta\gamma} + \frac{1}{2} Q_{\alpha\beta\gamma} Q^{\gamma\beta\alpha} + \frac{1}{4} Q_{\alpha} Q^{\alpha} - \frac{1}{2} Q_{\alpha} \tilde{Q}^{\alpha},$$
$$Q_{\mu} \equiv Q_{\mu}{}^{\alpha}{}_{\alpha}, \quad \tilde{Q}^{\mu} \equiv Q^{\alpha\mu}{}_{\alpha}.$$

For a flat FLRW, the non-metricity scalar is

$$Q = 6H^2$$

and the Friedmann equations are

$$6F_Q H^2 - \frac{1}{2} F = 8\pi G \rho$$

$$(12H^2 F_{QQ} + F_Q) \dot{H} = -4\pi G (\rho + p)$$



# Evolution of the matter contrast

The evolution of the matter contrast in the small scales

$$\ddot{\delta} + 2H\dot{\delta} - \frac{4\pi G}{F_Q} \rho_m \delta = 0$$

Beltrán Jiménez, Heisenberg, Koivisto, Pekar 2020

# Propagation of Gravitational Waves

The propagation of the tensorial perturbations  $g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}$

$$\bar{h}''_A + 2\mathcal{H}(1 + 2\delta(z))\bar{h}'_A + k^2\bar{h}_A = 0$$

where for an  $f(Q)$  model

$$\delta(z) = \frac{d \ln F_Q}{2\mathcal{H} d\eta}$$

which leads to modification in the luminosity distance for GW

$$d_L^{(\text{GW})}(z) = \exp\left(\int_0^z \frac{\delta(z)}{1+z} dz\right) d_L(z) = \sqrt{\frac{F_Q^{(0)}}{F_Q}} d_L(z)$$

Belgacem 2018.

# STG with a $\Lambda$ CDM background

Imposing a  $\Lambda$ CDM background in the Friedmann equation, the general solution for  $F(Q)$  is

$$F = Q + M\sqrt{Q} + C$$

then the evolution of matter contrast is

$$\delta'' + \delta' \left( 2 + \frac{H'}{H} \right) - \frac{3\sqrt{6}H}{2\sqrt{6}H + M} \Omega_m \delta = 0$$

and the relation between  $d_L$  and  $d_L^{(GW)}$

$$d_L^{(GW)}(z) = \sqrt{\frac{2\sqrt{6} + M}{2\sqrt{6} + M/E(z)}} d_L(z)$$

where we take

$$E^2(z) \equiv \frac{H^2}{H_0^2} = \Omega_m(1+z)^3 + 1 - \Omega_m$$

## **Constraints with Redshift Space Distortions data**

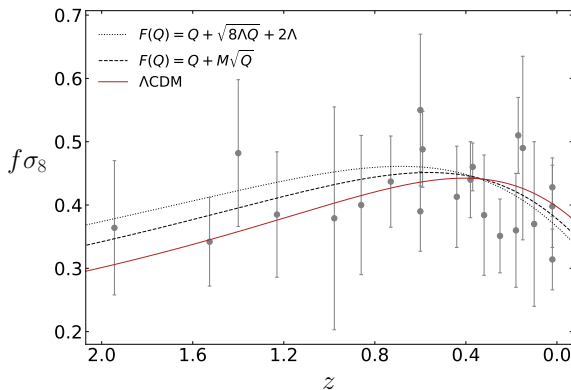
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# Dataset

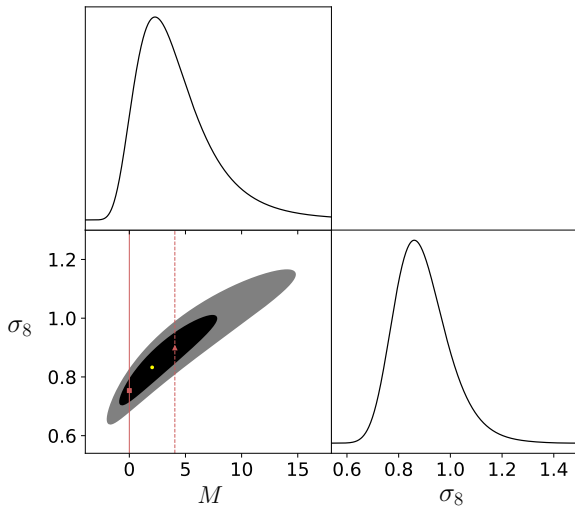
RSD data constrain the combination

$$f\sigma_8(N) = \sigma_8 \frac{\delta'(N)}{\delta(0)}$$

Use RSD data from Sagredo 2018.

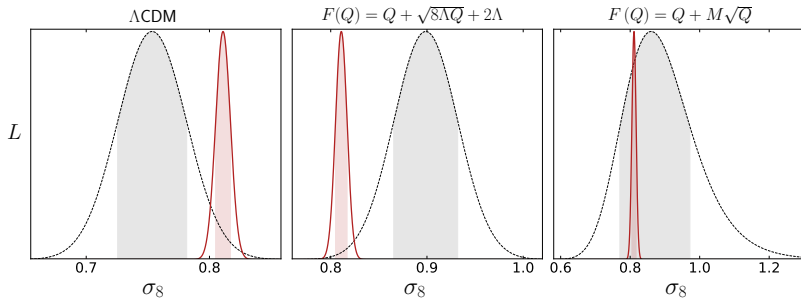


# Likelihood analysis results



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Possible alleviation of the  $\sigma_8$  tension with the 3rd model?

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Model	$M$	$\sigma_8$	$\chi^2/\text{dof}$	$\Delta AIC_c$
$\Lambda\text{CDM}$	0	0.75	0.62	0.60
$F(Q) = Q + M\sqrt{Q}$	2.03	0.83	0.60	1.90
$F(Q) = Q + \sqrt{8\Lambda Q} + 2\Lambda$	4.05	0.90	0.60	0



# First conclusions

- Model with fixed  $M$  has a best fit value of  $\sigma_8$  beyond the Planck value and also in tension;
- Best fit for  $M$  is non-zero;
- For the model with free  $M$ , the best fit  $\sigma_8$  includes the Planck value;
- Both the  $\chi^2$  and  $AIC_c$  tests favour the model with fixed  $M$ .
- As the values for the  $AIC_c$  are all relatively close, there is no strong evidence for a preferred model.

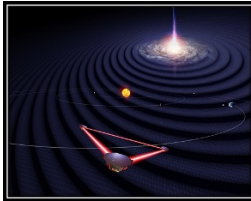
# Forecasts for GW interferometers

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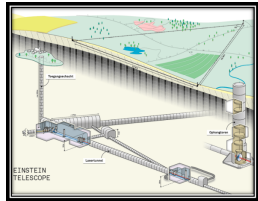
# GW interferometers



Since 2002



2030 - 2040?



From 2035

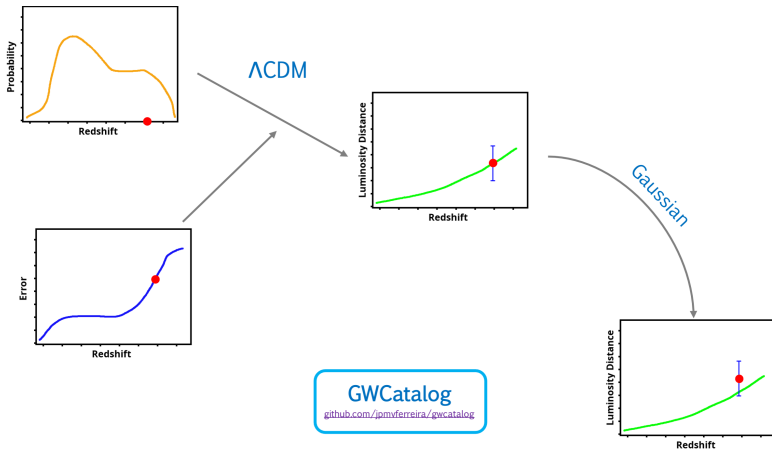
# Catalog selection criteria

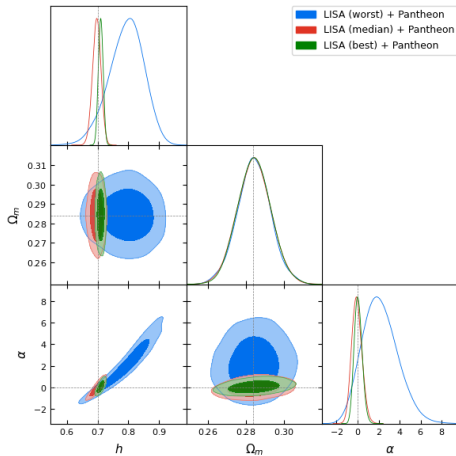
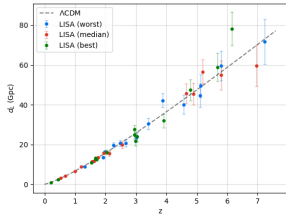
**Standard sirens:** Astrophysics events measured in both the electromagnetic spectrum and in gravitational waves.

Examples such as binary neutron star mergers (BNS), black hole binaries with accretion disks (BHB); extreme mass ratio inspirals (EMRI).

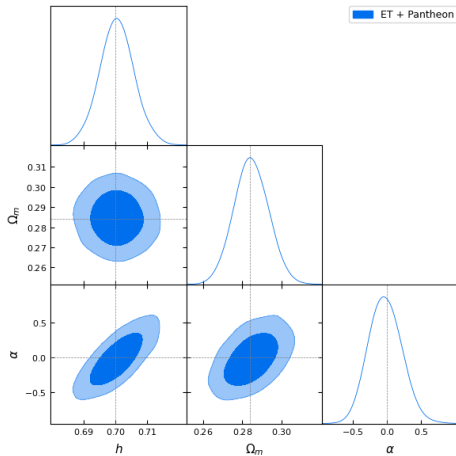
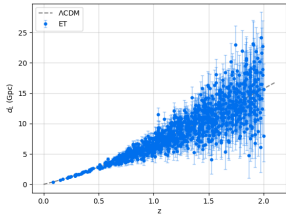
- **LIGO:** we generated **15** catalogs, each with **50** events (Macarena 2019, Baker 2020);
- **LISA:** we generated **15** different catalogs, each with **15** events, and picked the best, median and worst catalogs (Speri 2021);
- **ET:** we generated **5** different catalogs, each with **1000** events (Belgacem 2018);
- ... and we used **SnIa** data from the Pantheon compilation.

# Making a mock catalog



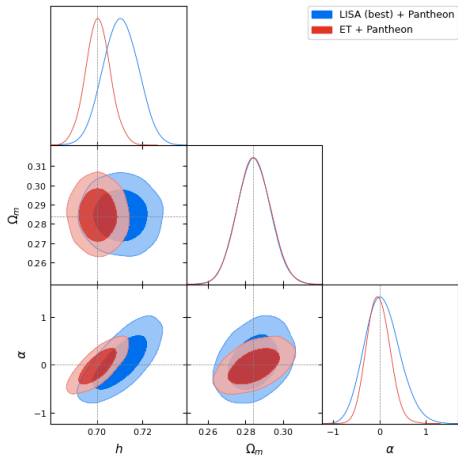
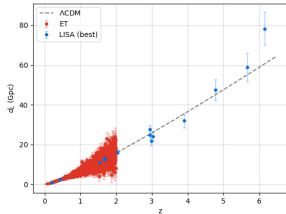


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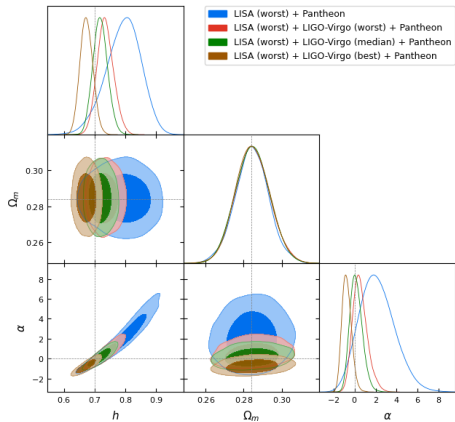
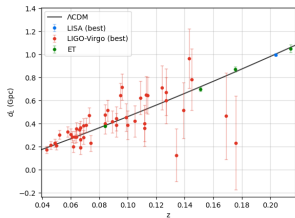
# LISA vs ET



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# Can LIGO help?



Yes. A good catalog can improve LISA's constraints.

## Summary of constraints

Catalog	$\sigma_\alpha$	Relative Size
ET	0.25	1
LISA (best)	0.37	1.5
LISA (worst) + LIGO-Virgo (best)	0.44	1.8
LISA (median)	0.49	2
LISA (worst)	1.70	6.8

## More conclusions

- The Einstein Telescope will perform better than LISA;
- LISA will perform better than LIGO;
- LIGO alone will not be able to constrain this model;
- We obtain different catalogs for LISA and LIGO, but the Einstein Telescope catalogs are all very similar;
- If we obtain a bad LISA catalog, we can use LIGO as a complement to obtain better constraints;
- The optimal region is  $z \sim 0.6$  for LISA and  $z \sim 1$  for the Einstein Telescope.

## Beyond the $\Lambda$ CDM background assumption

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# ABS $f(Q)$ model

A model with only one free parameter  $\lambda$ ,

$$F(Q) = Q e^{\lambda Q_0/Q}$$

≪ one of the first alternatives to the concordance model that apart from the fact that it might be preferred by the data [...] it does not face the cosmological constant problem since it does not include a “hidden” cosmological constant inside the  $F(Q)$  form ≫

Anagnostopoulos, Basilakos, Saridakis 2021

$$(E^2 - 2\lambda)e^{\lambda/E^2} = \Omega_m(1+z)^3 + \Omega_r(1+z)^4$$

with

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{2} + W_0 \left( -\frac{\Omega_m + \Omega_r}{2e^{1/2}} \right)$$

# ABS $f(Q)$ model

Given that

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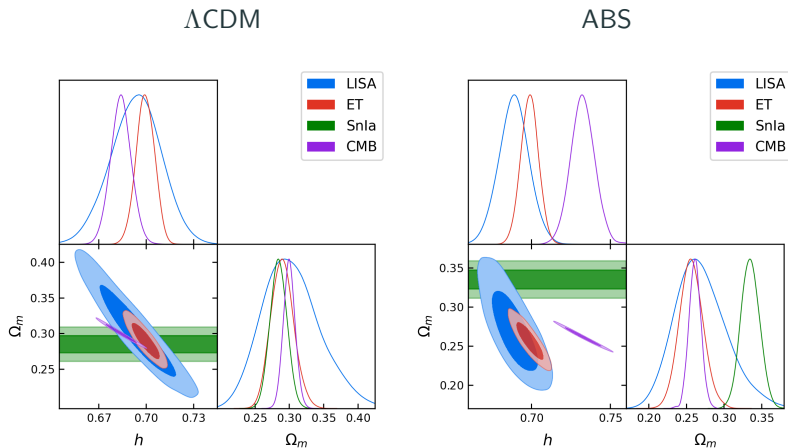
In the limit of low redshifts

$$E^2 \approx e^{-\lambda} \Omega_m(1+z)^3 + e^{-\lambda} \Omega_r(1+z)^4 + 2\lambda$$

For high redshifts one recovers  $\Lambda$ CDM

$$E^2 \approx \Omega_m(1+z)^3 + \Omega_r(1+z)^4 + \lambda$$

# Supernovae + CMB + standard sirens constraints



Actually... CMB already rules out this model as is!