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Abstract: One of the most challenging problems in theoretical physics today is the so called cosmological constant problem. While current observations are consistent with the prediction of GR with an unexplainable tiny cosmological constant, it remains possible that it's the deviation of the law of gravity at large distance from Einstein's theory that resolves the puzzle. In this talk, I will briefly review some of the theoretical attempts we made along this line, in particular, the so called 'classically constrained gravity' and its implications in quantum cosmology. I will also present some most recent study on massive spin-2 particles in De Sitter space, and describe a model, initially motivated by DGP theory, which allows one to explore the Higuchi forbidden mass range of the graviton on the De Sitter background.

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Motivation

- Cosmological constant problem
- Observed cosmic expansion
- Idea: modification of gravity at large scale may help to solve all the puzzles.

Most trivially, FP-massive gravity \Rightarrow

$$G_{\mu\nu}^L - \frac{1}{2}m^2(h_{\mu\nu} - h\eta_{\mu\nu}) = \Lambda\eta_{\mu\nu}$$

$h_{\mu\nu} = \frac{2\Lambda}{3m^2}\eta_{\mu\nu}$ is a flat solution.

- Degravitation of the dark energy, G. Dvali, S. Hofmann, J. Khoury, A. Tolley, C. de Rham and etc.

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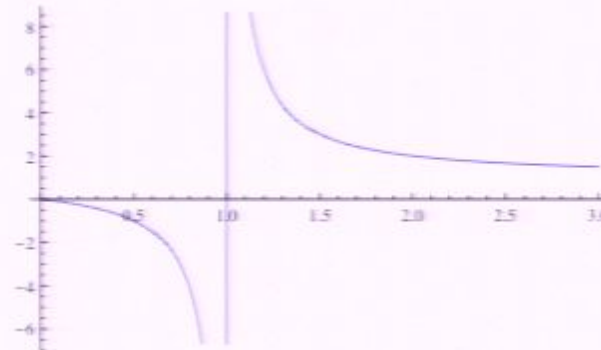
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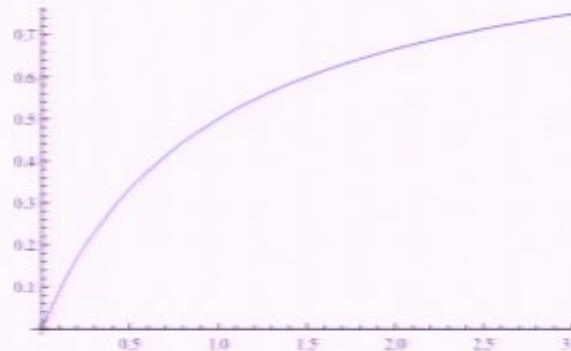
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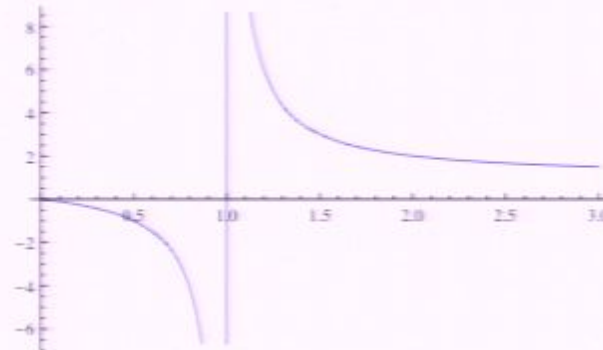
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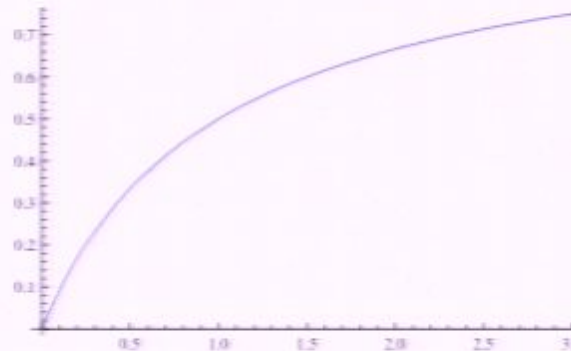
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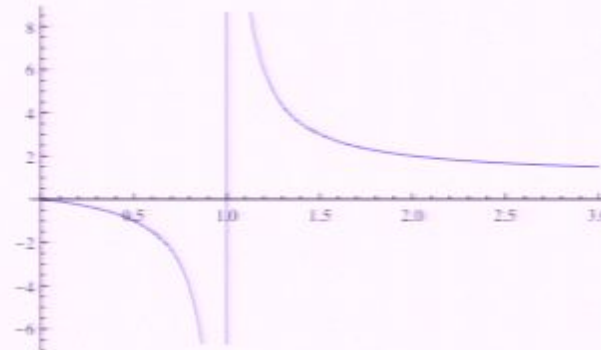
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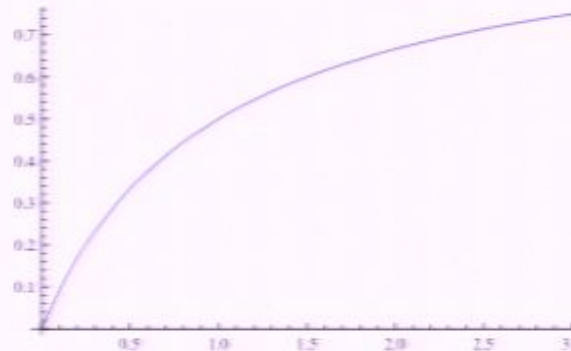
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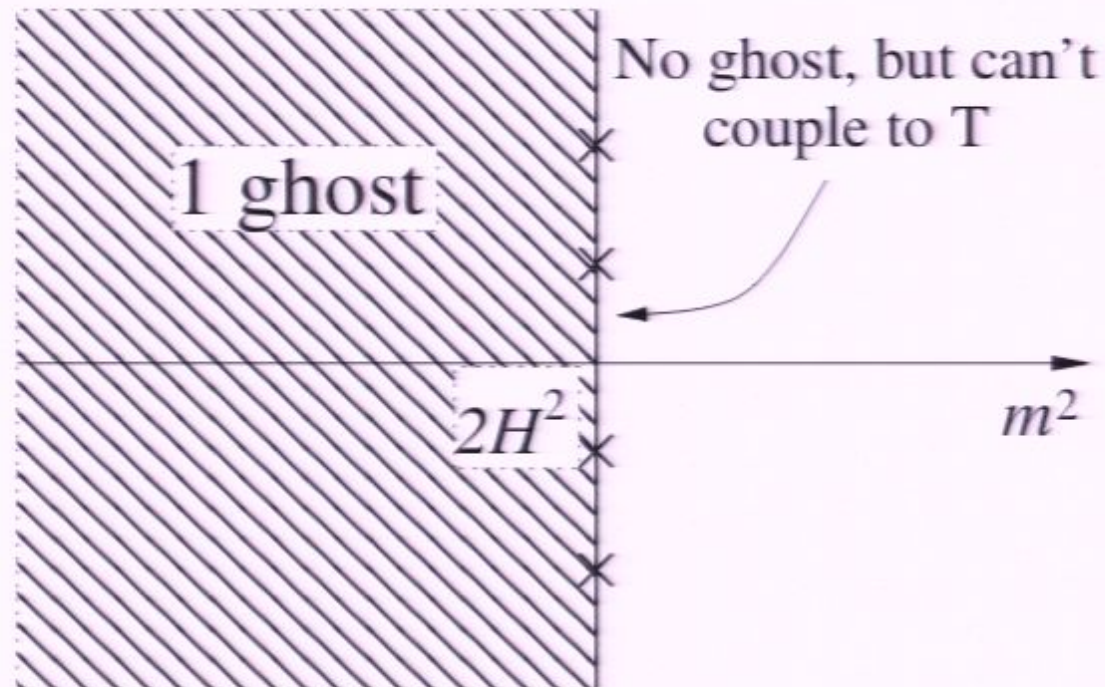
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A summary of massive spin-2 on de Sitter background:

- when $m^2 < 2H^2$ there's a ghost
- when $m^2 > 2H^2$ no ghost.
- when $m^2 = 2H^2$, propagating only the spin-2 modes, no ghost or tachyon, but enhanced local symmetry forbids the coupling to T



The Dvali-Gabadadze-Porrati theory

- The codimensional-1 model in 5-d spacetime:

$$S = M_5^3 \int d^5x \sqrt{-g} R + M_4^2 \int_{\text{brane}} d^4x \sqrt{-g^*} (R^* + \sigma)$$

- The Freedman equation reads

$$H^2 + r_c H = 0$$

$$r_c \equiv \frac{M_4^2}{2M_5^2}$$

$H = 1/r_c$ is the self-accelerating branch

- From the 4-D point of the view, the self-accelerating branch contains a normalizable spin-2 mode of mass $m_*^2 = 2H^2$ and a continuous tower starting from $m^2 = (9/4)H^2$. [K. Koyama, D. Gorbunov, S. Sibiryakov and et al.](#)
- Careful analysis showed that this branch has an unstable mode.

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DGP 4-D effective theory ...

- Equations of motion are

$$\mathcal{O}^{\mu\nu} h_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

$$G_{\mu\nu}^{\text{dS}} - H^2(h_{\mu\nu} - \gamma_{\mu\nu}h) - \mathcal{O}_{\mu\nu}\phi = -T_{\mu\nu}$$

- Using Bianchi's+trace as usual, we find

$$\frac{1}{2}h_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{\Delta_L - 4H^2} T_{\mu\nu}^{(1/3)} - \frac{\gamma_{\mu\nu}}{12} \frac{T}{\square + 4H^2}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{3} \left(\nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu - \frac{1}{4} \gamma_{\mu\nu} \square \right) \frac{T}{(\square + 4H^2)^2}$$

where Δ_L is the Lichnerowicz operator:

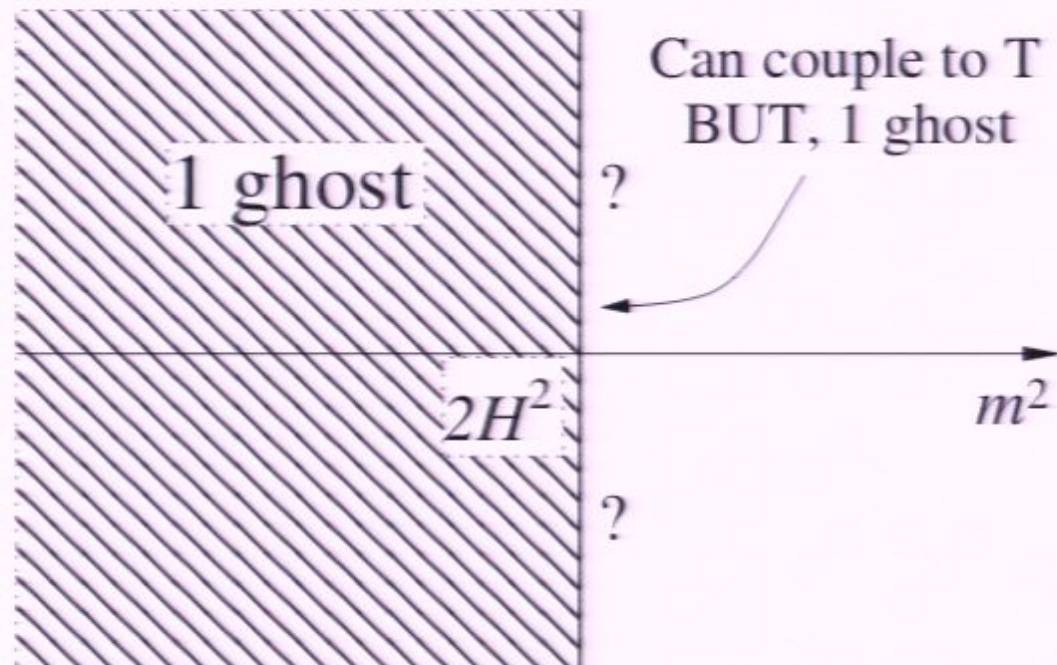
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A bit more careful analysis

- The amplitude

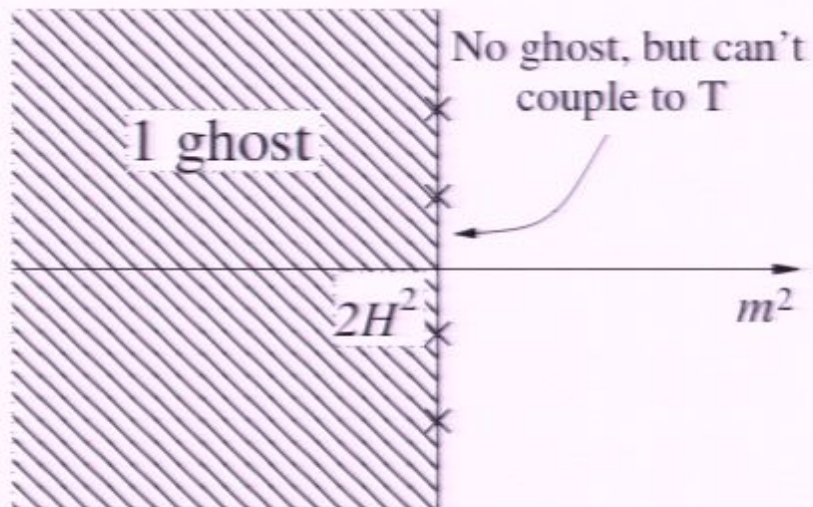
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The double pole can be decomposed into a sum of single poles giving rise to a tachyon and ghost mode. (Strongly coupled, problematic.)

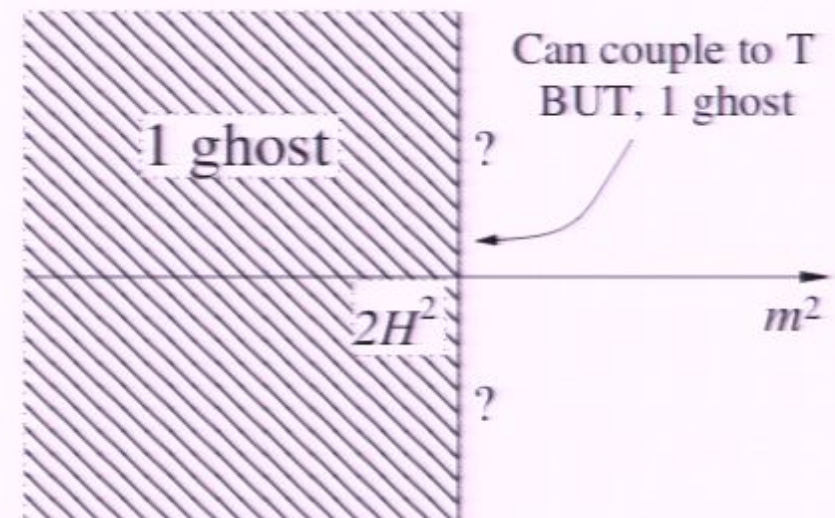


Recap

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- **Question:** can we improve the DGP theory?

Decouple the ghost

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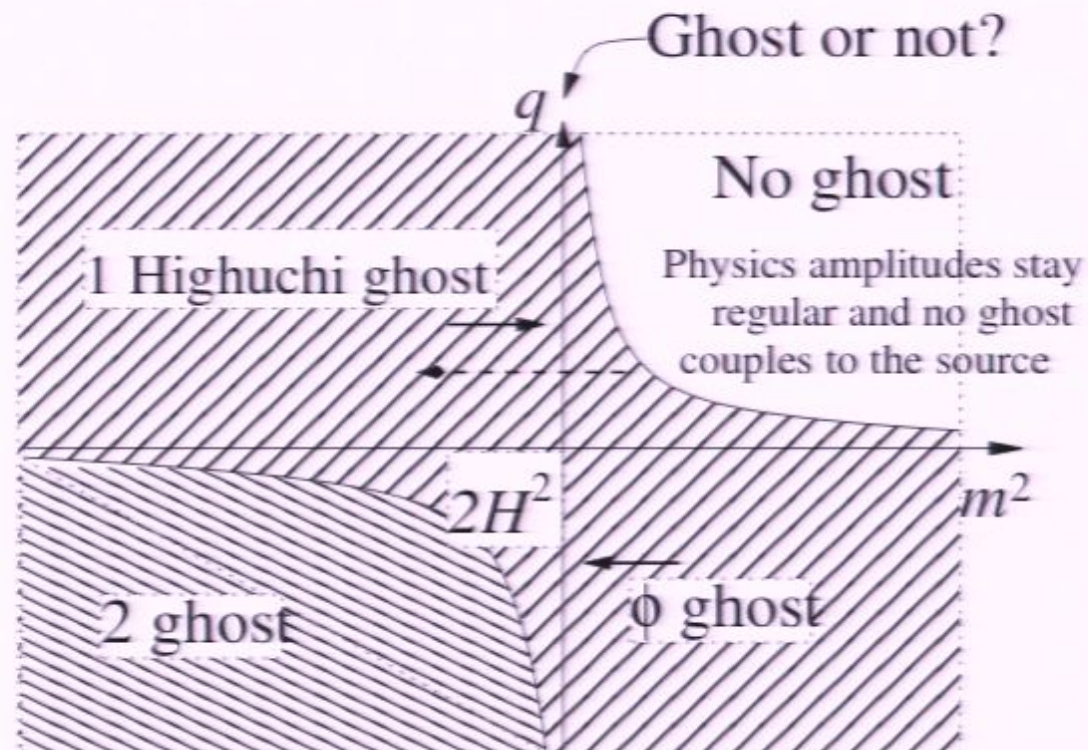
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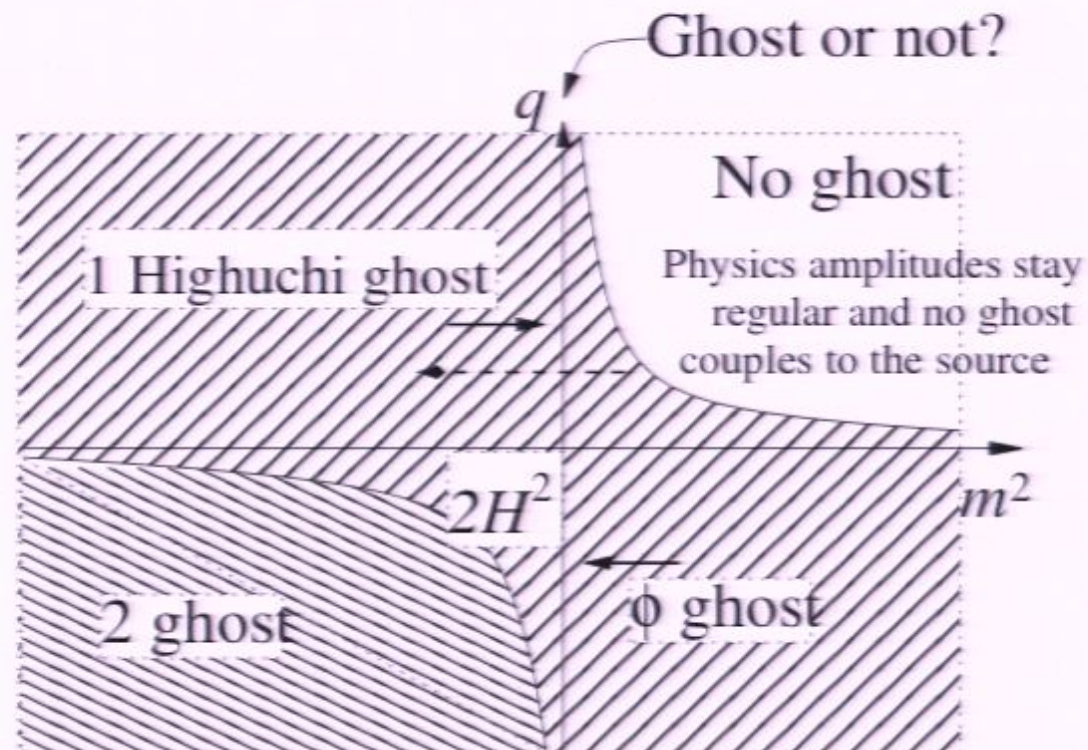
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Are there ghosts?

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No ghost if $1 + q > 0 \Rightarrow q > -1$.

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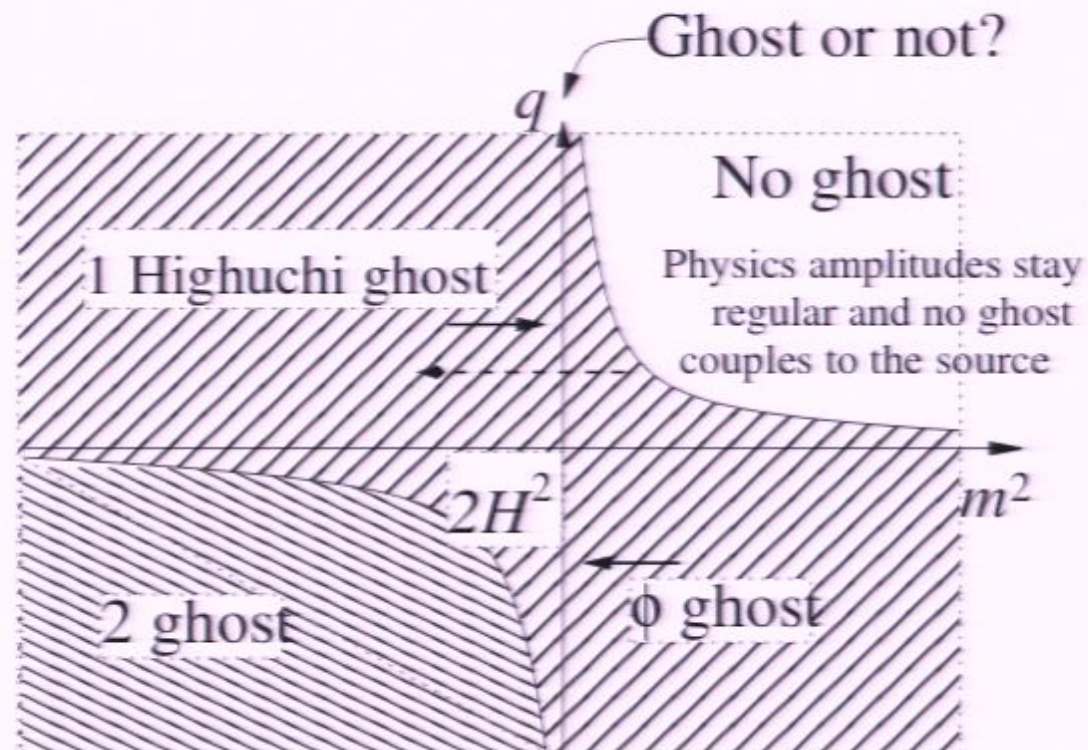
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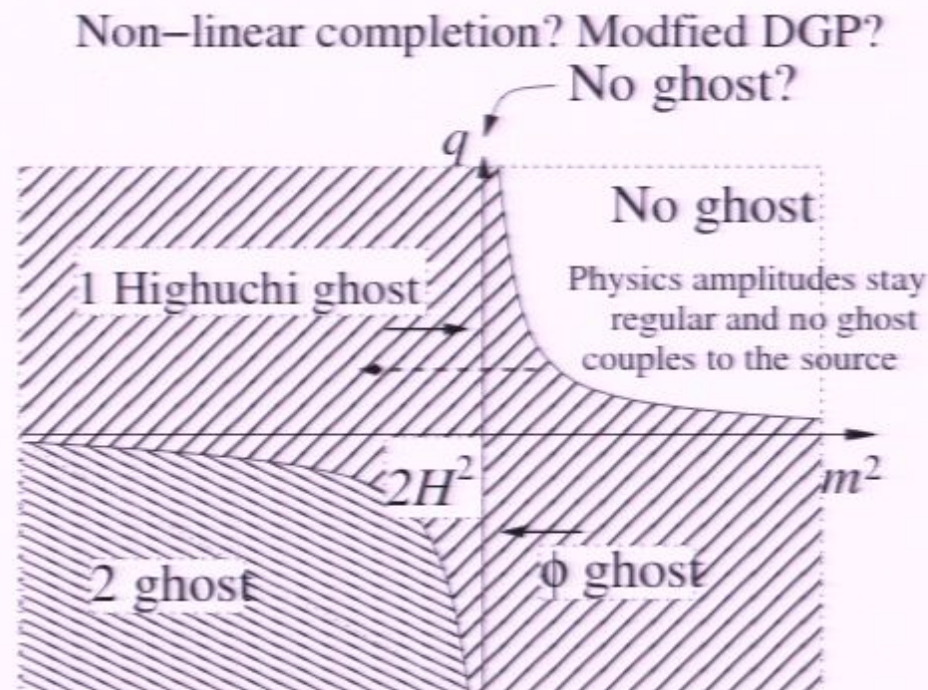
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Still working on it . . .

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- At least no ghost coupled to the physical $T_{\mu\nu}$ for the entire region $q > -1$. All amplitudes are regular function of q . Brings us hope to truncate the theory or find a healthy theory on the boundary.



Unfortunately we can't get rid of the ghost all together

- Quadratic action can do magic?
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Why de Sitter space

- de Sitter background might be relevant to both late time cosmology and inflationary epoch.
What happens during inflation if gravity is “masive”?
- DGP-theory: low energy limit of the self-accelerating branch is a theory of massive spin-2 on de Sitter background.
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