

Title: Infrared Modification of Gravity with Dynamical Torsion

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Abstract: Theories of gravity having connection as an independent dynamical variable can have a massive spin -2 particle together with the massless graviton in their spectrum. We study the potentiality of such models as a consistent infrared modification of gravity. It will be shown that these models are free from ghost like Boulware-Deser mode in the background of arbitrary torsionless Einstein manifolds. At least for weak for weak enough curvature the dangerous spin zero mode has a healthy kinetic energy in our backgrounds. vDVZ singularity seems to be a generic feature which may be cured by Vainshtein mechanism as in other infrared modified theories of gravity.

# Infrared Modification of Gravity with Dynamical Torsion

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# Massive Spin-2

1. Motivation
2. Brief Remarks on Fierz-Pauli
3. Inclusion of Torsion
4. Massive Spin-2 in Curved Backgrounds  
(Arbitrary Einstein, dS and AdS spaces  
Higuchi bound)
5. Generalized FP in curved backgrounds
6. Unsolved Problems

# Motivation

- Modification of gravity at large distances

Motivated by the accelerated expansion of the universe.

- Acceleration may be due to an infrared modified gravity rather than to a new form of energy!

# Massive Spin-2

- Massive gravitons?

A challenge for theory,  
difficult to construct a consistent theory!

# Massive Spin-2

- Any higher dimensional theory of gravity such as String Theory has infinite number of them.
- What we want is a theory in 4D with a finite number of interacting massive spin-2 particles.
- There is a Unique Non Interacting Theory

# Fierz-Pauli ( 1939)

$$L_{EH}^{(2)}(h_{\mu\nu}) + \frac{\alpha}{4}h_{\mu\nu}h^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\beta}{4}(h_{\mu}^{\mu})^2$$

Consistent only if

$$\beta = -\alpha = m_G^2$$

# Number Of Adjustments

- Actually since the only symmetries are global Poincare' even the coefficients in the Einstein Hilbert part are arbitrary.
- Absence of **Ghosts** and **Tachyons** in the Linear Theory fix them uniquely to the FP form
- P. van Nieuwenhuizen NPB 60 (1973) 478

# 5 massive d.o.f propagate

- No ghosts or tachyons.
- Zero mass limit does not produce GR in leading order approximation.
- Non linear terms must be taken into account.

# Curved Space ( BD Ghost)

- No Coordinate Invariant non linear completion in D=4 is known.

$$S_m = M_{\text{Pl}}^2 \int d^4x \sqrt{|g|} \left( R + \frac{m_g^2}{4} [h_{\mu\nu}^2 - (h_\mu^\mu)^2] \right),$$

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}$$

Buolware-Deser PRD6(1972)3368

# Some other approaches

- Extra dimensions with brane worlds

Dvali, Gabadadze, Poratti' 01

de Rham et. al.' 07

Kaloper, Kiley' 07

Kobayashi' 07

etc.

- Lorentz-violating effective Lagrangians

V.R.'04

Dubovsky' 04

Dubovsky, Tinyakov, Tkachev' 05

Berezhiani, Comelli, Nesti, Pilo' 07

etc.

# Non Metric Massive spin-2

- A Lorentz tensor  $t_{ijk}$  symmetric w.r.t the interchange of the i and j can also produce a spin-2 particle.

## O(1,3) content

Impose two extra conditions:

$$\eta^{ij} t_{ijk} = 0$$

$$t_{ijk} + t_{jki} + t_{kij} = 0$$

# Unconstrained Action

- Subject to these conditions  $t_{ijk}$  has 16 independent components, (still too many!)
- One way to construct a theory for such a field is to include torsion.
- We end up with torsion-gravity theories .
- An old idea!  
Cartan, Kibble, Sciama, Hehl, ....

# Fundamental Fields

- Vierbein

$$e_\mu^i$$

- Connection

$$A_{ij\mu} = -A_{ji\mu}$$

- Curvature

$$F_{ijmn} =$$

$$e_m^\mu e_n^\nu (\partial_\mu A_{ij\nu} - \partial_\nu A_{ij\mu} + A_{ik\mu} A^k{}_{j\nu} - A_{ik\nu} A^k{}_{j\mu})$$

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- Define

$$C_{ijk} = e_j^\mu e_k^\nu (\partial_\mu e_{i\nu} - \partial_\nu e_{i\mu})$$

- Torsion

$$T_{ijk} = A_{ijk} - A_{ikj} - C_{ijk}$$

# O(1,3) pieces

$$T_{ijk} = \frac{2}{3}(t_{ijk} - t_{ikj}) + \frac{1}{3}(\eta_{ij}v_k - \eta_{ik}v_j) + \varepsilon_{ijkl}a^l$$

$$S = \int d^4x \ e \ L, \quad e = \det e_\mu^i$$

$$L = L_F + L_T,$$

$$L_T = \alpha t_{ijk} t^{ijk} + \beta v_i v^i + \gamma a_i a^i$$

# Gravitational Action

$$\begin{aligned} L_F = & c_1 F + c_2 + c_3 F_{ij} F^{ij} \\ & + c_4 F_{ij} F^{ji} + c_5 F^2 \\ & + c_6 (\varepsilon_{ijkl} F^{ijkl})^2 + b F_{ijkl} F^{ijkl}, \end{aligned}$$

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# Reduced Lagrangian

$$L_T = \alpha(t_{ijk}t^{ijk} - v_i v^i + \frac{9}{4}a_i a^i) ,$$

$$L_F = c_1 F + c_2 +$$

$$c_3 F_{ij} F^{ij} + c_4 F_{ij} F^{ji}$$

$$+ c_5 F^2 + c_6 (\varepsilon_{ijkl} F^{ijkl})^2 ,$$

# Field equations

- Gravitational

$$\frac{\delta S}{\delta e_m^i} = 0$$

- Torsion

$$\frac{\delta S}{\delta A_{j\mu}^i} = 0$$

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$$c_1 F_{ji} + c_3 (F^m{}_i F_{mj} - F_j{}^{mn}{}_i F_{mn}) +$$

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$$(D^k + v^k) F_{ijk} + H_{ij} - \frac{1}{2} \eta_{ij} L = 0$$

where

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# Torsion equation

$$\frac{\delta S}{\delta A_{j\mu}^i} = 0$$

$$\{c_i\}(DF)_{ijk} + (\text{torsion})_{ijk} = 0$$

# Vanishing Torsion Backgrounds

- Grav.Equ. + Torsion Equ.

$$c_1 R_{ij} = \frac{\lambda}{2} \eta_{ij} - 3c_5 W_{iklj} R^{kl}$$

$$\nabla^i W_{ijkl} = 0$$

# Einstein Manifolds

$$R_{ijkl} = \Lambda(\eta_{ik}\eta_{jl} - \eta_{il}\eta_{jk}) + W_{ijkl},$$

$$R_{ij} = 3\Lambda\eta_{ij}, \quad R = 12\Lambda,$$

$$\Lambda = -\frac{c_2}{6c_1}$$

# Spectrum around flat space Vanishing source for Torsion

$$h_{ij} = \frac{1}{c_1} \frac{1}{k^2} \left( \tau_{ij} - \frac{1}{2} \eta_{ij} \tau \right) - \frac{\tilde{\alpha}}{\alpha c_1} \frac{1}{k^2 + m^2} \left( \tau_{ij} - \frac{1}{3} \eta_{ij} \tau \right)$$

$$m^2 = \frac{\tilde{\alpha} c_1}{3 \alpha c_5} \quad \tilde{\alpha} = \alpha + \frac{2}{3} c_1$$

$$c_5 < 0$$

# Full Expression

$$S_{int} = \int d^4k \left\{ \frac{1}{72\tilde{\alpha}} \frac{\bar{S}S}{k^2 + m_0^2} + \frac{2}{c_1} \frac{1}{k^2} \bar{\tau}_{ij} \left( \tau^{ij} - \frac{1}{2} \eta^{ij} \tau \right) - \frac{2\tilde{\alpha}}{\alpha c_1} \frac{1}{k^2 + m^2} \left[ \bar{\sigma}_{ij} \left( \sigma^{ij} - \frac{1}{3} \eta^{ij} \sigma \right) + 2 \frac{k^i k_m}{m^2} \bar{\sigma}_{ij} \left( \sigma^{jm} - \frac{1}{3} \eta^{jm} \sigma \right) \right] \right\}$$

$$m_0^2 = \frac{\tilde{\alpha}}{16c_6}$$

$$\alpha < 0 , \quad \tilde{\alpha} > 0$$

# Curved Backgrounds

- The axial vector field decouples from the rest, Its longitudinal part propagates with a mass squared

$$\frac{c_5 \kappa}{8c_6}$$

$$\kappa = 2\Lambda + \frac{\tilde{\alpha}}{2c_5}$$

# Fierz-Pauli

- Define

$$u_{ij} = F_{(1)ij} - \frac{1}{6}\eta_{ij}F_{(1)}$$

- The remaining equations become

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla^2 u_{ij} - \nabla^k \nabla_i u_{kj} - \nabla^k \nabla_j u_{ki} + \nabla_i \nabla_j u + \eta_{ij} \left( \nabla^k \nabla^l u_{kl} - \nabla^2 u \right) + 6\Lambda \left( u_{ij} - \frac{1}{2}\eta_{ij}u \right) \\ - \left( 2\Lambda + \frac{2\kappa c_1}{3\alpha} \right) (u_{ij} - \eta_{ij}u) + \left( 1 - \frac{2\kappa c_5}{\alpha} \right) W_{ilkj} u^{lk} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

# FP in flat background

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla^2 u_{ij} - \nabla^k \nabla_i u_{kj} - \nabla^k \nabla_j u_{ki} + \nabla_i \nabla_j u + \eta_{ij} \left( \nabla^k \nabla^l u_{kl} - \nabla^2 u \right) \\ + 6\Lambda \left( u_{ij} - \frac{1}{2} \eta_{ij} u \right) \\ - \left( 2\Lambda + \frac{2\kappa c_1}{3\alpha} \right) (u_{ij} - \eta_{ij} u) \\ + \left( 1 - \frac{2\kappa c_5}{\alpha} \right) W_{ilkj} u^{lk} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

# dS or AdS backgrounds

- $W=0$  and we obtain FP with a mass term

$$\begin{aligned} M^2 &= 4\Lambda \left(1 + \frac{c_1}{3\alpha}\right) + \frac{\tilde{\alpha}c_1}{3\alpha c_5} \\ &= 4\Lambda + \frac{16c_6}{3\alpha c_5} M_0^2 c_1 \end{aligned}$$

- This satisfies the Higuchi bound if the background is dS.

$$M_2^2 > 4\Lambda$$

A. Higuchi, Nucl. Phys. B 325, 745 (1989)

# Counting d.o.f

- Back to general Einstein manifolds:  
Take trace and divergence of FP

$$u = \frac{2\kappa c_5 - \alpha}{\tilde{M}^2 \kappa c_1} W_{imkn} \nabla^i \nabla^n u^{mk}$$

$$\tilde{M}^2 \nabla^i (u_{ij} - \eta_{ij} u) = \left(1 - \frac{2\kappa c_5}{\alpha}\right) W_{jikl} \nabla^k u^{il}$$

$$\tilde{M}^2 = M^2 - 2\Lambda$$

- Note that for dS or AdS,  $W=0$  and these reduce to the usual constraints for the FP field.
- It looks like that the r.h.s. of  $u$  contains two derivatives of the fields.
- A closer examination shows that it contains only one time derivative!

# An Action Integral for u

$$S = S_{inv} + S_m + S_W$$

- Where  $S_{inv}$  is the linearized

Einstein-Hilbert action for u

$$S_m = -\frac{\tilde{M}^2}{2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} (u_{ij}u^{ij} - u^2)$$

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# Stückelberg trick

Arkani-Hamed, Georgi, Schwartz' 03

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- Introduce new fields

$$u_{ij} = \bar{u}_{ij} + \nabla_i \xi_j + \nabla_j \xi_i + \nabla_i \nabla_j \phi$$

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## It works in our case!!

- Higher derivative terms for  $\phi$  cancel out everywhere!
- A healthy Kinetic term for  $\phi$

$$S_\phi = -\frac{3}{4}\tilde{M}^2 \left( \tilde{M}^2 - 2\Lambda \right) \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \nabla_i \phi \nabla^i \phi$$

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## A lot to be understood

- **Solutions.**

- Is vDVZ problem cured by Vainshtein mechanism? Or one has to fine tune parameters to make massive spin-2 mode weakly interacting with matter?
- Consistency with tests of GR
- Do black holes have tensor hair?

- **Further consistency checks**

- General backgrounds
- Strong coupling scale in effective low energy theory

- **Cosmology**

- ...