

Title: Partially Massless Gravity

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Abstract: On de

Sitter space, there exists a special value for the mass of a graviton for which the linear theory propagates 4 rather than 5 degrees of freedom. If a fully non-linear version of the theory exists and can be coupled to known matter, it would have interesting properties and could solve the cosmological constant problem. I will describe evidence for and obstructions to the existence of such a theory.

Partially massless gravity (?)

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Review of massive gravity: [arxiv:1105.3735](#)

Partially massless: [arxiv:1302.0025](#) w/ Claudia de Rham, Rachel Rosen, Andrew Tolley

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Old CC problem: why is the CC zero and not large (i.e. planck or electroweak scale?)

New CC problem: why is the CC non-zero and $\sim$ matter density today

Modifying gravity

A theory proposing to solve the CC problem should have something to say on two fronts:

- 1) Why is the universe accelerating at such a small rate?
- 2) Why does a large CC not curve the universe?

Modifying gravity

- Should be an infrared modification, to say something about the cosmological constant without messing up solar system tests of gravity
- GR is the unique theory of an interacting massless helicity-2 at low energies $\rightarrow$ to modify gravity is to change the degrees of freedom

First thought: make the graviton massive

$$V(r) \sim \frac{M}{M_P^2} \frac{1}{r} e^{-\overset{\substack{\text{IR modification scale} \\ \downarrow}}{mr}}, \quad m \sim H$$

Extra DOF: 5 massive spin states as opposed to 2 helicity states

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Einstein-Hilbert (massless) part.

Gauge symmetry: $\delta h_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu \xi_\nu + \partial_\nu \xi_\mu$

Mass term breaks gauge symmetry.

Fierz-Pauli tuning ensures 5 D.O.F.

Helicity analysis

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Canonically normalize $A_\mu \sim \frac{1}{m} \hat{A}_\mu$, $\phi \sim \frac{1}{m^2} \hat{\phi}$ massless limit

$$\mathcal{L}_{m=0} = \frac{1}{2} \hat{F}_{\mu\nu} \hat{F}^{\mu\nu} - 2 \left(h_{\mu\nu} \partial^\mu \partial^\nu \hat{\phi} - h \partial^2 \hat{\phi} \right) + \frac{1}{M_P} h_{\mu\nu} T^{\mu\nu}$$

Diagonalize kinetic terms $h_{\mu\nu} = h'_{\mu\nu} + \hat{\phi} \eta_{\mu\nu}$

This is the vDVZ discontinuity:
scalar fifth force

$$\mathcal{L}_{m=0}(h') = \frac{1}{2} \hat{F}_{\mu\nu} \hat{F}^{\mu\nu} - 3 \partial_\mu \hat{\phi} \partial^\mu \hat{\phi} + \frac{1}{M_P} h'_{\mu\nu} T^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{M_P} \hat{\phi} T$$

Interaction terms

$$\frac{M_P^2}{2} \int d^4x \left[(\sqrt{-g}R) - \sqrt{-g} \frac{1}{4} m^2 V(g, h) \right],$$

$$V(g, h) = V_2(g, h) + V_3(g, h) + V_4(g, h) + V_5(g, h) + \cdots,$$

$$V_2(g, h) = \langle h^2 \rangle - \langle h \rangle^2,$$

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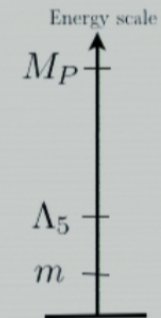
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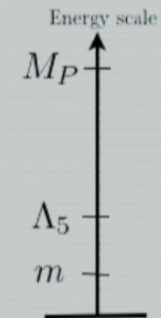
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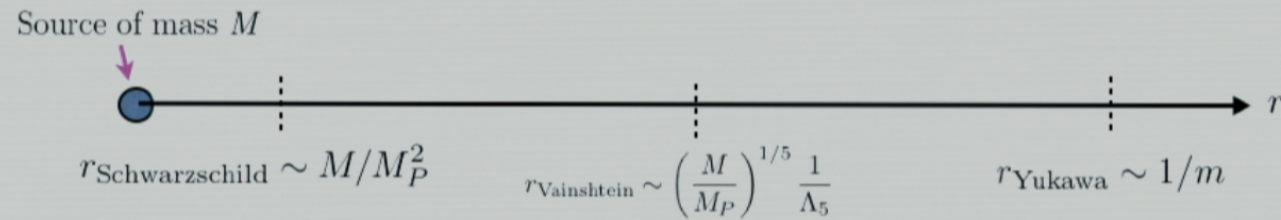
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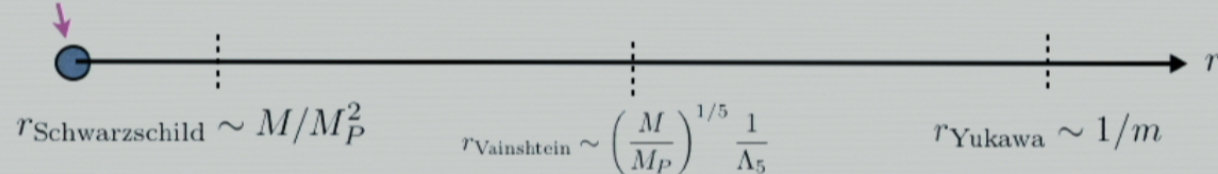
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Source of mass M



- Scalar self-interactions display the Boulware-Deser ghost

Boulware, Deser (1972)
Deffayet, Rombouts (2005)

Key insight: Can choose the interactions, order by order in $\hbar$, so that the scalar self-interactions appear in total derivative combinations.

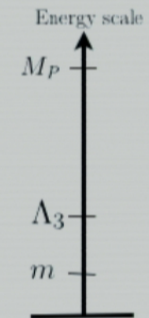
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X tensors:

$$X_{\mu\nu}^{(n)} = \frac{1}{n+1} \frac{\delta}{\delta \Pi_{\mu\nu}} \mathcal{L}_{n+1}^{\text{TD}}(\Pi)$$

$$X_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} = \eta_{\mu\nu} \quad (\Pi_{\mu\nu} \equiv \partial_\mu \partial_\nu \phi)$$

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$$X_{\mu\nu}^{(3)} = ([\Pi]^3 - 3[\Pi][\Pi^2] + 2[\Pi^3]) \eta_{\mu\nu} - 3([\Pi]^2 - [\Pi^2]) \Pi_{\mu\nu} + 6[\Pi] \Pi_{\mu\nu}^2 - 6\Pi_{\mu\nu}^3$$

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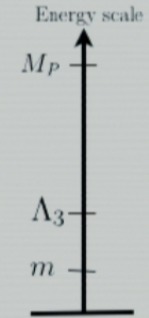
They have the following properties, which ensures that the decoupling limit is ghost free

$$\partial^\mu X_{\mu\nu}^{(n)} = 0$$

$X_{ij}^{(n)}$ has at most two time derivatives,

$X_{0i}^{(n)}$ has at most one time derivative,

$X_{00}^{(n)}$ has no time derivatives.



The Λ_3 theory re-summed (dRGT theory)

de Rham, Gabadadze, Tolley (2011)

The theory with this choice can be re-summed

$$\frac{M_P^{D-2}}{2} \int d^D x \sqrt{-g} \left[R - \frac{m^2}{4} \sum_{n=0}^D \beta_n S_n(\sqrt{g^{-1}\eta}) \right]$$


Characteristic Polynomials

$$S_n(M) = \frac{1}{n!(D-n)!} \tilde{\epsilon}_{A_1 A_2 \dots A_D} \tilde{\epsilon}^{B_1 B_2 \dots B_D} M_{B_1}^{A_1} \dots M_{B_n}^{A_n} \delta_{B_{n+1}}^{A_{n+1}} \dots \delta_{B_D}^{A_D}$$

$$S_0(M) = 1,$$

$$S_1(M) = [M],$$

$$S_2(M) = \frac{1}{2!} ([M]^2 - [M^2]),$$

$$S_3(M) = \frac{1}{3!} ([M]^3 - 3[M][M^2] + 2[M^3]),$$

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$$S_D(M) = \det M,$$

- Full theory has no Boulware-Deser ghost (propagates 5 DOF non-linearly)

Hassan, Rosen (2011)
+ many others following

Vielbein formulation of ghost-free massive gravity

KH, Rachel Rosen (arXiv:1203.5783)

Or in terms of vierbeins $g_{\mu\nu} = e_\mu^A e_\nu^B \eta_{AB}$

$$\frac{M_P^{D-2}}{2} \int d^D x |e| R[e] - m^2 \sum_n a_n \int \epsilon_{A_1 \dots A_D} e^{A_1} \wedge \dots \wedge e^{A_n} \wedge 1^{A_{n+1}} \wedge \dots \wedge 1^{A_n}$$

Ghost-free mass terms are simply all possible ways of wedging a vierbein and background vierbein:

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- This means we have a gauge symmetry: $\delta h_{\mu\nu} = \nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu \xi + \frac{1}{2}m^2 \xi g_{\mu\nu}$

Scalar gauge parameter: $\xi(x)$

Removes the longitudinal degree of freedom

- Exotic representation of dS group with 4 DOF
- Fluctuations propagate on the light cone

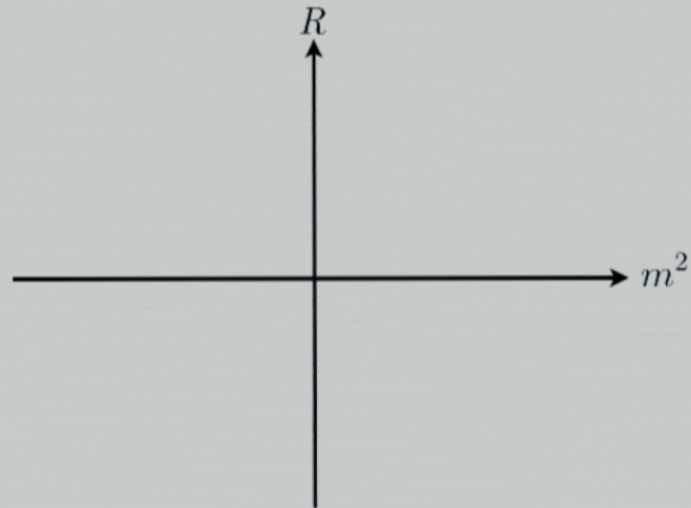
Is stable only on de Sitter $R > 0$

← (predicts accelerating universe!)

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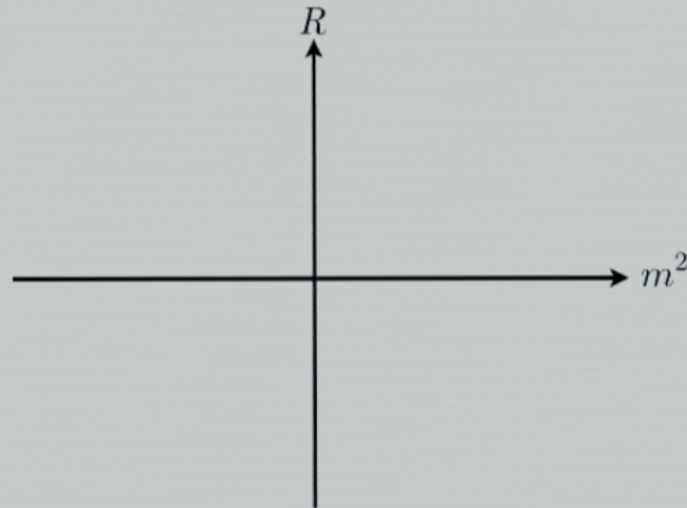
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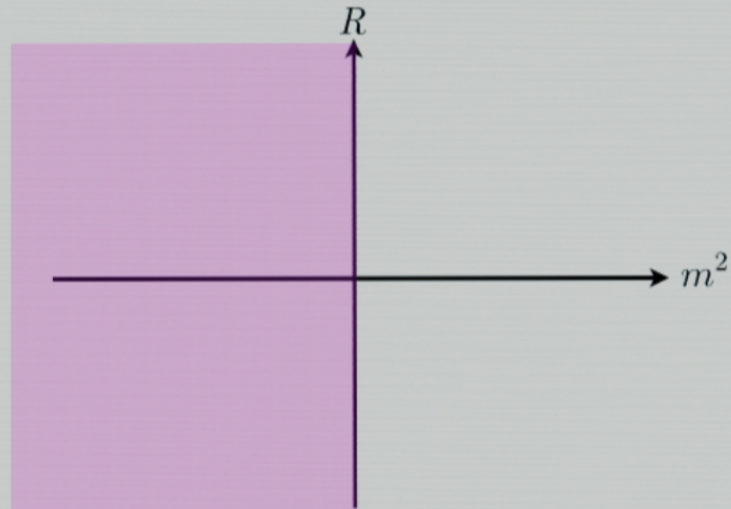
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Partially massless gravity and the CC

The partially massless symmetry fixes the curvature of dS relative to the graviton mass

Symmetry forbids a bare CC: $\sqrt{-g} \sim h + \dots$

$$\delta h \neq 0$$

dRGT theory on dS

Is there a non-linear, interacting theory propagating a partially massless graviton?

decoupling limit on dS

de Rham, Renaux-Petel (2012)

decoupling limit on dS

Action in the decoupling limit:

$$\frac{1}{2} \hat{h}_{\mu\nu} \epsilon^{\mu\nu, \alpha\beta} \hat{h}_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{2} \hat{h}^{\mu\nu} \left[\left(\quad \right) X_{\mu\nu}^{(1)}(\hat{\phi}) + \frac{1}{\Lambda_3^3} \left(\quad \right) X_{\mu\nu}^{(2)}(\hat{\phi}) + \frac{1}{\Lambda_3^6} \left(\quad \right) X_{\mu\nu}^{(3)}(\hat{\phi}) \right]$$

Coefficients depending on the parameters of the theory $\frac{m^2}{\Lambda}, \beta_0, \dots, \beta_3$

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At linear order: $\sim h_{\mu\nu} T^{\mu\nu}$

$$\nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu T^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\Lambda}{3} T = 0$$

If this can be done consistently to all orders:

- No scalar mode introduced by matter sector
- No fifth force, no Vainshtein mechanism needed
- No issues with superluminality, strong coupling, etc. generally associated with derivative interactions in the scalar sector.

Mini-superspace analysis (cosmology)

$$S = \int d^4x \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{-g} \left[R[g] - 2\lambda S_2 \left(\sqrt{g^{-1}\bar{g}} \right) \right]$$

Flat-slicing FRW ansatz:

$$g_{\mu\nu} = -N(t)^2 dt^2 + a(t)^2 d\vec{x}^2, \quad \bar{g}_{\mu\nu} = -dt^2 + e^{2Ht} d\vec{x}^2$$

Mini-superspace action:

$$S = \int dt \left[-3 \frac{a\dot{a}^2}{N} - 3\lambda a e^{Ht} (a + N e^{Ht}) \right]$$

Eliminate N through its equation of motion: $N = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} e^{-Ht} \dot{a}$

$$S = \int dt \, 3\sqrt{\lambda} e^{Ht} (H - \sqrt{\lambda}) a^2$$

Another consistency check

Add a CC source so that the background dS metric is parametrically different from the reference dS metric:

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \gamma \bar{g}_{\mu\nu}$$

Look at the kinetic term of the scalar perturbations around $g_{\mu\nu}$

$$\sim (A_1 \gamma^3 + A_2 \gamma^2 + A_3 \gamma + A_4) (\dot{\phi}^2 + \dots)$$



Cubic polynomial, all terms must separately vanish $\rightarrow$ 4 conditions

Order by order check

Look for the symmetry by brute force: enforce the Noether identity order by order in h .

General mass term, expand in powers of h around the background: $g_{\mu\nu} = \bar{g}_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} &= \mathcal{L}_{\text{EH}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{m}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\sqrt{-g} (R[g] - 2\Lambda) - \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{-\bar{g}} (b_1[h^2] + b_2[h]^2 + c_1[h^3] + c_2[h^2][h] + c_3[h]^3 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + d_1[h^4] + d_2[h^3][h] + d_3[h^2]^2 + d_4[h^2][h]^2 + d_5[h]^4 + \dots) \right].\end{aligned}$$

Expand the unknown symmetry generator in powers of h :

$$\delta h_{\mu\nu} = L_{\mu\nu} \phi, \quad L = L^{(0)} + L^{(1)} + \dots$$

Expand the statement of gauge invariance in powers of h :

$$L_{\mu\nu} \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta h_{\mu\nu}} = L_{\mu\nu} \left[-\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{-g} (G^{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g^{\mu\nu}) + \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}_{\text{m}}}{\delta h_{\mu\nu}} \right] = 0 \longrightarrow \begin{cases} \mathcal{O}(h) = 0 \\ \mathcal{O}(h^2) = 0 \\ \mathcal{O}(h^3) = 0 \\ \vdots \end{cases}$$

quadratic order

Statement of gauge invariance at order h :

$$L_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} \left[-\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{-g} (G^{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g^{\mu\nu})|_{(1)} + \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}_m^{(2)}}{\delta h_{\mu\nu}} \right] = 0$$

Most general possible transformation $L_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} \phi$

$$L_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} \phi = B_1 \bar{\nabla}_\mu \bar{\nabla}_\nu \phi + B_2 \bar{g}_{\mu\nu} \phi + B_3 \bar{g}_{\mu\nu} \bar{\square} \phi$$

cubic order

Statement of gauge invariance at order h^2 :

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3 coefficients in cubic mass term: c_1, c_2, c_3

cubic order

The miracles occur:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\sqrt{-g} (R[g] - 2\Lambda) - \frac{m^2}{4} \sqrt{-\bar{g}} \left([h^2] - [h]^2 - [h^3] + \underbrace{\frac{5}{4}[h^2][h] - \frac{1}{4}[h]^3 + \dots}_{\text{Cubic terms are fixed to ghost free dRGT values}} \right) \right]$$

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Transformation law at cubic order:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{(1)} h_{\mu\nu} = & \frac{1}{2} h_{(\mu}{}^{\lambda} \bar{\nabla}_{\nu)} \bar{\nabla}_{\lambda} \phi - \frac{1}{2} \bar{\nabla}_{(\mu} h_{\nu)\lambda} \bar{\nabla}^{\lambda} \phi + \frac{1}{2} \bar{\nabla}_{\lambda} h_{\mu\nu} \bar{\nabla}^{\lambda} \phi + \frac{\Lambda}{6} h_{\mu\nu} \phi \\ & + C_3 \left[\bar{\nabla}_{\mu} \bar{\nabla}_{\nu} (h\phi) + \frac{\Lambda}{3} \bar{g}_{\mu\nu} (h\phi) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

For $D \neq 4$ all the miracles don't occur, there is an obstruction:

$$L_{\mu\nu} \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta h_{\mu\nu}} \Big|_{(2)} = \frac{D-4}{8(D-1)^2(D-2)} \Lambda^2 \sqrt{-\bar{g}} (h_{\mu\nu}^2 - h^2).$$

quartic order $D = 4$

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4 coefficients in quartic mass term: d_1, d_2, d_3, d_4, d_5

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- Additional degrees of freedom may be required to consistently interact (Yang-Mills like theory?)

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Can a partially massless graviton be found in a KK tower?

Try pure gravity plus a CC on $\mathcal{M}_d \times \mathcal{N}_N$ $D = d + N$

$$\frac{R_{(d)}}{d} = \frac{R_{(N)}}{N}, \quad R_{(d)} + R_{(N)} = R_{(D)}.$$

$$H_{AB}(x, y) = \begin{cases} H_{\mu\nu} &= \sum_a h_{\mu\nu}^a \psi_a + h_{\mu\nu}^0 \\ H_{\mu n} &= \sum_i A_\mu^i \xi_{n,i} + \sum_a A_\mu^a \nabla_n \psi_a \\ H_{mn} &= \sum_\alpha \phi^\alpha h_{mn,\alpha}^{TT} + \sum_{i \neq \text{Killing}} \phi^i (\nabla_m \xi_{n,i} + \nabla_n \xi_{m,i}) + \sum_{a \neq \text{conf.}} \phi^a \left(\nabla_m \nabla_n \psi_a - \frac{1}{N} \nabla^2 \psi_a g_{mn} \right) \\ &\quad + \sum_a \frac{1}{N} \tilde{\phi}^a \psi_a g_{mn} + \frac{1}{N} \phi^0 g_{mn}. \end{cases}$$

Graviton masses given by spectrum of ordinary Laplacian: $m^2 = \lambda, \quad -\nabla^2 \psi = \lambda \psi$

Lichnerowicz bound on lowest eigenvalue: $\lambda \geq \frac{R_{(N)}}{N-1} = \frac{N}{N-1} \frac{R_{(d)}}{d}$