

Title: Consistency of Massive Gravity

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Abstract: <span>Recently there has been a successful non-linear covariant ghost-free generalization of Fierz-Pauli massive gravity theory, the dRGT theory. I will explore the cosmology in the decoupling limit of this theory. Furthermore, I will construct a Proxy theory to dRGT from the decoupling limit and study the cosmology there as well and compare the results. Finally, I will discuss the quantum consistency of the theory.</span>



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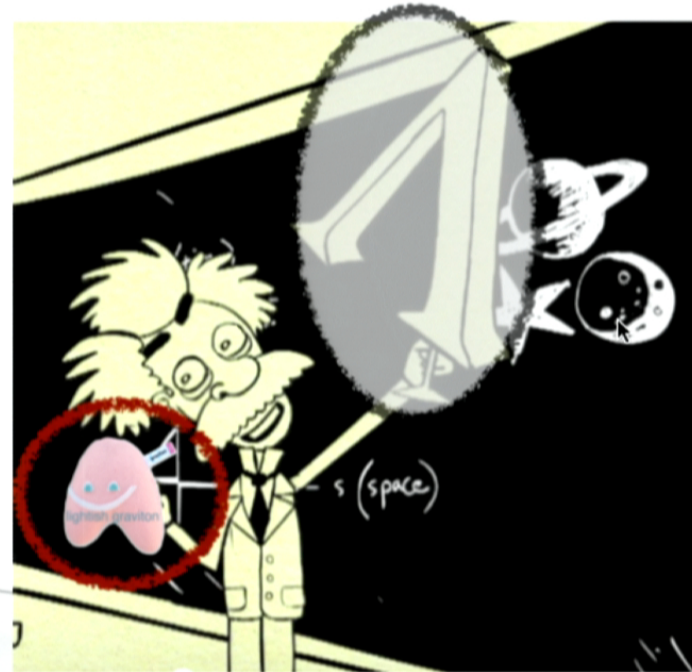
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# What is Dark Energy?

## 3 options?

- **Cosmological Constant**  
(Why is it so small?)  
→ cosmological constant problem?
- **Dark Energy**  
(Why don't we see them?  
Similar fine-tuning problem?)
- **Dark Gravity**  
(Is there any viable model?)  
→ massive gravity?



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# IR Modification of GR

## Motivations for IR Modification of GR

- a very nice alternative to the Cosmological Constant or dark energy for explaining the recent acceleration of the Hubble expansion
- a way of attacking the Cosmological Constant problem (fine-tuning problem)  
 $\Lambda_{\text{phys}} = \Lambda_{\text{bare}} + \Delta\Lambda \sim (10^{-3}\text{eV})^4$  with  $\Delta\Lambda \sim \text{TeV}^4$
- it is only fair to have an alternative model to which we can compare GR and test both theories against each other
- learn more about GR by modifying it!
- fun!

## Dark Gravity



Maybe not modifying that much! only close to the horizon scale ( $\sim 1\text{Gpc}/h$ ), corresponding to modifying gravity today.

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## New degrees of freedom (dof) in the infra-red (IR)

Modifying gravity in the IR typically requires new dof  
usually: scalar field

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2}\mathcal{Z}_\pi(\partial\delta\pi)^2 - \frac{1}{2}m_\pi^2(\delta\pi)^2 - g_\pi\delta\pi T$$

where these quantities  $\mathcal{Z}_\pi, m_\pi, g_\pi$  depend on the field.

### Density dependent mass

- **Chameleon**  
 $m_\pi$  depends on the environment  
(Khoury, Weltman 2004)

### Density dependent coupling

- **Vainshtein**(1971)  
 $\mathcal{Z}_\pi$  depends on the environment
- **Symmetron**  
 $g_\pi$  depends on the environment  
(Hinterbichler, Khoury 2010)



## Vainshtein mechanism (massive gravity, Galileons)

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### Screening with

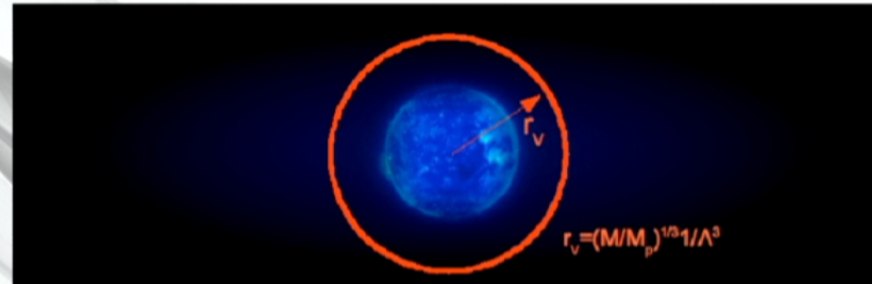
- effective coupling to matter depends on the self-interactions of these new dof

$$\square\delta\pi \sim \frac{1}{M_p} \frac{\delta\pi}{\sqrt{\mathcal{Z}}} T$$

→ coupling small for properly canonically normalized field!

( $\mathcal{Z} \gg 1 \rightarrow$  coupling small)

- non-linearities dominate within Vainshtein radius



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## Chameleon mechanism ( $f(R)$ theories)

**important ingredients:** a conformal coupling between the scalar and the matter fields  $\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu} A^2(\pi)$ , and a potential for the scalar field  $V(\pi)$  which includes relevant self-interaction terms.

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left( \frac{M_p^2}{2} R - \frac{1}{2} (\partial\pi)^2 - V(\pi) \right) + S_{matter}[g_{\mu\nu} A^2(\pi)]$$

The equation of motion for  $\pi$ :

$$\nabla^2 \pi = V_{,\pi} - A^3(\pi) A_{,\pi} \tilde{T} = V_{,\pi} + \rho A_{,\pi}$$

where  $\tilde{T} \sim \rho/A^3(\pi)$

**giving rise**

to an effective potential

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with a symmetry-breaking potential

$$V(\pi) = \frac{-1}{2} \mu^2 \pi^2 + \frac{1}{4} \lambda \pi^4$$

and a conformal coupling to matter of the form

$$A(\pi) = 1 + \frac{\pi^2}{2M^2} + \mathcal{O}(\pi^4/M^4)$$

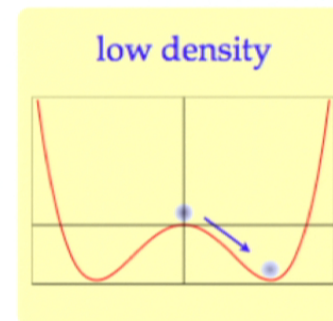
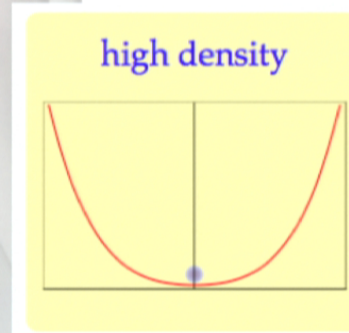
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$$V_{\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\rho}{M^2} - \mu^2 \right) \pi^2 + \frac{1}{4} \lambda \pi^4$$

$\rho > \mu^2 M^2 \rightarrow$  the field sits in a minimum at the origin

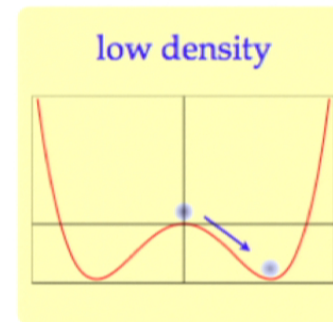
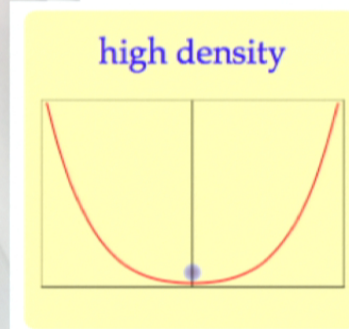
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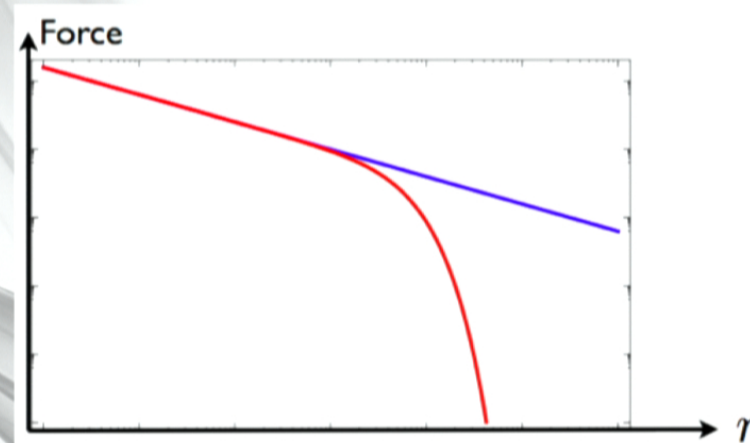
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## Massive Gravity (MG)

One of the most natural ways to modify Gravity in the IR is to give the graviton a mass.

- In GR, Gravity has an infinite range  $F = \partial_r \left( \frac{M_1 M_2 G_N}{r} \right)$
- In MG, the force "shuts down" at some distance  $\lambda \sim m^{-1}$   
 $F = \partial_r \left( \frac{M_1 M_2 G_N}{r} e^{-mr} \right)$



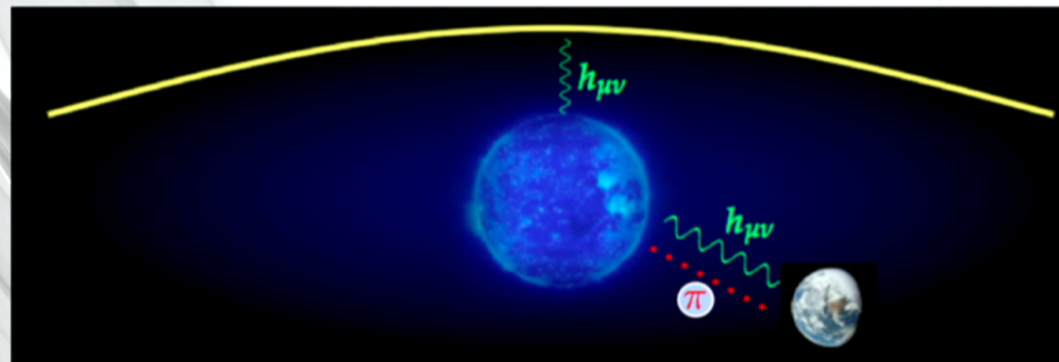
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A general linear mass term for the graviton is

$$\mathcal{L}_{mass} = -\frac{1}{2}M_p^2(m_1^2 h^{\mu\nu} h_{\mu\nu} + m_2^2 h^2)$$

The only **ghost-free**:  $m_1^2 = -m_2^2$  Fierz-Pauli tuning

→ **vDVZ discontinuity**



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## Massive Gravity

### Artifact:

The vDVZ discontinuity is just an artifact of the linear approximation

→ non-linear extension

### Issue:

The ghost we have cured by Fierz-Pauli tuning seems to come back at non-linear level (the sixth degree of freedom is associated to higher derivative terms)



# Ghost

challenging task: non-linear extension of FP **without ghost**



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Consistency

# dRGT



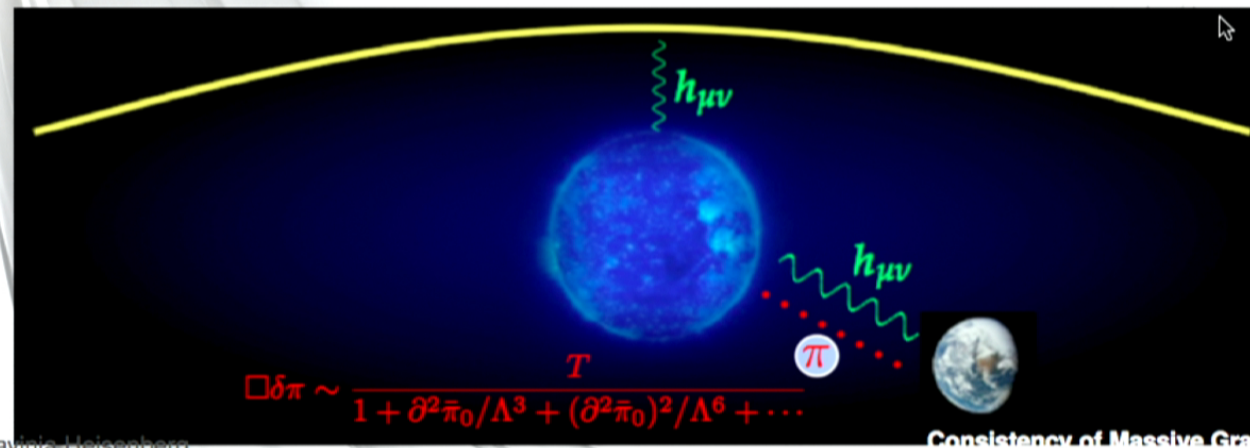
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## dRGT

Vainshtein mechanism at work in dRGT:  
The effective coupling to matter depends on the self-interactions of the helicity-0 mode  $\pi$

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→ The non-linearities cure the vDVZ discontinuity



## Ghost-free extension of FP = dRGT

a 4D covariant theory of a massive spin-2 field

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## Decoupling limit (DL) of dRGT theory

DL ( $M_p \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $m \rightarrow 0$  with  $\Lambda_3^3 = m^2 M_p \rightarrow \text{const}$ ) gives the following scalar-tensor interactions

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2} h^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{E}_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha\beta} h_{\alpha\beta} + h^{\mu\nu} \sum_{n=1}^3 \frac{a_n}{\Lambda_3^{3(n-1)}} X_{\mu\nu}^{(n)}[\Pi]$$

where  $h_{\mu\nu}$  = helicity-2,  $\pi$  = helicity-0 field and  $a_1 = -\frac{1}{2}$  and  $a_{2,3}$  are two arbitrary constants and  $X_{\mu\nu}^{(1,2,3)}$  denote

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The structure of the interactions are very similar to the Galileon interactions  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{Gal}} = c_n \pi \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\dots} \varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\dots} \Pi_{\mu\alpha} \Pi_{\nu\beta} \dots \Pi \dots \Pi \dots$

## Diagonalized interactions

The transition to Einsteins frame is performed by the change of variable

$$h_{\mu\nu} = \bar{h}_{\mu\nu} - 2a_1\pi\eta_{\mu\nu} + \frac{2a_2}{\Lambda_3^2}\partial_\mu\pi\partial_\nu\pi$$

one recovers Galileon interactions for the helicity-0 mode of the graviton

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = & -\frac{1}{2}\bar{h}(\mathcal{E}\bar{h})_{\mu\nu} + 6a_1^2\pi\Box\pi - \frac{6a_2a_1}{\Lambda_3^2}(\partial\pi)^2[\Pi] \\ & + \frac{2a_2^2}{\Lambda_3^6}(\partial\pi)^2([\Pi^2] - [\Pi]^2) + \frac{a_3}{\Lambda_3^6}h^{\mu\nu}X_{\mu\nu}^{(3)} \end{aligned}$$

**with the coupling**

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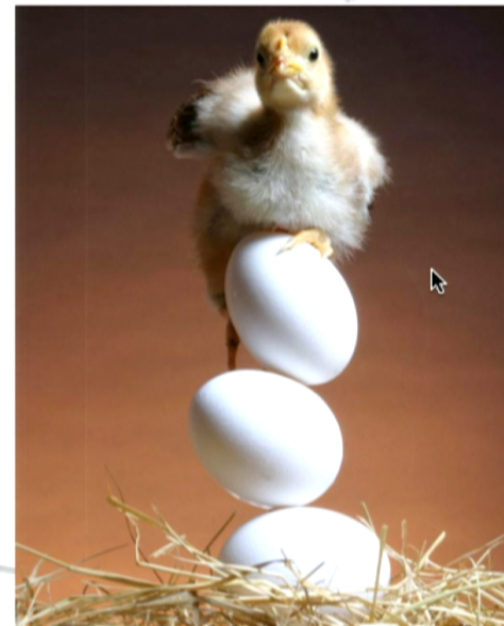
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## Proxy theory

We had the following Lagrangian in the decoupling limit

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lets integrate by part the first interaction  $h^{\mu\nu} X_{\mu\nu}^{(1)}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} h^{\mu\nu} X_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} &= h^{\mu\nu} (\square \pi \eta_{\mu\nu} - \partial_\mu \partial_\nu \pi) = h^{\mu\nu} (\partial_\alpha \partial^\alpha \pi \eta_{\mu\nu} - \partial_\mu \partial_\nu \pi) \\ &= (\square h - \partial_\mu \partial_\nu h^{\mu\nu}) \pi \\ &= -R\pi \end{aligned}$$

so covariantization of the first interaction:  $h^{\mu\nu} X_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} \longleftrightarrow -R\pi$

## Proxy theory

Instead of focusing on the entire complicated model, study a proxy theory:

$$\mathcal{L} = \sqrt{-g}M_p(M_p R - \pi R - \frac{a_2}{\Lambda^3} \partial_\mu \pi \partial_\nu \pi G^{\mu\nu} - \frac{a_3}{\Lambda^6} \partial_\mu \pi \partial_\nu \pi \Pi_{\alpha\beta} L^{\mu\alpha\nu\beta})$$

- in 4D  $G_{\mu\nu}$  and  $L^{\mu\alpha\nu\beta}$  are the only divergenceless tensors  
 $\rightarrow \nabla_\mu G^{\mu\nu} = 0$  and  $\nabla_\mu L^{\mu\alpha\nu\beta} = 0$
- All eom are 2<sup>nd</sup> order  $\rightarrow$  No instabilities
- Reproduces the decoupling limit  $\rightarrow$  Exhibits the Vainshtein mechanism

LH & de Rham, ([PRD84 \(2011\) 043503](#))

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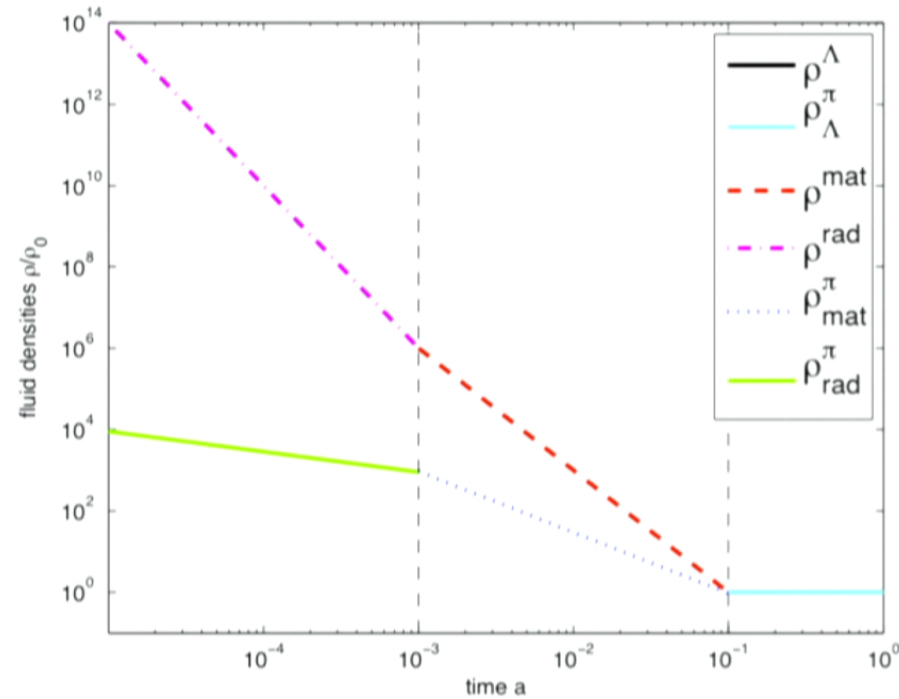
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- We recover some decoupling limit results:
  - stable self-accelerating solutions within the same parameter space
- During the radiation domination the energy density for  $\pi$  goes as  $\rho_{\text{rad}}^\pi \sim a^{-1/2}$  and during matter dominations as  $\rho_{\text{mat}}^\pi \sim a^{-3/2}$  and is constant for later times  $\rho_\Lambda^\pi = \text{const}$
- At early time, interactions for scalar mode are important  $\rightarrow$  cosmological screening effect
- Below a critical energy density, screening stop being efficient  $\rightarrow$  scalar contribute significantly to the cosmological evolution
- But still the cosmological evolution different than in  $\Lambda\text{CDM}$

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# Densities

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## Quantum Corrections in Massive Gravity

large quantum  
corrections?

detuning of  
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$$-\frac{1}{4} M_{\text{Pl}}^2 m^2 \left( (1 + c_1) h_{\mu\nu}^2 - (1 + c_2) h^2 \right)$$

### overall scaling

- does the small mass of the graviton receive large quantum corrections?

$$\delta m \gg 1$$

### relative scaling

- does the relative tuning of the parameters change?

$$c_1 \neq c_2$$

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### overall scaling

- does the small mass of the graviton receive large quantum corrections?

$$\delta m \gg 1$$

### relative scaling

- does the relative tuning of the parameters change?

$$c_1 \neq c_2$$

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## Quantum Corrections in the DL

$$\mathcal{L} = h^{\mu\nu} \partial^2 h_{\mu\nu} + h^{\mu\nu} \left( X_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} + \frac{a_2}{\Lambda^3} X_{\mu\nu}^{(2)} + \frac{a_3}{\Lambda^6} X_{\mu\nu}^{(3)} \right) + h_{\mu\nu} T^{\mu\nu}$$

**Are  $a_2$ ,  $a_3$ ,  $\Lambda$  stable against quantum corrections?**

### 1) Quantum corrections

- $\Lambda^3 = m^2 M_p$
- the mass needs to be tuned  $m \lesssim H_0$   
same tuning as Cosmological Constant  
 $\frac{\lambda}{M_p^4} \sim \frac{H_0^2}{M_p^2} \sim \frac{m^2}{M_p^2} \sim 10^{-120}$
- But the graviton mass is expected to remain stable against quantum corrections
- $\delta m^2 \sim m^2 \rightarrow$  the theory would be tuned but technically natural

## Quantum Corrections in the DL

### 't Hooft's naturalness argument

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### Fine-tuning

- 't Hooft's naturalness argument applies
- in the massless limit, the graviton mass receives no quantum corrections since we recover a symmetry in the  $m \rightarrow 0$  limit
- in the full theory the quantum correction give rise to counterterms which are proportional to the mass itself  
 $\rightarrow \delta m \approx m^2$

## Quantum Corrections in the DL

~~large quantum corrections?~~
~~detuning of parameters?~~

$$-\frac{1}{4}M_{\text{Pl}}^2 m^2 \left( (1 + c_1) h_{\mu\nu}^2 - (1 + c_2) h^2 \right)$$

We will show that the

### overall scaling

- mass of the graviton receives **NO** quantum corrections!  $\rightarrow \delta m = 0$

### relative scaling

- relative tuning of the parameters does **NOT** change!  $\rightarrow c_1 = c_2 = 0$

## Non-renormalization theorem in Galileons

Galileon interactions

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Gal}} = c_n \pi \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\dots} \varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\dots} \Pi_{\mu\alpha} \Pi_{\nu\beta} \dots \Pi \dots \Pi \dots$$

counter terms arising in the 1-loop effective action:

- come with at least one extra derivative as compared to the original interactions
- don't take Galileon form at all

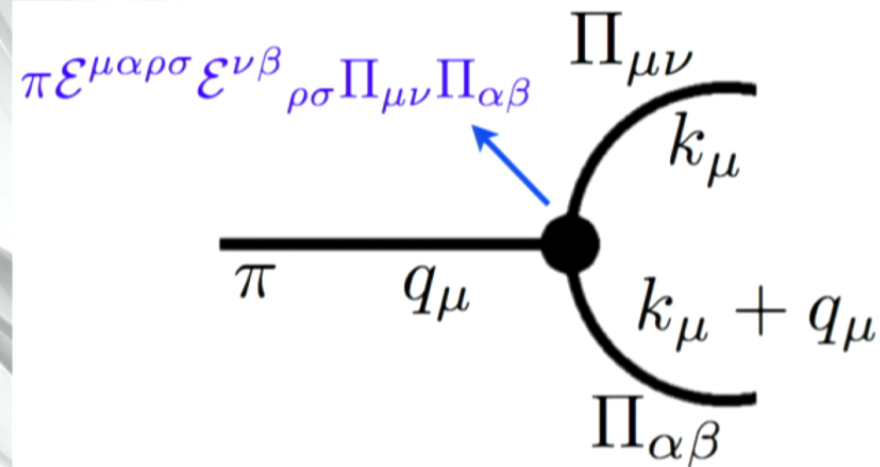
Galileon coupling constants are **technically natural** tuned to any value and remain radiatively **stable**.

## Non-renormalization theorem in Galileons

Any external particle comes with at least two derivatives applied on it in the 1-PI action.

Example: consider the following vertex:

$$\mathcal{V} = \pi \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\rho\sigma} \Pi_{\mu\alpha} \Pi_{\nu\beta}$$



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## Non-renormalization theorem in Galileons

this vertex give a contribution to the transition amplitude

$$i\mathcal{M} \supset i \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \mathcal{G}_k \mathcal{G}_{k+q} \varepsilon^{\alpha\rho\gamma\delta} \varepsilon^{\beta\sigma}{}_{\gamma\delta} k_\alpha k_\beta (q+k)_\rho (q+k)_\sigma \dots$$

with the Feynman propagator  $\mathcal{G}_k = \frac{i}{k^2 - i\epsilon}$ .

- terms **linear** in momentum  $q$  and **independent** of it, cancel due to antisymmetric structure of the vertex
- only term which can be contracted with the antisymmetric tensor is  $q_\rho q_\sigma$

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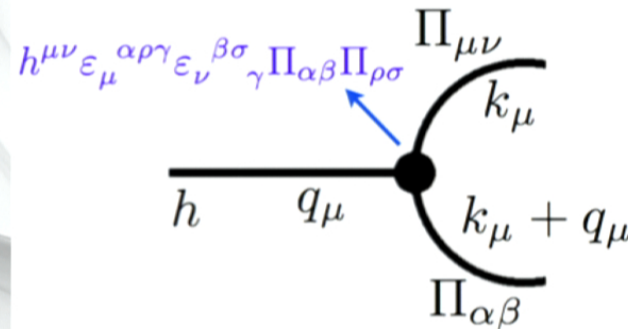
→ any loop that involves a vertex  $V = \pi \varepsilon^{\mu\nu}{}_{\rho\sigma} \varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\rho\sigma} \Pi_{\mu\alpha} \Pi_{\nu\beta}$  will lead to at least two derivatives on the external leg

## Non-renormalization theorem in the DL

The same non-renormalization theorem applies in the decoupling limit of massive gravity:

The only difference is that we now have the helicity-2 field appearing in the interactions.

$$\mathcal{V} = h^{\mu\nu} X_{\mu\nu}^{(2)}[\Pi] \sim h^{\mu\nu} \varepsilon_{\mu}^{\alpha\rho\gamma} \varepsilon_{\nu}^{\beta\sigma\gamma} \Pi_{\alpha\beta} \Pi_{\rho\sigma}$$



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## Quantum corrections beyond decoupling limit

We consider the massive gravity interactions and the coupling to the matter sector

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{g} \left( \frac{M_p^2}{2} \sqrt{-g} \left( R - \frac{m^2}{4} \mathcal{U}(g, H) \right) + \mathcal{L}_{\text{matter}} \right)$$

with the propagator of the graviton giving as

$$G_{abcd}^{(\text{massive})} = \langle h_{ab}(x_1) h_{cd}(x_2) \rangle = f_{abcd}^{(m)} \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{e^{ik \cdot (x_1 - x_2)}}{k^2 + m^2}$$

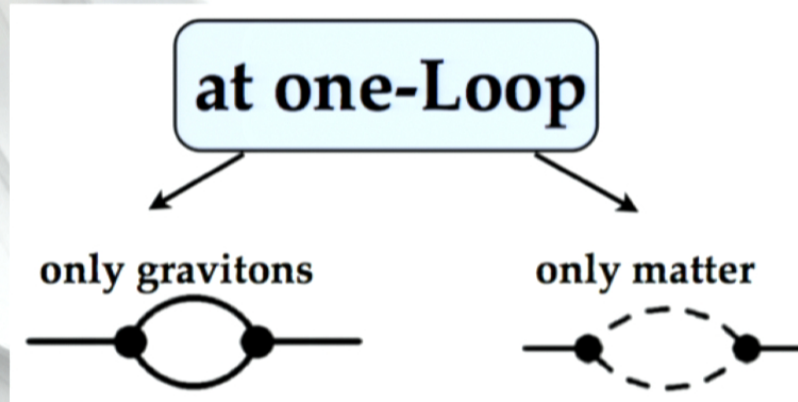
with  $f_{abcd}^{(m)} = \left( \tilde{\delta}_{a(c} \tilde{\delta}_{bd)} - \frac{1}{3} \tilde{\delta}_{ab} \tilde{\delta}_{cd} \right)$ .

Consider for simplicity a massive scalar field

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{matter}} = \sqrt{g} \left( \frac{1}{2} g^{ab} \partial_a \chi \partial_b \chi + \frac{1}{2} M^2 \chi^2 \right)$$

## Quantum corrections beyond decoupling limit

- at one-loop either gravitons or matter field are running in the loops, but not both simultaneously
- only at higher loops the mixing has to be taken into account





## Coupling to matter fields

perform it in your favorite method

- perturbatively Feynman diagram by Feynman diagram
- one loop effective action

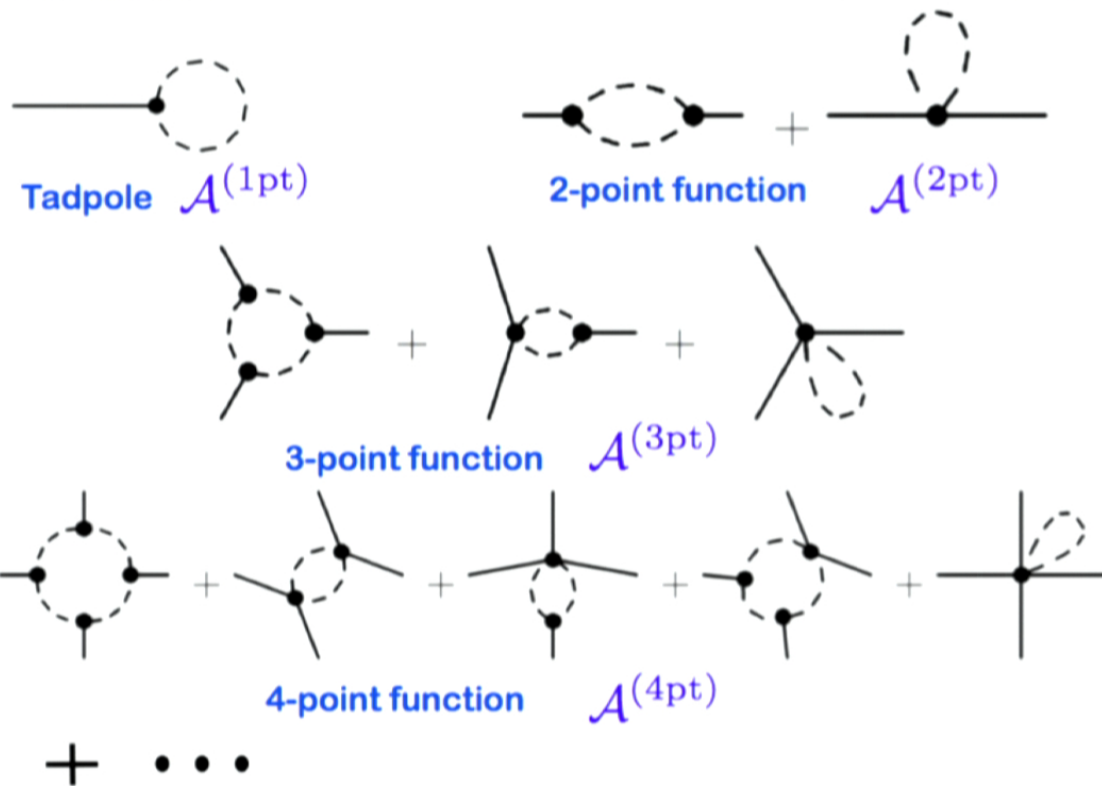
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matter fields are unaware of the graviton mass.

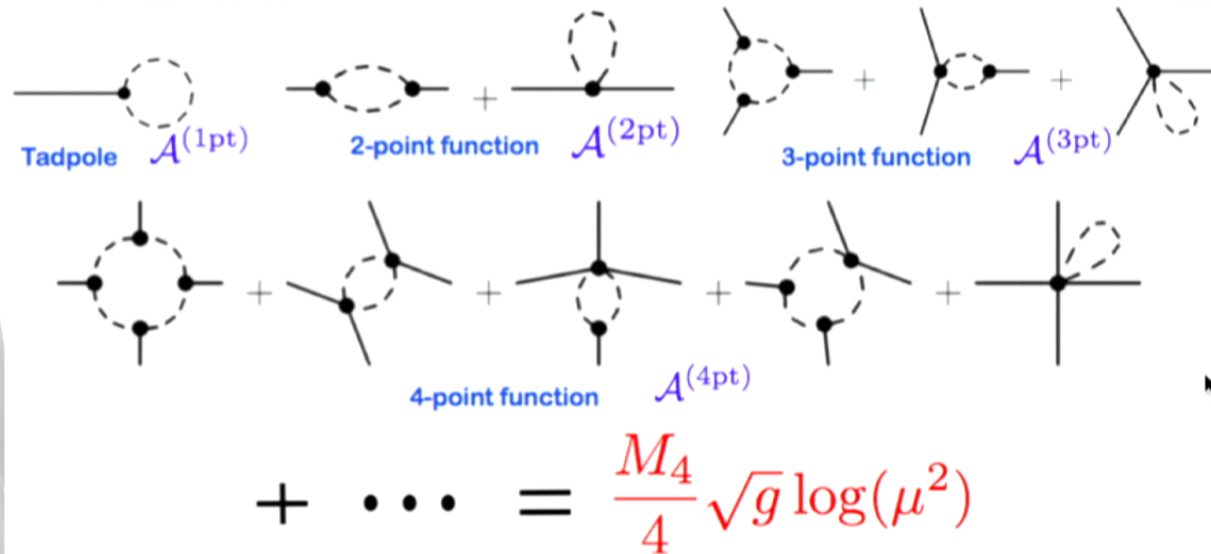
→ the only covariant potential term they can give rise is a cosmological constant!

# One-loop matter contribution



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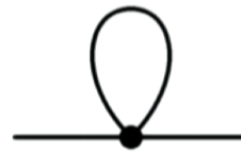
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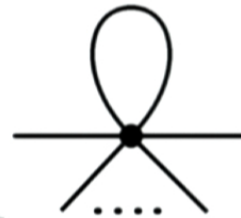
→ so they give rise to a **cosmological constant**, but leaves the potential interactions unchanged.

## Graviton Contributions in the Loops

- one-loop correction to the mass from gravitons do not preserve the nice structure of the potential



$$\frac{m^4}{M_{\text{Pl}}^2} h^2 \rightarrow \frac{(\partial^2 \pi)^2}{M_{\text{Pl}}^2} \rightarrow m_{\text{gh}}^2 \sim M_{\text{Pl}}^2$$



$$\frac{m^4}{M_{\text{Pl}}^{n+2}} h^{n+2} \rightarrow \frac{(\partial^2 \pi)^2}{M_{\text{Pl}}^2} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \pi_0}{\Lambda^3} \right)^n \rightarrow m_{\text{gh}}^2 \sim M_{\text{Pl}}^2 \left( \frac{\partial^2 \pi_0}{\Lambda^3} \right)^{-n}$$

## Graviton Contributions in the Loops

but the one loop effective action is itself redressed

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{M_{\text{Pl}}^2} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\partial^2 \pi_0}{\Lambda^3}} (\partial^2 \pi)^2$$

the detuning of the potential is never a problem since

$$m_{\text{gh}}^2 \geq M_{\text{Pl}}^2$$

even if the background is large

$$\frac{\partial^2 \pi_0}{\Lambda^3} \gg 1$$

# Impact of Massive Gravity on cosmological observations!



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## cosmological observations

two categories:

### geometrical probes

measurement of the Hubble function

- distance-redshift relation of supernovae
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## Conclusion

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  - stable self-accelerating solution similar to  $\Lambda$ CDM
- Proxy theory
  - stable self accelerating solution
  - the scalar mode does not decouple around the self-accelerating background and leads to an extra force during the history of the Universe
  - would influence the time sequence of gravitational clustering and the evolution of peculiar velocities, as well as the number density of collapsed objects.
- quantum corrections
  - in the decoupling limit the non-renormalization theorem guaranties the stability under quantum corrections
  - beyond the decoupling limit the effect of external matter at 1-loop is harmless on the potential and gives only rise to a CC
  - 1-loop graviton contributions detune the structure of the potential
  - nevertheless the mass associated to the ghost is never below the

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