## **Bimetric** Massive Gravity

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### Motivations

- Why should the graviton be massless?
- Large distance modification:
  - dark energy?
  - dark matter?
  - degravitation?



## Polarizations

- GR: propagates 2 gravitational waves
- Metric has 10-4=6 degrees of freedom:
  - + 2 vector modes
  - + 2 scalar modes
- In massive theory these are set free



(e)

(f)





## Fierz-Pauli theory



- $\int d^4x \sqrt{g} R_g + m^2 \int d^4x h_{\mu\nu} h_{\alpha\beta} \left( \eta^{\mu\alpha} \eta^{\nu\beta} \eta^{\mu\nu} \eta^{\alpha\beta} \right)$ 
  - Second order in  $h_{\mu\nu} \equiv g_{\mu\nu} \eta_{\mu\nu}$
  - The only quadratic ghost-free theory for massive spin-2
  - Breaks gauge invariance
  - For reviews, see

Infrared-modified gravities and massive gravitons

V.A. Rubakov<sup>a</sup> and P.G. Tinyakov<sup>b,a</sup>

Massive Gravity

Claudia de Rham

### 70's I: Newtonian limit

<u>The van Dam – Veltman – Zakharov discontinuity:</u>



 <u>The Vainshtein mechanism</u>: nonlinear kinetic interactions screen the helicity-0 mode

$$F_{grav} = \begin{cases} \frac{GM}{R^2} & R < r*\\ \frac{4GM}{3R^2} & R > r* \end{cases}$$
$$r_V = \left(\frac{M}{M_{\rm Pl}^2 m_G^4}\right)^{1/5}$$

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## 70's findings II: pathology

### <u>The Boulware-Deser ghost</u>:

In curved backgrounds, the 6<sup>th</sup> polarisation is set to propagate. This is generically a ghost!

**A** *ghost* is a field with the wrong sign kinetic term  $S_{\phi,\chi} = \int d^4x \left( -\frac{1}{2} (\partial \phi)^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\partial \chi)^2 - V(\phi,\chi) \right)$ 

Different from a *Tachyon*, which has an instability in the potential

$$\xrightarrow{V(\phi)} \phi$$

$$S = \int \mathrm{d}^4 x \left( -\frac{1}{2} (\partial \phi)^2 + \frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi^2 \right)$$

Scale of instability: m

## dRGT massive gravity

$$S = -\frac{M_g^2}{2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-\det g} R$$
$$+ m^2 M_g^2 \int d^4x \sqrt{-\det g} \sum_{n=0}^4 \beta_n e_n \left(\sqrt{g^{-1}f}\right)$$

- The unique non-linear action for a single massive spin-2
- The f is a "reference metric"
- e<sub>n</sub> are elementary symmetric polynomials given by...

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### For a matrix X, the elementary symmetric polynomials are ([] = trace)



## **ADM** analysis

3 + 1 dimensional parametrization of the gravitational field  $g_{\mu\nu}$ :

$$\gamma_{ij}=g_{ij}, \hspace{0.3cm} {\sf N}=\sqrt{-g^{00}}, \hspace{0.3cm} {\sf N}_i=g_{0i}$$

Arnowitt, Deser, Misner (1959)

allows to rewrite the action of general relativity in the first order form

$$\mathcal{L}_{E} = M_{Pl}^{2} \sqrt{-g} R = M_{Pl}^{2} \left[ -\gamma_{ij} \partial_{t} \pi^{ij} - N R^{0} - N_{i} R^{i} \right]$$

 $\Rightarrow$  the Einstein action is linear in the lapse N and shift  $N_i \Rightarrow$  2 degrees of freedom!

Meanwhile, the interaction term of massive gravity in the unitary gauge can be written in a closed form as

$$\mathcal{L}_{FP} = 2m_g^2 \sqrt{\gamma} N \left[ \mathrm{tr} \sqrt{g^{-1} \eta} - 3 \right]$$

Hassan, Rosen (2011)

 $\Rightarrow$  the massive gravity action is non-linear in N,  $N_i \Rightarrow 6$  degrees of freedom!

CLAIM: After an appropriate field redefinition  $N^{i} = \left(\delta_{j}^{i} + ND_{j}^{i}\right) n^{j}$ the Lagrangian is linear in N and gives rise to a secondary constraint.

## The reference metric

- ... is required for local, Lorenz-invariant massive gravity
- But
- There are infinite number of (arbitrary) dRGT's
- Phenomenologically, it doesn't work too well!
- Claims of extra theoretical problems too
- Resolution is simple...

## Hassan-Rosen theory

$$S = -\frac{M_g^2}{2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-\det g} R(g) - \frac{M_f^2}{2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-\det f} R(f) + m^2 M_g^2 \int d^4x \sqrt{-\det g} \sum_{n=0}^4 \beta_n e_n \left(\sqrt{g^{-1}f}\right)$$

- Now 5+2 d.o.f.'s propagate
- The theory of spin-2 fields

The Ghost Problem  
Ghost: A field with negative kinetic energy  
Example:  

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{T} - \mathcal{V} = (\partial_t \phi)^2 \dots (healthy)$$
But  

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{T} - \mathcal{V} = (-\partial_t \phi)^2 \dots (ghost)$$
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## The bigravity field equations



$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}R + \frac{m^2}{2}\sum_{n=0}^{3} (-1)^n \beta_n \left[g_{\mu\lambda}Y^{\lambda}_{(n)\nu}\left(\sqrt{g^{-1}f}\right) + g_{\nu\lambda}Y^{\lambda}_{(n)\mu}\left(\sqrt{g^{-1}f}\right)\right] = \frac{1}{M_g^2}T_{\mu\nu},$$
(2.3)
$$\bar{R}_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}\bar{R} + \frac{m^2}{2M_\star^2}\sum_{n=0}^{3} (-1)^n \beta_{4-n} \left[f_{\mu\lambda}Y^{\lambda}_{(n)\nu}\left(\sqrt{g^{-1}f}\right) + f_{\nu\lambda}Y^{\lambda}_{(n)\mu}\left(\sqrt{g^{-1}f}\right)\right] = 0,$$
(2.4)

 $M_{\star}^2 \equiv M_f^2/M_g^2$ 

$$\begin{split} Y_{(0)}\left(\mathbb{X}\right) &= \mathbb{1}, \quad Y_{(1)}\left(\mathbb{X}\right) = \mathbb{X} - \mathbb{1}\left[\mathbb{X}\right], \quad Y_{(2)}\left(\mathbb{X}\right) = \mathbb{X}^2 - \mathbb{X}\left[\mathbb{X}\right] + \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{1}\left(\left[\mathbb{X}\right]^2 - \left[\mathbb{X}^2\right]\right), \\ Y_{(3)}\left(\mathbb{X}\right) &= \mathbb{X}^3 - \mathbb{X}^2\left[\mathbb{X}\right] + \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{X}\left(\left[\mathbb{X}\right]^2 - \left[\mathbb{X}^2\right]\right) - \frac{1}{6}\mathbb{1}\left(\left[\mathbb{X}\right]^3 - 3\left[\mathbb{X}\right]\left[\mathbb{X}^2\right] + 2\left[\mathbb{X}^3\right]\right). \end{split}$$

### Massive bigravity has selfaccelerating cosmologies

Homogeneous and isotropic solution:

$$ds_g^2 = a^2 \left( -d\tau^2 + d\vec{x}^2 \right), ds_f^2 = -X^2 d\tau^2 + Y^2 d\vec{x}^2$$

the background dynamics are determined by

As  $\rho \rightarrow 0$ , y  $\rightarrow$  constant, so the mass term approaches a (positive) constant  $\rightarrow$  late-time acceleration

 $eta_3 y^{*}$ 

## Confronting with the data

- A comprehensive comparison to background data was undertaken by Akrami, Koivisto, & Sandstad [arXiv:1209.0457]
- Data sets:
  - Luminosity distances from Type Ia supernovae (Union 2.1)
  - Position of the first CMB peak angular scale of sound horizon at recombination (WMAP7)
  - Baryon-acoustic oscillations (2dFGRS, 6dFGS, SDSS and WiggleZ)

### Take-home points:

No exact ∧CDM without explicit ∧ Phantom behavior (w < -1) is common ✓Viable alternative to ∧CDM



## Massive bigravity effectively competes with ΛCDM

Y. Akrami, T. Koivisto, and M. Sandstad [arXiv:1209.0457] See also F. Könnig, A. Patil, and L. Amendola [arXiv:1312.3208]; A. Solomon, Y. Akrami, and T. Koivisto [arXiv:1404.4061]

Model	B <sub>0</sub>	B <sub>1</sub>	$B_2$	B3	$B_4$	$\Omega_{\mathbf{m}}$	$\chi^{2}_{\mathbf{min}}$	p-value	log-evidence
ΛCDM	free	0	0	0	0	free	546.54	0.8709	-278.50
$(\mathrm{B_1}, \Omega^{0}_{\mathbf{m}})$	0	free	0	0	0	free	<b>5</b> 51.60	0.8355	-281.73
$(\mathbf{B_2}, \mathbf{\Omega_m^0})$	0	0	free	0	0	free	894.00	< 0.0001	450.25
$(\mathbf{B}_{\mathbf{a}}, \mathbf{\Omega}_{\mathbf{m}}^{0})$	0	0	0	free	0	free	1700.50	< 0.0001	850.26
$(\mathbf{B_1},\mathbf{B_2},\boldsymbol{\Omega_m^0})$	0	free	free	0	0	free	546.52	0.8646	-279.77
$(B_1, B_3, \Omega^0_m)$	0	free	0	free	0	free	542.82	0.8878	-280.10
$(\mathbf{B}_{\mathbf{z}},\mathbf{B}_{3},\mathbf{\Omega}_{\mathbf{m}}^{0})$	0	0	free	free	0	free	548.04	0.8543	-280.91
$(B_1, B_4, \Omega_m^0)$	0	free	0	0	free	free	548.86	0.8485	-281.42
$(\mathbf{B_2},\mathbf{B_4},\mathbf{\Omega_m^0})$	0	0	free	0	free	free	806.82	< 0.0001	-420.87
$(\mathbf{B}_{5}, \mathbf{B}_{4}, \mathbf{\Omega}^{0})$	0	0	0	free	free	free	685.30	0.0023	-351.14
$(B_1, B_2, B_3, \Omega_m^0)$	0	free	free	free	0	free	546.50	0.8582	-279.61
$(B_1,B_2,B_4,\Omega^0_m)$	0	free	free	0	free	free	546.52	0.8581	-279.56
$(B_1,B_3,B_4,\Omega^0_m)$	0	free	0	free	free	free	546.78	0.8563	-280.00
$(\mathbf{B_2},\mathbf{B_3},\mathbf{B_4},\mathbf{\Omega_m^0})$	0	0	free	free	free	free	549.68	0.8353	-282.89
$(B_1,B_2,B_3,B_4,\Omega_m^0)$	0	free	free	free	free	free	546.50	0.8515	-279.60
full bigravity model	free	free	free	free	free	free	546.50	0.8445	-279.82

### Degeneracies



## Scalar perturbations in massive bigravity

These models provide a good fit to the background data, but look similar to ACDM and can be degenerate with each other.
Can we tease these models apart by looking beyond the background to structure formation? (Spoiler alert: yes.)

- Extensive analysis of perturbations undertaken by A. Solomon, Y. Akrami, and T. Koivisto, arXiv:1404.4061
- Linearize metrics around FRW backgrounds, restrict to scalar perturbations {E<sub>g,f</sub>, A<sub>g,f</sub>, F<sub>g,f</sub>, and B<sub>g,f</sub>}:

 $ds_g^2 = a^2 \left\{ -(1+E_g)d\tau^2 + 2\partial_i F_g d\tau dx^i + \left[(1+A_g)\delta_{ij} + \partial_i \partial_j B_g\right] dx^i dx^j \right\}$  $ds_f^2 = -X^2(1+E_f)d\tau^2 + 2XY\partial_i F_f d\tau dx^i + Y^2 \left[(1+A_f)\delta_{ij} + \partial_i \partial_j B_f\right] dx^i dx^j$ 

### Linearized Einstein Equations for g

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{0-0:} \\ &\frac{3H}{N^2} \left( HE_g - \dot{A}_g \right) + \nabla^2 \left[ \frac{A_g}{a^2} + H \left( \frac{2F_g}{Na} - \frac{\dot{B}_g}{N^2} \right) \right] + \frac{m^2}{2} yP \left( 3\Delta A + \nabla^2 \Delta B \right) = \frac{1}{M_g^2} \delta T^0_0, \\ \mathbf{0-i:} \\ &\frac{1}{N^2} \partial_i \left( \dot{A}_g - HE_g \right) + m^2 \frac{P}{x+y} \frac{Y}{N} \partial_i \left( xF_f - yF_g \right) = \frac{1}{M_g^2} \delta T^0_i, \\ &\mathbf{i-i:} \\ &\frac{1}{N^2} \left[ \left( 2\dot{H} + 3H^2 - 2\frac{\dot{N}}{N} H \right) E_g + H\dot{E}_g - \ddot{A}_g - 3H\dot{A}_g + \frac{\dot{N}}{N} \dot{A}_g \right] + \frac{1}{2} \left( \partial_j^2 + \partial_k^2 \right) D_g \\ &+ m^2 \left[ \frac{1}{2} xP\Delta E + yQ \left( \Delta A + \frac{1}{2} \left( \partial_j^2 + \partial_k^2 \right) \Delta B \right) \right] = \frac{1}{M_g^2} \delta T^i_i, \\ &D_g \equiv \frac{A_g + E_g}{a^2} + \frac{H}{N} \left( \frac{4F_g}{a} - \frac{3\dot{B}_g}{N} \right) + \frac{2\dot{F}_g}{Na} - \frac{1}{N^2} \left( \ddot{B}_g - \frac{\dot{N}}{N} \dot{B}_g \right), \end{aligned}$$

Off-diagonal i-j:

$$-\frac{1}{2}\partial^i\partial_j D_g - \frac{m^2}{2}yQ\partial^i\partial_j\Delta B = \frac{1}{M_g^2}\delta T^i{}_j,$$

 $P \equiv \beta_1 + 2\beta_2 y + \beta_3 y^2 \qquad \Delta A \equiv A_f - A_g$  $Q \equiv \beta_1 + (x+y)\beta_2 + xy\beta_3 \qquad \Delta B \equiv B_f - B_g$  $x \equiv X/N \qquad y \equiv Y/a \qquad \Delta E \equiv E_f - E_g$ 

### Linearized Einstein Equations for f

0-0:

$$\frac{3K}{X^2}\left(KE_f - \dot{A}_f\right) + \nabla^2 \left[\frac{A_f}{Y^2} + K\left(\frac{2F_f}{XY} - \frac{\dot{B}_f}{X^2}\right)\right] - \frac{m^2}{2M_\star^2}\frac{P}{y^3}\left(3\Delta A + \nabla^2\Delta B\right) = 0,$$

0-i:

$$\frac{1}{X^2}\partial_i\left(\dot{A}_f - KE_f\right) + \frac{m^2}{M_\star^2}\frac{P}{y^2}\frac{1}{x+y}\frac{a}{X}\partial_i\left(yF_g - xF_f\right) = 0,$$

i-i:

$$\frac{1}{X^2} \left[ \left( 2\dot{K} + 3K^2 - 2\frac{\dot{X}}{X}K \right) E_f + K\dot{E}_f - \ddot{A}_f - 3K\dot{A}_f + \frac{\dot{X}}{X}\dot{A}_f \right] + \frac{1}{2} \left( \partial_j^2 + \partial_k^2 \right) D_f \\ - \frac{m^2}{M_\star^2} \frac{1}{xy^2} \left[ \frac{1}{2}P\Delta E + Q \left( \Delta A + \frac{1}{2} \left( \partial_j^2 + \partial_k^2 \right) \Delta B \right) \right] = 0, \\ D_f \equiv \frac{A_f + E_f}{Y^2} + \frac{K}{X} \left( \frac{4F_f}{Y} - \frac{3\dot{B}_f}{X} \right) + \frac{2\dot{F}_f}{XY} - \frac{1}{X^2} \left( \ddot{B}_f - \frac{\dot{X}}{X}\dot{B}_f \right),$$

Off-diagonal i-j:

$$-\frac{1}{2}\partial^i\partial_j D_f + \frac{m^2}{2M_\star^2}\frac{Q}{xy^2}\partial^i\partial_j\Delta B = 0,$$

# Perturbations in massive bigravity: subhorizon

A. Solomon, Y. Akrami, and T. Koivisto, arXiv:1404.4061 (gory details)

- Most observations of cosmic structure are taken in the subhorizon limit:  $k^2 \Phi \gg H^2 \Phi \sim H \dot{\Phi} \sim \ddot{\Phi}$
- Specializing to this limit, and assuming only matter is dust (P=0)...
  - $\circ$  Five perturbations (E<sub>g,f</sub>, A<sub>g,f</sub>, and B<sub>f</sub> B<sub>g</sub>) are determined algebraically in terms of the density perturbation  $\delta$
  - Meanwhile,  $\delta$  is determined by the same evolution equation as in GR:

$$\delta'' + \mathcal{H}\delta' + \frac{1}{2}k^2 E_g(\delta) = 0$$

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(GR and massive bigravity)

• In GR, there is no anisotropic stress so  $E_g$  (time-time perturbation) is related to  $\delta$  through Poisson's equation,

$$k^2 E_g = -(a^2 \bar{\rho}/M_g^2)\delta$$

In bigravity, the relation beteen E<sub>g</sub> and δ is significantly more complicated
 → modified structure growth

### The "observables"

$$ds_g^2 = a^2 \left[ -(1+E_g)d\tau^2 + (1+A_g)\delta_{ij}dx^i dx^j \right]$$

We calculate three parameters which are commonly used to distinguish modified gravity from GR:

• Growth rate/index  $(f/\gamma)$ : measures growth of structures

$$f(a,k) \equiv \frac{d\log\delta}{d\log a} \approx \Omega_m^{\gamma}$$

Modification of Newton's constant in Poisson eq. (Q):

$$\frac{k^2}{a^2}A_g \equiv \frac{Q(a,k)\bar{\rho}}{M_g^2}\delta$$

Anisotropic stress (η):

$$\eta(a,k) \equiv -\frac{A_g}{E_g}$$

![](_page_22_Picture_9.jpeg)

## The "observables":

- We have analytic solutions (messy) for  $A_g$  and  $E_g$  as (stuff) x  $\delta$ , so
  - Can immediately read off analytic expressions for Q and  $\eta$ :  $(1+k^2h_4)$  $(1+k^2h_4)$

$$Q = h_1 \left( \frac{1 + k^2 h_4}{1 + k^2 h_3} \right), \qquad \eta = h_2 \left( \frac{1 + k^2 h_4}{1 + k^2 h_5} \right)$$

(h<sub>i</sub> are non-trivial functions of time...)

 $\circ$  Can solve numerically for  $\delta$  using Q and  $\eta$ :

$$\delta'' + \mathcal{H}\delta' - \frac{1}{2}\frac{Q}{\eta}\frac{a^2\bar{\rho}}{M_g^2}\delta = 0$$

### The h-functions 1

$$\begin{split} h_1 &= \frac{1}{1+y^2}, \\ h_2 &= -\frac{\left(1+y^2\right)\left(\beta_1+3\beta_3y^4+(6\beta_2-2\beta_4)y^3+3\left(\beta_1-\beta_3\right)y^2\right)}{-\beta_1+\left(3\beta_2-\beta_4\right)y^5+\left(6\beta_1-9\beta_3\right)y^4+\left(3\beta_0-15\beta_2+2\beta_4\right)y^3+\left(3\beta_3-7\beta_1\right)y^2}, \\ h_3 &= -\frac{y^2}{h_6}\frac{3}{1+y^2}\left[\beta_3^2y^7+\left(4\beta_2\beta_3-2\beta_3\beta_4\right)y^6+3\left(2\beta_1-3\beta_3\right)\beta_3y^5+\left(4\beta_0\beta_3-19\beta_2\beta_3-\beta_4\beta_3+2\beta_1\beta_4\right)y^4\right.\\ &+ \left(-3\beta_1^2-18\beta_2^2-6\beta_3^2+4\beta_0\beta_2+2\beta_2\beta_4\right)y^3+3\left(\left(\beta_0-3\beta_2\right)\beta_3+\beta_1\left(\beta_4-5\beta_2\right)\right)y^2\right.\\ &+ \left(-7\beta_1^2+2\beta_3\beta_1+2\left(\beta_0-3\beta_2\right)\beta_2\right)y-\beta_1\left(\beta_0+\beta_2\right)\right], \\ h_4 &= \frac{y^2}{h_6}\left[2\beta_3\beta_4y^6+2\left(3\beta_2^2-\beta_4\beta_2-3\left(\beta_1-2\beta_3\right)\beta_3\right)y^5+\left(\beta_1\left(6\beta_2-4\beta_4\right)+3\beta_3\left(-2\beta_0+9\beta_2+\beta_4\right)\right)y^4\right.\\ &+ 2\left(3\beta_1^2-2\beta_3\beta_1+18\beta_2^2+9\beta_3^2-3\beta_0\beta_2-3\beta_2\beta_4\right)y^3+\left(37\beta_1\beta_2+27\beta_3\beta_2-9\beta_0\beta_3-9\beta_1\beta_4\right)y^2\right.\\ &+ 2\left(10\beta_1^2-3\beta_3\beta_1-3\left(\beta_0-3\beta_2\right)\beta_2\right)y+3\beta_1\left(\beta_0+\beta_2\right)\right], \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} h_6 &= 3m^2a^2\left(1+y^2\right)\left(\beta_1+\beta_3y^2+2\beta_2y\right)\left(\beta_1^2+\beta_3\beta_4y^3+\left(3\beta_2^2-\beta_4\beta_2-3\left(\beta_1-2\beta_3\right)\beta_3\right)y^4\right.\\ &+\left(3\beta_1\beta_2+12\beta_3\beta_2-3\beta_0\beta_3-2\beta_1\beta_4\right)y^3+\left(3\beta_1^2+\beta_3\beta_1-3\left(\beta_0-3\beta_2\right)\beta_2\right)y^2+5\beta_1\beta_2y\right),\\ h_7 &= \frac{\left(\beta_1+y\left(2\beta_2+\beta_3y\right)\right)\left(3\beta_0y^3+y^2\left(3\beta_2y\left(y^2-5\right)+\beta_3\left(3-9y^2\right)-\beta_4y\left(y^2-2\right)\right)+\beta_1\left(6y^4-7y^2-1\right)\right)}{1+y^2} \end{split}$$

### The h-functions 2

$$\begin{split} h_5 &= -\frac{y^2}{h_6} \frac{1}{h_7} \bigg[ 4\beta_3^2 \beta_4^2 y^{11} + \beta_3 \left( 24\beta_4 \beta_2^2 + \left( 9\beta_3^2 - 8\beta_4^2 \right) \beta_2 + 3\beta_3 \left( 19\beta_3 - 8\beta_1 \right) \beta_4 \right) y^{10} \\ &+ 2 \left( 18\beta_2^4 - 12\beta_4 \beta_2^3 + \left( 117\beta_3^2 - 36\beta_1 \beta_3 + 2\beta_4^2 \right) \beta_2^2 + 6\beta_3 \left( 4\beta_1 + 5\beta_3 \right) \beta_4 \beta_2 \\ &+ \beta_3 \left( 99\beta_3^3 - 81\beta_1 \beta_3^2 + 18\beta_1^2 \beta_3 - 3\beta_4^2 \beta_3 - 12\beta_0 \beta_4 \beta_3 - 8\beta_1 \beta_4^2 \right) \right) y^9 \\ &- \left( 72\beta_3 \left( \beta_2 - \beta_4 \right) \beta_1^2 + \left( -72\beta_3^3 + 72\beta_4 \beta_2^2 + \left( 117\beta_3^2 - 16\beta_4^2 \right) \beta_2 + \beta_3^2 \left( 85\beta_4 - 72\beta_0 \right) \right) \beta_1 \\ &+ 9\beta_3 \left( -60\beta_2^3 + 8\beta_0 \beta_2^2 + 12\beta_4 \beta_2^2 - 96\beta_3^2 \beta_2 + 19\beta_0 \beta_3^2 + 5\beta_3^2 \beta_4 \right) \right) y^8 \\ &- 2 \left( 36\beta_3 \beta_1^3 - \left( 54\beta_2^2 - 36\beta_4 \beta_2 + 69\beta_3^2 + 8\beta_4^2 \right) \beta_1^2 \\ &- \beta_3 \left( 123\beta_2^2 - 76\beta_4 \beta_2 + 3 \left( 13\beta_3^2 + \beta_4 \left( 4\beta_0 + \beta_4 \right) \right) \right) \beta_1 \\ &- 3 \left( 72\beta_4^2 - 36\beta_4 \beta_3^2 + \left( 255\beta_3^2 + 4\beta_4^2 \right) \beta_2^2 - 21\beta_3^2 \beta_4 \beta_2 - 9\beta_3^4 + 6\beta_0^2 \beta_3^2 \\ &+ \beta_0 \left( -12\beta_2^3 + 4\beta_4 \beta_2^2 - 93\beta_3^2 \beta_2 + 3\beta_3^2 \beta_4 \right) \right) y^7 \\ &+ \left( 24 \left( 3\beta_2 - 2\beta_4 \right) \beta_1^3 + \beta_3 \left( -72\beta_0 + 507\beta_2 - 77\beta_4 \right) \beta_1^2 \\ &+ \left( 876\beta_3^2 - 508\beta_4 \beta_2^2 + 600\beta_3^2 \beta_2 + 48\beta_4^2 \beta_2 - 3\beta_3^2 \beta_4 + \beta_0 \left( -72\beta_2^2 + 48\beta_4 \beta_2 - 69\beta_3^2 \right) \right) \beta_1 \\ &+ 3\beta_3 \left( 24\beta_2 \beta_6^2 + \left( -228\beta_2^2 + 16\beta_4 \beta_2 - 9\beta_3^2 \right) \beta_0 + 9\beta_2 \left( 48\beta_2^2 - 4\beta_4 \beta_2 - 7\beta_3^2 \right) \right) y^6 \\ &+ 2 \left( 18\beta_1^4 + 45\beta_3 \beta_1^3 + \left( 477\beta_2^2 - 36\beta_0 \beta_2 - 170\beta_4 \beta_2 + 14\beta_3^2 + 9\beta_4^2 \right) \beta_1^2 \\ &+ 3\beta_3 \left( 126\beta_2^2 - 42\beta_0 \beta_2 + 6\beta_4 \beta_2 - 3\beta_3^2 + 2\beta_0 \beta_4 \right) \beta_1 \\ &+ 6 \left( \beta_0 - 3\beta_2 \right) \beta_2 \left( -15\beta_2^2 + 3\beta_0 \beta_2 + 2\beta_4 \beta_2 - 6\beta_3^2 \right) y^5 \\ &+ \left( \left( 441\beta_2 - 79\beta_4 \right) \beta_1^3 + \beta_3 \left( -33\beta_0 - 8\beta_2 + 33\beta_4 \right) \beta_1^2 \\ &+ \left( 648\beta_2^3 - 156\beta_0 \beta_2^2 - 60\beta_4 \beta_2^2 + 9\beta_3^2 \beta_2 + 9\beta_0 \beta_3^2 \right) \beta_1 + 36 \left( \beta_0 - 3\beta_2 \right) \beta_2^2 \beta_3 \right) y^4 \\ &+ 2\beta_1 \left( 36\beta_3^2 + 9\beta_1 \beta_3 \beta_2 + 3\beta_0 \left( 3\beta_1^2 - 5\beta_3 \beta_1 - 4\beta_2^2 \right) + \beta_1^2 \left( 112\beta_2 - 9\beta_4 \right) \right) y^2 \\ &+ 2\beta_1^2 \left( 11\beta_1^2^2 - 3\beta_3 \beta_1 + 12\beta_2^2 \right) y + 3\beta_1^3 \left( \beta_0 - \beta_2 \right) \bigg], \end{split}$$

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#### The Minimal Model $(B_1)$

SNe only:  $B_1 = 1.3527 \pm 0.0497$ 

#### SNe + CMB + BAO: $B_1 = 1.448 \pm 0.0168$

![](_page_26_Figure_3.jpeg)

A. Solomon, Y. Akrami, T. Koivisto [arXiv:1404.4061] F. Könnig, L. Amendola [arXiv:1402.1988]

 $w(z) \approx -1.22^{+0.02}_{-0.02} - 0.64^{+0.05}_{-0.04} z/(1+z)$ 

![](_page_27_Figure_0.jpeg)

## Scalar fluctuations can suffer from instabilities

B<sub>1</sub>-only model – simplest allowed by background

$$\omega_{B_1} = \pm \frac{k}{H} \frac{\sqrt{-1 + 12y^2 + 9y^4}}{1 + 3y^2}$$

• Unstable for small y (early times)

For realistic parameters, model is only (linearly) stable for z <~ 0.5

- The instability is avoided by infinite-branch solutions, where y starts off at infinity
- Viability requires  $B_1 > 0$
- Existence of infinite branch requires  $0 < B_4 < 2B_1$

– i.e., turn on the f-metric cosmological constant

![](_page_28_Figure_9.jpeg)

### B<sub>1</sub>-B<sub>4</sub> model: background dynamics

![](_page_29_Figure_1.jpeg)

### Nature of Spacetime: 2 Metrics or None?

Y. Akrami, T. Koivisto, A. Solomon [arXiv:1404.0006]

$$S = -\int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{M_g^2}{2} R(g) - \alpha_g \mathcal{L}_m(g, \Psi) \right] - \int d^4x \sqrt{-f} \left[ \frac{M_f^2}{2} R(f) - \alpha_f \mathcal{L}_m(f, \Psi) \right] + m^2 M_g^2 \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \sum_{n=0}^4 \beta_n e_n \left( \sqrt{g^{\mu\alpha} f_{\alpha\nu}} \right) \,.$$

No physical Riemannian metric exists to which matter minimally couples.

For photons (we make observations by tracking photons):

$$S_A = -\frac{1}{4}\alpha_g \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} g^{\mu\alpha} g^{\nu\beta} F_{\mu\nu} F_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{4}\alpha_f \int d^4x \sqrt{-f} f^{\mu\alpha} f^{\nu\beta} F_{\mu\nu} F_{\alpha\beta}$$

Minimally coupled to an effective metric h, if:

$$\begin{split} S_A &= -\frac{1}{4} \int d^4 x \sqrt{-h} h^{\mu\alpha} h^{\nu\beta} F_{\mu\nu} F_{\alpha\beta} \\ & \\ & \\ \alpha_g \sqrt{-g} g^{\mu\nu} g^{\alpha\beta} + \alpha_f \sqrt{-f} f^{\mu\nu} f^{\alpha\beta} = \sqrt{-h} h^{\mu\nu} h^{\alpha\beta} \end{split}$$

This overconstrains h (in general, cannot simultaneously satisfy 00-00, 00-ii and ii-ii components).

Similar for other fields, such as a massive scalar; massless scalar does have an effective metric:

$$\sqrt{-h}h^{\mu\nu} = \alpha_g \sqrt{-g}g^{\mu\nu} + \alpha_f \sqrt{-f}f^{\mu\nu}$$

### Nature of Spacetime: 2 Metrics or None?

- Possesses mathematically two metrics, but physically none.
- We need to step beyond the confines of metric geometry.

Point-particle of mass m (simplest possible type of matter):

$$\begin{split} S_{\rm pp} &= -m\alpha_g \int dt \sqrt{g_{\mu\nu} \dot{x}^{\mu} \dot{x}^{\nu}} - m\alpha_f \int dt \sqrt{f_{\mu\nu} \dot{x}^{\mu} \dot{x}^{\nu}} \\ &= -m\alpha_g \int ds_g - m\alpha_g \int ds_f, \end{split}$$

Geodesic equation:

$$\alpha_g g_{\alpha\beta} \left( \frac{du_g^{\alpha}}{ds_g} + \Gamma^g_{\mu\nu} u_g^{\mu} u_g^{\nu} \right) + \alpha_f f_{\alpha\beta} \frac{ds_f}{ds_g} \left( \frac{du_f^{\alpha}}{ds_f} + \Gamma^g_{\mu\nu} u_f^{\mu} u_f^{\nu} \right) = 0$$
$$u_g^{\mu} \equiv dx^{\mu}/ds_g$$

Not the geodesic equation for any Riemannian metric:

$$S_{
m pp} = -m \int ds$$

$$ds^{2} = \left(\alpha_{g}^{2}g_{\mu\nu} + \alpha_{f}^{2}f_{\mu\nu}\right)dx^{\mu}dx^{\nu} + 2\alpha_{g}\alpha_{f}\sqrt{g_{\mu\nu}f_{\alpha\beta}dx^{\mu}dx^{\nu}dx^{\alpha}dx^{\beta}}$$

#### Line element of a Finsler geometry!

### Nature of Spacetime: 2 Metrics or None?

#### Finslerian geometry:

The line element is the most general one that is homogeneous of degree 2 in coordinate intervals:

$$ds^{2} = f(x^{\mu}, dx^{\nu});$$
  $f(x^{\mu}, \lambda dx^{\nu}) = \lambda^{2} f(x^{\mu}, dx^{\nu}).$ 

**Quasimetric:** 

$$f = ds^2 = \mathcal{G}_{\mu\nu} dx^{\mu} dx^{\nu}$$
,  $\mathcal{G}_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial dx^{\mu} \partial dx^{\nu}}$ .

$$\mathcal{G}_{\mu\nu} = \alpha_g^2 g_{\alpha\beta} + \alpha_f^2 f_{\alpha\beta} + \alpha_g \alpha_f \left[ \frac{ds_f}{ds_g} \left( g_{\mu\nu} - u^g_\mu u^g_\nu \right) + \frac{ds_g}{ds_f} \left( f_{\alpha\beta} - u^f_\mu u^f_\nu \right) + 2u^g_{(\mu} u^f_{\nu)} \right]$$

disformally related to original metrics.

Define proper time:

$$d\tau^2 = -ds^2$$

Massive (massless) point particles travel on unit-norm timelike (null) geodesics with respect to the quasimetric.

The geometry that emerges for an observer in a bimetric spacetime depends quite nontrivially upon, in addition to the two metric structures, the observer's four-velocity. This means she is disformally coupled to her own four-velocity, and thus effectively lives in a Finslerian spacetime.

## Double-coupling revives B-D ghost!

$$\longrightarrow \qquad \mathcal{L}_{\text{matter}} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\lambda_g a^3}{N} + \frac{\lambda_f b^3}{\mathcal{N}} \right) \dot{\chi}^2 - \frac{1}{2} M^2 \left( \lambda_g a^3 N + \lambda_f b^3 \mathcal{N} \right) \chi^2 \qquad p_{\chi} = \left( \frac{\lambda_g a^3}{N} + \frac{\lambda_f b^3}{\mathcal{N}} \right) \dot{\chi}$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{matter}} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{N\mathcal{N}}{\lambda_g a^3 \mathcal{N} + \lambda_f b^3 N} p_{\chi}^2 + \frac{1}{2} M^2 \left(\lambda_g a^3 N + \lambda_f b^3 \mathcal{N}\right) \chi^2$$

- Yamashita, de Felice, Tanaka [arXiv:1408.0487]
- De Rham, Heisenberg, Ribeiro [arXiv: 1408.1678]
- Noller, Melville [arXiv:1408.5131]
- Hassan, Kocic, Schmidt-May [1409.3146]

![](_page_33_Picture_8.jpeg)

## New coupling

One loop requirement for an effective metric:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{matter}} = -\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{-g_{\text{eff}}} \left(g_{\text{eff}}^{\mu\nu}\partial_{\mu}\chi\partial_{\nu}\chi + M^{2}\chi^{2}\right)$$
  
•  $\mathcal{L}_{1-\text{loop}} = M^{4}\sqrt{-g_{\text{eff}}} + \text{curvature corrections.}$  looks as  $\frac{m^{2}}{4}\sum_{n=0}^{4}\alpha_{n}\mathcal{U}_{n}[\mathcal{K}]$   
• A candidate metric:  $g_{\mu\nu}^{\text{eff}} = \alpha^{2}g_{\mu\nu} + 2\alpha\beta \ g_{\mu\alpha} X_{\ \nu}^{\alpha} + \beta^{2}f_{\mu\nu}$ 

• Shown to cure the instability in cosmology

• But: 
$$\mathcal{L}_{1,\log}^{(\text{matter loops})} = M^4 \frac{\det f}{\sqrt{\det g}} \log(M/\mu) \cdot -> \text{ghost}, \qquad m_{\text{ghost}}^2 = \frac{\Lambda^6}{M^4}$$
  
$$\Lambda = (m^2 M_{\text{Pl}})^{1/3}$$

## Classes of new couplings

- The criterion  $\sqrt{\det \hat{g}_{\text{eff}}} = \sqrt{\det \hat{g}} \det(\alpha \mathbb{1} + \beta \hat{X})$
- Is satisfied with any unit-determinant M such that

$$\hat{g}_{\text{eff}} = \hat{g}(\alpha + \beta \hat{X})^2 \hat{\mathcal{M}}$$

• For example

$$\hat{\mathcal{M}} = \mathbb{1}, \qquad \hat{\mathcal{M}} = \frac{\sqrt{\hat{g}^{-1}f}}{\det\left(\sqrt{\hat{g}^{-1}f}\right)^{1/4}}, \qquad \hat{\mathcal{M}} = \frac{\sqrt{\hat{f}^{-1}g}}{\det\left(\sqrt{\hat{f}^{-1}g}\right)^{1/4}}$$

- Ghosts or not? Remains to be seen...
- And what about e.g. the criterion

$$\sqrt{\det \hat{g}_{\text{eff}}} = \sqrt{\det \hat{g}} + \sqrt{\det \hat{f}}$$

## Conclusions

### The graviton could have a mass

- need to introduce a new metric
- 4 free interaction parameters

### Viable cosmology possible

only specific class of models is stable
self-acceleration, falsifiable

- Issue of matter coupling
  - symmetric coupling with ghost  $m > \Lambda$
  - ghost-free couplings? Open question