

# Cosmology and a Massive Graviton

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# The cosmological constant problem is **hard**

- **Old** CC problem: why isn't the CC enormous?
  - Vacuum energy induces large CC
  - Universe accelerates long before structure can form
- **New** CC problem: why isn't it zero?
  - The Universe is accelerating! Implies tiny but non-zero CC
  - Require *technical naturalness*, otherwise reintroduce old CC problem

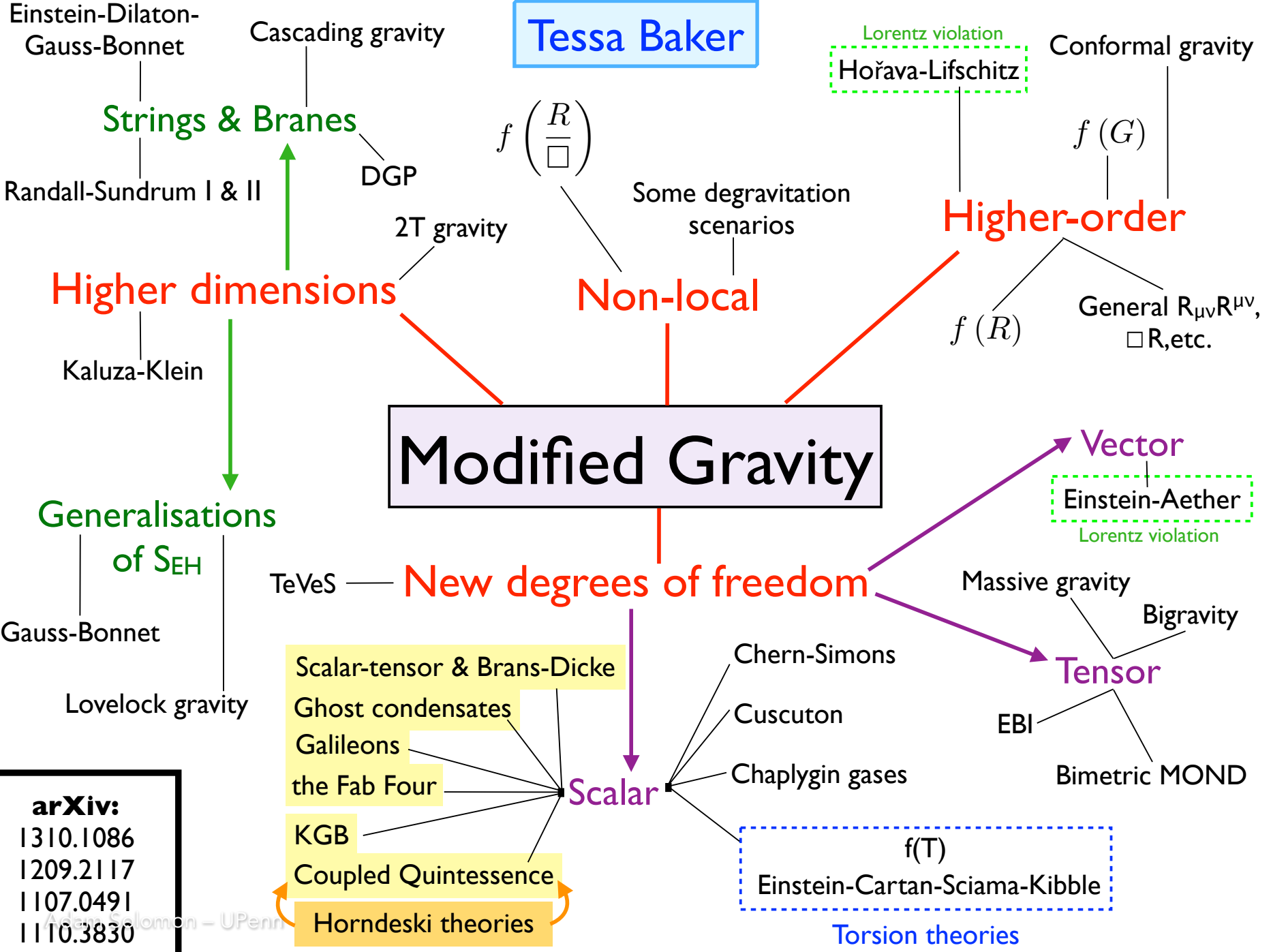
# The CC problem is a problem of gravity

- ⦿ Particle physics tells us the vacuum energy, and gravity translates that into cosmology
- ⦿ The CC affects gravity at ultra-large distances, where we have few complementary probes of GR
- ⦿ Does the CC problem point to IR modifications of GR?
- ⦿ Can address the old problem, new problem, or both



# Modifying gravity is also hard

Tessa Baker



**arXiv:**  
 1310.1086  
 1209.2117  
 1107.0491  
 1110.3830

# Modifying gravity is also hard

- ⊗ It is remarkably tricky to move away from GR in theory space
- ⊗ Ghosts/instabilities
- ⊗ Long-range fifth forces

# Massive gravity is a promising way forward

- ⊛ Conceptual simplicity
  - ⊛ GR: unique theory of a massless spin-2
  - ⊛ Mathematical simplicity? Depends on your aesthetics
- ⊛ Has potential to address both CC problems
  - ⊛ Old CC problem: *degravitation*
    - ⊛ Yukawa suppression lessens sensitivity of gravity to CC
    - ⊛ Degravitation in LV massive gravity: work in progress (with Justin Khoury, Jeremy Sakstein)
- ⊛ Technically natural small parameter
  - ⊛ Graviton mass protected by broken diffs

# How to build a massive graviton

## Step 1: Go linear

- ⊗ Consider a linearized metric

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{M_{\text{Pl}}} h_{\mu\nu}$$

The Einstein-Hilbert action at quadratic order is

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4} h^{\mu\nu} (\mathcal{E}h)_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2M_{\text{Pl}}} h_{\mu\nu} T^{\mu\nu}$$

with the **Lichnerowicz operator** defined by

$$(\mathcal{E}h)^{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{2} \varepsilon^{\mu\alpha\rho} \cdot \varepsilon^{\nu\beta\sigma} \cdot \partial_\alpha \partial_\beta h_{\rho\sigma}$$

This action is invariant under **linearized diffeomorphisms**

$$h_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow h_{\mu\nu} + 2\partial_{(\mu} \xi_{\nu)}$$

# How to build a massive graviton

## Step 1: Go linear

- Unique healthy (ghost-free) mass term (Fierz and Pauli, 1939):

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}h^{\mu\nu}(\mathcal{E}h)_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{8}m^2(h_{\mu\nu}h^{\mu\nu} - h^2) + \frac{1}{2M_{\text{Pl}}}h_{\mu\nu}T^{\mu\nu}$$

- This massive graviton contains **five** polarizations:
  - 2 x tensor
  - 2 x vector
  - 1 x scalar
- Fierz-Pauli tuning:** Any other coefficient between  $h_{\mu\nu}h^{\mu\nu}$  and  $h^2$  leads to a **ghostly** sixth degree of freedom

# dRGT Massive Gravity in a Nutshell

- ⊛ The **unique** non-linear action for a single massive spin-2 graviton is

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

where  $f_{\mu\nu}$  is a **reference metric** which must be chosen at the start

- ⊛  $\beta_n$  are interaction parameters; the graviton mass is  $\sim m^2 \beta_n$
- ⊛ The  $e_n$  are elementary symmetric polynomials given by...



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For a matrix  $X$ , the elementary symmetric polynomials are ( $[\ ] = \text{trace}$ )

$$e_0(X) \equiv 1,$$

$$e_1(X) \equiv [X],$$

$$e_2(X) \equiv \frac{1}{2} \left( [X]^2 - [X^2] \right),$$

$$e_3(X) \equiv \frac{1}{6} \left( [X]^3 - 3 [X] [X^2] + 2 [X^3] \right),$$

$$e_4(X) \equiv \det(X)$$

# An aesthetic aside

- ⊛ The potentials in the last slide are **ugly**
- ⊛ Lovely structure in terms of **vielbeins and differential forms**:

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{ab} e^a{}_{\mu} e^b{}_{\nu}, \quad f_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{ab} f^a{}_{\mu} f^b{}_{\nu}$$

$$e_1(X) \sim \varepsilon_{abcd} e^a \wedge e^b \wedge e^c \wedge f^d$$

$$e_2(X) \sim \varepsilon_{abcd} e^a \wedge e^b \wedge f^c \wedge f^d$$

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# Much ado about a reference metric?

- ⊛ There is a simple (heuristic) reason that massive gravity needs a second metric: you can't construct a non-trivial interaction term from one metric alone:

$$g^{\mu\alpha} g_{\nu\alpha} = \delta_{\nu}^{\mu}, \quad (g_{\mu\nu})^2 = 4, \quad \dots$$

- ⊛ We need to introduce a second metric to construct interaction terms.
- ⊛ Can be Minkowski, (A)dS, FRW, etc., or even dynamical
- ⊛ This points the way to **a large family of theories with a massive graviton**

# Theories of a massive graviton

Examples of this family of massive gravity theories:

- $g_{\mu\nu}, f_{\mu\nu}$  dynamical: **bigravity** (Hassan, Rosen: 1109.3515)
  - One massive graviton, one massless
- $g_{\mu\nu}, f_{1,\mu\nu}, f_{2,\mu\nu}, \dots, f_{n,\mu\nu}$  with various pairs coupling à la dRGT: **multigravity** (Hinterbichler, Rosen: 1203.5783)
  - $n-1$  massive gravitons, one massless
- Massive graviton coupled to a scalar (e.g., **quasidilaton, mass-varying**)

# The search for viable massive cosmologies

- ⊙ No stable FLRW solutions in dRGT massive gravity
- ⊙ Way out #1: large-scale inhomogeneities
- ⊙ Way out #2: generalize dRGT
  - ⊙ Break translation invariance (de Rham+: 1410.0960)
  - ⊙ Generalize matter coupling (de Rham+: 1408.1678)
- ⊙ Way out #3: new degrees of freedom
  - ⊙ Scalar (mass-varying,  $f(R)$ , quasidilaton, etc.)
  - ⊙ Tensor (bi/multigravity) (Hassan/Rosen: 1109.3515)

# Massive bigravity has self-accelerating cosmologies

Consider FRW solutions

$$ds_g^2 = a^2 (-d\tau^2 + d\vec{x}^2),$$

$$ds_f^2 = -X^2 d\tau^2 + Y^2 d\vec{x}^2$$

NB:  $g$  = physical metric (matter couples to it)

Bianchi identity **fixes  $X$**

New dynamics are entirely controlled by  **$y = Y/a$**



# Massive bigravity has self-accelerating cosmologies

The Friedmann equation for  $g$  is

$$3\mathcal{H}^2 = \frac{a^2 \rho}{M_g^2} + m^2 a^2 (\beta_0 + 3\beta_1 y + 3\beta_2 y^2 + \beta_3 y^3)$$

The Friedmann equation for  $f$  becomes **algebraic** after applying the Bianchi constraint:

$$\beta_3 y^4 + (3\beta_2 - \beta_4) y^3 + 3(\beta_1 - \beta_3) y^2 + \left( \frac{\rho}{M_{\text{Pl}}^2 m^2} + \beta_0 - 3\beta_2 \right) y - \beta_1 = 0$$



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$$+ \left( \frac{\rho}{M_{\text{Pl}}^2 m^2} + \beta_0 - 3\beta_2 \right) y - \beta_1 = 0$$

At late times,  $\rho \rightarrow 0$  and so  $y \rightarrow \text{const.}$

The mass term in the Friedmann equation approaches a constant – **dynamical dark energy**

# Massive bigravity vs. $\Lambda$ CDM

Y. Akrami, T. Koivisto, and M. Sandstad [arXiv:1209.0457]

See also F. Könnig, A. Patil, and L. Amendola [arXiv:1312.3208];

ARS, Y. Akrami, and T. Koivisto [arXiv:1404.4061]

$$\sim B_1 B_t \Gamma \left[ \sqrt{\frac{m^2}{g_2^2} \beta_f} \right]$$

Model	$B_0$	$B_1$	$B_2$	$B_3$	$B_4$	$\Omega_m$	$\chi^2_{\min}$	p-value	log-evidence
$\Lambda$ CDM	free	0	0	0	0	free	546.54	0.8709	-278.50
$(B_1, \Omega_m^0)$	0	free	0	0	0	free	551.60	0.8355	-281.73
<del><math>(B_2, \Omega_m^0)</math></del>	<del>0</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>free</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>free</del>	<del>894.00</del>	<del><math>&lt; 0.0001</math></del>	<del>450.25</del>
<del><math>(B_3, \Omega_m^0)</math></del>	<del>0</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>free</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>free</del>	<del>1700.50</del>	<del><math>&lt; 0.0001</math></del>	<del>850.26</del>
$(B_1, B_2, \Omega_m^0)$	0	free	free	0	0	free	546.52	0.8646	-279.77
$(B_1, B_3, \Omega_m^0)$	0	free	0	free	0	free	542.82	0.8878	-280.10
<del><math>(B_2, B_3, \Omega_m^0)</math></del>	<del>0</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>free</del>	<del>free</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>free</del>	<del>548.04</del>	<del>0.8543</del>	<del>280.91</del>
$(B_1, B_4, \Omega_m^0)$	0	free	0	0	free	free	548.86	0.8485	-281.42
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<del><math>(B_3, B_4, \Omega_m^0)</math></del>	<del>0</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>free</del>	<del>free</del>	<del>free</del>	<del>685.30</del>	<del>0.0023</del>	<del>351.14</del>
$(B_1, B_2, B_3, \Omega_m^0)$	0	free	free	free	0	free	546.50	0.8582	-279.61
$(B_1, B_2, B_4, \Omega_m^0)$	0	free	free	0	free	free	546.52	0.8581	-279.56
$(B_1, B_3, B_4, \Omega_m^0)$	0	free	0	free	free	free	546.78	0.8563	-280.00
<del><math>(B_2, B_3, B_4, \Omega_m^0)</math></del>	<del>0</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>free</del>	<del>free</del>	<del>free</del>	<del>free</del>	<del>549.68</del>	<del>0.8353</del>	<del>282.89</del>
$(B_1, B_2, B_3, B_4, \Omega_m^0)$	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

# Beyond the background

Cosmological perturbation theory in massive bigravity is a huge cottage industry and the source of many PhD degrees. See:

Cristosomi, Comelli, and Pilo, 1202.1986

**ARS**, Akrami, and Koivisto, 1404.4061

König, Akrami, Amendola, Motta, and **ARS**, 1407.4331

König and Amendola, 1402.1988

Lagos and Ferreira, 1410.0207

Cusin, Durrer, Guarato, and Motta, 1412.5979

and many more for more general matter couplings!

# Scalar perturbations in massive bigravity

- ⊛ Our approach (1407.4331 and 1404.4061):
- ⊛ Linearize metrics around FRW backgrounds, restrict to scalar perturbations  $\{E_{g,f}, A_{g,f}, F_{g,f}, \text{ and } B_{g,f}\}$ :

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

$$ds_f^2 = -X^2(1 + E_f) d\tau^2 + 2XY \partial_i F_f d\tau dx^i + Y^2 [(1 + A_f)\delta_{ij} + \partial_i \partial_j B_f] dx^i dx^j$$

- ⊛ Full linearized Einstein equations (in cosmic or conformal time) can be found in **ARS**, Akrami, and Koivisto, arXiv:1404.4061

# Scalar fluctuations can suffer from instabilities

- ⊗ Usual story: solve perturbed Einstein equations in **subhorizon, quasistatic limit**:  $k^2\Phi \gg H^2\Phi \sim H\dot{\Phi} \sim \ddot{\Phi}$
- ⊗ This is valid **only** if perturbations vary on Hubble timescales
- ⊗ Cannot trust quasistatic limit if perturbations are **unstable**
- ⊗ Check for instability by solving **full system of perturbation equations**

# Scalar fluctuations can suffer from instabilities

- Degree of freedom count: **ten** total variables
  - Four  $g_{\mu\nu}$  perturbations:  $E_g, A_g, B_g, F_g$
  - Four  $f_{\mu\nu}$  perturbations:  $E_f, A_f, B_f, F_f$
  - One perfect fluid perturbation:  $\chi$
- **Eight** are redundant:
  - Four of these are **nondynamical**/auxiliary ( $E_g, F_g, E_f, F_f$ )
  - Two can be gauged away
  - After integrating out auxiliary variables, one of the dynamical variables **becomes** auxiliary – related to absence of ghost!
- End result: only **two** independent degrees of freedom
- NB: This story is deeply indebted to **Lagos and Ferreira**



# Scalar fluctuations can suffer from instabilities

- Choose g-metric Bardeen variables:

$$\Phi \equiv A_g - H (F_g + B'_g)$$

$$\Psi \equiv E_g - H (F_g + B'_g) - F'_g - B''_g$$

- Then *entire* system of 10 perturbed Einstein/fluid equations can be reduced to two coupled equations:

$$X''_i + F_{ij} X'_j + S_{ij} X_j = 0$$

where

$$X_i = \{\Phi, \Psi\}$$



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where

$$X_i = \{ \Phi, \Psi \}$$

- Under assumption (WKB) that  $F_{ij}$ ,  $S_{ij}$  vary slowly, this is solved by

$$X_i = X_i^0 e^{i\omega N}$$

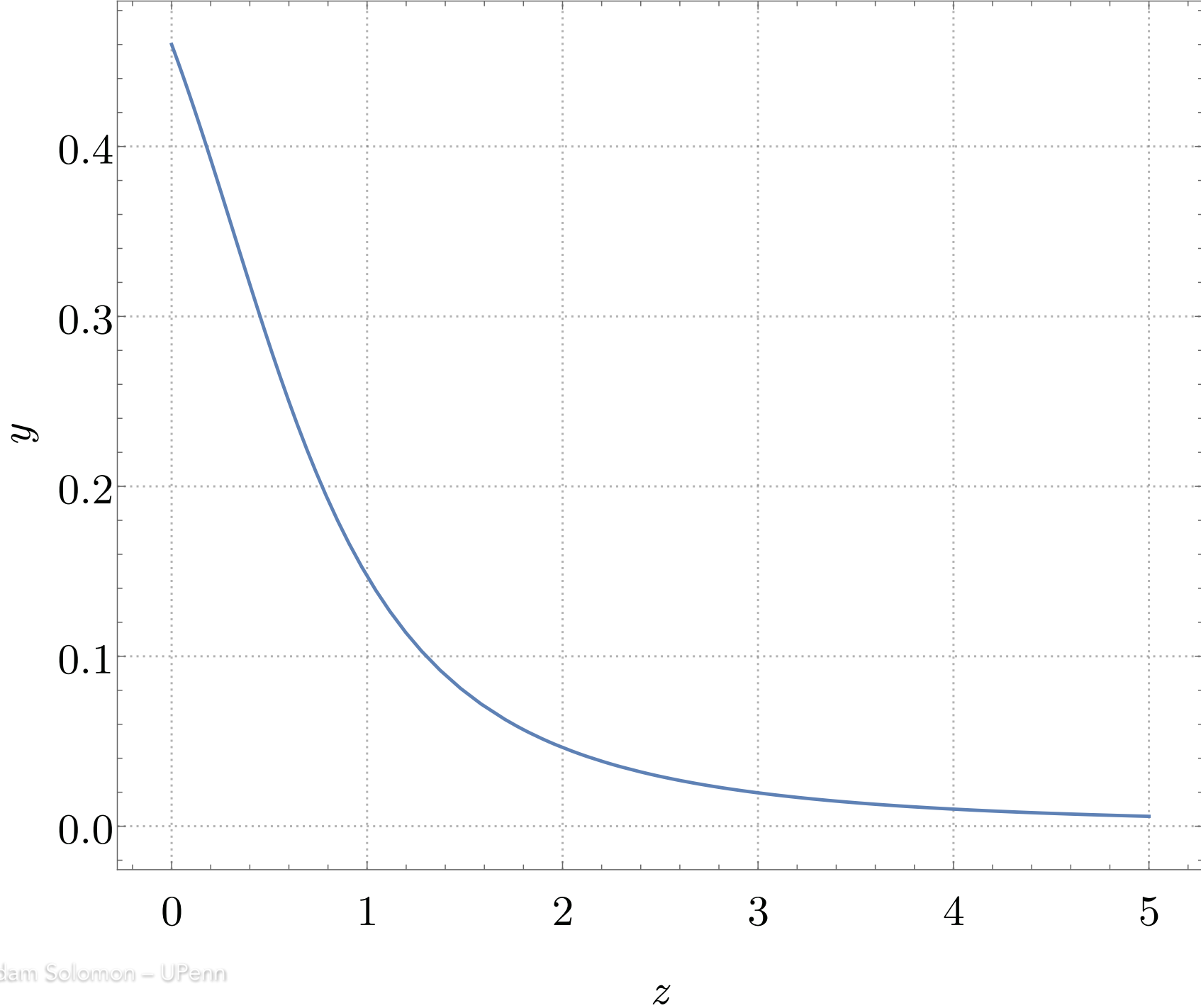
with  $N = \ln a$

# Scalar fluctuations can suffer from instabilities

- ⊗  $B_1$ -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)
- ⊗ NB: Gradient instability



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- ⊗ For realistic parameters, model is only (linearly) stable for  $z < \sim 0.5$

# Instability **does not** rule models out

- ⊗ Instability → breakdown of linear perturbation theory
  - ⊗ Nothing more
  - ⊗ Nothing less
- ⊗ Cannot take quasistatic limit
- ⊗ Need **nonlinear techniques** to make structure formation predictions

# Do nonlinearities save us?

- ⊛ Helicity-0 mode of the massive graviton has nonlinear derivative terms (cf. [galileons](#))
- ⊛ Linear perturbation theory misses these
- ⊛ Some evidence that the gradient instability is cured by these nonlinearities! (Aoki, Maeda, Namba 1506.04543)
  - ⊛ Morally related to the [Vainshtein mechanism](#)
- ⊛ [How can we study nonlinear perturbations in detail?](#)

# Strategy for “quasilinear” perturbations

- Bigravity’s degrees of freedom:
  - 1 massive graviton (two helicity-2, two helicity-1, one helicity-0)
  - 1 massless graviton (two helicity-2)
- Goal: keep nonlinearities in spin-0 mode while leaving other fluctuations linear



# Cosmology as a perturbation of flat space

- ⊗ Helicity decomposition only well-defined around **flat background**
- ⊗ Q: How can we isolate helicity-0 mode in **cosmological perturbations**?
- ⊗ A: Use **Fermi normal coordinates**, for which

$$g_{\mu\nu}^{\text{FRW}}(x) = \eta_{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{O}(H^2 \vec{x}^2)$$

# Cosmology as a perturbation of flat space

- Starting from the FRW metric in comoving coordinates,

$$ds^2 = -dt_c^2 + a^2(t_c)d\vec{x}_c^2$$

the coordinate change

$$t_c = t - \frac{1}{2}H\vec{x}^2$$

$$\vec{x}_c = \frac{\vec{x}}{a(t)} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{4}H^2\vec{x}^2 \right)$$

yields

$$ds^2 = - \left[ 1 - (\dot{H} + H^2)\vec{x}^2 \right] dt^2 + \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2}H^2\vec{x}^2 \right) d\vec{x}^2 + \mathcal{O}(H^4\vec{x}^4)$$

# Cosmology as a perturbation of flat space

- So within the horizon we can write FRW as Minkowski space plus a small perturbation,

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

$$h_{\mu\nu} = \text{diag} \left( \dot{H} + H^2, -\frac{1}{2}H^2 \delta_{ij} \right) \vec{x}^2$$

# Bimetric Fermi normal coordinates

- ⊗ In bigravity with two FRW metrics,

$$ds_g^2 = -dt_c^2 + a^2 d\vec{x}_c^2$$

$$ds_f^2 = -X^2 dt_c^2 + Y^2 d\vec{x}_c^2$$

we clearly need two different Fermi coordinates.

- ⊗ Fermi coordinates  $\Phi^a$  for f metric. **Method**: start with f-metric comoving coordinates  $\Phi_c^a$  such that

$$ds_f^2 = -d(\Phi_c^0)^2 + Y^2 d\vec{x}_c^2$$

and then build FNC  $\Phi^a$  from  $\Phi_c^a$  as in previous slide

- ⊗ We identify  $\Phi^a$  as the **Stückelberg fields** associated to broken diff invariance

# Bimetric Fermi normal coordinates

- The FNC for the bimetric FRW backgrounds are related by the **helicity-0 Stückelberg**,

$$\Phi^a = x^a + \partial^a \pi$$

$$\pi = \iint (1 - X) dt^2 + \frac{1}{2}(y - 1)\vec{x}^2$$

# To the decoupling limit

- ⊛ This is all suggestive of the **decoupling limit** of bigravity:

$$g_{\mu\nu}(x) = \eta_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{M_{\text{Pl}}} h_{\mu\nu}$$

$$f_{ab}(\Phi) = \eta_{ab} + \frac{1}{M_f} v_{ab}$$

$$\Phi^a = x^a + \Lambda_3^{-3} \partial^a \pi$$

with  $\Lambda_3^3 = m^2 M_{\text{Pl}}$ , and take the scaling limit

$$M_{\text{Pl}}, M_f \rightarrow \infty, \quad m \rightarrow 0$$

while keeping  $\Lambda_3$ ,  $M_{\text{Pl}}/M_f$ , and  $\beta_n$  fixed

- ⊛ DL leaves **leading interactions** between helicity modes

# The decoupling limit

- The action in the DL is

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}h^{\mu\nu}\mathcal{E}_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha\beta}h_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{4}v^{\mu\nu}\mathcal{E}_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha\beta}v_{\alpha\beta} + \frac{\Lambda_3^3}{2}\left(h_{\mu\nu}X^{\mu\nu} + \frac{M_{\text{Pl}}}{M_f}v_{\mu\nu}\tilde{Y}^{\mu\nu}\right)$$

The first two terms are linearized Einstein-Hilbert, and

$$X^{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{2}\sum_{n=1}^3\frac{\beta_n}{(3-n)!n!}\varepsilon^{\mu\dots}\varepsilon^{\nu\dots}(\eta + \Pi)^n\eta^{3-n}$$

$$\tilde{Y}^{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{2}\sum_{n=1}^3\frac{\beta_n}{(4-n)!(n-1)!}\varepsilon^{\mu\dots}\varepsilon^{\nu\dots}(\eta + \Sigma)^{4-n}\eta^{n-1}$$

where  $\Pi_{\mu\nu} \equiv \Lambda_3^{-3}\partial_\mu\partial_\nu\pi$ ,  $\Sigma_{\mu\nu} \equiv \Lambda_3^{-3}\partial_\mu\partial_\nu\rho$

$$\frac{\partial\pi(x)}{\partial x^\mu} = -\frac{\partial\rho(\Phi)}{\partial\Phi^\mu}$$



# Cosmological perturbations in the decoupling limit

- The DL equations of motion yield correct background cosmological equations ✓
- **Nonlinear subhorizon structure** formation by perturbing in DL

$$h_{\mu\nu} = \bar{h}_{\mu\nu} + \chi_{\mu\nu}$$

$$v_{ab} = \bar{v}_{ab} + w_{ab}$$

$$\pi = \bar{\pi} + \phi$$

$$\rho = \bar{\rho} + \psi$$

- Can consistently keep  $\chi_{\mu\nu}$  and  $w_{ab}$  linear while **retaining nonlinearities** in  $\phi$  and  $\psi$ !

# Example: $\beta_2$ -only model

- The action in the DL is

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}h\mathcal{E}h - \frac{1}{4}v\mathcal{E}v - \frac{\Lambda_3^3}{8}\beta_2\varepsilon\varepsilon (h(\eta + \Pi)^2\eta + v(\eta + \Sigma)^2\eta)$$

- Perturb to second order:

$$\mathcal{L}_2 = -\frac{1}{4}\chi\mathcal{E}\chi - \frac{1}{4}w\mathcal{E}w - \frac{\Lambda_3^3}{8}\beta_2\varepsilon\varepsilon (\bar{h}\Phi^2\eta + 2\chi\Phi(\eta + \bar{\Pi})\eta + \bar{v}\Psi^2\eta + 2w\Psi(\eta + \bar{\Sigma})\eta)$$

Can be fully diagonalized:

$$\begin{aligned}\chi_{\mu\nu} &= \hat{\chi}_{\mu\nu} + \beta_2\phi(\eta + \bar{\Pi})_{\mu\nu} \\ w_{\mu\nu} &= \hat{w}_{\mu\nu} + \beta_2\psi(\eta + \bar{\Sigma})_{\mu\nu}\end{aligned}$$

# Example: $\beta_2$ -only model

- ⊛ This leaves us with (after int by parts, removing dual galileon)

$$\mathcal{L}_2 = -\frac{1}{4}\hat{\chi}\mathcal{E}\hat{\chi} - \frac{1}{4}\hat{w}\mathcal{E}\hat{w} + c_k\dot{\phi}^2 - c_g\nabla^2\phi$$

where the coefficients of the kinetic and gradient terms are

$$c_k = \frac{6}{X} [\beta_2 y(1 + Xy) - H^2(X + y)]$$

$$c_g = \frac{2}{y} [\beta_2 (X + 2y + 2Xy^2 + y^3) - (X + 5y)H^2 - 4\dot{H}y]$$

$c_k > 0$  is equivalent to the **Higuchi bound**: useful consistency check! NB  $\beta_2$  is **not** a linearly unstable model

# Summary

- ⦿ Massive gravity is a promising approach to the cosmological constant problems
- ⦿ Bimetric massive gravity has cosmological backgrounds competitive with  $\Lambda$ CDM
- ⦿ These models have linear instabilities
- ⦿ A deeper look into **quasilinear** behavior of perturbations can shed light on endpoint of instability
- ⦿ Resuscitate massive (bi)gravity as a target for observations?