

Theories of multiple spin-2 fields as ghost-free multimetric gravity

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Disclaimer: Many people have contributed to this field, but I will only focus on a few works)

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General relativity:

The gravitational metric $g_{\mu\nu}(x)$ is a field of *spin = 2* and *mass = 0*.

Bimetric & multimetric theories:

Gravity ($g_{\mu\nu}$) coupled to other spin-2 fields ($f_{\mu\nu}, \dots$).

Spectrum:

A massless spin-2 state + massive spin-2 states

Why are these theories interesting?

What are the challenges?

What is the progress?

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Standard Model: multiplets of $s = 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1$ + *intricate structures*

General Relativity: The *simplest possible* theory of $s = 2$

Physics beyond GR and SM: What are the possibilities?

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Do theories of *multiple* spin-2 fields exist? Or, is GR unique?

(Unexplored corner of the theory space)

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- ▶ **Instability: unlimited energy transfer from ghost to other fields**
- ▶ **Negative probabilities, violation of unitarity in quantum theory**

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The extra components contain ghost instabilities. Need to be eliminated by symmetries+constraints.

(Are there enough of these?)

For massive spin-2, $n_h = 5 + 1$: The Boulware-Deser ghost (1972)

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(Precedents: Einstein-Hilbert, KG, Dirac, Proca, YM, Higgs)

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A very special $V(g^{-1}\eta) \Rightarrow$ ghost-free massive gravity:

[Creminelli, Nicolis, Papucci, Trincherini, (2005)]

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- ▶ what is $V(g^{-1} f)$?
- ▶ what is $\mathcal{L}(f, \nabla f)$?
- ▶ proof of absence of the Boulware-Deser ghost

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- ▶ Bimetric structure
- ▶ $7 = 2 + 5$ nonlinear propagating modes, **no BD ghost!**
- ▶ No ghost \Rightarrow minimal matter couplings:

$$\mathcal{L}_{min}(g, \psi) + \mathcal{L}_{min}(f, \psi')$$

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General Relativity limit: $m_g = M_P, \quad m_f/m_g \rightarrow 0$

Massive gravity limit: $m_g = M_P, \quad m_f/m_g \rightarrow \infty$

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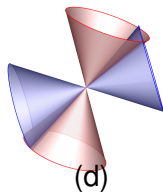
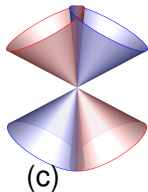
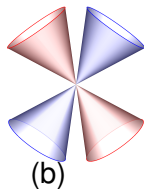
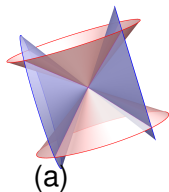
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Potential consistency problems and their solutions

Potential problem 1: Incompatible spacetimes

$g_{\mu\nu}$ & $f_{\mu\nu}$ may not admit compatible notions of *space* and *time*
(3+1 splits)



Then:

No consistent time evolution, no Hamiltonian formulation

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- ▶ Not unique: Multiple roots (*primary, non-primary*)
- ▶ Possibly non-real
- ▶ No general covariance (not a (1, 1) tensor)

Both problems happen to have a common solution

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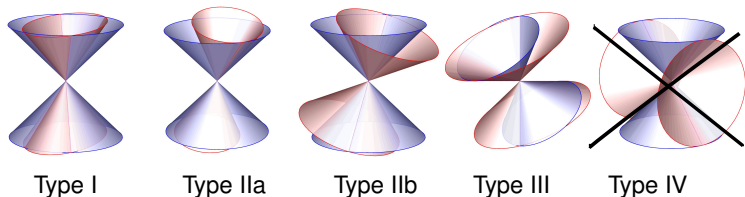
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Reality (theorem):

S is real *iff* the null cones of $g_{\mu\nu}$ and $f_{\mu\nu}$ intersect as:



Types I-III: Allowed, proper 3+1 decompositions possible.

Type IV: Non-primary, excluded by general covariance

(Implication for accausality arguments in the literature)

Bimetric theory in the vielbein formulation

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Eqns of motion imply:

$$e_{\mu}^A \eta_{AB} E_{\nu}^B - E_{\mu}^A \eta_{AB} e_{\nu}^B = 0, \quad \iff \quad \text{evaluation of } \sqrt{g^{-1}f}$$

No real simplification!

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3) But, generally, not ghost free

[C. de Rham, A. J. Tolley (arXiv:1505.01450)]

Do genuine ghost-free multi spin-2 interaction exist? **Yes.**

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[SFH, Angris Schmidt-May (arXiv:1804.09723)]

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- ▶ Mass eigenstates and eigenvalues
- ▶ Is there a formulation in terms of the metrics?
- ▶ Certain “basic” extensions can be constructed and argued to be ghost free
- ▶ Compatible space and time decompositions?

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What is the most general form? Systematics not known

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- ▶ Causal structure?
- ▶ Superluminality? (yes, not necessarily harmful, *inflation*?)
- ▶ Unavoidable mixings of mass eigenstates (unlike neutrino mixings)
- ▶ Systematics of multispin-2 interactions?
- ▶ A more fundamental formulation, say, (*a la* Higgs)
- ▶ Implications for cosmology, blackholes, GW, etc.
- ▶ Extra symmetries \Rightarrow **Modified kinetic terms**?
MacDowell-Mansouri type theories, More interesting but less understood.

Thank you!

EXTRA MATERIAL

Can Bimetric be a fundamental theory?

- ▶ Similar to Proca theory in curved background,

$$\sqrt{|\det g|}(F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} - m^2 g^{\mu\nu}A_\mu A_\nu + R_g)$$

- ▶ May need the equivalent of Higgs mechanism with the extra fields for better quantum or even classical behaviour

Extra: Elementary symmetric polynomials $e_n(S)$

For a 4×4 matrix S with eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_4$,

$$e_1(S) = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 + \lambda_4,$$

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$$e_0(S) = 1,$$

$$e_1(S) = \text{Tr}(S) \equiv [S],$$

$$e_2(S) = \frac{1}{2}([S]^2 - [S^2]),$$

$$e_3(S) = \frac{1}{6}([S]^3 - 3[S][S^2] + 2[S^3]),$$

$$e_4(S) = \det(S), \quad e_{n>4}(S) = 0.$$

$$\det(\mathbb{1} + S) = \sum_{n=0}^4 e_n(S)$$

Extra: Interaction potential:

$$\det(\mathbb{1} + S) = \sum_{n=0}^4 e_n(S)$$

$$V(S) = \sum_{n=0}^4 \beta_n e_n(S)$$

Where:

$$S_{\nu}^{\mu} = \left(\sqrt{g^{-1}f} \right)_{\nu}^{\mu}$$

(“a” square root of the matrix $g^{\mu\lambda} f_{\lambda\nu}$. More on this later ...)

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Extra: The matrix square root \sqrt{A}

See refs in [SFH, M. Kocic (arXiv:1706.07806)]

Put matrix A in *Jordan normal form*

$$A = Z \operatorname{diag}(J_1, \dots, \dots, J_s) Z^{-1}, \quad J_i \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_i & 1 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & \lambda_i & 1 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then, the matrix function $F(A) = \sqrt{A}$ is

$$F(A) = Z \operatorname{diag}(F(J_1), \dots, \dots, F(J_p)) Z^{-1},$$

$$F(J_k) \equiv \begin{pmatrix} F(\lambda_k) & F'(\lambda_k) & \cdots & \frac{1}{(n_k-1)!} F^{(n_k-1)}(\lambda_k) \\ & F(\lambda_k) & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & \ddots & F'(\lambda_k) \\ & & & F(\lambda_k) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Many roots: The same branch of $F(x) = \sqrt{x}$ must be chosen within each block, but it can vary between blocks.

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General Covariance: $A^\mu{}_\nu = g^{\mu\rho} f_{\rho\nu}$ is a (1,1) tensor,

$$x^\mu \rightarrow \tilde{x}^\mu \Rightarrow A \rightarrow Q^{-1} A Q, \quad \text{for} \quad Q^\mu{}_\nu = \frac{\partial x^\mu}{\partial \tilde{x}^\nu}$$

Uniqueness and the local structure of spacetime

Potential consistency problems and their solutions [SFH, M. Kocic
(arXiv:1706.07806)]

The bimetric theory given above is not yet well defined.

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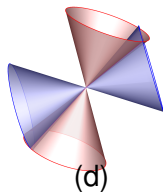
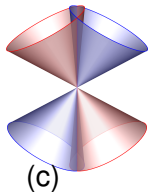
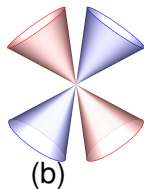
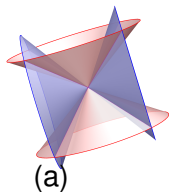
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Potential problem 1: Incompatible spacetimes

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(3+1 splits)



Implications: no consistent time evolution equations,
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Can a **unique, real, covariant** S be specified “meaningfully”?

If not, the theory is ill defined

Solution: General covariance + Reality

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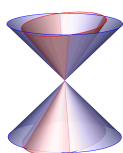
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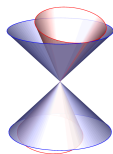
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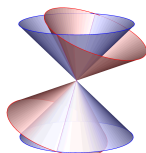
S is real *iff* the null cones of $g_{\mu\nu}$ and $f_{\mu\nu}$ intersect as:



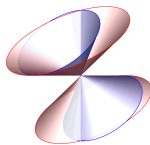
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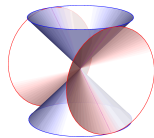
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Type IIb



Type III



Type IV

Types I-III: Allowed, proper 3+1 decompositions possible.

Type IV: Non-primary, excluded by general covariance

(Implication for accausality arguments in the literature)

Summary: Choice of the square root

Reality + General Covariance \Rightarrow

Real principal square root (unique) \Rightarrow

Intersecting null cone, Compatible 3+1 decompositions

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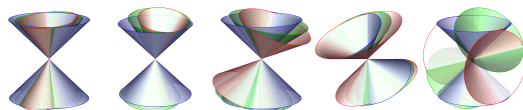
(Nonprinciple roots degenerate to nonprimary roots when some eigenvalues coincide).

The “mean” metric:

Consider the mean metric

$$h_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\rho} \left(\sqrt{g^{-1}f} \right)^\rho{}_\nu$$

h null-cones for the principal root always contain the intersections of g and f null-cones:



Useful for choosing “good” coordinate systems

Ghost in Massive Gravity

$$g_{\mu\nu} : N, N_i(4), \gamma_{ij} = g_{ij}(6)$$

General Relativity:

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Massive Gravity:

$$\mathcal{L}_{mgr} = \sqrt{g} \left(R - V(g^{-1}f) \right) = \pi^{ij}\dot{\gamma}_{ij} - NR_0 - N^i R_i - \tilde{V}(N, N_i, \gamma, f)$$

No constraints, no GCT \Rightarrow 5 polarizations + 1 (BD ghost)

[Boulware, Deser (1972)]

Ghost free massive gravity: with a constraint.

[de Rham, Gabadadze, Tolley (2010)]

[SFH, Rosen (2011); SFH, Rosen, Schmidt-May (2011)]

Extra: Constraints in ghost-free “bi-metric” theory

[SFH, Rosen (1109.3515, 1111.2070)]

[SFH, A. Lundkvist (arXiv:1802.07267)]

Let N, N_i (L, L_i): Lapse and shifts of $g_{\mu\nu}$ ($f_{\mu\nu}$)

$$\mathcal{H} = LR^0 + L_i R^i + NC_1$$

Constraints:

$$R^0 = R^i = 0, \quad C_1 = 0, \quad C_2 \equiv dC_1/dt = \{\mathcal{H}, C_1\}_{PB} = 0 +$$

Gauge fixing GCT:

$\Rightarrow 7 = 2 + 5$ nonlinear propagating modes, **no BD ghost!**

EOM's:

$$R_{\mu\nu}^g - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}R^g + V_{\mu\nu}^g = T_{\mu\nu}^g, \quad R_{\mu\nu}^f - \frac{1}{2}f_{\mu\nu}R^f + V_{\mu\nu}^f = T_{\mu\nu}^f$$

The HKT metric

General Relativity in 3+1 decomposition ($g_{\mu\nu} : \gamma_{ij}, N, N_i$):

$$\sqrt{g}R \sim \pi^{ij} \partial_t \gamma_{ij} - NR^0 - N_i R^i$$

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Algebra of General Coordinate Transformations (GCT):

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$R_i = \gamma_{ij} R^j$, γ_{ij} : metric of spatial 3-surfaces.

- ▶ Any generally covariant theory contains such an algebra.
- ▶ HKT: The tensor that lowers the index on R^i is the physical metric of 3-surfaces.

The HKT metric in bimetric theory

Consider $g_{\mu\nu} = (\gamma_{ij}, N, N_i)$ and $f_{\mu\nu} = (\phi_{ij}, L, L_i)$,

$$\mathcal{L}_{g,f} \sim \pi^{ij} \gamma_{ij} + p^{ij} \phi_{ij} - M \tilde{R}^0 - M_i \tilde{R}^i$$

On the surface of second class Constraints.

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$\tilde{R}_i = \gamma_{ij} \tilde{R}^j$, γ_{ij} : the 3-metric of $g_{\mu\nu}$.

The HKT metric of bimetric theory is $g_{\mu\nu}$ or $f_{\mu\nu}$, consistent with ghost-free matter couplings

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Massive gravity limit: $m_g = M_P, \quad m_f/m_g \rightarrow \infty$

GR limit and cosmology

The General Relativity limit:

$$m_g = M_P, \quad \alpha = m_f/m_g \rightarrow 0$$

Cosmological solutions in the GR limit (e.g.):

$$3H^2 = \frac{\rho}{M_{Pl}^2} - \frac{2}{3} \frac{\beta_1^2}{\beta_2} m^2 - \alpha^2 \frac{\beta_1^2}{3\beta_2^2} H^2 + \mathcal{O}(\alpha^4)$$

The GR approximation breaks down at sufficiently strong fields

[Akrami, SFH, Konnig, Schmidt-May, Solomon (arXiv:1503.07521)]

More on bimetric cosmology:

[Lüben, Mörtsell, Schmidt-May (arXiv:1812.08686)]

Massive spin-2 particle as dark matter (not discussed here).

Also local (blackhole solutions) not discussed here.